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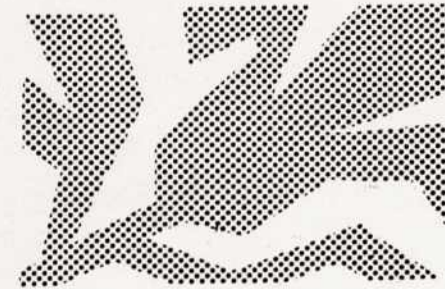
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FLAG

DAY

On June 14, 1777, in the midst of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress passed a resolution establishing the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the thirteen American colonies which were fighting for their independence from Great Britain. In honor of that event June 14 has been for many years a day for special display of the flag, but it was not until 1949 that Congress officially designated June 14 as Flag Day. Each year it is proclaimed by the President. It is not, however, a legal holiday, except in the State of Pennsylvania.

Prior to the adoption of the stars and stripes in 1777 there had been a considerable number of colonial and regimental flags. While the pine tree was a popular design, there were numerous other symbols with appropriate slogans. One of the most striking was a rattlesnake, usually coiled and ready to strike, with the slogan "Don't Tread on Me." Since the colonies' separation from the mother country came gradually, it was only by degrees that the union flag of Great Britain was discarded. Even as late as January 1776 a flag used by American troops carried the British union jack. But the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14 in the following year specified: "that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Thus the first authorized flag contained stripes like our present flag. But the thirteen stars on the field of blue - the resolution did not specify their arrangement - was in the form of a circle.

In 1794, after the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union, making 15 states in all, Congress adopted a second flag act providing that one new star and one new stripe be added to the flag for each new state. Interestingly, the flag which inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner was the 15 star and stripe flag. Recognizing, however, that the added stripes would soon make the flag unwieldy, Congress in 1818 established the present flag with 13 stripes, for the original 13 states, and one star for each state joining the Union, with any new star to be added to the flag on the July 4

following the admission of the new state. When Congress took this action in 1818, there were already 20 states, five - Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, and Mississippi - having been admitted since 1794.

As the American nation expanded to the Pacific, each decade saw new territories admitted as full-fledged states. By 1880 there were 38. The decade of 1880 saw no additions, but in the single year 1890 five new states (and stars) were added - North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington, and Idaho. Wyoming followed in 1891, Utah in 1896, and Oklahoma in 1908.

When Arizona and New Mexico were added in 1912 and the blue field of the flag was squared with 48 stars, eight horizontal and six vertical, the flag reached a status that remained unchanged until 1959 when the addition of Alaska and Hawaii brought it to its present 50 stars - five rows of six stars and four alternating rows of five stars.

While June 14 is the official day to honor the flag, it can be displayed on all days when weather permits. Law and custom have developed various practices for the use of the flag, widely considered a symbol of the freedom America stands for, and to insure a proper respect for it. In 1905 Congress forbade use of the flag in any registered trademark.

With two exceptions, no other flag may fly above the stars and stripes. These exceptions are a church pennant during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, and under a law adopted in 1953 the United Nations flag at UN headquarters. (A.C.N.S.)



SEKMINĖS

POV. DIRKIS

Ką Sekminės ištikro reiškė mūsų tėvams ir protėviams, nesunku suprasti. Tai buvo didelis džiaugimasis vasaros grožybėmis, beaugančiu derliumi ir sužaliavusiomis bei sužydusiomis pievomis. Tai buvo žalumynų šventė, kuri prasisėdavo išvakarėse ir tęsdavosi net porą dienų. Kiekvienas gyventojas bandydavo papuošti savo namus, takelius išbarstyti geltonu arba baltu smėliu ir apkaišyti žaliuojančiais berželiais. Seklyčių ir klėčių arba svirnų sienos būdavo apkabinamos gražių raštų audiniais, o gyvenamos triobos bei esantieji šventųjų paveikslai buvo apkaišomi žaliuojančiomis lapuočių medžių šakelėmis, imaišant ir žydinčių gėlių.

Mat, Sekminės lietuviui būdavo ne tik pavasario šventė, bet ir baž-

nytinė šventė, kuri simbolizuodavo šv. Dvasios atsiuntimą, ir kuri išpuldavo visuomet septintame sekmdienyje po Velykų. Užtat ir tapo pavadinta Sekminėmis.

Sekminių šventėje senieji ir jaunieji traukdavo į pievas, pamiškius, paupes, laukus, kur įvykdavo vadinami "žalumynų baliai". Juose skambėdavo muzika, tautinės dainos, šokiai ir žaidimai. Kai kur net sukurdavo laužus, kad pasveikinti artėjančią vasarą.

Labai įspūdingai būdavo švenčiamos Sekminės Klaipėdos krašte, kur ta šventė buvo vadinama "Jaunimo švente". Čia jaunimas į laukus išvažiuodavo ilgomis drabynomis, apkaišytomis berželiais. Atvažiuojančių ant kalnelių laukdavo orkestrai, kurie pasveikindavo atvažiuovusius. Suvažiuovęs jaunimas linksmindavosi iki vėlumos.

Dideliu mastu ta šventė vykdavo Kuršių kopose, Juodkrantėje, kur yra nusėta eilė kalnų, kalnelių gražiais ir būdingais vardais: Ieva, Ožis, Avis ir kt. Pagaliau Raganų

papėdėje būdavo prisimenama ir tūkstantmetė liepa. Tačiau daugiausiai jaunimo suburdavo Ievos kalnas, kuris sutraukdavo tūkstančius jaunimo net iš Prūsijos. Programoje būdavo: chorai, šokiai, vaidinimai. Visa tai sudarydavo lyg kokią misteriją. Vakaro metu degdavo laužai, kuriuos kurendavo mergaitės baltai apsirengusios vaidilutėmis vadinamos. Tai buvo savotiškas išpūdis, kuris primindavo senus laikus, kuriuose gyveno karžygiai - kovotojai.

Didžioje Lietuvoje Sekminių šventėje būdavo pagerbiamos ir karvės bei piemenėliai: karves piemenėliai parvodydavo vakare gėlėmis apkaišytais ragais, o piemenėliams būdavo ruošiamos bendros puotos-vakarienė.

Šios viso išskilmės ir ceremonijos turėjo gilesnės reikšmės tiems žmonėms, kurie gyveno gražios gamtos aplinkoje.

Tikybiniai atžvilgiu Sekminės primindavo didelį įvykį, būtent: šv. Dvasios atsiuntimą.

LRKSA IŠMOKA SAVO NARIAMS SEPTINTĄJĮ DIVIDENDĄ

Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Susivienijimo Amerikoje Direktorių Tarybos nutarimu, 1969 metais kovo mėnesį nariams bus išmokėtas iš eilės septintas dividendas. Dividendus gaus nariai, kurių sertifikatai yra išduoti prieš 1967 metų sausio 1 d. ir kurie buvo galėje 1968 m. lapkričio 30.

Pažymėtina, kad nedaugelis fraternalinių organizacijų moka savo nariams dividendus, o Katalikų Susivienijimas yra pirmoji lietuvių fraternalinė organizacija pradėjusi savo nariams dividendus mokėti.

Dividendų mokėjimą patikrina Susivienijimo tvirta finansinė padėtis.

Taipgi pažymėtina, kad Katalikų Susivienijimas jau pavertė tradicija Kalėdų švenčių proga mokėti pinigines dovanas nariams sulaukusiems 85 ir daugiau metų amžiaus. Praeitų Kalėdų švenčių proga tokios dovanos išmokėtos 106 nariams. Tas parodo, kiek Susivienijimo narių yra susilaukusių gilių senatvės.

Katalikų Susivienijimas turi moderniškai sutvarkytus sertifikatus (policies) pilnamečiams ir jaunamečiams; turi pašalpos skyrių šelpti narius ligų ir sužeidimų/nelaimėse, taipgi turi Labdarybės fondą šelpti suvargusius narius, našles ir našlaičius.

Į Katalikų Susivienijimą pilnamečiais nariais priimami nuo 16 metų amžiaus, o jaunamečiais nariais gali būti įrašomi nuo gimimo dienos iki 16 metų amžiaus.

Apsidrausti galima nuo \$500.00 iki \$25,000.00. Mokesčiai yra prieinami ir mažesni už kai kurių kitų fraternalinių ir komercinės apdraudos kompanijų mokesčius.

Be to, Susivienijimas teikia šias lengvatas: aplikantams įstojimo mokesčio nereikia mokėti; už sveikatos patikrinimą - egzaminaciją, kuriems tokia yra reikalinga, centras duoda iki keturių dolerių kredito; sertifikatai įeina galėn nuo įmokėjimo pirmų mokesčių ir įregistravimo centro įstaigoje ir tokio nario mirties atveju pilna apdraudos suma išmokama pašalpgaviui ar pašalpgaviams.

Certifikatai turi tris pasirinkimų vertes išmokėjimą grynais, apmokėtą apdraudą ir pratęsto termino apdraudą.

Katalikų Susivienijimas turi gražių nuopelnų ne tik savišalpos srityje, bet ir tautiniais ir kultūriniais atžvilgiais. Dar carinio režimo laikais Susivienijimas kovojo už lietuvių tautos teises protestais ir memorandumais; organizavo pirmąsias lietuvių mokyklas Amerikoje ir leido reikalingus vadovėlius. Aukomis rėmė lietuvių švietimo įstaigas Amerikoje ir Lietuvoje. Ir šiais laikais Katalikų Susivienijimas nuoširdžiai remia Lietuvos išlaisvinimo akciją.

Dėl to lietuviams vertėtų pirmoje eilėje statyti Katalikų Susivienijimą jame apsidraudžiant ir čia apdraudžiant savo šeimų narius.

M. Z.

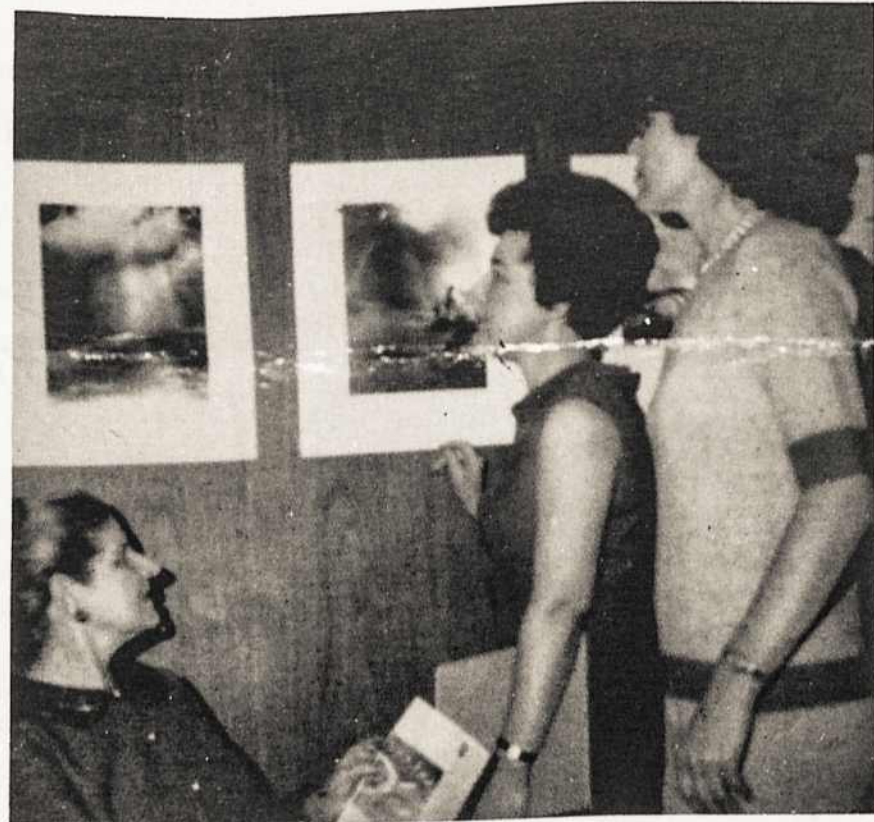
Lithuanians in The NEWS



WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Annual Republican Women's Conference, sponsored by the Republican National Committee, Women's Division, was held at the Sheraton Park Hotel, April 14-17, Washington, D. C. Several chartered planes left Logan Airport, Boston, with the Massachusetts delegation. Conferees had a Social Hour with Congressional leaders, Secy. of Transportation John A. Volpe, and Undersecy. of State Elliott L. Richardson. All conferees were personally welcomed by Mrs. Pat Nixon at the White House Reception and the Mass. delegation had breakfast in the Rayburn Building with Senator W. Brooke, Congressmen Bradford Morse, Silvio Conte, William Bates, Hastings Keith and Margaret Heckler. Pictured above: Mrs. H. Dunster Howe, Natl. Committeewoman, Senator Brooke, Miss Phyllis Grendal, Vice-Chairman of Rep. Ward 6, Boston, and Mrs. Edward Logan, Mass. Conference Chrmn.

A delegation of women, headed by Miss Phyllis Grendal, honorary member of the K of L and former "Vytis" Editor, visited the Hon. Juozas Kajeckas, Charge d'affaires, Lithuanian Legation. Both the Minister and Mrs. Kajeckas greeted the delegation royally. Miss Grendal is the secretary to Attorney A. O. Shallna, Lithuanian Consul in Boston.



60 photographs by Father ALGIMANTAS KEZYS, S.J., of the American Lithuanian Jesuit Fathers in Chicago were exhibited at the Pacem In Terris Gallery, Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, N.Y. City. Pictured at the Champagne Reception are Helen V. Kulber, Eugenia Karpus and Aldona Zaunius, members of the New York Senior Council which sponsored the event. Almost a thousand visitors, many from foreign countries, as well as press, magazine and museum representatives expressed the highest regard for Father Kezys' outstanding photographs and books which were also displayed. Among other important results is the acceptance of three of his prints by the Museum of Modern Art for its permanent collection and selection of photographs by Popular Photography for their annual issues. (Photo - Edward J. Genevich)

Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės 51 metų sukaktis nuotai-kingai buvo paminėta New Yorke. Lietuvos Generalinis Konsulas Anicetas Šimutis ir Lietuvos Laisvės Komitetas, vasario 15 d. vakare, surengė priėmimą Carnegie Endowment International Center, New Yorko mieste, kuriame dalyvavo nemažai svečių lietuvių ir Lietuvos draugų, konsulų bei politikų. Prisiminus gen. konsulo Aniceto Šimučio 60 metų amžiaus sukaktį, buvo nuoširdžiai pasveikintas. Nuotraukoje dalis svečių: Trečiokai, B. Rockefellerienė (lietuvaite), daktarai Armanai (iš Baltimorės) ir Lietuvos gen. konsulas Anicetas Šimutis.

L. Tamošaičio nuotrauka

BALFAS ATŠVENTĖ SAVO 25 metų SIDABRINI JUBILIEJU

(LITHUANIAN RELIEF FUND OF AMERICA, INC.)

Lietuvių šalpos organizacija, kuri vadinasi trumpai - Balfas t.y. bendrinis Amerikos lietuvių šalpos vienetas, yra vienas iš stipriausių ir pagrindinių organizacijų. Neveltui sakoma, kad Altas, Balfas ir Lietuvių Bendruomenė jau apima visas organizacijas ir apjungia visus lietuvius JAV.

Ši organizacija buvo įsteigta prieš 25 metus t.y. 1944 m. kovo mėnesį, Chicagoje, kai Europoje dar vyko II Pas. karas ir buvo jaučiama, kad jis gali greitai pasibaigti bei prasidėti lietuvių pabėgėlių šelpimo reikalas. Todėl garbė Chicagai ir jos ano meto veikėjams, kurietokią reikalingą organizaciją įkūrė, ją rėmė ir rūpinosi lietuvių tremtinių padėtimi Vokietijoje ir kituose kraštuose.

Vėliau į šią organizaciją stipriai įsijungė naujai atvykusieji lietuviai į JAV, papildydami savo darbu ir patirtimi Balfą ir siekdami bendrų tikslų - šalpos išplėtimo ir pagyvinimo reikalo, nes pasaulyje, o ypač Sibire, Lietuvoje, Lenkijoje, Vokietijoje ir kitur esantieji lietuviai reikalingi pašalpos, kaip karo laiko nuskriaustieji, ligoniai, tremtiniai.

Todėl ši Balfos organizacija stipriai įleido šaknis į lietuvių visuomenę, kuri ją supranta, palaiko ir nuoširdžiai paremia šalpos vajeus metu. Tokiu būdu ji galėjo išsilaikyti jau 25 metus ir gražiu žingsniu žengia pirmyn viltimi, kad Balfas turi pagrindo būti ir toliau palaikomas, ugdomas ir finansiniai remiamas, nes vargas nemažėja, kai žmonės sensta ir yra

ištikti kitokių bėdų ir nedecklių.

Balfas tvarkosi savo statutu. Jo centras yra Brooklyne, N.Y., 105 Grand St., N.Y. 11211, o Chicagoje ir kitur turi savo Balfos skyrius. Kai kuriose vietose veikia ir apskrities valdybos, kurios yra sudarytos iš skyrių atstovų, išrinktų metiniuose skyrių atstovų susirinkimuose. Dabar Chicagoje Balfos apskrities valdybą sudaro: pirm. A. Gintneris, vice-pirm. K. Bružas, Pr. Šulas ir K. Repšys, sekret. V. Baleišytė, išdin. K. Čepaitis. Kiti valdybos nariai - F. Sereičikas, A. Stankus ir Jz. Mackevičius. Balfos apskr. adresas: 3221 W. 61 St., Chicago, Ill. 60629. Apskritis turi apie 15 skyrių ir įgaliotinių.

Be to, Balfas turi ir 31 direktorių, kurie yra paskirstyti visoje Amerikoje, jų tarpe turime ir 14 direktorių Chicagoje, apylinkėse ir visoje Illinois valstybėje. Štai jų pavardės: A. Baliūnas, D. Bobelienė, Ald. Daukienė, Alb. Dzirvonas, A. Gintneris, kun. dr. F. Gureckas, V. Kasniūnas, dr. P. Kisielius, Jz. Mackevičius, V. Mankus, kun. J. Pauperas, M. Rudienė, dr. R. Sidrys ir V. Šimkus.

Dabar Balfos CV sudaro: kun. V. Martinkus - pirm., Alb. Dzirvonas - gener. sekret., A. Senikas - išdininkas ir Jz. Bagdonas - protokolų sekretorius. Balfos reikalų vedėju yra kun. Pr. Geiščiūnas. Revizijos komisiją sudaro: M. Klimas, A. Reventas ir V. Vaitiekūnas. Balfas atšventė savo 25 m. jub. kovo 15-16 d. Chicagoje.



(Kairėje): Taip atrodė vyčių stalas ir jo svečiai Balfos 25 m. jubil. seimo banketo metu, kovo 15 d. Šv. Kryžiaus parapijos salėje, Town of Lake lietuvių kolonijoje, Chicagoje. Bankete dalyvavo apie 500 svečių. (Dešinėje): Balfos seimo metu Chicagoje. Iš kairės matyti: kun. Stasys Šantaras, buv. 14 jubil. seimo



pirmininkas, iš Melrose Parko, Antanas Gintneris - Balfos Chicagos apskrities pirmininkas ir kun. Vaclovas Martinkus - Balfos CV pirmininkas, Providence, R. I. klebonas. A. Gintneris įteikia Chicagos apskrities vardui seimui auką - surinkto vajeus pinigų - sumoje \$21,500.00.

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MINTYS APIE MŪSŲ TYLIUS DARBUS

Šiame straipsnelyje bandysiu paliesti vieną, kitą mus liečiantį klausimą. Mes daugumoje rašome į "Vytį", retkarčiais ir į kitus laikraščius, kuriuos mes skaitome ir ieškome juose vytiškos dvasios straipsnių. Nors mūsų organizacijai priklauso apie šešiolika šimtų narių, mažai ką apie juos sužinome iš laikraščių. Gal mes patys kalti, kad viską nutylime ir nesistengiame duoti platesnių aprašymų iš savo veiklos. Pačiame "Drauge" skyrius "L. Vyčių Veikla" labai sumažėjo - vyčiai ir jų bičiuliai neturi nieko įdomaus paskaityti. O mums yra žinoma, kad "Draugo" vadovybėje - spaudos dr-joje, vyčiai turi garbingų ir didingų organizacijų pirmūnų - vadų: kun. Ad. Abromaitį, inž. A. Rudį, didį spaudos bendradarbį Stasį Piežą, garbės narius - prel. Igną Albavičių ir Leonardą Šimutį. Gal toje draugijoje yra ir daugiau garbingų vyčių? Remiantis jų patariamuoju žodžiu, "Draugo" redakcija gal užleistų daugiau vietos vyčių straipsniams, o vyčiai daugiau paremtų "Draugą" finansiniai. Jei šiam tikslui trūktų lėšų, tai centro vadovybė galėtų pasvarstyti būsimame savo posėdyje ir galėtų išleisti laimėjimo bilietus bei pasiūsti juos kiekviena kuopai ir senjorų vyčių skyriams. Tikiu, kad mes šį sumanymą gausiai paremtume, nes mes nesame tokie vargšai, kad nepajėgtume nusipirkti vienos kitos bilietų knygelės. Skubiai ir šaltai pasvarstykime ir gal būsimajame seime galėsime šį darbą apvainikuoti.

Kas link centro fin. rašt. nusiskundimų bei padarytų pastabų dėl pavėluoto nario mokesčio, iš finansų raštininkės pažymėjimų "Vytyje" matosi, kad mūsų kuopų ir senjorų skyrių nariai, o ypatinai jų fin. raštininkai yra labai apsileidę. Iš paskutinio pranešimo bei paraginimo matosi, kad visoje organizacijoje pilną mokesčių yra užmokėję tik trijų skyrių nariai. Taigi broliai ir sesės, vyčiai ir vytės, nejaugi mes tokie pavargėliai-beturčiai, kad negalime laiku užmokėti pilnai savo duoklės. Mums yra gėda, kad mes negalime palaikyti tos garbės, kuria didžiavosi mūsų organizacijos tėvai-kūrėjai ir visi pirmūnai nariai! Kiek anksčiau vyčiai uždirbdavo, o kiek dabar mes uždirbame! Bet pirmesnioji karta daug skubiau atlikdavo savo pareigas, negu mūsų kartos jaunimas. Pagalvokime ir palengvinkime mūsų mielajai vytei E. Zimeraitei jos fin. pareigas.

Į mūsų plačiąją visuomenę galima prabilti tik per spaudą. Todėl čia noriu padėkoti lietuvių išeiivių vadui dr. J. K. Valiūnui, Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto pirmininkui, kuris, pasakydamas Chicagoje patriotišką kalbą vasario 16 d. minėjime, nepamiršo prisiminti ir vyčių vedamą kovą už Lietuvos išlaisvinimą. Štai kaip šis didis tėvynainis savo kalboje prisiminė ir mus: "Pavyzdžiu galima nurodyti Lietuvos Vyčius, kurie kasmet Lietuvos reikalui parašo tūkstančius laiškų. Garbė ir padėka jiems už tai!"

SENELIS

WHY NOT THE LITHUANIANS?

On Feb. 24, while crossing 5th Avenue, I saw a large sign AEROFLOT on the East 49th Street block - and, out of curiosity, gravitated towards it.

A small artificial Christmas tree, gaily trimmed, was still in the ground floor window of the Intourist agency surrounded by posters, leaflets and other decorations. Inside, I asked if literature on Lithuania was available. "No, we do not have any", she replied, with a slight accent.

After looking over the posters and large photographs on the walls of the well-furnished modern office and picking up a few magazines and travel folders from a rack, I offered to pay her for them. There was no charge.

I could not resist remarking about one of the posters which proclaimed something about... "the moon is very far away but Moscow is closer..." and told her of something I read long ago: - Khrushchev, addressing a large assembly, proudly announced "... and in two years we will go to the moon..." A little old man timidly raised his hand, "Please, Mr. Premier, and when can we go to Vienna?"

I could not tell from the slow smile that hovered on the young lady's lips whether or not she got the point.

The editorial in the magazine "Travel To The Soviet Union, No. 10, 1968" is ironically titled "Tourism is the Passport to Knowledge and Peace". On page 13, an article, "Art Treasures in Soviet Museums", features Mikalojus (their spelling) Konstantinas Ciurlionis (1875-1911) ... "Lithuanian composer and artist Ciurlionis is a unique figure in Lithuanian art. A dreamer and a romantic, a visionary and a lyric he created works of great inspiration, and beauty, kindness and humanity. His name will remain forever in the history of Lithuanian and world art". On the same page is a beautiful 6 x 8 reproduction in color of his "Fairy-Tale of Castle (1909)", Ciurlionis Art Museum. (NOTE: Funds for this museum in Kaunas were raised by Lithuanians during the period when Lithuania was independent; it was completed in 1925.)

A familiar name, Maris Liepa, appears in the story on the Bolshoi Theatre. He is also shown in three of the five color photos, performing in a leading part - that of "Crassus", in the ballet "Spartacus".

On the back cover, picturesque language describes "Happy New Year in Moscow" under a colorful folkart type illustration of a family at the dinner table with Santa Claus - or, as the Soviets have named him, Father Frost - seated at the head, holding a glass of champagne. Masked musicians stand near the Christmas tree (I don't know what they call it now).

Couldn't our numerous organizations and "funds"

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ALL LAND TO SOVIET BUREAUCRATS

BY SOVIET LAW LITHUANIA IS OWNED
BY KREMLIN

"All Land to the People"
Bolshevik slogan of 1917

A new version of the Soviet law about "land ownership" has been the subject of a number of articles in the press of occupied Lithuania. The new law seems to differ very little from the old principles of ownership.

In the U.S.S.R., land belongs to the "means of production" and therefore cannot be owned privately. The only legitimate owner of land, including the natural resources, is the Soviet State - not the "republics of the union" of which the U.S.S.R. is composed; and not the kolkhozes or the collectivized peasantry. Thus it is not true that land belongs to those who work it, as the Soviet Constitution states it, either individually or collectively.

If, as Moscow claims it, the Lithuanian "union republic," or its government, were essentially sovereign, it would dispose of its own land. This is simply not the case. All rights of disposal and utilization of the land, for agricultural or other purposes, are reserved to the central bureaucracy in Moscow. Thus the "sovereign" union republics don't have even the theoretical right to dispose over the land within their territories.

The status of the "union republics" explains why the Czechoslovak communist leaders, familiar with the fate of Lithuania, were so impressed by the Soviet threat to incorporate their country into the USSR. They knew that if Czechoslovakia should lose its formal sovereignty, even under a Communist system, and be incorporated into the Soviet Union, the owner of all the lands and goods of Czechoslovakia would no more be the "people of Czechoslovak Socialist Republic" but the "people of the Soviet Union", represented of course by the Moscow Party and central government. Faced with the possibility, the Czechoslovak Communist leaders chose instead to accept Soviet terms, severely reducing their program of "democratic socialism."

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combine their talents, energy and part of their finances to publish, IN ENGLISH, an attractive illustrated magazine containing current worldwide news of our activities and personalities as well as historical data and facts to counteract misleading statements - a publication which would appeal to the general public and could be sold on newsstands... or, at least, distributed in key locations?

The nearest thing to this idea is the LITHUANIAN DAYS magazine, published in Hollywood, California, but it is not available on newsstands. "Darbininkas", "Vienybė", and "Laisvė" used to be among the foreign language newspapers but I haven't seen them on the stands for years.

I am all for preserving our Lithuanian language

Thus the terrifying example of the Baltic States hangs like a Damocles sword over all of the reformist Communists. In Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, it is not the "working masses" - or even the native Communists - who own the land, but Moscow's party bureaucracy. The same is true about the administration. Any attempt to assert the rights of the Baltic people to their land is immediately branded as "localism" and severely punished.

Karl Marx once warned about the concentration of capital and means of production in a few hands, since this would lead to political oppression and exploitation. His acolytes in Moscow have embodied that nightmare.

(ELTA)

JUNE - A MONTH OF DESTINY

June is a focal month in Lithuania's last three turbulent decades. It calls forth memories of doom and despair: the Soviet aggression against Lithuania in June, 1940, and the mass deportations of Lithuanians on June 14-16, that claimed 34,260 victims.

But it was also in June, 1941, that the Lithuanian people rose against their oppressors in spontaneous revolt and established a free government, soon to be extinguished by the Nazi occupying power.

This year the month of June marks the middle of the Fifty-First anniversary year since the restoration of Lithuania's independence - the Year of Lithuania's Freedom Struggle. It is highly significant that this June Lithuania's oppressor, the Soviet Union, is working frantically to shore up the collapsing system of lies and oppression in Czechoslovakia, a nation that, like Lithuania, has kept its faith in freedom.

This June the Lithuanian people know that their turn will come as well, as they face the future with hope and confidence.

(ELTA)

and traditions but we do lose many opportunities for disseminating our "cause" by having programs and posters for our more important events printed exclusively in Lithuanian. Hundreds of left-over souvenir booklets from Lithuanian Day at the New York World's Fair 1964, Expo 67, Song and Dance Festivals in Chicago, Third World Lithuanian Community Congress, etc., could have been sent to certain persons, libraries, schools, newspapers, etc. throughout the world had they been printed in English. Many persons in occupied nations, including Lithuania, know English. Fewer dialogues among ourselves about things we have heard over and over again - and further expansion into the outer world would help immensely to acquaint others with our activities and aspirations.

HELEN KULBER

Convention News

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY SITE OF THE 56th NATIONAL CONVENTION

"Fifty doublehands of powder, one hundred barrs of lead, twenty axes, twenty Coates, ten Guns, twenty Pistols, ten kettles, ten Swords, four blankets, four barrels of beer, ten pair of breeches, fifty knives, twenty horses, eight hundred and fifty fathem of wampum, two ankors of liquers and three troopers coates". Thus did Robert Treat and his small group of pioneers settle the Hackensack Indian claim for payment of land which now includes the City of Newark.

Even then Newark was considered ideal because of its easy access to other land areas, its 13 miles of waterfront, its rich land and favorable climate. Commerce and industry flourished; tanneries, founderies, the first paint manufacturer, textile, furniture and jewelry firms. And men. Fine men. Great men. Seth Boyden, builder of the first maleable iron foundry, the inventor of patent leather; Edward Weston, the genius who designed electrical instruments, generators, dynamos; John Wesley Hyatt, developer of celluloid - the base of today's giant plastics industry; Rev. Hannibal Goodwin who discovered flexible film, the forerunner of the motion picture industry. The list is endless and impressive.

Newark today is New Jersey's largest city,



NEWARK, N.J. - MILITARY PARK

the financial and industrial hub of the state. It is experiencing a dynamic rebirth with vast areas being transformed into educational complexes, new and expanding industrial sites and office buildings, new housing for its citizens.

At the age of "300" Newark today is truly a city on the move. Our congratulations to those who have helped make this growth possible and to those helping to make dreams for the future come true.

LITHUANIANS IN NEWARK

Lithuanian immigrants began settling in Newark in the late 19th Century. They settled, for the most part, in the "Ironbound" section, so named because it is bounded on all sides by railroad tracks and boasts of several industrial plants in the area. Here, Lithuanians, Irish, Italians, Portugese, Germans and other immigrants found employment as stonecutters, molders, machinists, hatters. They promptly proceeded to establish their own communities and form benefit societies, social clubs, language classes, and other aids to quick assimilation into the fabric of our society.

On Nov. 2, 1891, seven Newark, N.J. American Lithuanians gathered and organized the St. George Lithuanian Sick and Benefit Society. The Society was incorporated on Nov. 25, 1893, at Trenton, N.J. The society served a dual purpose. Through membership dues and affair proceeds, it provided insurance and death benefits for Lithuanians who could not afford or did not understand the commercial variety of insurance. Secondly, it provided a beginning for the cultural and social life of the American Lithuanian community and its members. Through the years, the Society sponsored dances, banquets, song fests and parades, and managed to keep Newark Americans of Lithuanian descent together.

On March 31, 1905, the society purchased a lot at 182 New York Ave. Shortly afterward, construction began on St. George's Hall, and on May 31, 1906, the building was completed. In 1956, the hall was modernized, and now includes a small auditorium and a large modern bar on the first floor, and a large air-conditioned ballroom, stage, and kitchen facilities on the second floor. The halls are used for various occasions, especially Lithuanian club dances, banquets, and concerts, as well as weddings, christenings, etc. St. George's will also be the site of the 56th National Knights of Lithuania Convention's Cultural Evening.

CHURCH ESTABLISHED

in 1894, a group of Lithuanians including many members of St. George's Benefit Society called a meeting to start a parish for the Lithuanians of Newark and Essex County. They named the parish Sacred Heart of Jesus. A year later it was changed

to Holy Trinity.

The first parishioners were without a home or regular pastor for seven years. They held monthly services in Newark's St. Stanislaus Church and later in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. In 1901, the late Bishop John J. O'Commer assigned the Rev. Vaclovas Matulaitis as first pastor. Father Matulaitis purchased property at New York Ave. and Adams St., and a frame church building was erected.

In 1916, under the guidance of Rev. Joseph Dabuzinkas, plans were made for a new and larger church. In October, 1917, the corner-stone was laid in the present church at the corner of Adams and Warwick Sts. In 1962, a new and modern parish hall was built on the site of the original church.



At the time of the building of the new church, about 1000 families were enrolled in the parish. Although this number has fallen and many parishioners have moved from Newark to outlying areas, the church continues to be the place of worship for Roman Catholic Liths in Essex County. Many Lithuanians, though moved from the area, still remain active in the parish and still return weekly for Mass at Holy Trinity, thus keeping the Lithuanian Church alive.

Msgr. Ignas Kelmelis became pastor in Feb., 1922, and served in that capacity until he retired in 1968. He remains as Pastor Emeritus. Rev. John Scharnus, who was born and raised in Newark and served as an altar boy under Msgr. Kelmelis, is currently pastor. Rev. Peter Totoraitis is assistant pastor.

Holy Trinity Church boasts of the St. Cecelia Choir, directed by the parish organist Klem Bagdonavicius, a Holy Name Society, a BVM Sodality, and an Altar and Rosary Society, and several other societies.

Newark is also home of Knights of Lithuania Council 29, founded in 1915 and active ever since in all phases of Church and Lithuanian community life. C-29 members are active parishioners of and contribute to Holy Trinity, and many also belong to the St. George Society and other organizations.

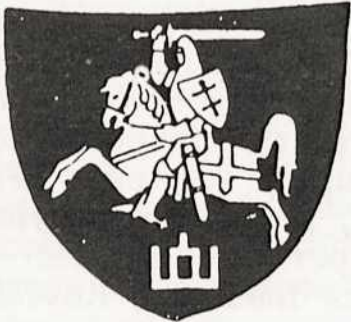
One of the more significant accomplishments of C-29 was the financing, building and erection of a beautiful Lithuanian Wayside Cross on the parish grounds.

Another of the more active groups in Lithuanian community of Newark are the Lithuanian-American Veterans and their Ladies Auxiliary. Among these groups' achievements are their regular donations of blood to the Veterans Blood Bank, the donation of an Inhalator to the Ironbound Ambulance Squad, the dedication of a plaque to the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, and numerous charitable visits to veterans' hospitals, participation in civic projects and parades, and the like.

Newark Liths also form the core of the Lithuanian American Council (Taryba) of New Jersey, which has sponsored a series of successful events commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day, Joint Baltic Nations Rallies, etc.

Newark Lithuanians, as well as those from outlying areas of New Jersey and of New York, now anxiously await the opportunity to participate in the 56th National K of L Convention, to be held in Newark.

(This historical outline was assembled and prepared through the efforts of Kazys Sipaila, Frank Vaskas, and Loretta Stukas, all of C-29, Newark.)



SOUVENIR JOURNAL

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

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

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We thank you in advance! DEADLINE JULY 1st!

Knights of Lithuania
New York - New Jersey District
Hosts to the 56th National Convention.



"RUTA" ENSEMBLE
CULTURAL EVENING PERFORMERS
FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 22, 1969

To attend a social gathering of K of L'ers and not hear the familiar strains of "Kai Aš Turėjau", "Buvo Gera Gaspadinė", or other well known Lithuanian "Sing-Alongs" is indeed a rarity... And more often than not, "background accompaniment" to the singing is provided by one or another "Sing-Along in Lithuanian" long-play record, by the well-known "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble of New Jersey.

This August, delegates and guests to the 56th National Convention will have the opportunity to enjoy IN PERSON the songs of "Rūta" during the Convention's Cultural Evening, Friday, August 22, 1969, at Newark's St. George's Lithuanian Hall.

The "Rūta" Ensemble was "born" in October, 1941 when Jack J. Stukas, director of the newly-organized radio hour, "Echoes of Lithuania" formed a chorus as a part of his broadcast activity, naming it "Lietuvos Garsai", or the "Echoes of Lithuania" Chorus. The chorus of 35 voices, under Mr. Stukas' direction, first appeared in December, 1941, at a program honoring Antanas Smetona, president of the Lithuanian Republic.

As World War II called away most of the young men, the chorus suffered a short period of inactivity. In 1944, it was reorganized as a 20 voice women's chorus, and renamed the "Rūta Chorus". It again began entertaining audiences in the New York-New Jersey area with Lithuanian songs. In 1945, a "Rūta" Lithuanian Folk Dance Group was also formed, as an adjunct to the Lithuanian Hour, now called the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour.

The women's chorus eventually became only a women's quartet. In 1950, under the leadership of Louis Stukas, a mixed chorus was again organized and continued singing under the name of "Rūta". At the same time, the dance group was united with the choir, to form the "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble. The Ensemble, plus the still-active quartet, appeared together as a unit in January, 1951 at the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of "Memories of Lithuania". During its existence, the dance

group of the "Rūta" Ensemble made numerous successful appearances in Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian circles, but it slipped into inactivity in 1961.

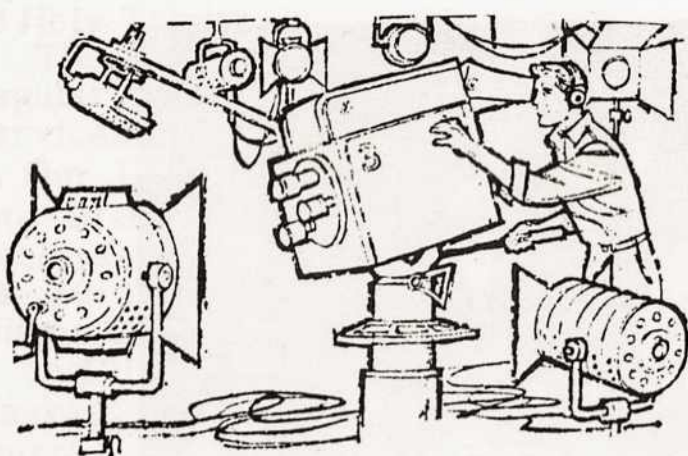
The "Rūta" Chorus, under the direction of Algirdas Kačanauskas from 1951 to the present time, has continuously grown in size, activity, and popularity. Although no longer an adjunct of "Memories of Lithuania" Radio, it appears frequently on special commemorative radio shows and/or radio-sponsored concerts. It has also appeared several times on Lithuanian TV programs and at various Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian concerts and commemorations.

"Rūta" participated in the First and Second Lithuanian Song Festivals of the USA and Canada, held in Chicago, and in several religious festivals. The chorus was significantly present at the New York World's Fair in 1964, as part of the Fair's mammoth Lithuanian Day at Singer Bowl in August, 1964, and as principal singers at several Lithuanian Day festivities in other pavilions of the Fair. As a "request performance", "Rūta" recorded a special video-tape at the RCA Pavilion, which was played on TV for the pavilion's audiences for two weeks. Most recently, "Rūta" gave most successful concerts in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in Sept., 1968 and, under the sponsorship of K of L C-26, in Worcester, Mass., in October 1967 and again in April 1969.

The present "Rūta" Ensemble recorded its first longplay record in 1959, together with soloist Lionė Jodis. Since then, they have made two best-selling "Sing Along in Lithuanian" Albums, featuring favorite Lithuanian folk songs, and a "Christmas in Lithuanian" record, which includes traditional Lithuanian and international Christmas hymns and carols. All these records will be available for purchase during the Convention.

Although best known for their Sing-Along recordings, "Rūta" can draw from a vast repertoire of Lithuanian folk songs, recent Lithuanian compositions and opera selections, as well as many international classical and popular favorites. Thus, their concert for the K of L Convention promises to be interesting, varied and enjoyable!

(The above article was prepared by Loretta Stukas, C-29, and current "Rūta" president.)



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

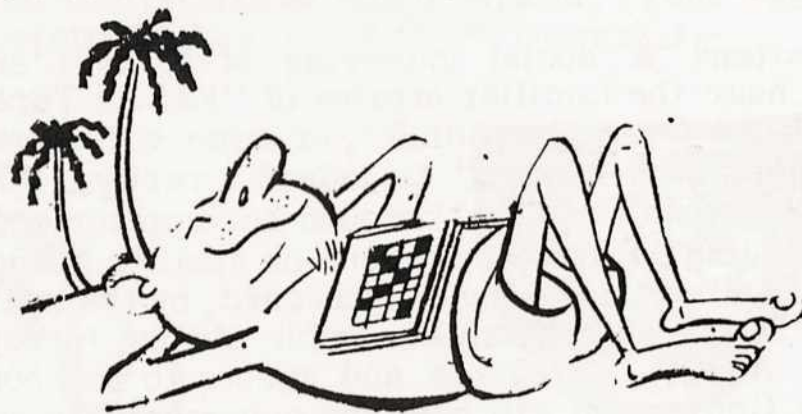
THURSDAY - August 21, 1969

- 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, Eliz. 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

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OFFICIAL NEWS

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 Wesley, Vincent Ed. Pavis, Albert Jaritis, Eleanore Laurin, Leonard Valiukas.

SUPREME COUNCIL REPORTS

At the March S. C. meeting, the following reports were presented: The treasurer received checks in amount of \$57.27 and \$77.00 from Mary Kober and the IID, resp., representing a total profit of \$134.27 from the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Stamp sales; The "Vytis" editor presented a check for \$605.00 which was the profit from the December 1968 Christmas greeting campaign; Joseph Paulukonis, treasurer of the Scholarship Committee, reported a balance of \$1,663.17 and President Stukas urged all councils to encourage qualified candidates to apply for our annual scholarship award. Upon the recommendation of RoseAnn Sadauskas and as no new information was given on the Mission to the Pope by Lithuanian youth, it was decided to defer further action until additional information is received. A loan of \$3,000.00 was made to the K of L Building in Chicago with repayment within five years. Also a donation of \$500.00 was made to the Building Mortgage Redemption Fund. The officers present unanimously concurred with the suggestion of the New York-New Jersey District that Congressman Rodino be the recipient of the 1969 Non-Lithuanian Award at the National Convention.

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.

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.

Last call! Candidates for the Third and Four Degrees who wished to be installed at the National Convention in Newark, send your application to the National Ritual Chairman, Mrs. Rita Pinkus.

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

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 DRIVE ENDS

The 1968-1969 Membership Drive will officially end on July 10, 1969. All results will be announced and awards presented during the National Convention.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Unless the National Financial Secretary has already received your 1969 dues, this will be the last issue of "Vytis" you will receive.

Have Y O U paid your 1969 Dues?

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

PROVIDENCE, R. I., C-103 SRS.

St. Peter's parish in South Boston has been blessed with numerous religious vocations. Multiple vocations were not un-common in the Lithuanian families.

Vincas and Ona Jurgelaitis offered three of their children to the service of the Church. Sister M. Baptista, CJC is currently nursing at St. Mary's Villa at Elmhurst, Pa. Sister M. Paulina, CJC is presently teaching in her native parish school. Father Antoninas a member of the Dominican Order of St. Joseph's Province is at Providence College, and celebrates his silver sacerdotal jubilee this June 7th. Their other daughter married, and is Mrs. Nellie Yanovitch.

St. Peter's parish in the twenties and thirties had no parochial school. Consequently, her youth attended public schools. Anthony Jurgelaitis received his early education at a Public Elementary school, and graduated in 1935 from Boston Latin high school. His first formal training at a Catholic Institution was when he matriculated at Providence College from 1935-37.

Studies for the Priesthood were pursued by him at St. Thomas College (Philosophy) at River Forest, Ill. from 1938-40 receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree. Father Antoninas completed his third year of Philosophy at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio.

He received his Theological training at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Washington, D.C. from 1941-44. In 1945 he received both Lectorate and Licentiate degrees in Sacred Theology.

June 7, 1944 he was ordained to the Priesthood by His Excellency Bishop J. M. Lemieux in Washington, D.C.

Father Jurgelaitis did not culminate his studies with his ordination to the Priesthood. However, he entered the Catholic University at Lima-Peru where he remained from 1945-48. A Doctorate of Letters were his reward for a Dissertation submitted on "A study of the Christiada by Fr. Diego de Ojeda, O. P."

Additional studies in Philosophy were continued in So. Amer.



In September of 1949 he returned to the U.S. and was assigned to Providence College as a Professor of Spanish.

Presently, Father is Chairman of the Modern Language Department at Providence College, a position he has held for the past several years. He is active in professional language associations, and in cultural exchanges with Latin America. He was awarded the Our Lady of Guadalupe Medal for advancing the Good Neighbor Policy on College Campuses by Saint John's University, L. I., N.Y.

Our jubilarian has always manifested a keen interest in the Knights of Lithuania. He is a member of the organization since boyhood. In C-17 So. Boston he

participated in dramatics, wrote articles for the Vytis, and translated stories from English into Lithuanian. Later, he transferred his activities to C-103 in Providence, R. I. Father was Chaplain of the NED, and is a recipient of our organization's Third Degree.

St. Casimir's parish and C-103 in Providence were serviced by Father Jurgelaitis during his 20 years in our city. The late Father John Vaitekunas, and our current pastor Ft. Vaclovas Martinkus have time and again availed themselves of his help in parish work on weekends. His eloquent sermons both in Lithuanian and English are food for our souls.

The members of various organizations in Providence have banded together in forming a Jubilee committee honoring him on the occasion of his silver anniversary as a priest. On June 1st, Father Jurgelaitis offered a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Casimir's parish in Providence. Following the mass a testimonial dinner was given in his honor. The following Sunday he offered another Mass of Thanksgiving for his family, relatives and friends at St. Peter's church in South Boston, Mass.

The Knights of Lithuania, and the Lithuanian Community wish to express their sincerest appreciation to Father Jurgelaitis for his numerous services to "God and Country".

John A. Stoškus



CLEVELAND SENIORS' St. Patrick's Day Card Party. (Left) Mrs. Salasavičienė, Peter Zigmantas, Mary Trainy, Mrs. Petkunas and seated Mrs. Rose Sankaliene counting the profits. (Right) Mrs. Sukys, Mrs. Machutas, Mrs. Visolckis, Mrs. Balat and Mrs. Laukonis enjoy a game of cards. (Photos - S. Sankal)

JUNIOR NEWS

Camp DAINAVA

K of L WEEK

August

24-30, 1969

A "SPEAKOUT" ON CAMPING

Friends are that factor which make camping worthwhile. No friend is as close as the one made during those first few days at camp. Within a matter of hours two campers can share any number of secrets and feel that they have known each other for years and years.

Camp is synonymous with busy. Every hour of the day is filled to capacity. All campers swim each day, but a camper is also given the chance to investigate some things that are different. He or she may pick wild berries and make instant jam, or write a play to act out at campfire. Camp Dainava offers a world of Lithuanian arts, crafts, singing, dancing, and sports. This Program Center can be a place to experiment with new ideas. In

front of the White House lies beautiful Lake Dainava, good for swimming, boating and sleeping out. Beyond that the tennis courts and archery range. Over the hill runs a creek loaded with fossils.

The scope of things to do is as wide as campers imagination. All the activities are well planned by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception with only a little aid from college-age counselors, still young enough to have as much enthusiasm as the campers themselves.

Undoubtedly, the best part of the day is the hour or two before bedtime. All the campers sit around the campfire. Sometimes they sing, sometimes they just talk. More than one of the world's problems have been solved in this manner. Night noises and sights loom large in the dark, but no place is so secure as a fire circle surrounded by friends.

No Junior Knight should miss camping. The experiences gained there will be remembered for a lifetime. Campers must give of themselves, their time, energy, and emotion. At the end of one week, no one is quite the same person, but the change is for the better.

PLEASE ACT NOW - Write for registration blanks.

Camp Secretary: Mrs. Joseph Kazlauskas
19183 Trinity St.
Detroit, Michigan 48219

Additional information printed in March 1969 Issue.

STANLEY J. VAITKUS
Juniors Vice President

REGISTRATION OF A JUNIOR COUNCIL WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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

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

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

be issued to those members.

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

- (A) Name and address of person to receive copies of Vytis - there are 5 copies sent to each Junior Council.
- (B) Names and addresses of Spiritual Advisor and Junior Counsellor(s).
- (C) Names and addresses of Junior Council Officers. This list should be forwarded every year, as soon as possible after elections are held.

5. Counsellors should maintain contact with the Supreme Council through the Vice President, by supplying or requesting information, asking for advice or suggestions - or making same to the Vice President.

Just One Minute!

HAVE YOU ENROLED A NEW MEMBER?



Dues have been pouring in - new members are being signed up - everyone is looking forward to the coming convention and hopefully toward reports about the prosperous growth of the Knights of Lithuania during the past year.

Only one council in the 100-member-and-over category has a fully paid membership. Congratulations to C-26 Worcester and Fin. Secy. Elena Pin-kus.

And, neither C-36 Chicago, nor C-96 Dayton, which are the only councils in the 60 to 99 - member group, are completely paid. If that trend is any indication concerning final results, these mainstay councils will not have grown at all, and indeed, will have lost members. We hope that they come through in the clutch by getting their members paid up so that their new members really count as "new K of L'ers" rather than merely replacements for those that have not paid dues this year.

On a cheerful note, all of the other councils with more than 100 members are at least 80% paid up. There is only one council which remains completely unpaid - perhaps Council 103, Providence, R.I., can put forth a home stretch effort to sustain itself.

To see how your council ranks in relation to other, as far as dues payments and membership enrollments, please take the time to at least glance at the membership chart which appears in this issue of "Vytytis". It will be the last record of council standings until final official figures are presented at the convention in August.

It is obvious that some cooperative efforts toward teamwork are necessary in a few councils. In order for the K of L to retain its significance within the Lithuanian communities in this country, each council must strive to hold on to its present members and unify them into a meaningful organization that can attract others.

Do not forget this year's rules governing the

dues payment and membership drives. The special Membership Drive awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being the first with 100% paid-up memberships, or having the largest net gain in membership.

Awards for dues payments and membership will go to councils in each of the following categories: First Category. - 11-29 members; 2nd - 30-59 members; 3rd - 60-99 members; and, finally 100 members and over.

Individual credit for enrolling members will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed:

TEN points were earned for each new or rejoin member enrolled from August until April 1, 1969.

FIVE points can still be gained for each new or rejoin member you enroll from that date until July 10, 1969.

Membership totals will be supplied by the National Financial Secretary according to her records from August 1, 1968, to July 10, 1969. Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increases based on these net gains.

As far as enrolling new members, it is already too late to obtain the TEN big points that have been offered. But until July 10th - the final date of the DUES-MEMBERSHIP DRIVES - you can still earn FIVE points for each new or rejoining member.

Because the drive for new members is based on net membership gains, only those councils that reach 100% paid-up membership become eligible for that award.

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice President

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

NEWARK, N.J., C-29

The Wanderer

It is getting closer to convention time so let's hope one and all have made plans to take in the "seimas" doings in our town this coming August. Your columnist assures one and all that the committee in charge of arrangements is working very hard to make this 56th annual conclave of our group an outstanding event in our K of L. So come one, come all.

Book Notes: A look into the distant future - don't forget to put a circle around Sat. Oct. 11 which is the date of our annual dinner-dance at St. George's Hall. Chairman will be Christina Yakavonis and Co-Chairman Mary Stonis.

Our Spiritual director, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, after being confined in St. James Hospital is back again at Holy Trinity rectory and recuperating from a sudden illness. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to his duties once more.

Our heartfelt condolences and sympathy are extended to Mrs. Ann Mensler in the recent passing of her brother Vito Barker (Barkauskas).

This year congratulations are in order to the following who are celebrating their anniversaries in religious calling: to Sister M. Karolina of the Sisters of St. Casimir on her 50th anniversary. The jubilarian is a sister of Mrs. Mary Putinas of C-29; to Rev. Totoraitis on his 35th Anniversary in the priesthood on June 17. Rev. Dr. Joseph Vaskas M.I.C. will also celebrate his 35th anniversary in the priesthood on July 16. We wish the celebrants many more years of blessed and fruitful labors in the Vineyard of their Lord and Master.



C-100 AMSTERDAM, N.Y. BANQUET. Pres. Anthony Radzevich and Mrs. Radzevich, Dr. Jack Stukas, M-C Mrs. Irene Wood, Congressman Stratton and Mrs. Stukas.

GREAT NECK, N.Y., C-109

We are informed that Nancy Kober has received an invitation from the Debutante Presentation - International Committee, to make her debut at the Cygnets Ball in London, England on June 24th and at the Marionlyst Cotillion in Elsinore, Denmark on July 4th, followed by an around-the-world social tour. Happy Anniversary to Mary and Jules Picardi who celebrated on May 3rd - to Lou Ann and Phil Rutha who had another anniversary on May 8th and to Stacia and Paul Wain on May 29th. A Very Special Happy Birthday to our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Frank Bulovas, who was a year older on April 21st and to Starsy Wesey on May 10th. We hear Joan and Bill Bernatovich who celebrated their First Anniversary on February 11th, are expecting an addition to their family.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS -

Deadline for the August-September (Pre-Convention) issue will be JULY 5th. The October 1969 issue will feature the 56th National Convention, no Council news or other articles will appear. Please hold your articles until the November issue - deadline October 5th.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT



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"Taitytė"

The Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee of Rev. John Savukynas, our District Spiritual Advisor, was commemorated on Sun., Apr. 20. The parishioners of Our Lady of Vilna Church, where Father John is pastor, his relatives, friends and a host of K of L'ers gathered at 3:00 P.M. for the jubilarian's Mass, with Rev. John Bulger, his nephew and Rev. Vincent Parulis as assistants. Rev. Vito Mikolaitis, chaplain for the St. Casimer Sisters at the motherhouse, gave the sermon.

During the banquet at the Aca-
cia Country Club, later that eve-
ning, the hundreds of guests en-
joyed the anecdotes of Father Pa-
rulis recalling the earlier days in
Father John's priestly career, and
a biographical sketch of his ac-
complishments from his school
days in Pittson, Pennsylvania,
where he was born, through his
present Pastorate at Our Lady of
Vilna parish. After receiving a
B. A. degree from St. Mary's
Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland,
he joined the Marian Fathers and
after four years of advanced study,
he was ordained a priest on August
13, 1944. His first assignment was
the assistant pastorate at St. Pe-
ter and Paul Parish in Kenosha,
Wisconsin; he was then transferred
to St. Mary's in Plano, Illinois,
where he served as pastor for ten
years and in 1960 he was appointed
pastor of Our Lady of Vilna. Father
John still serves his parishioners
here, in addition to being the As-
sistant Chaplain of the Mundelein
Council of the Knights of Columbus
and our own District Spiritual
Director, as well as being a dis-
tinguished member of the boards
of the Chicago Community Council
and the Halsted Urban Progress
Center.

For the latter interest in the
welfare of all the citizens of the
area, Ludwig Leskovar, President
of Heart of Chicago Community
Council, presented a special award
to Father John. After the Master
of Ceremonies, The Honorable
George A. Higgins, Magistrate,
Circuit Court of Cook County,
closed the program portion of the
evening the guests remained for a
while to enjoy the dancing and
socializing. We all offer con-
gratulations to Father John and our

prayers that he would enjoy at
least another Twenty-Five Years
in the Service of God.

Congratulations are in order
for our new re-elected building
trustee board officers: Alex Bud-
ris, President; Alexander Mockus,
Vice President; Albert Dagis, Sec-
retary and Albert Zakarka, Treas-
urer. Under the fine management
of these men and the other trustees,
the progress in the building's ap-
pearance and rental demand is
quite apparent.

Some of the other affairs where
K of L'ers were well in attendance
were the Sandara Banquet, with
C-112 members Stanley Molis,
Chairman, and John Evans and
Leon Pauksta, committee mem-
bers, and the new Lithuanian opera
"Dana". Naturally, our C-112
member Algird Brazis was one of
the stars and two other C-112'ers,
Ray Samoska and Peter Bagdonas
performed with the Opera Choir.
It was also a pleasure to see our
old buddy Loretta Stukas again
when she came to Chi to see the
performance. Perhaps we will have
the pleasure of some more out-of-
town company during our July 4th
annual picnic and the dance July
3rd. Plans are already in the of-
fing for that gala holiday.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 Aldee-

Our Cabaret Party, Sat., May
17th, was chairmaned by Julie
Zakarka and Vladas Paliulionis
who with their committee planned
a special evening for us and with
a team like this, our party was a
terrific success!

Did you know that the Building
Trustees are quite a bunch of "K
of Al's"? ALEX Budris, AL Dagis,



DISTRICT LEADERS MEET IN
CHICAGO. (Seated) Al Jaritis
(NED), Eleanore Laurin (IID), Dr.
Jack Stukas (NY-NJD). Standing,
Jay Paulukonis (NED & IID), Stan
Vaitkus (MCD).

AL Zakarka, and AL Mockus.
Here's living proof of hard-work-
ing K of Al'ers, if ever you saw
any! Besides these "Al's", our
trustees also consist of Leon
Pauksta, Vladas Paliulionis, Vin-
cent Samaska, Kazimiiera Petrulis,
Tekla Norbut, who don't stand in
the shadows just because they have
"different" first names!

Speedy recovery wishes to
Lucille Shotas, wife of Bruno of
Wood-Mac Lanes, who seriously
injured her leg in a fall at home.
Lucille is back at work - cast and
all!

I never thought it would hap-
pen, but it sure did! The walls
of K of L Hall almost cracked from
the top to bottom on Fri., April
11, when the "Fushias" struck up
their chords at a teen dance. I
wonder what those old walls thought
after all these years of hearing just
plain polkas, waltzes, etc. Wow!
Our teen age generation will surely



IID CHOIR MEMBERS and FRIENDS RELAX AFTER A PERFORMANCE.

grow up with defective ear-drums! But it sure looked like the "youngsters" enjoyed themselves, while we "ole chaperones" held our ears and inwardly groaned!

Say, how long has it been since you came down to one of our council meetings? If we don't see you, we don't know what you have been up to, and it sure would be nice to write a line or two about you. So how about coming down to our meetings - make it a must for the next one!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas
The Athol-Gardner council will

conduct a summer outing at Frank Anoris' camp on White Pond on July 20. We are inviting all local and area knights to visit and attend our "Swim or Sink Outing".

The Rev. Al Yankauskas, local spiritual advisor, was a guest of Cardinal John Wright at ceremonies held in Rome at the recent concistory.

Howie Beaudette attended the NED convention held in Westfield. Howie has a ball wherever he goes.

A group of council members attended C-26's spring dance and the Ruta Choir performance, both held in Worcester.

I would like to introduce our latest member to the readers of VYTIS. Pauline Visockas Rodski, wife of the popular Alvin Rodski, has joined our ranks. Pauline was born and raised in Athol and attended local schools and up to the

time of her marriage was employed by Union Twist Drill Co. Pauline is a staunch member of the Women's Guild of St. Francis, Athol, and is on the Board of directors. Pauline is a kind, lovely and vivacious woman and is a nice person in a group. She has invited the local council to their home on several occasion, and is a fine hostess. Welcome, Pauline.

Richard Genaitis and Donna Broderick of Charlestown were tended a prenuptial party held in April in Newton, Mass. It was well attended and the couple received many beautiful and useful gifts. The couple will be married on July 13. Good luck, Kids.

Alec and Lil Kuzmeskus, local members are receiving congratulations on the birth of their third son. Mother, Dad and baby are all doing well.



NED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT WORK AND PLAY.

**Knights of Lithuania
1968-1969
Spiritual Advisors**

Presidents

ADDITIONS and CORRECTIONS

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DIST

SA - Rev. Peter Zemeikis
St. Peter & Paul Church
Elizabeth, N.J.

C-18, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

SA - Rev. Simon Saulines
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Cambridge, Mass. 02138

C-27, NORWOOD, MASS.

SA - Rev. Alphonse Jansonis
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Nashua, N.H.

C.-67, BAYONNE, N. J.

P Martin Rusgi
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SA - Rev. Vaclovas Martinkus
350 Smith St.
Providence, R. I. 02908
P - John Stoskus
165 Holden St.
Providence, R. I. 02908

C-113, LINDEN, N.J.

SA -
P - Joseph Sable
342 Grove St.
Jersey City, N.J. 07302

C-133, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

SA - Rev. Romonis Kasponis
2716 St. George St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90027
P - Ruta Skirius
949 E. Amherst Dr.
Burbank, Calif. 91504

LOS ANGELES SENIORS

SA - Rev. A. Kucingis
2716 St. George St.
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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.)

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

Dzūkelė

Since our Council's activities have been above normal, we'd better harness these random thoughts for our readers:

JUNIORS: The executive board of our Juniors is comprised of Pres. Thomas Shilale, V-P Ramunė Rozevicius and Treas. Jean Bender. They are presently hard at work with special plans for the Junior Rally which they will host in June. **SICK LIST:** Peter Jankowski had major surgery in April, and while he was checking out of St. Vincent Hospital, he passed Stephen Ulevich who was checking in. Both gentlemen are on the road to recovery now, and that is good news, indeed.

ENGAGEMENT: Best wishes to Gloria Mettrick who is wearing a lovely diamond on her third finger of her left hand. We'll be sure to let you know when she and her fiancée set the date.

WEDDING BELLS: Mary Ann Roland and John Dowd were married on May 3 and needless to say, everyone of us wishes for the happy couple Life's best. **RUTA CONCERT:** The very successful concert is over now, with happy thoughts associated with it. The committee members have been named in previous "Vytis" issues, but we would like to add that Mary Jankowski was our most capable mistress of ceremonies, Charles Grigaitis our announcer, and last but not least, the chefs for the reception at Maironis Park following the concert were Mrs. Pajeda and Mrs. Alyta, and we are very grateful to all. **NEW POSITIONS:**

Good luck is extended to Charles Glodas who recently accepted a new position in Washington, D.C., and to Carol Osper who is now working in California. **CONGRATULATIONS:** Anne Bender, one of our secretaries, was honored recently by the members of the St. Casimir Sisters' Auxiliary. Anne has been president of this organization for 10 years and is a staunch supporter of the Sisters who staff our school. **BOWLING BANQUET:** Ted Pinkus, Jr. and his team, Rita Pinkus, Anne Bucinskas, Rose Chestnut and Gloria Mettrick took first place. High average for girls was awarded to Joan Krusas and high average for boys to Danny Lettic. Lovely music was provided by the trio of Markevicius-Pri-

dotkas - Marcinkevicius and the lobster/ roast beef at Maironis Park made a big hit.

Father Puidokas and C-30 of Westfield were hosts for the NED Convention and those from our council who attended were Mary Jankowski, Rita and Ted Pinkus, Sr., Anne Bucinskas, Joe Sakaitis, Val Baziliauskas, and Al Gregonis (Al - please note correct spelling of your surname).

Frances Grigas and Christine Delonis whipped up an impromptu social for a recent meetint, assisted by Joe Sakaitis. Sometimes the less preparation, the more successful a social, eh girls?

Val Baziliauskas, our president, has finally shed the cast that embraced his leg for so many long weeks. Val reminds us that there'll be lots going on during the summer so keep note of the bulletins issued by the council and attend every event.

Many of us attended a testimonial honoring State Representative Charles T. Tagman at the Lithuanian Naturalization Club on Apr. 20. Charlie is a 4th degree member of the K of L and is a past president of our council as well. You can just be certain that our wishes for his continued success follow him constantly.

Each month, our spiritual director, Father Steponaitis, has an interesting subject for us. Last month's topic was on shrines of Lithuania. It was interesting to learn that Lithuania has 35 shrines in honor of the Blessed Mother, not to mention the number of shrines honoring other saints, and Our Blessed Lord. Father told us about the wayside crosses so prevalent in Lithuania, and urged us to have a replica in our homes.

C-26 will host the fall NED Convention to be held in Worcester on Sept. 28 and Bill Grigas is chairman of the pre-convention dance to be held at the Lithuanian Naturalization Club on Sept. 27.

THOUGHT: The time for the National Convention is approaching rapidly, and perhaps it might be a good thing now to examine our attitudes in relation to our organization. The K of L is not unlike a professional team. The name of the game is WIN. While each council of the team is a star in its own right, you don't win without

team play. TEAM PLAY IS ALL IMPORTANT. The K of L has a group of strong individuals... this is what we want... and this is what we are continually trying to enlist in our membership, but we must understand that we need to work together and that in the long pull in terms of the K of L, WHAT IS BEST FOR THE TEAM IS BEST FOR ALL OF US INDIVIDUALLY. LET'S TAKE THIS AS A TIME TO GATHER OUR RANKS AND START PULLING TOGETHER.

Best wishes to all for a safe and happy summertime and see you in Newark!

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116 Darata

Our council bowling league came to a hectic finale. Bob Paluses team came in first place, winning by only two points. Bob was in the hospital that last big night, but his team mates carried on to victory. Good show for Ann Yurkinas, Helen Daltwas, Dot Sinkavitch and John Savage. John Yurkinas and his team came in second place after putting up a good fight. The bowling banquet was held Apr. 12, at the Colonial Club in Webster, Mass. To the delight and surprise of everyone, our special guest was Father Mike. The following members were winners: John Andruska - High Average, Dorothy March - High Average; Father Eugene Borek - High Triple; and Ann Yurkinas - High Single. Our thanks go to Dorothy and Bart March for the work they did all season and arranging the banquet. Everyone is looking forward to next year!

The NED spring convention was held in Westfield, Mass. As usual, C-30 hosted a successful affair. Those attending the sessions and mass held by Father Janiunas were Anthony Miner, Stanley Grigas, Dot Sinkavitch, Ann Miller, Trudy Zibinskas and Mrs. Irene Adamaitis... Seen at the Ruta Concert were Ann Miller (Paxton) Charles and Mildred Lapinskas and Daniel Nichols... Quite a few of our members traveled to Brockton, Mass. for the religious Workshop. An interesting panel discussion took place and the subject was the Pope's Humanae Vitae.

Knights of Lithuania Organiza-



SUPREME COUNCIL officers relax after Youngstown business meeting. (Photos - S. Sankal)

tion Day was celebrated on May 3 by our council with a buffet held at Maironis Park.

All our members are looking forward to summer and vacation time. Some have been doing a little visiting already. Ann Miller (Paxton) spent some time in Wappingers Falls, N.Y... Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Bucinkas will be off to Miami Beach, Florida soon. Mrs. Bucinkas was a lucky winner and they will enjoy a free seven day trip... Now that the fishing season has opened, we will be waiting to hear fish stories from John Yurkinas, Joe Krasinskas, Bob Paluses and Father Eugene Borek... The easter bunny brought Rita Skamarock a new Chevie Malibu. Other people get new bonnets but Rita went for bigger things! Happy motoring!

Some of our members really like to get around. Terry and Frank Ciras, Ruth Ciras, Ann Miller, Trudy Zibinskas and Helen Daltwas were seen at the "Ice Capades" in Boston recently and they all took a trip to New York to see "Cabaret".

We are very grateful to Helen Daltwas and Joan Treinas for publishing the February and March issues of our monthly council newspaper The Equestrian, also, to Dorothy Glaster for the January issue. This council newspaper has probably the longest publishing history of any council newspaper in the K of L - it's 21 years old.

Two of our members spent a week in Puerto Rico a few months ago. Soaking up the sun were Rita Skamarock and Dot Sinkavitch. They had planned to rent a car but soon gave up the idea after seeing all the signs were in Spanish.

A testimonial held for Charles Tagman at the LNC hall was a huge success, and our members were there in full color. Barbara Mazeika, Mary and Vic Mrozinski, Irene and Harold Ostrowski, Paula and Joe Bunevith, Ann Miller and Joan Treinas.

We understand our former spiritual advisor Father Al Yancauskas made a trip to Rome to see our former Bishop John Wright elevated to Cardinal.

We were sorry to hear of the misfortune in the Balukonis family. The same day Joe was in the hospital having surgery done on his teeth, his father was brought in for a hip injury. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Happy summer to all our K of L friends!

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

A pink and white "honeymoon" bungalow in Youngstown, Ohio was the setting for the national K of L Supreme Officer's meeting, held on Mar. 29-30. The gracious hosts were Vincent Ed Pavis and his charming wife, Stella. Among the guests attending were Frank and Sophie Zager of C-79, and we would like to place in nomination right now the name of Stella Pavis as the "hostess with the mostest". There was a new ingredient in the Saturday night's social. In addition to the "lubricants", the food and guests there was this gimmick - or a theme! After everyone finished eating, Stella yelled out "I

HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES SECTION.

1) Use items about unusual happenings. Especially personal or council activity that brings out the purpose and ideals of our organization. Write your column as soon as possible after the affair while the details are still fresh in your mind. Do not write about an event that is scheduled to take place in the next few days or weeks. By the time the VYTIS is published, this event will have taken place. So report on that particular function after it has occurred or write it up in the past tense.

2) Use short words which will be clearly understood by everyone. Remember, easy writing makes for easy reading. Don't use the same phrase or descriptive word repeatedly. Don't hurt or degrade anyone. Read over your piece to see if it's smooth. Cross out all extra and meaningless words. Write only when you have something to say. Don't just fill up space. Stop using meaningless initials. Outside of a dozen people who know why D.S. had his eye on S.W., who cares? Our magazine is international. Use complete names and use names frequently. Everyone likes to see his or her name in print, but don't go overboard! Don't try to name all the people who were present at a picnic, party, meeting or banquet. Listing special guests is a very good idea. Don't forget that we are Lithuanians. Try to insert a few words or phrases 'Lietuviškai'.

3) Type your articles if at all possible - double space. If you do not use a typewriter, write as legibly as possible.

Keep a carbon copy or accurate notes of your article so that items are not repeated.

4) We ask for news items about everyone, and not a lot about a few. Lack of space presents a problem in some issues and Council News must be cut to accommodate each council's news. Try to keep your news down to two typewritten double-spaced pages. The editors never omit an entire article, but often will condense.

5) Send in photos of your activities. The photos, whether printed or not, will be retained unless the sender requests a return.

6) All council news must reach the editors by the fifth of the month preceding the issue for which it is intended. The editors assume no obligation to return any unsolicited material. Send your material in well before the deadline. Your punctuality will give your article a better break and it will be appreciated by all concerned.

forgot to put out the horseradish" (her specialty). Without too much nudging everyone marched back for "seconds". And the more psyche-probing the gimmick, the better - she CALLED out again after a while "I forgot the jello" (whipped, yet); so, back went the guests for "thirds". Well seconds, thirds or whatever, entertainin's her delight, and we all had a marvelous time.

With the after-dinner mood established the evening revolved about a "sentimental journey" back to Dayton and Philly via slides by Stella Pavis. We saw some of the highlights of the conventions in '67 and '68. After viewing them, we know some of us were T-H-E-R-E.

Following the festive Palm Sun-

day services, the officers met once again at the Pavis' home for the business meeting. President, Jack Stukas, got the meeting off to an early start, fostering interest and enthusiasm and special concern on such matters as membership, ritual degrees and a resolution on Non-Lithuanian spouses. Dr. Jack summed-up the last minute news of the '69 K of L national convention to be held in Newark. The meeting ended early enough for those hitting the skies and hi-ways to enjoy a delightful buffet supper prepared by members of the Youngstown council. Our sincere thanks for the most gracious hospitality.

Soffi Snooping - Who was it that managed to get his picture in the April issue of the "Vytis"?

None other than our "senior" member Petras M. Brundza. He wasn't selling anything; he hadn't donated a large sum of money. We understand he celebrated his 91st birthday on Feb. 15. Congratulations, and may he enjoy many more birthdays... A cake to celebrate the birthday (Mar. 6) of Rev. M. Kundrat was presented to him by Vicki Chepelonis during St. Casimir's Day program, on Mar. 2... That April meeting was greatly enlightened with the singing of the Vyčiu Himnas. Thanks to Karen Ann Alksnes for the piano accompaniment. We need more of Karen around, and we'll be in perfect voice after a few more meetings... Frank Zager has been appointed as third member of the Supreme Ritual Committee. Our congratulations . . . We were greatly shocked by the news of the untimely death of Eddie Daniels of the Supreme Ritual Committee. We express our condolences to his widow and C-26... Ann Calvin is on the road to recovery from minor surgery... Eleanor Waskiewicz is also recovering from a bout with a month-long illness at Harper hospital... Jerry Kazlauskas tied the proverbial knot with Margie Woznick on Memorial Day. Ilgiausiu Metu! . . . Just "plain-folk" like Jos. Chaps with a word to the membership "to pay up your dues". So, hurry up - 79'ers get those dues in FAST . . . St. Patrick's Day was the final resting day of John Kudirka, father of Pat Milius. Our sincere sympathy to the family

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Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz took charge of the parish Altar Society 'Pillow Case' party on Apr. 13. Joe and Eleanor Mantz with daughter, Cathy, and Sarah Petkus were 'Den Parents' for our Juniors on Apr. 19. As the hike to the Huffman Dam was rained out, the Juniors visited the Air Force Museum. Mike and Fran Petkus hosted the April religious discussion program at their home on Apr. 25.

Stan Vaitkus gave yours truly an excellent report on the S.C. meeting held in Youngstown. Ed and Stella Pavis and their committee were excellent hosts. While Stan was away Helen showed

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS - MAY 15, 1969

C#	City	% Pd	8/68	5/69	C#	City	% Pd	8/68	5/69
1	Brockton	117%	12	14	78	Lawrence	23%	13	3
3	Philadelphia	84%	45	38	79	Detroit	86%	213	184
5	Chicago	122%	9	11	90	Kearny	141%	29	41
6	Hartford	0%	2	0	96	Dayton	87%	87	78
7	Waterbury	89%	105	94	100	Amsterdam	114%	35	40
10	Athol-Gardner	95%	21	20	102	Detroit	73%	38	28
12	New York	103%	30	31	103S	Providence	0%	14	0
13	Chicago	150%	8	12	109	Great Neck	100%	20	20
14	Cicero	78%	9	7	111S	Youngstown	89%	17	15
17	So. Boston	84%	43	36	112	Chicago	98%	169	166
18	Cambridge	--	0	3	113	Linden	68%	19	13
19	Pittsburgh	100%	37	37	116	So. Worcester	89%	50	44
25	Cleveland	79%	28	22	133	Los Angeles	100%	6	6
26	Worcester	106%	113	120	134	Cincinnati	76%	21	16
27	Norwood	50%	4	2	135	Ansonia	92%	52	48
29	Newark	92%	102	94	139	Detroit	94%	31	29
30	Westfield	100%	28	28		Chicago Seniors	108%	35	38
36	Chicago	79%	71	56		Cleveland Seniors	108%	37	40
41	Brooklyn	47%	43	20		Los Angeles Srs.	113%	22	25
52	Elizabeth	88%	25	22		New York Seniors	100%	21	21
61	Paterson	125%	4	5		So. Boston Seniors	111%	28	31
67	Bayonne	140%	5	7		Pittsburgh Seniors	100%	2	2

Final totals will be presented at the convention.

herself to be a self-sufficient car saleswoman. The Vaitkus' are now sporting a new Thunderbird!

Curious to know how it feels to compare a pair of grey hose to a \$6,000.00 Jaguar convertible? Ask Pat Zelinkas! Ray Steinbrunner is co-chairman, again for our Parish's annual picnic, July 27 at Eintracht Park. Our lucky president, Joe Noreikas, avoided a serious accident at work as a car rammed into the building at the spot he just vacated. It was good to see Dave Petroski at the April meeting. With school, work and trips home to Detroit, we don't get to see Dave as often as we would like.

Two members wrapped up in their chosen field are Janet Veigel and Judy Scott. Janet has gone into almost full time work with the theater with stage managing, sound, set and technical facilities. Judy is aiming for an art degree at the Dayton Art Institute. We are hoping both girls will let the council receive some benefits from their talents!

We thank Frank Vaskas from Newark for sending us greetings from his vacation site in Florida.

Have you heard? Joe Sinkwitz, who has gone full steam ahead with his many rock collection activities, entered a Gem Stone Table in the Gem and Mineral Show that was held in Cincinnati on Apr. 26 and won a Blue Ribbon prize! Get well wishes are sent to Mary Lucas. We just heard Mary was suffering with internal bruises as a result of an auto accident. Mary, we hope your recovery period is short!

Congratulations! Joe and Ann Boeke were blessed with a boy, David Matthew. Joe and Anna Mae Petrusky's bundle of joy was a girl, Victoria.

Think you've been seeing a man from outer space on Eric Drive? Not so! Just Gus Blum helping Mary Ann with the Spring chores. Poor Gus is affected by so many allergies he has to wear special equipment for protection.

May birthday greetings to Frank Ambrose, Adele Kviety, Sally Miller, Rev. Titus Narbutas, Veronica Omler, Henry Pant, Charles Petkus, Alice Petkus, Dave Petroski, Joe Sinkwitz, C. Mike Wilemaitis and Joe Ryan. Anniversary congratu-

lations go to John and Eloise Berzelly, Joe and Eleanor Mantz, Ernie and Veronica Omler. Belated anniversary greetings to Joe and Eugeni Gecas.

Our condolences to the Joseph Kavalauskas family. Mr. Kavalauskas passed away on Apr. 8. Our deepest sympathies go to Joe August family on the loss of his father on Apr. 22. Both Mr. Kavalauskas and Mr. August were charter members of our parish. Our sympathies to Joe and Aldona Ryan on the loss of their granddaughter, Katherine Celeste. Sympathies go to Steponas and Ildofonsas Bucmys on the loss of their mother in Lithuania. A memorial Mass was held at Holy Cross Church on Apr. 29. Our sympathies go to William and Eva Leasure on the loss of Simon Polderick on Apr. 28. Simon, although not a member of the K of L, was one of our faithful patrons and a supporter of C-96. Simon resided with the Leasures these many years and was on the go clear up to the last day at a ripe age of 92.

We also felt another loss at Holy Cross Church. Our former pastor, Rev. Leon Praspalius past away on

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Apr. 20 in Cambridge, Mass., where he was in retirement due to poor health. Father Lee did much for our parish and its people in his active years. Under his hand, the parish was woven into a family that worked together. Father Leon's name will go into parish history as one of the finest pastors. Rev. Walter Katarskis, and Father Leon's nephew, were the celebrants at the Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Cambridge. Our spiritual advisor, Rev. Titus Narbutas also attended the Mass.

Father Titus held a Memorial Mass for Father Lee in Dayton at Holy Cross on May 3.

Did you hear? - Eva Leasure - after just having her car back one month from an accident - had another accident which demolished her car. Thank heavens Eva came through without injuries. This time the cause was from trying to avoid hitting a dog.

Eyes and ears on March 8th were glued to the University of Dayton's first, and what proved to be their only, round of the NCAA tournament. We've all been following George Janky's career with UD. George, a fellow Lithuanian, from the Chicago area, was a guest speaker at one of our past meetings.

What a beautiful letter the council received from Father Charles Girnius. Father, through the Maryknoll's, was a recipient of part of our council's annual charity project, took time to write the council. We want to share his letter with other Knights:

Thank you very much for your kind gift of \$20.00, which I received through Maryknoll! I was surprised to receive your gift as I have had no previous acquaintance with you.

So let me introduce myself: My folks were born in Lithuania, and my five older brothers belonged to the Knights of Lithuania in Mas-

peth. One of these, John, was outstanding in the club as principle manager and organizer of athletic activities: baseball, basketball, bowling, track etc. That was in the late 20's. I acted as "mascot" for baseball and basketball.

After studying for the Brooklyn Diocese, I went to Maryknoll after First Theology. After ordination in 1944, I was sent to Peru and am here ever since.

Most of the time I was working in the high plains around Lake Titicaca as pastor, curate and professor in the Miner Seminary according to the present mission need. This January, I have graduated from the altiplane (12,500 feet) and am now working in the parish of Arequipa as curate. I do not envy the pastor and I am quite happy being curate.



Rev. Charles F. Girnius, M.M.,
Arequipa, Peru.

K of L Calendar

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.
- 29- C-100 Amsterdam SUMMER OUTING, Lake Galway, N.Y.
- 29- AMBER BALL, Chicago Lith. Womens Club, South Shore Country Club, Chicago, Ill.

JULY

- 3- 4 IID ANNUAL JULY 4th PICNIC, K of L Bldg., and Garden, Chicago, Ill.
- 20- C-10 Athol-Gardner, SUMMER OUTING, White Pond, Mass.
- 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.