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56th NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION COMMITTEE. Seated, l. to r.: Honorary Chairman Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Spiritual Advisor Rev. Peter Zemeikis, General Chairman Lawrence Janonis, Secretary, Dorothy Dutkus. Standing, l. to r.: Edward Schmidt, Louis Stukas, Joann Schmidt, Loretta Stukas, Ann Mitchell, Virginia Dutkus, Kazys Sipaila. Not pictured: Mildred Grinewich, Ann Klem, Anthony Kober, Mary Kober, Nancy Kober, and Frank Vaskas. (Photo - Nagrod Studio)



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# NEWARK 1962

# Convention News

## CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

### KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, COUNCIL 41 DANCE GROUP ENTERTAINERS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION CULTURAL EVENING

To a group of K of L-ers in Brooklyn, the Knights of Lithuania organizational interest in advancing appreciation of Lithuanian culture means more than talks, speeches, and books on culture. To them, it means long and exhausting rehearsals, exacting study of intricate dance steps, and the ultimate satisfaction of actively displaying to Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians Lithuanian folk culture in action! These young people are members of the K of L C-41 Lithuanian Folk Dance Group, who will perform during the 56th National Convention's Cultural Evening, Friday, August 22, 1969, at St. George's Lithuanian Hall in Newark.

The original C-41 Dance Group was organized in January, 1964. Mrs. Jadvyga Matulaitiene, who is the teacher of the New York Lithuanian Folk Dance Group and was also the director of the Third Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival of the US and Canada in Chicago, 1968, was the teacher of the group. At that time, the dancers performed at the 1964 Democratic Convention, the New York World's Fair (1964 and 1965) and at various other functions. But the group became inactive as some members left for school and others got married and lacked time for rehearsals.

In September, 1967, through the initiative of Joan Mazeika and Steve Guinta, the dance group was reorganized, with Miss Birutė Barauskaitė as teacher of the group. Once again, in spite of numerous difficulties in finding suitable rehearsal sites, accompanists, and the like, the group succeeded in pleasing audiences with their interesting dances. They performed at the C-41 Communion Breakfast in March, 1968, and the International Soccer Festival in Union, N.J. in June, 1968. The high point of their work was participation in the Third Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival in Chicago, in July, 1968. This "first" in the group's existence was met with enthusiasm and excitement and was worthy of the long hours of preparation required.

When Miss Barauskaitė found it necessary to resign as the group's instructress to devote more time to her studies at St. John's University, Miss Kažytė Visockaitė assumed the post. She is a long-time member of the New York Lithuanian Folk Dance Group, directed by Mrs. Matulaitienė.

Under Miss Visockaitė's direction, the group performed at many different events this year. They were featured at the 10th anniversary of the reorganization of C-41 in January, at dance concerts in various Lithuanian communities in Pennsylvania in April, and



MEMBERS OF THE C-41 DANCE GROUP IN ACTION

at New York's "Laisvės Žiburiai" Radio Anniversary in May. The group also has auditioned for the Ted Mack Amateur Hour and are currently waiting for the results.

The Dance Group credits its activity and success to the love of its members for Lithuanian culture. Everyone of the members enjoys dancing and takes great pride in his Lithuanian heritage, even though many members don't speak Lithuanian fluently, if at all. But they feel that by participating in this Lithuanian function, they are helping to keep the Lithuanian culture alive.

The dance group will be practicing every week throughout the summer to present an enjoyable performance in August. Don't miss it!



Beautiful downtown Newark

**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**

- 9:00 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**

- 9:00 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.

# "ALEKSANDRYNAS"

PIRMAS VYČIU "GĖNERALINIS  
ŠTABAS (1914-16)

JUOZAS ERETAS

## KAIP PAKŠTAS TAPO VYČIU

Kazys Pakštas, gimęs 1893 m. ir užaugęs Lietuvoje, norėdamas išvengti tarnybos rusų kariuomenėje, 1913 m. gale slaptai iškeliavo Amerikon, kur jį pradžioje priglaudė Chicagoje gyvenanti sesuo Konstancija. Ieškodamas sau tinkamo darbo, "gri-norius" kreipėsi pas Tėvus Marijonus. Kunigai F. Kudirka ir J. Kazakas, tik 1913 m. vasarą buvo atvykę į tą patį didmiestį. "Patekau - taip Kazys pasakojo - pas T. Marijonus, kurie man pasiūlė pabūti "Draugo" (tuomet dar savaitraščio) ir jų knygų platintoju. Užsidirbau vos 25 dolerius per mėnesį; bet per tai patekau į jaunimo ratelius". Į tuos naujus, margus pažįstamus naujas knygnešis kreipėsi dar reikšmingiau per, irgi Marijonų lei-



Garbės narys prof. dr. Juozas Eretas

Mūsų Skaitytėjams turbūt jau žinoma, kad Vyčių Sąjungos garbės narys prof. K. Pakštas susilauks biografijos. Ją rašo kitas mūsų garbės narys - prof. J. Eretas. Iš jo veikalo rankraščio čia spausdiname vieną epizodą iš jaunų Vyčių organizacijos dienų. - Kadangi autorius vis dar pasigenda medžiagos savo monografijai, mes, ta proga, prašome visų, galinčių jį paremti, siųsti jam savo su Pakštu surištus atsiminimus, laiškus, nuotraukas ir tt. šiuo adresu: Juozas Eretas, Basel (Switzerland), Florastr. 44. Jis iš anksto dėkoja už paramą ir pasižada gražinti visą medžiagą, kai ji atliks.

Redakcija

džiamą, laikraštėlių "Tikyba ir Dora", kuriame parašydavo straipsnelių. Šia nauja plunksna greit pasinaudojo ir kun. Fabijonas Kemešis (1879-1954) kuris anuomet redagavo "Draugą" ir spietė jauni-

mą. Kemešis, 1902 m. Kaune išventintas į kunigus, dar tėvynėje buvo nuoširdus jaunųjų prietelius ir sumanus "plunksnuotis", kuris nuo 1914 m. vedė minėtą savaitraštį. Be to jis traukte traukė jaunuolius į 1913 m. pavasarį Lawrence, Mass., įkurtą Sakalų Sąjungą, kuriai netrukus buvo suteiktas lietuviškesnis Vyčių Sąjungos vardas. Šiame darbe jam uoliai padėjo Leonardas Šimutis, kuris tų jaunų entuziastų būryje užtiko ir Pakštuką. Čia užsimezgė šauni draugystė, kurią nutraukė tik Kazio mirtis 1960 m. "Kazimierą sutikau 1914 m. pradžioje viename Vyčių susirinkime, ir pajutau, kad susilaukiau naujo bendradarbio. Jis Chicagos Šv. Mykolo parapijoje (pas T. Marijonus) padėjo organizuoti skyrių, kurio sekretorium jis tapo." Lipšnis sekretoriukas greit išigijo toki pasitikėjimą, kad dar tų pačių metų vasarą, kaip atstovas, buvo siųstas į antrą Vyčių seimą, įvykusi Montello-Brocktone, Mass. Tuomet padarytoje (istoriškoje) nuotraukoje jis atrodo dar visai "žalias". Bet jis greit prinoks.

## ALEKSANDRYNO IDEALISTAI

"1915 m. liepos mėnesį - taip prisimena Šimutis - savo bendradarbi vėl sutikau Chicagoje, kur jis dalyvavo ir trečiame seime. Jis gyvai išsijungė į diskusijas apie geresnį jaunimo auklėjimą. Seimas nutarė leisti savo laikraštį ir kurimo bei redagavimo darbus pavedė keturiems studentams: Račkui, Linkui, Pakštui ir man. Linkui išvykus į kunigų seminariją, leidimas atsidūrė trijų jaunuolių rankose - Račkui (22) su Pakštu (22) atiteko redakcija, o man (23) administracija. 'Vyties' leidimo reikalams Chicagoje buvome pasisamdę porą kambariukų, kuriuose ir gyvenome. Turėjome sulankstomas lovukas, kurias dienos metu naudodavome stalų vietoje. Su mumis dar gyveno Chicagos meno instituto studentas Izas Ilekis (25) kuris vėliau išvyko Lietuvon. Dažnai užsukdavo ir muzikas Al. Aleksis (29). Maitinomės daugiausia juoda, rupia duona ir rūgusiu pienu. Kazys tuomet buvo vegetaras."

"Beredaguodami 'Vytį', kurio pirmas numeris - su Ilekio piešiniu - išėjo 1915 m. spalio mėnesį, mes pasižymėjome taip pat kaip 'oratoriai', nes važinėdavome po parapijas, kurdavome naujas kuopas, steigdavome vakarinius kursus ir juose, profesoriaudavome". Jie sudarė ir bibliotekėles, suorganizavo chorus - Aleksio (Vyčių himno kompozitoriaus) specialybė - ir teatro grupes.

"Kadangi, 'Vyties' būstinėje gyveno ir maišėsi žymūs Aleksandrai - Račkus ir Aleksis - jis buvo pakrikštyta "Aleksandrynu". Jo igula buvo neturtinga, nedateklis ją vargino. Būdavo momentų, kad

ji neturėjo pakankamai išveiginių drabužių. Tuomet kartais turėjo pasitenkinti tik vienomis nelopytomis kelnėmis. Kai katram reikėjo išeiti "į svieta", kiti turėjo liūdėti namuose.

Neretai aleksandriečius spaudė dar kita bėda - alkis. Šis jiems, ypač per 1915 m. Kalėdų šventes taip numušė ūpą, kad Šimutis dar po pusės šimtmečio tą epizodą, kaip šiandien prisimena: "Per šias Kalėdas mudu su Kaziu likome vieni. Neturėjome nei valgio, nei pinigų - palikome be pusryčių ir be pietų. Vakare išėjome prasiblaivinti - pėsčiomis iš 18-tos gatvės iki 33-čios. Ėjome pro Naušėdžių krautuvę. Jų butas buvo gausiai apšviestas, prie lango net eglutė stovėjo. Užėjome sveikinti su šventėmis", nes ponia Antanina (1892-1979), žymi katalikų veikėja, motiniškai užjausdavo. Ji apsidžiaugė ir šiais, kad ir nekviestais, svečiais, kuriuos tuoj vedė prie apkrauto kalėdinio stalo. Nesunku suprasti, kodėl mūsų vyrukai net dainuodami traukė namon ir kad kelias atgal jiems atrodė perpust trumpenis...

Dainuoti jiems ir šiaip puikiai sekėsi, nes buvo balsingi ir dėlto pasireiškė ir Aleksio chore. Aišku, kad Aleksandrynas dalyvavo ir savo bičiulio, Vyčių žymiausio muziko, vestuvėse, įvykusiose 1916 m. rugpiūčio 2 d. Chicagoje. Jos atmintinos dar tuom, kad jaunuosius sutuokė brangios atmintis kun. A. Staniukynas (1865-1918), jaunojo (Aleksio) dėdė, apie kuri istorikas A. Kučas 1965 m. išleido monografiją. Svečių tarpe buvo kunigai - Ig. Albavičius ir M. Krušas. Jaunojo palydovais prie altoriaus buvo neišskiriami draugai Leonardas ir Kazys. "Draugas" (1916.VIII.9) šventės aprašymą baigė pabrėždamas, "kad vaišėse apsieita be svaiginamų gėrimų". Ryšium su ta pastaba prisimintina dar ši korespondencija iš Cicero, III: "Vasario 26 d. vyčių kuopa turėjo pasilinksminimą su programėle. Kalbėjo Pakštas apie idėją ir idealistus. Svaigalų nebuvo, nes vyčiai veda didelę kovą prieš alkoholizmą" ("Draugas", 1916.III.15). Po kelių mėnesių jis Roselande, III., ragino šviestis, vienytis ir po karo grįžti į Lietuvą" ("Draugas", 1916.III.30). Kilnios mintys tryško iš to ūbagiško Aleksandryno, to pirmo Vyčių "generalinio štabo."

Pats "generolas", kun. Kemėšis, turėjo toli siekiančių planų. Jo manymu Al. Račkus (1893-1965) turėjo tapti oratorium, nes buvo tikras Ciceronas; Šimutį jis buvo numatęs teisei, o Pakštą - politikai. Bet gyvenimas visus vedė kitais keliais, o patį tą jaunų pasiryžėlių inspiratorių galop (1947-48) nubloškė į Sibirą, kur jis sovietų naguose mirė kankinio mirtimi.

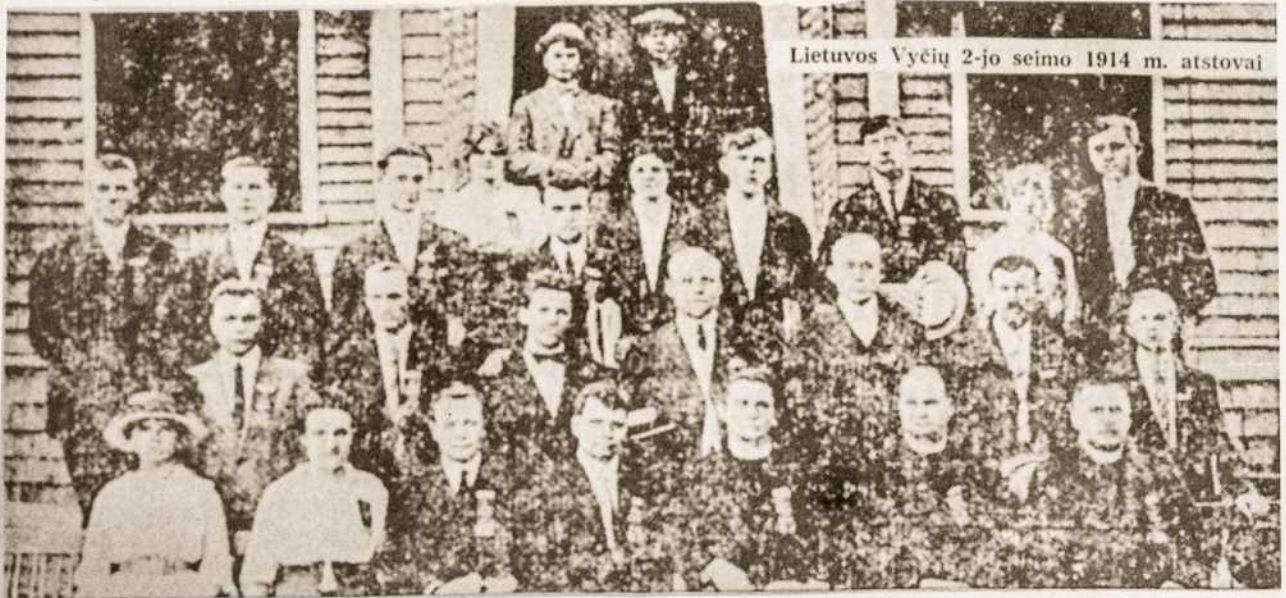
#### ALEKSANDRIEČIAI SIEKIA MOKSLO

Kazys tuomet tikrai ruošėsi politikai, kurios pagalba jis tikėjosi galėsiąs padėti savo tėvynei. Jis buvo tikras, kad siaučiąs pirmas pasaulinis karas (1914-18) pražūdys tiek rusų carizmą, tiek vokiečių kaizerizmą, ir kad tuomet iš gaisro pelenu, it Feniksas, vėl iškils laisvoji Lietuva.

Bet kaip padėti bekylančiai tėvynei be aukštesnio mokslo? Dėl to Pakštas manyte nemanė pasitenkinti - jo paties žodžiais - "ankstyvesniu srėbimu iš aplamdytų vadovėlių" ir įstojo į Valparaiso, Ind., universitetą; ir ne vien jis, o kuone visas Aleksandrynas. Šiam ši mokslo įstaiga buvo labai patogi ne tik savo artumu, bet ypač savo pigumu. Antai, M. Zujus, aleksandriečių "sėbras", ten už tris mėnesius temokėdavo 42 dolerius.

Į Valparaisą Kazys pateko 1915 m. pavasarį. Reikiamus pinigus jis buvo užsidirbęs vasaromis vykdamas "ant fermų, ant kviečių fazendų Chicagos apylinkėje". Nors jis juose turėjo vargti nuo saulės ligi saulės, jis betgi patvariai siekė savo tikslo: "Gavęs dar iš T. Marijonų kiek honoraro už dvi išverstas knygutes, išvykau į tą universitetą", kur jam pirmoje eilėje parūpo "gauti atestatą, paliūdinantį, kad jo žinojimas prilygsta gimnazijos baigimui." Tas jam ir pavyko.

Taip atkakliai mokslo siekiančio studento gabumai ir energija greit buvo pastebėti ir už vyčių sąjungos ribų. Dėl to dar 1914 m. visai nežinomas "grinorius" jau po dviejų trumpų metų daugelio buvo vertinamas. Tai 1917 m. nuteikė "Tautos Fondo", įsteigto Lietuvos atstatymui paremti, kūrėjus Pakštui patikėti generalinio sekretoriaus postą. Vyčių sąjunga lietuvių visuomenę apdovanojo nauju veikėju.



Lietuvos Vyčių 2-jo seimo 1914 m. atstovai



# Šiluva

## POV. DIRKIS

Šiluva - nedidelis Žemaitijos miestelis - bažnyt-kaimis. Tačiau jis yra garsus didžiuoju ir reikš-minguoju įvykiu Lietuvoje, įvykusi prieš 350 su viršum metų. Tas įvykis - tai Dievo Motinos Mari-jos apsireiškimas. Todėl, kai kalbame arba rašome apie siluvą, dažniausiai ir turime galvoje tą įvykį, kuris tą Žemaitijos miestelį padarė brangia šven-tove, kurion kasmet iš visų Lietuvos kampų suplau-čia tūkstančių tūkstančiai maldininkų. Net ir da-bar, okupacijos metu, jon renkasi gausios tikinčių-jų minios nusiraminti, sustiprėti, paprašyti, kad Ma-rija užtartų Lietuvą pas savo Sūnų, kurių paleng-vintų jų sunkią ir skaudžią dalį. Apie Šiluvą yra daug kas rašę. Dažniausiai ši vieta buvo minima žmonėms skirtose religinio turinio knygutėse, bro-šiūrose. Tose knygėlese buvo daug tiesos, bet ne-trūko ir prasimanymų. Istorikai nieko negalėjo iš-galvoti, kai trūko įrodymo dokumentų. Paskutiniu laiku Šiluvai daug dėmesio ir tiesos suteikė kun, prof. S. Yla. Jis kelius mėnesius su jam įprastu atsidėjimu, tyrinėjo Vatikaną archyvas, Vokietijos bibliotekas ir surado apie Šiluvą naujos medžia-gos. Atrodo, kad jis yra parašęs Šiluvos mono-grafiją, kurios pasirodymo laukiama.

Tačiau kaip ten bebūtų šiandieną pagal turimus spaudoje užrašus Šiluvos istorija yra tokia: Petro Gedgaudo statyta pirmoji bažnyčia sudegė. Antrą pastatė Zavisų giminaitis Melchijoras 1591 m., kuri irgi buvo sudeginta. Paskutinis jos klebonas matydams, kad katalikybė Lietuvoje žūsta, iši-gali kalvinizmas, Dievo Motinos paveikslą, doku-mentus ir bažnytinius rūbus sudeda į ažuolinę dėžę, kurią apkala geležimis ir paslepia po uola, giliai žemėje. Po kurio laiko, Lietuvoje buvo iš-leistas įstatymas, pagal kuri katalikai vėl įgauna teises atgauti nusavintas bažnyčias. Pirmas toks buvo kun. Jonas Kazakevičius. Jis atgavo Kelmės bažnyčią ir pradėjo rūpintis Šiluvos bažnyčios at-gavimu, bet nežinojo kur buvo paslėpti tos bažny-čios daiktai. Visi tie, kurie žinojo, buvo išmirę. Tada jam į pagalbą atėjo Dievo Motina 1608 m. Tai buvo karšta vasaros diena. Piemenėliai žaidė ir jiems pasirodė ant uolos po kuria buvo pakastos bažnyčios brangenybės, Dievo Motina. Tuometinis Šiluvos klebonas kun. Šveikauskis savo rašte taip aprašo šį įvykį: "Artimo kaimo piemenėliai, gany-dami bandą, bažnytinėse žemėse, pamatė ant vieno didelio akmens palaidais plaukais, verkiančią Mer-gaitę. Kai jie pamatė šį vaizdą, vienas jų nubėgo pas Šiluvos reformatų katekistą Mikalojų Fierą ir pranešė, ką matęs. Katekistas pasikvietęs baka-

laurą-mokytoją Saliamoną Gracijų. Jie prisiartinę prie akmens, kaip ir piemenėliai, pamatė verkiančią Mergelę. Įsidrąsinęs katekistas kreipėsi į ją: 'Ko verki?' Mergaitė atsakė: 'Verkiu dėl to, kad prieš tai šioje vietoje buvo garbinamas mano Sūnus, o da-bar čia ariama ir sėjama.' Tai tarusi ji pranyko. Tačiau reformatai tuos pasikalbėjimus ir Mergelės pasirodymus nuneigė ir pavadino velnio apgaule."

Mergelės Apsireiškimo data nebuvo užfiksuota. Po Mergelės pasirodymo piemenėliams ir pasikal-bėjimo su reformatų dvasininkais įvyko pirmas stebukas - aklas senelis, kuris nurodė tą skrynią, praregėjo. Po to įvyko ištisa eilė stebuklų. Žinia apie juos plito po Lietuvą. Žemaičių vysk. Merke-lio Giedraičio iš Varnių buvo atsiųstas oficiolas Ka-zakevičius į Šiluvą, kuris pravedė kvotą, išaiškino apsireiškimą, surado buv. bažnytines relikvijas ir buvo pradėta byla, kuri tęsėsi 15 metų. Bėgyje tų 15 m. įvyko įvairių muštinių, susišaudymų tarp katalikų ir reformatų. Katalikai nugalėjo reforma-tus ir pradėjo stiprintis Šiluvoje. Reformatai pasit-raukė į Kėdainius. 1663 m. vysk. Al. Sapiega ant akmens arba uolos, ant kurios pasirodė Mergelė, pastatė koplyčią, o 1760 m. J. D. Lopacinskis pa-statė bažnyčią ir išpuošė įvairiomis figūromis. Po kurio laiko, 1774 m. popiežius suteikė Šiluvos baž-nyčiai infulato teisę su vyskupišku ženklų.

Po apsireiškimo ir visų tų reformų ėmė garsėti Mergelės paveikslas. 1786 m. Žemaičių vysk. kuni-gaikštis Steponas Giedraitis, dalyvaujant ano meto Lietuvos dignitoriams, Lietuvos, Lenkijos bei Rusi-jos bajorijai, 12 vyskupų ir apie 30.000 žmonių mi-niai, tą paveikslą iškilmingai vainikavo.

Tuo laiku Dievo Motinos garbei buvo sukurta daug giesmių, išleista paveikslų, medalionų ir para-šyta knygų. Po to Šiluva pradėjo garsėti ne tik savo atlaidais, bet ir turgais ir dideliu žmonių susibūrimu. Rusų valdžia, dar prieš I p. karą drau-dė procijas ir visokių maldinių pasirodymų ruošimą. Buvo sumanymų įsitvirtinti stačiatikiams, bet nepa-vyko. Atgavus Lietuvai nepriklausomybę, Šiluva visais atvejais atgijo ir klestėjo. Tačiau į miestą neišaugo, nes nebuvo pramonės.

Ne tik pačią Šiluvą, bet ir jos šventovę mes, amerikiečiai lietuviai, buvome gerokai užmiršę, o, ypač rugsėjo mėn. 8 dienos atlaidus. Tą šventę ir Šiluvos šventovę mums priminė A.L.R.K. Federaci-ją, kad būtinai nors vieną dieną į metus reikia skirti Šiluvos Dievo Motinai prisiminti. Taigi mes ne tik pradėjome švęsti ir minėti rugsėjo mėn. 8 dieną, bet dar prisidėjome prie įamžinimo Dievo Motinos Washingtono šventovėje su lietuvių koplyčia, kurios iškilmingas atidarymas įvyko 1966 metais.

# Lithuanians in The NEWS

## NAUJAS LIETUVIS VYSKUPAS

1969 m. balandžio 16 d. popiežius Paulius VI pakėlė prelatą Antaną Deksnį, Nekalto Prasidėjimo bažnyčios kleboną, East St. Louis, Illinois, vyskupu Europos lietuvių reikalams, vietoje mirusio vyskupo Prano Brazio.

Naujasis vyskupas tur būt yra geriau žinomas Amerikos lietuviams, negu Europos lietuviams, ne išskiriant nei pačios Lietuvos, kurioje jis 1906 m. gimė, augo ir mokslus ėjo. Vaikystę praleido savo Butėniškyje, Juodupės valsčiuje, Rokiškio apskrity. Mokėsi Rokiškio gimnazijoje, kurią baigė 1926 metais; Kauno kunigų seminarijoje, kurią baigė 1931 metais ir gegužės 30 dieną buvo išvestas į kunigus. Kurį laiką vikaravo Panevėžio katedroje ir Biržuose; 1936-1940 metais studijavo Friburgo universitete, Šveicarijoje ir čia įgijo filosofijos daktaro laipsnį. Kadangi 1941 m. prasidėjo II p. karas ir kun. A. Deksnys į Lietuvą nebegalėjo grįžti, tai jį pasikvietė jo dėdė kun. A. Deksnys į JAV, kur jis gyvena iki šio. Iš pradžių vikaravo Mt. Carmel parapijoje, o nuo 1943 metų iki paskyrimo vyskupu klebonavo Nekalto Prasidėjimo lietuvių parapijoje East St. Louis, Ill. Čia jis buvo pakeltas prelatu ir dalyvavo lietuvių patrijotinėse organizacijose. Buvo kunigų Vienybės vicepirmininku, dalyvavo Katalikų Susivienijimo 1962 m. Clevelando seime, bendradarbiavo lietuvių katalikų spaudoje JAV ir Nepr. Lietuvoje: "XX Amž." ir "Panevėžio Balse" bei Chicagos "Drauge" ir kituose laikraščiuose. Pasižymėjo savo griežtumu veikloje prieš komunizmą bei genocidą pavergtoje Lietuvoje.

Birželio 15 d. prelatas A. Deksnis buvo konsekruotas vyskupu šv. Petro katedroje, Belleville, Ill. Konsekracijos apeigas atliko J.E. arkvyškupas Luigi Raimondi, JAV apaštališkasis delegatas, asistuojamas Belleville vyskupo Albert R. Zuraweste ir vyskupo Vincento Brizgio.

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Jo Ekscelencija Vyskupas Antanas DEKSNYS atrodo patenkintas tapęs vyskupu Europos lietuviams.  
Nuotr. J. Kažamėko



CAPTIVE NATIONS OBSERVANCE, Chicago. The Lithuanian contingent (R. Staniunas, J. Jasaitytė, Dr. F. G. Lassner, J. Kupcikevičiūtė, Cecilija Matulis, C-14 Cicero, Mayor Richard J. Daley, Stanley Balzekas, Jr., C-36 Chicago, I. Smieliauskienė, and Helen Zimmer, C-36 Chicago and Natl. Fin. Secy.) is shown attending the ceremonies in the Mayor's office for the signing of the proclamation of the Captive Nations observance. The Captive Nations parade in Chicago was held on July 19th.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CAPTIVE NATIONS MEDALS are available in limited numbers for collectors. The 1-1/2 inch diameter art medal, portrays the likeness of President Eisenhower encircled with 28 stars representing the Captive Nations and the reverse side depicts the torch from the Statue of Liberty, in silver (\$10.00 each) and in bronze (\$2.50 each). Limited matched numbered sets in a special case are also available (\$15.00 set). Contact Captive Nations Friends Committee, 4146 No. Elston Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60618.



The deportation of 700,000 Lithuanians, Latvians, and Estonians during 1941 by Soviet Communists to Siberian slave labor camps and prisons was marked with a Memorial Service at the LITHUANIAN WAY-SIDE SHRINE, Flushing Meadow Park, New York. Borough President of Queens, Hon. Sidney Levis, issued a Proclamation designating June 15th as Commemoration Day for that tragic period. In photo (front l to r) are Rev. Norbert Trepsa, Latvian, also representing the Baltic Appeal to the United Nations (BATUN), who gave the invocation; Peter Wytenus, Chairman - Lithuanian-American Wayside Shrine Committee and Vice President of the New York Senior Council; Hon. Anicetas Simutis, Consul General of (Free) Lithuania in New York, the main speaker; Helen V. Kulber, Chairman of Special Events for the Shrine Committee and the NYSC. Louise Senken, (l. center), garbed in Lithuanian national costume, was the soloist. On the right of the floral wreath is Joan Mazeika and the fellows in costume are Rimas Vebeliunas (l) and Philip Skabeikas (r), all C-41 and Shrine Comm. members. The event was widely covered in the metropolitan newspapers and on NBC-TV news. The Lithuanian Wayside Shrine, constructed for the 1964-65 New York World's Fair under the auspices of the Knights of Lithuania, remains on its original site in Meditation Garden. Unfortunately, like other things in public parks, it is constantly vandalized and the committee members work diligently and raise funds to repair it. Donations payable to Lithuanian Wayside Shrine, may be sent to VYTIS.

Peter Medonis begins the day by wondering where he'll "start". That is the target of this veteran cabinetmaker who is currently pursuing his newest hobby of violin-making. However, this is not so new to him - he learned the skill years ago in his native Lithuania.

Upon his retirement in 1960 from the Chrysler Corp., where he worked as a cabinetmaker for 25 years, Medonis was able to resume his "fiddling" around in his workshop on Prest Ave., where he spends most of his daytime hours making violins.

"A master violin-maker must be a man of patience", explains Medonis. It takes hours, to weeks to several months of solitary work and fine curly maple material to produce a good violin. His is a self-taught, self-disciplined hobby. He made his first instrument in Lithuania, around the age of 14, by copying the design from his neighbor's violin. Since that first effort more than 200 masterpieces have been created bearing the Medonis emblem.

One of the proudest moments of Medonis was when one of his violins

#### PETER MEDONIS - THE VIOLIN MAKER



produced a top winner in the music field, Greta Elmgren.

Several of his beauties were displayed at the Senior Citizen's Arts and Crafts Show, at the Detroit Historical Museum, representing the Lithuanian Golden Age Club of Divine Providence Church. His "skripka" recently won a second-place award at the International Violin, Guitar Makers and Musicians contest, in Miami, Ariz.

His wife Patricia, whom he married on Oct. 23, 1917, is not to be outdone. She does crocheting and knitting, and has a remarkable display of afghan in their neat home. She also had several articles entered in the Arts and Crafts Show.

A period of sadness came when the Medonis' lost their eldest son, Peter junior, on June 2, 1968. They are proud, however of their three married sons, Vincent, Raymond and Edward; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Medonis, a member of C-79, boasts modestly that although he can make a fine violin he possesses no musical talent. He is contented to listen to a concert or partake in a few of his favorite Lithuanian melodies.

Sharing in the family vein is his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Peter Medonis, who also does creative work on violins. She paints them. A striking violin painted by his daughter-in-law hangs in the Medonis' living room, which portrays the rich heritage of music in the Medonis home - and inspiring hobby for man of the house.

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## OFFICIAL NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 15, 1969 - Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N.J.

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Pres. Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Third V-P. Longinas Svelnis, Rec. Secy. Nancy Kober, Trustee, Larry Janonis, Ritual Comm. Joseph Boley, Cultural Comm. Mary Jankowski, Public Relations - NY-NJ Frank Vaskas, Honorary Members Ann Bender and Ann Mitchell.

Following an explanation of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance Insurance Program and a discussion of its possible relationship to the K of L, it was decided to actively foster the insurance plan of the Alliance, and encourage K of L members to join it. Literature would be made available at the National Convention as well as through the VYTIS and individual councils.

Six delegates will be selected during the National Convention to represent the K of L at the Lithuanian American Council Convention to be held in Detroit, Aug. 30, 31, and Sept. 1.

Mr. Antanas Skirius has accepted the post of Public Relations Representative for California and has already begun the work of revitalizing the K of L in California.

Considerable disappointment was expressed by members, on the lack of cooperation received from the staff of DARBININKAS, in publicizing K of L Activity, particularly the National Convention, NY-NJ members agreed to discuss the problem with the DARBININKAS Staff, and to investigate the possibility of a weekly or monthly K of L Column in DARBININKAS, similar to the "Vyčiū Veikla" Column in DRAUGAS.

Honorary Membership will be conferred on Miss Anne Klem, of C-90, Kearny, N.J., during the convention.

Copies of the K of L History are still available. They will be sold during the National Convention for half price, \$2.50 each.

A tentative program was set up for the business sessions of the convention. Particular emphasis will be placed, this year, on Panel Discussions, considering the improvement and updating of several important phases of organizational activity. In particular, the Friday afternoon session will be split up into panels on: JUNIORS (Moderator - Stanley Vaitkus); SENIORS (Moderator - Longinas Svelnis); and RITUAL (Moderator - Joseph Boley). The Saturday morning session will be devoted to panels on: LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS (Moderators - Rev. John Jutt and Charles Grigaitis); LITHUANIAN CULTURAL (Moderator - Mary Jankowski); and ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (Moderator - Alexander Wesey). Each group of panels will run concurrently and delegates will be free to choose which they'd like to attend. In addition to a moderator, each panel will feature a guest especially versed or active in that particular type of activity.

### TRIBUTE TO MYKOLAS NORKUNAS

During the final session of the 56th National Convention, a one hour tribute will be devoted to Mykolas Norkunas to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of his birth. Dr. Phyllis Cimics, daughter of Norkunas, requests each and every member of the K of L that knew Mykolas Norkunas send her their personal evaluation of her father for the final chapter of her biography of the "Founder of the K of L". Dr. Cimics' address is: 14 Crestview St., Keene, N.H. 03431.

### 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:

- They shall be known as associate members.
- 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.

### RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT CONVENTION

The following resolution was proposed, for presentation at the National Convention:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the following Supreme Council officers, when attending regularly scheduled Supreme Council Executive Board meetings, be reimbursed for traveling expenses up to \$25.00 per meeting: Spiritual Advisor, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President; Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Reimbursement shall only be made when the officer attends a meeting located outside of his District. The President's and Secretary's traveling expenses shall be reimbursed in full".

This resolution is promulgated on the fact that this \$25.00 fee covers only a small portion of expenses. The President and Secretary, essential to the Supreme Council meetings, will be reimbursed their full traveling expenses.

## NOTICE TO COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS

The October 1969 issue will feature the 56th National Convention highlights. No Council News or articles will appear. Please hold your material for the November issue. Deadline - October 5th!

## 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.

## CONVENTION AWARDS

The Saturday Luncheon of the 56th National Convention has been designated as the official "AWARDS LUNCHEON". On that date, awards will be presented

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for Membership, Lithuanian Affairs, etc., plus any special awards that may be deemed necessary. Anyone wishing to make a special award should clear it with the Convention Committee Chairman, Larry Janonis or National President Jack J. Stukas first. NO TIME WILL BE ALLOTTED for awards not cleared as stated above, and NO AWARDS WILL BE MADE DURING THE CLOSING BANQUET, except those previously decided upon by the Supreme Council and the Convention Committee.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY TAKE NOTE

In order to give everyone the opportunity to collect delinquent dues, it was decided to extend the revision date of the "Vytyis" mailing lists to August 31, 1969. However if the National Financial Secretary has not received the member's dues on or before August 31, the member will be dropped from the mailing list.

# HONORARY

As a fitting laurel in recognition of her contributions, work and devotion for the K of L for more than 34 years, Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania will be bestowed on ANNE M. KLEM, during the 56th National K of L Convention. Fittingly too, the Convention bestowing the honor is being hosted by Anne's own home district, the New York-New Jersey District.

Anne's interest in "things Lithuanian" - which eventually led to her K of L membership and general Lithuanian activity - began in her childhood. She was born and raised on a dairy farm in East Setauket, L.I., New York. As the only Lithuanian family in the community, Anne, her parents, brothers and sisters, active in community affairs, found themselves stressing their Lithuanian ancestry and culture, and succeeded in distinguishing themselves from the Slavic, Polish, or other nationalities.

After completing studies at Setauket High, Washington School for Secretaries, Coleman College and the Community College of Seton Hall University, Anne accepted a position as secretary with the Radio Corporation of America in Harrison, New Jersey, and has been with the firm ever since. She served in the Patent Operation, was secretary to the Vice-President in Sales until his retirement, and is currently secretary to the Director of International Market Research, Electronic Products.

Anne Klem joined the Knights of Lithuania, Council 90 (Kearny, N.J.) in April 1935, and has been a member of the same council ever since. At one time or another, she has held every office in the council, plus offices on the district and national level. (She was national recording secretary and trustee). The committees she has been on are too numerous to list.

# MEMBERSHIP



ANNE M. KLEM

CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

They covered the council, district and national levels in athletics, culture, socials, conventions, conferences, seminars, civic affairs, Lithuanian affairs, rituals, Juniors, religion, etc.

One of Anne's most personally rewarding K of L activities was her work with the K of L Juniors. She was active with Juniors for about 25 years, on the National, District and Council levels. She was in fact a member of the national committee which resulted in our present day national organization of the K of L Juniors. Anne's Juniors' activity extended beyond the border of Kearny and into K of L Juniors' groups of neighboring councils. This work covered various sports activities, socials, songs, dances, literature, rallies, organization of a Junior orchestra, and, with the aid of Louis Stukas, the organization of a Kearny/Newark K of L Dance Group which even participated in the New York World's Fair Lithuanian Day in 1964. It is worthwhile to note that very many of the Juniors Anne worked with eventually became active regular members of the K of L.

In 1962, when the NY-NJ District last hosted the National Convention, Anne Klem served as the Convention's General Co-Chairman. During the Convention's Sunday Mass, the Knights of Lithuania Fourth Degree was bestowed on Anne, in her home parish, Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny. After the same Mass, she - and all convention delegates and guests - witnessed the climax of several years' work on a C-90 project of which she was Chairlady, the Dedication of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross on the grounds of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

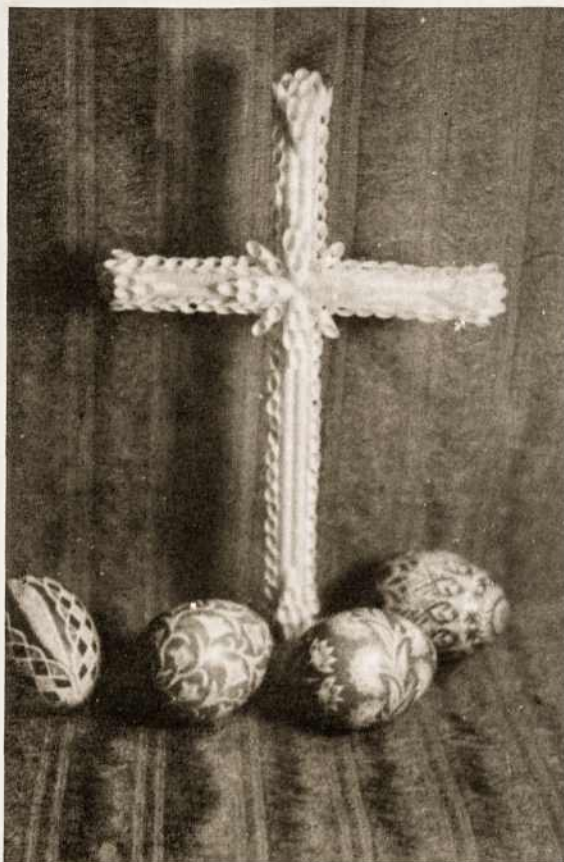
For over 12 years, Anne was the editor or co-editor of the Kearny council monthly publication, BRITE KNIGHT LITES. It was started to get local news to the members in the armed forces during WWII and to coordinate activities and interest in C-90. It was so successful that it continued even for many years after the war.

Most of the NY-NJ District sponsored Feb. 16th Commemorations in the 40's and 50's were chaired by Anne Klem. The success of these events encouraged the rest of the Lithuanian community to plan such commemorations also.

A NY- NJ District K of L Choir, which had a successful life of about 3 years, can also claim Anne as one of its organizers, officers, and participating members.

As a Junior Counsellor, Anne spent much time teaching the Lithuanian art of making straw ornaments and intricately etched Easter Eggs. This work has branched out to many new areas, most of them in groups of non-Lithuanian who are fascinated with the art. She learned the art from her parents when she was a small girl and her work with the K of L increased her desire to learn all she could. Wherever she appears, Anne credits the K of L for her interest in this art. She has had exhibits and demonstrations before many civic groups, religious organizations, literary groups, Boy Scouts, PTA's, and others.

Many of the eggs decorated by the etched process are becoming collectors items. She has even decorated eggs and made straw items for Jewish groups, who have even ordered and/or purchased specially decorated eggs. Articles on Anne Klem



Samples of some of Anne Klem's work which will be on display in the Cultural Exhibit at the 56th National Convention.

and her art have appeared in the RCA publication and also in the Newark Evening News. Presently, the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts is awaiting a collection of the eggs and straw crosses, for an exhibit and an article for a national magazine. During the coming National Convention, Ann promises to demonstrate the making of straw ornaments and Easter Eggs to interested on-lookers.

Among her other interests is the Rūta Ensemble. She is one of the original members of the present Ensemble and is a past president. She also still has a warm spot in her heart for sports. Though now she is mostly a spectator, she was active participant - from her active "Camp-Fire Girls" days, throughout school, and even to RCA. It was in fact, sports that attracted Anne to the K of L originally, though eventually her interests spread to a variety of other activities.

Although family responsibilities have prevented Anne from being her usual active self in the past few years, her heart is still firmly with the K of L, and her interest has not waned. The Knights of Lithuania is indeed fortunate to have such a talented and hardworking member in its ranks, and is honored to have her elevated to the highest level of membership, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Loretta I. Stukas



# YOUR COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE A PRIZE OR YOU SHOULD ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCE

Although you should not let up in your efforts for dues payments and membership enrollments, there will not be a listing here of standings in these drives. This is the final "Vytis" issue before the convention, and if you have kept up with reading the "Vytis" you should know your council's position on both drives.

All details will be reported during the awards presentation at the annual convention. But, that does not mean you can relax your efforts in collecting dues and enrolling members.

Depending upon the goodwill of the "Vytis" staff, this should be the final issue being sent to members who are delinquent in dues payments. If you have not paid your dues yet, that is how far time has run out on you. The "Vytis" staff, those of us who are primarily interested in membership, hope that no one interested enough to read this article is also eligible to be dropped from its mailing list and subject to being suspended from our fellowship for the simple problem of delinquent dues.

Thus far, the "Vytis" staff has been giving remiss members the benefit of any doubt concerning continuation of their "Vytis" subscription. According to Article VI, Paragraph 10, of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution: "A member whose dues are unpaid for three months is suspended." This means that your "Vytis" subscription should have been terminated more than three months ago if you have not paid dues yet.

To most of us dues are mainly a matter of making the payment when the time comes. Have you ever considered the guy or gal who must collect them? On the average, he or she has contacted you quite a number of times with reminders about dues. In

addition, they must keep council membership records up-to-date, notify the supreme council financial secretary of payments, arrange for proper distribution of dues, confirm "Vytis" renewals and mailing list additions and corrections. This is far from being just a small job. Therefore, as this K of L year draws to a close, special and sincerest thanks go to these tireless council financial secretaries and membership vice presidents for jobs well done.

Even though it has become too late to gain credit toward membership awards which will be presented at the Newark convention, we should never let up trying to get new members. So what if you can no longer get points for a new member. That new, active member is really what counts to all of us. The closing date for membership points was set as July 10th in order to provide time for councils to channel membership information to Supreme Council Financial Secretary, Helen Zimmer, and to give us an interval, in which to compile membership data, individual and council awards, as well as draw up recommendations for the coming year.

Thanks to all K of L'ers for their efforts in recruiting new members and obtaining prompt dues payments during the past year. But, please do not let up now! It is now that is the time to begin directing our energy, together with genuine sincerity of approaching the goals of our organization, toward a more promising and fulfilling K of L year to come.

LEON PAUKSTA  
Membership Vice President

# JUNIOR

# NEWS

## Camp DAINAVA

AUGUST 24 - 30,

1969

# CAMPERS WANTED

Dear Parents:

The Mid-Central District of Knights of Lithuania is sponsoring a one-week of camping August 24 to 30, at Camp Dainava, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation Youth Camp in Manchester, Mich. Children 8 through 14 are accepted. This applies NOT ONLY to K of L'ers. That is, any child of Lithuanian descent is invited to apply for camp. Parents wishing to make summer camp reservations for their children should do so now. The all inclusive fee for first child is \$30.00, and \$25.00 for each additional child in the family. A deposit of \$5.00 is required for each child registered. Without going into any details, the youngsters who attended previous K of L youth camps had enjoyable times, filled with sports, art and crafts, music and Lithuanian Culture. Those interested, please fill attached application form by sending to: CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Joseph Kazlauskas, 19183 Trinity Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48219, Phone KE 5-8455.

#### NECESSITIES SUGGESTED:

1. Sport Equipment, 2. Bathing Suit, 3. Sneakers and 2 Sweatshirts, 4. Sweater and Dress Shoes, 5. Play Shorts, 6. Pajamas, 7. Two Bed Sheets and Pillowcases, 8. Two Sets of Undergarments, 9. Dungarees and Dress Pants (Boys), 10. Dress, 2 Skirts and Blouses (Girls), 11. Health Needs (Soap, toothpaste, towel, wash cloth, comb, etc.)

Children are also encouraged to bring musical instruments.

Knights of Lithuania, Mid-Central District Youth Camp.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER'S \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL CHILD ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH: Is child susceptible to emotional distress, epilepsy, fits, anger or physical habits \_\_\_\_\_

Does child have diabetes, heart condition or other ailments preventing child from camp activities \_\_\_\_\_

Tetanus Toxoid \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_

I have examined the above child and find to be able to participate in camp.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

Physician

I Consent and assume responsibility in sending my child to camp.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian

( TEAR OUT AND MAIL TODAY )



# IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

GARBINGAI PRISIMINĖ SAVO MIRUSIUS NARIUS.

Kaip niekada, Clevelando vyčiai senjorai, prisiminė savo mirusius narius birželio 8 d. Dar prieš šv. mišias, visi nariai ir draugai, susirinko parapijos žemutinėje salėje, kur visiems buvo prisegta po baltą gėlę. Ši puošimo darbą atliko veikiančiosios komisijos narė - M. Trainauskaitė. Besiartinant 10 val. ryto, visi bendrai nužygiavo į Švč. P-lės N. Pagalbos parap. bažnyčią ir joje užėmė pirmąsias eiles. Senjorai ir jų bičiuliai, išklaušė šv. mišių ir priėmė šv. Komuniją, už mirusių narių sielas. Šias mišias atnšavo ir turiningą pamokslą pasakė - L. Vyčių org. garbės narys J. E. vyskupas V. Brizgys. Šv. Komuniją dalina J. E. vyskupas V. Brizgys ir senjorų dvasios vadas bei parapijos klebonas kun. J. Angelaitis. Mišių metu dalyvius jaudino savo gražiu giedojimu bažnytinis choras, vadovaujamas varg. Reginos Brazaitienės. Visus labai sužavėjo solisto Juliaus Kazėno solo giedojimas. Taip pat dar giedojo tenoras Vacys Jurgelis ir abu solistai išpildė duetą. Šiuos solistus ir varg. R. Brazaitienę senjorai buvo specialiai kvietę.

Po pamaldų įvyko bendri pusryčiai. Kiek pasistiprinus, programos vedėjas J. Sadauskas pasveikino džiaugsmingai didį svečių J. E. vyskupą Vincentą Brizgį malonėjusi dalyvauti pusryčiuose. Paskui visus dalyvius supažindino su garbinguoju svečiu ir vyčiu bei jo siekais ir darbais. Taip pat pareiškė visimes padėką už tokį gausų dalyvavimą. Dėkojo ir šių pusryčių rengėjoms. Visi trys stalai buvo gražiai papuošti gyvomis rožėmis, šios šalies vėliavukėmis ir Lietuvos trišpalvėmis, kas darė visiems didelį įspūdį. Po šių žodžių, Juozas pristatė vyskupą tarti į visus savo svetingą žodelį, kartu pastebėdamas, jog esąs labai patenkintas galėjęs praleisti valandėlę senjorų tarpe. Po jo pareiktų žodžių, vyskupas dar buvo paprašytas papuošti uolę vyčę senjorę Rožę Sankalienę antrojo laipsnio ženkleliu. Garbingai atlikęs šias pareigas, atkalbėjęs su visais malda, už mirusius vyčius - tes J. E. vyskupas V.



New Yorko Senjorų suruoštos kun. Alb. Kezio, S.J., fotografijų parodos Pacem in Terris galerijoje atidaryme, kovo 17 d., būrelis kuopos narių: Eugenija Karpiūtė, pirm. Ant. Mažeika, Stella Vilavičiūtė, Kazimiera ir Edw. Genevich, rašt. Aldona Zaunius, išd. Juozas Bulevičius.

Brizgys išskubėjo į kitą jaunimo susirinkimą. Pusryčių dalyviai išlydėjo svečių gausiomis katutėmis ir atsistojimu.

Prieš svečiui išvykstant, programos vedėjas supažindino jį su senjorų valdybos nariais. Garbingam svečiui apleidus pobūvį, pasilikusieji dar ilgokai klausėsi valdybos narių ir svečių kalbų, kurias sakė: A. Mačiokas, vyčių senjorų pirm. Ignas Visockas, J. Salasevičienė, svečias Petras Luiza, vienas iš pirmųjų šios parapijos organizatorių Felikas Baranauskas. Buvo pristatytas spaudos bendradarbis, vytis J. Kuzas, centro valdybos išd. ir nuolatinė nuotraukų traukėja Stasė Sankalaitė, kuri daug pasidarbovo šių pusryčių paruošime. Kitos šeimninės buvo: M. Trainauskaitė, K. Sadauskienė, Petras Zigmas, Rožė Sankalienė, veikiančiosios kom. pirm. Dar buvo pristatytos: K. Petkunienė, P. Moliėnė, M. Baranauskienė, B. ir A. Karkliai, kurie tik porą savaitių kaip sugrįžo iš Europos, ten praleidę savo vasaros atostogas. Bernardas trumpai supažindino mus su ten patirtais įspūdziais. Jis patarė ir kitiems aplankyti tas šalis, kurių dar nėra matę. Po jo žodžių baigėsi programėlė. Pristatytųjų asmenų kalbos buvo ilgesnės ar trumpesnės, pagražintos jumoru.

Besiskirstant visiems namo - atsilankė dvasios vadas kun. J. An-

gelaitis, kuris dar su kai kuriais nariais pasikalbėjo ir pagyrė juos už tokį iškilų ir puošnų pasirodymą.

## SENELIS



Cleve. Sen.(top) Rose Sankal rec. 2nd Degree medal from Bish. V. Brizgys while J. Sadauskas looks on. (bottom) K. Sadauskienė, P. Zigmantas, K&K Gauzučiai, J. Sadauskas, R. Sankalienė at the Mem. Serv.

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



## ILLINOIS- INDIANA DISTRICT

IID

"Taitytė"

It was 95 in the shade on July 4, but without a doubt, the K of L had the coolest picnic in town - right inside the comfortable air conditioned "picnic" building. And there were plenty of guests who decided to avoid fighting traffic - joined us and kept their cool too.

Whether they came early or late, our guests were able to enjoy some of that good kugeli, dešros su kopustais or some of the many other delicacies prepared by our super šeiminkės Mrs. Stella Cicevičienė ir Mrs. Tekla Norbutienė. The raffle booth and "saldainių" table offered a fun diversion for those who preferred to eat and relax, but those who wished to offset the calories did so to the holiday music of Walter Barry.

In the years past, the Kugelis Baking Contest winners often included a Kugelis King or Prince, but this year it was ladies' day. Trophies were presented to Mrs. Cicevičienė - Kugelis Queen, Mrs. Norbut and Mrs. Svelnis as second and third place winners. The judges who had the chance to savor these prize plates were our dear Father Paul Juknevičius, Spiritual Advisor of C-36; Frank Savickas, C-112, Illinois 27th District Rep.; Algird Brazis, C-112, our star baritone; and Kay Pocius, wife of Darius-Girenas Past Commander and a past K of L Kugelis Queen herself.

Silver winged victory trophies were presented to the pairs who danced like they had wings on their feet - Waltz King, Pranas Eigelis and Waltz Queen, Gerta Balsevičius; Tango King, L. Anulis and Tango Queen, Nina Urbanas. Our judges, Stanley Molis, Roma Butkus, Cis Matul and Bruno Gramont had a difficult time making the se-

lections but, as was evidenced by the audience approval, they made the right decisions.

Among the friendly faces there were many who also joined us in starting to celebrate the holidays a little earlier - like the night before, when we had a mini picnic, but not excluding the delightful dance music of the same band and the delicious repast a la Mrs. Norbut.

After the last of the anti-parchment society ended their sit-in, the C.M., the Committee, Leon Pauksta, Chairman; Irene Sankus, Treasurer; Richard Shlaustas, Parchment Quencher Chairman; Eleanore Laurin, almost Chief Cook and Bottle Washer; Helen Zimmer and Albina Gaides, Raffle and Prize Booth Chairladies and a long string of other members who lent a helping hour or three, all departed for home, satisfied with another job well done. Many thanks to all for their support!

It isn't too often that the District has no team representation at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament and we regret that this year our schedule of activities did not permit is to enjoy that Pittsburgh

hospitality. Perhaps, at the Convention, we'll have a chance to hear about all the fun we missed.

Another picnic biggie of the summer was the Lithuanian TV Society's outing July 13 at Butchas' Grove. Helen Zimmer, one of the Directors of the weekly show on Channel 26, rounded up some of the K of L'ers for some assistance that day, which featured Paul Salmimeras and some of the talent who entertained Chicagoland Lithuanians on their radio hours a few years ago.

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10  
Vincukas

Howie Beaudette is on the go as much as ever. He recently attended the American Legion State convention in Brockton and was an active committee member of the local post's 50th anniversary celebration.

Bill Wisnauskas and Vyt Vas-



Attending a dinner given by Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, Jr., regarding cultural endeavors of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture are K of L'ers: Dr. and Mrs. J. Jerome (C-112), Stanley Balzekas, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. F. Zapolis (all of C-36) and other guests. (Photo - J. Kasakaitis)

kevich spent part of their annual vacation at Hampton Beach.

Our annual summer outing and dinner was held at Frank's Camp on June 14, with practically all our members in attendance. It rained cats and dogs all day so we were confined indoors. Howie B. was in charge of the spaghetti and meatball dinner and was ably assisted by Mary Gauronsky. It was really a treat. We all enjoyed the Chinese Auction run by Ann Novack.

Member of the month: Our cute, petite, Nellie Melaika has been with us a long time and has proved to be hard working, devoted church and K of L worker. Nell was born and raised in Athol, received her education in town, and has been a responsible employee of Cass Toy



Although Edward A. Daniels first joined the Knights of Lithuania in March, 1949, his K of L life really began when he rejoined Council 26 in February, 1951, and from that day until his untimely death in February 1969, he established a remarkable record of varied and effective K of L activity.

He was First Vice-president of the Supreme Council from 1955 to 1957. He served on the Supreme Council Ritual Committee from 1959 until he died. During that time, he attended almost every Supreme Council meeting.

In the New England District, he was Vice-president in 1953-1954. He was a member of the Ritual Committee for several years and Sports Chairman for two years. He was a familiar figure throughout the District, rarely missing an event anywhere, be it social, cultural, religious or athletic.

Edward completed two terms as President of Council 26. He also served one year as Vice-president, two years as Financial Secretary, three years as Treasurer, and one year as Sergeant at arms. He worked six years on the Ritual Committee and wrote letters

Co. Outside of chores at home and church she finds time to get to the dances and various evening courses at the local high school. We of C-10 are happy and proud to have her as a member of our team. Nell, we all wish you the best in all your endeavors.

#### WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

"Dzūkėlė"

Ladeez and gen'lman... a summer report from C-26... Our president, Val Baziliauskas, is studying in Spain this summer, but expects to be back in time to join others in our council in travelling to Newark for the National Convention... Attending the S.C. meeting in Newark last June, and admitting to a very good time, were Mary

as a member of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. He bowled in the Council Bowling League for 15 years and participated in the District Roll-offs. He was a regular participant in our annual musical revues, generally singing with our Lithuanian octet and dancing a specialty number. It would be almost impossible to enumerate the various committees he worked on. He was one of the rare ones - a busy man who always found time and energy for one more task.

His most notable achievements were in the fields of membership and the Junior Knights of Lithuania. Wherever he went, whomever he met, he talked K of L, and influenced many people to join, not only locally but throughout New England. With Father Michael Tamulevičius, he organized the C-26 Juniors in 1953, and was their advisor for nine years.

With all this K of L activity, he was busy in other areas. He helped organize Troop 76, Boy Scouts of America, of St. Casimir's Parish and was Assistant Scout Master for several years. He was an active member of the Lithuanian Charitable Society, Lithuanian Naturalization Club, Lithuanian War Veterans Organization and the Lithuanian Art Circle.

He sang in the parish choir about eighteen years, and about twelve in the Lith. Art Circle Chorus. In addition, he was a member of the Pontifical Choir, and Cathedral Chorale of St. Paul's Cathedral, Diocese of Worcester. A member of the Pius X Guild

Jankowski, Helen Gillus, Anne Bender and Wanda Pajeda... Assumption College awarded a Bachelor's Degree to Frances Nockunas and a Master's Degree to Raymond Jakubauskas last June and all of us join in congratulating these fine people... Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Godek have a new baby son, Michael Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pinkus, Jr. have a new baby daughter, Ealizabeth Anne and all of us extend sincere best wishes to the happy families... Joseph Sakaitis's mother, Mary Sakaitis, is a patient at St. Vincent's Hospital but it is our prayer that she'll be at home convalescing by the time you read this column... Emily Gudzevich's mother, Emily Gudzevich, spent several weeks at the same hospital, and it's happy news to hear that

(Diocesan organists', choir directors' and choir members organization), he served as treasurer for two years.

A veteran of the Navy in World War II, he took an active part in veterans affairs, serving on the executive board and many committees of the Lith. War Vets. He again displayed his interest in young people by helping revive the Lith. War Vets Drum and Bugle Corps, and devoting many years either as Corps manager or committee chairman.

At a national convention, he met Dianne Beletsky of Council 3, Philadelphia and in September of 1968, Eddie and Dianne were married in St. Casimir's Church, Philadelphia. During their courtship and brief married life they were a devoted couple and inspiration to all.

Edward Daniels was a well rounded man - a good Catholic, a fine citizen, and an outstanding K of L'er, a shining example for all, particularly the young people he loved so much. His untimely and sudden death on February 3, 1969 leaves a void that will be difficult to fill and we will always remember him.

JOSEPH SAKAITIS

(Editor's Note. Word has just been received that there is another Eddie Daniels. He arrived on June 23rd at 4:35 P.M. and his mother, Dianne, described him as a real Lithuanian, blond and blue-eyed. Our best wishes to mother and son.)

she is at home now... Father Steponaitis and Charles Grigaitis, along with Val Baziliauskas, accompanied our Juniors to the Ringling Bros. Circus at the Boston Garden during the circus' recent tour in this area, and needless to say, a fine time was had by all... Charles Grigaitis announces that final plans are being made for the deep sea fishing trip and we'll be waiting to hear the interesting tales that we expect our fishermen to relate... Edmund Grigaitis and Joseph Drumstas are exploring the many facets involved in planning a NED picnic and these two chairmen promise us a great day, on Sept. 14 at Maironis Park... Many of our Juniors are a part of the St. Casimir School Chorus which presented a fine concert last June. Sister M. Charlene, S.S.C., who is the superior and eighth grade teacher as well, organized and directed the group and Sister's selection of songs were remarkable. Olga Kersis was accompanist... Bill Grigas is coordinating his plans for the pre-convention dance to be held at the Lith. Naturalization Club Sept. 28. Our council will host the New England District Convention the next day, Sept. 29... The lovely lawn at Charles Grigaitis' home provided the table setting for the supper (spaghetti and meatballs prepared by Eddie Grigaitis, of course) for our June meeting... Wanda Pajeda was the hostess for our July meeting held at her home. Delicious Lithuanian cuisine was



Ann Bucinskas and Ann Bender with Mary Jankowski in the background at a social, all of C-26 Worcester.

served with the assistance of her mother... Father Jutt, our pastor, tells us that the renovations of our Church are nearing completion and that the 75th Diamond Jubilee preparations are progressing nicely... Many of our Knights were seen at the Lithuanian Scouts sports weekend held in June. Francis Glodas was sports chairman, and Val Baziliauskas had one of the leading roles for the play which was presented out-doors.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116  
Darata

Our Whist Party was held May 16 at our church hall. It was a success due to the wonderful assistance of Ann Yurkinas, Terry Ciras, Ann Miller, Dot Sinkavitch, Charles Lapinskas and our co-chairman Helen Daltwas and Joan Treinas. A special word of thanks to our Juniors who so willingly assisted in preparing and serving the refreshments.

The Adamaitis family hit triple luck recently. Mr. and Mrs. John Adamaitis won a plane trip to Bermuda with all expenses paid. This was sponsored by the downtown merchants of Worcester. Joan, a Junior K of L'er, won a \$50.00 Bond in a city-wide essay contest and Irene won an award from the Honor Society of the Worcester State Teachers College.

Father Borek had a nice buffet supper prepared for the Bishop Fund workers. Many of our K of L'ers were there. Ann and John Yurkinas were a great help to Father Gene in arranging this affair.

It is a wonder our president Anthony Miner can keep all his dates straight. He belongs to quite a few organizations and on June 2 he was a lector for Confirmation held in St. Casimir's Church.

Seen downtown on several occasions was our honorary member Louise Totilas. She often asks about our members and we will never forget how hard she worked for the K of L.

Even though the bowling season officially ended April 11 our league bowled an additional 5 weeks. During this period instead of bowling team average, we bowled for "pins over average". It was a delightful time with many surprises. The winners were Joan Treinas - Most pins over average; Dottie March -

Hi Triple, Ann Yurkinas - Hi Single; Father Borek - Most pins over average; John Andruska - Hi Triple; and Bart March - Hi Single. Everyone is looking forward to next season where we hope to have even more of our members joining the league.

## MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT



MCD

Tornado warnings, cloudy skies and wet grounds did not slow up the exodus of Mid-Central District Knights and their friends to the NINTH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE - OUR LADY of CONSOLATION SHRINE, Carey, Ohio, June 8, 1969.

Our day started with Holy Mass and corporate communion in the beautiful Upper Shrine Church. Immediately after Mass we all assembled in the Lower Shrine Church for our morning conference.

This year we had the honor of having Father Dominic Dunn as our retreatmaster. Father Dunn gave an inspiring sermon on "Christian Hope". One of the areas to which modern day theologians are devoting themselves is the theology of hope.

After a fine lunch in the new cafeteria we all proceeded to Shrine Park for Outdoors - Way of the Cross. Even though Father Leroy hurried the prayers due to rain, a lot of credit must be given to Joe Noriekas - C-96 President and Mary Lucas - Honorary Member. Joe with his injured knee and Mary with her sprained ankle both braved the pain and finished the Stations.

The afternoon services began with opening prayer before the Shrine Altar: the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and the Confraternity Prayers. After prayers were concluded preparations began for procession. The image of Our Lady of Consolation is taken from the altar and procession begins. The rosary procession leaves the Shrine Church and winds its way around the grounds of the Shrine. During the recitation of the rosary the statue is held high for all to see. At the present time pilgrims are asked to carry the statue, an

honor which most are too willing to accept. The following were more than willing to accept this honor. Ernie and Ray Omlor, John Racie and Ray Svelnis. Since it was Corpus Christi Sunday another honor was given to our Spiritual Advisor Father Narbutas by being celebrant and carrying the Blessed Sacrament during the procession. Following the Benediction, two blessings are given to the pilgrims. The blessing with the relic of the cross and a general and individual blessing of the sick.

The day ended with a closing conference by our District Spiritual Advisor Father Titas Narbutas, Pastor - Holy Cross Church - Dayton, Ohio. Father Titas spoke on "Blessed Virgin Mary Shrines in the Americas". Father Titas gave us a brief description of famous shrines in Santa Domingo, St. Augustine and Montreal.

Prior to departure Ed Pavis our District President outlined future plans for the District. He also thanked everyone for their efforts in making the pilgrimage a success. Especially pilgrimage leaders, Anna Mae Uznis - Detroit and Andy Rozger - Pittsburgh.

As we were leaving the Shrine parking lot, a little roly, poly, hurrying, scurrying figure appeared. Low and behold, it was none other than our adopted Lithuanian padre, Father Karl. All out of breath Father Karl came to apologize for not giving us our final blessing. Any way, some of us got the familiar God Speed and see you next year.

Stanley J. Vaitkus  
Mid-Central District  
Catholic Action Chairman

#### MCD

Thirty six pilgrims journeyed to Carey, Ohio, to the Shrine Of Our Lady Of Consolation. Heading the list of pilgrims were Rev. Titas Narbutas, MCD Spiritual Adv.; Vincent Ed. Pavis, H.M. and MCD Pres.; Mrs. Stella Pavis, MCD Secy.; Stanley Vaitkus, H.M. and MCD Catholic Action Chr.; and Mrs. Mary Lucas, H.M. and MCD Trustee. Also attending were Andy Rozger and Richard Shimalis from Pittsburgh, Ann Uznis, Grace Vaskelis and friend from Detroit and from Dayton Mrs. Helen Vaitkus and children, Veronica and Ernest Omlor, Ray and Betty Omlor, Alice and Michael Petkus and daughter

Mary, Mrs. Anele Petkus, John Rauskas, Joe and Eugenia Gecas and children, Mrs. Janina Bucmys, Sally, Mary and Annadel Miller and guest, Lucille, Joe and Bee Noreikas and Eloise Berczelly.

We are all grateful to Stan Vaitkus for arranging this inspirational pilgrimage which not only gives the members of the MCD an opportunity to renew old friendships, but also to commune with our Blessed Mother and to share in Her many Special Graces.  
M. L. L.



Congratulations to Father Victor Krisciunevicius on the occasion of his 20th year Jubilee in the Service of God. Father Krisciunevicius is not only the Past National K of L Spiritual Advisor, but also one of the prime organizers of the Detroit C-139, seven years ago. He is well loved, not only by the K of L'ers, but also by his parishioners at St. Peter's Parish and a host of friends in and around Detroit. This was so beautifully evidenced by the Jubilee Commemoration they held in his honor on June 29.

Father Victor was born September 22, 1922, in the city of Vilkaviškis where he attended the Dr. Jonas Basanavičius School and entered the seminary. He continued his theological studies in Bavaria and Rome, and he was ordained in Bressanone, Italy on June 29, 1949. In January of 1952, he came to America, St. Peter's, where he still devotes his life to caring for his flock at this Parish.

We know the members of Council 139 are proud to have Father as their Spiritual Advisor and we also wish to express our pride that he took the time to serve as our national Spiritual Advisor. We

thank him for being such an exemplary advocate of the Knights of Lithuania, then and now.

#### DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

It was like the good 'ole days to see such a nice number of members turn out for our May meeting. We welcomed two new members - Phyllis Ann Milius, daughter of Dorothe Martin, and Gerald Zager, son of president Frank and Sophie Zager. The big topic of the evening was the NEW church. It was an informal meeting, peppered by questions from the members which were capably answered by Tony Dainus and his committee. Tony brought in the plans and the drawing of the new church, showing the location of the Sanctuary, rooms, etc. Stella Hotra served refreshments with her daughter, Tina, as co-hostess by proxy.

The meeting was highlighted when Leon Galinskas presented a Lithuanian flag to pres. Zager for our council. The flag was a gift from the Catholic Lithuanian War Veterans. Our very sincere thanks.

May 18 marked the opening series of social activities for C-79, to benefit the memorials for the future church, with a card and bunco party. Although the attendance was average, the enthusiasm soared high. Frances Alksnes and her committee worked... worked... worked... on every phase to make it a success. The prizes were terrific, and there were lot of cakes donated by generous members. Co-chairman, Dorothe Martin was capably assisted by the Martin clan, son, Tom; daughter, Phyllis Ann Milius and son-in-law Charles Milius who drove in from Montreal. A heap of thanks to everyone Betty, Frank, Adeline, Bernie, Helen and Clem, Harold and his "Sierduki", Cel, and to the young crop - Karen, Tony and Lou for their tremendous assistance.

June 21 was the first day of summer and the weatherman called it as "continued cloudy and cool". However, it didn't cool the spirit of about 30 guests and members who attended our weenie roast. In a way, you could call it a "Top of the Flame" affair - even though it was held at Lola Valley park instead at our downtown bistro. Chairman Frank Petroski brought

the top person, his wife Betty, who with their committee were responsible for the good food and the keg of something or other. That cold weather, unfortunately, broke up the good time rather early.

Soffi Snooping - We are happy to learn that Ann Banonis is progressing nicely after some hospitalization... On the sick list was Frank Alksnes after undergoing surgery... On the mend is Pete Stanulis who was in the hospital for a long time... Phyllis Ann Milius presented hubby, Charles with a bouncy pink bundle of a baby girl. The jubilant grandmother, Dorothe Martin, proudly announced "Dana Ann" weighed in at 6 lbs. 3 oz. Congratulations... Cel and Harold Yunk celebrated their 32 wedding anniversary on June 22. Congratulations - and Ilgiausiu Metu to a nice couple... Will Byville, son of Phyllis and Emil was married to Loie Rae Smith on June 27. We wish them many happy years together... Bernie Vitkus, son of Adeline and Bernard is to be married on Aug. 30 to Mary Salamone of Niles, Ill. So, Ma, Pa and the rest of the contingent from Detroit are packing for the wedding and a Labor Day weekend in Chicago... Congratulations to Moterų Sajunga, chapter 54, who celebrated their 50th anniversary... A big welcome to Vera and Charles Tulauskas, the new members, at our June meeting... Congratulations to Father V. Kriščiunevičius of St. Peter's church upon the 20th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood... A goodly number of '79ers participated at Father A. Saulaitis' first Mass at Divine Providence on June 13. He was ordained in Waterbury, Conn. We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of Elizabeth Paurazas, Helen Patocki and the Stepan. Mrs. Paurazas lost her brother William Valoney in Florida. Helen Patocki lost her sister, Isabelle, in Florida. Mrs. Stepan left four daughters - Acquiline Zane, Clara, Lillian and Delphine. Lai gerasis Dievulis mirusiem būna gailistingas.

Our July meeting ended on a note of patriotism. Stars and stripes were in full view for a Fourth of July table setting at the social following the business session. Thanks to Julie Belickas and Betty Petroski.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96      FBP

May proved a very busy month for our Junior 'Den Parents', Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas. They took charge of the Junior's annual May crowning that was held on Mother's Day. Sharon Prasmantas, had the honor of placing the crown of flowers on our Blessed Mother's head while Annemarie Sluzas was crown bearer. They were preceded into church by the junior members. Council and Junior members received Holy Communion in a body at this mass that was dedicated to all mothers living and deceased. Following Mass a buffet breakfast was held and well attended at the Imperial House North Motel. These arrangements were made by the Jr. Advisor, Stan Vaitkus. The Jrs. treated their parents to the breakfast. On May 24-25, Kitty and Elinor were again busy setting up a Fish Pond Booth at Dayton's well known Salem Mall! Each year the Mall sets one weekend aside for charity programs. This program not only adds to our Jr. treasury but gives them publicity. We hate to brag - but our Jr. booth was the most active of the 28 groups to participate. Jrs. who were able to work are now proud owners of left over goldfish or turtles! Den Parents for June were Mike and Fran Patkus. They took the Jrs. on a picnic lunch to Huffman Dam following the meeting. When Mike got called into work Stan Vaitkus came to Fran's rescue and did the cooking! At the Lithuanian Day Picnic Mike and Fran, with the help of Kitty Prasmantas, set up the Jrs three projects, Fish Pond, Radio Raffle and Pop Booth. The Jrs. are again trying to earn their money to Camp Dainaval

Charles and Sarah Petkus, Frank Gudelis, and Dave Petroski attended the Mid-West annual bowling tournament. Ruth Budza, from C-111 Youngstown helped to give us our five man team! Even though our team didn't make first place, praises for the wonderful way the Pittsburgh council entertained the members and guests came high and strong.

Our annual Lithuanian Day Picnic of June 15 proved to be a success in spite of the storms we had. Our co-chairmen, Jim Richey and Mike Petkus, must be congratulated for pulling this one big

commercial project we have each year 'out of the fire'... A 'Big Fat' thank you must go to Ann Scott and Phyllis Richey and all their workers for running a smooth kitchen as always! Joe Noreikas and Sam Bakanauskas had their crews on the chuck-o-luck and showdown booths working hard. Joe Gecas came through for us in keeping the bars in constant order. Mary Lucas still insists on making more each year with the Variety Booth. This is the first year NO K of L'er or parishioner won on our raffle drawing! The Petkus family took in all the prizes for selling the winning tickets! The Veigels, John and Irene, won the big prize for book sale at the Family picnic!

Our first Family Picnic of June 22 proved to be fun in spite of all the rain. We were all huddled in the cabin and just had to talk to each other! John and Irene Veigel and Sam and Maxine Bakanauskas must be thanked for setting up the liquid and food arrangements. Joe and Eleanor Mantz had their games rained for the children. They solved the problem by lining up the children for a grab bag party! Any questions about a 'doubting Thomas' see Eloise Berczelly!

ODDS and ENDS. Two brothers, Mike and Bob Veigel, will be heading in different directions following their graduation. Mike, with our prayers to follow, will be heading for New Haven, Conn. to attend Culinary School of America. Bob will be missed at home as he has practically run the family kitchen the past couple of years! Mike's supervising will be missed, also.. Don't argue against seat belts with Marianne Podoyak! Marianne and some friends were headed to Toledo for a sorority meeting when in trying to avoid hitting debris falling from a truck in front them a truck behind them going 70 miles an hour hit them! Marianne will also not give up on the powers of St. Christopher!.. Joining the automobile accident list were Mike and Fran Petkus. No one injured but the car! This is getting to be a council habit that must be stopped... Lou and Kitty Prasmantas were added to the list of winners by participating in a local radio station contest. Kitty's prize - \$1,000.00! This was followed up with winning tickets for box seats at a Cincinnati Reds game!.. Wishes for a speedy re-



Horace McMahon, star of stage, screen and television, relaxes with Helen V. Kulber and Eugenia Karpus, New York Senior Council members, after coordinating and mc-ing the supper-dance of the CATHOLIC ACTORS GUILD OF AMERICA at the Park Sheraton Hotel. The Guest of Honor and recipient of the George W. Buck Memorial Award for special service to the Guild, the Profession, and the Church was Harry Hershfield - raconteur, humorist, cartoonist, writer, humanitarian. Knights of Lithuania, U.S.A., took name space in the souvenir journal again this year. (Photo - Antanina Binkins)

covery are sent to Fred Kondrotas! Fred has been in and out of our hospitals quite a bit these past few years... Congratulations go to Mike and Donna Jean Dailey on the birth of their son, Keith Allen... Henry and Loretta Pant were blessed with a second boy, Michael Ernest... Engagement congratulations must go to Frank Ambrose and Caroline Samaha... Frank Gudelis was our ever faithful financier at our Lithuanian Day Picnic. All our out-of-town members came through for us even though they could not be here to help us physically at the picnic. A Big Thank You to the Petrusky's, Petkus', Petrauskas' and the Boeke's! It was good to see our Cincinnati members up to visit us at the Picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maezer and his family spent the day with us. It was good to see Al and Albina Wallis. They don't have too many opportunities to attend many of our functions!

June birthday greetings are sent to Rev. Walter Katarskis, Fred Kondrotas, Judy Petrokas, Ann Scott, Mildred and Ray Steinbrunner. July greetings, to John Goldick, Stan Kavy, Fran Petkus, Stan Vaitkus, Pete Petkus, Eva Leasure, Tom Scott, Bob Veigel,

Albina Wallis and Joe Mantz. August greetings, to Mary Ann Blum, Felix Goldick, Loretta Pant, Kitty Prasmantas, George Mikalauskas, Phyllis Richey, Al Wallis and 'Curley' Leasure.

June anniversaries are remembered by Felix and Helen Goldick, George and Frances Mikalauskas, Charles and Sarah Petkus, Joe and Aldona Ryan (and you did make the picnic after all), Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, Stan and Helen Vaitkus. C. Mike Wilemaitis and Eileen. July congratulations are sent to Mike and Molly Petkus. August anniversary congratulations go to Al and Albina Wallis!

## NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3 Rudi  
Hello again from Philly! These last few months have really been busy ones for Council 3'rs.

On Feb. 23 many of our members joined with the rest of the Phila. Lith. Community in observance of Lith. Independence.

### AUGUST

- 3 MCD JUNIOR RALLY, Shrine of the Holy Relics, Maria Stein, Ohio.
- 3 "Memories of Lithuania" RADIO PICNIC, Plattdeutsche Park, Franklin Square, L.I., N.Y.
- 10 IID ANNUAL GOLF DAY, Acacia Country Club, La Grange, Ill.
- 20-24 56th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Newark, N.J.
- 24-30 K of L Week, CAMP DAINAVA, Manchester, Mich.

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 C-79 Detroit FAMILY DAY PICNIC, Lola Valley Park, Mich.
- 7 C-96 Dayton PICNIC, Eintracht Park, Ohio.
- 7 "Memories of Lithuania" and "Ruta" RADIO PICNIC, Royal Gardens Park, Rahway, N.J.
- 14 NED CULTURAL PICNIC, Maironis Park, Worcester, Mass.
- 28 NED PRE-CONVENTION DANCE, Lithuanian Naturalization Club, Worcester, Mass.
- 29 NED FALL CONVENTION, C-26 hosts, Worcester, Mass.

### OCTOBER

- 11 C-29 Newark ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, St. George's Hall, Newark, N.J.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Father John Jutt.

The parishioners of St. Casimir's and friends of C-3 joined together for the annual St. Casimir's Day Celebration on Mar. 5th. We were happy to have Rev. Bernard Shimkus a past spiritual advisor, as guest speaker. At this luncheon first and second degrees were awarded. The following Sunday some of the members joined with the rest of the NY-NJ district in the observance of the feast. were graciously hosted by the Great Neck Council. Alberta Bekeris (Wiegand) received her third degree on this occasion.

Eighteen of our members went to see the film "Shoes of the Fisherman" on the rainy Saturday evening in March.

Wedding Bells pealed out loud and clear on Apr. 19 for Alberta Bekeris and Charles Weigand who were married at St. Casimir's. The day started out with a thunder storm, but the skies cleared for the 11 o'clock Nuptials. Among the out of town guests were Larry and Jean Janonis, Joe Drumstas and Alena Pinkus. The Wiegands honeymooned in San Croix and are now busy getting their brand new house in order in New Jersey.

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Return Requested

On May 3 we visited the Folk Fair, hosted by the City of Phila. Along with displays of the different nationality cultures, was a two hour program where groups representing nine countries performed either folk songs or folk dances. This program included the Lith. Dance Group, Michael Krivinskas is a member.

On May 24 the members took advantage of a beautiful spring Sunday and had a picnic. Philadelphia is not exactly the Sun 'n Fun capital of the world, but the weather did cooperate and we were able to enjoy the outdoors.

June 8 was a might busy day. In the morning 20 plus - members observed the custom of quarterly Communion with breakfast following and in the afternoon we were hosts for the NY-NJD conv.

Joe Beletsky is currently making his residence in Viet Nam, at the request of Uncle Sam. His family suspects that he may be running a delicatessen because of his constant requests for salami... Stan Areckevicius is back in Commission. Stan accidentally suffered severe burns of the back in March... Walt and Irene Svekla enjoyed an early vacation, when they took a motor trip to Williamsburg Va. and Virginia Beach... The stork has been busy in our area, too. He made special deliveries at the home of Agnes and John Mickunas and Dianne Daniels. Barbara Agnes Mickunas came on Apr. 17 and Edward Adam Daniels, on June 23. These new additions will certainly bring great joys to their parents.

In Memoriam: Monsignor Ignatius Valanciunas, former pastor of St. Casimir's parish and staunch supporter of the K of L passed into his eternal reward on Mar 3. We will be eternally grateful for all the encouragement and kindness that Monsignor bestowed on us. We also extend sincere sympathies to Walter Svekla and his family on the passing of his father and also to Agnes Timmons Mickunas on the sudden passing of her father.

#### NEWARK, N. J., C-29

The Wanderer

The June monthly meeting was held and the main item was the selection of delegates to the coming 56th national gathering. The following will represent Newark: M. Stonis, K. Sipaila, O. Pocius, E. Schmidt, R. Schmidt, I. Dilis, A. Skroudys, R. Peckis, E. Sharon, and K. Ciurlys.

This was the last meeting for council until Sept. Our spiritual director Rev. Peter Totoraitis is still in hospital and it is hoped that he is out by time you read this item. Our past council president Charles Strolis was recently confined to hospital. Joan Yan-kauskas also has been on the ailing list, here's wishing her a speedy recovery.

Our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to council member Matthew Buyus, on the passing of his father Justin in Hollywood, Fla.

Honorary member Frank Vaskas had several harrowing experiences recently which necessitated a change of residence.



Joan Mazeika, C-41 Brooklyn, giving a Lithuanian talk upon initiation into the Third Degree, at the NY-NJD Conv.

#### AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100 Smile & Sparkle

A special meeting was held at the home of Peter Hayes.

Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar, hosted the council's annual summer outing at their Galway summer spot on June 29. Mrs. Sophie Olbie and Miss Genevieve Gobis headed the Reservation Committee. Heading the Planning and Food Committee were Mrs. Aldona Abeling and Mrs. Eleanor Olechowski.

Miss Cindy Thomas joined the Council at the meeting. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus were wished bon voyage on their forthcoming trip to Las Vegas, Hawaii, and San Francisco.

NEWS BITS... Many of our members celebrated their birthdays in May and June. Happy Birthday and Ilgiausiu Metu to: Aldona Abeling (May 21), Isabelle Orante (May 25), Gene Gobis (June 1), Matt Orante (June 3), Tony Radzevich (June 10), Ann Baltuska (June 10), Edna Stokna (June 11), Peter Hayes (June 29). June 29 also represents the wedding anniversary of Tony and Edna Stokna... Two more of our members will be having birthdays during the summer months, Sadie Karbus (August 17) and Charles Karbus (July 19)... We missed Ann baltuska at the meeting. Reason - pipe troubles at home! What happened to Ed and Nellie Liberis? Pauline Urban? Anna Yunker? Ginny Miciulis? Prof. Olsauskas told us that Bill McCune was a bit under the weather and had to miss our session. (Foot trouble!)... When will we get to see our Schenectady members, Ed and Eleanore Baranauskas? Ed is our chairman of Lithuanian Affairs Committee. He has been doing a tremendous job!... Matt and Isabelle Orante took a cruise to the West Indies on the Norwegian -American Lines - The Bergefordes... Our sympathies go out to Ann and Tony Radzevich in the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Barbara Togaila.