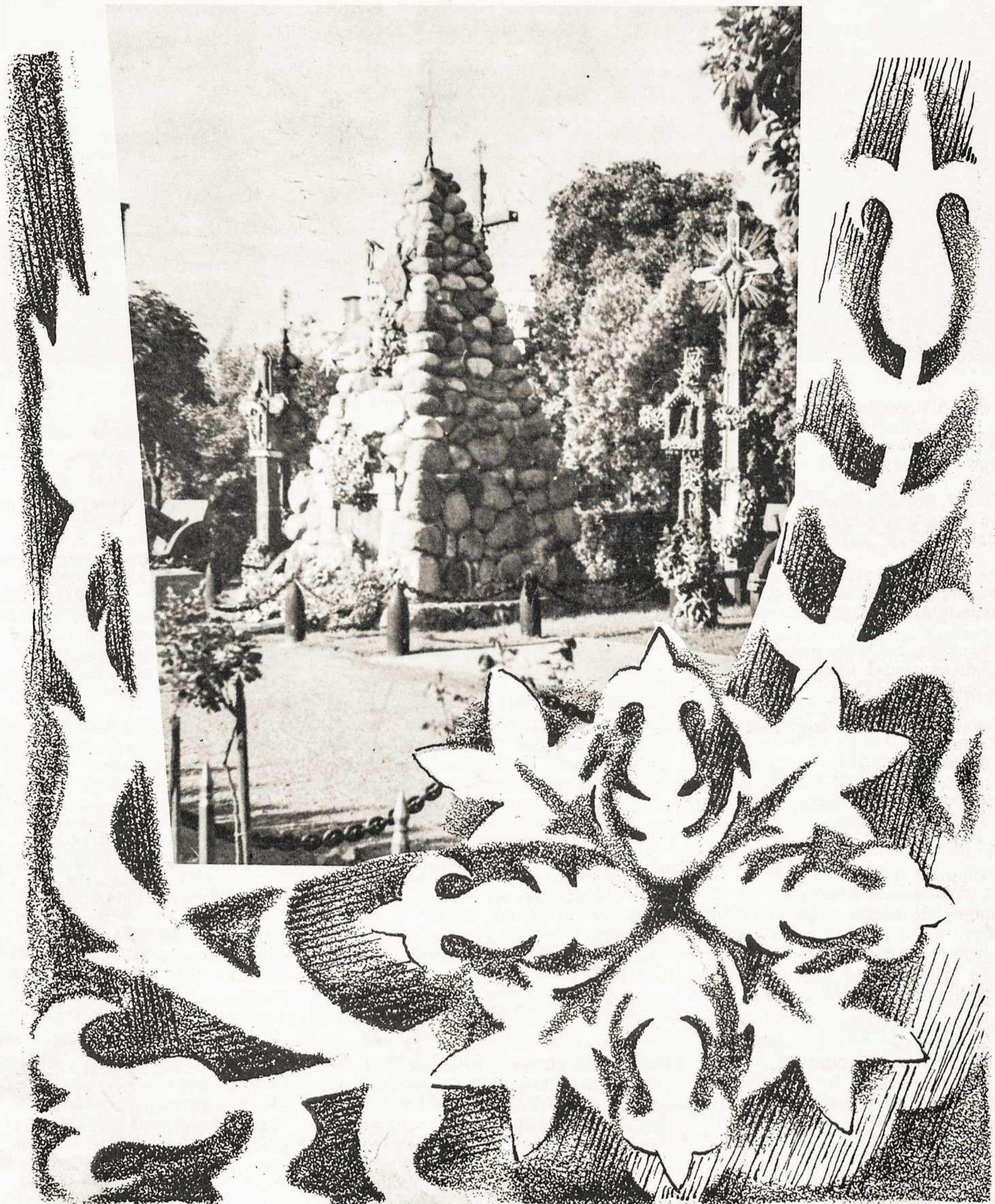


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Lietuvių Taryba 1918 m. Vasario 16 d. skelbia Lietuvos Nepriklausomybę.

Vasario 16 dienos proga

Lietuvių tauta džiaugėsi, kai 1913 metais įsisteigė Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija Amerikos kontinente. Tuolygiai Lietuvos Vyčiai džiaugėsi, kai 1918 m. Vasario 16 d. sostinėje Vilniuje Lietuvos Taryba paskelbė Nepriklausomybės aktą. Lietuvos Vyčiai nepriklausomybės atstatymo darbą visakeriškai rėmė: verbavo čia Amerikoje savanorius vyrus į Lietuvos kariuomenę ir juos vežė į Lietuvą, rinko aukas, platino bonus ir teikė paskolas. Nepriklausomybės kovas vedusiam kariuomenės vadui gen. S. Žukauskui vyčiai net aukso kardą dovenojo. Nepriklausomybės metu vyčiai užmezgė tamprius ryšius su Lietuva kultūriniame ir organizaciniame darbe. Keitėsi instruktoriais, sportininkais ir choralais. Prof. K. Pakštas, vyčių organizatorius, buvo pasiųstas į Lietuvą užmegzti ryšių su ateitininkų ir pavasarininkų organizacijomis. Pavasarininkų organizacija iš Lietuvos į JAV atsiuntė prof. Eretą instruk-

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tuoti vyčius. Prof. Eretobūvimas vyčių eilėse buvo labai produktingas ir našus, nes vyčių kuopos, sporto komandos, chorai progresavo. Už tai prof. Eretas vyčių vadovybės buvo pagerbtas ir jam buvo suteiktas garbės vyčio vardas. Pereitas metais tas veiklusis žmogus atšventė 70 metų gimimo sukaktį. Tad ji sveikiname ir linkime ilgiausių metų. Tačiau prieš 25 metus Lietuvą, tą žydinčią šalį, smurtu užgrobė rusai ir ją laiko okupavę žiauriausiose sąlygose.

Dėl tos tragedijos lietuvių tauta pergyveno didžiausią smūgį, retai kas gali įzivaizduoti. Žinoma, tuo pačiu ir JAV Lietuvos Vyčiai to smūgio tapo stipriai sukrėsti, ir draug su išėivijoje esančiais vadavimo veiksniais veda atkaklią kovą su okupantu ir deda pastangas, kad vėl atgauti laisvę ir ne-

priklausomybę Lietuvai. Užtat vyčiai draug su savaistautiečiais kas met ruošia 1918 m. Vasario 16 d. prisiminimus: pamaldas už žuvusius, nukankintus tautiečius, ir gedulingas akademijas - susikau-pimus.

Lietuva dabar rusiško bolševizmo ne tik pavergta, bet tiesiog naikinama ir kultūriniai ir fiziniai. Už tautos himną - areštatas, už Vasario 16 prisiminimą - kalėjimas, o už tautinių jausmų pareiškimą demonstracijose ar šiaip kur nors - Sibiras. Lietuva niekada dar nebuvo išgyvenusi tokios, kaip dabar, nepelnytos kančios, rūpintojėlių ir kryžių žemė niekada dar nebuvo taip slėgiama ir kryžiuojama, kaip dabar. Kryžiai dabar tašomi ir drožiami ne iš uosio, klevo ir ažuolo, bet iš gyvos žudomos tautos.

Minėdami ir švėsdami Vasario 16 d. 52 m. sukaktį išklauskime lietuviškos pareigos balso ir savo darbais, savo ryštu tieskime kelią į naują Lietuvos prisikėlimą.

FIFTY SECOND OF INDEPENDENCE RESTORED

Anniversary

"Today we are confronted with a tremendous phenomenon: the birth or rebirth of nations all over the world."

Andre Malraux, 1918

February 16th marks the fifty-second anniversary since the restoration of Lithuania's independence. The Lithuanian state, resurrected in 1918, fell victim to Soviet imperialism in 1940. Thus the post-World War II period, the era of self-determination for many areas of the world, finds Lithuania under Russian rule that displays many aspects of classical colonialism

Whenever they are called on to justify their continued occupation and exploitation of the Baltic States, The Russian leaders and propagandists assert that the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians have relinquished their independence voluntarily - an explanation that is patently false and has no historical foundation. The Kremlin also claims that the Soviet system has benefited the Baltic peoples economically and has allowed to retain basic national rights and freedoms.

The claim of economic benefits is best answered by Soviet own procedures and statistics, which indicate that the Lithuanian people have no say about what they produce and that their toil and achievements are channelled mainly to the strengthening of the Russian power. Their living standard was still to catch up in many ways with that of independent Lithuania.

The absence of basic attributes of sovereignty and self-determination is plainly seen in the Russian control of the basic spheres of national life in Lithuania: politics, economy, education, culture, etc. More than that, Lithuania, as well as Latvia and Estonia, is exposed to methodic Russification. The influx of Russians into Lithuania continues, and they remain entrenched in many leading positions. Russian culture is being forcibly imposed upon less than willing Lithuanians. The educational institutions of Lithuania, despite courageous resistance by Lithuanian scholars, intellectuals and teachers, are still permeated by obligatory Russianism. Lithuanian history and geography are almost absent from the curriculum, which echo with Russian chauvinism and pan-Slavism.

The fifty-second anniversary of Lithuania's independence coincides with another important date - the thirty-first anniversary of the signing of the Stalin-Hitler pact whereby the two dictators divided East-Central Europe between themselves and thus

sealed the fate of the Baltic States. The continued occupation of Lithuania by the Soviet Union is thus a direct outcome of the crime of 1939 and of Soviet-Nazi collaboration. And this fact hardly adds to the legitimacy of the Soviet claims in the Baltic area.

Some people in the West have tended to write off the Baltic states perennially lost to their Eastern predator. These are usually individuals who take a very static view of history or who are unduly hypnotized by the Soviet power of a giant with clay feet. The past events in Czechoslovakia have again demonstrated how vulnerable the Soviet giant is and that its rule in East-Central Europe can be maintained by bayonet only. The ideas of freedom, national sovereignty, and social justice have had a triumphant resurgence in Czechoslovakia - they will triumph in other countries as well.

The subjugated peoples of East-Central Europe, including the Lithuanians, are confident that they will emerge victorious in their battle against Soviet oppression. "You may destroy people by force but not their ideas," the Czechoslovak writers emphasized in their Resolution adopted on October 31, 1968. "In this century, we in Bohemia have three times witnessed the collapse of monolithic systems, but truth emerged again."

The Lithuanian people have also witnessed the collapse of the tsarist system, the demise of the Third Reich. They believe that they will see the end of the Soviet Empire, the "prison of Nations." Their patriotism, courage and perseverance are the best guarantees that their expectations will not be in vain.

"At the beginning, the Russians were cool and reserved. Stalin immediately declared his interest in the Baltic States. He inquired whether Germany was still interested in the port cities of Liepaja and Ventspilis and quite bluntly declared that negotiations would make no sense unless Germany would show readiness to compromise on the question. Ribbentrop asked for a delay so that he could get in touch with Hitler in Obersalzberg. Several minutes later, he was in touch with Hitler who left the telephone for a moment to take a look at the map. He instantly said that he agreed to cede the Eastern Baltic seaboard to Russia... This concession immediately broke the ice and it took a single, although rather long, session to agree on all questions. The Pact of August 23 and the Secret Protocol were both signed in the early morning hours of August 24th."

D. D e u t s c h

Eyewitness to the negotiations
in the Kremlin on August 23 (1939)
(LA BATAILLE, April 30, 1947)

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

As we celebrate Washington's birthday this February, it is fitting to recall some of the high points in the heritage our first President left to his countrymen.

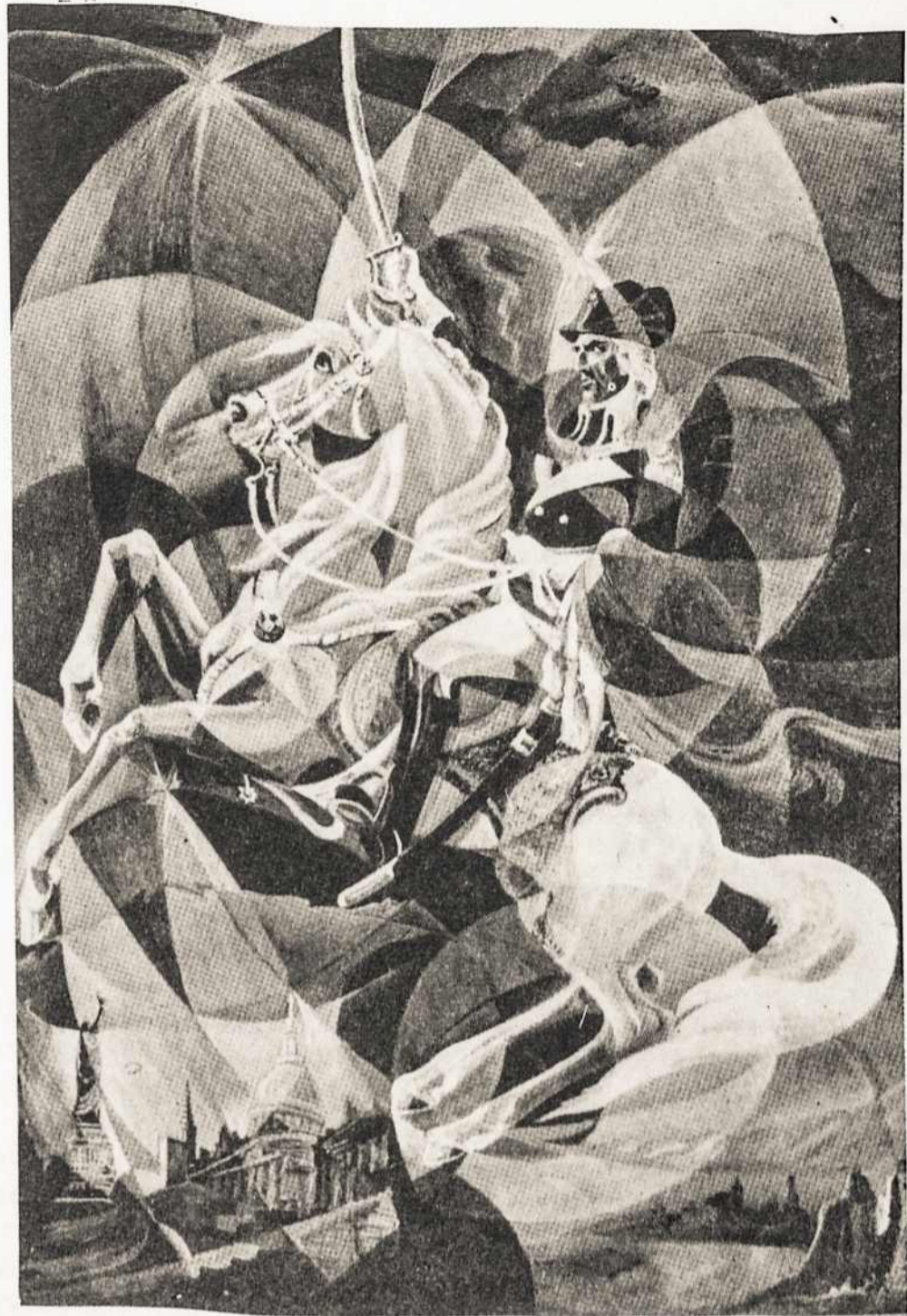
George Washington was commander of the forces that fought and won the American Revolutionary War. When the thirteen colonies rebelled against the English motherland, Washington was asked by the Continental Congress to take command. With courage and genius, and assisted by volunteers from many nations - including Lafayette from France, von Steuben from Germany, Pulaski and Kosciusko from Poland - he led the colonies to independence and statehood, achieving victory with an army that was often out of supplies and on the verge of starvation.

Once independence was won, Washington presided over the convention, held in Philadelphia, that framed the Constitution of the United States - a new and unique Constitution that guaranteed freedom and democratic government on a scale unknown in any large area of the world in the 18th century. Washington's influence and prestige were important factors in its formulation and adoption. After it went into effect on March 4, 1789 Washington was the unanimous choice as the new country's first President. Washington had rejected any suggestion that he become king and he refused to continue as president for more than two terms, believing that rotation in office was more likely to ensure good government and uphold the rights and freedoms which the Constitution promises.

He served as president from 1789 to 1797.



Lithuanians in a wreath-laying ceremony at the LINCOLN MEMORIAL in Washington, D.C. (Photo - V. Mazelis)



Aware of the importance of setting precedents, he maintained a dignity and even a formality in the office of President that has in large measure continued to the present day. How was an American President to be addressed? Your "majesty" was suggested, also your "excellency." To George Washington, the words "Mr. President" seemed the proper title for the head of a democratic republic. It is still that today.

Retiring in 1797 to his estate in Mount Vernon, Washington devoted much time to his first love, running the family plantation, cultivating his lands, growing new crops. He corresponded with men around the world who had special experience in crops and husbandry. Persons from all over the world who came to the United States visited the great General, and he received them as befitted a former President of the world's first major republic.

Washington died on December 14, 1799, 171 years ago. Four days later he was buried in the family vault at Mount Vernon, mourned throughout the nation. Towns were named for him and later the great Washington Monument was built in the national capital. But his greatest monument is the nation he did so much to found and to whose heritage he made so outstanding a contribution. It is no wonder that George Washington is called the "Father of his country."

(ACNS)

ŠARVUOTAS RAITELIS ANT BALTO ŽIRGO

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Tai bus Vytis Lietuvos valstybės ženklas. Jau vieną kartą apie Vytį, kaip Vytį, rašiau. Atrodo, kad antrą kartą, kuris yra taip dažnai matomas ir visiems gerai žinomas nereikėtų. Kadangi kiekvienos valstybės ženklas turi ką nors savotiško, skirtingo, tai tuos skirtumus būtinai reikalinga išryškinti.

Mat, vienos valstybės pasirenka didingus, puikius ženklus, pav. liūtą, arą, o kitos - kuklius, malonius, pav. Kryžių, šventąjį, angelą ir t.t. Tačiau Lietuvos valstybės ženklas "Vytis" yra visai skirtingos rūšies. Lietuvos Vytis šarvais apkaustytas raitelis, ant balto žirgo sėdintis, kalaviju užsimojęs ir smarkiais šuoliais lekiantis. Tai puikus ir reto grožio ženklas. Jame jungiasi vienos ir kitos rūšies ypatybės: didingumas, kilnumas ir kuklumas. Užtat, Lietuvos Vytis nepaprastas, ne vienalypis bet sudėtingas. Pagrindi-



niai elementai jame: žmogus ir žirgas.

Žmogus, vaizduojamas Lietuvos Vytyje, iškelia jo vertę tarp kitų valstybių ženklų. Nes žmogus yra valdytojas gamtos jėgų bei pasaulio daiktų. Atseit, jis yra pasaulio viešpats.

Antras Lietuvos Vyčio elementas yra žirgas. Žirgas senovės lietuviams buvo didžiausias ir ištikimiausias draugas, su kuriuo nei karo, nei taikos metu lietuvis nesiskirdavo. Žirgas ne vien lietuvių, bet ir visų žmonių mylimas ir branginamas gyvulys.

Augalotas, raumeningas lietuvis, apsišavavęs joja ant balto žirgo, rankoje stipriai suspaudęs, laiko kardą. Jam, atrodo, nėra bausus nei liūtas, nei aras, nei kiti priešai, nes žmogus, būdamas žemės valdovu, jei ne savo fizine jėga, tai proto pagelba turi valdyti kitus už save žemesnius tvarinius. Atseit, Lietuvos Vytyje atsispindi ne vien fizinė, bet ir dvasinė jėga. Daugelio kitų valstybių ženkluose to nesurandame nė trupinėlio. Lietuvos Vytyje yra išlaikyta pusiausvyra tarp dvasios ir kūno. Tas mus moko, kad atgavę nepriklausomybę, laisvai gyvendami, išlaikysime pusiausvyrą taip pat tarp dvasios ir kūno. Ir kad, rūpindamiesi kūno sveikata ir medžiaginėmis gėrybėmis, nenustelbtume ir nepamirštume dvasios. Tik būdami sveiki, stiprūs kūnu ir galingi dvasia galėsime atsispirti prieš galingesnius priešus.

Raitelis leidžia drąsiai žirgą, nis jis gerai žino savo kelią. Žino,

kad skrieja teisingumo ir teisėtumo keliu, be apgaulės ir klastos, ką mėgsta neretai grobuoniški arai ar galingieji liūtai. Užtat Lietuvos Vytis skatina kiekvieną žmogų visuomet eiti teisingumo ir teisėtumo keliu į didžius laimėjimus ir nesusitepti jokių negarbingu darbu. Lietuvos Vyčio žirgas baltas. Klausimas kyla, kodėl? Juk lietuvių mėgiamas ir dainose gražiai apdainuotas ne baltas, bet juodbėris žirgelis. Čia jau glūdi kita priežastis. Mat, pasak senovės lietuvių, karžygių vėlestik balti žirgai nešdavo į dausas. Atseit, tarp šio ir pomirtinio gyvenimo tarpininkai buvo baltieji žirgai. Čia ir vėl iškyla Lietuvos Vytyje religinė mintis: jeigu tikėsime šiame gyvenime Aukščiausį Kūrėją ir laikysimės dorovės dėsnį, tai mes lyg tuo baltu žirgu nuskrisime į Jo sukurtą laimės Viešpatiją.

Bendrai paėmus, Lietuvos Vytis nepaprastai prasmingas ir gilus. Jame yra įkūnytos kilnios idėjos. Tuo lietuvių gali drąsiai didžiulis prieš kultūringąjį pasaulį, nes jis charakterizuoja lietuvių tautos idealus. Vytis skatina priemonių žygių ir drąsina atkakliai kovoti už tautines, religines ir dvasines vertybes.

Mes lietuvių brangindami ir ugdydami tas vertybes galime iškilti kultūroje ir atkovoti prarastą nepriklausomybę. Tebūna tad Lietuvos Vytis lyg tas senovės saulys, kurs išjudintų visos tautos sūnus ir dukras į darbą ir pasiaukojimą kovoje su okupantu - Sovietų Rusija.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MESSAGE - by Hon. Joseph Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires of LITHUANIA, Jan. 1, 1970.

Dear Fellow Nationals:

We are entering into the year 1970 with a feeling of deepfelt gratitude to the Government of the United States, and to governments of other countries, for the nonrecognition of the forcible incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union and for the continuing support of the Lithuanian people's rights to national self-determination. A statement to that effect is contained in a letter of the Secretary of State of the United States of America addressed to me February 11, 1969, and in his letters to the Representative of Estonia and the Representative of Latvia dated February 11th and November 11th, respectively, on the occasions of our national independence holidays. Canada likewise defined its policy in similar vein when the Canadian Prime Minister's Office in a letter dated September 16, 1969, addressed to the board of the Lithuanian Canadian Community it stated that Lithuania's cause "deserves support" and that Ca-

nada had never revoked its de jure recognition of the independent Republic of Lithuania.

Lithuanians living in the West fully realize that Lithuania's road to freedom is lined with heavy obstacles. That road may be long but it is honorable, grand and noble. We may feel proud that individual and collective efforts of Lithuanians are directed toward that road to Lithuania's freedom and independence. Most recently this was shown by solemn and majestic commemorations throughout the world, wherever there are Lithuanians, paying respects to the former President of Lithuania, Aleksandras Stulginskis, who died in Kaunas on September 22, 1969. This spontaneous honoring of the Lithuanian statesman, signatory of the Act of February 16th, Siberian martyr, fighter for Lithuania, demonstrates the ardent support for Lithuania and a determination to work in behalf of her freedom and independence.

I send my deepfelt sincerest greetings to my fellow nationals in the Homeland for the new year 1970. I wish that the next year be better and happier. Let us firmly believe in the brighter future for Lithuania for which all of free Lithuanians are striving.

CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEKS - LONDON, STOCKHOLM, BUENOS AIRES

LITHUANIANS PARTICIPATE IN MASS EVENTS

The first Captive Nations Week in Great Britain was marked in London on November 9-16, 1969. It is planned to transform the Week into an annual event, as in the United States.

The Captive Nations Week was sponsored by the British League for European Freedom, a private organization. The program was launched with an ecumenical religious service at St. Martin's-in-the-Field Church, Trafalgar Square. The main event was a special meeting of parliamentarians, newspapermen and political personalities in the British Parliament's Grand Committee Room, on November 12th, with Lord St. Oswald acting as the official host. The purpose of the meeting was explained as initiating the first Captive Nations Week in Great Britain and commemorating the 94 million victims of the Russian and Chinese communist tyrannies. The Week was concluded with a procession from Hyde Park to Whitehall, where a wreath was laid at the Cenotaph.

As part of the Captive Nations Week's activities, delegations of individual captive nations were received by Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

BIGGEST CAPTIVE NATIONS DAY IN SWEDEN

Some fifty Swedish and exile organizations collaborated in giving Sweden the biggest Captive Nations Day ever. It began with an open-air meeting in Stockholm's Sergel Square, attended by some 2000 people and with an impressive array of speakers, including representatives of Swedish youth organizations. From there, a torchlight procession marched to the Town Hall.

SWEDISH SPEAKERS SCORE "SOVIET COLONIALISM"

The meeting at the Town Hall was opened by the

chairman of the "June Committee," PROF. BIRGER NERMAN, who stressed that Soviet colonialism, "the last and the most despicable in world history - will be swept away." The former leader of the Liberal Party, PROF. BERTIL OHLIN, ironically commented about the fact that the indignation of certain groups in Sweden at oppression increased in proportion to the distance between Sweden and the country concerned. The dictatorships in the immediate vicinity of Sweden (i.e., Baltic States), he said, do not worry these (pro-Vietcong, hate U.S.) groups. The new chairman of the Swedish youth organization Democratic Alliance, MR. GUNNAR RAGNA, pledged his support to the Baltic cause.

DANISH STATESMAN ATTACKS STALIN-HITLER PACT

The main speaker at the meeting was MR. OKE BJORN KRAFT, former Danish Foreign Minister and the present chairman of the European Freedom Council. "The beginning of the tragedy of Poland and the Baltic States," he said, "was the division of East Europe as signed 30 years ago by the Hitler Reich and the Stalin regime. This was the most despicable agreement ever made in the civilized world."

The Captive Nations Day aroused considerable attention in the Scandinavian press.

BUENOS AIRES CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK

The fourth Captive Nations Week in Argentina was commemorated on October 26-31. After a High Mass at the Cathedral of Buenos Aires on October 26th, a mass gathering took place at the Argentinian Liberty Monument. The Lithuanian contingent was especially numerous and included many youths. All these events were generously covered by the Argentinian press, TV, and radio.

Lithuanians in The NEWS

KOMPOZITORIAUS JUOZO STROLIOS KŪRINIŲ K O N C E R T A S

(mirties metinių proga)
A. P. Bagdonas

Kompozitorius Juozas Strolia, dirbęs ilgą laiką mokytojo ir choro dirigento darbą, šalia to pasižymėjo ir kaip dainų kūrėjas - kompozitorius.

Ypač domėjosi liaudies dainomis ir yra surinkęs 2,500 dainų melodijų. Berinkdamas liaudies kūrybą ja labai susidomėjo ir pamėgo. Ėmė komponuoti, stilizuoti įpindamas liaudies motyvus pagal savo nuožiūrą. Taip pat kūrė ir originalių dainų ir giesmių, naudodamasis mūsų poetų kūryba.

Jo dainos yra skirtos solo balsams, chorams ir solistams su choru. Solo dainas, tik sukūrus pirmoji atlikdavo jo žmona solistė Zenta Strolienė. Daug yra sukūręs ir religinės muzikos kūrinių solistams ir chorams.

Pergyveno Vokietijoje DP dienas, paskui emigravo į Naująjį Pasaulį, Ameriką. Porą metų išgyvenęs Brazilijoje grįžo į J. Am. Valstybes, Čikagon, kur gyveno jo sūnus Faustas Strolia.

Šių metų kovo mėn. 8 d., 4 val. p.p. Jaunimo Centro didžiojoje salėje įvyksta jo kūrybai specialus koncertas, kurio rengimo didžiąją našta neša jo sūnus muzikas Faustas Strolia. Koncertas bus gana originalus, dalyvaus mūsų iškilieji dainininkai Prudencija Bičkienė, Roma Mastienė, Jonas Vaznelis ir smuikininkas Herkulis Strolia. Choro dainas išpildys Moterų Alice Stephens ansamblis ir Vyčių choras, talkinant Dainavos ansambliai. Chorams ir ansambliams diriguos Alice Stephens, Petras Armonas, broliai Vytas ir Faustas Strolios. Akompaniatoriumi pakviestas Manigirdas Motiekaitis.

Muziko Juozo Strolios nebėra jau mūsų tarpe, o jo sukurtos skambios melodijos liks amžinas mūsų tautos turtas, dar ilgai skambės atkurtos solistų ir chorų balsais ir kalbės mums į širdis ne tik lietuvišku žodžiu, bet ir nesenstančiomis tautinėmis melodijomis.



The late Juozas Strolia with his three sons, Faustas, Hercules and Vytautas.

Juozo Strolios

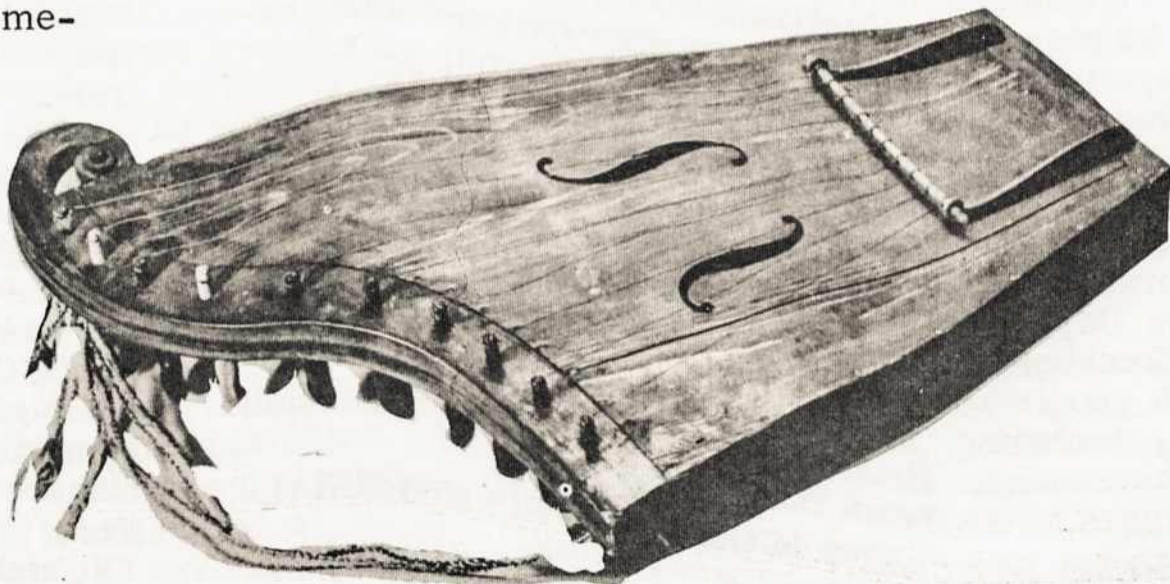
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KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA'S EXCURSION to ROME

On the occasion of the Blessing of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica, the Knights of Lithuania will sponsor a two-week tour.

COST PER PERSON - \$557.00

(includes air transportation from New York, all land transportation, hotels continental breakfast and one main meal per day)

DEPART - June 28, 1970 (Sunday)

RETURN - July 12, 1970 (Sunday)

1st DAY • NEW YORK / BOSTON CHICAGO / MONTREAL

Depart by ALITALIA DC-8 Jet.

2nd DAY • MILAN

Morning arrival. Meeting and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon sightseeing.

3rd DAY • MILAN / VERONA / VENICE

Leave Milan. Travel through Verona to Venice.

4th DAY • VENICE

Morning sightseeing. Afternoon at leisure. Optional Night Gondola Serenade on the Grand Canal (\$5.00).

5th DAY • VENICE / BOLOGNA / FLORENCE

Morning departure. Afternoon arrival in Florence.

6th DAY • FLORENCE

Morning sightseeing. Afternoon at leisure.

7th DAY • FLORENCE / PERUGIA / ASSISI / ROME

Morning departure. Afternoon arrival in Rome.

8th DAY • ROME

Full day sightseeing. Optional Rome by Night



Rome: St. Peter's

9th DAY • ROME

**BLESSING OF THE LITHUANIA MARTYRS
CHAPEL IN ST. PETER'S BASILICA.**

10th DAY • ROME / POMPEII SORRENTO / NAPLES

Morning departure. Sightseeing in Pompeii. Continue to Sorrento and Naples. Late afternoon arrival.

11th DAY • NAPLES / ROME

Day at leisure. Optional excursion to Capri (\$9.00). Return to Rome in the evening.

12th DAY • ROME / SIENA / PISA

Morning departure via Siena to Pisa.

13th DAY • PISA / GENOA

Morning departure via Santa Margherita, Rapallo and Portofino. Late afternoon arrival in Genoa.

14th DAY • GENOA / MILAN

Panoramic drive of Genoa. Proceed to Milan. Remainder of day at leisure.

15th DAY • MILAN / NEW YORK / BOSTON / MONTREAL / CHICAGO

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OFFICIAL NEWS

ST. CASIMIR DAY COMMEMORATIONS

March 4th is the feast day of our Patron Saint and Protector - St. Casimir. The Supreme Council, especially during these times, wishes that every Council and District will celebrate the day in a manner befitting the Knights of Lithuania.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lithuanian language instructional records SPEED COURSE IN LITHUANIAN are now sold out and no longer available. However, we have a good supply of CHILDRENS PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN. The price on these records has now been reduced to \$2.00 per set postpaid. Please send orders to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio 45404.

1970 SPIRITUAL PROGRAM FOR K OF L MEMBERS AND COUNCILS

A. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION. Members are urged to take part in a new K of L READING CLUB. The books selected are religious books which will help members gain a deeper and balanced insight into religious questions of our day. The books suggested are available as inexpensive paperbacks and may be obtained in most religious bookstores. (If any selection becomes unavailable, another may be substituted.)

1. FEBRUARY - "Who Is Christ"
by Anthony Padovano, Ave Maria Press \$.95
2. MAY - "Apologetics and The Biblical Christ"
by Avery Dulles, S.J., Newman Press \$1.50
3. SEPTEMBER - "Creation and Covenant"
by James Plastaras, Bruce Publ. Co. \$2.50
4. NOVEMBER - "Popular History of the Catholic Church by Philips Hughes, MacMillan Co. \$1.95

B. COUNCIL PARTICIPATION. Councils are encouraged to cooperate with their spiritual advisor in planning religious discussions using the above books as themes. The council spiritual advisor, a guest speaker, or qualified members may be invited to present a talk on the topic, followed by discussion.

- C. SPECIAL K of L RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES:
- February 16., Religious and civic observance of Lithuanian Independence.
 - March 4., St. Casimir, patron of K of L and Lithuanian youth.
 - May 13., Consecration of Lithuanians to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.
 - Annual religious event - district religious workshop or religious day.

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS
Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor

RULES FOR THE 1969-70 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In order to give ALL Councils the opportunity to participate in the Membership Drive, the rules and classifications have changed as follows:

SPECIAL AWARDS will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up: 1st category - 10 and under members; 2nd - 11-29 members; 3rd - 30-59 members; 4th - 60-99 members; and 5th - 100 and over members. These awards will be based on the national financial secretary's membership records as of August 1, 1969, which were presented at the convention.

Council awards for new members will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on net increases as follows: Council with Over 50 members; Councils with 26-50 members; and Councils with 25 and under members.

Individual award credits for enrolling new members as follows: TEN points can be earned for each new or rejoin member enrolled from August until April 1, 1970; and FIVE points, thereafter until July 10, 1970.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary reminds us that membership dues will be due in January 1970. If a new member joins a Council, the dues are as follows:

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| \$100.00 | Lifetime Member |
| 5.00 | if member joins from January - March |
| 3.75 | - April - June |
| 2.50 | - July - September |
| 1.25 | - October - December |
| 2.50 | - Additional family member (No "Vytytis") |
| 7.00 | - Couple (First Year Only) |

Dues should be collected for a FULL YEAR. Member record sheets and applications for new or reinstated members are available without charge from the National Financial Secretary. Membership cards are available for social members at a cost of \$0.10 each.

RITUAL PANEL AND REPORT

The committee reported that only 4 councils/districts submitted applications to the national committee upon the presentation of degrees. The records indicate that Council 3 Philadelphia presented 3 - 1st Degrees and 1 - 3rd Degree; Council 26 Worcester, 4 - 1st, 4 - 2nd and 3 - 3rd; Council 41 Brooklyn, 1 - 3rd; and the Illinois-Indiana District, 4 - 3rd. From verbal reports, it appeared that many more degrees were conferred. It is the duty of each District Ritual Chairman to contact all of their councils regarding the presentation and reporting of degree presentations. If necessary, the district chairman should submit the completed applications for the councils. Applications for 3rd and 4th degrees on are

based on the records of our national ritual committee and can be rejected if no record appears of a 1st or 2nd degree.

The convention panel, after considerable discussion, agreed that all members who received their 3rd Degree prior to 1963 can use the old point system up to that date. From 1963 on, the points accumulated by a member should be based on the new point system and then added to the degree points received prior to 1963. This, of course, applies to the 4th Degree only.

All members applying for the 3rd Degree must now use the new point system.

Further questions may be directed to the national Ritual Committee.

RITA PINKUS,
National Ritual Committee Member

JUNIOR PANEL REPORT

The attendance at the Junior Panel was a disgrace. It seems as though we are acknowledging that we are growing old and going the way the Mystic Knights of the Sea or we are afraid to round up and challenge the youth of today. If someone is uncertain they should be anxious to find the answers. As a delegate you should have attended the Junior Panel.

Despite the poor attendance our panel was certainly desirable and necessary. Most of the delegates indicated that there is more initiative on their part to learn the needs and desires of each Junior group, before Juniors councils are formed.

Listed below are several factors for the decline of Juniors .

1. Cooperation of the Pastors of each parish.
2. Lack of enthusiasm and cooperation of parents.
3. Lack of effective leadership at the council level.

In order to offset the above several radical changes must be made.

1. Father Jutt as President of the Lithuanian Priest's League to travel and promote K of L Juniors programs. Further emphasis to parents on the need of encouraging their children to participate. Request pastors to submit names and address of children, ages 7 to 16, for personal contact.
2. Select coordinator of New Junior Handbook. Members to submit all types of material, such as arts, crafts, games etc.
3. Revive essay writing contest. Subject - "Something about Lithuania". Supreme Council to offer prizes.
4. Have a council member report on all area and local Lithuanian Youth Organizations, so everyone can share and exchange ideas.
5. Support all youth Camps. Especially Camp Dainava, Manchester, Michigan and Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Vermont Camp. Lower camping age from 8 to 7 years.
6. Continue Junior Rallies in each district.

All members of the panel agreed to go back to their councils and start energetic programs, promoting and advertising Knights of Lithuania JUNIORS.

Moderator - STANLEY VAITKUS

K of L Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 7 - C-102 Detroit, ANNUAL NIGHT OUT on the TOWN, Detroit, Mich.
- 8 - C-29 Newark, LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS, 10:30 AM, Holy Trinity Church with Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the Lithuanian Wayside Cross.
- 8 - IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET, Annual Lithuanian Independence Commemoration, Entree 5 PM. K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 15 - C-102 Detroit, Meeting with 50/50 Raffle, St. Anthony's Rectory, Detroit, Mich.
- 15 - Chicago's "Taryba", LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE COMMEMORATION, Maria High School Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.

MARCH

- 1 - MCD ST. CASIMIR'S DAY, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, sponsored by the Cleveland Seniors, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1 - C-29 Newark, ANNUAL ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Newark, N.J.
- 1 - C-10 Athol-Gardner, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Athol, Mass.
- 1 - IID Annual ST. CASIMIR'S COMMEMORATION, Nativity B.V.M. Church, 10:30 Mass, C-112 hosts, Chicago, Ill.
- 1 - Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, ANNUAL INAUGURAL BANQUET, Mayfair Room, Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- 8 - JUOZAS STROLIA MEMORIAL CONCERT, Jesuit Center, 4 PM, Chicago, Ill.



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PAMIRŠTOJI MŪSŲ KARTA

Kaip gaila, o kartais net ir liūdna darosi, kad mūsų senoji karta visai pamiršta, tiek gyvajame žodyje, tiek ir lietuviškoje spaudoje. Nežiūrint to, kad didelė dalis ją skaito, remia savo aukomis, bet kad nors kiek plačiau ir nuolačiau prisimintų mūsų spaudoje bent didžiųjų jos praeities darbus ir pasiaukojimą dėl savo tautos ir lietuviybės labo ir bent kartkartėmis jų vaizdeliais papuoštų savo laikraščius, o ne tik vėlesnės kartos, kad ir visai mažai žinomų veikėjų, o juo profesionalų ir savo jaunimo, tai kimšte prikimšta raštais ir įvairiais paveikslais. Bet kada vėlesnioji karta sėdėjo anoje pusėje didžiojo vandenyno, tai tie patys didžiūnai šaukėsi pagalbos, kaip maistu, taip apsirengimu, o labiausiai, kad jiems būtų suteikta galimybė koku nors būdu pasiekti Dėdės Samo - Amerikos žemelę. O kas tuos didžiuosius ir iškiluosius savo vienkraujus tautiečius išgelbėjo iš to skurdo ir prapulties, jei nepamirštoji senoji karta?

Beja, netik nėra glaudžių santykių tarpe senosios ir naujosios kartos, bet dar mažesni santykiai glūdi tarpe čia gimusios ir augusios kartos, o tas labai atsiliepia į visą mūsų išsiviją, ypatingai šiais laikais, kada mūsų visų tėvynė Lietuva šaukiasi visų pagalbos, bet didžiama mūsų išsivijos to negirdi ir gal nenori girdėti, o tas labai kenkia ne tik lietuviškam veikimui, bet ir mūsų spaudai, kurią mūsų senoji išsivija vis daugiau pameta ją skaitę, nes jai nūdieniniai raštai bei žinėlės - korespondencijos iš kitų koloniją nėra tokios, kokias jie mylėtų ir norėtų pasiskaityti, išėmus L. Vyčių Veikla skyrių, o kiti raštai, išėmus pirmus puslapius, daugiausiai pasilieka neskaityti ir taip pradingsta, nes jų norai neturi patraukimo į juos. Mums reikia daugiau Pakalniškių, Faustų Strolių, Dirkių ir daugiau tokių, kurie yra abiejų kartų mylimos ir gerbiamos asmenybės.

Mūsų lietuviškos spaudos leidėjai, turėtų artimiau patirinėti, ar tikrai čia pareikštos mintys atitinka teisybę, nes kitaip gali būti kiek pavėluota. Iš daugumos mūsų senosios kartos, lietuviškos spaudos skaitytojų, yra noras, kad mūsų spaudos leidėjai susirastų iš senosios kartos ar čia gimusiųjų plunksnos mylėtojų, kurie savo rašteliais pagyvintų mūsų senąją kartą daugiau pamiltų savą spaudą, kaip kitados jie ją mylėjo skaityti, nes kitap mūsų senoji karta tils ir tils nuo lietuviškos spaudos prenumeravimo. Mums yra žinotina, kad ne tik vėlesnėje kartoje yra didokas skaičius plunksnos mylėtojų, baigusiu aukštus mokslus, daktarų, inžinierių ir kitų, bet ir iš čia gimusių ir augusių mūsų tautiečių yra nemažesnis skaičius aukštus mokslus baigusiu ir jų tarpe ne vieną rastume, kuris ne tik anglų kalbą gerai vartoja, bet lietuvių kalbą ir rašybą, o jų tarpe randasi Marijona Rudienė, kuri tikrai savo lietuviškais raštais plačiai ir puoselėjančiai galėtų papuošti lietuviškų laikraščių lapus.

Mes gal kiek čia tolokai nuėjome su nekuriomis pastabomis bet ir mums patiems L. Vyčiams reikia dar didesnes pastabas daryti, nes mūsų - L. Vy-

čių org. vardas vis giliau ir giliau skęsta tylos vandenyne ir jeigu mes vyčiai nepagyvėsime plunksnoje ir kituose visuomeniškuose darbuose, tai lietuviška visuomenė pamans, kad L. Vyčiai baigia savo dienas. Mums reikia daugiau solistų Algirdų Brazių, Vincų-Stasių Pavių, iš kurių vienas - Algirdas Brazis tapo vyriausiu vadovu Illinois-Indiana valstijų vyčių apygardos ažuolu - pirmininku. Vincas ir Stasė Paviai yra vidurinių valstijų vyčių apygardos vyriausieji pirmūnai, kurie nepailstančiai trūsiasi ir rūpinasi šios apygardos darbais. Būtų gražu ir saulėta, kad ir kitos mūsų organizacijos garsenybės pasektų gražiabalsi solistą Algerdą Brazi, kuris vytiška dvasia dar vis neužgesta vytiška meile, nes jo vardas vis daugiau ir daugiau praskamba mūsų lietuviškoje visuomenėje ir spaudoje, o ypatingai, kaip mums jau yra žinoma, kad kitais metais - 1970 m., rugpiūčio mėn., Chicagoje, įvyks vyčių visuotinas 57-tas seimas, kuris, galima laukti ir tikėtis, kad bus vienas iš parinktųjų vyčių seimų, kuriame galėsime išgirsti Chicagos L. Vyčių chorą, garbingo vyčio Fausto Stroliaus vadovaujamą ir be abejo buvusį Metropolitan operos solistą Algirdą Brazi. Taigi, jau laikas ir mums apie tai pagalvoti ir visiems ruošti imti dalyvumą vyčių org. 57-tame seime.

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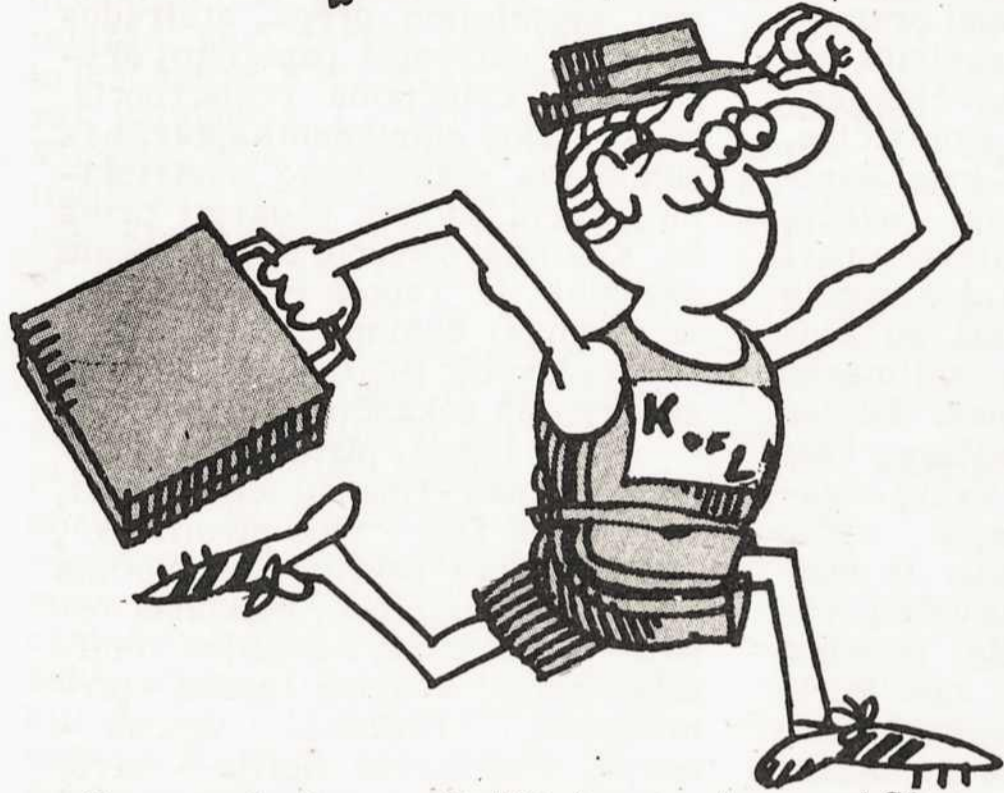
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UNPAID DUES ! ARE OVERDUE !

COUNCIL 100 AND CLEVELAND SENIORS 100% PAID UP

Congratulations to C-100 Amsterdam, and Cleveland Seniors, the first councils to attain 100% paid up status. Both councils are in the same category of under 50 members, so it's a happy tie. But, they are still aggressively competing for new members. Each had 40 members at convention time last year. Now, C-100 has 44 and the Cleveland Seniors have 42 members.

Fortunately, one of the larger councils is making a showing. C-79 Detroit, has 103 of last year's 195 members paid up. After them, however, it's hardly worth the effort to attempt further listings. Worse yet, these figures indicate that the majority of K of L's have not paid their dues.

This year is already into February. The next convention is less than six months away - the K of L year is even now halfway toward the finish line. Yet, most of the councils do not have one paid up member. Not only are these unpaid dues overdue, but any time your council had for picking up new members is half gone.

If you have not paid this year's dues, there is not much time left for doing so. You are already overdue - delinquent - and your credit rating sure isn't improving. After next month, March, you will be eligible for suspension. According to Article VI, Paragraph 10, of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution: "A member whose dues are unpaid for three months is suspended." As this is the February issue of "Vytis" we are already well into the second month of the year. Non-payers have only a single month remaining before they are subject to suspension.

Do you realize you are partly on the way to becoming a K of L dropout if you have not paid this year's dues yet? Paragraph 10 of the Constitution further declares that "After six months (delinquency) he is discharged from the organization."

Do you appreciate the fact that you have received this "Vytis" issue because of the courtesy of its staff. Paragraph 10 asserts furthermore that,

"'Vytis' is sent only to fully-paid members." But, suspensions, dismissals, or loss of your 'Vytis' subscription need not bother you - if you just pay your dues.

Are you aware that delinquent members are making it that much more difficult for membership to increase. For every delinquent member, your council must enroll a new one just to stay even with last year's membership. Instead of expanding with those new members, your council is barely keeping up its old pace - simply because you have not paid your dues.

There are too many delinquent members. Too many have failed to pay dues within the reasonable time allowed. Too many of our own members are impeding progress. If you have not paid this year's dues yet, you are one of them.

Help your council help the K of L. Pay your own dues, then assist by going after those late payers. Once your council achieves that 100% paid up mark, then you can go all out after those new members. In that way you and your council can help the K of L grow. And, you as well as your council might become eligible for one of the dues payment or membership awards to be presented at the coming convention. Rules for the 1969-1970 drives are posted elsewhere in the "Vytis."

Have you paid this year's dues yet? IF not, why not?

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice-President

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our National Financial Secretary informs us that the following councils have submitted dues payments for 1970: C-7 Waterbury (7%), C-29 Newark (8%), C-36 Chicago (8%), C-61 Paterson (43%), C-79 Detroit (53%), C-96 Dayton (51%), C-100 Amsterdam (110%), C-111 Srs. Youngstown (27%), C-112 Chicago (12%), C-116 Worcester (59%), C-133 Srs. Los Angeles (34%), Cleveland Srs. (102%) and Pgh. Srs. (50%).

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

VYČIAI, SUSIRŪPINKIME!

Prieš keliolika metų buvęs Centro Pirmininkas ir žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorius K.S. Jonaitis-Žilvitis yra rašytojas ir žymus Amerikos lietuvių poetas. Jo eilėraščiai kupini gilaus jausmo ir tyros tėvynės meilės. Savo igimtu talentu jis yra papuošęs ne vieną Amerikos lietuvių laikraštį. Ypatingai daug jo eilėraščių yra tilpę mūsų žurnale, "Vytis" - 1922 ir 1923 m. leidiniuose. Juos vyčių jaunimas įvairiuose kultūriniuose rengimuose gražiai ir noriai deklamavo. Pagaliau nėra reikalo čia man girti Žilvicio eilėraščius, nes kiekvienas, kuris skaitė ar skaito gerai žino, kokią kultūrinę reikšmę jie turi, kiek juose grožio, žavumo bei patrijotiškumo.

Ligi šiol arba bėgyje savo gyvenimo poetas Žilvitis yra parašęs daugiau 300 eilėraščių ir dramatiinių veikaliukų. Visi jie yra tilpę įvairiuose Amerikos laikraščiuose ir yra išblaškyti. Negana to poetas Žilvitis dar turi nemažai naujai parašytų ir dar spaudos neišvydusių. Prieš metus laiko poetas Žilvitis surinko trečdalį eilėraščių iš žurnalo "Vytis" ir išleido atskiru leidiniu. Bet tai lašas jūroje. Daugelistų eilėraščių yra seniau patekę į spaudą, kurie dabar jau pamiršti. Surinkus juos visus pasidarytų didelė ir graži eilėraščių knyga, kuri papuoštų ir praturtintų ne vieną mūsų biblioteką ir būtų didelis indėlis įdėtas į dailiąją lietuvių literatūrą.

Poetas K.S. Jonaitis-Žilvitis yra dabar pensininkas ir beveik invalidas. Pats šio darbo nebepajėgia dirbti. Jam reikalinga pagalba ir fizinė ir finansinė. Šiame darbe geriausiai galėtų pasitarnauti vyčiai, sudarydami komisiją, kuri pasirūpintų tuo darbu.

POV. DIRKIS

LOS ANGELES 133 KUOPA

Kuopos metinis susirinkimas įvyko 1970 m. sausio mėn. 4 d. Lietuvių Bendruomenės salėj 4421 Santa Monica Blvd. L.A. Susirinkimą atidarė kuopos pirmininkas Jonas Činga. Kuopos finansų sekretorius Antanas Skirius pranešė, kad susirinkime dalyvauja naujai pri-

sirašę du nariai Vytautas Lubertas ir Petrė Paičienė. Taipgi pranešė malonią naujieną, kad susirinkime dalyvauti yra atvykęs svečias garbingas vytis Juozas Bolevičius. Pirmininkaujantis J. Činga susirinkimui pristatydamas svečių garbės vyčių centro valdybos narį Juozą Bolevičių paminėjo svečio norą arčiau susipažinti su šios kuopos dabartine ir tolimesne veikla ir įteikti dovanas. Mielas svečias Juozas Bolevičius, kaip vienas iš pirmųjų L. Vyčių organizatorių papasakojo apie vyčių kūrimosi kilnius tikslus ir sunkius kelius, išskeldamas didelį ryžtą ir nuopelnus vyčio pirmūno A.A. Mykolo Norkūno nuo kurio gimimo datos jau sukako šimtas metų ir greit sukanka dvidešimt metų nuo jo netekimo t.y. mirties. A.A. Mykolo Norkūno pagerbimui visi susirinkusieji atsistojo tylos susikaupimo minutei. Įdomūs ir svarbūs svečio J. Bolevičiaus žodžiai, ypač dėl lietuvių kalbos ir gerų papročių išlaikymo, buvo atidžiai išklausti ir padarė didelį įspūdį. Svečias J. Bolevičius pradžugino visus, kad Vyčių Centro Vadovybė šiai kuopai yra paskyrusi dvi dovanas - vyčio ženklus. Svečias vieną dovaną įteikė kuopos finansų sekretoriui Antanui Skiriui, šios kuopos steigėjui ir ilgamečiui patvariam kuopos pareigūnui, o antra, pereinama dovana, skiriama kuopos pirmininkui, buvo įteikta dabartiniam kuopos pirmininkui Jonui Čingai. Toliau ir plačiau aptariant lietuvių kalbos ir spaudos reikalus Jonas Puikūnas paaikšino reikalingumą didesnio susidomėjimo lietuvių gražia ir turtinga tautosaka, kuri turi didelę reikšmę ir tautų kalbų lyginamajame moksle, todėl šiais naujoviškais tautų rungtyniavimo laikais svarbu prieinamiau per tautosaką parodyti mūsų kalbos grožį. Šia proga Jonas Puikūnas mielam svečiui vyčiui J. Bolevičiui įteikė du ekzemplorius savo paruoštos knygos - Šmulkioji Tautosaka, patarlių, priežodžių, posakių rinkinį, kuris su vyčio Antano Skiriaus parama išspausdintas ir platinamas. Šiame susirinkime buvo išklaustyta ir Antano Skyriaus pranešimas apie įvykusį vyčių seimą ir nutarimus apie tolimesnę organizaci-

jos veiklą. Lietuvių koplyčios Romoj šventinimo proga, atsiradus norinčių dalyvauti papigintoj ekskursijoje, kviečiama registruotis. Ekskursijos smulkesnis aptarimas numatytas sekančiame susirinkime, kuris nutarta padaryti prieš šv. Kazimiero šventę kovo mėnesio pradžioje. L. Tautos Fondui nutarta paaukoti dešimt dolerių. Kuopos vadovybė 1970 m. išrinkta ir sudaryta iš sekančių asmenų:

Činga Jonas - pirmininkas, Skirius Antanas - finansų sekretorius, Armašienė Ona - vice pirmininkė, Dūda Stasys - sekretorius, Petkus Paulina - kasininkė, Puikūnas Jonas - kandidatas. Revizijos komisiją sudaro: Andrius Juozas - pirmininkas, Tuskenis Vincas - narys, Puikūnienė Sofija - narė.

J.M.P.



Du Juozai Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos garbės nariai: Sadauskas ir Bolevičius, prie Maironio paminklo Clevelande.

RUOŠKIMĖS BENDRAI IR GARBINGAI PAMINĖTI.

Kovo ketvirtoji diena jau nebetoli. Mums vyčiams ji yra labai svarbi, nes tą dieną gimė mūsų organizacijos globėjas šv. Kazimieras, kurį gerbia visa plačioji krikščionija. Kadangi šv. Kazimieras palaidotas Lietuvos sostinėje Vilniuje, mums vyčiams ir visiems lietuviams jis yra ypatingai gerbtinas. Kovo ketvirtoji yra labai svarbi ir negali būt pamiršta. Mūsų organizacijos pirmūnai - tėvai ją švęsdavo, todėl ir mes turime eiti jų numintais keliais ir šią dieną pagerbkime iškiliai ir garbingai - priimdami į savo širdis šv. Komuniją. Po bažnytinių pamaldų ruoškime bendrus pusryčius, kurių metu pagerbkime savo uolesnius narius-veikėjus, suteikdami jiems aukštesnius laipsnius. Tokios iškilmės šv. Kazimiero dienoje yra nepamiršamos, nes visada būna sakomos vytiškos dvasios kalbos, kuriose minimi nusipelnusių narių darbai.

Ypatingai, šiais 1970 metais, mes turėtume didžiausiais skaičiais vieningai susiburti, nors ir didesni atstumai skirtų. Nebijokime vargo, turėdami viltį, kad mūsų mielos organizacijos globėjas - šv. Kazimieras šias iškilmes padarys laimingomis. Ši gražų

darbą pradėkime be jokių atidėliojimų bei pasiteisinimų, nes didžioji šventė švenčiama tik vieną kartą metuose. Parodykime mūsų plačiajai išeivijai, kad nors ir nesame matę tėvynės Lietuvos, mylime ją ir kovojame dėl jos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės. Mes meldėmės, meldžiamės ir melsimės į mūsų tautos globėją šv. Kazimierą, kad jis ir vėl pasirodytų padangėse ant balto žirgo ir tartų savo broliams ir sesėms: "Nenusiminkite, bet vieningai junkitės maldoje į Dievą, o aš jums padėsiu Lietuvos žudiką rusą nugalėti."

Šv. Kazimiero švenčių minėji-

mu daugiausia susirūpintų turėtų vidurinių valstijų apskritys, kuriems priklausančio kuopos bei senjorų skyriai yra toliausiai vieni nuo kitų nutolę. 1970 metais šio apskrities šv. Kazimiero šventės rengėjai ir globėjai yra Clevelando vyčiai senjorai. Jie ruošiasi šią didžiąją šventę paminėti kovo 1 d. Švč. P-lės N. Pagalbos parapijos bažnyčioje, kurioje klebonauja vyčių senjorų dvasios vadas kun. J. Angelaitis, 10 val. ryto. Į šią šventę kviečiamos visos vidurinių valstijų kuopos ir senjorų skyriai. Ruoškimės visi.

SENELIS

New Members, installed at the November meeting of the Cleveland Seniors, welcomed by president Antanas Maciokas are: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pranckevičius and Mr. and Mrs. Gust Silickas.



CLEVELAND SENIORS enjoying their Christmas Party are: Phyllis Petkunas, Stella Gaigutis, Adelle Gribauskaitė, Charlotte Petkunas, Ignas Visockas, Mary Trainy, Chairman Rose Sankal, Julie Salasevičienė, Josephine Pranckevičius and daughter Christine, Ed Pranckevičius, Anna Kavalauskas, Peter Luiza of C-25, Pauline Uselis, Mary Barry, Stella Sankal and Mary Trainy.

JUNIOR NEWS

Relationship Of A Council With Its Juniors

In order to have a successful Junior Council, it is necessary that the Regular Council maintain a close relationship with its Junior Council. It is not enough that a Council find someone to be the Juniors' Counsellors and leave everything regarding Juniors to that one or few persons.

There should be monthly reports presented to the members as to how the Junior Council is thriving. Regular members should be willing to assist the Junior Counsellor promote activities for the Juniors. There should be one or two affairs during the year, to which the Juniors are invited. At these affairs, the older members should take the initiative and make the Juniors feel they are really welcome, not being tolerated. These affairs should be the occasion for regular members to get acquainted with the Juniors. They should not be left to stay in their own little group during the whole affair. Intermingling of some sort must be introduced, so that when they transfer to the regular council, they will not be complete strangers with the older members.

Council Officers should pay an occasional visit to Junior meetings, to check how they are doing, to give a word or two of encouragement, to ask if there is something that they could do to help them in any way. This will serve as a means of letting the Juniors know that the whole Council is interested in them, and not just their counselor and Advisors.

A formal ceremony should be held to transfer Juniors to the regular council. This may be done at the Council's St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast or some similar impressive affair.

CHICAGO JUNIORS

The 1969-70 Season began at a fast tempo for the Chicago Juniors with rehearsals two evenings a week in preparation for their enactment of "Christmas in Lithuania" as a part of the "Christmas Around the World" Festival at the Museum of Science and Industry. The Juniors performed to an auditorium packed to capacity in a two-act play, depicting the customs of Christmas in Lithuania, written by Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, wife of our beloved Consul General.

Our talented "Lithuanian Family" portrayed by Sue Radavich, Ken Kasarski, Vicki Grikenis, Mike Shebelski, Carol Zapolis, (children of the family), Ewald Radavich (father) and Cecilia Ravevice (mother) acted out the preparation of the Kūčios Supper and

what was typical of the excitement and religious reverence of Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Day, "Grandfather Christmas" (Frank Zapolis) paid a visit bringing gifts and goodies to their house guests, who in return for these favors, had to sing (directed by Eleanor Zapolis) and dance for him. "Aunt" Helen Pius also paid a visit and demonstrated the fine art of making Lithuanian Christmas tree ornaments out of straws. John Radavich, Joan Ravevice, Robert Zapolis, Lorraine Raman, Laurie Kentra, Carolyn Kasarski, Carol Petrosius, Phil Mikaitis, Lucille and Vyto VeSota and Joanne and Dennis Wasilauskas were among the house guests testing and tasting the mead and honey cake and dancing to the accompaniment of accordionist Azuolas Stelmokas.

The very beautiful authentic

Once they are transferred, special attention should be given them at the regular council's meetings. Older members should encourage them to join some committee, take the time to explain the workings of the committee, assign them a certain amount of responsibility, draw them out to express their opinions. Too many of our Juniors are left to themselves - when they transfer to a regular council. They feel shy and lost - and since no one takes the initiative to include them, after several meetings just drift away. This is especially prevalent where the members of the regular council are much older than the new "former Juniors" members. Here, again it is most essential that the old members make the new ones feel they are welcome and wanted. Unless we keep this in mind, the time they spent in the Juniors may well be for naught.



CHICAGO JUNIORS AND COUNSELLORS
December 1969

Lithuanian Christmas Tree on display at the Museum during this festival was decorated by most of the Juniors with assistance by the Parents Committee who were also responsible for creating the many, many beautiful ornaments adorning the tree. The tree and its decorators were filmed by the NBC-TV News Department and shown during two news broadcasts.

The efforts of those mentioned along with many, many more who participated made this a very successful evening and the Juniors may well be proud of their presentation on behalf of the Chicago Lithuanian community in this annual event.

The evening was topped off by invitation from the Zapolis' with Cast, Supporters and Friends celebrating the success at their home.

Cis Matul,
IID Juniors Vice-President

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

IID Taitytė
CHICAGO 70 . . . All Set To
Go - Go - GO!

At the height of the micro mini era, Ole Man Sixty Nine was not the least bit abashed at seeing 1970 appear in the usual three-cornered white topless bikini to herald in the New Year and the New Decade.

This Go-Go pace was the pattern for the first District meeting of the new K of L year. President Algird Brazis accepted the request of the members to be our National Convention General Chairman. Board Chairman Leon Pauksta agreed to be the Feb. 8 Memories of Lithuania Banquet Chairman. And, with C-112 hosting the Mar. 1 St. Casimer Day Commemoration this year, Past President John Evans will head the committee as Chairman.

This year's Committee Chairmen will be as follows: Lithuanian Affairs, Frank Svelnis; Ritual, Helen Zimmer; Cultural, Stanley Balzekas, Jr.; Scholarship, Eleanore Laurin; Public Relations, Estelle Rogers; Lithuanian Publicity, Mr. & Mrs. A. Pakalniskis; "Vytis" Correspondent, Eleanore Laurin; Trumpet Editor, Loretta Macekonis.

Besides the regular order of business, the annual election was held for the three Building Managing Board Trustees whose terms expired this year. John Auksciunas was elected as a new member of this board and Vladas Paliulionis was re-elected, both for the three year term. Of course, our perennial Trustee-At-Large Vince Samaska was again elected for the one year term.

Just prior to the meeting, Ritual Chairlady Helen Zimmer and Ritual Team members Rev. John

Savukynas, Irene Sankus, Vince Samaska, Albert Dagis, Ruth Dagis and Eleanore Laurin conducted the ceremonies for conferring the 1st and 2nd Degrees of the Knights of Lithuania. Christine Chernas of C-36 received the First Degree and John Auksciunas, Algird Brazis and John Evans received the Second Degree. Congratulations are extended to all.

On Sun., Jan. 11, many of our members were able to join the Our Lady of Vilna parishioners in a Farewell Dinner for Rev. John Savukynas upon his transfer to Kenosha, Wisconsin. Honor guests Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas, Provincial of the Marian Fathers; the Honorable Judge George Higgins; Rev. Boniface Vaisnoras, the new pastor of the parish; Rev. Francis Skrodinis, Master of Ceremonies Mr. Roman Zalatorius and a host of representatives of various organizations and friends expressed their good wishes to Father John in his new assignment.

There wasn't a member who was not distressed when they heard of Father John's transfer. During the years he was pastor at Our Lady of Vilna and our District Spiritual Advisor, we have all grown to love and revere him more and more because of the many ways he was one of us. However, much to our delight, our concern was allayed when Father Savukynas told us he would still be able to continue as our Spiritual Advisor, in spite of the considerably longer distances he would have to travel. But, this is the kind of K of L'er Father John is. Congratulations to Father Boniface as the new Our Lady of Vilna Parish Pastor, congratulations to the parishioners at St. Peter's in Kenosha and hurrah for us, winners in both cases.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to one of the most devoted authors of articles in the Lithuanian press and journals in our area . . . Povilas Dirkis. Sun.,

Dec. 28 many of the K of L'ers and K of L Seniors joined the many organizations such as members of the former Army and National Guard of the Republic of Lithuania, the Bendruomenė and others in honoring Povilas Dirkis with a testimonial dinner at Sharko's East.

It was pleasure to see so many representatives express their appreciation for his service to and for the Lithuanian cause here in the U.S.A., as well as in Lithuania during his youth and extend Best Wishes on the occasion of his 80th Birthday and 60 years as a writer. Our "Vytis" Editor Irene Sankus presented a gift to Povilas as a token of appreciation for his continued interest in providing so many interesting articles for the Lithuanian section of the "Vytis" for so many years and during the speaking program, Honorary Member Ignas Sakalas, formerly "Vytis" Editor and an active writer himself, expressed some pleasant memories of Mr. Dirkis' association with the Seniors.



Casimir G. Oksas, another K of L'er, C-112 Chicago, who is active in many organizations and is the president of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce.



On behalf of the K of L, Chicago's C-36 officers, Vincent Samaska, Christine Chernius and Walter Zemgulis, presented the Captive Nations Medals to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. Stanley Balzekas, Jr., also of C-36, accepts the medals.



Eleanor Zopolis of C-36, who is active with many singing and children's groups, instructs future K of L'ers, Carol Zopolis, Carole Balzekas and Linda Gagel. (J. Kasa - kaitis photo)

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112

Our annual Christmas Party was held at the K of L Bldg. on Sat. Dec. 20. Chairlady Gerrie Mockus ably assisted by her husband, Al and her committee arranged a truly festive evening for all. The K of L Bldg. was beautifully decorated, the food, catered by Marlene's, was delicious and the hospitality most cordial. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and dancing music provided by a one-man band. Chairlady Gerrie proved herself an excellent entertainer with her singing and guitar playing, and a new singing duo, composed of Gerrie and Pete Gagel, was a smash success. Al

Shulicke entertained one and all with his little boy melody and, of course, his own repertoire of jokes. Our perennial Santa Claus, Pete Gagel, led the carol singing, and was enthusiastically joined by all.

The 'Mockus', Gerrie and Al, opened their beautiful home for a gala New Year's Eve Party for council members and friends. Everyone, but everyone, just had a ball. A surprise guest was Al Raubiskis, just recovered from surgery. Al also received a pleasant surprise gift - his 4th Degree Medal - long overdue, in fact as he received his degree at the Dayton Convention.

This year our council, with John Evans as chairman of the event, has the privilege of hosting the Illinois-Indiana District's annual St. Casimir's Day Commemoration, to be held at the Nativity B.V.M. Church on Mar. 1. Breakfast and Third Degree Ceremonies will follow in the church hall.

NE W ENGLAND DISTRICT

WATERBURY, CONN., C-7

The Knights of Lithuania C-7 held their annual children's Christmas party, Sun., Dec. 21, 1969 at 2:00 P.M. in the club rooms. The Christmas party was attended by approximately 50 children ranging in ages from 1 to 12, who all received gifts from Santa Claus.

Alexander Aleksis, honorary member of the K of L, was program organizer for the ecumenical concert, Sun., Dec. 28, 1969.

The Knights sponsored a dinner meeting on Jan. 16, 1970 at which members were treated to a roast beef dinner and refreshments, followed by a brief meeting.

Dr. William J. Shukaitis,
Publicity Chairman

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

Dzūkelė

Very often a new member will ask, "What is expected of me?", a question we would do well to ask ourselves. Each one's situation is different, but we all owe the K of

L a degree of involvement. Our organization is so call-inclusive that it should be treated seriously and generously. Let's stop, look and recognize that we are a part of a very big heritage with a great past history. People need people, yes, and Lithuanians need Lithuanians! We have a great opportunity right now by writing letters for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, by taking part in the preparations for the Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day (Feb. 16), and by honoring our patron, St. Casimir, in March. So much can be done by a lot of people working for a common interest. Let's go onward and upward towards working for a free Lithuania!

Congratulations to Ron Walinsky, recently promoted to an advanced engineering position; to Carol and Bill Grigas, and daughter Caryn, who will probably be residing in their new home by the time this is published; to Betty (Ridick) and Peter Fyrberg, who were married on Dec. 27; to Donna Janowski, who represented her class at a recent Student Nurses Convention held in Boston; and to Val Baziliauskas, our president, who celebrates his "varduvės" on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day!

Ted Pinkus, Jr. and his family were home from Ohio for the holidays visiting his parents, Ted and Rita Pinkus. Drasius Pajeda was home on leave from the service to spend Christmas with his family. Charles Glodas, who works in California, was home for Christmas, too. Many happy reunions!

Anne Bucinkas was forced to return to the hospital for further treatment following an automobile accident. What was to have been an overnight stay developed into a week and poor Anne spent Christmas in the hospital. She's improving all the time and it won't be too long before she can put this incident into history... and we're with Anne, wishing her the very best always.

Father John Bakanas, of our St. Casimir's Church, spent several weeks in the hospital and he, too, was there for Christmas. You can imagine our joy in seeing Father at the altar celebrating Mass on New Year's Day. All of us wish Father a most rapid return of good health.

Did you know that when Santa found he was unable to visit our

Christmas party, he sent Al Jaritis (our NED president) to distribute the gifts for him? What an excellent choice in sending such a distinguished representative!

While in Worcester, John and Beverly (Angus) Ridick were one of our council's most active couples. John's army career took them away from Worcester but friends always manage to keep in touch. Therefore, it was with great sadness that we learned of Beverly's death in December. To John and his daughters, the Angus and Ridick families, we express sincere sorrow.

Yet another family had sadness and sorrow for the holidays. Mrs. Mary Cunic (mother of Beverly Ivanauskas) passed away in December. Our members met at the funeral home to recite the rosary and to express to Beverly and members of her family our true sympathy.

Now that the holiday season is over, the variety show plans are in full swing once more. Bill Grigas' ski trip took place in January, and we'll tell you more about that later.

You really miss something when you miss a meeting! For example, Ann Morkunas will tell you that playing "Kazys" is lots of fun. Sure it is, when you win each month. And all of us know the derivation of the word "Christmas" in the English language, but how do you figure "Kalėdos" in Lithuanian? Father Steponaitis, our spiritual director, gave us a very good explanation. And the social? You wouldn't believe the home-made goodies... you've got to be there to taste them.

Naujų Metų rezoliucija: lankysime visus Vyčių susirinkimus ir dalyvausime visuose Vyčių parengimuose.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

In spite of council organized activities coming to a slow-down for the Christmas Season our members kept themselves busy!

On Dec. 9 'Ladies Night Out' was held at Anticoli's. Our an-

nual dinner was well attended with 27 of our "gentler sex" participating. As usual, with Anita Goldick we needed no other entertainment. Anita always manages to keep us in stitches.

In place of our monthly religious discussion, program chairman, Pat Zelinskas, asked members to visit the sick and elderly for December. Pat and Eloise Berczelly visited our State Hospital and have plans to expand our religious program for 1970. Ann Scott has been another member active in this field.

Some of our Juniors, under the guidance of Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas, sang at our 12 noon Masses for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Members heading south to warm up for the holidays saw Mary Lucas, Joe, Ada and Cathy Sinkwitz visiting the west coast of Florida. Mike, Alice and Mary Petkus and John Razauskas went to the east coast of Florida. While there they stopped in to see our Hialeah members, Pete and Paulette Petkus. Felix and Helen Goldick took Helen's mother for a family visit to Birmingham, Ala.

Home for the holidays were the Veigel boys! Mike was on leave from the Army - Bob from school in Conn. Our Grand Rapids, Mich. members, Joe and Ann Boeke, stopped in to Dayton on their way home.

What a great article in the Dec. 18 edition of the Catholic Telegraph under the title 'Lithuanians End Advent Season With Christmas Eve Love Feast. Louie and Kitty Prasmantas and their family were pictured and interviewed to explain the Lithuanian tradition of 'Agape'. We are also proud of our Syracuse, N.Y. member, Frank Petrauskas. Frank was one of fifteen landscape artists in the U.S. to receive a special award in this field from Mrs. Nixon, wife of our president.

Congratulations to Charles Petkus on becoming president of Top Line Distributors of Dayton. With Ernie Omlor retiring earlier last year, Veronica made Dec. 31 her last Day - now both will be more available for K of L work! A speedy recovery to Henry Pant. Henry had his elbow in a cast as a result of a breakage. A speedy recovery to John Scott after his

recent illness.

Our deepest sympathies go to Alex Pietrzak on the loss of his mother. Sympathies for Paulette Petkus on the loss of her brother and to Helen Vaitkus on the loss of her sister. May their souls rest in peace.

January birthday greetings are extended to Jerry Podoyak, Joe Gecas, Mary Miller, Mike J. Petkus, Sr., Elizabeth Scott, John Berczelly, Charles Vangas, Jim Richey and Paulette Petkus. Anniversary congratulations go to Joe and Amelia August, John and Anita Goldick, Henry and Lauretta Pant, Ray and Mildred Steinbrunner. Welcome to John A. Berczelly on becoming our first new member for 1970. John was one of our hard working teenagers at our recent Pillowcase Party.



DETROIT, MICH.. C-79

Petras M. Brundza, Vasario 15, sulaukė 92 metų. Gimė Marijampolėje. 1916 m. prieš atvykstant į Detroitą, gyveno Shenandoah, Pa. 1910 m. vedė Ona Bartkus. Sulaukė 5 vaikų ir 6 anūkų. Yra Lietuvos Vyčių, 79-tos kuopos ir Dievo Apvaizdos Parapijos choro narys. Jis buvo 79-tos kuopos steigėjas ir pirmasis prezidentas. Ilgiausių Metų!

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NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

NEWARK, N.J., C-29

The Wanderer

C-29 held their last meeting for 1969 on Dec. 16, in St. George's Hall. The session was also combined with annual Christmas party. Main points of meeting was the swearing into office the new executive board, and the ceremonies were conducted by council spiritual advisor Rev. Peter Totoraitis. The council will commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day on Sun., Feb. 8, at which High Mass will be offered at 10:30 A.M. in Holy Trinity Church. After Mass there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Lithuanian Wayside Cross.

Notes on the Cuff: The Christmas party after Dec. 16 meeting saw the presentation of gifts to members and guests. Besides the Rev. Totoraitis also on hand was our pastor Rev. John J. Scharnus. Council president Kazys Sipaila welcomed one and all and also introduced honorary member and district president Miss Ann Klem, who extended a greeting on behalf of district. There was a very fine turnout for this event. C-29 gave a \$25 donation to Holy Trinity Church for Christmas and also a \$10 gift to the United Lithuanian Relief Fund. The Council officers its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to our member Mrs. Isabel Dilis in the recent loss she suffered in the passing of her husband Walter. At the Christmas party, a birthday cake was presented to Mrs. Mario (Rose) Texiera, Jr. It was baked by Mrs. Regina Schmidt... The Christmas ornaments, flowers, and trees really added to the festive atmosphere in Holy Trinity Church during the Christmas holidays.

Three of C-29 members, namely, Christina Yakavonis, Catherine Dobar and Eva Ellis, contributed a major portion of the decorations.

Our annual communion and breakfast in honor of St. Casimir will take place on Sun., Mar. 1.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile and Sparkle

A Christmas banquet was held on Sun., Dec. 14 at the Tower Inn by our Council.

Prior to the dinner, Mistress of Ceremonies Mrs. Irene Wood, introduced Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Rev. Baltch called upon the clergy who were present to participate in depicting the meaning of the old-time Lithuanian Christmas Eve ceremonies (KŪČIOS). This included the readings from the scriptures, the singing of a Lithuanian Christmas carol, and the breaking of the Christmas wafers (PLOTKEĻĒS), signifying the spreading of the seasons joy and good luck for the New Year. The participants included Rev. Bernard Gustas, Asst. Principal of Bishop Scully High School, Rev. Matthew Cyvas, Albany, N.Y., Rev. Joseph Grabys, Scotia, N.Y., and Rev. Anthony Grigaitis. The wafers were presented to the group by the organist of St. Casimir's Church, Mr. Joseph Olsauskas.

A gift was given to Rev. Baltch by the president of the council,

Anthony Radzevich. Also special gifts were received from Matthew Orante by Rev. Baltch and his sister, Dr. Aldona Baltch Gravrogkas.

Attorney A. C. Stokna, National Legal Advisor of the K of L wished all present a joyous Christmas.

Mrs. Irene Wood asked Edward Baranauskas, chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, to give a few comments.

Games were played, prizes were won, grab bags were exchanged, and carols were sung.

Heading the committee as co-chairmen were Mrs. Sophie Olbie and Miss Genevieve Gobis. Assisting were Mrs. Virginia Miciulis, Mrs. Eleanor Olechowski, and Mrs. Irene Wood.

NEWS BITS. Jeannie Karpus, Brooklyn, N.Y. and niece Caroline Murphy were supposed to be with us for our banquet, but due to Jeannie's job with Life Magazine, she had to bow out at the last minute.

Theresa Mazeika, Philadelphia council, sent Gene Gobis a card from Spain. She wrote that even though there was much rain, it did not put a damper on the tour.

Due to sickness in the family, we had last minute cancellations from Tony & Ann Beleckas and Aldona Abeling. We hope all is well now.



K of L'ers attend meetings. Larry Svelnis, S.C. Seniors V-F., Tony Kober and Nancy Kober of C-109 Great Neck, Father Al Contons, S.C. Spiritual Advisor and Valentinas Baziliauskas, Pres. of C-26 Worcester.