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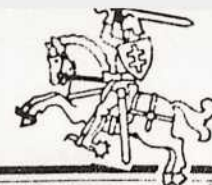
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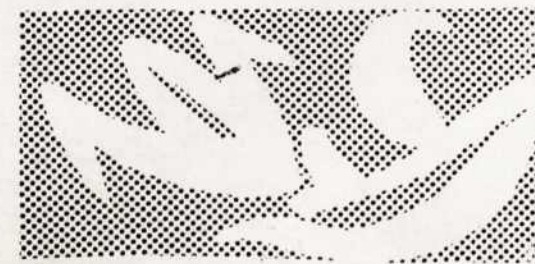
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"I deem it the greatest honor to serve the unfortunate"....

Saint Casimir, "Father Of The Poor"

Somewhere in the still fastness of a Lithuanian forest a candle burns before a picture of Lithuania's patron saint - Casimir. The white smoke, gently spiraling upward from the flickering flame, wafts heavenward the prayer of a ragged Lithuanian guerilla fighter, of a weary old woman, of a hungry child. It is the prayer of a suffering nation:

"St. Casimir, great worshipper of the Queen of Heaven . . . many times you have shown your special protection of our fatherland, miraculously saving her from the enemy; protect her, we beseech thee, always. . ."

Twice before, at Rozana and on the River Dzwinas the miraculous appearances of this saint from the Baltic, brought victory to the armies of Sigismund II, Grand Duke of Lithuania, in battle against the Russians.

This sainted prince was the son of Casimir IV, Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland, and Elizabeth, Princess of Austria. He was born October 3, 1458. From his early childhood he eagerly gave himself to exercises of piety and penance. He was noted for his humility, chastity, mortification, charity to the poor and exceptional devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. One of his favorite hymns was the beautiful tribute to the Blessed Virgin by St. Bernard Clairvaux: "Omni die dic Mariae mea laudes anima".

Once when he was reproached by friends for lowering himself by doing menial work in the sick room, he replied: "There is nothing better for the greatest rulers of this world than to serve Christ in the person of the poor. Therefore, I deem it the greatest honor to serve the unfortunate." He was called the father of the poor.

St. Casimir remained aloof from the militaristic spirit of his day. When other youths in the spirit of medieval chivalry strove to win fame and honor on the field of battle, Casimir contented himself in the service of the Great King, Christ.

At the age of thirteen, Casimir was offered the throne of Hungary by a discontented Hungarian faction. At the urging of his father he accepted the honor. He was eager to defend the Cross against the crescent of the Turks then terrorizing Southeastern Europe. However, he soon gave up the throne, returning home dissatisfied. It was evident that he did not desire honors, that the vain allurements of the



world meant nothing to him. On giving up the throne he told his father: "All those worldly honors and empty trifles are nothing in comparison to the eternal heavenly honors of the crown that I long to win."

Although he gave up the throne of Hungary, St. Casimir was not a failure as a ruler. His father had instructed him well in public affairs. After his elder brother, Wladislaus, accepted the crown of Bohemia, Casimir became her apparent to the throne of Lithuania and Poland. In 1479 King Sigismund II made an extended visit to Lithuania. Casimir was placed in charge of Poland and for two years administered the kingdom with great prudence and justice. Saints and money usually have nothing in common, but with Saint Casimir the opposite held true. During the period of his administration he very ably straightened out the state's finances and balanced the budget.

He showed great tact and prudence in relations with the Holy See. Sigismund II had seriously disrupted all relations with Papacy by imprudently upholding the heretical hussites. St. Casimir managed to undo the damage caused by his father and re-establish friendly relations with the Holy See.

As St. Casimir's life was drawing to a close, he announced the day of his death, which Almighty God had revealed to him. His noble parents hoping to at least prolong his life procured the best medical help of the times. The physicians decided that St. Casimir, if he wished to live, must give up his austerities and marry. But the saint refused to listen to their decision. He explained with all firmness that he would rather die than lose the grace of God. On March 4, 1484, at the age of twenty five, he departed from this life.

Thirty seven years later, this youth, who while yet alive was called a saint, was raised to the glory of the Altar by Pope Adrian VI. Pope Clement VII appointed March 4 as his feast day.

Numerous miracles have been wrought through the intercession of St. Casimir. Hundreds of sick, blind and crippled were cured at the site of his holy remains. A young girl was raised to life again.

Lithuanian people throughout the world have great devotion to this youthful saint. Today candles burn in his honor and a steady stream of prayers pours forth from many hearts seeking one more favor - a miraculous restoration of freedom to suffering Lithuania.

Šv. Kazimiero dalis

POV. DIRKIS

Jeigu mes ištengtume pažvelgti į viską amžinybės žvilgsniu, tai mes turėtume tada pajusti, kad šio pasaulio judėjimas yra tarsi jūros banga, nujudęsi už anapus horizonto. O kas tas laikas? Tai momentas amžinybei pasitikti ir jai prisitaikyti.

Šv. Kazimieras buvo kilęs iš karališkos ir gausios šeimos. Buvo jie šeši broliai ir šešios seserys. Šventasis yra antrasis iš eilės sūnus. Vyresnysis brolis Vladislovas tapo Čekijos karaliumi, o po šv. Kazimiero mirties gavo ir Vengrijos karaliaus vainiką. Taip pat ir kiti broliai, išskyrus Fridriką, tapo karaliais. Šis pastarasis buvo Gniezno primas ir Krokuvos vyskupas. Jaunesnieji šventojo broliai Aleksandras ir Zigmantas buvo didieji Lietuvos kunigaikščiai ir Lenkijos karaliai. Taip pat ir seserys nutekėjo į kunigaikščių dvarus, išskyrus vieną, kuri anksti mirė. Atseit, visi šventojo broliai ir seserys susirišo su šio pasaulio karalysčių valdymu. Šv. Kazimieras neilgai gyveno. Jį pakirto džiova pačiame jaunatvės žydėjime. Jis mirė Gardine, būdamas tik 26 metų amžiaus, ir palaidotas Vilniuje, savo prosenelio intrygose ir rūpesčiuose. Žinoma, šiandieną ant jų karališkų, bet jau sutrunijusių karstų istorija ne vienam šventojo broliui ras daug ko gero pasakyti. Jų žygiai karo laukuose daugelį žavėjo ir dar dabar yra žinomi kronikose ir istorijose, kurie dabar mums atrodo kaip akmuo mestas į ramios jūros vandenį, kurios sukėlė iš gilios senovės balsą: Kazimieras pasirinko iš visų savo brolių ir seserų dalį, kuri iš jo nebus atimta ir jokių bangų nenuplauta. Tačiau karalaitis

Kazimieras anų laikų jaunimo gyvenimu nesusižavėjo ir pasuko jį vertikaline kryptimi, būtent į dvasinius lobius, kurie iškelia žmogų virš medžiagos, virš laikinumo. Tuo savo moraliniu kilnumu jis ypač ryškiai šviečia dabar, kai amerikinis gyvenimo stilius grasina savo pernelyg dideliu išsiplėtimu horizontine linkme.

Minint šiandieną šv. Kazimiero asmenį tenka pabrėžti, kad jo pagrindinė tarnyba buvo šviesti Lietuvai savo taurumu. Šiuo atveju jo karališkoji kilmė tėra tik antraeilis dalykas.

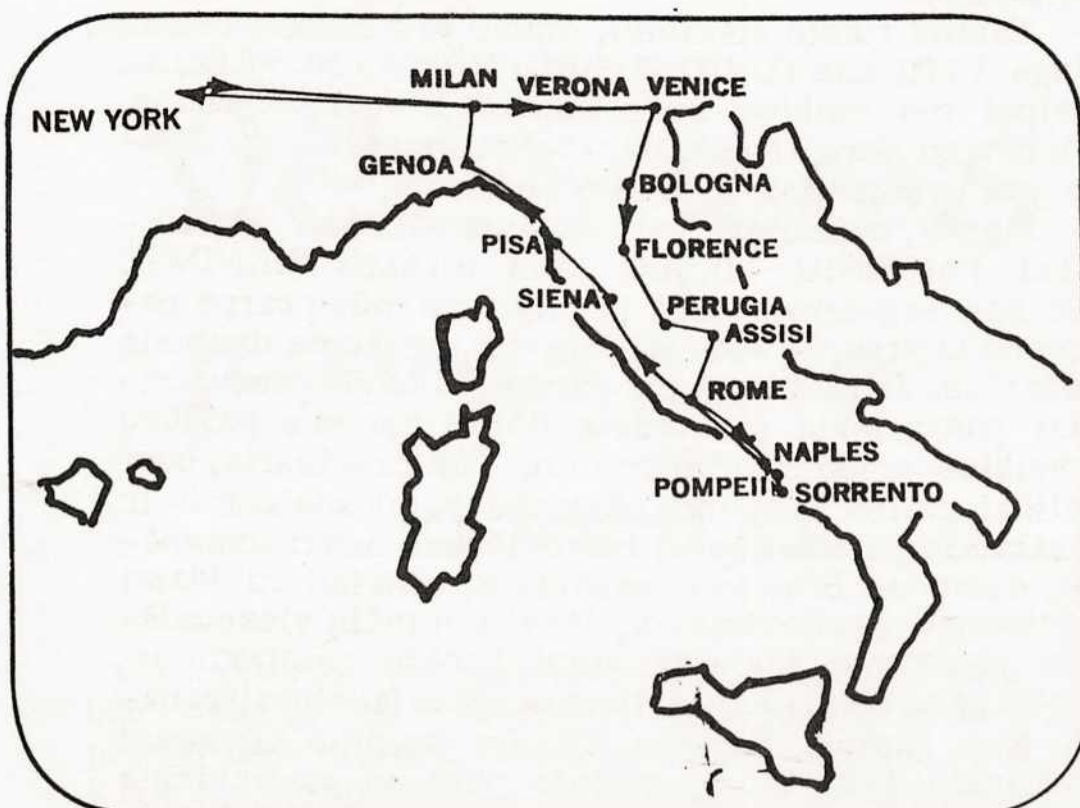
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• ŠV. KAZIMIERAS •

naujosios kovos įkvėpėjas, kovos, kuri reikalauja išugdyti savyje taurųjį Kazimierinį ryžtą ir perkelti jį visuomenėn. Tegul tad Kazimierinė dvasia gaivina bei stiprina vyčius asmeninėse ir sutelktinėse kovose už tauriausius idealus.

Be to, turiu pridurti, kad šv. Kazimieras yra skirtas ne muziejui, o mūsų gyvenimui. Jis yra tapęs moraliniu lietuvių ir bendrai visų krikščionių gyvenimo pavyzdžiu, šviečiančiu negestančia šviesa. Jo asmenybė iškilo į altoriaus garbę ne ginklo, ne užkaraiutojo, ne valdovo, bet dvasinio gyvenimo pavyzdžiu it tvirtovė.



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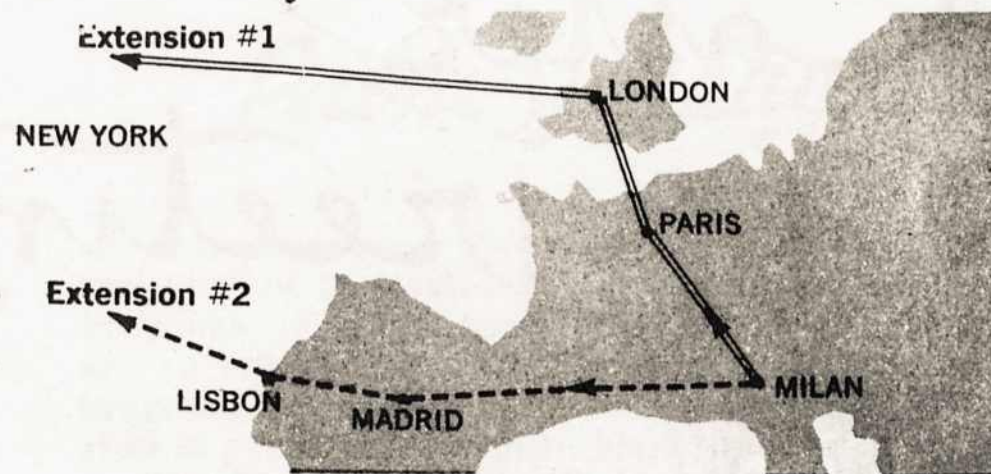
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Mūsų tarpe jau yra išgyvenęs paprotys, tautinių palaimintų sukakčių proga, sueiti pasitarti, lietuviškos veiklą patikrinti, ir tos veiklos tęstinumui dar geriau pasirengti. Tuo reikalu turiu suglaustai pasirašęs žiupsnelį minčių, kurias noriu su Tamstom pasidalyti.

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Dėliai priemonių tiems tikslams vykdyti, mūsų tarpe gali rasti, ir tikrai pasireiškia skirtingų nuomonių. Mat laikas bėga ir aplinkos keičiasi, todėl ir svarbiausių tikslų siekimo priemonės tenka laikarpiais patikslinti, keisti, tobulinti, sekmingesnių ieškoti.

Kai kada mūsų tarpe sutarimas susilpsta, susiginčijam ir net žodžiais susikertam. Bet tas įvyksta tik dėl veiklos priemonių kokybės, tobulumo. Malonu pažymėti, kad dėl svarbiausių tautos tikslų, neigiamybės reiškiniai pas mus nepasirodo.

Lietuvos laisvės priešai ir lietuvių tautos žudikai kaip tik ir stengiasi TIKSLUS IR PRIĖMONES maišyti, drumsti ir tuo būdu kelti mūsų tarpe nesantaiką, įtarinėjimą, mūsų organizacijas silpninti ir net jas ardyti. Tos visos lietuviškos priešų pastangos yra nukreiptos prieš mūsų svarbiausius tikslus: tautos išsilaikymą, Lietuvos laisvinimą ir Nepriklausomos Valstybės atkūrimą.

Be abejo mes aiškiau numatytume priežastis savitarpio nesutarimo arba nesusipratimo, jei mes visuomet savo mintyse laikytume esantį skirtumą tarp SVARBIAUSIŲ TIKSLŲ IR PRIEMONIŲ. Priežastys supratę, nesutarimus ir nesusipratimus lengvai pa-

šalinsim.

Tautos tikslo siekimui, mums yra būtinai reikalinga VISŲ LIETUVIŲ SUSIRŪPINIMAS IR VEIKLA. Taipgi tos veiklos suderinimas ir paryškinimas. Kiekvieno lietuvių esama arba galima pastanga ir jėga yra brangintina ir mielai laukiama.

Manau, reikalinga pakartotinai pabrėžti, kad DĖLIAI TAUTINIŲ TIKSLŲ MES ESAME VIENINGI. Jei kas negeistino arba paneigiamo mūsų tarpe pasireiškia, tas įvyksta tik laisvės priešams drumslą sudarius. Jau esam gerai patyrę, kad mūsų nesutarimai pasireiškia tankiausia dėliai asmens pažiūrų į veiklos priemonių skirtumo. Tas priežastis, bent dalinai galim pašalinti pasinaudodami sueigomis ir išsamiais pasitarimais. Lietuviškose bendruomenėse, esamose laisvame pasaulyje, tankiau sueidami savitarpio pasitarimams, iškeltų minčių visapusiškam aptarimui, išsiaiškinimui. Į tokius pasitarimus, tenka pasirūpinti kaip galima daugiau jaunimo įtraukti. Kur rastusi lietuvių kilmės jaunimo silpnokai kalbančio lietuviškai, tokiose vietose pasitarimus reikia surengti anglų arba gyvenamos šalies kalba. Stengtis kaip galima daugiau jaunimo įtraukti organizacijų vadovaujančion kadron.

Mums yra labai patartina kreiptis į savo spaudą, reiškiant pageidavimų, kad gautieji kai kurie rašiniai, asmeniškai puolantieji vietos veikėjus, būtų redakcijos sulaikomi iki redakcija aprašomus įvykius patikrins, arba gaus puolamųjų pasisakymą. Mat tankiausia puolimai daromi dėliai nesusipratimų, arba pasitaikiusio asmeniškumų susikirtimo. Suprantama, kad retkarčiais asmens puolimai - menkinimai lietuviškos priešams tarnaujančių būna daromi. Bet spaudos susilaikymai iki patikslinimo, tokias nepageidaujamas ir labai žalingas galimybes žymiai sumažintų.

Pasitarimų sueigose daug kas paaikštėtų ir dar daugiau nesusipratimų būtų išvengta. Tuomet lietuviškos veikla sklandžiau sektųsi ir Lietuvos laisvinimo pastangos labiau sėkmingomis taptų.

Easter Greetings



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POV. DIRKIS

VELYKOS

pavasario šventė

Velykos ne visiems tėra didelė religinė šventė, bet visiems jos yra didelio džiaugsmo, pavasario prisikėlimo šventė. Velykos krikščioniams reiškia Kristaus prisikėlimo šventę. Dabar ji švenčiama tarp kovo 22 d. ir balandžio 25 d. ir visuomet sekmadienį. Seniau tai buvo daroma įvairiuose kraštuose įvairiomis dienomis.

Pačioje pradžioje Velykos buvo švenčiamos kartu su žydų Pesach švente, kuria žydai prisimindavo savo pabėgimą iš Egipto nelaisvės. Mat, sakoma ir rašoma, kad Kristus buvo nukryžiuotas Pesach išvakarėse.

Kaip Kalėdos, taip ir Velykos, nors yra krikščioniškos šventės, vet jos žmonijai nėra visai naujos: maždaug tuo pačiu metu daug seniau yra buvusios kitos šventės. Mat, naują tikybą galima lengviau įvesti, negu išrauti iš žmonių senus tikybinius papročius, todėl ir krikščionys savo šventes turėjo pritaikyti jau buvusioms ne krikščioniškoms šventėms. Juk ir komunistai, įstatymu panaikinę Kalėdas. Tačiau Kalėdų eglutės negalėjo panaikinti ir išsigalėjusių Kalėdų eglutės papročių. Todėl dabar ir jie turi Naujų metų eglutę. Taip pat jie ir kitų krikščioniškų švenčių metu sugalvoja kokia savo šventę, kuri paliekama, bet tik jos turinys visai kitas...

Siaurės pusrutulio žmonės jau žiloje senovėje šventė pavasario prisikėlimo šventę. Egiptiečiai buvo įsitikinę, kad Dievas Aziris, išmokęs juo žemdirbystės, po 30 metų buvo nužudytas, bet, prisikėlęs iš numirusiųjų nužengė į dangų pas savo tėvą mirusių vėlių teisti. Pagal graikų padavimą, žemių deivė Demeter, žiemą miegojusi požeminiame pasauly, sugrįžta į žemę kaip pavasaris po ilgo žiemos miego.

Babiloniečiai senovėje tikėjo, kad jų pavasario saulės Dievas Mardukas buvo nužudytas, bet pavasario sėjos metu jis keliiasi iš numirusiųjų.

Sirijiečių Dievas Adonis taip pat tam tikrą metų dalį, pavasari, grįždavęs iš požemio pasaulio į žemę. Taigi, kaip matome, krikščionių Velykų šventės šaknys siekia toli, toli prieš Kristaus gimimą: tai žilos senovės tautų šventos pavasario šventės naujas pakaitalas.

Mūsų pusrutuly taip pat kovo-balandžio mėnesiais gamta keliiasi iš ilgo žiemos miego. Tos gamtos pabudimas ir mus savaip nuteikia ir veikia: paragina iš seno kailio nertis, dvasia pakilti.

Todėl pasiryškime visi su pavasario švente šviesiau žiūrėti į gyvenimą, daugiau šypsotis, o ne susiraukti. Prisiminkime savo artimuosius, pasirūpin-



kime jiems tokiu ar kitokiu būdu suteikti didesnio džiaugsmo susilaukus tos Pavasario šventės - Kristaus prisikėlimo. O tai padaryti galima ir be brangios dovanos, pakanka malonaus žodžio, dėmesio, atviros širdies.

Ir jeigu tokiu nusistatymu švęsime ir krikščioniškas Velykas, tai kartą ir virš mūsų asmeninio gyvenimo, ir virš mūsų kryžiaus bei smutkelio, iškils pergalės ir prisikėlimo vėliava.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the day on which Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem when the people, with palm branches in their hands came out to meet Him, and to salute Him as the Son of David. On this day branches of palm are blessed, distributed and carried in processions before Mass.

The Passion or Gospel history of the suffering and death of Jesus is read or sung instead of the ordinary Gospel, in the Mass of Palm Sunday and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week.

The Blessed Palm or olive branches are a sign of peace and the victory of Christ over the powers of evil. They also remind the faithful of Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and are kept in their homes as a sign of faith, a preservative against evil and a pledge of divine protection.

In Memory of JOE WILMAN

TONY YUKNIS

Joe (Buck) Wilman loved all types of sports competition. As a Knights of Lithuania member he played baseball in its league in the Chicago area. From a novice K of L bowler he fanned out to become one of the nation's top bowlers. Wilman was elected to the All-American bowling team nine times being named its captain twice. In 1951 he was elected to the Bowling Hall of Fame and last year to the newly dedicated Illinois Bowler's Hall of Fame.

Wilman was born in Frontanet, Indiana in 1905 which was a mining town. The head of the family, William Wilmanas, was killed in the mines by the premature explosion of dynamite. The mother decided that there was no future for her family in that coal town and decided to move to South Chicago, Illinois. A few years later the mother passed away and brothers Tony and Joe had to quit school to support themselves and the other members of the family.

However, there were more job opportunities in the big city of Chicago and they resettled in the Brighton Park community.

The athletically inclined 5 foot, 6 inches, 140 pounds of desire got interested in boxing. At Kid Howards gym Wilman racked up 14 straight wins. Then he met the Central A.A.U. boxing champion who knocked him out in the first round. This also knocked out all of Joe's ambitions in the fight game.

Wilman excelled as a baseball pitcher on the Chicago sandlots. In 1923 he joined the Knights of Lithuania organization and hurled for the Brighton Park, Cicero, Providence and Marquette Park councils teams during a nine year period.

His talents earned him a professional baseball contract with York of the Nebraska State League. In 1928 Wilman won 19 games and the following year posted 16 victories. His record earned him a tryout with the Chicago White Sox. However, the Sox manager told him, "Come back when you grow up". This ended Wilman's baseball ambitions, but that same year he bowled in his first A.B.C. tournament and averaged a healthy 210.

Now, Wilman decided to concentrate on bowling, rolling 50 games per week. At this time he had a windmill type of delivery. He changed his style to a more natural, slower type of delivery - a working hook that knocked more pins down. So Joe cleaned up in city and state tournaments. In 1935 he captured the All-Events crown in Cleveland.

All-around athlete Henrietta (Hank) Kotalik and Joe got married and made suburban Berwyn their home. Hank captained the Mario's team to the city bowling championship. She held the women's singles and All-Events titles. Hank had an average of 193



for 80 games and a high game of 287. Joe and Hank were the top husband-and-wife bowlers in the country. Henrietta was killed in an automobile accident a few years later.

Gum-chewing Wilman had arrived as he won the All-Events title in 1939. He captained the Chicago Budweisers team to the city league championship in 1942.

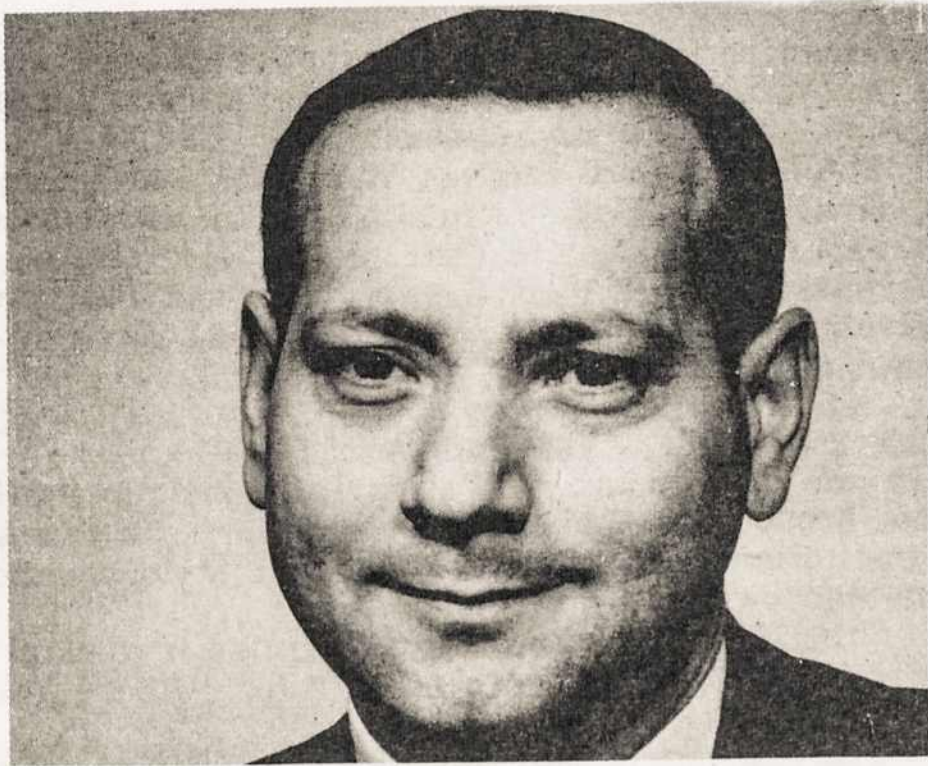
The Hall of Fame member was the first to bowl two 2,000 plus series in All-Events. He held the record of five 2,000 plus All-Events totals. Wilman rolled 10 perfect 300 games and eight 299 games. Wilman's five year average of 214 was an A.B.C. record. Furthermore, he recorded 46 consecutive series of 600 plus and had the record three-game average of 811. It is no wonder that Wilman's trophy cases held over 250 prizes.

Uncle Sam called Wilman to the colors in World War II. Upon being sprung in 1945 he promptly captured the All-Star Individual Match Game tournament laurels sponsored by the Chicago Tribune and the Bowling Proprietors of America. He was booked for \$25,000 worth of exhibitions throughout the country. During his career Wilman traveled to almost every state in the Union. Next year he was voted the Bowler of the Year by the sports writers of America.

While competing in the A.B.C. tournament in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1958, Wilman suffered a heart attack. After he got back on his feet he restricted his "therapy" to bowling in a Berwyn league one night a week. Later he appeared in matches on television, continued working on the Brunswick Advisory Staff Of Champions, wrote his daily bowling column which appeared in 50 newspapers. Earlier he had written bowling instruction books. He had made nine movie shorts on bowling.

The lights on Joe Wilman's bowling alley was dimmed forever on October 23, 1969. His bowling ball lay still beside his casket. He is survived by his widow Mary, brothers Tony and Richard, and a sister, Eula. His records will survive until some determined young man overtakes them.

Lithuanians in The NEWS



The BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE holds its First Annual Awards Dinner on Sun., March 1, 1970 in the Mayfair Room of the Sheraton-Blackston Hotel. The Awards Dinner was initiated to honor an individual for his outstanding work. The "American of the Year Award" will be presented to Dr. Clement M. Silvestro (pictured above), Director of the Chicago Historical Society. Dr. Silvestro was chosen for this award because of his great work in American heritage and his knowledge and belief in the ideals for freedom and liberty. He is internationally known as a lecturer, writer and a leader in the scholarship field. Dr. Joseph Jerome, member of C-112 Chicago, is the Dinner Chairman.



Mayor John V. Lindsay seems interested in the conversation between Helen V. Kulber (NY Senior Council), at left, and the hostess, Mrs. Lindsay, during a reception at their official residence, Gracie Mansion. In the receiving line, to the right of the Mayor of New York City, are Mrs. Johnny Carson, Florence Henderson, and Mrs. Leonard Lyons, wife of the New York Post columnist. Mrs. Lindsay wrote a gracious "thank you" note for the Lithuanian Cookbook by Mrs. Josephine Dausvardis which Mrs. Kulber sent to her after seeing the interesting collection of such books in the kitchen on the "open house" tour following the reception. (Photo - Antanina Binkins)



Exhibit of Lithuanian Christmas Ornaments displayed at the Chicago Public Library, prepared by the Balzekas Museum. (Photo - V. Noreika)



I. Kudirkienė displaying her Easter Egg artistry at the Balzekas Museum to (standing right) Helen Pius of C-36 Chicago, Mrs. J. Jerome (seated right) of C-112 Chicago, and others. (Photo - J. Kasakaitis)

SOVIETS TRY TO CONTROL COMPLETELY RELIGION

Reliable sources in West Europe inform that Moscow and the Communist authorities in Lithuania have been trying to appoint a Russian Orthodox clergyman in charge of the entire religious life in Lithuania. This new official would reside in Moscow. The Kremlin's success in this respect would have dangerous repercussions, as it would contribute importantly to the Russification campaign. The Vatican has opposed such a step.

The Soviet authorities have been also making efforts to assure the right of appointing bishops to all bishoprics in Lithuania. The obvious purpose of that move is to install reliable individuals in the bishops' chairs.

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ANOTHER CHURCH SLATED FOR DESECRATION

The historical St. John's church at the University of Vilnius will be transformed 'in the near future' into a museum of 'progressive thought' and an auditorium for concerts and discussions. (KOMJAUNIMO TIESA, Vilnius, No. 167, 1969)

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PEASANTS CONTINUE CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

VALSTIECIU LAIKRASTIS (No. 107, 1969), a Communist periodical for the Lithuanian countryside, expressed its extreme displeasure with the fact that kolkhoz laborers continue celebrating feasts of their patron saints. The author presents an "unsavory" example of goings-on in the village of Rubikiai:

"During St. Rokas everybody left work and prayed. The following Monday the people still lived in a festive atmosphere."

ELTA-Press in Rome has been informed that the hallowed sanctuary of Siluva, connected with the apparition of Virgin Mary in 1608, is drawing increasing numbers of pilgrims. At least 150,000 persons, including visitors from outside Lithuania, came to Siluva last September 8-10.

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VATICAN'S LITHUANIAN BROADCASTS UNDER RED ATTACK

Vatican's Lithuanian-language broadcasts were sharply attacked in December by Moscow's LITERATURNAYA GAZETA (Dec. 3, 1969) and in the Communist-controlled press of Lithuania. The virulence of the attacks presents the best proof that Vatican's radio transmissions are finding eager audiences in the Soviet-occupied country.

RED WORRIED BY LIBERATION MOVEMENT

What has provoked Moscow's fire? Vytautas Radaitis, a Party hack recently appointed as editor of LITERATURA ir MENAS, writes:

"Radio Vatican ... slanderously asserts that the

Lithuanian nation is today enslaved, oppressed, and that its very existence is in 'mortal danger.' It is being depicted as a 'nation of martyrs' ...

"The 'Lithuanian' radio of Vatican ... widely uses anti-Soviet materials from Lithuanian nationalist newspapers published in the U.S. and elsewhere; it generously informs about the activity of nationalistic organizations - which clearly discloses the sympathies of the Vatican propagandists."

"DANGEROUS" INSTITUTIONS IN ROME

In the background of Vatican's Lithuanian-language broadcasts, Radaitis sees in Rome a network of institutions whose overriding goal is to undermine Moscow's rule in Lithuania:

- Saint Casimir's College, a "purely Lithuanian" institution which prepares priests for "future independent Lithuania";

- The Institute of Lithuanian History and Religious Culture, active since 1960;

- The Lithuanian Priests' Association which edits the ELTA Press Bulletin "to slander" the Soviet Union. The Bulletin is distributed to the diplomats accredited to Vatican, Italian politicians, the press.

"MARTYRS' CHAPEL" DRAWS IRE

Mr. Radaitis is also dismayed about the "Lithuanian Martyrs' Chapel" now being completed in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica. He cites with severe disapproval a statement by Radio Vatican that the Chapel will serve as a symbol of the struggle of the Lithuanian nation "against the oppressor" and an expression of the "golgotha of the Lithuanian nation."

According to Radaitis, Vatican's Lithuanian activists are concerned about the fact that "the main portion of the Catholic clergy in Lithuania today are loyal toward the Soviet system and are occupied with purely confessional affairs." Mr. Radaitis apparently means those priests who are at present not in prison or under house arrest.

POPE CRITICIZED FOR APPROVING LITHUANIAN ACTIVITY

After repeating the customary Soviet charges that anti-Moscow Lithuanian priests were evil collaborators of the Nazis, Radaitis expresses his displeasure about Vatican's high-level support of the Lithuanian efforts. He is especially disturbed about Pope Paul VI's approving letter to the Lithuanian Archbishop Brizgys on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Lithuania's independence last year.

In conclusion of his article, Mr. Radaitis solemnly intones: "It is necessary to make a reminder that Soviet Lithuania is a sovereign Soviet socialist republic toward which elementary international norms must be observed." George Orwell would have certainly enjoyed this statement, coming from a representative of a power that holds a record in violations of international norms and laws.

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LITHUANIAN CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We have available the Lithuanian language instructional records CHILDRENS PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN which are now being sold at the reduced price of \$2.00 per set postpaid. We also have on hand the book LITHUANIA AND LITHUANIANS - A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY which we are offering at \$2.00 per copy postpaid (Original price \$5.00). This is a good reference book which councils or individuals could donate to their local public libraries at this very low price. Orders for these items should be sent to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio 45404.

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.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1970 DUES?

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

\$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 "Vytis")
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 \$6.10 each.

1970 SPIRITUAL PROGRAM FOR K OF L MEMBERS AND COUNCILS

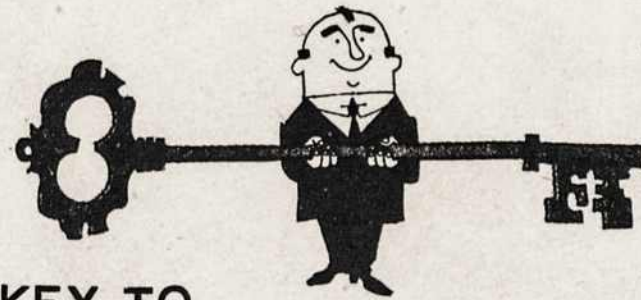
A. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION. Members are urged to take part in a new K of L READING CLUB. The books selected are religious books which will help members gain a deeper and balanced insight into religious questions of our day. The books suggested are available as inexpensive paperbacks and may be obtained 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



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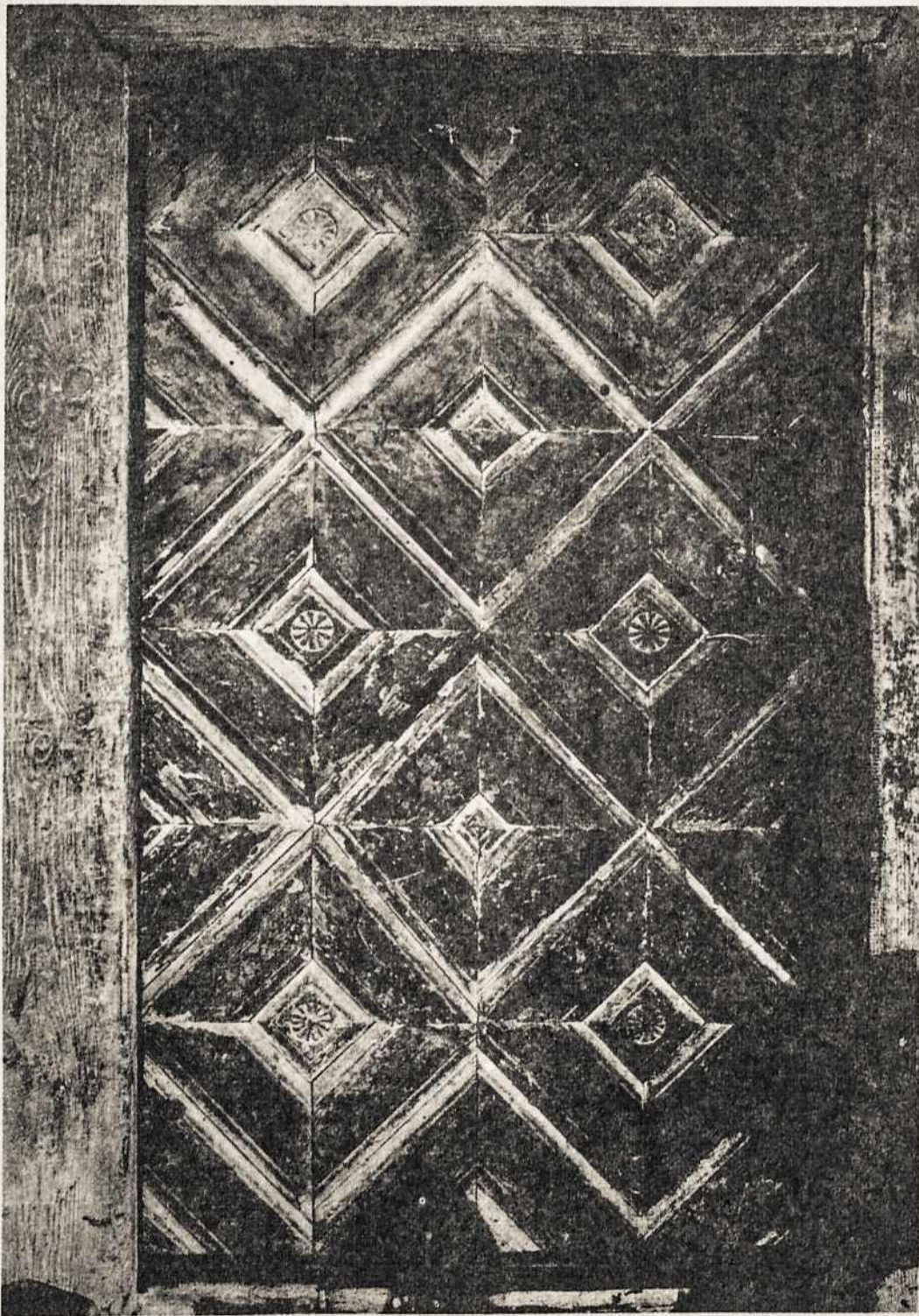
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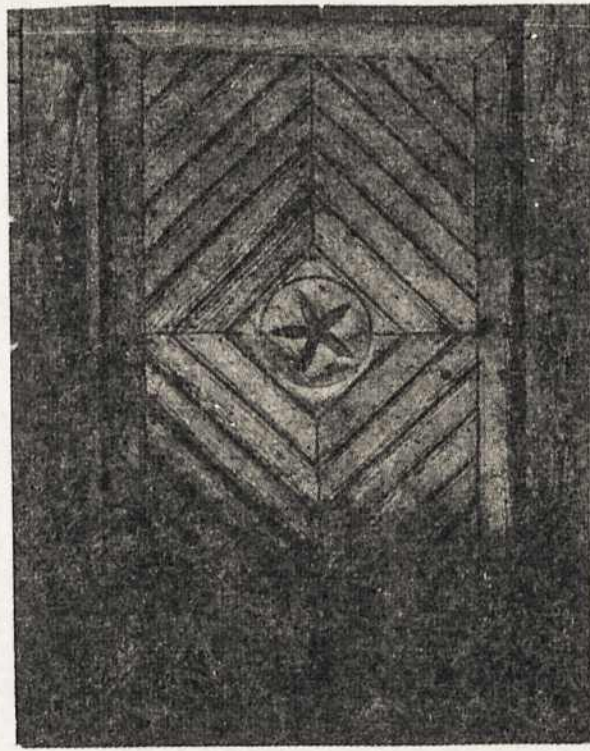
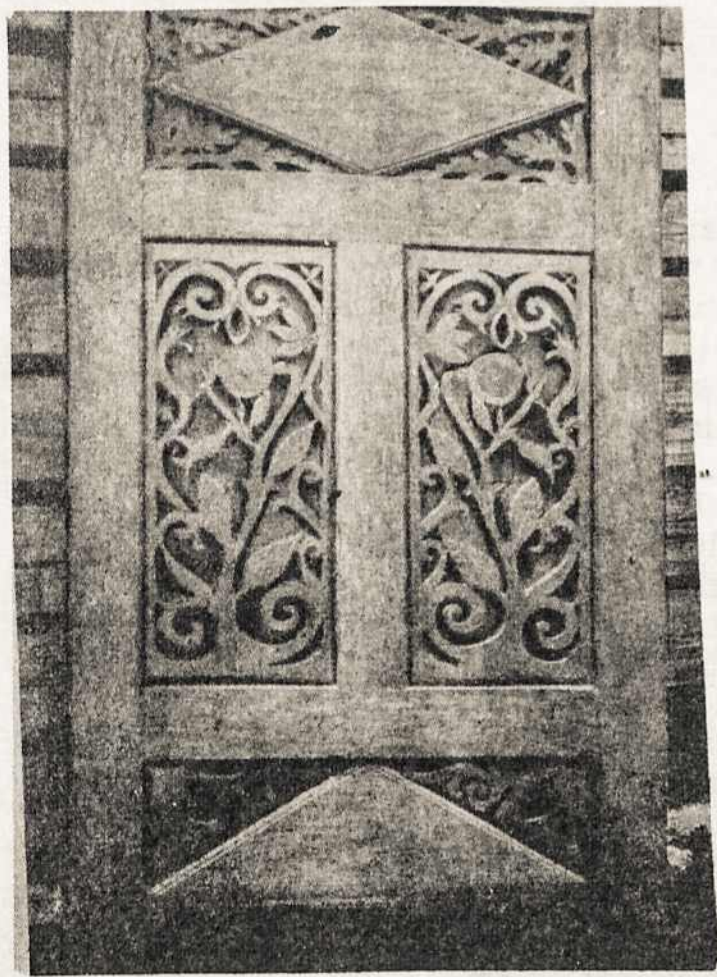
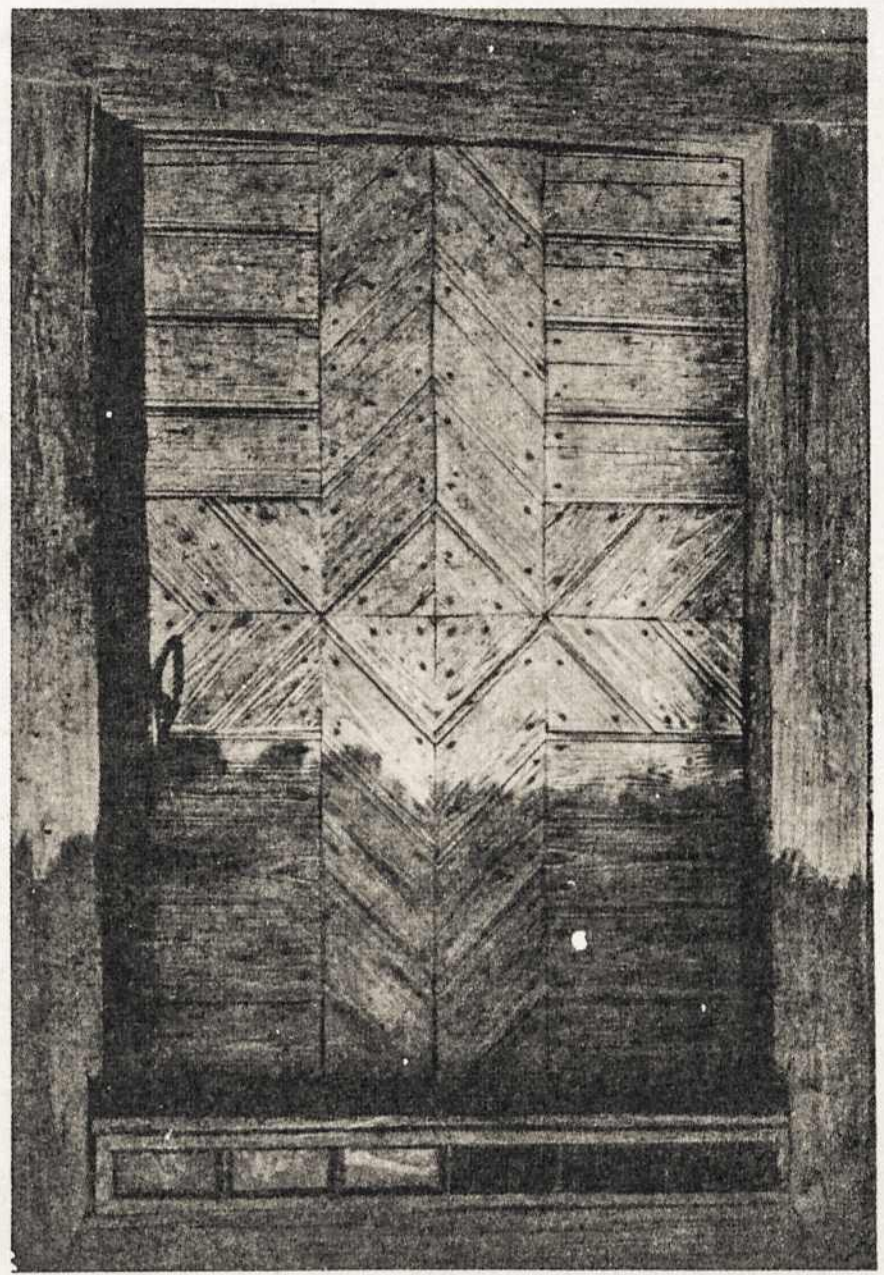
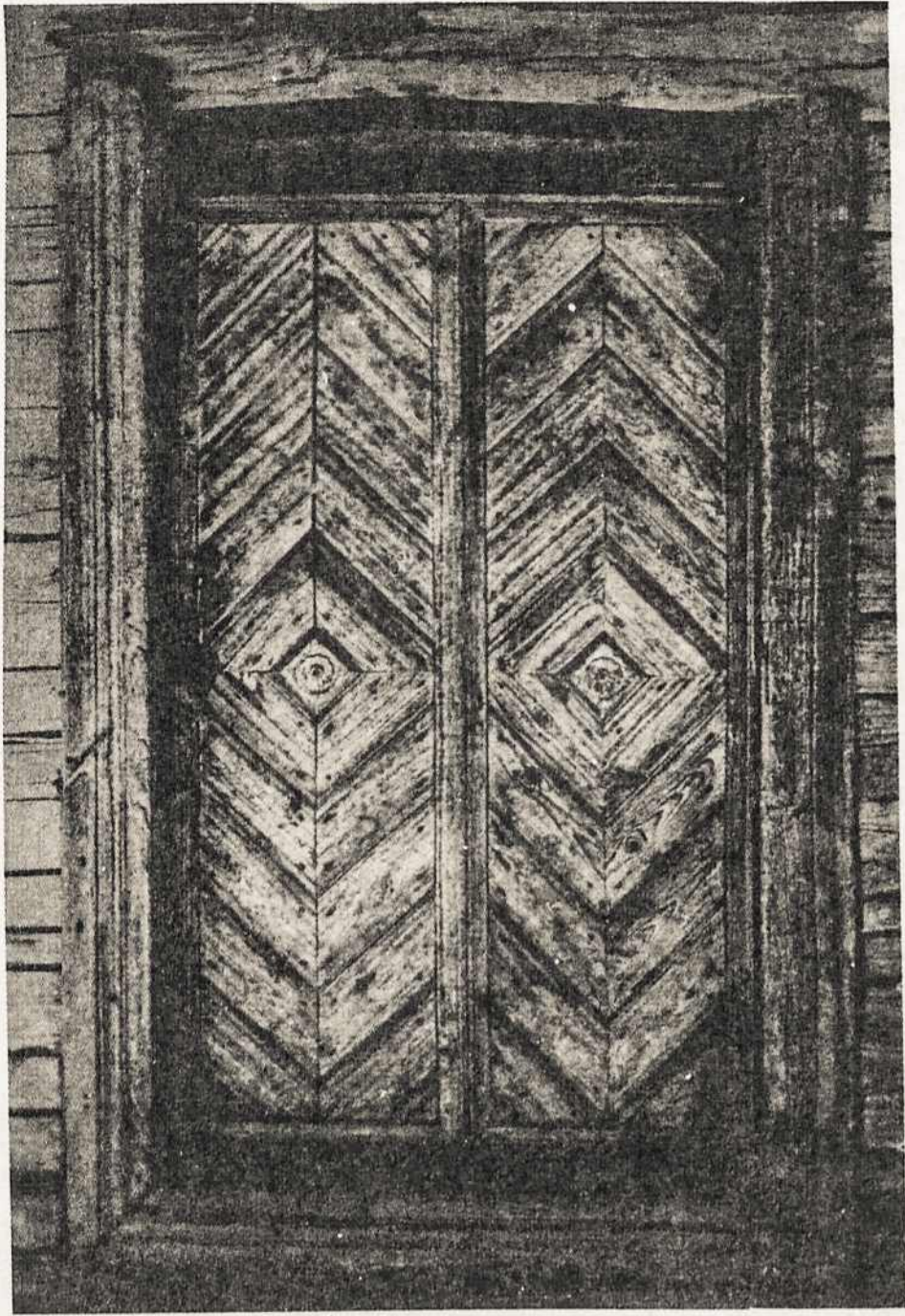
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PALYDĖJUS TAURŲ LIETUVIŲ IR VYTIŲ AMŽINYBĖJE

Štai ir vėl mus clevelandiečius, ištiko liūdna žinia - netekome tauraus ir šviesaus mūsų tautos sūnaus ir ilgamečio vyties - a.a. Jurgio Kuzo, kuris su šiuo pasauliu persiskyrė sausio 29 d., 1970 m. A.a. Jurgis Kuzas nebuvo Clevelando lietuvių visuomenės eilinė asmenybė, bet didis šios lietuvių kolonijos veikėjas, mūsų lietuviškos spaudos dirvos, gražių eilučių autorius, įvairių katalikiškų draugijų pirmininkas, met. rašt. ir vyčių org. ketvirto laipsnio narys. A.a. Jurgis Kuzas daugiausiai ir uoliausiai darbavosi ilgiausiai priklausė 56 metus prie L. Vyčių org., kuris ir išbuvo nariu iki paskutinių savo gyvenimo dienelių.

A.a. Jurgis Kuzas buvo gimęs balandžio 23 d., 1895 m. viename dzūkijos gražiajame kampelyje - Avižienių kaime, Seirijų parap. ir valsčiuje.

Atvykęs į Ameriką jis kelis metus buvo Clevelando lietuvių banko direktorium; ir priklausė prie LDK Vytauto karavių dr-jos, bet a.a. Jurgio Kuzo, širdis ir meilė daugiausiai buvo surišta su L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. veikimu nuo pat josios pirmųjų dienų susiorganizavimo ir berods, penkis metus buvo jos pirm. ir ilgus metus išdininku, kelius metus teatrų režisierium ir Lietuvos istorinių veikalų vai-

dintojų, 25-tos kp. garsiojo choro dainininkas ir savo tėvynės Lietuvos didelis mylėtojas, nes kada mūsų tėvynė Lietuva jau buvolaisva, jis ją aplankė, pamatė dar gyvus savo mielus tėvelius - Simoną ir Pranę Kuzus, brolius: Juozą, Vladą, Joną ir dvi sesutes - Bronę ir Marijoną.

A.a. Jurgis Kuzas, buvo sukūręs šeimyninį židinį su vyte Elena Šimonaite, kuri irgi buvo įžymi scenos mėgėja ir vyčių trečiojo laipsnio narė ir didelė vyčių mylėtoja. A.a. Jurgis ir Elena Kuzai išaugino ir išmokslino sūnų Jurgį Jr. ir dukrą Eleną. Sūnus yra Firestone kompanijos inžinierių skyriuje vyresniu, yra vedęs ir augina du sūnelius. Duktė Elena irgi yra ištekėjusi už Jono Konio ir turė paauginę dvi dukreles ir vieną sūnelį. A.a. Jurgis palaidojęs savo žmoną Eleną, jis gyveno savo namuose vienu vienas, kolei Visagalis Dievas ir jį pasišaukė amžinybėje.

Daug giminių, ne tik iš Clevelando, bet ir iš Detroito ir iš kitų priemiesčių buvo atvyko pasimelsti už a.a. Jurgio sielą, bet negalima pamiršti, kad ir vyčių didokas skaičius atsilankė meldėsi už savo garbingo vyties sielą, o senjorų dvasios vadas kun. J. Angelaitis atkalbėjo rožančių. Ir štai jau pirmadienis - vasario 2 d., nulydėjus į Švč. Plėš N. Pagalbos parap. bažnyčią, kurioje jau buvo prisirinkę didinga minia žmonių šv. mišias atnašavo ir jaudinantį pa-



A. A. Jurgis Kuzas

mokslą pasakė šios parapijos klebonas kun. J. Angelaitis, kuris savo pamoksle plačiai prisiminė apie a.a. Jurgį Kužą.

Po bažnytinių pamaldų, didokas skaičius mašinų su palydovais, a.a. Jurgio kūną palydėjo į Kalvarijos katalikiškas kapines, kuriose jau 8 metai, kaip ilsisi a.a. Jurgio žmona Elena ir šalia jos prisiglaudė amžinai ir mūsų mielas Jurgis.

Mielas ir didis lietuvi ir vyti, tebūna tau ramybė Viešpatyje.

PAVASARIS LIETUVOJ

Pavasarielis laukiamas visų,
Senų, jaunų ir mažų.
Dienos ilgesnės, saulė šiltesnė,
Tirplina sniegą skubini.
Sniegas tirpsta nuo saulės spindulių,
Varo ledus upeliais:
I Nerį, Viliją ir Nemuną,
O iš ten į Baltiją.
Paukšteliai grįžta iš šiltų kraštų,
Gėrisi Lietuvos oru.
Giedodami Lietuvai giesmeles,
Renka lizdam vieteles.
Artojėlis eina arti dirvos,
Kad gaut vaisių dėl šeimos.
Piemens gena gyvulius į laukus,
"Ruokuodami" sau vargus . . .
Mergelės audžia baltas drobeles,
Dainuodamos daineles,
Apie: rūtą, mėtą, lelijėlę,
Ir jauną bernužėlį.

Javai dygsta, auga ir žaliuoja,
Tas džiugina artoją.
Kad už jo sunkų darbą, prakaitą,
Bus gausiai apmokama.
Medžiai kranasi pumpurus žiedų,
Rengiasi tuojau žydėt,
Ir duoti derlingą vaisių,
Kuriame viltį įdėt.
Bitelėms didelė darbymetė,
Imti medų iš žiedų.
Bitininkui tikras malonumas,
Turėti darbščių bičių.
Gėlių, medžių žydėjimas,
Sudaro malonumą.
Paukščių giesmės, laukų žaliavimas,
Duoda širdžiai linksmumą.
Lietuvos grožis, laike pavasario,
Sunku plunksna aprašyt;
Reikėtų Lietuvą aplankyti,
Ir jos grožį matyt . . .

J. Kuzas

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO



CLEVELAND SENIORS

Jan. 24 was the date beautiful Rose Ann, daughter of Rose and Joe Sadauskas, was given in marriage by her father to Walter James Welsh Jr. Rev. Joe Angelaitis officiated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Rose Ann is a graduate of Kent State University and is teaching the 5 & 6 grade at Grovewood school. Walter Welsh is a Veteran of the Vietnam war serving as a Lt. and is currently attending Cleveland State University.

After a honeymoon in New York, the young couple will be at home at Richmond Park. The reception was held at Gilmor Hall.

The Merry Widow

DVASINIAI REIKALAI VYČIŲ KUOPOSE

Chicagos 36-tos vyčių kuopos dvasios vadui kan. P. Juknevičiui išėjus į pensiją ir pasitraukus iš dvasios vado pareigų, jo vietoje dvasios vadu yra pakviestas kun. Jonas Plankis Nekalto Prasiidėjimo Mergelės Marijos parapijos vikaras.

Kun. Jonas Savukynas, MIC, Aušros Vartų parapijos klebonas ir Chicagos bei Indijanos apskričių dvasios vadas tėvų marijonų vadovybės pastoraciniam darbui iškeltas į Kenosha.

Kun. Petras Činikas, MIC, kurį laiką dirbęs pastoracinį darbą Racine ir buvęs Chicagos Sendraugių kuopos dvasios vadu vėl grįžo į Chicago. Chicagos Sendraugiai tikisi susilaukti jo grįžtant prie kuopos dvasinių reikalų, nes kuopa iki šiol dvasios vado neturėjo. Il-

gametis buvęs kuopos vadas prel. Albavičius dėl ligos jau anksčiau yra pasitraukęs.

Sendraugių vyčių kuopos naujos vadovybės klausimas pr. metų gruodžio mėn. galutinai nebuvo išspręstas. Jis bus svarstomas dar š. m. sausio mėn. kuopos susirinkime.

Pov. Dirčio žurnalo Vytis bendradarbio pagerbime p. m. gruodžio 28 d. dalyvavo Vyčių garbės narys Ignas Sakalas, redak. Irena Sankutė, Valdybos nariai - A. Budrys, V. Petrauskas, Petrulienė ir kt. Ig. Sakalas sukaktuvininką pasveikino ir pasakė gražią kalbą. Taip pat sveikino 112-tos kuopos atstovas Paliulionis. Pagerbime dalyvavo ir uolios vyčių veikėjos - panelė Helen Zimmer ir panelė Eleanore Laurin.

NEW YORK SENIORS

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to our Spiritual Adviser, Rev. John Pakalniskis, and his family - on the loss of their father, John, early in September in Lithuania. Our council commemorated Father Pakalniskis' 30th Anniversary of ordination with a theatre party, followed by refreshments at La Crepe near Lincoln Center. The musical play "Promenade" was an excellent choice. A few days later, he and Rev. Rackauskas, left for Europe. Both attended the wedding of Irene Sandanavicius, C-41, and Anthony Merlino, of Rome, in St. Peter's Basilica and the reception at the Villa of the Lithuanian College in Tivoli on Aug. 9. Irene met Anthony at school in the U.S. When we had our April meeting in the dollhouse-like Sandanavicius' home, we enjoyed the Lithuanian memorabilia around the house and the post-meeting discussions at the generous table set by our hostess were livelier than usual.

Our President, Anthony Maziuka, and his wife Sue had two weddings in the family - their daughter, Maria, and son, Denis, both of C-41, were married, respectively, to Vytautas Strazdas in Queens, and Audronė Masiulionis in Buffalo.

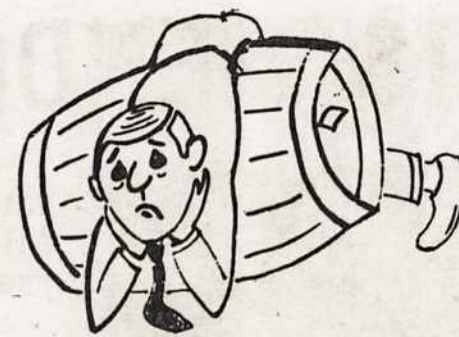
Another pleasant social fol-

lowed our May meeting at the home of Petras Montvila. He provided strong refreshments with which to toast his seventh grandchild, born that morning. One of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine Benefit tickets he bought for the still unnamed child that evening won a prize. We enjoyed his movies of the Rose Bowl Parade, the impressive Lithuanian program at the New York State Pavilion during the Lithuanian World Congress (PLB) and the delightful "Snow Queen" play given by the Maironis Saturday School children. Members present chipped in \$37 toward the K of L Scholarship Fund. Helen Kulber was delegated by the NY-NJ District to represent it on the committee to honor our newly consecrated Bishop Antanas Deksnys. She sent out over 500 press releases; items and photos appeared in several papers throughout the nation. The concelebrated Mass at Transfiguration Church and the dinner in the Parish Hall were well-attended.

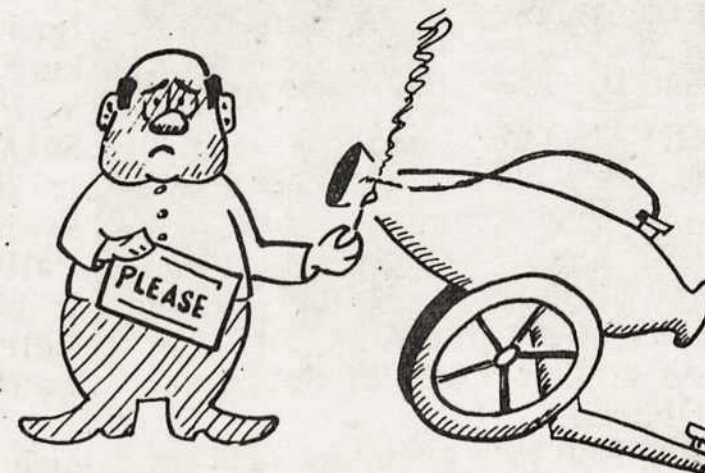
Group pictures taken at City Hall with Deputy Mayor Robert Sweet presenting the Proclamation for Captive Nations Week which appeared in local American as well as Lithuanian and other foreign language papers noted that Helen represented the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian-American Wayside Shrine Committee.

Our council, C-41 and other Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians participated extensively in the Baltic Rally at the U.N. in keeping with Convention Resolution endorsing the United Baltic Appeal (Baltic Appeal to the United Nations UBA) BATUN, which sponsored this demonstration. Besides press coverage, the rally was shown on the 7 and 10 PM WPIX-TV news. The Lithuanian Days magazine (Anthony Skirius, publisher - our K of L P.R. man in California) devoted much of its November issue to the Rally. Stanley Valatka, C-52, must have interesting shots of this historical event. Special credit should have been accorded him for showing his slides of previous K of L conventions and other activities after the NY-NJD meeting in Kearney.

OVER A BARREL...



UP A TREE...



IN NEED OF YOUR DUES — NOW!

Another month has gone by, but only one more council has achieved the 100% paid up mark. C-111 Youngstown Seniors, according to the latest statistics provided by the National Financial Secretary's records, has 15 paid members, equaling its membership of last year. The Youngstown Seniors have first place, therefore, for the Dues Payments Drive in the category of councils with 11 to 29 members.

Only two of the five categories, however, have any completely paid councils. Last month we reported the tie between C-100 Amsterdam and the Cleveland Seniors for the Dues Payments Award for councils with 30 to 59 members. Happily, neither has stopped at the 100% mark. Amsterdam, as of this writing, has 45 members, and Cleveland Seniors, 44. Each had 40 members at the close of 1969's contest. Now, they're in a rousing race for the new member award.

Of the large councils, the most significant performer is C-79 Detroit, which has 131 of last year's 195 members signed up. Definitely there should be more councils 100% paid up, or very close to that objective by now. This year is going along all too quickly for any council, except those mentioned above, to take even the smallest satisfaction in its dues status.

According to the National Membership Drive Rules for Special Awards, individuals now have less than one month left to earn ten points for enrolling a new or rejoin member. After April 1, 1970, you will get only five points. Council awards for new members are based upon the greatest percentage of per capita

increase over last year. Thus, if your council does not obtain 100% dues payments it is "scratched" from the membership marathon.

Don't forget that the membership drive rules and classifications for this year have been changed in order to give all councils the opportunity to participate. There are now five categories, rather than four, in which the first councils to attain 100% dues payments can win awards. The first category is 10 members and less; 2nd, 11-29 members; 3rd 30-59 members; 4th, 60-99 members; and 5th, 100 and more. This gives the many small councils the chance to participate.

Another change is the categories for council awards in the new member drive. Instead of the two previous classifications, there now are three: Councils with over 50 members; those with 26-50; and councils with 25 and less members. Awards to individuals will also be made to members of councils in those three categories, rather than only two as in the past.

These changes hopefully will enliven the competitive action for awards. Expanded participation would in the long run strengthen smaller councils now struggling for survival, and help others grow into the larger categories.

It's not too late to start now. Remember! Get the dues paid first. Then, move on to signing up new members.

LEON PAUKSTA

Membership Vice-President

(See page 21 for Membership Standings)

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

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On Sun., Jan. 18, the NED meeting was held at Maironis, Shrewsbury. President Albert Jaritis presided and the opening prayer was given by the District Spiritual Advisor, Father Albert Janiunas.

Reports were given on the Junior Rally by Mary Jankowski and Ann Miller.

Coming events are: the Religious Workshop on Mar. 8, with C-17 as hosts (Subject: Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church with speaker Rt. Rev. Msgr. Tierney); the NED Spring Convention, with C-35 as hosts (will include the K of L Workshop with Joseph Sakaitis as moderator); a "Just-for-The-Fun-of-It" Get-together with C-30 as hosts scheduled for June or July; and the 3rd Lithuanian Cultural Picnic on Sept. 13 at Maironis Park.

An intensive membership drive was planned for all councils. Efforts will be made to reactivate former members as well as recruiting new ones.

The mandate committee reported that 1 priest and 17 members from councils attended the meeting.

BROCKTON, MASS., C-1

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gallo were crowned 1970 king and queen at the 26th annual Snowflake Ball held Jan. 24 at the Walk-Over Club.

Performing the ceremonies were last year's reigning couple, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Audyaitis, who also served as judges with Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Cox. Mrs.

Cox is known professionally as Marion Robel and conducts a weekly program over WBET.

A capacity gathering of Brocktonians and out-of-town guests attended the successful affair which benefits the several charities under C-1 sponsorship.

Guests entered the ballroom through an arch of crystal white and gold ferns, and in the hall huge gold and white snowflakes and big blue iridescent snowballs hung from the ceiling to create an indoor winter wonderland matching nature's own out of doors. At the side windows of the hall were hanging arrangements of gilt ferns with sparkling white branches and the stage was completely done in gilt snowballs against a background of gold netting. Mrs. John Yuskaitis was chairman of the decorating committee.

Guests were seated at candle-lit tables placed around the dance floor and music was by a polka band from Connecticut.

Highlighting the festive evening was a grand march led by Council 3 President Albert Skirius, chairman for the ball; Miss Dorothy Kaseta, vice president; Robert Dillis, Susan K. Boroskas and council members.

After the crowning of the king and queen Mrs. Gallo was presented a bouquet of roses and Mr. Gallo received a gift also. They then led the traditional king and queen dance.

Among the special guests for the evening was Joseph Sakaitis of Worcester, first vice president of the NED.

Success of the annual benefit party is due to the co-operative efforts of a committee for which Rev. William Wolkovicz, spiritual adviser of the council, was honorary chairman.

Serving with Mr. Skirius were: Mr. and Mrs. John Yuskaitis, Robert Dillis, Stella Wuskaitis, Mary Asack, Susan K. Boroskas, Mrs.

Peter Bizinkauskas, Amy Yarmalovich, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Grein, Mr. and Mrs. Achorn, Francis Bukunt, Dorothy Kaseta and Michael Boroskas.

CYO members assisting in the checkroom were Roberta, Margie and Charlotte Dillis.

"Brockton Daily Enterprise"
(Submitted by Susan K. Boroskas)

WATERBURY, CONN., C-7 M.A.

More than three hundred music lovers were well rewarded for braving ice and snow to attend the ecumenical sacred concert held in St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church, Sun., Dec. 28, 1969. The musical event was coordinated by K of L Honorary Member Professor A. J. Aleksis under the auspices of St. Joseph's Choir and Waterbury Chapter, American Guild of Organists and featured an outstanding program of vocal and instrumental music by singers and musicians of the Orthodox, Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths and diverse nationalities. Carols, hymns and songs were rendered in the English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Lithuanian and Polish languages. There were solos and choral singing; organ, guitar drum and handbell music.

The concert was dedicated to give glory to God; was in keeping with the Christmas season's spirit of rejoicing and goodwill, and brought to a fitting close a series of events commemorating the DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR of St. Joseph's parish, founded in 1894. Quoting the Rev. George J. Vilciauskas, pastor, "the concert was a very brilliant diamond in the 75th anniversary diadem." We are rightly proud and happy to say that in Waterbury, culturally and otherwise, K of L personalities lead the way.

(See photo pg. 18) 2nd row reading from the right are Professor A. J. Aleksis, Hon. Member and

concert initiator; Sister Patricia; the Rev. George J. Vilciauskas, pastor; Marcella Andrikis, Hon. Member and St. Joseph's Choir president; the Rev. Walter Pranskietis of Goshen, Conn. and Joseph Samoska, concert chairman.

Other prominent C-7 participants: the Rev. Henry Balchunas, chaplain; the Rev. Raymond Yuskauskas; J. Valaitis, pres.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Gervickas; Dr. and Mrs. W. Shukaitis; J. Alankas, Atty. and Mrs. W. Matasavage; Mrs. and Miss L. Sulauskas; C. Kerwin; O. Shatas; Mr. and Mrs. E. White; J. Mazeika; E. Lipkus, and Mrs. & Mrs. A. Di Napoli.

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10 Vincukas

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rodski are receiving congratulations on the birth of their second son, Jan. 28. Both parents and son are doing fine.

Congratulations to Rev. A. Valongis former spiritual advisor, on his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. Father Al, now pastor of Our Lady of Vilna parish, Worcester, marked the jubilee on Jan. 13.

Rev. A. Yankauskas, pastor of St. Francis parish, Athol, spent some time in California visiting his brother and family.

Frances Milosh and Albert Mueller recently announced their marriage on Dec. 20, 1969 in the St. Antonius Church, Egg. L.H., Switzerland. Fran is one of our old time members, and is really liked by all of us. She was recently guest



Athol-Gardner, C-10 Officers. Mary Gauronsky, Lennie Davidonis, Howie Beaudette, Frank Anoris, Walter Genaitis, Bill Wisnauskas and Frances Milosh.

of honor at a bridal shower hosted by the Eagles club, Gardner. We all wish Fran and Al many years of wedded bliss. Their present address is 15 Dublin St., Gardner, Mass.

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17 Lokys

C-17 has a new slate of officers to carry on the battle for the coming year. We have John Olevitz, Pres.; Frank Grigas, V-P; Rita Waitkunas, Secy.; Helen Zemaitis, Treas., Phyllis (Rudis) Gendreau, Fin. Secy.; Helen Suprin and Leo Rudziunas, Trustees and Al Jaritis, Marshall. May we offer our thanks to the outgoing slate for their hard efforts in running the council. Let's give the new slate of officers our concerted efforts so that their job will be a little bit easier. We also have our old faithful Spiritual Advisor back,

namely Rev. Albin Janiunas.

There is much to report about the activities of the council. Larry Svelnis and Al Jaritis have been busy traveling around to the conventions and the supreme board meetings. Larry, have you ever revealed your trip to Chicago for the last supreme board meeting. Al Jaritis will never tell.

We have a pile of new additions: a girl for Ray and Paula Slinger; a boy for Paul and Ginnie Neviera; a boy for Joe and Ruthann Nauyokas; a girl for Buddy and Mary Zaremba.

Nice to have Don and Loretta (Kontrim) Martell back from Virginia to the Bay State and also nice to have Henrikas and Norma (Razvadauskas) Snipas back from the Empire state to the Bay State.

Eleanor Sanda spent the summer in Chicago area studying foreign languages and hopes to gra-



Waterbury Council 7's participants in the Ecumenical Sacred Concert. (photo - F. Vairo)

duate in a year or two as a language teacher. Jackie Burke has made the honor rolls and hopes that she'll be a teacher in the pharmacy field. Mike Zaikis has taken some time off from school to recover from an eye injury and hopes to return and pick up where he left off. Bill Zaremba is burning the midnight oils at night school and the same may be said for Bob Gendreau.

Helen Zemaitis and her family spent the summer in California. Helen Zemaitis and Helen Zaremba and Lillian Wardel spent a fortnight in Florida basking in the sun. Helen Suprin likes the white snows of New Hampshire where she spends her time skiing. Jean Pasakarnis is one who really likes to travel and also travels on business. Jean was the moderator at a medical seminar in Chicago and Columbus, Ohio, and will be a moderator in Los Angeles. Jean not only likes to travel but is a real good skier and skater and swimmer. Vic and Helen Grigalunas went westward and spent some time in Hawaii, California and Las Vegas. John and Betty Grigalunas also went to California and Las Vegas. Ann and Joan Kleponis spent some time at Atlantic City, New Jersey and then went to Cape Cod for some more seashore time.

Congratulations are in order for Rev. Robert Wolongevich and Rev. John Long of Brockton on their ordination to the priesthood.

The Fall Dance under the chairmanship of Al Jaritis and workers, Jerry Venis, Rita Venis, Alice Olevitz, John Daniels, Larry Svelnis, Leo Rudziunas, Albina Rudziunas, Mary Zaremba, Bob Gendreau, Phyllis Gendreau was a success with a good crowd, lively orchestra and a great many people from the various councils attending. Then there were the wine-taster's delight nights and at one of these sessions is where Ann Miller of C-116 learned that Cold Duck wasn't really duck at all but a name of a wine. Frank Grigas has been the dean of the wine information and has been the source of our supply.

Plans are under way for our Spring Dinner Dance and the committee is Rita Waitkunas and Joanne Shalna. Congrats are in order to Rita on her election to the national scholarship committee.



The NATIONAL CONVENTION CHICAGO

August 19-24, 1970

There has been a shortage of members who attend the national and district conventions. Larry Svelnis, Phyllis Grendal, Rita Waitkunas and her friend Barbara Murphy, Al Jaritis, Rev. Albert Contons, Leo Shakalis were among the many who went to Newark, New Jersey. Here is where the policy of the Knights of Lithuania is decided, so if you disagree with some of the policies, become a delegate and express yourself with the ballot.

Leo and Albina Rudziunas went to Acapulco, Mexico City, Spain and North Africa. Larry Svelnis, Joe Lubinas, Adam Druzdis were elected to office in the South Boston Lithuanian Club. Larry was one of the hard working force that helped install an elevator to the club and now the third and second floors are easy to reach and no more lugging of food and other stuff up those high flights of stairs. Ačiū, Larry for your efforts.

Claire Sawiski went to Europe and explored the Scandinavian country of Norway and Sweden. Then we had a visit from Ed Rudis from Germany where he is employed. Life is really good to Rudy because he could have passed as Santa Claus.

John and Alice Olevitz are having their fling at trying to give up smoking and it's hard to tell whether or not they are succeeding.

Then those hockey buffs John Olevitz, Jerry Venis, Bob Gendreau and Al Jaritis are still cheering on their Bruins and they are still in the running for first place. Joe Sakaitis and Ann Miller and Sylvia Shukis were able to get

those hard to get ducats and they saw a real good game with the Montreal Canadiens.

Rita Waitkunas is teaching at Northeastern University and CCD at St. Peter's. In fact she is a very busy gal. She has company at home now with Homer, her mynah bird.

Tony Young is on the road to recovery from a serious head operation. The flu bug had many of our members on the ailing list: Mrs. Helen Zaremba, Rita Venis, Jerry Venis, Jean Pasakarnis, Bob Gendreau, Donna Reina (Grigas), Frank Grigas, Rev. Joe Svirskus, Angie Yelmokas, Tom Keaney, Ann Chaplik, Mary Martus. Larry Svelnis can thank his lucky stars because while helping his brother fix a roof at his brother's camp in Florida, Mass., a thunder and lightning storm came about and a flash of lightning hit about six feet from Larry, take care.

Larry Svelnis and Al Jaritis have hit the trail to propagandize the K of L cause by going to New Britain and Hartford, Conn. to try to get the former members to reorganize and start their councils again.

Al Jaritis is starting a movement to have the secretary in his office Miss Kathy Doherty, who will be Mrs. Richard Sullivan by this printing, become an Honorary Lithuanian for all the typing that she does for him concerning C-17's activities.

The So. Boston Seniors are planning their Scholarship Dinner for May 16, 1970 and every member should attend this event.

The children's Christmas party was a howling success with the

following responsible: the Robert Gendreaus, the John Olevitz', the Anthony Shalnas, Mrs. Anthony Zarembe, Al Jaritis. Then the adults also had their party on one of the snowiest and slipperiest nights, but those who attended had great time.

Ruth Stankus made the dean's list and Lorraine Harris has been seen limping around lately because she slipped on a set of stairs. Butch and Madeline Venis are the proud owners of a new home and they have been busy lately fixing it up.

Oh where have Florence Zaleskas, Pat Plansky, Claire Sawiski, Joe Svagdys, Joe Kascus, Gus Uselis, Pete Dumas, Frank Stankus, Bill Zarembe gone?

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

Dzūkelė

The old law of supply and demand can well govern the activity within a council because when the demands of the membership are supplied by the leadership, there is no limit to what can be accomplished, and is, all resulting in a happy and healthy council. Here's to many happy and healthy councils!

Congratulations to Agnes (White) and Leo Sheehy who were married on Feb. 14; to Pauline Yanusas and Philip Flaherty who recent became engaged; to Mary Ann (Roland) and John Dowd who became parents of a baby boy on Jan. 7.

Lynn Mattrick (Jack's wife) is convalescing now, having had surgery recently at St. Vincent Hospital. And, it's nice to see Arthur and Marion Racicot smiling once more. Their daughter, Marion, had been ill for several weeks, but she's fully recovered now and back in school.

Rita Vallon, a faithful member of our council, passed away on Jan. 4. To her husband Casimir, son Ronald, parents Mr. and Mrs. Bernardas Tamulevicius, we offer our sincere sympathy. Members of our council paid homage in the usual manner, all very saddened to have lost the beautiful personality which was Rita's.

Attending the NED meeting on Jan. 11 at Maironis Park (Al Jaritis, president, presiding) were the following members from our council: Joseph Sakaitis (NED 1st V.P.), Mary Jankowski (NED 2nd V.P.), Anne Bender, Helen Gil-

lus and Wanda Pajeda. Mary, Anne and Helen were named co-co-co-chairmen(?) for the NED Cultural Picnic to be held in the fall. With three co's and other enthusiastic members working together, it's sure to be the usual success.

Members of our Council joined other Lithuanian groups by attending Mass with our flag on Feb. 15 at 10:00 A.M. in our St. Casimir's Church, to commemorate the anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. Many of us then gathered together for a political and cultural program that same afternoon at the Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club. It was a beautiful day, and the hope of having a free Lithuania remains our constant prayer.

Joseph Sakaitis reports that the first half of the bowling season resulted in a tie between the teams of Richard Desautel and Richard Ivanauskas, and Helen Gillus is a star with her high single score of 131. Congratulations to all!

Father Steponaitis, our Spiritual director, has returned from a trip to Columbia, South America, where he officiated at a wedding ceremony.

Dana Pauliukonis lists the following who worked on her committee for the annual St. Casimir's Day Communion breakfast which was held on March 1, at St. Casimir's hall, following the 10:00 Mass in the Church. They were: Birutė Raciukaitis, Mary Jankowski, Wanda Pajeda, Janice Tagman, Ginny Lelakis, Francis Glodas, Eddie Grigaitis and Al Gregonis.

Bill Grigas' plans for the ski-weekend were so great, it forced both Val Baziliauskas and Al Gregonis from their winter retreat in the mountains of Vermont to join others in our council in the mountains of New Hampshire, along with members from our neighbors in Worcester C-116, and Lawrence C-78, Boston C-17 and Ansonia C-135. Happily, a good time was enjoyed by all with no casualties reported. The trip was made the weekend of Jan. 24 and 25.

A word of appreciation to Mary Jankowski who is most helpful to this column's correspondent, "Dzūkelė", in rounding up tidbits for publication, Jack Mattrick and his committee are hard at work with the variety show plans and it looks like a hit is about to be born. It's hard work, but a lot of

fun in getting this musical into shape which we hope to present in May.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116

Darata

Now that things are thawing a little, your reporter has some unfrozen news.

Congratulations to Rev. Alphonse Volungis, our Pastor and Spiritual Advisor on the celebration of his 25th Anniversary of Ordination.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Charles Lapinskas on the death of his mother.

The council bowling league is still going strong. The teams of Bob Paluses and John Yurkinas are fighting for 1st place. Bob has a slight edge. Lately there has been "cold duck" parties at the alleys and the pins sure do fly!

Ann R. Miller is one of our members we can always get a few laughs. One Sunday before Mass, Ann decided to have her car washed. She drove up, rolled down the window, paid the man and proceeded through the car wash. You're right, she forgot to roll the window up and her hat, coat and inside of the car had a good washing too!

The annual K of L ski trip to Purity Springs, East Madison, N. H. was held last month, and the conditions were excellent for skiing. Paula and Joe Bunevith are the only ones that can vouch for that. Dot Sinkavitch, Ann Miller and Frank Ciras were too chicken to try.

Anthony Miner our President, is not slowing down on his activities even this year. He belongs to quite a few organizations and has been recently elected coordinator-in-charge of 13 Parish Councils.

Joan Treinas is feeling much better these days and will be back to work soon.

If anyone needs a good nurse these days, call on Ann Yurkinas, she has had plenty of experience taking care of her three girls. They are better now but for a while Ann thought of renting out nurse's uniform.

Trudy Zibinskas moved into a new apartment last month and with the road conditions she was wishing someone had a dog sled or snowmobile to lend her.

We of C-116 wish all our K of L friends a Happy Easter!

Activities for the council for January were at a minimum. The only planned item on the agenda was a social that was co-chaired by Mike and Fran Petkus on Sat., Jan. 24. This was called 'A Card-playing, Sloppy Joe Social'. Attendance was fair with a good-time-was-had-by-all! The men enjoyed an evening of playing cards while the women ran the 'refreshment bar'. For socials that are run only to cover expenses, the women made it a very profitable evening.

Charles and Fran Vangas had a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party for Fran's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ignas Radmiskes. Members attending had a gala time.

Save May 22-24th! This is the weekend lined up for Dayton to be host for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament! Charles Petkus and Dave Petroski are co-chairmen for the event.

Speedy recovery is wished Ada Sinkwitz who underwent surgery recently. It's good to see 'Curley' Leasure back on his feet after being hospitalized for three weeks. Our sympathies are extended to Eleanor Mantz, Pete, Mike, and Charles Petkus on the loss of their brother, Joseph Petkus.

Did you hear - Mary Lucas was voted 'Grovey Gal' of the week on radio station WAVI! Mary received, as part of her winnings, one dozen roses and her voice was on record for one week on the station. Kitty Prasmantas is still coming up with steady winnings at some of our local functions. Wonder what her secret is?

Father Titus Narbutas looks very well and rested after his recent vacation. Tina Kavy took time from her studies at Ohio State U. to spend the holiday season in Omaha, Nebraska.

Unsung workers backing our telephone squad leader, Ida Kavy, for 1970 are Ann Kondrotas, Veronica Omlor, Alice Patkus, Ada Sinkwitz and Irene Veigel. The work by the squad has been a blessing for the council when immediate notification to the members has been necessary.

February birthday greetings are sent to Ann Boeke, John Petkus, Pat Zelinskas, Sarah Petkus and Anna Mae Petrusky. Anniversary congratulations go to Sam and Maxine Bakanauskas, Jim and

Phyllis Richey, Joe and Ann Boeke, Louie and Kitty Prasmantas.

DETROIT, MICH., C-102 Donna

Although C-102 may have been silent during the past year we have not been idle.

We continue to have regular monthly meetings on the third Sunday of the month after the 9:15 Mss. The meetings are mostly informal and informative. If you haven't been around lately come join us and see some of your old friends.

A 1969 Summary: Last January, past president, Ray Medonis went into the lumber business in Highland, Michigan. We no longer see as much of Ray as we would like, but we certainly wish him belated congratulations and all of our best wishes for a continued successful venture... A Valentine party was hosted by the gracious Petravicius' in their lovely home. A delicious pot-luck, sit down dinner was served. All who attended came away with fond memories of Frank and Lil going all out for us... Together with C-139 we went to give Providence for the tri-council celebration of St. Casimers Day. As usual, sister C-79 presented an interesting program... Our annual Holy Thursday pilgrimage of the Detroit Lithuanian churches proved that spiritual activities are very important to the knights. The turnout was far greater than anticipated and we plan to do it again this year... Ann Uznis, Grace and Ace represented 102 at the annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at Carey, Ohio. The Mid-West Bowling tournament was attended by Ruth and Mart Wagster, who together with Clem and Evelyn Galinas, Vickie Dombrowski, and Joe and Mary Anne Guerriero are regular K of L Bowlers... Summertime was vacation time and former Dayton K of L'er Dottie Miller Conrady paid us a visit with her lovely family. So nice to see her again. The following day saw us out picnicking at Camp Dainava and as usual, the weather was beautiful, the water delightful and a most relaxing day was spent by all... The National Convention and percentage wise we think we may have had the best turnout among out of town delegations. Eleven of our members made the trip to Jersey - this was 25% of our membership!.. At elec-

tion time the membership gave president Grace Vaskelis and her fellow officers a vote of confidence and persuaded them to take on another term. Charlotte Ruseckas found it necessary to retire as recording Secy., and Donna Bunikis filled in the gap. We thank Charlotte for the fine work she has done in the past and hope to see more of her now... Grace and buddy Ace attended the Mid-Central District Convention and came home with a new job. Grace was elected 2nd V.P. Congratulations!.. As usual the Dainava Banquet was an elegant affair and attended by some of our members. Among those seen tripping the light fantastic and singing out their hearts were Donna and John Stanievich... Modesty prevents me from elaborating on the Christmas party at the Bunikis home but it was a tremendous success, thanks to the wonderful guests, including the singing and dancing were enhanced by live music provided by Frank Petravicius. Frank Bunikis and Donna Stanevich are quite a duet when they sing "our song". The evening was gay and we certainly proved that there is no generation gap in C-102. Some of our more "mature?" members had fun learning to do the "MOON WALK" under the able tutelage of Vitalia Vaskelis. Adding to the fun was our own "Broadway Joe." Among long time no see's were Bill and Maryanne Yuodwalkis, Tony and Helen Smolek, Gus and Gena Baibak. All in all a great way to wind up the year - VYTISKAI!"

1970 was heralded in with our annual "Night Out on the Town". An enjoyable evening at the 24 Karat Club was spent thanks to the efforts of Carl Gobis and Ednas Klucens who made all the arrangements. Denny McLain was the star attraction at the organ and more than one member took home his autograph.

New members are Mr. and Mrs. Petras Buksnis and Mr. and Mrs. A. Vaskelis. As social members we have recruited Marshall Hunt, Jr., Bernie Brock and Joyce Strang of Kalamazoo. Welcome to all!

In addition to these and other activities the Joe Guerrieros moved into a new home during the past year. Also under new roofs are Tony and Helen Smolek and the Bill Yuodwalkis'. May God bless all of you with health and happiness in your new homes.

DETROIT, MICH., C-139 Ann
The LADIES will again Pilot C-139 in 1970! Unanimously re-elected were President, Stella Podolski; Theresa Vaitkunas; Secy., Margaret Dubitsky; Treas., Mrs. Catherine Kurpowic. Congratulations and you may be assure of every cooperation possible.

We were particularly happy to have Fr. Victor Krisciunevicius accept the responsibility of again guiding us as Spiritual Advisor, as he has done since the organization of our Council.

A little reminiscence for 1969. We had a number of successful undertakings - spiritual, Lithuanian affair participation, and financial. Our annual Thanksgiving party turned out to be tops. The Charles Podolski's again hosted our Christmas party at their home and this, as usual, was outstanding. Both Stella and Charles go all out. THANKS SO MUCH! Of course you've heard these words before, but no one ever meant them more than our C-139 members. The food was delicious, company congenial, and liquid refreshments potent. It was nice to see our out-of-town member, Pat Kuipers (Sirvydas) at the party. Pat and her lieutenant husband, were in from Washington to spend the holidays with their families.

Dec. 14 - Our member Walter Mallen was honored at a stag dinner and cocktail party on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Some of the guests at the head table were the Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Victor Krisciunevicius, Casimir Simaitis, Andrew Hsu of Taiwan, and D. Lengvinas of Canada. In addition some fifty-five men were present - Walter's former baseball buddies, bowling team, ushers, and friends. All enthusiastically serenaded him with "Ilgiausiu Metu". His wife, Helen, was also included in the serenading as her birthday fell just two days later. For many years Helen and Walter have provided Detroiters and vicinity with that good old fashioned Lithuanian Rye Bread", the favorite of yours truly "Pyragas", and other goodies. Many happy returns Helen and Wally. C-139 joins in wishing you both many, many more years of health, happiness and success.

Secretary, Margaret Dubitsky,

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1970 DUES?

was not available in November. After a visit in Los Angeles, Margaret took off for Hawaii and Island Hopping, then back to San Francisco for a few days. Her only comments were "Terrific, and if this zero weather" continues I'm going right back'.

After spending a month in California, Ann Sirvydas returned long enough to have a pesky gall bladder removed. Then off for a month's stay with her daughter in Kansas to be on hand to welcome a new grandson. Daddy, Major Daniel Clark, who is on his second tour of Viet Nam, was thrilled with "A Boy" and says his men greatly enjoyed the cigars which Pat Kuipers so thoughtfully provided. He also thanks those K of L members who remembered him with cards for the Holidays.

Helen and Al Gadwell were delighted with a visit from their son, Dr. Michael Gadwell, and family in December. Dr. Michael is specializing in heart and internal medicine in Seattle, Washington. Rumor has it that Helen and Al will soon be grandparents again.

Congratulations to Judy and Charlie Podolski, Jr., who have moved into their lovely new home. May you enjoy many happy years there.

On the more serious side for 1969, we had quite a few on the hospitalized list - Helen Mallen, Miss Margaret Dubitsky, and Mrs. Pauline Dillenbeck. We are thankful all are well or recuperating nicely. Our latest two additions to this list are Leo Condon and Mrs. Bruno Jasevicius. We wish them both a very speedy recovery.

Our first Corporate Communion and meeting was held Sunday, Jan. 25. Due to the illness of our President and unavailability of Vice Pres., Secretary Margaret Dubitsky presided. One of the main things on the agenda was St. Casimir's Day Observance. Our Council hosted C-79 and 102 at St. Peter's Parish, Sunday, Mar. 8. The 12:00 o'clock Mass was offered for the living and deceased members of the three Councils. This was followed by a good Lithuanian dinner. St. Casimir's day seems one of the nicest get-togethers of our three Detroit Councils. The following were elected to serve on the committee: Stella Po-

dolski, Theresa Vaitkunas, Catherine Kurpowic, Ann Sirvydas, Helen Mallen and Albina Kurpowic; Ticket Committee: Margaret Dubitsky and Helen Gadwell. ALL WOMEN AGAIN - but thank goodness behind each good woman we are lucky to have an exceptionally helpful man.

Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated in St. Peter's Parish, Feb. 15, 10:30 Mass, with C-139 participating.

A cordial welcome to our new members - Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Jasevicius, Mrs. Cecilia Wagner (whose husband is in Korea), and Mr. and Mrs. William McKenzie. We hope they will become active members of our Council and know they will be a great addition to our K of L family.



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Our council member, Claire Kwicklis, a senior at Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica, scored 288 out of a possible 300 on this year's Regents State Scholarship Examination which makes her statistically the smartest high school senior girl in the state.

Claire, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kwicklis of Woodhaven, intends to make chemical engineering her goal because science has always appealed to her. She has applied to both Brooklyn Polytechnic and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In addition to being the top Regents Scholarship girl, she is a National Merit semi-finalist and received an award from the National Council of the Teachers of English for achievement in writing ability.

At Mary Louis, Claire is a member of the debate team and math team. In her community, she is a member of the Woodhaven Conservative Club, as well as a member of the Knights of Lithuania, C-41.

Claire is the oldest of three children. Her brother Edward is a sophomore in Archbishop Molloy High School, Jamaica. Her sister Monica, a freshman at Mary Louis,

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was a semifinalist in the Daily News Spelling Bee this year.

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Another memorable commemoration of Lithuania's Independence was the District's 1970 Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner, Sun., Feb. 8.

Apparently the news, had spread rapidly, that we were sold out, because so many came early to "confirm" their reservations. But, whether they came early, on time or late, the guests enjoyed the liquid appetizers perhaps a little bit more with the added flavors of the delectable hors d'oeuvres prepared by Eleanore Laurin, Al Raubiskis' sister, Estelle Rogers and Irene Sankus.

Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer greeted the guests, pinning the "trispalvė" on each and a corsage or boutonniere on the honored guests, then turned them over, for further hospitality, to the other members of the Committee... Leon Pauksta, Chairman; Algird Brazis, I.I.D. Prexy; Loretta Macekonis, Mike Lawrence, Estelle Rogers, and Li'l Ole Martini and Manhattan makers Al Raubiskis and Vince Samaska, as well as their honorary assistant, Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Bruno Gramont.

Our lovely ladies and gentlemen of the Choir escorted the special guests to the dais for the dinner and program. Of course, K of L programs, such as this, are the best because they are so often begun with the very best - Algird Brazis, singing our American and Lithuanian National Anthems and accompanied by the beautiful and

talented Aldona Brazis. On this particular occasion, we were all able to express our admiration and appreciation to Al with a birthday cake and a thunderous medley of "Happy Birthday" and "Ilgiausiu Metų".

Anthony Rudis, producer of the Lithuanian Radio Forum was Master of Ceremonies. Other guests at the Honor Table were Petras Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania; His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Frank Savickas, Rep. of the 27 District in Illinois; Rev. Peter Cinikas, M.I.C.; Eugenius Bartkus, National President of the American Lithuanian Council; Mrs. Bartkus, Mrs. Rudis; Mrs. Brazis; Aldona and Felix Daukus of the Sophie Barcus Lithuanian Family Radio Hour and last year's recipients of the District Award, Algird Brazis, and Leon Pauksta.

Photographer Vladas Noreika was quite busy taking shots of the other honored guests, Petras Petrutis of "Margutis"; Pranas Gudelis of "Naujienos", as well as Joseph Rachunas, our Lithuanian representative to the Ill. Constitutional Convention and Casey Oksas and Morgan Murphy, candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Our Seniors; Ignas Sakalas, Honorary Member; John Evans, Past IID Pres.; Stanley Balzekas and Dr. Joseph Jerome were among the many prominent K of L'ers also present. The various other representatives and perennial K of L supporters present are just too numerous to mention.

After a brief address by Consul Dauzvardis and Bishop Brizgys, the District's annual K of L Award was presented to the American Lithuanian Council (Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba).

The Award was accepted by Eugenius Bartkus, National President of the A.L.T.A. (Taryba), who, in his most interesting speech, commended the K of L for its many contributions to the Lithuanian



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cause and for presenting the annual award to various individuals, institutions and organizations to those who have distinguished themselves for Lithuania. Joseph Rachunas also previewed the resolution he would present to the Delegates at the Illinois Constitution Convention in Springfield, regarding the commemoration of Lithuania's Independence.

The program ended with several beautiful renditions of Lithuanian folk songs by the K of L Choir. These unusual numbers were primarily compositions of Faustas Strolia, Choir Director and his late father Juozas Strolia.

This, another successful event, was concluded with the pleasure of knowing that it was enjoyed by not only every patron, but also by every member of the Committee, because the meetings included the little extras like celebrating the Birthdays of Al Brazis, Al Raubiskis and Estelle Rogers, cake, candle, champagne and all.