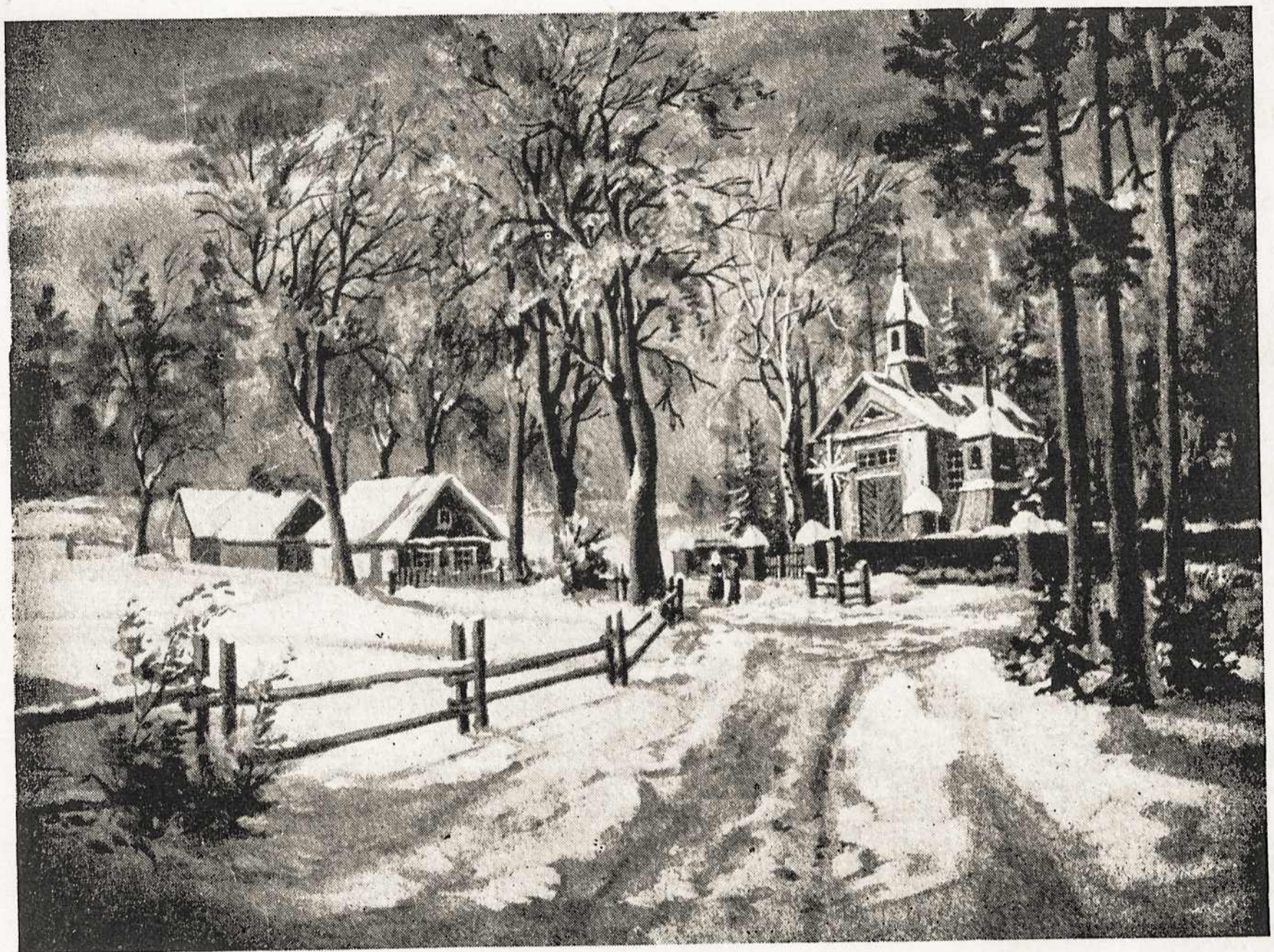


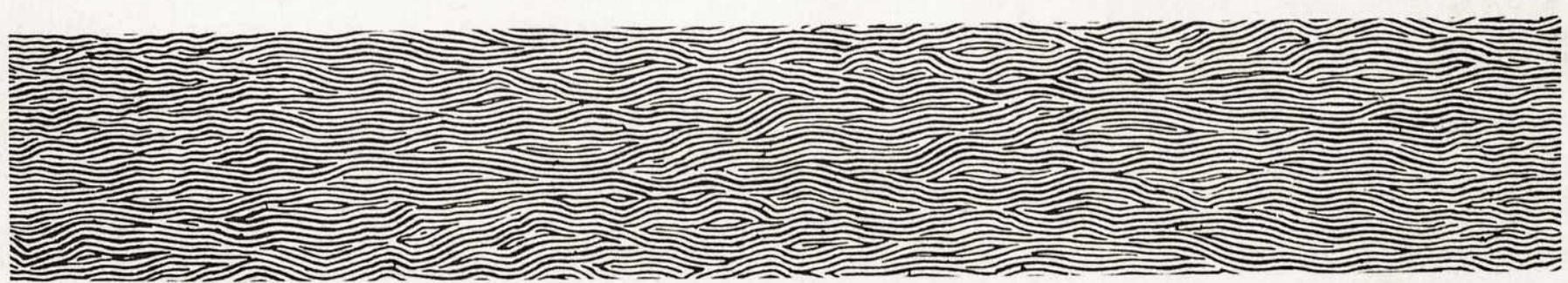
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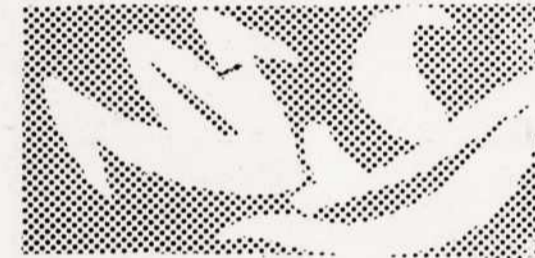
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# Memories of LITHUANIA

STATEMENT BY PETRAS P. DAUZVARDIS, CONSUL GENERAL OF LITHUANIA, "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET, FEB. 8, 1970, K of L HALL, CHICAGO

The restoration of Lithuania's Independence was declared by the Lithuanian National Council on February 16, 1918 at Vilnius - the capital of Lithuania. The Declaration was ratified by the Constituent Assembly of Lithuania on May 15, 1920 - 50 years ago.

The Treaty of Peace between Lithuania and Soviet Russia was signed in Moscow on July 12, 1920. By this treaty Russia recognized the sovereignty and independence of the State of Lithuania with all juridical consequences resulting from such recognition; and voluntarily and FOREVER renounced ALL sovereign rights possessed by Russia over the Lithuanian territory and people. Nineteen years later, on September 28, 1939, the very same Soviet Russia signed a secret agreement with Nazi Germany to destroy the sovereignty and independence of Lithuania and to partition its territory between them.

Carrying out its part of the secret agreement with Hitler, the Soviet Union in June 1940 invaded, forcibly seized, and perfidiously annexed Lithuania.

This armed seizure and occupation, and illegal appropriation of Lithuania by the USSR was denounced in no uncertain terms by the Governments of the United States, Great Britain, and most of the other free and law- and freedom-respecting countries. To this day the free world firmly refuses to recognize the lawless annexation, and continues to recognize Lithuania and the other two Baltic States as existing, independent States temporarily under duress, and their pre-war, non-communist diplomats.

The United States Government (on July 23, 1940) branded the Soviet aggression as:

"The devious processes whereunder the political independence and territorial integrity of the three Baltic Republics - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania - were to be deliberately annihilated by one of their more powerful neighbors," - the Soviet Union.

The Government of Great Britain, in the words of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, described the annexation of the Baltic States thusly:

"They were acquired in shameful collusion with Hitler. We have never recognized the 1941 frontiers of Russia . . . The Baltic States should be sovereign, independent republics."

President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill declared, on June 29, 1954:

"... As regards formerly sovereign states now



Consul of Lithuania in Chicago Dr. Petras P. Dauzvardis, Valerijonas Simkus, and Illinois-Indiana District President Algerd Brazis at the "M of L" Banquet.

in bondage, we will not be a party to any arrangement or treaty which would confirm or prolong their unwilling subordination."

In his speech before the General Assembly of the United Nations, Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin condemned collusion and stated,

"Attempts by any State (logically this includes the Soviet Union) to conduct an aggressive policy towards other countries, a policy of seizure of foreign lands and subjugation of the people living there."

This describes exactly what the Soviet Union did and is doing in Lithuania.

Just a few months ago the Soviet Union proposed an appeal to the United Nations requesting that "All members of the UN withdraw troops from foreign territories occupied... by the armed forces of some states..."

The Soviet Union's demand for withdrawal of foreign troops from foreign lands, without withdrawal of the Soviet troops from the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, is SHEER RED HYPOCRISY.



Honored Guests Feliksas Daukus (Sophie Barcus Radio), Mrs. Mary Rudis (Lithuanian Radio Forum), Mrs. Bartkus, Consul Dauzvardis, Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Chairman Leon Pauksta, Anthony Rudis, Eugenius Bartkus, Father Peter Cinikas, III, 27th Dist. Rep. Frank Savickus, and Aldona Daukus. (Photos - V. Noreika)

# Lithuanians in The

# NEWS



Newark Knights of Lithuania at Newark City Hall February 11, 1970. Seated: Rev. Tomas Ziuraitis, O.P. Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio and Eva Treciokas. Standing: Simonas Kontrimas, Frank Vaskas, Regina Schmidt. (Photo - Newark Dept. of Photo.)

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, 717 years ago the Kingdom of Lithuania was founded and fifty-two years ago the independence of Lithuania was restored; and

WHEREAS, Lithuania, once a leading power in eastern Europe has been a victim of conquering forces through the years; and

WHEREAS, Lithuania, after a struggle of 120 years for independence, regained independence in 1918 and as an independent nation made great economic and social progress; and

WHEREAS, in World War II, Lithuania became a victim of Communist and Nazi invasion, bearing since then the terrors and sorrow of subjugation and the loss of human life and liberty; and

WHEREAS, in Chicago, thousands of citizens of Lithuanian descent have by all possible means demonstrated their concern for the plight of the enslaved people of Lithuania and will continue to do so until Lithuania is once more a free and independent country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard J. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby call upon the people of Chicago to never lessen the fight for the freedom of that nation which has given to our city thousands of their sons and daughters who have become greatly respected citizens of our community to, on February 16, LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, address our representatives in Congress urging that action be taken to continue focusing attention on the plight of these defenseless slaves of Communism.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of January, A.D., 1970.

Richard J. Daley  
Mayor

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, on February 16, 1970 many Americans of Lithuanian descent will commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by the people of Lithuania; and

WHEREAS, between 1918 and 1940, when the Republic of Lithuania was dominated by the forces of Communist Soviet Russia, the people of that country carefully nurtured their devotion to the principles of freedom so familiar to our people in these United States of America; and

WHEREAS, during the said period of independence, the people of the Republic of Lithuania tried to emulate the people of this great nation of ours and did constantly express their great friendship for the people of the United States of America and its institutions; and

WHEREAS, in spite of terrible oppression and forced exile of hundreds of thousands of their farmers, intellectuals, teachers, lawyers, priests and ministers, the love of freedom and spirit of independence still exists in the hearts and minds of the people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM T. CAHILL, Governor of the State of New Jersey being mindful of the great respect and sympathy of our citizens for the people of Lithuania, do hereby proclaim.

FEBRUARY 16, 1970

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REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA DAY  
in New Jersey, and I do hereby request our people to observe this occasion by appropriate ceremonies.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this 13th day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy and in the Independence of the United States the one hundred and ninety-fourth.

William T. Cahill,  
Governor

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Monday February 16, 1970 is the 52nd anniversary of Lithuania's declaration that it is a sovereign and independent Republic; and

WHEREAS, today while Lithuania, a proud and noble country, is oppressed by Soviet domination; it nonetheless remains dedicated to the principles of freedom and independence; and

WHEREAS, the people of Lithuania look to the free world for support in their struggle to regain independence from Soviet oppression; and

WHEREAS, Lithuanians in this State and in the United States have made substantial contribution to the growth, strength and moral fiber of our State and country; and

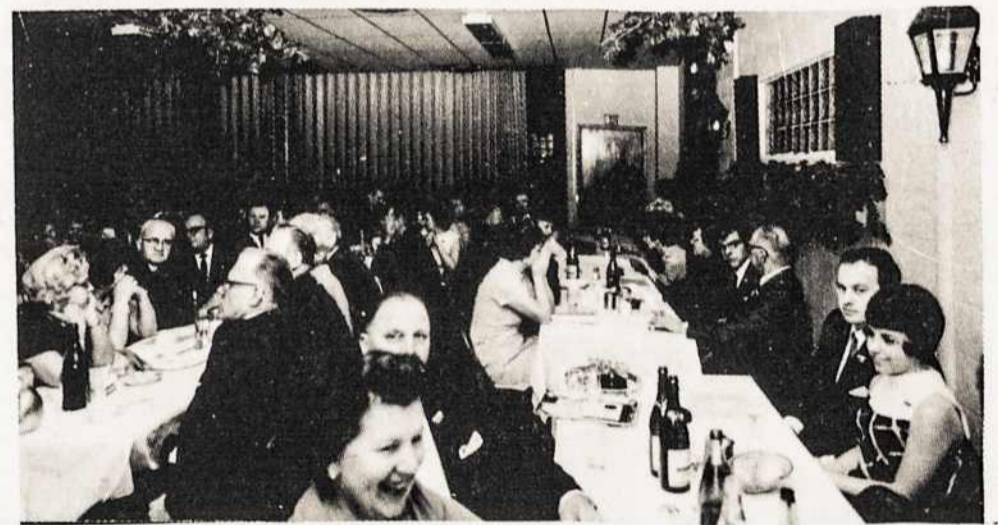
WHEREAS, the United States is dedicated to the principle of freedom, self-determination and independence for all nations, large and small; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we who are free from oppression, join the people of Lithuanian ancestry in expressing the hope that the land of their fathers may once again be free; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SIXTH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend our best wishes to all Illinoisians of Lithuanian descent on the 52nd anniversary of Lithuania's declaration of independence; that we salute the Lithuanian people for their courageous fight for freedom; and that we express our hope that Lithuania will once again be a free and sovereign country.



Left: Resolution presented to the Ill. State Const. Conv. by Joseph Rachunas, C-112.



"MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET sponsored by the IID, Chicago, Ill. (Top left) K of L Choir entertains the guests. (Top right) Guests of honor, Mrs. Brazis, Mrs. Rudis, Mrs. Bartkus, Consul Dauzvardis, Eugenius Bartkus, His Excellency Bishop Brizgys, Anthony Rudis. (Bottom left and right) Guests at the Banquet listen to Mr. Bartkus. (Photos - V. Noreika)

# VYČIU HIMNO AUTORIAUS DR. KUN. M. GUSTAIČIO 100 metų GIMIMO SUKAKTIES PROGA

## POV. DIRKIS

Poetas ir dainius kun. dr. M. Gustaitis nelaukto širdies smūgio ištiktas 1927 m. gruodžio 23 d. mirė Lazdijuose, Seinų apskr. Jo širdis paliovė plakusi, palyginti, dar nesename ir visai darbingame amžiuje, nes buvo gimęs 1870 m. Vasario mėn. 27 d. kaip tik prieš 100 metų.

Kun. M. Gustaitis mūsų tautos praeityje paliko, žymų pėdsaką kaip rašytojas-poetas, jaunuomenės auklėtojas-pedagogas, visuomenės veikėjas ir organizatorius bei kilni ir tauri asmenybė. O mums vyčiams jis yra brangus ir prisimintinas kaip vyčių himno autorius. Jis prieš mirtį taip eiliavo:

Tėvyne mano mylimoji,  
Tokia graži buvai, šviesi;  
Taip širdį būdavo vilioji  
Ir meilės glėbį ištiesi.  
Ar kas paguos našlaičių kraštą,  
Tėvyne mano mylimoji?  
Ar kas palengvins tavo naštą  
Sakyk mieliausia?... Tu vaitoji...

Tai taip skundėsi, lyg nujausdamas, didysis mūsų tautos mylėtojas Motiejus Gustaitis, skųsdamasis ir dejuodamas, sakė, kad malonu prisiminti seniau švęstą laisvoje Lietuvoje Didžiąją šventę - Vasario 16 d., kuri mums yra net keliariopai brangi, nes tą dieną Lietuva tapo nepriklausoma, savistovi ir laisva nuo visokių okupacijų. Tačiau skauda širdis, ašara vilgo akis, kai pagalvojame, kad šios mums taip brangios šventės proga ir jo gimimo dienoje negalėjo plėvesuoti vėjo plazdenama trispalvė, lietuviškos akys nematė viešai iškabinto mūsų gražaus vyties, lietuviškos ausys negirdėjo gražių mūsų himno žodžių nei paraduojančių Lietuvos karių dainų. Ir beto tą dieną ne tik Lietuvos Laisvės Varpas Karo Muziejaus bokšte neskambėjo bei Kauno ir kitų vietovių bažnyčių, skelbdami tikintiesiems Lietuvos prisikėlimo dieną šventę. Ir ištikrųjų tą dieną, kaip kadaise tūkstantinės maldininkų minios užpildydavo šventoves, nes ten šiandieną, poeto Bradūno žo-

džiais tariant: Ten dirvonuoja ir rudija kaulai ir girios garuoja krauju...

Tai buvo ne tik poetas, bet žmogus su nepaprastu ateities nujautimu.

Poeto M. Gustaičio veikla rubežiavosi ne vien tik eilių rašimų. Jis buvo aukštos erudicijos žmogus, auklėtojas. Mokyklinė kun. M. Gustaičio veikla irgi nesibaigė tik valstybinėje gimnazijoje mokytojaujant, direktoriaujant. Jis buvo vienas iš steigėjų "Žiburio" mergaičių progimnazijos toje pat Marijampolėje, bet buvo faktinis globėjas ir direktorius. Dėl karo veiksmų mokyklos buvo priverstos iš Marijampolės keltis į Rusiją. Žiburio gimnazija iš karto išsikėlė į Trakus, o vėliau į Rusiją. M. Gustaitis, pasibaigus I pas. karui, iš Rusijos grįžo į Lietuvą. Ap-sitojęs Marijampolėje vėl atkūrė gimnaziją ir jai vadovavo iki mirties. A.A.M. Gustaitis mokslotikslais lankėsi ir JAV, kur bebūdamas ir sukūrė vyčių himną, 1914 metais.

## FIRST PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

On April 30, 1789, 181 years ago, George Washington was inaugurated in New York City as the first President of the United States. A military escort accompanied him from his lodgings to Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Nassau Streets where a vast crowd awaited him. Washington stepped out on a balcony where everyone could witness the ceremony. The Secretary of the Senate held a Bible, resting upon a velvet cushion, while Chancellor Livingston administered the oath of office. Deeply conscious of the Responsibility entrusted to him, Washington stood with bowed head while Livingston shouted: "Long live George Washington, President of the United States!" In his inaugural address Washington said: "The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican form of government are justly considered, perhaps, as deeply and finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people".



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# KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA'S EXCURSION to ROME

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RETURN - July 16, 1970 (Thursday)

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On the occasion of the Blessing of the LITHUANIAN MARTYRS CHAPEL in St Peter's Basilica, the Knights of Lithuania is sponsoring a unique and memorable excursion to Rome, Italy. The Chapel will be blessed by Pope Paul VI on July 7th.

The K of L Excursion will leave New York on a scheduled Jet Flight, on TUESDAY, JUNE 30th and return to New York on THURSDAY, July 16th. We hope to not only tour Italy, but include either London or Paris as well, and possibly a scenic Swiss spot. Members of the K of L Excursion must leave and return together, in order to merit the lower transatlantic fare. It will be more fun for all if we attend the rites and enjoy the tour together.

His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys has requested all women participating to bring their Lithuanian national dress. Also, no mini-skirts, sleeveless dresses or uncovered heads will be allowed in St. Peter's Basilica.

\$100.00 deposits should be forwarded immediately to: Trips N' Tours, Inc., Route 35 & Seagirt Avenue, Sea Girt, N.J. 08750. This is an experienced travel agency and they are handling all the arrangements for us.

Don't miss this wonderful trip to Europe with the Knights of Lithuania!



Naples: The Bay and Vesuvius

POV. DIRKIS

# Motinos ir vaiko būklė prieš Kristų

Iki Kristaus atėjimo į pasaulį motinos ir vaiko padėtis šeimoje buvo labai sunki ir tragiška, nes visiškai priklausė nuo vieno tėvo ūpo, noro ir valios. Kūdikis buvo lyg visai bevertė gyvybė, su kuria tėvas galėjo daryti ką tik norėjo. Ir jam gimus, jei jis kuo nors nepatikdavo tėvui, būdavo silpnas arba su kokiais nors kūno trūkumais, tėvas jį nužudydavo.

Gi motina buvo savo vyro vergė ir šeimoje savo valios ar balso neturėjo. Vyras galėjo su ja daryti arba elgtis kaip išmanė, t.y. ją nuo savęs pavaryti, parduoti, išmaintyti ir net nužudyti. Ir dėl to jis jokios atsakomybės prieš nieką nejautė. Tėvas savo šeimoje buvo neribotas viešpats ir jam niekas nieko negalėjo šeimos reikale pasakyti, patarti arba pasipriešinti.

Tačiau motinos ir vaiko būklė po Kristaus gimimo iš pagrindų pasikeitė. Motina tapo tikru žmogumi ir prilygo vyrui. Kristus iškeldamas savo motiną Mariją ir padarydamas ją Dievo motina, iškėlė ir pašventino visas motinas.

Už tai po Kristaus atėjimo visų motinų pareigos pasidarė be galo šventos ir sudievinos. Ir jeigu pati motina nedaro iš savęs vergės ir savęs neniekina niekas jos daugiau negali niekinti. Gi Kristus savo motiną Mariją per savo dievišką motinystę iškėlė kaip moters išlaisvintoją, garbę ir idealą. Už tai moterys, senos ar jaunos, mergaitės ar ištekėjusios - visos turi paskęsti Marijoje, sekti visą jos gyvenimą ir sielos grožį. Ir ta, kuri bus panašesnė į Mariją, labiau atitiks ir savo pačios idealą.

Gi kūdikis, kuris iki Kristaus atėjimo buvo bevertis daiktas, tapo pats Dievas. Kristus priimdamas žmogaus prigimtį, kūdikiu atėjo į pasaulį, kad per tą patį paniekinimą kūdikį pagydytų visą sergantį pasaulį.

Kūdikio širdis nekalta ir jo džiaugsmas tyras, nuoširdus ir tikras. Kristus pirmiausia į nuodėmėse ir neviltyje skęstančią žmoniją nušvito mažo kūdikio meile ir džiaugsmu, akivaizdžiai paro-

dydamas kaip kūdikio nekaltas ir tyras džiaugsmas yra šventas, patrauklus ir galingas, kurio privalo ilgėtis kiekviena nekalta širdis. O beto pats Kristus tapdamas kūdikiu, norėjo parodyti žmonėms, kaip brangus yra jam kūdikis, kurio žmonės taip nepakelia ar nepakenčia, kaip miela Jam yra kiekviena šventa ir nekalta motina.

Mat, kūdikis ir šventa motina yra laimingos ateities pranašai, kurių kalbos nepajėgtume sutalpinti net ir šimtuose tomų. Juk koks jaunimas, tokia ir visuomenė. O kūdikis ir jaunimas yra visuomenės pagrindas. Norėdami turėti gerą ir drausmingą žmoniją, turime ją susidaryti per kūdikį ir jaunimą, jį auklėdami, saugodami ir išlaikydami gerume. Kristus irgi pradėjo ganyti pasaulį būdamas kūdikiu. Todėl jis pats parodė didelę meilę ir dėmesį jam ir jo motinai. Kūdikyje jis nurodė dangaus karalystės paveldėjimą ir sakė: "Kas tik nusižemina kaip šitas vaikas, tas džiaugsis dangaus karalyste." (Mato 18.4).

## LIBERATION COMMITTEE

### CONVENES IN NEW YORK

The Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania (VLIK) held its annual convention on December 6-7, 1969, in New York. The political body embracing various ideological groupings was established in the underground during the Nazi occupation of Lithuania, 1943.

A new board was elected during the meeting and will serve for a three year period. Dr. J. K. VALIUNAS was re-elected as chairman. Other members of the board are J. AUDENAS, S. DZIKAS, R. KEZYS, Dr. BR. NEMICKAS, Dr. J. PUZINAS, J. VALAITIS.

One of the main activities of VLIK is information. The Committee publishes periodical bulletins in seven languages (Lithuanian, English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Arabic). It also prepares copy for Lithuania-language radio broadcasts, beamed into the Soviet-occupied country.

In 1969, VLIK published an English-language

pamphlet, LITHUANIA (50,000 copies). Under preparation is a documentary volume on the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and its impact on Lithuania. Another planned publication will deal with the Russification of Lithuania. Also in the planning stage is a study on Lithuania's ethnographic boundaries.

VLIK's plans and expectations were summed up in a set of decisions adopted at the close of the meeting. They said in part:

"The dispersed Lithuanians look with respect and confidence toward their brethren in the enslaved country, unbroken and continuing their struggle of destiny against the occupying power. Our profound compassion goes to Siberian exile. Those for whom it was fated to leave their native country take this opportunity to renew their hope and their determination to do everything possible to hasten the dawn of the freedom for their Fatherland.

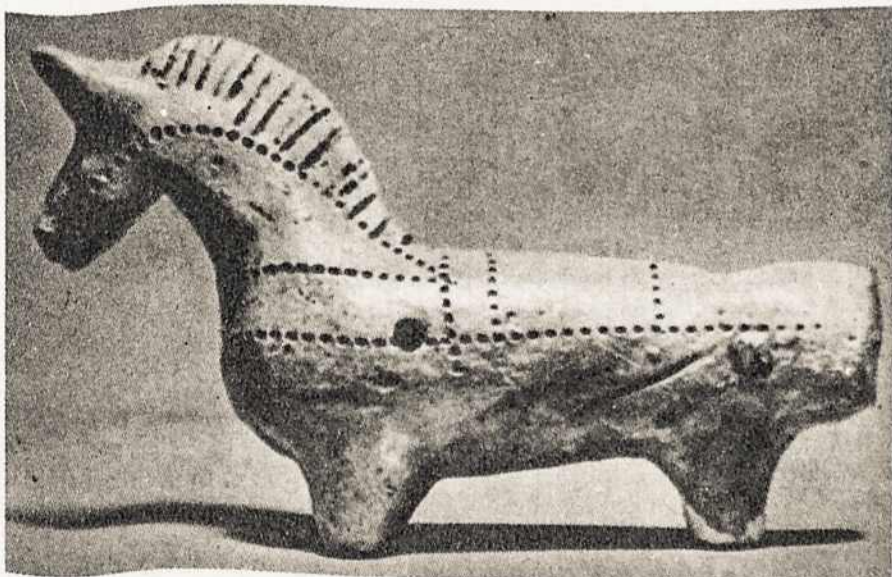
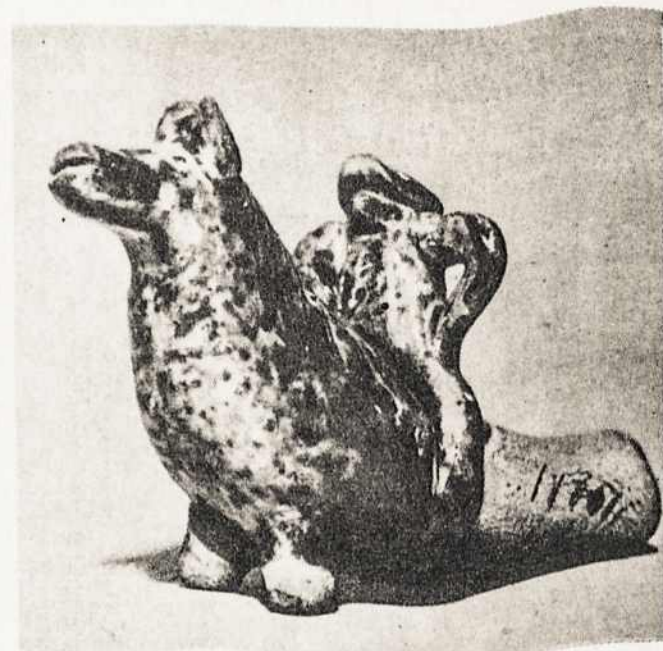
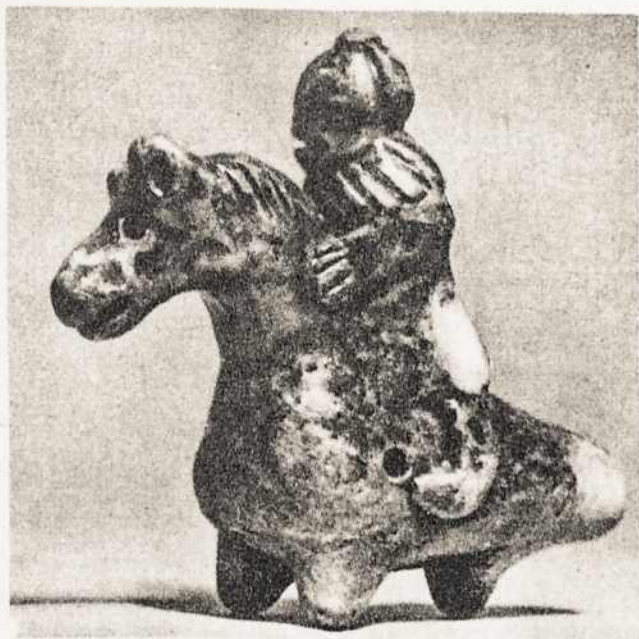
". . . The Lithuanian nation looks forward to the new decade with hope and faith, trusting that goodness and justice, and not terror and brutal force, will decide the future of peoples and states."

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# LIETUVIŲ TAUTINIS MENAS

## MOLINĖS ŠVILPYNĖS



# JOE BALSIS

## Pool Shark

TONY YUKNIS

Pool champ Joe Balsis, who is labeled "The Iron Man of Billiards", was practically born in a pool parlor in Minersville, Pa. At the age of four he commenced playing pool in his father's pool parlor. He played his first exhibition matches against Andrew Ponzi and Erwin Rudolph at the ripe old age of 11. One year later he won the National Junior championship with a high run of 87.

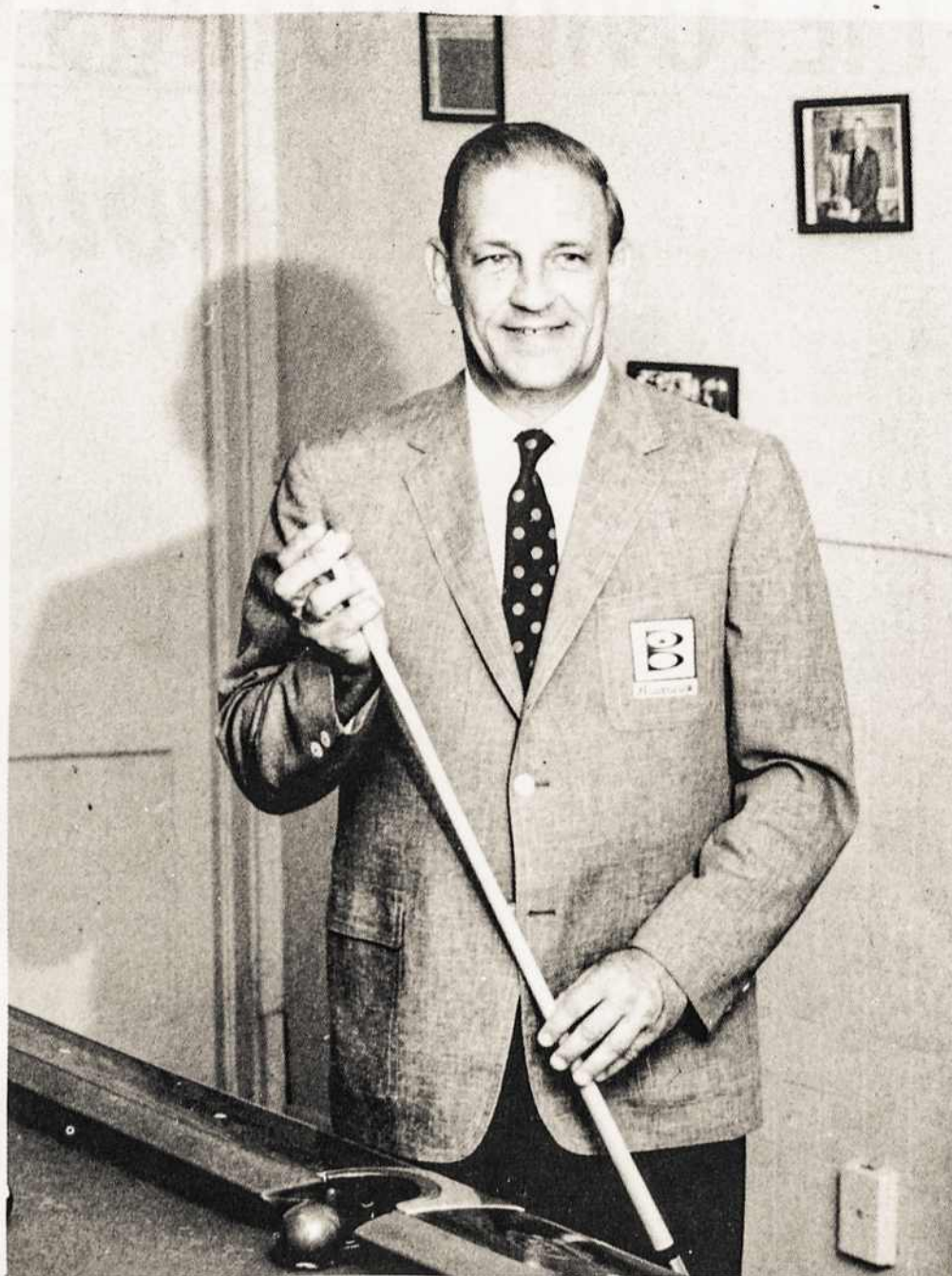
Balsis won the Armed Services billiard championship in 1944. Upon returning to civilian life Joe established himself in a successful meat retailing business. He shot pool only for his own recreation. After viewing a couple televised championship matches he was confident that he'd give those bums a run for their money. So after a 17-year layoff from tournament play Balsis got on the ball again.

Balsis cracked the ice when he took on Irving Crane in a exhibition match. While Crane stood by, Balsis cleaned off the table, beating his opponent 150-0 in straight pool. This success led Joe to the Billiard Proprietor's World Championship Tournament in New York City. He finished fourth playing against the best talent in the country. The undaunted Balsis returned next year and captured the crown.

In 1965 Joe won the Billiard Proprietor's and the World championships. Also, he captured the National Invitational Classic which was televised by the ABC network. The following year Balsis went to California and won the crowns in the Long Beach Invitational and Burbank tournaments. He topped a field of 18 which included 15-time champion Willie Mosconi.

The following year Balsis was beaten by three-time World champion Irving Crane for the title in the Billiard Congress of America - U.S. Opentournament. This was sweet revenge for Crane's 150-0 humiliating defeat earlier.

Balsis has been booked in foreign countries for exhibition matches. His most recent trip was to Japan last year. On his way home he stopped at



National Recreation, Chicago, to display his bag of trick shots. To see him clean off all the balls off the table in one shot is really something.

"My father predicted that the sport would come back", Joe recalled, "That some day a pool table might become as common as home radio". His prediction is coming through. The big cities now have some plush billiard parlors. More and more pool tables are found in the recreation rooms of private homes.

Balsis is married to the former Eleanor Radziewicz, has two sons and a grown daughter. "I'm teaching my kids the game so they can earn their way through college", Balsis chuckled, "To Notre Dame". Now, where would Joe be if he had never watched those bums on television shooting pool?



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## WOMEN VOTERS celebrate 50th anniversary

A year-long campaign designed to emphasize the value of the vote as a basis of American democracy has been launched by the League of Women Voters for 1970, with the theme, "Year of the Voter." It will commemorate not only the League's own 50th anniversary, but also the 50th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, giving women the right to vote, and the 100th anniversary of the 15th Amendment, forbidding denial of the right to vote "on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

The League of Women Voters is a national, non-partisan, voluntary organization, which was organized in its present form in 1920, the year that women suffrage was written into the Constitution. Women, however, had been active for many years. As early as 1848, a Woman's Rights Convention met in Seneca Falls, New York, and issued a declaration of independence for women, which included the right to vote. In 1872, a group of women went to the polls in Rochester, New York, and demanded the right to vote on the basis of the 14th Amendment, which stated, in part, that no state shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States. They were arrested, but their example inspired other and the campaign for votes for women went steadily forward.

Meanwhile, Wyoming, then a territory, gave women the vote in 1869, the first state to do so. It was followed by three other western states, Colorado, Utah and Idaho. No additional state gave women the vote until 1910, but by then the vigorous campaign

waged by women for equal rights began to bear fruit and by 1920 Congress had adopted and the states had ratified the 19th Amendment providing that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

As its first task, the League of Women Voters undertook teaching the 20 million newly enfranchised women how best to carry out their new responsibilities. Today, it has grown into a unique non-partisan organization that promotes good citizenship and political responsibility on the part of all citizens.

Among other things, the League encourages registration and voting, distributes non-partisan information on candidates and issues, engages in study and research in such important areas as human resources, foreign policy, consumer's protection, water resources, civil rights, and stimulates more effective citizen participation in governmental decisions. Two specific objectives of its 1970 campaign are the reform of the Electoral College to provide for the direct election of the President of the United States and representation in Congress for the District of Columbia. This year's campaign will culminate on November 3, 1970, when 34 Senators, 435 Congressmen, 30 Governors and thousands of other state and local officials will be elected. The League hopes it will be the largest off-year election in history.

The League has some 160,000 members, and 1300 locals, in all 50 states. Potential members may get more information should get in touch with a local league in her own community, or write to the national office: League of Women Voters of the U.S., 1730 M Street, N. W. Washington, D.C. 20036. (- (ACNS)

## Tautiniai vardai

### POV. DIRKIS

Kiekvienoje tautoje, tiek vietovių, tiek upių, miestų, kaimų vardai, tiek žmonių vardai ir pavardės yra savi. Lietuviai senovėje ir dar viduramžiais, vadinosi tik lietuviškais vardais. Tačiau išsiplėtus, išsigalėjus krikščionybei ir priėmus lietuviams krikštą, lietuviai pamažu tautiškų vardų ėmė netekti, nes buvo krikštijami tik krikščioniškais arba šventais vardais.

Kaip Lietuvoje, taip ir kitose šalyse, dėl panašių priežasčių savi tautiški vardai nyko. Tik naujaisiais laikais, kylant vis didesniam tautos susipratimui, buvo suprasta, kad savi vardai visiškai tinka vartoti. Savų lietuviškų vardų atgaivinimas prasidėjo drauge su Lietuvos tautišku atbudimu. Praeito šimtmečio pabaigoje ir šio pradžioje daug lietuvių ėmė vaikus krikštijoti Lietuvos karalių ir kunigaikščių vardais - Mindaugo, Kęs-

tučio, Algirdo ir kitais. Iš moteriškų vardų imta vartoti kai kurie istoriškai ar užtinkami padavimuose vardai, būtent: Birutė, Gražina, Aldona ir kt. Tačiau daugiausia lietuviškų vardų ėmė rasti po lietuvių spaudos atgavimo.

Atgavus Lietuvai nepriklausomybę, lietuviškieji vardai, susipratusių lietuvių, pradėta vartoti plačiai visoje tautoje. Dėlto atsirado kalendoriuose lietuviškų vardų sąrašai, pritaikinti metų dienoms šalia krikščioniškų ir šventų vardų. Atrodo, kad kai kam ir šiais laikais dar neaišku, kokie tie lietuviški vardai? Iš ko juos galima pažinti, ir kodėl jie tokie yra?

Pats svarbiausias lietuvių vardų pažymys tai, kad jie turi savyje lietuviui suprantamą prasmę, kad jis yra Lietuvis - Lietuvos sūnus.

Vardams atsirasti paprasčiausia buvo priežastis, kad atskirti vieną asmenį nuo kito. O kokius vardus lietuviai senovėje galėjo pasirinkti: Jonas, Jūrgis, Juo-

zas, Petras, Povilas, Ona, Marijona, Barbora ir t.t. Kitokių, t.y. tautiškų vardų negalėjo pasirinkti, nes tokių vardų Lietuvoje nebuvo ir niekas jų nežinojo. Lietuviai ėmė sau vardus iš gyvenimo, nes tie vardai jiems buvo tinkamiausi. Iš gyvenimo imtieji lietuviškieji arba tautiniai vardai senovės Lietuvoje buvo duodami pagal asmenų kai kuriuos sielos ar kūno gerus ypatumus, pav. Gražina, Meilutė, Aukštuolis, Margis ir t.t. Arba pagal medžiaginio pasaulio daiktų ir reiškinių pavadinimus, būtent: Danguolė, Danguotis, Giedrė, Aušrelė ir t.t. Taip pat vardai galėjo atsirasti pagal atsitiktinį ypatingą nuotyki, pamėgdžiojimą ar garsų žygį bei pasklydusį gandą.

Juk ne tik pagal pavardę, bet ir pagal vardą yra sprendžiama apie asmens ar jo tėvo tautybę arba net tikybę.

Tad nevenkim nė vienos geros priemonės, kuri lietuvių tautybę ir stiprina.

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### FOUNDERS DAY

April 27th is officially designated as Knights of Lithuanian Founders Day. On that day our organization formally came into being. This would be an appropriate time for councils to acquaint new members with our organization. A history of the first 50 years of our organization, English and Lithuanian text, is available. Contact the national president or "Vytis" editor, addresses shown on page 2, for additional information.

### SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Have you contributed to the CANON FABIJONAS KEMESIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND? Your donation will make it possible to award a \$1,000.00 scholarship at the 57th National Convention to some deserving Knight. Send your contribution to the Scholarship Treasurer, Irene Wood, address shown on pg. 2.

### PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of Bishop Brizgys announces that a film on the blessing of the Siluva Chapel in Washington, D.C. is available for loan. It is 16 milimeter and in sound. This would be a good program item for our councils and districts. The Bishop's address is: 2701 West 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60629.

### "VYTIS" THANK YOU

We gratefully acknowledge the donations of the Rev. Simon Morkunas of Sioux City, Iowa, the Rev. S. J. Bartkus of Kewanee, Ill., and Petras M. Brundza of Detroit, Mich.

Father Bartkus was one of the founding members of Council 4.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary reminds us that all membership dues were due in January, 1970. All council secretaries should forward dues as soon as collected.

If a new member joins the council, dues are as follows: \$100.00 Lifetime Member; \$5.00 if member joins January-March; \$3.75, April-June; \$2.50, July-September; \$1.25, October-December. Additional family members ONLY, \$2.50 per year (No "Vytis"). The couple rate for the first year only is \$7.00 and thereafter \$5.00 per year. Dues should be collected for a FULL YEAR.

New member record sheets, applications and dues reporting sheets are available without charge from the national financial secretary, address shown on page 2. Membership cards for social members are available at a cost of 10c each.

For Junior membership cards, the counselors may contact the national 1st vice-president, address shown on page 2.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1970 DUES?**

### SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Supreme Council was held on Sun., Nov. 30, 1969 at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Chicago, Ill. In attendance were Board members: Dr. Jack Stukas, Leon Pauksta, Longinas Svelnis, Dorothy Dutkus, Helen Zimmer, Stella Sankal, Stanley Vaitkus, Albert Jāritis, Algird Brazis, Irene Sankus, Valentina Hotra, Eleanore Laurin, Frank Svelnis, Vincent Samaska, Antanas Skirius. Guests: Rev. John Savukynas, Al Mockus, Al Raubiskis, Estelle Rogers, Cecilia Matul, Irene Rakaitis and Dolores Wainauskas.

Oral and written reports were presented by Board members and accepted.

The K of L sponsored trip to Rome for the Blessing of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel was discussed and His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys joined the board at the conclusion of the meeting with details of the Blessing and the Chapel.

President Stukas reported that no replacements has been found for the "Vytis" Editor and requested that the current editor remain. Miss Sankus agreed to remain until the completion of the Convention October 1970 issue. All Board members were requested to renew their efforts in locating a suitable replacement.

The Non-Lithuanian Spouse resolution committee reported that they are contacting the national legal advisor regarding several points of the resolution before printing the proposed resolution in the "Vytis".

Several errors or omissions were reported in the newly-printed By-Laws. As the omissions were made by the By-Laws revision committee, the matter will be referred back to the committee.

Plans for the 57th National Convention were discussed and it was decided to again schedule panels. The arrangement would be panels in lieu of morning sessions and general sessions in the afternoons. Suggested panels were: Public Relations and "Vytis", Juniors, Seniors and Scholarship. Further details will be discussed at the next Board meeting. The Honorary Membership committee reported that Robert Boris, C-102 Detroit, former national President, will be presented with honorary membership at the convention.

The next Supreme Council meeting will be held on April 5th in Detroit, Mich.

DOROTHY DUTKUS,  
National Recording Secretary

### 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 coun-

cils 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.

## K of L Calendar

### APRIL

- 18 - Chicago Lithuanian Opera's presentation of Verdi's "La Forza Del Destino", Premiere, Maria High School Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.  
26 - NED SPRING CONVENTION and K of L WORKSHOP, C-35 hosts, Ansonia, Conn.

### MAY

- 3 - Lithuanian Television's 5th ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, West Lawn Club, Chicago, Ill.  
16 - C112 Chicago, SPRING DANCE, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.  
16 - So. Boston Seniors, THIRD ANNIVERSARY DINNER, Milton Hill House Restaurant, Milton, Mass.  
16-17- C25 Cleveland, GARAGE SALE, Guzauskas Garage, Cleveland, Ohio.  
21 - MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Early Bird Get-Together Party, Sinkwitz Residence, Dayton, Ohio.  
22 - MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Registration, Holiday Inn Motel, Wagner Ford Road; 11 AM Brunch; 2 PM, Bowling, McCook Lanes; 9 PM, Bowlers Dance, Holy Cross Church Hall, Dayton, Ohio.  
23 - MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Mass and Bowling Banquet, Dayton, Ohio.  
31 - C26 Worcester, COUNCIL PICNIC, Worcester, Mass.

JUNE - Meetings of the IID and NYNJ D will be scheduled.

### 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

### MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

(Figures as of March 10, 1970)

COUNCIL	1969	1970	% Paid
1 - Brockton	15	0	0%
3 - Philadelphia	39	21	54%
5 - Chicago	11	5	45%
6 - Hartford	1	0	0%
7 - Waterbury	99	88	89%
10 - Athol-Gardner	20	19	95%
12 - New York	31	31	100%
13 - Chicago	12	0	0%
14 - Cicero	7	4	57%
17 - So. Boston	49	25	51%
18 - Cambridge	6	0	0%
19 - Pittsburgh	33	0	0%
25 - Cleveland	22	22	100%
26 - Worcester	135	88	65%
27 - Norwood	2	0	0%
29 - Newark	98	58	59%
30 - Westfield	27	21	78%
36 - Chicago	64	27	42%
41 - Brooklyn	30	0	0%
52 - Elizabeth	22	0	0%
61 - Paterson	7	7	100%
67 - Bayonne	7	0	0%
78 - Lawrence	3	0	0%
79 - Detroit	195	141	72%
90 - Kearny	43	33	77%
96 - Dayton	80	43	54%
100 - Amsterdam	40	45	112%
102 - Detroit	32	0	0%
109 - Great Neck	19	11	58%
111 - Srs. Youngstown	15	15	100%
112 - Chicago	166	88	53%
113 - Linden	13	0	0%
116 - So. Worcester	46	41	89%
133 - Los Angeles	7	0	0%
134 - Cincinnati	17	0	0%
135 - Ansonia	48	31	65%
139 - Detroit	30	28	93%
Chicago Seniors	39	34	87%
Cleveland Seniors	41	45	110%
Los Angeles Seniors	35	28	80%
New York Seniors	22	8	36%
Pittsburgh Seniors	2	2	100%
So. Boston Seniors	37	13	35%

# IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

## PIRMAS SUSIRINKIMAS 1970 METAIS - CHICAGO

Vyčių Sendraugių Chicago kuopos pirmas šių metų susirinkimas įvyko Vasario 10 d. Vyčių salėj. Pirm. I. Sakalui atidarius susirinkimą, pasirodė, kad protokolų rašytoja dėl ligos neatvyko susirinkimui ir per pirmininką pateikė atatsistatydinimą. Susirinkimas apgailėstavo jos atatsistatydinimą iš keletą metų pavyzdinčiai eityjų pareigų, padėkojo ir palinkėjo greit pasveikti ir sugrįžti į kuopos veikimą. Naujas protokolų rašytojas bus išrinktas sekanti susirinkimą, šiame tik papaildyta valdyba nauju vicepirmininku J. Romanu, o sergančius narius lankyti ir kuopos linkėjimus pasveikti perduoti išrinktos T. Norbutienė ir K. Petrulienė.

Susirinkime padaryti sekantieji nutarimai:

1. Vyčių Organizacijos globėjo Sv. Kazimiero šventėj, kurią šįmet rengia Vyčių 112-ji kuopa, skaitlingai dalyvauti bažnytinėse pamaldose ir bendruose pusryčiuose, akademijoje. Šventė buvo kovo 8 d. Gimimo Sv. P. Marijos bažnyčioje, o pusryčiai ir akademija parapijos salėj.

2. Vyčių Namų Taryboje užregistravus liepos 12 dieną savo parengimui sodelyje ir salėj iš anksto parengimui ruošti, kad jis būtų įdomus kiekvienam atsilankusiam. Parengimo planams vykdyti komisijon išrinkta: A. Budris, A. ir S. Jonučiai, T. Norbutienė ir K. Petrulienė.

3. Kadangi sendraugių kuopa yra dalininkė Vyčių Namų, tad išklausus Namų Tarybos pirmininko A. Budrio pranešimą pasidžiaugta Tarybos veikimu, ypatinga skolos mažinimu, kartu pareikštas nepasitenkinimas dėl salės neišnuomavimo šeštadieniais, kurie nebūna užimti Marlene's Catering, Inc. Tarybos pirmininkui paprašiu, kad iš bendro vyčių aukų Virtuovės Fondo, kuri globoja sendraugių kuopa, būtų dapiakta kaikurių virtuvei reikalingų daiktų, paaiškėjus, kad tos rūšies įstaigos (caterings) sutartim su rengėjais pristato ne tik maisto, bet ir reikalingus stalams daiktus žmonių aptarnavimui (peilius, šakutes, šaukštukus), nutarta prašymo nepatenkinti. Parengimams, nesuriš-

tiems su "catering'u", salės virtuvė ganėtinai apsirūpinus.

4. Pirm. I. Sakalas padarė pranešimą iš banketo P. Dirkiui pagerbti jo 80 amžiaus ir 60 metų visuomeninės veiklos ir plunksnos darbo sukakčių proga. Pasidžiaugė, kad banketas Sarkos restorane buvo šaunus ir kad vyčiai tiek sendraugiai, tiek ir jaunieji skaitlingai dalyvavo ir sukaktuvininkui įteikė simbolinių dovanų: sendraugiai \$10, jaunieji \$25. Sukaktuvininkas yra nuolatinis "Vyčio" bendradarbis ir sendraugių valdybos narys spaudai informuoti.

5. Revizijos komisija pranešė, kad finansų knygos ir sekretorės S. Jonutienės ir išdininko N. Karlačičiaus yra pavyzdinčiai vedamos. Deja, praėjusieji metai buvo nuostolingi: pajamų gauta \$257.50, o išlaidų susidarė 357.60. Išde turima \$469.96. Finansų sekr. S. Jonutienė pranešė, kad žymus senosios kartos veikėjas dantistas dr. P. Atkočiūnas, šįmet sumokėdamas nario mokestį, dar pridėjo \$3.00 kuopos išdui papildyti. Gražus pavyzdys kitiems nariams, kurių profesija ar kitokios priežastys neduoda progos kuopos susirinkimų lankyti ir veikloje dalyvauti.

Susirinkimus šįmet nutarta lankyti kas antrą mėnesį ir kas antrą antradienį Vyčių salėj. Sekantis susirinkimas įvyks Balandžio 14 d.

I. Sakalas

## DARBŠTIEJI VYČIAI

Chicagos Sendraugių kuopa yra tuo ypatinga, kad susideda iš įvairių profesionalų, kuriuos kad ir prie geriausių norų neįmanoma apibūdinti savoje spaudoje ir išryškinti jų darbštumą. Iš jų atrodo, kad labiausiai savo darbštumu kuopos labai pasidarbavo farmacistai-vaistininkai, būtent: Kazys Jonaitis ir Vincas Petrauskas. Dabar abu jau pensininkai, bet Vyčių gretų neapleidžia - dirba. Pirmasis čia netolimoje praeityje buvo stipriai sunegalavęs, bet dabar vėl atsigavo ir vėl kuria eiles, kurios pasirodys greit "Vyčio" puslapiuose. O antrasis uoliai darbuojasi prie vaistininkijos statistinių žinių surinkimo ir subalansavimo.

Kazys Jonaitis arba Žilvytis jau studentu būdamas įstojo į Vyčių eiles, kuriose bepertraukos išdirbo

virš 50 metų, eidamas Vyčių centro ir žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorius pareigas keletą metų.

Vincas Petrauskas irgi panašiai virš 50 metų Vyčių eilėse grūmėsi, eidamas įvairias pareigas. Jis kiek pirmiau, kada "Draugas" turėjo korespondentų būrį vardu "Žaibas Žaibuoja", jam vadovavo; beto jis uoliai dirbo ir Susivienijimo eilėse. Dabar gi nežiūrint senyvo amžiaus, kad pensijoje būdamas nenuleidžia rankų ir ištisas dienas praleidžia prie vaistininkų statistinių žinių suvedimo. Kitaip tariant V. Petrauskas nori tapti farmacijos istorijos pradininku.

POV. DIRKIS

## NEW YORK SENIORS

Father Algimantas Kezys, S.J., of Chicago arrived in time for the National convention banquet, too late to see how his photos were displayed in the Cultural Exhibit. We are thrilled that the exhibit our council sponsored at the Pacem In Terris Gallery last March was mentioned in the article accompanying six of his photographs in the "50 Famous Photographers Annual"

The late Vytas Valaitis was listed among such famous photographers as Robert Capa, Munkasci, Weegee, in the memorial tribute at the American Society of Magazine Photographers "Infinity '70" exhibit in the New York Cultural Center (formerly the Huntington Hartford Gallery).

Eugenia Karpus sent greetings from Munich in September, remarking that she had not come in contact with any Lithuanians in Germany. A bit earlier, she could have heard Lillian Sukis at the Bayerische Festspiele in Munich. Miss Sukis also got a rave review in The New York Times after her concert at Town Hall on Sept. 14.

Our Treasurer and eminent thespian, Joseph Boley, just back from touring the U.S. in "The Great White Hope", is leaving for Florida with the "Hadrian VII" company. He donated \$100 to the Lithuanian Foundation earlier last year.

Ada Sinkwitz, C-96, sent Helen Kulber a hearty letter of thanks for various materials and handmade samples of articles that can be made by the Juniors in Dayton.

H.V.K.



CLEVELAND, OHIO IŠKILMINGAI  
PAGERBĖ ORG. GLOBĖJĄ

Kovo pirmąją savaitę - šv. Kazimiero šventė, kurią vyčiai iškilmingai ir garbingai prisimena. Kovo 4 d. yra miręs šv. Kazimieras, vyčių globėjas. Vyčiai kasmet susijungę į didesnius būrius eina į bažnyčias ir priima šv. komuniją.

Taigi ir šiais metais, kovo 1 d. vidurinių valstijų apskritys, kuriems priklauso net aštuonios kuopos bei senjorų skyriai vieningai dalyvavo minėjime (19-ta kp. Pittsburgh, senjorai Youngstown, 96-ta kp. Dayton, 25-ta kp. Clevelando senjorai, kurie šią šventę ir globojo). Tiesa, buvo pakviestos ir viso trys Detroit'o kuopos, bet, deja, nė viena negalėjo dalyvauti.

Nors Clevelando senjorai pašventė nemažai savo brangaus laiko ir įdėjo daug darbo, bet pasėkos buvo geros. Minėjime dalyvavo arti šimto L. Vyčių narių ir būrelis jų bičiulių. Vietiniai vyčiai ir svečiai 10 val. ryto susirinko į Švč. P-lės N. Pagalbos liet. parap. salę, o iš čia žygiavo į bažnyčią. Amerikos ir Lietuvos vėliavas nešė Antanas Mačiokas, sen. pirm. ir 25-tos kp. pirm. Bruno Bartkus. Garbės palydovėmis buvo Uršulė Gaižutienė ir Kazimiera Sadauskienė. Jos vilkėjo tautiniais drabužiais. Vėliavas sekė organizacijos garbės nariai (apskrities pirm. V. Pavis, Marijona Lukas ir J. Sadauskas), ketvirto bei trečio laipsnio nariai ir visi kiti vyčiai ir šių iškilmių dalyviai. Išklause šv. mišių, priėmė šv. Komuniją ir pasimeldė į šv. Kazimierą.

Parap. bažnytinis choras, vadovaujamas muz. Reginos Brazaitienės, šias šv. mišias, atnašaujamas už mirusių vyčių sielas papuošė savo harmoningu giedojimu. Choro giedojimą pajvairino solistas Julius Kazėnas. Visi dalyviai jiems už tai dėkingi.

Šv. Kazimiero šventė suruošta Clevelando senjorų Švč. P-lės Nep. Pag. bažnyčioje. (Kairėje) K. Sadauskienė, Bruno Bartkus (25 kp. pirm.), Antanas Mačiokas (Cleve. senjorų pirm.) ir U. Gaižutis. (Dešinėje) A. Mačiokas, G.N. Juozas Sadauskas, kun. J. Angelaitis (Š.P. N.P. klebonas) ir G.N. Vincentas E. Pavis (VCA pirm.)

Foto - S. Sankal

Po šv. mišių visi vyčiai ir svečiai sugrįžo į parap. valgyklą, kur pusryčių šeimininkės, jau baigė ruošti valgius. Visi buvo pakviesti užimti vietas prie stalų, kur šeimininkių padėjėjos (M. Baranauskaitė, jos sesutė D. Anetta su dukrele Danute ir Jeanie Graham) tuojuo visus aptarnavo skaniais valgiais. Užkandžiaujant pasigirsta J. Sadausko sveikinimo žodžiai. Jis džiaugėsi, kat taip skaitlingai dalyvaujame šv. Kazimiero šventės minėjime. Po savo žodžių, jis pristatė A. Mačioką, senjorų pirm., kuris visus nuoširdžiai pasveikino ir pareiškė padėką už nepatingėjimą ir nepamiršimą ne tik vietinių vyčių, bet ir iš kitų kolonijų atvykti į Clevelandą bendram minėjimui. Toliau buvo pristatytas 25-tos kp. pirm. Bruno Bartkus, kurio žodžiuose irgi buvo prisimintas šv. Kazimieras ir jo mirties šventė. Toliau buvo pristatyti 19-tos kp. pirm. Mildrida Činikienė, garbės narė Marijona Lukas (Dayton), Juozas Strainis (Youngstown). Pastarojo žodžiai buvo jumoriški ir pralinksmino dalyvius. Iš pittsburgiečių buvo pristatytas įžymus vytis Vytautas Jucus, 19-tos kp. narys ir veikėjas, lietuvių radio valandos vedėjas. Antras pitsburgietis taręs žodį buvo Albinas Onaitis, buvęs org. centro pirm. Visų trijų kalbėtojų žodžiai rišosi su vyčių idealais, dvasia ir padėka clevelandiečiams senjorams už šventės surengimą. Toliau buvo pristatytas įžymus Clevelando lietuvių visuomenininkas Stasys Barzdukas, Liet. Bendruomenės centro pirm., kuris mūsų plačiai išseivijai yra žinomas. Prelegento žodžiuose pynėsi tėvynės meilė ir lietuvių palaikymas mūsų išseivijoje. Žinoma, mūsų mielas Stasys prisiminė ir vyčių didžiuosius darbus nuveiktus savo tautai ir katalikų bažnyčiai. Antras įžymus visuomenininkas buvo Feliksas Baranauskas, senosios kartos Clevelando lietuvių veikėjas. Jis prisiminė vyčių



darbus ir svetingus priėmimus. Dar buvo pristatyti senjorų I vice pirm. Ignas Visockas ir met. rašt. M. Trainauskaitė, kurių žodžiuose nuskambėjo pasididžiavimas ir pasigerėjimas, kad vidurinių valstijų apskritys pajėgia surengti iškilmingą šv. Kazimiero minėjimą. Toliau, šio apskrities pirm. V. Pavis, pagerbė bei papuošė garbės ženklais keturias vytes senjores: Stasę Sankalaitę - trečiojo laipsnio ženklą, Marijona Baranauskienė, Pauliną Usalienę ir Feliciją Petkūnaitę - antrojo laipsnio. Po šių ceremonijų, Vincas Pavis, vidurinių valstijų apskrities vardu, visas pagerbtas nuoširdžiai pasveikino ir palinkėjo visoms geriausios sėkmės. Po to Vincas skaitė vytiškoje dvasioje parašytą savo paskaitelę, kurioje giliai slėpėsi vyčių org. ir apskrities veiklos mintys. Pusryčių dalyviai Vincą apdovanojo gausiomis katutėmis. Dar buvo pristatyti du vyčiai daytoniečiai - Omler ir Sinkevičius. Pirmasis yra sportininkas, o antrasis dailios rūšies menininkas. Kaip Marijona Lukas, taip pastarieji uolieji vyčiai, visi gėrėjosi šv. Kazimiero šventės minėjimu ir Clevelando senjorų draugišku priėmimu bei skaniais valgiais.

Dar buvo pristatyti du įžymūs vyčiai 25-tos kp. veikėjai - Uršulė Jankauskaitė ir E. Koncaitis. Buvo pristatytas ir šios parap. klebonas bei senjorų dvasios vadas kun. J. Angelaitis. Jis savo kalboje prisiminė, kad vyčiai skaitlingai susirinko, ypatingai, kad didokas skaičius atvyko iš kitų kolonijų. Klebonas palinkėjo svečiams laimingai sugrįžti namo ir pabai-gęs savo trumpą kalbą, buvo paprašytas sukalbėti maldą. Po maldos, vytei M. Činikienei ir vytei M. Lukas vadovaujant visi sugiedojo L. vyčių himną. Po himno svečių ir vietinių vyčių atsisveikinimai ir linkėjimai.

SENELIS

# WILL YOUR COUNCIL WIN THE DUES RACE?



With a hard fast track and dust billowing at the finish line, the dues payments race is heating up. Three more councils reported 100% during this past month. In the new mini-council classification of 10 members and under, C-61 Patterson is the first to get in all of its dues.

Congratulations to C-25 Cleveland who gained 2nd Place in the 11-29 member class, following closely the quick charging C-111 Seniors, Youngstown, who zipped into top position only last month. Also in on the action, C-12 New York got their 31 members paidup for 2nd Place in the 30-59 member category. The first councils of all to obtain 100% were, of course, C-100 Amsterdam and Cleveland Seniors who tied for 1st Place in the third grouping.

Unfortunately, the two top categories containing the larger councils are yet to break into the front running pack. In the 69-99 member contest, C-7 Waterbury seems to have the edge so far with 88 of its 99 members paid. C-29 Newark has 58 of 98, C-36 Chicago 27 of 64, and C-96 Dayton reported dues for 43 of its 80 K of L'ers.

Three councils comprising the largest membership group have tough stretches ahead. Lunging forward though is C-26 Worcester having 88 of 135 members paidup. C-79 Detroit needs dues from 54 of last year's 195 members, and C-112 must chase a whopping 78 more of its 166.

These standings indicate the turning of a recent trend wherein the larger councils with the organization to cope with their larger enrollments were able, and did, collect dues earlier, achieving the 100% mark shortly after the start of a new year. That trend is far from evident this year, however. Hopefully, the large councils will gear up their membership and financial officers and with the cooperation of already paidup members combine their

organizational abilities into vigorous dues collection campaigns.

Cooperative efforts toward teamwork in councils must be made to keep them up-to-date in dues. In order for the K of L to be a viable organization, every council must enlist the aid of as many members as possible to keep present K of L'ers enrolled. The next "Vytis" already will be the May issue, leaving only three months before convention. That doesn't allow much time for these councils to become paid up.

Individuals striving for the Membership Drive Special Awards will no longer earn ten points for enrolling a new or rejoin member. The April 1st deadline has passed, and you now get five points for enrollments. This shows how far along the year has gone. Everyone must give that extra effort for hard charge at the clubhouse turn.

LEON PAUKSTA  
Membership Vice-President

## 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 are now 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 - 11-20 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 last convention.

Councils awards for new members will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on net increases as follows: Councils with Over 50 members; Councils with 26-60 members; and Councils 25 and under members.

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



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## MID CENTRAL DISTRICT

MCD M.L.L.  
St. Casimir's Feast Day was celebrated on Mar. 1, in Cleveland, Ohio at the invitation of the Cleveland Seniors. Councils represented were C-19 Pittsburgh, C-96 Dayton, Senior C-111 Youngstown, C-25 Cleveland and the Cleveland Seniors.

A High Mass was sung in Lithuanian by the Cleveland Seniors Spiritual Advisor, Father Angelaitis, at which all the Knights received Holy Communion "en corpore". Later we all assembled in the parish hall where a delicious brunch was served. Mr. Joseph Sadauskas (H.M.) served as chairman of this gathering and fulfilled the duties of Master Of Ceremonies.

During the course of the program, Third and Second Degrees were awarded to Cleveland Senior members by our District President, and Honorary Member Vincent Ed. Pavis. Stella Sankal was awarded the Third Degree and Pauline Usalis and Mary Barry both received Second Degrees. Several guests were called upon to say a few words and all too soon it was time to depart for home.

Many, many thanks to the Cleveland Seniors for their gracious invitation and hospitality and also for the well planned observance of the feast of our Patron, Saint Casimir.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Patty Sun., Mar. 1, we joined forces with the Cleveland Seniors along with Knights from Dayton, Pittsburgh and Youngstown in an impressive St. Casimir's Day Celebration at the 10 AM Mass held at our Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Rev. Joseph F. Angelaitis, Senior Advisor, officiated. Antho-

ny Maciokas, Cleveland Senior President and Joseph Sadauskas, Chairman, and the St. Casimir Day Committee are to be commended for a job well done. The cooks are to be complimented for the delicious food served at the banquet! Our Council very much enjoyed the congeniality of the group - it was great seeing all those familiar faces.

BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS: Mary Lucas (Dayton) busy as a beaver passing out tiny bowling balls as reminders of the forthcoming Midwest Bowling Tournament to be held in Dayton, May 23-25. You can count on C-25, Dayton - we'll be there with the trophy!... Joe and Ada Sinkwitz (Dayton) made quite a few people happy at the banquet when they passed out polished amethyst stones (samples of their hobby).

Best wishes for a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Nellie Arunski (Mar. 20); Kathy Shigo (Mar. 23); Bruno Bartkus (Apr. 11); Charlie Machutas (Apr. 12); Bill Jakubs (Apr. 23) and John Arunski (Apr. 27).

WANDERLUST STRIKES C-25 - Victims: John Arunski tripping the light fantastic and basking in the "warm" St. Pete's sun; Charlie Machutas attending a "Sales Conference" in Dallas; Andrew Palzes just back from a fabulous 3-week skiing trip in Italy, Switzerland and France. Joanna and Al Shigo heading for California the middle of March with a stop-over with their boys in Maryland on their return.

How was the cake Susie baked to welcome you home with Charlie? (Susie isn't even kindergarden material yet!)

JINXED AGAIN - Snow Party cancelled twice during the month of February - NO SNOW.

WHERE OR WHERE are Al and Eleanor Bendokas - Nellie and Al Samas? We miss you!

COMING: - C-25 Garage Sale

May 16 and 17 - Joe and Ruth Guzauskas' garage. Check your basements, closets, garages for all unwanted usable items. Helen Jakubs and Ruth Guzauskas Co-Chairladies of this event.

WHO were the luscious looking ladies who gracefully stepped out of that fabulous Cadillac in front of OLPH March 1st?

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

Busy as bees were the committee of the Memorial Fund Card party, held on Feb. 8. Chairlady Julie Belickas took on a pink glow of satisfaction because of a lovely and successful event. The committee who contributed their services were Mary Bernadis, Vicki Chepelonis, Stella Hotra, Julia Medinis, Elizabeth Paurazas and Sophie Zager. Special thanks to all the members who contributed stamp books, prizes and money and "kudos" to the menfolk, A. Dainus, C. Milius and G. Zager for setting up the chairs and tables for the card party. Also "Širdingas Ačiū" to all who came.

Feb. 15 was spent at Mercy College for a commemorative program of the 52 anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. To note the occasion, Governor Wm. Milliken of Michigan and Mayor Roman Gribbs of Detroit had proclaimed Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day. Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas was among members of Lithuanian organizations who went to Lansing for the signing of the proclamation. The Lithuanian flag was displayed at the City-County building and at Mercy College where a program of folk dances, national songs, speeches and an appearance by the fully uniformed Lithuanian National Guard.

Valentina Hotra made "headlines" as she appeared in Feb. 16 issue of Detroit Free Press showing her in Lithuanian Costume, accompanying the article on Lithuania's Independence Day.

March 8, the 79'ers were guests of C-139 for the St. Casimir Day festivity. As usual, the one-thirty-niners put their best foot forward with their gracious hospitality and good food, followed by an appropriate program with solemn ceremonies preceding at St. Peter's church.

Due to other commitments, it is unfortunate that no one from our council attended St. Casimir Day Rites in Cleveland, on Mar. 1. However, we express our sincerest "Ačiū" to the Cleveland Seniors for extending the invitation to us.

Participation of the three Detroit Councils, 79, 102 and 139, took place at the annual Holy Thursday Pilgrimage at the three Lithuanian parishes, with the last stop being at St. Peter's where coffee and goodies were served by the 139'ers, in their church hall.

Soffi Snooping - While we were "sub-zeroing", Mary Saltis was enjoying that good 'ole sunshine in Port Ritchie, Florida... Helen Patocki was in Florida also - visited in Miami and dropped in on Cel and Harold Yunck, former 79'ers who now make their home in the Sunshine State... The "off-spring" of our members are taking off to many parts. Tom Martin who was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., received orders transferring him to Texas. He has joined the Black Berets and will be in training at A. I. T. Specialized School in Texas... Gerald Zager is on a promotional training for three weeks in Cincinnati, Ohio... George Leskosky Jr. leaves for Germany on special training. He is ground representative at Metro Airport with Pan American Airlines... Sophie and George Leskosky enjoyed a Hawaiian vacation with stops in Los Angeles and sightseeing in San Francisco, Calif... A feminine voice over the phone identifying herself as "This is Agnes" set back the clock 25 years for Sophie Zager. The voice of the young lady was Agnes Seskin (nee Mikenas), on visit from Spain (where she makes her home) to visit her mother in Detroit who is quite ill. Sophie and Aggie identify themselves as girlhood chums from Amsterdam, N.Y... Whose birthday were the Frank Petroskis celebrating at Monaghan Council when your correspondent and her hubby dropped in for quick bite to eat?

They "disappeared" before we had a chance to say "hello"... "Dana Ann" was the cute and clever theme incurred at our social evening following the Mar. 4 meeting. Her Ma and Pa M/M C. Miilius and (of course) grandma Dorothe Martin were the hosts... In the stork dept., Gerry and Joe Chaps were presented with another granddaughter, Kimberly Ann, on Feb. 27, courtesy of their son M/M Gerald Chaps... Adeline and Bernie Vitkus are looking forward to being grandparents for the first time... Speedy recovery is wished to Andy Gillis who has been very sick since his serious surgery... Our deepest sympathies to the following members who passed away recently - Mary Salinas, Joseph Miknis and Frances Alksnes. Please remember them in your prayers and especially for the family they leave behind.

At our recent executive board meeting the top of the agenda was the new church; also discussion about hosting a Supreme executive meeting in Detroit sometime in April. On new business, Sophie Zager suggested that a "Vytis and Vytė" oscar be presented on our council level to members for some worthy achievement. She brought a set of Knights presented to her through courtesy of Phyllis Byville. It was put into recommendation to make special C-79 awards to our fourth degree recipients.

#### DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

Lithuanian Independence Day was celebrated by our parish, Holy Cross, on Feb. 22, 1970. The day began with a special Mass at 2 PM with Msgr. Balkunas of Maspetch, N.Y. Following Mass prayers took place at the Shrine of The Three Crosses.

The program began at 3 PM in the church hall under the guidance of Fr. Titas Narbutas. Msgr. Balkunas, who has been most active in the work of keeping Lithuania in constant recognition as a free state, was our main speaker. Frank Gudelis read the official greetings and resolutions.

Under the direction of Junior advisors, Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas, original readings of 'What Lithuania Means to Me' was presented by each Junior Knight. A parody, put to the music of 'America', was sung by the Juniors with

a poem read by Christine Goldick during part of the musical background. On accordion, playing two Lithuanian melodies, was Mark Vaitkus. Council members, Mary Lucas and Aldona Ryan sang two songs as a duet then led the audience in a Lithuanian-sing-along.

Closing words were delivered by council president Joe Noreikas. Greeting guests as they entered was Frances Mikalauskas as hostess. The luncheon served was not only colorful to look at but very delicious and was put out by Hilda Cernevicius, Adele Kvietyts and Adele Mikalas.

With the week-end of May 22 -24 only a little over one month away, our bowling committee for the annual Mid-West tournament is busy setting up plans for the occasion. Chairmen Charles Petkus, David Petroski and Joe Noreikas are looking forward to a Big Turnout for the tourney!

The week-end will begin with a Friday night get-together at the home of Joe and Ada Sinkwitz. (Their basement is a well known establishment for the Knights.) Music for the evening will be supplied by the Vaitkus boys, Mark and Steve. Saturday will begin with registration at the Holiday Inn Motel on Wagner Ford Road. Brunch, under the care of Sarah Petkus, will be at 11 AM. Bowling will start at 2 PM at McCook Lanes. The Saturday night Bowlers Dance will be held at the church hall at 9 PM. Mass time and the Sunday dinner will be announced later. Mid-West Knights - make plans now for the week-end!

Upon receiving an invitation to join the Cleveland Senior Council in celebrating their St. Casimir's Day of Mar. 1, six of our members headed that way for the occasion. Coming back with reports of a day well spent were Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, their daughter, Cathy, Mary Lucas, Ernie and Veronica Omlor. Greetings from our many friends in the Cleveland council came back along with a warm reception by their host, Joe Sadauskas.

Our religious committee, Pat Zelinskas and Eloise Berzelly, with the aid of Father Titas, have made arrangements for guests priest to hold our Wednesday evening Masses for Lent. These priests are from an order called 'The White Fathers'. They are a missionary

order of 4000 with most of their work being done in Africa. They are also on the teaching staff at the University of Dayton. Their Masses have been most inspiring.

Alice Petkus' dream of a home shrine to 'Our Sorrowful Mother' has become a reality. Completion and blessing of the shrine took place on Mar. 1. John Kvietys, not only a K of L'er, but an excellent craftsman, was the designer of the Lithuanian motif for the shrine.

Newest member to join the council is a former Junior K of L'er, John Kavy. Rejoining the council is Cathy Mantz. A big welcome to both of them.

Wondering why there are so many chuck holes on Rte. 75 to Cleveland from Dayton? Those trips that George and Frances Mikalauskas make to visit her Brother, Cleveland C-25's president, Charles Machutas and his wife and vice-versa, could be a big factor!

Birthday greetings for March are mailed to Helen Goldick, Ida Kavy, Aldona Ryan, Maxine Bakanauskas, Helen Vaitkus, Judy Scott, Jim Sinkwitz, Bea Noreikas, Frank and Irene Petrauskas. Anniversary congratulations go to Joe and Eugenia Gecas.



"Our Sorrowful Mother Shrine" in front of the home of Mike and Alice Petkus, C-36 Dayton. Shown blessing the shrine is Father Titas Narbutas and the designer, John Kvietys.

## WANTED:

Due to the resignation of the "VYTIS" Editor, applications for the position are being accepted. Send letters to the President or current Editor.

## NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3 Rudi

As always the Christmas season had it's usual hustle, bustle and a good share of parties. This year our Christmas party committee came up with this unique idea - a Traveling Christmas dinner party. It was held on the Saturday after Christmas and those of us who weren't snowed in (Joe Y. in New Phila., Pa. and Tony Burch in Worcester) attended. Jack Frost goofed up the weather and made the Philly streets very icy. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served by the Svek-las of North Philly, but only a few brave souls drove up and attended the first part of the party. About two-thirds of the crowd asked for rain checks for sometime in July. When the delicious smells of kil-basa and kopūstai started to emote from the Mickunas' house eighteen people showed up and the party got rolling along. For desert and coffee and a nip of holiday cheer, we all drove over to the Weigands in New Jersey. Chuck and Alberta (Beke-ri) Weigand showed us around their beautiful brand new home and at midnight Mr. and Mrs. Claus passed out the gifts to all the good and bad Council 3'ers. Congratulations to our committee for planning such a wonderful party.

Jolly Green Giant Petronis, became Jolly Old St. Nick for the Juniors Christmas Party. Will he be the Jolly Easter Bunny this Spring?

C-3 carried the Christmas season well into January by having the annual "Little Christmas Party" hosted by Joe Yanulaitis at his apartment. This year we found it much easier to hold the meeting here too. After the business session, a buffet supper and drinks were served. After the crowd

thinned those who were left enjoyed a lively conversation on some contemporary subjects. There is just something about Joe's Place that is conducive to good conversation.

The winter weekend was held on the 3rd weekend in January. The committee headed by Lillian Sasnauskas, found an exciting new place to stay. It had accommodations for our non-skiers and it introduced them to the sport of tobogganing. The weather that weekend was ideal for out-door sports. We understand that Al Rupsis is going to coach the next Olympic toboggan team on how NOT to take so many hard landings.

After a few weeks of rest, we all started to plan and work on our St. Casimir's Day Commemoration. We enjoyed the usual terrific turnout from our families and friends to help us remember the feast of our Patron. Michael Krivinskas did a wonderful job as M.C. for the Luncheon. We were honored to have as main speakers Rev. Leon Peck and State Rep. James Tayoun.



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NEWARK, N.J., C-29

The Wanderer

We sure had a busy time of it during the past few months. First on the agenda was the observance of Lithuanian Independence Day on Sun. Feb. 8. High Mass was offered in Holy Trinity Church that morning at which the celebrant was Rev. Tomas Ziuraitis, O.P. of

Washington, D.C. C-29 was in charge of this celebration. The Lithuanian - American Veterans Post and its auxiliary took part in the services. Before Mass the Star Spangled Banner was sung. Rev. Ziuraitis gave a very inspiring sermon befitting the day and at the close of Mass the singing of the Lithuanian National Anthem. Then came a procession to the Lithuanian Wayside Cross where a wreath was placed, which was blessed in church prior to Mass by pastor Rev. John Scharnus, a prayer was offered by Rev. Ziuraitis and ceremonies at cross ended with the singing of Marija, Marija.

A short commemorative meeting took place in parish hall presided over by 29 president Kazys Sipaila. Short talks dealing with historic event were given by Albinas S. Treciokas on behalf of the local chapter of the Lithuanian World Community, Valentinas Melinis, president of the N. J. Lithuanian Council and Baltic States Federation of N. J., Dr. Jack J. Stukas, president of Supreme Council, Rev. Ziuraitis and Frank Vaskas.

In connection with observance in our city, a group of C-29 members, Mrs. Eva Treciokas, Mrs. Regina Schmidt, Rev. Ziuraitis, O. P. and yours truly visited our city hall on Feb. 11 where the delegation was received by the Honorable Hugh J. Addonizio who signed a proclamation in connection with the Lithuanian event.

The next big event on our calendar took place on Sun. Mar. 1 when we observed the feast of our patron St. Casimir. High Mass was offered in Holy Trinity Church with the celebrant being Rev. Joseph Barkus, O.S.B. The Knights were led into Church by color guard of the Lithuanian-American Veterans Post under the direction of Jack Remeika. After Mass the membership marched to St. George's Hall where dinner was served. Toastmaster was council president Kazys Sipaila and the chairman, Mrs. Eva Sharon. Guest Speaker Rev. Barkus gave a very interesting discourse in Lithuanian on our patron saint. Others who spoke were the pastor of Holy Trinity Church Rev. John J. Scharnus and council spiritual director Rev. Peter Totoraitis. Invocation and benediction were offered by pastor

and spiritual director respectively.

Notes on the Cuff: Although the weather was good and turnout fair, on Mar. 1, it should have been much better. Surely one can come around this one day in the year to honor our patron saint. This event has always been the big one on our calendar and attendance always good - but what happened this year? A low bow in the direction of the local Lithuanian - American Veterans Post and its auxiliary for turning out at our dual celebrations this year. They have always been responsive to our requests to take part in any events we sponsor... Rev. Ziuraitis, O.P. filled in our parish during brief vacations by pastor and his assistant... Our council has been fortunate in getting good publicity in the local American press... Loretta Stukas extended greetings on behalf of Supreme Council and also plugged to coming trip to Rome by the Knights. Called on for a bow during dinner were past presidents, Jack Remeika, Charles Strolis and Peter Podgalsky. A raffle of a Lithuanian doll donated by Mary Stonis, was held for the benefit of our parish. On Feb. 13 Lithuanians received unexpected and free publicity via TV. During demonstration by teachers of the Newark school system in front of City Hall, the cameras of NBC TV Channel 4 were focused on the marchers, and into the picture came a sign which hung over the main entrance of city hall and clearly visible were the words Lithuanian Independence 52nd anniversary 1918-1970.

The writer wishes on behalf of self and C-29 extend congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Dominic Pocius pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church Kearny, N.J. who on Apr. 26 will be celebrating his silver jubilee in the priesthood.

#### AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

##### Smile and Sparkle

Our council commemorated the 52nd anniversary of Lithuania's independence and also the feast of St. Casimir, patron saint of the organization on March 1 with a luncheon at the Sleepy Dutchman Motor Inn which followed corporate communion at St. Casimir's Church.

The luncheon committee composed of Eleanor Olechoski, Helen

Druziak, and Polly Ziausys, gave a report, stating that the Rev. Bernard Gustas, assistant principal of Bishop Scully High School, served as the master of ceremonies and Leonard Hartvigas, the main speaker. Leonard is well known to all in this area, as he was the Lithuanian announcer for the Lithuanian Hour which used to be aired over station WCSS every Sunday afternoon. Soloist for the affair was none other than our Rev. Robert K. Baltch.

Virginia Miciulis at our February meeting presented Father Baltch with a gift from the members in honor of his birthday anniversary, Feb. 17. Matthew Orante added his comments and a gift to the council's spiritual advisor. Ann Radzevich (our president's wife) presented Father Baltch with a large birthday cake. The refreshment committee for the meeting consisted of Ann Radzevich, V. Miciulis, H. Druziak, Josephine Redding and Gene Gobis. President Anthony Radzevich presided at the session. Irene Wood read the minutes and Sophie Olbie gave the treasurer's report.

Attending this special meeting were the Revs. R. K. Baltch, Anthony Grigaitis, Bernard Gustas, and Joseph E. Anselment, principal of Bishop Scully High School, the Anthony Radzevichs, the Charles Karbus', Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Liberis, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Mildred and Cynthia Thomas, Ann Baltuska, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, Polly Ziausys, Ginny Miciulis, Helen Druziak, Irene Wood, Josephine Redding, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Peter Hayes, and Matthew Orante.

NEWS BITS ... K of L's celebrating birthdays in January - National Legal Advisor, Atty. A. C. Stokna, Edward Ziausys; February - Don Nikstenas, Polly Ziausys, Father Baltch, Eleanor Olechowski. Belated anniversary greetings to Ed and Nellie Liberis and Paul and Aldona Abeling.

It all started with LITHUANIAN TOAST! Signs appeared in three local eating places, Raywood Diner, Ralph's Delicatessen, and Community Pharmacy "LITHUANIAN TOAST 15c". The question heard about town, "What is Lithuanian toast?" We must ask the originator of this idea, our own Cultural Chairman, Matthew Orante. Gene

## ILLINOIS INDIANA DISTRICT

Gobis and Ginny Miciulis were told by Matt that when he visited Lithuania last year, he was served this type of toast for breakfast. The girls asked that he identify this toast. His answer was, "It's two slices of bread toasted, one rye and one white with butter and mint jelly. It's delicious!"

Gene Gobis thought this would be a good idea for a write-up in the local paper. She contacted Dennis DiLorenzo (his mother is the former Violet Yurkon (Lith.), and asked if this would be a good idea. Well, to make a long story short, on Feb. 16 we found in addition to an editorial, a 1/2 page devoted to pictures of Matt's trip to Lithuania with a write-up entitled "Lithuanian Day Brings Recollections by Orante of His Last Year's Visit". We are most thankful to Dennis and the Amsterdam Evening Recorder for such an excellent write-up.

Also, Helen and Ben Schell (Sidlauskas) owners of the Blossom Shop gave an entire window to display Lithuanian art, wood carvings, amber, etc. Gene Gobis was in charge. Many thanks to the following for their help in making the window interesting: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Matthew Orante, Polly Ziausys, Eleanor Olechowski and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Waselauskas, and Ann Baltuska.

On Feb. 3 a group of K of L'ers met at the Red Carpet Lounge to continue to discuss "Business" after the meeting from the night before - having luncheon plus a Lithuanian Cocktail (Red-Green and yellow) were Irene Wood, Ginny Miciulis, Gene Gobis, Father Bernard Gustas, and Peter Hayes.

### IID Taitytė

The 1970 St. Casimer Day Commemoration began with a procession and High Mass at the Nativity B.V.M. Church on Sun., Mar. 1. Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas, Spiritual Advisor of C-112 officiated and gave the sermon and Algerd and Aldona Brazis made the Offering of the Bread and the Wine. After the K of L Hymn, the faithful again filed out in procession, led by the color bearers, including the participants of several other organizations. These who joined the K of L in the commemoration were the ateitininkai and šauliai.

Another good friend of the K of L, "Tony" Slutas recorded the event for a showing in the near future on his Lithuanian TV show.

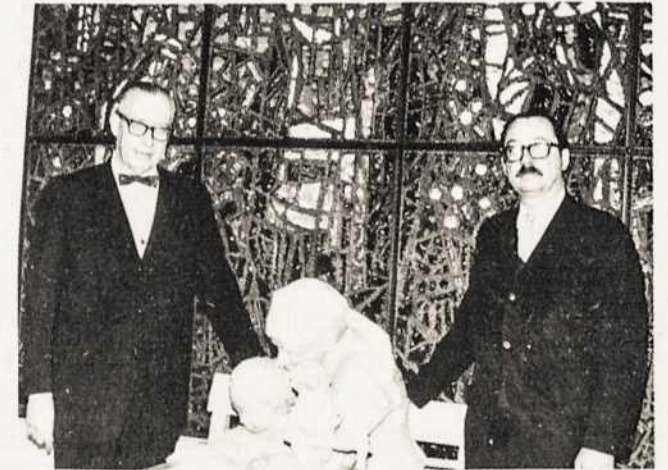
The brunch and program at the parish hall began with Rev. Anthony Miciunas, M. I. C., former District Spiritual Advisor, giving the invocation and John Evans, the Master of Ceremonies, making the preliminary introductions of the head table. These others were Canon V. Zakarauskas; Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, also former District Spiritual Advisor; Rev. John Kuzinskas, Assistant Pastor at Nativity; Guest Speaker Dr. Petras Kisielius; District President Algerd Brazis and Aldona Brazis and C-112 President Albert Zakarka.

The many other honor guests included Dr. Joseph Jerome, President of the Lithuanian Roman

Catholic Federation; Anthony and Mary Rudis of the Lithuanian Radio Forum; 13th Ward Committeeman Michael Madigan; and President of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Casey Oksas and Mrs. Oksas, representatives of the Sauliai, Jūry Skautai and the Lithuanian Legion Posts. Our own prominent K of L'ers included Honorary Members Ignas Sakalas, Adele Gabalis, Eleanore Laurin; S.C. Officers Leon Pauksta and Helen Zimmer; Irene Sankus, "Vy-tis" Editor; national Lithuanian Affairs Co-Chairman Albert Zakarka; Scholarship, Frank Svelnis; and Public Relations, Vincent Samaska.

Dr. Petras Kisielius, prominent leader in a myriad Lithuanian Organizations such as the Lithuanian Fondas, and a man most respected in the medical field was the principal speaker. Dr. Kisielius delivered a most effective address, also pointing up the many accomplishments of the members of the K of L, so much by so many who have never even seen the land of their forefathers.

The Giedraitis sisters delighted the audience with their unique presentations of Lithuanian and American folk songs at the beginning and during the program. And the final spotlight was the presenting of the District's Annual K of L'er Awards to Albert Zakarka and Loretta Macekonis. The 1970 K of L "Man of the Year" Award to Al Zakarka was presented for his constant dedicated participation as officer and committee member in the district, the council, the building Managing Board of Trustees, the Choir and even the



BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE 1st ANNUAL BANQUET. (Left) Guests enjoying dinner at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel. (Right) Chairman Joseph Jerome (C-112) and Stanley Balzekas, Jr. (C-36).



Enjoying a luncheon of the WOMEN'S GUILD of CHICAGO are Natl. Fin. Secy Helen Zimmer (C-36), noted soprano Prudencija Bičkus (C-112), and Josephine Dauszvardis, wife of Lith. Consul in Chicago (C-112).

(Photo - J. Kasakaitis)

Supreme Council. The presentation was made to Loretta Macekonis also for her many years of service to the District, to her Council, to the Choir and especially for her contributions to the District as Editor of the bulletin, "The Trumpet". Congratulations Mr. Zakarka and Miss Macekonis.

Just after the brunch, Eleanore Laurin held her District Scholarship Fund Raffle. With the capable help of Vince Samaska, Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer, the winners were picked in record breaking time. Florence Rumsas was the lucky winner of the top prize, a Sunbeam 30 cuppercolator; Peggy Zakaras took home the Lady Schick Shaver; Irene Sankus won the "Harvey" Easter Rabbit; Virginia Balzekas drew the Vodka filled cocktail shaker; Leon Pauksa received a bottle of imported wine for his donation to the Scholarship Fund; Napoleon Sapkus now has a bottle of champagne for next New Years Eve; Pat Figielski has added a "Memories of Lithuania" Record to the collection; Dolores Yuknis won something handy for Andy, a long handle brush and shoe horn set; Jonas Jasaitis has a Sunbeam electric decorator clock to help keep track of his busy schedule; Christine Chernius took home a hob nail bottle of cologne; Alex Budris should get some extra energy for all his work around the

K of L building from the box of candy he won; little Miss Karen Tenclinger can start her collection of cosmetics for 1985 in the cosmetic bag she won; and Father Paul Juknevicus, who has quite a collection of Lithuanian arts and crafts now has a mod pencil caddy for variety. The consolation prize for all the others is the satisfaction of knowing they have contributed to a most worthy cause and the hope of the committee that they will be on the winner list next time.

The Convention plans are starting to bubble and brew as Chairman Al Brazis is stirring up some committee meetings for the various activity chairmen. Some of the pre-convention plans are already formed and by the next issue, we know everyone will be delighted to see just what is in store for those to come to Chicago, early, just on time or even decide to stay late.

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

This year our council was privileged to host the Knights of the Illinois-Indiana District in honoring our organization's patron - St. Casimir.

The event was held on March 1 and began with a procession (filmed for Lithuanian TV by Tolius Slutas) and High Mass at the Nativity BVM Church. Our council spiritual advisor, Canon V. Zakarauskas officiated and delivered the sermon. It was a distinct pleasure to hear the excellent Nativity choir under the direction of Vladas Baltrušaitis.

Hard-working chairman John Evans also served as the Master-of-Ceremonies. Among the honored guests were former IID spiritual advisors Rev. A. Miciunas and Rev. A. Zakarauskas, IID president and Mrs. Algerd Brazis, Rev. John Kucingas, Anthony and Mary Rudis, Dr. Joseph Jerome, Michael Madigan, many prominent Lithuanians and our own national, district and council leaders.

Guest speaker, Dr. Petras Kisielius, well-known for his Lithuanian organizational work and in the medical profession, spoke on the life of St. Casimir, his accomplishments and the accomplishments of the Knights of Lithuania.

The District's "K of L'er of the Year" Award was presented to

our council president, Albert Zakarka and to C-5 member Loretta Macekonis. Both were commended for their work in their respective councils, the IID and on a national level in furthering the cause of the K of L.

Anita and Christina Giedraitis entertained the guests with American and Lithuanian folksongs, and their original composition "Love".

Aby assisting Chairman Evans were Al and Julie Zakarka, Al and Gerry Mockus, Al and Rugh Dagis, Frank and Lorraine Svelnis, Alexander and Emilija Pakalniskis, Irene Rakaitis, Estelle Rogers, Dolores Wainauskas, Monica Kasper, Irene Rakaitis, Edward Krievickas and Al Shulicke.

The IID scholarship chairman, Eleanore Laurin took this occasion to hold the drawing for the Scholarship Fund Raffle. The long list of prizes reflected many smiling winners - but how or why did Irene Sankus part with her "Harvey" rabbit? With Eleanore's supersalesmanship, the District's annual donation to the Canon F. Kemezis Scholarship Fund was assured.

On behalf of C-112, Chairman John Evans and his committee, we express our appreciation to our honored guests and to our fellow Knights - the members of the Chicago Seniors and councils 5, 13, 14 and 36 for joining us in commemorating St. Casimir's Day - 1970.

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



C-7 Waterbury's St. Casimir's Day. Frank Shaknaitis, Probate Court Judge James Lawlor, the Rev. George Vilchauskas, John Alanskas and H.M. Alexander Aleksis. (Photo - F. Vairo)

**NOTE: WOULD ALL JUNIOR K of L  
COUNSELORS SEND ME YOUR  
NAME AND ADDRESS SO I  
MAY SEND YOU THE 1970  
REGISTRATION CARDS.**

**THANK YOU!**

**DIANE DANIELS  
First Vice President**



(Above)  
Annual Communion Day in observance of St. Casimir - C-10 Athol-Gardner, Mass.

Athol. Father Al Yankauskas, pastor, celebrated the Mass and preached the sermon. Dinner followed at the Athol House. President Howie Beaudette was in charge of the arrangements.

Father Al Yankauskas recently returned from a two week vacation spent in California and Hawaii. He celebrated both his name's day and birthday at the dinner held on Mar. 1, at the Athol House.

Frank Anoris was recently elected president of the Lithuanian Club in Athol. Congratulations, Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Mueller (Fran Milosh) were guests of honor at a party held by our council on the occasion of their recent marriage in Switzerland. The affair was held at the Colonial Hotel in Gardner where the group enjoyed an excellent smorgasbord dinner and spent the evening dancing. Fran and Al are now living in Nashua, N. H. We hope that we have not lost them entirely. Congratulations, Fran and Al.

**WORCESTER, MASS., C-26  
Dzūkelė**

What does the future hold for the K of L? Had a similar question been posed to King Arthur, he would have called for magical Merlin. But we don't have to do this. We have an extremely flexible organization so each of us is able to find a niche in which to exercise his talents. We know that all it takes for a council to remain healthy is people who WORK and who WORK TOGETHER. Prognosis for the K of L? Very



GUESTS and MEMBERS of the Knights of Lithuania at ST. CASIMIR'S DAY BREAKFAST, Council 7, Waterbury, Conn. (Photo - F.Vairo)

**WATERBURY, CONN., C-7 W.J.S.**

C-7 of the Knights of Lithuania celebrated St. Casimir's Day at an 8:00 AM Mass on Sun., Mar. 1. The Mass was offered by Father Hubert Carrig and was followed by a communion breakfast of scrambled eggs and sausages.

The Reverend George Vilchauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, opened the program by sounding the theme taken up by our guest speaker, probate court Judge James Lawlor.

Father Vilchauskas emphasized the fact that student violence is beginning to ebb because the students have nothing to substitute for which they are violent about except violence itself.

Judge Lawlor further discussed violence in our society with the idea that we must exercise and allow this to burn off. He stated that in his years as probate judge, when the subject of inheritance comes up, people throw off all dis-

guises and appear as their true selves. He emphasized the fact that we should prepare for any eventuality in our own lives and set up a good example for our own children. We should make our wills so there will be as little friction as possible.

Alexander Aleksis provided the entertainment with a musical background of Lithuanian songs. Participating in the singing were Marcella Andrikis and Edmund Stulginkas.

Members of the committee were: John Alanskas, chairman, Lillian Paulauskas, Ed Di Napoli, Dr. William J. Shukaitis, Father Henry Balchunas, Joe Samoska, Jr., Nell Diggles, Al Alanskas, Joseph Gudonis, Ed White, and William Gervickas.

**ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10  
Vincukas**

Our council celebrated the feast of St. Casimir on Sun., Mar. 1, with a Mass at St. Francis Church,

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**Draugas**  
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 Chicago 29, Ill. 60629

very good!

Wedding congratulations to Pauline Yanusas and Phil Flaherty who will be married on Apr. 19. Drasius Pajeda has been discharged from the U.S. Army and is home for good. Gloria Metrick has passed another milestone on the path of bowling recognition. Her score one evening of 135-102-100, totalling 337, brought praise galore. Father Bakanas has been transferred from our St. Casimir's Parish to Our Lady of Vilna and every good wish from our Council accompanies him. Anne Bender suffered a fall on an ice patch which resulted in a broken wrist. A cast will be part of her anatomy for several weeks, poor Anne! Congratulations to Ed and Barbara Vaitkunas who have a new baby. Their little daughter was born in February. Peter Jankowski, Mary's husband, is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital and we hope that by the time this is in print, Peter will be feeling much better. Adele (Ivaska) and Francis Degutis celebrated their 10th Wedding Anniversary in February and those of us who attended their wedding find it hard to realize that a decade has passed. Father Alphonse Volungis, former spiritual director of our council, and presently pastor of Our Lady of Vilna (home of C-116) is celebrating the 25th Silver Anniversary of his ordination this year. Sincere



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### The Chicago Knights

congratulations to Father Al on this happy occasion.

We mentioned last month, along with her committee, that Dana Pauliukonis was chairman of our annual St. Casimir Day Communion Breakfast. It was a beautiful event and there are a few things which must be stated in order to convey just how great it really was. Behind the scenes was Eddie Grigaitis, who was the chef responsible for the delicious breakfast. Ed is an asset to our council. Father John C. Jutt celebrated the Mass and the sermon was delivered by our spiritual director, Father Justin Steponaitis. Unforgettable messages were delivered from the head table by the pastor, Father Jutt, who praised our council for support of parish financial needs. He introduced us to the new Lithuanian Encyclopedia and stressed the importance of making a lot of noise

in order to have Lithuania's cause recognized. Father Jutt, an honorary K of L member, portrays the kind of leader who makes the Knights of Lithuania tick. He's dedicated, efficient and an expert in matters concerning Lithuania and Lithuanians. Charles Tagman (accompanied by Mrs. Tagman), presently a State Representative, a fourth degree Knight, and past president of our council, spoke about the importance of supporting Lithuanians for political positions. The main speaker was Kazys Adomavicius, who is president of Maironis Park. His topic dealt with K of L history and he dwelled upon a beautiful description of the natural beauty which is Lithuania's. Impressive church services, interesting informative speeches, delicious food, and the efforts of many made this day truly memorable.

Our spiritual director's name day is Apr. 14 and so we join together in singing "Ilgiausiu metu". Congratulations to Father Steponaitis.

Coming events include a supper meeting which is being planned by Stephen Walinsky; a council picnic is scheduled for May 31, with Eddie Grigaitis planning the details; and Jack Mattrick advises that C-26's own Tiny Tim and Ensemble is sure to be a highlight of the Variety Show.

So you see, there IS something for everyone!



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT KNIGHTS and FRIENDS