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ISTORINĖS ŽINIOS APIE VYTAUTO DIDŽIOJO MOTINĄ BIRUTĘ

POV. DIRKIS

Kunigaikštis Kęstutis ir jo žmona Birutė yra simpatiškesni senosios, pagoniškosios Lietuvos atstovai. Narsusis Žemaičių krašto gynėjas Kęstutis neieškojo sau žmonos, kaip paprastai kiti kunigaikščiai darydavo, svetimuose kraštuose, bet vedė lietuvaitę, žemaitę Birutę. Jų sukurta tikrai lietuviška šeima išugdė pasaulinio garso vyrą, Didįjį Lietuvos Valdovą Vytautą, kuris pasuko Lietuvos istoriją nauja Vakarų Europos krikščioniškosios kultūros kryptimi. Kęstučiui esant nuolatinėje tėvynės sargyboje, Birutė, reikia manyti, savo lietuviškomis tradicijomis bei papročiais daug prisidėjo prie sūnaus Vytauto asmenybės išugdymo.

Apie Vytauto Didžiojo motiną Birutę, istorijoje užsiliko labai maža žinių, ypač tokių, kurių tikrumas būtų aiškus ir neginčytinas. Mat, ano laiko kronininkai bei istorikai rašė daugiausia apie tuos dalykus arba įvykius, kurie turėjo politinės bei visuomeninės reikšmės. Dėl to jie tik pamini Vytauto motiną, bet jokių smulkesnių žinių nepaduoda. Tik vėlesnės kartos istorikai Birutės asmenį apipynė legendomis, apgobė deivės ir šventosios aureole. Jeigu per tiek laiko žemaičių, o paskiau ir visų lietuvių tarpe užsiliko, ne tik atsiminimai apie palangiškę Birutę,

bet ir ypatingas jos gerbimas, poetinis idealizavimas arba savotiškas kultas, tai visam tam turėjo būti koks nors pagrindas.

Vienas rašytojas ir keliauninkas A. Junevičius aplankęs Palangą viduryje pereito šimtmečio pats savo akimis matęs kaip aplinkiniai gyventojai rinkdavosi į Birutės kalną Palangoje pasimelsti. Tai jau aišku, kad buvo kas nors tokio nepaprasto, švento.

Poeto Silvestro Valiūno parašyta daina apie Birutę greitai paplito po visą Lietuvą ir virto savotišku žemaičių himnu. O kiek įvairių draugijų, chorų ir įmonių buvo pavadinta tuo vardu! Pereitame šimtmečiuje buvo net išleisti Birutės paveikslėliai su tokiu užrašu: "Birute, šventoji, melskis už mus."

Atsižvelgiant į tai, neišvengtinai turime padaryti išvadą, kad palangiškę Birutę, kunig. Kęstučio žmona ir Vytauto Didžiojo motina turėjo kuo nors pasižymėti, nes kitaip ji nebūtų susilaukusi lietuvių tarpe tiek pagarbos.

Iš užsilikusių istorinių davinių matyti, kad Birutė buvo ištikima žemaičių užtarėja, kuri net paaukojo savo gyvybę gindama savo gimtinę nuo svetimų įsibrovėlių, besiveržiant lenkų krikštytojams į Žemaitiją. Ji aiškiai suprato, kad sykiu su nauja religija plečiama ir svetima dvasinė globa, kuri to krašto žmonėms nieko gero negalėjo žadėti. Ir šiuo atžvilgiu



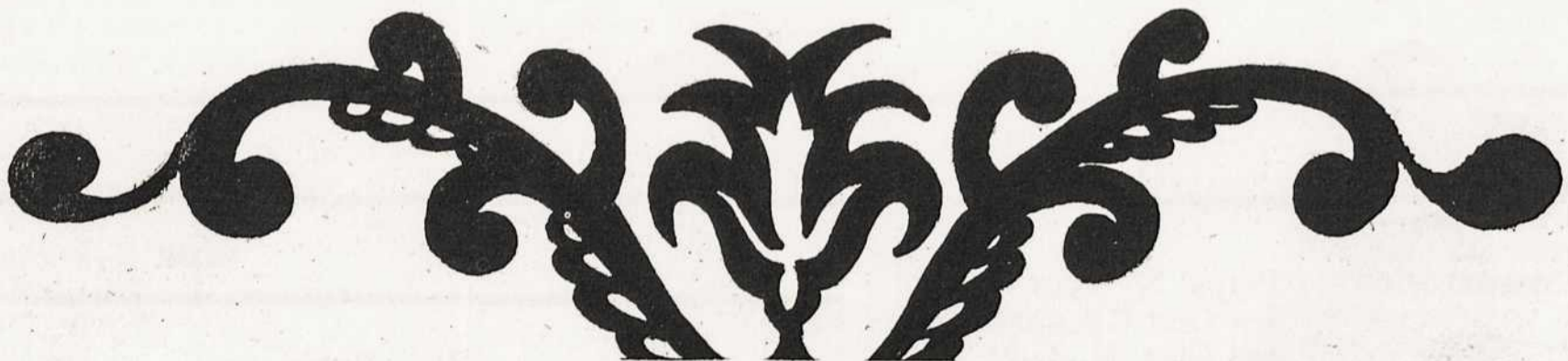
Birutė tapo kaip ir tautinės rezistencijos simbolis.

Birutė turėjo daug ir kitų gerų ypatybių. Susituokusi su Kęstučiu ir persikėlusį gyventi į Trakus, Birutė nenutraukė ryšių su žemaičiais, nuolat juos aplinkydavo, sušelpdavo, paguosdavo ir padrasindavo. Ji buvo sava žemaičių tarpe ir pastarieji žiūrėjo į ją kaip į savo užtarėją neramiuose laikuose.

Kuomet 1413 metais Vytautas, Jogaila ir eilė palydovų atvyko į Palangą, tai buvusieji toje grupėje lenkai pasiūlė išgriauti stovėjusią kalne Praurimės šventovę. Vytautas Didysis vienok tam pasipriešino, sakdamas: "Tai yra mano motinos šventovė ir tegul ji pasilieka nepaliesta. Aš nenoriu naujo karo su žemaičiais."

Birutės mirties aplinkybės yra tragiškos. Pats Vytautas viename savo raštų tikrina, kad ją nužudė slapti Jogailos agentai, panašiai kaip ir jos vyrą Kęstutį. Padavimai teigia, kad Birutė tapo palaidota Palangoje tame kalne, kuris dabar vadinamas jos vardu.

Taigi šiaip ar taip imant, Birutė buvo žemaičių užtarėja, kovotoja ir savo žemės patrijotė. Už tai jos vardas tebeskamba ir mūsų laikais, krikščionybės laikais, nes kiek leidžia turimos istorinės žinios, matyti, kad Birutė nėra tik mitas ar legenda, bet gražus istorinis asmuo, turintis net šventosios aureole.



Motinos MĖNUO

GEGUŽĖS MĖNUO

POV. DIRKIS

Gegužės žiedų ir gamtos švelnumo žadinama tikinčiojo žmogaus širdis jau seniai tą mėnesį paskyrė Kristaus Motinai Marijai, švelniausiam ir gražiausiam asmeniui iš visų lig šiol gimusių žmonių. Ir užtat šiandieną gegužės mėnesį vadiname mergelės Marijos - Kristaus Motinos mėnesiu.

Atseit, tą gražiausiąjį laikotarpį - gegužės mėnesį - bažnyčios liturgija skiria Kristaus Motinos Marijos garbei.

"Kas yra Toji, kuri žengia teškanti aušra, graži kaip mėnuo, iš-

rinkta, kaip saulė ir dvasios priešams baisi, kaip sustatyta kariuomenė", taip kalba mums šv. Raštas apie šio mėnesio valdovę - Nekalčiausiąją Mergelę Mariją.

Šio gražiausiojo laiko, pavasario, paskirimas Marijai, turi labai gilią minties. Gražumas ir malonumas vos pražydusios gamtos, bent dalinai, bent silpnu šešėliu vaizduoja skaisčiausios Mergelės kilnybę, o nuoširdžios maldos, kurios ištisą mėnesį plaukia prie Joskojų, taip reikalingos, ypač jaunystei, atgimstančio pavasario -

dvasios neramumų ir aistros, laikotarpyje. Kaip gražus ir šventas paprotys yra gegužės mėnesį puošti Marijos altorius ir jos paveikslus gyvais, vos pražydusių gėlių vainikais, apstatant degančiomis žvakėmis, ir kas vakaras suklaupus siųsti maldas. "O juk nuo amžių negirdėta, kad kas prie Tavęs bėgęs, Tavo užtarymo prašęs būtų apleistas" - taip sako apie Mariją šventieji.

"Mes, klystantieji žmonės, maldaujam malonės, Marija, maldų neatmesk!



BIRUTE PUKELEVICIUTE

Slender, My Mother

Slender, my mother, like the bird-cherry.
Laden with me, she ripens her misfortune.
Wide vessels choke with forest flowers. Closed,
The yellow shutters. She awaits a holiday.

I come with Consecration, all the roads
Empty, the organ still. At night my cradle
Fills with sharp, fallen August stars. Mournful.

My mother weeps. Now for the first time.
For I am separated now, like boulder
From cliff, and will roll down. Without her.

And it's true:

My hand slides from her clasp.
In fall the orchards burn, flash red with fire.
Wild drakes turn south, sheen of their wings bronzen.
And I go.
In rushes, the path narrows. Sedges are sharp as knives.
Toothless, the hollow tree-trunks yawn. I tremble
In every joint. But I do not turn back.

MOTINA LIETUVA vergijos pančiuose.
Dail. Jurgis Juodis

*Translated from the Lithuanian
by Jack J. Stukas*

MEMORIAL DAY

The holiday that the people of the United States observe each year on May 30th as Memorial or Decoration Day was set aside a century ago to honor the dead of the American Civil War. Its significance has since been expanded to commemorate all those who have given their lives in any of the nation's wars.

The first memorial observance was probably a simple spontaneous ceremony during the Civil War itself. In many places, women placed flowers on the graves, both Union and Confederate, of those killed in the course of the war. These observances coming amidst the chaos of a bitter war, expressed a nation's hope for peace and its determination to transcend the hostility that divided the nation.

It was not until May 1868, after the war had been over for three years, that the observance took on definite form. On May 5th of that year, General John A. Logan, the head of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Army Veteran's organization, issued an order "That every post of the Grand Army should hold suitable exercises and decorate the graves of their dead comrades with flowers... Let no ravages of time testify to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic." May 30th, the date chosen by General Logan was the anniversary of the discharge of the last Union volunteer of the war. It was also a time when spring flowers and foliage were in full bloom in most parts of the country.

So, on a hillside overlooking Washington, in Arlington National Cemetery, the custom of decorating the graves of Civil War soldiers was given official sanction. Many from both sides of the conflict lay buried there. Indeed, the first soldiers to be buried at Arlington were a Union and a Confederate veteran who were placed side by side. On May 30, 1868, ambulances carried flowers to the Cemetery from the Botanic Garden, the Treasury grounds and the President's conservatory. General Ulysses S. Grant, Presidential nominee, was in the stands, and General James A. Garfield who was then in Congress but was later to become President gave the oration.

From 1868 onward, the observance of May 30th as Memorial Day became more general. By 1873, New York State had set the day aside as an official holiday and later other states followed. In 1888, Memorial Day became a national holiday by Presidential Proclamation. Today it is a legal

holiday in all states except a few in the South where different days - April 26, May 10 and June 3 - are variously observed as Confederate Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Services have been held at Arlington every year since 1868. They are usually attended by the Country's leading military and civilian officials as well as by thousands of people who come to pay their respects. Here in one of the country's most treasured national monuments, thousands of American veterans and their families are buried. In 1921, the body of an unknown soldier killed in World War I was brought to Arlington. On Memorial Day 1958, unidentified soldiers from World War II and the Korean War were buried there. Together, these three lie in the Tomb of the Unknowns, a white marble monument to all nameless soldiers who lost their lives in fighting for the United States in the wars of this century.

Memorial Day ceremonies are held in practically every city and town throughout the United States. The American flag is flown at half mast. At eleven o'clock in the morning at the time traditionally set aside by the President, there is a moment of silence across the nation. At noon, all American military installations both in the U. S. and abroad raise the flag with a 21 gun salute. Navy ships at sea drop wreathes overboard in memory of those in their ranks who died in war.

Memorial Day, as we celebrate it today, commemorates not only those who have given their lives for America in war, but also the American dream, as yet unrealized, for peace throughout the world.

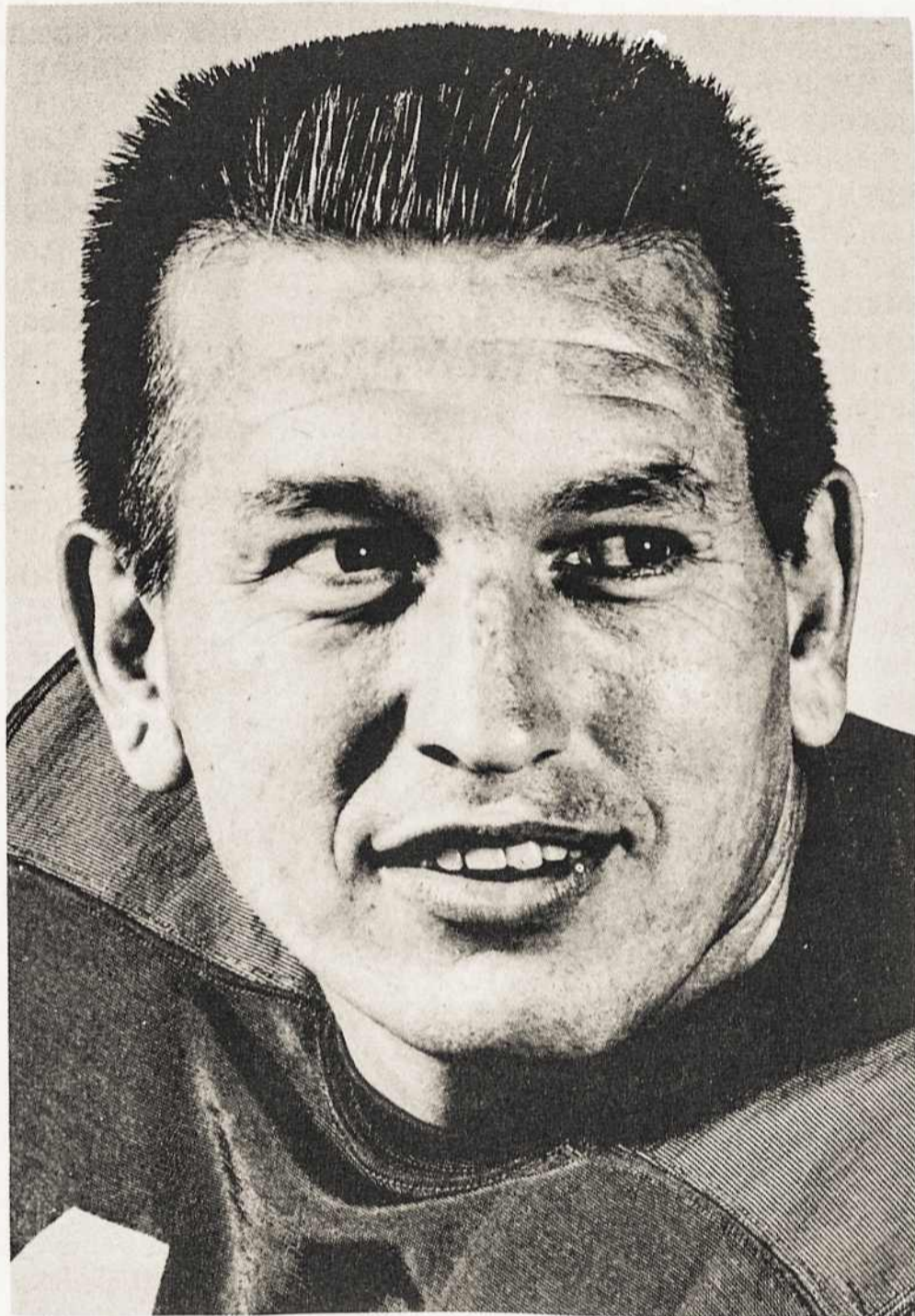
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LOYALTY DAY - MAY 1st
MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 30th

JOHN UNITAS

THE FOOTBALLER OF THE DECADE



Last February John Unitas was voted the player of the decade by the Associated Press poll. During his 14 - year pro football career with the Baltimore Colts he has gained a record 35,502 yards, completed a record 2,450 passes, and passed for 266 touchdowns. His efforts surpassed all previous marks before him. Unitas is rated as the greatest quarterback in football history.

The 6-foot, 1-inch strongman of 190 pounds was the hungry type of football player with intense determination. He would not quit under adverse circumstances. He was a brilliant quarterback from his high school days but the door kept slamming on his college and professional careers. Then he unlocked the door to fame and fortune in a remarkable way.

TONY YUKNIS

John's great ambition, from his earliest grammar school days, was to become a pro football player. He advanced one step toward his goal when he attended Pittsburgh's St. Justin High School. In a two season period (1949-50) Unitas threw 22 touchdown passes. He was named as the quarterback on Pittsburgh's All - Catholic League team. It was here that John met Dorothy Hoelle who was to become his wife later.

His coach, Jim Carey, told the press, "Unitas is the best passer and T quarterback in Catholic League history". A rival coach, Wilbert Rall said, "He's a quiet and unassuming boy but is a package of dynamite on a football field."

Unitas was invited to try out for the Notre Dame University football team. Coach Bernie Crimmins looked over this 17-year old stringbean of 145 pounds, deciding the lad wasn't big enough for the "Fighting Irish" competition.

Then Unitas went to the University of Indiana for a tryout. Again, John failed to impress the coaches. He wasn't offered a scholarship and never heard from them anymore.

Len Canova, head coach at the University of Pittsburgh, liked what he saw of Unitas, offered him a scholarship. However, John did not prepare himself for the entrance examination and flunked out to everybody's dismay.

The St. Justin's coach, Jim Carey, arranged for a football scholarship to Louisville College. Carey convinced Unitas that, "It was better to be a big fish in a little pond than a small fish in a big pond."

Unitas sat on the bench as a freshman as Louisville lost its first four games. Since freshmen were eligible to play here coach Frank Camp inserted Unitas into the lineup out of desperation. John infused a winning spirit into the team and threw deadly accurate aerial bombs all over the field. He led the team to four straight victories over favored teams.

During his second year 15 Louisville players were dropped from the squad because of low grades. From this point on Unitas played the game mostly on his back. Perhaps its this experience that made John a more fearless and elusive quarterback for the rest of his football career. However, Unitas won the hearts and acclaim of Louisville as well as his rivals.

Bernie Crimmins was now head coach at Indiana.

He contacted Unitas and requested that John transfer there. This was a very tempting offer, but Unitas decided to remain loyal to the people who gave him his chance and the loyal friends and fans who boosted him.

The Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League drafted Unitas as their ninth pick. Here again the dark shadows of the same football field enveloped John. He sat on the bench during the nine-game exhibition season. His quiet manner and deceptive lack of fire went against him. Also the shadow of his flunking the Pittsburgh's school exams gave the coaches the idea Unitas wasn't smart enough to quarterback a pro team. He was released just before the official league season commenced. Now it was too late to catch on with another team.

John hitchhiked home found himself a job as a pile driver on a construction site. Then, to keep his pro football hopes alive, Unitas played for the Bloomfield Rams at six dollars per game. John was kidded for his seemingly hopeless football ambitions, but led the Rams to the Pittsburgh semi-pro league championship.

Unitas wired Paul Brown for a chance with the Cleveland Rams. Coach Brown relied that Otto Graham was coming out of retirement and that the Browns were fixed for the season. Brown thanked John for his inquiry and suggested that he look him up next year.

Meanwhile the Baltimore Colts had been notified by their Gary Kekorian that he planned to retire at the end of the season and study law full time. This left the Colts with only George Shaw as their quarterback. Therefore they kept a lookout for any available quarterbacks. They received a mysterious letter from a fan who stated that Unitas was a quarterback in the semi-pro league who deserved a chance with the Colts. Coach Weeb Ewbank likes to say that John had written it himself. Ewbank learned all about Unitas from Louisville coach Frank Camp. They had played against each other in college. So John was invited to the next fall practice of the Colts by their general manager.

Unitas performed well in the pre-season drills and was signed at a salary of \$7,000. The general manager of the Colts, Don Kelle, later was to boast, "It cost me only 80 cents to call Unitas. We've come out so far ahead that it looks like a swindle."

On August 5, 1956 the Baltimore Colts played an intra-squad game before 38,447 fans. The Colts regular quarterback George Shaw was good that day, but Unitas was great. John completed 14 passes, with three touchdowns, gaining 288 yards.

Shaw started the official season with fine performances as John watched the games from the bench. The Colts ran into trouble and George Shaw was injured in the Chicago Bears game. A cold Unitas was rushed into the game. He made a couple costly fumbles and had a pass intercepted for another touchdown as the Bears smeared the Colts 58-27. The Baltimore fans groaned, but Coach Ewbank didn't panic. Unitas admitted that luck was with him as the Colts didn't have another replacement.

Ewbank's patience was rewarded and his job saved when John passed the Colts to a victory over the tough Green Bay Packers. Unitas completed eight passes good for two touchdowns. Unitas had nine

touchdown passes for the season exceeding the first years of Graham, Luckman and Baugh.

In 1957 a great Baltimore team was jelling as Unitas threw 24 touchdown passes, gained 2,550 yards. He won the Jim Thorpe award, was named the pro football player of the year by the Washington Touchdown Club, and was voted All-Pro quarterback by the New York Daily News.

The following year Unitas led the Colts to the National Football League championship. In a spectacular sudden death overtime game the Colts vanquished the New York Giants 23-17. John was awarded a Corvette car by Sports magazine as the outstanding player of the game. Unitas credited his pass receivers and forward wall for his success. In 1959 he led Baltimore to another title, winning another Corvette car.

Unitas scored successes against the college All-Stars, in the All-Pro games becoming the nation's number one football hero. He surpassed the records and popularity of Red Grange, Sid Luckman, Bronko Nagurski, Otto Graham, Sammy Baugh and other luminaries. It is no wonder that George Halas dubbed Unitas "The greatest game breaker of the last 20 years."

In 1967 Unitas, who was now earning \$125,000 per year, won the Robert W. Maxwell Trophy, Bert Bell Memorial Trophy, and was named the pro football player of the year by UPI.

His career appeared to have come to an end in 1968 as he was sidelined with a sore throwing arm. His peculiar fast, whiplash release of the ball hurt his arm. He unselfishly coached Earl Morrall to replace himself as the All-Pro quarterback as the Colts won another league championship.

On November 24, 1969, before 45,600 enthusiastic Chicago fans in Wrigley Field, the Bears were leading by seven points in the last quarter. The 36-year-old quarterback was rushed into the game. The master strategist sparked the Colts to produce 10 points for the victory inside five minutes of play.

Unitas was a hungry ball player with great determination. He has the fine cool-headed, methodical approach to the game to qualify him as a football coach when his playing days are over. Unitas looks on with disdain on the new breed of ball player whose biggest desire is to make big money, with desire to play the game secondary.

It's no wonder that the AP selected John Unitas as the Football Player of the Decade.



STEIGIAMOJO SEIMO SUKAKTIS

POV. DIRKIS

Mes, vyčiai, irgi turime seimus, kurie įvyksta kasmet. Tačiau aš čia kalbėsiu ne apie vyčių seimus, bet apie Lietuvos valstybės seimą - Steigiamąjį seimą, kuris yra net Nepriklausomybės paskelbtoje Vasario 16 d. deklaracijoje, ir, kuris nustatė naujos valstybės egzistavimo pamatus. Nuo St. Seimo įsikūrimo šįmet sukanka 50 metų. Kadangi ši sukaktis yra, ytin, svarbi, tai mums, vyčiams, irgi turi būti svarbi ir prisimintina.

1920 m. gegužės 15 d. Kaune susirinko Lietuvos Steigiamasis Seimas, kuris padėjo Lietuvos naujai atsikurusiai valstybei demokratinius pagrindus, priėmęs eilę įstatymų ir pagrindinį įstatymą - Lietuvos valstybės konstituciją, kuri laisvuose kraštuose ir šiandieną laikoma pavyzdžiausia. Nėra abejonės, kad auksinė St. Seimo sukaktis kiekvienam lie-

tuviui labai brangi, atmintina ir minėtina. Deja, dėl mums visiems gerai žinomų priežasčių lietuvių tauta sukakties negalės minėti pačioje steigiamojo seimo žemėje, kur jo vietą stengiasi užimti Maskvos valdovų paskirta "taryba". Okupantui rusui St. Seimas yra labai nemielas vien tik dėl žemės reformos, kuri išmušė iš bolševikų agentų rankų paskutines agitacijos priemones. Tat nenuostabu, kad dauguma buv. St. Seimo narių gyvenimo paskutines dienas baigė Sibiro plotuose.

Pats pagrindinis St. Seimo uždavinys buvo duoti Lietuvai valstybės konstituciją. Tą uždavinį St. Seimas gerai atliko. 1922 m. rugsėjo 1 d. ta konstitucija buvo priimta. St. Seimo pagrindinis darbas buvo leisti valstybei įstatymus. Kaip jau minėjau vienas iš svarbiausių įstatymų buvo konstitucijos įstatymas, kuris patvirtino Lietuvos Tarybos atliktąjį drasų žygį, paskelbiant valstybės atkūrimo deklaraciją. Atseit, Lietuvos

St. Seimas savo dideliais epochiniais darbais visam pasauliui įrodė lietuvių tautos nepaprastai didelį subrendimą.

Apie tai a.a. Aleksandras Stulginskis, kuris buvo St. Seimo išrinktas p-ku, o vėliau valstybės prezidentu yra pasakęs: Mūsų priešininkų buvo skelbiama pasauliui, kad lietuviuose nėra jokios politinės sąmonės. Tačiau rinkimai į St. Seimą kaip tik parodė visai ką kitą. Rinkimuose į St. Seimą dalyvavo daugiau 90% piliečių. Tai buvo toks didelis nuosimtis, koks retai pasitaiko pasaulyje.

Kaip matome St. Seimas yra gyvybinis šaltinis, iš kurio kiekvienas lietuvis ir piliečio teises branginantis žmogus gali semtis sau jėgų iš St. Seimo. Ir per palyginamai trumpą laiką atlikti labai svarbūs ir neatidėliojami valstybės sutvarkymai, reikalingiausi darbai, pirmininkaujant a.a. Aleks. Stulginskiui, o vėliau prezidentui, kuris 1969 m. mirė Kaune, grįžęs iš tremties Sibire.

Vasara Lietuvoj

Vasara tai yra gražiausias laikas,
Ja gėrisi kiekvienas sutvėrimas:
Žmonės, paukščiai, gyvuliai žvėreliai,
Medžiai, javai, žolelės ir "kvietkeliai".

Joje kiekvienas turi imtis darbo,
Kad būtų su laiku šieno pripiauto.
Nes ir rugiai noksta, ima byrėti,
Miežiai, kviečiai ir avižos baigia nokti.

Viskas laiku turi būt nuimta, suvežta,
Ir tomis gėrybėmis pasidžiaugta.
Dėkoti Dievui, kad viskas užaugo,
O žiemai atėjus nebebus vargo.

Baigus vasarėlės sunkius darbelius,
Šeimos sukviečia mažus ir didelius,
Visus vaišina, prašoma linksmintis;
Sutvėrėjo laiminimu dalintis.

Paukščiai mokina savo vaikus lekioti,
Pavargus, suranda saugią vietą nakvoti,
Kad pasilsėjus, rengtis į kelionę,
Nes reikės lėktd ir nakties tamsumoje.

II

Bitelės daug dirbo nešdamos medų,
Dabar teks ilsėtis, nes mažai žiedų;
Iš kurių ėmė bičių šeimai maistą,
Ir tuomi davė bitininkui naudą.

Jaunimas renkasi linksmintis, dainuot,
Kad savus jaunystės džiaugsmus "išrokuot",
Nes pasibaigė vasarėlės darbai,
Ir ateina linksmo rudenėlio laikai.

Šventą dieną daug į bažnyčią eina,
Melsti Dievui, tą iškilią dieną.
Tik kuomet užgieda: "Pulkim ant kelių"-
Galima išmokyti melstis iš vaikelių...

Vasarą tas viskas vyko Lietuvoj,
Mūsų bočių tėvynėje brangioje.
Dabar daug kas pakeista, sunaikinta,
Ir to visko nėra, kas čia išsakyta...

J. Kuzas

Lithuanians in The NEWS



Sol. Algirdo Brazio pagerbimas Lietuvių Radio Forum valandėlėje. P. Rudienė su A. Brazio šeima.

Chicagoj nors daug turime meninių pajėgų, bet daugelis net mažai žinomi, retai kada specialiai jie pristatomi visuomenei. Tačiau tikrai yra malonu, kai yra žmonės kartu pagerbiami, sužinome apie jų nuveiktus darbus ir laimėjimus. Gerai, kad kas surengę mirusių paminėjimus, tačiau tikiu daug gražiau yra, iki žmogus esąs gyvas jį visi pagerbia ir dalinasi jo išgyvenimais. Štai p. Rudžių dėka, Chicago lietuviai turėjo progos užgirsti žinomo solisto ir Illinois-Indiana apskrities pirm. Al. Brazio išgyvenimus, pasiklausyti jo kūrybinių. Al. Brazis buvęs Metropolitan operos narys, dabar dar gyvai pasirodo lietuviškoj veikloj: dainuoja liet. operoj, pasirodo Lietuvių TV, koncertuose, pamaldose ir kt. šventėse. Lietuvių radio forume, kovo mėn. 14 buvo visa valanda skirta Al. Brazui. Inž. A. Rudis ir ponja vedė programą, kalbėjo buvę bendradarbiai: chorv. M. Steponavičius, kuris pažymėjo, kad 1936 m. kartu su Braziu buvo nuvykę į Lietuvą ir ten koncertavo su Pirmyn chorą, toliau sveikino Dan. Kuraitis, muz. A. Šimutis, iš Kanados net atvykę kun. P. Barius ir dr. Sungaila tarė žodžius, sveikino konst. atst. Račiūnas, p. Oksas, p. Allen Ališauskas, "Tribune" atst. Madsen, Al. Brazio tėvelis, sesuo Olga, taip ir 4 dukros.

Daug gražių sveikinimų atėjo telefonu tiesiog į radio, bet dar buvo apžvelgtas Al. Brazio gyvenimas, tai nebuvo galimybės visiems atsakyti. Pasirodo, kad A. Brazis turėjo net 20 koncertų, dalyvavo daug operėčių pastatymuose, 5 koncertus Kanadoj, operose Chicagoj. Į pagerbimą, po radio programos susirinko virš šimto kviestinių svečių iš organizacijų, spaudos, Lietuvių TV, taip ir politikų. Visi linkėjo solistui dar ilgai sėkmės dainavime, nes nekiekvie-

nas žmogus gauna Dievo duotą talentą, taigi, mes džiaugėmės, kad iševijoje yra visokių talentų, kurie lietuvybei ir Lietuvos vardui garsinti taip reikalingi. Ateina ir naujų talentų, tik tektų juos irgi visuomenei padėti, nes išnykus žymiems šių dienų talentams, jie ateis į jų vietas. Tad tegu lietuviškas talentas gyvuoja visur!

Bal. Brazdžionis.



AMERICANISM AWARD from the Daughters of the American Revolution presented to Stanley Balzekas, Jr. for his work in Americanism. Pictured at the ceremony are Mrs. J. Padzunas, Mrs. Joseph Jerome (C-112 Chicago), Stasė Semėnas (Women's Editor "Draugas"), Mrs. Irene Balzekas (C-36 Chicago) who received the award and her daughter, Carole, and Mrs. Erwin F. Seimes, President General of the DAR. (Photo - J. Kasakaitis)



Pictured in the MARIA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, Chicago, Ill. are Stanley Balzekas, Jr. (C-36) and Sister Ferdinand, Head Librarian at Maria. Both the Museum and Library are active in community projects and scholarly endeavors. (Photo - J. Kasakaitis)



JUOZO STROLIOS MINĖJIMO KONCERTAS, įvykęs Jaunimo Centre, Chicago, Ill. (Viršuj kairėj) Solistai ir jungtinis choras. (Viršuj dešinėj) Jungtinis choras diriguojamas Petro Armono. (Apačioj kairėj) Lietuvos Vyčių choras diriguojamas Fausto Strolios. (Apačioj dešinėj) "Aidutės" diriguojamos Alice Stephans. (Foto - V. Noreikos)

Frank Petrauskas, Landscape Contractor in Syracuse, N.Y. and member of C-96 Dayton, received a NATIONAL LANDSCAPE AWARD from Mrs. Richard Nixon at a luncheon in the Statler Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. recently. The Award, which is the highest in the Landscape field, was given for landscaping the Mobil Oil Corporation building in Tully, N.Y. The American Association of Nurserymen sponsors the Landscape Awards Program annually to recognize outstanding achievement in business and community improvement through landscaping. Mrs. Nixon, in acting as Honorary Chairman for 1969, expressed hope that more organizations would accept leadership roles in landscape improvement programs. This year's fifteen finalists were chosen from over three hundred entries. Frank is a former National Sports Chairman and instituted the first National Golf Tournament at Pittsburgh. He also revived Council 92 Niagara Falls and was its first president. He studied landscaping at the College of Forestry at Syracuse University. It was there he met and married the former Irene Lazor. They are the parents of seven children - six girls and one boy. (Pictured right with Mrs. Nixon).



A synopsis of Mr. Algirdas J. Kasulaitis' address to the Lithuanian community of Toronto on the occasion of the 52nd anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence of Lithuania.

ON THE ROAD OF GREATNESS AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

February 16th for Lithuanians is an extraordinary day. It marks a turning point in Lithuanian history. A change from slavery to national freedom. The Declaration of Independence thus is much more than a political act: it is a beginning of a new era in all fields of national endeavor. For this reason, February 16th should never be a day of sadness, but a day of joy, determination, and rededication.

Today, Lithuania is again occupied by the most brutal imperialist of modern times - Soviet Russia. Therefore, our joy and celebration must be channeled in a different direction. It must be coupled with our complete dedication to our main task - regaining freedom and liberty for our enslaved brethren.

Lithuanians are deprived not only of freedom and liberty, but also of the most basic human rights, which are so eloquently stated in the Declaration on Human Rights, The United Nations Charter and dozens of international covenants. However, no power can deprive us of the right to freedom and liberty. To future. To greatness. There is no prison on the face of the earth, there are no chains so strong, there is no power so mighty that can enslave our spirit, our determination, or our human rights.

Our fight for freedom is in a very true sense a fight for our personal integrity. The loss of political freedom is also a loss of personal integrity, personal liberty, and personal future. Thus, the struggle for national freedom is everyone's struggle. No one is exempt because everyone is affected, every Lithuanian, wherever he resides. It is a personal, as well as a national struggle.

Annual celebration thus becomes an annual rededication to the principles of freedom and liberty. It is a day of declaration to the whole world of our unchangeable resolve to continue the struggle until total victory. We will fight day and night, anywhere and everywhere, young and old, students and workers, teachers and priests. We will fight tomorrow and ten years from now if necessary. We will never give up because our struggle is just. This is our answer to friend and foe, as well as to those millions whose selfish pursuits have blinded them to the sufferings of others.

February 16th is also a day for reviewing past efforts and for planning new actions.

International situation is not favorable to our cause. Lithuania is a small country, poor in natural resources and unimportant strategically. The stream

of international actions are keyed to other dilemmas. International relations are still based on selfish interests, rather than on moral precepts. Thus, Lithuania's fate is unimportant to the global powers. Our plans, therefore, must be based on the fact that in the struggle for freedom, the biggest part of the effort must be borne by us. We have but a few friends among the community of nations who care enough to lend a helping hand. We are grateful but, we must also be realistic.

Our main tasks should be well defined. We must sharpen our political consciousness and draw our younger generation into the common struggle. We must unite behind our leading bodies in charge of liberation activities. We must assure them a substantial financial basis, as well as our complete loyalty. We must make sure that Lithuanianism flourishes in every Lithuanian family. Our loyalty to, and love for, Canada or the United States, as the case may be, does not preclude our love for the country of our birth. Patriotism in our case is not mutually exclusive, but rather inclusive. The more we learn to love Lithuania, the better citizens we will be of Canada or the United States.

We must cherish our Lithuanian language for it is the most binding national treasure. Our literature must be fostered and nourished. Our writers and artists must be sustained and helped.

We must wholeheartedly support Lithuanian schools and youth activities. We must be ready to help our young people, as well as accept their counsel.

The struggle for independent Lithuania is a joint effort as well as a personal responsibility. We must never forget the sacrifice of our brethren. Uncounted thousands of them perished in the struggles. They gave all they had, including their very lives. I am asking much less: just a bit more understanding, a little more action, and a few dollars.

This, is the least we can do. I promise you nothing, except victory.



Somethin's

Cookin'...

for YOU

AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

CONVENTION SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 19th

- The Knights of Lithuania golfers will join the members of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce at their Annual Golf Tournament. We will have the opportunity of not only competing against our own members, but also against the members of the Chamber. In addition to the awards presented by the Chamber, K of L'ers will also receive their awards at the Friday Sports Luncheon.
- In the evening, golfers and other early arrivals will join the members of the Chamber at their Annual Golf Banquet.

THURSDAY - AUGUST 20th

- A free morning to sight-see, shop and visit Chicagoland.
- K of L Bowling Tournament.
- Rain or shine cruise on the exciting TRINIDAD. A fun-filled evening of partying and viewing the Chicago skyline.

FRIDAY - AUGUST 21st

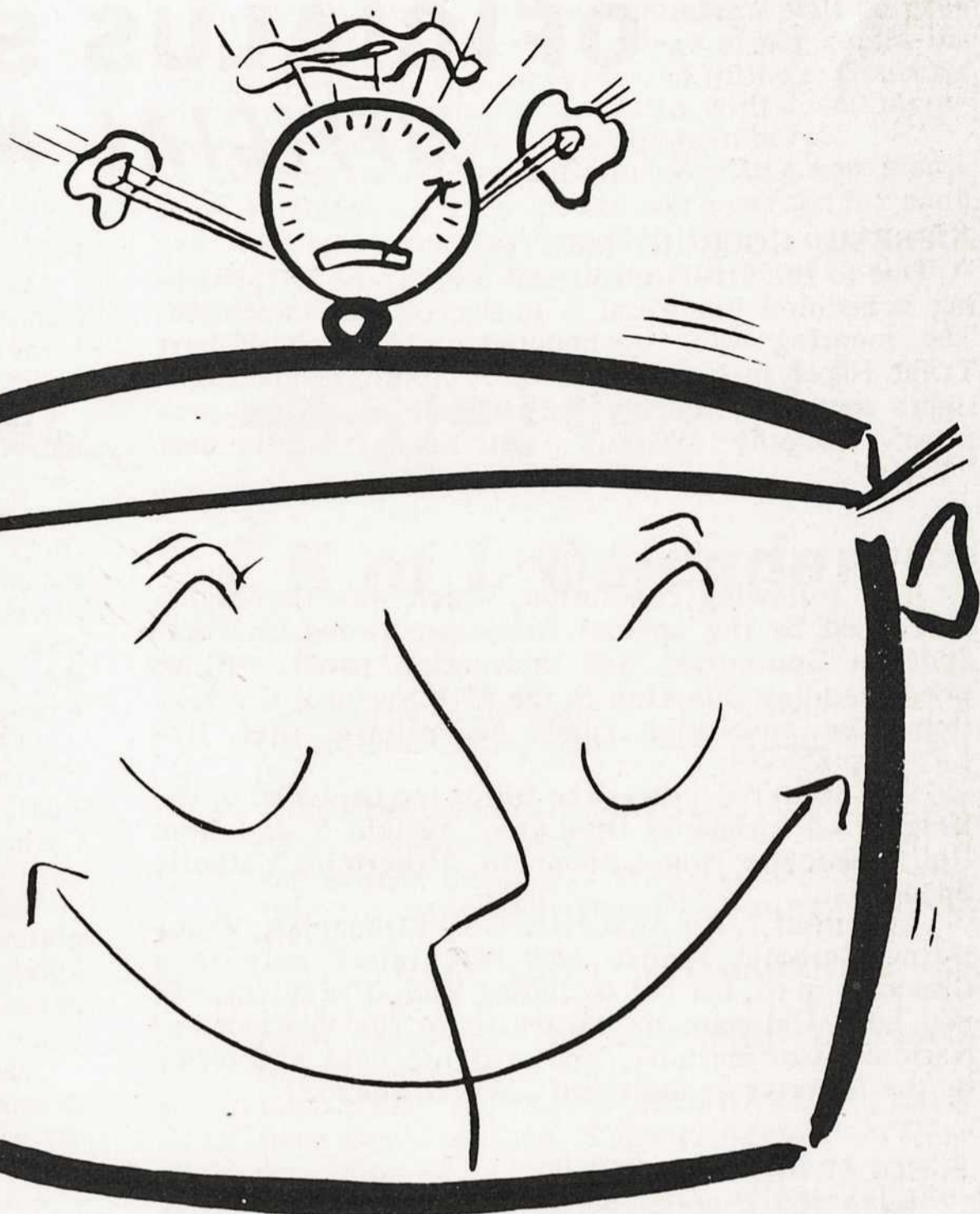
- Opening business session and panels.
- Noon-Day Opening Mass.
- Sports Luncheon featuring special sports celebrities.
- Afternoon business session.
- Get-Together Party, K of L Building and Garden.

SATURDAY - AUGUST 22nd

- Business session and panel.
- Noon-day Mass for Deceased K of L members.
- Awards Luncheon.
- Business session.
- Cabaret Nite, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 23rd

- Convention Mass, Our Lady of Vilna Church.
- Sunday Brunch, OLV Church Hall
- The convention's official photograph will be taken immediately following the Mass.
- Closing business session.
- Convention Banquet, Grand Ballroom, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.



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OFFICIAL NEWS

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the air-controllers' strike, the S. C. meeting scheduled for April 5 in Detroit was cancelled. The meeting was rescheduled to May 4th, Robert Treat Hotel in Newark N. J. A summary and highlights as submitted by the national recording secretary Dorothy Dutkus will appear in the next "Vytis".

CONVENTION RESOLUTION

The following resolution, which was thoroughly discussed by the special Associate Non-Lithuanian Spouses Committee and convention panel, will be presented for adoption at the 57th National Convention. The resolution reads as follows: (Ref. By-Laws pp 25& 26):

"RESOLVED that the following be added to the Knights of Lithuania By-Laws. Article V add Item "e" Associate Non-Lithuanian, Practicing Catholic Spouses.

Add Item 7. An Associate Non-Lithuanian, Practicing Catholic Spouse can hold office only in a Council, up to, but not including Vice-President, will not be a Delegate or Alternate to the District and National Conventions, and will not hold any office on the District or Supreme Council Board."

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 millimeter 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.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

1970 SPIRITUAL PROGRAM

Our National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albert J. Contons, prepared a spiritual program for all K of L members and councils, which has appeared in each issue of the "Vytis".

He suggested a K of L READING CLUB for individual participation. The books selected were religious books which would help members gain a deeper and balanced insight of the religious questions of our day. If we have not already done so, we should read the February selection, "Who is Christ" by Anthony Padovano, Ave Maria Press, cost 95c and the May selection, "Apologetics and the Biblical Christ", Avery Dulles, S.J., Newman Press, cost \$1.50.

The September and November selections are: "Creation and Covenant", James Plastaras, Bruce Publ. Co., cost \$2.50 and "Popular History of the Catholic Church, Philips Hughes, MacMillan Co., cost \$1.95.

COUNCILS should continue their cooperation by planning religious discussions with the aid of their spiritual advisors. A talk on the topic, by a qualified person, plus discussion by the group in attendance, could be most stimulating and enlightening.

Most of our Districts and Councils observed and commemorated February 16th, Lithuanian Independence Day; March 4th, the feast day of St. Casimir, patron of the K of L and the Lithuanian youth; and are now commemorating May 13th, Consecration of Lithuanians to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. Some of Districts/Councils have already held their religious workshop or religious day. Those groups that have not should make arrangements to annually sponsor this type of event.

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.

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

(Figures as of April 10, 1970)

COUNCIL	1969	1970	% Paid
1 - Brockton	15	18	120%
3 - Philadelphia	39	29	74%
5 - Chicago	11	7	64%
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	28	55%
18 - Cambridge	6	0	0%
19 - Pittsburgh	33	35	106%
25 - Cleveland	22	22	100%
26 - Worcester	135	115	85%
27 - Norwood	2	0	0%
29 - Newark	98	76	78%
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	160	82%
90 - Kearny	43	34	79%
96 - Dayton	80	50	63%
100 - Amsterdam	40	45	112%
102 - Detroit	32	25	78%
109 - Great Neck	19	18	95%
111 Srs. Youngstown	15	15	100%
112 - Chicago	166	88	53%
113 - Linden	13	0	0%
116 - So. Worcester	46	44	96%
133 - Los Angeles	7	0	0%
134 - Cincinatti	17	0	0%
135 - Ansonia	48	43	90%
139 - Detroit	30	31	103%
Chicago Seniors	39	34	87%
Cleveland Seniors	41	45	110%
Los Angeles Seniors	35	28	80%
New York Seniors	22	18	82%
Pittsburgh Seniors	2	2	100%
So. Boston Seniors	37	13	35%

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1970 DUES?

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.



K of L Calendar

MAY

- 3 Lithuanian Television's 5th ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, West Lawn Club, Chicago, Ill.
- 4 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N.J.
- 16 So. Boston Seniors, THIRD ANNIVERSARY DINNER, Milton Hill House Restaurant, Milton, Mass.
- 16 C112 Chicago, NIGHT IN MADRID, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 16-17 C-25 Cleveland, GARAGE SALE, Guzauskas Garage, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 21 MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Early Bird Get-Together, Sinkwitz Residence, Dayton, Ohio.
- 22 MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Registration, Holiday Inn Motel, Wagner Ford Road; 11 AM Brunch; 2 PM, Bowling, Mc Cook Lanes; 9 PM, Bowlers Dance, Holy Cross Church Hall, Dayton, Ohio.
- 22-23 C26 Worcester, Musical presentation "Big Night Tonight", St. Casimir Church Hall, Worcester; Mass.
- 23 MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, 10 AM, Mass at Holy Cross Church; 11:30 AM, Brunch, Mary Lucas residence; 1:30 PM, Bowlers Banquet and presentation of awards, Lithuanian Hall, Dayton, Ohio.

JUNE Meetings of the NYNJ and IID will be scheduled.

JULY

- 3- 4 IID, annual INDEPENDENCE DAY DANCE and PICNIC, K of L Gardens and Hall, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUST - 57th NATIONAL CONVENTION. See convention schedule for details.

SEPTEMBER

- 26 C102 Detroit, 50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, Club Venetian, Detroit, Mich.

JUNIOR NEWS

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM NATIONAL V-P.

I still not have NOT received the names and addresses of our Junior Counsellors. The year is rapidly drawing to a close and we would like all of the Juniors to have their 1970 registration cards. Please cooperate. Thank you.

DIANNE DANIELS
Juniors Vice-President

Calling

ALL

JUNIORS

K of L CAMP DAINAVA WEEK - JULY 5 -12, 1970
MANCHESTER, MICHIGAN

Under the sponsorship of the Mid-Central District and under the direction and guidance of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, the K of L Camp Dainava Week will be held July 5th - 12th. Swimming, religious instruction, hiking, handicraft, language classes, Indian lore, baseball, volleyball, nature explorations, folk dancing, movies - All this and More during our camp week! For details, contact the Mid-Central District President Vincent Ed. Pavis. Illinois-Indiana District Juniors and all other Juniors are welcome!

IMPORTANCE OF AN ANNUAL JUNIOR K OF L RALLY IN EACH DISTRICT

In order to establish a spirit of unity between Junior K of L Councils, each District should sponsor a Junior K of L Rally, annually. The program would be set by the Spiritual Advisors and Junior Counsellors. District Officers should include a Junior Rally in their Program Schedule, and either appoint or select a District Officer or Junior Counsellor who will do the initial work of calling a Junior Counsellors and Spiritual Advisors meeting. Notices for the Rally should be sent to the Junior Councils at least two months in advance. This is necessary, if the Juniors are to have sufficient time to prepare for their participation at the Rally.

A Junior K of L Rally is the only way that Juniors can meet other youths who are working for the same goals in their respective councils. This is where they will become better acquainted with the K of L as a national organization, and the only opportunity to meet new friends who have the same interests.

Expenses incurred in sponsoring a Junior K of L Rally can easily be covered by donations from each council in the District, plus a larger donation from the District itself and the Registration fees that are paid by the participants of the Rally. All councils of the District should be solicited - and all should feel obligated to make a donation - regardless, if they have a Junior Council or not. Registration fee, no matter how nominal, should be charged. This will make the Juniors feel that they are making some financial contribution.

Program Schedule for the Junior Rally should be such that it would place a certain amount of responsibility on each Junior Council, such as making a report of their council activities, and some sort of Variety Program that each council would present. A suggested Junior Rally Program can be obtained from the Supreme Council 1st Vice President upon request.

Junior K of L Rallies are important, in that they tend to spur the activities in each respective council during the year, give the Juniors an incentive to prepare for them, whether it be to give a good report, prepare an interesting program or raise money to enable them to attend the Rally.

A Junior K of L Rally can and should become the highlight of the year in each District, for the Junior Knights, just as the K of L National Convention is the highlight of the year to our Regular and Senior members of the Knights of Lithuania.



With the national convention only three months away, every council should be up-to-date in dues payments, but they are not. Here are the leading councils of their respective categories:

NO. 1 - MEMBERS AND LESS

- 1st Place - C-61 Paterson
2nd Place - Pittsburgh Seniors

NO. 2 - 11 TO 29 MEMBERS

- 1st Place - C-111 Seniors, Youngstown
2nd Place - C-25 Cleveland
3rd Place - C-1 Brockton

NO. 3 - 30 TO 59 MEMBERS

- 1st Place - Cleveland Seniors)
1st Place - C-100 Amsterdam) tie
2nd Place - C-12 New York
3rd Place - C-19 Pittsburgh)
3rd Place - C-139 Detroit) tie

Unfortunately, not one council in either the 60-to-99-member or 100-and-over categories has achieved paid-up status. But, only third place in the new mini-council grouping remains vacant in the smaller council classification.

There are newly welcomed leaders, shown in the above standings. C-1 Brockton reached third place in the second category by signing up 18 members. They had 15 last year.

The third group, of 30-to-59 member, which had a first place tie, now has a third place tie. C-19 Pittsburgh gained two members more than its 1969 enrollment of 33, and C-139 Detroit went over the 100% mark too with one more member than last year's 30. So, what began as a hot race in that category finished at the same torrid pace.

**DON'T LET
YOUR COUNCIL
BE CALLED
OUT!**

**BRING IN
THESE
DUES**

Struggling stragglers this year are the largest councils. Perennial leaders such as C-79 Detroit, C-112 Chicago, C-26 Worcester, who are usually battling it out for the membership award about this time of year, have not even gathered enough dues yet to be fully paid. C-26 has signed 115 of its 135 members, C-79 has 160 of its 195. With only 88 paid-up of 166 members, C-112 is only slightly over 50%.

The four councils in the 60-to 99-member category rank as follows: C-7 Waterbury, 88 members signed of 99; C-29 Newark, 76 of 98; C-96 Dayton, 50 of 80; and C-36 Chicago, 27 of 64. They all still have time left - though not much - to reach and surpass their membership enrollments of last year.

The membership standings point out that many of last year's members have not paid their dues yet. And, there are too many of these delinquent members. They are letting down their councils and mainly the K of L. Don't let your council be called out of the K of L "ball game," just because you failed to pay your dues. Bring in your own dues. And, try to bring in the dues of a few others as well, because failing to have your council 100% paid-up is as bad as leaving runners stranded on base.

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice-President

See page 15 for
Membership Standings

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIŲ VYČIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Balandžio 14 d. vyčių namuose įvyko Chicagos sendraugių vyčių kuopos narių eilinis susirinkimas, kuriame buvo aptarti kuopos administraciniai ir organizaciniai reikalai ir išklaudyta P. Dirčio paskaita apie a.a. poetą M. Gustaitį, jo 100 m. gimimo sukakties progą. M. Gustaitis buvo ne tik vyčių himno autorius, bet ir buvo didelis mokslininkas, Dzūkijos švietėjas ir pirmas pokarinės epochos poetas. Miręs 1927 m. gruodžio 23 d. Lazdijuose.

Susirinkimas vietoje atsisakiusios ilgametės kuopos sekretorės Onos Aleliūnienės, kuopos sekretorės pareigoms eiti išrinko A. Pabaliauskiene; buvusiai padėkoto už darbą, o išrinktoji pasveikinta. Beto, buvo išrinkti į š. m. vyčių seimą atstovai: Pov. Dirkis, O. Aleliūnienė, A. Budris, Romanas.

Pirmininkui Sakalui išvykus atostogų susirinkimui pirmininkavo A. Budris ir sekretoriavo Gavaliauskiene.

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SOUTH BOSTON, MASS., C-17 Srs.

A meeting was held in the K of L Clubrooms on Mar. 11, for the purpose of arranging for a Third Anniversary Dinner at the Milton Hill House Restaurant, Milton, Mass., Sat., May 16, 7:00 p.m., for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

Our committee consists of Anna Antanelis, Madeline Druzdis, Anne Petchell, Anne Norinkevich, John Valatka, Josephine Satkevich, Albin Neviera, Joseph Bernatonis, Phyllis Grendal, Dr. Albert Kiburis, Frank Markun, Virginia Markun, Al Akule, Patricia Akule, and Larry Svelnis.

The St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast, co-sponsored by C-17 Srs. and C-17, was well attended. Among those at the headtable were Father Anthony Baltrushunas, Pastor of St. Peter's; Father A. Ja-

niunas, Spiritual Advisor; Father Albert J. Contons, National Spiritual Director; Phyllis Grendal, Honorary Member; Robert Gendreau, President of Holy Name Society; John Olevitz, President of C-17; Larry Svelnis, President of C-17 Srs; Povilas Zickus, guest speaker; Anthony Shalna, Master of Ceremonies. A delicious breakfast was prepared by our own members - Mary Mickevich, Anne White, Anna Antanelis, Josephine Satkevich, Anne Norinkevich. We missed Al Jaritis, NED President (executives have to work on Sundays, sometimes!).

Delegates to the New England District Convention, held in Ansonia, Conn. on April 26 were: Al and Pat Akule, Josephine Satkevich, Frank and Virginia Markuns, Stephen and Mary Mickevich, Phyllis Grendal and Larry Svelnis.

After the meeting, the Seniors joined the regular members for coffee and cake. Phyllis Gendreau, secretary - mentioned that many members' dues are in arrears and hoped that by the next meeting - all would take care of their dues.



CLEVELAND SENIORS. (Upper left) J. Milas, Mrs. A. Navickas and Mrs. S. Milas. (Upper center) Birthdayites Phyllis Petkunas, Kazys Gaizutis and Ursula Gaizutis. (Upper right) Mary Barry, Juozas Sadauskas and Stella Sankal. (Left photo) 1970 OFFICERS: Stella Sankal; Julė Salasevičienė, Mary Trainy, Mary Barry and standing, Antanas Maciokas, Charlotte Petkunas, Kazimera Sadauskas, Pauline Uselis, Ignas Visockas.

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3 Rudi C-3 held the 24th annual St. Casimir's Day Celebration on Mar. 3 at St. Casimir's Church. The Mass and luncheon were well attended. We were pleased to have 120 people attend our luncheon. Our guest speakers spoke on contemporary topics and Dianne Daniels spoke briefly on the K of L Junior Program.

On Mar. 25 with the cooperation of our spiritual director Rev. Albin Neverauskas we participated at a special recitation of the Stations of the Cross. The parishioners of the parish were also welcome and many did attend. These Stations reflect the plight of the different countries behind the Iron Curtain. The first station was dedicated to the Baltic States. Afterwards the members and the Juniors had coffee and cake in the club-room.

Alena Pinkus received a Philly welcome, by being guest of honor at a bridal shower which was given by Tony Burch's sister MaryAnn.

All the K of L girls attended and we all had a marvelous time.

The stork made a safe landing and deposited a baby boy bundle at the house of Alberta and Chuck Weigand. Christopher Charles weighed in at 6 pounds and 9 ounces. His birthday was March 5.

Joe Beletsky will be in the swing of things again. His tour of duty in Viet Nam was completed on Apr. 14. Joe spent 15 months as an M.P. in a combat zone. We are all in for those 'ole war stories, but his sister Dianne Daniels and his nephew Eddie will be glad to hear them.

A big happy birthday to our littlest member, Barbara Mickunas, who was a year old on April 17. Barbara has attended all the K of L functions and meetings in the last six months. She is really being brought up in the true K of L spirit.

Have a nice spring and we will be looking for all of you in Chicago in August.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile & Sparkle

February and March were THE months for our council. First, Mayor John P. Gomulka of Amsterdam Proclaimed Feb. 16 as Lithuanian

Independence Day in the city of Amsterdam, and Governor Nelson Rockefeller did likewise in the State of New York. We cannot forget the Amsterdam Evening Recorder. We were fortunate to have an editorial plus a beautiful write up with photographs on Matt Orante's trip to Lithuania last year.

Radio station WCSS announced the Mayor's proclamation throughout the day. Ed Baranauskas had his letter published on Lithuania in the Schenectady Gazette and also in one of the Albany papers. All in all an excellent job was done by Council 100 to get publicity for the 52nd anniversary.

Additional highlight on our luncheon in commemoration of St. Casimir's Day plus Lithuanian Day: Speaking on the way things used to be in Lithuania, our main speaker, Leonard Hartvigas, brought tears to the eyes of many of the listeners. Rev. Robert K. Baltch rendered a few songs in Lithuanian, one of which was "Mamyte". Sister Geraldine (Phyllis Grendal's cousin) of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and Superior of St. Casimir's School spoke on the life of St. Casimir. She compared the times of St. Casimir to those of today. Prof. Joseph Olsauskas ended the program with a witty Lithuanian poem.



C-3 PHILADELPHIA'S ST. CASIMIR'S DAY. (Right) M-C Michael Krivinskas and guests.

President Anthony Radzevich requested aid for the Lithuanian Relief Fund and a total of \$52.00 was raised.

NEWS BITS: Jeannie Karpus came to Amsterdam for the first time for the weekend. She was the house guest of Gene Gobis. She was given a quick tour of Amsterdam by Don Holleran and Gene. They stopped at the John E. Larrabee Company where Gene works, at Community Pharmacy where they had Lithuanian toast, at Matt Orante's Men's Store where Jeannie was shown his collection of Lithuanian art work plus his own paintings and carvings. It was difficult to get Jeannie to leave the establishment because there was so much to see. That evening Jeannie renewed acquaintances with Prof. Olsauskas at the American Lithuanian Club, she met Peter Hayes and the President of our council Anthony Radzevich, she had dinner at the exquisite Tower Inn. After the doings at the Sleepy Dutchman, Jeannie left for a short visit with Irene Wood to meet Irene's mother Mrs. Radzevicius and they then returned to Gene's house where a little farewell party was held. Attending were Matt and Isabelle Orante, Irene Wood, Ann Baltuska, Prof. Olsauskas, Peter Hayes, and Don Holleran . . . Glad to have you as our newest member, Stanley Stankes. Stanley is the owner of the Community Pharmacy. Don't forget he serves LITHUANIAN TOAST. What is Lithuanian toast? Ask Matt Orante. When Matt was in Lithuania last year, he was served a slice of white and a slice of rye toast with butter and mint jelly. He decided to ask a few of the local businesses if they would care to serve this on their menu. Three said yes and Matt provided them with signs. So in Amsterdam you can now find Lithuanian toast on the menus.



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ILLINOIS INDIANA DISTRICT

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The March District meeting included several important announcements. One was to again hold a two-day July 4 Picnic. Chairman, Eleanore Laurin, is already recruiting helping hands for the Friday Nite Dance on the 3rd and the All-Day Festival on the 4th. Since the K of L Building and Garden have been so successful in giving the patrons comfort and pleasure, no matter what the weather, this is where we will again hold this annual event.

Of course, of prime interest, were the various announcements regarding the progress of the CONVENTION COMMITTEE. A partial capsule comment on some of the officers and event chairmen might be interesting to our readers. Convention General Chairman is Algerd Brazis. Gracious, dynamic, tenacious, diplomatic and vibrant are just a few adjectives to describe this man of talent and business know-how, who has had nought but success with any K of L affairs he has been connected with and will do the same for the Convention.

Loretta Macekonis, whose talents are not limited to being our "Trumpet" Editor or being a secretary superb in the legal field, will serve the Committee Secretary. Many years as Treasurer of C-112 and the banking

field as her profession, make Monica Kasper an excellent selection to be Treasurer. "Vytis" Editor Irene Sankus and S. C. Fin. Sec'y Helen Zimmer know just about every K of L member in the U.S.A. and are just the best choice which could be made to head up the Registration Committee. These gals will handle everything from having your regular activity reservations ready and waiting for you to any special accommodation arrangements you may wish to make by contacting them, in advance.

A man who knows just about everybody is Stanley Molis and he is the man selected to see and contact everybody for greetings in the Convention Program Book. Stan, a man on the Mayor's Public Relations Staff and a lot of experience behind him in these things, will be in touch with us - soon,



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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

WORCESTER, MASS. C-26

Dzūkelė

The current year is passing quickly, so let's reflect briefly on the beautiful work which is being done by the K of L leadership, from the National, to the District, to the local council level. Since it's only natural that most of us enjoy an occasional pat on the back, shouldn't we, the membership, realize that others might like the same treatment? Sometimes we find it difficult to offer generous genuine praise because we are so occupied with searching for faults. The fact that an officer (or any other worker) may be conscientiously performing his duties just doesn't occur to us. Let's support our leaders. It will increase their enthusiasm to perform an even more productive job.

Red and white checkered tablecloths, soft strains of "O Sole Mio", candlelight and wine, all led to a most enjoyable supper meeting recently. Certainly the Italian atmosphere must have augmented the desire of many to join the K of L trip to Italy in June. Steve Walinsky was chairman, assisted by his wife, Ellie, Bill and Carol Grigas, Ron Walinsky, Mrs. Adele Tagman, Janice Tagman and Ginny Lelakis.

Charles Tagman, Jr. and Stephen Walinsky, Jr. have formed a partnership in the field of Insurance Advisors. We want Charlie and Steve to know that we wish them early success in their endeavor.

Birutė Račiukaitis is home from the hospital, we're happy to report, and we understand that Peter Jankowski will soon be among the "completely well". Attending the Marriage and Divorce workshop in Boston (C-17) last March were Mary Jankowski, Helen Gillus, Anne Bender, Anne Bucinkas, Rose Chestnut and Joseph Sakaitis.

Although details are unavailable at this writing, May promises to be a busy month for our council. A happy pink or a somber white flower may tell the world how we must necessarily commemorate Mo-

so let's get our check books ready. Among the Pre-Convention sports activities, will be a Golf Day, in conjunction with the fabulous affair sponsored by the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce annually. So whether you enjoy the game from the first hole, or the 19th, plan to come Tuesday night or Wednesday morning at the latest. Other activities will also soon be announced by the Sports Committee - Richard Shlaustas, Al Raubiskis and Al Kassel.

You will be greeted at the first official Convention event, the Thursday Evening Get-Together Social by the masters themselves, Vladas Paliulionis, Estelle Rogers, Al and Julie Zakarka and their committee. Already the other committees are trying harder, to outdo what this combination is capable of offering for the guests. Among the American Lithuanian teams which went to Europe a few years back, to participate in the Basketball Competitions, was an outstanding athlete who is one of our good K of L'ers, Harry Petraitis. As the Friday Sports Luncheon Chairman, we know Harry will arrange a most interesting affair.

Dr. Joseph B. Jerome, President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation, Past President of the Lith. Chamber of Commerce, plus a list of other titles, and a sharp gent, will chair the Saturday Awards Luncheon. Whatever, he plans, we know we will like. The Sunday Brunch will be hosted by Irene Rakaitis and the other C-112 girls; each oftentitled "The Hostess With The Mostess". After (Tuesday) Wednesday! Thursday!! Friday!!! and Saturday ! % # " & !, these gals guarantee the sustenance and energy everyone will require to survive and enjoy the rest of Sunday and even Monday.

In the next article we will try to capsule more of what's in store for those Knight Nite activities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and other all else.

Before closing, we would like to express our deep and sincere sympathy to Genevieve (Gi-Gi) Maluska, and her family on the loss of her father Joseph Giedraitis. The Giedraitis family has always been involved in activity and support of the K of L and we shall all miss Joseph Giedraitis from our midst.

ther's Day, but a spiritual bouquet of powerful prayer is one tribute in which we can all participate. Our council's annual tribute to Mothers will take place on May 10. Jack Mattrick says that the variety show rehearsals are in full swing and if everything continues in the present vein, the show will take place on May 22 and 23. Charles Kerbel is busy rehearsing his lines as master of ceremonies, Francis (Algis) Glodas is on hands and knees, painting scenery. The Ginkus Family Singers (Francis, Edwina and daughters, Judith and Janet) have a delightful act prepared, as do so many others. The annual bowling banquet is scheduled for May. Edmund Grigaitis and his committee are busily involved with plans for our council picnic which will take place at Maironis Park on May 31. We're hoping that all our friends will join us in these various programs.

To borrow a phrase from our president, Val Baziliauskas, "iki malonaus pasimatymo, Su Diev!"



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DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

Mar. 8 was the date set aside for our council's celebration of the feast day of St. Casimir. Members attended 8 AM Mass at Holy Cross Church. Participating in the offering of the Mass was Mike Petkus, council Vice-Pres., and Jon Prasmantas, Michael Petkus, Vicky Zilinskas, Juniors Pres., V-P., and Secy., resp. A summary of the life of St. Casimir was given by Father Titas Narbutas following the Mass.

Breakfast took place at the Imperial House North. With breakfast being buffet style no one went home hungry. Arrangements were all-made by Stan and Ida Kavy.

Our Parish's annual Lenten Forty Hours Devotion was spent from the 15-17. The Lithuanian sermons were delivered by Rev. Casimir Baras, from Chicago, Ill; and the English sermons, by Rev. Thomas Fortkamp of Dayton. Besides participating in the services, members signed up to spend private time with Our Lord during this very special period.

Our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale was held in the Church Hall on Mar. 21 and 22. Donations by the members were beyond expectations. The committee, headed by Mary Lucas and assisted by Ada Sinkwitz, Eleanor Mantz, Kitty Prasmantas and Veronica Omlor, were thankful for the cooperation of all the members. Our profit was not as great as in some previous years but the backing of the members was encouraging.

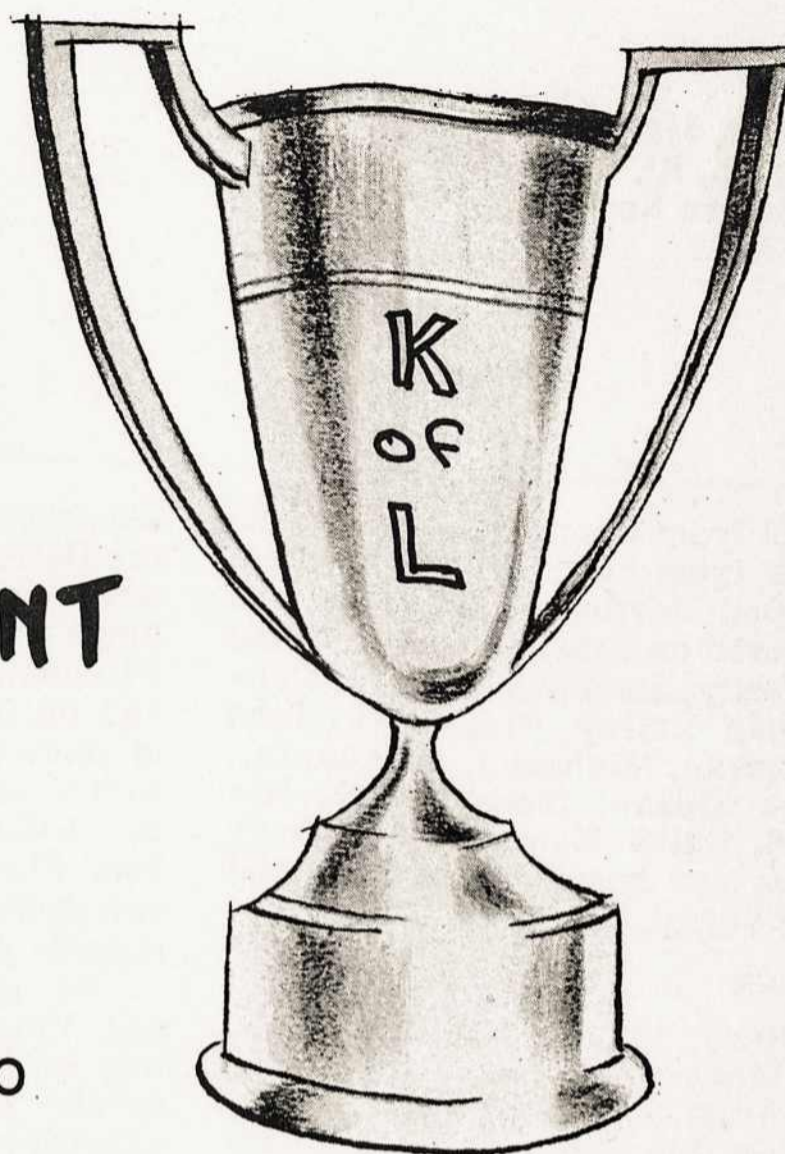
After spending a week's "vacation" in the hospital, Joe Sinkwitz with the help of his wife Ada were 'den parents' for the Juniors in March. (Joe, we're only kidding and happy to know all is well.) Joe and Ada along with the help of Mary Lucas and Junior Advisors, Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas instructed the Jrs. in their annual Lithuanian Egg decorating lessons. The 'den parents' also put out a delicious lunch.

Winner of egg decorated best in Lithuanian pattern went to Greg Blum. Other egg decorating win-

MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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ners were Vicky Zilinskas and Sharon Prasmantas. 'Golden Egg' winner was Rita Gecas while Terry Vaitkus won the door prize. A surprise Easter Egg hunt was also held. Winnings were what you found.

With the bowling tournament for the Mid-West councils only a few weeks away our committee and council is ready to greet all bowlers and guests. The formal part of the weekend begins with registration on Sat., May 23. The brunch from 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. is under the care of Sarah Petkus and Eleanor Mantz. Bowling will begin at 2 PM at the McCook Lanes. The "Saturday Night Swing" starts at 9 PM in the church hall. This part of the program is under the guidance of Mike and Fran Petkus, Eloise and John Berczelly, Bea and Joe Noreikas, Sam and Maxine Bakanauskas and more to help at the 'refreshment bar'.

Sunday Mass will be at Holy Cross Church at 10 AM with breakfast to follow 11:45 AM at Mary Lucas' residence. The bowling banquet will be held at the Lithuanian Hall at 1:30 PM. Registration for the bowlers will be \$12.00; for non-bowlers \$8.00. An extra part

of the program not included in the registration fee is the Friday-night-get-together at Joe and Ada Sinkwitz's home at 8:30 PM, May 22. To cover this night a charge of \$3.00 will be added. Others on the main committee are sports advisors George Mikalauskas and Ernie Omlor. Frank Gudelis is in charge of correspondence.

With the bowling tourney nearing and since some of our local members do not belong to leagues, we have been getting together every other Friday to build up averages. These evenings 'are getting better all the time'. Efforts on the part of Dave Petroski and Charles Petkus, Chairman and co-chairman of the tourney, are proving fruitful.

Frank Gudelis and Ann Scott are two council members working hard on our Parish's Seminary Fund. Their goal this year is to sign up as many council members as possible. Let's help them to fulfill their goal. Charles and Fran Vangas will be catering our Bowler's Banquet under their company name 'Charlie's Import Food'. A big welcome to our two newest members, Ray and Bette Omlor... Home for Easter vacation was Bob

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Veigel from Conn. and Joe and Ann Boeke from Grand Rapids, Mich.

April birthday greetings are showered on Rita Ambrose, Eloise Berczelly, Steponas Bucmys, Donna Jean Dailey, Tina Kavy, John Razauskas, Michael J. Petkus, Jr., Elinor Sluzas, Irene Veigel, Jim Urban, Cathy Mantz. Anniversary wishes are bestowed on John and Irene Veigel.

DETROIT, MICH., C-102

Things are swinging along here in Detroit - no after-the-holidays lull for this group. First of all we wish to congratulate the Bill Juodwalkis' who started the year right with lovely new baby girl.

The fifty-fifty raffle took place at our February meeting and the lucky winner was Joey Krafchak, Anne Aleks' nephew, who we are told will put the money to good use.

St. Casimer's Day annual celebration of Mass and brunch at St. Peters was a lovely affair. Seventeen of our members were in attendance and all confirm that C-139 is tops in the hosting department. We were also impressed by their newly decorated hall. During the brunch 102 charter member, Pete Podolskas passed around a picture of the original members of C-102 and brought to our attention the fact that 102 is 50 years old, having been organized in 1920.

The following week our membership decided to celebrate this auspicious event with a dinner-dance in the fall. We hope all of our sister councils will accept our invitation to keep Sept. 26 an open date and come help us celebrate. Heading the committee are Maryanne Guerriero, Terry Medonis, and Donna Bunikis, assisted by Edna Klucens and Peter Podolskas, who promise to keep us posted as plans progress.

The Holy Thursday Pilgrimage to the three Detroit Lithuanian

churches has become a ritual with the Detroit K of L. It was a somewhat poignant evening this year since it was the last time at Divine Providence. The evening was cold, and blustery and only the hardiest of souls completed the entire tour. Coffee and donuts were served at St. Anthony's by Grace, Ace and Sam which together with the good companionship of our fellow knights topped off a congenial evening.

As of this writing Charlotte and Vince Ruseckas are on their way to Arizona to relax and soak up the sun, while Anne Uznis is winging her way home from a most exciting vacation - Expo '70 and Japan plus side trips to Taipei, Hong Kong and Hawaii. We are most anxious to hear all about it.

A hearty welcome to our new member Peter Michael Podolskas.

We wish a quick recovery to Vytautas Biliunas who is recuperating from a serious operation.

DETROIT, MICH., C-139

St. Casimir's Day Dinner, hosts, C-139, Detroit, salutes Peter G. Podolskis on his 50th Anniversary as a member of the Knights of Lithuania. Peter, who is a Fourth Degree Knight, was born on Detroit's west side near the Tiger Stadium where he grew up in a Lithuanian environment. His father was one of the organizers of the present St. Anthony's Parish where Peter served as one of the first altar boys and where he later ushered and sang in the choir for some twenty years.

At the age of 15, he joined the Knights of Lithuania and his interest in Lithuanian activities grew. He served as Council Vice President for two years and as President for six years. Peter was known as an organizer. He organized a twenty-eight man K of L Glee Club, served on and organized numerous committees, took part in stage plays, and made



Peter G. Podolskis

many contributions toward furthering interest in the K of L.

Being athletically inclined, Peter believed sports was a great media in bringing Lithuanian youth together. He himself played semi-pro baseball. He organized and managed K of L baseball teams for many years, also basketball and bowling teams, as well as, girls' soft ball team which won the city championship.

Besides his K of L activities, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Optimist Club, Holy Name Society, St. Anthony's Society, Kushmakers, and active in youth movements. At present he is sponsoring the "Alytaus Boys Choir".

Pete and Rose are parents of two fine children, a son Peter and a daughter Ann Marie. His place of business "Alytaus Bar" which he has operated for some thirty years, was named after his mother's birthplace in Lithuania. This is a great gathering place for all Lithuanians and his walls are lined with various trophies won by teams which Peter Sponsored. He is always ready to participate and contribute to K of L affairs.

Detroit Knights wish Peter many more years of health and continued interest in the Knights of Lithuania.