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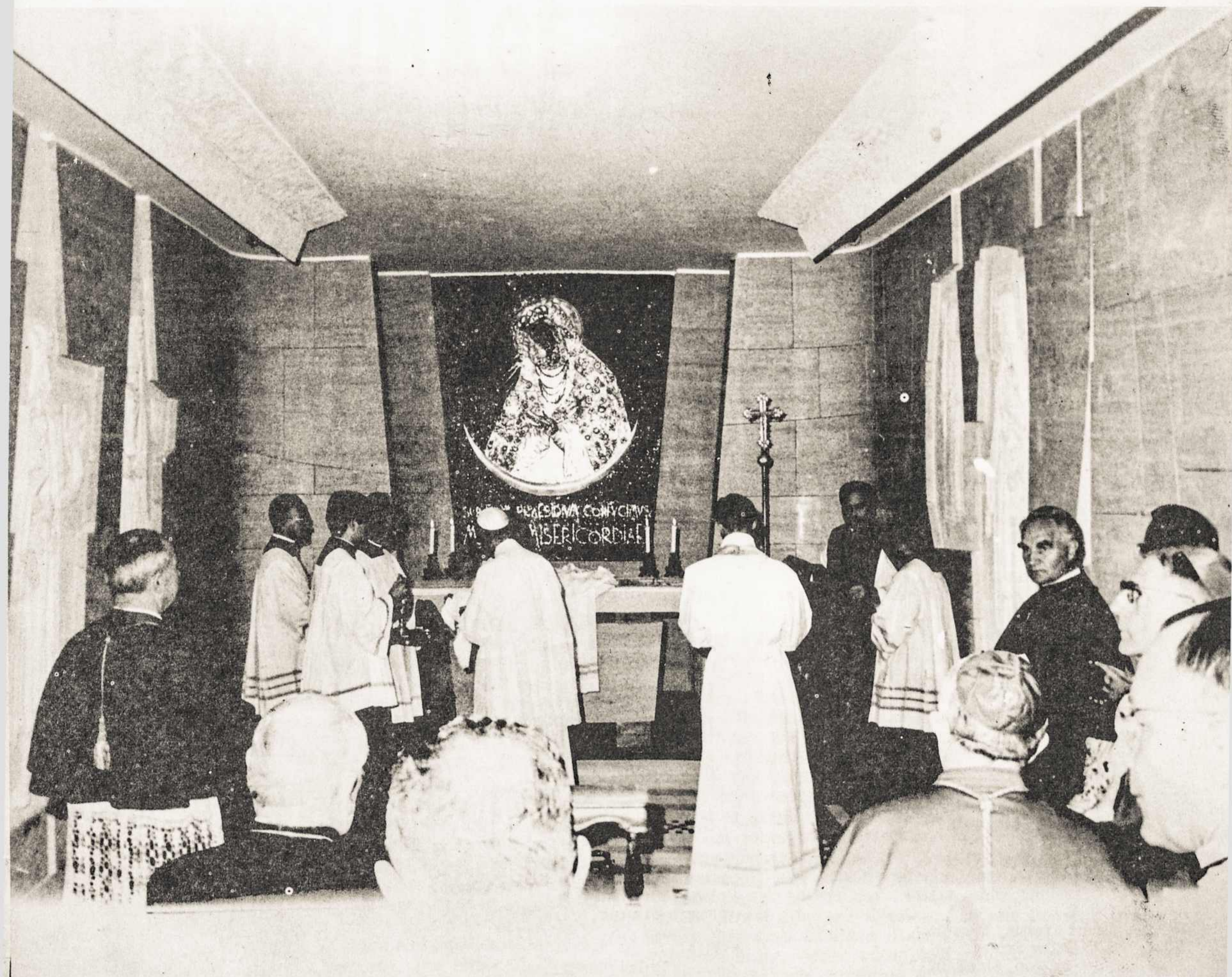
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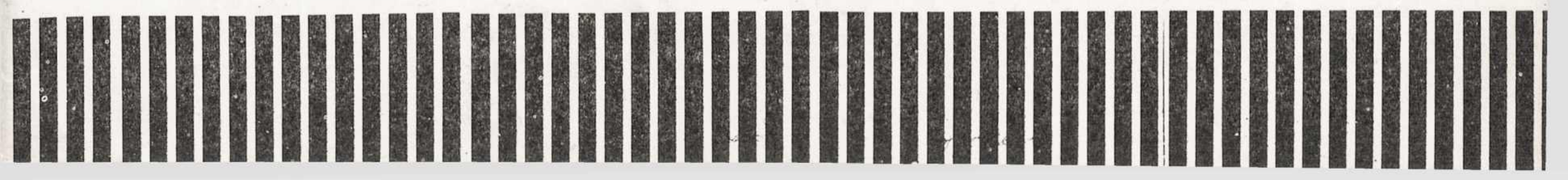
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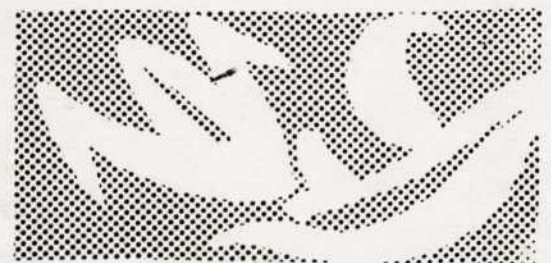
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# DIARY of a PILGRIMAGE



LORETTA STUKAS

LATE 1969 . . .

Lithuanians throughout the world began preparing for their history-making event in the Vatican. July 7, 1970 is set as the day Pope Paul VI himself will bless the new Lithuanian Chapel at St. Peter's, located in the underground grottos of the Basilica, at the presumed site of the Apostle's burial.

JANUARY, 1970 . . .

The Knights of Lithuania, under the sponsorship of the Supreme Council, and with the blessing of Bishop Brizgys, initialized plans to take active part in the Chapel Blessing. A two week pilgrimage-excursion through England and Italy, with special emphasis on Rome and the Vatican, was set up by Supreme Council President Jack Stukas and the Trips 'n Tours Agency. Almost immediately, reservations start coming in. Suddenly, Rome, London, Milan, Venice, Pisa and Florence became not mere dots on a map, but real places to learn about - and to prepare to see in reality.

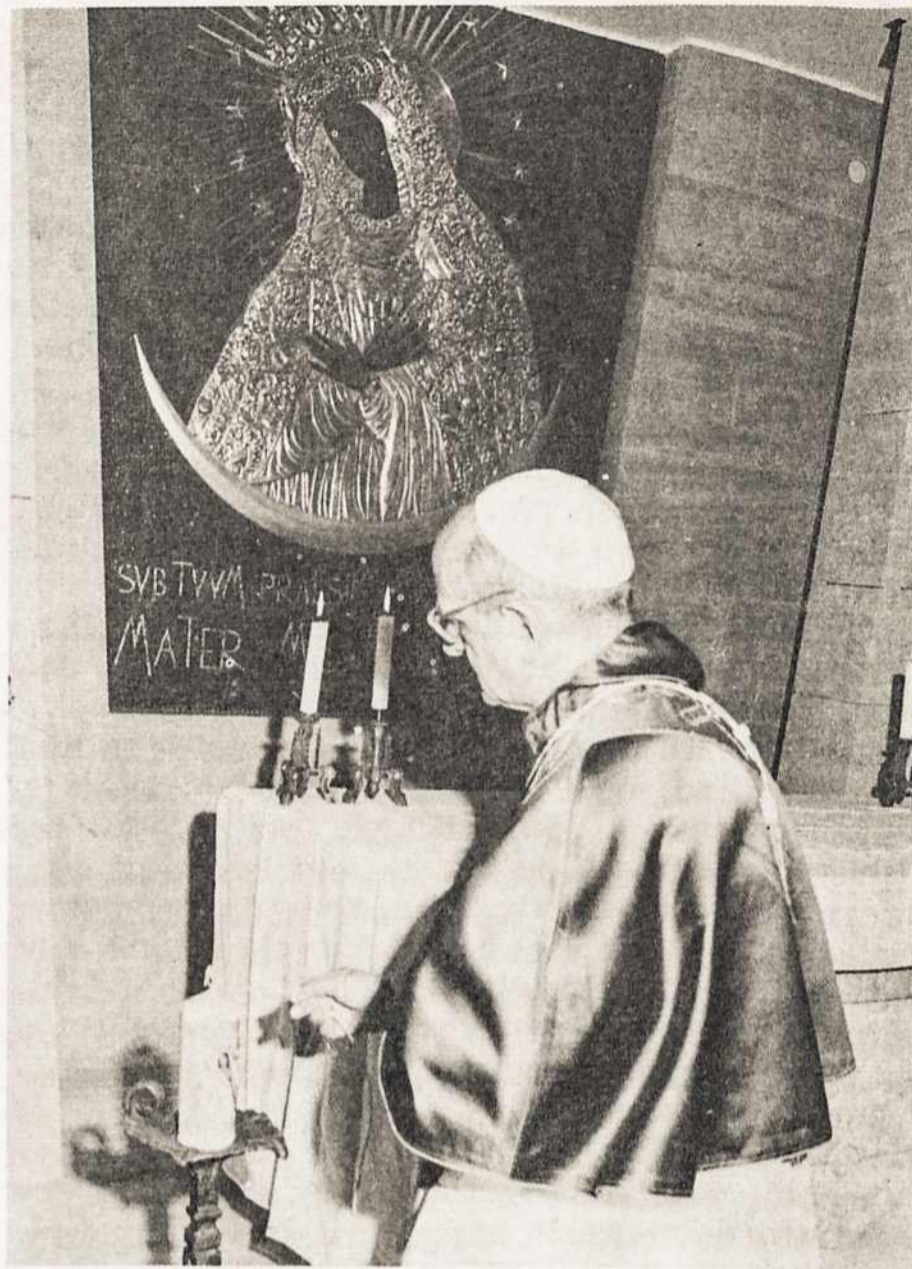
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1970 . . .

All roads lead to JFK Airport, New York! With passports, currency converters and Italian dictionaries safely packed away, 73 K of L members and friends from east and west traveled to PAN AM headquarters.

Not all roads were smooth. Travelers from Dayton found themselves scrambling for other flights and routes when their flight was cancelled at the last minute. They arrived in N.Y. safely, only to discover that their luggage chose still another route. Luggage and owners were reunited, however, shortly before scheduled departure for London.

At Holy Trinity Hall in Newark, local travelers and their friends enjoyed a Bon-Voyage party while waiting for a chartered bus that never showed up. Still calm, Father Scharnus and Jack Stukas hired an alternate company's bus - and that broke down enroute, was fixed by Edmond Kokalas, boiled over, was watered, again by Edmond. The bus and 23 not-so-calm passengers arrived at Pan Am minutes before the scheduled air departure, to discover (whew) that departure is delayed from 8:00 P.M. to 12:30 AM.

After hectic check-ins, cheerful hellos, picture-taking, and another bus ride to dinner, compliments



His Holiness, Pope Paul VI lights candle in the Lithuanian Martyr's Chapel. The candle and holder were the Holy Father's gifts.

of PAN AM, we bid farewell to N.Y. and our travel agent, Alice Barton, aboard, and settled back to wait for departure.

MONDAY, JUNE 29 . . .

At last, at 2:15 A.M. - lift-off. The 747 seemed to be not quite what the ads showed, but few of us stayed awake long enough to ponder the differences. A few catnaps, breakfast (or was it lunch?), a 5 hour time change - and suddenly, Hello England.

The efficient Pierbussetti Agents (our "Guardian Angels" for the rest of the trip) helped us get over the few hurdles involved in entering a new country. What a strange sensation to suddenly be an alien! A most comfortable motorcoach drove us, on what seemed at first the wrong side of the road, to London, past picturesque landscape, blocks of row-houses, each with clusters of chimneys popping out of the roof, and finally through an urban stretch into the center of Europe's largest city.

The Hotel Chelsea Cloister, in the heart of the lovely and arty Chelsea district of London, was a welcome sight. After room and roommate assignments, unpacking, cleaning up (in tubs designed for very slim people), and an early dinner, the group scattered in many directions, by foot, underground, bus and cab, to get their own first glimpses of London by night, and to make their first attempts at using English currency.



## TUESDAY, JUNE 30 . . .

Fortified by a "Continental Breakfast" of rolls, coffee, butter and marmelade, served in our respective rooms, we departed again by coach, for a driving tour of London, past St. Paul's Cathedral, second largest church in the world, through business, shopping and residential sections, with views of Hyde Park and its soapbox speakers' platforms, the colorful Soho district, the London Bridge under reconstruction . . . We recalled the bloody past of Henry VIII at our stop at the Tower of London and contrasted with present day royalty while we witnessed the hanging of the Guards at Buckingham Palace.

The afternoon again left everyone to his own devices . . . rides on the Underground to the famed Westminster Abbey, shopping trips (just how many shillings ARE in a Pound?), refreshments in local pubs, or just relaxation.

On the evening's agenda was an enjoyable visit with London Lithians at their club. Feted with English beer, Scotch whiskey, and Lithuanian Krupnik, and greeted by Lithuanian Charge d Affairs to England Balickas, and the Club's president, Mr. Alkis. We responded with a typical K of L song fest of favorite Lithuanian songs. Lou Stukas, our accompanist, also entertained with a few solos, and representatives of various USA communities told of their local Lithuanian and K of L activities. The Londoners thanked us for inspiring them with our Lithuanian patriotism, and several new friendships were cemented.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 . . .

Again, onto our light and airy buses and enroute to Stratford-on-Avon.

Shortly out of London, England seemed to be transformed back into the country Shakespeare himself knew. The picture-book beauty of the small villages, the soft green countryside sparked by occasional inns, were almost too peaceful to believe. We stopped at a country inn for coffee and delicious sausage rolls, then on to Oxford and its very old Gothic university structures and its very new automobile plants. After Oxford, we made a quick stop to peek at picture-postcard-like Blenheim Palace, home of the Dukes of Marlborough, Sir Winston Churchill's family, and then, a most delicious lunch at the elegant and historically old Alveston Manor, at Stratford-on-Avon.

In Stratford, we walked through some of the cottages that formed an important part of young William Shakespeare's early life . . . the house where he was born, his father's glove factory, and of course, Anne Hathaway's home, with its beautiful flower garden, thatched roof and Will and Anne's "Courting Bench". Perhaps it was here that young Will wrote some of his early romantic sonnets!

After accumulating a few more souvenirs and consuming various refreshments, we headed back, singing gaily, through more countryside, to London, with a tea stop at Banbury, home of Lady Godiva's "Banbury Cross." Several unscheduled stops and many laughs later, a few of our members vowed never again to drink 4 cups of English tea at one sitting!

## THURSDAY, JULY 2 . . .

With the short BEA air controller's strike over,

we flew very comfortably, and almost on time, to Milan, in two groups. Our new Pierbussetti guides, Anita and Renata, helped us over our new hurdle, the Italian language, but we soon learned that hand-waving is almost as effective as knowing the language.

Milan sightseeing presented a wonderful introduction to Italy's vast cultural fortune. The magnificent Cathedral dominating the city bristles with 135 needle-shaped spires and over 200 statues, all pointing up from the roof. And nearby, in its original setting (a monastery dining room), Da Vinci's exquisite Last Supper, a pace-setter of the Renaissance, was described in interesting detail by our talented city guide.

After a concert in the famous LaScala Opera House, long walks around the circular blocks of Milan, and refreshments at some side-walk cafes, we retired with pleasant first impressions of sunny Italy. And counting in Lire really beats the shilling and pound system!

## FRIDAY, JULY 3 . . .

Just shortly after leaving Milan, we were high into the beautiful Apennine mountains of Italy. The narrow and winding roads made us happy that Italians drive on the right side! Each turn in the road brought a new view, each more beautiful than the one before. High atop one mountain, one bus toured the Carrara Marble Mines, where they saw marble in the raw, and purchased finished items of the famed stone.

Pot luck lunch in a small peasant village of Ville Franco turned into a gourmet's delight. "Minestrone, spaghetti, and vino" were the only Italian words we needed, for the restaurant owners brought us plenty of each, and all delicious. When the main course arrived, sign language worked to show the lovely, rosy-cheeked waitress that we had no more room. Amply fortified, we again took to the road, through beautiful fields of grape vineyards and olive trees. We entertained our bus drivers with Lithuanian songs, while they taught us a few Italian ditties.

Another stop, on the Autostrada (Turnpike) for refreshments, goodies and souvenirs at a "PAVESI" stop, the Italian answer to Howard Johnson, and then, through the city wall into Pisa, home of the famous leaning tower.

We climbed the tower to feel the lean, and verified that there are 296 steps (or was it 291?). The Tower, which is the campanile of Pisa's Duomo (Cathedral), leans 1/20th of an inch more each year, and is a genuine concern for the town's engineers.

Our groups, again divided between two hotels, not exactly walking distance from each other, managed nonetheless to find one another, exchange experiences, and share some refreshments, or take horse & buggy rides around town.

## SATURDAY, JULY 4 . . .

A more extensive visit to Pisa's beautiful Duomo, its accompanying acoustically outstanding Baptistery, the leaning tower, and the interesting cemetery "within walls" . . . and on to Rome.

Just past Pisa, we caught our first glimpse of the beautiful, blue Mediterranean. Winding, climbing and turning roads brought view of modern beach resorts and ancient castles-turned-hotels, all nestled on the



edge of the peaceful sea.

After lunch, a stop at Tarquinia, for a quick tour of some ancient Atruscan remains, pyramids, exquisite painting, vases, art pieces, all from centuries before Christ, made us wonder where civilization has progressed in the last few thousand years.

While one bus grappled with some new crises - a faulty exhaust and muffler and two flat tires, the direction of our own "Ed Sullivan" Tony Kober, had a "Do your own thing" program to pass the time for the rest of the trip to Rome. Each traveller came forth with a song, poem, or speech. While still applauding the many new-found talents, the Hotel Americana di Roma, our home for the next few days, appeared before us. Located just outside Rome, the Americana was like an oasis in the desert, complete with swimming pool, gardens, patios and very plush and comfortable rooms.

Another pleasant surprise awaited us in the lobby - K of Ler Ed Rudis of So. Boston, now working in Germany, appeared, to join our group in the Chapel Blessing festivities.

After supper and a beautiful tour of Rome by night, with a stop at the Fountain of Trevi to toss the traditional 3 coins, Mary York led a poolside 4th of July celebration, complete with sparklers and patriotic songs. And all retired, their heads bursting with art, culture, ancient and modern history, and the eternal beauty of the "Eternal City".

#### SUNDAY, JULY 5 . . .

We were greeted at Villa Lituana, across from the Lithuanian College of St. Casimir in Rome, by our friend Msgr. L. Mendelis of Baltimore, and by K of L priests Rev. Shakelis of Lawrence, Mass. and Rev. Zakarauskas of Chicago. In the Villa Chapel, our own Fathers Kinta, Pragulbickas and Scharnus concelebrated Holy Mass for us, while Lou Stukas led the singing of traditional hymns, plus, after Mass, the K of L, Lithuanian and US Anthems. During the breakfast that followed, we heard Msgr. Mincevicius present the Chapel Blessing schedule, and registered for the festivities.

Arriving at St. Peter's square just before noon provided a first exciting glimpse of Pope Paul VI, as he imparted a blessing from his window. The afternoon tour brought more wonderment at Rome's vast ancient and modern treasures.

We pictured Julius Caesar orating at the Roman Forum, prayed for Early Christians martyred in the ancient Arena, and were surprised to learn that the Colosseum was not used for killing Christians and that early Romans themselves "created" some of the Ruins, by removing bricks from old buildings to build new ones.

Past the magnificent Victor Emmanuel Monument with its Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, to the Church of St. Peter in Chains and Michaelangelo's statue of Moses, around more tombs and monuments, we returned to the hotel with our heads swimming even more. We also heard of a new crisis brewing... a general strike throughout Italy was planned for Tuesday, the day of the Chapel Blessing! Jack, Alice, Anita and Renata started pondering alternate means of transportation to "get us to the Church on time", and Alice Barton still wondered just where the Lithuanians get their patience and stamina



H.M. Bishop Vincentas Brizgys presents the Holy Father with an amber "Rūpintojėlis".

#### MONDAY, JULY 6 . . .

We continued our city tour, around the elegant Borghese Gardens and countless more fountains, to the Pantheon, an ancient temple now turned into a cathedral, and finally arrived at St. Peter's where our guide pointed out some of the more outstanding features, and even took us to the crypt for a preview glimpse of the Lithuanian Chapel. Beautiful! Walking past the priceless treasures in the Vatican Library, we arrived at the breathtaking Sistine Chapel, whose ceiling Michaelangelo spent 5 secluded years decorating with scenes depicting the creation of man and the universe, and whose massive front wall he decorated later in life, with his impression of the Last Judgement.

We left the Chapel to drive to Frascati, home of the Lithuanian Salesian Fathers High School in Rome, for a beautiful lunch and a quick tour of their facilities there. We presented our host, Rev. Urbaitis with a monetary gift for the high school, and Father, regretting that we hadn't time to remain for the extra treat he had in store, promised to get the treat to us somehow, later.

The almost frantic ride back to St. Peter's through Roman rush hour traffic was well worth the effort, for we found the K of Lers were the only group invited to participate in the consecration of the Lithuanian Chapel Altar and accompanying Mass. Cardinal Marella consecrated the Altar and celebrated Mass, while K of Lers sang traditional hymns. Seeing the chapel again, we were oh-so-proud of our dear friend and Honorary Member Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, who did so much to make this possible.

What better way to end a perfect day but by enjoying the open air opera Aida, in the Baths of Caracalla. The back drop of the ancient ruins, the mikeless singing, and even the live horses and camel on stage made one feel truly a part, not a spectator, of the opera.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 7 . . .

The general strike was cancelled, but nonetheless, Vatican buses arrived to take us to St. Peter's for this important day in the lives of all Lithuanians. Already at 7:00 A.M., Lithuanians began pouring



into the small area next to the Lithuanian chapel in the crypt of St. Peter's where Mass was to be held. One could feel the rising emotions of the crowd as 8:00 A.M. neared. Then, suddenly, applause and the enthusiastic singing of "Ilgiausią Metų", as our frail, fatigued, but very saintly and radiant Pontiff, Pope Paul VI, was escorted to the altar. The Pontiff walked to the chapel with a bevy of Cardinals and Bishops, to bless the Madonna's picture and the chapel itself, then returned to celebrate Mass in Latin for all those gathered. Accompanied again by Lou Stukas at the organ, the congregation sang Lithuanian hymns throughout Mass, and various priests read selected prayers in Lithuanian.

How does one describe the wealth of feeling wrapped up inside of oneself, when granted the once-in-a-lifetime privilege of receiving Holy Communion from the Pope's hands? 20 lay people were granted this privilege, and among them, representing the Knights of Lithuania, were Louis Stukas and yours truly, Loretta Stukas.

After Mass, Bishop Marcinkus expressed to the Pope in Lithuanian the gratitude of all Liths for the privilege granted this day to our nation and presented an exquisite amber "Rupintojėlis" - The Pensive Christ - to His Holiness. The Pontiff responded with gratitude for Lithuania's centuries-old faithfulness to the Church, compliments on the artistic and religious merit of the chapel, and blessings for all attending and their families. As he passed slowly through the crowd he generously extended his hand and blessings to as many as he could reach. Not many DRY eyes and cheeks were visible after this history-making event.

The Knights of Lithuania, via Honorary Members Marcella Andrikis and Annie Mitchell, presented two bouquets to the Chapel after the blessing, and the entire delegation visited Cardinal Samore, former Apostolic Delegate to Lithuania. Mary Lucas, in the name of the K of L presented him with flowers also, and President Jack Stukas expressed thanks for the Cardinal's many contributions to Lithuanians. Dr. Stukas' request for the Cardinal's aid in obtaining official Vatican recognition of the Knights of Lithuania as a religious organization was met with enthusiasm and a promise to do whatever is possible to attain that goal.

Our heads still in the clouds, we scattered ... to shop, sightsee some more, or just to rest at our lovely hotel, for the rest of the day. Back at the hotel, Father Urbaitis kept his promise, and delivered a huge, 8 gallon urn of Frascati wine, for the enjoyment of the K of Lers. Now, how do we serve it?

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 . . .

Again, the day started with Holy Mass, celebrated for the K of Lers by Bishop Brizgys in the Lithuanian Chapel. After Mass, again, the K of L, Lithuanian, and American Anthems rang out.

On the steps of St. Peter's, awaiting entry into the general Papal Audience, many old friendships were renewed, as Lithuanians from all parts of the world gathered. There again, we greeted K of Lers Stanley Valatka of Elizabeth, and Jerry Jesulaitis and Vladas Paliulionis of Chicago.

A special section of St. Peter's was reserved for Lithuanians attending this audience, and young

ladies in National Costume lined the edge of the section. Once again, we felt the mounting excitement, awaiting the Pontiff's arrival, and were thrilled by the cheers, the lightening-like effect of flash bulbs, and the very jubilant expression on the face of Pope Paul as he was carried into the Basilica. His Holiness spoke in many languages, and greeted all the various groups present. The Lithuanians were mentioned several times, and were warmly greeted and blessed in English.

Before saying farewell to our lovely hotel, Renata and Anita helped us funnel Father Urbaitis' wine into some 24 bottles (12 for each bus) and stashed them away, for later use as "sleeping aids" on our night time trip to Florence. Fathers Pragulbickas and Scharnus took temporary leave for Oberammergau, and we left the Americana for a last look at Rome.

A few more short visits to shops, churches, and cafes, and then on to the elegant roof-garden of the Columbus Hotel, for a Lithuanian Farewell Banquet and Program. The program of Lithuanian dances, by the Feb. 16 High School of West Germany and the short speeches by Cardinal Samore and Lithuanian Charge-de Affaires to Italy Lozoraitis was short but most enjoyable. Jack Stukas and Nancy Kober presented Mrs. Lozoraitis with a bouquet and Cardinal Samore with a donation from the K of L, and all enjoyed a sumptuous buffet banquet and more meetings with old friends.

"Arrivederci Roma" came much too soon, but if the coin tossing into the Trevi Fountain works, we will return!

Fortified by Rev. Urbaitis Frascati wine, we slept almost all the way to Florence, interrupted only by another flat tire, fixed quickly by our now experienced bus drivers.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 9 . . .

73 sleepy people arrived in Florence at 3:30 A.M., vowing to sleep all day. But, by 9:00 A.M., the lobby was buzzing with K of Lers. An easy day passed... with catching up on sleep, shopping, and more 'Gelati and fragatti', not to mention card writing and wondering just how all these latest purchases would fit into our luggage.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 10 . . .

The morning was well-spent, seeing the 'inner beauty' of Florence, namely her many priceless Raphael, Titian, Rubens, etc. masterpieces, Michaelangelo's almost-alive David, and several of his unfinished Pietas. The unusually beautiful Cathedral made of 3 kinds of marble, with Brunelleschi's magnificent double dome, built before the days of scaffolds, the matching Bell Tower of Giotto, and the Bronze "Gates of Paradise" Doors of Ghiberti on the Baptistry, were like nothing we'd ever seen before.

Back on the Autostrada, we learned that a planned side trip to Padua must be cancelled, because of a local bus driver's strike. Near Bologna, culinary capital of Italy, we stopped at another elegant "Pavesi" for a truly gourmet meal, paused at a nearby roadside chapel, and then, Venice.

Arrival in Venice was almost unreal-like entering a dream city. We "drove" via water taxi, past



# Lithuanians in The News



Lithuanian Consul General Dr. Petras Dauzvardis cutting ribbon opening the Lithuanian Genocide Exhibit with honored guests, U.S. Senators Gerald Ford and Ralph Smith. (Photos - V. Noreika)



Pictured at the LITHUANIAN WAYSIDE SHRINE in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, N.Y., are a few of the participants in the June 14th Commemoration of Mass Deportations of 700,000 Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian nationals during 1941 to Siberian prisons and slave labor camps by Soviet Russia: (back, l to r) Senator Martin J. Knorr; Kęstutis Miklas, Executive Chairman, United Baltic Appeal/Baltic Appeal to the United Nations (UBA/BATUN); Councilman Thomas Manton; Mrs. Nora Keane, successful primary candidate as district co-leader; Assemblyman John T. Flack; Alexander Vakselis, NYC District President of the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. (Bendruomenė); Honorable Anicetas Simutis, Consul General of Free Lithuania in New York; Peter Wytenus, Chairman, Lithuanian-American Wayside Shrine Committee; (front) the Misses Kristina and Sandra Miklas, who placed the floral wreath at the Shrine; Mrs. Helen V. Kulber, Chairman Publicity and Special Events for the Shrine Committee.

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Chicago's CAPTIVE NATIONS PARADE. Pictured are the Illinois-Indiana standard bearers, Jerome Jankus, Frank Svelnis, Vince Samaska, Napoleon Sapkus. (Photo - V. Noreika)



LITHUANIAN PLAZA IN CHICAGO DEDICATED. Al Kerelis, Petras Petrutis, Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Cook County pres. George Dunne, Warrent Ofc. Ed Paulauskas, A. Bacevicius and A. Budrys. (Photo - V. Noreika)



## TWO NEW BISHOPS AND SOVIET TACTICS

# THIRTY YEARS OF ANTI-RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

The persecution of religion, the faithful, and the clergy in Lithuania remains intense and shows no signs of abatement. Hence the significance of the Soviet decision to permit the ordaining of two new bishops on December 21, 1970: LIUDAS POVILONIS, 59, and ROMUALDAS KRIKSCIUNAS, 40

Bishop Povilonis came to worldwide attention in 1962 when he was subjected to a mock-trial by the Communist authorities and sentenced to eight years of prison for organizing the construction of a R. Catholic church in the port city in Klaipeda. Released before the expiration of his term, he was recently vicar-auditor in a parish in Vilnius. He was now appointed auxiliary of Bishop Pletkus in Telšiai.

The second new Bishop was parochial priest at the Resurrection parish in Kaunas and had studied church law in Rome for four years. He is now auxiliary bishop under Bishop LABUKAS, Administrator of the bishoprics of Kaunas and Vilkaiviškis.

Some observers were surprised by the fact that the Soviet gave their approval to the selection of the above two candidates and announced the ordination in the press (TIESA, December 24, 1969). The question was raised why the consecration was allowed while two other relatively young bishops, VINCAS SLATKEVICIUS and JULIUS STEPONAVICIUS are still kept under house arrest?

Bishop Slatkevičius (b. 1920) was deported to a little town, Nemunėlio Radviliškis, immediately after his consecration on December 25, 1957. Meanwhile, Bishop Steponavičius, Administrator of the bishoprics of Kaunas and Panevėžys, has been kept under isolation in the town of Zagarė since January 1961. Did the Soviets take these drastic steps because Slatkevičius was ordained without their consent? Was Steponavičius unacceptable because Rome has granted him the right in advance to take over automatically the administration of the bishoprics from Bishop PALTAROKAS upon the latter's death and because he proceeded to do so in 1958 without waiting for Soviet consent? These remain qualified guesses.

It seems, however, that there is another, less formal reason for the isolation and imprisonment of the two young bishops. They had been too close to the noble figures and martyrs, Bishops Palta-rokas and Matulionis who had chosen them and inspired them.

Furthermore, at that time the Soviets were strictly determined to allow only one active bishop for Lithuania. That is why they removed not only the two young bishops but also Archbishop TEOFILIS MATULIONIS. A single bishop was left, the old and sickly Bishop PETRAS MAZELIS in the remote town of Telšiai.

When Bishop Mazelis became completely incapacitated by his illness, Rome chose Prelate LABUKAS as bishop-administrator for Kaunas and consecrated him during the last session of Vatican II. The Soviets did not oppose that move and did not arrest Labukas upon his return to Kaunas. Shortly afterwards they even consented to the consecration of Canon PLETKUS as bishop-administrator of Telšiai to replace Bishop MAZELIS who died in 1966. This seemed a breakthrough the end of the old Soviet line to limit Lithuania to one bishop only. Yet both bishops - Labukas and Pletkus - were rather old (born in 1894 and in 1895) and the Soviets probably expected them not to be too active or dangerous to the Soviet line.

Why - the question again - have the Soviets decided to provide these two old bishops with younger auxiliaries to help them out in their difficult duties? Since the Soviets are not exactly in the business of charity, what then is behind their actions?

Probably the old bishops were not dangerous to the Soviets. But they turned out to be inactive in another respect. Last spring the Cult Ministry in Moscow received a collective appeal of the Lithuanian priests to ease the strictures imposed on the enrollment at the priests' seminary in Kaunas. The four "major culprits" associated with the appeal were severely punished and others received reprimands. Nevertheless, the Communist authorities soon received another signed statement about the status of the churches in Lithuania. And, finally, in August Premier Kosygin received the third collective appeal signed by an even larger number of priests of the Archbishopric of Vilnius

It is this ferment among the Lithuanian clergy that has most probably compelled the Soviet authorities to reevaluate their policies. Indeed, a new approach would seem to be called for if the MVD penalties and the threats by the Lithuanian Communist "cult" officials were proving to be of no avail. Moreover, there was all that bad publicity all over the world about the Soviet anti-religious action.

How, then, could the priests be most effectively muzzled and anti-religious persecution best concealed? Heretofore all of the appointments and transfers of the clergy, permissions to travel abroad or to enter a seminary, permissions to ordain new priests followed this procedure: from the Ministry of the Interior, to the Lithuanian Communist official in charge of the "cult affairs," to the administrators of the bishoprics. Sometimes the procedure was reversed: administrators - "cult" official - Ministry of the Interior. The key link in this chain was Mr. Rugienius, the "cult" official (or the "Bishop of bishops" as he is nicknamed in Lithuania). His O. K. has been equivalent to the O. K. of the Ministry of the Interior. The subordinate links between Mr. Rugienius and the



priests have been the administrators of the bishoprics.

During the last summer, however, that second channel of liaison has reached a crisis. Priests started acting without any channels, addressing themselves directly to the top of the Communist hierarchy in Moscow and even invoking the Soviet constitution in defense of religious rights. The Soviets realized that the old administrators would not be able to control the younger and more active priests. Therefore they have decided to try out another gambit: we shall permit new bishops, then we shall exercise pressure on them, and then they will put a proper pressure on the priests.

The Soviet goal of the total annihilation of religion has not changed; only the tactics are changing continuously. In the 1940's, for instance, they made an all-out effort to create a body of priests who would sever their ties with Rome and serve the Communist cause. Lithuania did not escape that campaign.

In 1947, Rev. J. Stankunas was selected as the first potential organizer of such "refractory

clergy". He was taken to Moscow, cajoled and threatened. His stubborn refusal to betray his church and people earned him a 25-year term in Siberia. The second and third candidates proved to be equally unaccommodating. Thereupon the Soviets concentrated their efforts on the administrators of bishoprics, hoping to find more malleable individuals among them. All of the administrators chosen by the episcopal chapters were rejected, others were exiled. For a while, there were only three administrators for six bishoprics, then four of them had to do the job: for Vilnius, Panevėžys - Kaišiadorys, Kaunas-Vilkaviškis, and Telšiai. The fewer the administrators, the easier is their control.

It is obvious that the new auxiliary bishops will be the factual administrators of the three bishoprics. They will be under tremendous pressure of the Communist authorities to play Moscow's game and to help to tame the young dissident priests. It is very doubtful, however, that the new bishops will submit:

(ELTA)

## SIGNING OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

One hundred and eighty three years ago, on September 17, 1787, thirty-nine delegates to the Constitutional Convention at Philadelphia, representing twelve of the thirteen original states, affixed their signatures to the Constitution of the United States of America. Many of its provisions represented compromises arrived at after prolonged and often bitter debate. While the Constitution was adopted "by unanimous consent of the States present," Rhode Island was not represented, and the delegation of several of the States were divided. Only one delegate from New York signed the document, and of the 65 delegates chosen by the States to sit in the Constitutional Convention, only 42 were present at the signing. Three of them refused to sign because they believed that too much power was taken away from the individual States. After the 39 delegates had signed the Constitution - among them was George Washington, who signed both as President of the Convention and as Delegate from Virginia - and a letter of transmittal to Congress had been prepared, the Convention formally adjourned. Although ratification by only nine states was necessary to make the Constitution operative, all the thirteen original States finally ratified it.

(September 17 is also Citizenship Day. On February 29, 1952, President Truman signed a law designating September 17 as annual Citizenship Day.

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## BALTIJOS JŪROS VARDO KILMĖ

Kiekvienas lietuvis, o ypač Vyčių organizacijos žmonės, privalo kiekvienos lietuviškos vietovės vardą ir kilmę žinoti. Tad brolius vyčius or noriu, nor trumpai, su Baltijos jūros kilme supažindinti. Tas vardas yra neabejotinai lietuvių kilmės ir štai kodėl. Tą jūrą pirmą kartą yra paminėjęs prieš Kristaus gimimą romėnų istorikas Plinius savo raštuose. Jis rašo, kad tokį vardą vartojo vietiniai tų laikų gyventojai. Tą pačią versiją pažymi ir kitas rašytojas. Adomas Bremenietis X-me šimtmetyje. Jis net pačius prūsus bei lietuvius vadino baltų kilmės žmonėmis.

Dabar klausimas, kodėl gi tik mūsų protėvių vardas prigijo tai jūrai? O kur gi buvo kitos tautos: skandinavai, germanai ir slavai? Ir kodėl jie neprilipdė savo vardo? Į tai, manau, kad gali būti toks atsakymas: Lietuviai daug anksčiau už kitas tautas pasiekė tą jūrą ir prie jos net apsigyveno. O kas vėliau atėjo, tas turėjo jau skolin-tis Baltijos jūros pavadinimą arba vardą.

POV. DIRKIS



# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### 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."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING - May 3, 1970 - Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N. J.

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Spir. Adv. Rev. A. Contons, Pres. Dr. Jack Stukas, 3rd V-P. Longinas Svelnis, Rec. Secy. Dorothy Dutkus, Ritual Comm. Rita Pinkus and Joseph Boley, Cultural Comm. Mary Jankowski, Honorary Members Ann Bender, Annie Mitchell and Frank Vaskas, Clergy Rev. J. Sharnius, Rev. P. Totoraitis and Rev. S. Raila and guests Mary Stonis and Loretta Stukas.

Oral reports were accepted from the officers and committee chairmen present. Several written reports were also accepted.

The Mid-Central District strongly urged that there be more equal representation of all Districts throughout the country in the selection of the presidium. They also urged that the National Convention return to more democratic procedures wherein delegates would be granted more rights in expressing themselves from the floor. Less time, if any should be devoted to lengthy discourses by various personages outside our organization on matters not relative to our organization's affairs.

The New England District reported than an additional scholarship fund for the NED only is in process of being set-up. Rev. Contons suggested that the K of L "Leaders Manual" be up-dated and published.

Scholarship Chairman Dr. Stukas reported that memorial donation cards and receipt cards have been printed and are available. A card will be sent to the family of the deceased and another to the donor.

Honorary Membership will be conferred on Robert Boris, of C-102 Detroit, Mich., during the convention.

OLD BUSINESS: Dr. Stukas reported that he expects a full group for the K of L Excursion and that he is working with the Trips & Tours Travel

agency, at no personal remuneration, in making arrangements; The Life Time Membership Certificates were designed by John Subacius and the sample copy was accepted by the Board; no new Membership Drive brochure material has been received from the chairman and the Board authorized President Stukas to help design and have a preliminary brochure made available for the Rome trip and the forthcoming convention; after investigating the possibility of having the "Vytis" printed in New York, it was decided that the cost was prohibitive and that the printing should remain in Chicago. With the resignation of the current Editor, a suggestion was made to possibly have assistant editors in each district; 1970 Convention - after discussion, it was decided to drop the panel concept and instead have open discussion and that the three business sessions be devoted to the topic; "KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CURRENT GOALS, OBLIGATION AND CAPABILITIES" (LIETUVOS VYCIU SIANDIENINIAI SIEKIAI, PAREIGOS IR GALIMYBES.) Hopefully one session each will be devoted to a full and complete discussion on our religious, political and cultural activities, with all delegates and guests participating.

NEW BUSINESS: Archives - A suggestion was made that each District and Council maintain their own archives and President Stukas will check into the condition of the National Archives during the Chicago convention; a donation of \$100.00 was made to the Lithuania Martyrs Chapel Funds; Sister Paulė, from the new camp "Neringa" in Vermont, suggested that the K of L schedule a Week at the camp. The NED will look into the arrangements for the coming year; Rev. S. Raila spoke on the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid activities and it was decided that in some manner the K of L members will be asked to participate.

The next Supreme Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20th - 5 P.M., at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.

DOROTHY DUTKUS  
Recording Secretary

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is now reviewing the applications submitted by prospective candidates for the annual scholarship awards. The 13th Annual Canon Fabijonas Kemesis Scholarship Award, totaling \$1,000.00, will be announced during the 57th National Convention Banquet on August 23, 1970.

President Jack Stukas urges each Council/District to support this important project financially. All donations should be forwarded to the Committee Treasurer Irene Wood, address shown on page 2. She will acknowledge each donation and the complete list will be printed in the Convention Issue of the "Vytis".



## 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.

## DELINQUENT MEMBERS - Take Note!

The date for dropping delinquent members has been extended from June 30th until August 31st in order to give all members and council financial secretaries an opportunity to remit membership dues to the National Financial Secretary. However, if the national secretary does not receive delinquent dues on or before August 31st, the member will be dropped from our mailing list.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1970 DUES?

### NOTICE TO COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS

The October 1970 issue will feature the 57th National Convention highlights. No Council News or articles will appear. Please hold your material for the November issue. Deadline - October 5th!

# HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

**ROBERT S. BORIS**

**C-102 DETROIT**

Sponsored for Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania by C-102 and the Mid-Central District. Resolution passed at the Mid-Central District Convention in Detroit, Mich., Oct. 1964.

1. Joined the Knights of Lithuania, December, 1948.
2. Received the Third Degree - 1952
3. Received the Fourth Degree - 1959
4. Supreme Council Activities:
  - a. Supreme Council President 1960-61-62
  - b. Supreme Council Vice-President - three terms
  - c. Served on approximately 13 Convention Committees
5. District Activities - Mid-Central
  - a. District Vice-President - three terms
  - b. Helped Organize Junior Rally in Carey, O., 1960
  - c. Helped reactivate Cincinnati C-134, 1967
  - d. Reorganized C-43 Grand Rapids, 1953
  - e. Reorganized C-79, Detroit, 1959
  - f. Organized C-139, Detroit, 1962
6. Council 102 Activities:
  - a. Council President - six terms
  - b. Council Vice-President - eight terms
  - c. Trustee - three terms
  - d. Treasurer - three terms
  - e. Cultural Chairman
    1. Organized Folk Dance Group
    2. Organized Lithuanian Language Classes
  - f. Ritual Chairman
  - g. Organized Junior Council - 1960
    1. Served as Junior Counselor - four years
  - h. National Convention Chairman - 1949

- i. National Convention Committee Chairman - 1959
- j. Choir Chairman - three terms
- k. District Convention Delegate - 18 times
- l. National Convention Delegate - 17 times
- m. Directed "Subatos Vakareli"
- n. Directed "Štai Žmogus"
  - 2 performances - one in English and one in Lithuanian
- o. Chairman of Committee sending packages to D.P. Camps in Germany.
- p. Chairman of Resettlement Committee for displaced persons - assisting approximately 400 families to find sponsors, homes and jobs.
- q. Edited Council newspaper - three terms
- r. Chairman - Welcoming Banquet for Rev. Stanievich 1960
- s. Organized K of L Juniors Camp at Dainava - 1960
- t. Chairman - Rev. Stanievich's 20th Anniversary Banquet 1967
- u. Chairman of St. Casimir's Day Commemoration - 5 times
- v. Master of Ceremonies for numerous Banquets - District Conventions, St. Casimer's Day, etc.
- w. C-102 representative at various interparish organization meetings.
- x. Has personally enrolled over 50 members in C-102
- y. Served on over 100 Council Committees.
- z. Until today, he continues to guide, advise and pitch in for the various activities, especially for those of the young people who are now staunch K of L'ers due to his enthusiasm and inspiration.
7. In addition to his untiring efforts on behalf of C-102 and the Knights of Lithuania, Bob Boris has been an active member of St. Anthony's Lithuanian Parish, selflessly giving of his time to serve regularly as an usher, lectern and conducting catechism classes. He has many times been Parish Chairman for such activities as the annual ADF Drive, picnic committees, festivals and the Forty Hours Devotions and in general lending a helping hand wherever needed.



# JUNIOR NEWS

## Insure Your

# Organization's Future

ORGANIZE AND MAINTAIN  
JUNIOR K OF L COUNCILS

WHY JUNIOR KNIGHTS ARE NECESSARY?

Have you, your council officers or members, ever given thought or discussed the future of your council and the Knights of Lithuania organization? Have you ever considered who will keep the Knights of Lithuania spirit alive by continuing to carry on the work we are doing today for Our God and Country? How we can get new, young, active, energetic, spirited members in our councils? The kind who would already be acquainted with the ideals and goals of our organization. The time will come soon enough, when for one reason or another, we shall not be able to do as much as we are doing today. Unless we look ahead, and plan to have others replace those we lose, our efforts of today, will not be of much value to anyone. Obtaining new members is a problem which is quite prevalent in many councils. Acquainting them with the purpose and various programs of the organization takes time. Inability to obtain new members with new ideas, new energy, vitality - and the desire to work for the principles of the organization will lead to eventual demise of councils. This we cannot let happen, while there is yet time to prepare future K of L'ers. This can be done by organizing Junior K of L Councils! By gathering the Catholic, American Lithuanian youth of your vicinity and organizing them into Junior K of L Councils, you will be preparing new members for your council, new leaders, new talent, new assets which will insure the future for the Knights

of Lithuania. Granted, it will mean some work, require someone's sacrifice and patience. But ask yourself this question: What good is all your work for the Knights of Lithuania, if there will be no one to carry one when or if you must relinquish your duties? Just as parents work and sacrifice to leave something to their heirs, we of the K of L family - must organize Juniors, so there will be heirs - who will inherit our hopes, inspirations and desires to work for God and Country in the Knights of Lithuania organization. Organizing and maintaining Junior Councils should have a very important place in each Council's Program of Activities. One of the prime reasons why the Knights of Lithuania were founded, was that it would be an organization which would unite the Catholic, American Lithuanian youth; Junior Councils will also keep our youth in our Lithuanian parishes. Therefore, Junior Knights are necessary:

1. To instill within our youth the desire to remain in close affiliation with their Lithuanian parishes.
2. To acquaint them with the ideals and purposes of the Knights of Lithuania organization.
3. To replenish our ranks, and furnish our organization with the type of members who will be prepared to carry on the various K of L Programs.

### DECISION OF THE MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT ON K OF L CAMP DAINAVA WEEK - 1970.

After much heart-breaking effort and time put in trying to create a success of this year's camp program by all those concerned, especially Frank Gudelis, MCD's 1st V-P in charge of our youth, and Mrs. Violet Panavas, Chairlady of the committee, the MCD's semi-annual executive board, after careful deliberation considering from all angles, decided to cancel this year's attempt and try for a better start next year. First was the problem of getting a suitable week scheduled by the

Camp authorities, next was the tardiness in making proper arrangements with the other Lithuanian group that we were to combine with this year. Contrary to the announcement that appeared in the May and June-July issues of the "Vytis", to the effect that our K of L Camp Dainava Week was set for July 5-12, there was No K of L Camp Dainava Week this year.

VINCENT ED. PAVIS  
Mid-Central District President

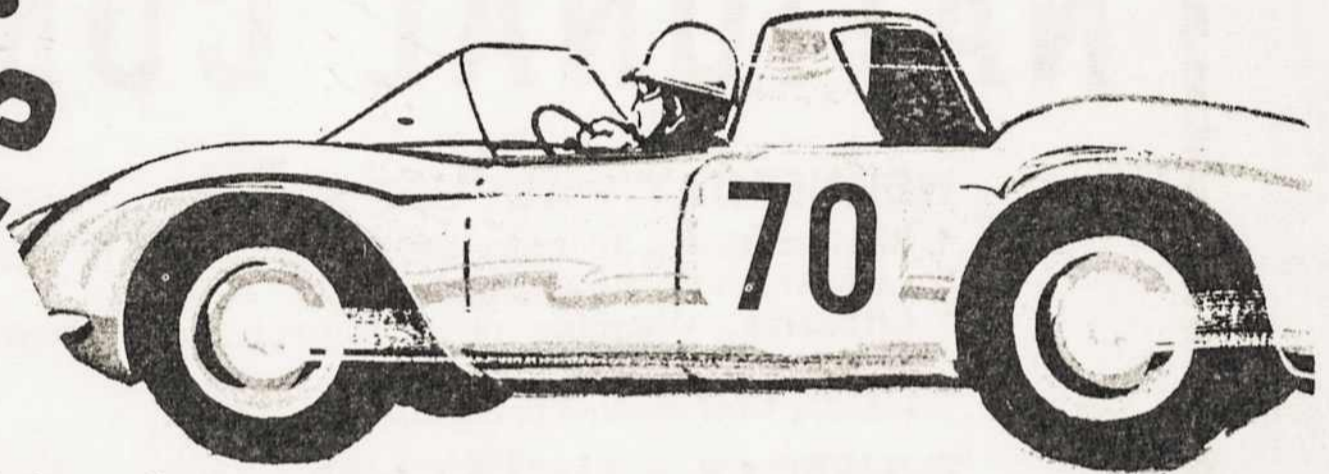


# YOU'RE AT THE FINISH LINE FOR AWARDS!

## BUT

# DON'T STOP NOW!

**ROUND-UP  
OF  
CHAMPIONS**



As this is the "Vytis" final issue before the convention, there will not be a listing of standing in the dues payments and membership enrollment drives. But, you should not let up in your efforts to collect dues and get new members. Details of all the drives will be reported during the awards presentation at the annual convention.

If you have kept up with reading the "Vytis" you should know your council's position in both the dues and membership drives. The closing date for membership points toward individual awards was July 10th. This was set to provide time for councils to channel membership information to Supreme Financial Secretary, Helen Zimmer, and to give us an interval in which to compile membership, individual and council awards, as well as draw up recommendations for the coming year.

The awards will be presented during the convention's special Awards Luncheon, on Saturday, August 22nd. These awards are based upon the national financial secretary's membership records as of August 1, 1969, which were presented at the last convention, and the net changes in those records from that date until July 10, 1970. There are three separate, though interrelated, contests.

Councils achieving first through third place in each of the five council categories of the Dues Payment Drive will receive awards. This requires councils to obtain 100% in dues payments. In other words, to be eligible they must have at least as many members paid up before the July 10th cut-off date as they did last year.

The Council Categories are:

1. 10 Members and Less
2. 11 to 29 Members
3. 30 to 59 Members

4. 60 to 99 Members

5. 100 and More Members

Those councils obtaining 100% paidup status in the Dues Payment Drive are eligible for the Membership Drive. In each of the five categories above, the council with the greatest per capita net increase in membership will receive a special award. As there are five council categories, five membership awards are expected to be presented to councils.

In addition, individual K of Lers are credited with points for signing up new members. Ten points were given for each new member signed before April 1, 1970, and 5 points thereafter until July 10th. First and second place awards will go to individuals earning the most points as member of smaller councils (under 50 members), and members of larger councils (50 members and more). Thus at least four individuals can earn special awards. Ties are given separate awards, and there are special provisions for recognizing outstanding individual achievements in membership enrollment.

Thanks to all K of Lers for their efforts in recruiting new members and obtaining prompt dues payments during the past year. Special thanks to "Vytis" Editor Irene Sankus, and National Financial Secretary Helen Zimmer, for their reassuring cooperation, encouragement, and steadfast assistance.

Now that the K of L year is ending, please do not let up in advancing the growth and vitality of the Knights of Lithuania. Now is the time to begin directing our energies toward an even more promising and successful year.

LEON PAUKSTA  
Membership Vice President





# Curtain Going Up

## ON THE 56th

# NATIONAL CONVENTION

### WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 19th

- \* Registration - 10 AM - 9 PM, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Club Room (3rd Floor)
- \* Lithuanian Cultural Display, Club Room
- \* Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Silver Lakes Country Club, 143rd Street and 82nd Ct.
- \* L.C.C. Golf Banquet, Silver Lakes C.C.

### THURSDAY - AUGUST 20th

- \* Registration, 10 AM - 9 PM, Club Room
- \* Lithuanian Cultural Display, Club Room
- \* A free morning to sight-see, shop and visit Chicagoland.
- \* K of L Bowling Tournament, WoodMac Lanes, 74th and So. Western Ave., 2 PM
- \* Supreme Council Meeting, 5 PM.
- \* Rain or shine cruise on the exciting TRINIDAD. A fun-filled evening of partying and viewing the Chicago skyline. Boarding Time 8:30 PM.

### FRIDAY - AUGUST 21st

- \* Registration, 8 AM - 5 PM, Tally Ho Lobby (9th Floor) and 5 PM-9 PM, Club Room.
- \* Business session, 9 AM, Tally Ho Room
- \* Opening Mass, 11:30 AM, King Arthur Room (3rd Floor)
- \* Sports Luncheon, 12 Noon, Boulevard Room (5th Floor)
- \* Business session, 2 PM, Tally Ho Room
- \* Cabaret Night, 8:30 PM, K of L Bldg., 2455 W. 47th St.

### SATURDAY - AUGUST 22nd

- \* Registration, 8 AM - 5 PM, Tally Ho Lobby and 5 PM - 9 PM, Club Room
- \* Business session 9 AM, Tally Ho Room
- \* Mass for Deceased Members, 11:30 AM King Arthur Room
- \* Awards Luncheon, 12 Noon, Boulevard Room
- \* Business session, 2 PM., Tally Ho Room
- \* Inaugural Ball, 8:30 PM, East Room (9th Floor)

### SUNDAY - AUGUST 23rd

- \* Convention Mass, 10 AM, Our Lady of Vilna Church
- \* Brunch Sunday Brunch, OLV Parish Hall
- \* Convention's Official Photograph
- \* Closing business Session, 2 PM, Tally Ho Room
- \* Convention Banquet, 8 PM, Grand Ballroom (7th Floor)

Registration fee of \$36.00 covers all events beginning with the Thursday night cruise.



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YOUR HOSTS AND HOSTESSES ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT. Convention committee members pictured are (1st row) Eleanore Laurin, Loretta Macekonis, Chairman Algerd Brazis, District Sp. Adv. Rev. John Savukynas, Dolores Yuknis, Estelle Rogers. (2nd row) Stanley Molis, Vladas Paliulionis, Monica Kasper, Stella Molis, Helen Pius, Irene Rakaitis, Leon Pauksta. (3rd row) Vincent Samaska, Alex Shulicke, Joseph Jerome, Harry Petraitis and Andy Yuknis. Committee chairman not present: Irene Sankus, Helen Zimmer, Emilija Pakalniskis, Richard Shlaustas and Frank Zapolis. (Photo - V. Noreika)

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# CHICAGO 1964



# IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

## NEW YORK SENIOR COUNCIL

Our most recent involvement was with the June 14th Commemoration of Mass Deportations of Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians to Siberia during 1941 by Soviet Russia. This project was arranged by the Lithuanian-American Wayside Shrine Committee. Although the attendance was below our expectations the publicity coverage was excellent. Our treasurer, Joseph Boley served admirably as commentator. The male members of C-41, under the chairmanship of Paul Pocius, did a beautiful job on renovating the Shrine which constantly suffers from the elements and vandals. We urged all at the NY - NJ District meeting to attend but happened to see only one out-of-towner, Joe Sable of Jersey City. This year, more Latvians and Estonians participated due to the efforts of Kęstutis Miklas and Dagmara Vallens of United Baltic Appeal/BATUN... We were honored by the presence of several diplomats, government officials, clergy, civic leaders - and are grateful, also, to the color guard composed of Catholic War Veterans Transfiguration Post # 869 (Rt. Rev. Msgr. Balkunas' parish), Darius-Girenas post, NY-NJ Knights of Lithuania, Estonian and Latvian War Veterans and Scouts; to the Operetta Chorus augmented by Annunciation and Queen of Angels choirs, conducted by Mykolas Cibas, and Estonian and Latvian singers, conducted by Visvaldas Gedulis (Latvian); to the general public who faced the hot sun and listened patiently to speeches; to representatives or organizations who attended many meetings at the Lithuanian Cultural Center - and to the Franciscan Fathers for the use of the Center and providing much space in "Darbininkas"; and, of course, to our Supreme Council President, Dr. Jack Stukas, and to Romas Kezys for time on their radio programs. Yet after all, it is the "pareiga" of all to cooperate fully in a community project "for the cause" ... Special commendation is due our council V.P., Peter Wytenus, for his initiative and plugging to obtain the Proclamation from Governor Rockefeller and for coordinat-

ing the entire event. Had he put as much time and effort in campaigning for the State Assembly he might not have lost in the primary by a few votes. His wife, Bette, and both daughters shopped for and prepared refreshments when we were notified that we could use the New York City Building for a post-reception just before the program started... It took quite some explaining by Helen Kulber to her relatives how come committee work was more important than attending her grand-niece's wedding in Circleville, N.Y. Her family had gone by car earlier and she arrived, via bus, as the bride was cutting the cake.

A few days after the Commemoration Peter Wytenus accidentally fell down a shaft in a garage, resulting in ten stitches in his head plus other injuries necessitating intravenous feeding. He is home following a ten-day stay in the hospital...

We warmly welcomed a member new to our council although he had been President of C-12 years ago. Anthony Shovelški made his debut at a meeting in the home of Sue and Anthony Mazeika at the time our President, Anthony, was recuperating from an operation ... It was nice to have Leokadija Averka, Danny's wife, at several meetings after a lengthy illness. Ed Genevich had his larynx re-

moved, now communicates by writing. Eugenia Karpus is recuperating in Kennebunkport, Maine, after being hospitalized with a serious heart condition. Father Budreckas is also feeling better after hospitalization. Sorry such nice people have to suffer so... Cheerier news - Helen Kulber gained three lovely grandchildren and a charming Southern son-in-law by the marriage of her daughter, Elena, to James O. Page on Apr. 5 in Atlanta. The reception at the home of Professor (Georgia Tech) and Mrs. Eichler (Aldona, Helen's sister) was almost lacking a wedding cake as there was trouble getting it aboard the plane (Elena insisted it be made by her favorite bakery in Bay Ridge). The "northern" relatives thought it was a Southern custom to hang a pair of wedding bells on a blooming dogwood tree in front of the house but learned that it was Aldona's original idea. They stayed on for awhile and toured Atlanta Underground, Stone Mountain and other interesting places but missed cruising on the houseboat "SVEIKAS" as it was in drydock. The faculty was still talking about the traditional real straw Christmas tree decorations which the New York Lithuanian Girl Scouts had made for the Tech Global Christmas party attended by 500 persons.

Now we have to concentrate on making the Baltic Folk Festival at "Priedaine" (Latvian picnic park) in Freehold, N.J., on Sat., Aug. 22, a big success - although many of us will be at the K of L Convention in Chicago that day. United Baltic Appeal/BATUN is sponsoring the event.



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GAUSUS IR DARBINGAS  
SUSIRINKIMAS**

Kiti mūsų org. bei draugijų skyriai, atėjus šiltesniam orui, susirinkimus sumažina ar visai nutraukia. Bet pas Clevelando vyčius senjorus, susirinkimai vyksta įprastu tempu - kas mėnesį, dalyvavimas skaitlingas. Gegužės 17 d., jų susirinkimas buvo gausus ir gyvas įvairiais pranešimais ir atieties planavimais.

Šis susirinkimas buvo pradėtas



paprasta tvarka - pirm. A. Mačio-ko malda, M. Trainauskaitės, nut. rašt. skaitymas, išd. Stasės Sankalaitės ir P. Usalienės finansiniai pranešimai, o toliau atstovų raportai iš kitų draugijų bei org. susirinkimų, kurių vieni pasireiškė įdomiau, o kiti paprasčiau, nes juose daugiau slėpėsi savimeilės, ypatingai Clevelando Liet. Tarybos skyriuje, kurio metiniame susirinkime, renkant skyriaus naują valdybą nebuvo išrinktas į valdybą nė vienas senesnės kartos dr-jų įgaliotinių kandidatų. Tas atšaldė senosios kartos norą dalyvauti. Ši pranešimą padarė vyčių senjorų atstovai - St. Sankalaitė ir Ig. Visockas. Iš C. L. Kul. Darželio sąjungos veikimo pranešimą pateikė J. Sadauskas, pažymėdamas, kad C. L. Kul. Darželio 40 metų jubiliejinis minėjimas praėjo iškiliai ir garbingai. Bankieto metu dalyvavo ne tik didokas skaičius vyčių ir Clevelando lietuvių, bet ir virš dvidešimt kitų tautų, turinčių savo Kul. Darželių, atstovų. Jos visos priklauso vienai sąjungai ir bendrai veikia. Šiame minėjime buvo teisėjų, politikų, advokatų ir šiaip įžymių veikėjų. Bankieto gražiąją programą išpildė lietuvių Grandinėlių jaunimas, kurių grakštus šokimas ir lietuviški drabužiai labai visus sužavėjo, ypatingai kitataučius. Šio jubiliejaus rengėjai, norėdami atsidėkoti Grandinėlei, jos vykimo į Pietų Ameriką kelionės išlaidoms padengti, paaukojo \$300.00. Švč. P-lės N. Pagalbos parap. - \$50.00.

Toliau dar vienas įdomus pranešimas buvo padarytas - tai Clevelando senjorų dalyvavimas visos Amerikos ir Kanados lietuviško jaunimo suvažiavime - simpoziume, kuriame senjorai, ga-



Kun. Antanas Karužiškis dirbo su vyčiais, buvo jų nuolatinis rėmėjas, 2-ros kuopos steigėjas, "Vyties" bendradarbis. Brangus mūsų tautos sūnau, tebūna Tau ramybė viešpatyje.

lima sakyti, atstovavo visą vyčių org., nes jos centro pirm. dr. prof. J. Stukas, pats negalėdamas dalyvauti, nors buvo kviestas Liet. Bendruomenės, savo vietoje įgalioto Juozą Sadauską, kuriam buvo leista dar pasirinkti narius, kuriais buvo: Stasė Sankalaitė, Paulina Usalienė, Ed. Pranckūnas ir 25-tos kuopos pirm. B. Barkus.

Senjorų delegacija džiaugėsi, kad galėjo dalyvauti šiame jaunimo suvažiavime-simpoziume, kuriame kiekvienas žodis buvo tartas gražioje lietuvių kalboje. Ypatingai jiems buvo malonu, kad jie susitiko su Draugo Vyčių Veiklos skyriaus red. E. Pakalniškienės sūneliu Aleksandru Pakalniškiu. Su juo arčiau susipažino, bendrai nusitraukė ir pareiškė, kad jis esąs jau vytis. Galima tikėtis, kad iš jaunojo Pakalniškio mūsų plačioji iševija gali susilaukti įžymaus ir plačiaminčio vado. Sveikiname jau-

ną Pakalniškį ir linkime jam pasekti savo mamytę ir tėvelį.

Dar buvo išklaustas pranešimas ir iš buvusio senjorų kortų pobūvio, kurio pelnas senjorų išdą padidino visa šimtaine ir už pelningą pobūvio surengimą, susirinkimas pareiškė didingą vytišką ačiū: Ed. ir Juozepinai Pranckūnams, jų jaunai dukrelei M. Trainauskaitei, St. Sankalaitėi, Ig. Visockiui, A. Mačiokui. Ypatingas padėkos žodis buvo tartas vyčiui Antanui Bujokui, už leidimą savo erdvios rezidencijos šiam sėkmingam pobūviui surengti. Tebūna didelis ačiū ir tiems, kurie sunėšė daug gražių dovanų.

Šiame susirinkime, senjorai ir vėl galėjo pasidžiaugti ir pasigerėti, kad susilaukė net trečios vėliavos, bet ši vėliava jau ne Amerikos ir ne Lietuvos. Tai specialiai paruošta ir padovanota senjorams vytės B. Selickienės. Vėliava yra gražios spalvos, vaizduoja vyčių org. žirgą ir senjorų vardą. Už vytės B. Selickienės tokią gražų ir kruopštų darbą, nuoširdų ačiū pareiškė pirm. A. Mačiokas, o visas susirinkimas jai iškėlė didingas ovacijas. Taigi, senjorai, gal pirmauja visoje organizacijoje, nes jie turi tris vėliavas - amerikietišką, lietuvišką ir galiausiai vytišką.

Užbaigiant susirinkimą, pirm. visų paprašė pasimelsti už visų senjorų mirusias motinas, nes gegužės mėnuo yra prisiminimui gyvų ir mirusių motinų.

Po susirinkimo buvo vaišės ir nuoširdus priėmimas, nes šį susirinkimą globojo ir visus skaniuosius valgius paruošė M. Trainauskaitė. Jai daug padėjo namų savininkė Ona Stankūnienė.

SENELIS



J. Sadauskas and P. Usalis with delegates of the 2nd Jaunimo Kongresas - Youth Congress. Cleveland Senior birthdayites pres. Anthony Maciokas, Bette Selickas, Stella Sankal and Antoinette Visockas.



## GRAŽUS PARENGIMAS GERAM TIKSLUI

South Bostono Vyčių 17-tos kuopos senjorai surengė trečią metinį bankietą stipendijų fondui, bankietas įvyko gegužės 16-tą dieną Milton Hill House restorane, kurio savininkai yra buvę vyčiai p.p. Mažeikai, bankieta dalyvavo 125 vyčiai, buvę vyčiai bei jų draugai, gaila, kad tik tiek vietų tėra restorane, nes dar daug norinčių dalyvauti buvo.

Per du pirmus parengimus senjorai įteikė po šimtinę stipendijų fondą. Manau, kad ir šiais metais savo užduotį ištesės.

Ištikrųjų labai džiugu matyti tuos mielus veidus su kuriais teko kartu dirbti virš keturiasdešimt metų atgal, labai malonu nors kartą metuose visiems susirinkti ir maloniai linksmai vakarą praleisti.

Bankietą su malda pradėjo senjorų dvasios vadas Šv. Petro para-

pijos klebonas kun. Antanas Baltrašiūnas. Sugiedoti Amerikos ir Lietuvos himnai. Pianu akompanavo vytė Alice Ruseckas, visiems skaniai pavalgius senjorų pirmininkas Longinas Švelnis visus dalyvius pasveikino ir paaikšino bankieto tikslą. Vakaro vedėju pristatė 17-tos kuopos pirmininką John Olevitz, kuris pakvietė pakalbėti N.E. apskrities pirmininką Albert Jaritis ir vyčių centro dvasios vadą kunigą Albert Contons, po šių gražių ir įdomių kalbų vakaro vedėjas pristatė N.E. apskrities dvasios vadą kunigą Albin Januną, kunigą Juozą Svirską, vyčių organizacijos garbės narius advokatą Anthony J. Young, Feliciją M. Grendal.

Šio parengimo surengimu rūpinosi šie nariai - pirmininkas Longinas Švelnis, tiktai - Anne Norinkavich, Josephine Satkevich, programą - Joseph Bernatonis, Anna G. Antanėlis, scholarship fund - Madeline A. Druzdis, Mary Mickevich, Anne F. Petchell, Pat-

ricia Akule, membership drive John J. Norinkavich, John J. Valatka, publicity - Francis P. Markuns, Virginia H. Markuns, refreshments - Alexander J. Akule, Dr. Albert P. Kiburis, Albin P. Neviera, Mano manymu visi komisijos nariai savo pareigas puikiai atliko. Bankietas buvo gražus ir sėkmingas.

Po programos sukalbėjus malda eita prie linksmosios vakaro dalies, tai yra gražaus dainavimo, dvasios vadas kun. Janiunas visiems išdalino "song sheets". Poniai Ruseckienei akompanuojant, visi pradėjo dainuoti. Tas labai gerai sekėsi nes didžiumą dainininkų yra buvę savo laiku Šv. Petro parapijos choro nariai, visiems buvo gera proga papraktikuoti ir prisiminti jaunystės dienas, o kurie jau pamiršę dainuoti tai galėjo draugiškai pasikalbėti ir savo mintimis pasidalyti.

Valio "seniai" vyčiai ir daugiau tokių gražių parengimų.

A. P. Neviera



SO. BOSTON SENIORS 3rd ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET.



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### NED

There is much activity around the district to keep the members busy with their social life. Congratulations to Rev. Alphonse Jansonis, the spiritual advisor of C-27 Norwood and Rev. John Bernatones of C-78 Lawrence upon their 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

Who was that driving a new Fury, why no other than Pat Plansky and the driver of that new red V.W. is Jean Pasakarnis. See walking these day is Al Jaritis... what happened to the "Cah"?

Rita Waitkunas and the C.Y.O. are helping the elderly of the parish by helping them with their medication and running their errands and the other chores that they can't do themselves. Keep up the good work Rita. There is not enough good deeds done these days. The K of L could take heed of this and try it in their part of the country, it would give the youth and adults something to do instead of criticizing that there is nothing to do.

Vacationers Helen Zaremba, Helen Zemaitis and Lillian Raymond made the scene in Florida and these gals are making plans for a fall trip to the land of the hula. Jean

Pasakarnis combined a business trip with pleasure. Jean went west to conduct a medical seminar and her home the last of the trip. Pat Plansky visited sister Eleanor out in British Columbia.

Those from the Windy City were surprized to see Al Jaritis, who made his way there to pay off a hockey wager to Al Raubiskis, Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer. They found the restaurant and he nobly picked up the check and all this was done without a credit card. Heard also on the way home the gals took him to the race track and there he lost his shirt and ended up with enough change to take the subway home. You have to admit to was a grand expereince. They also took him on a tour of the town and Al was able to watch first-handed the defeat of the Chicago Blackhawks and this was at home. As Al said it was a pleasure to watch the anguished faces of the Hawk fans and did they suffer... John Olevitz, Jerry Venis, Bob Gendreau and Al Jaritis were awarded watching the Boston Bruins beat the St. Louis Blues on a hot Mother's Day afternoon for the famous Stanley Cup. Even though the boys were in the doghouses with their wives they said it was worth waiting for. We're # 1 in hockey.

Frank Grigas came to the aid of the Woman's Sodality in their wine-tasting evening both in securing the wine and then conducting the lecture. There was a mix-up in names

for this affair and we almost had a red-faced person who was supposed to be there but some one neglected to contact and ask him. All is forgiven no names needed.

Adele Martus, Mary Martus, Ann Chaplik, Mary Kleponis, Ann Kleponis, Joan Kleponis have helped our parish raise some much needed funds by hosting whist (card) parties. Keep up the good works gals the parish sure needs it. Try to help out your council and parish by getting INVOLVED. Don't be a sideliner who watches the game form the sidelines.

In your prayers remember the souls of: Lt. Charles Bazzinotti, husband of Lois (Bernatonis) and son-in-law of Joseph and Mildred Bernatonis, who was killed in Cambodia; Lillian Raymond's brother John Wadel; and for Bertha (Sagatauskas) Yonika's father.

There was a good representative group at the C-17 Seniors Scholarship Dinner. This dinner was a sellout and there were many disappointed because there wasn't any room for them. Next year the seniors will have to hire a larger hall to accommodate the public. Angie Yelmokas was looking forward to attending the dinner but she wound up in the hospital but her ticket was used by her lovely daughter Ann Marie and father Stan. Get well, Angie, we miss your smiling face.

Plans are under way to attend the District Family picnic to be held



Pres. John Olevitz addresses C-17 So. Boston' St. Casimir's Day guests and Juniors with Rev. Janiunas.



at Father Puidokas's summer place Southwick, Mass. Then there are plans being made for the coming national convention which will be held in Chicago this August.

The council had wonderful time with the tour of the Araban coffee plant and Bob Gendreau conducted the tour of the plant and the coffee and food was simply scrumptious, "merci beaucoup" Robert.

Larry Svelnis attended the Supreme Council meeting that was held in Newark, N.J. Larry tried the busway of transportation and he said that he enjoyed the trip.

We have three new K of L'ers, for the future that is. A daughter to Buddy and Mary Zaremba, a girl to Ray and Paula Slinger and a boy to Jerry and Rita Venis. Speaking of new items its a house for Butch and Maddie Venis.

Ed Rudis is still touring all of Europe during his duration of employment in Europe. Rudy wanted to come home for the Stanley Cup playoffs but wasn't sure that he could have gotten a ticket from the fearless four. Vytautas (don't call me Vyto) Bruzgy's has been real busy traveling around the countryside and that is the reason that you don't see too much of him. Leo and Albina have also been busy traveling to Mexico and California and Albina went to Hawaii alone. Albina gets to travel around because she works for a travel agency. Father Albert Contons chaperoned a group of students to Europe.

Glad to see the C-17 Srs who attended the NED Spring Convention.

**ODDS AND ENDS...** Helen Suprin and her cousin Mary Rakauskas also helped run a whist party for the parish funds. Don't want to leave anyone out and if your name is among the missing please accept my humble apologies because the little birdie who tells the tales never found me home to relate the news... Frank Sabiski when are you going to give up some of that overtime and make your presence known... just kidding, Frank... Forgot to say that Millie Vallis is also a season ticket holder to the Boston Bruins... May we welcome back to our ranks the return of Daljia Karoblis from Europe, where she worked as a librarian for the United States Army. She is now working locally and its good to have her back.



C-10's newly-weds Bill and Bernice Wisnauskas and Fran and Al Mueller.



#### BROCKTON, MASS., C-1 P. E.A.

Here we are again after a long absence. I case you haven't heard, the officers heading Council L are: Pres. - Susan Boroskas, V-P-John Yuskaitis, Secy. - Patricia Achorn, Fin. Secy. - Norman Achorn, and Treas. - Anthony Grein.

Past activities have been: Our annual Snowflake Ball, many thanks to all those that attended - Success - 1970!

We observed St. Casimir's Day by attending Mass on Saturday evening and then we went to a local restaurant for dinner. Two awards were given for outstanding service in the K of L - C-1. Mrs. Susan Boroskas and Mrs. Marilyn Yuskaitis received inscribed Paul Revere Bowls. Both Sue and Marilyn have done a great job in our Council - keep up the good work, girls!

We welcomed two new members - Peter and "Ronnie" Bizinkausas. Pete and "Ronnie" were members of South Boston, while both were residents - now living in Brockton and the parents of five children have rejoined the K of L. Welcome aboard folks!

Our most recent activity was attending a "Nite at the Pops" with Arthur Fiedler conducting - an evening enjoyed by all!

By the time this article is being published, the "men of C-1" are enjoying the success of our beach outing. This is an annual affair that the girls sit back, and the men take over!

Have a Happy and Safe summer from C-1.

#### ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10 Kazukas

Our most important personality of the council, Vincas Wisnauskas was married on Apr. 25 to Ber-

nice Savulis of Worcester, in St. Casimir's church, Worc. Rev. Justin Steponaitis was the celebrant and Rev. Albin Yankauskas of Athol was seated in the sanctuary. St. Casimir's choir sang the Mass under the direction of Albert Matieka, organist. Lector was Peter Molis of Shrewsbury and commentator was Anthony Miner of Grafton. After a beautiful church ceremony (as an Irish guest said, "fit for a Bishop") the reception was held at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury. Vincas and Bernice were congratulated by many guests and many members of the "vyčiai" were present.



After a trip to Cape Cod they are residing at 162 Pleasant St., Gardner, Mass.

Friends and relatives gave a party for Vincas Wisnauskas and Bernice Savulis just before their wedding at the Lithuanian Outing Association in Gardner. It was very well attended with the hall filled over capacity. Many members of the K of L also attended. Dinner and dancing followed. They were recipients of a Grandfather's clock from the group.

Also C-10 members gave the bride and groom a party at Fox Run in Phillipston, Mass. after their return from their honeymoon.



WORCESTER, MASS., C-26  
"Dzūkelė"

While many are satisfied with being DEDICATED WATCHERS, we must admit that the DEDICATED WORKERS in a council are the ones who make membership in the K of L a delightful occupation, and it's a pleasure to report on recent activities:

Recognizing that our treasury had entered into a state of depletion, Eddie Grigaitis (chairman) and his committee planned a council picnic which took place at Maironis Park on May 31. This very successful social event resulted in a substantial contribution to the treasury, thanks to Ed and his assistants. Val Baziliauskas, Al Gregonis, Charles Grigaitis, and Paul Kuzmeskas worked as bartenders. The kitchen treats were prepared and served by Rita Pinkus, Mrs. Nell Thompson, Ann Morkunas, Wanda Pajeda, Ann Bucinskas, Dana Paulukonis and Virginia Lelakis. Mrs. Elizabeth Bernlitz, donated some of her delicious "ausukės" and they were mmm good! Mary Jankowski and Helen Gillus took charge of the prize table and we might add that bottles of "good cheer" were donated by the management of Maironis Park, Mrs. Anna Bacys and her son Joseph, and Helen Gillus. The stuffed animals were donated by Donna Jankowski. Music was provided by the Pridotkas-Markevicius-Marcinkevicius trio, and dancing was especially enjoyed by the tiny tots of Robert and Aldona Shumway, Carol and Bill Grigas, Ellie and Steve Walinsky, and there must have been many others. Dancers Adele and Francis Degutis, State Rep. and Mrs. Charles Tagman, and others didn't mind the mingling of these teeny-boppers at all! It was a joy to have our friends from neighboring C-116 in attendance, and we might mention some of our out-of-town guests: Lillian Paulauskas and John Alanskas of Waterbury, Sue Boroskas of Brockton, Al Jaritis of South Boston, and Joseph Boley of New York. Thanks to all!

Wedding congratulations to Alena Pinkus (our financial secretary) and Tony Burch who were married Aug. 1 here at our St. Casimir's Church, and we wish them Life's best with many happy years ahead. We'll miss Alena's sweet solo voice renditions in our

variety shows, but then Philadelphia isn't that far away and perhaps we'll be able to lure her here occasionally . . . at least for special occasions!

Charles Glodas spent some time in the hospital recently. Speedy recovery, Charles! Graduation congratulations to Birute Raciukaitis from Becker Junior College and to Paul Kuzmeskas from Hamden School of Pharmacy. "Sirdingai ačiū" to hosts Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pajeda, parents of Wanda and Drasius, who allowed us the use of their home and grounds for a recent monthly meeting. Needless to add, a grand time was had by all, thanks to their generous hospitality.

Our spiritual director, Father Justin Steponaitis, gave us a beautiful explanation of the origin of Lithuanian Wayside Crosses at this meeting. Father Steponaitis also promised us an address in the near future by his friend, Father Tautkus, who is a missionary stationed in Africa. Father Tautkus is here for a vacation and all of us look forward to hearing him speak. A warm welcome to six new council members: James Waska, Wil-

liam J. Gulbicki, Roger C. Gulbicki, Vincent Gregonis, Miss Renata Baziliauskas and Mrs. Rasa Chiras.

The NED Meeting held on May 17 at Maironis Park was attended by these members of C-26: Joseph Sakaitis, Ann Bender, Helen Gillus, Mary Jankowski, Rita Pinkus and Olga Kersis.

Joseph Sakaitis, chairman, asks everyone to mark their personal diaries that our annual harvest dance will be held at Maironis Park on November 7. Joe was chairman of the bowling banquet held in May and reports the following: Champions: Richard Desautel's Team. High averages: Joan Krusas and Dan Lettic. High triples: Gloria Metrick and Dan Lettic. High Singles: Allen Gregonis, Joseph Zaleskas and Gloria Metrick. Next year's bowling chairman: Paul Roland.

The "sportų šventė" held in June at Maironis Park and sponsored by the scouts was a beautiful event. Some of our K of L's are active here and one could spot Francis (Algis) Glodas, Drasius Pajeda, Birutė Raciukaitis, scurrying around, to mention but a

## K of L

# C a d d e r a d e r

### AUGUST

- 2 - C-36 Chicago, ANNUAL OUTING, Balzekas, Jr. Farm.
- 22 - BALTIC FALL FESTIVAL sponsored by Baltic Appeal/BATUN, Latvian Picnic Park, Freehold, N.J.

### SEPTEMBER

- NY-NJD MEETING, C-52 hosts, Elizabeth, N.J.
- IID QUARTERLY MEETING, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 13 - NED CULTURAL PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
- 26 - C-102 Detroit, 50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, Club Venetian, Detroit, Mich.
- 26 - NED PRE-FALL CONVENTION DANCE, Colonial Hotel, C-10 hosts, Gardner, Mass.
- 27 - NED FALL CONVENTION, St. Francis Church, Athol, Mass.

### OCTOBER

- 10 - C-29 Newark, 55th ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE, St. George's Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 17& 18- MCD CONVENTION, Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Cleveland, Ohio.

### NOVEMBER

- 7 - C-26 Worcester, ANNUAL HARVEST DANCE, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
- 7& 8- C-96 & C-134 Dayton and Cincinnati, resp., CULTURAL EVENT, Cincinnati Convention Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio.



few. Best wishes for safe traveling to Val Baziliauskas, our president, (a teacher of high school Spanish) who is spending another summer in Spain. Each of us wishes each of you a safe and happy summer. See you at the Convention in Chicago!

ANSONIA, CONN., C-135  
"Topstone"

It certainly has been a long time since this Council has had an article in the Vytis, but here we go again.

No, we haven't folded, or anything like that. Quite the contrary! We've been so busy here in Southern Connecticut that it has been real difficult in trying to keep up and write too. Some day the younger generation will relieve us of some of our duties so that we may have time for everything, but for now, we must continue to work hard.

The NED Spring Convention was held here recently and once again we were honored for this privilege - Those who attended remarked our Lithuanian hospitality hasn't changed. Many old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Father George Vilciauskas, our past

"Spiritual Advisor" and pastor, showed up with many of "troubadours" from C-7 of Waterbury. Jimmy Valaitis, C-7 President gave a speech on activities in Waterbury with "Kabitizers" Johnny Shimkus, John Alankas, Ed DiNapoli, Larry Alexander prompting him. He did a fine job without your help boys! Everyone was having such a fine time, that even the gang from as far away as So. Boston, didn't leave early.

On Sat., May 9, 23 honored our "oldest" K of L'er (80 years young) Stanley Bujanauskas to a testimonial dinner which drew a capacity crowd. We had such honored guests as: Father George (C-7) again, our Pastor and Spiritual Advisor Father Paul Sabulis, Father Ed Budraskis of Mariapolis, better known here as "Assistant Pastor", Mayor James Martin, the mayor of Ansonia, Hon. Judge Joseph J. Chernauskas, Judge of the 5th District Circuit Court and C-135 member.

Our President Al Barauskas presented Stanley with the 3rd Degree Medal and Certificate and a purse on behalf of C-135. Don Poehailos a past-president of C-135 and President of the Parish Lay Council was chairman of the event.

He did a real fine job of presenting a purse on behalf of the Parish in Lithuanian yet!

Stanley Bujanauskas has a long and impressive record and just a short outline would fill pages in the Vytis. Stanley was one of the original founders and organizers of St. Anthony's Lithuanian Church in Ansonia. He has been and still is active in various Lithuanian functions locally and in other Connecticut communities, health permitting.

Our "glib" past-president Johnny Sabulis was the toastmaster, who seemed to have a never ending collection of stories and jokes. The meal was climaxed with everyone singing "Happy Birthday" to Stanley as the candles were lit on a huge whipped cream birthday cake.

"This Evening with Stanley" will not be forgotten by many, as the band played on into the early hours. Getting up for Mass the next morning was a chore for many.

C-135, New England's youngest council is twenty years old already - we celebrated with a great dinner party on Sat., May 23 in the Church hall. We had two Lithuanian soloists, Al Jesulaitis and Kasey



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION - Host, C-135 Ansonia, Conn.



Svelnys who entertained with "old comedy" Lithuanian Songs. Leon and Barb Barauskas joined us at the party and gave us a brief rendition of how "Grandpa" spent Mother's Day putting up swings for the kids - "Gramps" says Monkey-Bars are next! Father's Day? Our thanks to Millie Driznus for a fine job of Chairmanship of the event. It wasn't really planned that way, but it just turned out that way, terrific!

Charlie Stefon, Tony Varsh and Johnny Yudas were seen talking "big" business. It must have been about money or girls. Seeing how these three have managed to remain single so long, it must have been money.

HERE AND THERE! Al and Ann Barauskas, Al and Sue Jesulaitis journey to Rome with the K of L on the K of L tour. "Big Al" says he's going to show "Barry" London, after hours. What will the girls be doing in the meantime? Oh yeah?

Olga and Lee are growing potatoes on their front lawn when not sailing on Long Island Sound. Lee

says he's got a secret formula for "Irish" whiskey - potatoes are not for eating. This we've got to see.

"Old faces" seen lately at our time for Stanley, Pete and Helen Gumbulevich and Floyd and Gloria Trapkauskas - drop around more often folks - gald to have you! Politics don't keep you THAT busy!

Jackie Tyson spent the day recently fishing on the sound. I understand it's quite a difference fishing from a sailing boat than an ordinary one.

Lil Chaplik our "impromptu dancer" says that she is going to revive her old dance "The Seven Veils". This is a comedy in itself. Hope we're there when it's revived.

Have you heard our new Lithuanian Singer, Howard Gyba? It's news to us, but he says he used to sing quite often outside Ann's house years ago in Waterbury. Ann never told us.

Have you folks read about Lithuanian Toast in the Vytis? Amsterdam, N.Y. is serving it in many eating establishments. Going over big - It's not bad - Try it folks - We need something new like this.

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The weekend of May 22-24, C-96 hosted the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Dayton, Ohio. It was very gratifying to see so many Bowler (83 registered) and guests from Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Youngstown, Chicago and Dayton. All in all, over 100 persons participated.

The festivities began on Friday evening at the lovely home of Joe and Ada Sinkwitz. Music was furnished by the Vaitkus brothers, Mark and Steve. After a sumptuous buffet, a "Happy Birthday" was extended to Joe Sinkwitz. We all helped him celebrate this occasion together.

Saturday at 11-2, Registration and a brunch was enjoyed by all at the Holiday Inn. Bowling followed at the McCook Lanes, and from all the noise and hilarity it was ob -

# Mid-West Bowling

### TEAM STANDINGS:

		Total Pins	Team Captain
1-Detroit	C-79	2914	R. Lucas
2-Dayton	C-96	2853	J. Richey
3-Chicago	C-112	2843	A. Kachinskas
4-Detroit	C-79	2837	A. Tamasiunas
5-Dayton	C-96	2821	C. Petkus
6-Cleveland	C-25	2820	R. Guzauskas
7-Detroit	C-139	2805	A. Kurpowic
8-Dayton	C-96	2802	E. Omlor
9-Cleveland	C-25	2793	A. Shigo
10-Detroit	C-102	2759	M. Wagster
11-Detroit	C-79	2735	V. Sherman
12-Detroit	C-79	2726	J. Wasse
13-Dayton	C-96	2715	D. Petroski
14-Detroit	C-79	2711	J. Petroski
15-Dayton	C-96	2708	J. Sinkwitz
16-Dayton	C-96	2679	J. Prasmantas
17-Chicago	C-36	2661	V. Samaska
18-Detroit	C-79	2655	J. Bridges
19-Pittsburg	C-19	2634	A. Rozger

### 1st Place Team Members from Detroit, C-79:

Ann Zilvitis  
Mike Vale  
Ray Lucas, captain  
Joan Lutzky  
John Kolinske

### 2nd Place Team Members from Dayton, C-96:

Fran Petkus  
Judy Petrokas  
Mike Petkus  
Jim Urban  
Jim Richey, captain

### 3rd Place Team Members of Chicago, C-112:

Dolores Wainauskas  
Irene Sankus  
Joe Nausedas  
Al Skudra  
Al Kachinskas, captain

### Trophy Winners

Men's		
Hi Game Actual	Al Kachinskas	237
Hi Game w/Handicap	Al Kurpowic	256
Hi Series Actual	John Kolinske	574
Hi Series w/Handicap	Ray Shigo	656
Women's		
Hi Game Actual	Kay Kurpowic	172
Hi Game w/Handicap	Joan Kavalauskas	231
Hi Series Actual	Irene Petroski	484
Hi Series w/Handicap	Joan Lutzky	623

Men's Low Series Actual Louis Prasmantas 297

Women's Low Series Actual Sarah Petkus 255

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vious that everyone enjoyed themselves to the hilt. Following the tournament, most of the bowlers returned to the motel for room parties and renewing old acquaintances plus forming new friendships. Saturday nite found everyone at Holy Cross Church Hall for an evening of merrymaking and partaking of a delicious buffet. A short MCD District meeting was held prior to the party in the parish meeting room.

All bowlers and guests attended Mass at 10 A.M. Sunday morning at which Father Titas Narbutas warmly greeted all out of town guests. Immediately after Mass, everyone gathered at the home of Mary Lucas for coffee, donuts, etc.

Trophys were awarded to the Tournament winners at a luncheon held at the Lithuanian Club Hall.

As the departing guests were wending their way homeward, the following farewells could be heard

So long - See you in Rome.

Sudiev - Till we meet at the Nat'l. Convention.

Bye now - See you in Chicago at the next Bowling Tournament.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

What a beautiful way we began Mother's Day on May 10 with our annual May crowning of the Blessed Mother by our Juniors at the 8 AM Mass. This year the honor of placing the wreath on our Blessed Mother's head went to Junior Sec'y, Vicky Zelinkas. Crown bearer was Cindy Goldick. Bearing the gifts for Holy Communion were also Jr. members - Mike Blum, Ray Gecas, Mary E. Petkus and Julie Prasmantas. Juniors were the Altar boys for the Mass - Jon Prasmantas, Ed Sluzas and Andy Kavalaszkas.

A buffet breakfast was held in the church hall following Mass. Not only were Jr. parents invited but also council members. A program and gifts made by the Jrs were presented to their mothers. Guests at this memorable time were the Sisters who teach catechism to our children. A big thank you to Jr. advisors, Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas, for a most delightful way to start this Special Day. Thank you to the Juniors, too.

With the bowling tournament now past we are just catching our

breath over the wonderful turnout we had. Members came in from Detroit (6 teams strong plus guests), Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Gary, Ind., and Chicago! We'll never be able to completely express how great it felt to see all of you in Dayton. The committee and council certainly appreciated this tremendous backing from the Mid-West Councils. We were happy to see one of Dayton's teams come into 2nd place. Let's hear that yell again, Judy Petrokas! John Kavalaszkas was one to win an individual trophy plus Louie Prasmantas and Sarah Petkus. Being low-men-on-the-totem-pole helps sometime, right, Louie and Sarah?

Pin-up of the tourney was Dayton's own Jim Urban! We were pleased for Ray Lucas, C-79 Detroit, that his tooth ailment was taken care of in a hurry as Ray was on the winning team. We hope Ed Salas, C-79, has recovered from his fall in front of our church. Winners in the Jr. Camp Raffle were Ann Zilvitis, C-79, a polaroid camera; Frank Gudelis - an outdoor grill, and Tom Anello - deep fryer. Frances Mikalaskas was the lucky winner at the Sat. night 50/50 raffle. A big thank you must be extended to C-36 Chicago members, Homer and Gertie Carver of Gary, Ind. They pitched in quite a bit to help our various committees. Our apologies on the malfunctions of the stereo for the Sat. night dance - we really goofed that up! Want to get away from it all! Check with Stan Vaitkus on the newest methods. We enjoyed that after-the-tourney-gab-session with Dave Petroski's brother, Joe and his lovely wife, Irene. Frank and Betty Petroski, more family, C-79 had us on the ball. Dave Petroski, Charles Petkus and their committee are very thankful for all the help they received from the council members who also backed this weekend with their time, work and effort.

ODDS AND ENDS. On the invitation of C-134, Cincinnati, to the Dayton council on May 31, Joe, Ada, and Cathy Sinkwitz, Mary Lucas, Frank Gudelis, Albert and Albina Wallis attended a cover-dish family picnic at the farm of Dr. and Mrs. Bieliauskas in Harrison, Ind. Dr. Bieliauskas is a professor of psychology at the University of Cincinnati and has been a guest speak-

er at one of Dayton's Lith. Indep. Day Celebrations. This get-together was 'a day well spent' and has brought the Dayton council an invitation to participate with the Cincy council in a cultural program to be held on Nov. 7-8 at the Cincinnati Convention Hall.

Leaving the heat of Dayton for the heat of Florida were Judy Scott, Jim and Joan Kavalaszkas, Joe and Eleanor Mantz (visiting Eleanor's brother, Pete Petkus and his wife, Paulette, our Hialeah, Fla., members) and families. Visiting the "Lady of Snow Shrine" in Ill. and ending in St. Louis were the Millers, Sally, Annadel and Mary. Checking on their Christmas farms and loafing through Minnesota and Mich. were Joe, Ada and Cathy Sinkwitz. Putting out the 'gone fishing in Michigan' sign were Alex and Polly Pietrzak, the Scotts, John and Ann, Tom and Elizabeth, Mike and Donna Jean Dailley and their son.

While 'tiptoeing through the tulips' Mary Miller ended up with a broken wrist. Speedy recovery to Mary for the weeds are having a ball. Get well wishes go to Frank Gudelis who is having his problems with a foot discomfort condition. Sporting a new Buick Wildcat-Jerry and Marianne Podoyak. What a thrilling event for Janina Bucmys. Janina and her sister, Helena Malnačis, visited with each other for the first time in 22 yrs. Janina's sister is a high school mathematics teacher in Australia.

Wedding congratulations are bestowed to John and Jane Petkus. This happy occasion took place on June 13. All of us who attended had had a great time. We see the parents of the groom, Mike and Alice Petkus, relaxing now that all the preparations are over. Our out-of-town members from Grand Rapids, Mich., Joe and Ann Boeke, were in for the wedding. Did you see Ann Scott and Eva Leasure on the Paul Dixon Show from Cincinnati? They gave the Lithuanians a little publicity via the TV.

This year's HS graduates were the Prasmantas' Joseph, the John Scott's Jerry, the Bakanauskas' Andrea and the Kondrotas' Dolly. Receiving recognition on the Nat'l Honor Society were Andrea Bakanauskas, Diane Kavalaszkas, and Mark Vaitkus. Congratulations to all on the excellent work they have and are doing.



Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Constant Kelaycius family on his recent death. Mr. Kelaycius contributed to many of our breakfasts on our annual visit to the deceased members at Calvary cemetery. His son had been a council member.

There is an addition to Mike and Alice Petkus' shrine in the way of a Lithuanian Cross constructed by George Mikalauskas. Imprinted on the cross is 'Marija pagelbėk mums'.

It has been ages since we have had any word from our Falls Church, Virginia members, Joe and Anna Mae Petrusky. We hope all is well! Did you hear that Felix and Helen Goldick, while visiting Houston, Texas, had the opportunity to see the astronauts from the Apollo 13 flight?

June birthday greetings are sent to Rev. Walter Kataraskis, Fred Kondrotas, Judy Petrokas, Ann Scott, Mildred Steinbrunner and Ray Steinbrunner. July greeting go out to John Goldick, Stan Kavy, Fran Petkus, Pete Petkus, Stan Vaitkus, Eva Leasure, Tom Scott, Bob Veigel, Albina Wallis and Joe Mantz. Anniversaries for the month of June went to Felix and Helen Goldick, George and Frances Mikalauskas, Charles and Sarah Petkus, Joe and Aldona Ryan, Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, Stan and Helen Vaitkus, C. Mike and Eileen Wilemaitis. July anniversary congratulations are sent to Mike and Molly Petkus, Jim and Carol Urban.



PAGERBĖ KUN. J. WALTER STANEVICH

Gegužės 30 d. vyskupas pranešė šv. Antano parapijos klebonui kun. J.W. Stanevich, kad jį iškelia į naują parapiją - St. Marks į Warren, Mich.

Tą liūdną žinią klebonas pranešė bažnyčioje geg. 31 d., kad vyskupas davė laiko iki birželio 10 d. Komitetas ir parapijiečiai su liūdesiu tą nelauktą žinią sutiko ir ant greitųjų veiklus šv. Antano parapijos komitetas vadovaujant pirmininkui Jonui Burokui ėmėsi darbo. Komitetas pasiprašė į talką veikėjus iš draugijų, kad birželio 7 d. Lietuvių Namuose į rengiamą pagerbtuvių-išleistuvių pobūvį sukviestų dalyvius. Per kelias dienas pasidarbavus žmonių susirinko virš 200 šimtų. Prie garbės stalo kun. J. W. Stanevich, kun. Burecki (lenkas, kuris kaiminystėj gyve -

nęs su klebonu), klebono motina Izabelė Stanevich, vyriausias sūnus John su žmona, naujas administratorius kun. K. Šimaitis, šv. Petro parap. administratoriuskun. V. Kriščiunevičius, kun. M. Kundrotas, Dievo Apvaizdos kleb. ir kun. Babonas, asistentas. Ilgameitis parap. pirm. Albertas Misiūnas ir Jonas Burokas, naujas komiteto pirm., seselės Pranciškietės iš šv. Antano parapijos.

Jonas Burokas paaikšino pobūvio tikslą ir pristatė programos vedėjų Albertą Misūną, kuris pakvietė kun. J. W. Stanevich atkalbėti maldą. Skaniai pasivaišinus, visa eilė sudėjo linkėjimus kun. J. Stanevich, pridėdami ir dovanėlę. Šv. Antano parap. vardu, Jonas Burokas, LBD - Jonas Gaižutis, Sinodo, Liet. Fondo - Vytautas Kutkus, šv. Petro parap. Bronius Jasevičius, Aušros mokyklos - Albertas Misiūnas (mokiniai V. Zebraitis, L. Alkevičius įteikė dovaną), šaulių kp. - L. Šulcas, šaulių centro Vincas Tamošiūnas, Skautų - Algis Zaparackas, LKS 265 kp. Matas Simonis, kun. Burnecki iš vikariato anglų kalba pasakė apie kun. Stanevich, kad jo tėvai kilę iš Lietuvos, o mano iš Lenkijos, kaiminystėj Detrote gyvenę. Ant galo ilgesnį žodį tarė kun. Stanevich.

Sugiedojo jam Ilgiausių metų nekurie su ašaromis ir gailėsčiu atsisveikinimo žodį tarė. Per 11 metų sėkmingai parapijoje darbavosi. Turėdamas Dievo Apdovanotą balsą - muzikas, vargonininkas, bažnyčioje žavėjo tomis malonėmis. Šv. Antano parap. naujas administratorius kun. K. Šimaitis atkalbėjo maldą, atsisveikino su klebonu ir išsiskirstė į namus.

Birželio 8 d. šv. Antano bažnyčioje, kun. J. Walter Stanevičius atnašavo paskutines mišias po mišių, klebonijos salėje buvo vaišės ir atsisveikinimas.

Birželio 9 d. šv. Petro bažnyčioje atnašavo šv. mišias ir atsisveikinimo žodį pasakė. Po mišių salėje parapijiečiai turėjo parengę vaišes gražioje nuotaikoje atsisveikinimas užbaigtas.

Kun. Stanevich buvo klebonu šv. Antano parap. ir mirus kun. V. Masevičiui buvo paskirtas administratoriu šv. Petro parapijoje.

Džiugu pažymėti kun. Stanevich sėkmingą darbuotę. Darbavosi su vyčiais, buvo 2 terminus vyčių dvasios vadu, seimo išrinktas, šv. Petro bažnyčią gražiai išpuošė.



MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNEY - Host C-96. Top team winners, John Kolinske, Mike Vale, Ann Zilvitis, Joan Lutzky and captain Ray Lucas, displaying their individual trophies. With the "Belmonts" winning the tourney, C-79 becomes the possessor of the Mid-West John Kaminkas Traveling Trophy until the 1971 event.

(Photo - T. F. Dombroski)



Atėjęs į šv. Antano parapiją klebonijai sugriuvus gyveno treilery, kol pastatė naują kleboniją gale šv. Antano bažnyčios, ištaisė lotus automobiliams paparkinti. Parapija skolų neturi, naujiems administratoriams palikta tvarkoje, gerame stovyje. Administratoriai abiejų parapijų yra iš naujai atvykusių. Linkime geros sėkmės.

Kun. J. W. Stanevich Detroito vyčiai ir visi lietuviai yra nuoširdžiai dėkingi už jo sunkią ir draugišką darbuotę su visa lietuvių veikla. Visus rėmė, kur tik reikėjo visada padėjo ir savo žodžiu visada ragino bendrai darbuotei. Detroitiečiai prieš 11 metų su džiaugsmu sutiko, o su liūdesiu ir ašarotu veidu išleido į svetimtaučių parapiją. Netekome malonaus ir nuoširdaus klebono. Negirdėsime bažnyčioje jo skambančio balso, nematysime jo linksmo, besišypsančio veido. Linkime kun. J. W. Stanevich Dievo palaimos šv. Marks parapijoje. Didelė parapija, bus daug darbo, bet turėdamas energijos su Dievo pagalba spindės parapijiečių tarpe, kaip aušrinė žvaigždė.

Naujos parapijos adresas: St. Marks Parish, 23500 Ryan Rd., Warren, Mich.

Senas Vytis

DETROIT, MICH, C-102 Donna The 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance Committee reports that things are really humming. The orchestra, Joe Stark, has been engaged and the response from everyone they have contacted has gaged and the response from everyone they have contacted has been most encouraging. Everyone is looking forward to a grand celebration. Just to remind you the date is the 26th of September and by reservation only. Tickets are now available from the committee members - Terry Medonis, Maryanne Guerriero, Edna Klucens and Donna Bunikis.

Ann Uznis is back from the Orient all bright eyed and rested. The trip to Expo 70 was all she expected and more - a really thrilling experience.

Vince Boris was in town for a short visit to attend a family wedding - sorry that more of us didn't get to see him, but better luck next time.

Grace Vaskelis and crew had to Scrap their plans at the last minute

to attend the bowling tournament in Dayton when Grace's new car was smashed in from behind just a few days before their departure. Extensive damage was done to the car but we are thankful that Grace was unharmed.

Other Detroiters who were more fortunate had the time of their lives in Dayton, in fact, Vicky Dambrauskas reports she had "the best time ever". Congratulations to our sister council 79 who came home with the traveling trophy.

As of this writing the Klucens family is wending their way southward to Florida for a much deserved vacation. Sounds like a lot of fun in the sun.

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Frank Petravicius on the recent loss of their mother.

Although a large number of our members attended the parish farewell for our spiritual advisor, Rev. W. Stanievich, we felt a more personal tribute was in order and arranged an evening get-together to honor him. Father was presented with a gift by pres. Gražina Vaskelis. Most appreciated member was Vitalia Vaskelis who organized the clean-up crew. St. Anthony's will miss Father Stan, but we are most fortunate as he will remain as our spiritual advisor.

DETROIT, MICH., C-139 Ann After some ten years as Pastor-Administrator of St. Peter's Parish, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich has left to assume the Pastorship of St. Marks in Warren, Michigan. Our Council will always be grateful to Father Stan for his cooperation and interest in everything we did and our best wishes go to him to St. Marks.

At the same time, we are happy to have Father Victor Kriščiunevicius remain with us as Administrator. As our Spiritual Advisor, he has worked with us and guided us in all of our undertakings and we hope he will continue to do so.

With everyone vacation minded, meetings have been adjourned for the summer. A number of our members are looking forward to attending the National Convention in Chicago; Margaret Dubitsky is planning to visit the Expo in Japan; the Gadwells are flying to Seattle, Washington for a visit with their son; the Mallens and Joe Kurpowic family will enjoy northern Michi-

gan; the Kuipers will vacation in Kansas and the Rockies; while others have not as yet made known their plans. Happy and safe vacationing to all K of L'ers.

A little resume of our activities so far for this year. Sun., Feb. 15, C-139 joined in a very impressive "Lithuanian Independence Day" celebration at St. Peters. Prior to the 10:30 Mass, parishioners and guests gathered at out Wayside Cross where Father Kris offered a prayer for those who died for Lithuania's independence. A wreath was placed at the foot of the Cross by girls in native costumes. During the Mass, Father Kris gave a very stirring sermon drawing many a tear and practically everybody in Church joined in receiving Holy Communion. After Mass, everyone was invited to the Church Hall for an inspiring program also to enjoy coffee and goodies. Our thanks to V. Tamašiūnas, President of "Saulių Sąjunga", S. Kaunelienė, A. Tamulienyte, C. Anužis, the Lithuanian scouts, "Aušra" scholars, and all who participated in the program. Our Mrs. Helen Mallen, who is also President of Chapter 72, Ladies Alliance, did a wonderful job of arranging the Commemoration.

March 10 - Councils 79 and 102 were our guests at St. Casimir's Day Mass and dinner. We had a very nice representation from both Councils and it was a most congenial group. Also what could have been more appropo than to have another "Casimir" as our honored guest speaker - our thanks to Rev. Casimir Simaitis of St. Anthony's Parish for a very interesting talk. Of course, we in Detroit all know that when St. Casimir's day comes around there is always a particular birthday in the offing. With this in mind, Father Michael Kundrat was presented with a birthday cake with special bow-out proof candles. Everyone joined in "Happy Birthday" and best wishes. Our special thanks to Mrs. Ed. Martin of C-79 who donated a beautifully dressed "Infant of Prague". This was appropriately received by Peter Podolskas, who this year celebrates his 50th anniversary as a member of the Knights of Lithuania. Our newest member, Bruno Jasevicius, did a wonderful job as toastmaster.



Holy Thursday - After participating in a Holy Hour, members gathered for coffee and goodies prepared by Theresa Vaitkunas and certainly greatly enjoyed that bitterly cold night. Father Kris, of course, took the prize for the best decorated Easter egg - Catherine Kurpowic for the strongest.

Apr. 26 - We had one of our most successful card parties both in attendance and otherwise. The Committee including Albina Kurpowic, Cecelia Wagner, Catherine Kurpowic and Barbara McKenzie are to be congratulated on the excellent job they did. It being very cold, coffee was consumed by the gallon and it is hard to say who got the more compliments our coffee maker, President Stella Podolski, or our C-139 men who have turned out to be the best coffee servers ever.

May 26 - This month having been proclaimed Senior Citizen's Month, our Council decided to honor our senior citizens group, which meets weekly at St. Peters, with a banquet type dinner. Our excellent cooks prepared a meal which from all indications and comments was "Fit for a King". This was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Praise from these good oldtimer cooks is praise indeed.

May - Our happy bowlers returned from the Mid-West Tournament with comments about the wonderful time they had in Dayton and extolling the Host Council. Of course, bringing back two trophies helped. Congratulations to Catherine Kurpowic and Alex Kurpowic.

C-139 is happy to report a new future prospective K of L member and congratulations are in order to the happy parents, Mr. and Mrs.

William McKenzie.

Mrs. Mary Waitkus is back from the hospital and recuperating nicely at home. Mrs. Mallen's mother, Mrs. A. Vasilauskis, (one of our ardent supporters) is much better after her bad fall. Margaret Dubitsky's brother is recuperating from his recent operation and we hope will soon be well. Speedy recovery to all.

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

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F. V.

The NY - NJ District held a meeting in Kearney on Sun., June 7, at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center. It was hosted by Council 90.

District president Miss Ann Klem presided. It was opened with prayer by honorary member Anthony J. Mazeika of Brooklyn. Minutes of the meeting held in Brooklyn on Mar. 15 were read and accepted. Reports of various officers were given.

Peter Wytenis of Brooklyn gave a report on the group in charge of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross located on site of the NY Worlds Fair Grounds and invited one and all to attend ceremonies on Jun. 14 at the Cross commemorating the tragic days in the Baltic States in June 1940.

Mandate committee reported 7 councils represented at gathering. Five honorary members were also present.

A Mass sponsored by the district will be offered in memory of the late Vincent Svirnelis late pas-

tor of St. Michael's Church in Bayonne. The Mass will be said in Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kearny. In his earlier days before he was ordained to priesthood; Rev. Svirnelis was a member of Kearny C-90. A Mass will also be offered for a quick recovery from seizure of our former spiritual director Rev. Vladas Karalevicius, administrator of St. Ann's Church Jersey City. Also we ask the prayers of the membership for the following sick in our district, Miss E. Karpus, Ed. Genewich, Mrs. Daniel Averka and our former district president, Larry Janonis.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of his 15th anniversary in priesthood to our spiritual director, Rev. Peter Zemeikis, Father Peter at present time is administrator of Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Elizabeth.

The following will represent district at 57th National Convention, Miss Joan Mazeika and Peter Sakabeika both of Brooklyn. Alternates will be Loretta Stukas and Joseph Boley. It was voted to give a full page ad to convention journal and also a donation to Supreme Council.

The meeting brought to a close with prayer by Joseph Boley. Next district gathering will be at Elizabeth, N.J. on Sept. 20., with C-52 as hosts. We take this means of expressing thanks to C-90 for their kind hospitality on Jun. 7.

NEWARK, N. J., C-29

The Wanderer

C-29 held their final meeting for summer on June 16 and it was marked by selection of delegates to 57th national convention and a going away party for those members who were going on trip sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania for the purpose of attending the dedication ceremonies of the Chapel of Lithuanian Martyrs in Rome.

The Council will commemorate its 55th anniversary with a Dinner-Dance at St. George's Hall, 180 New York Avenue, and the date is Oct. 10. Chairman will be Albinas Zukauskas.

We wish at this time to extend congratulations to our member Ralph Radisch who recently graduated from Seton Hall University. At present writing Ralph is in the service and is stationed in South Carolina.



ST. CASIMIR'S DAY DINNER, C-139 host with guests Father Casimir Simaitis seated and the Fathers J. Walter Stanievich, Michael Kundrat, Victor Krisciunevicius and Alphonse Babonas standing.



AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100 Smile and Sparkle

Playing host for our May round-up was Peter Hayes. President Anthony Radzevich broke the tie vote for our K of L Outing and selected June 21. Alas, it was held June 28... the postponement was due to the marriage of Dr. Kindar's daughter, Katra to Robert Uncher on June 20 ... naturally the wedding took place at the summer residence. Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar once again extended an invitation for our council to hold the outing on their grounds at Lake Galway. Sophie Olbie chairmanned the outing with Gene Gobis assisting. Helen Druziak and Irene Wood were in charge during the outing day. The money was collected by Polly Ziausys and Gene Gobis. Cynthia Thomas was in charge of the raffle.

A social hour followed the meeting. Hot dogs, potato salad (Mildred Thomas) goulash (Sophie Olbie), and home-made pyragas (Polly Ziausys) made up the menu ... not to mention the liquid goodies donated by our host, Peter Hayes.

The electric organ in Pete's living room was put to use by Father Baltch. In addition to listening to Father, we had a bit of community singing.

Father Gustas brought as his guest, Rev. Joseph Anselment, principal of Bishop Scully High School. We wished Sadie and Charles Karbus a bon voyage on their forthcoming trip to Bermuda, and Matt Orante on his return trip to Lithuania. Also best wishes were extended to Helen and Leo Druziak (May 12 - wedding anniversary).

NEWS BITS: Our most available bachelor, John Gerutis, is stepping down from the ranks. He's gotten himself engaged to a charming girl, Judy Oberist. The big day is set for Aug. 15!.. Ginny Miciulis' daughter Barbara set the date for Oct. 17. The lucky boy is Mike Wytrwal. Barbara, a tall lovely blonde will make a striking bride... Sophie Olbie was in charge of a bus trip to the shopping center in Paramus, N.J... "JOE RAINCLOUD" has been hovering over the dwelling of the Abelings. Aldona's husband, Paul, has had a number of bad accidents occurring within a period of two months. We heard that our member, Anthony Beleckas, is in the hospital. May God grant him a speedy recovery... Mildred and Cynthia

Thomas vacationed recently in Hawaii and they had a tremendous time. Now they are planning a trip to Portugal some time this summer... Irene Wood is mixing business with pleasure in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She was even the guest of the governor's at one of the cocktail parties... Isabelle and Milton McKinley paid Isabelle's home town Amsterdam a visit Memorial Day Week-end.

Certain faces have been missed in the last few meetings. What's happened to Don Nikstenas, John Gerutis, Eleanor Olechowski, Pauline Urban, Anna Yunker, Bill McCune, Ann Beleckas, Aldona and George Gravrogkas, and Jean Malutis.

## ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

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Taitytė

There is no way that each and every active District K of L'er can be kept from doing his or her very best to make this Convention the "Best" for you. Besides the various Committee Chairmen we have highlighted in the previous issues, we have Cultural Chairlady, Helen Pius, teacher of many of the Lithuanian Craft classes at the Balzekas Museum and often photographed in the various city and neighborhood newspapers for her Lithuanian Arts and Crafts talents. You should not miss the Cultural Display for Helen will make it one of the finest.

Naturally, we will provide 50 passenger green lightning limousine service to and from the activities which will be held away from the hotel. Big Al Shulicke, Transportation Chairman will be the man who will try to see that you don't miss the bus.

General advice, information, photographer, luncheon menus, award trophies, session needs and so forth are the special little worry of Past Convention Chairman, Eleanore Laurin.

Every Committee helper and Chairman and General Chairman Al Brazis extend to all the Standard Chicago Invitation - "Come Early and Stay Late" - We're all set with our Big Welcome for you.

In between Convention plans, we also celebrated the 4th in the usu-

al K of L fashion, with a successful Picnic. The K of L Hall and Garden was again the perfect setting for the unpredictable weather, it was a cold day in July but our guests had all the comforts of our K of L home.

The fun fest began Friday night and proved to be quite a success when six hours later, the last of the merry people left for home and for some just a recess before returning the next day, as many did. Gerry Mack, Raffle Booth Chairlady, was the celebrity of the evening as winner of the half-gallon of VO in the special raffle.

On Saturday, the Big 4th, our patrons started arriving about 2:00 in the afternoon to get this new twelve-hour festivity rolling. The first feature of the afternoon was the selection of the 1970 K of L Kugelis Queen or King.

Contest Chairlady Helen Zimmer chose distinguished and capable kugelis lovers Ignas Sakalas, Andy Yuknis and Frank Zapolis to be the judges. As the audience looked on, waiting for the decisions of the connoisseurs, the three who were chosen to taste the very best, finally made the big announcement.

Mrs. Svelnis, mother of Frank Svelnis our Past S.C. Treasurer, and Past Dist. Pres. was presented with the Kugelis Queen trophy. Runner-up in the Royal Court was Past Choir Pres. John Auksciunas Kugelis Prince for 1970 and the Third Place trophy was presented to Kugelis Princess Mrs. Ciceviciene, who also did the honors as Chief Chef for the picnic.

A great testimonial to the tal-



MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNEY. Chairman Dave Petroski presents top men's trophy to Al Kachinkas. (Photo - V. Samaska)



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ents of our Kitchen Queens, Mrs. Budris, Mrs. Petrulis and Mrs. Cicevičienė, was the sellout of hundreds of servings of Ham, sausage, hot dogs and kugelis, even before the evening crowd began to arrive.

The next feature of the day was the Dance Contests. Judges Cis Matul, Helen Pius, Vince Samaska and Frank Zapolis, along with audience approval presented trophies to Al Brazis and Irene Norusis, 1970 Waltz King and Queen, and to Jean and Gedeminas Janula, Queen and King of the Polka.

The Saturday special raffle of sheer cheer Pete Gagle, our singing bartender, was delighted with his trophy, a half-gallon of VO. Many other patrons also went home with their lucky trophies of more bottles of cheer, glasses and giant watermelons.

The District Juniors also did a booming business with their unique booth which required not only luck, but also skill in tossing rings on the wings of the giant penguin or tossing coins in the floating saucers. Besides manning their

own corner of entertainment, they also lent a welcome hand with kitchen food dispensing and cashiering. It was a very gratifying sight to see so many nice young people participate, help and enjoy the 4th with the rest of us.

Eleanore Laurin and Co-Chairmen Irene Sankus and Vince Samaska, wish to express a big ACIU to every member who pitched in and helped; to Joe Nausieda for the sound system; to Pete Butkus for the decorating; to Mr. Budris for the maintenance engineering; and to everyone who came and contributed their share of support which resulted in another (by now about the 50th) successful K of L July 4th Picnic.

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Will wonders never cease, our "fun" bowlers, Dolores Wainauskas, Joe Nausedas, Irene Sankus, Al Skudra and Al Kachinskis, held up the IID by winning 3rd Place in the Mid-West Bowling Tourney held in Dayton. Al K wasn't fooling around as he won two pot games and the trophy as the best man bowler. Al S, our Indiana member, really

enjoyed the week-end and now is looking forward to meeting more out-of-town members during the National Convention. Congrats to the winning 79ers - but wait until we meet you in Chicago in 1971.

Speedy recovery wishes to Frank Savickas and Joe Yuska, who are recovering from broken limbs. Watch your step, boys - we need you around.



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