



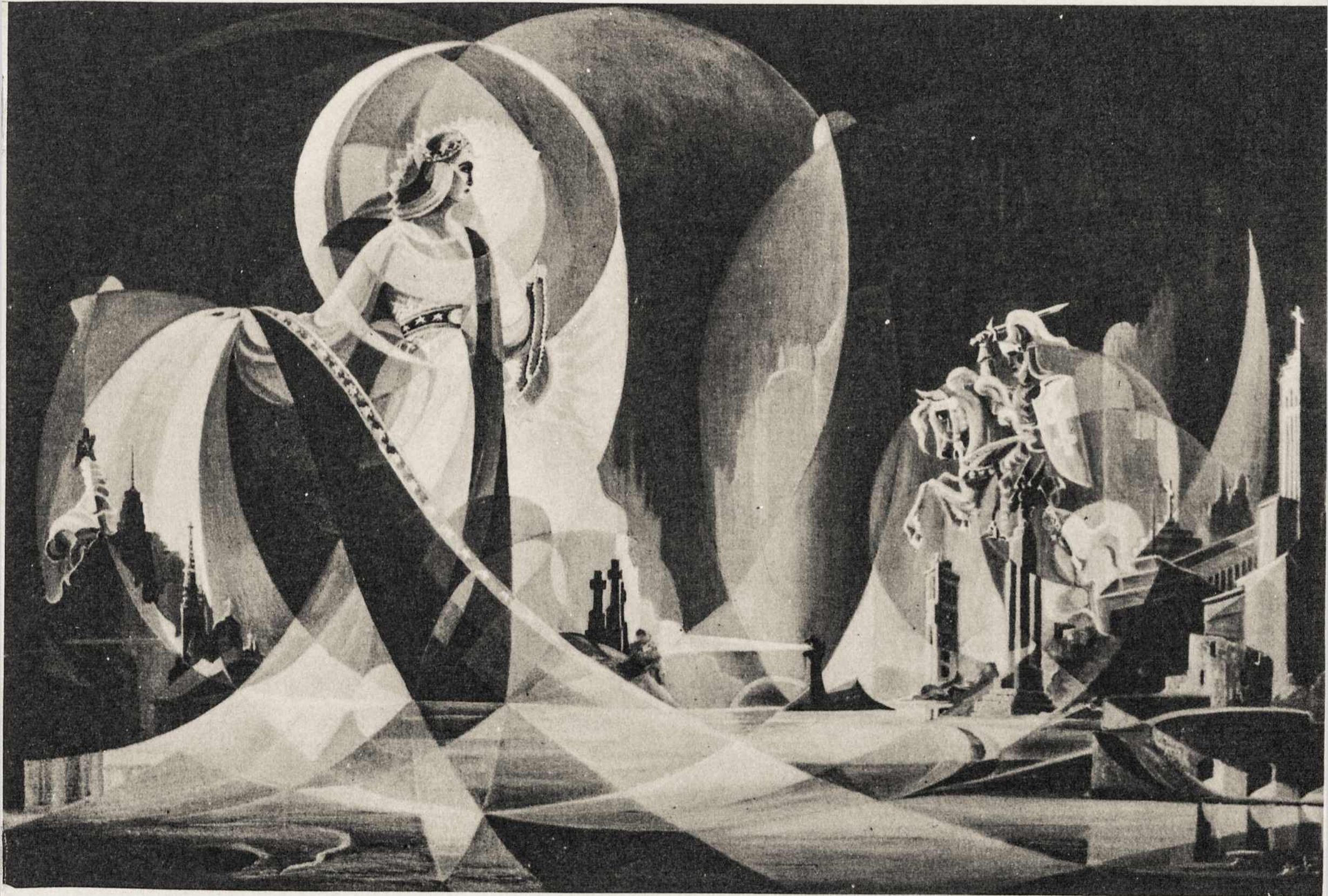
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GEGUŽĖS – MARIJOS MĖNUO

Pov. Dirkis



Pažaislio Madonna, V. Kašubos skulptūros, Chicagoje.

Gražiausias metų laikas yra pavasaris. Jis nutraukia šaltą žiemos dangą nuo žemės paviršiaus ir pažadina visa, kas tik yra gyva. Pievos, laukai ir miškai sužaliuoja ir pasipuošia gražiausiais žiedais. O sodai, sodai! Jie baltu pūku apkrauna vyšnias, obelis ir kitus vaismedžius. Atrodo, kad niekur nėra tokio gražaus ir gyvo pavasario, kaip mūsų tėvynėje Lietuvoje. Pavasaris – gyvybės ir gyvenimo pradžia.

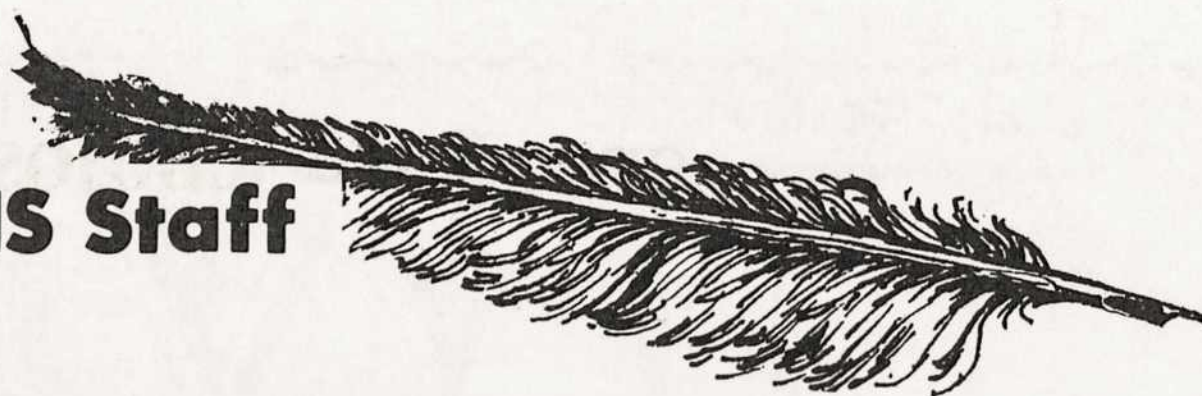
Gegužė yra tas gražiausias pavasario mėnuo, kuris Lietuvoje buvo vadinamas Marijos mėnesiu. Kurie gyvenome Lietuvoje, ypačiai kaime, prisimename gražias gegužines pamaldas, Marijos garbei. Per visą gegužės mėnesį lietuviai meldėsi į Mariją. Gegužinės pamaldos buvo laikomos ne tik bažnyčiose, bet ir kaimo klėtyse, seklyčiose. Beveik kiekviename Lietuvos kaime berželiais ir gėlėmis buvo papuošiama seklyčia ar klėtis ir įrengiamas altorius Marijos garbei. Į gegužines pamaldas rinkdavosi kaimo senimas ir jaunimas. Po sunkių darbų suslenkdavo savo sugrubusius kelius prie Marijos kojų. Čia skambėjo Marijos litanijos ir giesmės bei kalbamas ir rožinis. Ir taip kiekvieną vakarą per visą gegužės mėnesį lietuviai garbino Mariją.

Lietuva yra vadinama Marijos žeme. Lietuvis džiaugsme ar varge visados ieškojo kelio į Mariją. Lietuvis ir tremtyje ir Sibiro stovyklose kreipėsi į Mariją, kaip Tremtinių Motiną. Klausimas, ar Lietuvoje dabar stotomi altoriai Marijos garbei, ar aidi maldos ir giesmės garsai Lietuvos miškais ir laukais?

Pavasaris nežiūri nei į žiaurius diktatorius bei vadus, nei garsius politikus. Jis ateina laiku ir pažadina gyvybę.



Meet The VYTIS Staff



Now that about a half-year has passed since the VYTIS Staff changed hands, perhaps the readers of VYTIS would like to get to know the people behind the publication... Following is but a brief description of the various members of the VYTIS Staff, especially with respect to their journalistic and K of L backgrounds.

LORETTA I. STUKAS EDITOR

Loretta Stukas, Editor in Chief, returned to the VYTIS Editor's desk after a 6 year break, during which she changed her name, marital status, residence, and K of L Council. Formerly Loretta Kassel, she held numerous offices in the K of L in C-36, Chicago, and the Illinois-Indiana District, and served as National Secretary for 3 years. Now she is active in C-29, Newark and the NY-NJ District, where she is District Treasurer. A 4-th Degree member, she has been a K of L-er since 1952.

Loretta's editing experience dates back to high school and college days, where she served on school paper staffs and edited her college yearbook. She's also served on many publicity committees, for the Lithuanian Opera Co., a Dainų Šventė, and other groups, and headed the Press Committee for the 1969 K of L National Convention in Newark, N.J. She served as Ill.-Ind. District Bulletin Editor shortly, contributed to VYTIS for many years, and became VYTIS Editor in 1961, when the publication moved to Chicago and changed to the offset process. She resigned in 1964 before her marriage and move to New Jersey. Currently, Loretta also edits the English Section of Muzikos žinios (Lithuanian Music News), published quarterly.

Journalism is only an



avocation, however, for her main career interest is in mathematics. Holding B.A. and M.S. degrees in Math from St. Xavier College and De Paul University, Loretta has been a mathematical computer programmer since graduating from college, and currently is an Associate Member of Technical Staff in the Information Processing Research Dept. of Bell Laboratories in New Jersey.

When not writing, programming, editing or keeping house, Loretta may be found singing as a member of the Ruta Lithuanian Ensemble and the Zibuokles Women's Sextet.

She is married to K of L National President and Director of the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour, Jack J. Stukas, whom she met during a K of L convention, and resides in Mountainside, N.J.

ANTHONY YUKNIS, Assistant Editor

Very able and experienced assistance - in the form of cover designs, feature articles and a steady stream of ideas and suggestions for the betterment of VYTIS - is provided by ANTHONY YUKNIS, Assistant Editor.

A 4-th degree member of C-112, Chicago (Marquette Park), Tony has been steadily engaged in some form of creative work for the organization. He's been a regular contributor to the VYTIS throughout his membership, and has provided art work for various K of L projects. Most recently, he designed a K of L stamp to commemorate Lithuania's 50th Anniversary of her Declaration of Independence.

Tony took his art studies at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, and at the school of special design at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Now he works for the Riverside Plaza studios of Tee-Pak, Inc. and describes himself as a "free-lance cartoonist when moonlighting." More than 300 of his cartoons have been published in various magazines, newspapers and trade journals. He is author and illustrator of THE LITHUANIANS, a cartoon history of the Lithuanian nation, and was editor and art director of the former "Music Pad", which was a Chicagoland entertainment bi-monthly magazine.



RITA OCHS, Layout Editor

The behind-the-scenes activities involved in putting together newspapers, magazines and other publications are second nature to RITA OCHS, VYTIS Layout Editor. She's been involved in them almost all her working life.

Before her marriage to Bill Ochs, Rita (formerly Miskewitz) studied at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, and then worked for the Humble Oil and Refinery Graphics Section as a Forms and Graphics Designer. Currently she is in charge of typography at the SCOTCH PLAINS TIMES. She has also done free-lance work in lay-outs, justowriting and varityping.

As a member of K of L C-67 (Bayonne) for 20 years, Rita has held numerous offices on the Council and District level. She attended and was active in many National Conventions, and was one of the prime movers of the Eastern Regional K of L Leadership Conference in 1957.

When Rita assumed responsibilities with VYTIS, lay-out became a family project for the Ochs household. Her husband Bill (who has just joined C-67 as an Associate Member) lends his talents as a professional photographer when needed while their three children delight in searching for usable decorations and ideas, as well in cutting sorting, and even proof-reading.

In her spare time, Rita enjoys entertaining, baking and decorating their Scotch Plains, N.J. home for whatever holiday comes along.

JOSEPHINE ZUKAS,
Council News Editor

In JOSEPHINE ZUKAS, the VYTIS can boast of a Council News editor who is familiar with council, district and national K of L activity, and who is experienced in writing and editing as well.

A 4-th degree member of C-109, Great Neck, Josie (formerly Josephine Rusas) has held numerous offices during her 25 years in the organization. Besides her other council activities, she's been on the Lithuanian Affairs committee as long as she can remember, served as National Secretary in 1952 and again in 1966, and was the District financial secretary for many years. She edited the NY-NJ District Bulletin from 1965 to 1967. Josie enhanced her Lithuanianism by attending Lithuanian classes at Columbia University.



Before her marriage, Josephine was secretary to the metropolitan regional manager of Lederle Labor for 17 years. In 1960, she married K of L-er Joseph Zukas, whom she met at a K of L dance, and is now the mother of Jane Marie, age 9. In addition to her VYTIS and other K of L work, Josie applies her talents to a CCD program of her local parish, St. Peter's, in Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. where she is co-chairman of intermediate grades.

LITHUANIAN Editor, BALYS VYLIAUDAS, prefers to remain "unknown".

MARY KOBER, Assistant
Council News Editor

MARY KOBER (formerly Mary Rusas), the other half of the Council News "sister team", assists her sister Josephine in the varityping and layout phases of that section of VYTIS.

A charter member (and 4-th degree member as well) of C-109, Great Neck, N.Y., Mary has held many offices in the council, from president to sgt-at-arms. Currently, she is the council's vice-president. She also served as secretary of the K of L Supreme Council for one year.

After working for several years as assistant editor of the NY-NJ District Bulletin, she assumed the full editorship two years ago, and continues in that position today.

Mary is a graduate of business school and has been continuing her education taking liberal arts courses toward her degree. She is employed as secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Great Neck and is presently president-elect of the Office Staff Association. She recently completed a course in varityping and uses that training in her spare time, not only in typing the Council News and the District Bulletin, but also as a free-lance varitypist, from her home in Port Washington, L.I.

As the wife of Anthony Kober, a K of L-er formerly from Maspeth, N.Y., and the mother of Supreme Council Secretary Nancy Kober, Mary certainly has no difficulty getting family encouragement for her various K of L projects.



PRISIMINKIME MOTINĄ

Pov. Dirkis

Visas krikščioniškas pasaulis pavasarį švenčia Motinos Dieną. Mes, švęsdami Motinos Dieną, privalome atsiminti Dievo Motiną Mergele Mariją, savo gimdytoją motiną ir motiną tėvynę Lietuvą.

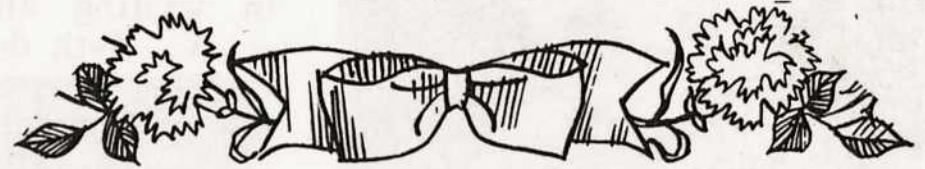
Šios trys motinos yra panašios savo ypatybėmis. Žodis motina mums daug ką pasako. Čia glūdi daug meilės, supratimo, jausmo ir pasiaukojimo. Nėra pasaulyje kitos būtybės, kuri tiek pasiaukotų savo vaikui kiek motina. Tai žmogaus pradžia ir šaltinis. Todėl ir motinai pagerbti skiriamas pats gražiausias pavasario mėnuo. Švęsdami Motinos Dieną, mes ne tik pagerbiame motinas, bet ir išreiškiame joms priklausomą padėką už rūpesčius ir pasiaukojimą.



Tolygiai mes prisimename ir mūsų motiną - Lietuvą, jos nueitą kryžiaus kelią praeityje, ir dabar kenčiančią raudonųjų vergijoje.

Motinos dienos proga, mes lenkiame savo galvas kaip Tėvynėje pasilikusioms, taip ir čia iševijoje esančioms motinoms. Jos yra tikroji lietuviškų namų siela, ir lietuviybės saugotojos.

Amžius pratusiai kentėti lietuvei motinai niekas neištengs nei užslopinti, nei užgesinti lietuviškos ugnelės rūsenančios jos širdyje. Mes visi lietuvių tautos vaikai, kurie esame laisvajame pasaulyje, Motinos dienos šventėje, turime prašyti Aukščiausiąjį, kad Jis suteiktų lietuvei motinai jėgų ir išvermės nesuklupti po gyvenimo kryžiumi, bet sulaukti laisvės ryto.



MOTINOS YPATYBĖS

Motinos akys, kaip saulė šviesiausia:
Viską pamato ir viską supranta.
Joms tau liepsnojant, tu liūdnas neklausi,
Kaip tau išeiti į švintantį krantą.

Motinos veidas, kai krištolo burtai,
Džiaugsmo spalva mums pasaulį nudažo:
Kenčiančiai širdžiai jis - dieviški turtai,
Jam atvaizduoti spalvų dar per maža...

Motinos rankos - tai tūkstančiai rankų,
Mokančių laimint, kaip Dievas iš sosto,
Mokančių skaidrint gyvenimą tvankų...
Motinos rankos kaip šilkas mus glosto...

Motinos balsas - tai tūkstančiai stygų,
Gaudžiančių širdžiai balsų milijonais...
Amžiais jis šaukia į vieškelį lygų,
Amžiais jis grumias su gundančiais monais.

Motinos meilė, kaip dangiškos ugnys,
Skaidriai liepsnodama guodžia žmoniją...
Motinos meilė - tai jūros bedugnės...
Joms subangavus pasaulis atgyja...

Petras Vaičiūnas





THE DON VARNAS LEGION



By Tony Yuknis

During World War II, Don Varnas was a First Lieutenant with the 110th Infantry Regiment that fought in the Battle of the Bulge, which ended in tragedy. Varnas died in Luxenburg, Germany. His background as a leader and organization man, Catholic soldier, made his name stand out from others when a veterans post was screening names for their group.

Don Varnas was the president of the Chicago District in 1940 when he was a member of Brighton Park Council 36. He also was a member of the Quigley Council of the K of C and other organizations.

After the war a newly organized veterans group calling themselves the Lithuanian American Veterans voted to join the forces of the American Legion. Having selected the name this post would bear they were granted a charter, by the Legion's Department of Illinois, as Don Varnas Post 986.

Among the charter members of the Post were Jack L. Jatis, later to become the National President of the K of L, Algerd Brazis, John Shulmistras, Mary Barnett, Ben Norbut, Casey Daveikis and others.

Members of the building committee, Stanley Molis, Ernest Statkus, John Shulmistras, Mary Barnett, John Evans and Jack Jatis, conducted a fund drive. A building was purchased in the Marquette Manor community as their permanent headquarters.

Jack Jatis was elected as the first commander. He was succeeded by Dr. J. J. Simonaitis, John Evans, Albert Shimkus, Anthony Mosteika, George Strode, Frank Danbrauskas and George Jonikas.

Jonikas, who served one term as president of the Chicago District K of L, established the Don Varnas Post "Bugle" as the official monthly publication, with Anthony Yuknis as its first editor.

He was followed by Commanders Edward Miller and Adam Anderson. Anderson (Andrulis), the two-time commander, is the Finance Officer of the 4th Legion District, and was formerly the



1ST LIEUT. DON VARNAS
sergeant-at-arms of the Department of Illinois. He is a member of Marquette Park Council 112, K of L.

Anderson, by his devotion to the Legion, has earned the designation as "Mr. Legionnaire". For many years he has directed the placing of the American flag on the graves of veterans for the Memorial Day observances at the St. Casimir Lithuanian and Lithuanian National cemeteries. Since the placing of over one thousand individual flags had become more difficult each year, Don Varnas Post collaborated with Darius-Girenas Post to establish the Avenue of Flags at the entrance gate to St. Casimir cemetery.

SALUTE
TO THOSE WHO HAVE
SO BRAVELY GIVEN

SINCEREST SYMPATHY is extended to . . . Hon. and Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis, Chicago (C-112), on the tragic death of their son FABIAN GEDIMINAS,

and to Newark C-29, on the death of their member, REV. DR. STANLEY VALIUSAITIS.

Other commanders were Felix Mosteika, John Shulmistras, Joseph Stanaitis, Steve Samoska, Bernard Kvietkus, Nestor Girdwain, Jatis, Charles Petrila, Edward Aleksa, Anderson, Edward Pocius, Alex Niprikas, Frank Jurgaitis, Paul Jocius, and presently, Leonard Povilaitis.

The Post has given military burials to 56 deceased servicemen. Military honors were given to Lt. Don Varnas when his body was returned home. He was interred at the St. Casimir cemetery.

Darius-Girenas Post members who assisted at the Installation of Officers, held yearly, were Judge Alfonse Wells, Judge John T. Zuris, the late Anthony Kasper, and John L. Paukstis (Post Commander of Cook County Council).

The women of the Post Auxiliary, Unit 986, who are wives or relatives of the legionnaires, hold separate meetings, conduct the annual Poppy Day, assist in delivering gift packages to hospitalized veterans, assist in blood donor drives, assist in running affairs.

Other "Bugle" publication editors were Jonikas, Girdwain, Niprikas, and presently, Stanaitis. Mrs. Valerie Stanaitis has just assumed the editorship of the Illinois-Indiana district bulletin of the K of L.

Lifetime membership cards were presented to the Rev. Anthony Svedas, MIC; Jatis, Anderson, Niprikas, Evans and Joseph Ramanauskas. The latter has the distinction of being the oldest (WW 1 vet) senior vice commander in the Chicago area.

When the posting of colors is necessary at religious or patriotic affairs, in the Chicago area, Don Varnas Post 986 of the American Legion is often there. They have participated on St. Casimir Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and in other civic events.

The Knights of Lithuania have one thing in common with the American Legion. They both are dedicated to "God and Country".

58th NATIONAL CONVENTION

AUG. 26-27-28-29, 1971
LITHUANIAN FRANCISCAN
MONASTERY
KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

The reasoning behind the sudden change in the Convention site is described in the "Supreme Council Meeting Highlights", on page 17 of this issue. In general, the majority of the membership seemed to lean towards a more accessible, informal, and family-type convention... so that it will be!

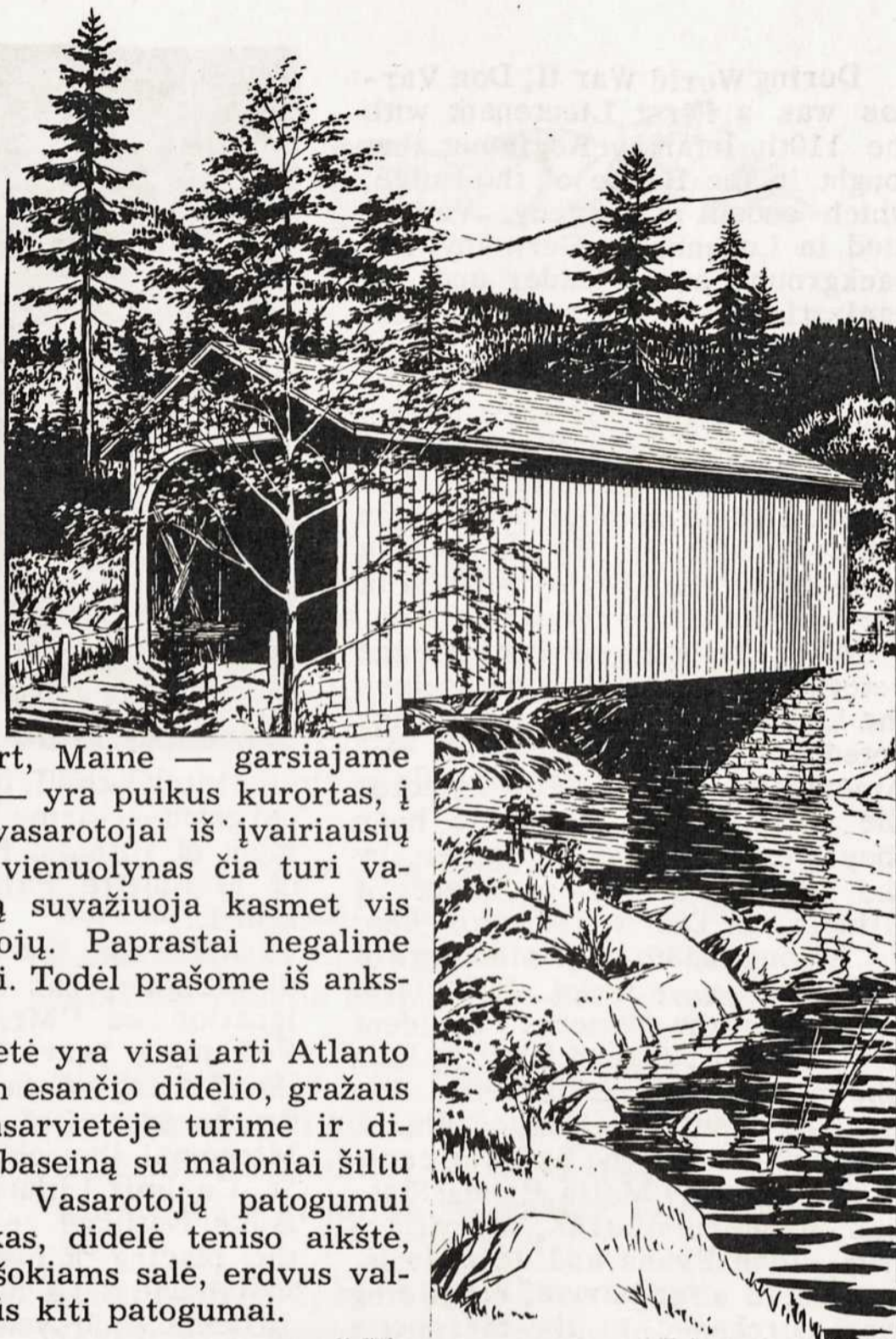
We sincerely hope that the new plans will encourage as many members as possible to attend - to make this one of the best conventions yet.

The "family people" are encouraged to "bring the kiddies". We'll try to help them enjoy "Lithuanian activities" too, by teaching them a little folk dancing, a little singing, and introducing them to other children of similar backgrounds. Meanwhile, the parents can enjoy meeting old and new friends, and can contribute their ideas and efforts to improving our organization.

But you need not be accompanied by a family to enjoy and profit from these few days. Activities will be mostly informal, and sessions interspersed with leisure time, to allow delegates and guests to enjoy the breath-taking beauty of the monastery grounds and the many recreational facilities available.

The official convention program will start on Thursday and end early Sunday afternoon. A full schedule of planned business sessions and social events will be provided in the June-July VYTIS.

All the guest facilities of the Monastery will be available to K of L-ers the entire week, starting Aug. 23 for those wishing to vacation before the sessions. Prices, facilities available, where to make reservations, and some transportation hints, follow. Please make your reservations soon. See you in Kennebunkport!



Kennebunkport, Maine — garsiajame atostogų krašte — yra puikus kurortas, į kurį suplaukia vasarotojai iš įvairiausių vietovių. Mūsų vienuolynas čia turi vasarvietę, į kurią suvažiuoja kasmet vis daugiau vasarotojų. Paprastai negalime jų visų sutalpinti. Todėl prašome iš anksto registruotis.

Mūsų vasarvietė yra visai arti Atlanto vandenyno ir ten esančio didelio, gražaus paplūdimio. Vasarvietėje turime ir didelį maudymosi baseiną su maloniai šiltu jūros vandeniu. Vasarotojų patogumui yra didelis parkas, didelė teniso aikštė, T.V. kambarys, šokiams salė, erdvus valgomasis ir įvairūs kiti patogumai.

Kennebunkport, Maine — located on the attractive shores of Vacation Land — is a famous summer resort; vacationers from all parts of the country await their return to its beautiful beaches each summer. Our Monastery has a lovely summer place which is reserved especially for guests. Since we are unable to accommodate all of our requests, we kindly ask everyone to register in advance.

Besides being situated a short distance from the Atlantic Ocean, we have the following facilities for our guests: a swimming pool with salt water, spacious grounds for the convenience of guests, a large tennis court, a TV room, a dancing hall, a dining room and also many other conveniences.



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b) a room in the stucco building (numbers 1-9) costs \$1.00 more for a day.
c) room with private bath (2 beds) — \$13.00.

2. *daily dining expenses:*

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youths (from 8 years to 15 years of age): \$4.00 (\$1.00 breakfast, \$1.50 dinner, \$1.50 supper);
children (not yet 8 yrs. of age): \$2.50 (\$0.50 breakfast, \$1.00 dinner, \$1.00 supper).

The time in which a guest's vacation begins is determined from 4:00 PM, of the first day and 12:00 Noon of the last day. If there is a room not being used at an earlier time of a particular day, then, a guest shall be able to take advantage of it.



Kainos:

1. *kambarys dienai:*

- a) su dviem siauromis lovomis — \$8.00, (jei kas būtina nori gyventi vienas ar viena kambaryje, turi mokėti pilną kambario kainą);
su viena plačia ir viena siaura lova — \$9.00;
su dviem plačiomis lovomis — \$10.00;
su dviem plačiomis lovomis ir viena siaura lova — \$10.50; su viena lova, jei toks kambarys yra laisvas — \$5.00.
- b) Mūriniame name (numerai 1-9) — yra po \$1.00 daugiau į dieną.
- c) kambarys su privačiu vonios kambariu (su 2 lovomis) — \$13.00.

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- suaugusiems: \$5.00 (\$1.00 pusryčiai, \$2.00 pietūs, \$2.00 vakarienė);
jaunimui: (8 metų iki 15 metų): \$4.00 (\$1.00 pusryčiai, \$1.50 pietūs, \$1.50 vakarienė);
vaikams (iki 8 metų): \$2.50 (\$0.50 pusryčiai, \$1.00 pietūs, \$1.00 vakarienė).

Kambarius reikia apleisti ne vėliau kaip 12 val. vidurdienį. Diena kambariui prasideda nuo 4 val. po pietų. Jei gi kambarys yra laisvas iš anksčiau, galima jį užimti bet kada.

TRANSPORTATION HINTS:

Kennebunkport is about 25 miles from PORTLAND, MAINE and can be reached from there by bus. (The bus schedule will be provided later — when summer schedules become known). To reach PORTLAND By Air (and then Kennebunkport) . . . PORTLAND, MAINE is serviced by NORTHEAST AIRLINES, with regular direct flights from New York (JFK), Newark, and Boston, among other cities. These cities are mentioned particularly, because of the abundance of connecting flights available to them from most other "K of L" cities. We suggest you check with a local travel agent for the best arrangements for you.



Sailing



Water Sports



Uncrowded Beaches



Famous Coast



Historic Sites



Fishing



Lobster Feasts



Golfing



Canoeing



Summer Theatres



Mountain Climbing

BY LAND. . . (head North): take New Hampshire Turnpike, Maine Turnpike. Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 2 (Wells); after paying toll, turn left. At signal lights turn left on Route 1. Turn right on Route 9. At junction of Routes 9 and 35 turn right.

JUOZO ERETO ŽODIS

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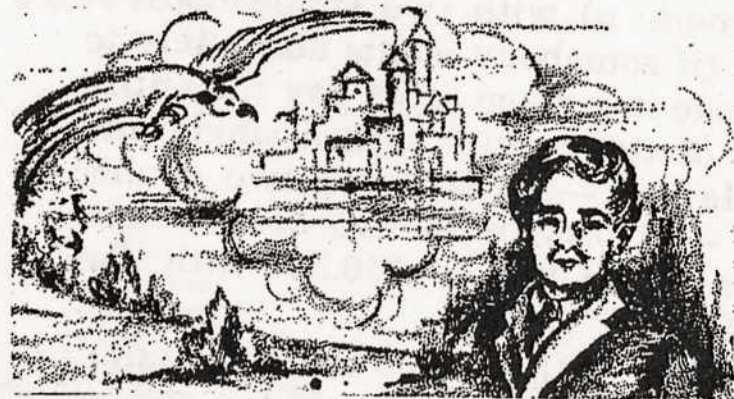
MOKSLU APSIŠARVUOK

"Knowledge is power."

Naudokis kiekviena proga įgyti daugiau mokslo, patyrimo. Lankyk mokyklas... bendrauk dažnai su geriau už tave išsilavinusiais žmonėmis.

Mokykis iš gyvenimo. Nebėk nuo jo, neužsidaryk savo keturiuose sienose. Drąsiai žiūrėdamas gyvenimui į akis, suprasi, kad mūsų jaunimui reikia tvirtų principų, jei nenori būti sutriuškintas. Stebėk, kaip kitose organizacijose žmonės dirba; pasisavink, kas Tau atrodo naudinga; nebijok pakartoti ką kiti daro, jei tai Tavo kuopai gali būti naudinga. Važiuok į susivažiavimus, šventes, kursus, kongresus. Akylai sek, kas juose daroma; atskirk kas yra gera nuo bloga; gerą pritaikyk savo kuopai. Ypačiai stenkis ką nauja parsinešti namo.

Niekad nepaliauk mokėsis. Visą lenk taip, kad tai tarnautų Tavo kuopai, tavo nariams. "Knowledge is power" - Mokslas - tai jėga. Mokslas yra turtas. Kiekvienas turtas turi tarnauti ir pačiam savininkui ir jo artimiesiems. Kas turto neleidžia apyvartoti, tas yra visuomenės ir valstybės skriaudėjas. Tavo mokslas yra kuopos mokslas.



ĮSIGILINIMAS Į MŪSŲ IDEALUS

"Niekas negali mylėti to, ko jis nežino."

(Susirinkime) geriausia skaityti trumpą paskaitėlę, arba ištraukas iš knygų mūsų ideologijos temomis. Skaitymą būtina reikia papildyti aiškinimais, pastabomis.

Šitoks iššūmoninimas dažniausiai jaunimo nemėgiamas, ne dėl to, kad jaunimas mūsų idealų nemėgtų, o dažniausiai dėl netikusio tų idealų pavaizdavimo: referentas nuobodžiai kalba, išsileidžia į abstrakcijas, nutolsta, kalba per ilgai ir t.t. Norint skiepyti jaunimui idealus, reikia mokėti kalbėti įtikinamai, vaizdžiai, gyvai ir trumpai.

...Daug kas per daug metų nepažengia pirmyn. Kai ateina svarbus organizacijos momentas, kaip pav., kongresas, metinė šventė su bendra komunija, tokie nariai lengvai mus apleidžia. Mes smerkiame tokius "šiaudinius" narius. Ar nereikėtų greičiau smerkti save, už nesistengimą iššūmoninti narius, juos pririšti prie organizacijos ne savimeile, ne flirtu, o mokslu, artimo meile, Dievo meile! Ar nekalti iš dalies tie patys kuopos vadai? Atsimink, kad niekas negali kovoti už tai, ko jis nepažįsta.

Sąjunga tiek yra stipri, kiek Tavo nariai yra idėjiškai striprus. Rūpinkis, brolau, sesyte, pirmiausia idėjų skiepijimu, idealų pamėgimu, o visa kita bus jums duota.

Žinok, kad nevykęs būdas iššūmoninti labai kenkia. Nuobodus pamokymas - nuodai. Vartok geriausias ir paskutiniausias šių dienų priemones: malonius pašnekesius, gyvas diskusijas, asmeninius pasikalbėjimus; pakviesk įdomiausias kalbėtojus iš šalies, kai Tu esi išsikalbėjęs, išsisėmęs.

Dėstykite teigiamai mūsų ideologiją, kalkite gerai svarbiausius principus visiems į galvą. Duokite laiko prigyti mūsų idėjoms jaunuolių galvose. Vėliau gi gvildenk priekaištus. Palygink jų idėjas su mūsų; įrodyk kodėl jų idėjos klaidingos; padaryk atitinkamas išvadas.

Nepasitenkink vienu geru darbu - metinės šventės rengimu, bendros komunijos organizavimu ar panašiai, bet vieną gerą darbą baigęs, pagalvok apie kitą, naują.

Nemanyk, kad jaunimas nejaučia, ar Tu iš tikros meilės jam dirbi, ar tik žaidi, ar iškilti nori. Širdis už širdį! Kas visą savo širdį jaunimui paveda, užkariauja jo širdį.

Tu bijai iš visos širdies dirbdamas išsisemti? To nebijok! Atbulai: juo daugiau žmogus duoda, juo daugiau jojo jėgos auga. Amerikonai jau senai tai yra pastebėję: "Ceasing to give, we cease to have." Dalink ir būsi turtingas.

Dalink viską: savo žinias, savo energiją, savo linksmumą, savo gyvumą, savo dorumą, savo sumanumą, savo oratorinius, sceninius gabumus ir t.t. Visa tai pakels Tavo kuopos narių energiją, suteiks naujų žinių, naujo gyvenimo, linksmumo, iškels naujų talentų. Iš visos širdies veikdamas kuopos vadas yra stebūklingas žmogus; ką jis paliečia, viskas ima gyvuoti. Darbuokis nebijodamas išsisemti. Kas giliai kasa, daugiau atranda šaltinių. Ir žmonių patarlė sako: juo giliau į mišką, juo daugiau grybų.

Broliai ir sesutės, dirbkime iš visos širdies! Ikvėpk savo nariams pasitikėjimą savimi. Meskime pragaištingą prisirišimą prie žemės; pasirinkime dangų savo meilužę, gerkime saulės šviesą, o vaivorykštės spalvos atnaujins mūsų veidą. Kas savo kakta žvaigždes sveikina, tam jos lemia gražią ateitį.

Įpratink savo narius kovoti už mūsų idealus. ("Kovojant auga jėgos" - Vydūnas). Tavo uždavinys auklėti jaunimą taip, kad jis tarnautų teisybei. I tikrąjį kelią vesk klystančius. Amžinos mūsų idėjos, jos vertos išimtinę drąsa ginti.

Tavo kuopa nėra verta būti (organizacijos dalimi) jei jinai neauklėja drąsių mūsų amžinų idėjų išpažintojų, kovotojų. Mūsų kuopos vadai dažnai labiau yra susirūpinę gegužinėmis, šokiais ir žaislais, bet ne rimtu savo narių auklėjimu. Šokiams ir flirtui auklėti nariai yra per silpni idėjos kovai. Visi Tavo nariai turi žinoti kam jie yra (nariais).

Dirbdamas tą išamoningo darbą, visada atmint, kad mūsų kova yra idėjų kova, kad principai kovoja su principais. Niekad neleisk, kad ta kova pasidarytų nešvari: nemaišyk principų su asmeniškumais; ne su priešingų principų skelbėju kovok, o su jo mokslu. Kovok mandagiai, dorai.

Nelaiminga buvo lietuvių tauta, kai rusai jai uždraudė savo spaudą. Draudimo vaisiai: seni neskaityto, bet degtinės neaplenkia; jauni neskaityto, o kvailiuoti moka; nesupranta tautos uždavinių.

Kad anksčiau neskaitytė, kai slaptai reikėjo per sieną išivežti laikraščius ir knygas, suprantama, bet kai ir dabar neskaityto, kai į namus atneša, tai nedovanotina lietuvių klaida. Kiekviena tauta gerbia save. Svetimųjų išveidimas sukelia skausmą.

Kai tauta pati save išveidžia, nepalaikydama savo kalba spausdintų raštų, visai garbės nustoja. Suomų, danų, šveicarų, prancūzų, vokiečių ir kitų tautų mokslininkai domisi mūsų spauda, atvyksta į mūsų kraštą studijuoti mūsų literatūros, tos pačios literatūros, kurios mes patys neskaitytome.

Jei nori žinoti, kiek tauta yra išlavinta, žiūrėk kaip ji elgiasi su spauda. Graudu darosi, kai iš to tenka spręsti apie lietuvių tautą.

Kasmet suvažiuojame... priimame daugybę rezoliucijų. Mūsų gerai nuotakai ribų nėra. Mes pasirošę kalnus nuversti. Mes gailimės, kad nedaug pateikta rezoliucijų ir kad tik porą rankų turime. Mes pakeltume rankas visada ir už viską. Kasmet

suvažiuojame, kasmet rezoliucijos. Ar nepastebėjai, kad kasmet balsuojame tas pačias rezoliucijas? Ar nepastebėjai, kad mes sergame "rezoliucijų priėmimo liga"?!

Kas jas vykdo? Zibančiomis akimis balsavai, o kelionėje į savo kampelį jas jau pamiršai. Namie nebėra nei darbo nuotakos, nei entuziazmo. Tavo sielos sekmadienis praėjo. Kaip aukštai buvai iškėlęs rankas už gerus darbus, taip žemai nuleidai jas dabar. Konferencijoje, kongrese buvai saulės vaikas, o dabar mizerija virtai. Kodėl?

Dėlto, kad mes esame visi į žodžius išsimylėję. Mūsų ausys sužavėtos tik rezoliucijų skambumu. Mes esame ausies idealistai. Juo skambesnė rezoliucija, juo aukščiau rankos keliamos. Mes esame puikūs klausytojai. Šimtas ir vieną sykį kiekviena proga išsitariau ir tebesakau: M u m s r e i k i a m a ž e s n i ū a u s ū i r t v i r t e s n i ū r a n k ū, t.y. mums reikia daugiau dirbti. Leiskite man čia cituoti tris amerikoniškus posakius, kuriuos radau milžiniškos dirbtuvės ofise. Šios dirbtuvės savininkas iš laikraščio pardavinėtojo pasidarė milijonierius.

Pirmas patarimas: A c t i o n, n o t w o r d s, t.y. darbu, ne žodžiais. Darbe žmogaus išganymas. Veiklumas stebūklus daro. Kas daug rezoliucijų gamina, tą rezoliucijos žudo. Užkišk ausis, nuleisk rankas ir imkis darbo.

N o w i s t h e t i m e - taip skamba antras patarimas. D a b a r laikas pradėti. Mes gi dažniausiai laukiame patogios progos, kurios niekad nesulaukiame. Radęs kur nors tamsybėse paskendusį jaunimą, tuoj pradėk jam rodyti kelią. Lietuviai jau taip yra atsilikę, tai kas bus, jei dar pavėlinsi gelbėti jaunimą? Maža tauta gali prazūti nesuspėjusi tarti savo žodžio. Atsimink, kad ta proga, kuria Tu nesinaudojai, n a u d o s i s k i t a s. Tos minutės, kurios praėjo pro amžinybės vartus, nebegriš. N o w i s t h e t i m e, dabar, d a b a r.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Scholarship Committee requests all Districts, Councils and Individual Knights who donated to the Scholarship Fund between August, 1969 and August, 1970, and have not received any acknowledgement of their donation, or whose checks have not been cleared, to immediately inform the Chairman, Dr. J.J. Stukas, of the amount, source and other pertinent information.



MOTHER

IN LITHUANIAN FOLKSONGS

by Grazina Krivickienė



The words and music of Lithuanian folksongs were created by "folk-bards," mostly uneducated women. They speak of everyday life on the farm and depict the peoples' joys, sorrows and traditions. These songs have been kept alive down through the centuries, many of them never written down, but passed on from generation to generation.

The Mother etolled in Lithuanian folksongs. These narrative songs clearly reflect children's respect for parents, close family ties, and feminine chastity symbolized by the white lily or the green wreath of ruta (rue).

Mother in Lithuanian folksongs is a hard-working, deeply religious woman who worries about her children's future. Children address their mothers by the most tender diminutives that in themselves sound like music. Throughout the songs Mother appears like a folk wood-carver's painstakingly sculptured Madonna.

Every phase of family life, starting with the birth of the first-born child, is related in these folksongs. Mother expresses her love by singing a tender lullaby, occasionally prophesying how the child will grow to be a big help on the farm:

Lilia, lilia, my dear little daughter,
Lullaby, lullaby, my little weaver.
You will grow, dear one, you will grow
And become a stacker of hay too.

or

Lilia, lilia, my dear little boy,
Lullaby, lullaby to the raker of hay.
Lullaby, lullaby, you pretty ruta blossom,
You are the bloom of ruta, the golden ring.

In the family songs are expressions of appreciation of mothers' cares, such as:



You, my beloved mother
My dearest little heart,
The hardships you went through
Until you raised me.

Through many long nights
You held me in your tender hands,
And through the days
Not losing me from your sight.

You were oh so tired
From worrying about me
Until I grew up.

As the girl grows, in song she asks her mother to teach her to spin flax, to weave linen, and to help prepare her dowry. The girl is happy in her parents' home. Mother, however, is worried when her daughter comes home late from dances or dates. In song we find her standing by the gate to the ruta garden sadly asking her daughter "why the dew



has fallen on the ruta wreath?" It is one of the worst moral crimes and a great shame for a Lithuanian maiden to have premarital affairs or to become pregnant before marriage; for such a sin she is punished by her father and brothers and ostracized by the community.

Many wedding folksongs are sad, denoting the separation of the daughter and her mother. The young girl sings goodbye to her mother, her sisters and brothers, her ruta garden, and her care-free days of youth that will never return. Her future in her mother-in-law's home is an unknown. The songs are specially sorrowful when a girl marries a young man from far away and leaves her home to go "beyond hills and seas," where:

You will not see, young maiden,
Your bitterly-weeping mother,
Your troubled father.

You will only see, young maiden,
The swaying forests and
Rivers flowing with tears.

The unhappily married daughter sings to ask her mother's advice, and to calm her unrest.

Even folksongs about war express the inner feelings of the family. Mother sings a sad farewell to her son going off to the wars. Often, the young man dies on the battlefield, and his steed comes home alone bearing his master's bloodied jacket. His sisters wash it with their tears and mother dries it with painful sighs, and weeps unconsolably for the rest of her life.

Folksongs about orphans tell in heart-breaking words the loss of a mother. The orphan talks to his mother over her grave and complains of the orphaned hardships. In some Lithuanian folksongs the orphan asks the earth to take him or her so they could join their dead mothers, in others the sun and some plants are asked to guard orphans.

(The Marion)

MOTULE MANO

Harm. V. PAKETŪRAS

Allegretto

Piano introduction in 3/8 time, key of D major. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and a final half note. The left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth notes and slurs.

mp

1. Mo — tu — le ma — no, šir — de — le ma — no,

Vocal line for the first phrase, starting with a half note 'Mo' and followed by eighth notes for the rest of the phrase.

mp

Piano accompaniment for the first phrase, featuring a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a similar pattern in the left hand.

pri — kelk, mo — tu — le, ryt ma — ne anks — ti,

Vocal line for the second phrase, starting with a half note 'pri' and followed by eighth notes for the rest of the phrase.

Piano accompaniment for the second phrase, continuing the eighth-note accompaniment from the first phrase.

pri—kelk, mo—tu—le, ryt ma—ne anks-(ti).

2. — Dukrele mano, širdele mano,
Vai, ką darysi anksti ryteli? (2)

3. — Motule mano, širdele mano,
Eisiu darželin, skinsiu rūtelių. (2)

MOČIUTE-ŠIRDELE St. Simkus

Ramiai ♩ = 82

Mo-čiu - te, šir - de - le, tai tau, tai tau,

au-gi-nai duk-re-lę ne sau, ne sau ne sau.

Močiute širdele,
Tai tau, tai tau:
Auginai dukrele
Ne sau, ne sau.

Sukrovei kraitelį
Į skrynelės,
Išleidai dukrele
Į marteles.

Išleidai dukrele
Į marteles
Įdavei rūtelę
Į rankeles.

Nuskynei rūtelę
Nežydusią,
Išleidai dukrele
N' užaugusią.

Oi verkla dukrelė
Martelėse,
Ir vysta rūtelė
Rankelėse.

Cit, neverk, dukrele,
Aplankysiu,
Nevyski, rūtelė,
Aplaitysiu.

OFFICIAL NEWS

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL COUNCILS . . .

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service
Washington, DC 20224

Date:

In reply refer to:

March 19, 1971

T:MS:EO

Gentlemen:

This letter is to let you know that some of your subordinate organizations covered by your group exemption letter may now be required to file annual information returns on Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, even though they continue to qualify for exemption under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For 1969 and earlier years, certain exempt organizations were relieved from filing annual information returns. They included churches and religious organizations, schools, public-supported charities, fraternal beneficiary associations, and corporations wholly owned by the Federal government or its instrumentalities.

For 1970 and later years, the Tax Reform Act of 1969 provides that only the following organizations exempt under section 501(c) of the Code are relieved from filing Form 990:

Churches;

Conventions or associations of churches;

Integrated auxiliaries of churches;

Other organizations (except private foundations) whose annual gross receipts are not more than \$5,000; and

Religious orders on their activities insofar as the activities are exclusively religious.

For 1970 only, subordinates of church organizations (except private foundations) are also relieved from filing Form 990 if they are included in a group exemption letter currently in effect.

A subordinate organization is not relieved from filing a return merely because it is chartered by or affiliated or associated with a central, parent, or other organization. However, if a group return is filed on behalf of subordinates for any year, any subordinate that authorizes its inclusion in the group return is not required to file a separate return.

Form 990 must be filed on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's accounting year. Thus, an organization on a calendar-year basis must file its 1970 return by May 15, 1971. If any return cannot be filed by the due date, a request for an extension of time should be sent to the Internal Revenue Service Center, 11601 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19155.

If a required return is not filed by the due date, or the extended due date, the law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day for each day the return is late, up to a maximum of \$5,000, unless reasonable cause can be shown for late filing.

Because these provisions are new and the penalties rather severe, we urge you to consider how they will affect your subordinates and to tell them about their filing responsibility. You may want to reproduce this letter and send copies to them for their information.

You were recently furnished a copy of Form 990 and its instructions for 1970. The instructions explain the new provisions of the law. We have also sent Forms 990 and instructions to your subordinates who filed a separate return in 1969. They should peel off the blue label on the front of the package and place it in the address area of the Form 990 they file. If any of your subordinates need forms, your District Director will be glad to send you a supply for them, or the subordinates may get forms from their own District Director.

If you would like further information, your District Director's office will be glad to help you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

James W. T. T. T.
Commissioner

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

Mar. 28, 1971, Hotel Pick Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ATTENDANCE - President Jack J. Stukas, 3rd V.P. V. Ed. Pavis, Secretary Nancy Kober, Treasurer Stella Sankal, Trustee Frank Gudelis, Public Relations Representative Juozas Sadauskas, VYTIS Editor Loretta Stukas, and numerous guests from the Pittsburgh council, including council president Mildred Chinik and Spiritual Adviser Rev. W. Karaveckas.

REPORTS, (given in person or by letter):

PRESIDENT J. Stukas reported that he sent numerous letters and telegrams in the name of the K of L, seeking political aid for the Brazinskas', Simas Kudirka, and the Simokaitis'. Also a prayer campaign was organized for Mr. Kudirka, with masses sponsored by the K of L, held in various cities throughout the country. He thanked all for their cooperation in these matters.

An L.P. record of the proceedings during the blessing of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in St.

Peter's, Rome, will soon be released under sponsorship of the K of L. The record will sell for \$5.00, retail, and quantity discounts will be available to councils and individuals.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT A. Jaritis presented plans for photo and art contests for Juniors, and received S.C. approval of the idea. Details are to be worked out later and will be announced in VYTIS.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT Frank Zapolis recommended that a new application, in triplicate, be used by the K of L so that the council president, financial secretary, and the member each receive a copy. He also recommended that the council president receiving the new member's application greet him with an official welcoming letter. The recommendations were accepted.

3RD VICE-PRESIDENT V. Ed. Pavis commented that almost no response has been received from councils, to his inquiries about organizing and/or improving senior councils.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY I. Rakaitis reported a total of 1126 paid up members, as of Mar. 11. It was suggested that future reports include a break-down of the membership as to regulars,

associates, honorary, etc.

TREASURER S. Sankal reported on the financial status of the K of L and reported that there's been no activity in the Junior and Building Funds. It was agreed that these two funds be absorbed into the general fund.

TRUSTEE F. Gudelis reported on the K of L Lithuanian Language records. The adult records are all sold out, but many of the children's records are still available. These records are also suitable for helping adults who have no knowledge of Lithuanian to learn the language.

CULTURAL: Several new cultural projects were suggested by M. Jankowski and S.C. members. A recommendation was made that the K of L obtain or have made up statues of St. Casimir, and offer these for sale to members and other interested parties. It was also suggested that the K of L support the American Lithuanian Council History, written by L. Simutis, Sr.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Rep. J. Sadauskas remarked that not enough K of L councils report their activities in the American and Lithuanian Press. It is essential that K of L-ers show themselves to be proud of their membership and the best way to do this is via publicity.

VYTIS Editor L. Stukas reported that a capable staff has been appointed, a good return was realized in Christmas Greetings, and that all operations are proceeding without much difficulty. Various other suggestions for VYTIS articles were made... viz, more profiles, Lithuanian language lessons, listing of deceased members, and others.

RITUAL. Due to the large amount of confusion relating to degrees, points, etc. it was agreed that a session of the National Convention be devoted to a discussion of Ritual Committee and its rules.

LITHUANIAN YOUTH CONGRESS. A. Pakalniskis, Jr., the K of L representative on the planning committee of the Lithuanian Youth Congress (to be held in Chicago in 1972) reported on plans for the Congress and asked advice as to how

to vote on the question of inviting students from Lithuania to the Congress. The S.C. agreed to delegate Mr. Pakalniskis to vote in favor of such a move.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. A full session of the National Convention will be devoted to formalizing procedures for dealing with Associate Members and specifying more clearly their status in the organization.

SCHOLARSHIP. To show K of L approval of the Lithuanian Courses being offered this summer at Fordham University, it was agreed that \$200 be set aside from the Scholarship Fund to be used to pay the tuition of a K of L-er wishing to attend these courses. Applicants are to apply to Scholarship Chairman Jack Stukas.

JOHN CADZOW, OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, asked K of L assistance in his work at Kent, in collecting information on Lithuania. More on this appears elsewhere in this issue.

LITHUANIAN RELIGIOUS AID. A \$100.00 donation to the Lithuanian Religious Aid Society was approved.

NATIONAL CONVENTION. Nancy Kober and Al Wesley of C-109, Great Neck, presented plans for the 58th National Convention, scheduled to be held at Harrison House in Glen Cove, L.I. They also remarked that many letters have been received from K of L-ers expressing strong disapproval of the plans, costs, etc. Miss Kober and Mr. Wesley stated that if the consensus was that there would be very poor attendance at the convention, the committee was willing to withdraw their plans in favor of the Supreme Council selecting more suitable arrangements and location. After much discussion, it was agreed to attempt alternate arrangements for the Convention. Dr. Stukas was empowered to seek arrangements at the Franciscan Monastery at Kennebunkport, and to announce the arrangements in VYTIS as soon as possible.

In closing Dr. Stukas, in the name of the Supreme Council, thanked the Pittsburgh K of L-ers for the excellent lunch and refreshments, and for their outstanding hospitality in general.



At the S.C. Meeting. . .Left Picture - Nancy Kober, Jack Stukas, and Loretta Stukas; Center - V. Ed. Pavis and Rev. Karaveckas during meeting; Right - Pittsburgh Council's Charming Hostesses.

RITUAL RULES

The following are the current rules and point system used by the Supreme Council Ritual Committee, in determining which members are eligible to receive the various degrees of the Knights of Lithuania. We publish them in hopes of enlightening new members - and refreshing the memories of the not-so-new members, with the ground rules for earning these honors.

If you find you're eligible for a degree, we suggest you remind your Council President or Ritual Chairman of your eligibility - and thus help the organization update its ritual structure.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES

FIRST DEGREE

1. A member may be enrolled in the First Degree upon his initiation into the organization.
2. Each candidate must fulfill certain duties as per ceremonial.

SECOND DEGREE

1. One year membership in the First Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least THREE points as per outlined point system.
3. Each candidate must answer five out of ten questions as per ceremonial.

THIRD DEGREE

1. Two year membership in the Second Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least THIRTY points as per outlined point system.
3. Each applicant must be able to answer ten out of twenty questions in Lithuanian as per ceremonial.
4. A fee of \$3.00 must accompany each application for which a medal and certificate is issued to successful candidates, fee is returned to unsuccessful candidates.
5. The District Ritual Committee must review the qualifications of all Third Degree Candidates. (In the event that a council is located in a locality where a District Ritual Committee is not organized, the Supreme Ritual Committee should be contacted.)

FOURTH DEGREE

1. Three year membership in the Third Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least NINETY points as per outlined point system.
3. A fee of \$5.00 must accompany each application for which a medal and certificate is issued to successful candidates.
4. The Supreme Ritual Committee must review the qualifications of all Fourth Degree Candidates who must set down in detail the conditions under which he or she qualifies for the Fourth Degree.

ACTIVITIES AND CREDIT POINTS FOR K. of L. DEGREES

Mere election to an office or committee does not automatically entitle one to Degree credits. Proof of satisfactory fulfillment of duties and proof of other activity listed in the application must be available.)

- a. COUNCIL OFFICER:

President, Secretary - per year	5 points
Vice-President - per year	3 points
Treasurer, Trustee and others - per year	2 points
- b. DISTRICT OFFICER:

President - per year	5 points
Vice President, Secretary - per year	3 points
Treasurer, Trustee, others - per year	2 points
- c. SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICER:

President - per year	10 points
Vice-President, Secretary	7 points
Treasurer, Trustee, others	5 points
- d. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Lithuanian Affairs, Cultural, Ritual, Public Relations, Council, District of Supreme Council - per year	4 points
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- e. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Sports, depending on the scope and duration of this activity, as approved by SRC -	1 to 4 points
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- f. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Dance, Breakfast, Dinner, Picnic, Raffle and other temporary major activities	2 points
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- g. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Christmas party, Social, Outing and similar affairs, affairs limited mainly to council membership	1 point
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- h. ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
(Not Chairman):

Council or District	1 point
Supreme Council	3 points
- i. DIRECTOR of K. of L. Junior group - per year
- j. DIRECTOR of K. of L. choir or Conductor of regularly scheduled classes in Lithuanian Language, History or Literature - per year
- k. Member of K. of L. choir, Lithuanian parish choir or other Lithuanian chorus or drama group - one year

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| m. GENERAL CHAIRMAN, Host Council's Convention Committee for National Convention - per convention | 4 points | t. FOR ORGANIZING a K. of L. council (Junior, Regular or Senior) | 5 points |
| n. MEMBER, Host Council's Convention Committee for National Convention - per convention | 1 point | u. FOR ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS into K. of L. - per member | 1/2 point |
| o. DIRECTOR of a theatrical presentation (if play is in Lithuanian, add 1 point) | 2 points | v. FOR EACH PUBLISHED NEWS ITEM in the VYTIS | 1/4 point |
| p. NATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICER: Chairman, vice-chairman, secretary | 2 points | w. FOR EACH ARTICLE OR EDITORIAL published in the VYTIS | 2 points |
| q. MEMBER of COMMITTEE (Resolutions, Mandate, Greetings, etc.) serving during a National Convention | 1 point | x. EXTRA CREDIT - For K. of L. membership - per year | 1/2 point |
| r. DELEGATE to NATIONAL CONVENTION (If record of attendance is satisfactory) | 1 point | | |
| s. DELEGATE to DISTRICT CONVENTION (Maximum credit - 1 point per year) | 1/2 point | | |

For other activities - As approved by the Supreme Ritual Committee

PLEASE NOTE:

Chairman credit may be given to only one person on a committee. All others serving on a committee or involved in an official activity, regardless of title, come under Paragraph 'h' - Active Committee Member.

Under the designation of Committee are included all activity units: boards, circles, groups, clubs, etc.

KENT UNIVERSITY

LITHUANIAN ARCHIVES



Recently a Baltic-East European Room has been opened at Kent State University. This room is part of a program involving the collection and preservation of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian literature. At present over 1,000 volumes have been collected on Lithuania alone, and the number of new additions is rapidly increasing. Not only the ordinary book but also commemorative booklets, letters from Lithuania, immigration papers and anything else relating to Lithuania is being gathered and preserved.

This program has and is being carried on in other locations such as the Alka Museum, Balzekas Lithuanian Museum, the Saint Casimir Library and the University of Pennsylvania. Kent will simply be another much - needed center of Lithuanian materials, which will avail itself to those interested in doing scholarly research on Lithuania. The ideal situation would, of course, be to have these institutions scattered throughout the country, since the easier these sources are to obtain, the more likely that scholars, even non-Lithuanians, will do research regarding Lithuania. The belief held by some that another may compete with them in their field is ludicrous. If anything, there is a serious shortage in the number of qualified scholars in many areas.

Another segment of the Kent program is the microfilming of all Lithuanian newspapers. The need for this has long been recognized but little action has been taken. Now a concrete program has been established. The microfilming will be done by a commercial organization and the films can be

obtained by anyone desiring a copy. Again the philosophy behind this is that the greater number of institutions possessing the material, the better the chance for the writing of good scholarly works, which will be publishable, thereby fostering Lithuanianism.

Of course, microfilming is expensive and therefore the Lithuanian community should support this extremely important task. Once the initial material is on the market the cost of the work will be reduced, since as individuals and institutions buy the films, the original cost will decrease. A fund has been established at Kent, and donations have already started to come in. You are asked to help preserve your heritage by donating to the Lithuanian Fund at Kent State University. Checks should be made out to the 'K.S.U. Foundation' and on the bottom right hand corner should be written the 'Lithuanian Fund'. These should be sent to:

Lithuanian Fund
K.S.U. Foundation
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

For further information please write to:

Baltic-East European Minorities Room
Kent State University Library
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

GREAT NECK, N. Y. - C-109

Have you ever attended a meeting - and had nothing to discuss? Our last meeting was a quiet one. We had just received the news that the K of L National Convention to be hosted by our Council, which we had so eagerly looked forward to, had now been cancelled. There was nothing more to be said, and not very many could hide their disappointment. We listened to Fatk Bulovas who very infrequently misses a meeting and now had words of encouragement. We had hoped to reach an untapped source of second generation Lithuanians on Long Island, who were almost unaware of their heritage, which only slightly touched them because of their obvious Lithuanian names - and with some, even this had been eliminated. This, we thought, was our great potential for the K of L. Plans for uniting our Lithuanian "strangers" from the whole of Long Island into a camaraderie - even if only for an August weekend - that just might have developed into something greater. Residing on an Island completely void of Lithuanian parishes, the publicity among the non-Lithuanians certainly couldn't have hurt, either.

Is it so wrong to hope for better things? Instead of the routine hotel convention, we had selected an estate - off by itself - with an educational seminar environment, where we could have all recreational activity as well as an atmosphere suitable for meetings. We thought we were ready for this kind of a change, and we took that chance. (A Council of 20 members must take chances in order to survive!) However, it was quite obvious from the negative correspondence we received, and the lack of support from the majority as evidenced at the Pittsburgh Supreme Council Meeting, that it was not in the best interest of the organization to continue our plans

for the Convention. Oh, yes, we could have had a Convention - but what we wanted was a K of L Convention.

How ironic it is, too, that directly across the street from the site of the Convention is Killenworth, the Soviet retreat, an estate owned by the USSR as a residence for its foreign delegation - where only this weekend, three to five thousand persons associated with the Jewish Defense League are expected to demonstrate in behalf of Soviet Jewry. Could we perhaps have made a small dent in the history of our struggling nation?

Reassured, we'll not be afforded another venture at the Harrison House; but we've come to the realization that a Council which does not exist within the confines of a Lithuanian parish and able to use its facilities just doesn't have a chance. "No man is an island" - nor is a council. There must be complete support and encouragement to succeed. We bow to the turn of events and the decision that had to be made. Changes come slowly, (it took more than a decade to pass the Resolution admitting non-Lithuanian Spouses into the organization), but changes will come - and we hope we'll be around to enjoy them.

NEW YORK, N. Y. - C-12

Liberty Lady

† ST. CASIMIR † Five hundred and thirteen years after his birth, the devout Catholics of K of L C-12 celebrated the feast day of St. Casimir, our patron saint. The ceremonies started with the Girl Scouts offering a Lithuanian bouquet of flowers which were placed on the church altar. En masse, proudly wearing K of L emblems, we attended Mass, received communion, and heard a sermon on the life of St. Casimir given by our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Kardas. Through the centuries St. Casimir has helped to preserve and strengthen the Catholic faith in Lithuania and today we need his help more than ever. Father Anthony explained that it is forbidden to worship this saintly

youth in Lithuania.

Subsequent to the council meeting and before the assembled audience attending the communion breakfast, President Yorkus and Third Degree Knights, Edward Senken & Helen Cuperwich, conducted an impressive induction ceremony, and now our council has increased by 7 new members. Pledging themselves to courageously uphold their religion, the United States of America, and the needs of Lithuanian people, were Barbara & Michael Kartanowicz, Helen Matthews, Millie Pietz, Jim Sabal, Matthew Yatkaukas and Ann Zindzius. After the ceremony each member was pinned with a K of L emblem pin as a "thank you" for enriching our council. Irene Senken, a first time chairman and a calm and unruffled hostess, provided a delicious homemade meal that we all enjoyed. Her children pitched in to help make our tables cheerful by personally making beautiful flowers.

C-12 paid tribute to the Girl Scouts through the young people whom we know personally. March 12 was the 59th Girl Scout Birthday. This splendid organization celebrates the annual event with a week of activities devoted to religious observance, homemaking, citizenship, health & safety, inter-



Girl Scouts, daughters of C-12 members honored on 59th Girl Scout Anniversary. - Laura Montvidas, Annie Waszkiewicz, Bridget Senken, Patricia Senken.



C-12 St. Casimir's Day. Helen Kulber, guest speaker with Irene Senken, chair-lady.

national friendship, the arts & out of doors. At the March 7 St. Casimir breakfast, scouts Laura Montvidas, Patricia Senken, Annie Waskiewicz and even Bridget Senken, a Brownie and soon to be scout, were presented to the gathering of people in their full regalia. As their proud parents looked on, Mary York of the council and a former scout herself, honored them with a gift of an American flag and presented from the council a Lithuanian-American dictionary as a language study project. We hopefully expect to see another emblem added to the many they have already acquired. It has been said that a second language is becoming important to young people in today's shrinking world as a means for better communication, - and the time to start this education is during the grade school days. Happy Birthday to the Girl Scouts!

To enlighten us on Lithuanian Affairs, Helen Kulber was our guest speaker. Currently chairman of Lithuanian Affairs for the N.Y. & N.J. District and C-41 N.Y. Seniors, this dedicated lady explained the public aspects of spreading Lithuanian knowledge to Americans of other ethnic origins. It is this correspondent's candid opinion that workers such as Helen through their diligent and persevering efforts will ultimately win support for the liberation of Lithuania. It is understandable why Helen was honored by the newspaper "Darbininkas" with a silver Lithuanian Independence medal and scroll for outstanding work.

Evelyn & John Bell of Hawthorne, N.Y. came to New York City especially to attend St. Casimir's activities and enjoyed a pleasant reunion

with the members. It is hard to believe that Evelyn is the mother of five children with the eldest, Sue, attending Cortland State University. Evelyn also conveyed a piece of news regarding Nancy Razickas, daughter of former members Brenda & Tony Razickas. Nancy was team captain of Grover Cleveland High School on a TV program "It's Academic" and pulled her team to victory.

The splendid day of festivities ended on a note of gratitude with a donation to a worthy cause, our National K of L Scholarship.

Volunteer service was rendered by C-12 at the First Baltic Information Conference in North America held on March 27 at the Hotel Barbizon Plaza in New York City. It was a real learning experience and a wonderful opportunity to meet Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians from the four corners of the U.S.A. and Canada. Some highlights of the conference were a discussion about the communications media regarding Baltic countries and a Youth Panel on the generation gap. The Latvian delegation which was celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their Independence, extended a courtesy to the Estonians and Lithuanians by presenting them with a complimentary ticket to attend a performance of

a Latvian film.

Happy Mother's Day from our house to your house. Su Dievu.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. - C-100

Smile & Sparkle

C-100 went all out for Feb. 16. Our Mayor, John P. Gomulka proclaimed Feb. 16, Lithuanian Independence Day in Amsterdam, and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller proclaimed it statewide. We are most grateful to the Amsterdam Evening Recorder for the wonderful publicity; their editorial was excellent. The Schenectady Gazette also carried an editorial on Lithuania as well as a letter written by our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Edward Baranauskas. Our good friend, Congressman Samuel S. Stratton voiced his ideas on Lithuania and her 53rd Anniversary on the House floor. Sam Stratton is a tremendous worker for the Lithuanian cause. He did his utmost in the case of Simas Kudirka. He also suggested that the Vigilant, the Coast Guard ship in the incident, be renamed Simas Kudirka. Three cheers to our Congressman Samuel S. Stratton!

Ben & Helen Schell (Sidlauskas), owners of the Blossom Shop, had a display from Feb. 15 through Mar. 7, of Lithuanian art, leather goods, hand



C-12 Induction of new members on St. Casimir Day. Left to right: Conducting Ceremony: 3rd Degree Knights: Helen Cuperwich & Edward Senken. New members: Ann Zindzius, Millie Pietz, Jim Sabal, Helen Matthews, Matthew Yatkaukas, Michael Kartanowicz and Barbara Kartanowicz (not present).

woven goods, the map, the emblem, the flag, a mannequin dressed in the costume of a Lithuanian girl, amber, wood carvings and wayside shrines. Our council sponsored the display. The committee in charge were Mrs. Edward Ziausys, Mrs. Leonard Hartvigas, and Gene Gobis. Articles on display came from the collections of the committee plus the Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zemaitis, Mrs. Mary Mulevicius, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, and Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Lekutis. The Amsterdam Evening Recorder had a picture of the window display in the newspaper.

Radio Station WCSS also remembered Lithuanian Day, - many thanks to Bill Pope.

We concluded the Amsterdam activities with a Corporate Communion at St. Casimir's Church (Mar. 6) followed by dinner at the Brothers Restaurant. Chairman Ginny Miciulis, assisted by Sophie Olbie and Anthony Radzevich, are to be congratulated for an outstanding evening. Master of Ceremonies was our own Rev. Bernard Gustas. Amsterdam's Betsy Ross, as Father Bernie called her, Polly Ziausys, presented our President, Anthony Radzevich with a Lithuanian flag. Frank & Irene Petrauskas, even with the bad snowstorm, made it from Syracuse. Frank was our main speaker. He voiced his opinions on various ways to get the youth interested in the organization. The film on "Lithuania Today", by Mr. Raska of Chicago, Ill. arrived only a few hours before our dinner. There were a few tense moments for Father Baltch, but everything turned out fine. Much of the film was based on the American-Lithuanians arriving in Vilnius, meeting their relatives and then bidding them farewell. Some of the countryside was shown, in addition to many dance scenes from the musical festival that took place at the time of the tour.

Attending as our council's guests were Sister Geraldine, Sister Bernadine and Sister Marietta of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified. Approximately 100 persons helped celebrate the anniversary.

NEWS BITS....Our sympathy goes out to George Gravogkas in the recent loss of his beloved mother.

There were two Lithuanian Skidoo parties at Don Holleran's, one on Feb. 20 and the other on Mar. 21. Aldona

Abeling sent over a beautiful cake, decorated in red, green and yellow, lettered LITHUANIA 1918 - 1971. It really was different. The Druziak family, the Zemaitis', Peter Hayes, Mary Fabozzi, the Kot's, Ginny Miciulis, Sadie Dzek and son, Algie, and Leonard & Regina Hartvigas and children attended the first party.

The Mar. 21 party ended the winter season. The Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Sister Geraldine, Sister Bernadine, and Sister Marietta, all tried out the skidoos. The day was sunny but windy, yet no one seemed to mind the cold air. The Bablinskas family was well represented by the Ablings, Damphiers and Jasewicz. The Zemaitis family were also present. Son, Leo, was so taken by the Skidoo that two days after the party, he bought one of his own. Regina Hartvigas brought her children. We missed her husband Lenny who had entered the hospital for a check-up. Aldona Abeling's husband served the skidoos some home-made clam chowder, which went over in a big way. All too soon, the daylight disappeared and our happy skidoos went home.

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A recent council meeting was held at the Bishop Scully High School hosted by Rev. Bernard Gustas & Rev. Joseph Enselment. Plans were set in motion for the N.Y.-N.J. District Meeting to be held in Amsterdam on June 6. Planning of a tour for the guests will be the responsibility of our new member, Peter Urba. Nellie Liberis will be chairlady of the Food Department. The meeting will take place at the American Lithuanian Club, 17 Liberty Street, Amsterdam, N. Y. We have a surprise in store for the delegates and guests by way of some special entertainment. Five delegates were nominated for the meeting: Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Anthony Radzevich, Gene Gobis, and Matthew Kazlauskas.

A letter from our former Secretary, Cindy (Thomas) Douglas was received. Cindy is residing in Moscow, Idaho (not Iowa) as your reporter had mentioned in a previous article. Her parents, Mildred & Vic Thomas were present. Mildred modeled a stunning pants and coat outfit (made by her friend, Nellie Liberis).

Eleanore Barauskas surprised everyone by attending from Schenectady. Also present were: Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Anthony & Ann

Radzevich, Charles & Sadie Karbus, Nellie & Ed Liberis, Helen Radzevich, Ann Sweet (our newest member - sister of our President), Polly Ziausys, Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich, Anna Yunker, Sophie Olbie, Helen Druziak, Ginny Miciulis, Milda Zemaitis, Gene Gobis, Michael & Louise Kerbelis, Matthew Kazlauskas, Walter Rusilas, Peter Hayes and Bill McCune.

Gene Gobis announced that our President's wife would be celebrating her birthday on April 6. A cake, baked by Sadie Karbus, was presented to Ann Radzevich. All joined in singing the birthday song and "Ilgiausiu Metu".

Refreshment committee was made up of Ann Radzevich & Sadie Karbus.

NEWS BITS....Last month the Hartvigas clan became larger (K of L wise). Leonard's brother, Jonas, through long conversations with Gene Gobis, signed up. We now have two talented artists in our group, Jonas and Matthew Orante. Mar. 28, a group of Jonas' friends arrived at the A.L.C. hall and helped celebrate his birthday.

We celebrated St. Joseph's Day at Peter Hayes' - snowstorm and all - in honor of our beloved Prof. Joseph Olsauskas. The best gift yet, was the presence of Prof's daughter, Roma (Kaunas, Lith.) at the festivities. The Zemaitis clan (Milda, Joe, Leo...Milda & John Carrol, Columbus, Ohio), Stan & Susan Lekutis, Bob & Mary Lasky of Syracuse, Julia Mikenas, Ann Baltuska, Leonard & Regina Hartvigas, Mary Fabozzi, Aldona & Paul Abeling, Gene Gobis, Don Holleran, and Helen Rosciolli attended.

Happy birthday to Ann Sweet (4/10), Pauline Urban (4/26) and Helen Druziak (4/28).



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

CLEVELAND, OHIO - C-25 Patty

We were very happy to have the Cleveland Seniors, and Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Pavis of the Youngstown Seniors, join us in our St. Casimir's Day celebration on March 7 at St. George Church. We were delighted to have our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Balys Ivanauskas, join us, along with Rev. Kestutis Zemaitis, assistant at St. George and

Rev. P. Urbaitis, Salesian Father from Rome.

An added highlight at our banquet was a visit from John Cadzow, a student from Kent State University, who asked for contributions of Lithuanian literature (books, magazines, etc.) regardless of their political or religious ideology for the library that is being created at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Duplicates will be passed on to other interested libraries. Please contact Joseph Sadauskas, Stella Sankal or Bruno Bartkus if you have any Lithuanian books you may wish to donate. Mr. Cadzow will pick these volumes up when in Cleveland. Let's try to help John in his commendable project; check your attic and bookshelves now.

We wish to thank Joe Sadauskas, Honorary Member; Vincent Pavis, Mid-Central District President; Stella Sankal, Cleveland Senior President; and Bruno Bartkus, C-25 President and Master of Ceremonies, for making this St. Casimir's Day celebration a pleasant and gratifying day, and last but not least - our Committee: Nellie Arunski Ruth Guzauskas, Joanna Shigo and Ursula Yankauskas.

Belated April Birthday wishes to: Bruno Bartkus (4/11), Charles Machutas (4/12), Bill Jakubs (4/23) and John Arunski (4/27).

Best wishes for a "Happy Birthday" are extended to our "Taurus" Knights - Nellie Samas (4/10), Alice Karklius (4/18) and our "Geminians" Gene Kunsitis (5/22) and Helen Jakubs (5/28).

Andy Palzes who has just returned from a fabulous vacation in L.A., Lake Tahoe and Aspen must have been bit by the "wanderlust bug" - he hasn't even settled down and is already talking about running off to Hawaii! - More power to you Andy!

Sick Bay - John Arunski is back in the hospital for more surgery. Get well soon John.

DAYTON, OHIO - C-96

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March 7 was the day set aside by our council to celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Casimir. Mass was held at 8 A.M. with breakfast following at the Howard Johnson Motor Inn. Sharon Prasmantas, a Junior, gave a reading on the life of St. Casimir. All arrangements were made by Ada Sinkwitz and

our faithful telephone squad.

Members participated in the parish's Forty Hour Devotions held on Mar. 21, 22, and 23. The sermons were preached by Rev. Casimir Zvirblys, OP, from Washington, D.C. Helen Vaitkus had an enjoyable visit with Father Zvirblys during his stay. It seems they knew each other from their days in Providence, R.I.

Den parents for the Juniors for March were Joe & Eugenia Gecas. Joe, with the help of George Mikalauskas, drove the Juniors to Hara Arena for a two hour ice-skating party. Fun for all?.....you bet!!

ODDS AND ENDS....Mary Lucas and her committee are busy with plans for the District Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Three Crosses on June 26-27. On the evening of the 26th, Mary will host the members at her home with a Luau. Members on Sunday will have a choice of attending either 10 A.M. or 12 Noon Mass. Dinner will be at 1 P.M. Shrine services will be from 2 to 4 P.M.

Heading for Pittsburgh for the Supreme Council meeting was our own Frank Gudelis. Making their annual retreat to the Milford Retreat House in Cincinnati were Alex Pietrzak, Mike Petkus, Jim Richey & George Mikalauskas. As usual, George volunteered our group for extra jobs at the retreat. A very beneficial weekend!

Anyone read the article in the Dayton Daily News of Mar. 5 - "Greene County Dog Catcher Admits He's a Softy"? That was our own Henry Pant. Did you hear that out of 700 women, Marianne Podoyak was voted the most outstanding member of Beta Sigma Phi in the city of Dayton? Marianne is presently Vice-President for the City of Dayton Council.

Mother Nature really hit us this time! Get well wishes go to John Scott, now recuperating at home; Judy Scott, battling a problem recovering from her tonsillectomy; and Mary Lucas in the hospital. We hear all is going very well. Sally Miller, our Treasurer, and Alice Petkus are well on the road to recovery. Veronica Omlor having leg problems. Eva Leasure is getting perky with spring in the air.

Members who participated in the Lenten Offering for the parish's Seminary Scholarship Fund were: Karen Bedrowsky, Eloise Berczelly, Eugenia Gecas, Mary Lucas, Eleanor Mantz &

Elinor Sluzas. Members on this very special fund committee are Frank Gudelis & Ann Scott. They are always looking for K of L members to sign up into their booster "dollar-a-month-member" group. Latest to enroll was Eloise Berczelly.

April birthdayites are Rita Ambrose, Eloise Berczelly, Steponas Bucmys, Donna Jean Dailey, Tina Kavy, John Razauskas, Elinor Sluzas, Irene Veigel, Jim Urban & Cathy Mantz. Anniversary greetings to John and Irene Veigel.

DETROIT, MICH. - C-139 Catherine

We'll have to go back a while to catch up on some of the news in our council. A very successful "Feather Party" brought raffle ticket winners, Andy & Laura Kurtinaitis a turkey, and their son, Andy, a basket of groceries. In Nov., Catherine Kurpowic had foot surgery and recuperated sufficiently to be able to work at the Christmas Festival at St. Peter's. Ann & Joe Sirvydas' daughter, Kathy, and her soldier husband, Major Dan Clark, left for Holland for a year's stay.

In December, our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, suffered the loss of his loving father, Victoras. May he rest in peace. Cecilia Wagner was confined to the hospital during Christmas. Charles & Judy Podolski became parents again and were blessed with another little boy, Michael. Doting grandparents, of course, are Charles & Stella Podolski. Congratulations to all!

Our Holiday Party was graciously hosted by Bill & Barbara McKenzie. The pot-luck dinner was delightful as were the refreshments. We also held election of officers at this time: Spiritual Advisor - Rev. V. Krisciunevicius; President - Albena Kurpowic; Vice-President - Cecilia Wagner; Secretary - Margaret Dubitsky; Treasurer - Charles Podolski; Trustees - Alex & Joe Kurpowic & Stella Podolski. Lots of luck to our "governing board".

Helen Mallen returned home after a short visit to the hospital but is still nursing a persistent ailment she has had for a while. We hope you can lick it soon, Helen. In January, Catherine Kurpowic was again in the hospital. Congratulations to Frans & Pat Kuipers who made it back to Detroit (from Maryland) in time to have their first-born, a boy named Matthew. Ann & Joe

Sirvydas are the proud grandparents. Pauline Dillenbeck was hospitalized and we're all glad she's back home and into her old routine.

On Mar. 7 we celebrated St. Casimir's Day with neighboring councils of Detroit, beginning with a Mass at St. Anthony's Church and followed with a superb buffet-style dinner at Peter Podolskas' Ambassador Hall. Thank you, C-102, for your hospitality. All of us who attended will have pleasant memories of that day.

Cecilia Wagner flew to New Jersey to be with her soldier-husband, Fred, who was a member of a wedding party.

The members of C-139 express their sincere and deepest sympathy to Father M. Kundrat of C-79 on the death of his dearest mother. Edward Waitkus was hospitalized for a time and upon returning home, one week later, his beloved wife, Mary, passed away. Our sympathy goes out to you, Ed, in your great sorrow. Mary Waitkus was the sister of Joe & Alex Kurpowic, Laura Kurtinaitis & Pauline Dillenbeck, all members of C-139.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Macekonyte

The Seniors put a lot of work into the St. Casimir Day Commemoration this year and it was spectacular. The day began with Holy Mass at beautiful Immaculate Conception Church. After services everyone proceeded to the K of L Building for the "brunch" that started with a service of wine. The Juniors provided delightful, complicated Folk Dancing entertainment, and Christine & Anita (the Geidraitis sisters) gave out with their lovely Lithuanian harmony while one of them provided accompaniment on the guitar. Dr. Zenonas Danilevicius then inspired us with his talk on the Changing Moral Code. The luncheon ended with a few choral selections by the K



Some members of the K of L Choir in Chicago at the joint February Birthday Party for Faustas Strolia, Director, Juozas Juska, Treasurer, and Estelle Rogers, President.

of L District Choir.

Congratulations are in order for Lillian Kodis (C-36), Napoleonas Sapkus (C-36), John Evans (C-112), Andrew Tatusko (C-112), Anthony Jonutis (Seniors) and Elizabeth Semenis (Seniors). On St. Casimir Day they all received their Third Degree medals. They deserve this climax to work well done.

The Choir continues to be as active as ever. After the St. Casimir Day performance, members began diligently digging into rehearsals for the Dainu Svente to be held in Chicago this year. They were also engaged in the pleasant task of preparing to sing the Wedding Mass of Soprano, Birute Baskauskas (recipient of the K of L Scholarship Award) who was married to Claude Pumputis on April 20. The Mass was a composition by Choir Director, Faustas Strolia. It is all in Lithuanian and beautiful.

A surprise birthday party was recently held for Faustas Strolia, Choir Director (2/29), Juozas Juska, Treasurer and Choir Benefactor (2/20), and Estelle Rogers, Choir President (2/5). Emilija Pakalniskis, Vyciu Veikla Editor, baked her famous Napoleon Torte. The K of L Hall echoed with song that evening until it was time to go home.

When Choir members are not performing, they contribute moral support to others. Faustas Strolia and members of the choir he conducts at St. Catherine of Genoa Parish, which includes our member Peter Gagle, gave a performance of DuBois' "Seven Last Words" on Palm Sunday. Many of our members attended.

At the performance of "De Fledermaus" held at Maria High School Auditorium, many K of L faces appeared on the scene, - all in support of culture and our District President, Algerd Brazis (who had the leading role). Choir member Juozas Juska appeared as a smiling chorus member. Great!

How proud we are to see her on television, hear her on the radio, see her picture in the paper, etc. Who is it? None other than Helen Pius, our cultural craftsman expert. This time she was introducing the public to the art of decorating Lithuanian Easter eggs, and she's done a terrific job. Christmas ornaments and Easter eggs are her specialty, and then there is Folk Dancing instruction, etc., etc., etc.

Joe & Valaria Stanaitis, the two in-a-peapod couple, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on May 4.

Great news to hear that our Building Rental Manager, Al Mockus and his Geraldine, are the proud parents of a lovely little girl. More K of L members coming up.

With a sad note, we are sorry to know that Aleksas Budris, faithful Building Manager, is confined to St. Bernard Hospital, Chicago, preparing for a serious operation. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

Senior member, Tekla Norbut, is recuperating after surgery. Can any of us forget her culinary talents? Many a function would find Mrs. Norbut cheerfully working away in the kitchen while we enjoyed the fruits of her labor, -- kugelis, kielbasa, kapusta.

Busy District President, Algerd

Brazis, appointed the following to serve on special committees for the 1970-71 year, namely: Helen Zimmer - Ritual, Cecilia Matul - Lithuanian Affairs, Estelle Rogers - Public Relations, Vincent Samaska - Civic Affairs, Eleanore Laurin - Scholarship, Valaria Stanaitis - Bulletin Editor, and Loretta Macekonis - "Vytis" Correspondent.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

WORCESTER, MASS. - C-26

"Dzukele"

A well-prepared executive board inspires the respect and confidence of its membership. Success in activities in both the spiritual and social areas reflect thorough planning and, in respect to their efforts, we tip our Easter bonnets to our president, Steve Walinsky, and his very capable group of officers and committee members.

At this writing, some of our news is yet to take place, but we offer the following thumb-nail sketches of what is taking place at C-26:

Adele Degutis and Claire Grigaitis were co-chairmen for the New York City trip planned on April 17. Carol Grigas is chairman for the family splash party to be held this spring at the Worcester YWCA swimming pool. The annual bowling banquet is being planned and tension continues to rise as the bowlers await announcement of top scorers. Paul Roland will have the details for us for the next issue.

Father Justin Steponaitis, our Spiritual Director, is making arrangements for a Mass to precede our May meeting at which we will be afforded the privilege of receiving Holy Communion under both species. Bill Grigas is chairman for our annual council picnic which is scheduled for May 23 at Maironis Park.

Mrs. Anna Bacys, widow of the

late Joseph Bacys, one of our charter members, was confined for a good part of the winter because of illness, including time spent in the hospital. Her recent appearance with her son, Joe, at our annual St. Casimir Day Communion Breakfast, gave every indication that she's much better and will soon join the ranks of the "completely well". Incidentally, all who attended the Communion Breakfast will have to agree that Rita Pinkus and Anne Bender really planned a fine morning. They invited Mrs. Nell Thompson, Mrs. Amelia Milus & Mrs. Irene Mattrick to prepare the breakfast, and they obliged us in a most elegant fashion. Joining us at the table, following the solemnities of the beautiful Lithuanian High Mass and procession with the Blessed Sacrament, were the Lithuanian Girl and Boy Scouts and the Ateitininkai. Our pastor, Father John C. Jutt, has promised to make this tribute to our patron, St. Casimir, an annual parish event. The church was filled with members of every parish organization who were there with their flags and banners, and the spirit of the occasion moved each and every one.

Joseph Godek was chairman of our parish Lenten religious education series this year and he offers special thanks to the K of L wives who offered their assistance by way of preparing refreshments. His wife, Barbara, and Elly Walinsky and Carol Grigas, outdid themselves each week with their delicious home-baked goodies. A parish son, whose interest in the K of L, originated in our council, was one of the Lenten speakers. Father Eugene Borek is a Chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital here in Worcester. The hospital is located almost centrally between the two Worcester Lithuanian parishes, our's (St. Casimir's) and Our Lady of Vilna where he earlier served as curate, so Father Gene manages to keep in close touch with all of us.

The lease has run out on the ski lodge in Bromley, N. H. where Val Baziliauskas, Paul Kuzmeskas and brothers Vin, Al and Bob Gregonis spent each winter weekend skiing. These can most certainly be classified as expert skiers!

Dan Shimkus' father, Felix, passed away in March, and we join in expressing deep sympathy to Dan, his wife and children in their time of great sorrow.

This beautiful month of May prompts us to petition our Heavenly Mother to shower our mothers, living or deceased, with Her special attention, all the while offering a prayer of thanksgiving for God's loyal and loving gift to us!

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

The K of L held their annual St. Casimir's Day celebration on March 7. The 8:05 A.M. High Mass at St. Joseph's Church was followed by a breakfast of ham and eggs in the school hall. Attorney Vincent Matasavage, guest speaker at the celebration, gave an informative and impressive speech on St. Casimir's life and family background.

Father George Vilciauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, spoke briefly on Lithuanians in their community. Further comments on Lithuanian culture were made by Professor Aleksas. Professor Aleksas also led the assemblage in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and the hymn of the K. of L.

Committee chairmen for the St. Casimir's Day celebration were John Alankas and Tommy Kaukas, aided by Ed DiNapoli. Frank Shaknaitis was our master of ceremonies. Lillian Paulauskas, Nell Diggles, Al Alankas, Dr. Wm. J. Shukaitis, Janice LaPointe, Sandy Strielkauskas, and James Valaitis, K of L President, also helped to make the event a great success.

The K of L Bowling League celebrated St. Patrick's Day on the evening of March 17. A surprise birthday party was given in honor of fellow teammate, Frank Cheske. He was presented with a green decorated cake, baked by his wife Sophie. Amidst the St. Patrick's Day festivities, Otto Shatas and his lovely wife, Betty, returned from their trip to the Bahamas. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS. - C-10

Vincukas

Our council officers for the current year are: Spiritual Advisor - Father Albin Yankauskas, President - Howard Beaudette, Vice-President - Charles Genaitis, Treasurer - Nellie Melaika, Recording Secretary - Mary Gauronsky, Financial Secretary - Leonard Davidon-



C-10 - Athol-Gardner, Mass. St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast.

is, "Vytis" Correspondent - William Wisnauskas, Social Chairman - Frank Anoris.

Our K of L council celebrated the feast of St. Casimir on March 7. The group attended the 10:30 A.M. Mass at St. Francis Church, Athol. Dinner followed at the "Oasis" in East Templeton. Blanche Genaitis was in charge of the arrangements.

Frank Anoris has fully recovered from his illness and has returned to his duties at the Starett Co.

Lennie Davidonis has been elected to the post of Town Representative in Athol. He is also Recording Secretary of the Lithuanian Outing Association of Gardner.

Blanche Genaitis & Bill Wisnauskas received letters from President Nixon on the Simas Kudirka affair.

William Wisnauskas has been elected to the Parish Council of Sacred Heart in Gardner.

Condolences are extended to the Milosh family on the recent death of Philip Milosh, devoted father of Frances Muller and Barbara Gibbons.

Brownie Kukauskas, Charles Genaitis & Bill Wisnauskas are rehearsing twice weekly for the Sacred Heart Parish's Second Annual Musical to be held on May 22 and 23 in Gardner.

Our deepest sympathy to Bernice Wisnauskas who recently lost her brother, Eugene Savulis, in a chemical plant blast in Newark, N. J.

Nellie Melaika & Mary Gauronsky are as busy as ever in their many activities in Athol.

Father Al Yankauskas recently returned to his duties as pastor of St. Frances Parish, Athol, from a California vacation.

The name of our Council President, Howie Beaudette, appears in "The Gardner News" very often with

his many duties in The American Legion. He always seems to find time.

SO. BOSTON, MASS. - C-17

Sniegas Vyras

Spring has "sprung" and we hope that some of our hibernating members will be showing themselves again. This is not to say that we all have been hibernating. There is a very active committee planning the Scholarship Dinner-Dance that will be held in May. This affair is not only to help the National Scholarship Committee fulfill its goals but also to grant a stipend to a worthy student from our St. Peter's Grammar School to help towards his future education. We remind all that, if they are able, their personal donation to the National Scholarship Fund could help out a worthy K of L'er achieve his goal in life. At last report, tickets to the Dinner-Dance have been selling very well.

Our apologies to Ann Norenkevich, whose name was inadvertently omitted as one of the cooks for the St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast.

In addition to Fearsome Four consisting of Jerry Venis, Bob Gendreau, John Olevitz & Al Jaritis, we found two more avid Boston Bruin fans - Millie Vallis (another season ticket holder) and Ann Norenkevich. This group is awaiting the Stanley Cup playoffs and are certain the Bruins will bring it home for the second successive season. Larry "Farmer" Svelnis has been busy down on the farm, getting it ready for a good growing season after a long, cold winter. A testimonial dinner is being planned for Stanley Griganavicius at the So. Boston Lithuanian Club. Stanley was the past manager of the Lithuanian Club and has been a hard working member of the K of L for the past number of years. Many of the members are planning to attend the dinner to show their approval of the work done by Stanley.

May we introduce the latest member to join our council: Frederick Hirst, a graduate of St. Peter's School, Boston College High School and now attending Boston College. Fred has been accepted for the U.S. Marines Platoon Leaders School, Quantico, Va. Welcome aboard, Fred. He has already been indoctrinated into the council, having carried the council flag into church on St. Casimir's Day. Remember

in your prayers the recovery of Angie Yelmokas, who is seriously ill at this writing. Frank Grigas had a week's winter vacation when he took day trips to see what he has missed in New England territory. Alexander Chaplik also had a testimonial, honoring his many good works among the Lithuanian community of Boston and other civic organizations. Couldn't have happened to a better chap! Bob & Phyllis (Rudis) Gendreau and family were very busy with their two skidoos on the slopes of Vermont this past winter. Ed Rudis is still working in Germany and touring all of Europe in his spare time. Ed sends his best to all his friends in the States. We heard that Wanda Yelmokas is working towards her Master's Degree at the University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill. If you look on the slopes at Big Blue, Blue Hills, Milton, Mass., you can see the fleeting figure of Jean Pasakarnis swiftly coming down the expert's slope. A short time ago, all Jean could make were sitz-marks and she was an expert at this! Driving around town in a new Ford LTD is that man-about-town, Billy Zaremba. Johnny Olevitz had been picking himself up off the ice rink quite frequently. Seems he was teaching his children the art of skating, but they were doing fine!

Ann Chaplik & Mary Martus & niece Adele Nancy Martus helped Adele Martus conduct a card party for the support of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church. If there are any volunteers for this great charitable event, contact Father Albin Januinas who will be most grateful to accept your offer. C-17 made a fine donation to St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter's Church. To make everyone aware of the support rendered by councils to their parishes, we feel all such donations should be well publicized. Helen Suprin with her brother, Frank, spent a week skiing in Vermont. Here are another couple of expert skiers. We venture to say they could try out for the Olympics if they were so inclined. You never know the "stars" we have in our ranks. Vytautas Jurgela is on the road to recovery from a serious operation. We're sorry we didn't know, Vytautas. We would have at least sent a get-well card. Remember in your prayers John Pezwick who passed away after an accident. John was the husband of Nellie, sister of Larry Svelnis and a former member of

C-17. Father Albin Januinas spent a week at the Carney Hospital for a check up, is in good shape and now busy with the council.

Now that the good weather is upon us, our members can't use the excuse of the snow and sleet and icy streets to keep them away from our meetings. Be a good member and participate in council and district activities. We need your support. If you can't take part in a "sport", be one anyway.

ANSONIA, CONN. - C-135

"Topstone"

This year we're celebrating our 21st Anniversary, and still we're New England's youngest council. You can imagine how "old" our neighboring councils are! With this in mind, let's take a mini-trip back to those early years when we were much younger and revive a few memories.

Our first official officers were: Johnny Sabulis - President; Alfonse Barauskas - First Vice-President; Stanley Varshelks (deceased) - 2nd Vice President; Ann Barauskas - Secretary; Anne Sabulis - Treasurer; Ann Karitis - Financial Secretary and "Kasey" Svelnys - Sargeant at Arms.

We were quite active through the years. From the very beginning, we were on the go. Outings, parties, extensive membership drives, conventions, trips, suppers, and many, many other activities kept us together. Many new members joined and some left for various reasons, but it seems the "ole gang" still remains.

Recently, while reading through our "history" book, I found these tidbits that are sure to bring back a few memories.

REMEMBER WHEN?..Floyd Trapkauskas was quite a photographer? Always had his camera ready taking candid shots...Ruth Tyson was a champ Canasta player during the Canasta craze?...Lil Chaplik did her "Salome" dance and became a local star. Other dances she presented were the "College Drag", "Camel Walk", the Egyptian dance called "Samia", "Cha-Cha" and others. Talent. That's what it was...In 1953, Mayor & Mrs. Wm. Sheasby attended our Pre-Thanksgiving dance...How about that rare night in Worcester that had been named: 329?... Leon Barauskas "stunned" his parents

by sending home a picture from an Air Force base in Texas smoking a cigar.. How about those two Poughkeepsie Playboys? And how about when the pre-convention gang stayed at D'Andrea's Motel and paid a high price of \$6.50 a room with set-ups? That was 1958..... Johnny Sabulis was NED Vice-President & Al Barauskas was a NED Ritual member?...The late Father Gauronskas opened the U.S. Senate meeting with a prayer on the Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence.....The cookouts and swimming at March Farms?.....Pen names used in writing council news in the Vytis - Night Owl, Eyes & Ears, Nakties Peleda, Evermore, Polaris, Helen and Topstone.

HERE AND THERE...We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Judge Joe Chernauskas on the death of his father...Welcome to our midst - new members, Lil & Stanley Twerian & Anthony Poehailos...Millie Driznus vacationed in Florida with her mother recently - the "rest" did her good, so she says.. Lil Chaplik says nobody is good or bad; everybody is good and bad. She may have something there...Plans are complete for the gala Anniversary Party. Johnny Sabulis is chairman and his Music Makers are back once again to provide the music and entertainment. Our Mardi-Gras was quite an affair with a large turnout once again. The band played until the "wee" hours and everyone had a good time. Thanks to all for making it a time to remember.... Old-time movies with W. C. Fields & Buster Keaton were shown at one of our recent meetings. That, too, brought back many memories of days past. When are we going to see some old-time movies of past K of L affairs? Are they available? Let's work on it!...K of L Communion Breakfast was quite a meal. Our thanks to Jackie Tyson (Chef) & Violet Brazitis who handled the chores as true experts....1st Degrees were given to Lil & Stanley Twerian & Anthony Poehailos; 2nd Degrees to Ella Ellis and Sue & Al Jesulaities. Congratulations to all.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Johnny Norwid. Lil says he'll never be the same after all that relaxation he is getting at home. She already has plans to put him to work at the cottage as soon as the warm weather permits. What evil lurks in minds of women, John! Good to see Al Shurkis again after a long absence. Drop around more

often Al and make up for all the good times you have missed.

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

January found our members busy planning the Snowflake Ball that was held Feb. 6 at the Walkover Club with Joe Pasioka's orchestra playing lively polkas. With the help of our committee: Co-chairmen - Marilyn Yuskaitis & Connie Grein; Decorations - Joanne Apanowicz; Publicity - Pat Achorn & Sue Boroskas; Tickets & Orchestra - Sylvia Shukis, our 27th Annual Ball was a success. Many thanks to our council members and many friends who attended. Since the dance was a financial as well as social success, C-1 made donations to the Parish, St. Casimir's, and the parish C.Y.O.

Six new members were welcomed into the K of L - Joe & Joyce Piscatelli, Herb & Doris Fralick, Helen Kaminski & Joanne Apanowicz. We hope they will enjoy many good years with C-1.

Congratulations to Bob & Emily Dissis on the birth of their fourteenth child. Newly-born Christopher is a lucky boy to have Bob and Emily as parents - a very exceptional couple! We are proud to have them in our council.

On Mar. 6 the 7:00 P.M. Mass was offered in commemoration of St. Casimir and also for the intentions of Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian seaman. Following Mass, a supper was enjoyed by all at a local restaurant. Connie Grein did an excellent job planning the Communion Supper.

On May 1 and 2 we hosted the NED Convention. Saturday evening, an old-fashioned Polka Party with kielbasi, sauerkraut and liquid refreshments was held at Ramouva Park in Brockton featuring Joe Pasioka's Orchestra. Sunday, the day began with an 11:30 A.M. Mass, followed by the business sessions, and concluding with a delicious homemade supper prepared by Connie Grein and her assistants. Members giving of their time to make this NED Convention the very best were: Dance Co-Chairmen - "Ronnie" Bizinkauskas & Pat Achorn; Tickets - Bob Dillis; Refreshments - John Yuskaitis & Norman Achorn; Publicity - Marilyn Yuskaitis; Convention Menu - Connie Grein.

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MAY

- 8 - C-17 SCHOLARSHIP DINNER-DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Auditorium, So. Boston, Mass.
8 - 5th ANNIVERSARY LITHUANIAN TELEVISION VANQUET, Jesuit Youth Center, Chicago, Ill.
15 - C-112 VENETIAN INTERLUDE, K of L Building, Chicago, Ill.
23 - C-26 PICNIC, Maironis Park, Worcester, Mass. commemorating 55th Anniversary of the Council.
21, 22, 23 - MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Ford City Bowling Alleys and Ford City Holiday Inn, Chicago, Ill. I-I. District, Hosts.

JUNE

- 6 - NY-NJ DIST. MEETING, American Lithuanian Club, Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100 Amsterdam, Hosts.
26 - C-96 ANNUAL LUAU - Mary Lucas Residence, 6236 Woodville Dr., Dayton, Ohio.
27 - M.C. DISTRICT PILGRIMAGE to the Shrine of the Three Crosses, Holy Cross Church, Dayton, Ohio, Host - C-96

JULY

- 4 - U.S.A. & Canada Lithuanian Song Festival (Dainų Šventė), International Amphitheater, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUST

- 26, 27, 28, 29 - 58TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, Lithuanian Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me.

SEPTEMBER

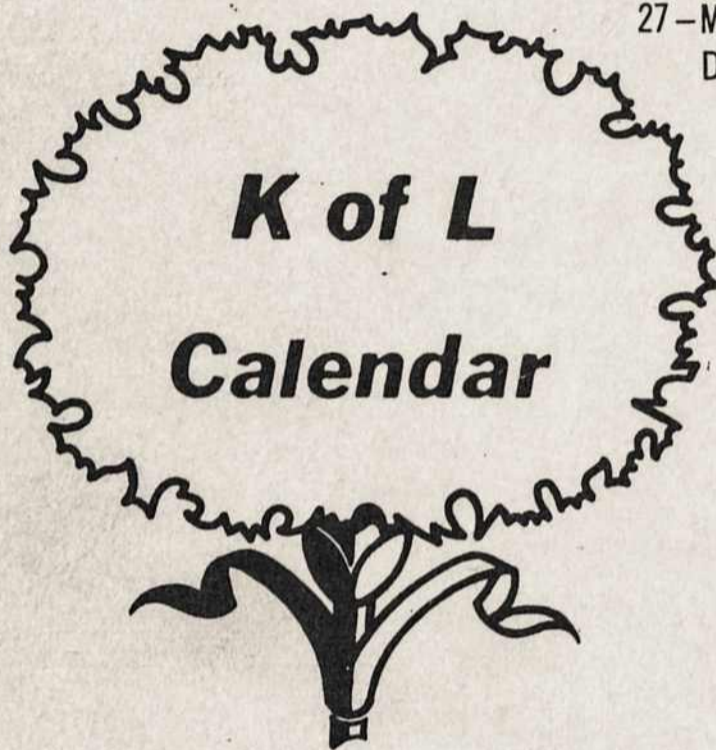
- 12 - N.E. DISTRICT CULTURAL PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
26 - N.E. DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION, Immaculate Conception Church, Cambridge, Mass.

OCTOBER

- 9 - C-29 ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
16 - C-26 WORCESTER DINNER-DANCE - commemorating 55th Anniversary of Council.

NOVEMBER

- 20 - C-17 and 17SR. FALL DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Club, So. Boston, Mass.



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