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Goal: Freedom

Today American Lithuanians are observing the 53rd anniversary of Lithuania's independence. It is an irony, since Lithuania has been free for years.

Lithuanians are observing the anniversary primarily in prayer, for they can do at this point. But they appreciate the plight of their fellow citizens throughout the world. They hope that free Lithuania escape from Soviet domination.

Crimes Against Lithuanians

To the Editor: The coverage of the diverting of the Soviet plane to Turkey in the press background and the omission of Pranas and Algirdas Brazinskas can be understood only in the light of the events of the last thirty years. The last thing that did any good was shoot who

Everybody's Column

Lithuanians Do Not Lose Hope

The Simas Kudirka

As a dramatic reminder to military men and public basic American rights, a number of proposals

Knights Ask Baltic Vote

Newark News Staff Writer
The Knights of Lithuania yesterday urged the United States to bring the question of freeing the Baltic states before the United Nations.
At its 56th National Convention

Corrects Historical Error—

Was Poland a Lithuanian Name?

Editor of The Vindicator, Sir: The purpose of this letter is to correct a long-standing error of Mahoning Valley but to really enjoy its intrinsic value. As we strolled through each of the young Kosciuskas saw the injustice of it all. It was wealth and ancient traditions

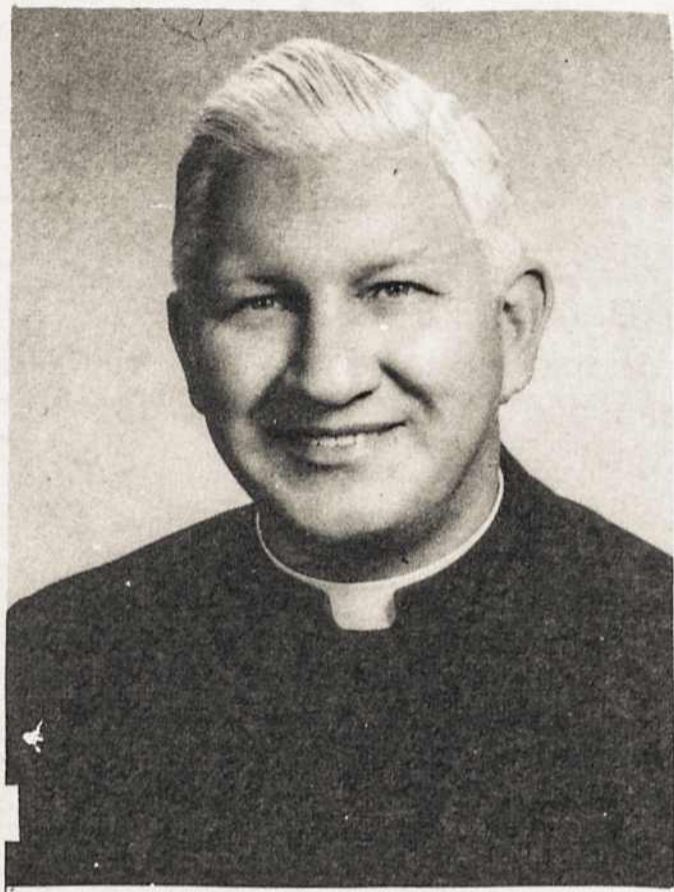
IN COMMEMORATING THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WE GRATEFULLY DEDICATE THIS ISSUE

..... TO ALL K OF L'RS WHO THROUGH THEIR LETTER WRITING, LEADERSHIP, AND OTHER MEANS, HAVE KEPT LITHUANIA'S NAME AND LANGUAGE "ALIVE AND WELL" IN THIS VAST MELTING POT OF NATIONALITIES, AND

..... TO THE COUNTLESS "FRIENDS OF LITHUANIA" - NATIONAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN, NEWSPAPERMEN, CARTOONISTS, ETC. - WHO HAVE COOPERATED WITH THE COMMITTEE IN PUBLICIZING LITHUANIA'S FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNIST OPPRESSION AND FOSTERING THE APPRECIATION OF HER BEAUTIFUL CULTURE.

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REV. JOHN C. JUTT . . .



Father John C. Jutt, one of the most eminent Lithuanian priests of our time, needs no introduction to our readers; the influence of his devotion to God and Country is known not in this country alone, but world over. There is much to chronicle in his daily life, but Father has permitted only the briefest biographical sketch, preferring instead to make known more about the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, its purpose, its accomplishments in the past, and its hopes for the future.

Father Jutt was born in Westfield, Mass. and educated in public schools there. Upon graduation from high school in 1932, he entered St. Charles Preparatory Seminary in Catonsville, Maryland. In 1934, he began his studies at the House of Philosophy and Grand Seminary in Montreal where he completed two years of Philosophy and four of Theology. He was ordained a priest on May 18, 1940 in St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, Mass. by the late Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary. His first Mass was celebrated in his home parish of St. Casimir's in Westfield. Soon following ordination, Father Jutt was appointed curate at Our Lady of Vilna

Church in Worcester, Mass. where he served for fifteen years. In 1955, he was given his second parish assignment, that of curate at St. Casimir's Church in Worcester, where he remained until 1961. He was given his first pastorate on July 31, 1961 when he was sent to St. Francis Church in Athol, Mass. Under Father's leadership there, badly-needed church renovations were planned and completed, a new rectory constructed, and land purchased to provide parking facilities for parish use. Four years later, on June 4, 1965, Father was appointed pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Worcester, where he but a few years earlier had served as curate, and his work once more was apparent and crystal clear. Many years had passed without material improvements to the parish: Complete renovation of the church was necessary, the old rectory would have to be replaced, and the school and convent cried for repairs as well. The first dream has since become a reality; restoration of the church was completed in 1969 and the formal Diamond Jubilee celebration of the parish was held in the magnificently renovated St. Casimir's on Oct. 19, 1969.

Thus far, our readers have been acquainted with Father's loyalty to and ambitions for the parishes in which he has served. It should be made clear, however, that this loyalty extends to his diocese and to his Lithuanian background. Father first became interested in the Knights of Lithuania organization during his high school days in Westfield where he was one of those who revived Council 30 there in 1930. His interest has remained steadfast throughout the years, regardless of where he was stationed.

Heretofore, Father Jutt was subject to the Diocese of Springfield. However, in 1950 this Diocese was split and the Diocese of Worcester was formed. His diocesan accomplishments are great, and here we mention but a few. In October, 1950, Father was

appointed to the Worcester Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal where he served as Actuary and Defender of the Bond. In 1957, he was appointed a Synodal Judge on the Matrimonial Court and he serves in these capacities even today.

During this time, Bishop John Wright (now Cardinal) wished to establish organization for the youth of the Worcester Diocese, which was to be called the Catholic Youth Council (CYC). Because of Father's reputation in his work with the Knights of Lithuania, Bishop Wright invited him to join him in pioneering this new organization, and he became one of five who made original plans. Father gave his committee access to the Knights of Lithuania constitution which was most instrumental in the formulation of the CYC constitution. It was recommended that the CYC cover five areas of the Diocese, and Father was given charge of one of these areas. After his work in this field had been completed, he was presented in 1957 the CYC's "For God and Youth" award.

It would be well to add here that while Father's hobbies are several in number, one of his more favored hobbies is travel. His travel companions are his priest twin-brothers (Father Anthony and Julius) and to view Father's slides and listen to his travelogue lectures on these world travels is indeed a treat. In spite of the many involvements, it is not uncommon to see high school or college students approach Father for assistance in their classical studies and never are they turned away. They've only to ask. Presently, he is president of the Lithuanian Priests League, an organization of Lithuanian priests in this country.

After reading the above, you are most certain to agree that Father's intense and diverse activities have led to the flow of action in anything with which he has been associated.



... And The Knights Of Lithuania

- Lithuanian Affairs Committee ...

By Olga Kersis

The following represents a resume of notes taken during an interview with Father Jutt, founder and originator of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee:

The 25th anniversary of the birth of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee prompts the question of what exactly brought about its inception. Back in 1940, there was much in the daily newspapers which criticized Lithuanians and Lithuania itself. During the World War, there was question whether the Baltic States should go to Russia. Some argued that since the Baltic States were under Russian control in 1795, it was fitting that they now be returned to Russia. Father's vast knowledge of Lithuanian History, or Baltic History, if you will, would not permit him to be silent, and when a Professor Greene of Harvard University declared that the Baltic countries did rightfully belong to Russia, Father wrote to the professor and ended up by stating, "I would prefer to see you as a professor of English

rather than of History because on the subject of the Baltic States, you know very little". During the time of World War II, Father was on a War Bond committee and he urged his fellow committee members to write to Professor Greene. He realized the traditional person-to-person theory was giving way in many instances to a people-to-person or a people-to-people relationship, and thus the reason for instituting such a committee was quite clear. In 1945 at a District Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, Father brought forth his idea of having a committee which would be conscious of the remarks of the press. He urged the District to have an official Lithuanian Affairs Committee and thus it was accepted in 1945.

In 1946, the council which was to host the National Convention found they would be unable to do so and Council 116 was asked to take over. Father Constantine Vasys, then pastor of Our Lady

of Vilna Church in Worcester, convinced Council 116 to accept. The council agreed; Father Vasys' offer to use the parish hall for sessions was accepted. It was at this National Convention in Worcester that Father Jutt proposed the idea of a national committee on Lithuanian Affairs.

Since the idea was Father's, it was natural that he would be requested to take upon himself the task of establishing this committee. Father asked each District of the Knights of Lithuania to form such a committee, and each council as well. He recognized that individually, members of the Knights of Lithuania could put an offender of Lithuanianism through his paces; collectively, the K. of L. could be even tougher. The purpose of this committee was to inform the public as to the true status of Lithuania, particularly to our government, and to dispel any fallacies that non-Lithuanians may have had about Lithuania or our people and to



Rev. Jutt presents Frank Vaskas (C-29, Newark), Hon. Member and former L.A. Chairman, with the first "100-a-year" award in 1958, for Frank's letter-writing work.



National Lithuanian Affairs Co-Chairman Albert Zakarka (C-112, Chicago) is also chairman of his council's and District's L.A. Committee, and a "100-a-year" letter writer for over 10 years.

work for the restoration of Lithuania's independence. To do this, it would be necessary to educate the committees themselves to be better prepared. They would have to develop answers and arguments to an array of questions and errors in the different areas concerning Lithuanianism. Thus came about Father's idea of publishing a bulletin which would be sent to members of the committee, advising them to whom to write, subject matter, etc. There was no reason to waste time in long embellishments because these letters are to be written to busy people who are interested only in pertinent facts. This is accomplished by the bulletin.

In 1944, when the idea of such a committee was first conceived, the K. of L. was looked upon as a non-accomplishing Lithuanian organization, a purely social-oriented group. But because of the work done and results accomplished, the organization was elevated in prestige in the eyes of the Lithuanian community. Objectors to the K. of L. now quieted down and took notice. The work done by this committee was work not done by any other organization and Lithuanians the world over were amazed.

Father Jutt himself has authored many articles, including pamphlets, and has urged other members of the committee to do likewise, and all the while letters



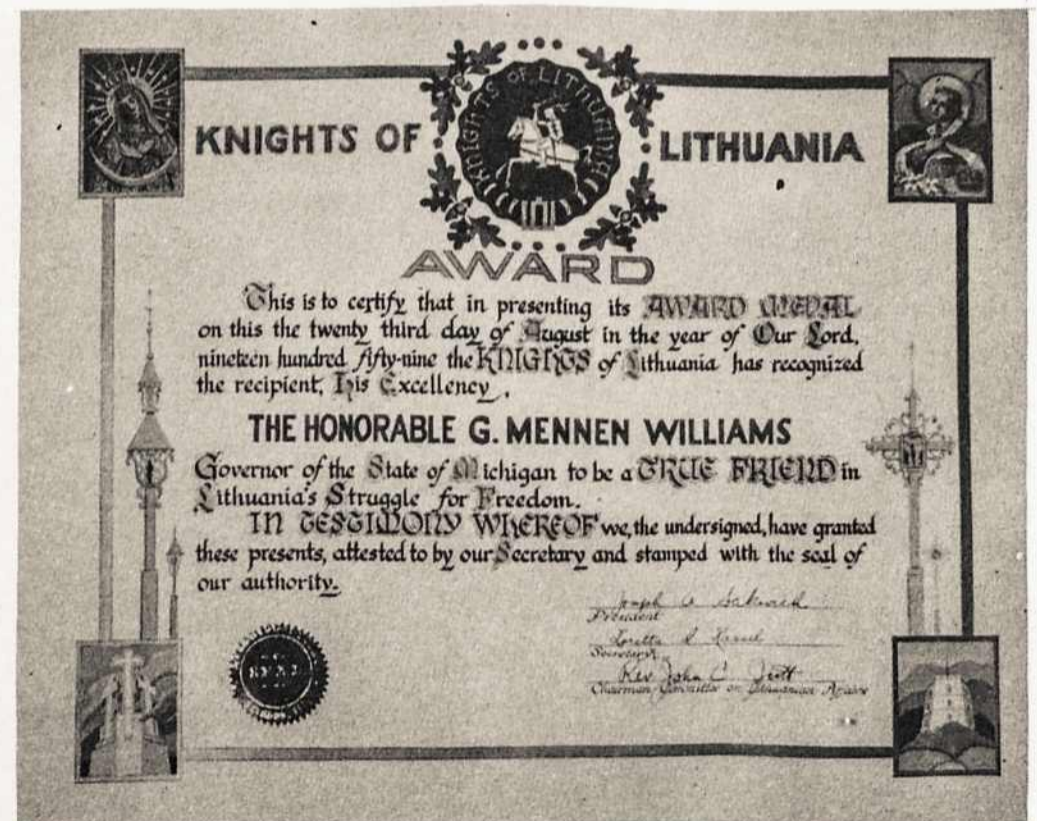
The first K of L "Friend of Lithuania" Medal, awarded in 1955 to the Hon. Charles J. Kersten.

were being written. During the 25 years of the existence of this Committee (from 1946 to 1971), 400,000 letters have been written by this committee and interested individuals. This committee has been instrumental in removing radio programs detrimental to our cause from the airwaves. It has spread the Lithuanian written word. Books on Lithuanian History and grammars have been sent to libraries all over the country. The work of this committee has caused even the passing of bills by our government. Senators have been visited and requested to use the influence of their office to get public opinion to favor our cause. Lithuanian Affairs stretches out to visits with editors of major newspapers and magazines. All this was done with the one idea in mind: to elevate the Lithuanian name and to arouse people with concern for Lithuania's freedom.

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee presents Gold Medal awards to non-Lithuanians who have done a great deal for Lithuania's cause. The purpose of this award is to encourage non-Lithuanians to continue working for the ultimate freedom for Lithuania. So far, the Gold Medal has been awarded to eleven recipients. The Committee has had drives on two occasions to pay for the expense of these medals, and added money to the National Treasury with the excess funds.



Hon. R. Madden is presented the "Friend of Lithuania" Award, in 1962, by Rev. Jutt, as Rev. J.W. Stanievich and Bishop Charles Salatka look on.



Award certificate, presented with a medal, to Gov. G. Mennen Williams.

One of the pleasant results of this work was that it incited among our young people an awareness of their heritage and of things Lithuanian. Once they became acquainted with the work, they began to study Lithuanian History and the Lithuanian language and their spirits were raised. Father, in all this, has always encouraged students interested in Lithuanianism to consider him for any assistance he could offer.

However, there is a sorrowful note. The sad fact remains that all our councils have not responded to the desires of the Convention to maintain active committees, which has been diminishing such that at the present time, only nine councils have active committees. We are grateful for the non-K. of L. individuals who are located in areas where there are no councils, or near councils where there is no committee. Our records show that in 1969, 2018 letters were written by non-Lithuanians, while in 1970, 1412 letters were written. Their interest is gratifying. Had all our councils responded as some did, our work of the past 25 years could have been easily tripled. Even with the odds against the Committee, and lack of cooperation among our councils, it is remarkable that the committee has done as well as it has. It must be noted that while our councils have not fully responded, each year dedicated chairmen on the national level have fulfilled purposes of the committee. Father points out that during the past six years, no money for expenses of any kind has been charged to the K. of L. treasury. By expenses, Father mentions specifically the cost of stencils, ink, paper, postage, telegrams, greetings to the Holy Father, greetings to Presidents, among others, has been absorbed by himself. Even the national chairmen have not asked for reimbursement of their postal expenses. This, indeed, is a dedicated group.

Father has held the position of both District and Council spiritual director at various times, but was National spiritual director from 1946 to 1951. Father gave this position up in order to afford himself more time for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. In 1958,

Father Jutt was invited to say the opening prayer in the House of Representatives on February 16 and it was at this time that he requested Majority Leader McCormick to present him with the American Flag which flew over the House of Representatives that day. Mr. McCormick so obliged Father, and Father in turn presented it to the Knights of Lithuania for posterity. It may be recalled that this was the same year that Bishop Vincent Brizgys offered the opening prayer in the Senate.

While a milestone has been reached, with many accomplishments realized, this is only the beginning. This committee will always be necessary. There are so many who know little or nothing about Lithuania. Errors will be made. We must be ever ready to combat this. While we can content ourselves with past results over the years, it should remain an incentive to continue this work even on a larger scale because Lithuania still remains an enslaved nation. We must continue our work until her independence has been realized, and even after that we must be ever prepared to defend the Lithuanian nation and people against error and misconceptions. At a moment's notice we must be prepared to answer for Lithuania.

Father is quick to comment, however, that let no one think it is the most important com-

mittee, this committee on Lithuanian Affairs, yet we think it is one of the most important. The spiritual program is most important because we are a Catholic organization and we must stress this Catholicity within us and through this spiritual program we can become better Americans and better Lithuanians. In this overall picture, it helps us to become better Lithuanians because we realize we have something concrete to do and this concrete thing we can do is to write letters for Lithuania's cause, to keep the Lithuanian name ever present in the eyes of the world, and to demand that Lithuania, as well as the other enslaved nations, be granted her freedom.

The aims of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee are indeed awesome and if ever you've been part of the Committee in a sincere way, you may agree that it's a little like being on trial. You may have succeeded in convincing a few of the jurors, but the story of success lies in convincing them all. Sounds formidable? Perhaps, but in unity there is strength and we can and we will continue to do all that is possible to convince the world that Lithuania deserves to be free.

We sincerely hope our discourse has aroused in our readers a desire to join us in our great task and ambition. And now, we return to our work for Lithuania by beginning another era with Lithuanian Affairs.



Another important Lithuanian Affairs activity is obtaining a proclamation of recognition of Lithuanian Independence Day from local officials. Pictured is Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago presenting such a proclamation to K of L-ers E. Rogers, I. Rakaitis, K. Savickas, L. Kassel, V. Samaska, and E. Laurin.

In appreciation.....

The work of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee has been such that it has attracted the attention of the editors of our Lithuanian newspapers who realize the tremendous part it plays in the struggle Lithuanians make to become better known all over the world and to bring about the restoration of Lithuanian independence:

Furthermore, its work has helped so many of our young people to become better acquainted with Lithuanian history and culture and to appreciate their Lithuanian heritage much more deeply:

The following quotes are but a small sample of the deep appreciation for the committee felt in various circles.....



"... Lietuvos Reikalų Komisiją 25 metų sukatis proga širdingai sveikinu, už lietuviškus darbus gilią padėką reiškiu, ir linkiu jai ir visiems jos nariams gražiai vykdyto darbo nenutraukti, bet nuolat jį stiprinti ir įtakingesniu daryt dėl Lietuvos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės."

*Petras P. Daužvardis
Lietuvos Generalinis Konsulas*

A K of L member writes: "I've written to the governors of every state asking them for proclamations on Lithuanian Independence Day. Well, the response has been terrific... some people would say I am bragging; No, just proud of the job I am doing."

Jim Shea, Editor of the *CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH REGISTER*, Cincinnati: "What importance do I attach to all these well-written, friendly, even complimentary letters - the kind that warms the cockles of a columnist's heart. For one thing, there are some thoughtful people among the Lithuanians and their descendants in this country. Little Lithuania, nearly forgotten victim of Nazi and Communist aggression, was the magic word that loosed this deluge of letters."

Monsignor Vincas Mincevičius, Lithuanian College in Rome: "Vyčių veiklos dėl mūsų kenčiančios Lietuvos, mes Lietuviai labai įvertiname ir linkime nepavargti ir nenusivilti jei pasitaikys koks išgama kur to jūsų darbo neįvertins."

GARSAS (1963): "Čia reikia pridėti ir kitą praktiska darba kurį Lietuvos Vyčiai šiandien atlieka. Jie dabar yra bene vieninteliai kurie stengiasi asmeniškų būdu ginti bei kelti Lietuvių ar Lietuvos problemas plačioje Amerikos visuomenėje."

DRAUGAS (1969) raso: "Jie (L.V.) padeda Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai, jie apipila daugybe laiškų Amerikos dienraščius, savaitraščius ir žurnalus, garsindami Lietuvos vardą, gindami jų teises, atitaisydami šmeižtus etc. Šioje srityje L. Vyčių organizacija atlieka didelių ir garbingą darbą"

Dorothy W. Patterson, *PATERSON EVENING NEWS*, Paterson, N.J.: "... I realize that if you are sending all these notes to us, you, or the members of the Knights of Lithuania must be doing the same thing for other papers that have carried stories of Lithuanian events. This sounds to me like a monumental job and a costly one too, in terms of postage, to say nothing of the hours of work and manpower involved ..."

DARBININKAS (7-5-67) rašo: "Lietuvos Vyčiai atliko ir atlieka didelį darbą dėkodami tiems kuri remia Lietuvos byla: Jei jų darbas būtų praplėstas dar į pareiškimų paskeidimą tarp savo vietos Amerikiečių ar vietos spaudoje - opinija augtų, augtų įpareigojimas vyriausybei."

One K of L'er writes: "Since I have started to write letters in behalf of the freedom of Lithuania, I have found out quite a bit about the history of Lithuania for which I am very grateful ... When I get wound up about Lithuanian affairs, I can't help myself and it seems that I just can't do enough but as long as I am able, I shall do whatever I can for Lithuania."

Kitas rašo: "Mūsų miesto majoras buvo labai sujaudintas kad gavo daug padėkos laiškų už proklamacijos paskelbimą. Šiandien yra smagu kada nueini pas valdžios ponus su kokiais reikalais ir išsoreiški kad esi Lietuvis, o jie su pagarba išsireiškia - O you Lithuanians are a very fine people who appreciate what is done for them."

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AWARD MEDAL

- The Hon. Charles E. Kersten – Congressman from Wisconsin and Chairman of the Kersten Committee investigating Communistic atrocities in the Baltic States. (1955)
- The Hon. Paul H. Douglas – Senator from Illinois. (1956)
- The Hon. Daniel J. Flood – Congressman from Pennsylvania. (1957)
- The Hon. G. Mennen Williams – Governor of Michigan. (1959)
- The Hon. Thomas J. Dodd – United States Senator from Connecticut. (1960)
- The Hon. Ray J. Madden – Congressman from Indiana. (1962)
- Richard J. Cardinal Cushing – Archbishop of Boston. (1963)
- The Hon. Richard J. Daley – Mayor of the City of Chicago. (1964)
- The Hon. William F. Knowland – Editor of the Oakland Tribune and former Senator from California. (1965)
- The Hon. John S. Monagan – Congressman from Connecticut and Sponsor of H. Res. 416. (1966)
- Mr. George M. Barmann – Editor of CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH REGISTER, Cincinnati, Ohio. (1967)
- The Hon. Peter W. Rodino, Jr. – Congressman from New Jersey. (1969)
- The Hon. Roman C. Pucinski – Congressman from Chicago, Ill. (1970)

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IŠ CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIŲ
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Pov. Dirkis

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apeigas atliko Kun. Juknevičius, vyčių dvasios vadas, kuris pasitiko iš koplyčios velionės palaikus, atnašavo Mišias, pasakė pamokslą ir palydėjo balandžio 12 dieną į šv. Kazimiero Lietuvių Kapines.

Velionę laidotuvėse atstovavo: Samienė, Petrulienė, Alieliūnienė su vyru, Pov. Dirkis ir Ig. Sakalas, kuris tarė atsisveikinimo žodį.

Sendraugiai vyčiai labai apgailėstauja narės Uršulės Žemaitienės pasišalinimą iš gyvųjų tarpo. Velionės vaikams, giminėms ir saviškiams Kuopos Vadovybė reiškia užuojautą. O Tau miela Uršule tegul būna lengva, kad ir svetima, bet svetinga žemė, kuri priglaudžia Tavo palaikus amžiams, o Tavo sielą tegul globoja Aukščiausias.

Even before the Lithuanian Affairs Committee was officially formed, many K of L-ers were promoting Lithuanism in other ways. This year K of L National President Jack J. Stukas celebrated the 30th Anniversary of spreading Lithuanian Culture thru his Memories of Lithuania Radio Hour, broadcast over WEVD, New York. The following is a talk presented on the occasion of the radio anniversary, by Jurgis Juodis, a close friend of Dr. Stukas.

30 METŲ TĖVYNĖS TARNYBOJE

Jurgis Juodis

Nieko nėra kilnesnio kaip 30 metų radijo tarnyba savo tėvynei. Tai graži gėlių puokštė iš Lietuvos laukų, kurią surinko prof. dr. Jokūbas Stukas ir padėjo ant Tėvynės aukuro.

Kaip tik tuo laiku, kada mūsų tėvynėje pradėjo siausti rusiškas okupantas, kraštą atkirtęs geležine uždanga nuo laisvojo pasaulio, 16 metų jaunuolis Jokūbas Stukas, nors ir gimęs Dėdės Šamo žemėje ir nematęs savo tėvynės, savanoriškai pradėjo radijo tarnybą savo kraštui. Tai buvo lygiai prieš 30 metų - 1941 m. Tą kilnią tarnybą tebetęsia ir šiandien.

Praėjusiais metais šventėme 30 Laisvės Kovos metų sukaktį. Šiais metais švenčiame "Lietuvos Atsiminimų" radijo 30 metų jubiliejų. Ši graži "Lietuvos Atsiminimų" 30 metų sukaktis rodo Jokūbo Stuko nepaprastą pasišventimą, energiją ir meilę tam lietuviškam darbui. Nelengva našta, kilniai ir garbingai išnešta per 30 metų. Mūsų poetas sako: "Gražu už Tėvynę pavargti, kentėti".



Dr. Stukas poses with gifts. . . a Lithuanian Achievement medal, presented by Lithuanian Consul A. Simutis, a commemorative scroll presented by the Jubilee Committee, and (in background), a painting, "Radio Karalaite", by Jurgis Juodis, presented by Dr. Stukas wife, Loretta.

30 Years in Lithuania's Service

Mes, išeiviai, palikome tėvynę, sunkiausioje valandoje, kai buvome jai reikalingiausi. Šiandieniniai mūsų darbai yra tik gražinama skola tėvynei.

Jokūbas Stukas niekuo nėra skolingas tėvynei, jis tik kaip geras sūnus aukojasi jai. Darius - Girėnas savo istorinį žygį aukėjo jaunajai Lietuvai, o mums paliko testamentą. Kaip tą testamentą vykdyti, geriausiai galėtų pasakyti Stukas. Taip yra pasauly, taip yra gyvenime, taip yra ir mūsų tarpe, kad mes dažnai nukrypstame į vieną ar kitą kraštutinumą: per daug mylime tėvynę ir pamirštame Dievą ir atvirksčiai. To negalima taikyti Jokūbui, nes yra aukso vidurio žmogus: kas Dievo - atiduoda Dievui, kas Tėvynės - Tėvynei.

Ar mes Jokūbą gerai suprantame - nežinau. Bet jis mus supranta tikrai. Jo radijo laidose, kiekvienas mes randame tai kas patinka. Jo radijo programomis patenkinti senosios kartos lietuviai, patenkinti ir naujieji ateiviai. Žodžiu, visi - seni ir jauni.

Per 30 metų nei vieną kartą Jokūbas nėra pamiršęs priminti tai, kas Tėvynei ir mums yra brangiausia. Jo vedama radijo valanda tarnauja tėvynės garbei - mūsų gerovei. Mūsų tautos gražios tradicijos, papročiai, šventės pasiekia mūsų ausis su palydinčia skambia lietuviška daina ir muzika.

Jokūbas, kaip tas pilkas, kareivėlis - lietuviškoj dainoj: "Lietus lyja, darganoja, ar giedri dienele, visad linksmas, skamba jo dainelė".

Per 30 metų "Lietuvos Atsiminimų" valandai nebuvo nei poilsio, nei atostogų. Kiekvieną šeštadienį, Jokūbas su lietuvišku žodžiu, daina ir muzika, radijo bangomis lankė ir lanko mūsų namus ir dar dėkoja, kad "išsileidžiame į savo namus".

Jokūbas Stukas yra tautos kultūrinių lobių saugotojas ir globėjas. Advento ir Gavėnios metu, didžiųjų bažnytinių švenčių proga profesorius specialiai pakviečia gabius pamokslininkus kaip dr. Tėvą Gidžiūną ir kitus, kurie išryškina mums, tų švenčių reikšmę ir sustiprina mus bei pakelia iš dvasinio apsnūdimo ir įstato į tikrąjį tiesos kelią.

"Lietuvos Atsiminimų" radijo valandos štabas sudarytas iš profesionalų menininkų: muz. Algirdo Kačanausko ir dailiojo žodžio menininkės Irenos Veblaitienės. Abu jie yra pasigėrėtini.



Participants in the Jubilee Concert, l. to r. Irene Veblaitis, Mistress of Ceremonies; Robert Sarverine, accompanist; Ona Pluskoniene, Mezzo-Soprano; Louis Stukas (K of L, C-29, Newark), Tenor; Prudencija Bichiene (K of L C-112, Chicago). Soprano; R. Kazys Yakutis, Baritone.

Profesorių Jokūbą žavi visa, kas lietuviška. Jam visa tai brangu ir artima. Jis tam tarnauja ir "Lietuvos Atsiminimų" radijo bangomis perduoda mums.

Jokūbas Stukas yra labai plati ir šakota kultūrinė asmenybė. Jokūbas yra daugelio tautinių - kultūrinių organizacijų vadovas, pirmininkas ir garbės narys. Chorų, ansamblių steigėjas ir globėjas. Be to, rašytojas, beletristas, kultūrininkas ir visuomenininkas. Lietuviško žodžio ir dainos gerbėjas. Populiarus tiek lietuvių, tiek amerikiečių tarpe.

Jokūbas Stukas yra N.J. Lietuvių Tarybos narys, vienas iš Balfo direktorių, Lietuvos Vyčių Centro valdybos p-kas ir Garbės narys. Vyčių stipendijų ir Fondo p-kas. 1964 metų Pasaulinės Parodos Lietuvių Dienos Komiteto p-kas. Sunku būtų ir išskaičiuoti profesoriaus kultūrinę ir visuomeninę veiklą ir darbai tėvynei. Profesorių galėčiau pavadinti "Spiritus Movens" lietuviškuose tautinės kultūros dirvonuose.

Profesoriaus kultūrinė veikla ir darbai neapsiriboja lietuvių tarpe. Profesorius yra įsteigęs ir vėdąs kultūrinę radijo valandą anglų kalba transliuojamą iš Seton Hall Universiteto Radijo Stoties pirmadieniais. Būdamas Tarptautinės Prekybos Vadovų S-gos Pirmininku, keletą kartų apkeliavo pasaulį, ruošdamas prekybos vadovų konferencijas, kuriose visuomet rasdavo progą priminti svetimtaučiams mūsų tėvynės kančias ir žiaurią padėtį. Vienos konferencijos metu, profesoriui teko pirmą kartą pamatyti savo tėvų kraštą - Lietuvą. Deja, ne tokią, kokią jis pažino iš savo tėvų pasakojimų, bet žiauriai prieš suniekintą ir iškankintą.

Jokūbas, grįžęs iš tėvų krašto, parvežė tėvynės vaizdus filmose, kurias matė Amerikos ir Kanados lietuviai.

Prof. dr. Stukas 1956 m. įsiveržė ir į televizijos pasaulį. Vasario 16 proga, mes ir milijonai svetimtaučių pamatėme mūsų gražiąją Tėvynę, gra-

žiuosius Vilniaus bažnyčių bokštus, Gedimino Pili, Viliją Motutę ir Senelį Nemuną.

Pirmą kartą Jokūbą sutikau atvykęs į Ameriką, maždaug prieš 20 metų.

Vos paspaudęs jo ranką, išgirdau žodžius:

- Užsakau paveikslą. Sakykite, kokiai sumai parašyti čekį.

- Nustebau ir žiūriu.

- Taip, taip, aš nejuokauju, kaip paprastai, šypsodamas tęsė Jokūbas.

- Aš noriu turėti jūsų paveikslą, tokį, koki mačiau laikrašty.

- Galvoju, kaip gali žmogus, nors ir profesorius, užsakinėti paveikslus jų nematęs ir auto-rius nepažinęs.

Tikriausiai, profesorių buvo sužavėjęs paveikslo turinys - "Lietuvos Prisikėlimas". Tas prisikėlimas, apie kurį svajodamas Čiurlionis sukūrė nemirštantį kūrinį "Vytį Preliudą". Tas prisikėlimas, kuriuo šventai tikėjo Dr. Basanavičius, Tumas Vaižgantas ir šimtai mūsų pilkųjų didvyrių. Tam pačiam prisikėlimui Jokūbas Stukas ištikimai yra ištarnavęs 30 metų.

Jokūbo Stuko svajonė apie Lietuvos prisikėlimą realizuota drobėje. Paveikslas puošia jo salioną ir kiekvieną dieną skatina jį naujiems žygiams - už Tėvynės Laisvę.

Man yra garbė pasveikinti Jokūbą Lietuvos karo aviatorių vardu "Lietuvos Atsiminimų" 30 metų jubiliejaus proga.

Šio garbingo jubiliejaus proga Jokūbui linkiu nepavargti ir neužsnūsti ant 30 metų veiklos laurų, bet su nauja energija, užsidegimu ir tėvynės meile - Dievui laiminant - sulaukti 60 metų "Lietuvos Atsiminimų" jubiliejaus.



Committee General Chairman Antanas Rugys Addresses Jubilee Banquet guests. Seated are: Mrs. Simutis, Mrs. Stukas, Lithuanian General Consul A. Simutis, Dr. J. Stukas, Msgr. J. Balkunas, Msgr. J. Scharnus.



PRESERVING A HERITAGE. THE BALZEKAS LITHUANIAN MUSEUM

Irene K. Sankus

Another important phase of Lithuanian Affairs is the preservation of the history and culture of Lithuania, which was not left behind by the men and women who immigrated from their native land to the United States.

On June 22, 1966, the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture opened on Chicago's South side, and capsuled under one roof was eight centuries of culture, which was preserved throughout Lithuania's history of struggle against oppression.

The Museum was the culmination of the life-long dream of Stanley Balzekas, Jr., K of L member of C-112 whose desire was to preserve for posterity the wealth of material pertaining to Lithuania. Mr. Balzekas assembled and organized this historic material and the result was the founding of not only a cultural museum of significant stature, but also of a library whose literature constitutes a reference and research source to perpetuate scholarship in Lithuanian history.



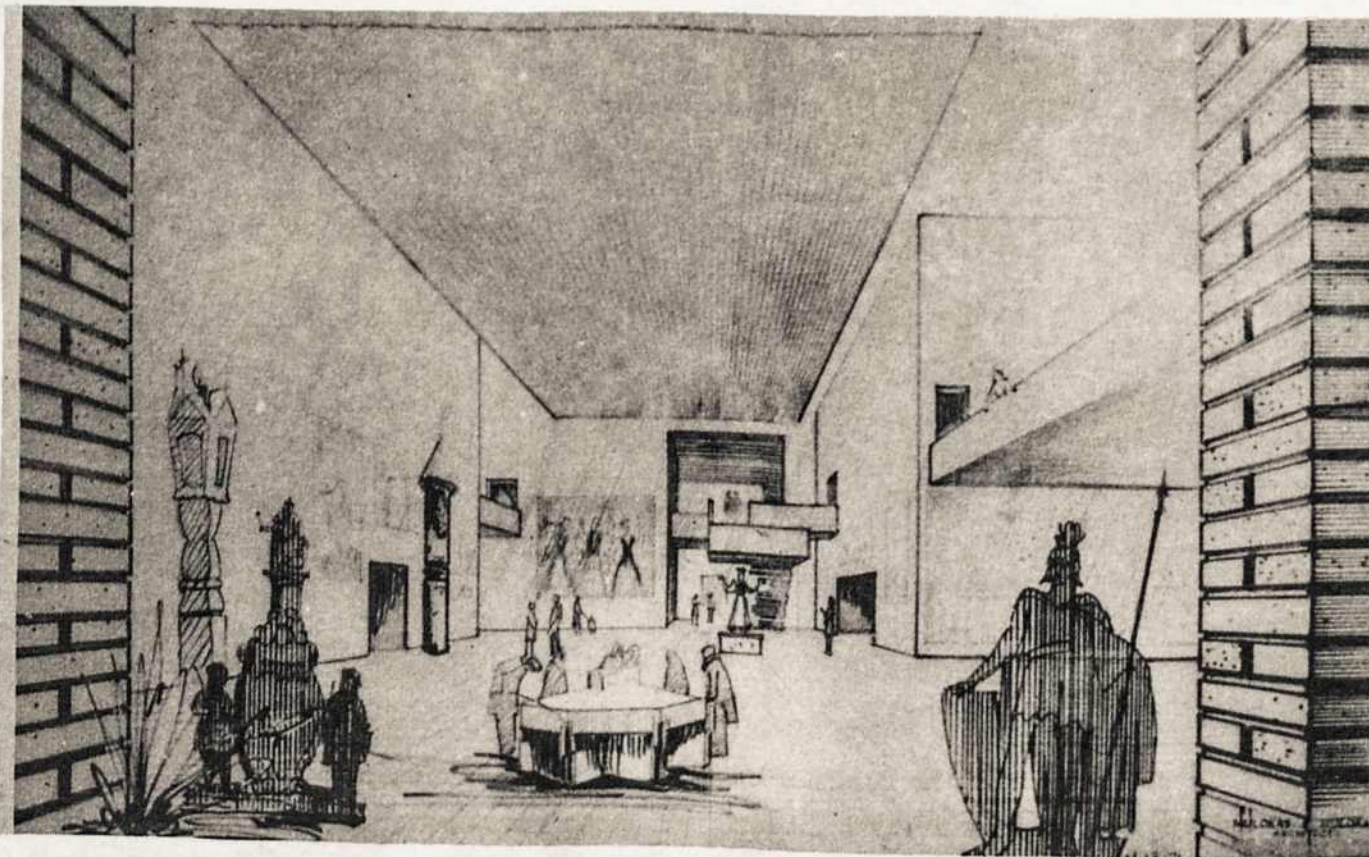
One of the museum's display areas.

Three years of planning and thousands of dollars have gone into the establishment of this showcase of culture, which emphasizes the achievements of Lithuania's greatest era - the 12th through 16th centuries. Mr. Balzekas credits Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, the Lithuanian Consul General in

Chicago, and Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis and others with providing the guidance in the planning of the museum.

Museum guests enter through two ornate doors, acquired from the old federal building. Between the two doors, a framed faceted slab of glass window, one inch thick, graces the building. Stained glass windows on the second level reveal coats of arms of the various ruling Lithuanian families down through the centuries. At the rear of the building, guests can stroll through a "Lithuanian garden" where a way-side cross has been erected.

Displayed in one comprehensive collection are objects which comprise the very fiber of our proud heritage. Among the outstanding exhibits are a mid-sixteenth century suit of armour, silver bar money from about 1219 marked for Mindaugas, Grand Duke and First King of Lithuania, the first diamond-shaped stamp, issued by Lithuania in 1922, in addition to every stamp and coin minted in Lithuania since the 12th century when historical records first appeared. Other



Sketch of the proposed new museum area.

unusual exhibits include the largest amber collection in the world dating from circa 3500 B.C., armour from the Tartar and teutonic battles, wood-carvings, costumes, clothing, household utensils, early maps and library material of all descriptions. These collections document the historical development of Lithuania as one of the major currents in the flow of European history and its influence in America.

In addition to historical exhibits, the Museum features art exhibits by current Lithuanian artists. The outstanding quality of the showings has been recognized by some of the foremost critics in Chicago.

The many departments of the Museum recognize the importance of working with the civic, cultural and social committees of other organizations and the museum's policy is to bring forth exciting and stimulating exhibits in addition to working with knowledgeable individuals who are experts in their respective fields to help others in their quest for further knowledge. Through this type of program, the Museum has gained status throughout the world. The Museum's Traveling exhibits have been requested by many throughout the greater metropolitan Chicago area. These exhibits are specially geared to the interest of the particular group.



John G. Evans, former I-I District president, and Stanley Balzekas, Jr., the founder of the Museum and a member of C-36, Chicago. Mr. Balzekas was honored by the IID at the annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner and was awarded a special plaque "in recognition of outstanding contribution to Lithuania's heritage".

Another department of the Museum is the Women's Guild which was inaugurated by an active group of ladies interested in the cultural activities of the Museum and Chicago.

Many K of L members, such as Dr. Joseph Jerome, Frank Zapolis, Helen Pius, Vincent Samaska and others, are active members of the Museum. In addition, the lists of the supporting "Friends of the Museum" include the names of many K of L'ers throughout the country.

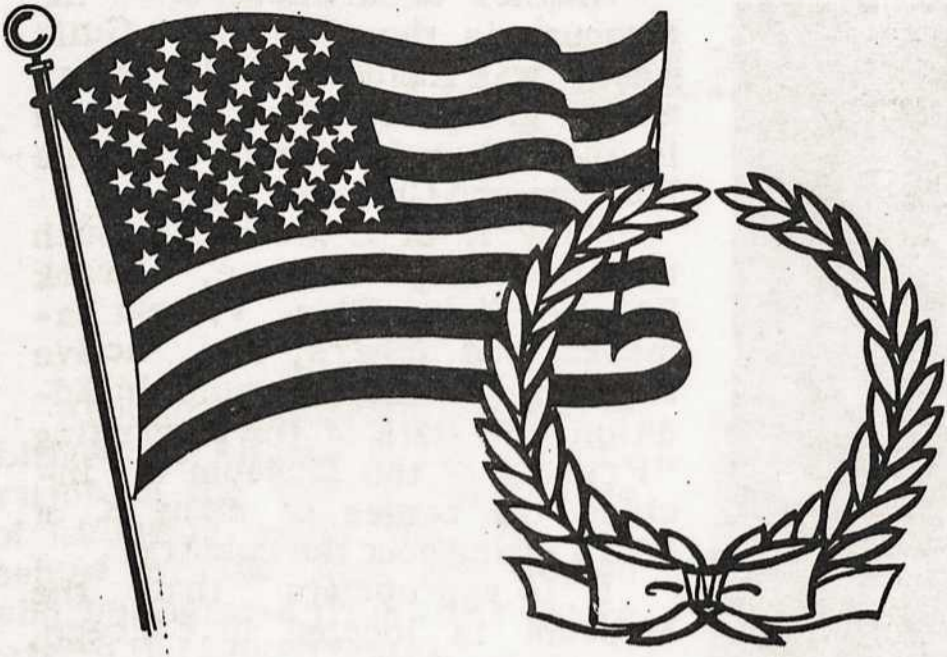
It is appropriate that the Museum is located in Chicago, one of the largest centers of Lithuanian population outside of Eastern Europe today. The Museum is intended for non-Lithuanians as well as for Lithuanian-Americans, indeed, for all those who are interested in history, art and literature.

On this Fifth Anniversary of the Museum an extensive building program has been embarked upon in order to expand the facilities for the various programs. Individuals have the opportunity to help in this building program as each \$10.00 donation will purchase one brick with the donor's name permanently inscribed.

The Museum is located at 4012 South Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The hours are 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily, and the admission is Free.



Left photo: Stanley Balzekas, Jr. and Mrs. Irene Balzekas, Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis and Lithuanian Consul General Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, at the Museum. Right Photo: The Museum presents "American of the Year Award" to individuals of national prominence and those who have contributed greatly to the benefit of mankind and the preservation of freedom. Pictured are, S. Balzekas, Al Madsen (membership chairman), the first recipient of the award in 1970, Dr. Clement L. Silvestro, Director of the Chicago Historical Society, and Dr. Joseph Jerome.



I am Your Flag

I was born on June 14th, 1777.

I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.

I am the refuge of the World's oppressed people.

I am the silent sentinel of Freedom.

I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.

I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes.

I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the bloody ridges of Korea.

*I walk in silence with each of your Honored Dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent White Crosses,
row upon row.*

I have flown through Peace and War, Strife and Prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected.

My Red Stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.

My White Stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.

My Blue Field is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.

My Stars clustered together, unify 50 States as one, for God and Country.

"Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes.

Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of your Republic.

*Worship Eternal God and keep His commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom
for all mankind.*

I am your Flag.



BIRŽELIS LIETUVIŲ TAUTINĖS KANČIOS MĖNUO

Ši mėnesį sueina 30 metų nuo baisiosios 1941 metų birželio 14-tosios nakties. Tą naktį Lietuva išgyveno baisų okupanto smūgį, kokio ji nebuvo patyrusi per visą savo egzistencijos laikotarpį. Tik tą vieną naktį sovietai išvežė į Sibirą apie 40,000 nekaltų lietuvių lėtai mirčiai. Ir tai buvo tik pati pradžia. Vėliau, antrą kartą okupavę Lietuvą, jie išvežė šimtus tūkstančių gyventojų su tikslu fiziškai sunaikinti tautą.

Birželio 14-toji yra pirmosios masinės lietuvių deportacijos diena. Ją minime kaip vieną tragiškiausią dieną visoje mūsų tautos istorijoje. Tai tikrojo genocido diena. Kodėl okupantas taip žiauriai nuskriaudė mūsų šalį? - daug kas klausė tada. Ir po 30 metų mes klausiamo: ar mūsų šalis buvo verta tokios kraštutinės bausmės? Čia kiekvienam yra aišku, kad ne lietuviai, kurie mylėjo savo kraštą, buvo nusikaltę, bet tie, kurie trėmė ir kankino vyrus, moteris ir vaikus. Jie yra didieji žmonijos nusikaltėliai. Birželio 14-toji yra kaltinamasis aktas Sovietų Rusijai ir išspėjimas laisvajam pasauliui.

Masiniu žmonių išvežimu iš savo krašto Sovietai pirmiausia siekė palaužti tautos pasipriešinimą okupantui ir kiekvieną individą padaryti aklu komunistų

partijos vergu. Vadinasi, mirtis arba vergija. Kito kelio nėra.

Blogiausia buvo tai, kad Komunistinė Rusija masinėmis gyventojų deportacijomis smogė Lietuvą netikėtai ir nelauktai. Tokiam smūgiui tauta nebuvo nei paruošta, nei pasiruošusi. Todėl savaime suprantama, kad ją tą dieną ištiko tokia panika, kokia ištinka keleivius skęstančiame laive. Juk kas įvyko tada, pralenkė visa, kas buvo iki šiol žinoma žmonijos istorijoje. Ir vis dėlto lietuvis ištvėrė nepalūžęs ir tokios baisios teroro priemonės spaudžiamas. Jis, kaip teisingas, liko išdidus ir ištikimas savo tautos principams ir idealams. Kai lietuvis motinos stovėjo prie savo žuvusių sūnų - partizanų lavonų, išniekintų miestų aikštėse, neparodė jokie matomo jausmo ar širdgėlos. Tik neribotos tėvynės meilės įkvėptos jos galėjo pakelti tą neišmatuojamą motinišką skausmą.

Kai reikia lietuvis virsta į plieną, kad nebūtų lengvai sunaikintas. Be to jis tiki šiais mirštančio partizano žodžiais:

Dievas neapleidžia smilgos palaužtos
Ir benamio paukščio, ištikto audros.
Neapleis Jis ir mūsų tėvynės mielos -
Čia Marijos žemė, vaikai mes jos!..



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RULES FOR THE 1970-71 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

100% PAID UP AWARDS

Awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid up:

1st Category	10 members and under
2nd Category	10-29 members
3rd Category	30-59 members
4th Category	60-99 members
5th Category	100 members and over

NEW MEMBER AWARDS

We will use the same categories for awards as in 100% paid up. Awards will be presented to the council having largest percent increase over last year with a minimum of a 10% increase.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Using the same categories as in 100% paid up, we will give an award to those individual members with the most total points. Signing up a new member will earn 10 points, and signing up a previous member will earn 5 points.

A new member is defined as someone who has not been a member during the past 12 months. You can secure your membership cards from your council or district membership chairman.

FRANK ZAPOLIS
Membership Vice President

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

We are quickly approaching the end of our contest period.

Are you in the running - are you paid up?

COUNCIL		1970	1971 (March)
C-3	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	26
C-5	Chicago, Ill.	9	11
C-7	Waterbury, Conn.	106	81
C-10	Athol, Mass.	19	20
C-12	New York, N.Y.	31	33
C-12S	New York Seniors	23	21
C-14	Cicero, Ill.	5	1
C-17	So. Boston, Mass.	35	19
C-17S	So. Boston, Mass.	36	25
C-25	Cleveland, Ohio	22	24
C-25S	Cleveland Seniors	45	39
C-26	Worcester, Mass.	136	90
C-29	Newark, N.J.	100	68
C-36	Chicago, Ill.	55	33
C-36S	Chicago Seniors	35	23
C-61	Paterson, N.J.	7	1
C-78	Lawrence, Mass.	7	1
C-79	Detroit, Mich.	194	148
C-90	Kearny, N.J.	34	23
C-96	Dayton, Ohio	82	80
C-100	Amsterdam, N.Y.	49	56
C-102	Detroit, Mich.	42	14
C-109	Great Neck, N.Y.	19	26
C-111S	Youngstown, Ohio	16	20
C-112	Chicago, Ill.	142	131
C-116	Worcester, Mass.	45	26
C-133S	Los Angeles, Calif.	35	20
C-135	Ansonia, Conn.	45	46
C-139	Detroit, Mich.	31	20

A WELCOME LETTER

We are looking for a way to make our new members feel welcome and at home with us. I would like those interested members reading this to submit a letter to me that we might be able to use in greeting our new members. It could be sent out by the Council President or Secretary. The letter should:

1. Greet the new member
2. Inform the new member about the K. of L.
3. Encourage the new member to participate in K. of L. activities.

Sometimes we assume that everyone knows about the K. of L., but in fact, a new member may not know of the goals and accomplishments of the organization. We must find a way to transmit this information to a new member as soon as possible. We must let the new member know who his fellow members are, when the meeting dates are, what the degrees are, and how they are earned. We must let the new member know how he fits in and what his duties and responsibilities are going to be. I think a letter of welcome will be a step in this direction.

Please direct all replies to me.

Frank Zapolis
3208 1/2 West 95th Street
Evergreen Park, Illinois 60642

58TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Lithuanian Franciscan Monastery

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine

AUGUST 25-26-27-28-29, 1971

HOSTS - NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Members of the NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, sponsors of the 58th National Convention, are hard at work - hoping to make this a most enjoyable and memorable National Convention. They're counting on your support to make their hopes realities!

The shortage of time necessitated some minor deviations from the usual routine of a convention, but the resulting informality and family atmosphere might be well worth the adjustments needed.

Here are the plans in a "nutshell"...

SCHEDULE (see page 28)

Officially, the convention will open on THURSDAY, but Wednesday will be designated "Children's Day", with special "learning sessions" for Lithuanian dancing, singing, etc., for delegates children (and future K of L-ers), if enough youngsters arrive by then. Also, it'll be a "do-your-own-thing" day.

The Banquet, at 1:00 P.M. SUNDAY, will officially close the convention early enough to allow delegates to begin their travels home in the afternoon.

In lieu of a concert, all conventioners and their families will participate in a Lithuanian Song and Dance Fest FRIDAY NIGHT, with perhaps some "professional" demonstrations presented by a group of Junior K of L-ers. A Midnight Buffet will help replenish the energy expended in the vigorous exercise of dancing, etc. Other social events include a Clambake on THURSDAY and a Convention Ball on SATURDAY. For all this, the registration fee will be \$24.00 (children excepted) and will cover all the evening events, plus the Banquet. The fee will be reduced proportionally for later arrivals.

PROGRAM BOOK

Time does not allow for an elaborate Convention Journal this year, but the Convention Program (Business and Social) will be printed on a smaller scale, together with one line Patrons, Sponsors and Boosters. Please mail the attached form with your check TODAY, to help defray the Convention's extra expenses.

TRANSPORTATION

Those arriving by public transportation are asked to contact Albert Jaritis, 75 Gates St., So. Boston, Mass., for information. The Committee plans to provide a shuttle service to Kennebunkport from Kennebunk (bus stop from Portland Airport, Boston, New York, etc.) for those who send Al their scheduled times of arrival.

ACCOMODATIONS

The Monastery has 40 rooms of various classes, all available to K of L-ers (See May VYTIS for prices). For those wishing alternate accomodations, the Committee recommends:

The Guilford House (across the street from the Monastery).

Kennebunkport, Me. 04046, Tel. 207/967-2321

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Letters . . . We Get Letters . . .

Something new is being added to VYTIS... a chance for members to exchange their views, give suggestions, air their gripes, etc., about VYTIS or the K of L or life in general. All letters should be sent to the editor, and must be signed. Names will be withheld on request. This month, one reader expounds his views, and another extends a thank you to the organization. Will we hear from you next?

Gerbiamas Pirmininke,

Nepaprastai nuoširdžiai dėkoju už vytišką gerumą ir supratimą persekiojamos Bažnyčios Lietuvoje. Jūsų iniciatyva Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos dovana \$100.00 priimta su didžiu dėkingumu. LKRS Valdyba ir direktorijatas nuoširdžiai dėkoja, bet, ypač dėkingi yra ir bus tie, kurie gauna pagalbos Lietuvoje. Prie progos išreiškite padėką visiems vyčiams ir visai Centro Valdybai. Jūsų nuoširdumas mus stiprina ir remia.

Su pagarba ir padėka
Kun. Stasys Raila
Lietuvių Katalikų Religinė
Šalpa

Dear Editor,

I read Ed Pavis' article in the December issue of the Vytis in which he was concerned about the future of the Knights of Lithuania. I too am equally concerned.

I haven't been active in the K of L in recent years - my wife and I had seven children in twelve years - but I stayed close to the scene through the Vytis and correspondence with some members. There is a decided lack of new young faces in the organization. You see this in each National Convention photograph. Each succeeding year you see the same faces only a year older. Each succeeding year the average age of the group increases by one year.

I am concerned about this problem but I'm not greatly alarmed because I know it can be corrected. The secret is having people become interested enough to become involved.

Last Nov. 14 and 15 we had a Festival of Nations in Syracuse with thirty-two nations participating. I was the general chairman of the Lithuanian exhibit. Each country had a booth and there was continuous entertainment each day. There were song and dance groups both young and old from the various countries. It was a wonderful sight to see the young people dressed in their native costume and performing on stage with great enthusiasm. They became involved because they wanted to become involved. Right then and there I decided this was the answer to the floundering K of L.

I propose we get our children involved through various Lithuanian-oriented activities such as; 1. singing either solo or group; 2. dancing either solo or group; 3. arts and crafts, especially associated with the Wayside Cross and our colorful Lithuanian costumes; 4. theatre, with simple one-act plays or poetry reading as a start.

Each parish has some adults who are versed on one or more activity and who would be glad to pass it down to the next generation. The instructor doesn't have to be an expert - just as long as he knows enough to get the kids started. You must get the ball rolling.

Once this program is on firm ground on the Council level, we could begin friendly competition between Councils. If the interest is sufficient, we could carry it further to the district and national levels. Have the district competition in late spring and the national competition at the National Convention.

Without young replacements no organization can continue very long. We must get our young people interested and involved in Lithuania and Lithuanian activities if we want to continue in the Knights of Lithuania.



I would also like to air a few gripes which have bothered me for some time. Why does each National Convention have to be held in the biggest and most expensive hotel in the city? Why does the program include so much chasing around that a person doesn't even have enough time to visit with the other guests? Why can't the costs be cut so a National Convention is a possibility for as many people as possible?

The Lithuanian people are an easy-going, peasant-type people. They are content with the simple things of life. However, too many of our members have been caught up in this phony materialistic world and they make fools of themselves. They get a few extra bucks in their pocket and they want to compete with the rich.

Each K of L doing becomes more expensive. Each committee tries to outrich the other. The young single people and the young married couples on a tight budget are automatically excluded because they just can't afford it. And these are the very people we so desperately need in the organization.

Let's get away from the rich hotels and the country clubs and the big parties and come back to the parish. All of our activities can be held in one or more of the parish buildings. The parish church is the core of each Council and it stands to reason that our greatest strength lies at the core.

Frank Petrauskas
Syracuse, N.Y.

Ed. note: Well said, Frank. Because the Supreme Council has begun thinking along the same lines, a change has been made in the 58th National Convention plans. See details elsewhere in this issue.

What do others think along these topics? Let us hear from you.

Lithuanians in The News

REV. J. PRAGULBICKAS CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On May 16, 1971, parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Lithuanian Church, Elizabeth, N.J., honored their beloved vicar, REV. JOSEPH PRAGULBICKAS, on the occasion of his 40th Anniversary of his priesthood.

Born April 8, 1903 in Lithuania Father Joseph studied at the Zemaiciu Priest Seminary (later renamed Metropolitan Seminary). He was ordained May 30, 1931, by Archbishop J. Skvireckas and served as a vicar from 1935 to 1939, then became pastor until 1944 in the city of Barakiai, Lithuania. Fleeing the Russians, Father Pragulbickas traveled to Germany and in 1951 arrived in the USA. He served as an assistant at Our Lady of Vilna Church in New York City and at St. Michael Lithuanian Church in Bayonne, N.J. In 1953,



KUN. JUOZAS PRAGULBICKAS

Father came with Msgr. Kemezis to Sts. Peter and Paul, Elizabeth, N.J., and immediately set out to propagate Lithuanianism in that parish. He started Lithuanian classes for students, and still teaches these classes on Saturday mornings.

Rev. Pragulbickas is president of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund, Elizabeth Chapter, an active member of ALB of New Jersey, and recently became a member of K of LC-52, Elizabeth. Last summer, Father Joseph was a welcome addition to the K of L Excursion to Italy and the Lithuanian Chapel Blessing in Rome.

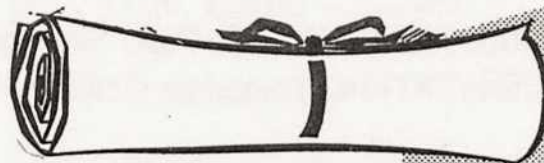
Father is respected and loved by his parishioners and friends. On behalf of all K of L-ers, we wish Father a most sincere "Ad Multos Annos!"

STATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

EMILIA SKRUODYS, 17 of Jersey City, N.J., was awarded a full four year tuition scholarship from the State of New Jersey to be used at any state college of her choice.

A senior at St. Michael High School in Jersey City, Emilia has been a member of the Student Council, the Spanish Club, Senior Prom Committee, and Captain of the Cheerleading Squad. She has been a member of K of L Council 29, Newark, since 1970. Her mother, Antanina and brother Kostas (a past K of L Scholarship winner) are also active K of L members.

Emilia plans to use her scholarship at Jersey City State College, but as yet is undecided as to her major field.

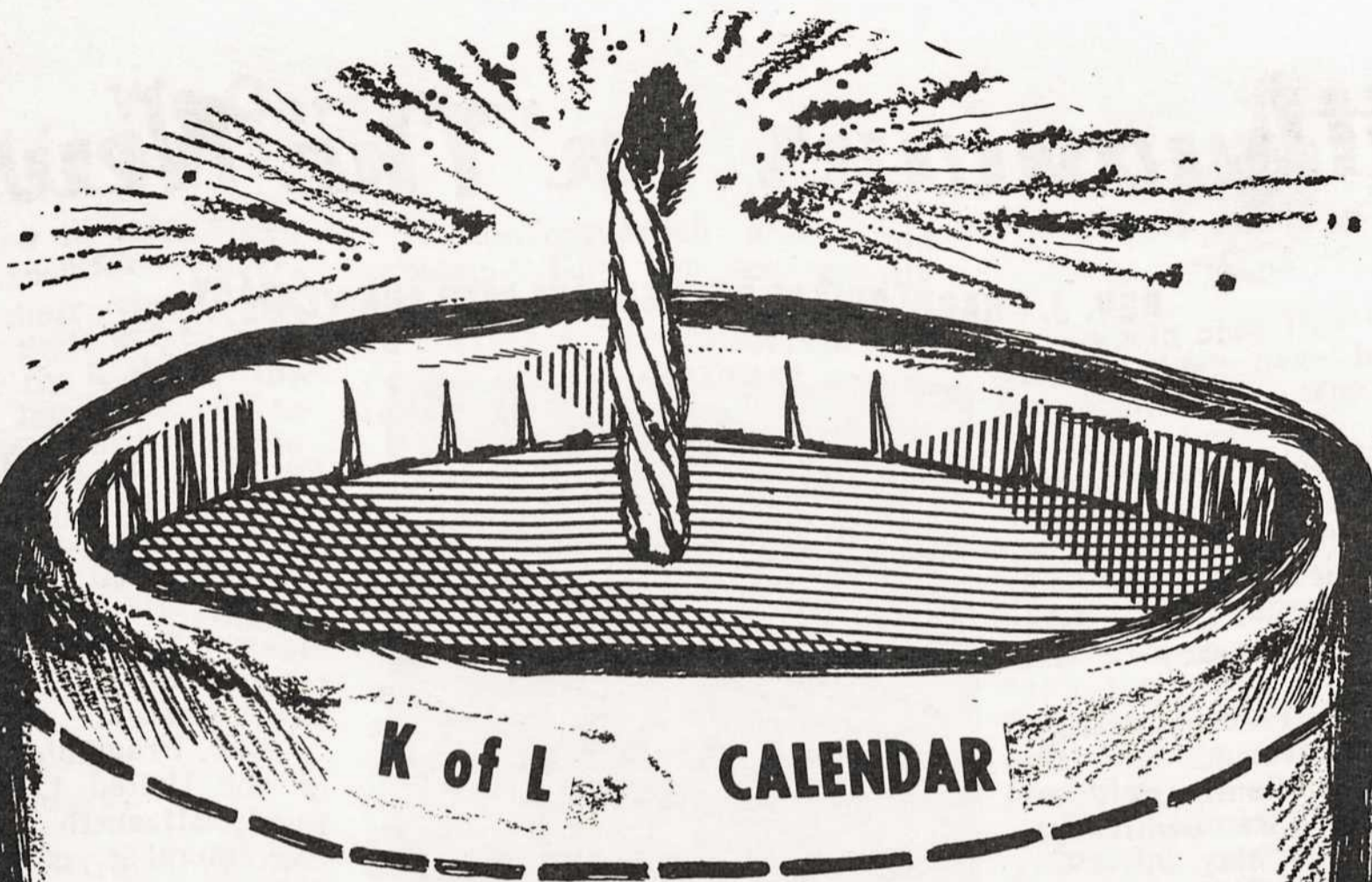


AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

NOTE TO ALL COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS...

The summer months mean fewer issues of VYTIS. The next issue is the August - September issue, which will arrive shortly before the National Convention. Deadline for that issue is JULY 5, 1971.



K of L CALENDAR

JUNE

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

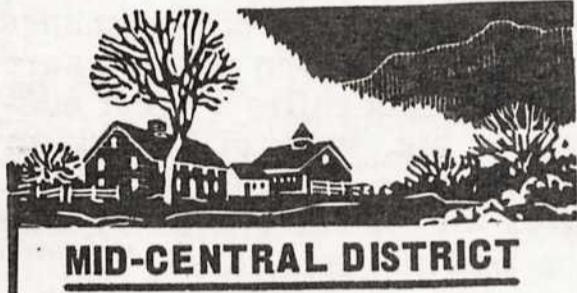


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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by: Mrs. J. Zukas, 9 Charles Street, Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. - 11050



CLEVELAND, OHIO C-25

"Patty"

The Monte Carlo Party held at Andy Palzes' home Apr. 24 was certainly fun. The groups at the poker, blackjack and pokeino tables were very lively, to say the least. The big winner of the evening was Vic Palzes, Andy's brother, and the close runner up - Bruno Bartkus. The Karklius' were there looking well and sun-tanned after a few weeks in the Florida sunshine. The party also gave us the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Palzes again from sunny California who was home for a short stay. She just loves it out there and will soon be heading back. The evening was great - thanks to the committee, Nellie Arunski, Joanna Shigo, Andy Palzes and Ursula Yankauskas. We also enjoyed the company of our guests, Stan Zakas, Vic and Rosalie Palzes, Mary Ellen and Joe Bilicki, and their friends, Shirley and Ed.

C-25 extend their deepest sympathy to Bob Boris upon the loss of his father.

Peter Luiza and his granddaughter, Jennifer Burke, had an adventure. They took a mystery tour via the Cleveland Historical Society train (and it may have well been the last trip of this sort) and ended up in Dayton, Ohio at the Air Force Museum. He said it was fun except for the return trip - coming back the train broke down twice and they were 4 or 5 hours late getting in!...

The Samas' Nellie and Al are biting their finger nails; daughter Kathy is driving to Florida for the first time. That's one of the joys of parenthood and children growing up...

It looks as though C-25 will have at least one team to send to Chicago for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Good luck gang!...

It's "Flea Market" time! Gene Kunsitis will soon be loading up his station wagon with his many antiques, cactus plants, and works of art, and hitting the road once again - selling and searching for hidden treasures.

We would like to welcome our new members, Joe and Isabel Reedick, to C-25. Isabel and Joe are Charlie Machutas' sister and brother-in-law.

Sick Bay: Glad to hear that Susan Machutas is recovering nicely from the MUMPS! Nelda Machutas' plans for the summer include joining a women's golf league. We'll check on her later to see how she fares on the greens!

C-25 also takes a vacation. Meetings will not be held in July and August. At this time, we would like to wish everyone a happy, fun-filled adventurous summer.

DAYTON, OHIO - C-96

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Our annual Palm Sunday bake sale proved to be a success, thanks to the undertaking of chairman Cathy Mantz and co-chairman Eleanor Mantz, Cathy's mother. This was a "first chairmanship" project for Cathy and she must be congratulated for a job-well-done! (By the way, Cathy, running out of gas on a date is an old story but... on the way to opening the church hall at 6 A.M. on a Sunday?... that's a new one!). Cathy was ably assisted by another of our 'jet-set', Georgia Zelinskas. Also helping out were Joe Mantz, Eloise Berczelly, Ada Sinkwitz, Fran Petkus and Elaine Pacovsky. (Elaine took her mother's job since Mary Lucas was hospitalized at the time.) Other non K of L'ers pitching in were Barbara (Mantz) Goecke, Jerry Roberts, Cathy's fiance, and Susan Mantz, Jr. K of L'er Christine Mantz exhibited her art talent with posters pub-

licizing the sale. A big thank-you to all the members for their baked and monetary donations. Without their backing, the sale would not have been the success it was.

Rev. Titas Narbutas has been kept busy with guests members of the clergy visiting Dayton. Father's recent guest was Rev. Peter Urbaitis, a Salesian father. Rev. Urbaitis had been stationed in China for many years and had the misfortune of being imprisoned there. Rev. A. Kezys, a Jesuit from Chicago was another guest. Rev. Kezys had been traveling to New York and Washington displaying his photography and pictures of Lithuanian personalities residing in the States. Fr. Kezys made Dayton a stop-over on his way back to Chicago, and we had the pleasure of seeing his work.

ODDS AND ENDS

Did you hear?... Joe Mantz bought the winning ticket from Joe Noreikas, our President, at a recent drawing for a "case of cheer" under his wife's name, Eleanor! The raffle was sponsored by the Lithuanian Anglers Club. For the first time George and Fritzie Mikalauskas made a trip without their children. They attended a Union Convention in Memphis, Tenn. - had a safe trip and all went well at home. Fritzie's brother Charles Machutas and his family were in for the Easter holidays. Charlie and Nelda are active members of Cleveland's C-25.

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Eva Leasure. Eva has been hospitalized again and we pray all goes well for her. Good to hear all is well with Lou Prasmantas after a quick trip to the hospital. Tina Kavy was another member rushed to the emergency ward after a fall. Except for bruises, Tina is on recovery-road.

Grand Rapids, Mich. members Joe and Ann Boeke and their family were in for the Easter holidays visiting their local families. Motorists keep your eyes open -

Mark Vaitkus has joined the list of drivers - button up the seat belts! Joining the list of grandparents for the first time are the Kavy's, Stan and Ida. Congratulations on your new grandson, Greg Stanley! Belated grandparent congratulations go to Joe and Aldona Ryan. Their new one was a girl Heather Ann.

A big welcome goes out to our newest member, Algird Tadoras. Al will add to our "jet-set" list and put us "oldies" further up the line! Bring down your ideas Al, and many years of "active duty" with C-96. Another bachelor keeping us in line is Dave Petroski. Dave has been busy getting members out to bowl, - warming us up for the Mid-Central tournament with Chicago hosting this year. Keep the dates of June 26 and 27 on that reserved list, as this is the weekend our district will hold its annual pilgrimage. The event will take place in Dayton at the Shrine of the Three Crosses. Mary Lucas has her plans set and published. All we need now is YOU! Did anyone see our Juniors, Chris and Cindy Goldick, on the Bob Braun show? They gave the Knights a plug!

NAMES-IN-THE-NEWS...

Mary Lucas, her sister, Veronica Omlor, our Council Secretary and Joe Sinkwitz, their brother, and their families were given an excellent write-up in the Dayton Dailey News on Apr. 11, noting that many Lithuanian families still maintain the old traditional manner of celebrating Easter. Pictures of Easter eggs decorated in the Lithuanian patterns were shown. A week later, Joe had an article written up about his latest and most successful hobby, rock collecting. This was published on Apr. 19, in the Dayton Dailey News. Pictures of Joe and his son Jim, also a council member, were shown at work with some of their completed project. Members who attended the bowling tournament last year saw Joe's rock collection and the work he had done with it. Our Jrs sold bowling mementos that Joe had made. We quote a part of the article which mentioned the K of L: "Joe and his wife, Ada, were accustomed

to searching the northeast for trees, using Knights of Lithuania conventions as prospecting trips; now the couple uses the ethnic pilgrimage to prospect for rocks, gems and fossils." With this rock collection Joe and Ada have gone as far as Alaska and traded with an Australian collector for amber!

Ann Scott has taken on a new venture - catering. Much luck! Noses are itching as to what is going on at Charlie and Fran Vangas' store "Charlie's Import". Have you noticed the change in Eloise Berczelly? Keep up the good work! K of L'ers representing our parish in May at the Cincinnati Diocesan World Synod meeting were Elinor Sluzas, Rita Ambrose, Jerry and Kitty Bedrowsky and John A. Berczelly.

Members celebrating birthdays in May are Sally Miller, Rev. Titas Narbutas, Veronica Omlor, Henry Pant, Charles Petkus, Alice Petkus, Dave Petroski, Joe Sinkwitz, C. Mike Wilemaitis and Joe Ryan. Best Wishes to all! Anniversary greetings go to Ernest and Veronica Omlor, John and Eloise Berczelly, Joe and Eleanor Mantz and our Syracuse, N.Y. members Frank and Irene Petrauskas. Congratulations!

DETROIT, MICH. - C-79

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"Getting to Know You" was the theme of our council meeting at St. Beatrice's hall on May 5, as many faces that we haven't seen in a long time were there - Bea Millard and daughter, Adeline Vitkus, Charles Milius, A. Akelis, Leon Galinkas, Helen Patocki, Jos. Chaps and Marianne Newberry. It was nice seeing you all and we hope that future meetings will bring you around more often. Since this was a large turnout of members, the hostesses, Helen Tucker and Violet Panavas, came well prepared with many delicious home made goodies. Thank you for the fine treat.

May 5 was also the "Spring Raffle" drawing night. Cheer smiled on the happy faces of the following raffle winners: The Galinkas family "walked off" with most of the prizes. Leon's mother won the first - Basket of Cheer, and his two nieces, Vera Ambrose -

\$25.00 and Laura Ambrose - third bonus prize. Other winners were J. McCarthy - \$10.00; G. Pilon - bottle of "Cheer" ; Geraldine Chaps - \$5.00 and Alex Banionis - fourth bonus prize. Our top seller was Anthony Dainus who sold 95 raffle books. Chairlady Sophie Zager expresses her utmost thanks to all members who worked hard in making this raffle a great success. A big vote of thanks to co-chairman Ed Sackle who handled all the returns so capably at the bowling lane. Also, "Ačiū" to her two committee members, Frank and Gerry Zager.

During the meeting a memorial tribute was paid, with prayers for all our deceased members from the inception of the council in 1959, to the present time. Following the reading of names by Joe Chaps a few tears were seen as each name brought back some memories. We hope you will remember them in your prayers.

Our May meeting endeared two young guests, Grace Vaskelis who is President of C-102, and her friend "Ace." They came to extend a special invitation to all to attend St. Anthony's Parish Dinner which celebrates its 50th Anniversary on June 13. We extend our sincere congratulations, and may many blessings be bestowed on the parish.

SOFFI SNOOPING:

We received a note from Cel Yunk who makes her home with husband, Harold, in Fort Lauderdale. She wrote that the K. of L. is one organization that has been close to her heart and it is the only thing she misses in Florida. We miss her and Harold, too. She was an active 79'er - always quick to volunteer and had worked on many K of L activities... Helen Patocki a dutiful grandmother, has been giving daughter, Elaine Redmond, a big helping hand with the kiddies who had their share of the virus, flu, pneumonia, etc. ... Labai Ačiū to those everthinking Vaskelis' and company, like "dreaming up" a birthday cake (Mar. 7) for Pres. Gerry Zager at St. Casimir's Day brunch... It was a double celebration for Vida Ann Gogelis on May 2 - her First Holy Communion and her parents ninth

wedding anniversary. Our congratulations on the double occasion... Charlie Step received the issuance of a proclamation by the Redford Township, honoring the week of Feb. 21 as Brotherhood Week. This was the highlight of the Brotherhood Dinner initiated by Cardinal Mooney Council, of which Charlie is a member and also chairman of the event. The program attracted members of 15 organizations. Charlie has always been a hard-working leader, especially chairing our annual Kiddies Christmas parties... Bertha Janus lost her dear father, Peter Rankella, on Mar. 10. He was 90 years of age. Also, the dear mother of the Zvirblis family was claimed in death following a lengthy illness. Michael Baron died post - Easter morning. In addition to his membership in our council, he was a member of Monaghan Knights of Columbus. He leaves his beloved wife, Antoinette, and 4 children. To all three families we extend heartfelt sympathy... Our condolences to Robert Boris on the loss of his father. Bob was instrumental in the re-activation of our council in 1959. Our members extend sympathy to Julia Janson on the death of her mother. It was good to see Joe and Mary Kazlauskas come in from Toledo, after staying away a spell, to attend the Parish dinner on Apr. 18... Celeste, daughter of Ann and Alex Banionis, became a June bride. Our best wishes to the happy couple... Bill Walls has been sick for a time. Our get-well prayers are with him. He would appreciate visitors. Do drop in.

Suddenly it is Summer - the kind of season to bring many of our members teeming outdoors. Picnics start and vacations will tempt us. This correspondent will be off and running, too, and hoping that you have a happy, safe and sound summer. See you, again, in the fall.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



John G. Evans, on behalf of I-ID, presents annual "K of L" award to Dr. Jos. Jerome of Lithuanian Catholic Federation.

CHICAGO, ILL. - C-36

Christine Chernius

On Apr. 4 - C-36 held a bowling party at the Archer - Kedzie Lanes. At 3 p.m., the Knights and their friends started bowling them over, scoring new friends and a great time for all. A smorgasbord dinner followed at the K of L Hall, where Easter hams, lamb cakes, and other goodies were raffled off. Many thanks to all who joined in the fun.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Aldona Kamiskas, on the death of her father.

We wish a speedy recovery to John Kilkus, who was recently hospitalized; Tekle Norbut, was hospitalized and is now recuperating at home in Niles after surgery; Alex Budris, who underwent surgery in March. Our prayers and get-well wishes go to all.

Peeking into the future, its going to be a big year for the newly elected officers:

Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Paul Juknevicus.
 President - Vincent Samaska.
 1st Vice President - Helen Pius.
 2nd Vice President - Frank Zapolis.
 3rd Vice President - Kazimiera Petrulis.
 Recording Secretary - Christine Chernius.
 Corresponding Secretary - Sally

Chernius.

Financial Secretary - Scotty Zukas.

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Sargent at Arms - Napoleon Sapkus and Jerry Jankus.

Trustees - Pete Butkus and Anthony Wallunas.

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Social - Irene Norushis.

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Ritual - Helen Zimmer.

Sports - Walter Zemgulis

Publicity - Christine Chernius

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CHICAGO, ILL., C-112

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The annual IID's commemoration of St. Casimir's Day was hosted by the Chicago Seniors on Mar. 7 with High Mass at Immaculate Conception Church followed by a delicious luncheon at the K of L Building. Those in attendance were entertained by the Chicago Juniors, the singing Giedraitis Sisters and the K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia, and by the principal speaker, Dr. Zenonas Danilevicius.

Council President John Evans and Sgt-at-Arms Andy Tatusko received their Third Degrees. The District's Memories of Lithuania committee extended a belated thank-you to contributors - John G. Evans (flower centerpiece); Vacha Florists (corsages); and Gay's Florist (boutonnieres).

In preparation for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, C-36 and our council hosted most successful bowling socials on Apr. 4 and 18, respectively. Archer - Kedzie Lanes and the K of L Bldg. were the scenes for the 4th's activities and the council money winners were: Al Kachinskis, Rich Janik, Dolores Wainauskis and Rita Tomczak. On the 18th, the locales were Wood-Mac Lanes and the Gintaras Club (owned by member Adolf Lietuvninkas) and chairmen for the day's activities were Al Raubiskis, Irene Rakaitis and Dolores Wainauskis. Among the money winners were council members Al Raubiskis, Rich Janik, Pat Martinkus and Dolores Wainauskis. The list does get repe-



Honored guests at I-ID's banquet were Lithuanian Consul General Dr. Petras and Mrs. Dauzvardis and His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys.

titious - Al, Rich and Dolores are either very lucky or terrific bowlers. By this time, the Mid-West Bowling Tournament of 1971 will be in the K of L Annals. Results of the tournament appear elsewhere in this issue.

Best wishes go to our Indiana member, Algis Skudra, on his engagement to former National Financial Secretary, Helen Zimmer of C-36. Both Helen and Algis are members of the K of L Choir.

Robert Mockus, a future K of L'er, now has a baby sister who arrived on Mar. 19. Parents Gerry and Al Mockus at last report were doing well. Congratulations to all.

Council member and the current IID President, Algerd Brazis, is to be congratulated on two most successful singing roles in "Die Fledermaus" and "La Traviata". All performances of both presentations played to capacity houses. K of L members were well represented.

Deepest sympathies to our council members, Lithuanian Consul General Petras Dauzvardis and Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis on the tragic death of their son, Lt. Col. Fabian Dauzvardis.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

BROCKTON, MASS. -
C-1

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C-1 actively participated in the Feb. 16 Independence Day Observance at St. Casimirs Church Hall.

Lith. Affairs Chairman, Veronica Bizinkauskas, distributed leaflets written by Fr. Albert Cortnes, "Religious Freedom in Lithuania a Myth". Pamphlets were placed in libraries, colleges and hospitals over 1000 copies were distributed.

C-1 under her leadership also presented a table of Lithuanian handwork and display of books printed in Book Smuggler Era on to present day publications. It was very well received. This was presented at Parish Day of Lithuanian Culture. The choir performed admirably under direction of Organist - Director - Composer Gaidelis.

For the past four years we have sold books about Lithuania written in English and have re-ordered several times. This we do all year long. We make sure our local libraries have copies. We have found paperbacks are practical and very popular.



Alvina Giedraitis, accompanied by husband, Anthony, entertains at the I-ID's banquet.

SO. BOSTON, MASS. - C-17

The Sand Piper

With the warm weather coming around the corner, we are getting to see some of the members who have been hibernating during the cold, tough winter we went through. Members of the regular council along with the seniors were really great in making the Scholarship Dinner a great success. A well-known stranger in our midst was Frank Vaskas - among the overflowing crowd. Bob Gendreau donated the raffle prize: a 50-cup coffee percolator. Bob works for Araban Coffee and the company

has donated coffee and other articles to the church and the council several times. The co-chairmen John Olevitz of the regular council and Larry Svelnis of the seniors were assisted by Al and Pat Akule, Joe and Ann White, John and Ann Norenkevich, Charles and Eleanor Mikalonis, Dr. Albert Kiburtis, Frank and Virginia Markuns, Phyllis (Rudis) Gendreau, Mary Mickevich, Al Jaritis, and Rita Venis.

Due to an oversight, we forgot to include the following who helped at our Communion Breakfast: Frank and Virginia Markuns and their daughters Joanne and Ann Marie, and John and Ann Norenkevich and their daughter Kathy. They helped decorate and set up the plates and also helped to clean up after the breakfast. Thank you!

Lorraine Harris is taking German lessons, preparing for her vacation trip to Germany this summer. Eleanor Sanda is studying for her Master's Degree at Brown University and is very fortunate to have a job for the summer. Eleanor is working in the Soviet Union. Leo and Albina Rudzuinas travelled to Cleveland for the christening of their nephew, the son of Leo's sister, Dana Valotka.

Speeding along the Maine Turnpike, we observed the following trio - Dr. Jack Stukas, Larry Svelnis and Al Jaritis. Their destination was the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine. They met with the Superior of the monastery, Father John Dyburys, O.F.M., and discussed convening the 58th National Convention at their site. The good Fathers more than welcomed the



I-ID President Algerd Brazis welcomes guests to Annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquet.

Knights of Lithuania to their abode. Many members attended the District Convention hosted by Brockton, C-1. It was a good convention and well attended. The New England District voted to host the 58th National Convention and they kept Al Jaritis to his word when last fall he mentioned that if the district would host the convention, he would be the chairman. The response was great; there were many members who volunteered to work to ward a successful convention. Its off to a great start. We hope that all K of L members will write in for their reservations and make this one of the best conventions in quite some time.

Jimmy, son of Frank and Virginia Markuns, will leave us for a while. He reports to Fort Dix, N.J. to fulfill his military obligations. Good Luck, Jim. Now brother Rick will enjoy your new car! Fred Hirst will also report to the military this coming summer. Fred's destination is U.S.M.C., Quantico, Virginia for the Platoon Leader's School. Look who's in town - Helen Luprin with her new red Malibu. John and Anita Daniels are moving from their Beverly home to a new location, Lynnfield, Mass. - to larger quarters. Look at the Blue Hills and you'll see Bill Gorski and his steed prancing over the hills and dales Bill devotes a lot of time feeding and grooming his mare.

The New England District will be sponsoring another television Mass on Apr. 9, 1972 on Channel 7, WNAC, the Government Center. The guest celebrant of the Mass will be Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas, Pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church - Make a note of the date on your calendar, and let's have another great crowd for this event. It gets us great publicity, which we badly need these days.

Send your "get well wishes" to David Kleponis and Joe Lecimskas. We also heard through the grapevine that Vytautas Jurgela is recovering from an operation. Remember in your prayers Angelina "Angie" (Masionis) Yelmokas who passed away after a long illness. Angie was a dedicated worker who could never say no to K of L activities. We are going to miss her smile.

WORCESTER, MASS. - C-26

"Dzūkelė"

The very capable members of our executive board realize their responsibility of taking the time and trouble to please the membership, and the successful results of affairs conducted by various committees will attest to their sincerity and diligence. The key to a successful organization is member satisfaction; our board of officers hold that key!

Our C-26 was founded in 1916 in the month of May. To celebrate our 55th Anniversary, we've been conducting various celebrations; but the finest of all was the Community Mass held on May 11 during which we received Holy Communion under both species. Mass was offered for suffering Lithuania and both our Pastor, Father John C. Jutt, and our Spiritual Advisor, Father Justin Steponaitis, participated. We will relate the lovely details of this beautiful event in another issue. This came about through the suggestion of our President, Stephen Walinsky, Jr. and his wife, our Secretary, Elly Walinsky.

Mrs. Nell Thompson was injured in an automobile accident recently, and while her injuries did not require hospitalization, the aches and bruises are with her, nevertheless. We wish her well, soon! Also on the sick list is Tony "Morky" Morkunas, a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Roxbury, Mass. By the time this issue is in print, we hope Tony will have long forgotten his hospital confinement, and feeling so much better.

Delegates from our council to the Brockton Dist. Convention in May were Joseph Sakaitis, Mary Jankowski, Anne Bucinskas, Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus and Anne Bender. They report having a delightful time.

This very same Sunday found other members of the council busy at work for the Bishop's Fund of the Diocese. Ronald Walinsky was co-chairman with his dad, and among their volunteer workers were Elaine Salkaus, Wanda Pajeda, Olga Kersis, Francis Degutis and Bill Grigas.

Do you ever notice how the same individuals can be found working conscientiously in so many projects? Ann Bender, Helen Gillus, Ann Ridick and Anna Bacys spent the last weekend of April at the Sisters of St. Casimir Villa in Newtown, Pa., attending the Sisters' Annual Convention.

Claire Grigaitis and her companion, Dorothy Sinkavich of C-116 spent this year's vacation in Spain. We're anxious to hear of their delightful experiences, of which there had to be many.

Our sincere sympathy to Peter and Mary Jankowski and family on the death of Peter's mother in April. Members of our council met at the funeral home where the Rosary, led by Father Steponaitis, was recited, and to express to the saddened family our condolences.

Details of our council picnic and the splash party will be given in the next issue. In the meantime, we wish all a very happy, healthy and safe summer, and we look forward with joyous anticipation to meeting our friends at the National Convention in Kennebunkport!



NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

NEW YORK, N.Y. - C-12

Liberty Lady

Organization Day,

The celebration of K of L Organization Day, which we observed on Apr. 25, had a three-fold purpose for C-12: To honor the National K of L President, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, to support the "Memories of Lithuania" cultural radio hour, and to participate at a combined function dedicated to people of Lithuanian heritage.

President of C-12, John Yorkus, led a delegation of twenty members and friends to the 30th Anniversary Banquet of "Memories of Lithuania". Enjoying every minute of the oc-

casation were Co-Chairmen Helen Matthews and Mary York with members Ann Yorkus, Jim Sabal, Millie Pietz, Joseph Kscenaitis, Helen Yurkus, Matthew Yatkauskas and Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Anthony Kardas. The mothers in the party, Ona Kscenaitis and Mary Rodell (ardent admirers of Dr. Jack) were the happiest of all. We heard a program of Lithuanian music wherein humor was not lacking as Jack took a ribbing from his friends and associates during a musical skit. With a capable Lithuanian cook overseeing the dinner, the committee quenched our thirst and satisfied our palates "Lith" style.

On a serious note, Prel. Jonas Balkunas reviewed the history of Lithuanian radio programs and particularly honored Dr. Stukas for his perseverance of thirty years service as Director of "Memories of Lithuania". It has been this correspondent's good fortune to have heard the radio hour since its inception and fully appreciate the joy it has brought to many senior citizens, who relived their memories of Lithuania. Sustaining the radio hour over the years, additional links to the chain of Lithuanian knowledge have been lengthened to include the adults and young people of today. LONG MAY THE AIR WAVES CARRY THE LITHUANIAN VOWELS AND CONSONANTS!

Meeting people and hearing good music brings out the Philosopher in one. It seems people respond to a multitude of acts and attitudes in others, be it in business, social or club activities. What a wonderful world this would be if everyone blended their hearts and minds and spirits as the musicians in an orchestra harmonize musical tones. We would create a mighty symphony of K of L success. Here are some art of living words to help us along the right path.

COURTEOUS WORDS instead of sharp retorts
 SMILES instead of blank looks
 ENTHUSIASM instead of dullness
 WARMTH instead of coldness
 UNDERSTANDING instead of a closed mind
 ATTENTION instead of neglect
 PATIENCE instead of irritation
 SINCERITY instead of sham
 CONSIDERATION instead of annoyance
 REMEMBERING PEOPLE instead of forgetting them
 FACTS instead of arguments
 CREATIVE IDEAS instead of the humdrum
 HELPFULNESS instead of hindrance
 GIVING instead of getting
 ACTION instead of delay
 APPRECIATION instead of apathy

With best wishes for a pleasant

Summer to all K of L Councils, see you at the National Convention.

N.Y. - N.J. DISTRICT

F.V.

The Annual Communion and Breakfast of the N.Y. - N.J. Dist. Knights of Lithuania took place in Kearny, N.J. on Mar. 14. The event also marked the observance of the feast of their patron, St. Casimir.

There was a nice turnout at the Mass in Our Lady of Sorrows Church where celebrant of Mass was the Rev. Raymond Thompson. Greetings on behalf of the parish were given by the Rev. Alfred Zemeikis; at the conclusion of Mass the Knights of Lithuania Hymn was sung. Breakfast followed at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center where Elena Nakrosis, President of Harrison-Kearny C-90 welcomed one and all on behalf of the host council. Greetings were also extended by Dist. Pres. Ann Klem.

In the afternoon there was a District Meeting presided over by President Ann Klem and opened with prayer by Honorary Member Frank Vaskas. A report of the meeting held at Bayonne, N.J. was given by Ann Mitchell. National President Dr. Jack J. Stukas extended greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council and spoke on several phases of the organization. Reports of officers and council representatives were given, and the Mandate Committee report showed 8 councils represented at session.

Joseph Yanulaitis (C-3) gave a talk on Juniors and in the same vein Anthony J. Mazeika of the N.Y. Seniors, spoke on Seniors. Reports on public relations work were given by Helen and Frank Vaskas. A talk was also given by Rev. Peter Zemeikis, District Spiritual Advisor.



New York C-12 celebrating K of L Organization Day at Banquet in honor of Dr. Jack J. Stukas. Left to right: Loretta Stukas, Ann Yorkus, Joseph Kscenaitis, John Yorkus, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Rev. Anthony Kardas, Millie Pietz, Helen Matthews, Helen Yurkus, Mary York, Jim Sabal, Matthew Yatkauskas.

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1st Place Team - C-79 Detroit (2313 609 hdcp - 2922)
Barb Sackle, Ed Sackle, Tony Sokolski, George Kayganich, Vicky Dombrowski (C-102)

2nd Place Team - C-102-139 Detroit (2449 465 hdcp - 2914)
Andy Kurtenaitis, Laura Kurtenaitis, Mark Wagster, Ruth Wagster, Al Kurpowicz



Last Place Team - C-36 Chicago (1785 633 hdcp - 2418)
John Kilkus, Helen Zimmer, Ann Marie Kassel, Al Kassel, Pete Butkus (missing from photo)

Individual Winners - Hi Game or Series
Vic Nevin C-79 (578, hi series scratch); Nellie Machutas C-25 (531 hi series scratch); Ruth Wagster C-79 (190 hi game scratch); Albina Ewalt C-19 (631 hi series w/hdcp); Mike Vale C-79 (245 hi game scratch).
Other winners missing from photo - Helen Gudauskas C-14 (225 hi game w/hdcp); Victor Zimmer C-36 (258 hi game w/hdcp); and Wally Zengulis C-36 (639 hi series w/hdcp).

Individual Winners - Low game or Series
Virginia Urbonas C-36 (low series w/hdcp)
John Kilkus C-36 (low series w/hdcp)
Fran Zelinskas C-96 (low game w/hdcp)

MONEY WINNERS

1st place team - C-79 Detroit
2nd place team - C-102-139 Detroit
3rd place team - C-79 Detroit

WOMEN (Scratch)
1st game - Ruth Wagster C-79
2nd game - Ruth Wagster C-79
3rd game - Lillian Stepan C-79
Series - Nellie Machutas C-25

MEN (Scratch)
1st game - Wally Zengulis C-36
2nd game - Mike Vale C-79
3rd game - Vic Niven C-79
Series - Vic Niven C-79

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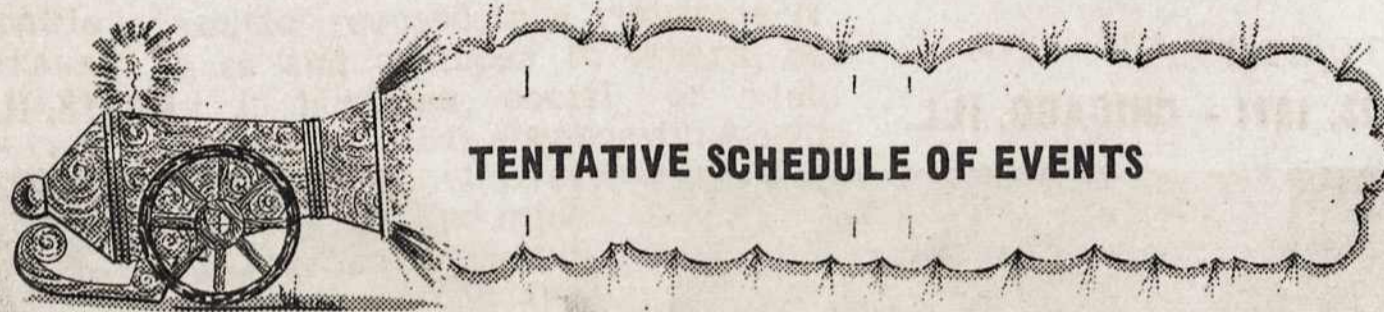
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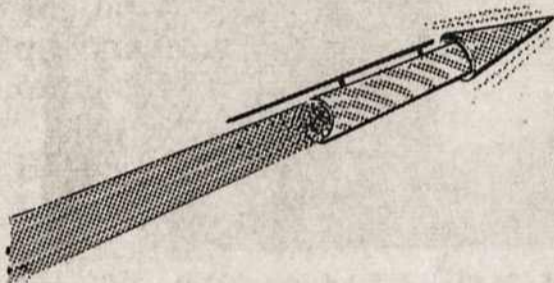
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THURSDAY, Aug. 26

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Breakfast
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Holy Mass
Lunch
Afternoon Business Session
Get-Together Party - CLAMBAKE

FRIDAY, Aug. 27

Registration all day
Breakfast
Business Session
Mass
Luncheon
Afternoon Business Session and Break
Supper
Folk Song and Dance Fest.
Midnight Buffet

SATURDAY, Aug. 28

Breakfast
Morning Business Session
Mass
Luncheon
Afternoon Business Session
(Election of Officers, Selection of Next
Convention Site)
Supper
Convention Ball

SUNDAY, Aug. 29

Breakfast
Morning Session (if needed)
Mass
Closing Banquet
Convention Photo