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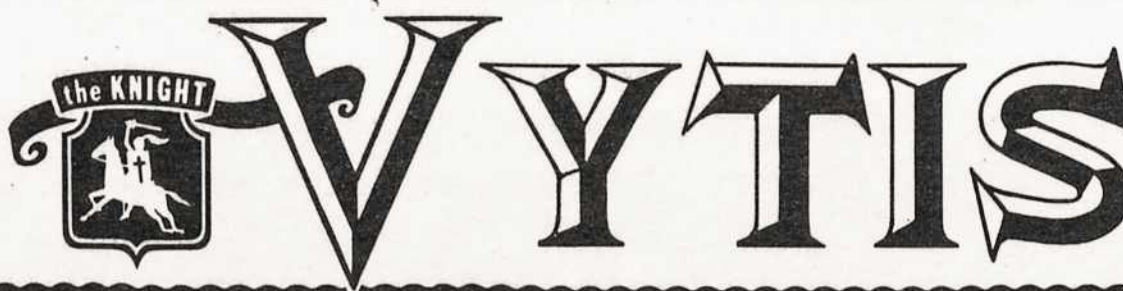
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# Saint Casimir

## - Patron Of Lithuanian Youth

(Talk presented by Albert Jaritis during C-17, So. Boston, St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast, March 7, 1971.)

Catholics of various nationalities have particular saints whom they venerate, and to whom they direct spiritual appeals for help, guidance, and intercession. Among Lithuanians, whether behind the Iron Curtain or in the free world, St. Casimir has been the saint in whom the devout have placed their trust, their hopes and their aspirations.

It was Pope Urban VIII in 1636 who appointed him Heavenly Patron of all Lithuanians. On June 11, 1948, St. Casimir also became the official patron saint of Lithuania's youth, when Pope Pius XII declared "We confirm, appoint and proclaim St. Casimir, Confessor, as the special Heavenly Patron of all Lithuanian Youth".

The Ateitininkai, a Lithuanian Catholic student organization, as well as the Lithuanian Scouts, have retained their attachment to St. Casimir. The Knights of Lithuania, founded in 1912 as an American Catholic organization for young people of Lithuanian ancestry, also venerate St. Casimir as their official patron, choosing him as Patron Saint for what he was... a humble person... a person dedicated to God...

When St. Casimir was growing up, he went through the same temptations that we experienced. He was the son of the King and could have taken the easy way out and gone along with the crowd, but somehow he wasn't built that way. Casimir didn't take the easy way. His devotion to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary were too great to allow him to fall to the temptations surrounding him. He was strong enough, and with God's help was able to overcome the adversities. We can look up to him as an example of good and virtue.

St. Casimir was involved with people... so renowned for justice that he was called "Defender of the Poor". No matter how wretched or poor a person was, if his cause was just, St. Casimir defended it.

Proof of Casimir's love of God was his ardent charity for his fellow man. He not only gave his possessions to aid captives, travellers, and the poor, but he also gave of himself, in time and labor, to care for the sick and to help relieve suffering.

What Casimir did was "get involved". We can also stand in his light by getting involved in just causes, such as the tragic case of Simas Kudirka.



St. Casimir in the city arms of Darsūniškis.

How many of us took part in the demonstrations... or wrote letters to the President, State Dept. Dept. of Transportation, Senators, etc.? Or were we just part of the "Silent Majority" who sat on the side lines and "let George do it"?

Casimir didn't have to involve himself because he was a prince and could do as he wished. But Casimir wasn't just someone in a tower... he was a doer. He introduced economies in the royal court, he paid his father's debts and replenished the Treasury and also stamped out banditry in the countryside.

Many miracles are attributed to St. Casimir. From Heaven the saint interceded to help the Lithuanians in their struggle for survival against the Russians. In 1518, a powerful Russian army was besieging the Lithuanian fortress of Polock. A small Lithuanian force sent to relieve the stronghold stopped before the swollen waters of the Dauguva River. Vastly outnumbered, the plight of the soldiers was desperate. Suddenly a miracle occurred. Out of nowhere there appeared an armored knight riding a white steed. With sword held high, he charged across the river into the ranks of the frightened Russians. It was St. Casimir!

The Lithuanians plunged across the river after their patron, and their valiant charge routed the Russians.

Since the 16th Century, St. Casimir has been a symbol of the struggle against Moscow. So dangerous to their interest did the Russians consider the Cult of St. Casimir that they regarded the saint as a



Sculpture in St. Peter and Paul Church in Antakalnis, where St. Casimir's body has remained since 1953. The scene shows a miraculous appearance of St. Casimir to lead a charge against the Muscovites.

bitter enemy. The Russian Orthodox Bishop excommunicated St. Casimir according to the rite of the Orthodox Church. During the 19th century, the Russians didn't tolerate the Hymn to St. Casimir and forbade its singing. Children who missed school on St. Casimir's Day were punished.

In 1953, Soviet occupation officials desecrated the historical Cathedral of Vilnius where the relics of St. Casimir were kept, by turning it into an art gallery.

Many honors have been bestowed on St. Casimir. Citizens of Palermo, Italy adopted St. Casimir as the city's patron. In Naples, a St. Casimir's Sodality was formed and a chapel dedicated in his name. The Knights of Malta also chose Casimir as their patron saint.

We should follow in his steps... honoring God, honoring Mary getting involved in just causes, helping Lithuania to regain her independence once more and become a free nation.

The Soviets will never subdue the freedom-loving Lithuanians. As the poet Maironis said... "You shall not stop the flow of the stream, no matter how slowly it trickles". With St. Casimir's help, let us keep that stream flowing!



## ŠVENTASIS KAZIMIERAS

Kovo 4 švęsdami šv. Kazimiero šventę, prisiminsime ir tuos senus laikus, kada gyveno tasai taurusis karalaitis ir savo kojomis lieté Lietuvos žemelę. Juk jis lankė daugelį Lietuvos miestų, sielojosi to krašto gerove ir ateitimi. Gardine jis baigė savo žemiškąją kelionę. Jo palaikai palaidoti Vilniaus Katedroje.

Iš Vilniaus Katedros, kurioje glūdėjo gyva praeitis, šventojo kapas švietė visam miestui ir kraštui.

Vilniuje 1629 m. buvo pastatyta Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčia, pirmoji baroko stiliaus. Ji davė pradžią visai baroko stiliaus statybai Lietuvoje. Daug žmonių lankė jo tylią ir gražią Kopyčią, įrengtą Vilniaus Katedroje. Kopyčioje šypsanti Dangiškoji Motina globojo jo karstą.

Vilniuje per Šv. Kazimiero šventę suvažiuodavo daugybė žmonių iš krašto gilumos ir pasimeldę traukdavo į vadinamąją Kaziuko Mugę. Šv. Kazimiero relikvijos



A portrait of St. Casimir with three hands, painted around 1536 according to an original now lost. Apparently the artist tried unsuccessfully to change the position of the right hand.

Pov. Dirkis

buvo Vilniaus brangenybės ir pasididžiavimas.

Kai 1655 m. pirmą kartą rusai užėmė miestą, šv. Kazimiero karstas buvo išgabentas į Rožantus.

1703 m. švedams užpuolus Lietuvą, šv. Kazimiero palaikai vėl buvo slepiami Vilniaus Katedroje.

Dabartiniai okupantai, užėmę Lietuvą ir Vilnių, Katedrą pavertė muziejumi. Šv. Kazimiero karstą nukėlė į šv. Petro ir Povilo bažnyčią Antakalnyje, kur viename reljefe yra vaizduojamas jo pasirodymas Lietuvos kariuomenei. Tai Šventųjų Karių kopyčia, kurioje manoma, yra priglaustos jo relikvijos.

Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčia pavesta bedievybės muziejumi.

Iš Vilniaus šventojo kultas sklido po visą Lietuvą ir kituose kraštuose. Lietuvoje statė jo garbei bažnyčias, kopyčias, kryžius.

Jis tapo Lietuvos Globėju. Globėju jį pasirinko vienuolynai, draugijos ir mes, Vyčiai.

## Lithuanian Folk Dances Through The Ages

Lithuanian folk-dances, like their folk-songs, were handed down from centuries past by the farm and village folk. These dances are smooth and gentle in form and, though they contain plenty of lively temperamant, there is never a trace of wildness or uncontrolled frenzy in them. Even though these dances were danced by peasants, there is never a sign of the uncouth or uncultured in these dances, but a rather intuitively developed aesthetic sense of fitness and proportion. There is nothing sensual about them. The dances served as another phase of the villagers' common life, for they worked in the fields together, they rested together, and together they gave vent to their emotions through songs and dances.

One can sing and work at the same time, but one can't work and dance simultaneously. Therefore dancing was done on special occasions, such as holidays, feast days, weddings, christenings or upon the completion of harvest. Since the life of the Lithuanian centered around the farm, his manner of thinking was likewise directed toward that end. Thus, their dances dealt mostly with farm chores: planting, reaping and cultivating; or about the various creatures on the ground, in the sky or waters. None is too humble to merit a song or dance, be it the grasshopper, the swallow or the goat.

In early times, Lithuanians always sang while dancing, for they used no music. It is only much later that music was employed, mostly to give accompaniment to songs, until finally music almost superseded the singing entirely.

Lithuanians also danced in pagan times. There are records of the Vaidilutes (Vestal Virgins) dancing with candles in their hands as they tended the sacred and eternal fires on the altars to the Supreme God, Perkunas, Lord of Thunder, who lived on the high hillocks beneath oak trees. There



were dances in which the participation of the Laumės (fairies of good fortune) was invited. There were vigorous dances for men, such as "Kirvis", or the Axe, in which they would catch descending hatchets thrown skyward to portray their prowess while courting a maiden.

When the Roman Historian visited Lithuania during the first Christian century, he was impressed with the love for the dance the Lithuanians possessed, and wrote: "Of public diversions, they have but one sport, and in all their meetings, the same is still exhibited. Young men, such as make it their pastime, fling



themselves and dance among sharp swords and the deadly points of javelins. From habit they acquire their skill and from their skill a graceful manner; yet from hence draw no gain or hire... Though his adventurous gaiety has its reward, namely that of pleasing the spectators."

But alas, none of the dances of that pagan era remain. After Lithuania's conversion to Christianity in 1385, the earliest dances were reduced to the circle (rate-lis) "play-party game" variety, suitable for children who had to play. There were numerous circle dances done to the accompaniment of songs whose texts dealt with every creature under Lithuanian skies: flowers, bushes, fish, trees, and farm life. It is from these circle games that the more elaborate dances developed. Many to this day bear the unmistakable relationship and paternity of a simple play-party game of yore. The older Lithuanian dances, after their emergence from the simple play form, were sedately slow and restrained. With the passing of years they became livelier. When the polka was introduced to Lithuania, it acquired a distinct form. Because the peasantry wore "klumpės" or wooden shoes, they were unable to lift their feet to any height lest the klumpės drop off. Therefore, they danced their polkas flat-footed with more body bounce than foot hop. The steps were small, rapid and close to the ground. This form of polka is still seen and popular only among old timers and those raised in peasant traditions. The Lithuanian polka is quite unique and attractive to the viewer.

Lithuania lost her independence during the three partitions of the Lithuanian - Polish Commonwealth which took place between 1772 and 1795. With the intensified russification of the country during the Tsarist regimes, a decline in the adult folk dance set in. The people suffered great hardships and persecutions. There was nothing to



### BLEZDINGĖLĖ

dance' about, but they could still sing the plaintive airs of the "daina" which lent themselves to this mood. New songs appeared. Some were sad, others carried messages of hope, or spoke of the glory of ancient Lithuania.

After Lithuania regained her independence in 1918, and until 1935, the folk dance lay dormant and neglected. When, in 1935, the sponsors of an international folk dance festival in London, England, invited the Lithuanians to participate, the Lithuanian government sent scouts to every nook of the land to dig up the folk dances. The task was not any easy one. The greatest wealth of song, dance and legend was found in Dzukija, southeastern Lithuania, affectionately called "Dainava" - the Land of Song. In the city of Alytus, at a special open air folk festival, the people who remembered folk dances were asked to come and demonstrate them. At the time of their demonstrating, all dancers were in their seventies or older. But a Dzukas is never too old to dance. It was there that "Sukčius", the Turning Dance, "Kepurinė", the Hat Dance, and "Mikita", the Stick or Bear Dance were re-discovered. The researchers traveled to accessible and inaccessible places and came back with "Kubilas", the Tub Dance from Kupiškis, "Lenciūgėlis", the Little Chain, and others. In London, the Lithuanians captured highest recognition and returned with a new appreciation and enthusiasm after noting the high regard all nations held for the folk dance. This gave them a new impetus for the revival and appreciation of the Lithuanian folk dance. The government even created a subsidy. Miss Marija Baronas, who headed this activity in the Kuno Kulturos (Physical

Education Department) was sent to teach the Lithuanian folk dance throughout the country, and also to the Lithuanian settlers of the United States. After the occupation of Lithuania by the Soviets in 1940, Germany in 1941, and Russia again in 1944, Lithuanians in the thousands fled their land, but carried with them the song and dance. Throughout the world they have organized or reorganized song and dance ensembles. In the United States, the Lithuanian dance is not only very much alive among the Lithuanians, but it has found great favor among the American folk dancers throughout this entire great land.

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Some of the favorites in present-day Lithuanian folk dances are described below.

BLEZDINGĖLĖ... or the Swallow Dance. The swallow is one of the most loved of all the winged creatures that seasonally make their home in Lithuania. It enjoys peoples' company and likes to play with them and tease them. The little bird has endeared itself to everyone so much that the youth are happy to portray the swallow's joyful, carefree movements in a graceful dance. The girl partners especially must be dainty and nimble-footed in the execution of this dance. For lack

of wings, they use their scarves, and they have movements to symbolize the swallow's flight south and others to denote their return home.

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The KEPURINĖ, or Hat Dance, is one of the older Lithuanian folk dances and was known in various regions of Lithuania. It is danced by girls alone, usually at the end of harvest work. Each carries a straw hat, usually borrowed from her brother, husband or sweetheart. Sweeping bows are the characteristic feature of this dance, and there is much grace and daintiness to it.

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No dance of Lithuanian origin has won greater favor among American folk dancers than has the KALVELIS... or Little Blacksmith Dance, which is now known in almost every nook of the United States. Among the Lithuanians, too, it is the first dance they learn in their repertoire. This dance may be considered an occupational dance, though the only thing portraying the smithy's occupation is the handclapping in the refrain, which represents the striking of the hammer on the anvil.

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KUBILAS

The Goat occupies an important part in Lithuanian folklore. Many folk songs sing of him. In pagan Lithuania he was used for sacrifice to the gods. The goat was often seen pictured near one of the Vaidylas, the seers and oracle men of old pagan Lithuania. Therefore, it is no wonder that the goat is commemorated in folk song and dance. The OŽELIS or little goat dance is now danced by men and contains virile and complicated steps, whereas about sixty years ago, around Telsiai, a goat dance in which both men and women danced was very popular.

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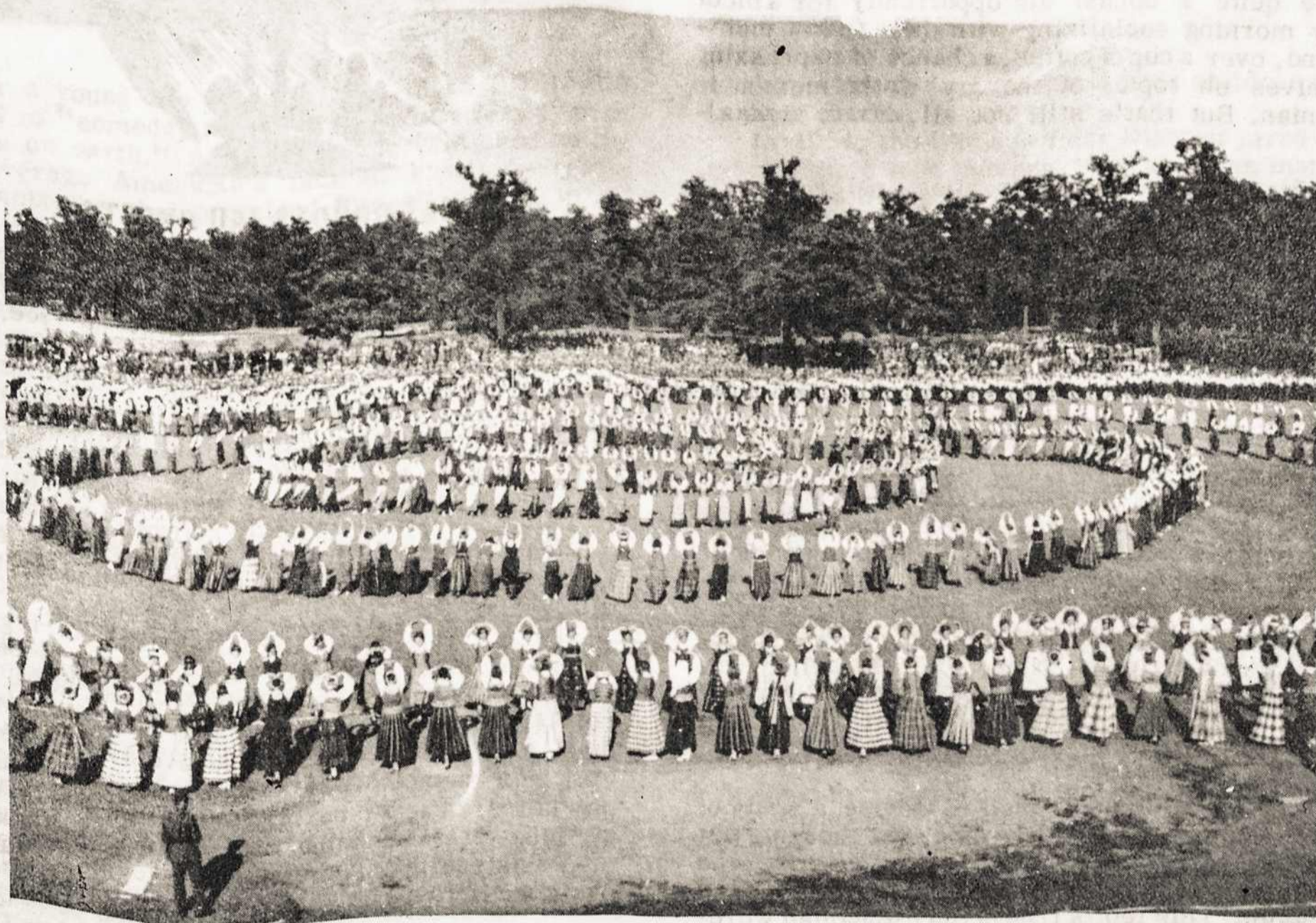
For those interested in seeing a truly spectacular display of Lithuanian Folk Dancing, we recommend the Lithuanian - American Folk Dance Festival,



to be held in Chicago's Amphitheater on July 2, 1972. It will feature coordinated dances by some 1000 Lithuanian dancers from all over the USA and Canada.

Also, the VILTIS Magazine announces the production of a new Lithuanian folk dance record, suitable for use as accompaniment for Lithuanian dance groups... or just enjoyable listening. LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCES, an LP, contains 17 dances of various styles - recreational, demonstrational, ballroom folk. It is suitable for children also, and comes with a booklet describing each dance clearly. The price is \$6.00, including postage. It may be obtained from FOLKRAFT, 1159 Broad St., Newark, N.J. 07114, or from VILTIS, P. O. Box 1226, Denver, Colorado 80201.

Why not dance... Lithuanian style... and dance your cares away!



A Folk Dance, Festival in pre-war, independent Lithuania.

# UŽ LIETUVIŠKĄ ŽODĮ

## FOR THE LITHUANIAN WORD

Bits and Pieces - which we shall label Lietuviški Trupinėliai. The little trupinėliai we have found, however, are worthy of a higher evaluation, for they are little gems of pure Lithuanian action. Consider Dayton, for instance.

Pranešama (it is announced), kad Lietuvos Vyčių 96-tos kuopos nariai kas sekmadienis eina į bažnyčią išklaudyti šventų Mišių tik 10-tą valandą. Kodėl tik 10-tą? Ar ten nėra Mišių kitu laiku? Čia ir yra tas, tarytum, nežymus (hardly noticeable) bet reikšmingas (meaningful) tos mums svarbios lietuviškos veiklos (action) trupiniukas. Mat, 10-tą valandą pamaldos vyksta lietuvių kalba. Tad, lietuviai, norėdamas pagerbti savo lietuviškumą, eina į lietuviškas pamaldas. Ar negalime didžiuotis tokiu sveiku galvojimumu?

Bet tai dar ne viskas. Vienas dalykas veda į kitą. Po pamaldų parapijos salėje susirenkama kavutei ir užkandžiui (a light snack). Per užkandį kalbama tik **l i e t u v i š k a i !** (Turbūt, kad ir lūžta kam liežuvis, bet nepasiduodama - does not give up.) In other words, by attending the ten o'clock Mass, they receive quite a bonus: an opportunity for a bit of Sunday morning socializing with their fellow members and, over a cup of coffee, a chance of expressing themselves on topics of the day or the moment in Lithuanian. But that's still not all, dar ne viskas -

Trečiadienio vakarą parapijos salėje Marytė Lazdinytė duoda lietuvių kalbos pamokas. Reikia manyti, kad į pamokas kviečiami ir raginami Vyčiai ir ne vyčiai. Svarbu ko daugiausia asmenų įtraukti į šį lietuviško žodžio sąjūdį.

Daytoniečiams garbė! Jie bene pirmutiniai, kurie taip demonstratyviai vykdo praėjusio seimo pagedavimą.

Kur galima rasti lietuviškų žodžių? Visur. Klausant, bet atidžiai (attentively) klausant, kitų kalbos; klausant lietuviško pamokslų, lietuviškų prakalbų, skaitant lietuviškas maldas, giedant lietuviškas giesmes, dainuojant lietuviškas dainas ir, bene geriausia (the most fruitful means), skaitant lietuvišką laikraštį. Jei atmintimi (memory) nevisuomet galima pasitikėti, patartina išsirašyti įdomesnius ir dažnesius (usable) žodžius į mažą knygutę (notebook). Būtina nors retkarčiais (occasionally) į juos dirstelėti (glance) ir pakartoti. Juo dažniau žodį kartojame, juo greičiau pasisaviname (property).

An English professor used to advise a study of the dictionary - what a dull idea, we thought. But words, he said, are truly fascinating. Like the garments we wear, they must fit our personality and the occasion. This too is true of the Lithuanian word; it enhances the Lithuanian side of our personality.

So, collect words as some people collect coins. But words are more dependable. In the end they will prove more profitable, increasing in value to the end of our days.

Lietuvišką žodyną - kur jį galima gauti? Kadangi jau keli nariai mane klausė, todėl atsakau. Geras Lietuviškai - Angliškas Žodynas (Lithuanian to English Dictionary) yra Pėteraičio paruoštas ir išleistas Vokietijoje. Jis turi 580 puslapių ir kainuoja 7 dolerius. Žodyną galima gauti "Darbininke", 910 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. ir kitose laikraščių redakcijose ir knygynuose.

Sėkmės (Success) !

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### PASĖTAS GRŪDAS JAU DYGSTA

Praėjusių metų Lietuvos Vyčių Seime padaryti nutarimai pradeda duoti vaisių, ypačiai lietuvių kalbos atgimimo reikalu. Centro Valdybos Vice. Pirm. Dr. Petras Bizankauskas duoda lietuvių kalbos pamokas vyčiams. Iš Chicagos girdime, kad ten veikia ne tik suaugusių vyčių, bet ir jaunučių vyčių chorai, kuriems vadovauja Faustas Strolia. Veikia ir tautinių šokių grupės. Dar labiau džiugina žinia, kad vyčiai renkasi sekmadieniais į lietuviškas pamaldas, o po pamaldų, susirinkę kavutei, kalbasi tik lietuviškai. Trečiadieniais rytė Marytė Lazdinytė duoda lietuvių kalbos pamokas. Tai pavyzdžiai, kuriuos turėtų sekti visi vyčiai.

Tie, kurie nedrįsta lietuviškai kalbėti, tegu pasiklausio Bostono vyskupo Miniham, kuris per kun. Vembrės laidotuves susipažino su lietuviais. Jis pareiškė: "Sugrižęs iš tų pamaldų aš daug kam pasakiau, kaip aš buvau jomis sužavėtas ir, sakau, jie visi būtų susižavėję tokiu žmonių pamaldumu, tokia puikia tvarka ir respektu. Jie žavingu būdu dalyvavo Mišiose, atsakinėdami savo gražia gimtąja kalba".

Pasistenkime, kad ateinančiame Seime galėtume pasigirti lietuvių kalbos pažanga savo tarpe.

Senelis





PROFILE. . .

# VYTS BELIAJUS,

## "Mr. Folk Dance"

By Loretta Stukas

As a young boy in Lithuania, VYTS BELIAJUS vowed to "someday make friends with every type of people on earth." Arriving in the USA, and noting the average American's lack of knowledge about Lithuania, he also promised himself that he would acquaint the residents of his adopted homeland with Lithuania and its rich culture. In his short lifetime thus far, the energetic Vyts has managed to realize both these pledges, and then some, with the use of the simple folk dance!

Vyts Beliajus, born in Lithuania, came to the United States in 1923 with his 85-year-old grandmother, and settled in Chicago. After spending a few years getting acclimated to his new surroundings and learning a new language, he launched headfirst into the activity closest to his heart... folk dancing.

As he began to teach and learn about folk dancing informally, he especially delved into the Lithuanian folk dance, which was just being "reborn" in Lithuania and elsewhere. In 1933, the first Lithuanian folk dance club of the world was born in Chicago, Ill. Organized and directed by Vyts Beliajus, the group called themselves the "ATEITIS" Dancers. They went on to become one of the leading Lithuanian folk dance groups of the USA, just as popular among Americans as in Lithuanian circles. Under Mr. Beliajus' direction, they were the first American dancers to appear at a huge week-long festival in Toronto, Canada, June 8-15, 1947. They were also the first to perform kolos with the Duquesne University Tamburitzans at the National Folk Festival held in Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. The "Ateitis" Dancers are active even today... but many

of the original dancers have their children dancing in their places!

In 1934, the Chicago Park District hired Vyts to teach ethnic folk dancing, and he began instructing in parks whose areas contained large ethnic populations... Lithuanian, Judeo - Palestinian, Polish, Mexican, Czech, etc. He co-sponsored the first large-scale folk festival for the Park District, held at Soldier's Field Sept. 7, 1936. Vyts' Lithuanian, Polish and Jewish groups participated in the festival, which was a smashing success. From 1936-1939, Mr. Beliajus published the first folklore magazine devoted to the folk dance, called LORE, under sponsorship of the Chicago Park District.

Vyts found his experience with teaching folk dances of various nationalities exciting, and the people he met this way most interesting. Deciding to delve further into "ethnics", Vyts presented several folk ballets, where genuine folk dances, folk songs, customs and dialogue were employed. Some of the finest Lithuania, Polish, Jewish and Hindu customs were portrayed. Later, he also presented the first Hindu Folk Ballet, commissioned by the Hindu Vedanta Society, to commemorate the birthday of Sri Ramakrishna. This event was highly praised by several critics of the Chicago Tribune and other Chicago papers.

By 1940, Vyts had become one of the outstanding traveling folk dance teachers in the country, having traveled to more than 200 universities, colleges and institutions. He introduced recreational folk dancing at the International House of the University of Chicago, and printed the first two books on the folk

dance for the current era, "Dance and Be Merry," Vols 1 and 2, Clayton F. Summy Co., 1940 and 1941.

Never forgetting his Lithuanian heritage, and in fact always spreading its appreciation among non-Lithuanians, Vyts is responsible for countless "firsts" in the Lithuanian-American Community. He presented the first all-Lithuanian art exhibit in Downtown Chicago May 23 to June 6, 1936, printed the first Lithuanian folk dance book in English, issued, with FOLK CRAFT, the first record album of Lithuanian folk dance music, and collected and translated the first book in English on Lithuanian folk legends.

Having firmly established an appreciation of Lithuanian folk dances in Chicago, Vyts moved his talents south - to Fairhope, Ala., where, in 1943 he presented the South's first international folk dance festival. Some 20 years before ecumenicism became an "in" thing, Vyts presented the first ecumenical Easter passion play in which all churches of Fairhope participated... the VIA DOLOROSA. It was in Fairhope also that Vyts founded the now well-known and popular folklore magazine VILTIS, (Hope) during May 1942. Initially a mimeographed service letter to men in uniform, it appeared in printed form in September, 1943, and this year celebrates its 30th anniversary. It is now published in Denver, Colo., and carries news of ethnic dances, dancers, and items of interest to ethnic-minded readers. Naturally, news of the Lithuanian community and culture finds its way into the magazine most frequently!

Today, Vyts' official address is Denver, Colorado, but his true home is wherever folk dancing can be taught, Lithuanian culture can be advanced and interesting people can be found. He travels, teaching and learning about dancers and dancing... has friends and interests everywhere... and is appreciated by people of all nationalities. He has been mentioned in such international publications as THE LITHUANIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA, THE BEST KNOWN LITHUANIANS IN THE UNITED STATES, and THE HISTORY OF LITHUANIANS IN CHICAGO, and ARTE LITUANO, (printed in Columbia and dealing with the Lithuanian fine and folk arts.) In mid 1971, Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill., presented Vyts with a certificate and medal for "promoting international understanding through the media of folk dancing", and earlier, the American Legion, Don Varnas Post, Chicago, honored him for his work with the USO. On Thanksgiving, 1971, he received a certificate of recognition during the 20th Kolo Festival Anniversary in San Francisco, for "contributions to the cultural enrichment of America", and was selected the Honor Man of the Year, 1972, by the American Association of Physical Education, Health and Recreation (AAPEHR).

The Knights of Lithuania is proud to join in congratulating VYTS BELIAJUS on his career of devotion to the propagation of ethnic folk dances... and especially for his tremendous contribution to the promotion of Lithuanian culture. We sincerely wish him many more years of energetic devotion to such worthwhile causes.

## JUNIOR CORNER

### CHICAGO - K of L DANCERS IN CHRISTMAS PLAY

The K of L Junior Dancers of Chicago performed the play "A Traditional Lithuanian Christmas", by Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, three times this past Christmas season. Performances were given at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry on Dec. 3, for the Sisters of St. Casimir on Nov. 19, and at the Main Branch of the Chicago Public Library on Dec. 18. The Dancers are directed by Cecelin Matul, Helen Pius, and Frank Zopolis.

In the course of the play, the group demonstrated some of the many Lithuanian Christmas customs, especially those surrounding "Kūčias", and performed several traditional Lithuanian folk dances.





# THE COLD WAR

By Tony Yuknis



The common cold has finally been conquered according to the daily press and other publications. Has it? When Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Linus Pauling, published his book "Vitamin C and the Common Cold", he blew up a storm by claiming that massive doses of ascorbic acid (vitamin C) prevented or moderated colds. The biochemist's friends supported his claims by stating that large daily doses of it resulted in remission of colds, arthritis and infections.

It is known that a daily intake of 30 milligrams of vitamin C will prevent scurvy. About 75 mgs. are usually recommended, which Dr. Pauling claimed is entirely inadequate. He claims that a person must take massive doses of vitamin C to gain the full benefits. As a result he takes three grams (3,000 mgs.) daily and claims it has kept him free of colds.

Dr. T. R. Van Dellen, columnist for the Chicago Tribune - N.Y. News Syndicate questioned Dr. Pauling's claims. He said that while it worked for Pauling, it won't work for everybody. Dr. Van Dellen stated the Pauling's recommendations cannot be lightly dismissed, but "he has no proof". The medical columnist pointed out that the Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences has reported that massive doses of vitamin C may produce ill effects.

In Pauling's corner was nutritionist Adele Davis who reported that in one year no less than 45 research projects stated that vitamin C rendered harmless a wide variety of bacterial toxins, or inhibited their growth. She claimed that large doses were definitely more effective. Her statements were backed up by 13 references to scientific literature.

A Dr. F. R. Klenner reported that he has taken 10 grams or more daily with beneficial results. He claimed that some of his patients have taken this amount up to 15 years with the majority avoiding colds.

"Vitamin C, Best Remedy For Colds", was the heading of the medical column in the Chicago Sun-Times. Its author, Dr. Eugene Scheimann, affirmed that he has been advocating massive doses for years. He pointed out the fact that cold medicines are nearly a billion dollars per year business and their business would suffer if everyone resorted to simple vitamin C. He advocated taking the vitamin with some wine, which dilates the nasal passages.

Dr. Schiemann said that taking cold remedies in excess could cause one's system more harm. The worst thing that can happen from the vitamin excessive intake is diarrhea. Then one cuts down on the dosage to establish tolerance.

When Dr. Pauling wrote that synthetic and natural vitamins are biologically the same brought a quick reaction. Nutritionist Beatrice Trum Hunter wrote an "Open Letter to Dr. Pauling" article in Prevention magazine, which is the bible of the organic, natural, health food people.

Hunter pointed out that vitamins made from natural sources are biologically more active. Natural Vitamin C contains the necessary bioflavonoids, rutin and hesperidin, which makes it more effective. The bioflavonoids have not been successfully synthesized. Synthetic vitamins are often made from dead coal tar and are less effective.

The essential bioflavonoids are in the peel and pulp of citrus fruits or in vegetables. They are found in grapefruit, lemons, oranges, cabbage, parsley, green peppers, grapes, black currant, plums, apricots, blackberries and walnuts.

Bioflavonoids have conquered colds, tonsillitis, influenza and fever in from eight to 48 hours, Dr. Wm. Coda Martin reported. Nobel prize winner, Prof. Von Euler, attested to the greater effectiveness of natural vitamins.

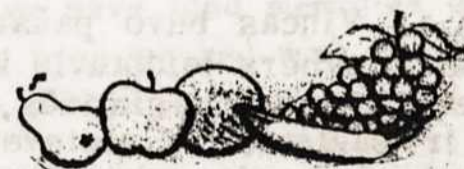
A synthetically derived substance may cause a reaction while natural vitamins are tolerated, Dr. T. G. Randolph explained.

Water soluble vitamin C is not stored in the body, being used up as it detoxifies the system, needing daily replacement. It is depleted by soaking in water, cooking, oxidization, perspiration, drugs and smoking tobacco. It has been said that the smoking of one cigarette uses up 25 mgs. of vitamin C. Therefore heavy smokers need massive doses of it daily. Researchers have discovered that cancer cells are devoid of ascorbic acid.

Other sources of vitamin C are broccoli, turnip greens, onions, guavas, sprouts, persimmons, strawberries, kale, pineapple, papaya, and to a lesser degree, apples. Acid fruits, such as tomatoes, retain ascorbic acid much longer. Refrigeration helps keep the losses at a minimum.

The Lancet, British Medical Journal, reported that vitamin C reduced the blood cholesterol level. It continued, "It was not intended that we should cook, can, or dessicate our fruits and vegetables. We were expected to eat them raw".

Dr. Van Dellen, referring to Pauling's recommendations, said, "Fads come and go and I suppose this one will". Now, wouldn't it be interesting if the thing worked for you? Perhaps your apple a day will keep the doctor away!



## VINCENT ED. PAVIS - 1907-1972

On Jan. 22nd we received the very sad message that Vincent Ed. Pavis of Youngstown, Ohio, honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, a vice president of the Supreme Council, president of the Mid-Central District, and president of C-111 Seniors, had passed away that day, succumbing to a heart condition.

Ed's record of activity in the Knights of Lithuania dates back to 1924, when he was one of the founding members and first president of C-111, Youngstown, Ohio. Between 1924 and 1930 Ed held various offices in the K. of L. Ohio - Western Pennsylvania District, and even reorganized councils in Kewanee and Spring Valley, Illinois. In 1930 he moved to Chicago and until 1958 held many offices in Chicago C-16, C-36, C-112 and Seniors, Cicero C-14, and the presidency of the Illinois-Indiana District. He was also very much involved in the acquisition of the K. of L. Building in Chicago, and served as chairman of the Building's board of directors. In 1958 Ed and his wife Stella returned to Ed's home town of Youngstown, and in 1963 Ed transferred his K. of L. membership from the Chicago Seniors to the Cleveland Seniors. Then in November 1964 he succeeded in organizing Youngstown Seniors C-111 and served as its president until his death. Ed also has been president of the Mid-Central District since 1965. He served on various national committees and as Supreme Council vice president several terms. Ed was fortunate that during his many years of service he always had the faithful and capable help of his dear wife Stella. They had made great plans to observe their 40th wedding anniversary this past New Year's week end

at St. Anthony's Lithuanian Church in Cicero where they were married, but Ed's illness cancelled out those plans.

Ed was devoted to the Lithuanian cause in general, even though the Knights of Lithuania were the closest to his heart. He gave meritorious service to the Lithuanian-American Roman Catholic Federation, the Lithuanian-American Council, and other Lithuanian action groups. He also served as advertising manager of the Lithuanian daily newspaper Draugas for a number of years.

This writer first became acquainted with Ed in 1928 while he was still a university student. He came to Dayton that year to urge us to revive C-96 which had been dormant several years. Over the past several decades it has been my privilege and pleasure to know many of the fine men and women of the Knights of Lithuania, and I can say in all sincerity that Vincent Ed. Pavis was second to none of them in his dedication and work for the K. of L. and the cause of Lithuanianism.

We extend our most sincere sympathy and condolences to his wife Stella, their daughter Jeannie and her husband Al and family. It is recorded in the gospel according to St. Matthew that Jesus said: "Your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father." Indeed, the finest accolade that one can earn is that when we are gone it can be said of us: "He was a good man". Vincent Ed. Pavis truly merits that tribute.

Frank Gudelis

### A. A. VINCAS PAVIS - PAJAUJIS

Youngstown, Ohio. Čia š.m. sausio 22 d. mirė L. Vyčių Garbės Narys Vincas Pavis, gimęs 1907 m. birželio 27 d. Jis buvo ne tik žymus ir veiklus vytis, bet ir pasišventęs patrijotas. Praėjusių metų L. Vyčių Seime jis buvo išrinktas Centro Valdybos antruoju Vice Pirmininku. Be to, jis buvo Vidurinių Valstybių Apygardos ir Vietinės Sendraugių Vyčių Kuopos Pirmininkas iki paskutinių gyvenimo dienų.

Vincas Pavis, kad ir su mažu vyčių būreliu Youngstowne įstengdavo surengti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės paskelbimo, Šv. Kazimiero ir kitus iškilmingus paminėjimus.

A.a. Vincas buvo pašarvotas Rossi Brothers laidotuvių koplyčioje, kur susirinko giminės, draugai ir pažįstamieji atsisveikinti. Clevelando sendraugių vyčių Pirm. Stasė Sankalaitė, rašt. Trainauskaitė ir kuopos Pirm. K. Mačiuta



taip pat buvo atvykę į Youngstowną atsisveikinti. Laidotuvėse dalyvavo ir geriausi Pavo draugai - Juozas ir Rožė Sadauskai. Paviams labai artimas Akrono klebonas Schroder pasakė pamokslą. Vincas palaidotas Kalvarijos ka-

pinėse. Po laidotuvių Stasė Pavienė visus pavaišino ir padėkojo už dalyvavimą.

Youngstowno dienraštis Vindicator sekmadienio laidoje plačiai aprašė Pavo laidotuves ir jo gyvenimą ir įdėjo nuotrauką.

Vincas Pavis gimė ir augo Youngstowne. 1930 m. buvo išvykęs į Chicago ir čia dirbo penkerius metus "Draugo" spaustuvėje. Čia ir vedė vyte Stasę Petkevičiūtę ir išaugino vieną dukterį Stasytę, kuri taip pat yra sukūrusi lietuvišką šeimą.

Grižęs į Youngstowną ir pasiūlytas į talką Sadauską vėl atgaivino L. Vyčių Kuopą kuri ir šiandien gražiai veikia.

Vincas Pavis paliko liūdinčią žmoną Stasę, dukterį Stasę ir žentą Žemaičius, penkis anūkus du broliu ir dvi seseris.

Ilsėkis Viešpaties ramybėje!

Senelis

## GUEST EDITORIAL:

## THE K of L AND ITS SUPPORT OF SERIOUS MUSIC

A major goal of the K. of L. is the backing of Lithuanian culture. Since music is such an important part of any culture, one might expect to find the K. of L. taking significant steps in this direction. The yearly convention is surely a most logical place and time to advance Lithuanian music and to promote Lithuanian performers. What, then, is the record of the K. of L. for the past quarter century in regard to serious music?

An inspection of the past 25 conventions brings to light a sad, meager picture. In the meetings of 1946 to 1971, one finds but a single recital and four mixed programs at a serious concert level.

In 1952, the Dayton, Ohio gathering presented the gifted baritone, Algerd Brazis of Metropolitan Opera fame, accompanied by the able Aleksandras Kuciunas. At Chicago in 1956, Brazis again sang, this time as soloist for the cantata - "Vytautas the Great". In addition, the Dainava Ensemble staged a one-act musical. The Los Angeles convention of 1957 featured bass-baritone, Vaclovas Verikaitis from Canada along with the St. Casimir Choir under composer Bronius Budriunas. Seven years later, the Chicago sessions of 1964 included bass, Jonas Vaznelis and lyric soprano, Prudencija Bickiene, with the K of L Chorus. Another concert of serious music was held in 1965 at Los Angeles with the St. Casimir Choir again featuring Prudencija Bickiene.

It is true there have been banquet solos, and several ensembles offering popular songs and transcriptions of non-Lithuanian music. But this type of material is not under consideration here. Rather, it is a question of setting aside an evening for a concert of serious programming, as is done for bowling, site-seeing, dancing, barbecues, swimming, and the like.

At least two circumstances of these conventions suggest a failure to honor the purpose of the K. of L. as to promoting culture through concert music. Not once did Vytis publish the repertoire of any of the five programs described above, nor are any of these performances cited except in passing references found in the golden jubilee history of the K. of L. Apart from these five instances, when serious music was performed at all, it was given only incidental rank by being inserted into a banquet program.

It would seem ideal for the hosts of a particular convention to present soloists of their area. In this fashion, the delegates could hear a variety of the best Lithuanian performers. In the New England region, for instance it would be possible to listen to starlet Daiva Mongirdas or the lovely Violetta Balčiuniene - both sopranos. Also, available would be the rich mezzo soprano voice of Stase Daugeliene and the powerful bass-baritone of Stasys Povilavicius. Among instrumentalists, one might draw upon the talent of seasoned veteran, Izidorius Vasyliunas and his violin.

Conventions, in the nature of things, mean certain expenses: transportation, food and drink, lodging, use of sports facilities (bowling alleys, dance halls, tennis courts, swimming pools), site-seeing and other admission tickets. One scarcely questions these costs. People simply pay the full price as expected. But when it comes to music, somehow there is a reluctance to spend money. Instead, there is often an expectation of free service or at best a nominal stipend only. There is an unjust inconsistency in this attitude, and possibly the K. of L. suffers from this peculiar double-standard common to many organizations. Really though, if a delegate is willing to spend \$10. to \$15. for food and drink during the convention, is it not fair to give a performer his due? And if the hosts are unable to include a concert in their budget, should not the conventioners be willing to pay the price of an admission ticket for \$2. or \$3. just as they do for sight-seeing, dancing, sports and



Letters . . .

### We Get Letters . . .

Dear Loretta, Editor:

After listening over and over again, to the new record of the Dedication of the Lithuanian Martyrs' Chapel ceremonies, the Mass celebrated by Pope Paul VI, his remarks, and the other features of the two-day ceremonies, we must again express our feelings, so filled with emotion, that it was truly a GIFT from God which enabled us to be present and a part of that very memorable and unforgettable occasion.

Many thanks again to Dr. Jack Stukas and to all who took part in organizing our K of L Pilgrimage to the Lithuanian Chapel Blessing.

Sincerely,

Al and Sue Jesulaitis  
C-135, Ansonia, Conn.

Dear Loretta,

. . . You did a nice job on Father John's article on Africa. We'll always have fond memories of the great trips we had with him. . . I hope all is well with all of you.

Sincerely,  
Father Julius Jutt

other events not immediately linked to the first purposes of the K. of L.?

The K. of L. must necessarily promote causes not especially of appeal to the general public. Otherwise, there is no need for such a special-interest group to exist. For example, there is the recent publication of the "Relacijos" in Rome - a work of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science. The volume gives the texts of many letters between Lithuanian bishops and Rome during the late middle ages. The masses are not likely to understand the immense value to Lithuanian culture and learning found in such a publication. But K. of L-er's must be expected to see the inherent worth of such a book, and give this kind of undertaking some financial support. Something of the same situation prevails with serious music.

When a soloist of Jewish background comes to Symphony Hall in Boston, the audience is usually of capacity or near-capacity size. There is a great solidarity and esprit-de-corps among these people worthy of copying. Meanwhile, one can hardly expect non-Lithuanians to cherish Lithuanian musicians and the performance of Lithuanian music. A splendid group like the K. of L. and similar organizations should be the backbone of promoting Lithuanian culture in music.

May I respectfully suggest that all future conventions put aside an evening for a concert of serious music, invite a local critic, print an attractive program - in a word, observe the accepted etiquette of concert life. In this way, the K. of L. will advance the cause of Lithuanian music, and add lustre to this fraternity's other glories. To do less is to falter in a major goal of the K. of L.

Rev. William Wolkovich, chaplain, Our Lady of Sorrows (motherhouse) Convent and St. Joseph Manor Nursing Home, Brockton, Mass.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE -

The K of L will be VERY involved with serious music and its propagation. . . even as far as SOUTH AMERICA. . . next June 22 to July 7, when they embark on their exciting FESTIVIDAD! A big feature of the trip will be the concerts and social evenings presented at each of the Lithuanian colonies the group will visit. Local talent will share the limelight with K of L talent. Representing the K of L will be PRUDENCIJA BICKIENE, Soprano, of Chicago, LOUIS STUKAS, Tenor, of Hillside, New Jersey, and actor-comedian VITALIS ZUKAUSKAS of New York, all of whom travelled together on a concert tour through Germany a few years back, and met with phenomenal success everywhere they performed. Have YOU signed up yet? There is still space left to join the FESTIVIDAD. For more information, write to PLEASANT TRAVEL SERVICE, #6 Sea Girt Cross Roads, Sea Girt, N.J., or see the October, or, December, 1971 VYTIS.



# WANTED



## NEW MEMBERS

### REWARD

to be given at

## National Convention

The K of L Membership Drive is now in full swing... The K of L needs YOU to find new and worthwhile members.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT! Start with your own backyard - your brothers, sisters, mother, father, in-laws, relatives and neighbors - who you're sure are eligible. (If you're NOT sure, check them out). And don't forget to button-hole that former member... whose membership may have lapsed for a year or more, due to carelessness or what-have-you.

Potential members are EVERYWHERE... Be a good "sleuth"... don't let them slip through your fingers. Talk K of L, and sign them up! New members are the life-blood of our organization, so do your part... Remember, "United we stand, divided we fall!"

Albert Ozalis  
Membership Vice-President

# Lithuanians in The News



K OF L-ER AT ACTORS' GUILD

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Mike Douglas, host of the CBS - TV MIKE DOUGLAS SHOW who was the Guest of Honor at the dinner-dance of the Catholic Actors Guild of America, and Mrs. Douglas (left) graciously pose with Guild member and K of L representative, Helen V. Kulber, during the event at the New York Hilton. The "Knights of Lithuania" were listed in the souvenir journal. The fabulous program, MC'd by London Lee, included Paul Anka, Sandy Baron, Julie Budd, Tom Dillon (Shepherd of The Lambs), Estelle and Alfonso Dancers, Terence Hawkins, Ruby Keeler, Patsy Kelly, Margaret Whiting.

Kent State University now gives credits for a 21 hour Lithuanian language course during the spring semester. For the first 12 hours, the book "Introduction to Modern Lithuanian" will be used. Tapes and other language guides will later be employed. The success of the programs depends entirely upon the number of students who sign up for it. Later in the course, a student will be able to get credits for 50 hours of work and an undergraduate degree. The total program will cost Kent State University \$520, all of which will have to be solicited. This program is an important step in the preservation of Lithuanian culture.

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Preparations for the Congress of Lithuanian Youth Around the World are going ahead slowly but surely. The planning committee has arranged various topics for discussion and has invited many distinguished speakers for the "Studiju Dienos" or days of study to be held at Kent State University.

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The Lithuanian dancing group "Šilainė" of Detroit has been asked to dance at a commemoration ceremony for the managing editor of the Detroit News. In the days following this event, they will appear at different places in Dayton, Ohio, at various commemorations of Lithuanian Independence Day, Feb. 16.

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The Youth Section of the Los Angeles Lithuanian Community, has published an informative brochure on Lithuanians, including a historical sketch, their achievements in the sports world and in cultural areas. It is entitled: "Two Hundred Million, and Lithuania".

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The Chicago Lithuanian Opera in March and April, will be presenting the new Lithuanian opera by the late Lithuanian composer, Kazys Viktoras Banaitis. The Opera, "Jūratė and Kastytis", is based on the Lithuanian folk tale of the Goddess of the Sea and the mortal fisherman.

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A new symphonic poem, "Mindaugas", written by the contemporary Lithuanian composer Dičkus, has been presented in concert by the Vilnius Philharmonic orchestra in occupied Lithuania.

An anthology of Lithuanian Poetry, has been published in the Flemish tongue, in Belgium. Translations from works of Lithuanian poets in Lithuania and the Free World, were made by Zenta Tenison.

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A large sculpture of the Lithuanian bard, Maironis, is being completed in Soviet occupied Lithuania by Jokubonis, who is noted for his monumental sculpture, "Pirčupio Motina", or the Mother of Pirčiupiai, a Lithuanian village destroyed and its inhabitants killed by the Nazis in World War II.

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Pope Paul the Sixth received in special audience on January 5th, a delegation of Lithuanian historians from the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences in Rome. He was presented with a new historical work, "Relationes dioecesium Samogitiensi et Vilnensi". The Holy Father was pleased with this important work, and hoped the Lithuanian historians would continue their labors in this field. He blessed Lithuanians throughout the world and said he would pray for them.

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On January 10th, the Lithuanian representative to the Vatican, Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr., was received along with other diplomatic representatives by His Holiness, Pope Paul the 6th. The Pope thanked Mr. Lozoraitis, for his good wishes, and said, that he will never forget the Lithuanian cause, of which he is most knowledgeable. He stated further that he will pray for Lithuania, to our Lady of Vilnius... of Aurora Gate - Aušros Vartai...

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The underground press in the Soviet Union, in its chronicle No. 18 reports that Vytautas Simokaitis, who tried to divert a Soviet plane to Sweden from occupied Lithuania, was shot to death...

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The Hamilton "Spectator" in Canada, recently published a lengthy article on rising nationalism in the Soviet Union, especially in Lithuania, Latvia and the Ukraine. As an example, the paper noted the Simas Kudirka - Lithuanian seaman's incident, and the trial of Reverend Zdebskis in Lithuania, when the Soviet militia had to disperse a crowd of 600 protesting religious persecution in that unhappy land.

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The New York Times, in its editorial page of January 27th commented that Stalin was the most successful imperialist to take advantage of World War II, subjugating and incorporating the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, annexing eastern Finland, eastern Czechoslovakia, eastern Poland, Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina, as well as annexing four Japanese islands.

JEAN BALUKAS, 13 year old Lithuanian-American girl from New England, has won third place in billiards in a world-wide competition among women.

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LILIAN SHUKIS, young Canadian-Lithuanian star of the Metropolitan Opera Company, is back again in Europe and plans to participate in the performance at the London Covent Garden Opera Theatre by the Munich Opera.

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"The Sunday Times" of London, recently wrote about a Lithuanian sculptor ANTANAS BRAŽDYS, who had an exhibition in that city. Mr. Braždys won the sculptor competition sponsored by that newspaper, in 1968.

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The popular folklore magazine, VILTIS, currently edited and produced by VYTS BELIAJUS, will celebrate its 30th Anniversary on Mar. 18 and 19, 1972, with a gala folk dance festival and banquet. The magazine, founded in Fairhope, Alabama by Mr. Beliajus, began as a service letter to men in uniform - mimeographed with occasional printed forms. From this letter evolved VILTIS (Hope) in its current magazine form. It features news and instruction of folk dances and dancers of many nations, and is circulated all over the world.

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Laima Simanavičius, has been written up in the November issue of "American Girl" for her achievements in Karate and as a black belt enthusiast. She was born in Siberia, because her mother was exiled there from Lithuania, for alleged "anti-state activities".

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Johnny Unitas of the Baltimore Colts, has been nominated as the Man of the Year by the Professional Football Association. He and Dick Butkus, are outstanding Lithuanian Football players.

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Virgilijus Noreika, of the Lithuanian State Opera in Vilnius, gave three very successful concerts in East Berlin. He will be giving additional concerts shortly in Leningrad, Moscow, Yugoslavia and Hungary.

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"El Mundo", the leading daily in Caracas, Venezuela, recently wrote about religious persecution in Lithuania, utilizing Dr. Savasis book about the fight against the church in soviet-oppressed Lithuania.



# ANTRASIS PASAULIO LIETUVIŲ JAUNIMO KONGRESAS

Be abejo, svarbiausias ir įdomiausias ateinančios vasaros įvykis bus Antrasis Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongresas, įvykstantis Čikagoje, lietuvių sostinėje. Tam tikslui visas lietuvių jaunimas, išblaškytas po pasaulį, gyvai ruošiasi. Didesnėse vietovėse, kur tik yra bent kiek gyvenančių lietuvių, jau sudaryti jaunimo komitetai, kurie skleidžia kongreso mintį ir visais būdais rūpinasi, kad jaunimas jame aktyviai ir gausiai dalyvautų. Jau dabar yra žinoma, kad jaunimo kongrese dalyvaus ne tik Amerikos, bet ir Kanados, Argentinos, Brazilijos, Venezuelos, Australijos, Anglijos ir kitų valstybių lietuvių jaunimas.

Rengiamojo Kongreso tikslas yra sustiprinti tarpusavio tautinius ryšius, paieškoti būdų pavergtosios tėvynės jaunimui pagelbėti ir kaip pačiam išsilankyti nenutautėjus. Tai yra tie patys tikslai, kurių siekia ir Lietuvos Vyčiai. Mūsų tėvynės, mūsų jaunimo ir mūsų pačių labui būtų tikslu jei L. Vyčiai aktyviai įsijungtų į šio Kongreso paruošiamuosius darbus ir gausiai jame dalyvautų. Tai būtų išpūdinga visų lietuvių jaunimo demonstracija laisvajame pasaulyje.

Kaip numatyta, Jaunimo Kongresas vyks šia darbų tvarka:

Birželio 24 d. parodų atidarymas Jaunimo Centre, Čikagoje.

Birželio 30 d. paties Kongreso atidarymas.

Liepos 4-8 d.d. Kent State University Studijų Dienos.

Liepos 8-15 d.d. Jaunimo Stovykla Romuvoje, Kanadoje.

Liepos 16 d. Kongreso uždarymas.

Tokio plataus masto Jaunimo Kongresui suruošti yra reikalinga stambi suma pinigų. Iki šiol jau yra surinkta per \$36.000. Tačiau jų dar neužteks. Reikia visai mūsų visuomenei pasistengti suaukoti dar daug daugiau, kad rengiamas Kongresas visais atžvilgiais būtų sėkmingas.

Į Čikagą suvažiuos jaunimas iš įvairių kraštų. Čia reikės jį apgyvendinti ir aprūpinti nakvynėmis. Čia irgi bus reikalinga visos lietuvių visuomenės parama. Netrukus bus kreiptasi į Čikagos lietuvių tuo reikalu. Tikimasi, kad netruks geros valios žmonių, pasiruošusių padėti Kongreso rengėjams.

Antrojo Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongreso organizacinio komiteto būstinė yra Jaunimo Centre, Čikagoje. Visais Kongreso reikalais patariame ten ir kreiptis.

## JAUNIMO KONGRESO PARODOS

Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongreso metu yra numatytos surengti šios parodos:

1. Grynojo Meno Jaunųjų dailininkų paroda (grafika, tapyba, mozaika, emalis, skulptūra, litografija ir t.t.).
2. Grynojo Meno Vyresniųjų dailininkų paroda (tokio pat pobūdžio kaip ir jaunųjų dailininkų paroda).
3. Taikomojo Meno Paroda (audiniai, keramika, plakatai, iliustracijos, kilimai, vitražai, vidaus dekoravimas, teatro kostiumai ir t.t.).
4. Architektūros Paroda.
5. Fotografijų Paroda.
6. Filmų Festivalis
7. Tautodailės Paroda (medžio drožiniai, tautinės lėlės, papuošalai ir t.t.).
8. Literatūros paroda.

Visos kalbamosios parodos rengiamos Jaunimo Centre, Čikagoje. Parodų atidarymas yra numatytas birželio 24 dieną. Uždaromos liepos 4 dieną.

Suinteresuotieji kreipiasi į vietos Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongreso Komitetus arba tiesiog į Kongreso Organizacinį Komitetą Jaunimo Centre, Čikagoje.

## LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE STUDIES

### COURSE IN LITHUANIAN CULTURE

Saint Xavier College, 103rd and Central Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is offering a non-credit Adult Education course entitled "Lithuanian Culture and Civilization". The course includes Lithuanian history, national feelings, resistance movements, language, literary strivings, political achievements, folklore, philosophy of life, folk music, popular and modern art and cultural activities in the United States. The instructor for each session is a specialist in the field. Adult Education courses are open to all who may benefit from them, without requirement of admission or previous academic work. The fee for this 10-week course, which begins on March

8, is \$30. For more information, or for a brochure and registration form, call Saint Xavier College, 312/ PR-9-3300, Adult Education Office.

### LITHUANIAN CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We still have available the Lithuanian language instruction records CHILDRENS PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN. The set consists of 2 records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, together with booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. Price per set is \$2.00 postpaid. Send your orders to Frank Gudelis 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio 45404.

*K of L Calendar***MARCH**

- 4-5 Chicago Lithuanian Chorus PIRMYN presents the "Merry Widow" operetta. Maria Auditorium, Chicago.  
 5 C-29 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION & BREAKFAST, Holy Trinity Church & Hall, Newark, N.J. 10:30 Mass, 12:00 Breakfast.  
 5 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION. Mass 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church and Breakfast, K of L Bldg., Hosts C-36, Chicago.  
 11 BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE - ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE, Blackstone Hotel. Dr. Preston Bradley, award recipient, Chicago.  
 12 NY-NJ DISTRICT COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND CONVENTION - St. Casimir's Church and Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - C-3 Hosts.  
 19 ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT MEETING - K of L Bldg., Chicago.  
 26 CLEVELAND SENIORS - CARD PARTY, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, Cleveland, Ohio.

**APRIL**

- 9 ANNUAL T.V. MASS, Boston, Mass. - Sponsors - New England District.  
 15 "MARGUTIS" 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE, Beverly Country Club, Chicago.  
 30 New England District SPRING CONVENTION - C-78 - Lawrence, Mass., Hosts.

**MAY**

- 6 C-112 Chicago, "A KNIGHT IN DIXIE", K of L Bldg., Chicago.  
 7 Cleveland Seniors, MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cleveland, Ohio. - C-7, Waterbury, Conn. - K of L BOWLING LEAGUE BANQUET.  
 13 C-29 CONCERT, featuring N.Y. Lithuanian Men's Chorus "PERKUNAS". Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J., 7:30 P.M.  
 19-20-21 - MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Detroit, Mich. C-139 Hosts.

**JUNE**

- 4 NY-NJ DISTRICT CONVENTION, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J. - C-29 Hosts.  
 June 22 - July 7 - K of L SOUTH AMERICAN FESTIVIDAD.

**JULY**

- 2 ŠOKIQ ŠVENTE - LITHUANIAN DANCE FESTIVAL, Amphitheater, Chicago.  
 4 ANNUAL K of L PICNIC, Illinois-Indiana District, K of L Bldg. & Garden, Chicago, Ill.

**AUGUST**

- 24-27 59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, Hollenden House, Cleveland, Ohio, C-25 Hosts.

# Iš Sendraugių Gyvenimo

CLEVELAND - OHIO



Cleveland Seniors wishing each other a "Merry Christmas", Seated, l. to r.: Adele Gribauskas. Standing, l. to r., Peter Zigmantas, Kazys Eidukaitis, Antania Pinkus, Peter Lelys.



Dec. 1971, Cleveland Seniors Christmas Party, Hofbrau Haus.



December and January Birthdays - Seated, l. to r., Phyllis Petkunas, Ursula Gaizutis. Standing, l. to r., Kazys Gaizutis, Adele Neimanas, Ed Prancus.

## NAUJI LEIDINIAI

### MĮSLĖS - NAUJAS LEIDINYS

MĮSLĖS, lietuvių smulkioji tautosaka, 178 pslp. Mįslės surinko ir išleido Jonas Mingirdas Puikūnas. Kaina: minkštu viršeliu \$3.50, kieta - \$4.00. Leidinytis gaunamas Lietuvių Dienų leidykloje, 4364 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood, Calif. 90029, arba pas autorių: J. Puikūnas, 1627 N. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90027.

Tai jau antras Jono Puikūno sudarytas smulkiosios tautosakos leidinytis. Pirmasis, išleistas 1958 m., apėmė patarles ir priežodžius, o šis, dabartinis, apima tik mįsles. Numatytas trečiasis - būsiąs tik anekdotams.

Išleistosios Mįslių knygos autorius iš pradžių aptaria tautosakos sąvoką ir jos reikšmę literatūros išsivystymą, o baigia keiliais lieteratūriniais kūriniais, mįslėmis pagrįstais. Kad lengviau būtų orientuotis, visas rinkinys

suskirstytas į 22 skyrius.

Nors leidinytis ir pavadintas smulkiąja lietuvių tautosaka, tačiau nevisa, kas jame yra, galima būtų priskirti tautosakos grupei. Mįslių dalis, matyti, yra paties autoriaus kūriniai. Kitą dalį sudaro mintys, paimtos iš literatūrinių kūrinių ir paverstos mįslėmis.

Nors tai ir neįprastas bandymas mūsų tautosakos literatūroje, bet kai kurios iš jų, kaip galvosūkliai, sudaro įdomią medžiagą lietuvių mokykloms arba laisvalaikio tarpusavio pramogoms.

Lietuvos Vyčių Kuopos, dabar ypatingai susirūpinusios lietuvių kalbos atgimimu, daug naudos turėtų, jei šią knygą užsakytų savo nariams arba bent patartų ją įsigyti. Užsakymus prašome siųsti šio straipsnelio pradžioje nurodytais adresais.

### NAUJA PLOKŠTELĖ

Šiomis dienomis pasirodė nauja plokštelė "LIETUVIŲ KOMPOZITORIŲ DAINŲ REČITALIS". Dainuoja STASĖ KLIMAITĖ, sopranas, akomponuoja A. Kučiūnas.

Plokštelėje yra 14 dainų, parašytų pagal mūsų poetų tekstus (Binkio, Kiršos, Tysliavos, Putino, Maironio, Jakšto, Buivydaitės) ir harmonizuotų liaudies dainų. Kompozitoriai: M. Petrauskas, J. Tallat-Kelpša, A. Vanagaitis, S. Šimkus, Laumenskienė, J. Gruodis, J. Naujalis, Vl. Jakubėnas, S. Sodnys-Sodeika, J. Gaidelis ir Kazys Vikt. Banaitis.

Tai vertingas mūsų vokalinės literatūros rinkinys, kuriame geri tekstai, individuali muzika ir nuširdi interpretacija sudaro meninę sintezę.

Aplanką piešė dail. Alf. Docius. Plokštelę dailiai išleido "Lietuvių Dienų" leidykla, 4364 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Calif. 90029. Kaina \$5.

**ATTENTION -****Attention -**

## Notice To All VYTIS Correspondents

### ATTENTION - VYTIS CORRESPONDENTS

The following are a few suggestions that might help to make the Council Activities in the VYTIS more interesting:

1. Use short words which will be clearly understood by everyone. Remember, easy writing makes for easy reading.
2. Don't use the same phrase or descriptive word more than once in a paragraph, and the less you repeat through the entire item, the better.
3. To relieve monotony, employ a bit of originality in your writing. It is not very unique when 15 correspondents begin their reports with - "Our council held its meeting on month, day, year."
4. Don't hurt or degrade anyone. (Example: Joe Blow had a weaving good time at the last picnic.) Even though YOU may think the entry is exceptionally clever, it is not. Ask yourself, would you like to be Joe Blow?
5. Write your column as soon as possible after the affair while the details are still fresh in your mind. That way you will be able to inject much more color into your writing. Keep intelligent and understandable notes on all subjects you might want to write about.
6. Do not write about an event that is scheduled to take place in the next few days or weeks. By the time the VYTIS is published, this event will have taken place. So report on that particular function after it has occurred or write it up in the past tense.
7. Read your piece over to see if it's smooth. Cross out all extra and meaningless words; you'll be surprised how many there are. Don't be afraid to throw the paper away and start over again if something doesn't sound the way you want it to. After awhile the right words will come naturally. That's experience through practice.
8. Don't forget that we are Lithuanians and our language is something to be proud of. Try to insert a few words or phrases LIETUVISKAI.
9. Write only when you have something to say. Don't just fill up space. (Example: Ho Hum! Another month has rolled around and once again it is time to pick up the pen... Bill B. as usual made the motion to adjourn. So shall I - until next month.) Now that takes six lines in the VYTIS and what does it tell? Absolutely nothing except that the writer had nothing to write about. So why did he? Better to leave that space for others who have something interesting to tell about.
10. Stop using meaningless initials. Outside of a dozen people who know why D.S. had his eye on S.W., who cares? Our magazine is international, travelling to South America and Europe. Let's put it on a high scale for adult reading. Use complete names and use names frequently, everyone likes to see his or her name in print, but don't go overboard! Don't try to name all the people who were present at a picnic or party. Use good judgment. Listing Special Guests is a good idea. Be sure all names are spelled correctly.
11. Use items about unusual happenings. Something your council has done with success, especially personal or council activity that brings out the purposes and ideals of our organization - TAUTAI IR BAŽNYČIAI. Also, if a certain type of social your council sponsored brought in new members, write it up. Other councils might like to try your ideas.
12. Send in black and white (or sharp colored) pictures of unusual activities - a Communionbreakfast, a degree installation, a chorus in rehearsal, special groups at dances, outings, etc., or anything that might be interesting or even inspiring. Try to avoid routine poses in which individuals stand or sit tensely before the camera. Action snapshots that tell the story of K of L activity at a glance will add much greater appeal to your article. The VYTIS editors will select the most attractive photographs submitted each month and print them. There is ABSOLUTELY NO EXTRA COST FOR PRINTING PICTURES. Photos, whether printed or not, will be retained for a scrapbook, unless the sender requests return.
13. Type your articles if at all possible - double space. If you do not use a typewriter, write as legibly as you can, but also double space.

14. Lack of space presents a problem in some issues of the VYTIS and Council News have to be cut down in order to accommodate each council's news. If you find your article to be quite long, to insure that your most important news are not deleted, jot down the initials V.I.P. (Very Important Paragraph) in the margin along the news item so the editors would be sure to retain these specific items. Try to keep the Council News down to two typewritten double-spaced pages.

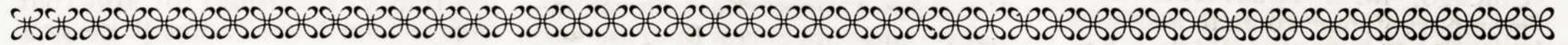
15. The editors NEVER omit a Council's News if received on time. The news may be condensed because of length, but it will always be published. If you do not see your Council News in the VYTIS some months, it's because one was not received or was received past the deadline.

16. All COUNCIL NEWS should reach the editor by the fifth of the month preceding the issue for which it is intended. For example, council news received by Jan. 5 will be included in the Feb. issue. All ARTICLES should reach the editor by the first of the month preceding the issue for which it is in-

tended. Authors may use pen names, but all council news and articles submitted to the editors must bear the signature and address of the writer. The editors assume no obligation to return any unsolicited material. Send your material in well before the deadline, allowing the editor and the printers more time to do a better job. Your punctuality will give your article a better break and it will be appreciated by all concerned.

Cooperate with the editors in making the VYTIS an attractive, appealing and interesting K of L organ. Encourage members of your council to write articles. Don't hesitate to write to the editors expressing your reaction to articles and features in the VYTIS. Members who do not agree with some of the things done should complain in a reasonable manner, - then abide with the editor's final decision. Good suggestions will not go unheeded. Be the LIAISON OFFICER between the VYTIS and your council.

Here's to better Council Correspondence!



### ST. PATRICK, MARCH 17th

TOWARDS the close of the fourth century, Patrick, a young Christian of Roman parentage, was tending sheep as a captive amidst the mountains of Antrim and Down. His time was wholly given to penance and prayer. The psalms of David and the most beautiful hymns of the Church formed his daily petitions; while the gift of miracles marked his favor with God. At the age of twenty-two he was set free, and, warned by a voice from heaven, dedicated himself to the conversion of the Irish race. After twenty years of training in the school of St. Martin of Tours, he obtained full powers from Pope St. Celestine, was consecrated Bishop, and sailed for the Irish coast. The great result of his sixty years preaching is known throughout the world. He found Ireland heathen and left it Christian. He encountered the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rites. He converted the warriors, chiefs and princes, and baptized them with thousands of their subjects, in the holy wells, which still bear that name. Many youths and maidens embraced the religious state, and schools, convents and churches rose simultaneously throughout the land. In the midst of this wonderful

success St. Patrick's life was what it had always been, one of penance and prayer, his humility increasing as he drew near his end. Full of works and full of years the great missionary died at Sabhull, in the county of Down, March 17, 492, A.D.





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## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

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Congratulations and sincerest best wishes to Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis who was appointed to succeed her late husband as the Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago. Mrs. Dauzvardis is a member of our council and holds the 4th Degree, as did her husband. She is the originator of the Amber Ball, author and compiler of the cookbook, "Popular Lithuanian Recipes", and founding member and program chairman of the Chicago Consular Corps of Ladies Club. We know she will follow most ably in her husband's footsteps.

The Testimonial Dinner honoring our Council's Spiritual Advisor, Canon V. Zakarauskas, on the occasion of his 40th Anniversary of Priesthood and his 65th birthday was a most fitting time to present him with his 4th Degree Medal and Certificate. Canon Zakarauskas was unable to attend the closing banquet of the Chicago Convention at which time he was to receive his degree. Council President Julie Zakarka and other council members worked on the committee to make this event most successful.

Another delightful event was our Annual Christmas Party held on Dec. 18 at the K of L Building. The committee planned a most entertaining evening with special prizes going to council members, S. Mlodzik, Mike Lawrence and Anele Pocius, among others. Winners of the "kelbasa" raffle were Bernice Bartkus, "Red" Cibulskis, Joe Stanaitis and Vince Samaska.

The District's Memorial Mass held on Dec. 5 at the Jesuit Chapel with the K of L Choir performing under the direction of Audrone Simonaityte was a very important event. Working on the committee

were Irene Sankus and Leon Pauksa. Rev. J. Gutkauskas of the Jesuit Fathers celebrated the Mass and delivered the sermon, and Alex Pakalniskis, Jr. served as lector and altar boy.

Congratulations to Al Raubiskis who received a monetary award from Walgreens Inc. for his excellent driving record during 1971. Ronald and Carol Lack welcomed a baby boy - Adam Cyril. Proud grandparents, Steve and Anna Mae Lack, are also council members. Condolences to the families of Honorary Member Kazimieras Jonaitis and of Petra Budris, who recently passed away. Both were active members of the Chicago Seniors. Ed Krivickas was appointed the 3rd District Sgt-at-Arms by President Algerd Brazis. We know Ed will do his most capable job as usual.

A Date To Remember! On May 5 the council will hold its annual dance - "A Night in Dixie" - at the K of L Building. Chairman Al Dagis invites everyone to attend. He extends a special invitation to the out-of-town K of L members to join us for the fun-filled evening.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

S.W.A.K.

Hello from Cleveland, Ohio, hosts of the 59th National Convention.

We haven't done much: we're all hibernating for the winter. We did have a Moonlight Bowling Party on Jan. 22. In the event you haven't heard about it, it's bowling in the dark with only a light on the pins. Sure was fun! Big money winners were: Bruno Bartkus, Ben Karklius, and John Andrulis. A great big "hug and kiss" to John and Evelyn Andrulis for the fun and food at their home afterwards, - and especially for donating the proceeds to the trea-

sury!

Congratulations to Bill Jakubs on his re-election to the Board of Directors of the Cuyahoga Funeral Directors Association, Inc.

Ben and Alice Karklius left for sunny Florida in February, and Helen Jakubs and daughter Barbara, spent the long Washington's Birthday weekend in, naturally, Washington, D.C.

To our new members, Isabelle and Joe Reedick - welcome to our group; we're glad to have you aboard!

Happy Birthday to all our Aquarians: Isabelle Reedick - Jan. 27, Pete Luiza - Jan. 30, John Andrulis - Feb. 10, Ursula Kunzitis - Feb. 17, and our lone Pisces, Nellie Arunski - Mar. 20. - Hope it was fun!

C-25 would like to express our deepest sympathy to Stella Pavis and her daughter on the sudden loss of their husband and father, Vincent Edward, M/C Dist. Pres. His untiring efforts will be sorely missed by the entire membership.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

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With Mother Nature finally blowing in her seasonal cold, activities in the council have hibernated, to a degree. Our monthly religious program was our only council activity in January. A home Mass was celebrated at the residence of Jerry and Karen Bedrowsky. This form of intimate Mass was a fine way to start the New Year.

Council and parish members had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Fr. Patrick Kinnerk, C.S.Sp. during Fr. Titas Narbutas' vacation. Father Pat is an Irish Holy Ghost priest and has been stationed in the Nigeria-Biafra region for 21 years. Father, born in Ireland, still maintaining his brogue, is now touring the U.S. to raise money for his missionary order. Father's many stories were most interesting and humorous; Father's description of the plight of the Catholic Irish in Ireland was informative and very sad to

hear. He certainly was an inspiration!

Tina Kavy took on the job of coordinator, as council Cultural Chairman, of the annual Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration held by the parish on Feb. 20. One of our newest members, Šarūnas Lazdinis, was the main speaker. Other members on the committee were Joe Noreikas, Stan Vaitkus, Frank Gudelis, Joe Gecas and General Chairman, Father Titas.

Plans are moving along for the celebration of our council's 40th Anniversary! Joining with Elinor Stuzas, Chairman, are George and Frances Mikalauskas, Eloise Berczelly, Mary Lucas, Ann Scott, Rita Ambrose, Jerry and Karen Bedrowsky. Rumors have it some SURPRISES are in store!

Good to know all is fine with Stan Kavy after his recent hospital stay. Hilda Cernevicius' quick trip to the hospital proved to be just that. Happy for you, Hilda! Much luck to our newest members - Susan Mantz and Jerry Roberts. Many active years with the council! Congratulations to Alice and Mike Petkus on the birth of their fifth grandchild!

Working with Ida Kavy, chairman of the telephone squad this year, are Ann Kondrotas, Alice Petkus, Helen Vaitkus, Veronica Omlor and Laretta Pant. Their job is one of those behind-the-scene chores that is sometimes lost in the shuffle of council activities but a necessary vein in tying loose ends.

Celebrating birthdays in February were Ann Boeke, Pat Zelinskas, and Sarah Petkus. Anniversary congratulations are extended to Sam/Maxine Bakanauskas, Jim/Phyllis Richey, Joe/Ann Boeke, Lou/Kitty Prasmantas, Jim/Joanne Kavalauskas. Happiness to all!

We were stunned by the loss within a month of a second officer in our District when we heard of the passing of our Dist. Pres., V. Ed Pavis. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Stella, Dist. Secy. Her sorrow is shared by many of us who had the opportunity to know and work with Ed. His dedication to the Knights was felt by many of us through his efforts to keep the District under his guidance these many years.

Ed's loss will certainly be felt by the District. Our sympathies also go to the Youngstown council which Ed reorganized and helped to keep active. We pray his soul is at peace.



*C-96 - Dayton, Ohio - Juniors under guidance of Ada Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas, with their Lithuanian Christmas decorations.*



*C-96 - Dayton, Ohio - Tree decorated Lithuanian ornaments at the Sinkwitz' home.*

C-139 - DETROIT, MICH.

Catherine

With a small council, it takes several months of "doing and going" to be able to contribute to the news of "Council Activities".

First of all, a warm welcome is extended to our new members, Anna and Peter Bukšnis. Why has Cecilia Wagner been happier since the end of April? Because her

husband has been home since his discharge from the Army.

A surprise Silver Wedding Anniversary party was staged for Laura and Andy Kurtinaitis at the home of Laura's brother, Alex Kurpowic. Lovely gifts were received and memorable photos snapped. Laura and Andy also became grandparents again. Their daughter, Laura May, presented them with a granddaughter named Kimberly. Congratulations, also to our new "papa", Bruno Jasevicius, and Karen, his wife. They have a new baby boy, Joseph Bruno.

With all the merriment of the holidays just passed, one hesitates to mention the sad portions of the news. Condolences go out to Stanley Wesley whose brother, Joe, (a former K. of L.-er) passed away... Joe and Catherine Kurpowic were forced to cancel plans to attend the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Chicago because of the death of Catherine's mother. Four weeks later they made a rushed trip to Chicago to attend the funeral of Catherine's cousin, Tony Klosky... Sincere sympathy is extended to Joe Sirvydas on the loss of his beloved wife Ann. Ann had formerly served our council as a diligent President and also as Treasurer. Our condolences to her two daughters, Kathy Clark (who flew in from the Netherlands) and Pat Kuipers. We shall miss Ann... In commemoration of two of our deceased members, Mary Waitkus and Ann Sirvydas, Masses were offered and breakfast followed at Symak's. Vestments were donated to St. Peter's Church in their memory... Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy are extended to all who held Rev. John C. Jutt dear to them. He will truly be missed by the K. of L... The shocking news of the death of our M/C Dist. Pres. Vincent Ed Pavis, affected us all. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Stella and their children. Vincent

Ed will long be remembered, not only by those who had been in contact with him for many years, but also by his newer acquaintances. May God love and reward him.

Among the members who were able to attend the bowling tournament, three returned home with prize money - Alex Kurpowic, Laura and Andy Kurtinaitis. Con-

gratulations! The M/C Dist. Convention, sponsored by C-102, concluded with favorable results.

A skyward trip to Spain and Morocco was enjoyed by Margaret Dubitsky. Where to next, Margaret? Alex and Helen Gadwell winged their way to Seattle, Wash. and had a happy reunion with their doctor son, Michael, daughter-in-law Kay, and three grandchildren. During the summer Albena and Alex Kurpowic flew to Florida and then took the trip to the Bahamas. Later in the fall they vacationed in Acapulco, Mexico and came back just in time to attend the 50th Jubilee of St. Peter's Church. The Jubilee was a gala affair with a bit of nostalgia. It was so good to see former parishioners whom we hadn't seen for years.

Our three Detroit Councils combined their efforts and prepared a delightful reception following a special Mass for Father J. Walter Stanievich, who celebrated his 25 years in the priesthood. With such wonderful co-operation, it's no wonder it turned out to be a grand success. Ilgiausią Metų Father!

Isabelle Skulis is kept busy visiting at the hospital. Her mother-in-law has been ill for a length of time. Our get-well wishes go out to her.

Our holiday pot-luck party was combined with a general meeting. The party was again charmingly hosted by Barbara and Bill McKenzie. The food was delicious, especially the "bulvinės dešros", that Alex and Albena Kurpowic prepared. Several members were unable to attend this meeting because of illness, and though we did miss them, we accomplished quite a bit. Our main items on the agenda were the election of officers and the preparation for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament which we are sponsoring this year. Officers for 1972 are: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. V. Krisciunevicius; Pres. Albena Kurpowic; V.-Pres. Catherine Kurpowic; Secy., Margaret Dubitsky; Treas. Cecilia Wagner. Lots of luck to all!



## NEW YORK- NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Liberty Lady

On Christmas Eve, po Bernelių Mišių, Lietuvos Vyčių 12 Kuopa held its 2nd Annual Community Endeavor for the parishioners of Aušros Vartų Šv. Marijos Bažnyčia. As a "Vyčių ačiū" to the people of various nationalities who attended Mass on the most holy night, we provided kavute su pyragaičiais. Over 50 people joined us. Visi Lietuviai buvo patenkinti, nes viena atsigavino, o antra, turėjo progos pasikalbėti su giminėmis, draugais ir pažįstamais. To the parishioners and visitors of other nationalities we extended our hand of traditional Lithuanian hospitality.

During the February meeting it was announced that John Antanavicius is joining our circle of Knights as a life member. Welcome and thank you for enriching the council. Adele and Arthur Nelson with their lovely children

are also enlarging the "family council". It's a joy to see new members coming in with their refreshing ideas, and coupled with the experienced factor of our long standing members, we have an unbeatable team.

Winter natal days were observed by council members - Albert Yatkaukas 1/16 (Thanks Al, for sharing your day in the church choir), Millie Pletz 1/19, Irene Senken 1/28, Betty Waskiewicz 1/31, Lee Waskiewicz 2/2, Barbara Kartanowicz 2/11, and Mary York 2/17. Evelyn and John Bell celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary on John's Birthday Feb. 24. We all wish many more happy years of wedded bliss to a fine couple.

On April 19, C-12 will participate in the 1972 world wide prayers (maldos) for Lithuanian Freedom (Lietuvos Laisvė) and the salvation of the Persecuted Church in Lithuania (Persekiojama Bažnyčia Lietuvoje).

"SHE CARES" Profile: Member Helen Matthews has been associated with Volunteers of the Shelters for about five years and almost every Saturday takes a



C-12 - New York -- Executive Board. Seated 1 to r: Betty Waskiewicz, Secretary; Leon Waskiewicz, President; Helen Cuperwich, 1st Vice President. Standing 1 to r: Ann Zindzius, Lithuanian Affairs; Helen Matthews, Treasurer & Financial Secretary; Mary York, Public Relations.



group of youngsters from the shelters for day trips to various points of interest. It might be at the Bronx Zoo or to see Santa Claus or Puppet Show or Rockefeller Center. When Helen was asked why she gives up her Saturdays, especially as a working girl, very simply her answer was - she finds it rewarding to work with youngsters who need tender loving care.

C-12 Executive Board extends warm wishes to the K of L family for a Happy Easter.

C-90 - KEARNY, N.J.

V.T.Z.

We are happy to report that our Testimonial Dinner for Anne Klem was a lovely affair. The committee, Chairlady Mary Grinewich, Ruth Hryszko, Dotty Staskus and Gen Mazur prepared pretty sandwiches of red, green and yellow bread to complement the satisfying punch served before the dinner. Our thanks to President Ellie Nakrosis who opened her home to the committee to make the delicious sandwiches. They enjoyed every minute of it. The pretty table decorations of large red, green and yellow flowers were made by Dot and Walt Staskus. Dot has Walt trained well, - he helps! It was nice to see the friends of Anne Klem gathered to pay her tribute. Our National President, Dr. Jack Stukas, gave a heartwarming talk about Anne's many deeds. She received many lovely gifts, and C-90 presented her with an amber pendant - truly a Lithuanian memento for a dedicated Lithuanian gal. Many councils were represented, and we thank them for helping to make this testimonial a success. Our thanks, too, to Father Dominic Pocius, Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, for his invaluable assistance, and to our other members for their support. We are a small council, but we are "hanging in there!"

We were sorry that one of our committee members Eleanor Genitis, was unable to attend the dinner; she had just returned from the hospital and was recuperating. We thank God she is now fine.

In December; our Junior K of L Dance Group, under the direction of Ellie Nakrosis, performed

for the members of Our Lady's Sodality at their annual Christmas dinner. They were well received. We are glad to report that Ellie is now home from her hospital stay and well on the mend.



C-90 - Ann Klem arriving at Testimonial Dinner



C-90 - Testimonial Guest of Honor, Ann Klem, (second from left) with her sisters.



C-90 - Ann Klem's Testimonial Committee members - Ellie Nakrosis (seated), Mary Grinewich and John Nakrosis.



C-90 - Guests at Testimonial for Ann Klem.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

M.R.Y.

To spread the word on Lithuanian culture to Americans of other ethnic origins, two Chairmen of Lietuvos Vyčių, N.Y. - N.J. Dist. arranged a Lithuanian Christmas Tree Exhibition at the International Institute of Jersey City Christmas Dinner on Dec. 21 in Jersey City, N.J.

Anne Klem, Cultural Chairman, designed and arranged her Christmas ornaments on the tree and gave a commentary to the people. The activity took place in cooperation with Mary York, a member of the Board of Directors of the International Institute and the District's Public Relations Chairman, who desired to show the Institute members something of her Lithuanian heritage.

People of Chinese, Italian, Czechoslovakian, Polish, Irish, English, Greek and Jewish heritage saw for the first time a Lithuanian Christmas Tree. We never know the good that can come out of what we do. For example, one gentleman who works with retarded children in the community expressed great interest in the art of making Lithuanian straw ornaments and saw a potential therapy for the children in starting a similar project.

The International Institute of Jersey City which is dedicated to assisting the foreign born, also works for public recognition of the contribution in music, art, literature and folk traditions of various nationalities.

Our congratulations to Rev. Frank Bulovas, the N.Y. - N.J. Dist. Spiritual Advisor, upon his recent appointment by the Brook-

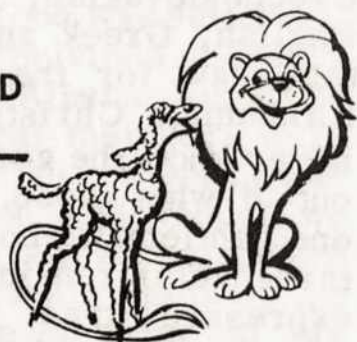


*Lithuanian Christmas tree exhibition at International Institute of Jersey City, New Jersey. Arranged by N.Y.-N.J. District Chairmen: Mary York, Public Relations and Anne Klem, Lithuanian Cultural*

lyn, N.Y. Diocese to the post of Administrator at the Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y.

Within our district we are proud to announce that K of L C-41 of Brooklyn, N.Y. is circulating to its members an excellent council bulletin called "KARDAS" which is both informative and thought provoking. Congratulations to Marion Sidtis, the Editor and her capable staff.

#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

"Tiny"

We opened our 1971-72 season on Sept. 17, 1971 with a long list of new members which we welcome to the club - Anthony Tumulis, Lillian Cosmos, Elaine Janauskas, Bronis Krivinskas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strielkauskas, Attorney and Mrs. Richard Atkins, Frank Cheske, Mr. and Mrs. Bronis Aleksinas, Walter Kasauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitzherbert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaPointe,

Ronald E. Shortell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Urchinas. We hope to see these new members active in club affairs, as officers in the future, and working for the Lithuanian cause in one way or another in the name of the Knights of Lithuania.

We are experimenting with Dinner Meetings to draw more members to the monthly meetings. After each meeting, we have been enjoying such dinners as Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Chicken, etc. made by a good friend of ours, who is a "Chef extraordinaire". This has been drawing non-members and we hope to have them as full-pledged members in the future. The old adage "The way to a man's heart..." may work to increase our number.

The K of L Bowling League is on its second round - the first round was won by Captain John Alankas' team. Plans are being formulated for their banquet also, which will be held sometime in May.

If you drive thru Connecticut, beware; do not exceed the speed limit or you may find our Vice-Pres., Joseph Samoska, Jr., who has joined the State Troopers, giving you an "autograph" you would not appreciate! Our Board of Directors member, Edward

DINAPOLI, is Sheriff in Waterbury, so beware, or you may meet two of our members under uncomfortable conditions!

St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast plans are being made for Mar. 5 by Chairman, John Alankas for this very important day.

Have you heard about going away for a rest after a vacation? Our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Marcella Andrikis, is in Florida, recuperating from her two recent European trips. She has interesting bits of information to relate to us from each trip, because she is sincerely interested in the culture of other countries, just as she is in ours. A few more trips and we will send her out giving travel-ogues!

Our new Chaplain, Rev. George Vilciauskas, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, recently celebrated his 30th Anniversary in the priesthood. Congratulations, and best wishes for a long and healthy future and many more anniversaries to come!

Now that we are expanding in numbers, you may hear more often from us - till then, "Pasilikit sveiki".

C-78 - LAWRENCE, MASS.

M.N.

Greetings!

Miss Dorothy Blazeitch, Irene Baublis, and Mrs. Joan Lisauskas are the '72 officers for C-78, Lawrence, Mass. Rev. Father Alfonse Jansonis is our Spiritual Advisor.

Our council cordially invites, and will welcome one and all, to the N.E. Dist. Spring Convention to be held April 30. Founder's Day will be observed with a visit to the grave of the late Mykolas Norkunas, the father of the Knights of Lithuania. The Scholarship Fund will also be explained. This will be an interesting convention, and we hope to see you all there.

C-116 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Ramblina

It was so nice to see Mary Miner at our last meeting - she's President Tony's sister. Mary attended the Kudirka commemoration on Cape Cod, and our council is happy to have her in our midst

again.

Mary Mrozinski and Vic, and Grace Balukonis and hubby Joe, donned the "glad rags" and spent a very enjoyable evening at dinner and viewing a play "Fiddler on the Roof" at the very plush and posh Chateau de Ville. That's the "in" place these days - features a \$100,000. chandelier.

We were well represented at the Supreme Council meeting in Boston on Jan. 9 - happy to greet our National President Dr. Jack Stukas, and his lovely wife, Loretta. Tony Miner, our President, was there with Stanley Grigas, as was Irene Adamaitis, Anne Miller, Dottie Sinkavitch, Trudy Zibinskas, and Helen Daltwas. Tony is so very busy these days with the National Chairmanship of Lithuanian Affairs, and the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid; he had a great deal to report.

At the N.E. Dist. Meeting in our own Maironis Park, our council was represented by Anne Miller, Mrs. Irene and Miss Irene Adamaitis, and Tony Miner. It's always so nice to see all our New England friends at the district meetings and to exchange ideas to further our K. of L. ideals. There was a very nice buffet afterward, typical of Maironis Park, which Anne Bender, Anne Bacinskas and our own Irene Adamaitis helped to serve.

Quite a few of our people were making plans to go to the sunny south, Florida, during the school vacation in February. Dottie and Bart March took their son to Disneyland, and John and Ann Yurkinas were hoping their three daughters got over their pneumonia in time to make the trip. Hope they all recovered quickly.

Everyone looked forward to our annual celebration of the Feast of St. Casimir on March 4. We attended the 5 PM Mass in a body and then had a family buffet in the church hall. Helen Daltwas was in charge.

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C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

"Topstone"

It is said that one of the greatest labor-saving inventions of today is, tomorrow. With this in mind C-135 wisely chose and elected the following persons to lead us thru

1972. Rev. Paul P. Sabulis, Spiritual Advisor; Violet Brazitis, Pres.; Alfonse Barauskas, Vice-Pres.; Ann Barauskas, Secy.; Mildred Driznus, Treas.; Stanley Twerian, Fin. Secy.; Lillian Twerian, Trustee; and Anne Sabulis, Historian.

Many things have transpired since we met here last. Violet Brazitis, Millie Driznus and Ann Ramanauskas journeyed to the National Convention in Kennebunkport to receive their Fourth Degrees and partake in the Lithuanian festivities. Congratulations! We were told it was a memorable event. Too bad the dreadful weather here prevented more from making the trip.

Our latest member Stanley Twerian is to be congratulated for his appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Congratulations are also in order to our charter member Johnny Sabulis who won the elective post of Alderman from the third ward of Ansonia. Upon election, he had to resign from the Ansonia Police Force after nearly 20 years of service. Lots of luck to both of you fellows, as the requirement for the performance of your duties consumes a great deal of time. John is also Chairman of the Sewer Committee which will soon be faced with the task of sewer installation in many parts of the city. Ask John how he spends rainy Sunday afternoons. Incidentally, have you noticed the markers on his car? They read "KOF.L." This must be a first for any council anywhere!

Our Christmas Party was quite a success and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The exchange of gifts was quite a feat! Who was Santa?

The biggest event was our Gala New Year's Eve Party. With the majority fulfilling their Mass obligations in party finery earlier, they exited to the church hall to partake in the festivities. Upon entering, they were greeted by their respective hosts and hostesses in a beautifully decorated ballroom. Our thanks to Violet Brazitis, Lil Norwid, Ann Gyba and Anne Sabulis who was recuperating from a long bout with pneumonia and joined in to help with the decorating. Back by popular demand, a second year in a row, was Johnny Sabulis and his Music Makers, who went all out

to provide the type of music and entertainment to the end. Johnny says he saw the sun come up! We wonder how many pounds were gained from the delicious food served that night! The capacity crowd that attended included many new faces who wanted to get in on the fun, and indeed they did. Ask the gang from Waterbury - Right Selectman? Glad you came. Rose Marie and Toby Tabakà were the Polka standouts this year. Toby says that when the polka starts, his feet automatically react and he goes. Talk about pep! All night long, Rose DeGennaro kept asking Johnny Sabulis to play Latin music, especially "Spanish Eyes". Al and Ann Barry kept time to the music with their cocktail shaker mixing drinks. Kasey Svelnys enjoyed himself rounding up the gang singing to all the sing-a-long tunes. It was good to see our illustrious Charter Member Judge Joseph Chernauskas and his wife spending the occasion with us. Hope to see you folks more often. Pete and Helen Gumbulevich, Floyd and Gloria Trapkauskas were able to make the affair this year too! Nice to see you all again. Missed at this party were Lil Chaplik and Millie Driznus. Jack and Ruth Tyson did a fine job dancing to old numbers that brought back memories to them. Ann and Howie Gyba were pegged as the "Ole Smoothies". Headache pills, a pillow and less Russian Dances for Toby Tabaka. To our beloved Father Paul - Congratulations to a job well done - keep it up! To our "Assistant Pastor" Father Ed - Glad to see you! Johnny Norwid's passing remark at the food line, "This stuff I can eat". To Ella Ellis, a box of balloons, so that she could dance with a broken toe.

The next gala affair is our Mardi Gras. We are told it's going to be another wing-ding. Skippy Ott and his orchestra will be back on the bandstand by popular demand. Remember last year? Another fantastic setting of food is promised also - as usual. Eva Yurevich is handling reservations.

Lee and Olga have recently completed the renovation of the ole homestead with the installation of a fireplace. Lee says there is some fine finishing work to be done but otherwise the "dance hall" is complete.

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## It's Cleveland, Ohio in '72 ...

The Convention dates for the 59th Knights of Lithuania National Convention, hosted by Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio, are August 23 - 27, 1972 (identical dates of the 48th National Convention held in Cleveland in 1961 -- 11 years ago.) The 48th was a very successful, well-attended Convention and this year's Convention holds every promise of being topped. To do so, all we need is YOU and your unbounded enthusiasm - we'll do the rest. So, make your plans right now to attend the 59th in Cleveland. The dates again are August 23 - 27, 1972!

For your pleasure and convenience we have chosen Cleveland's beautiful new downtown Hotel - the Hollenden House - located at 6th and Superior Avenue, for your Headquarters.

A tentative schedule of events planned for you is listed below.

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>- August 23 - P.M.</b>	Early Bird "Special" - A relaxing evening spent Poolside.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>- August 24 - A.M.</b> <b>- P.M.</b> <b>- Evening</b>	Golf Tournament Opening Session To be announced at later date
<b>Friday</b>	<b>- August 25 - A.M.</b>  <b>- A.M.</b> <b>- Noon</b> <b>- P.M.</b> <b>- P.M.</b>	Opening Solemn High Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Sessions Sports Luncheon Sessions Concert - Hollenden House
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>- August 26 - A.M.</b>  <b>- A.M.</b> <b>- Noon</b> <b>- P.M.</b>	Requiem Mass for Deceased Members - St. John's Cathedral - 9th & Superior Sessions Luncheon Semi-Formal Dance - Music by Eddie Platt and his renowned Orchestra - Hollenden House Ballroom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>- August 27 - A.M.</b>  <b>- 2 P.M.</b>	Solemn High Mass - St. George's Church - 67th & Superior Avenue Closing Banquet - Hollenden House

Your Chairman for the 59th National Convention is Charles Machutas, able and congenial President of Council 25. He will be assisted by two Co-Chairmen, Ursula Kunsitis and Peter Luiza, plus very able Committee Chairmen and committee members, to be announced at a later date. As you can see, plans are well underway to see that your visit to Cleveland will be a pleasant, eventful, and fruitful one. More details will be forthcoming as they unfold.

