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MARIJA DIEVO MOTINA

POV. DIRKIS

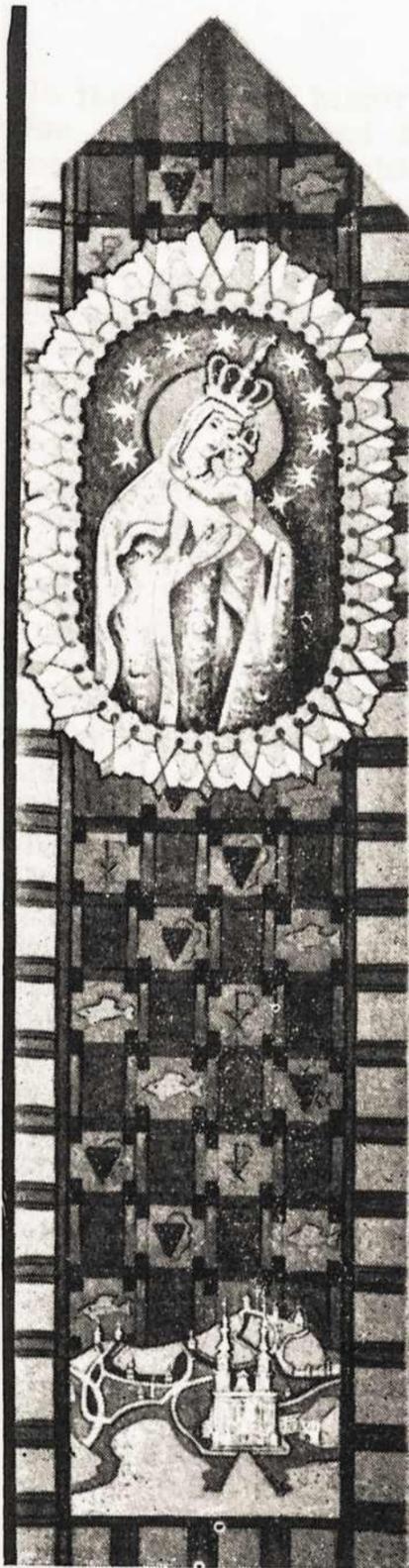
mėnesį Bažnyčia skiria Marijos Dievo Motinos garbei.

Katalikų Bažnyčios liturgijoje Marijos Dievo Motinos garbinimui skiriama labai daug vietos. Todėl, kad ji yra Angelų Karalienė ir Dievo Motina. Betgi kai kas sako, kad Katalikų Bažnyčioje Marijai teikiama per daug garbės. Kai kas, ypač protestantai, sako, kad katalikai gerbdami Mariją, nepagerbiame kaip reikiant Kristaus. Tikroje ir pilnoje religijoje negalima atskirti Kristaus nuo Marijos, nei Marijos nuo Kristaus. Mat, Kristus pasiekė visą žmoniją ir ją atpirko per savo Motiną Mariją. Beto, Marijos Dievo Motinos savybė dar yra ta, kad jos artumoje mes jaučiamės kaip namie. Motina skleidžia apie save tėviškės dvasią. Tai tinka ir Marijai, Dievo Motinai: ji mums rodo dangų, kuris yra tapęs jos namais. Lietuvių tautoje yra stiprus ryšys su Marija, Dievo Motina, ypač galingai besireiškias Šiluvos ir Aušros Vartų Marijos Dievo Motinos garbinime. Į tai yra atkreipę savo dėmesį net kitataučiai. Didysis rašytojas G. K. Chestertonas savo autobiografinėje knygoje rašo apie savo išpūdžius Aušros Vartuose, Lietuvos sostinėje Vilniuje: Aš atradau istorinę vietą, kur lietūviai ir lenkai yra taikoje, jų tautoms esant karo stovyje. Aš važiauvau su viena sąmoninga, Europos būdą pažįstantia lenke. Ir kai mes sustojome prie vienos arkos, vedančios į šalutinę gatvelę, pastebėjau, kad jos tonas pasikeitė, pasidarė rimtesnis. Ji man sakė, kad mes čia negalime važiuoti. Aš nustebau, nes anga buvo atvira ir gatvė neužimta. Kai mes ėjome pro tą arką, ji rimtai kalbėjo: "Nusiimkite čia kepurę!" Ir tada aš pamačiau atvirą gatvę. Ji buvo didžiausios minios užpildyta... Visi buvo suklupę ant žemės... Apsidairiau ir pamačiau arkos viršuje atvirus langus, atskleidžiančius koplyčią, spindinčią auksu ir kitomis spalvomis. Čia skambėjo giesmės ir didingai laikomos mišios.

Už dienos, kitos prasideda gra-



Pažaislio Madona



Žemaičių Kalvarijos Madona

Gražiausias metų laikotarpis - pavasaris ateina su žaliuojančiais lapais ir gimstančiais žiedais. Jis pabudina gamtą iš žiemos miego, jis prikelia žemę į naują gyvenimą, jis nuskaidrina pilką ir apsiniaukusį dangų. Vos tik saulutė stipriau pradeda kaitinti ir nutraukia žiemos pančius, kuriais buvo sukaustyta žemė, tuojau iš visur trykšta gyvybė: sužaliuoja laukai, sužydi pievos, pakvimpa medžiai ir pragysta paukščiai. To gražiausiojo laikotarpio gegužės

žusis gegužės mėnuo - Marijos, Dievo Motinos mėnuo. Kaip kasmet, taip ir šįmet prasidės mėnesinis garbinimas Marijos Dievo Motinos. Tačiau Lietuvoje, komunistų valdomoje, vietoje giesmių ir rožinio, pasigirs keiksmi, piktžodžiavimai. Poetas A. Mickevičius lyg nujausdamas savo veikaluose, kurie tapo neperseniai išversti į lietuvių kalbą, parašė: "Dievo Motina, kuriai mūsų protėviai davė Karalienės vardą, gelbėk Lietuvą!"



"Rūta" - The National Flower of Lithuania

The "Ruta", national flower of Lithuania, to the English speaking world is the rue. The botanist describes the rue as a strong-scented herbaceous plant, the stems of which grow to about two feet high and are green in color. The root is perennial, the flowers yellow, and the taste bitter and acrid.

The Lithuanian loves the "Ruta." He cherishes it and sings of its beauty and charm with fervent affection. It is to him what the shamrock is to the Irish, the heather to the Scotch, or the rose to the English. The ruta has a fragrance of great charm. The lack of showiness of the blossom is amply compensated for by the evergreen quality of the plant. It is this quality which makes it the ancient emblem of remembrance. But most of all, it is the symbol of purity, innocence and maidenhood. It is this symbolic tradition that has kept the "ruta" alive in the folklore, gardens and the hearts of the Lithuanians through the ages...

No Lithuanian garden is too small for its patch of "ruta", or rue. Here side by side with lilies and roses and other aristocrats of the flower world, grows the ruta. The woman of the house, no matter how busy she may be, always finds time to cultivate and water her patch of rue. Even in this country it thrives in the fine gardens of Lithuanians.

In Lithuania, on Sunday mornings one would observe women going to church with sprays of ruta

in their hands. The young girls make it into wreaths and wear it on their heads as crowns, or give them to their beaux as tokens of special esteem and remembrance. It is as a symbol of purity that the ruta plays an important part in the wedding ceremonies of the Lithuanian people. The bride usually marries with a wreath of ruta, unless she is being married for the second time.

Before the wedding, the village maidens gather at the bride's house, place a wreath of ruta on her head, and sing songs. The bridesmaids bind the bride's tresses with flowering ruta to signify the beginning of the ceremony that will end her happy maidenhood. This is followed by a session of general merriment.

On the wedding morning, amidst great pomp and ceremony, the groom's representative presents a wreath of ruta to the bride. After the wedding, the village maidens sing the bride's farewell to the ruta, showing that her maidenhood has come to an end.

How the ruta came to play such an important part in the life of the people, and when it originated, is hard to say. But the fact that ruta plays such a great part in the folk songs of Lithuania leads one to believe that it is as old as the Lithuanians themselves. Lithuania's national love story, of the Grand Duke Keistutis and the poor maid Birute, dates to the 13th century, and the poets in describing Birute, state when Keistutus met her she was wear-

ing a wreath of ruta.

Thus through the ages, the ruta has passed from paganism to Christianity, and has been known to be used for dipping into holy water and sprinkling the people to ward off evil...

The Ruta flourished in the days of grandeur, when Lithuania was one of the most important countries in Europe and in fact, the largest. It survived its less happy days when under the Russians, every effort was made to stamp out everything that was Lithuanian. In the country's restoration, after World War I, the ruta was again prominent as ever. Even in the United States, one occasionally sees the bridal veil of a Lithuanian girl held by a wreath of ruta, or a small wreath pinned on the back of the bride's head.

The spirit of modern progress has changed or made obsolete many delightful customs, but not so with the ruta. It is still cultivated, loved and cherished by Lithuanians and its praises sung for the world to hear.

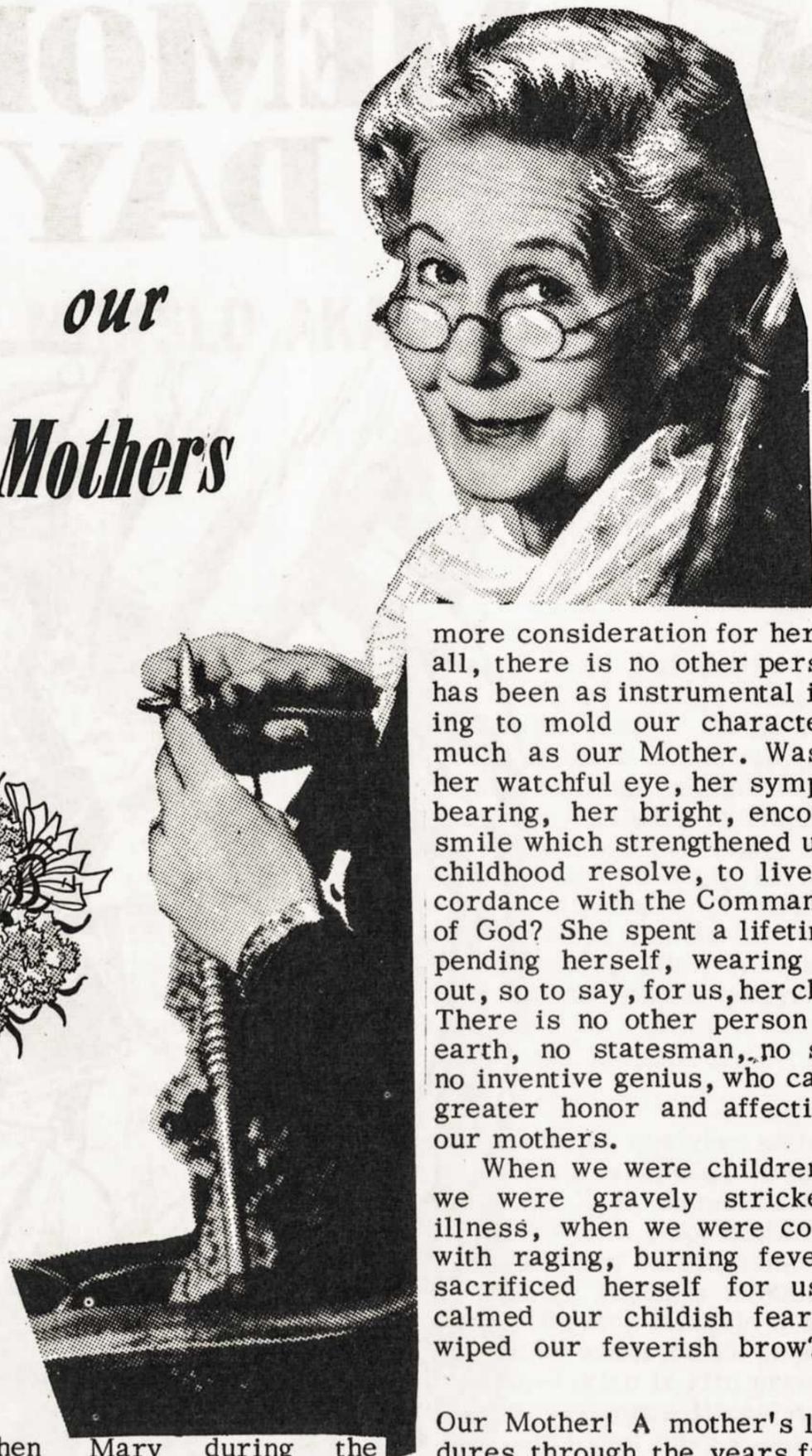
How unfortunate, indeed, is the fact that the joyous songs of the ruta no longer ring out over the fields of a happy and peace-loving people. The gardens of rue in Lithuania have been trampled under the heavy heels of a cruel oppressor... It is our sincere hope and prayer that the ruta will once again grow green and flower amidst the songs and customs of a free Lithuanian people in an independent Lithuania...

In the annals of history, every nation has its heroes and its heroines. These noble characters, these distinguished patriots, these famous military geniuses, these people, who were instrumental in doing so much good for their country, are held in greatest esteem and reverence. They are continually placed before the minds of the people as examples of courage, inspiration and emulation. But history is concerned with the dark, musty past. We are more directly interested in the present. Heroes and heroines have attained renown and distinction in their respective countries, but they are usually confined within national boundaries. However, there is one name among all heroes, or heroines, a name extending from beyond the musty past into the living present - a name not subject to the limited confines of national boundaries. It is the name of MOTHER; an endearing name signifying undying love, constant devotion and unswerving fidelity.

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson, then President of the United States, with the beaming approval of Congress, issued a proclamation directing that the second Sunday of May be set aside as the day reserved for a public expression of our love and reverence to the Mothers of our Country. Pope Pius XIth also gave the official approval of the Catholic Church to this very wholesome practice. And almost every nation in the world has reserved a day to honor and revere Motherhood.

When the angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and addressed her: "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and thou shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call him Jesus", motherhood at that solemn moment took on a more noble and exalted meaning. - When Christ was hanging on the cross, subjected to the excruciating sufferings of the Passion and exposed to the scorn of the rabble and the taunts of the Godless, He beheld his sorrowing Mother at the foot of the Cross, faithful unto the end. There, too was John trying to console and

our Mothers



strengthen Mary during the moments of her supreme anguish. At that solemn moment under the most awe inspiring circumstances Christ said to John: "Behold, thy mother". Christ during his dire torments could not forget His grief-stricken mother, and appealed to the faithful John, His beloved disciple, to take care of His blessed mother. Yes, even during those moments when he was dying for the redemption of mankind, Christ, with filial consideration, did not forget his mother.

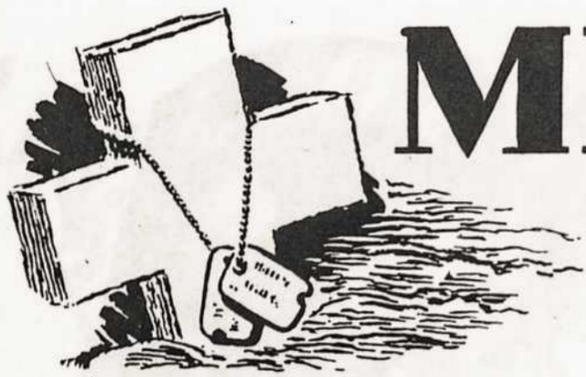
What finer tribute can we express to our Mother than that of showing more love, more affection,

more consideration for her? After all, there is no other person who has been as instrumental in helping to mold our characters, so much as our Mother. Was it not her watchful eye, her sympathetic bearing, her bright, encouraging smile which strengthened us in our childhood resolve, to live in accordance with the Commandments of God? She spent a lifetime, expending herself, wearing herself out, so to say, for us, her children. There is no other person on this earth, no statesman, no soldier, no inventive genius, who can claim greater honor and affection than our mothers.

When we were children, when we were gravely stricken with illness, when we were consumed with raging, burning fever, who sacrificed herself for us? Who calmed our childish fears? Who wiped our feverish brow? Who?

Our Mother! A mother's love endures through the years from the time she bears her children in pain and anguish. During those long, miserable nights, when she lovingly nursed her children through lingering sickness, it was her love and gentleness which pulled them through the crisis. Many mothers deprived themselves of food so their children would not suffer want or inconvenience.

"She might be growing old now, the wrinkles on her brow might be increasing, her hair is growing grey, her body is bent and sometimes her hands might tremble, yet she is still our beloved mother!



MEMORIAL DAY



On Memorial Day, we salute our honored dead, who gave their lives for freedom. Proudly, we pay tribute. Humbly, we pray that we may be worthy of their brave deeds. Solemnly, we pledge that the freedom they won for our country shall be preserved, now and forever.



LIETUVIŲ KATALIKŲ MOKSLO AKADEMIJA

50 METŲ SUKAKTIES PROGA

I. L.K.M. AKADEMIJA LIETUVOJE

Šiomet sueina 50 m. nuo L.K.M. Akademijos įkūrimo. Kadangi ši lietuvių katalikų mokslo institucija yra labai reikšminga, dėl to "Vyčio" Redaktorės prašomas parašiau šią informaciją. Juo labiau, kad po Lietuvos okupacijos išėivijoje atgavinta, ji jau yra nuveikusi didelius darbus ir jos nariais yra daug lietuvių amerikiečių.

1. AKADEMIJOS KILMĖ

Dar XIX-me amž. Motiejus Valančius ir Simanas Daukantas svajoto apie lietuvių mokslo draugijos steigimą. Jų mintį populiario aušrininkai Jonas Basanavičius, Jonas Šliupas ir kt. Tada 1885 m. Mažosios Lietuvos lietuviai inteligentai įkūrė Birutės draugiją. Į JAV atvykęs Jonas Šliupas 1889 m. įsteigė Baltimorės Lietuvių Mokslo Draugiją, bet ji, neturėdama pakankamai mokslininkų, greitai sunyko. Amerikos lietuviai kunigai 1900 m. įsteigė aukštųjų mokslus einantiems lietuviams remti Motinėlių Draugiją. Gi pats Jonas Basanavičius 1907 m. Vilniuje įsteigė Lietuvių Mokslo Draugiją. Tais pačiais metais Kaune kun. A. Dambrauskas-Jakštas išleido mėnesinį mokslo, literatūros ir politikos žurnalą Draugiją, apie kurį spietėsi mokslo vyrai. Šis mokslo draugijų steigimasis buvo lietuvių mokslo pakilimo ženklas.

Pagaliau pop. Pijus X, 1907 m. pasmerkdamas modernizmo klaidas, išleido encikliką Pascendi, kurioje ragino katalikus visuose kraštuose steigti mokslo akademijas, sujungtas Tarptautinėn Katalikų Mokslo Akademijon. Kadangi tuometinė Vilniaus Lietuvių Mokslo Draugija buvo grynai pozityvistinės krypties ir neatliko kitų savo uždavinių, dėl to kun. Pranas Būčys Draugijos žurnale kėlė mintį steigti Lietuvių Katalikų Mokslo Akademiją, bet dėl įvairių kliūčių tuomet ji nebuvo įkurta.

Ji buvo įkurta tik nepriklausomai Lietuvos valstybei susikristalizavus. Iniciatorių L.K.M. Akademijs Kauno miesto valdyboje buvo įregistruota 1922 m. rugpiūčio 12 d., nors steigiamasis susirinkimas įvyko tik spalio 22. Šiame susirinkime buvo išrinkta pirmoji Akademijos valdyba: pirmininkas - vysk. J.

Skvireckas, vicepirmininkai - P. Dovydaitis ir S. Šalkauskis, sekretorius - kun. M. Reinys, išdininikas - L. Noreika ir knygininkas - A. Sennas.

L.K.M. Akademijs, kaip matome iš pirmųjų įstatų, siekė apjungti lietuvius katalikus mokslininkus, sudaryti palankias sąlygas moksliniam darbui, paruošti didesnę katalikų akademikų prieauglį, kelti tautoje mokslinį lygį ir krikščioniškąją kultūrą. Šiems tikslams pasiekti įstatatai pramatė priemones, būtent: steigti bibliotekas ir kitas mokslo institucijas, rengti kursus ir paskaitas, leisti metrašti, knygas ir kitus leidinius, turėti fondą ir išigyti judomojo ir nejudomojo turto.

2. AKADEMIJOS VEIKLA

Iki 1926 m. L.K.M. Akademijai vadovavo steigiamos susirinkimo išrinktoji valdyba. Nuo 1926 iki 1938 m. pirmininku buvo prel. A. Dambrauskas-Jakštas. Po jo mirties iki 1940 m., kol bolševikai uždarė Akademijs, pirmininkavo S. Šalkauskis.

Pirmiausia buvo pradėta rūpintis mokslinės bibliotekos įsteigimu. Per ilgesnį laiką joje buvo sutelkta 12,000 tomų. Ji buvo sudaryta iš prof. P. Brenderio ir A. Dambrausko-Jakšto ir kitų privačių bibliotekų. Joje buvo daug vertingos lituanistinės medžiagos. Studijų fondo pagrindas buvo sudarytas dar 1922 m., vysk. P. Būčio dėka, iš JAV Lietuvių Katalikų Federacijos gavus 42,500 dol. bonais. Akademijs iš šio fondo per 18 metų galėjo duoti eilę stipendijų aukštojo mokslo siekiantiems studentams.

Energingo prof. J. Ereto pastangomis Kaune buvo sušaukti trys mokslininkų ir mokslo mėgėjų kongresai: 1933, 1936 ir 1939 m., kuriuose dalyvavo 300-550 asmenų. Bendruose ir sekcijų posėdžiuose tų suvažiavimų metu buvo perskaitoma apie 30 paskaitų, kurios paskui buvo išleistos Suvažiavimo Darbuose, I-III tom., kurie kartu paimti turi 1518 psl.

A. Dambrausko-Jakšto pasiūlymu 1927 m. buvo pradėtas ruošti Lietuvos Žymesnybių Žodynas, kurį pradžioje redagavo J. Tumas-Vaižgantas, o vėliau P. Penkauskas ir J. Eretas. Tai buvo lyg ir pirmasis bandymas leisti Lietuvių Enciklopedijs. Iniciatyvą perėmus Spaudos Fondo leidyklai, L.K.M. Akademijs davė du vicedaktorijs - P. Dovydaitį ir B. Česnį.

Pati Akademija 1930 m. išleido biografijų rinkinį, kuriame buvo patepta 23 žymesniųjų lietuvių ir 11 kitataučių biografijų. Akademijoje buvo puoselėjama ir Lietuvos Katalikų Universiteto steigimo mintis.

II. L.K.M. AKADEMIJA IŠEIVIJOJE

1. AKADEMIJOS ATGAIVINIMAS

Komunistams Lietuvoje Akademią uždarius ir jos nariams po platų pasaulį išsisklaidžius, ji buvo atgaivinta iševijoje. Atgaivinimo mintį 1952 m. iškėlė S. Bačkis, tuomet Lietuvos Pasiuntinys Paryžiuje. Tos minties skatinami iniciatoriai, vysk. V. Padolskiui vadovaujant, 1954 m. gruodžio 30 d. Romoje sudarė reorganizacinį komitetą, kuris Akademijos atgaivinimo reikalų paskelbė atsišaukimą ir pasiuntė jį buvusiems ir pramatomiems nariams, kartu su naujomis sąlygoms pritaikintais įstatais. Komitetas, gavęs daugelio palankų atsiliepimą, 1956 m. korespondenciniu būdu pravedė Centro Valdybos rinkimus.

Tada pirmininku buvo išrinktas vysk. V. Padolskis, vicepirmininku Z. Ivinskis, nariais J. Vaišnora, M.I.C., A. Liuima, S.J., prel. L. Tulaba ir kun. V. Balčiūnas. Nuo tada iki dabar Centro Valdyba pasiliko Romoje, nors buvo siūlyta ją perkelti į JAV. Po vysk. V. Padolskio mirties iki šio pirmininkauja A. Liuima, S.J.

2. AKADEMIJOS TIKSLAS, NARIAI IR PADALINIAI

Atsikūrusios L.K.M. Akademijos tikslas pasakytas įstatuose. Ten sakoma: "L.K.M. Akademijos tikslas yra telkti aukštojo mokslo lietuvius katalikus, kiek galint gerinti jiems mokslinio darbo sąlygas, ruošti naujų mokslo jėgų, platinti ir kelti mokslingumą ir krikščionišką kultūrą lietuvių tautoje". Gi antrame paragrafe sakoma: "Tam tikslui siekti Akademia: a) steigia bibliotekas, muziejus ir kitas mokslo įstaigas; b) rengia suvažiavimus, kursus ir paskaitas; c) leidžia knygas, mokslo žurnalus ir kitokios rūšies leidinius; d) kuria fondus; e) sudaro ir skiria stipendijas; f) įsigyja judomo ir nejudomo turto".

Naujieji įstatai Akademijos narius suskirsto į garbės narius, narius mokslininkus ir narius. Be to, ji gali turėti narių korespondentų ir rėmėjų.

Akademijos nariams esant išblaškytiems po visą pasaulį, įstatai pramato galimybę suorganizuoti įvairių kraštų Akademijos padalinius, kurių nariai kas dveji metai rinktųsi į bendrus susirinkimus ir išs rinktų krašto valdybą. Gi jei kurioje vietoje yra bent 5 nariai, kurie be didelio sunkumo gali susirinkti, ten gali būti kuriamas Akademijos židinys. Tokio židinio nariai kasmet iš savo tarpo išsirenka pirmininką, kuris palaiko ryšius su Centro Valdyba.

3. AKADEMIJOS VEIKLA NAUJOSE SĄLYGOSE

Atsikūrusi Akademia vėl pradėjo šaukti savo tradicinius suvažiavimus, kurių ketvirtasis iš eilės, o pirmas iševijoje, 1957 m. buvo sušauktas Romoje, penktasis 1961 m. Chicagoje, šeštasis 1964 m. New Yorke, septintasis 1967 m. Vokietijoje ir aštuntasis 1970 m. Toronte, Kanadoje. Jau yra išleisti Romos, Chicagos ir New Yorko suvažiavimų darbai, kuriuos suredagavo A. Liuima, S.J. Be to, Akademia leidžia Metraštį, kuriame spausdinamos Akademijos narių studijos. Tokių Metraščių jau yra išleisti penki didžiuliai tomiai.

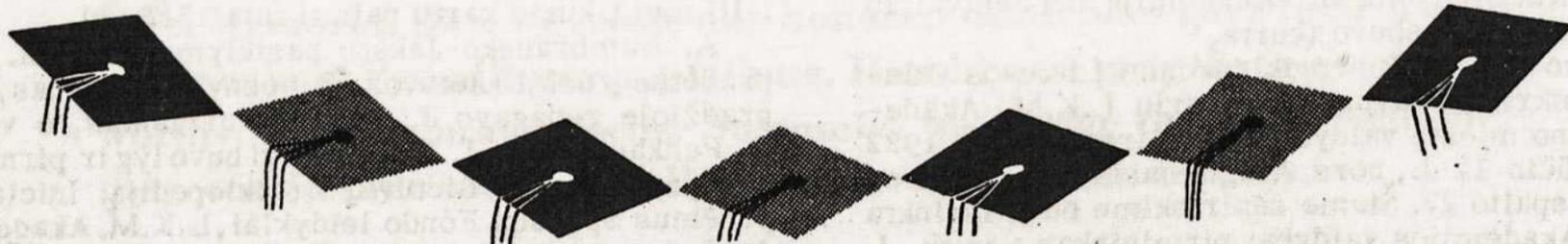
Prie Akademijos Romoje veikia Istorijos Mokslų Sekcija, kuri tyrinėja Vatikano ir kitus archyvus. Ji leidžia Istorinių Lietuvos šaltinių rinkinį - Fontes Historiae Lituaniae. Pirmame šio rinkinio tome ji jau yra išleidusi Vilniaus ir Žemaičių vyskupų relacijas Šv. Sostui ir turi paruošusi spaudai net kelis tomus, kuriems išleisti dabar ieško mecenatų. Praeitų metų gale miręs prof. Z. Ivinskis, be daugybės paskelbtų studijų, rankraštyje paliko pirmąjį Lietuvos istorijos tomą ir Žemaičių vysk. Merkelio Giedraičio monografiją. Šios sekcijos nariai labai daug rašė istorinių straipsnių JAV išleistoje Lietuvių Enciklopedijoje.

Įstatų ribose daug kur įsikūrė ir veikia Akademijos židiniai. Tokie židiniai buvo įkurti Chicagoje (1956), New Yorke (1962), Naujojoje Anglijoje (1963), Detroite, Daytone, Montrealy ir Toronte. Židiniai talkina Centro Valdybai ruošiant Akademijos suvažiavimus. Jie patys taip pat šaukia savo narių susirinkimus, ruošia viešas paskaitas ir minėjimus.

Praeitais metais Akademijos nario kun. J. Prunskio įkurta fundacija sudarė galimybę kasmet 500 dol. premijuoti vieną geriausių katalikų žurnalistų ir 1000 dol. premiją suteikti už geriausią parašytą mokslo veikalą.

Taip bendrais bruožais atrodo L.K.M. Akademijos per 50 metų nueitas kelias ir nuveikti darbai. Tiesa, jie kuklūs palyginus su didžiųjų laisvų kraštų panašių akademijų darbais, kaip kuklios jos veikimo sąlygos ir materialiniai ištekčiai, bet jos nuveikti darbai ir užsibrėžti planai esamose sąlygose yra labai reikšmingi lietuvių tautai. Gi, kad jos darbai būtų ryškesni ir visi planai įvykdyti reikėtų, kad visi kvalifikuoti lietuviai katalikai mokslininkai jon įsijungtų, o kiti materialiniai pajėgesni paremtų Akademijos darbus.

Dr. Viktoras Gidžiūnas, O.F.M.



Lithuanians in The

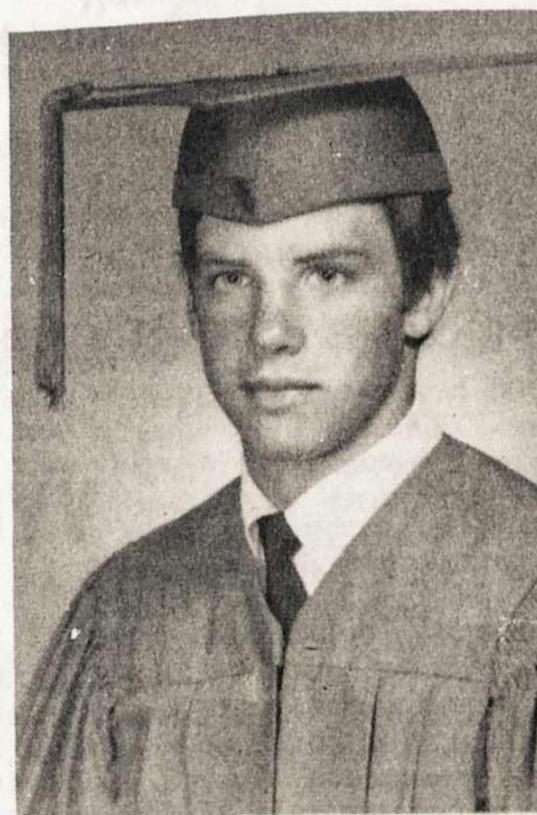
NEWS



BROOKLYN BISHOP WITH LITHS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Francis J. Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn, chats with K of L New York Seniors members (l. to r.) Vytautas Radzivanas, Helen V. Kulber, and Rev. Francis A. Ruggles at the reception following Mass at Annunciation Church, Brooklyn, of which Rev. Ruggles is Pastor. Bishop Mugavero was greatly impressed by the large attendance at the Mass and especially by the singing of the choir directed by Algirdas Kačanauskas (C-29).

PHOTO CREDIT - Charles Binkins



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP TO LITHUANIAN HIGH-SCHOOL STAR



AT STAMP SHOW...

This commemorative cachet on the occasion of the "50th Anniversary (1922-1972) of the DE JURE Recognition of the Baltic States by USA President Warren G. Harding" was issued for the 4th Baltic States United Philatelic Show at INTERPEX - International Stamp Show March 17-19, 1972 at the Hotel Americana.

A four year grant-in-aid football scholarship has been awarded to GARY STUKAS, son of Peter and Amelia Stukas of Hillside, N.J., to the University of Richmond, Virginia. Gary, who will graduate this spring from Hillside, (N.J.) High School, is considered "one of the finest high school quarterbacks" of last season by the Richmond scouts, and led his team to a second-place finish. He was named to the All-Wachung Conference first squads in football and baseball, and was an Elizabeth Daily Journal All-Union County second-team selection in both sports. The young Stukas will also play baseball for the Virginia college.

WKYC PHONE CHIEF IS NO "LILY TOMLIN"

MISS SANKAL TAKES WORK SERIOUSLY 25 YEARS

By Raymond P. Hart

Lily Tomlin of "Laugh-In" has more or less come to be known as NBC's unofficial switchboard operator. Heaven help the network.

Miss Estelle Sankal is NBC's official switchboard supervisor and receptionist in Cleveland.

A Lily Tomlin she isn't. Miss Sankal takes her job of being pleasant and courteous seriously - so much so that she has been greeting the public and television and radio stars in person and on the phone for 25 years.

She began her career as guardian of her fellow employees' fundamental right to life, liberty and the pursuit of their jobs with as little unnecessary interference from the public as possible at old WTAM radio, owned by NBC.

After a while, television joined radio in the old NBC building at 815 Superior Avenue and WNBK (Channel 4, later to become channel 3) came into Miss Sankal's protectorate.

Later, Westinghouse assumed ownership and the stations were known as KYW-TV and radio. In

1965, NBC resumed command and WKYC-TV and radio were born.

Miss Sankal has remained at her post through all the changes and has no thoughts of retiring.

The attractive, slim lady has seen stars, would-be stars and never-to-be stars come and go.

Some have gone on to bigger and better things. "But they never asked me," she quipped.

Miss Sankal is not awed by the celebrities, but has many fond memories of the tinsel types who have come into the stations' lobby over the years.

She has met such personalities as Bob Hope, Eddie Fisher, Hugh Downs, Debbie Drake, Linda Darnell, Barbra Streisand, Phyllis Diller, Steve Allen...

She vividly remembers visits by the late Jayne Mansfield and Gypsy Rose Lee. "The lobby was jammed with onlookers - just like that".

She also recalls Zsa Zsa Gabor's sweeping entrances into the lobby. "She is some flashy dresser. And one time, all the Gabor sisters and their mother came in".

Miss Sankal's favorite actors are Charlton Heston and Glenn Ford - who she has met. "They came in very casually - not in the Hollywood manner".

She also has greeted national political figures. "I met Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Johnson when they were vice president".

Most of the TV stars were in Cleveland to be guests on "The Mike Douglas Show" when it was beamed from KYW-TV.

KYW radio was a popular rock'n roll music station in days gone by and members of the younger set would resort to most any means to meet their idols.



"The girls used to hide under chairs in the studio and even in the men's washroom so they could talk to the musicians and singers".

From 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays, an estimated 800-900 calls pour into the NBC switchboard. They are answered by Miss Sankal and her partner, Miss Kathy Keskemety. Three other operators handle the phone flow evenings and on weekends.

The switchboard really lights up when soap operas are preempted by special programs. "The ladies get upset and wonder why we in Cleveland have taken off their favorite show. They don't realize that the cut was made on a national (network) level," Miss Sankal said.

On occasion, the calls have concerned extremely serious subjects - such as the paralyzing 1950 snowstorm and the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963.

"My father drove me to the station in his Jeep during the snowstorm. Miss Sankal recalled. "I was here from Friday (the day after Thanksgiving) until the next Monday."

She was working the day President Kennedy was shot. "Let's

Ed. Note:

Members of the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council come from all parts of the U.S., and are engaged in a variety of interesting activities in their career - lives. At Station WKYC in Cleveland, our National Treasurer ESTELLE SANKAL leads a life interesting enough to rate an interview in a local Cleveland paper. We felt that our VYTIS readers might also enjoy reading about "Estelle's other life", courtesy of the "Cleveland PLAIN DEALER".

just say we were terrifically busy for several days."

Miss Sankal attended a switchboard school before entering the business world and radio-TV work has been her only vocation.

"I still like it as much as ever. The public and stars, as a whole, are very nice." She likes meeting "new people every day."

Miss Sankal's warm voice and pleasant personality are not confined to WKYC. She also leads an active life away from the station.

She is president of the Knights of Lithuania Seniors Council and corresponding secretary of the Lake Erie Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. In addition, she travels extensively - even to Bermuda - and likes to swim and golf.

Miss Sankal was on her job only four months at WTAM when she was appointed as supervisor. "It's an exciting life," she admitted.

"But just routine."

"The Plain Dealer", Cleveland, Ohio.

LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .

LITHUANIAN KALDUNAI

2 medium chopped onions
2 pounds ground round
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1/8 teaspoon allspice
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
2 tablespoons salt
1 1/2 to 2 cups water
flour

Mix together the meat, chopped onions, garlic powder, allspice, cloves, nutmeg and salt. If you like spicy food, you may want to include more of each spice. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat 2 eggs, then add 1 1/2 to 2 cups water. Beat water and egg mixture until foamy. Begin gradually adding flour and continue until it forms a dough which can be easily handled. Place the dough on a lightly floured surface and knead it well until it no longer sticks to your hands.

Place all but a fourth of the dough in a bowl, cover it so it won't dry out, and set it aside. Roll out the remaining fourth to a thickness of about 1/8 inch. Cut the flattened dough into squares, about 3 to 4 inches long on a side. In the center of each square place a small amount of meat; when I tested this recipe I found that about a teaspoonful was enough for each dumpling.

Fold the dough around the meat to make a triangle and pinch the edges closed. Set each finished dumpling on a floured plate. When the first batch of dough has been used up, take another quarter of dough and continue until finished. If you find that there is leftover meat, it's a simple matter to make more dough.

Carefully drop the *kaldunai* in a large pot of boiling water. When the water starts to boil again, cook the dumplings for about 15 minutes. Drain and serve with melted butter. Yield: 4 servings.



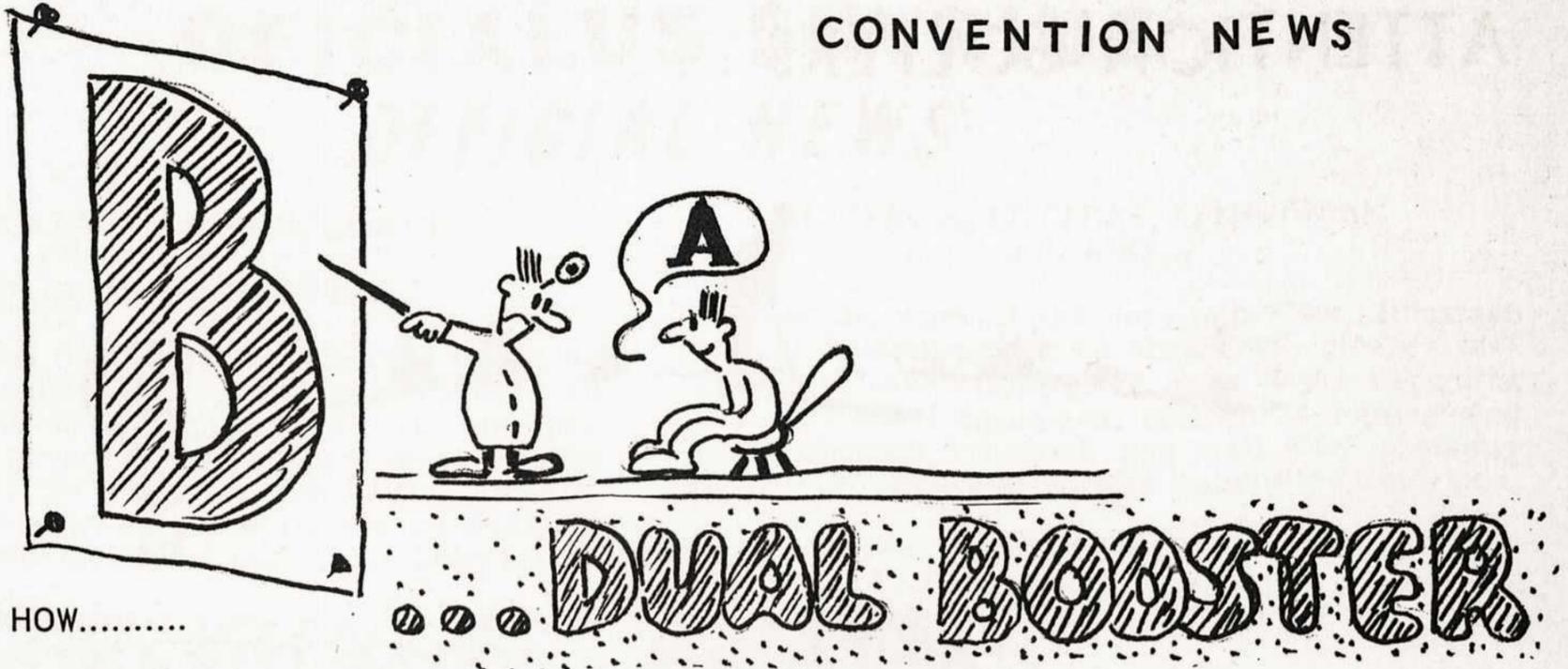
EDITOR'S NOTE:

This recipe is reprinted from the ARMY/NAVY/AIR FORCE TIMES, compliments of Sandra Miklas, by way of Cuba! The Miklas family - Sandra, her husband Navy Lieutenant Commander Ramutis, and their 3 sons, are stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Besides the recipe, the TIMES printed an interesting story of the couple and their life in service. About their food tastes, the publication states:

The Miklases may have been all over the world, but no exotic foreign foods have lured Ray Miklas away from his love for his native Lithuanian cuisine -- especially *kaldunai*. In English, I suppose, they would be called meat dumplings, says Sandra.

The *kaldunai* are so filling that each person could eat only a few of the hearty dumplings. Sandra Miklas fries her leftover *kaldunai* in butter for another meal. "In fact," she says, "we like it better, the second time around, when it's fried."

CONVENTION NEWS



HERE'S HOW.....

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THE PRIZE.....

Council-25 will give \$100.00 for this Drawing. It will be a 50-50 Drawing. If you are the winner, you will receive \$50.00 and \$50.00 will be given to the SCHOLARSHIP FUND with credit to your Council.

Whether you attend the Convention or not, this is your opportunity to be a part of it. Your personal and individual support at this time can help to make this a SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION and help the SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

GIVE THE K OF L A DUAL BOOSTER.....Send in your ticket today. Send it to Mrs. Alice Karklius, Program Book Chairman, 1004 E. 179th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44110.

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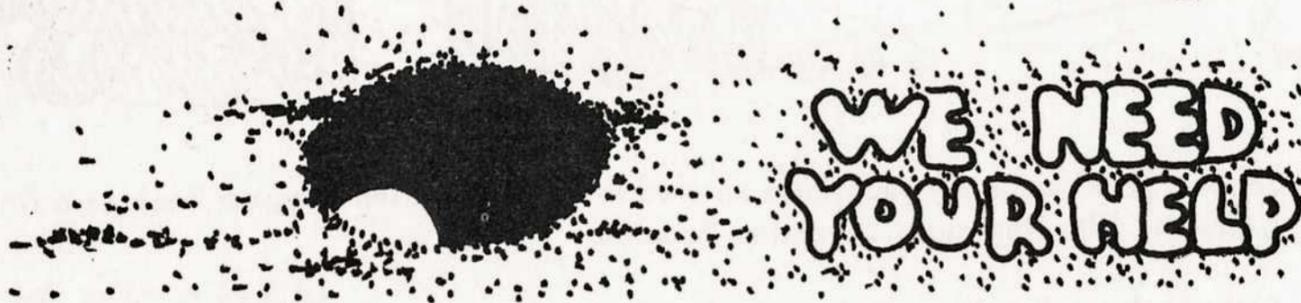
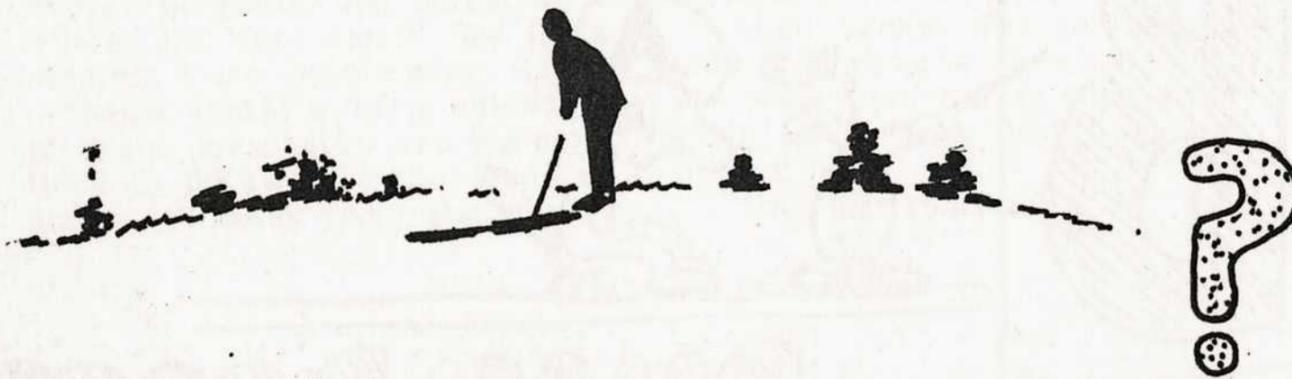
59th NATIONAL CONVENTION BOOSTER TICKET
August 23-27, 1972 - Council-25, Cleveland, Ohio

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Are you planning to attend the Convention? _____

ATTENTION GOLFERS . . .



Our Sports Committee would like to know if you desire a
GOLF TOURNAMENT during the 59th National Con-
vention???

Date would be early A. M.
August 24, 1972
Cleveland, Ohio

Don't delay - your response at this time will determine
whether there will or will not be a Tournament. Reply to:

E. P. Kunsitis
101 East 205th Street
Euclid, Ohio - 44123



**DON'T FORGET TO
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Watch your VYTIS for further Highlights on the 59th NATIONAL CONVENTION

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Every year at this time, the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is prepared to forward an official announcement, application and reference forms to be submitted by prospective candidates in your Council, for the annual Scholarship Awards. These forms will be sent directly to each applicant whose name will be submitted to our Scholarship Committee.

All qualified candidates are urged to apply. The deadline is JUNE 30th. Forms may be obtained from the Chairman at the address given above. The 15th Annual Scholarship Awards, totaling up to \$1,000.00 again this year, will be announced during the 59th National Knights of Lithuania Convention, Aug. 24-27, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate or graduate work. Scholarly achievement, K of L organizational activity, and various recommendations, along with financial need, are taken into consideration in the selection of scholarship winners.

We urge each Council to support this important Knights of Lithuania project financially. Many Councils urge their members to donate an extra dollar to the Scholarship Fund when paying their dues. Others prefer to sponsor an affair, a drawing, or to earmark a percentage of an affair's profits for the Scholarship Fund. Some councils also, solicit patrons, businessmen and organizations to donate to our Fund.

All donations to the Scholarship Fund of the K of L, should be forwarded to the Committee Treasurer 32116 Red Clover, Farmington, Mich., 148024. Mr. Zager will acknowledge each donation, and the complete list of donors will be printed in the Vytis after the National Convention.

We are looking forward to receiving names of applicants from your Council, for the awards, also having your cooperation in obtaining funds for this important K of L Program.

Dr. Jack J. Stukas
Chairman and National President

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED

A very important meeting of the Supreme Council is planned for SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1972, at 1:00 P.M., at the home of MR. CHARLES MACHUTAS, 4915 Berkshire Dr., No. Olmstead, Ohio. Tops on the agenda will be the business schedule of the 59th National Convention. Therefore, it is essential that all Supreme Council members, National Committee Heads, and local Honorary Members attend.

CLIPPINGS, LETTERS, LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS...

That the work of the very important Lithuanian Affairs Committee not be abandoned, please CONTINUE to save clippings of news items regarding Lithuania and Lithuanians, records of letters sent and responses received, and mail them promptly to the new Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman,

MR. ANTHONY MINER
49 Bruce St.
Grafton, Mass. 01519

MEMBERSHIP DUES

A Reminder to All Financial Secretaries - When sending in dues to the Supreme Financial Secretary, please be sure that a duplicate copy is sent to your District Financial Secretary, so that the District will also have an accurate account of the members in their district.

Irene Ozalis



**IN MEMORY OF MYKOLAS NORKUNAS
(1869-1951)
FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**

Lai Dangaus galybės leidžia malonės jusų darbuotei ir testiprina jaunas širdis meilėje tautos ir bažnyčios. (M. Norkunas, Vyčių steigėjas).

Compliments of the Narkun Family

"SOME SENSE AND NONSENSE"

An incomplete report by your National Public Relations Chairman, Helen V. Kulber

My idea of publishing a booklet of newspaper photos and items pertaining to the Knights of Lithuania was rejected on both the Supreme Council and District levels. The consensus was that it could not be accomplished thoroughly and in time for the Second Baltic Information Conference as I had requested. Such a publication could be used in many other ways, too, as a factual record of what we are doing through the communications media instead of merely filing clippings in our own archives. I still have hopes of carrying out this project later and urgently request that such material be sent to me (address inside from cover). Please send the entire page or clip outside of margin of type and enclose strip with name of newspaper, date and page number for a finished pasteup job suitable for reproduction. Upon request, I will forward a print to Anthony Miner, Lithuanian Affairs National Chairman.

At the Supreme Council meeting in Boston, Longinas Svelnis, NED President, gave me five clippings from major newspapers, covering in detail the First Commemoration of the Simas Kudirka incident which was sponsored by the New England District... Anne Klem (C-90, NY-NJD Cultural Affairs Chairman), not fully recuperated from many sessions of teaching how to make Lithuanian Christmas straw ornaments, made the long trip from Nutley, N.J., to Brooklyn on a Monday night to demonstrate Easter egg decorating for the Bay Ridge Day Nursery Auxiliary. A nice write-up about her, mentioning her affiliation with the K of L, appeared in my local paper, the Brooklyn Spectator... Annie Mitchell (HM C-52, Elizabeth, and NY-NJD Secretary) sent me a page from the Elizabeth (N.J.) Daily Journal showing a large picture of the Our Lady of Siluva altar, flanked by two Christmas trees decorated with straw ornaments made by her, Anne Klem and the Altar Society of St. Peter and Paul's Church. I heard that Christmas cards will be made, utilizing a photo of this beautiful scene. John Subacius, (NY Seniors 41) made the painting in the altar some years ago... I had contacted the Hallmark Gallery, W. 56th and 5th Ave., N.Y., about including a Lithuanian Christmas tree in its annual exhibit of "Celebrity Trees" suggesting Miss Ruta Lee as "our celebrity". This year, the gallery plans to feature "Creative Christmas". Their reply requests photos of our straw ornaments which is encouraging.

Michael Grigaliunas C-67 Bayonne, and NY-NJD Membership Secretary and Larry Janonis (C-12, NY-NJD President) gave me several clippings; Mary York (C-12, NY-NJD PR Chairman) has succeeded in placing K of L notices in the Jersey as well as Lithuanian papers... A dear friend in Chicago, Irene Hall - a young Finnish woman, regularly sent me news clips about Lithuanians, including the full page story and photos on the Frank Zapolis family.

Phyllis Grendal (HM, C-17 Srs.) was in a group

picture in "Darbininkas", showing Gov. Francis W. Sargent of Massachusetts signing the Proclamation commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day. I assume the photo was in their local papers, too. Alexander Chaplik, President, Lithuanian-American Council of Boston and V.P., Lithuanian Alliance of America (SLA), also in the picture, spoke at our national convention in Kennebunkport and donated to our Scholarship Fund...

All the photos (and more) of myself with notable personalities in VYTIS have appeared in American newspapers and other Lithuanian and ethnic publications. Well, - it's not easy to make headlines in the New York Times!!! ... Walter Norton, editor of the Lithuanian Philatelic Society Bulletin, picks up these notices from various papers and puts them in the bulletin which reaches many LPS members throughout the world... Another LPS member, Al Ruzgas, was kind enough to make reprints, gratis, from his collection of drawings by N. Barwicki in 1908 of 27 Lithuanian Grand Dukes, Dukes, and Knights, also King Mindaugas, for James Sysko (C-90, Kearny) who is interested in Lithuanian military uniforms and equipment. Jim's "thank you" notes to me and Mr. Ruzgas were written on appropriately illustrated paper - a Crusader in armor at prayer..

Rev. Stasys Raila, Executive Secretary - Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, (NY Srs. 41); Dagmara Vallens, United Baltic Appeal - BATUN, Latvian journalist, UN correspondent; my sister, Beatrice Hoff, and I attended a film "Faith on Trial - a Documentary from the Soviet Martyrs" (partly produced secretly by Christians in Russia) and lecture by Rev. Ingemar Martinson (Baptist) of the Slavic Mission, based in Sweden. With permission, I distributed Rev. Albert Contons' leaflets, published by the K of L, to the audience at the Riverside Church. We, in turn, were given packets of literature - and in one of the magazines "Religion in Communist Dominated Areas (RCDA)", published by the National Council of Churches, was printed in full "The Defense Speech by Rev. Antanas Šeškevičius" as translated by Rev. Francis A. Ruggles, Pastor of Annunciation Church in Brooklyn! Preceding it was a touching commentary by the Managing Editor of RCDA, Blahoslav S. Hruby... Rev. Ruggles-Raugalas has rejoined the K of L. We, NY Seniors, are very proud and pleased to have him with us.

All members should carry several copies of Rev. Contons' leaflets as many opportunities for their distribution, especially to non-Lithuanians at unexpected times, are available. Rev. Albin F. Janiunas (So. Boston and NED Spiritual Advisor) sent me two copies of an updated leaflet by Rev. Contons, who is President of the Lithuanian Catholic Priests' League of America as well as our K of L Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor. This one, published by the League, mentions the Simas Kudirka and Rev. Šeškevičius, S.J., cases...



ARE YOU IN THE RUNNING?

As of April 1, 82 new or rejoined members have been enrolled. But it might not help increase the over-all membership total, if our present members do not pay their dues.

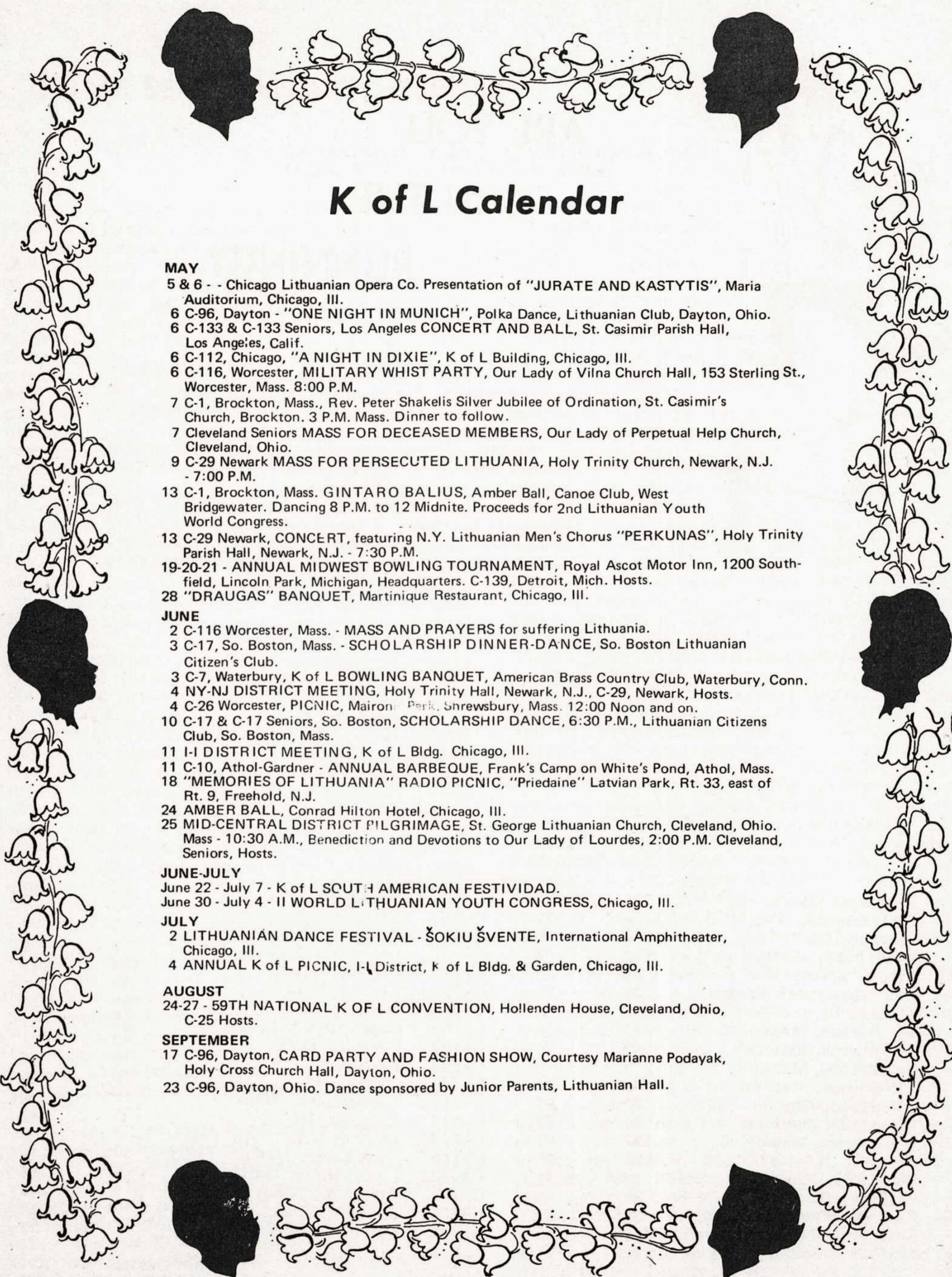
We are quickly approaching the end of our contest period. ARE YOU IN THE RUNNING - are you paid up??? Check your status below.

Get on the ball. Don't make it necessary for your Financial Secretary to hound you for your dues. Have them ready because if we ALL make a sincere effort, perhaps we will have a 100% paid up membership.

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

COUNCIL	1971	1972 (April)					
C-1	Brockton, Mass.	26	24	C-52	Elizabeth, N.J.	23	20
C-3	Philadelphia, Pa.	30	31	C-61	Paterson, N.J.	7	7
C-5	Chicago, Ill.	9	5	C-67	Bayonne, N.J.	3	7
C-7	Waterbury, Conn.	120	92	C-78	Lawrence, Mass.	13	3
C-10	Athol, Mass.	21	22	C-79	Detroit, Mich.	194	147
C-12	New York, New York	35	35	C-90	Kearny, N.J.	35	1
C-14	Cicero, Ill.	3	0	C-96	Dayton, Ohio	108	110
C-17	So. Boston, Mass.	33	14	C-100	Amsterdam, N.Y.	58	57
C-17S	So. Boston Seniors	42	34	C-102	Detroit, Mich.	43	21
C-18	Cambridge, Mass.	0	6	C-103	Providence, R.I.	0	2
C-19	Pittsburgh, Pa.	34	36	C-109	Great Neck, N.Y.	26	20
C-25	Cleveland, Ohio	27	25	C-111S	Youngstown, Ohio	18	0
C-25S	Cleveland, Seniors	39	42	C-112	Chicago, Ill.	158	143
C-26	Worcester, Mass.	122	99	C-113	Linden, N.J.	3	0
C-29	Newark, N.J.	106	86	C-116	Worcester, Mass.	40	38
C-30	Westfield, Mass.	26	21	C-133S	Los Angeles, Calif.	29	31
C-36	Chicago, Ill.	49	11	C-134	Cincinnati, Ohio	14	0
C-36S	Chicago Seniors	35	29	C-135	Ansonia, Conn.	48	58
C-41	New York, N.Y.	2	16	C-139	Detroit, Mich.	27	28
C-41S	New York Seniors	22	21				

Albert Ozalis,
Membership Vice President



K of L Calendar

MAY

- 5 & 6 - - Chicago Lithuanian Opera Co. Presentation of "JURATE AND KASTYTIS", Maria Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.
- 6 C-96, Dayton - "ONE NIGHT IN MUNICH", Polka Dance, Lithuanian Club, Dayton, Ohio.
- 6 C-133 & C-133 Seniors, Los Angeles CONCERT AND BALL, St. Casimir Parish Hall, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 6 C-112, Chicago, "A NIGHT IN DIXIE", K of L Building, Chicago, Ill.
- 6 C-116, Worcester, MILITARY WHIST PARTY, Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall, 153 Sterling St., Worcester, Mass. 8:00 P.M.
- 7 C-1, Brockton, Mass., Rev. Peter Shakelis Silver Jubilee of Ordination, St. Casimir's Church, Brockton. 3 P.M. Mass. Dinner to follow.
- 7 Cleveland Seniors MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 9 C-29 Newark MASS FOR PERSECUTED LITHUANIA, Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N.J. - 7:00 P.M.
- 13 C-1, Brockton, Mass. GINTARO BALIUS, Amber Ball, Canoe Club, West Bridgewater. Dancing 8 P.M. to 12 Midnite. Proceeds for 2nd Lithuanian Youth World Congress.
- 13 C-29 Newark, CONCERT, featuring N.Y. Lithuanian Men's Chorus "PERKUNAS", Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J. - 7:30 P.M.
- 19-20-21 - ANNUAL MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Royal Ascot Motor Inn, 1200 Southfield, Lincoln Park, Michigan, Headquarters. C-139, Detroit, Mich. Hosts.
- 28 "DRAUGAS" BANQUET, Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.

JUNE

- 2 C-116 Worcester, Mass. - MASS AND PRAYERS for suffering Lithuania.
- 3 C-17, So. Boston, Mass. - SCHOLARSHIP DINNER-DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club.
- 3 C-7, Waterbury, K of L BOWLING BANQUET, American Brass Country Club, Waterbury, Conn.
- 4 NY-NJ DISTRICT MEETING, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J., C-29, Newark, Hosts.
- 4 C-26 Worcester, PICNIC, Mairon Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. 12:00 Noon and on.
- 10 C-17 & C-17 Seniors, So. Boston, SCHOLARSHIP DANCE, 6:30 P.M., Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.
- 11 I-I DISTRICT MEETING, K of L Bldg. Chicago, Ill.
- 11 C-10, Athol-Gardner - ANNUAL BARBEQUE, Frank's Camp on White's Pond, Athol, Mass.
- 18 "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" RADIO PICNIC, "Priedaine" Latvian Park, Rt. 33, east of Rt. 9, Freehold, N.J.
- 24 AMBER BALL, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- 25 MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT PILGRIMAGE, St. George Lithuanian Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Mass - 10:30 A.M., Benediction and Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes, 2:00 P.M. Cleveland, Seniors, Hosts.

JUNE-JULY

- June 22 - July 7 - K of L SOUTH AMERICAN FESTIVIDAD.
- June 30 - July 4 - II WORLD LITHUANIAN YOUTH CONGRESS, Chicago, Ill.

JULY

- 2 LITHUANIAN DANCE FESTIVAL - ŠOKIU ŠVENTE, International Amphitheater, Chicago, Ill.
- 4 ANNUAL K of L PICNIC, I-I District, K of L Bldg. & Garden, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- 17 C-96, Dayton, CARD PARTY AND FASHION SHOW, Courtesy Marianne Podayak, Holy Cross Church Hall, Dayton, Ohio.
- 23 C-96, Dayton, Ohio. Dance sponsored by Junior Parents, Lithuanian Hall.

Iš Sendraugių Gyvenimo

DARBINGAS SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Kovo 19 d. įvyko darbingas Sendraugių-Vyčių susirinkimas Lithuanian Village patalpose. Susirinkimą atidarė pirm. St. Sankalaitė ir pakvietė savo mamytę Rožę Sankaliene sukalbėti maldai. Nutarimų raštininkei M. Trainauskaitei neatvykus, pati pirmininkė patikrino valdybos sudėtį, o nutarimus užrašyti pavedė išd. Ed. Pranckui.

Iš išd. Ed. Pranckaus padaryto pranešimo paaikškėjo, kad išdas yra sumažėjęs, bet niekas dėl to nesijaudino, nes žinojo, kad kovo 26 d. įvykstant kortų pobūvis išdą vėl papildys. Saulėtosios dežutės finansinio pranešimo nebuvo, nes jos prižiūrėtoja dėl svarbių kitų reikalų į susirinkimą negalėjo atvykti. Ignas Visockas ir Juozas Sadauskas ragino visus narius gausiai dalyvauti kortų pobūvyje ir atsivesti savo kaimynus bei pažįstamus.

Apie įvykusį C.L. Kultūrinio Darželio S-gos susirinkimą platų pranešimą padarė J. Sadauskas, išreiškęs viltį, kad miestas dabar šį Darželį geriau prižiūrės.

Šiais metais Šv. Kazimierą iš-

kilmingai paminėjo vyčiai Youngstown'e (Ohio), į kurią buvo atvykę Pittsburgho, Clevelando ir paties Youngstowno vyčiai. Apie tai pranešimą padarė pirm. St. Sankalaitė ir J. Sadauskas. Jie džiaugėsi, kad Youngstowno vyčiai taip iškiliai ir puošniai paminėjo savo globėją Šv. Kazimierą.

Šiame susirinkime dalyvavęs vytis Petras Luiza, L. Vyčių 59-tojo Seimo rengimo Komisijos narys, plačiau pakalbėjo apie būsimąjį Seimą ir kvietė sendraugius prisidėti savo darbais ir bet kokia parama, kad Seimas būtų sėkmingas.



St. Casimir's Day, Youngstown, Ohio, Mar. 5, 1972, l. to r. Joseph Sadauskas (Cleveland), Honorary Member, Rev. S. Bakas of St. Francis of Assissi Church, Stella Pavis, (Youngstown) C-111 Srs. President Vytautas Jucius, (Pittsburgh), C-19 President.



Cleveland Srs. March Birthday Girls Jule Salaseviciene, and A. Zoruba surround J. Sadauskas on St. Joseph's Day.

Čia buvo prisiminta ir Clevelando Naujųjų Lietuvių Namų statybos reikalai. J. Sadauskas ragino vyčius pirkti naujųjų namų akcijas, kad šie namai ko greičiau galėtų papuošti 185-tąją gatvę.

Sendraugių vyčių pirm. St. Sankalaitė padarė pranešimą apie ruošiamą šventkelionę birželio 25 d., kuriai vadovauti yra išrinkta M. Trainauskaitė. Jai talkininkauja St. Sankalaitė.

Baigiant susirinkimą J. Sadauskas padėkojo visiems jį sveikinusiems gimtadienio proga. Ir šiame susirinkime sendraugiai vyčiai įteikė jam rašomąją plunksną su pieštuku, o St. Sankalaitė ir jos mamytė Rožė Sankaliene papuošė lietuvišku kaklaraiščiu. Užtai Juozas broliškai ir vytiškai padėkojo.

Susirinkime dalyvavusi viešnia Salomėja Nastopkienė, pasižadėjo įstoti į sendraugių vyčių eiles.

Po uždaromosios maldos, kurią atkalbėjo J. Sadauskas, įvyko vaišės ir gimtadieninių sveikinių. Šį kartą gimtadienius minėjo Julė Šalaševičienė ir Juozapina Zorubienė. O taip pat prie jų prisidėjo ir J. Sadauskas. Gražų tortą parūpino K. Titėnienė, o valgius ir gėrimus - K. ir U. Gaižučiai.

Senelis



Cleveland Seniors February Birthdays, l. to r. Kazimiera Petkunus, Antania Pinkus, Antanas Bujokas, Kazimiera Sadauskas.



Cleveland Srs., Ursula Gaizutis presents J. Sadauskas a pen and pencil set from the council on St. Joseph's Day.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

F.B.P.

Knights, parishioners and friends celebrated the 54th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence on Feb. 20. The program began with Mass at Holy Cross Church at 2 P.M. Everyone headed for the Lithuanian Hall on Valley St. for the balance of the program. MC for the day was our council member Maria Lazdinis. Guest speaker was Dr. Šarūnas Lazdinis, also a council member. The invocation was delivered by Fr. Titas Narbutas. The Šilainė Dancers from Detroit, Mich. were the main attraction with their many dances. Our Jr. Knights took part in the program, also. Christine Mantz gave her opinion of what she can do to remind people of Lithuania's plight. This was followed by the Jr. group singing "Lietuva Brangi". Ray Gecas gave the background of the Lithuanian National anthem with Mary Mikalauskas reciting the anthem in Lithuanian and Julie Prasmantas reading the English translation. Other council members working to make the program successful was our President, Joe Noreikas, Stan Vaitkus, Frank Gudelis and Tina Kavy with Tina acting as coordinator for the day. We thank Tina for the write-up she got our Juniors in the Jean Kappell column of the Dayton Daily News! A big Thank You to Jerry Bedrowsky for accompanying the Jrs with their singing. A dinner followed the program with Ann Scott doing the catering. Ida Kavy had her squad busy on the phone for reservations.

From the Jr. Advisors, Joe/Eleanor Mantz, Mike/Fran Petkus, a great big "Ačiū" to all the council members who donated and

patronized the Jr. Valentine Bake Sale of Feb. 13. The sale was a tremendous success! Proceeds will continue to keep an active general fund plus maintaining the camp fund for our Jrs. Thank you to Mary Lucas for the goodies she donated. Mary has to be the Edison of our council. Thanks, too, to Sarah Petkus for the special Valentine Cake she made, and the hand made apron from Eleanor Mantz for the Jrs. combined raffle! And guess who won?... Fran Petkus. Heard of "All In The Family?" Joe Gecas was "den parent" for the Jrs. in Feb. by arranging an Ice-Skating Party at the Hobart Arena in Troy, O. Father Titas helped with the driving and ended by treating everyone! Labai ačiū!

A big welcome to our newest members Steve Vaitkus, Julius Rastikis and Karolyn Ambrose! Rejoining the council are Dick and Dorothy Conrady and Frank Ambrose. May you all have many active years with the council. We hope all is going well for Frances Zelinskas during the stay in the hospital. Congratulations to Aldona Ryan on her position as president-elect of the Dayton chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers Ladies Auxiliary. She takes on the full title in 1973-74.

Congratulations to our two council members, Dave Petroski and Georgia Zelinskas, on the occasion of their engagement! Two weeks after their engagement, Dave had a leg injury which will require surgery. Always thought it was the girl who fell! Much happiness to you both, and we are all looking for the Big Day!

Our council was sadden, again, with the loss of another member. Joseph Somentus, our member from Springfield, O., passed away after an accident in his home. Joe had maintained his membership with the Dayton council many years. Sympathies, too, are ex-

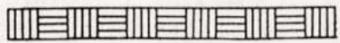
tended to Maxine Bakanauskas on the loss of her grandmother. We pray their souls are at peace.

March birthdayites were Ida Kavy, Aldona Ryan, Maxine Bakanauskas, Helen Vaitkus, Judy Scott, Jim Sinkwitz, Bea Noreikas, Frank and Irene Petruskas and Marianne Owens. Celebrating their anniversary in March were Joe and Eugenia Gecas. Congratulations and best wishes!

A standing cheer of thanks goes to Elinor Sluzas, our 40th Anniversary program chairman who organized, coordinated and MC'd a MOST MEMORABLE night! Thanks, too, to Elinor's committee which helped her put it altogether: Rita Ambrose, John and Ann Scott (homemade bread, beef), Frank and Karolyn Ambrose, George and Frances Mikalauskas, Eloise Berczelly (šalti barščiai) Maria Lazdinis (vinegretas, lašiniečiai), Elena Zukaitis and Mrs. Monica Petrokas (ausukes), Kitty Prasmantas and Mrs. Anna Ambrose (košelena), Eugenia Gecas (kugelis) and other foods made by the committee in general. In charge of refreshments were Frank, George, and Joe Gecas. Mary Lucas made and donated a two-tier cake decorated in the Lithuanian field flowers and ruta! Absolutely beautiful! The hall had a very warm feeling due to a great decorating job.

The notes compiled on Frank's life which was the highlight of the anniversary party, were assembled by Veronica Omlor, Mary Lucas, Elinor and George Mikalauskas with Jerry Bedrowsky doing the reading. Karen Bedrowsky compiled Frank's life in a caricature booklet. Where did you get some of those pictures, Karen? We know Judy Scott drew the baby picture. Stan Vaitkus set up humorous readings for members to take part in. Elinor reminded the members of the many church and charity projects in which Frank

is active. A gift from the members as a group was an attache case. Many fun gifts were opened later on. The City Transit Bus Joe Cernevicus made for Frank was really something! John and Irene Veigel phoned from their home in Bethany Beach, Del. to extend greetings to Frank. The financial chores were handled by the Mantz's, Mike/Fran Petkus, Eloise Berczelly and Maxine Bakanauskas. Bea Noreikas was the 50/50 winner. Again to Elinor and her committee, Labai Ačiū! And to Frank Gudelis - it was a night well worth sharing!



Mar. 5 was the day set aside to honor the patron of the Knights, St. Casimir. Much to our regret, our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Titas Narbutas, who was hospitalized, was unable to hold our Mass and give us his annual reading of St. Casimir. Mass was held at 10 A.M. by a visiting priest. A light breakfast followed in the church hall. Jerry and Karen Bedrowsky took this chore on voluntarily! The Jrs held a program for the occasion. Sherri Richey read a poem in English dedicated to St. Casimir while Ray Gecas read one in Lithuanian. Christina Mantz led the balance of the Jrs in readings on the Life of St. Casimir. The program was enjoyed by all. Greetings were extended by our Pres. Joe Noreikas. Karen Bedrowsky MC'd the presentations.

Showers of Flowers are bestowed on Mary Lucas, chairman, and all council members for a MOST rewarding Palm Sunday Bake Sale. We hit our "high" on profit! The time spent setting out the goodies was well worth the effort. Assisting Mary, after all the Masses, were Elinor Sluzas, Karolyn Ambrose, Rita Ambrose, Kitty Prasmantas, Marianne Podoyak, Ada Sinkwitz and Fran Petkus. Mike Petkus held down kitchen duty while Jr member, Kathy Sinkwitz took charge of the raffle sales. Winner in the raffle... not again... yup... Fran Petkus!

We are most pleased to say Father Titas is recovering slowly but surely from his recent illness. In to help Father with the Forty Hour Devotion was Rev. Fabian Kireilis, St. Christina's Parish, Chicago. Aiding Father during Holy Week and Easter was

Rev. Vincent Bartuska, Professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College, N.Y.C.

With Dave Petroski recovering very nicely after recent knee surgery, John Berczelly took over the chore of getting our bowlers ready for the annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament which will be hosted by Detroit, Dave's home town. We are pleased that Dave is doing well now, in spite of that cast from the hip to the toes. He and John will be sure our teams are "ready to go".

Our Ways and Means Chairman, Marianne Podoyak, is planning a Fashion Show-Card Party this Fall. We wish you much luck with this tremendous project. Our March meeting had the largest attendance other than the one in which elections were held. This must be the result of the fantastic job Jerry Bedrowsky is doing with the council bulletin. Jerry has been doing a tremendous job with the help of his wife, Karen. Jerry hits all angles - religion, news, humor and gossip! You're spoiling us, but keep it up, Jerry!

Replacing Joe Sinkwitz with Sgt-at-Arms duties will be Stan Kavy and Ernie Omlor. Newest member to join the council is Steve Vaitkus. Many active years, Steve! Did anyone get to see and hear Lauretta Pant on the Paul Dixon Show? T'was a good show, Lauretta!

Getting away from the last flurries of winter and sunning in Florida were Joe and Aldona Ryan and Sally, Mary and Annadel Miller. Taking in Washington, D.C., just a week too soon for the cherry blossoms were Ernie and Veronica Omlor. Visiting Dayton for the Easter Season were the Boeke's, Joe, Ann and their children. Also in for the holidays were Charles and Nelda Machutas and family visiting Charlie's sister, Frances Mikalauskas. Charles has taken on the chairmanship for the National Convention Host Council, Cleveland!

Celebrating birthdays in April were Rita Ambrose, Eloise Berczelly, Steponas Bucmys, Donna Jean Dailey, Tina Kavy, Elinor Sluzas, Irene Veigel, Jim Urban and Cathy Roberts. Anniversary celebrants were John and Irene Veigel. Congratulations to all!



C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Irene II

C-25 along with the Cleveland Seniors and Pittsburgh joined C-111 Youngstown on Mar. 5 in their St. Casimir's Day Celebration at St. Francis Assisi Church. Mrs. Stella Pavis and her committee did an excellent job. This was one of the nicest St. Casimir's Day events we have ever attended. It was good to see so many of our friends from Pittsburgh again. C-25 was represented by our President, Charles Machutas and his wife Nelda, Gene and Ursula Kunsitis, Peter and Alvina Luiza, Isabel and Joe Reedick, Nellie Arunski, Ruth Guzauskas and Adele Svet. Former C-25 member Antoinette Louis also attended. It was good to see her looking so well.

While at Youngstown for St. Casimir's Day, Nellie Arunski was startled to see a mirror image of herself - Mrs. Marie Esposito of Youngstown. It was remarkable to see these two look-alikes; even their hairstyles and coloring were almost identical. Here's proof that everyone has a double somewhere in the world. Nellie and Marie just didn't have to travel too far to find one another.

Congratulations to Joseph and Isabel Reedick on receiving their 1st Degree in Youngstown, and to Nellie Samas who received hers at the March meeting. Nellie is very active in St. Dominic's celebrated Choir, which recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary.

Plans are being formulated for another GARAGE SALE to be held very shortly. Start checking your attics and cellars and think twice before you throw any items out - who knows, it may be a priceless antique!

Our wandering Knight, Andrew Palzes is looking tanned and well after a recent 3-week skiing trip in Aspen.

Belated Birthday wishes are extended to Bruno Bartkus - April 11; Charles Machutas - the 12th; William Jakubs - the 23; John Arunski - the 27; and to Nellie Samas - May 10; Alice Karklius - the 18; Gene Kunsitis - the 22 and Helen Jakubs the 28.

C-25 members have their THINK CAPS on these days, planning events to make the 59th NATIONAL CONVENTION come up

to your great expectations. Hope all are making plans to attend. **DON'T FORGET THE DATES, August 23-27, 1972.**



Look Alikes - Nellie Arunski-C-25 and Marie Esposito - C-111



NEW ENGLAND

DISTRICT

C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

M.A.

Mūsų tradicinė "šv. Kazimiero šventė" atžymėta kovo 5 d. šv. Mišiomis, komuniya ir bendrais pusryčiais. Dalyvavo Vyčiai su šeimomis, šv. Juozapo parapijos įvairių organizacijų atstovai ir kiti svečiai. Šv. Mišias celebravo kun. R. Juškauskas, pamokslą sakė kun. H. Balčiūnas. Šventės iškilmingumui mielai talkino parapijos choras su lietuvišku giedojimu, vadovaujamas Vyčių Garbės Nario, komp. Aleksandro Aleksio. Išskirtinai gily išpūdi darė "Giesmė į Šventą Kazimierą" ir Vyčių himnas, paties dirigento abu kūriniai.

Pusryčių programą sumaniai pravedė advokatas Vincas Matusevičius. JAV, Lietuvos ir Vyčių himnai sugiedoti lydint solistėm Marceli Andrikytei ir Bronei Ortlieb. Kalbas pasakė klebonas kun. J. Vilčiauskas, komp. Aleksis, minėjimo pirm. J. Alenskas ir svečias kalbėtojas Charles Delaney, Conn. Dept. of Correction pareigūnas.

Baigiant iškilmes, prieš malda, Lietuvos reikalų komisijos pirm. M. Andrikytė perskaitė rezoliuciją ryšium su okupuotos Lietuvos išlaisvinimu. Rezoliucija entuziastiškai vienbalsiai priimta. Ji pasiūsta prezidentui Nixon,

Valstybės sekretoriui Rogers, senatoriams Fulbright, Ribicoff ir Wiecker, kongresmanui Monagan ir JAV ambasadoriui į Jungtines Tautas Bush.

Linkėtina Vyčiams niekad nepalūžti dvasinėje - tautinėje veikloje, būti džiaugsmu "tautai ir bažnyčiai".

"Tiny"

With St. Casimir's Day and Easter behind us, things have quieted down at C-7 in Waterbury. Everyone is resting up for vacations and future outdoor events.

School will be out soon, and already we have news that Ed and Antoinette White's son, Raymond, as the best Scholastic Athlete in the City of Waterbury, Conn., has been awarded a full Basketball Scholarship to St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. Best wishes for the next four years to Raymond, and congratulations to the proud parents. Who knows, we may have a Lithuanian Basketball Champ in near future.

Dr. William Shukaitis, one of our members of the Board of Directors, and his wife, have moved into their lovely new home. When is the "housewarming" Doc?

Everyone is still talking about the wonderful time they had at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance held at St. Joseph's Hall, with Ed DiNapoli as Chairman. Because of the success of that event, Otto Shatas plans to "strike while the enthusiasm is still hot" and have a Card Party and Buffet sometime in May. Everyone is doing their best to help pay off our loan for club renovations and it is greatly appreciated by the members, witnessed by their attendance at these affairs. Thank you!

The Convention and the N.E. Cultural Picnic are the next important events to come. Until then the summer season will be upon us. Hope it is a pleasant one for everyone. Happy Vacationing!

C-10 - ATHOL - GARDNER, MASS.

Vincukas

On Mar. 4 our council celebrated the feast of St. Casimir by attending the 5:30 P.M. Mass in St. Francis Church, Athol. The group marched into church in a procession along with the cele-

brant, Fr. Steponaitis, altar boys and acolytes. The altar was beautifully decorated with bouquets of flowers in the Lithuanian colors, donated by our council Pres., Howard Beaudette. Father Steponaitis gave a special sermon. Following Mass, the group had dinner at "The Oasis" in East Templeton. Mrs. Blanche Genaitis was general chairman of the successful affair.

Father Justin Steponaitis loves his St. Francis Parish in Athol. He has formed a Parish Council, comprised of 24 members, which is most active. On Apr. 16 they sponsored a "Parish Friendship Day" which consisted of lunch and a Lithuanian Cultural Program. Father has formed a Young People's Club, and has many new altar boys. He has the zeal of a newly-ordained priest. Keep up the wonderful work, Father; may you be blessed with many years in God's vineyard. Bravo!

C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Sargius

The members of the council have been busy with their own and also parish activities. At our last Scholarship Dinner-Dance we had visitors from afar: Mr. and Mrs. George Mattson (Frances Daniels) of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carleton (Mary Boroskas) of New Hampshire, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Grein of Conn. Joe and Steffie Marcin, Charlie and Ann Marcin of Wrentham, Mass.

We have two new members to announce. Frederick Hirst is a graduate of St. Peter's Grammar School, Boston College H.S. and now a sophomore at Boston College. Fred is also working at the Boston Public Library and is a member of the Marine Platoon Leader's School. He is interested in learning the Lithuanian language and culture. Diane Anagnos is a former Junior K of L'er, also a graduate of St. Peter's Grammar School and now a senior at Cardinal Cushing H.S. Both are active with the council.

Larry Svelnis, Adam Druzdis, Joe Lubinas, and Stanley Griganavicius were elected officers of the So. Boston Lithuanian citizen's Club. Adam Druzdis and Stanley Griganavicius are now managing the club since Manager

John Shilalis is on limited duty because of illness. Stanley also retired from managing full time because of doctor's orders. This is only temporary until John returns. Ed Rudis came home from his job in Germany and watched his favorite hockey team, the Boston Bruins. After his vacation, he returned to Korea, and is in the process of returning to Germany.

Congratulations to the parents of Ed and Phyliss (Rudis) Gendreau on their 42nd Wedding Anniversary. Celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Albin Neveira. Guest speaker was the "best man", Danny Averka of Brooklyn, N.Y. John and Ann Norinkavich celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. We offer our congratulations to these folks.

Gintaras Karosis was elected alternate delegate of the 9th Congressional District to the National Republican Convention, San Diego, Cal. this August. Last summer Gintaras traveled the U.S. in his VW bus and visited Lithuanian colonies.

C-17's St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast took place in March and on this day the area was hit by a great snowstorm. As a result many of the members were unable to attend because of the traveling conditions. Our guest speaker, Father Albert Contons, couldn't make it, and we had a real noble stand-in, Rev. Albin Januinas, Spiritual Advisor of the N.E. Dist. and C-17. Father gave an excellent talk, - off the cuff. Our M.C. Anthony Shalna, Jr. was also snowbound and Pres. John J. Olevitz had to step in and did a great job. We thank those who were able to attend the breakfast, - St. Peter's Choir, Scouts, Girl Scouts, Ateitininkai, to the workers who wended their way in the storm to come and cook and prepare for the guests: John Olevitz, John and Ann Norinkavich, Kathy Norinkavich, Josephine and Joe Sakevich and niece Nancy Flynn, Frank Markuns and daughters Joanne and Ann Marie, Mary Mickavich, Joe White, Al Jaritis, Larry Svelnis, and Adele Martus.

Stan Yelmokas went to the finals in the Park Dept. League Horseshoe Contest, but, unfortunately, was defeated by the champion. Mary Martus, Adele Martus



C-17 Ski Weekend at King Ping, N.H.

and Ann Chaplik sponsored a Whist Party for the parish. Alexander Chaplik was in charge of the Lithuanian Independence Day celebration and did a fine job. Bob Reina, husband of Donna (Grigas), employed by the Federal Drug Administration, was interviewed over a local television station, and discussed facts about mercury in fish. C-17 extends its congratulations to the pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Brockton, Mass. Rev. Peter Shakelis on his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood. Many of the members attended the banquet.

From the Stork's Corner we have future K of L'ers to Vyto and Dottie Ulevicius a son, Brian Christofer; to John and Alice Olevitz a son, William Albert; to Don and Loretta (Kontrim) Martell, a daughter, Laura Ann.

Our wine-tasting night went over with a bang. Frank Grigas was our wine moderator assisted by John Olevitz and Al Jaritis. All the wine left over went home with the participants. Joe White was the winner of the raffle. It was good seeing Mrs. Frank Sabiski, who is recovering from a long illness. Many of our members attended C-1's Snowflake Ball at the Canoe Club and had a good



C-17 - Bill & Lil Gorski at Ski Weekend in New Hampshire.

time. Longinas Svelnis was one of the judges. Adele Martus was elected Prefix of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church Women's Sodality. Tom and Aldonna (Jacobousky) Keaney and their daughter Paula spent the weekends ice-skating at Lake Monponsett.

Our pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas, was the celebrant of the N.E. Dist Television Mass which was well attended by the members of the local council, the district, and guests. Brockton's St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church Choir sang. A luncheon was waiting at the So. Boston Lith. Club prepared with the help of the local council and the Seniors.

By the dawn's early light Jerry Venis and Bob Gendreau "cheer on" their sons Larry Venis and Michael Gendreau who play for the midget's hockey team. This is the only time they can hire the skating rink. Later on in the day, at the hockey rink you can usually find John and Alice Olevitz with their children Valerie and Johnny Casimir skating on the ice, and sometimes they even try it themselves.

Al Jaritis went to Chicago and saw his favorite team the Bruins beat the Chicago Blackhawks, 3 to 1. It sure tickled his palate and made his venture worthwhile. He had to pay off a hockey wager from last year, and took Irene Sankus, Eleanore Laurin (a stand-in for Helen (Zimmer) Stokna), and Al Rabauskas.

Larry Svelnis and Al Akule visited C-78, Lawrence, Mass. to help them prepare for the Spring Convention. Dr. Al Kuburis attended a medical parlay on Long Island, N.Y. Now there is a mustache vogue among the members and sporting them are Adam Druzdis, Joseph Nauyokas, Felix Zaleskas and Al Jaritis. John Norinkavich who works for the Mass. Dept of Works as an engineer, attended a course on "Bridge Building and Maintenance" in Topsfield, Mass. One of our Junior K of L'ers has made the news: Roy Balaconis, a senior at So. Boston H.S. a dean's list student and captain of the track team, received an appointment to the Annapolis Naval Academy.

The Ligonij list is a long one. Ann White was hospitalized with a broken hip, and is now home. Hospitalized also and now home are



A few New Englanders enjoying a Ski Weekend in New Hampshire.

Felix Zaleskas, Albin Neveira, Patricia Plansky (major surgery), Donna (Grigas) Reina, Joanna Grigas, Rita Venis, Virginia Markuns, and Ann Petchell. The following were on the sick list: Patricia Akule who is hobbling around, Al Jaritis recovered from pneumonia, Jerry Venis, Adele Nancy Martus, John and Ann Norinkavich, and also Claire Sawiski who broke her leg skiing. Goalie John Casimir Olevitz stopped a back-hand shot with his eye and was real proud of his cut eye and shiner. To top her brother, Valerie received two black eyes when she fell against a table.

After his stay in the hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Albin Neveira went to Hawaii to recuperate. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Druzdis also went to the islands for some fun. Helen Zarembo and Helen Zemaitis spent a couple of weeks in Florida visiting Disney World and other tourist sights. Fr. Albert Contons spent the spring vacation in the Bahamas. Daljia Karoblis took a slowboat to the Banana countries of Central America, and also spent some time in Bermuda. This Summer she has made plans to visit Russia, Norway and Sweden. Bob and Phyllis (Rudis) Gendreau and family went skiing in Vermont. Bill Gorski went to Chicago and Baltimore on business, and then with his wife and his mare, Noe Noe, (it's Indian, meaning "no name") spent some time in Woodstock, Vt. Bill and Lil also spent some time skiing in Maine, as did Helen Suprin. Frank Yonika residing in Maryland came north to fishing on Cape Cod. Jean Pasakarnis has been skiing at Big Blue and other skiing areas.

The latest members to join C-17 Seniors are Mr. and Mrs.

Alfred and Anne Knasas of Quincy Mass. Joe Nauyokas' sister, Barbara, is teaching school these days in Panama. There has been a movement to reactivate the Juniors and Fr. Albin Januinas and Al Jaritis are the counsellors. At their last Jr's meeting they colored Easter eggs. Congratulations to William Zarembo upon his engagement to Linda Donovan. Our condolences to Linda whose father passed away recently after a long illness. Has anyone seen these people: Florence Zaleskas, Phyllis Grendal, Elvira Averka, Vytautas Bruzgys, Lorraine Harris, Julie Dabriskie, Joe and Loretta Casper, John and Anita Daniels, Johnny and Betty Grigalunas, Vi and Helen Grigalunas, Koe Kascus, and Ann Keponis? Let us know, we miss them. John and Ann Norinkavich couldn't attend the televised Mass as their daughter Kathy participated in a musical contest in Chicopee, Mass., the same date. Loretta Martell's mother, Mrs. Bronis Kontrim, was honored with a dinner for her work with the American Legion.



So. Boston members, Bill & Lil Gorski with Al Jaritis, relaxing at Ski Weekend Lodge in New Hampshire.

The Committee for the coming Scholarship Dinner-Dance on June 3 at the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club, has been selected: John Olevitz, Larry Svelnis, Mary Mickavich, Frank Markuns, Dr. Al Kiburis, Al and Pat Akule, Mary Martus, Adele Martus, Al Jaritis, Helen Suprin, Joe White, Charles and Lou Mickalonis, Anthony and Joanne Shalna, and Daljia Karoblis. There will be awards this year for a member of the parish attending St. Peter's Grammar School and will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of C-17 Pres. John Olevitz, C-17

Srs. Pres. Longinas Svelnis, Dr. Al Kiburis, Mary Mickevich, Phyllis Gendreau and Al Jaritis. There are many committees looking for your help; why not give us your assistance.

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M.R.Y.

Historical Philadelphia played host to the K of L N.Y.-N.J. Dist. Convention on Mar. 12. The majority of delegates and guests arrived by bus which we patriotically named "The Spirit of 76". Dorothy Dutkus, the Transportation Chairman, arranged for the comfortable journey. Cordially awaiting us was the host delegation of C-3 under the leadership of President Irene Ozalis. Truly ecumenical in nature, we were aware that Mass was held in a German parish at St. Alphonsus Church, dinner at Queens Village Inn, a Polish restaurant, and the meeting at St. Casimir's Lithuanian School. In the meantime, an Irish Parade was in progress. Although it was planned by C-3 to observe the religious aspects of the day at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church, a necessary adjustment was required due to Confirmation ceremonies.

After Mass, the delegates enjoyed the hospitality of C-3 and Dianne Drumstas, Chairman of the



Fr. Anthony Baltrasunas, C-17 and Johnny Mack, C-18

Breakfast and the Supper Buffet. During the breakfast the 2nd Degree was awarded to Joseph Petkunus of C-3.

Members representing eight councils were in attendance of the Convention: C-3, Phila. Pa. - C-12, New York, N.Y. - C-29, Newark, N.J. - C-41, Bklyn, N.Y. - Bklyn Seniors, Bklyn, N.Y. - C-52, Elizabeth, N.J. - C-61, Paterson, N.J. - C-67, Bayonne, N.J.

At the meeting, oral reports were submitted by District Officers, Chairmen of Lithuanian Affairs and Public Relations, and council representatives. Typical of activities occurring in local councils were - Systematic learning of 10 Lithuanian words at each meeting, Anniversary celebration, obtaining of a Council Vyčią Emblem Shield symbol, resolutions on Kudirka and Lithuanian Independence Day, K of L participation at other functions, Council Constitution and By-Laws review, Concerts planned, Petitions sponsored, active Ritual work, Christmas Socials and the formation of a Lithuanian Heritage Committee.

A Panel and Open Discussion on Degree Rituals and Point System followed the business meeting, designed to examine the current thoughts of members, considering: 1. Are we adequately evaluating individual contributions of work and effort to the K of L organization. 2. Are degree rituals observed with the dignity and relative importance required for Lietuvos Vyčią. 3. Do we have a communication gap between National District and Local Councils on counseling and guidance. Dist. Pres. Larry Janonis opened the discussion with a review of the history of K of L Rituals. Practically everyone had a serious thought to express on the Ritual handling, and suggestions were original and worthwhile. Many agreed there was room for improvement regarding communications. Concern was expressed about inadequate records causing lack of action in awarding degrees. Considering the importance of the subject, the District plans to continue the Ritual discussion at the June 4 Meeting in Newark, N.J., hopefully expecting to present some concrete suggestions at the National Convention.

A pleasing aftermath of the Convention, was the report that a

former member is rejoining the Knights of Lithuania. As a guest to the Convention, she was impressed with the seriousness of the activities and the dedication of the members to perpetuate our Lithuanian Heritage.



N.Y.-N.J. Dist. Convention - Ben & Eve Ellis - C-29 with Rev. Clarence Batutis of St. Casimir Church in Philadelphia, Penna.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Smile & Sparkle

On Mar. 4, C-100 members attended the 5 P.M. Mass at St. Casimir's Church and then proceeded to the Canterbury House where they commemorated the 54th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence (Feb. 16) and St. Casimir's feast day (Mar. 4).

Approximately 100 attended the dinner. The arrangement committee consisted of Mildred Thomas, Sadie Karbus, and Ann Radzevich. Sadie made the beautiful table decorations for the dinner. The centerpiece was a Lithuanian Wayside Cross surrounded by red roses with green and yellow accents.

Council Pres. Anthony Radzevich introduced the toast-master, Rev. Bernard Gustas, who in turn asked our Spiritual Advisor, the Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, to say a few words. He spoke briefly on the life of St. Casimir and Lithuania. Rev. Gustas read the proclamations of N.Y. State's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Amsterdam's Mayor John P. Gomulka. Both declared Feb. 16 Lithuanian Independence Day in the State and the City of Amsterdam. Mayor John P. Gomulka, who was present with his wife, greeted all members and guests. He hoped that Lithuania would soon regain her long sought freedom. Saratoga High School's Athletic Coach, Bill Stanley, gave "A Salute to Lithuania" in the English language, and

Anthony Radzevich read the poem "Land of Our Fathers" in Lithuanian.

Our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Edward Baranauskas, commented on the desire of the Lithuanian people to be free. He then introduced Mrs. Eva Bates from Clifton Park, N.Y., who recently returned from visiting Lithuania. The Russians had her in custody for taking certain photographs, but she was released upon her declaration that she did not realize certain areas were not permitted to be photographed. Slides were shown of her trip, touching on her arrival in Moscow and Leningrad and then her arrival in Vilnius, Lithuania. The old sections were compared to the new ones in the capitol, Vilnius. We saw parts of Kaunas, a few resort areas, and the countryside. It was most interesting.

Benediction was given by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis. Guests attending from out-of-town were Mrs. Mary Lasky and Miss Audra Lekutis, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baranauskas and daughter Sandra (home on leave from the Waves), Schenectady; Miss Roberta Shields and Miss Marilyn Mangino, Albany; and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bates, Clifton Park, N.Y.

Since her exposure to Lithuanians, when she joined us in celebrating Lithuanian Day, Bobby Shields has been busy searching the Albany newspapers for news of Lithuania. Gene Gobis has received a few clippings which have been mailed to Tony Miner, Natl. Lith. Affairs Chairman.

Juozapines pašventėme visiškai gerai! "Ilgiausių Metų" dainavome dėl visų Juozų kurie su



New York-New Jersey contingent to District Convention in Philadelphia.

mumis buvo susirinkę Amerikos Lietuvių Klube. Šventė mūsų Vyčiai, Prof. Juozas Olsauskas ir Juozas Valikonis, ir Vyčių geri draugai, Juozas Žemaitis ir Juozas Piliponis. Juozas Žemaitis taipogi šventė savo gimtadienį ir jo ir žmonos Mildos sukaktuves.

Your reporter is a bit rusty in her Lithuanian... but she tried!

The St. Joseph's celebration took place immediately after the 40-hour services at St. Casimir's Church on Mar. 19. Members brought covered dishes which resulted in a very tasty smorgasbord. Our President's wife, Ann Radzevich, brought a cake for the occasion. Husband, Tony, did the decorating: "LINKĖJIMAI VI-SIEMS JUOZAPAMS". Pavalgėme, padainavome, pašokome, truputį ir pagėrėme, ir tada grįžome namo.

C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

J.Y.

On Mar. 12 our Council hosted the annual N.Y. - N.J. Dist. St. Casimir's Day and Communion Breakfast followed by the quarterly Dist. Meeting.

Mar. 5 found most of the members at a Christening for the newest member of C-3, Joseph Burch, son of Alena and Tony. (Mother is the former Alena Pinkus of Worcester, Mass.). Gyvenk juokis ir stiprėk. Lai stiprėja mūsų kuopa su prieaugliu.

Our sincerest condolences to Leonora Balten on the sudden death of her father. Tegu ši svetima žemė lengvai užkloja jį ir Amžinasis Kūrėjas jį prisiima į naują amžiną tėvynę.



REMINDER TO COUNCIL NEWS CORRESPONDENTS

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SCENES FROM THE NY - NJ CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA



Walter Svekla - C-3, Toastmaster at St. Casimir Communion Breakfast in Philadelphia.



N.Y.-N.J. Convention Social Hour. left to right: Helen Kay, C-29; Walter Svekla, C-3; Kazys Sipaila, C-29; Irene Svekla, C-3, and Joseph Yanulaitis, C-3.



Ann Mitchell, C-52 and Anna Pocius, C-29 at St. Casimir Communion Breakfast in Philadelphia.



Bus arrival from Newark, N.J. Welcome extended by Joseph Petkunas, Vice President C-3



Helmut & Regina Schmidt - C-29 with a "Delaware" lurking in the background in Olde Phila.



Marian Sidtis and Philip Skabeikis of C-41 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



N.Y.-N.J. District Communion Breakfast participants in Philadelphia - Sue & Anthony Mazeika - N.Y. Srs., Diane Drumstis, C-3 and Frank Vaskas - C-29



I-I Dist. - Rev. J. Savukynas, Estelle Rogers, Rev. A. Zakarauskas and Cecelia Matul.



I-I Dist. "Memories" Dinner - toasting new Lith. Consul Gen'l Josephine Dauzvardis.



C-67, Bayonne, N.J. representation at N.Y.-N.J. District Convention - Adele Dagatis and Michael Grigaliunas with children, Michael, Jr. & Ellen.



C-36 - Wally Tenclinger entertaining guests at recent Ill.-Ind. Dinner.



C-112 and Ill.-Ind. President, Leon Pauksta acting as M-C at "Memories" Dinner.



Social Hour - Loretta Stukas, Agnes Mickunas, Lillian Sasnauskas, Irene Ozalis at N.Y.-N.J. District Communion Breakfast in Phila.



Leaders of the American & Lithuanian communities in Chicago attended the Balzekas Museum Annual Awards Banquet, honoring Dr. Preston Bradley as "American of the Year". Many K of L members also attended. Among them were from left to right: Thomas Mortell, Helen Pius, Frank & Eleanor Zapolis, and Zita & Leonard Simutis, Jr.

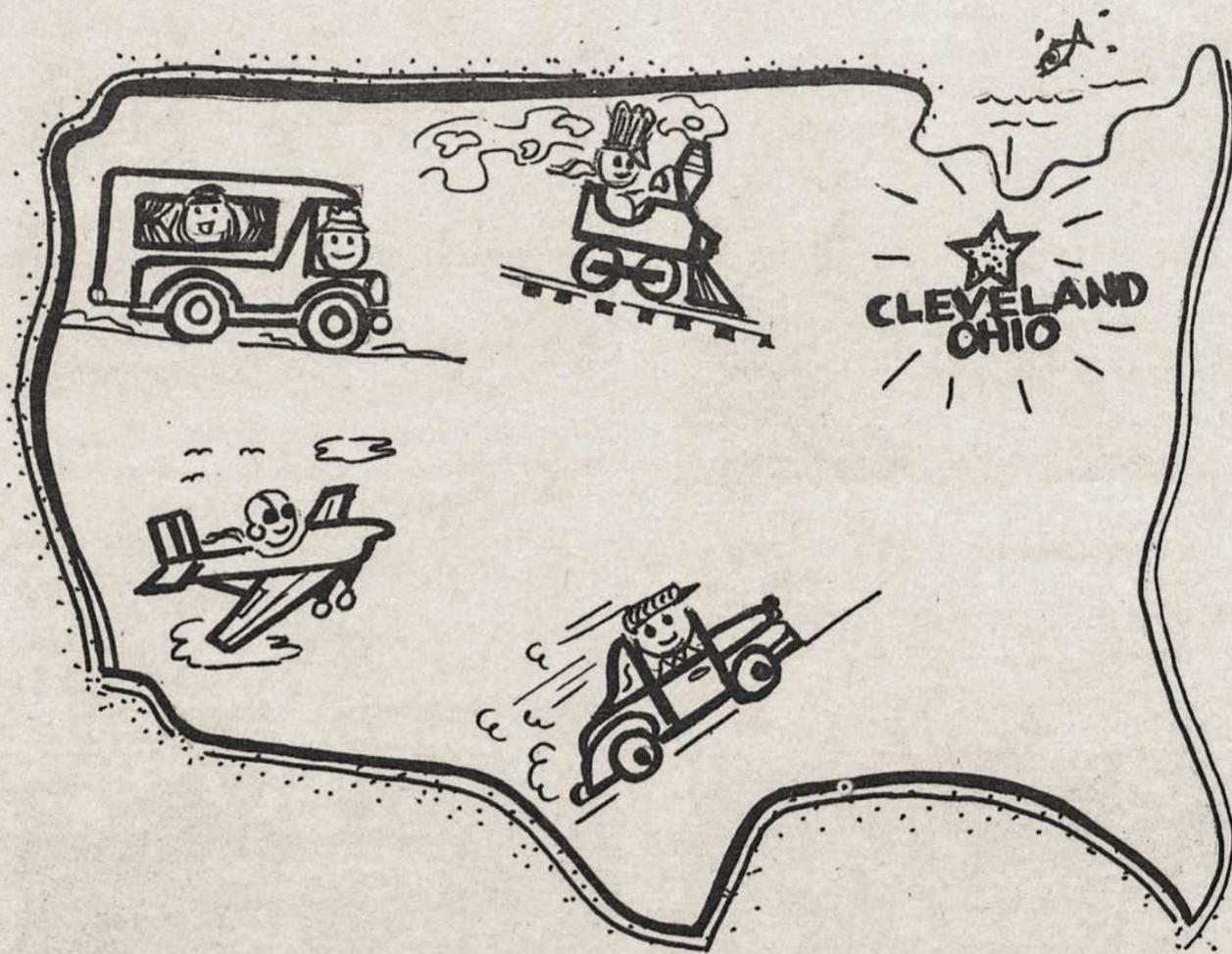
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HOSTS: C-25, Cleveland

DATES: Aug. 23 - 27, 1972

SCHEDULE -

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