

the KNIGHT **VVYTIS**

1972

OFFICIAL ORGAN
OF
**The Knights
of Lithuania**



SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS

Rev. Albert Contons, Spir. Adv.
200 Lake Street
Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, President
1467 Force Drive
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

Dr. Peter A. Bizankauskas, 1st V.P.
424 North Cary St.
Brockton, Mass. 02402

Albert Ozalis, 2nd V.P.
6148 Erdrick St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19135

Longinas Svelnis, 3rd V.P.
43 Gage St.
Needham, Mass. 02192

Susan Boroskas, Rec. Sec'y
34 Arthur St.
Brockton, Mass. 02402

Irene Ozalis, Fin. Sec'y
6148 Erdrick St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19135

Stella Sankal, Treasurer
473 E. 148th St.
Cleveland, Ohio 44110

John Alanskas, Trustee
108 Wood St.
Waterbury, Conn. 06704

Lawrence Janonis, Trustee
2124 Ellis Ave.
Bronx, N.Y.

Frank Gelenitis, Legal Adv.
205 Kearny Ave.
Kearny, N.J.

COMMITTEES

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

Anthony Miner, Chairman
49 Bruce St.
Grafton, Mass. 01519

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL

Wanda Pajeda, Chairman
21 Mendon St.
Worcester, Mass. 01604

RITUAL

Rita Pinkus, Chairman
76 Providence St.
Worcester, Mass. 01604

Helen Skudra
356 N. Lake St.
Miller, Ind.

Frank Zager
32116 Red Clover
Farmington, Mich.

SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman
1467 Force Drive
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

June - July 1972

Vol. 58 - No. 6



PUBLISHED BY THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

CONTENTS - TURINYS

3. Birželis - June in Lithuania	J. Yanulaitis
4. Profile - Longinas Svelnis	
5. Birželis - Rus. Genocido Pradžia Lietuvoje	
6. A Star Recalls Birth of Lith. Opera	S. Santvaras
7. Lithuanian Opera in Chicago	
8. Just a Piece of Cloth	
8. Tėvo Diena	
9. Kas Rado Paparčio Žiedą	V. Količienė
10. A Life of Freedom	Bishop A. Deksnys
11. Independence Day	
12. Kalba Vyčių Veteranas	V. Laurosonis
13. Amber - Lithuanian Gold	J. Jerome
14. K of L Calendar	
15. Lithuanians in the News	
16. Convention News	
18. Books, Records	
19. Membership	A. Ozalis
20. For God and Country	
21. K of L Herald	ed. J. Zukas

"VYTIS" STAFF

Loretta I. Stukas, Editor
1467 Force Drive
Mountainside, N. J. 07092

Josephine Zukas,
Council News Editor
9 Charles Street
Port Washington, N.Y.

Anthony Yuknis, Asst. Ed.
Mary Kober, Asst. C. News Ed.
Rita Ochs, Layout Ed.
Balys Vyliaudas, Lithuanian Ed.
Marilyn Kareiva, Mailing
Irene K. Sankus, Advisory

VYTIS is published monthly Oct. through May, bi-monthly June-July and Aug-Sept. by the Knights of Lithuania. Second class postage paid at Chicago, Ill. Subscription - \$4.00/yr. All correspondence should reach the editors by the 5th of the month preceding the next issue. The editor assumes no obligation to return any material not solicited.

Gerald Zager, Secy-Treas.
32116 Red Clover
Farmington, Mich.

Walter Svekla
Rev. A. Valancius
Paul Kuzmickas
Irene Adomaitis

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Leonard Simutis, Chairman
228 Nauvoo
Park Forest, Ill. 60466

Eleanore Laurin, Sec.
6800 S. Rockwell St.
Chicago, Ill. 60629

Prof. Alexander Aleksis
Antanas Mazeika, Sr.
Ignas Sakalas

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Helen Kulber, Chairman
317 84th St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209

Juozas Sadauskas (MCD)
1513 Larchmont Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44110

Vincent Samaska (IID)
2415 S. Sawyer Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60623
Antanas Skirius (Calif.)
949 E. Amherst Dr.
Burbank, Calif. 91504

Albert Jaritis (NED)
75 Gates St.
So. Boston, Mass.

Mary York (NY-NJD)
225 St. Pauls Ave.
Jersey City, N.J.

DISTRICT

PRESIDENTS

IID - Algerd Brazis
8514 Roberts Road
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60455

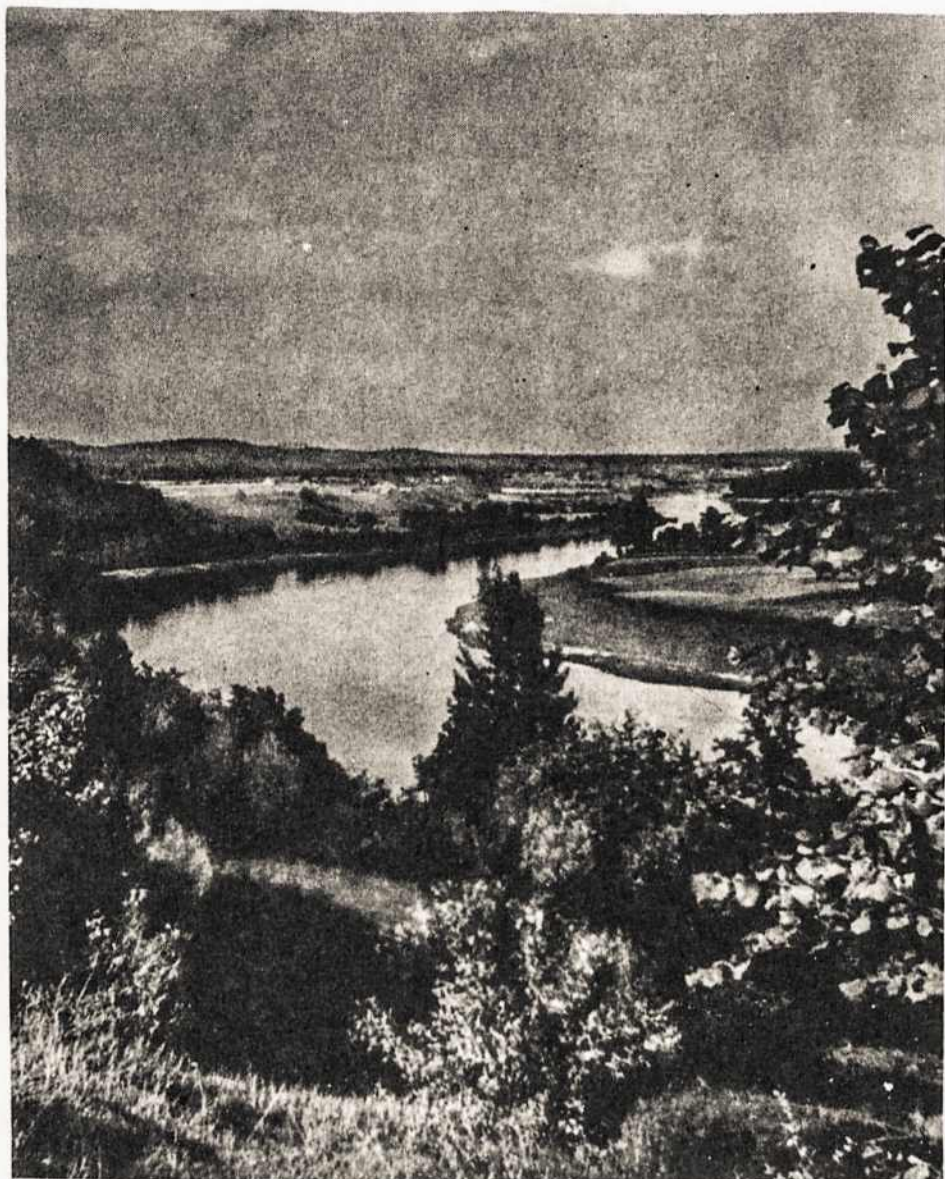
MCD - Frank Gudelis
129 Rita St.
Dayton, Ohio 45404

NED - Longinas Svelnis
43 Gage Street
Needham, Mass. 02192

NY-NJD - Larry Janonis
2124 Ellis Ave.
Bronx, N.Y.

Birželis - June In Lithuania

By Joseph Yanulaitis



A favorite tree among the Lithuanian peasants is the birch - beržas from which we get the word "birželis" or "birch tree month". It is in the sixth month of the year that the birch trees sprout their tender yellow leaves. Young birches are cut down and fastened to door posts, lintels, eaves and beams of the peasant cottages and of the churches on Pentecost Sunday, "Kad Šventoji Dvasia turėtų kur nutūpti." (So that the Holy Ghost, the dove, would have someplace to rest). Birch trees were also used to frame the Corpus Christi altars. The leaves dried while tender were used to obtain a yellow dye for egg dyeing at Easter. The wood is used for carving wooden spoons and other kitchen utensils.

* * *

Pentecost, derived from the Greek "Pente", meaning 50th. (For the 50th day after Easter) in Lithuanian is called "Sekminės", which means seventh, derived from the ordinal number Sekmas - the seventh week after Easter. In Christian Europe Pentecost ranks third in the calendar of feasts after Easter and Christmas. Contrary to the American merchan-

disers and many a Catholic-American, Easter is the greatest feast on the calendar and not Christmas, because as St. Paul said, "If Christ be not risen, then our faith is in vain". If He had not risen our religion would have ended with His burial! Pentecost was the great Spring festival in Europe and was celebrated for three days. Even in present day pagan England Whitsunday and Whitmonday are still holidays when people flock to the shore resorts to open the summer season much as we do in this country on Memorial Day. As mentioned above the farmers decorated their porches and homes with young birch and maple branches and the shepherds whom we would call cow boys, made wreaths of daisies and other field flowers to festoon the horns of their cows and sheep as they led them out of the barns for the first time to the summer pastures and meadows.

* * *

On Corpus Christi, Devintinės, the faithful joined in the outdoor processions during which the Blessed Sacrament was brought out from the village church in solemn procession and visited four

altars at various places in the village. They were usually at the crossroad where the highway met the village road, the parish cemetery and the town square. At each of these appropriate prayers were offered for the protection, sustenance and thanksgivings of the inhabitants.

* * *

On June 15, Lithuanians recall a tragic episode in their history - the occupation of Lithuania by the Soviets, in 1940, and the mass deportation of thousands of Lithuanians to Siberia.

A year later, in June 1941 when the Nazis attacked the Soviet Union, the news of the war, was greeted with unconcealed joy. The nation was electrified by the Kaunas radio broadcast a day later, proclaiming the revolt against the Soviets, the restoration of Lithuanian independence, and the formation of a Provisional Govt. All this took place while uniformed Russian soldiers were still walking the streets of Kaunas and Red Army units were still close to the radio towers. The same day partisans took over police stations and several arsenals in Kaunas. They saved the city's telephone exchange from demolition by the Soviets and freed political prisoners. From Kaunas the revolt swiftly spread into the country. Many cities and villages were cleaned of Bolshevik troops days before the Germans occupied them. The Nazis would hear nothing of Independence and the mighty German army crushed the uprising.

When the Nazis were crushed, Russia again took over Lithuania, and continued mass killing and deportation to Siberia.

Today, Lithuanians are still struggling and yearning for political and religious freedom.

profile . . .

LONGINAS SVELNIS

- Candidate for

Honorary Membership

Following is an outline of the Knights of Lithuania activities of LONGINAS (LARRY) SVELNIS which led to his being sponsored for HONORARY MEMBERSHIP in the Knights of Lithuania by the New England District. His candidacy was approved at the 58th National Convention in Kennebunkport, Maine in 1971, and Honorary Membership will be officially conferred at the 59th National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in August, 1972.

Longinas Svelnis joined the Knights of Lithuania, Council 17, South Boston, Mass., in 1936, and soon, in 1942, was elected C-17 President. He was again elected C-17 President in 1943. While in office, he served as Convention Chairman, when C-17 hosted the 30th National K of L Convention in 1943.

In 1945, Larry was elected President of the New England District of the K of L. Currently, he is serving his second term in that office.

During the period 1939 through 1942, the Knights of Lithuania suffered a great loss of membership and activity when most of the boys entered military service. With many councils on the verge of liquidation, the then National President, Frank Razvadauskas, recruited Longinas as his assistant to collect funds for the K of L and to encourage councils to remain active. In lieu of a convention, Larry helped organize - and participated in - a special conference in Newark, N.J., where a fund drive was started and special problems of councils were discussed. The results helped keep

interest in the K of L alive, and in particular kept the VYTIS from forced liquidation.

In September of 1946, Larry was awarded the Fourth Degree in the K of L for his outstanding work. He was elected to the Supreme Ritual Committee in 1947, and was reelected for three terms (nine years), serving as chairman for three years.

Mr. Svelnis was organizing chairman of C-17 Seniors in 1967, was elected its first president, and continues to hold that office today. Later, he assisted in reorganizing C-10 as a Senior Council in Providence, R.I., and reactivated C-27 in Norwood, Mass. in 1969.

He served as Third Vice-President of the Supreme Council in charge of Seniors, from 1966 through 1969, and was a member of the National Convention Presidium at two National Conventions (1967 and 1968).

To cite just a few of Larry's other K of L accomplishments... He was chairman of invitations for the 37th Annual Founders Day of the Knights of Lithuania Dinner, chaired and hosted numerous New England District Conventions, and was Arrangements Chairman for the Mykolas Norkunas 80th Birthday Dinner sponsored by C-17, So. Boston. Larry also had the honor to serve as Honorary Pallbearer for Mr. Norkunas' funeral.

In 1953, as secretary of the K of L Archives Committee in the East, Larry reviewed and took inventory of materials moved from the Darbininkas Building in Brooklyn, N.Y. to the Convent of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified Convent



in Brockton, Mass. He was co-treasurer for the 40th National Convention held in Boston, and chairman of the program book for the Čiurlionis Ensemble Concert held in Boston for the benefit of BALF.

Larry has been an officer of the Baltic American Society for over 20 years. In conjunction with their activities, he has been active in sponsoring three concerts a year for the past 13 years.

Since 1959, Larry has been a member of the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Association, which boasts of a membership of 1500. From 1965 to the present time, he served as the Associations Vice President. Larry has taken part in numerous church and civic activities, in addition to his 36 years of active participation in the Knights of Lithuania. He is not resting on his well-deserved laurels, but is still espousing the K of L and the Lithuanian causes.



BIRŽELIS -

RUSIŠKOJO GENOCIDO PRADŽIA LIETUVOJE

Birželio mėnuo kasmet mums primena rusiškojo genocido pradžia Lietuvoje. Tą mėnesį, 1941 m., rusai pradėjo mūsų tautos fizinių naikinimą masiniu lietuvių trėmimu į Sibirą. Ištrėmimas į Sibirą reiškė ne naują, prievarta primestą, apsigyvenimo vietą, bet pačią žiauriausią lėtą mirtį. Sunku suprasti, o dar labiau pateisinti, tokią kraštutinę bausmę, paskirtą visai nekaltiems žmonėms.

Visi gerai žinome, kad tie nelaimingieji tremtiniai, pirmieji mūsų tautos nariai, skirti sunaikinimui, nebuvo nusikaltėliai. Vienintelė jų kaltė buvo tik ta, kad jie buvo gimę lietuviai ir tik dėl to turėjo būti sunaikinti. Jie yra pirmieji mūsų tautos kankiniai, kuriuos vėliau sekė šimtai tūkstančių tokių pat tremtinių. Tik tas gali suprasti tą baisų rusų žiaurumą, kuris pats išgyveno tą tragediją arba savo akimis matė nelaimingųjų tremtinių mases ir ne-

žmonišką okupanto elgesį su jomis. Kūdikiams, vaikai, moterys, ligoniai ir seneliai, sugrūsti gyvuliniuose vagonuose troško, badavo ir mirė dar nepasiekę Sibiro. Vyrai - tėvai buvo atskirti nuo šeimų, kad kokiu nors būdu negalėtų padėti savo nelaimingiems šeimos nariams.

Tai darė komunistinė Rusija - Jungtinių Tautų narys, pasirašęs Genocido konvenciją ir žmogaus teisių chartą. Iškilmingai pasirašyti įsipareigojimai nesaisto Sovietų Sąjunga, jeigu jie yra nenaudingi jos siekiams. Tačiau niekad nebus galima paneigti fakto, kad Sovietų Sąjunga vykdo genocidą Lietuvoje ir kitose Pabaltijo tautose gyventojų iškėlimu ir tų kraštų rusifikacija. Pirmą, į ištremtųjų lietuvių vietą sovietai gabena rusus kolonistus. Antra, jie plečia savo įstaigas ir pramonę, kuriai aptarnauti įveža vadinamuosius "specialistus" iš Rusijos. Trečia, Lietuvos jaunimą verčia išvykti į

Rusiją "savanoriškiems" darbams, kurie ten virsta tikrais prievartos darbais. Į Lietuvą masėmis plaukia rusai, kaip specialistai, vasarotojai, politiniai vadovai ir t.t. Intensyvi rusifikacija vyksta Lietuvoje per spaudą, mokyklas ir visą milžinišką sovietų įstaigų tinklą. Vadinasi, komunistinė Rusija vykdo tą pačią mūsų tautos naikinimo politiką, kurią buvo pradėjusi Carinė Rusija. Sovietinė tautų naikinimo politika yra daug žiauresnė ir radikalesnė, todėl ir pasipriešinimas jai turi būti atkaklesnis.

Minėdami mūsų tautos genocidą ir kankinių mėnesį, atsiminkime tas baisias skriaudas, kurias mūsų rytų kaimynas padarė taikingai Lietuvai. Vyčiai yra daug padarę kovoje dėl Lietuvos laisvės. Nenuleiskime rankų ir dabar, darykime visa, kas yra įmanoma, tautos kančioms palengvinti ir laisvei atstatyti.



A STAR RECALLS

BIRTH OF THE LITHUANIAN OPERA

S. Santvaras

(Excerpts and thoughts from his 50th anniversary speech in Chicago).

After Lithuanian independence was restored in 1918 - even though military struggles were still continuing on several border frontiers - enthusiasm was suddenly returning, spiritual energies mounted and a prospering spring-time, so to say was blossoming forth.

The yearning was felt for an opera. And "La Traviata" was chosen to mark the rebirth of old Lithuania's operatic traditions. Verdi's masterpiece was staged on Dec. 31, 1920 by the newly instituted Lithuanian State Opera, a landmark now in its 50th anniversary, a performance that truly marks the birthday of the Lithuanian national opera.

Between Dec. 31, 1920 and July 5, 1944 the Lithuanian State Opera has produced 66 operas and given 2700 performances of them. (The 1936-37 season, for instance, gave 127 performances of 29 operas; the attendance reached 68,198 persons and receipts were approximately 200,000 Litas.) On the average a pre-war season would include the production of 3 new operas.

Of course, there were seasons of ebb alongside with those of flood. This was more noticeable from aside, though; we ourselves were too involved to sense our fluctuations. Fiodor Chaliapin, the single man who introduced all Russian national music to the West, commented on the Lithuanian Opera, during his stay in the

country, as "an immensely great soul in a deplorably tiny home".

Our youth and our soul did never let us down and there was always a reserve of idealism and sacrifice to overcome any incidental misfortunes.

With the growth of professionalism of the State Opera's members and contributors its aspirations rose too. The repertoire gradually expanded and soon included the best and the most difficult stagings, even of contemporary world premieres, not to mention most of the popular grand operas now in vogue.

From Verdi's "La Traviata" to his "Othello", already conducted by a Lithuanian of the younger set who had matured in the years of independence. From Wagner, Meyerbeer and Smetana to Giordano, Carpentier and Wolf-Ferrari.

And alongside with this, original, national Lithuanian operas were staged. "Radvila Perkūnas" (Prince Radvila the Thunderous) and "Gražina" (both by J. Karnavičius, the elder), The Three Talismans (by A. Račiūnas), "Pagirėnai" (by St. Simkus), and so on.

Thus the Lithuanian theatre and its opera first of all became a representative of the country's cultural achievements, more than any usual form of entertainment. This is so evident when we but consider the many Pleiads of creative personalities the theatre produced and welded into its country's cultural family: the composers; the singers, actors and musicians; the artists, directors and producers - and so on again. Finally, now - professors, teachers and educators for the youngest generation both at home and abroad.

(Garsas)



"RADVILA PERKŪNAS" - decorations by M. Dobužinskas

LITHUANIAN OPERA IN CHICAGO

Many of the Lithuanian opera stars, directors and participants found their way to the United States, after fleeing Soviet occupation of their nation during World War II. Those settling in Chicago found the means to continue the Lithuanian opera tradition by forming the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago, and presenting one opera per year, in Lithuanian, while maintaining regular jobs and professions. Numerous operas have been presented by the Company over the past years, with soloists participating from all parts of the USA. Some of the stars have also been (or still are) part of larger American opera companies, as for example: Algerd Brazis, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, Prudencija Bickiene, formerly with the Lyric Opera Co. of Chicago, and Lilian Sukis, currently with the Metropolitan Opera.

This spring (April 24-25 and May 6-7), the Lithuanian Opera Company presented, for the first time, the Lithuanian opera "JŪRATĖ IR KASTYTIS", by K. V. Banaitis, with libretto by Bronė Buivydaitė, at the Maria High School Auditorium, Chicago.

The opera's story revolves around a tale from Lithuanian mythology... the love story of a Sea Goddess, the mermaid Jūratė and a mortal, the fisherman Kastytis. Jūratė lures Kastytis away from his fishing voyage, and takes him to her magnificent amber castle beneath the Baltic Sea... while his mother and his mortal sweetheart Rūtelė search futilely for him, when he does not return.

In the castle, Perkūnas demands that Jūratė renounce her love for Kastytis and that Kastytis return to earth. They refuse! In revenge, Perkūnas shatters the castle with a clap of thunder. Jūratė is destroyed and Kastytis finds himself desolate and barely alive, chained to a rock on the shore.

In all four performances of the opera, the part of Jūratė was sung by Dana Stankaitis. Stasys Baras sang Kastytis' role. Other soloists were Aldona Stempuzis, the Mother, and Margarita Momkus, Rūtelė. Jaunutis Puodziunas played Perkūnas. He also pre-



Choral scenes from "Jūratė ir Kastytis", during recent presentation in Chicago. Photos by Zigmąs Degutis.

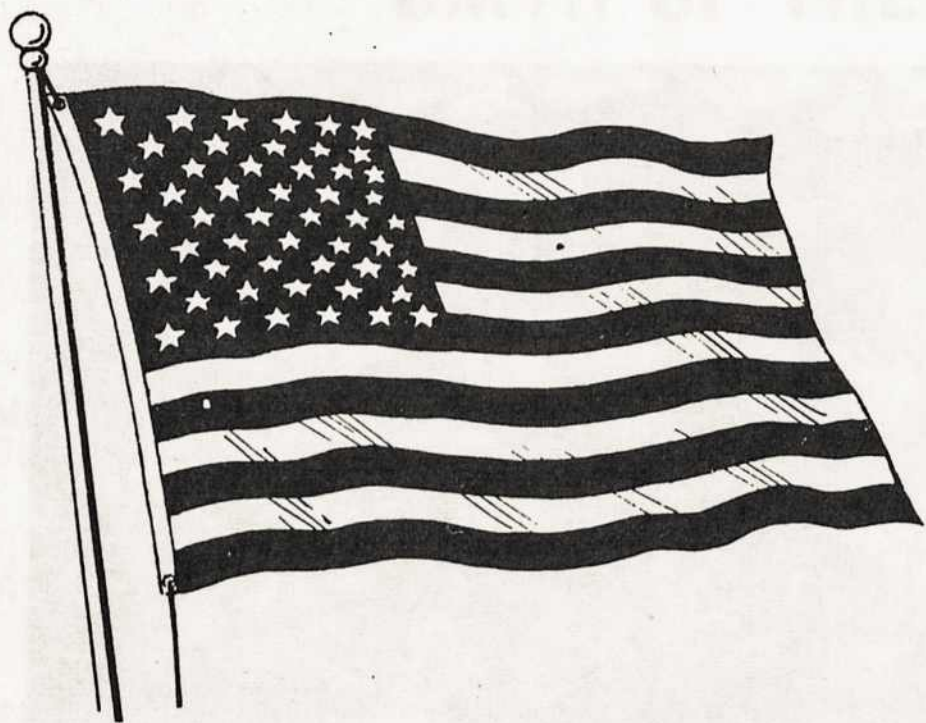
pared the dancers for the opera's ballet scenes. Aleksandras Kuciunas edited the opera and directed it, and James T. Kilcran prepared the orchestrations. Adolfas Valleska designed the scenery, costumes and lighting effects.

Your editor had the opportunity of attending the premiere performance of this opera, and enjoyed immensely Mr. Banaitis' modern and melodic score. It is sparked with beautiful arias, and the choral numbers are flavored with a delightful hint of the Lithuanian folksong. The soloists, chorus and

ballet troupe gave an excellent performance. However, in this writer's opinion, future presentations of this opera could be greatly enhanced by the utilization of younger soloists, more suited to the roles involved!

All in all, the Lithuanian Opera Company, with its directors, performers and sponsors indeed deserve the sincere commendation and thanks of the Lithuanian-American community, for their continuing contribution to the fostering of Lithuanian culture.

JUST A PIECE OF CLOTH



That is all it is - just a piece of cloth. But when a little breeze comes along, it stirs and comes to life and flutters and snaps in the wind, all RED, AND WHITE, AND BLUE! And then you realize that no other piece of cloth could be like it!

It has your whole life wrapped up in it - the meals you eat; the time you spend with your family; the kind of things your boy and girl learn at school; the strange and wonderful thoughts you get in church on Sunday.

Those stars in it - they make you feel just as free as the stars in the wide deep night. And those stripes - they are bars of blood to any dictator who would try to change this way of life.

Just a piece of cloth, that is all - until you put your soul into it, and give it meaning. Then it is a symbol of liberty, and decency, and fair-dealing for everyone. It is just a piece of cloth until we breathe life into it; until we make it stand for everything we believe in, and refuse to live without it.

Author unknown



Tėvo diena

Laisvoje Lietuvoje nusistovėjusiu papročiu Motinos Diena buvo minima gegužės mėnesio pirmąjį sekmadienį, o šiame krašte motinai pagerbti skiriamas antrasis gegužės mėnesio sekmadienis. Antra, lygiai svarbi mūsų šeimos šventė - Tėvo Diena, kuri kasmet švenčiama visame krašte birželio trečiąjį sekmadienį.

Nors tėvo diena tuo tarpu dar nėra tiek populiari, kiek motinos, bet vis tiek šis reiškinys negali sumažinti tėvo reikšmės šeimoje. Pilnutinėje šeimoje kaip motinos, taip tėvo vaidmuo yra lygios vertės, tik jų reikšmės sritys yra skirtingos. Šeimoje motina negali atstoti tėvo, nei tėvas - motinos. Kai tėvas ar motina nelaimingu atveju iškrinta iš šeimos tarpo, sugriūva šeimos pilnatis ir tamsios dienos apgaubia tuos namus. Tada tik paaiškėja, kiek svarbūs šeimai yra abu: motina ir tėvas.

Motinos sritis yra namai, vidujinis, intymesnis šeimos gyvenimas. Ji artimesnė ir populiarnesnė vaikams. Ji natūraliai yra suaugusi su vaikais, su namais. Ji yra ir pasilieka šeimos širdis ir dvasia.

Tėvo pareigų sritis yra visiškai kita. Jam tenka sudaryti medžiagines sąlygas, kad šeima galėtų saugiai, šiltai ir sočiai gyventi, kad vaikų ateitis būtų lengvesnė ir šviesesnė. Kitaip sakant, tėvas savo rankomis privalo pagaminti įvairias savo šeimai reikalingas medžiagines vertybes. Tai labai atsakingos ir sunkios pareigos, reikalaujančios pasiaukojimo, kantrybės ir pasišventimo savo šeimos

gerovei ir egzistencijai užtikrinti. Nuo tėvo pasišventimo savo šeimos reikalams pareina, kad namuose būtų saugu, jauku ir sotu. Tėvas yra šeimos stiprybė ir užuovėja nuo skurdo bei vargo.

Tėvo pareigos nesiriboja vien tik šeimos globa ir apsauga. Jam, kaip vyrui, tenka budėti tautos ir valstybės sargyboje. Kai reikia, tenka net gyvybės auka pridengti savo ir visų kitų šeimų vaikus, nuo grėšiančios vergijos ar nelaisvės. Kiek tragiškumo ir skausmo yra sukaupta šeimose, kurių tėvai žuvo laisvės kovose ar Sibiro taigose, atskirti nuo savųjų šeimos narių. Šių nelaimių paliestieji su pagarba prisimena savo tėvus ir pasimeldžia už juos ar kokia kita forma išreiškia savo pagarbą.

Tie, laimingieji, kurie gali gyventi savo tėvo globoje ir džiaugtis aprūpintu gyvenimu nors šią tėvo dieną, privalo visa tai atsiminti ir su giliu dėkingumu pagerbti savo tėvą. Tai būtų lyg mažas moralinis atpildas tėvui už jo kietą darbą ir visus rūpesčius, skirtus šeimos gerovei ir laimei. Sveikiname tėvus!



KAS RADO PAPANČIO ŽIEDĄ?



V. Količienė

Nuo gilos senovės lietuviai įvairioms šventėms turi labai gražių tradicinių papročių, apie kuriuos ir šiandien daug yra pasakojama.

Vienas gražiausias mėnuo Lietuvoje yra birželis, žinomas kaip šienapiūtės mėnuo. Apie tai yra sukurta daug gražių dainų ir pasakų.

Be to, nuo krikščionybės pradžios Lietuvoje labai iškilmingai švenčiamos Joninės. Ir iš daugelio pramogų gal geriausiai mumyse išliko prisiminimai apie "paparčio žiedą".

Bet ar kas yra radęs paparčio žiedą?

Čia paminėsiu ką girdėjau Lietuvoje apie paparčio žiedą prieš 50 metų iš labai seno senelio, gyvenusio Patrakėje, dūminėje pirkelėje. Jis gyveno iš apylinkės gyventojų malonės: vijo jiems virves ir pančius, nėrė vyžas, pynė įvairias pintines, skaptavo šaukštus, o retkarčiais žiedė ir molinius dubenis ar puodus.

Tas senelis didžiausiuose trakuose (trakais - dzūkijoje vadinamas spygliuotų medžių miškas) žinojo visus paukščių ir žvėrių lizdus, baravykynus, uogynus, papartynus su visomis miškų gėrybėmis ir grožybėmis. Jis daugiausia ir mito miškų gėrybėmis, o neretai ir kitiems patardavo, kur geriausiai medžioti, grybauti ar uogauti. Apie paparčio žiedą jis pasakojo: labai, labai seniai, didelių miškų apsuptame žemės sklypelyje augo ir gyveno vargdienis našlaitis Jonas. Užaugęs taip pat labai vargingai gyveno, bet buvo labai teisingas, doras ir jautrus. Visus mylėjo ir užtardavo, o daugiausiai užjausdavo ir gelbėdavo našlaičius.

Jaunas būdamas jis daug kartų ėjo ieškoti paparčio žiedo, bet niekuomet neturėjo laimės - nerado. Kitoje didelio miško pusėje gyveno kitas našlaitis vardu Jonas, kuris buvo jo jaunystės draugas. Joninių išvakarėse Jonas išėjo per didelį mišką ap-

lankyti savo draugo. Seniai nesimatę jaunystės draugai pasidžiaugę ir pasikalbėję turėjo skirtis.

Jonas atsisveikinęs su draugu pavakary išėjo per mišką namų link. Jam per girią einant pradėjo temti. Ėjo, ėjo ir pasijuto paklydęs, negalįs iš girios išėiti.

Klaidžioja, klaidžioja ir neranda kelio į savo namus sugrįžti. Apėmė jį baimė. Juk gali žvėrys užpult.

Staiga jis atsiminė, kad ši naktis yra Joninių naktis. Vadinasi kas nors šią naktį ateis paparčio žiedo ieškoti. Nurimęs eina toliau, kad ir nežinoma keliais.

Beeinant kažkaip paparčio žiedas įkrito į jo vyžą. Greitai jam pasidarė labai linksma; pasijuto viską žinąs; pradėjo galvoti, kad gal šį kartą jau paparčio žiedą turįs. Jonas tuoj atspėjo, kuris kelias į namus veda. Namie jau žinojo, kad žiedas yra vyžoje. Numovė vyžą ir paėmė žiedą į rankas. Žiedas nedidelis, bet koks lig šiol jam nematytų įvairiausių spalvų žėrėjimas, kaip gražiausia vaivorykštė! Grožis kokio savo gyvenime Jonas nebuvo matęs.

Dabar jis susirūpino, kur ir kaip paslėpti tą paparčio žiedą, kad kas jo nepaimtų, ar nepamestų, nes su juo žūtų ir jo laimė. Kurgi dabar tą žiedą jis galėtų padėti? - staiga jam kilo mintis. Jonas peiliuku įpiovė savo kairės rankos delno odą ir žaizdoje paslėpė žiedą. Žaizda bematant užgijo.

Nuo tada Jonas jau buvo turtingas. Jis žinojo kur yra daugybė paslėptų turtų. Tada visiems apylinkių vargdieniams buvo gera gyventi, bet geriausia našlaičiams ir seneliams iki Jonas buvo gyvas.

Kai Jonas pradėjo senti, jo artimieji maldavo palikti jiems paparčio žiedą. Bet jis žiedo negalėjo iš delno išimti ir kitiems atiduoti. Jonui mirus visa žiedo galia prapuolė, visi vėl atsidūrė skurde. Nuo to laiko todėl niekas negali rasti paparčio žiedo.

"... A Life of Freedom"

Sermon presented by Bishop Anthony Deksnyš at Our Lady of Vilna Parish Worcester, Mass. on February 13, 1972.

(Translated by Anthony M. Miner).

"Brothers, you have been called to a life of freedom".

Citing St. Paul's words about the call to freedom, today I hope to relate two historic events separated by a time period of nineteen hundred years. Both events illustrate a similar love of nation and fatherland.

About the first event, the Gospel tells us that as "Jesus approached Jerusalem, He looked at the city, and wept..." Luke 19:4, He wept for Jerusalem, his nation's capital, and its inhabitants. He saw his fatherland's future. He saw his nation's terrible fate, when the enemy would use the most horrible means to suppress the rebellion, destroy the capital, and cast its inhabitants into slavery. Christ wept. His love for fatherland brought tears to His eyes.

The second event transports our thoughts to the banks of the Nemunas and Neris. Over thirty-one years ago, Lithuania and Lithuanians wept when enemy hordes invaded Lithuania, when Russian tanks rumbled along the streets of the capital city, and thousands of Lithuania's sons and daughters were exiled into distant slavery. Lithuanians wept seeing the sad fate of their fatherland.

When a year later the nation rebelled, and the first rays of dawning independence appeared, Lithuanian tears disappeared. But not for long. The awaited sun of independence did not rise. Our nation sacrificed thousands of its brave sons and daughters on the altar of independence soaking the soil of Lithuania with blood and tears. Today our fatherland weeps for its dead and enslaved children, while mothers and sisters mourn their dead heroes and warriors.

Tell us, dear Fatherland, what do you expect from your free children who escaped slavery by fleeing to the West where they now live in freedom?

Tell us, do you rejoice that Lithuanians living in freedom, absorbed in their daily concerns, gradually, day by day, are beginning to forget you?

Does not your heart ache when your language, the oldest and richest of the Indo-European family is heard less and less frequently, and Lithuanians reared in other countries are pushing it



BISHOP ANTHONY DEKSNYS was born in 1906 in Lithuania. Ordained in 1931, he served at various parishes there until 1936 when he left to study at Freiburg, Switzerland. He earned a Ph.D. there and came to the USA in 1941. From 1943 to 1969 he was pastor of Immaculate Conception Lithuanian RC Church, E. St. Louis, Ill. In 1969 he was consecrated Bishop and is currently stationed in Germany where he tends to the spiritual needs of all Lithuanians living in Western Europe.

out of their lives, or have completely forgotten it?

Oh, Lithuania! Don't you cry when a Lithuanian who has become somewhat wealthy, or has risen to a better position is ashamed of you because you were poor and small, and are now enslaved?

How it must hurt our fatherland when a Lithuanian disowns his own nationality and masquerades under foreign colors!

A mother is hurt and saddened when a son or daughter belittles her, disowns her, or neglects her in her hour of need. It is equally painful and saddening for Lithuania when her sons or daughters disown their Lithuanian heritage.

Rejection of your own nationality, divesting yourself of your national character, severs the bonds of love for your own nationality and its glorious past, and destroys within you Lithuanian national life.

Lithuanians, you must realize that not one nation will be given independence gratis; it is only through the sacrifices of its people and their continuous work that a nation will win its independence.

Countrymen, know that a nation which forsakes its independence condemns itself to enslavement and liquidation by others. Living in freedom as you are, never justify deceit or fallacy by supporting by even one word those who claim that today your fatherland is free and independent.

Free sons and daughters of Lithuania, your enslaved fatherland begs you to become pealing bells whose echoes will sound throughout the world proclaiming your fatherland's plea to all men:

"Oh ring through the ages to the children of Lithuania that he who does not protect it is unworthy of independence!"

Proclaim today and always that the Lithuanian nation is endowed with the right to an independent life. Continue to proclaim this until your fatherland regains its liberty and independence!

Kalba vyčių veteranas

Turėjome malonią galimybę pateikti kelis klausimus Lietuvos vyčių veteranui Juozui Sadauskui. Gerb. mūsų veikėjas malonėjo į tai gražiai atsakyti.

Kas yra Juozas Sadauskas? Liet. vyčių organizacijai jis priklauso nuo 1916 metų. Yra šios sąjungos garbės narys. Nuolatos rašinėja į "Draugą" ir "Vytį", o pirmiau bendradarbiavo "Darbininke" ir "Garse". Periodinės spaudos bendradarbis jau 48 metai. Yra kaip aktorius dalyvavęs daugiau 100 teatro spektaklių bei mažesnių operečių. Šį darbą dirbdamas, daugiausia pats ir režisavo. Buvęs Liet. vyčių 25 kuopos ir vyčių senjorų pirmininkas (Clevelande).

Buvo pirmininkas ir pirmaujantis veikėjas ir kitų vietinių draugijų bei organizacijų. Kadaisė buvo vienas iš pačių pirmutinių Svč. P-lės N. Pagalbos parapijos organizatorių. Apskritai J. Sadauskas daug yra pasidarbavęs parapijų, lietuviybės ir mūsų tėvynės Lietuvos reikalams. Vedė čia gimusią lietuvaite Rožę Simonaitę. Turi išauginę ir išmoksline venturte dukrą - Rožę-Oną. Ji yra ištekėjusi, turi mažą dukrelę. Visi trys priklauso Liet. vyčių senjorams. Čia to pasikalbėjimo turinys.

- Ką gero davė Lietuvos vyčiai lietuviams?

- Senesniais laikais Liet. vyčių organizacija buvo Amerikos lietuvių katalikų didžiausias ir veikliausias vadovas. Tais laikais turėjo per 6,000 narių, kurie didžiumoje buvo jauni atvykę iš tėvynės Lietuvos.

- Koks būtų buvęs tas gyvenimas be jų veiklos?

- Būtume netekę daug čia gimusiųjų ir augusiųjų lietuvių ir kartu senesniosios kartos amžiaus lietuvių, didelių savo tautos patriotų ir visuomenės veikėjų, kovotojų dėl mūsų išsivijimo ir pačios Lietuvos išlaisvinimo.

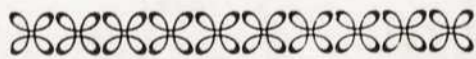


- Ar pakankamas Liet. vyčių įnašas į liet. gyvenimą dabar?

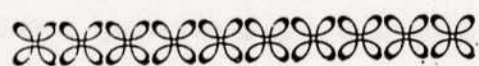
- Kaip čia gimusių ir augusių lietuvių ir senesniosios kartos lietuvių, tai rodosi, kad dar yra nemažas veikimas; o ypatingai kiek yra nuveikęs lietuvių bei a.a. kun. Jonas Jutkevičius, čia gimęs lietuvis, tai jam lygių mažai tegalėtume surasti visoje mūsų išsivijoje.

- Ką Jūs patartumėt, stiprinant Liet. vyčių veiklą?

- Mūsų parapijų klebonai ir visa dvasiškija tepaseka buvusius lietuviškų parapijų klebonus ir visą dvasiškiją - bažnyčiose teragina jaunimą ir dar jaunučius lietuviukus ir lietuvaite prisirašyti prie Liet. vyčių organizacijos. Ir vėliau atvykusieji mūsų broliai ir sesės irgi daugiau teprisirašo prie Liet. vyčių organizacijos; tai daugiau pagyventų lietuvišką veikimą ir plačiau paskleistų Liet. vyčių



JUOZAS SADAUSKAS, Honorary Member from Cleveland, and our beloved writer, "Senelis" celebrated his 75th birthday. The Supreme Council and the Vytis Staff sincerely wish Mr. Sadauskas a most happy "Jubilee Year", and pray that God grant him many more healthy years of fruitful work.



organizacijoje gražią liet. kalbą.
- Kas yra didžiausi Lietuvos vyčių veiklos varikliai ir stabdžiai?..

- Nūdieniai varikliai yra šie: prof. dr. Jokūbas Stukas, Loreta Stukienė, Juozas Bolevičius, dr. J. Bizankauskas, muz. Faustas Strolia, sol. Alg. Brazis, Ignas Sakalas, A. ir E. Pakalniškiai, kun. Titas Narbutas, V. ir St. Paviai, kun. Viktoras Kriščiunevičius ir keletas kitų. Trūkumas Liet. vyčių organizacijoje yra tas, kad neturime pakankamai tokių, kurie mylėtų lietuvišką plunksną ir rašintų žinelių iš savo veikimo į lietuviškąją spaudą.

- Ar ilgai dar gali gyvuoti Liet. vyčiai?

- Manau, kad dar gali ilgai pasilaikyti Liet. vyčių organizacija, tik gali kiek daugiau susilpnėti, jei mūsų dvasiškija ir vėliau atvykusieji gyviau ir artimiau nepradės bendrauti su Liet. vyčiais.

- Ar pakankamas naujųjų ateivių įnašas į Liet. vyčių veiklą?

- Sakau atvirai, kad ne. Jie kartais su Liet. vyčiais nieko nenori turėti bendra, bet nesakau, kad visi; mažuma Liet. vyčiams yra palankūs ir iš šių prisirašo prie Liet. vyčių organizacijos, bet didžiuma jų viską ignoruoja.

* * *

Tokie yra mūsų brangaus veterano žodžiai. O brangus jis mums dėl to, jog anuo metu nepaskendo liberalų ir marksistų (socialistų ir komunistų) balose. Bendradarbiavo tik katalikų spaudoje. Liko ištikimas Dievui ir tėvynei bei naujam kraštui - JAV. Davė puikų pavyzdį savo šeimai ir visiems kitiems. Juozas Sadauskas čia mums yra šviesus žiburys! Daugiau tokių Juozų Sadauskų!

Vinc. Laurušonis

("Draugas")

AMBER - LITHUANIAN GOLD

By Joseph Jerome

Lithuanian legend has it, that the fragments of amber along the white sands of the Baltic shore, are the remnants of the amber castle of the pagan Goddess of the sea, Jurate, which was destroyed by a thunderbolt by her father and chief God of thunder, Perkunas, who wrathfully resented her falling in love with a mortal fisherman, Kastytis...

Amber, a fossil resin of unique properties, has during the centuries, established itself as a favorite gem of the Baltic region; Lithuanians have developed a special affinity for amber in its many colors, forms, and end uses.

Amber is a study of contradictions. It begins life as a liquid resin in pine trees living some 60 or more million years ago; today it is a solid fossil material buried beneath the surface of land and sea and recovered principally by mining or dredging operations. As the liquid oozed from the trees it sometimes trapped flies and other insects, thus killing them; at present, the remains of these insects preserved in amber are our major source of knowledge about many of these long extinct life forms.

Some further contradictions are easy to find. Amber is the hardest known resin, yet it is one of the softest gem materials. Too hard to be scratched by a finger nail, amber is soft enough to be scratched by a copper penny.

Authorities find some properties of amber have to classify. Some say it is brittle, others say it is not. The dilemma arises from the fact that amber can be easily fractured on one hand, but on the other it can be readily worked with cutting and boring tools.



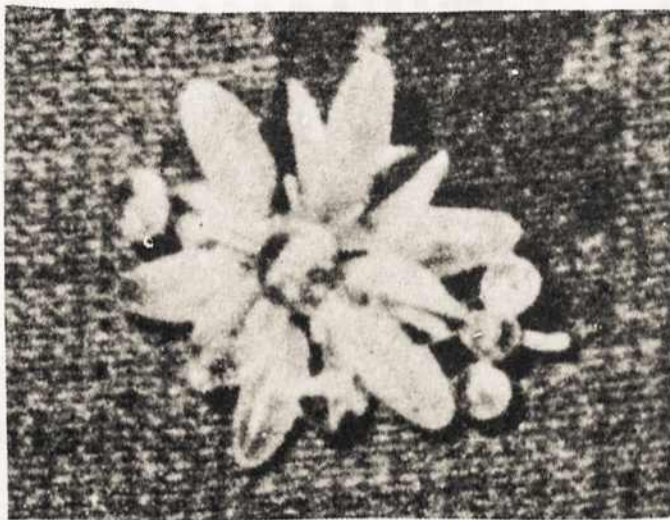
The electrical properties of amber were among the earliest to be recognized; in fact, "electrum" is the Latin for amber. One might say that amber gave its name to electricity. Amber can be given a static electric charge rather readily, and when so charged amber attracts light objects; this property is common to many materials which find practical application as insulators in modern day electrical systems. Fortunately, for the ladies and the jewelry business, amber is too expensive for such prosaic application as an electrical insulator.

In a representative collection of amber, you will find on display the various available forms of amber from pale yellow to dark red (the most precious variety) in both clear and cloudy variations.

The collection of organic inclusions is of particular interest. From the vegetable kingdom we find pollen seeds, pine needles, moss, and fragments of bark. From the animal kingdom we find fruit flies, ants, caterpillars, sand flies, worms, gnats, spiders, and mosquitoes. And lastly we find air bubbles and water.

There are manifold uses of amber as a gem material. Many are of historical significance, since they represent the use of amber as a gem material in Egypt, Greece, and Rome, as well as other countries along the ancient trade routes. No doubt the electrostatic properties of amber led members of these older civilizations to attribute mysterious virtues to this resin. Pliny, a Roman naturalist and writer of the first century AD, states that

an amber necklace would protect its wearer from secret poisons and would serve as a counter-charm against sorceries and witchcraft; he further states that a human effigy in amber sold for a price greater than that asked for a healthy slave. The popularity of amber in Roman times is indicated by the fact that in the time of Nero an expedition sent from Rome to the Prussian



amber beds returned with 13,000 pounds of this resin.

Today, after two centuries of mining operations along the shores of the Baltic Sea, prinoordenary attention to moving as East Prussia, one no longer needs to send a personal expedition to obtain amber to be able to study or to enjoy it.

(Garsas)



K of L Calendar

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, Maironis 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. N.E. Dist. CULTURAL PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



On April 13, the Lithuanian Community Organization (Bendruomenė) prepared a "Coffee and Lithuanian Dessert" reception in the Capitol Building, Washington, D.C., for U.S. Senators and Congressmen. Over 20 senators and numerous congressmen attended, enjoyed the "goodies", and met many activists in the Lithuanian American Community. Pictured (above) are, l to r, Hostess Ausra Zerr, Sen. Clifford P. Case, Estera Vasauskas, Sen. J. Glenn Beall, Jr., Sen. Peter H. Dominick, Ona Valasinas, and Sen. Paul G. Fannin. Photo by Arthur Scott.



Feb. 15 through Mar. 3, the Blossom Shop, Amsterdam, N.Y., carried an interesting window display, entitled "Arts and Crafts by Amsterdam's American Lithuanians". The display, shown above, included paintings and woodcarvings by Jonas Hartvigas and Matt Orante, paintings by Regina Gerutis Kot, carvings by Stanley Ralys, colored eggs by Edna Gustas and J. Hartvigas, plus other skills by Polly Ziausys and Elena Hartvigas. Gene Gobis and C-100 helped coordinate the event.

The South Boston Lithuanian Club basketball team recently brought home the first place trophy, after competing with some 25 Lithuanian club teams from the USA and Canada in a national tournament held in Cleveland. Other teams represented in the 22nd annual national tournament were from cities which included London and Toronto, Canada, Detroit, Washington, D.C., Cleveland and three teams from Chicago.

* * *

Soloist R. KAZYS YAKUTIS of Worcester, Mass., was recently "discovered" by Chicagoans, when he presented the musical program at a "DRAUGAS" - sponsored Awards Evening for an outstanding Lithuanian novel. Mr. Yakutis' resonant and well-trained voice as well as his excellent presentation endeared him to those in attendance, and earned for him several more invitations to the "Windy City". In April, he appeared in Philadelphia, presenting part of a concert sponsored by the Ateitininkai, and again, just as in Chicago, received rave reviews and many commendations.

* * *

Young 10 year old starlet JANINA MATHEWS of Brooklyn, N.Y. is spending the summer in Boston, where she is appearing as the "Brigita" in a summer stock performance of the musical "The Sound of Music". Janina's mother, soloist LIONE JUODIS-MATHEWS, is also singing in the musical. Janina played this role for 2 seasons at the Jones Beach Theater in New York, as well as at the Paper Mill Theater in New Jersey, and has had numerous other theater and television roles, including a lead in the musical "Curly McDimple".



LITHUANIAN DISPLAY IN AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Convention News

ČIURLIONIS ENSEMBLE AND IRENA GRIGALIUNAITE

TO PERFORM AT THE CONVENTION CONCERT.



Council 25 is very proud to present the internationally acclaimed ČIURLIONIS ENSEMBLE in its entirety at the National Convention on Friday evening, August 25, 1972 at the Hollenden House.

The Ensemble consists of 60 singers, 20 dancers, the 12-member Kankles Instrumental Group, and Soloist Irena Grigaliunaite. The Ensemble is under the most able and dedicated direction of Alphonsas Mikulskis, former Conductor of Lithuania's Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra. Ona Mikulskis, devoted wife of Alphonse, spends countless hours training and directing the Kankles Orchestra.

A BIT OF HISTORY:

Alfonsas Mikulskis organized the Čiurlionis Ensemble in the city of Vilnius in 1940 and has been Director of this group until the present time. The Ensemble is named after Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis (1875-1911), well-known Lithuanian Composer and Painter.

At the close of World War II, the Ensemble under the patronage of General de Latre de Tassigny, Commander of the French Occupation Forces, gave more than 300 concerts in Western Europe, appearing in Vienna, Berlin, Stuttgart, Munich... where they were enthusiastically received by American, Swiss, French and German music critics. Many of these concerts were performed before members of the U.S. Armed Forces and will be remembered by

them as one of the finest spectacles on the Continent. In the Fall of 1949, the Ensemble was able to settle in Cleveland through the generosity of many friends. Since then, the Ensemble has participated in concerts in Pittsburgh, Detroit, Philadelphia, Toronto, Hartford, Cleveland, The Chicago Civic Opera House and Carnegie Hall in New York. According to statistics the Ensemble has given the following number of Concerts from 1940 through April 1972:

Lithuania - 155; Germany - 424; South America - 19; The United States and Canada - 349.

In July of 1971 the Čiurlionis Ensemble gave command performances in Venezuela and Columbia. They were specifically invited to perform for Venezuela's 150th Year Independence Day Commemoration on July 5. Their reception was overwhelming and very touching. Plans are now underway for a return trip to South America, possibly in 1973, performing in Brazil.

Through the years, the Ensemble has had over 900 members.

Lithuania's oldest and most beautiful treasure is its folk music. In it is an echo of the past - it depicts the character of Lithuania - DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY to see the Dancers in their beautiful, colorful hand-made costumes, to hear the rich-voiced choral group, and to delight in the performance of the Kankles Orchestra.

SEMI-FORMAL DANCE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th,

TO FEATURE

EDDIE PLATT AND HIS RENOWNED ORCHESTRA



Eddie (a Lithuanian son) has played on various television shows during the last 15 years - THE OLD DUTCH SHOW - BANDSTAND - POLKA VARIETIES. He has also appeared Nation-wide on the Dick Clark Show with his own recording of TEQUILLA.

During the late 50's and 60's, he played for the then upcoming Stars - Pat Boone, Elvis Presley, Sal Mineo, Bobby Darin, Paul Anka, The Brothers Four and the Four Coins. At present he is appearing at various Country Clubs and Dance Clubs in the Cleveland and surrounding area.

The most outstanding feature of the EDDIE PLATT Band is that they play something for everyone and you can be part of that EVERYONE if you attend the 59th!

PAMIRŠKIT VARGUS - SURASKIT DŽIAUGSMUS - DALYVAUKIT VYČIŲ 59-TO SEIMO ŠOKYJE RUGPIŪČIO 26, 1972!!!



Are you a "DUAL BOOSTER?"

Send in \$2.00 and have your name entered in the Convention Program Book as a Knights of Lithuania 59th National Convention Booster.

Fill out the ticket in the May VYTIS. This ticket will be entered in a Special Drawing to be held during the National Convention.

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.

**FOR YOUR SUMMER
READING...
and LISTENING...
and LEARNING
PLEASURE**



BOOKS...

AWAKENING LITHUANIA, by Dr. Jack J. Stukas, published by Florham Park Press, Inc., Madison, N.J. A study of the rise of Modern Lithuanian Nationalism, the book is an interesting and very readable and comprehensive work which explores the elements and forces in the development of the national awakening of the Lithuanian people. Available from DR. JACK J. STUKAS, 1467 FORCE DR., MOUNTAIN-SIDE, N.J. 07092. Price - \$3.00 (Paperback).

POPULAR LITHUANIAN RECIPES, compiled by Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, published by Cath-Lith Press of Chicago, Ill. Currently in its 5th printing, the book contains a concise collection of traditional Lithuanian recipes. The paperback, spiral-bound book is filled with recipes the author has streamlined from the original. Recipe titles are listed in both Lithuanian and English, and a table of contents categorizes the recipes. Available from CATH-LITH PRESS, 4545 West 63rd St., Chicago, Ill. 60629. Price - \$3.00 (plus .50 for mailing).

WE WILL CONQUER THE WORLD, by Liudas Dovydenas, published by Romuva Press, New York, N.Y. The author, born in Lithuania in 1906, witnessed the events leading to his nation's Declaration of Independence... and those tragic events which succeeded in crushing that independence. Dovydenas tried, as a forced member of the "Soviet People's Diet", to bring justice back to Lithuania after the Communists essentially took it away... but when he resigned for humanitarian reasons, was sentenced to death in absentia by Moscow. He was also sentenced to death by the Gestapo during the German occupation of Lithuania, but managed to escape that sentence with the help of friends. He finally fled to West Germany after the war, and eventually settled in the USA. In this book, Mr. Dovydenas writes of his many harrowing experiences in Lithuania from 1939 to his departure in 1944... and gives a first-hand account of the treacheries of Communism and its teachings. Available from ROMUVA PRESS, 84-20 Jamaica Ave., Woodhaven, N.Y. 11421. Price - \$3.00.

RECORDS...

"LIETUVOS KANKINIŲ KOPLYČIOS VATIKANE PASVENTINIMO ISKILMES".

(Historic Dedication of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, 1970. Produced in cooperation with the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council).

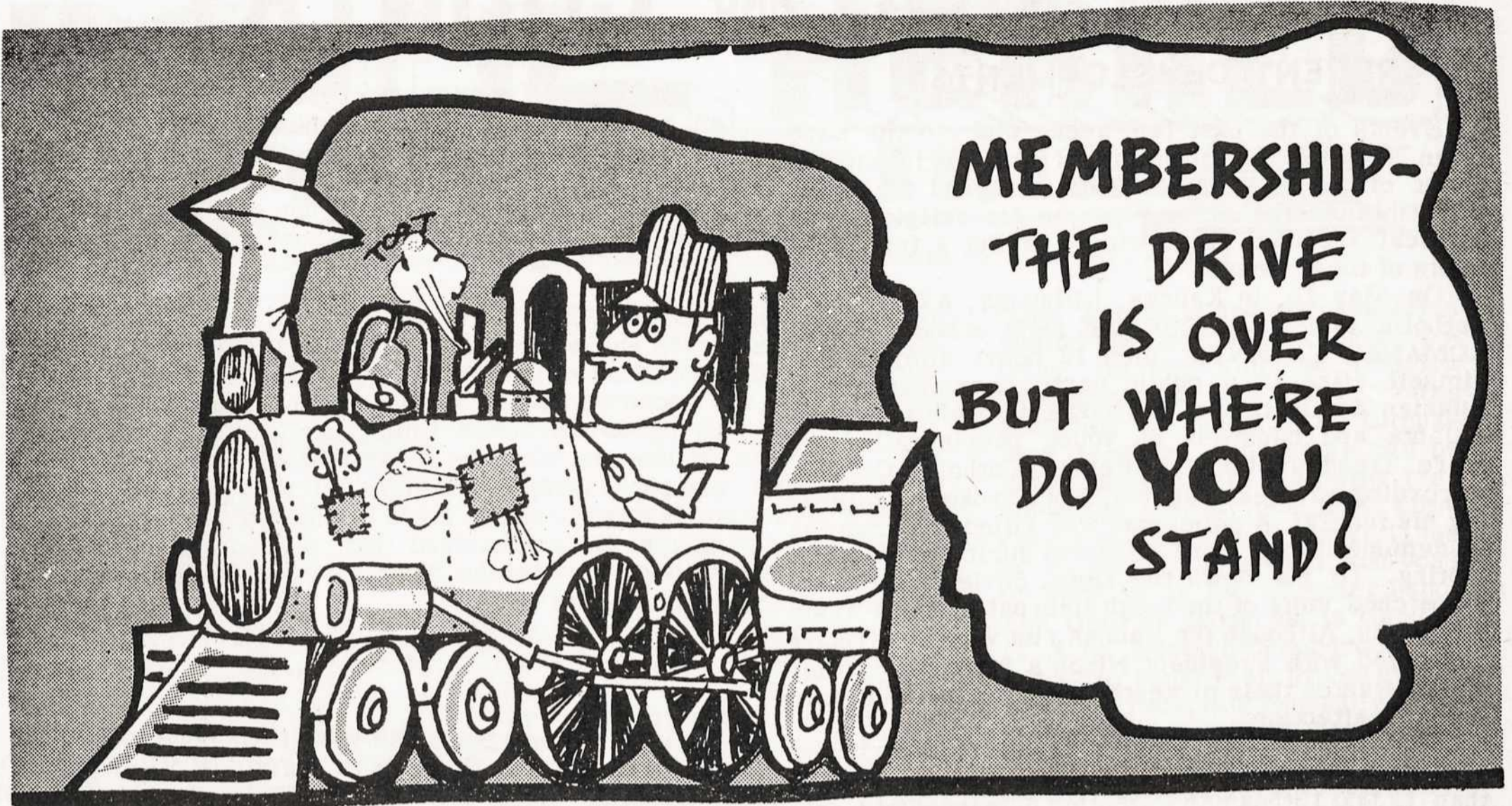
COUNCILS AND DISTRICTS CAN OBTAIN THESE RECORDS AT WHOLESALE PRICES FOR RESALE LOCALLY. ALL K. OF L. PROFITS ARE TO BE DONATED TO LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID, INC.

SEND ORDERS TO: ANTHONY MINER, 49 Bruce St., Grafton, Mass. 01519. Retail price: \$5.00.

CHILDREN' PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN: Produced by the Knights of Lithuania. The Lithuanian language instruction records come in sets 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. Available from FRANK GUDELIS, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio 45404. Price per set - \$2.00.

LITHUANIAN - LEARN TODAY, TRAVEL TOMORROW. Produced by CONVERSAPHONE INSTITUTE, N.Y. The record contains 20 lessons in conversational Lithuanian, and is accompanied by a booklet giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. Available from CONVERSAPHONE INSTITUTE, 225 W. 34th St., New York, N.Y. 10001. Price - \$4.95.

LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCES, produced by FOLKCRAFT, Inc. This 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. It may be obtained from FOLKCRAFT, 1159 Broad St., Newark, N.J. 07114 or from VILTIS, P. O. Box 1226, Denver, Colo. 80201. Price - \$6.00.



The official Membership is over. The final results must still be checked, and an official report will be made at the National Convention in August, hosted by Cleveland C-25.

Since this is my last article for the season, I would like to express my thanks to every Knight who enrolled a new member. We just couldn't have done it without your help. My thanks also to the Council Financial Secretaries, who worked so hard in collecting dues; and for the assistance given me by Loretta Stukas, VYTIS Editor.

At last count, we were short 160 members compared to last year's total enrollment! Therefore, I would like to make one more LAST PLEA. Although it is too late to win an award, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES if you have not already done so. Otherwise our Membership Drive cannot be considered a "SUCCESS", because if we enrolled new members but lost you, our membership has not increased. As a matter of fact, it may have decreased!

Don't be the one responsible for holding us back from "PROGRESSING". Mail your dues in NOW, so when the official report is made at the Convention, your council will be 100% paid up and the new members enrolled will account for a real overall increase to membership, not a replenishment for delinquents.

On a much happier note, CONGRATULATIONS to C-18 Cambridge, Mass. and C-133 Regulars Los Angeles, Calif., who are making an utmost effort to reorganize.

Here are the leading Councils in 100% Paid-up Status, as of May:

No. 1 - 10 members or less

1st Place - Tie between C-67 Bayonne, N.J. and C-61 Paterson, N.J.

No. 2 - 11 to 29 members

1st Place - C-10 Athol, Mass.
2nd Place - C-25 Cleveland, Ohio

No. 3 - 30 to 59 members

1st Place - C-100 Amsterdam, N. Y.
2nd Place - Cleveland Seniors
3rd Place - C-135 Ansonia, Conn.

No. 4 - 60 to 99 members

No Council Falls in This Category.

No. 5 - 100 or over members

??

DON'T DELAY - PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

Albert Ozalis,
Membership Vice President

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Events of the past few weeks and months have again focused the attention of the world on the plight of Soviet-occupied Lithuania and the indestructible desire of her people for religious and political freedom. Following are but a few highlights of these events.

On May 15, in Kaunas, Lithuania, a 20 year old Catholic factory worker and night school student ROMANAS TALANTA, died 12 hours after he set himself afire in a public park, in protest against Russian domination of his country, Lithuania. Mr. Talanta and hundreds of young people called for more freedom for the Roman Catholic Church. According to press reports, riots broke out following his funeral. A policeman was killed and hundreds of demonstrators were arrested during two days of rioting. To put down the riots, Soviet authorities dispatched units of the tough internal security army to Kaunas. Although the Kaunas riot was not directly connected with President Nixon's visit, the Lithuanians wanted their protests brought to the American leader's attention.

Two months ago, Kaunas residents contributed heavily to a massive, bitter petition in which more than 17,000 Lithuanian Catholics demanded of Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev that he end suppression of Catholic religious practices there. The petition was also sent to the United Nations, and circulated among members of the press in the Western world.

* * *

Just prior to President Nixon's departure for Russia, Dr. Kazys Bobelis, president of the American Lithuanian Council of Chicago, presented Mr. Nixon with 75,000 signatures, petitioning him during his visit to the Soviet Union, to request the Soviets to withdraw their armies from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and to grant these Baltic Republics the right to self-determination. Memoranda concerning freedom for the Baltic States were also sent to President Nixon by the Supreme Council to Liberate Lithuania, the Freedom Council of the Baltic States, and the Assembly of Captive European Nations.

REV. TITAS NARBUTAS, RIP

It is with profound regret and sorrow that we announce the death of REV. TITAS NARBUTAS on May 19, 1972 in Dayton, Ohio. Father Narbutas was pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Dayton, and Spiritual Adviser of Council 96 and of the Mid-Central District of the Knights of Lithuania. More of Father Narbutas' life and accomplishments will appear in a future issue of VYTIS. May his soul rest in peace.

In its May 7 edition, the DETROIT NEWS printed an article by Monsignor Hubert Maine, entitled: "Will Nixon Demand Freedom for the Captive Nations?" The author contends, that the Russians are cynically seeking to destroy not only the body but also the soul of oppressed Lithuania.

* * *

In the May 8 issue of the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, Paul Wohl writes that the hopes of the Vatican for better conditions for Roman Catholics living in the Soviet Union have not been realized. To the contrary, the recent 17,000 - strong petition of oppressed Lithuanians to the UN, demanding religious freedom, could not have given the Vatican solace. He emphasized that in occupied Lithuania, religious traditions remain and religious fervor is strong.

* * *

In the May 9 edition of the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, a M. Seavers of Buffalo, N.Y., inquires about the Lithuanian seaman Simas Kudirka, who almost two years ago was refused asylum by U.S. Coast Guard authorities and returned to the Soviet ship from which he had defected under the most brutal circumstances. During his trial last summer, Kudirka put up a courageous defense, linking his own fate with that of his homeland Lithuania, which is being denied freedom and self-determination. He was then sentenced to 10 years of hard labor in Siberia.

IN MEMORY OF A GOOD PRIEST, FRIEND,
ADVISOR, AND HONORARY MEMBER OF THE
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA -

REV. JOHN C. JUTT, who died June 28, 1971...

Father John look down on us
And help us to achieve
The work and words you taught us
To gain our country's victories

God knows how much we miss you
Your fiery sermons, laughter and smiles
And we'll always remember your urging
To be good, true and loyal Knights

In loving memory,

ANNIE MITCHELL MATALAVICH
Honorary Member - C-52,
Elizabeth, N.J.

K of L HERALD

VYČIAI VEIKIA

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

FATHER'S DAY



NEW ENGLAND

DISTRICT

C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

"Tiny"

Otto Shatas was chairman again of our "Las Vegas Nite" held at the clubrooms on May 20. Along with the games of chance and prizes, there was a delicious buffet served as usual and everyone enjoyed the get-together. A hearty "thanks" to all who helped make this favorite entertainment a success.

All five of our capable, dynamic, hard-working housemen, have planned a weekend fishing trip to Cape Cod in June - with their wives, believe it or not! (Women's Lib has hit the K of L in Waterbury)! Hope your luck is good, fellows, and bring back some fish - meanwhile - there will have been a complete investigation of club finances by the time you get back!

It was great to see Ollie Stevens again; you're a stranger lately, Ollie! In fact, we felt the building shake a little when you came in to our meeting! Don't stay away so long next time and bring your lovely wife too!

The K of L Bowling League has finished bowling for this season, and Evelyn Ignatas' first-place team for the first half was made "second best" by Ann Roach's team. Condolences to the losers and congratulations to the winners - but wait 'till next year, right John?

Sophie and Frank Cheske's son is graduating from Southern Conn. State College and is going right

into OCS in the Marines. Best of luck to you Wynn from all of us, and we hope you leave a distinguished record for the Marines to remember!

On a note of sadness - our deepest sympathy is extended to Tom Deliniks' family. He was our well-known local Lithuanian mortician in the "Brooklyn" section, who after many years of fine service to many Lithuanian families, died all too soon. He will be missed by many of his K of L friends. Our deepest sympathy also, to Joseph Samoska, Sr. and his family; he lost his mother and father within a short time. Joe's son, Joseph, Jr., is our club Vice-Pres. Our sympathy also goes to Attorney William Matasavage in the recent loss of his brother. He also lost his mother and father just a short while ago, too. Our hearts go out to you all.

On a lighter vein - N.E. Dist. Vice-Pres., John Alankas, announced that the N.E. Dist. Cultural Picnic will be held in September at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, Mass. again. - If we don't see you at the National Convention, see you at the picnic!



C-17 - Ann White, Bob & Phyllis Gendreau.

C-10 - GARDNER-ATHOL, MASS.

Vincukas

Lennie Davidonis is C-10's newest world traveler. He has visited almost all corners of the world by way of shortwave radio. He has tape-recorded receptions

from Australia and also countries behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains. He has Voice of America broadcasts to the Baltic States including Lithuania. The Lithuanian language broadcasts can be heard daily on the following frequencies: 15270 or 15235 kilocycles in the 19 meter band, 11960 kc in the 25 meter band, and 9680 or 9660 kc in the 31 meter band. The time of broadcast is 10:30 to 11 A.M. Eastern Standard Time and 12 to 12:30 P.M. (Noon) E.S.T. The best reception is usually found in the 19 meter band. The broadcasts originate in Greenville, N.C., U.S.A., and are rebroadcast from the transmitter in Tangiers, Morocco, Africa to Europe. The reception is rather difficult to get at times, as the broadcasts are not beamed to North America. Anyone interested in foreign language broadcasts can get information as to the time and frequencies and the language broadcast from V.O.A. United States Information Agency, Washington, D.C. 20547. Are there any other shortwave radio listeners in the K of L? Lennie would like to hear from you. Write him at 125 South St., Athol, Mass. 01331, and the name is LEONARD DAVIDONIS.

Miss Nellie M. Melaika, our council's treasurer, was elected President of the Mt. Grace Region Business & Professional Women's Club. Installation was held on May 23 at the Ellinwood Country Club. Another member, Mrs. Lillian Kuzmeskas, was elected Corresponding Secy.

A group of our members attended the TV Mass in Boston and the meeting that followed at the So. Boston Lithuanian Club. A group also attended St. Francis Church Friendship Day sponsored by the Parish Council. Worcester's "Penketukas" and the Blessed Sacrament Brother's Choir of Barre, Mass., offered the entertainment which was followed by a nice lunch.



C-17 - St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast, l to r: Rev. A. Janvinius, Mr. Subatis, Rev. A. Baltrasiunas, Longinas Svelnis, Bronis Banaitis, and Mrs. Suziedeliene.

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

Ramblina

Best wishes to Trudy Zibinskas, our Financial Secretary, for a speedy recovery from surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital. Trudy works at the Chancery Office of the Worcester Diocese and the hopes and prayers of her friends at Our Lady of Vilna Parish and the Diocesan Office go out in unison for the best of health for Trudy.

On April 9, seven members from C-116 journeyed to Boston to attend the N. E. District K of L TV Mass at Channel 7, Government Center, at 9:15 A.M. Tony Miner was there with his sister and Stanley Grigas, Dot Sinkavich, Anna Miller, Miss Irene Adamaitis and her mother. It was exciting to attend and participate at Mass in a television studio. Father Baltrasiunas of So. Boston did a fine job with the Mass and sermon, and the Brockton choir, garbed in lovely colorful Lithuanian costumes, vocalized beautifully. After Mass, there was a lively coffee-and-doughnut hour with gay music and time for chatting with friends from all over New England. Then, the group disbanded to proceed to the Lithuanian Club in So. Boston for dinner and a District officer's meeting. Al Jaritis and his brother outdid themselves with a delicious chicken dinner for all the guests. Larry Svelnis presided at the meeting to discuss problems which would be taken up and hopefully solved at the District Convention in Lawrence.

Our Council's bowlers finished their season on April 21 and concluded their activities with a banquet the following day at the Sterling Inn. It was a gala affair.

The girls were all dressed in their best bib and tucker, long gowns and dresses predominated, with Rita Paluses looking especially striking with her platinum tresses and black, side slit gown. Bob Paluses wore his new shirt and tie (had to say something about the husbands, too). Mary, Vic, Joe, and Grace were there discussing their upcoming trip. Irene and Ozzie Ostrowski were part of the gay crowd, as well as Dot and Bart March, who were chairmen of the affair. Carol and Ritchie Luikey, John and Ann Yurkenas, George and Marion Piltzecker, Bill Simakonis, John Savage, Gene and Carol, Anna Miller, Ruthie Ciras, Marion Lucason, and Helen Daltwas, all expressed their delight in the delicious meal and the wonderful time they had all season bowling. Winning 1st prize for team bowling was John Yurkenas, George and Marion Piltzecker, Carol Tamulevich and Mary Mrozinski; 1st prize for hi-average, John Yurkenas; girls, Dot March; hi-singles, girls, Rita Paluses and men, Ritchie Luikey.

On April 27 in the church hall, there was a buffet for the Bishop's Fund workers, arranged by Mrs. Irene Adamaitis, Co-chairman, with the help of Miss Irene and Joan Adamaitis and Mrs. Rita Paluses - all good K of L'ers. Those from the K of L attending were Anna Miller, Ruth Ciras, Helen Daltwas, Ann Markvenas, Joanie Treinas, Dottie Sinkavich.

Journeying to the District Convention in Lawrence on April 30 were Anna Miller, Dottie Sinkavich and Miss Irene Adamaitis. It was a beautiful day, and when they got to St. Frances in Lawrence, they met up with Tony Miner and Stanley Grigas, also from 116. The host council went all out to make all K of L'ers welcome. The sessions, the visit to the founder's grave, Tėvas Norkunas, and the delicious repast, left a very pleasant memory of Lawrence. The District showed its interest in youth and the young people in the K of L by voting for two young members. Miss Irene Adamaitis of our council and Tony Bizinkauskas, Jr. of the Brockton Council to represent the N.E. Dist. at the Cleveland National Convention in August.

Some of our K of L'ers were recently in the news. Dot and Bart

March became the proud parents of a lovely baby girl. Now Johnny is a proud, big brother. Mrs. Irene Adamaitis was recently installed as President of the Worcester Council of School Parents Groups, which includes all the Mothers and Parents Clubs of all the public and elementary schools in the City of Worcester. This group will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee Year so there will be many functions with the city and school administrations.

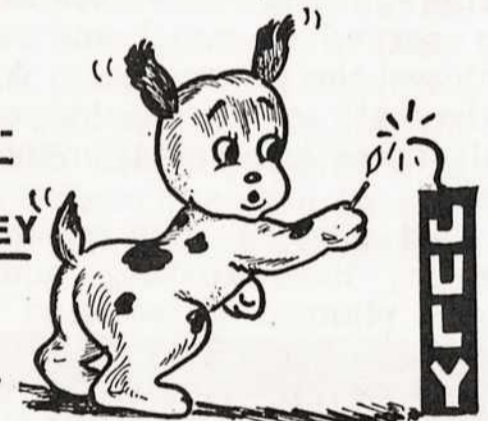


C-17 - Wine Tasting Party - Helen Zaremba and Lillian Wadell.

NEW YORK-

NEW JERSEY

DISTRICT



C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Liberty Lady

With the possibility of a Congressional Bill eliminating 'Voice of America', C-12 sent off its telegram in protest. It was welcome news to hear of the overwhelming defeat of the Bill. As one member expressed it, the people overseas look forward to the authentic news over this broadcast.

Silver Bells rang in April, as Anne and John Yorkus celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The K of L had an opportunity to offer congratulations to the fine couple at the April meeting, as on the same day the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Vilna Church honored Anne and John during an Atvelykio celebration. They were presented with a crystal and silver fruit bowl in appreciation

for Anne's years of service as President of the Rosary Society and in recognition of John as a pillar of support to the church. Joining them were Helen and Walter Yurkus, who were Maid of Honor and Best Man at the original happy event. The hostess at the meeting had the coffee pot perking all day, as C-12 then joined other parishioners at the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



C-12 Executive Board: l to r: Helen Cuperwich, Betty Waskiewicz, Lee Waskiewicz, President, and Helen Matthews.

A delegate's report of the March District Convention was submitted by Mary York at the April meeting. C-12 was alerted to the serious council consideration required on the subjects of Rituals and proposed District name change. During the May meeting, deliberation was given to the referendum on the District name change for action at the June Convention. And, as usual, we analyzed the ritual structure in K of L.



C-12 members deliberating on proposed Bylaw changes.

Currently, the Council is actively engaged in planning volunteer services for the Parish Fund Raising Dinner. Welcome to new members Barbara and Charles Pupelis, sponsored by Millie Pietz. Congratulations to C-12 members serving Our Lady of Vilna Church in the official capacity, namely Chairman of Church Committee: Joseph Kscenaitis and members

of committee, Helen Matthews and Albert Yatkaukas, and Trustees: John Yorkus and Mary York. Arriving with the flowers in Spring are birthday good wishes to Matthew Yatkaukas 4/5 - Anne Yorkus 4/22 - Evelyn Bell 5/9 - Ann Montvidas 5/19 - and Helen Matthews 6/1.

"HE CARES" profile: President of C-12, Leon Waskiewicz, is to be found every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from April to July, supervising the Little League Field in the Fordham - University Heights section of New York City. This strictly volunteer service for the community is Lee's way of helping youngsters to participate at healthful sports. Our compliments to his understanding family for sharing Lee's free time with the community.

A pleasant summer to the K of L family; see you at the National Convention.



C-12 members, Adele and Arthur Nelson, with family.

BROOKLYN-QUEENS, N.Y. -
C-41

M & M

1971-1972 Election results were as follows:

President - Philip Skabeikis
Vice President - Ronald J. Volod
Treasurer - Marian Sidtis
Secretary - Nijole M. Volod
Financial Secretary - Arunas Simonitis
Sgt-at-Arms - Rimas Vebeliunas

The new executive board's first major task was the formation of a Constitution Committee which would draw up a Council Constitution according to the Supreme Council. The document was drawn up and submitted to the membership and after minor changes it was passed almost unanimously.

Moving into the holiday season, C-41 ran a successful and entertaining Christmas party at the home of our treasurer Marian. There were many culinary treats to tickle the taste buds, a bar that could quench anyone's thirst, myriad types of music to please all, and of course, the amiable companionship of council members, some from as far as New Jersey and Upstate New York. A great time was had by all.

Pres. Phil Skabeikis has revived the vocal ensemble and is making it an integral part of the council. The ensemble is currently in rehearsal and gathering strength and membership.

Our council dance group is presently without a director and is anxiously seeking a new one. Its former instructress Birute Radzivanas has left the council and has her own group. We wished her success with her new group and gave a donation to start them along.

St. Casimir's Day was remembered by attending Mass at Annunciation Church in Williamsburg followed by a Communion Breakfast at Gottlieb's Restaurant in Ridgewood. The food was excellent as was the company.

Presently C-41 is planning a commemoration of the mass deportations of the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians to Siberia in 1941. A concert will be held June 25, 1972 at 5 P.M. in the Annunciation Parish Auditorium. The Annunciation Choir will perform under the directorship of Mr. Algirdas Kačanauskas.

The successful and entertaining council newsletter, Kardas, under the editorship of Marian Sidtis, has taken on a greater scope of circulation. Kardas is now read coast to coast by many interested people who have requested that it be sent to them. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO KARDAS, 1972 marks the 4th year that the newsletter has been in publication. Congratulations to the editor and the staff.

Council meetings have been rolling along nicely since we've been having monthly meetings followed by friendly games at neighborhood bowling lanes. Although we don't have any trophies yet, our attendance at meetings has picked up, and maybe someday, our scores will do the same.



C-100 Lithuanian Independence Day & St. Casimir's Day Commemoration
l to r: Rev. A. Grigaitis, Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. B. Gustas, M.C. Father is holding one of O'Henry's Lithuanian Post Cards.

C-109 - GREAT NECK, N. Y.

Our May meeting was held at the home of Anne Martens. Since it was centrally located, the attendance was better than usual. (Have you ever held a meeting with three members present?)

Discussion centered on our Kings Point Park picnic-in-the-woods in Great Neck which has been held annually in appreciation to members, and to guests who have supported our social affairs. Picnic dates were selected for July 9 and September 17, pending confirmation of reservation requests. Donation for adult guests will be \$2.00 and children under 13 - \$1.00.

For many years, members of the clergy from Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, have celebrated the 1 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Aloysius Church in Great Neck, and preached a Lithuanian homily for those remaining after Mass. There have been instances when the homily was heard by only a small handful of our people - sometimes, even less. Consequently, this has now been discontinued. We have lost the only contact many of us have had with the Lithuanian language. We hope our Spiritual Advisor, Father Frank Bulovas (who was recently appointed Administrator of the Transfiguration Parish) will not forget us, and will be able to join with us in some of our council activities.

Since our activities have not been too numerous, we are planning a Dinner-Dance to be held in the fall somewhere in Long Island, in the near vicinity of Great Neck. We hope our K of L friends will support us.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Beverly & Ricky Marks on the addition to their family, a daughter, Michele, a playmate for son John. It was amusing to hear Ricky discuss his everyday problems of child-rearing. Richie & Marion Kurila are infanticipating in mid-summer; no-one can be more excited than little Donna & Debbie! "Well done!" to Joe Zukas who placed First in High Average in the Brooklyn-Queens C.Y.O. Bowling League, and Second in the Diocese. How about forming a bowling group in the council?

Sincere condolences are extended to former member, Stanley (affectionately known as T.T.) Simanovich on the death of his wife, Josephine. She was a very pleasant, congenial gal who will be missed. Our hearts are happy to announce the ordination of Dickie Palka to the priesthood. Father Bernard Richard Palka is the son of former member, Delia (Chekautauskas) & Bernie Palka. May the life that lies before you as you go to serve the Lord provide the warm fulfillment that contains its own reward.

Please remember Father John Jutt's first anniversary in death on June 27. He has been missed and will always be in our thoughts and prayers. May his soul rest in peace.



C-100 at Canterbury House, l to r: Ann & Anthony Radzevich, Mr. & Mrs. Bates, Mildred Thomas, Sadie and Charles Karbus.



MID CENTRAL

DISTRICT

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

'Tis the season for June brides, graduations and picnics in the park. Our biggest attraction was the completion of Divine Providence's new rectory. Our Pastor, Fr. M. Kundrat, and our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Al Babonas, moved in just in time to enjoy the Easter holiday. Congratulations, and God's blessings. Lai Šv. Kazimieras laimina ir padeda bendrai vykdyti Jūsų prakilnius darbus tautai ir bažnyčiai. All signs point "Go" to the building of the new church and cultural center. By the time the next snow flies, we hope to have a new roof on the complex.

With the advent of the glorious spring weather, some of our stay-away 79'ers have shaken off the bad-weather blues and started coming to the meetings. There was a nice attendance at our May 3 meeting. Since President Gerry Zager was unable to attend, 1st V.P. Ruth Grasha subbed and did a magnificent job. Ačiū Ruth; there's word that you're next Year's candidate for President.

Reports on the Annual Cheer Raffle were given by chairlady Elizabeth Paurazas, and on St. Casimir's Day observance by chairlady Maggie Smailis. We appreciate their hearty efforts and the success of these events. Joe Chaps reported membership perked up from 90 to over 150. Good news, Joe. Following the meeting, there was a lot of visiting, as we ate the delicious dessert prepared by our co-hostesses, Vicki Chepelonis and Julia Medinis. It was nice seeing some new faces - Cassie Bay and Sophie Bitner. Don't stay away too long in the future and we want more of our "lost" members to come around. Mrs. Paurazas also urged better attendance at the Rosaries for deceased members. Members should make every effort to attend when called.

John Kolinske reports the following K of L Bowling results: Peoples Federal Savings and Loans took the top spot, Second - Adams Realty, and Third - Alytaus (Pete and Rose Podolski) Bar. They climaxed the season with a Bowling Banquet, held on May 13 at the Veteran's Hall. Congratulations to all the top winners: Ruth and Mark Wagster, Clem and Evelyn Galinas and Ed Salas. Hi Girls Series - Delphine Stepan - 244 and Hi-three game - Irene Petroski - 596. Men's Hi Single - Mike Vale - 267 and Hi-three game - John Kolinske - 651. To all the losers - Chins, up!

SOFFI SNOOPING:

Maggie Smailis vacationed in Hawaii with her daughter, Marianne Newberry, in April. They hated to return and wished they could bottle some of the nice weather and bring it home... Julia Medinis enjoyed a 9-day trip to Spain, visiting various art edifices, seeing a bull fight... Tanned and rested, Father Mike resumed his duties following a 2-week Florida vacation. Father Babonas subbed for him very nicely... Back from a European honeymoon are M/M Harley Peebles, nee Toni Vale, daughter of Mike and Adele Vale. Congratulations and Ilgiausiu Metu! ... After some weeks of convalescence following a coronary, Bertha Janus is progressing satisfactorily, but must still take things easy. Can you imagine Bertha taking things easy? Her husband, Frank, was in the hospital for tests and treatment... John Belickas had surgery and had an extended hospital stay. A speedy recovery is wished to all of you... Sincere sympathy is extended to Bernie Vitkus and his family on the loss of his dear parents. His mother and father passed away within one month of each other in Pennsylvania... Condolences, too, to the family of Kazimir Arman who passed away in April... May 6 was a Big Day for Chip Newberry, son of Marianne Newberry, when he received his First Communion... Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas managed to wait out one morning and call "Ask Your Neighbor", a popular morning show on household hints, and submitted a recipe on Lithuanian Zeppelins (zeppelins), in response to an earlier request from a caller. Thanks, Elizabeth, for sharing our Lietuviška Cuisine... Mrs. Alex Ba-

nionis has joined the ranks of proud grandmothers now that a baby boy, Edward, born Apr. 25 to M/M Gerand Rensi (daughter, Celeste). Congratulations on your first grandchild! ... Moving into the suburbs and outskirts of town seems to have taken a firm grip on some of our members. Sophie Bitner pulled stakes and moved to Utica, Mich. Sophie is on "cloud nine" these days awaiting her first grandchild... Newlyweds M/M R. Bulota, nee Valentina Hotra, are living in Illinois. She writes they plan to become active with the K of L in Chicago... Joan Byville now lives in Grandville, Mich. She is an art teacher at Grandville High School and also teaches junior high science. There was an inspiring article written on Joan in the Grandville School News. She was a girl's counselor for several years with the K of L Youth Camp at Dainava, is affiliated with the Michigan Council for the Arts, and is busy with other various activities... Estelle and Charlie Gogelis, and the Chester Nashlons, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversaries, respectively, on May 5 and June 2. Ilgiausiu Metu Jums visiems ir daug laimes ir gero pasisekimo... Have a nice summer, and take care of yourselves.



Dayton, Ohio Juniors participating at Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration with Ray Gecas at the podium.

DAYTON, OHIO JUNIORS - C-96

Chris

STRIKE! You just hit all the pins down! That is what the Juniors were doing when they went bowling with John and Eloise Berczelly and son John. The girls beat the boys. Terry Vaitkus was first, and Chris Mantz second. For the boys, Raymond Gecas came in first, and Ed Sluzas second. After bowling

a luncheon was served by the Berczelly's, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

On Mother's Day we served our mothers breakfast and honored them with a few choice words. They were also presented with a topiary tree which we made. Crowning our Blessed Mother took place on this day with Sherry Richey doing the honors.

In June we will be busy making final preparations for going to camp at Marydale.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO FBP

Attendance at the April and May meetings was unbelievable, - and we're not even giving out prizes! A "renewed" idea has emerged with Dr. Šarūnas Lazdinis volunteering to conduct 15-minute discourses on Lithuanian history and culture. Stacy hopes to materialize a Lithuanian history course for our young adults this summer. Much luck! A "first" at a council meeting were Joe and Aldona Ryan and Elena Zukaitis. Our long-absent members attending were Judy Petrokas, Andy August and Steponas Bucmys.

John, Eloise and Johnny Berczelly were Den Parents for our Juniors in April. They hosted the Juniors to an afternoon of bowling with lunch and prizes too. Ačiū!

Congratulations to Judy Petrokas who received her Associate in Business Management. Judy received a nice write-up in a local paper in conjunction with her award. Congratulations to Al Tatoras on his engagement to Lorraine Anne Zusinas of Pittsburgh, Pa. Congratulations, too, to Alex and Polly Pietrzak on their new granddaughter.

Our men made their annual retreat to Milford, Ohio, with George Mikalauskas rounding up Alex Pietrzak, Mike P. Petkus and Jim



C-96 - 40th Anniversary Committee.

Richey. Sam Bakanauskas made his annual retreat at Borgamo, Dayton. Frank Gudelis' Papal Blessing Scroll has been received from Rome and framed. It was presented to him at the May meeting. We are all proud for Frank.

A warm welcome is extended to our newest members, George and Kathy Janky. As many members will remember, George, a former University of Dayton basketball center, made a tour of Lithuania in 1967 with the American-Lithuanian basketball team. George then gave highlights of his trip at one of our monthly meetings, with a group discussion winding up his talk.

Karen Bedrowsky has taken charge of the Senior Citizen's Bingo for the parish again this year. So far, she has some help from Karolyn Ambrose and Fran Petkus.

We are most pleased to report that Father Walter Katarskis is doing well after recent surgery and back to his pastoral duties at St. Christophers. We are praying that Father Titas Narbutas also has a speedy recovery from his surgery. Father Titas' recuperative period will be a little longer. Members and parishioners have been stopping in to take care of his needs. The council had a special Mass offered for Father Titas on May 7 at 10 A.M. Our prayers go to both priests for good health soon!

Happy Birthdays celebrated in May were Rev. Titas Narbutas, Frank Ambrose, Sally Miller, Veronica Omlor, Henry Pant, Charles Petkus, Alice Petkus, Dave Petroski, C. Mike Wilemaitis, Joe Cernevicius, Jr., Maria Lazdinis, and Joe Ryan. May anniversary congratulations to John and Eloise Berczelly, Joe and Eleanor Mantz, Ernest and Veronica Omlor, Frank and Irene Petrauskas, and a "First" to Jerry and Cathy Poberts.

June Birthday greetings go to Rev. Walter Katarskis, Fred Kondrotas, Judy Petrokas, Ann Scott, Mildred Steinbrunner and Ray Steinbrunner. June anniversary congratulations go to George and Frances Mikalauskas, Charles and Sarah Petkus, Joe and Aldona Ryan, Stan and Helen Vaitkus, C. Mike and Eileen Wilemaitis, Jerome and Karen Bedrowsky.

July Birthday celebrants will be Stan Kavy, Fran Petkus, Pete

Petkus, Stan Vaitkus, Tom Scott, Bob Veigel, Albina Wallis, Joe Mantz, Albert Owens and Jerry Roberts. Anniversary greetings in July are sent to Jim and Carolyn Urban and George and Frances Zelinskas.



CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

LOS ANGELES SENDRAUGIU
KUOPA

Pranešame, kad 1972 m. kovo 12 d. susirinkime buvo išrinkta nauja Los Angeles Senjorų kuopos valdyba:

Pirmininku Vytautas Lubertas
Vice-Pirm. Leonas Niuniava
Fin. Sek. Antanas Skirius
Iždininku Mrs. Anna Arnashus
Sekretoriumi Stasys Duda

Revizijos Komisijoje paliko tie patys - Jonas Cinga ir Vincas Tuskenis.

Dvasios Vadu - Kun. dr. A. Ol-sauskas.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA

DISTRICT

CHICAGO, ILL. - C-36

Greetings from the "Windy City". Thank you for all the fine articles that were written about the St. Casimir's Day Mass and brunch.

We would like to thank Commanders and Color Guard of Don Varnus, Darius-Girenas, and the Knights of Columbus, for their participation at Mass; Bishop V. Brizgys, the Bishop of Lithuania, and Rev. Paul Juknevicus, our Spiritual Advisor, who made the Mass so memorable; and ALL the Knights and their guests who pitched in to help us "get it together", and make our St. Casimir's Day a success. Thank you.

Christine



C-36 - Scotty Zukas presenting the Man and Woman of the Year awards to recipients Vincent Samaska and Kazimiera Petrukis.



C-36 - Gathered at St. Casimir's Day brunch: l to r: Julie Saliner, Ignas Sakalas, Bishop V. Brizgys, Scotty Zukas, Paul Saliner, Frank Svelnis, & Rev. Paul Juknevicus.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

iks

The March after-meeting social was most unique in that the men were the hosts - and what hosts they were. A truly delicious meal was prepared - the ham by John Evans, meatballs by Al Zakarka (courtesy of Julie), Lith. cheese by Ed Krivickas, popcorn by Al Dagus, chips and dip by Al Shulicke and cake by Louis Rogers. In fact, the cake was so home baked that Louie came in with a hot cake and oven mitts.

Lorraine Svelnis handled the April meeting social. The highlight of the evening was a White Elephant Auction, with the proceeds going to our Church Hall Piano Fund. Al Shulicke was the most capable auctioneer with the aid of tout, Ed Krivickas, who was always boosting up the bid. Among the successful bidders were Estelle Rogers (what are you going



Chicago Seniors president, Ignas Sakalas and Mr. Ramanauskas at recent K of L affair.

to do with all of those lighters?) and Antanas Sereika (some lucky girl will be the recipient of all those jewels). Council president Julie Zakarka expressed the appreciation to all of the donors and bidders for their generosity.

The 25th Anniversary Dinner-Dance of the Cardinal Mundelein Council of the Knights of Columbus, held at the Lexington House, was most successful and well attended. Honorary Member Bishop Vincentas Brizgys was one of the main speakers, and Al Brazis, accompanied by his wife Aldona, entertained the guests. Many K of L members were among the guests.

Chairman Al Dagis of the "Night in Dixie" Dance expressed his thanks to raffle chairman Estelle Rogers, bar chairman John Auksciunas, kitchen supervisors Ruth Dagis and Bernadine Rogers, and all others who worked so diligently throughout the evening, and, of course, to all who attended the affair. A thank-you also goes to raffle prize donors - John Evans (Savings Bond), Balys Brazdzionis, Sharko's Restaurant, and others. Among the prize winners were: Lorraine Svelnis, Mike Lawrence, Eleanore Laurin, Ed Krivickis, Frank Svelnis and Vladas Palilionis.

Get well wishes to the following members who have suffered a variety of ailments from broken limbs to surgery: Balys Brazdzionis, Vladas Palilionis, Jadvyga Auksciunas, Brone Rusteikas and Jerry Jesulaitis.

Council condolences to: Andy Tatusko, Jr. on the death of his mother; Anele Pocius and family on the death of her brother in Lithuania; the Albert Zakarka family on the death of his mother; and to George Jonikas on the death of his sister.

Our members have been most active in a variety of fields and we extend our congratulations to the following: Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis on her excellent presentation of Lithuanian culture on Channel 5's "Why and Otherwise" TV program; Al Mockus, K of L building trustee president and rental manager, who is well on his way to being a successful real estate broker and who is with Zickus Realty in Oak Lawn; Aloysius Pakalniskis, a very active young 112 member, who was appointed the K of L delegate to the II World Youth Congress; Mr.

and Mrs. Anthony Plienis who were parents of the groom at their son's marriage on Apr. 23; new home owners Ruth and Al Dagis, now in Oak Lawn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lack, in Orland Park; Susan Brazis, daughter of IID president and Mrs. Algerd Brazis on her debut at the Amber Ball.

With Gediminas Janula moving from Worcester to Chicago, we gained a most conscientious worker. He is now the K of L building manager and is in the process of organizing a Lithuanian language class in the District for those of us who need some help.

Council members Al Raubiskis and Irene Sankus, Co-chairmen of the IID's annual picnic, invite one and all to join in the festivities at the K of L building and garden on Tues., July 4th.



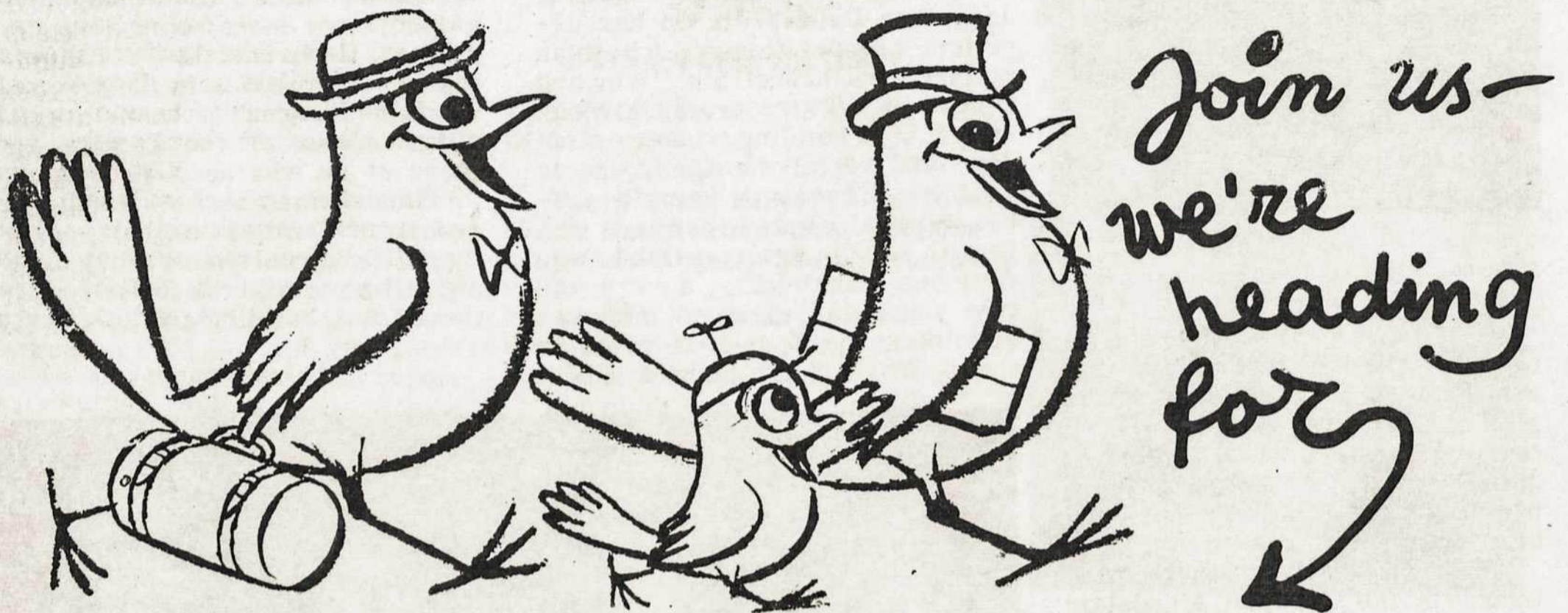
I-I Dist. - Gediminas Janula, Rev. Urbaitis of Rome, Helen Skudra and John Evans at dinner held at K of L Building in Chicago.



Among guests at recent I-I District affair were Rev. Urbonas of Gary, Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Rev. A. Stasys and Canon V. Zakarauskas.

Draugas
 4545 W. 63rd St.
 Chicago 29, Ill. 60629

Return Requested:
 VYTIS
 1625 W. Marquette Rd.,
 Chicago, Ill. 60636



THE 59TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION

HEADQUARTERS: Hollenden House
 Cleveland, Ohio

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. - P.M. - Evening	Golf Tournament Opening Session Mystery Night
Friday	- August 25 - A.M. - A.M. - Noon - P.M. - P.M.	Opening Solemn High Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Sessions Sports Luncheon Sessions Concert by Ciurlionis Lithuanian Ensemble, Hollenden House
Saturday	- August 26 - A.M. - A.M. - Noon - P.M.	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
Sunday	- August 27 - A.M. - 2 P.M.	Solemn High Mass - St. George's Church - 67th & Superior Avenue Closing Banquet - Hollenden House