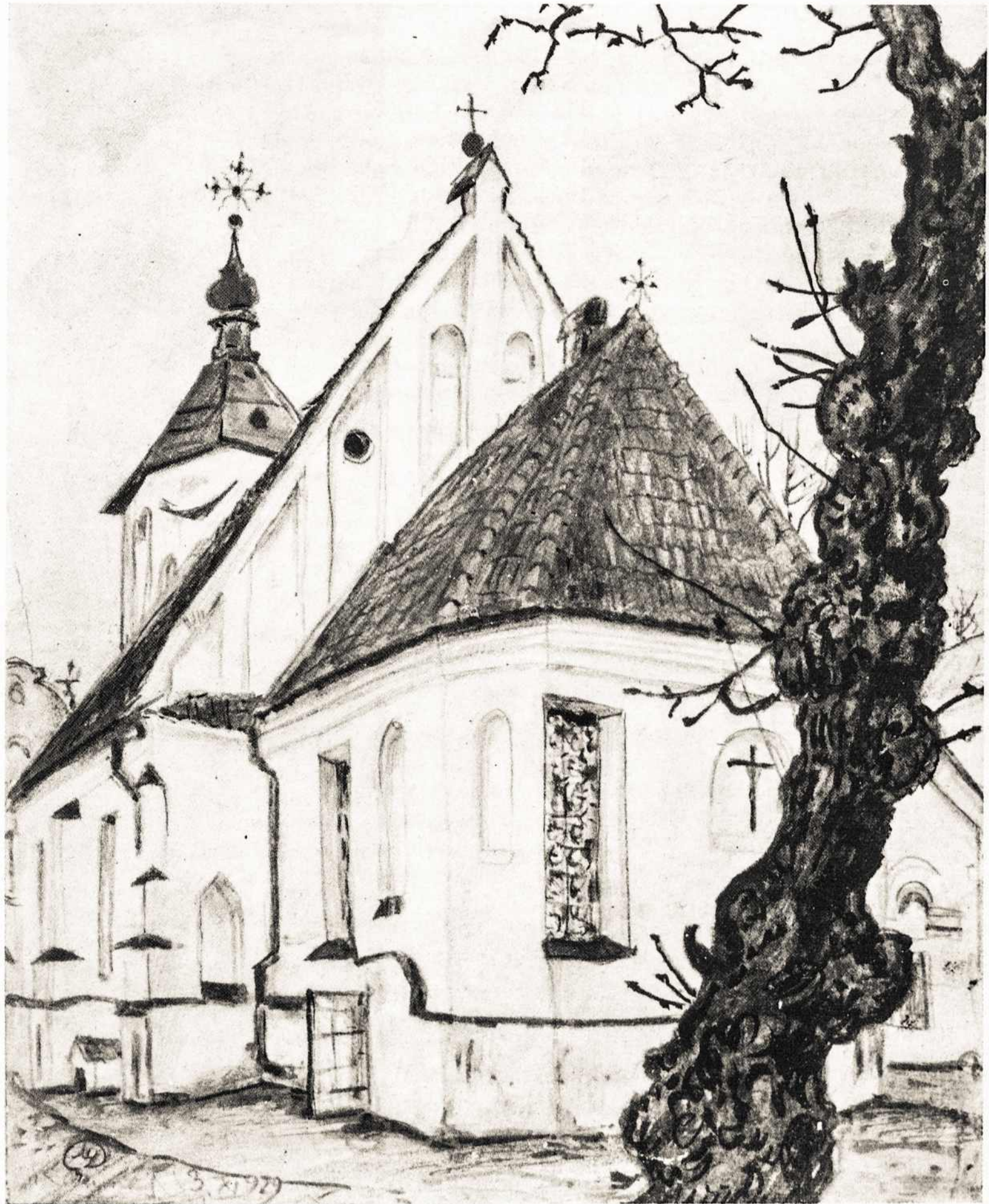
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LITANY OF THE PILGRIMS

Adomas Mickevicius

(Prepared by Fred Hirst, New England District
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Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,
God the Father, Who did lead your people out of
Egyptian bondage and restored them to the Holy
Land, Restore us our Fatherland. Son of God and
Savior, Who was tortured and crucified, Who rose
from the dead, and now reigns in glory, Raise from
the dead our Fatherland. Mother of God, to whom

our fathers gave the name "Queen of Lithuania",
Save our Fatherland, Lithuania.

St. Casimir, Patron of Lithuania, Pray for us.

St. Stanislaus, Patron of Poland, Pray for us.

St. Josaphat, Patron of Ukrainia, Pray for us.

All you saints and patrons of the Commonwealth,
Pray for us. From the slavery of Moscow and
Prussia, Deliver us, O Lord. By the martyrdom of the
thirty thousand knights of Bar, who died for Faith
and Freedom, Deliver us, O Lord. By the martyrdom
of the twenty thousand citizens of Prague,
massacred for Faith and Freedom, Deliver us, O
Lord. By the martyrdom of the young men of
Lithuania, killed with clubs, and those who died in
the mines of Siberia, and in exile, Deliver us, O
Lord. By the martyrdom of the citizens of Asmena,
slaughtered in the Churches of God, and in their
homes, Deliver us, O Lord. By the martyrdom of the
soldiers in Fischau, murdered by the Prussians,
Deliver us, O Lord. By the martyrdom of the soldiers
killed with knouts in Kronstad by the Muscovites,
Deliver us, O Lord.

By the blood of all soldiers, fallen on the fields of
battle for Faith and Freedom, Deliver us O Lord.
By the wounds, blood, tears, and suffering of all
enslaved exiles and pilgrims of Lithuania, Deliver
us, O Lord.

For arms and our national emblems, We beseech
Thee, O Lord.

For a happy death on the field of battle for
Freedom, We beseech Thee, O Lord.

For the independence, unity and freedom of our
Fatherland, We beseech Thee, O Lord.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost. Amen.

This litany was written in 1832 together with the
"Pilgrim's Prayer" in Paris to serve as an inspiration
to the refugees of the ill-fated revolt in Lithuania
and Poland which was brutally crushed by the
Russians.

Adomas Mickevicius was a faithful son of the
Lithuanian nation. His greatest work, **Pan Tadeusz**,
opens with these lines:

O Lithuania, my country, thou
Art like good health; I never knew till now
How precious, till I lost thee. Now I see
Thy beauty whole, because I yearn for thee.

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE

"What parish do you serve, Father?" I'm often asked.

My answer is, "All Lithuanian parishes".

Last May, 1974, the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests' League of America and the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America authorized the establishment of Lithuanian - American Catholic Services, called AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ KATALIKŲ TARNYBA in Lithuanian.

Supported by donations from Lithuanian parishes, organizations, institutions, and individuals, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Services provides one priest full time and some part-time help to answer certain needs which were not formerly being met.

Lithuanian-American Catholic Services is a kind of switch-board, at the service of the Lithuanian R.C. Federation and the Lithuanian R.C. Priests' League, helping to co-ordinate certain projects which extend across organizational lines, and giving non-Lithuanians a central contact-point where they can get in touch with any aspect of Lithuanian Catholic life they wish.

There are about 2.5 million Lithuanian-Americans, over 100 Lithuanian parishes on the books, six congregations of women religious, four of men, schools, homes for the aged, a large hospital, and publications ranging from a Catholic daily to a children's magazine in Lithuanian. Only the VYTIS and LITHUANIAN DAYS provides anything for the English-reading public.

We have over twenty radio programs and a weekly TV show. And

yet, at times in the past, we seemed to be out of touch with one another. Certain projects remained undone simply because there was no one around to work on them full time.

Lithuanian-American Catholic Services is an attempt to take up some of the slack. At the present time, for instance, we are co-ordinating Lithuanian participation in the International Eucharistic Congress, 1976. We are translating and publishing the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA, and getting it to all bishops and Catholic newspapers.

On my desk, I have a request from a Protestant minister for twelve thousand copies of the Chronicle, an inquiry from Amnesty International, an organization which would like to help release Lithuanian religious and political prisoners in the U.S.S.R., a project for a new Lithuanian hymnal, a request for the latest Lithuanian ritual for the sacraments, and a letter from the President of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference offering to explore the possibilities of more vocal support for the Catholic Church in Lithuania.

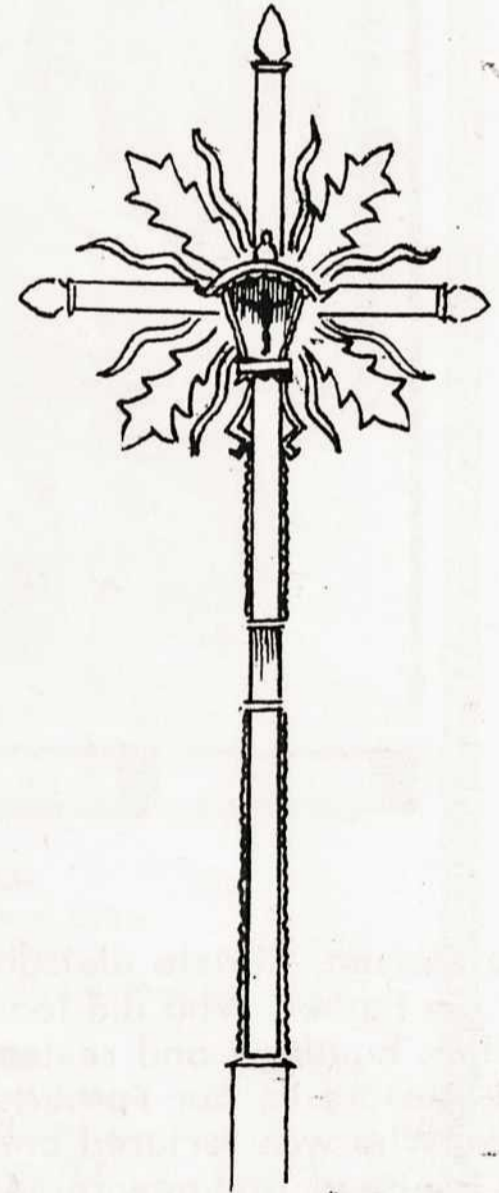
These are just some of the wide range of inquiries and projects which cross our desk at Lithuanian-American Catholic Services. We have even put inquirers in touch with the K. of L.

Obviously, this is not the work of just one or two people. Lithuanian-American Catholic Services must be the cooperative effort of all Lithuanian Catholic individuals,

parishes, organizations, and institutions in service to one another, or it will be nothing.

Interested in more information? Do you have some specific requests or suggestions? Write to me at: Lithuanian-American Catholic Services, Rm. 407 Professional Bldg., 330 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD, 21201.

Father Casimir Pugevičius



SUDIEV, DIDIS PATRIOTE

a.a. Leonardas Šimutis

Kai pavasario žilvičių pumpurai skleidėsi ir saulė šiltais spinduliais glamonėjo žemę, mirties angelas aplankė daug dirbusį šios žemės keleivį Leonardą Šimutį. Tai buvo balandžio 17 d., 9:30 v. iš ryto. Mirtis jį ištiko nestaigiai; jis jai pasirodė. St. James ligoninės geriausi gydytojai negalėjo 83 m. Lietuvos patriotui padėti. Jis išvydo pasaulį Šerikų km., Šilalės valsč., Tauragės apskr., Žemaitijoje. Mokėsi Šilalėje, Kaune, Maskvoje, o 1913 m. atvyko į Ameriką. Įstojo į šv. Bedo kolegiją, paskui į De Paul ir Fordham universitetus.

1915 m. spalio 24 d. pasirodė pirmas Amerikos katalikų jaunimo laikraštis "VYTIS". Jis čia rašė eilėraščius, straipsnius ir administravo patį žurnalą. Pamilo jis Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją, rūpinosi jos plėtimu, įsteigė keletą kuopų. Tada jis įsteigė Chicagos LV apskritį, kuri iki šios dienos tebeveikia. Po trejų metų (1918) perėmė Liet. R. Katalikų Susivienijimo laikraščio "Garso" redagavimą. Iš jo kūrinių buvo sudaryta ir pastatyta jaunimui tinkama operetė "Į Tėvynę".

Degdamas tėvynės meile, jis 1926 m. išvyko į laisvą nepriklausomą Lietuvą ir buvo išrinktas į Lietuvos Seimą. Įsigalėjęs vienos partijos valdžiai, jis 1927 m., jau būdamas "Ryto" dienraščio redaktorius ir seimo narys, grįžo atgal į Ameriką. Čia tuoj pradėjo redaguoti katalikų dienraštį "Draugą" kaip vyriausiasis redaktorius. Tose pareigose išbuvo iki 1952 m. Nuo tų metų jis paliko tik redaktorių, publicistą, o po kelių metų jau tik garbės redaktorių.

Jis buvo geras kalbėtojas ir visuomenininkas. Dirbo ne tik Lietuvos Vyčiuose, rašė straipsnius "Vytyje", bet ir organizavo moksleivius, dirbo Tautos fonde, kovojo dėl Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės, rinko aukas, sakė kalbas. 1918-19 m., būdamas Tautos Fondo sekre-

torius ir reikalų vedėjas, per metus atgimstančiai Lietuvai surinko 350,000 dolerių. Tais laikais buvo didelė suma. Savanoriai ir valdžia pareiškė jam dėkingumą ir 1937 m. atžymėjo Gedimino ordinu. Už ypatingą katalikišką veiklą 1952 m. šv. Tėvas Pijus XII apdovanojo jį Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice ordinu.

Koks didis yra jo įnašas į Liet. Romos Kat. Susivienijimo veiklą, sunku čia paminėti keliais žodžiais. "Garsas" turėtų jį plačiau aprašyti. Jis buvo jau nuo 1918 m. Susivienijimo organizatorius, ėjo įvairias pareigas, ilgus metus buvo pirmininkas. Jis mokėjo suburti tautiečius į šią savišalpos organizaciją.

Bolševikams okupavus Lietuvą, jis dideliu rūpesčiu sukūrė Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybą vesti kovai dėl nepriklausomybės atstatymo. Kiek čia jo važinėta, kalbėta, organizuota po visą Ameriką!? Jis juk pats pirmasis užsuko ratą, kad Amerika nepripažintų Sovietų Rusijos okupacijos Lietuvoje, dėl ko ir šiandien mes rūpinamės. Jis, kaip gabus oratorius, sugebėjo suburti visas Amerikoje esančias organizacijas į ALTA ir bendrai siekti Lietuvai laisvės. Važinėjo pas prezidentus, rinko parašus, džiaugėsi laimėtais darbais. Ir mirties dienoje atėjo iš Washingtono laiškas, kad Amerika jokių būdu nepripažins Sovietams Lietuvos! Gaila, kad jo užgesusi širdis tuo negalėjo džiaugtis. "Dirbkite, lietuviai, vieningai dėl savo gimto-



jo krašto - Lietuvos laisvės" - jis šaukė ALTO darbuotojus 25 metus būdamas pirmininku.

Jis buvo vienas BALFO organizatorių ir ilgametis direktorius. BALFas jį dar kartą prisimins. Prisimename ir mes, kad Vokietijoje, tremties stovyklose, jautėme jo gilų nuoširdų žodį ir paramą per BALFą. Jei ne BALFas ir ALTas, gal ir mes būtume buvę išduoti Sovietams. Ačiū ALTui ir BALFui, ačiū Amerikos lietuviams ir velioniai L. Šimučiui!

Mes, ALTO, LB, BALFO, Lietuvos Vyčių, Susivienijimo ir kt. organizacijų nariai lenkiame galvas didžiojo darbuotojo pagarbai. Tebūnie lengva ši šalta žemelė...

Bal. Brazdžionis

THE SUPREME COUNCIL AND VYTIS STAFF
Extend Heartfelt Sympathy
to the Family of
LEONARDAS SIMUTIS
on the death of their beloved
Husband, Father, Grandfather

THE OLD KAUNAS



Kaunas, standing as it does at the junction of the rivers Nemunas and Neris, was always an important trading point, and from earliest days possessed a castle, which was destroyed by the Teutonic Knights of the Sword after they had fought their way up-river in 1317. Gediminas, the reigning Grand Duke of Lithuania from his capital at Vilnius, paid a very heavy ransom for its defenders, but for centuries after that the ownership of the city swayed between the Teutonic Knights and Lithuania.

Another castle called "New Kaunas" was built near the site of the ancient one. When the Lithuanian Grand Duke Vytautas finally broke the power of the Teutonic Order on the field of Tannenburg in 1410, he made the terms of peace in the castle itself.

Looking up from the river banks you will see the glorious red brick Gothic church of Vytautas, the

largest church in Lithuania.

The churches are indeed the oldest and historically most interesting buildings in Kaunas, dating back to the beginning of the fifteenth century, when the faith of Christ was first adopted. There are none earlier since Lithuania was the last stronghold of paganism in Europe. Vytautas built his church in 1400 to commemorate a great battle with the Tartars in which he was hard pressed. The Church of Vytautas leads to the slopes of the river banks where the landing-stage is built, and here is the starting-place for the busy river steamers and the ferries which ply across the water. The people of Kaunas in pre-war days used their beautiful river very much for summer trips, and the opposite banks, which are thickly wooded, are the haunt of many nightingales.

If you cross the river and climb the green hill, you will be re-

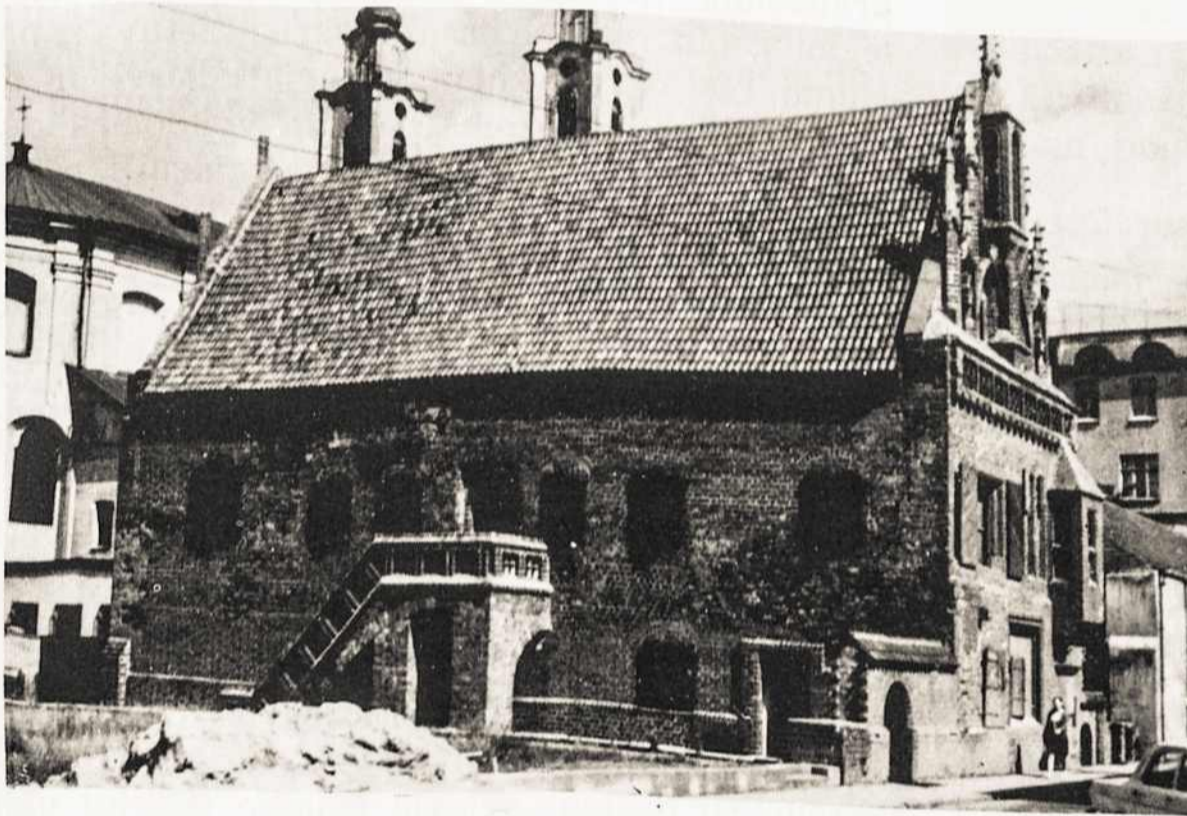
warded by a lovely view of the old town: the belfry of the Church of Vytautas in the foreground and beyond it, the cluster of baroque churches which have their centre in the Town Hall, with its graceful tower known as the White Swan.

Close to the Church of Vytautas is the oldest remaining house in Kaunas, known as the House of Perkūnas, the pagan god of thunder. This Gothic 15th century building stands on the site of a pagan shrine. Not far away, there are also many old houses with beautiful facades and a few warehouses from the same period, characteristically medieval. The many fires of the old days are responsible for the lack of early architectural remains, and it is not surprising, when one remembers that owing to the scarcity of stone in Lithuania, wood was the material for practically all building.

Yet the town must have been



Church of Vytautas



House of Perkūmas



Bridge of Vytautas the Great

worth looking at in the 15th century. This was a time of great prosperity, when Magdeburg Law ran and the city received many trading privileges from its grand dukes, even as early as 1408. There are records of the burgomasters of that date; rich merchants and skilled craftsmen who were settled in its precincts.

The town carried on an important trade in honey, grain, cattle, timber, and furs with the Low Countries and Scandinavia, from whence it got its salt and cloth as well as luxury goods. By the second half of the century it was holding great trade fairs on Ascension Day, and until the Russo-Swedish wars, its prosperity continuously increased. It was the disastrous fire of 1732 which, destroying practically the whole city, sealed its doom; and from that day it declined in importance.

In 1812, it appeared once more on the world stage, when Napoleon halted his armies in Kaunas. From the hill on the opposite side of the Nemunas - the Niemo he watched his armies throwing four pontoon bridges over the river. He stayed first in the monastery of the Carmelites, but afterwards changed his quarters to a house in Kantas Street which is still known by his name. Napoleon gave a great ball in the Town Hall of Kaunas in an attempt to win over the sullen nobles and burghers, but there was a later scene of a very different character when the starving, ragged remnants of the Grande Armee, deserted by their leader, returned to the city which had seen their outward march, to pillage and steal. A great fire broke out, and once more the people of Kaunas suffered the loss of their homes.

Today, the OLD Kaunas still stands alongside the NEW and MODERN city of Kaunas, and, like Vilnius the ancient capital, is a source of inspiration to freedom-loving Lithuanians in exile who hope to return some day to a free and independent Lithuania.

KAS PAŠAUKĖ VYČIUS GYVENIMAN?

II-a Dalis

I. Sakalas

1914 metais kilęs pasaulinis karas iš organizacijos pareikalavo daug darbo ir pasiaukojimo besirūpinant nukentėjusiais lietuviais ir politiniais Lietuvos reikalais. Bet tas nesulaikė organizacijos augimo. Sekančių metų Centro Valdyba seimui pranešė, kad jau veikia 60 kuopų su daugiau kaip 5,000 narių. Kuopos pasiskirsčiusios į rajonus (apskritis). Savitarpė vienybė ir meilė nariuose buvo nepaprasta. Tai gali paliudyti ir šis faktas: 1916 metais Western Electric kompanijos, Chicagoj, suruošoj ekskursioj Michigan ežeru laivui Eastland apvirtus, nuskendo daug ekskursantų, jų tarpe ir labai veikli 14-tos kuopos, Cicero, veikėja Petronelė Laurinaitė. Chicagos vyčiai ant jos kapo pastatė gražų paminklą Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse. Paminklas ir šiandien tebestovi. Šiame seime nutarta neturtingus narius ir moksleivius paliuosuoti nuo nario mokesčio.

1917 metais Jungtinėms Amerikos Valstybėms įstojus į karą, seime nutarta tuometiniam prezidentui W. Wilson'ui pasiųsti raštą, kad vyčiai pasižada ištikimai ginti JAV vėliavą ir jos laisvę. Prieš tokį pareiškimą laisvamanių ir socialistų spauda sukėlė lermą. Esą, vyčiai siūlą lietuvių jaunimą kaip medžiagą kapitalistų kanuolėms. Vienas socialistų laikraštis paskelbė net įvesiant laikraštyje skyrių garsinimui tų narių, kurie dėl to išeis iš organizacijos. Bet skyrius nepasirodė, nes nebuvo tokių narių. Tame seime nutarta ruošti kas met katalikiškos spaudos savaites, steigti prie kuopų knygynus, skaityklas, susirinkimus daryti be svaiginančių gėrimų, taip pat rengti blaivias pramogas, parodas. Chicago vyčiai įsteigė Taupymo ir Skolinimo bendrovę. Ji yra

motina dabartinės District Savings and Loan Ass'n., kuri daugumai narių padėjo įsigyti nuosavybes. Chicagoj įsteigus dramos sekcija suvaidino stambų istorinį veikalą "Rutvilė". Čia gimęs ir augęs narys Tamas Shamis Kingston'e, Pa., pradėjo leisti anglų kalba laikraštį "The Lithuanian Booster".

1918 metais Centro sekretoriaus pranešimu, narių skaičius sumažėjo, nes arti tūkstančio jaunų vyrų pašaukta į karinę tarnybą ir dauguma išsiųsti į Europą, iš kurios mažai sugrižo. Tačiau tas nesutrukdė veikimo. Lietuvai pasiskelbus nepriklausoma valstybe, seimas, išklauses Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos atstovo pranešimą, nutarė organizuoti Amerikos Lietuvių legioną, kad, reikalui esant, vyktų į Lietuvą ir padėtų jaunai Lietuvos kariuomenei ginti laisvę ir nepriklausomybę. Nutarimas nebuvo vykdomas dėl to, kad, susisiekus su JAV karo departamentu, pasirodė, jog tai priešinga šio krašto konstitucijai. Nutarta steigti nuosavą spaustuve "Vyčiui" leisti, o balandžio 24 d. kas met minėti Lietuvoj spaudos atgavimo sukaktį. Chicago apskritis įsteigė Talentų išdą, kad ruošų vadus-režisorius vaidinimams. Nutarta nariams apsidėti tam tikru mokesčiu Lietuvai ir lietuviams šelpti per Tautos fondą. Bendrai, 1918-1920 metais vyčių veikla ypatingai buvo nukreipta lietuvių šelpimui ir politiniam Lietuvos atstatymo darbui. Chicago vyčių choras pirmą kartą scenoj pastatė operetę "Kornevilio varpai". Choro dirigentu buvo Beethoveno konservatorijos vedėjas komp. Antanas Pocius. Jo žmona Ona buvo viena ano meto žymiausių solisčių. Ji dramos sekcija vaidino istorinį veikalą "Kęstutis" ir pakartojo "Rutvilė". Dramos sekcijos vadovu buvo Justas Balsis.



Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos apskrities choras, kuriam vadovavo komp. Antanas Pocius,

1919 metais seime Pittsburgh, Pa., nutarta raštu padėkoti JAV, kurios jaunai Lietuvos valstybei ne tik parodė simpatijų, bet taip pat suteikė medžiaginės paramos. Lietuvos kariuomenės vadui gen. S. Žukauskui nupirkti auksinį kardą ir tam reikalui įsteigtas fondas. Prašyti Amer. Lietuvių Federacijos, kad įsteigtų fondą katalikų studentams remti, nes buvo didelis trūkumas pasauliečių vadų. Tam fondui paaukojo \$100. Nutarta ruošti Amerikoje gimusio jaunimo ekskursijas Lietuvon tikslu susipažinti su Lietuvos katalikiškuoju jaunimu - pavasarininkais, ateitininkais, šauliais. Tautos fondui paskelbus Kalėdinį vaju - paramą Lietuvai - vyčiai ne tik vaju talkino, bet ir gausiai aukojo. Pav. 16-ji kuopa, Chicagoj, auką surinko \$1,600.00, 35-ji kuopa, Roseland, Ill. - \$400.00, 8-ji kuopa, Baltimore, Md. - \$500.00. Trumpu laiku katalikai tam fondui surinko \$50,000.00.

1920 metais organizacijos veikimas buvo ir toliau tęsiamas Lietuvai remti. Tai rodo kad ir sekantieji faktai: Chicago vyčiai įsteigė vadinamą Kanuolių fondą ir pirmai kanuolei nupirkti suaukojo ir surinko \$1,000.00 (sakyta, tiek reikia vienai kanuolei nupirkti). Metams baigiantis visa organizacija surinko kelias dešimtis tūkstančių. Pinigai buvo siunčiami į Tautos fondą. Be to, praveistas piniginis vaju laikraščiams prenumeruoti Lietuvos kariuomenei ir pavasarininkų organui "Pavasaris". Chicagos vyčių dramos sekcija vienam miesto teatre suvaidino istorinį veikalą "Eglė - žalčių karalienė".



Pirmoji Chicagos vyčių teatro grupė vaidinusi didesnį veikalą — dramą "Marija iš Magdalės" (Marija Magdalena) 1914 metais. Vaidintojai — vyčių 4-to skyriaus nariai.

1921 metais seime paaikšėjus, kad kai kuriose kuopose pradėjo atsirasti narių, nesilaikančių Katalikų Bažnyčios įsakymų, nutarta, be jokių kompromisų, juos išbraukti ir "Vytyje" paskelbti, kad vyčiams draudžiama priklausyti net protestantų vadovaujantioms organizacijoms, kaip YMCA ir YWCA. Nupirka Vyčių spaustuvė Chicagoj, kainavusi \$10,000.00. Spaustuvės fonde tuo laiku vyčiai turėjo tik \$2,000.00. Užtraukta paskola paskirstyta kuopoms pagal narių skaičių. Didžiausia tais metais kuopa buvo Cleveland, Ohio (25-ji) ir jai teko skolos \$500.00. Metams baigiantis visa skola buvo sukelta ir atmokėta. Be to, tais metais vyčiai dar surinko \$500.00 Vilniui vaduoti nuo Želigovskio.

1922 metais sukaktuviniam seime dalyvavo ir Lietuvos atstovas Washingtono V. Čarneckis, kuris dėkojo organizacijai už veikimą ir aukas Lietuvos valstybei. Tais metais daugumoje kuopų įsisteigė sporto rinktinės ir žaisdamos su kitataučiais garsino Lietuvos ir vyčių vardą. Springfield, Ill., basebolo rinktinės narys Jonas Kučkailis tiek pasižymėjo, kad kitataučių buvo vadinamas Babe Ruth. Žymiam Lietuvos muzikui Juozui Naujeliui atvykus auką rinkti Lietuvos Meno Kūrėjų draugijai Vilniuje, Chicagos vyčių iniciatyva suruoštas koncertas Orchestra Hall davė pelno \$800.00. Vyčių dramos sekcija suvaidino Putino "Valdovo sūnus", o choras Šimkaus operetę "Šienapiūtė". Pažymėtinas vieno choristo A. Budrio darbas: padirbo reikiama skaičių lietuviškų dalgų ir grėblių. Čia augusiam jaunimui pradėjus spiestis organizacijon, "Vytyje" įvestas anglų kalba skyrius.

1923 metais vyčiai savo veikime pasirodė aukščiausioje viršūnėj. Seimas įvyko Illinois sostinėj, Springfield'e. Posėdžiai buvo senato posėdžių salėj. Visas miestas buvo pasipuošęs Lietuvos vėliavomis. Prie sostinės rūmų per tris dienas stovėjo eilė automobilių atstovų patarnavimui ir nemokamai buvo



vežiojami. Seimo sveikinti atvyko pats Illinois gubernatorius D. Green ir Lietuvos atstovas iš Washington'o V. Čarneckis. Vyčių 48-tos kuopos choras, vadovaujamas tuomet buvusios lietuvių parapijos vargonininko A. Aleksio, suvaidino patriotinę L. Šimučio operetę (muzika A. Aleksio) "Į Tėvynę". Suroštos basebolo rungtynės tarp Chicagos ir Springfield'o vyčių rinkinių. Tai buvo šauniasias Lietuvos Vyčių seimas. Jį suruošė Springfield'o vyčių kuopa, kuri ne tik narių skaičiumi, bet ir scenos meno jėgomis buvo pirmaujanti. Dabar Springfield, Ill., nėra lietuvių parapijos, nei vyčių. Tad gyvenimas rodo, kad ne kokia ten lietuvių bendruomenė, bet parapija yra stipriausias pagrindas religinio, tautinio gyvenimo ir veikimo. Atimk parapiją, išblės ir visoks lietuviškumas.

1924 ir sekančiais metais vyčiuose daugiausia kreipta dėmesio į kuopų veikimą, didesnę prisirišimą prie savo tėvų krašto, lietuvių kalbos ir lietuviškų papročių. Pravesta narių statistika pagal profesijas ir amatus. Atvykęs į Ameriką Lietuvos pavasarininkų vadovas prof. J. Eretas savo maršruto per kuopas paskaitose ragino vyčius daug dėmesio kreipti į vadų auklėjimą, nes jaunimas be gerų vadų yra kaip vežimas pilnas visokių gėrybių, bet pakinkytas į arkli neturi vežėjo, žinančio gerą ir tiesų kelią.

1924 m. ir sekančių metų seimuose daugiausia svarstyta būdai ir priemonės vadams ruošti. Nutarta tam reikalui steigti kilnojamus kursus, o į paskaitininkus įvairiomis temomis kviesti žymiuosius ano meto spaudos ir organizacijų veikėjus. Kuopos įpareigtos savo viduje stengtis narius žadinti prie gilesnio tikėjimo pažinimo, prie lietuvių kalbos bei tėvų papročių prisirišimo. "Vytyje" įvesti konkursą straipsnių organizacijos reikalais. Kuopos ragintos užsiprenumeruoti "Jaunimo vadą", Lietuvoje.

1927 metais baigtas auksinio kardo gen. S. Žukauskui fondas. Kardas kainavo apie \$1,000.00. Tų metų birželio 14 d. suruošta pirmoji vyčių ekskursija Lietuvon, su kuria buvo nuvežtas ir kardas ir įteiktas per pavasarininkų kongreso dainų šventę Kaune. Kartu su kardu nuvežtos ir pavasarininkams dovanos: \$100 Centro auka ir Naujosios Anglijos vyčių taurė (Loving Cup). Kardą gen. Žukauskas nešiojo tik per iškilmingus paradus. Šiaip jau jis gulėjo muziejuje. Komunistams okupavus Lietuvą, buvo manoma, kad rusai su kitomis Lietuvos vertybėmis pagrobė ir kardą. Bet vėliau sužinota, kad kardas liko išsaugotas. Tais metais iš Lietuvos buvo atvykusios aukų rinkti M. Popikaitė - Lietuvos Vaikelio Jėzaus prieglaudai, o P. Pikčilingienė - Lietuvių Katalikių Moterų draugijai. Vyčiai abiem padėjo pravesti sėkmingus maršrutus.

1928 metais seimas leido kuopoms prie eilinių savo numerių pridėti dar ir kurio senovės kunigaikščio arba žymaus lietuvio vardą. Viena Chicagos kuopų pasirinko Vytauto vardą, So. Boston kuopa - Algirdo, Clevelando kuopa - Simono Daukanto ir t.t. Chicago vyčiai įvedė tradicijon Šv. Kazimiero dienos minėji-

mą - pamaldoms ir akademija. Vyčių choras Goodman teatre pastatė operetę "Kornevilio varpai", o Waterbury, Conn., choras - Šimkaus "Klaipėdos Julė". Daugumoje kuopų veikė sporto: sviedinio, krepšinio, tinklinio ir keglinio rinktinės. Amerikos sunkiojo svorio boksininkas Jack Sharkey (Žukauskas) laimėjęs bokso čempionatą, o A. Osipavičiūtė - pasaulinėj sporto olimpiadoj plaukime pirmąją vietą. Abu pakelti Garbės nariais už garsinimą lietuvių vardo. Chicago apskritis seimo metu suruošė didelę tautinio meno parodą. Ig. Sakalo rūpesčiu, dauguma eksponatų buvo atsiųsti Lietuvos pavasarininkų. Tais metais pravestas konkursinis naujų narių vėjus. Pirmąją dovaną - apmokėtą kelionę Lietuvon ir atgal - laimėjo Cicero, Ill., kuopa įrašius 130 narių. Lietuvoj mirus Vyčių himno autoriui kun. M. Gustaičiui, vyčiai suruošė gedulingus paminėjimus.



Garbės narys Ignas Sakalas (Sakalauskas)

1929 metais vyčiai savo veikime daugiausia kreipė dėmesio į katalikiškos spaudos platinimą, taip pat talkino tėvams Marijonams kolegijos berniukams steigime. N.Y. ir N.J. apskritis suruošė didelę sporto šventę. Chicagos vyčių choras 8th St. teatre suvaidino operetę "Vilius Tell", o Waterburio kuopa - Šimkaus "Išėivis". Tų metų spalio 19 d. mirė Chicagos lietuvių žymiausia solistė Ona Pocienė, Vyčių choro vedėjo komp. A. Pociaus žmona. Iš Vilniaus atvykusiai E. Vileišienei aukų rinkti Lietuvos našlaičiams, vyčiai talkino jos maršrute.

1930 metais visoj organizacijoje įvairiu laiku paminėta Vytauto Didžiojo 500 metų jubiliejus, suruošta visa eilė dvasinio turinio konferencijų, kurias pravedė kunigai: J. Jakaitis, P. Vaitukaitis ir J. Mačiulionis. Įvestas eucharistininkų skyrius. Nutarta išleisti Vyčių istoriją. Chicagos vyčių choras suvaidino operetę "Cukrinis kareivėlis". Surošta Lietuvon ekskursija, kuriai vadovavo kun. S. Vembrė.

(Bus tęsiamas)

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

With the death of our revered LEONARDAS SIMUTIS, Chairman of the Honorary Membership Committee, the Supreme Council has appointed PROF. ALEXANDER ALEKSIS, of Waterbury, Conn. to serve as acting chairman of Honorary Membership.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE DONATIONS

Scholarship Committee Treasurer announces that the following donations to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund have been received since the 61st National Convention:

Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa.	\$20.00
Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (In memory of Povilas Dirkis)	10.00
Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (In memory of Eva Treciokas)	10.00
Marcella (Andrikis) Aleksis, C-7, Waterbury, Conn.	5.00
Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio	50.00
Vera Kolicius, C-19 (In memory of Eva Treciokas)	10.00
Daniel Degutis, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.	5.00
Council 29, Newark, N.J.	50.00
Philip Skabeikis, C-110, Maspeth, N.Y.	10.00
Anna Mitchell-Matulavich, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.	10.00
Council 52, Elizabeth, N.J.	10.00
Council 79, Detroit, Mich.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Mazeika, C-41, Brooklyn, (In memory of Leonard Simutis)	10.00
Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y.	25.00
Very Rev. R.K. Baltch, C-100, Amsterdam	5.00
Council 141, Bridgeport, Conn.	25.00

NATIONAL OFFICERS REPORTS

So that President, Leon Pauksta, can prepare an up-to-date State of the Organization report for presentation at the National Convention, he urges all Supreme Council members and committee heads to submit their reports to him NOT LATER THAN July 31, 1975. In addition, copies of the reports (about 200 copies of each) should be provided by each officer and committee head for distribution during the convention. The latter may be brought directly to the convention.....only one copy need be sent to Mr. Pauksta.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS..

Three more members have joined the ranks of the LIFETIME MEMBERS, paying \$100.00 dues. A most sincere welcome goes out to ANTANAS BALCYTIS of C-112, Chicago, Ill. and to BARBARA and MICHAEL KARTANOWICZ of C-12, New York, N.Y. for their expressed interest and support indicated by this gesture. Of course, their Financial Secretaries are also thankful.....since their jobs are thus made much easier.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

National Financial Secretary, Ada Sinkwitz, reports that to date less than half the councils have 100% paid up members for 1975.....where does your council fit? If YOU haven't paid for 1975 yet, please HURRY, as you will be dropped from the membership roster before the convention unless your dues are up-to-date. If you can't reach your own financial secretary, please send your dues directly to Mrs. Sinkwitz (address on inside cover of VYTIS) and she will notify your council appropriately. DO IT TODAY.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHANGE

Effective June 1, 1975, Dr. Dennis Mazeika, Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs resigned his post due to his upcoming military service, which will send him to serve in Germany for several years. We thank Dennis most sincerely for the excellent job he has done this K of L year, and wish him well in his upcoming assignment. So that the work of this very important committee would not stop even temporarily, REV. CASIMIR PUGEVICIUS, National Spiritual Advisor, has very graciously agreed to assume chairmanship of this committee. Until further notice, please send all clippings, reports, etc. about Lithuanian affairs to REV. C. PUGEVICIUS, 120 North Front St., Baltimore, Md. 21202. Father also announces a very important BREAKFAST MEETING of Lithuanian Affairs Committee members and other interested parties on Saturday morning, August 23rd, at 8:00 a.m. in the Taft Hotel, exact site to be announced. Bring your pens and your ideas.

CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions have been proposed by the Supreme Council to be presented to the 62nd National Convention for voting. Inasmuch as they involve changes to the Constitution and/or temporary suspension of the established procedures, they are presented in advance to VYTIS readers, in accordance with rules set down in the bylaws.

Councils, district and individual members are urged to consider these and other resolutions that will help improve the operations of our organization and the fulfillment of its goals.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorary Membership Committee be expanded to consist of seven permanently elected Honorary members, and that said members of the committee be elected such that all active Districts of the Knights of Lithuania are represented on the Honorary Membership Committee.

2. WHEREAS Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian seaman whose attempts in 1970 to defect from Soviet occupied Lithuania was tragically aborted, has now safely reached the UNITED STATES and has become a permanent resident, and

WHEREAS, throughout his trial and subsequent subjection to imprisonment in a hard labor camp, he remained steadfast in his Catholic Faith, his love of and loyalty to a free Lithuania, and his respect for the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kudirka serves as an outstanding example of loyalty to the motto of the Knights of Lithuania – "For God and Country", and lives up to the organizations ideals,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the Knights of Lithuania 62nd National Convention temporarily suspend normal Honorary Membership selection procedures and unanimously approve the elevation of SIMAS KUDIRKA to Honorary Membership during the 62nd National Convention Banquet, Saturday, August 23, 1975.

CONVENTION PLENARY SESSIONS

The Supreme Council has arranged for four very interesting and timely subjects to be discussed during plenary sessions of the Convention. They are as follows:

FRI. P.M.

THE CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA AND ITS IMPACT ON US
Moderator - Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, K of L National Spiritual Advisor and Lithuanian Affairs Chairman

SAT. A.M.

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND THE KNIGHTS
Moderator - Vytautas Volertas, Chairman, Lithuanian Committee for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress

SAT. P.M.

60 YEARS OF VYTIS

Moderator - Loretta I. Stukas, VYTIS Editor

**The Convention Committee
anxiously awaits your arrival -
Aug. 20 - 24, 1975**



*62nd National Convention General Committee.
Seated, l. to r. Rev. A. Valancius, Helen Shield -
Chairman, Larry Janonis, Loretta Stukas: Standing,
l. to r. Mary Kober, Phil Skabeikis, Marian Skabeikis,
Nellie Skabeikis, Mary Kulis, Ann Sidtis.*

CONVENTION NEWS...

THE 62ND NATIONAL CONVENTION SOCIAL PROGRAM... IN A NUTSHELL

FOR THE EARLY BIRDS...

To be in New York and not enjoy the wonders of Broadway seems a real "crime"... so to keep in "inside the law", a Broadway Theater Party is planned as an Early Bird Special for Wednesday night, August 20, 1975. Arrangements are being made to see one of the top current hits playing during the Convention. Reservations can be made by sending \$10.00 to Mrs. Jeanne Janonis, 2124 Ellis Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10462.

TO GET ACQUAINTED... AND REMEMBER...

Thursday's "NOSTALGIA NIGHT" is meant to encourage renewal of old - and the start of new - friendships in an atmosphere of "nostalgia". You'll need only to come to the Colonnade Room in the Taft to enjoy food, refreshments, music and memories. To keep within the theme, come dressed as your "favorite year"... If you have any old photos or mementoes you'd like to lend for nostalgia, please send them to Phil and Marian Skabeikis, 87-36 111th St., Richmond Hill, N.Y. as soon as possible. The mementoes and pictures will be returned to you after the evening is over. Joe Thomas will be on hand with his outstanding music of today and yesterday!

A HAPPY APPROACH TO LITHUANIAN CULTURE

The "LITHUANIAN LINKSMAVAKARIS" of Friday evening should provide an enjoyable evening of Lithuanian culture and comedy, featuring... The new Lithuanian Women's Quartet "VILIJA" of New Jersey, directed by K of L-er Louis Stukas. This group, though making its debut that evening, is not a stranger to the Lithuanian scene. It's members have all sung with various other Lithuanian ensembles, and were all members at one time or another of the famed "Žibuoklės" Sextet, which was also directed by Lou Stukas. As "Žibuoklės" they toured the East Coast as well as Chicago and parts of Canada with their songs. They have now regrouped, and have an exciting program with interesting innovations to present to you...

The K OF L, C-90 JUNIORS DANCE GROUP of Kearny, N.J., directed by Elena Nakrosis. This energetic group of Juniors has been busy entertaining Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians at numerous



The "Vilija" Quarter: Loretta Stukas, Regina Malakas, Aldona Pitkunigis, Edna Ryncavage, Director Louis Stukas.

Photo - R. Kisielius



C-90, K of L Junior Dance Group - several years ago. See them this year as beautiful teenagers.



*Friday Emcee,
Vitalis Žukauskas.
Photo - R. Kisielius*



Banquet Guests - Simas Kudirka and Robert Hanrahan.

Photo - P. Maleta

New Jersey Bi-Centennial programs, and look forward to entertaining Convention delegates and guests. The Juniors began dancing as grade school youngsters, and now have matured to a beautiful group of high school and junior high students, still loving their Lithuanian heritage and enjoying sharing it with others, via their beautiful Lithuanian folk dances. They just might inspire you to join in as well...

Actor VITALIS ŽUKAUSKAS, popularly known as the "Lithuanian Bob Hope" will serve as the evening's Master of Ceremonies, and can be counted on the sprinkle and adequate amount of Lithuanian humor into the program. Vitalis, a member of C-29, has entertained audiences all over the USA as well as Canada, Germany, France and South America. His talents will surely add the "Linksmyste" to this "Vakaras".

A CLOSING BANQUET OF NOTE...

The Convention's Closing Banquet honored guests will surely make the event for K of L-ers the culmination of over 4 years of hard work, toward a most worth cause. SIMAS KUDIRKA, whose plight made world history and whose eventual arrival in the USA was tantamount to a miracle, will be awarded Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania that evening. Former Congressman from Illinois, ROBERT HANRAHAN, who led the fight in Congress to obtain Kudirka's release, will be the recipient of the "Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award", given annually to a deserving non-Lithuanian who has excelled in his service to the Lithuanian cause. Mr. Hanrahan surely has earned that award. The business of the Banquet will be offset by an interesting cultural program, featuring two local Knights who are also outstanding soloists in their own right...

Tenor LOUIS STUKAS is no stranger to music, in any form, but singing is his major love. Earlier as a baritone, and more recently as a dramatic tenor, Louis has entertained countless audiences with his mello, stirring voice. Besides the East Coast circuit (including appearances with several New Jersey Opera Companies), Lou has also appeared in Chicago (with the Lithuanian Opera Co. and elsewhere), and various parts of Canada as well as Germany, Italy and several countries of South America. He also appeared on Channel 50 Television to publicize the Baltic Festival at the Garden State Arts Center.

When he's not singing, Lou Stukas dabbles in composing, teaching, and directing. He has composed and/or arranged many Lithuanian numbers for singing groups and soloists. He directed the "Žibuoklės"

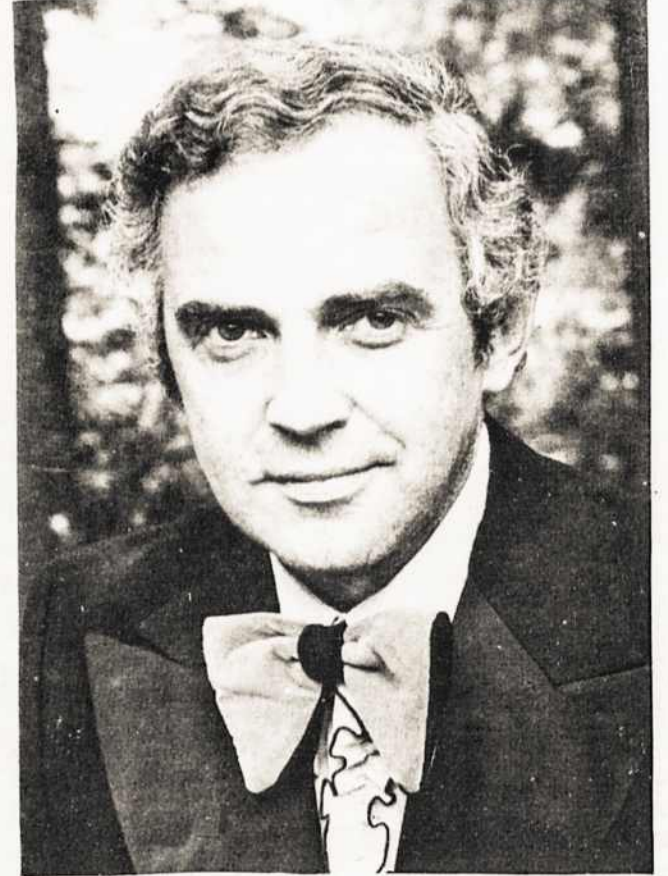


Banquet Emcee Jack Stukas.



Soprano Genevieve Mazur.

Photo - Nagrod



Tenor Louis Stukas.

Photo - R. Kisielius

Women's Sextet for over 8 years, was choirmaster of the "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble and organized and directs the "Vilija" Women's Quartet, which will also sing at the Convention. Even his livelihood depends on music, for he is a teacher of music in Fords Junior High School and also serves as organist at St. Anthony Church, East Newark, N.J. A member of C-29, Louis Stukas surely deserves the title "Mr. Music of the K of L".

Music is also a "way of life" for Soprano GENEVIEVE MAZUR. For as long as she can remember, Gen has been singing... either alone or as a member of a group. As a student, she sang with college choir of Farleigh Dickinson University. She has performed as a soloist in various Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian functions, including concerts under the direction of her voice teachers. Genevieve gave many programs for numerous Women's Clubs in the New Jersey area, and served as President of the Lyndhurst Women's Club.

As a member and soloist of the "Žibuoklės" Sextet, Gen concertized throughout the East Coast, Canada and Chicago. She recorded with the group and also appeared on N.J. Channel 50 representing Lithuania to promote the Baltic Nations Festival held at the N.J. Garden State Arts Center. As President of Kearny's K of L C-90, Gen will sing representing Lithuania at the Bicentennial Ethnic Activities Choral and Music Festival of Hudson County this fall. Genevieve Mazur's full time interests center around her position as organist at Our Lady of Sorrow Church and music teacher in its school. Otherwise she's content to be wife to Al Mazur, and mother to three children, two of whom will appear as part of the C-90 Junior K of L Dance group during the Convention. The K of L, and the Lithuanian community are fortunate to have Genevieve Mazur in their midst...

The Banquet will also feature the Annual Scholarship Award, the Presentation of the New Supreme Council, and the introduction of special guests. Also, Joseph Yanulaitis and Alexander Wesey will be elevated to Honorary Membership for their contributions to the organization.

Toastmaster for the evening will be DR. JACK J. STUKAS. No stranger to the K of L, Jack served as National President for four years, and also organized and was first chairman of the Cultural and the Scholarship Committees. He served as Lithuanian Affairs Chairman also, and continues to support K of L activities through his position as director of the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour in New York. Professionally, he is a Professor and Director of the Institute of International Business at Seton Hall University. Jack promises to use his abilities to keep the Banquet program interesting and fast-moving.

Vyčiai, kviečiame visus, Aleliua
Atvažiuokite pas mus, Aleliua!

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62nd National

Knights of Lithuania *Convention*

August 21 - 24, 1975

HOSTS - MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

August 20th - Wednesday

All Day - Registration
7:00 P.M. - Theatre Party

August 21st - Thursday

A.M. - Supreme Council Meeting
12:00 Noon - Opening Mass, St. Malachy's Church
2:00 P.M. - Opening Session
8:30 P.M. - Nostalgia Night (Food, Refreshments - Music by Jos. Thomas) - Hotel Taft

August 22nd - Friday

9:00 A.M. - Second Session
12:00 Noon - Lunch Break
2:00 P.M. - Third Session
9:00 P.M. - Lietuviškas Linksmavakaris - Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.

August 23rd - Saturday

9:00 A.M. - Fourth Session
12:00 Noon - Lunch Break
2:00 P.M. - Fifth Session
7:30 P.M. - Inaugural Banquet & Ball.
Music by Jos. Thomas Orchestra, Lithuanian Cultural Center (Kultūros Židinys), Brooklyn, N.Y.

August 24th - Sunday

11:00 A.M. - Convention Mass, Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y.
12:30 P.M. - Brunch, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.

Convention Photo to be taken after Mass.

In New York, you'll get the most, Aleliua
New York wants to be your host, Aleliua

KANDIDATAS Į GARBĖS NARIUS

JUOZAS J. JANULAITIS YANULAITIS



Lietuvos Vyčių 61-ame Seime, Detroit, Mich., 1974 m. rugpiūčio mėn. Juozas J. Yanulaitis buvo išrinktas kandidatu į garbės narius. Apie šį Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje pasižymėjusį narį suglaustai duodame šias biografines žinias ir jo veiklą.

Juozas gimė 1926 metais gruodžio 23 dieną mažame angliakasių miestelyje - New Philadelphia, Pa. Ten augo ir baigė lietuvišką Švč. Širdies parapijos mokyklą, kur mokytojavo Sesutės Kazimierietės. Baigė vietinę vidurinę mokyklą ir 3 metus studijavo žurnalistiką University of Pennsylvania. 1947 metais, gavęs darbą, nusikėlė gyventi į Philadelphia. Tų metų rugsėjo mėnesį įstojo į Philadelphijos Lietuvos Vyčių 3-čią kuopą, kur

beveik be pertraukos ėjo svarbias ir vadovaujamas kuopos valdybos, komisijų, N.Y. ir N.J. (dabar Vidur-Atlanto) apskrities ir Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos centro komisijų pareigas.

Išbuvęs organizacijoje vos keletą mėnesių, 1948 metų sausio mėnesį Juozas buvo išrinktas 3-čios kuopos vice-pirmininku, o vėliau - pirmininku. Tais metais atvyko į Philadelphiją daug lietuvių iš tremties ir daugis įsirašė į vietinę L. Vyčių kuopą. Juozo pastangomis ir raginimais buvo suorganizuotas L. Vyčių choras ir tautinių šokių ratelis. Po kiek laiko choras atskyrė nuo kuopos, bet ir dabar veikia. Juozas įstojo į parapijos chorą, kuriame iki šiol tebegieda.

Dėl savo energijos ir organizacinių gabumų, išskyrus 1951 ir 1952 metus, kada tarnavo šios šalies kariuomenėje, buvo 3-čios kuopos valdybos narys, pirmininkavo keturiais atvejais 5 metus, vice-pirmininkas - 2 metus, sekretorius - 2 metus, išdininkas - 2 metus, Lietuvos reikalų komisijos pirmininkas - 3 m., narys - 4 m., Lietuvos kultūros komisijos pirmininkas - 16 religinės komisijos pirmininkas - 3 m., ritualo komisijos pirmininkas - 2 m. Be to pirmininkavo ar buvo narys daugelio kitų kuopos komisijų. Be to, jis padėjo paruošti arba pats vaidino daugelyje kuopos ir parapijos choro suruoštų lietuviškų veikalų vaidinimuose.

Juozas J. Yanulaitis atstovavo savo kuopai 16-oje L. Vyčių seimų ir per 20 kartų N.Y. ir N.J. apskrities suvažiavimų. Jis pirmininkavo trimis L. Vyčių seimams, būtent: 1964 m. - Chicago, Ill., 1965 m. - Los

Angeles, Calif., ir 1966 m. - Worcester, Mass. Juozas pirmininkavo L. Vyčių Lietuvos Kultūros Komisijai 1965-1967 metais ir tuo reikalu parašė 10 ilgų ir daugelį trumpesnių straipsnių Vytyje. Taip pat jis paruošė to laikotarpio mėnesinius biuletenėlius ir išsiuntinėjo visoms kuopoms ir apskritims Lietuvos Kultūros ir istorijos minėtinas svarbias sukaktis ir įvykius. Lietuvos Vyčių seimuose: Philadelphijoje - 1958 ir 1968 m., ir Newarke, N.J. - 1962 m. jis paruošė turiningas Lietuvių kultūrinės parodas.

1968 metais Juozas L. Vyčių kuopos vardu labai daug padėjo suorganizuoti visų Philadelphijos lietuvių organizacijų bendrą komitetą iškilmingai paminėti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Paskelbimo 50-ties metų sukakčiai ir tą įvykį išgarsinti. Philadelphijos miesto majoras ir Pensylvanijos Gubernatorius paskelbė deklaracijas. Juozas buvo du kartu bendro Philadelphijos Lietuvių komiteto suruoštų Vasario 16 d. paminėjimų pirmininkas. Jis vadovavo kuopai ruošiant Philadelphia Folk Fair Lietuvių Kultūros parodą 1974 m. balandžio mėn. ir kitą parodą, kuri tęsėsi keturis mėnesius Nationalities Centre, Philadelphijoje. Juozas vadovavo savo kuopai Šiluvos Kopyčios pašventinimo iškilmėse, Washington, D.C., ir New Yorko Pasaulinėje Parodoje 1964 rugp. 23 d. Lietuvių Dienos šventėje.

Jo pastangomis L. Vyčių 3-čia kuopa 1953 m. išleido savo mėnesinį laikraštėlį, kurio jis buvo pirmasis redaktorius. Laikraštėlis ir dabar dar yra leidžiamas.

MEMBERSHIP

LET'S GET TO WORK



Let's get to work! Now that good weather is here, there is no excuse for not moving around. Let's get busy and find new members. Remember that the New Member Drive is going on until June 30. You still have time to win an award for your council and a handsome prize for yourself while performing a valuable service for the K of L. Check the April Vytis for the rules.

Use your own initiative. Don't wait for someone to ask how to become a member of the K of L. YOU must approach people. Get K of L brochures to help you sell the K of L. I have sent two brochures to each council president so that everyone could see them. You can get additional brochures by contacting me.

In the meantime do not overlook any potential members. Sign up friends and acquaintances, former members, and Catholic non-Lithuanian spouses of K of L members. And how about all the children of K of L members? Are YOUR children members? Remember also - a person does not have to be a member of your parish to be eligible for membership in your council. As long as a person is a Catholic Lithuanian, he is eligible for membership regardless of where he

lives or to which parish he belongs. There are many Lithuanians living in outlying towns who belong to territorial parishes but would become K of L members if they were properly approached. Keep them in mind. Don't let the age of potential members deter you either. Anyone from 16 to 160 is desirable. If they can't walk, we'll carry them.

There is a very large number of very desirable people who should be K of L members - Lithuanian priests. Many of them are in non-Lithuanian parishes, and many who are in Lithuanian parishes are not K of L members. Convince them that it is in their interests to be members of the K of L which is both Lithuanian and Catholic.

Lastly, a reminder to councils. As of March 18, only 6 councils were fully paid up. Let's wake up and take care of our duties. Please send your dues to the Financial Secretary NOW!!!

*Anthony M. Miner,
National Membership
Vice President*

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

LEONARD SIMUTIS

Died April 17, 1975

**Chairman,
Honorary Membership Committee**

Chicago Seniors

Lifetime K of L Leader
and Organizer

First Administrator of Vytis

JONAS GRAZDAITIS

Died April 18, 1975

Member C-29, Newark
for over 50 years

EDMUND RUDIS

April 1975

Member C-17 Seniors
So. Boston, Mass.

LEO SHAKELIS

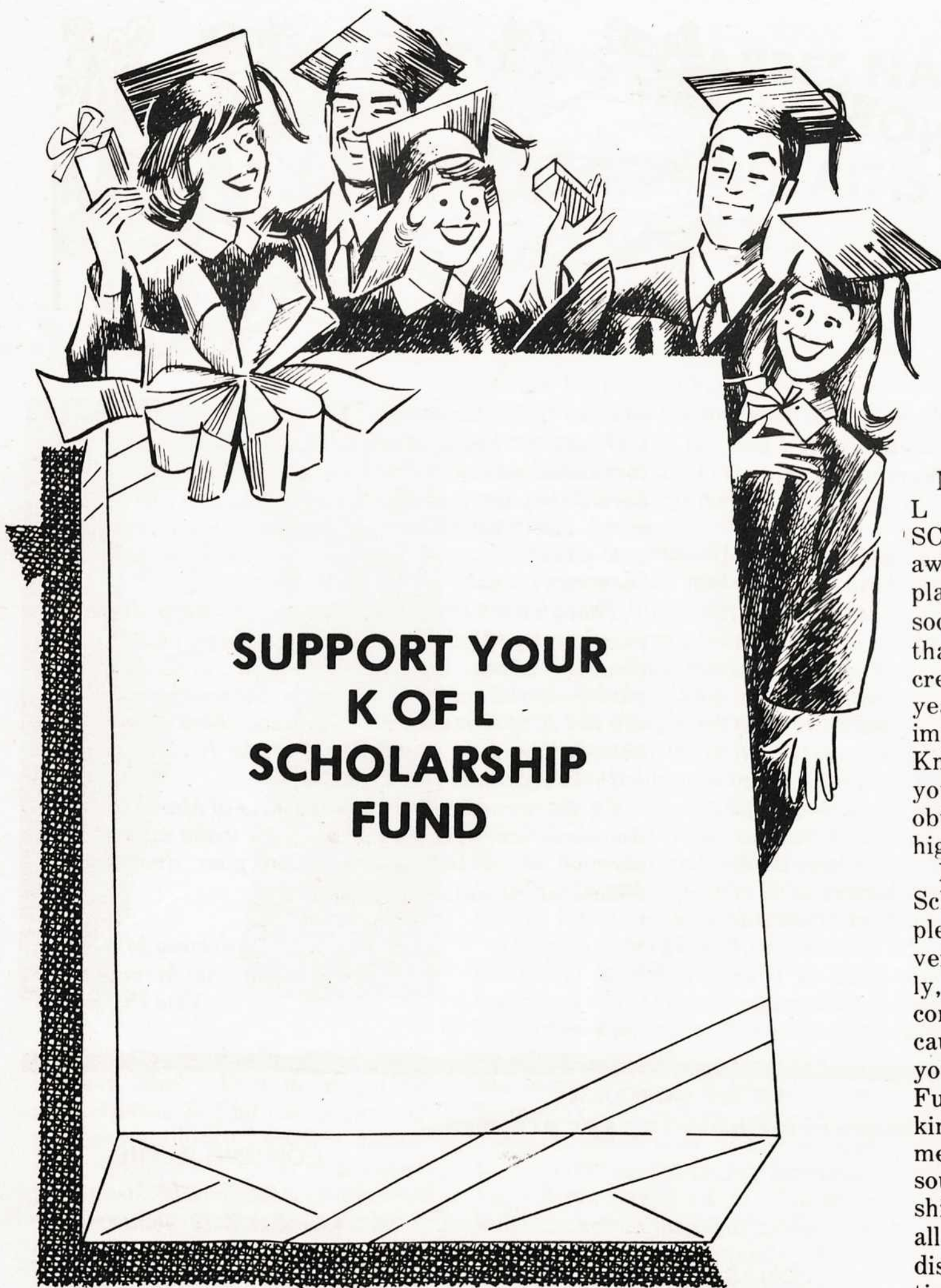
President - C-18

Cambridge, Mass.
Died May 1975

OUR APOLOGIES. . . .

In the April 1975 issue of VYTIS, it was announced IN ERROR that ANELE NORBUTAS of C-133, Los Angeles died February, 1975. It was not

ANELE, but rather ANTANAS NORBUTAS who died.....Anele is still very much alive. Our sincerest apologies to ANELE and the friends and relatives of Antanas Norbutas.



**SUPPORT YOUR
K OF L
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

Anthony M. Miner, Chairman
K of L Scholarship Committee
49 Bruce St.
Grafton, Ma. 01519

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Now is the hour for all good K of L members to think about **SCHOLARSHIPS!** We are all aware of the increased emphasis placed on education by our modern society. We are all equally aware that the cost of education has increased tremendously in recent years. Therefore it is extremely important for us as members of the Knights of Lithuania to help our youth gain the education needed to obtain better positions in our highly competitive society.

In order to do this, however, the Scholarship Fund must be replenished. Donations have been very slow in coming. Consequently, I most sincerely urge you to contribute to this very worthy cause. Please donate as much as you can afford. The Scholarship Fund exists only because of the kindness and generosity of K of L members, as there is no other source of income. As the Scholarship Fund is quite depleted, I ask all K of L members, councils, and districts to send in their contributions at the earliest opportunity. All donations to the Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible.

All members who are interested in applying for K of L scholarships can obtain the necessary information and application forms by contacting the Scholarship Committee Chairman at the address below. Write today!

"IT HAS COME TO PASS"

Aldona Ryan

It was a beautiful day in June but God's glory was lost on me because I was on my way to see a dentist. Fearfully, I hopped on the trolley and searched for a seat in some dark corner where I could hide. I was eight years old and had not known much misery or pain and was overwhelmed with the prospect of the day's schedule.

My mother's voice stopped me and I turned and stared as she shouted in her native Lithuanian. "Aldona, kur tavo pinigai? Ar tu pametei? Reikia įdėti čia!" she said, pointing to the coin box.

My misery was now complete. I could hear laughter. The passengers on the trolley were not only laughing at me because I had forgotten to pay my fare, they seemed to be laughing at my mother because she was foreign. I felt deeply ashamed.

Many years have passed since that day and I have grown in maturity. Behind me are the

greater pains of major surgery, childbirth, and visits to many dentists and specialists - events that occur to most of us in our earthly lives.

The most significant change that has happened to me is in my outlook on being foreign. Believe it or not, it has come to pass, that my Lithuanian friends and I DELIBERATELY speak in our parents' tongue whenever we get together, whether it is in the church hall, or the finest restaurant in town, or the biggest social event of the year. We are so very proud of being Lithuanian!

To have strangers stop and listen and to have them ask us questions about ourselves or our country is always the high point in any day.

Council 96, Dayton, Ohio, is growing because this feeling is mutual and spreading ever wider. Many of us travel 20 to 40 miles once or twice a week just to be

with Lithuanians and to further Lithuanian causes.

We have formed a "Cultural Council" that is the most active of any ethnic group in our area.

We take advantage of any gimmick we can think up for use on radio, television, or the local press. We have formed our own dance group called "The Vėjeliai" who recently finished their 33rd performance and received a standing ovation. Our language classes continue on Saturday mornings and fourth generation Lithuanians (all Jr. K. of L. members) recited poetry in Lithuanian for our Independence Day celebration this year. Hundreds of persons attended our reception for Simas Kudirka.

We know who we are and where we came from and we find that an inner peace is achieved in continuing our ancestral culture through our efforts. We love being Lithuanians!



This billboard appeared inside the city limits in Dayton, Ohio at Interstate 75 and Stanley Ave. during the month of February 1975.

K of L *Calendar*

- JUNE**
20 C-7, Waterbury, Conn. – Last Meeting before Summer – Dinner Meeting.
27 Memories of Lithuania Radio Hour Annual Picnic, J.J. Stukas,
Director – Priedaine Latvian Park, Freehold, N.J. – 1 p.m.
27, 28, 29 NED RETREAT, Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine.
- JULY**
4 IID ANNUAL PICNIC, K of L Bldg., Chicago
- AUGUST** 62nd NATIONAL K of L CONVENTION, Hotel Taft,
20–24 New York, N.Y. – Hosts, MAD.
- SEPTEMBER**
21 MAD Annual Meeting, St. Andrews Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.
C-3 Hosts.
27 C-112, Chicago – Rutu Balius, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Illinois
28 NED FALL CONVENTION, St. Casimir Church, Worcester, Mass.
- OCTOBER**
5 NED CULTURAL PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
11 C29, Newark, 60th ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE, Holy
Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
- DECEMBER**
14 NED TV Mass, Government Center, Boston, Mass., Channel 7.

IN CONGRESS JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities



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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

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The N.E.D. sponsored for the first time a District Celebration for its Patron Saint, St. Casimir, at St. Casimir's Church, Worcester, Mass., on Mar. 2.

It was a busy day for the members of the District with three varied events, but the main theme was the celebration of St. Casimir's Feast Day. The day's activities started in the function hall of St. Casimir's Church at 3 P.M. with an executive board meeting chaired by Dist. Pres. Albert Jaritis.

At 5 P.M. a Concelebrated Mass was held with Bishop Timothy J. Harrington of the Worcester Diocese as principal celebrant, assisted by Rev. Alphonse Volungis, Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester; Rev. John Barknys, retired Pastor of St. Casimir's Church; Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., of Providence College, R.I.; and Rev. Albin Janiunas, Assoc. Pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in St. Boston, and N.E.D. Spiritual Advisor, as homilist.

After Mass, the K of L group proceeded to the newly-rebuilt Maironis Park Function Center in Shrewsbury, Mass. (which was a distance of a few miles) for an excellent buffet dinner served at 6:30 P.M.

Bishop Bernard Flanagan of the Worcester Diocese spoke of our heritage and the necessity to preserve and pass it on to the generation that follows. Rev. Jurgelaitis, a professor at Providence College, presented an interesting story about St. Casimir and the Jogaila Dynasty of which St. Casimir was a member.

Honorary Member Longinas Svelnis of C-17 Srs., So. Boston, presented 3rd Degree certificates and medals to three members of his own council - Mary Mickevich, Anne White and Joseph White.

A word of thanks to Rev. Anthony Miciunas, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church, and to host C-26, Joseph Sakaitis, Pres. Also, our thanks to Anthony Miner, C-116, for his usual competency in handling the general management and acting as M.C. for the dinner session.

Joseph White

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

The highlite of our March meeting, which was hosted at the home of Dot & Bart March, was the demonstration on the art of Easter Egg decoration given by Mrs. Mathilda Paulukonis. It was obvious from the start that we are on amateur class when it comes to this fine art. We handled ourselves awkwardly, broke several eggs, - even one of Tillie's, a multi-colored and very old one at that, but our interest and exuberance were un-

matched. We marvel at her patience and are, indeed, very grateful to Mrs. Paulukonis for consenting to demonstrate her vast knowledge in this ancient and traditional Lithuanian custom. Ačiū širdingai.

The announcement of the egg decorating demonstration was enough to lure Mrs. Harold (Irene Balukonis) Ostrowski to our meeting. Irene informed us it was her first meeting in six years. Good show - Irene! And the same to Mary (Balukonis) Mrozinski and Marion Lukason.

In keeping with our new policy of holding meetings at homes of members, our April meeting was hosted by Dorothy Sinkavitch. The new policy is proving to be just fine - but real bad for our diets. The goodies served up so far by our two Dot's was just too scrumptious for description. Oh, like wow! is all we can say, while we continue to stuff our mouths with all that tempting, watery goodness.

We extend a warm welcome to two of our newest members: Mrs. Onute (Kebinsky) Greeney, who is director of the Worcester Lithuanian Radio Hour, and a list of other outstanding credits to her name, this l-o-n-g, and to her sister, Mary Jo Kebinsky. It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that we welcome them into our organization. We have not, as yet, had the opportunity of meeting Mary Jo. She was unable to attend the April meeting, as she left for a three week tour of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Germany. But, Onute has attended two of our meetings and we truly believe you will be hearing and

seeing a great deal of this person, both in local and national levels. Just you wait and see. It is through her enthusiasm for everything Lithuanian that we are fortunate to have a Lithuanian Radio Hour in Worcester. It is broadcast on FM Radio Station WICN 90.5, Wednesdays from 7 to 8 P.M. and Saturdays from 5 to 6 P.M. The purpose of the program is to acquaint the Worcester people with Lithuanians, their activities, their culture, and the present plight of Lithuania. We have long wanted and needed a Lithuanian radio program in Worcester. Now that we have one, we must assist in every possible way. As this is a non-commercial program and radio station, the Lithuanian Radio Hour can exist only through our financial support. Due to its great value, it behooves us all to assist in every possible way to maintain it. Please send all donations to: Lithuanian Radio Hour, c/o Anthony M. Miner, 49 Bruce Street, Grafton, Mass. 01519. Receipts will be mailed to all donors, and donations are tax deductible. Nearly every member of the Board of Directors are C-116 members, with two exceptions. They request each organization to appoint someone who will regularly forward news of activities for broadcasting. Please relay these announcements to Mrs. Irene Tamulevich.

The men were sharpening up their barbs and getting all their fishing equipment in first rate condition. The conversation at the bowling alley between John Yurkenas, Bob Paluses, Bart March and Gene Borek was about the fish they planned to catch on Apr. 15 and the opening of the season. We wished them all the good luck, they were going to need! Ms. Irene Adamaitis is shopping around for a good tour to Australia. It's a dream trip for her, and if we know Irene, we are sure it will be Bon Voyage one of these days. In the meantime, Anna Miller is off to the Far East to Japan, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Another dream trip came true! We

extend our condolences to Barbara Mazeika on the recent passing of her sister-in-law. Taradaika

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Alexander J. Vaitkunas passed away Mar. 24 at the Veteran's Admin. Hosp., Providence, after an 18-month illness. He was the husband of the former Grace Balchunas.

Alex was born in Providence on Dec. 15, 1915, the son of the late Alexander J. and Mary (Budenas) Vaitkunas. He and his spouse Grace made their home in Cumberland, R.I., for the past ten years, having formerly lived in Providence for 49 years. His parents were charter members of St. Casimir's church.

Alex had been employed as a cartographer for the U.S. Army Map Service until his retirement in 1960.

In the late forties Alex was very active in the K of L on the local and N.E. Dist. level. He met his wife through the K of L; she was a member of the Hartford, Conn. Council. Notwithstanding his hospitalization, he and his wife supported every activity of our Council since its reorganization. Our past Natl. Pres. Susan Barauskas personally presented Alex with the 2nd Degree on Mar. 3, 1974. A human error prevented him from receiving not only the 2nd, but 3rd Degree, some twenty years ago.

In addition to his spouse, Alex is survived by a son, James A. Vaitkunas of Columbia, S.C., and a brother Joseph of Warwick, R.I.

A Prayer of Final Commendation was conducted by Father Martinkus in St. Casimir's Church. Alex's body was laid to rest at St. Francis Cemetery.

Father Martinkus, and Father Jurgelaitis, O.P., concelebrated a Memorial Mass on Apr. 1 in our parish church.

We of C-103 extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. May we ever remember his soul in our daily prayers.

Jonas

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Steady but modest is the best way to describe our activity during the Lenten season. Bowling, committee meetings, Lithuania's Independence Day participation took most of our attention. A good number attended the March meeting which was conducted by our V.P., Helen Gillus. Pres. Joe Sakaitis spent a couple of days in the hospital and was unable to be present. Also hospitalized were Tillie Shilale and Nell Thompson. Our fervent hope is that all our "patients" will be fully recovered in short time.

Alena and Tony Burch are parents of a baby daughter born in April. Congratulations to all, including the happy grandparents, Rita and Ted Pinkus, who drove out to Philadelphia immediately to catch sight of their newest grandchild. Great-grandmother is Nell Thompson.

An April jaunt to N.Y.C. was planned by co-chairpersons, Claire Grigaitis and Rita Pinkus. Belatedly we learned that Claire suffered a skiing mishap which resulted in a full cast on her leg. Poor thing... hope her confinement will be of short duration.

Sincere and prayerful sympathy to Marion Shapiro whose sister, Alice McGrail, passed away on Mar. 21.

Our pastor, Father Miciunas, served a buffet breakfast to members of the choir on Easter morning following the Resurrection Mass. Our council members in the parish choir are Anne and Steve Walinsky, Adele and Francis Degutis, Joe Sakaitis, Walter Grimala, and Olga Kersis.

The K of L members will always be found participating in anything Lithuanian! Maironis Park's formal dedication took place the weekend of Apr. 5-6. Many of our members were involved in preparations for this gala event. Our spiritual director, Father Anthony Miciunas, M.I.C., celebrated Mass in the lower hall of the new building. Raymond Jakubauskas was M.C.

at both banquets, his wife Terry was one of the hostesses, Stephen Walinsky, Sr., was in charge of hall arrangements, Olga Kersis in charge of publicity in the English press, and Frannie (Algis) Glodas was one of the co-chairmen. Last but not least, Maironis' Pres. Kazys Adomavicius (who attended with his wife, Terry) was general chairman of the entire weekend of celebration. The burning of the previous building caused much heartache and stress but, thank God, it was possible to rebuild in a relatively short time, and once again Lithuanianism is going on and forward at Maironis Park.

The Mother's Guild of St. Casimir's School hosted the 50th Jubilee of the school on Apr. 12. Many of our members are graduates of our parish school. The Mother's Guild is the P.T.A. of the school and a finer group of women is yet to be found! How wonderful that they took the initiative to give us the opportunity to recall the many cherished memories of years past, and to once again express gratitude to the Sisters of St. Casimir who sent us off into the world fortified both scholastically and morally. Friendships and contacts with these wonderful Sisters still go on and on. The enthusiasm for this wonderful occasion reflects the enormous pride each of us feels for "our school". It also makes us appreciate more than we can say the efforts our pastor continuously makes in keeping "our school" open, - his Bingo program and other efforts, with assistance of faithful parish personnel, like Adele and Frannie Degutis, Anne and Steve Walinsky, Charles Tagman, to mention just a few, along with the Mother's Guild who works only for the purpose of keeping the school open, modern, and perfect! Our member, Marion March, is the president at this time. She and her membership are certainly performing great things!

June 13 is the Feast of St. Anthony, and all of us join in greeting our Spiritual Director, Father Miciunas, and Tony Mor-

kunas, and all the other Anthony's of our council.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers of our council! Let's remember, too, to honor our own dads, whether living or dead, in a special manner on Father's Day.

We're looking forward to a happy and fruitful National Convention in N.Y.C., to be hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Dist. on Aug. 20-24. Iki malonaus pasimatymo!

"Dzūkelė



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

With the beautiful weather causing the sprouting of daisies and daffodils, we look forward to our coming summer picnics to be held at the Kings Point Park in Great Neck. A meeting of the council, to wrap up the year's activities, will be held at the same time. Dates are now pending, and members will be advised.



C-109 Great Neck—Blue Ribbon Trophy Winner, Janie Zukas, daughter of Jo and Joe Zukas.

Beverly and Ricky Marks and their children, Michelle and John, Jr., will be missed during the summer, as they have rented a home in Southold, L.I., and plan to spend the summer there.

We knew she could do it, but we didn't know it would be this soon. Janie Zukas not only won a First Place Blue Ribbon in the Spring Horse Show at the No. Shore Equestrian Center, but a trophy as well. This was, indeed, a dream come true, which made for a very happy youngster. Congratulations!

We regret very much the resignation from our council of Mary, Julius, and Carolee Picardi. Mary was our Financial Secretary for many years, and we take this instance to thank her for her untiring efforts in our behalf, and for her willingness to volunteer whenever a helping hand was needed. We shall miss the Picardi Family.



MID-CENTRAL

DISTRICT

C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

In February, C-25 attended the Clague Playhouse to see PLAY IT AGAIN SAM. What made this evening more exciting was the fact that Frank Lucas' son, Frank, Jr. had the lead. His wife, Deborah also was in the cast. The play was a take-off comedy on Woody Allen. Frank was really great, as were the rest of the cast. The play was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We had an excellent turnout considering that the evening was a miserable one - snowy and slippery and the flu epidemic hovering about.

After the theater, the Machutas' hosted a get-together. This gave us the opportunity to view Nelda and Charlie's new family room addition and fireplace which we all enjoyed, sitting around sipping, chatting and munching. It was a fun evening. Thank you Frank, Joanna, Nelda and Charlie!

It was a pleasure to have Fr. John Kidykis at our February Meeting. Fr. Kidykis is one of the new assistants at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Father has spent many, many years in Brazil and had many interesting stories to tell.

Andy Skarnus will now be called LUCKY ANDY - he won the inside 50-50 two months in a row.

We were honored to have our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas attend the March meeting. Father had just returned from Rome after spending several months there attending to his Order's affairs.

At the council's bowling party held in March, Frank Lucas rolled a 536 actual, taking high series for the men; Andy Palzes took high game with an actual 211. For the women, Ursula Kunsitis took the high series with an actual 460; Doris Laukiavich - 159 actual - high single. Elaine Stempuzis took the honors for low single. Elaine did exceptionally well, considering this is the first time she rolled a bowling bowl down an alley. Keep up the good work Elaine. After bowling we all ambled over to Nellie Arunski's for refreshments. Unbeknown to Nellie Arunski, we were gathered to celebrate her birthday, with delicious Casada Cake, compliments of the Shigo's, and gifts, too - a really enjoyable evening. Thank you ladies!

Mary Trainy deserves a big hand as Chairman of the St. Casimir's Day Celebration on Mar. 9. C-25 were the guests of the Cleveland Seniors. Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church followed by a luncheon at the Lithuanian Community Center.

Mar. 9 was a busy day for the August's, - daughter Maryann was feted with a bridal shower the same afternoon with a good number of the C-25 "girls" attending.

Isabel Reedick knows how unlucky a person can be, - she broke the same arm twice within a short period of time. Please get well soon, Isabel.

Congratulations to John and Evelyn Andrulis on becoming Grandparents again, - their daughter Mary Jane did the honors this time!

"Urs"

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Mar. 9 saw Gus and Mary Ann Blum hosting and serving coffee during our monthly religious discussion in the church hall. Sr. Alberta was our moderator. These discussions have been following the 8 o'clock Mass and have been most interesting. It is a shame more members haven't participated. The high school CCD class has been included with the Knights.

Congratulations to the committee for a most successful bake sale on Mar. 15-16. The committee, Elinor Sluzas, Kitty Prasmantas, Stephanie Rastikis, Rita Ambrose and Judy Petrokas, was most appreciative for the cooperation and the many donations from the members. A special thank-you to Kitty's mother, Mrs. Zubrick, for the beautiful afgan she handmade and donated to the council. Ed

Sluzas picked the winning name, - his mother Elinor! Mrs. Zubrick, like so many of our parents, has been very generous to the council in the past and we are most thankful.

Our 'Vėjeliai' dancers performed Mar. 11 for the Senior Citizens at Lakewood Terrace, Dayton, and on Mar. 12 at the Kiser HS Variety Show. Contributions to the Variety Show were used to purchase new robes for the Kiser HS Choir, Kiser holds a warm spot for many members as it is their Alma Mater. On the 19th the dancers performed at Carrol HS as part of their music week program. The 'Vėjeliai' director and instructors, Karolyn Ambrose, Fran Vangas and Judy Petrokas have really kept the group busy. Elinor Sluzas' introduction and summarization before various performances of Lithuania's history has been great verbal publicity for Lithuania, the Knights and the dancers.

The University of Dayton has begun what they call a 'Language Bank'. The purpose is to aid foreign speaking people find interpreters to guide them in whatever area they need help. Aldona Ryan



C-96, Dayton, Ohio—2nd Degree Awards. 1st row: Chris Mantz, Judy Petrokas, Elena Zukaitis, 2nd Row: Eleanor Mantz, Elinor Sluzas, Janina Bucmys, Julijus Rastikas, Jr.,

Laima Rastikis, Stephanie Rastikas, back row: Joe Ryan, Ray Gecas, Sue Mantz, Michael F. Petkus (1st degree recipient).

nas volunteered to be our 'link' in this program for the Lithuanian people. Aldona also took part on Mar. 7 in a World Day of Prayer at David's Episcopal Church, Dayton, in conjunction with the World Council of Church Women. Aldona did two Offertory prayer readings in Lithuanian. Each nationality that participated did readings in their native tongue. Aldona is now taking a creative writer's course! Maybe there will be a book in the future?

The Parish held its annual Forty Hours devotion on Mar. 21-23. We were pleased to have Rev. Fr. Anthony Naujokas, Salesian Order, from Columbus, O., participate with us during this solemn time.

Eugenia Gecas and Fran Petkus took charge of Holy Cross' Easter Egg hunt for the parish children and their families. Helping them were Mike and Michael Petkus, Ed Sluzas and Raymond Gecas. Our little ones were beautiful during the Resurrection Mass procession.

Congratulations to Laima Rastikis upon her graduation from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and Political Science. Laima plans to travel during the summer and then work towards her Master's Degree in Public Administration in the Fall. Laima is the first from the Dayton council to receive a scholarship from the Knights. To our High School graduates - Raymond Gecas, Patterson Coop; Christine Mantz and Audrey Bakanauskas, Carrol; Jane Ann Petkus, Northridge - congratulations! Ray, Chris and Jane are planning to attend Sinclair College, Dayton. Audrey will attend Ohio U. in Athens, making Physical Education her major.

Tina Kavy has been most active in a program called 'Operation Special Friend'. Tina has gone on many speaking engagements for this program. Its aim is to encourage people to take mentally handicapped children, MS and other problem children into their



C-96, Dayton, Ohio - Laima Rastikis

hearts for a day, a few hours, to entertain these children and help make them feel wanted, like everyone else. Tina has really dedicated herself to this project.

Much luck to Julius and Rosemary Budelis and their family as they join our out-of-town member's list. Julius retired from the Air Force after twenty years in service. He will become Administrator of the Convalescent Nursing Home in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Julius and Rosemary extended an open invitation to everyone to stop and visit when any of us are out 'that-away'. Rosemary says fishing in the area in great! Congratulations to Mary Lucas! She won a trip to Las Vegas by entering a food contest with the Beatrice Foods Enterprises. Her winner was pork rind stuffed mushrooms! A warm welcome to our newest member, Diane Kavalauskas. Diane has already been at work with our bowling league.

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C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

The Cultural Center was the gathering place for our generally effective meeting on Mar. 5. There was a nice turnout of members, and the Coffee Social was aptly taken care of by Cynthia de Vine and Helen Tucker. Our good Spiritual Advisor, Fr. A. Babonas, formerly of Divine Providence, did us honors by coming from a distance to attend the meeting. Fr. Babonas had been transferred to St. Mary's Church in Royal Oak, Mich., in February. Linkime geriausios sekmes del Fr. Babonas.

Due to the diligence of Social Chairman, Joe Yakstys, and his wife, Jean, and their excellent committee, they have been coming up with a number of social activities. On Mar. 16, a Social Bowling was held, with some of the jackpot winners being: First Prize - Mike Vale and Gus Baibak; Second Prize - Chuck Milius and Ed Salas; Third Prize - Mary and Bill Adams, and Fourth Prize - Marge Nashlon and Ed Sackle. Following their bout at the Redford Lanes, the bowlers went to Mama Mia's for dinner. Included in the committee were Ed Sackle and Chester Nashlon, with Maggie Smailis to oversee the whole social event. We thank the committee and all those who participated.

Patricia Bandza suffered a great loss upon the sudden and untimely death of her dear daughter, Aldona Marshall, on Jan. 6. Donna is survived by her husband Frank, and a daughter, Joanne. For years Donna was publicity chairman for the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Grace Church and wrote a column in the church bulletin. She was a constant helper and promoter of countless parish activities. Donna's death cannot be altered, but we can let her live on in our memory. May she rest in Eternal Peace.

Among the jet-away-from-it-all set were Elizabeth Paurazas and her sister, Mrs. Ann Paurazas of Chicago, who flew down to Florida. They visited the Gruinas and the Blush families, and also saw former

members, Celia and Harold Yunck, who in turn extend their greetings to us. And a "hello" from all of us to both of you. Adeline and Bernie Vitkus saw the snowflakes coming, so they took off for some sunshine in Florida, visited with the Yuncks' in Ft. Lauderdale, and others around. Helen Tucker enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas, saw some shows, visited Boulder Dam, and spent her "winnings" at Vegas, bringing home loads of souvenirs. Emil and Phyllis Byville sent a nice postcard from Clearwater, Fla., where they enjoyed the wonderful sunshine and warm weather. While in that train of travelers, the Zagers encountered some Lithuanian friends and members of Divine Providence leaving for Easter vacations down south, while awaiting the plane arrival of their son, Tom, from Florida. Back from Milwaukee, Wisc., is Alice (Savickas) Burt who attended the christening of number 7 great-grandchild, Jean Marie Smyczek. A large christening party was held afterwards. Congratulations, Alice!

Many of our members attended the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, and the Mid-Central Dist.

Meeting in Pittsburgh, May 16-17. Betty Petroski hired a bus for the Big Haul on May 15. However, between taking bus reservations, Betty had been busy "nursing" her hubby, Frank, who was recuperating after a two-week hospital stay in March. We hope Frank is now completely recovered. Nepasi-duok!

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

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First Degrees were presented on Feb. 18 to Srs. Vecislovas and Kaze Brazas, Juozas Laurinaitis, Monika Kripkauskas and Antanas Keveza, - and C-112 members Aldona Gylys and Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas.

St. Casimir's Day Mass was held on Mar. 2 at Nativity Church with Bishop V. Brizgys, Canon V. Zakarauskas and Rev. A. Zakarauskas concelebrating the Mass. Attendance was very good, and we were so happy to see representatives from the Ateitininkai and Lithuanian Students' organizations.

Breakfast was held at the K of L Bldg. Seated at the head table were Christine Stachyra C-36 Pres., Estelle Rogers Choir Pres., Leon Pauksta SC Pres., Fr. A. Zakarauskas, Al Mockus M.C., Fr. A. Stasys Natl. ALTAS V.P., Irene Sankus SC Treas., Fr. P. Juknevičius, Ruth Dagis C-112 Ritual, and Ed Krivickas C-112 V.P.

Third Degree recipients were Juozas Juska, Jean Janula, and Albert Matulis. Vladas Paliulionis was presented with the 4th Degree.

Our thanks to the members of the Darius-Girenas and Don Varnas Posts for their participation as the Color Guard.

Honorary Members in attendance were Adele Gabalas, Albin Manst and Eleanore Laurin. Life Time Membership Certificates were presented to Antanas Balcy-



C-79—St. Casimir's Brunch. Frank Zager welcomes members and guests. L to R: Sophie Zager, Joseph Kurpowic of C-139; Marge Bunikis, Pres. 102; Honorary member Ann Uznis; Div. Prov. Pastor, Fr. Kris; M. Smailis, C-79 President, Fr. Stan and Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus.



C-79, Detroit, Mich.—Eleanore Grasha & Vida Gogelis hold 3rd degree, C-79 medals (on tray) while Fr. Kris blesses them before Mass—St. Casimir's function. Assisting is Joseph Chaps.

tis, and Richard Shlaustas (who was not present).

Congratulations to our very deserving Member of the Year Award winner, Leon Pauksta.

Chicago Srs. member Antanas Keveza inspired us with a reading of his poem "Lietuvos Riteriams Vyčiams", written expressly for the organization.

Heartiest congratulations to Vince Samaska C-36, recently elected Pres. of the Immaculate Conception's Men's Club, and to Phil Krause C-112, newly-elected Pres. of Nativity's Holy Name Society.

A Rummage Sale was held on Mar. 14 by the Building Trustees, headed by Al Mockus and Al Zakarka and their committee, which was very successful.

Scholarship Chairwoman Eleonore Laurin chaired a benefit for the Natl. Scholarship Fund, and the annual \$100. donation will be made. Prizes were donated by Al Brazis, John Evans, Joseph Gribauskas, St. Anthony Svgs., Eleonore Laurin, Gerry Mack, Leon Pauksta, Irene Sankus, and State Sen. Frank Savickas.

The District held their regular business meeting on Mar. 26.

A very happy and safe summer to all!

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Congratulations to council members who recently were awarded well-deserved degrees for their K of L works, namely: 4th Degree, Vladas Paliulionis; 3rd Degree, Albert Matulis, Juozas Juska, Jean Janula; 1st Degree, Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas and Aldona Gylys.

Compliments on a successful and beautiful affair to council members Al Brazis, Irene Sankus, Leon Pauksta, John Evans, Estelle Rogers, Andy & Dolores Yuknis, Harry Petraitis, Adeline Jasaitis, Tony Yuknis, Gediminas Janula, Monica Kasper, Gerry Mack & Sophie Nieminski, who were either on the committee or worked during the evening of the IID's "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet

held at the Martinique Grand Ballroom. The event was well received and we know the time and effort all of the committee extended.

Antanas Balcytis joined Edward Krivickas in becoming a Lifetime Member of the K of L. Antanas received his certificate at the St. Casimir Day Brunch which was hosted by the IID and held at the K of L Bldg. The Mass, concelebrated by His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas and Canon V. Zakarauskas, was held at Nativity B.V.M. Church. Council members were again on the committee headed by Irene Sankus and Adeline Jasaitis.

The council social for March was "An Evening at the Opera" with Algerd Brazis and the "Pirmyn" Chorus in their presentation of "Meilės Daina". Following the operetta, all joined in the fun at the Diamondhead with host Rich Shlaustas.

A Bowling Social hosted by our council and chaired by Al Raubiskis was held at Woodmac Lanes (owned by members Bruno & Lucille Shotas). Al was assisted by Dolores Wainauskas and Al Kachinskis. Bowling winners were: AnnMarie Kassel/John Miliawskas; Alice Tomczak/Al Raubiskis; Sophie Knat/Ray Miliawskas; Bonnie Liakas/Rich Shlaustas; Rita Tomczak/Vince Samaska; Gerry Mack/Red Cibulskis; and Special award to 1st time bowler Faustas Strolia & his partner Julie Zakarka. Council prize winners were Al Skudra, Rita Tomczak and Estelle Rogers. Prize donors: Diamondhead Restaurant/Rich Shlaustas; Zbella's Lounge; Woodmac Lanes; Al Kachinskis; and Al Raubiskis. Following the bowling, the evening meal, supervised by Dolores W., was served at the K of L Bldg. where everyone socialized and enjoyed the music of Al R's nephew, Larry Galman and his group.

Condolences to Aldona Brazis and family on the death of her mother, Charlotte Sokas; and to Albina Gaides on the death of her mother.

Get Well Wishes to Elena Paliulionis and Ignas Sakalas.

Hosts for our council board meetings for the months of January, February and March were Al/Julie Zakarka, Eddie Krivickas and Stephanie Mlodzik, resp.

Best wishes for a successful year to member Phil Krause who was elected to the presidency of Nativity's Holy Name Society.

A cocktail party honoring newly elected 15th Ward Alderman, our own Ken Jaksy, was held at the Chicago Savings' Presidential Room. Many council members were in attendance and among the committee members were Albert Kerelis and Stan/Stella Molis. We are extremely proud to have Ken, the 1st Lithuanian Alderman in the City of Chicago, and State Senator Frank Savickas, the 1st Lithuanian Committeeman in Chicago, as active members of our council. Through the efforts of Estelle Rogers and Aloysius Pakalniskis, those in attendance signed a petition, which was sent to Congressman Russo, regarding the Baltic States Annexation.

Recently Mayor and Mrs. Richard Daley were hosts for a special luncheon at the Conrad Hilton Hotel honoring the former 1st Lady, Mrs. Lyndon Johnson. In addition to a super luncheon, those in attendance enjoyed the performance of Carol Lawrence, the premiere performance of the new Chicago Ballet featuring some Lithuanian dancers, the Grand Ballroom decorated with masses of yellow roses, and the music of the famous strolling violins. The lucky council ladies who received personal invitations from the Mayor were Consul General Josephine Dausvardis, Irene Sankus, Estelle Rogers and Aldona Daukus.

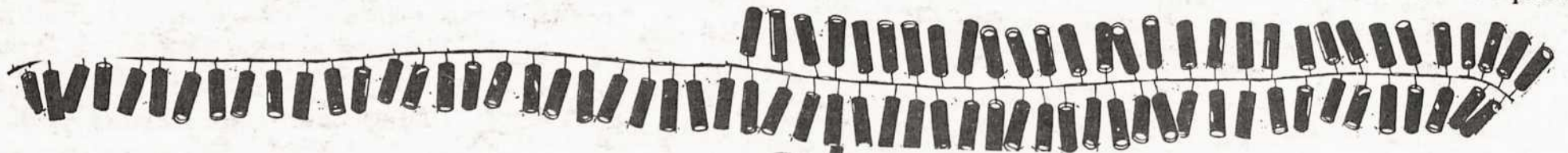
Calendar Date to circle - Sept. 27 will host the "Rūtų Balius" at the K of L Bldg. All are cordially invited to attend this Lithuanian festivity.

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Junior News

JUNIORS C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Some of the "big doings" in our Junior Council have been as follows:

The Dance Group "Vėjeliai" with some of the Juniors participating has been very active. During the month of April they were performing at three various functions; at one of them they took part in the opening of the Bicentennial Celebration of the City of Fairborn. On

May 30-31 & June 1, our members will be dancing at the Dayton Convention Center for the A WORLD A'FAIR 1975.

The Juniors attended Mass and presented a program commemorating St. Casimir's Day. Our meeting was held May 3, with Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gecas providing the refreshments. After the meeting, everyone went bowling at Varsity. The Juniors also took care of the May Crowning on Mother's Day.

They attended the 8 A.M. Mass, after which a small program was held in the church hall. A few of the Juniors traveled to Pittsburgh in May to root for C-96 members who were bowling. They also attended the Dist. Meeting held in that city.

Everyone is looking forward to camping at Camp Marydale in Kentucky Aug. 3-8. The N.Y. Nat'l. Convention will also be attended by some of our Juniors.

Kathy Sinkwitz



C-96, Dayton, Ohio—Annamarie Sluzas — Reading — St. Casimir's Program



C-96, Dayton, Ohio—Jrs. at St. Casimir's Day celebration. Front row: Tom Petkus, Irene & Veda Gecas, Michael Lastockas, Back: Annamarie Sluzas, Joe Mantz, Kar-

en Richey, Mary Mikalauskas, Walter Lastoskas, George Mikalauskas III, Elena Mikalauskas and Tom Rastikis.

CHILDREN'S PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN

Help your children (or your friends' children) learn Lithuanian the EASY way, through a set of records, offering a Children's Course in Lithuanian. The records come two in a set, and are playable at two speeds, slower initially, faster in later stages of

learning. Records are still available, now at a special price of \$2.00 per set prepaid. For your records, write to STANLEY VAITKUS, 518 Hialeah Ct., Vandalia, Ohio 45377.