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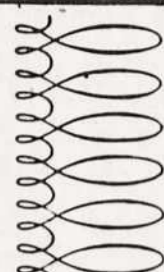
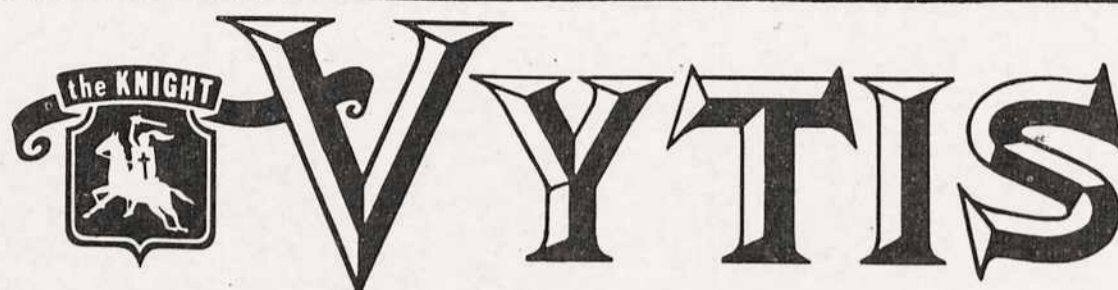
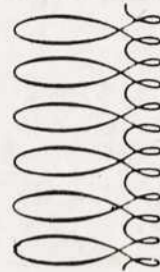
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# 60 YEARS OF VYTIS



by Eleanore H. Laurin  
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...“Vyčio svarbiausioji užduotis yra padėti augti ir plėtotis L. Vyčių Organizacijai ir jos idėjomis, sužadinti visą lietuvių jaunimą stoti į prakilnų darbą, išbudinti iš miego visus lyg šiol snaudusius, sustiprinti jaunimo ryšius su tauta ir tikyba ir platinti apšvietą bei susipratimą...”

Translated... “...The most important function of the VYTIS should be to help the Knights of Lithuania and its ideals grow and prosper... to encourage all the Lithuanian youth in the USA to join in the work of the Knights... to wake up all those who until now have been “asleep” in the appreciation of their Lithuanian heritage... to strengthen the Lithuanian youth’s ties with their motherland and their Church... to foster culture, wisdom, understanding...”.

With these words of first Co-Editor L. Pakstas, in the first issue of VYTIS, Oct. 21, 1915, the Knights of Lithuania launched into the field of journalism, and today, after 60 years, has not given up the ideals first laid down in Oct. 1915. The VYTIS has continued to visit members’ homes regularly, without a break, leave of absence, or stop, for 60 years! 1915 or 1975, the Knights of Lithuania is active, on the right path and together, primarily because we are able to reach and communicate with one another, no matter how far apart we live, through our own artery of life... the VYTIS.

The 3rd National Convention, which was held in Chicago, July 1915, made the decision to publish a K of L organ. The first issue of this publication, THE VYTIS, published in Chicago, appeared October 21, 1915 edited by Al. M. Rackus and K. Pakstas with L. Simutis as business administrator. For the original bi-weekly issues, I. Ileikis designed a symbolic cover vignette: behind the ruins of an ancient fort - rays of sunlight, spreading enlightenment in every direction and above the fortress of our glorious past - a knight

on his horse, the “Vytis”, sword drawn to slay the enemy. The 16 pages were filled with pictures, plays, prose, poetry, official news, council news and articles to inspire the members to action - catholic and patriotic.

The first editors hurdled the obstacles of finances, anti-Catholic agitators and the passive interest and support of the members. They printed articles of encouragement to the pioneer members, of council activities in the various Lithuanian parishes all over the country, and offered words to comfort and assist to “green” citizens in this new land of liberty.

The leaders of the K of L who struggled to awaken, in the young Lithuanians, the desire for social activity on a higher, more purposeful plane and the desire to propagate the Lithuanian language and customs, found these somewhat difficult tasks accomplished easier and faster, because of the VYTIS. One council started a theatrical group and having read about it, other councils picked up and used this media to cultivate cultural interest. Published standings of athletic activities in some areas made other realize their value in getting and keeping the youth under the wing of the K of L. Libraries were established and so were school classes. Future leaders who would “work” for “God and Country” were developed in education and experience.

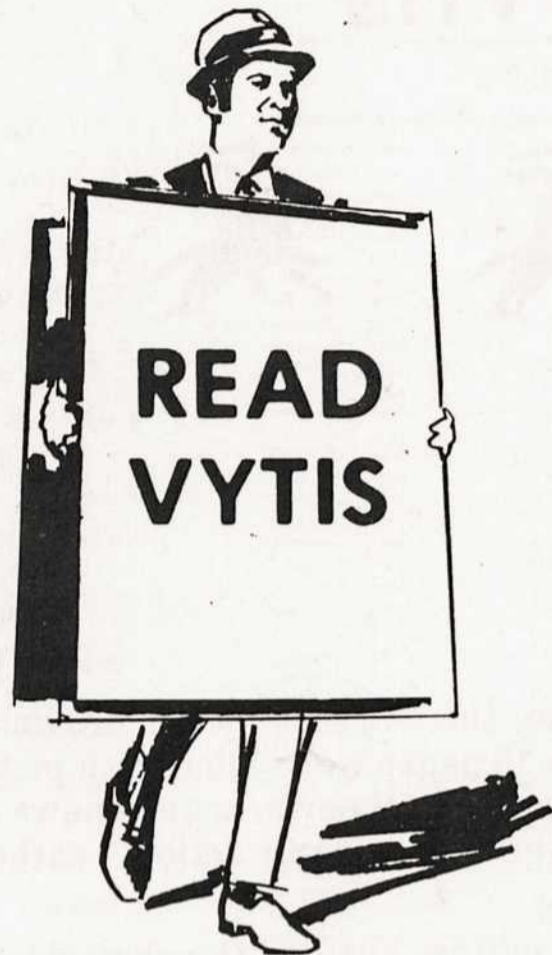
It is thus the work of the K of L-began. Strong because united. United through this organ - THE VYTIS.

After Mr. Pakstas and Mr. Rackus, the following editors were M. Zujus (1916-1920) and I. Sakalas (1920-1926). In 1917, the VYTIS took on a new look, almost the size of our present issues and it was still published bi-weekly, even though plans and collections were made for weekly publication. The plans for the latter gave way to more pressing needs - active duty in the war, supporting the Lithuanian Red Cross and obtaining a million signatures re-



questing recognition of Lithuania's freedom.

The money collected for a weekly publication was converted to the installation of a K of L Press in Chicago, which was used to publish the VYTIS as well as other books, flyers, etc.



For a short period, K. Jonaitis took over editorship and then P. Zdankus (1927-1930). In 1927, the English language was introduced into VYTIS, and with it, a bit of controversy and embarrassment. Into the English language "personals" or "Šurum Burum" column, under the guise of "humor" crept what became known as "trash". For example:

Springfield, Ill.:

I wonder what would happen -  
 If Walter kissed a girl?  
 If Bertha didn't find out what John has done?  
 If Bernard refused a drink?  
 If Frances wasn't cold?  
 If Tony A. went with a steady girl?  
 If Anna refused to be with Auggie?  
 If Mildred didn't want to dance?  
 If John A. didn't sell an "Airway"?  
 ("Vytis" nr. 6, 1928)

Chicago, Ill.

Charlotte and Valerie, what happened to your "Johnny" husbands of Cicero?

Pity the one who ate Lillie Čėsna's cake baked Wednesday, March 14.

I wonder who the girl is taking my place in saying "Hello Adomai".

Kazys Viešula (tų metų Centro pirmininkas I.S.) is in favor of blondies, but it's too bad that Council 1? hasn't any". ("V". nr. 6, 1928).

West Pullman, Ill.

"If any of you fellows want to learn to dance just go over to Aggie K's house. She can dance any hop or step you want to learn" ("V". nr. 9, 1928 m.)

So. Chicago

"She can't dance, but for real romance call Colf - 8739" ("V". nr. 5, 1928)

Roseland, Ill.

"Tillie, why don't you get Dugan to teach you how to jig?"

"Wonder what Katie was doing downstairs most of the evening". ("V". nr. 22, 1929)

Cleveland, Ohio

"Charlie Chaplin! Tai tu turi "permanenta" ant tavo gražių plaukų, ar ne? Kas gi "beauty parlor" tau tuos plaukus raitė? Mums pasakyk, tai ir mes ten nueisim, o tau už tai "commission" užmokėsim. ("V". nr. 3, 1928)

"Ignas Visockis paieško gražios rimtos ir mandagios merginos, kuri taipgi turi mokėti kaip virti kopūstus ir kepti lašinius ir vištas užmušti, nes jis bailus.

"Girls finding themselves capable of fulfilling this position please notify at once the K. of L. Council 25 and arrangements will be made immediately". ("V". nr. 16, 1929).

These "items" prompted protests and criticism, until finally, a National Convention in 1930, via a resolution, laid down specifications for the contents of the English section:

1. Informational articles about Lithuania or Lithuanism...
2. Sports news
3. Select correspondence
4. Humor (in good taste)
5. No "trash".

The problem cleared up, the English section developed and grew to represent an important part of VYTIS, for the emerging English-speaking generation in the K of L. Today, the English language is not controversial but is essential for the sake of survival, progress, and as ammunition for our efforts to keep the Lithuanian cause before the eyes of those who can do something about Lithuania's plight.

Mr. Zdankus resigned in 1930 to return to Lithuania, and A. Lapinskas, Rev. A. Valancius, K. Savickus took their turns at editing.

During the years 1936 to 1942 there were frequent changes in editors. A. Lapinskas again assumed the



# "Vyties" Redaktorai

1963

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Dr. J. Leimonas



task during 1936-37, with the assistance of V. Babilas, F. Gudelis, A. Manstavicius, A. Mazeika and A. Savickas. The next editors were J. Petraitis (1938-39), A. Skirius, the present publisher of "Lithuanian Days" and our current S.C. 3rd V.P. (1939-41), and E. Kubaitis until the autumn of 1941. The latter was assisted by Stella Brozas, P. Klikunas, prof. K. Pakstas, Fr. J. Grinis and M. Brazauskaitė. Some of the more active members on the Vytis staff from 1930 to 1942 were F. Gudelis, P. Razvadauskas, M. Norkunas, J. Boley, A. P. Mazeika, K. Nakrosis, Fr. J. Cuzauskas, J. Vysniauskas, C. Bason, Fr. J. Balkunas, Fr. M. Urbonavicius, Fr. J. Kripas, S. Vaicaitis, J. Simkus, J. Juozaitis, M. Rusas and others.

In 1942, we reached a crisis. Service in World War 2 left the VYTIS staff devoid of many talented writers and the councils without most of their male leaders and members. Ed Kubaitis took over for a few months in 1942, so did J. Pilipauskas. Then, at the request of S.C. president P. Razvadauskas, who saw that if the VYTIS - the pulse of the organization stops - so can the K of L itself, Ignas Sakalas again accepted editorship. And so Mr. Sakalas, who so devotedly, so diligently kept record of the history of the K of L and the Vytis for those 30 years, served the K of L and its posterity again. In fact, it is from his treasured records and writings that we draw this VYTIS Golden Jubilee historical resume.

Others who gave valuable assistance in this precarious period, and for some it was a repeat performance, were K of L's like Fr. J. Grinis, Fr. A. Sandys, Fr. S. Raila, J. Boley and Phyllis Grendal. Then others came to the aid - prof. K. Pakstas, A. Vaiciulaitis, Fr. dr. J. Prunskis, Fr. K. Barauskas, P. Razvadauskas, Fr. K. Sirvaitis, S. Pieza, Fr. A. Micunus, Fr. P. Cinikas, K. Jonaitis, A. Rackus, Stella Brozas, Aldona Sleinis, Fr. M. Urbonavicius, Fr. D. Mozeris, Irene Pakeltyte and Bertha Bachanas.

Another major problem was encountered - the renovation of the VYTIS press. Because of the trying times and lack of funds to replace the equipment, the press was liquidated, and the publication of the VYTIS was transferred to S. Boston, Mass. for printing by the "Darbininkas" presses. J. Kumpa and S. Griganavicius of the Darbininkas were asked to assist on the technical staff. In 1946 a few issues were edited by P. Grendal and J. Kumpa, with the assistance of P. Razvadauskas and S. Griganavicius. Once more, an old stand-by of the K of L and the first co-editor of the Vytis, prof. K. Pakstas took over the helm. In 1948 A. Vaiciulaitis served his K of L through 1950. Then dr. J. Leimonas assumed editorship with Phyllis Grendal as English language editor.

From 1951 to 1961, Dr. Juozas Leimonas, a man who worked for stronger ties between the K of L and the Pavasarininkai (our counterpart of purpose and progress in Lithuania), worked with dedication for the K of L after arriving to this country, kept the Vytis alive during this ten year period. He gave

credit to the pioneer editors who kept the VYTIS alive during various periods of crisis.

During the greatest part of the decade the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM in Putnam, Connecticut printed our monthly periodical. They printed the VYTIS on their equipment, but more than that, they added their personal interest and touch for this was also the work they were dedicated to from their founding days - "to provide for the urgent, temporal and spiritual needs of the Lithuanian people".

Phyllis Grendal, for over 15 years, although titled "Assistant Editor", was the tireless promoter, the writer of authorless articles when additional material was needed, the energy of hundreds of VYTIS issues, the K of L member who still never says No when asked to contribute.



Under Miss Grendal, VYTIS enjoyed a period of stability, and became a popular and well-known periodical, respected by the Lithuanian community.

Then came a period when the Vytis needed help again. In spite of the fact that membership dues were raised from \$2.20 to \$4.00, in relatively few years, cost of the publication used up every cent, plus additional contributions. The Supreme Council, through its representatives, tried to solve the problem and after many months of talk and inquiry, came up with a concrete solution - "offset" printing. This medium was then investigated in all parts of the country, without success, until a source was discovered in Chicago... The ViVi Press, operated by Vladas Vijeikis, which prints the "Margutis" and many other Lithuanian publications.

At a special meeting, attended by S.C. President Robert Boris, Rev. Peter Cinikas, Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin and Irene Sankus, the facts were made available. With offset, a savings of over \$500 each year could be realized and made available to the Supreme Council for various undertakings.

In March, 1961, the majority of the S.C. board decided to move the VYTIS back to Chicago for publication. Fr. P. Cinikas was appointed editor with





## EDITORS OF THE "OFFSET ERA" -

*Left - Loretta Kassel Stukas;  
Right - Irene K. Sankus*



Marilyn Kareiva as assistant editor. However, with an unanticipated change in duties, Fr. Cinikas had to resign and until a new editor could be appointed, Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin and Marilyn Kareiva assisted by Irene Sankus and Ignas Sakalas, launched the "New" VYTIS.

For the years 1961-1963, Loretta Kassel with her staff, edited our publication, encouraged by the expressions of appreciation for dependable scheduling, interesting use of photography and continued monetary savings. When L. Kassel was forced to devote less time to the organ, Ann Pieza (for several issues) and Linda Vaicekauskas (1964) took over the helm. Various assistants, some previously mentioned, during this period were Marilyn Kareiva, Ignas Sakalas, Irene Sankus, Theresa (Pupinik) Strolia, Fr. J. Jutt, Camilla Bereckis, Joe Chaps, Petras Bagdonas, Anthony Dainius, Betty (Tucker) Bozec, Walter Tenclinger, Helen Zimmer and Eleanore Laurin.

When Irene Sankus took over editorship in 1965, she found yet another way to save K of L money, with the institution of a Christmas Greeting campaign, which, through council, member, and business greetings, helps offset a portion of the printing expenses:

Irene found it necessary to resign in 1970, and Loretta (Kassel) Stukas took over editorship again, and continues to this day. She appointed a capable staff to help her, and continues to provide an interesting and useful National Organ for the Knights of Lithuania. Since 1970, staff members have included Rita Ochs, Regina Malakas, Josephine Zukas, Mary Kober, Anthony Yuknis, Irene Sankus, Marilyn Kareiva and Lucille Kilkus, with special help in Lithuanian matters from Balys Vyliaudas and feature writers Phil Skabeikis, Antonia Wackell and others.

Throughout all its changes in staff, format, language, etc., VYTIS stood firm in its role as "the Pulse of the K of L". Its effectiveness is the result of a joint effort of the staff, writers, readers.

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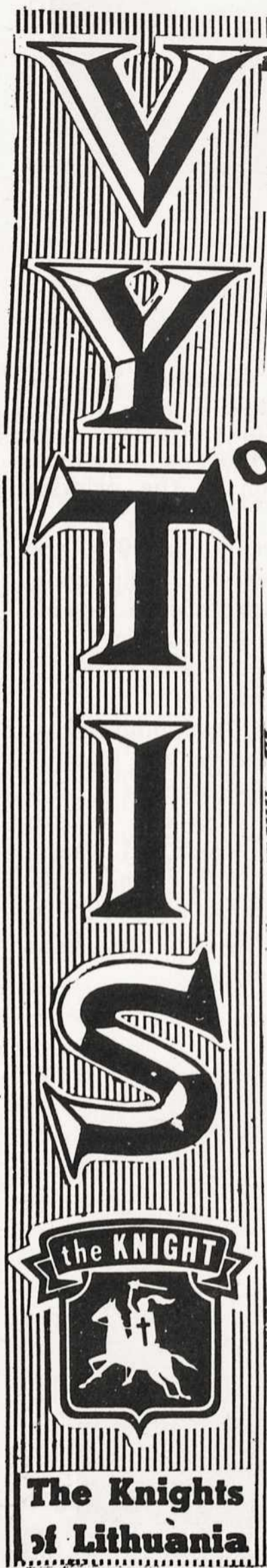


*Josephine Zukas*



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LITHUANIAN KITCHEN

# JUNIOR NEWS

## FOR GOD

AND

## COUNTRY

*Council Activities*

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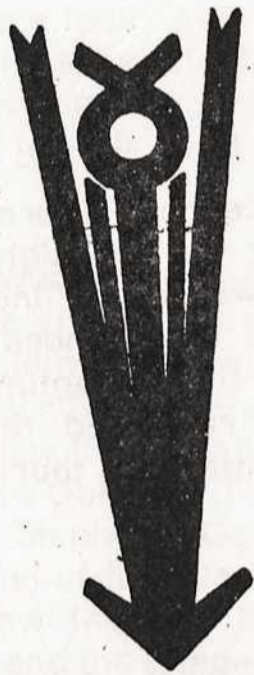
## THE VALUE OF VYTIS

When VYTIS celebrated its 40th Anniversary, Rev. Albert Contons wrote some comments on the value of VYTIS. As we celebrate this 60th Anniver-

sary, those words are still appropriate. We quote Father Al, in part:

"It is hard to estimate the value of the VYTIS, for it makes its friendly visit to the K. of L. home each month without fanfare and excitement. Its pages seem lifeless, hard, cold cut, etched in lettered design of varicolored ink. Yet the VYTIS represents a wealth of effort and teamwork on the part of dedicated Knights and Ladies. In the VYTIS you find the sweat and wrinkled brow of the editors, pouring over lengths of galley proofs, deciphering obscure originals, straining to stay awake in the small hours of the morning, and rushing to meet deadlines. In the VYTIS you find the labored fruit of writers who have spent hours in research and study to prepare materials of information and inspiration. In the pages of the VYTIS you find the devoted heart of Lithuanian friends who write in their native tongue without hope of any material reward and often without public acknowledgment on the part of the Knights. In the VYTIS you find the official announcement or communique which is the succinct product of hours, even days of discussion, letters, and bulletins on the part of the leaders of our K. of L. In the VYTIS you find the talented hand of illustrators who contribute from their busy schedules to help youth. In the VYTIS you find the hope and the joy of the young writer who has seen his first article in print. In the VYTIS you find the skilled eye and steady hand of the photographer who has rescued the memory of a K. of L. scene from the oblivion of time. In the VYTIS you find the bright eye and the eager voice of the Junior K. of L. In the VYTIS you find the newsy pen and the breezy style of the council correspondent. In short, the VYTIS is the little world of the Knight and Lady.

Above all in the VYTIS we hope to find you, the members of the K. of L. There are comparatively few youth organizations, even adult organizations for that matter, fortunate enough to have their own magazine. You, the members, have an unparalleled opportunity to express yourselves, to influence others, to grow in word power, to develop the quality of leadership. Take advantage of the VYTIS which is published only by the generous sacrifice of money and effort on the part of the Knights. Contribute articles, correspondence, news items, photographs, anything of interest to you and the members. To insure a successful organization, be VYTIS-MINDED"





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#### July 1—Thursday—New York

You gather at New York's J.F. Kennedy International Airport and board your jet for the overnight transatlantic flight to Zurich on a Swissair Airliner. You will enjoy a relaxing trip and be attended to by courteous hostesses, served a fine complimentary meal and snacks, and arrive refreshed the next morning with a grand time of sightseeing, touring, fun and exploring ahead.

#### July 2—Friday—Cairo

Early morning arrival in Zurich from where a connecting flight will take you to Cairo. Upon arrival you will be met and your private motorcoach will take you to your hotel. The balance of the day will be at your leisure.

#### July 3—Saturday—Cairo

This morning is devoted to olden Cairo and its great mosques. You will see the largest one of all, the Mosque of Hassan, and then drive to the Citadel for a panoramic view of the city and a visit to the graceful Alabaster Mosque. Then proceed to the Mousky bazaars for an interval of shopping. The afternoon is free.





**July 4—Sunday—Cairo**

In Cairo this morning, visit the magnificent Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, viewing the gold-encrusted sarcophagus of Tut-ankh-amen and many other artistic objects taken from the Pharonic tombs. Then in the afternoon, motor to Giza to see the great Pyramids and the Sphinx. Late afternoon flight to Amman, Capital of the Kingdom of Jordan and transfer to your hotel.

**July 5—Monday—Amman**

This day will be free for shopping—optional sight-seeing—resting—or just browsing around.

**July 6—Tuesday—Amman—Jerusalem**

Leave here today and journey through the Dead Sea Valley, cross the Allenby Bridge and into Israel. Drive up the mountain and there you view Jerusalem. Transfer to your hotel with the remainder of the day free.

**July 7—Wednesday—Jerusalem**

Today we visit the Dome of the Rock, which is on the site of Solomon's Temple, El Aksa Mosque, the Rock of the Sacrifice where, tradition says, Abraham offered Isaac, the Wailing Wall, Pool of Bethesda, Damascus Gate, the Tomb of the Kings. You will walk from St. Stephen's Gate to Pilate's Judgement Hall, the Chapel of the Flagellation, the Ecco Homo Arch, and follow the Via Doloroso up to the traditional Calvary and the Chapel of the Crucifixion. A stop will be made at the Garden Tomb before returning to your hotel.

**July 8—Thursday—Jerusalem**

This morning you will drive to Hebron and see Abraham's Oak, the Cave of Machpelah and the Tombs of Abraham and Sarah. Then continue to Bethlehem where you visit the Church of the Nativity and the Grotto of the Manger. Next you drive to the foot of the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the traditional tomb of Mary, the Basilica of the Agony and the Shrine of the Ascension.

**July 9—Friday—Jerusalem—Tiberias**

Drive through the Judean Hills to Biblical Kiriat Yearim, Ramble, Lod, Hedera, Wadi Ara (the historical pass), Megiddo, Nain, and along the shores of Mt. Tabor to Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

**July 10—Saturday—Tiberias—Tel Aviv**

Today as you leave Tiberias you will again pass through Nazareth, cross the River Kishon and the Plain of Esdraelon and stop at the Excavations of Solomon's stables at Megiddo. Continuing on to the coast you will stop at Caesarea to see the Roman ruins before arriving at Tel Aviv, modern Israeli city, but Joppa of Jonah's day. You will have the remainder of the afternoon and evening to enjoy your own interests.

**July 11—Sunday—Tel Aviv—Rome**

This morning you will drive to Lod Airport, outside Tel Aviv, for your flight to Rome, "The Eternal City". Upon arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel.

**July 12—Monday—Rome**

This morning will be free for independent activities. In the afternoon drive out into the suburbs of Rome and visit St. Paul's outside-the-Walls, originally constructed over the tomb of St. Paul. Also you will see the Cathedral of St. John the Lateran adjoining the Lateran Palace, now a museum. Continue out the Appian Way, the ancient Roman Road, past the Church of Quo Vadis Domine and visit the catacombs of St. Calixtus. On your return to the city, visit the church of St. Peter in Chains.

**July 13—Tuesday—Rome—Pompeii Excursion**

Today an excursion to Pompeii, situated at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius, whose eruption buried it in 79 A.D. Excavations have revealed life in this ancient city as it existed 2000 years ago. Of particular interest are the ornamental mural designs presenting four different periods. Return later in the day to Rome.

**July 14—Wednesday—Rome**

Today is at leisure, but if conditions are favorable, arrangements will be made for a public audience with His Holiness Pope Paul. Later, perhaps on an optional basis, an excursion to see the water gardens and fountains at Tivoli, also visit Hadrians Villa before returning to Rome.

**July 15—Thursday—Zurich—New York**

All good things must come to an end. Today—our departure to the Airport for the flight to Zurich. Here you will board a Swissair Jet returning you to New York. You will arrive in the U.S.A. that same afternoon, with lasting memories of a wonderful trip.

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# "THE BICENTENNIAL AND LITHUANIANS"

by Aldona Ryan

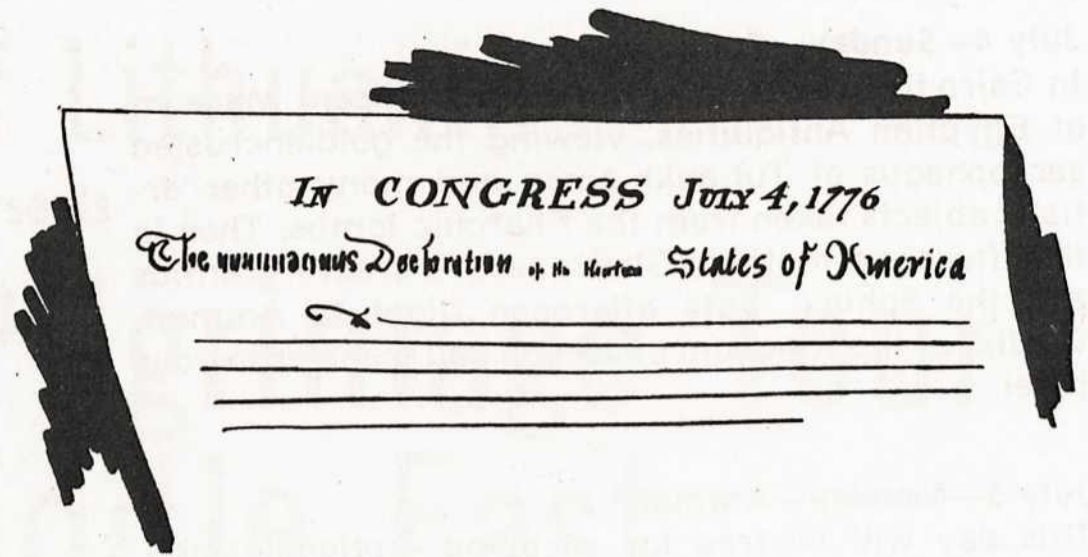
How can Lithuanians participate in the Bicentennial? There are many ways. Contact the Bicentennial Commission of your community and tell them your group would like to participate in their programs. You can take a booth at an Art Show. You can be a part of an International Festival. You can plant a tree or a whole Lithuanian garden. You can dedicate a Lithuanian shrine. You can give a program of Lithuanian songs or Lithuanian dances. You can sponsor a sports competition. You can donate books, maps, records, etc. to libraries or museums. You can give an exhibit of how American Lithuanians contributed to the American heritage featuring personalities such as Jack Sharkey, Ruta Lee, Dick Butkus, etc. I'm sure you can easily add to this list with a little thought. Be sure to have a Lithuanian Day in your community!

1. Have an organized committee whose members are willing to go to schools, universities, art shows, festivals, picnics, etc. You may call them your Lithuanian Cultural Council if you wish.

2. Make up an organized exhibit that is ready to appear publicly on short notice. Borrow amber, woodcarvings, linens, weavings, books, maps, records, and other artifacts from friends and relatives. Keep a list of persons who know how to decorate Easter eggs, make straw Christmas ornaments, or weave sashes who are willing to act as demonstrators.

3. Have prepared entertainment such as a vocal group, instrumental group or dance group. Remember that two voices make a duet, one accordion and a set of drums is a band, and two boys and four girls can dance the "Lenciugelis" and the "Ziogelis". Or go dramatic - do a play. Organize a sports team - swimming, soccer, gymnastics, or what have you.

4. Participate in as many functions as possible. You can finance your cultural activities by selling Lithuanian pastries, foods, cranberry punch, birch beer, ruta plants, decals, books, tapes, records, amber, weavings, woodcarvings, buttons, recipes, decorated



Easter eggs, straw Christmas ornaments, etc. at art shows, fairs, and festivals.

5. Take full advantage of communications media and public service programs. Think up gimmicks that will bring TV cameras and news reporters to your door. Have a press party. Lots of good food and drinks will mellow a critic. Mail reports of Lithuanian activities to the press.

6. Make friends with public officials. Invite senators, representatives, ambassadors, mayors, and councilmen as speakers for your programs. (During campaign season, they will come in droves).

7. Advertise Lithuanian Independence Day in February and Captive Nations Day in July. Spend a little money for public relations. Take ads in magazines and program booklets. Put up a billboard on a busy Superhighway.

8. Be a member of all organized ethnic groups in your community. The combined force of the "foreign element" of a community is fantastic.

9. Take part in all world affairs organizations in your community. Most of these organizations originate in Washington, D.C. but are active locally. Bring attention to Lithuania's causes.

10. Lithuanize your Roman Catholic religion. Try to attend a Mass that is said in Lithuanian every Sunday. If you don't know what all the words mean, you can learn to read them in a short time. In a few months, you will realize you know what you are praying. Lithuanian hymns should be sung at every official K. of L. Mass. Sponsor placement of Lithuanian hymn books and prayer leaflets in your church. Put Lithuanian religious books in the church library.

To know who you are is to be at peace with yourself. You know you are Lithuanian. Be positive. Say what you mean and mean what you say. Do the best you can and leave the rest to God. You will find peace. So will Lithuania.



# NOW THE DAY IS DONE

Antonia M. Wackell

Pale blue sky  
Hanging clouds of silver, white and gray,  
Frame the brilliant white sun at the close of day.

Gentle winds  
Fan the emerald branches and shake the dusty leaves,  
Whistle to the swallows underneath the eaves.

Lonely bird  
Brushed the peaceful silence as it hovered near  
To gather airy insects and then disappear.

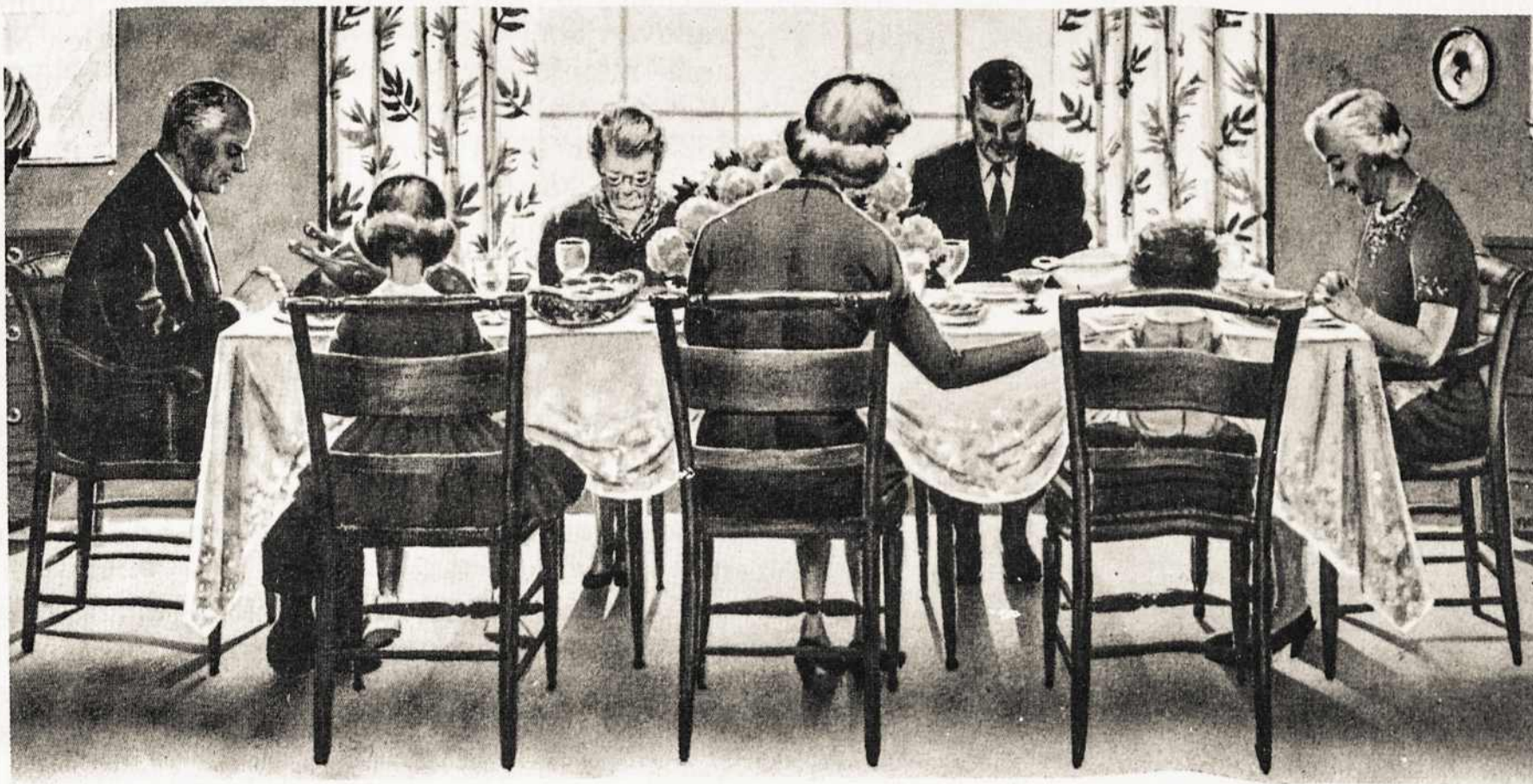
Lowering sun  
Slowly, sinking slowly, behind the purple haze,  
Tinting clouds with orange - horizon all ablaze.

Shining beams,  
Fantastic forms in purple - crested red,  
Woven now together with a silvery thread.

Red, red sun,  
Its fiery hands of color span the cobalt sky.  
Children's voices calling: "Sun is flaring in the sky!"

Yellow moon  
Over the tree-tops peering - in a golden glow,  
Spreading twilight mantle down to us below.

Thank you God  
For these; for a kindly day and glorious sun.  
The stars in heaven tell us that now the day is done.





# KAS PAŠAUKĖ VYČIUS GYVENIMAN

## IV-a DALIS

### I. Sakalas

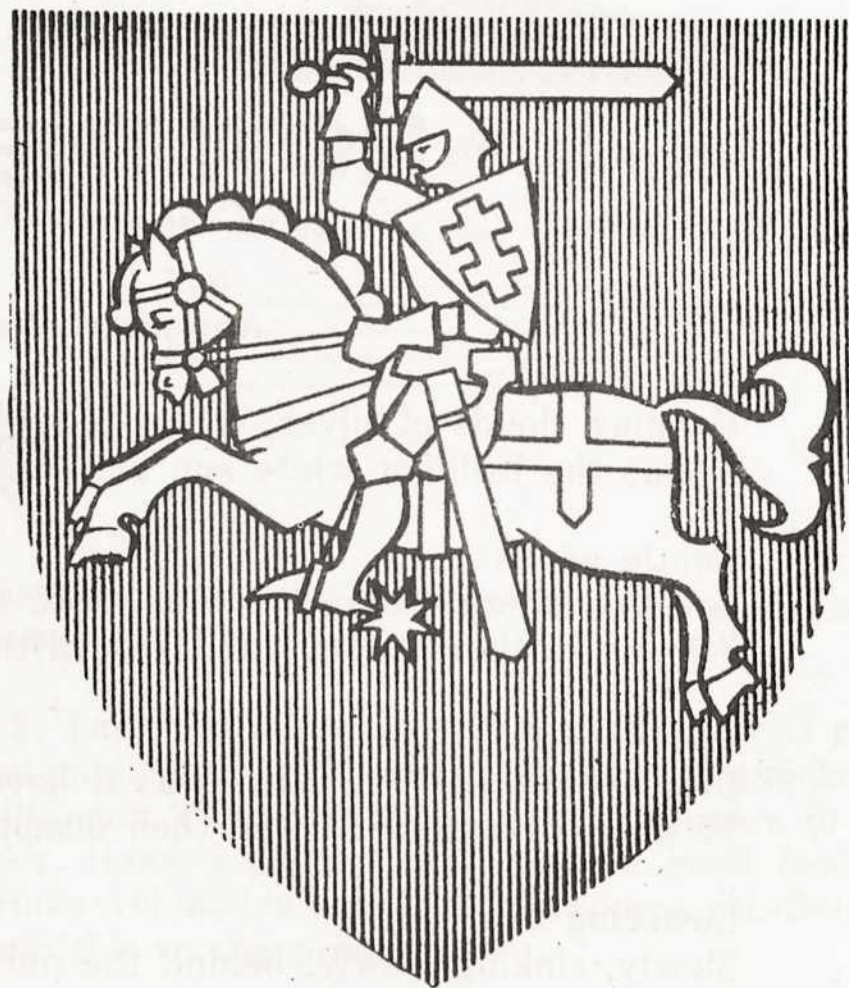
1957 metais vyčiai pasidžiaugė gausiomis aukomis "Vyčio" leidimui paremti iš šalies - katalikiškų organizacijų: Lietuvių Darbininkų Sąjunga paaukojo \$1,000.00, vyčių Naujosios Anglijos apskritis \$300.00 ir Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimas Amerikoje \$300.00.

Vysk. V. Brizgys pakeltas į Garbės narius. Chicagoje suruošta pirmoji Dainų šventė. Rengimo komisijoj dalyvavo: Garbės Nariai L. Šimutis ir kun. Ig. Albavičius, kun. P. Činikas, MIC, ir A. Rudis. Garbės narys Stasys Pieža, tuo metu religinio skyriaus redaktorius Chicago dienraštyje Chicago American, laimėjo Hearst'o premiją už geriausią tam laikraščiu reportażą.

1957-62 metuose tarpe kasdienio, paprasto vyčių veikimo žymesnieji bus sekantieji: iš Stipendijų fondo pirmoji stipendija 1958 m. buvo įteikta Newark, N.J., kuopos nariui Al. M. Budreckui, kuris



I-I Apskričio Šv. Kazimiero Minėjime, Čikagoje  
Kun. A. Zakarauskas, Vysk. V. Brizgys, Kan. V. Zakarauskas.



Rutgers universitete studijavo mediciną. Paminėtas Šv. Kazimiero 500 metų jubiliejus. Įsteigtas Vyčių istorijos fondas. Naujosios Anglijos apskrities iniciatyva, Boston'o arkidiecezijos televizijos stotyje suruoštos iškilmingos pamaldos Šv. Mergelės Marijos Šiluvoje apsireiškimo sukakties proga. Išleista 1,000 plokštelių lietuvių kalbos reikalui. Suruošta ekskursija į Eucharistinį kongresą Vokietijoje. Pirmoji 79 ir 102 kuopų, Detroit, Mich., jaunių vyčių stovykla įvyko Dainavoje. 133 kuopos, Los Angeles, Calif., pasidarbavimu, sudaryta pažintis su žinomu amerikiečių muziku Lawrence Welk, kuris pažadėjo savo televizijos programon įtraukti ir vieną, kitą lietuviškos muzikos kūrinį. Pažadą išpildė. J. J. Stukas iš Tėdo okupuotoj Lietuvoj dainuojamų dainų, šokių ir ištraukų iš lietuviškų operų plokštelių albumą, o jo vadovaujama radijo programa "Memories of Lithuania" minėjo 20 metų veiklos sukaktį. Vyčių 7 kuopa, Waterbury, Conn., Vyčių Istorijos fondui sukėlė \$355.00 ir iš savo izdo paaukojo \$100.00. Chicago apskritis suruošė iškilmingą vyčių auksinio jubilėjaus paminėjimą, o Vyčių choras išleido ilgo grojimo plokštelę "Težydi vėliai Lietuva".

1962 metais Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos suvažiavime priėmus naują statutą, pagal kuri visos centrinės organizacijos renka Tarybon savo atstovus, vyčiai savo veiklą Lietuvos laisvinimo reikaluose patikėjo Tarybai. Sau pasiliko tikrai Lietuvos Reikalų komisiją, kuri ir po šiai dienai veikia. Šios komisijos veiklą gražiai apibūdino viename seime Garbės narys vysk. V. Brizgys:

"Laisvame pasaulyje nėra kitos panašios organizacijos, kuri būtų tiek padariusi Lietuvai ir lietuvių vardo gynimui bei informacijai apie Lietuvą. Per pastaruosius dešimtį metų komisija yra parašiusi





*"Lietuvos Draugo" Medalis.*

apie 300,000 laiškų. Per spaudą tie laiškai pasiekia ne tik milijonus amerikiečių, bet ir visą pasaulį. Šia veikla ir jos rezultatais vyčiai atsistoja greta svarbiausių politinių ir kovos informacijų".

Šis komisijos veiklos apibūdinimas buvo padarytas 1959 metų seime. O kiek toje srityje vyčiai yra nuveikę nuo 1959, t.y. per devyniolika metų? Nedrįstu teigti, nes po ranka neturiu seimų protokolų. Ypatinai praeitais metais seimui išrinkus komisijos pirmininku labai veiklų čia gimusį, augusį ir medicinos mokslus išėjusį dr. Denis G. Mažeiką, vyčių veterano ir Garbės nario Antano Mažeikos sūnų. Dabar komisija savo veiklą pradėjo leisti net kas mėnuo storkais biuleteniais, kurie siuntinėjami anglų laikraščių redakcijoms, viešiesiems knygynams, universitetų bibliotekoms ir valstybių bei federalinių vyriausybių nariams. Be to, 1955 metais vyčiai įsteigė Medalio fondą, kuris kas met nuliedina medalį pagerbimui JAV kongreso ar senato nario, nusipelnusio Lietuvos laisvinimo pastangose. Pirmas medalis su atatinamu lydraščiu buvo įteiktas Wisconsin'o vals. kongresmanui Charles J. Kersten. Praeitais metais tokiu medaliu pagerbta Michigan valst. kongresninkė Morta Griffiths. Ji pasižymi savo kalbomis už Lietuvą ir yra pirmaujanti veikėja pavergtųjų tautų (Captive Nations) akcijoje. Medaliai įteikiami seimniuose banketuose.

Visi tos komisijos nariai - kuopose ir apskrityse - imant ir patį pirmininką negauna atlyginimo ne tik už savo darbą, bet net už popierių ir pašto ženklus. Čia, kaip kurijoje, galima paminėti lietuvių Milijoninį fondą, kurio įnašuose yra ir vyčių dolerių. Fondo globėjai, skirstydami nuošimčius kultūriniais reikalams, šimtus dolerių paskiria net mažai ką bendra turinčio su kultūra veikalui, pavyzdžiui, Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo sąjungos suvažiavimams, kelionėms į kitus kraštus, lituanistinių studijų savaitėms

ir t.p., gi vyčiai net neprisimenami. Mat, kai kurie ultra-patriotai vyčių organizaciją laiko balastu... Betgi faktas, kad JAV Lietuvių Jaunimo sąjungos, kaip tokios, visai nėra. Yra tik Liet. Bendruomenės sudaryta jaunimo valdyba, kuri pernai spaudoje paskelbė savo "veikimą": "Judam, Krutam" (žiūr. Draugas, 1974 m. gegužės 18 d.). Ir tiek.

Ten pat rašoma ir apie Lietuvių fondo finansuojamą jaunimo studijų savaitę. Štai kokį atsaką fondui duoda: "Pastebėta, kad didelė dauguma jaunimo norinčių dalyvauti Lituanistinėje Savaitėje, yra apsisprendę nedalyvauti, nes jaučiasi NEGALINTYS PARAŠYTI TINKAMĄ PRIĖMIMUI TEMĄ". Suprantantiems užtenka!

Šiuo metu vyčių gretose jau apie 80 nuoš. narių, kurie vieni menkai moka, kiti visai nemoka lietuvių kalbos. Organizacijos laikraštis "Vytis" išeina jau daugumoje anglų kalba, žinoma, neatsisako įdėti raštų ir lietuvių kalba, jei kas parašo. Bet raštai anglų kalba visuomet persisunkę lietuviškumu, dvelkia patriotizmu ir meile savo tėvų ir senolių tėvynei. Laikraštis labai švariai, patraukliai ir žurnalistiniu skoniu redaguojamas čia augusios, bet gražiai mokančios lietuvių kalba, Loretos Kassel-Stukas. "Vytis" nedaro gėdos net šviesaus kitataučio namuose greta įvairių anglų kalba žurnalų.

Ar galima peikti mūsų jaunimą, kad jo laikraštis leidžiamas daugumoje anglų kalba? Nemanau. Tiesa, mūsų jaunimas turi mokėti savo tėvų kalbą ir reikia lenkti galvas visiems, kurie stengiasi patys per save arba lankydami kursus išmokyti lietuviškai kalbėti, skaityti. Bet statykime tokį klausimą: kuria gi kalba mūsų jaunimas mokyklose siekia geresnės ateities, lengvesnės duonos, nei jo tėvai turi? Ogi po dešimties ar daugiau metų, jei dar neišsipildys mūsų troškimas ir viltys, kad Lietuvoje laisvė nugalėjo priespaudą, ir



*6-tas "Lietuvos Draugo" Medalis, įteiktas Kong. Ray Madden. Nuotraukoj - Vysk. Charles Salatka ir Kun. J. Jutkevičius.*





*Vyčių centro dvasios vadas kun. A. Contons (Kontautas) Bostono arkidiecezijos televizijos studijoje vasario 22 d. 1959 m., organizacijos globėjo šventės (kovo 4 d.) proga pasiruošęs Mišioms.*

jei iš Lietuvos nebus masinės emigracijos į šį kraštą, ar lietuvių kalba neatsidurs merdėjimo, o gal net dar blogesniai ženkle? Juk ir dabar jau girdime, kad daugelyje lietuvių šeimų tėvai nesusikalba su savo vaikais. O kaip bus už dešimties, dvidešimties metų?

Airiai daug anksčiau nei lietuviai pradėjo čia emigruoti. Jie keleriopai ir skaitlingesni. Bet ar kas kur girdėjo juos kalbant savo tėvų, protėvių, senelių kalba? Bet airiai buvo ir paliks airiais, nors gal jau penktos ar dešimtos kartos. Ir tuo jie didžiuojasi. Tai rodo, pavyzdžiui, kad ir Šv. Patriko diena. Kokios būna iškilmės, kokia airiška propaganda. Visi airiai tą dieną pasidaro žali. Nuo jų pažaliuoja ir tūkstančiai ne airių. Chicagoj teko matyti vidurmiestyje net upės vanduo būna žalias. Airių sueigoje nė nebandyk kokią Airiją įžeidžiantį dalyką prikišti. Tuoju reaguos, o karštesnio kraujo - net kumštimi pagrūmos. Tuo airiai rodo, kad vien kalba dar nėra 100 nuoš. airiškumas, patriotizmas. Patriotiškumą reikia jaunime skiepyti ir auklėti. Todėl, ar ne laikas būtų jau ir mūsų veiksniams pradėti galvoti - jaunimo lietuviškumo ir patriotiškumo laikrodį pasukti bent kokia dešimčia metų pirmyn...

Jau 1947 metais vyčių seiminiam banketui pakviestas žinomas Lietuvos patriotas, Pennsylvania universiteto profesorius amerikietis A. Senn pasakė tokią kalbą:

“Laiškas, kuriuo buvau pakviestas čia su jumis susitikti, buvo parašytas ant popierio, turinčio anglišką antraštę ‘Knights of Lithuania’. Šis dvikalbiškumas ryškiausiai kelia aikštėn jūsų organizacijos

dvilypį būdą. Jūs esate amerikiečiai ir jūsų šūkis ‘For God and Country’ rodo, kad jūs esate patriotingi amerikiečiai. Tačiau jūs esate taip pat interesuoti pirmą kartą jūsų tėvų šalimi. Šitoks jūsų intereso dvilypumas yra pateisinamas ir pagirtinas, net reikalingas. Jūsų patriotiškumo jausmai priklauso Amerikai, tačiau tamprūs giminystės ryšiai jus jungia su užjūrio lietuviais.

“Visi jūs kalbate angliškai. Amerikoniškas auklėjimas jus padarė dalininkais didžiosios ir turtingosios anglų-saksų kultūros. Asimiliacija arba amerikanizacija nevyksta visur vienodu tempu. Tačiau kiekvienam blaiviai žiūrinčiam tautytojui aišku, kad amerikanizacija yra neišvengiama. Dėlto vietoj kovoti prieš amerikanizaciją, bus geriau rūpintis, kad tas perėjimas nuo vienos kalbos į kitą vyktų be nuostolių ir atskiram asmeniui ir visuomenei. Nėra liūdnesnio fakto, negu šeima, kurios nariai negali susikalbėti. Aš čia matau kilnų vyčių uždavinį. Jūsų veikimas gali palėtinti asimiliaciją ir tuo pat padaryti ją mažiau skausmingą”.

Laikrodžiui pasukti pirmyn Chicagos vyčiai atrodo daro pirmuosius žingsnius. Tai apskrities kas met ruošiami Vasario 16-tos minėjimai (Memories of Lithuania) ir Šv. Kazimiero pagerbimas jo dienos proga. Tų švenčių programos, angliškos patriotinės kalbos apie Lietuvą jaunime nemokančiam lietuviškai skiepija lietuviškumą, pagarbą ir meilę tėvų ir senelių kraštui. Su laiku atsiras ir kitokių priemonių skiepyti ir ugdyti tame jaunime lietuviškumą ir patriotizmą.





*Kun. A. Kontautas įteikia 4-tą Laipsnį L.V. nariams.*

1939 metais vyčiai įvedė narių laipsnius: 1-mą, 2-ą, 3-čią ir 4-tą. Laipsniams gauti reikia organizacijoje išbūti ritualu nustatytą metų skaičių ir savo veikimu surinkti (taip pat ritualu) taškų skaičių. Yra išleistas laipsniams teikti ceremonias. Pakeltieji į trečią ir ketvirtą laipsnius būna atžymėti tam tikrais žen-

lais - medaliais. Aukščiausias laipsnis yra Garbės nario. Šį laipsnį gauna nariai tikrai labai pasižymėję kurioj nors srity, pav. sporte (buvęs bokso sunkiojo svorio pasaulinis čempionas J. Žukauskas-Sharkey, Olandijos olimpiadoj vandens plaukime laimėjusi čempionatą A. Osipavičiūtė), arba nariai savo veikimu, žodžiu ir raštu iškilę virš visų narių, aukšti Bažnyčios dignitoriai, tautos vadai ir t.p. Garbės nario laipsnį suteikti gali tikrai seimas. Garbės nariai turi organizacijoje tam tikras privilegijas: paliuosuoti nuo nario mokesčio visam gyvenimui, seimuose dalyvauja be mandato ir turi sprendžiamąjį balsą, pirmininkauja žemesnių laipsnių teikimo apeigose. Vyčių du Garbės nariai - Leonardas Šimutis ir Ignas Sakalas už veikimą katalikiškose organizacijose ir spaudoje yra dar 1956 metais popiežiaus Pijaus XII apdovanoti Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice ordinu.

Lietuvos Vyčių gyvenimo ir veikimo vainiko, kuri kuopos ir apskritys nuo 1913 metų iki šiol pina savo darbais ir pasiaukojimu Dievui, Lietuvai ir lietuviškumui Amerikoje palaikyti ir pratęsti, galams suvesti laikas nenumatomas. Tą vainiką pina jau trečios kartos katalikiškas jaunimas, bet šūkis: gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai kaip buvo, taip ir tebėra tas pats.

## HOW TO SPEED LEARNING LITHUANIAN

(Adapted from an article on any NEW language in CHANGING TIMES, The Kiplinger Magazine, Feb. 1959).

1. Read newspapers in Lithuanian: This can triple your vocabulary without effort. If you can understand only one or two words in a headline, you can figure out the rest. And this is always living language - not textbook stuff.

2. Make the new tongue a round-the-clock companion. Think of the Lithuanian words for common objects you see around you all day; mentally translate some of the comments you overhear in restaurants or buses; repeat phrases to yourself before going to sleep.

...Learning another language is a sure way to give your personality a new dimension... Few accomplishments can so dramatically open a whole new world to you.



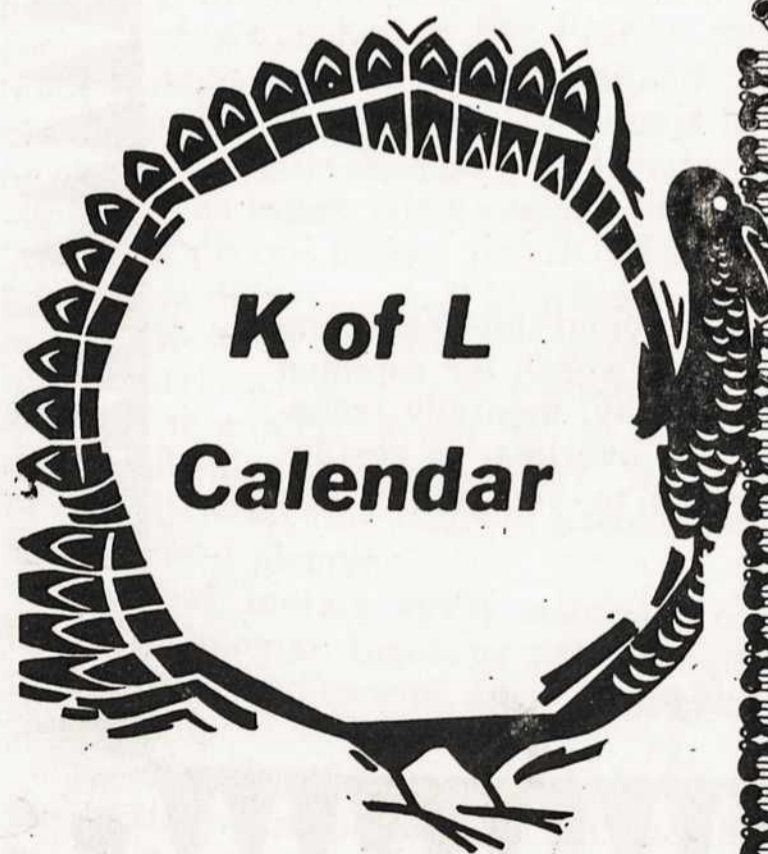


Let us pause and give thanks  
for the bountiful blessings  
of our country, family and  
friends. May they be many.



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## "K OF L - REALITY OR FANTASY"

On Sept. 29, 1975, an editorial appeared in "DRAUGAS" which disturbed many active Knights of Lithuania members. The editorial proposed and set guidelines for the establishment of an organization for "English-speaking" American Liths, but totally ignored the VERY EXISTENCE of the K of L, although the K of L clearly answers most of the qualifications laid down.

The "DRAUGAS" editorial, and one answer to it (from your VYTIS editor) follows. We encourage other members to also express their feelings on this matter to "DRAUGAS".

Ed.



### ŽUVUSI AR NEŽUVUSI LIETUVYBĖ

Draugo rugsėjo 15 d. redakciniame rašinyje mes kėlėme klausimą, ar galima lietuvybė be lietuvių kalbos. Ten nurodėme, kad lietuvių kalba yra pagrindinė ir didžiausia lietuvybės žymė ir tvirčiausias lietuvybės išlaikymo laidas. Taigi ji turi būti visomis išgalėmis, bet kuria kaina puoselėjama, perduodama iš kartos į kartą, išlaikoma.

Ten pat nurodėme skaudų faktą, kad šiame krašte yra daugybė lietuvių, kurie dėl įvairių priežasčių lietuviškai nebekalba, tačiau vis dėlto laikosi lietuviškų papročių, lietuviškai galvoja, stengiasi sekti savo tautos gyvenimą ir laimėjimus.

Tai sakydami mes pirmoje eilėje turėjome galvoje skaičiumi labai gausius Pensylvanijos, Naujosios Anglijos, Atlanto pakraščių ir kitų vietovių lietuvius, kurie aktyviai nedalyvauja mūsų išeivijos organizuotame gyvenime, yra lyg už bendruomenės ribų, o tačiau negalime sakyti, kad jie nėra lietuviai. Tiksliau - didžioji jų dalis, kad ir lietuviškai nekalbėdami, laiko save lietuviais, o neretai savo kilme bei tautybe net didžiuojasi, ypač tais atvejais, kai lietuviai savo kultūringais pasireiškimais kuo nors sukrečia Amerikos visuomenę.

Minėtas redakcinis rašinys buvo daugelio pastebėtas. Laiškais, žodžiu ar telefonu į jį reagavo keliolika mūsų tautiečių. Žinoma, tai nėra "tautos balsas", bet vis dėlto įdomus faktas, prie kurio verta dar kartą sugrįžti.

"Draugo" artimas bendradarbis Vl. Ramojus, keliais atvejais ilgesnį laiką buvęs Pensylvanijoje ir lankęs lietuvių kolonijas, nuoširdžiai teigia (jo laiškas rugs. 22 d. "Drauge"), kad lietuviškos apraiškos ten, ir lietuvių kalbai nebeskambant, tebėra gyvos. Savo teigimams paremti jis pateikia eilę faktų ir

skaičių iš paskutinio laikotarpio. Panašius samprotavimus yra pareiškęs kitas žinomas "pensylvaniškis" kun. Alg. Kezys, pora kunigų iš Atlanto pakraščių, keletas visuomenės veikėjų. Kai kurie jų prašo mūsų tautiečius giliau pastudijuoti keliamą problemą ir pradėti konkrečius žygius ten gyvenantiems lietuviams iš naujo suburti. Šiuo atveju buvo pateikta ir konkrečių pasiūlymų. Minėtų paskatų santrauką čia ir pateiksime.

Atsiliepusieji nuoširdžiai apgaili, kad pokario metais naujųjų išeivių emigracijos metu tarp pastarųjų ir senųjų emigrantų iškilo lyg ir kažkokia "nesugriaunama siena". Tai galėję įvykti ir dėl to, kad atvykusieji labai sklandžiai kalbėję lietuviškai ir nemokėję angliškai. Kai kurie jų neslėpė dėlto savo paniekos lietuviškai silpnai kalbantiems ar visiškai nebekalbantiems. Atsiradę net iš inteligentų, jų tarpe ir dvasininkų, kurie silpnai lietuviškai kalbančius mūsų tautiečius laikę lyg ir kokiais išgamomis, nustojusiais egzistuoti mūsų tautai.

Čikagiškis Antanas A. Dagys pateikia ir konkrečių siūlymų: "Reikėtų suorganizuoti iš čia gimusių ir laisvai angliškai kalbančiųjų lietuvių draugiją, kuri, reikia tikėtis, išaugtų į angliškai kalbančiųjų lietuvių bendruomenę. Šio darbo turėtų imtis čia gimę ir tik angliškai bekalbą lietuviai. Pradžioje reiktų bandyti įtaigoti jų žymesnius intelektualus, kunigus, kai kuriuos ambicingesnius biznierių. Šiuo reikalu planas turėtų būti ligi smulkmenų išdirbtas. Įtaigavus čia gimusius, gavus jų principinį sutikimą, organizacijos kūrimo darbą reiktų pavesti jiems toliau tęsti patiems. Organizacijos įstatuose reiktų akcentuoti tai, kad lietuvis, veikdamas angliškai kal-



bančių lietuvių bendruomenėje, prisideda prie laisvės puoselėjimo šio krašto, kurin atvykę jo protėviai savo darbu, išverme ir visomis geromis lietuvių būdo savybėmis prisidėjo prie sukūrimo šios šalies pranašumo.

Kuriamoji nauja organizacija, gal būt, neturėtų būti dabar veikiančios JAV Liet. Bendruomenės šaka, o visiškai savarankiška organizacija. Jai galėtų priklausyti ir mišrių šeimų nariai, jeigu abidvi pusės laisvai apsisprendžia tai padaryti.

Tokia ar panaši organizacija nedaug ką reikštų, jeigu jos įstatai būtų tik popieriuje surašyti. Lygia-grečiai reikia ir kitų paskatų. Viena, gal didžiausia jų būtų lietuviško laikraščio anglų kalba išleidimas.

Tiesa, šiuo reikalu kai kas jau padaryta. Kai kurie mūsų laikraščiai (Garsas, Tėvynė, Vienybė, Lietuvių Dienos ir kt.) iš senų laikų turi angliškus skyrius. Deja, šis kelias nėra tikras, nes tokie angliški laikraščių skyriai nedaro didesnės įtakos.

Turime ir jau kelioliką metų anglų kalba leidžiamą "Lituanus" žurnalą. Jis puikiai redaguojamas, akademiško lygio, gražiai techniškai apipavidalinamas, tačiau ne mūsų kalbamam reikalui leidžiamas - per aukšto lygio, ne platesnėms masėms skirtas. Toks laikraštis pradžioje galėtų išeiti kartą per mėnesį. Nuo pirmojo numerio jis turėtų būti pačių senosios

išeivijos lietuvių ar jų atžalų redaguojamas. Jo tikslas būtų propaguoti lietuvių garbę likti lietuviu, kuris, kaip dalis šio krašto gyventojų, darė ir daro šį kraštą "Great".

Naujai kuriamoje organizacijoje naujieji emigrantai neturėtų dalyvauti, nebent tik tie, kurie yra šiame krašte pradėję mokslus nuo pradžios mokyklos ir laisvai kalba angliškai. Priešingu atveju, čia vėl atsirastų "senieji" ir "dypukai", prasidėtų trynimasis, ambicijų susikirtimas, o to visko paseka būtų ginčai, skaldymasis.

Atskirai tektų spręsti senosios išeivijos organizacijų išjungimo klausimą. Reiktų dėti visas pastangas jas įjungti, bent jau neatstumti. Nekartoti prieš ketvirtį šimtmečio padarytų klaidų.

Mūsų keliamas klausimas tebėra tik studijinis. Prieš tai mes turime gerai pažinti Amerikoje gimusius lietuvių kilmės žmones, jų sukurtas organizacijas ir pabandyti surasti bendrą kalbą. Tai gali nesunkiai pavykti, nes sena "neapykanta", atsiradusi tarp senosios ir naujosios išeivijos prieš ketvirtį amžiaus, šiais laikais yra labai nedidelė, tik "nemalonus prisiminimas", kurį, abiem pusėm siekiant, būtų galima nesunkiai pašalinti ir tuo prisidėti prie lietuvių Amerikoje ir prie kovos dėl Lietuvos laisvės stiprinimo.

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("DRAUGAS")

## OPEN LETTER TO DRAUGAS

October 6, 1975

Mr. Bronius Kviklys  
c/o DRAUGAS  
4545 West 63rd Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60629

Dear Mr. Kviklys:

I read with dismay your editorial "Žuvusi ar Nežuvusi Lietuivybė", in DRAUGAS, Mon., Sept. 29, 1975. Although I am fluent in Lithuanian, I will respond in English, considering the subject matter of the editorial, and your expressed concern for the preservation of Lithuanianism among the English speaking Lithuanian community.

It was shocking and saddening to witness the apparent lack of knowledge displayed by an editor of a newspaper with the stature and respect of DRAUGAS! I truly find it hard to believe that you, as a representative of DRAUGAS, do not know about a Lithuanian American organization, in its 63rd year of existence, which was founded for and continues to serve the exact purposes that the new organization you propose aspires to achieve, namely the propaga-

tion of Lithuanian culture and appreciation among English-speaking Lithuanian Americans. This lack of knowledge on your part is astounding, considering the fact that the organization has a weekly column in your newspaper, that its national officers toured the DRAUGAS offices as a group just two years ago, that your publication runs regular news items and pictures of our activity regularly, and that another editor (Pr. Gr.) ran an excellent editorial in DRAUGAS also two years ago ("60 Metų Lietuvos Vyčių Veiklai", Aug. 4, 1973) extolling the virtues of the organization and its benefit to American Lithuanians.

True, we need an outlet for American Lithuanians





to discover their heritage, but such an organization already exists and is flourishing... The Knights of Lithuania (Lietuvos Vyčiai). We are at a complete loss to understand why you did not AT LEAST MENTION the Knights, but rather ignored it, and recommended the foundation of a NEW organization with almost identical requirements!

Perhaps you don't realize that the Knights of Lithuania (K of L) exists, or are not aware of its present status and structure. Please let me fill you in on what we are... in the hope that you will find it to your liking and perhaps the answer to your expressed need.



The K of L was formed in 1912 by a group of young immigrants who came to the USA and helped make it "great", but still had a love of their fatherland Lithuania. They founded the K of L to keep that love of Lithuania and its culture alive, for themselves, their children and their children's children. Today, about 80% of the more than 2000 members are descendants of the early immigrants... at least half of them do not speak Lithuanian at all... some speak it very little, others are fluent in both languages. We deviate, however, from your proposed organization in that we do not limit our membership to those born here or those who attended grammar school here. To us, the only requirements for membership are that a person be of Lithuanian parentage (at least in part), Catholic, and have pride in his or her Lithuanian heritage... WHEREVER he or she was born or educated. More recent immigrants from Lithuania ("dypukai") are most welcome to join, and their number in our group is growing. Both Lithuanian and English flow freely at our meetings and activities. Each speaks in a manner most comfortable to him. The Lithuanian-born help the English-speaking to learn Lithuanian, the American-born help their Lithuanian-born fellow knights to better their English. Together we work toward a united goal... to keep Lithuanianism alive and well in the USA and to bring about Lithuania's freedom from her Communist oppressors. The "nesugriaunama siena" you speak of doesn't exist in the K of L... "O gal mes ją jau sugriovėm..."

By the way... did you know that the K of L was in the forefront of finding homes and employment for

post WWII Lithuanian immigrants when they began arriving in the late 1940's?

Perhaps your objection to the Knights of Lithuania, is that it is Catholic, and as such, is not all-inclusive. But after all, aren't 90% (at least) of Lithuanians Catholic? And hasn't the Church been the fortress of Lithuanianism throughout the centuries? Lithuanian activity in the USA began with the establishment of Lithuanian Catholic Churches, and continues to revolve around them, and around other institutions built by religious orders, viz. DRAUGAS, DARBININKAS, Kultūros židinys, Maria High School, Lithuanian Jesuit Youth Center, Marianapolis, Immaculate Conception Convent, etc. etc. Support of Lithuanian Churches is support of Lithuanianism. The K of L, as a Catholic organization for Lithuanian Americans can surely be the haven for most of the "lost Lithuanian Americans" you're concerned about. Too, non-Catholics have never been ignored. Their ideas, assistance and attendance have always been welcomed at our activities and meetings.

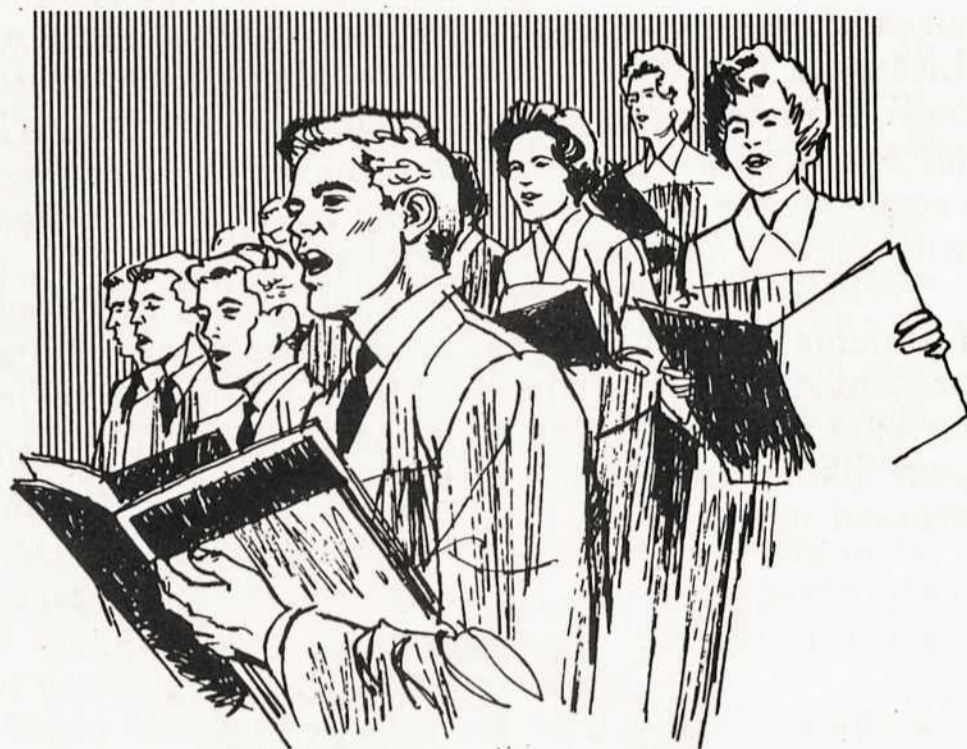


To be sure, your idea that an English-speaking organization can aid Lithuania in this USA melting-pot is valid. For nearly 30 years, the K of L has been engaged in a vast letter-writing and publicity campaign to keep the name of Lithuania alive, unsullied, and respected in these United States, through their well-known Lithuanian Affairs Committee ("Lietuvos Reikalų Komisija"), started and led so well by the late Rev. John Jutt-Jutkevicius until his death, and since then, by Anthony Miner, Jack Stukas, Denis Mazeika and now Rev. Casimir Pugevicius. Tens of thousands of letters have been sent to newspapers, congressmen, senators, presidents, etc. extolling the virtues of Lithuania and Lithuanians, asking for help in her fight for freedom and correcting misinformation written about her. We have participated in the campaigns to free Simas Kudirka, to keep the Voice of America on the air, to prevent USA recognition of Russia's occupation of Lithuania, and other important crusades. Our proficiency in the English language helped greatly, but our members whose English is a bit weak aided with their advice, moral support, etc. Incidentally, this committee has been copied by Bendruomenė and ALTAS, with our permission.



Our Lithuanian Cultural Committee sends out bulletins in English, to councils and members, giving information about Lithuanian culture and suggesting cultural activities. We have represented Lithuania in an endless number of International Festivals, have donated Lithuanian-subject books in English to libraries, produced and sold Lithuanian-learning records, and published booklets on St. Casimir, Our Lady of Siluva, and Religious Persecution in Lithuania. Chicago has a K of L Choir, directed by Faustas Strolia (a "D.P." member) and Kearny, N.J. has a Junior K of L Lithuanian Folk Dance Group, directed by Elena Nakrosis, a second-generation Lithuanian-American.

You suggested that the new organization must have its own publication, to reach those who do not read Lithuanian. The Knights of Lithuania has just such an organ, the VYTIS (THE KNIGHT), published monthly and sent to all members plus added subscribers. VYTIS just celebrated its 60th anniversary. Since 1927, it has contained articles in English in ever-increasing quantity. Today, as for the past 15 years or so, VYTIS is about 80% English language, but remains fully Lithuanian in spirit. VYTIS articles are aimed at making the reader proud of his Lithuanian heritage. We've commemorated the Čiurlionis 100th anniversary and Vilnius 650th anniversary and carried articles on Lithuanian Amber, Folk Dances, the "Daina", Rūta, outstanding shrines and other places of interest in Lithuania, and lessons in the Lithuanian language. We also present stories of famous Lithuanian personages, inform our members how best to celebrate important holidays in Lithuanian style, and let them know what is happening politically, culturally, etc. in the Lithuanian-American circles. As per your other requirement, VYTIS IS edited and prepared by a group of offspring of pre-WWII Lithuanian immigrants.



Your editorial speaks of the apparent lack of Lithuanian activity in the New England and the Mid-Atlantic states, yet most recently, several very outstanding events took place in those two areas. Last August, New York was the scene of the K of L 62nd National Convention and was attended by some 200 delegates plus several hundred guests from all over the USA. During that convention, we elevated Simas Kudirka to Honorary Membership in our organization, presented Robert P. Hanrahan with the coveted "Friend of Lithuania" Gold Medal Award for his work in helping free Simas Kudirka, donated \$1000 to the Lithuanian Committee for the Eucharistic Congress, presented one young member with a \$500 Scholarship (up to \$1000 is given in scholarships annually), commemorated the 60th Anniversary of VYTIS, issued a call to all Lithuanian organizations for unity, and considered other important organizational matters. Junior members from 6 states participated in their own special program during the convention, including folk dancing, Lithuanian crafts, etc. Earlier in August, Pennsylvania's "coal-mining" area Lithuanians had a massive Lithuanian Day. The K of L was there too, with a booth advertising the K of L and giving out information about it. Several new members joined as a result and contacts were made for new councils in that area. New England K of L-ers had a most successful Lithuanian Cultural Picnic (an annual event) yesterday, at Maironis Park, Mass., where they presented a variety of Lithuanian cultural exhibits, foods and entertainment and provided an opportunity for Lith Americans to meet and learn about their heritage.

The K of L has councils in California, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, etc. In Amsterdam and Syracuse, N.Y. K of L is the ONLY Lithuanian organization in existence. New councils are formed each year, the most recent in Syracuse, Scranton, Bridgeport. Washington, D.C. is in the process of organizing a council, South Dakota has inquired about how to organize, and we look to helping bring



more K of L councils into the "cradle of Lithuanianism", central Pennsylvania.

Your organization would allow various members of the Lithuanian family join, if all agreed. In the K of L, this is a foregone conclusion. We encourage families to join and even discount their dues as an incentive. Regular members must be at least 16, but younger Lithuanians may join Junior Councils, where under the guidance of their elders, they learn Lithuanian history, arts, crafts and participate in activities suited to their age group. Senior councils are optionally available for older members. The K of L has indirectly even served to initiate new families... many members have met their mates through K of L activity, a not-to-be-ignored side-benefit. To keep families together, we recently opened membership on a limited basis, to non-Lithuanians who are married to Lithuanians.

In answer to Mr. A. Dagys' suggestion that the new organization look to "intellectuals, priests, energetic businessmen" to assist in its formation, may I say that our existing organization is replete with people of varying walks of life... doctors, lawyers, professors, secretaries, priests, mathematicians, engineers, laborers, businessmen, housewives, etc. Each has something special to offer, each contributes something others cannot, each has an equal voice in promoting the goals of the organization.

The K of L has been in the forefront of many free-world major activities. We helped finance the Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington and prominently attended its dedication. We helped build the Lithuanian Shrine at the New York World's Fair and have built Lithuanian Crosses for many Lithuanian parishes. We were the only organization as such to have an excursion to Rome in 1970 for the blessing of the Lithuanian Martyrs' Chapel in St. Peter's. 75 members attended all the festivities... we also provided the organist for the Papal Mass and presented the only floral bouquets for the chapel. In 1972, the K



of L was the first Lithuanian organization to initiate cultural contacts with Lithuanians in South America. A K of L sponsored excursion of 53, including two soloists and a comedian, visited Lithuanians in Columbia, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Venezuela, presented concerts for and made friends with local Lithuanians there. Several groups have followed our example and continued the contacts started in 1972. We also sponsored trips to Lourdes, Fatima and other places of interest, and plan a trip to the Holy Land in 1976.

Finally, Mr. Kviklys, please accept the foregoing information in the spirit in which it is given. We do not need more organizations. We need to strengthen those that exist. The Knights of Lithuania is not perfect, but we must be doing something right if we've lasted 62 years, have published a National Organ continuously for 60 years and continue to attract new members. What we need from other Lithuanians, especially from members of the Lithuanian press is help in getting to that vast group of Lithuanian Americans who have not yet found a way to explore their heritage and learn to appreciate it. Working together toward this goal will help everyone, working against one another will only destroy what has already been built. Some other information is included herein for your information. Please feel free, and in fact encouraged, to reprint this letter, as is.

Thank you for your kind attention and patience. Lai gyvuoja "DRAUGAS"... Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai.

Nuoširdžiai,

Loretta I. Stukas  
VYTIS Editor



## MŪSŲ VEIKLOS REZULTATAI

Kai kas sako, kad Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija negausi, nykstanti. Tiems drąsiai galime parodyti vyčių veiklos vaisius. Štai jie. Vyčiai rašo laiškus Lietuvos laisvės reikatu, dalyvauja pavergtų tautų eisenose, pagerbia Amerikos žymius žmones, rengia nepriklausomybės minėjimus. Jaunimas buriasi į šokių grupes, Chicagoje jau 60 m. veikia choras. Turi savo namus ir t.t. Šiuo metu Illinois-Indiana apskritis susirūpino naujų narių verbavimu. Paskelbė konkursą, kuris truks nuo kovo 1 d. iki Liepos 4 d. Pirmajai premijai 50 dol. aukojo Ill. valstybės sen. F. Savickas. Ją gaus, kas surinks 20 naujų narių. Antrajai premijai Lackevičiaus laidotuvių namai paskyrė 25 dol. Ją gaus surinkęs 15 narių. Trečiąjį premijai Diamond valgykla aukojo 10 dol., kas surinks 10 narių. Naujų narių verbavimo blankų galima gauti pas Est.

Rogers, tel. WA-5-3948. Chicagos vyčiai, kibkime į darbą!

Vyčių namų skoloms ir išlaikymo išlaidoms mokėti pasisekė surinkti 6,661 dol. Kovo 15 d. vartotų gaminių pardavimas davė 436 dol. pelno. Namų patikėtiniai - Al. Mockus, Al. Zakarka ir kiti - rūpinasi lėšų telkimu. Taip pat didelis ačių priklauso ir aukotojams:

Illinois-Indiana apskritis, kuriam dabar pirmininkauja Al Brazis, smarkiai dirbo prieš Sovietų pastangas legalizuoti Lietuvos aneksiją. Daugelis rašė prez. Fordui ir kitiems laiškus. Apskritis priėmė rezoliuciją, smerkiančią "Detente" ir padėkojo Chicagos Tribunui bei žurn. Bill Anderson už pavojaus atidengimą.

Premijų ir stipendijų vadovė Ill-Indiana apskirtyje yra El. Laurin, kuri nuoširdžiai dėkoja už aukas: Al Braziui, J. Evans, J. Grybauskui, Gerry Mack, L. Paukštai,

Bal. Brazdžionis

Irene Sankus ir sen. Frank Savickui.

Birželio mėn. 4 d. 8:30 v.v. Ill-Indiana apskritis šaukia susirinkimą išrinkti delegatams į Vyčių Seimą. Šiemet vyčiai numato jame gausiai dalyvauti. Svarbu, kad kuopos savo kandidatus iš anksto parinktų ir pateiktų susirinkimui patvirtinti.

Lietuvos vyčių chorą jau 10 metų veda muz. F. Strolia. Šiuo metu choras ruošiasi įrašyti savo repertuarą į juosteles ir nusifilmuoti. Jei viskas bus tvarkoj, choras pasirodys televizijoje gegužės mėn.

Šie metai yra paskelbti kaip "Šventieji Metai". Daugelis vyčių jau yra pakėlę sparnus su ekskursija vykti į Romą. Liepos 4 d. savo namuose rengia tradicinį pikniką, kurio pirmininku išrinktas buvęs žymus sportininkas Harys Petraitis. Piknikas vyks savo namuose ir sode

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# JUNIORS CORNER

Edited by Marian Skabeikis

As autumn (ruduo) comes to an end, we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving (Padėkos diena). Thanksgiving is a family time, and a table surrounded by family and friends is a wonderful time to practice your Lithuanian. These words will help you to get a head start in your Lithuanian holiday vocabulary.

## THE TABLE SETTING

stalas	- table
kėdė	- chair
stiklinė	- glass
lėkštė	- plate (dish)
servetėlė	- napkin
peilis	- knife
šakutė	- fork
šaukštas	- spoon
gėlės	- flowers
staltiesė	- tablecloth

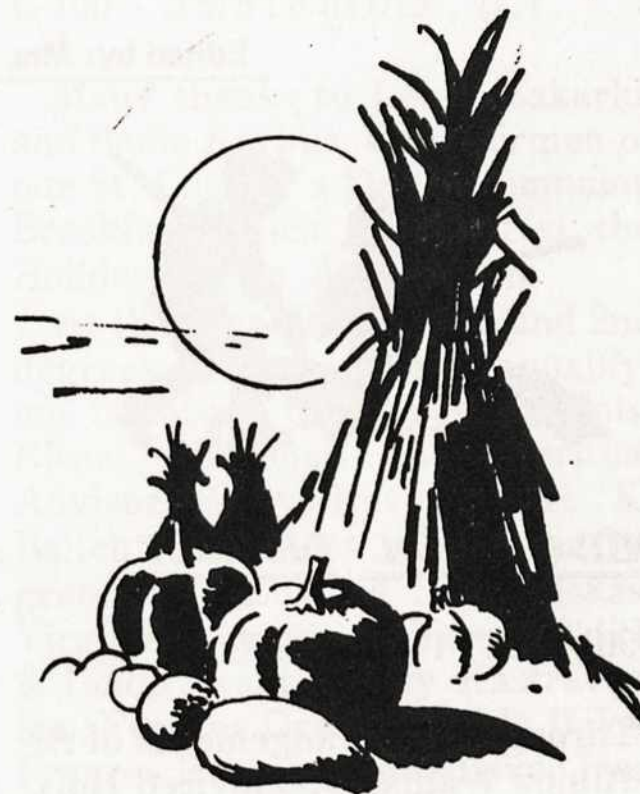
## THE MEAL

pietauti	- to dine
pietūs	- dinner
gerti	- to drink
maistas	- food
valgyti	- to eat
malda	- blessing (prayer)

## THE MENU

kalakutas	- turkey
bulvė	- potato
kopūstas	- cabbage
morka	- carrot
spanguolė	- cranberry
žirnis	- pea
svogūnas	- onion
obuolys	- apple
apelsinas	- orange
arbūzas	- pumpkin

Be sure that you try your new words during the month of November (lapkričio mėnuo).



## REMINDERS

Junior dues are due in January. Be sure that they are paid in plenty of time to insure the uninterrupted mailing of VYTIS to your Council. Dues are five dollars for each council per year, and are payable to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary, Teresa Trainis.

As your Council has its annual elections be sure to forward the names of your newly elected officers to Marian Skabeikis. While you are preparing your list of officers, why not take a few moments to let us know of your Council's plans and activities. One of the benefits of the Junior program is the chance to learn what other Juniors are doing.



# Vyčiai Veikia

## Council Activities



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### MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

#### C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Through the arrangements of Al & Albina Wallis, C-96 invited Holy Cross parishioners and friends to a covered dish supper in the church hall to meet with Mr. Paul Chalko, a prominent Lithuanian Cleveland attorney who flew into Dayton on May 3 with Mr. & Mrs. George Kadis (Albina's brother and his wife). Mr. Chalko had colored slides of his visit to Lithuania, Russia and Estonia in 1973. His pictures and stories made for an enjoyable evening. Memories were brought back to many who had been in the areas shown. The supper was superb and plentiful. Much thanks to Al, Albina, their son Bill, and Mary Lucas.

To Sue Mantz, Jr Advisor, and the Jrs., we hand out laurels of appreciation for a beautiful Mother's Day morning. It started with the traditional May Crowning of our Blessed Mother at the 8 AM Mass. Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, Jr. Pres., had the honor of placing the wreath on our Lady's head. Mary E. Petkus was crown bearer. Walter & Michael Lastoskas and

Jim Richey were the altar boys, Paul & Danny Petkus and Irene Gečas the Offertory Bearers. Annamarie Sluzas and Veda Gečas did the readings. Mary Agnes and a friend accompanied the Jrs as they sang out beautifully for the congregation. The Knights in a body paid tribute to the Blessed Mother, our living and deceased mothers. After Mass the Jrs served the parents and guests to a light breakfast. Some of the Jrs did readings on 'Mother' which they wrote themselves. It was a beautiful day.

We made our money... to break down one hour out of Dayton... to spend two hours on the highway for another bus... (It was great how many people stopped to see if they could help us)... battery went out before we could leave the motel to the bowling alleys... a flat tire found after the Saturday night dance... Frank and Karolyn Ambrose had their car stolen from the church parking lot... found a Pittsburg bowler's ball amongst our returned luggage... didn't come in first... one of our teams won the booby prize (last place)... thanks to Gus, Maryann and Greg Blum and Eloise Berczelly and Ray Gečas... this is what one calls an uneventful weekend. It was our bowling trip to the annual Mid-West Tournament. Thirty of us went on the bus with the Blums driving out. It happened May 16-18.

Two bright spots... Joan Kavalas won one of the money prizes with one of the game high

awards for the women. Anne Louise Conrady won a trophy for three game high series with handicap. The rest of us can boast of having a great time. Much thanks to the Pittsburg council and their committee.

On May 17 in Pittsburg, the Mid-Central Dist. had their annual meeting with a few new ideas brought up and election of officers. We congratulate Fr. Walter Katarskis, Dist. Spiritual Adv.; Elinor Sluzas, Pres.; Sally Miller, Sec'y.; Mary Lucas, Cultural Chrm.; Stan Vaitkus Ritual Chrm. May you all have a successful year ahead.

Dayton proved it again by the tremendous crowds that participated in the 2nd World A'Fair at the Dayton Convention Center, May 30 - June 1. It was body-to-body visiting the 30 countries represented. Warmth from the people projected and permeated the air. "Can't wait until next year" was the feeling as the closing came around. Aldona Ryan was chairman for the Lithuanian area, and is to be congratulated for the fine job. The ten Lithuanian booths were not crowded together so the public was able to enjoy the exhibits. George Mikalauskas' 16' cross set on a 4' platform which was cut out of Douglas fir took him 150 hours of labor and love. The cross was surrounded with a fence and the headstone of a Lithuanian motif used at their grave sites.

George received recognition of his work in our local Dayton Daily



Newspaper. Joe & Aldona Ryan will have the cross transferred and set in the woods in the back of their home. Knights involved with the occasion were Joe Ryan in charge of ticket sales; Elinor Sluzas, display chairman; Mary Lou Lastoskas, Kitchen Chrm. (our Lithuanian food sold out completely); Walter Lastoskas, Chrm. of the Lithuanian emblem Tee Shirts and Decals; Šarūnas Lazdinis, in charge of book & record sales; Joe/Eugenia Gecas, Leo/Elynor Matkins manning the artifax booth and answering many questions; Al/Albina Wallis sold out the ruta plants; Al made Lithuanian flags and window displays from stained glass; Ada Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas were at the egg decorating booth; Sally Miller had charge of the Christmas ornaments. Charles & Ruth Walusis' son, Mike, a Professor of Art at Youngstown U., was busy for the three days doing charcoal portraits. Our "Vėjeliai" dancers performed and were again well received. Many others from the Knights and Holy Cross Parish had their hand in making this project a success.

Our first Family Picnic on June 8 proved to be a success. Mother Nature smiled on us with a beautiful day. Much thanks to the Sports Committee headed by Denny Noreikas and Ed Sluzas for this occasion. John A. Berczelly, were you trying to knock sense into Joyce during that exciting Volley Ball game?

We are happy to see John Petkus on his feet after recent surgery. Our prayers are with Margie Grushas during her recuperative period. Speedy recovery, Margie. It was good to see Jerry & Cathy Roberts up for a visit from Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. Congratulations to Laima Rastikis upon receiving a scholarship for her Masters Degree and attaining a professor's assistantship in Political Science.

May 22 was set aside as a Day of Prayer for Lithuanians throughout the world. Holy Cross Parish also

participated in this occasion.

June 7 was Bowler Party Night at the Kavalauskas', Jim and Joan. Thank you! Joan & Diane Kavalauskas have taken on the bowling league for 1975-76 season. Booby awards were presented to Rita Ambrose and Rick Noreikas!

It was great to see Barbara Klevinsky from Chicago, in for a quick visit recently. Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz returned from their Las Vegas trip safe and sound. Won't tell us how much they lost.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Fran Petkus and her family on the loss of her father, Frank Baskis. May his soul rest in peace.

Very hearty congratulations are extended to John A. Berczelly and Joyce Boston on the occasion of their marriage May 10. Joyce, who has been pitching in on many of our projects, may now take a stronger hold into the council as a full pledged member. It was a beautiful day and a beautiful Mass on this special day. A very warm welcome to you, Joyce. Our sincere wishes for many blessings for a long, healthy and happy marriage.

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C-96 - John A. and Joyce Berczelly



### MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Many thanks to Leona Zakarka and Sadie Karbus, Co-Chairmen of our St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast which was held at the Holiday Inn in Amsterdam.

At the breakfast the 1st and 2nd degrees were given to the qualifying members by Mary Stanionis, Ritual Chairman and Spiritual Advisor, Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Recipients of the 1st Degree were: Edward Baranauskas, Virginia (Miciulis) Valikonis, Edith & Linda Orante, Judy Kastravickas, Frances Drzewicki, Ida Boice, Frances Bobines, Anna Love, Jean Maldutis, Vera Shatas, Helen Wojcik, Leona & Edward Zakarka, and Edward Ziausys; 2nd Degree: Helen Druziak, Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, Michael & Louise Kerbelis, Nellie, Elizabeth & William Liberis, Walter Rusilas, Mary Stanionis, Ann Sweet, Mildred Thomas, Joseph Valikonis, and Polly Ziausys.

The Liberis family played host to C-100 for the April meeting. Ed & Bill Liberis were given a hand by Joe Shatas at the refreshment counter, and Vera Shatas helped Nellie & Betty Liberis with the food.

Father Baltch managed to make the meeting. Due to an unfortunate skiing accident on Mar. 14, Father broke the small bones in both ankles. (Father had "walking casts" which were removed on Apr. 25). Father Walter Czechowicz, who assisted Father Grigaitis during Father Baltch's lay-up, was a guest at our meeting.



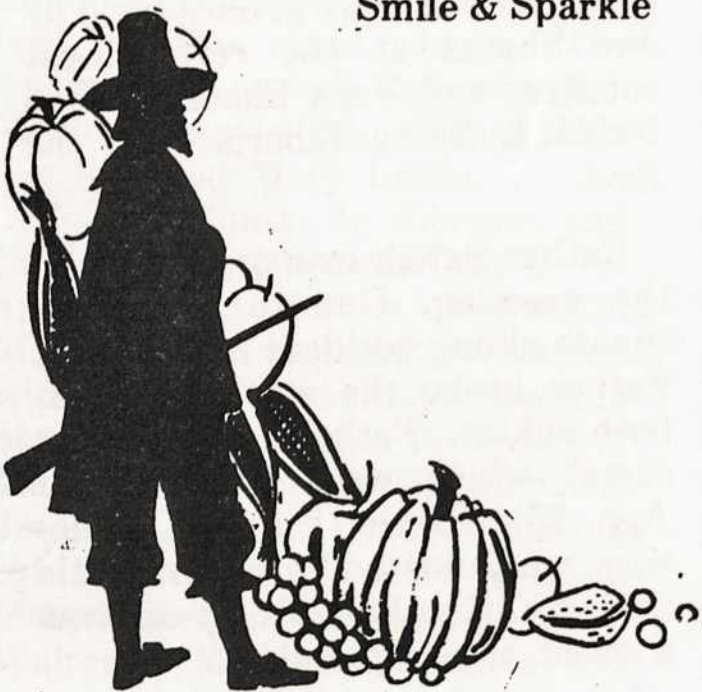


*Gene Gobis, Vytautas Gadliauskas and Polly Ziausys, at Feb. 16th Comm. of Lith. Independence.*

Ed Baranauskas spoke of the possibility of our country recognizing the Soviet occupation of the Baltic States. He had composed a petition which we signed, and we also promised to write to the President, Sec. of State, and our senators and congressmen. (Heard from the Nat'l. Lithuanian Affairs Chairman - Dr. Mazeika, that our letter campaign worked. The State Department released an official statement reassuring all concerned that the U.S. policy of non-recognition of Soviet incorporation of the Baltic States, will not change).

Pres. Tony Radzevich, wife Ann, Helen Radzevich and Ann Sweet toured Europe in May. Sophie Olbie spent Memorial Day weekend in Canada. Members Sadie & Charles Karbus and Rev. A. Grigaitis made the Lithuanian Religious tour of Europe in June. Lucky people!

Smile & Sparkle



*Peter & Ronnie Urba at the A.L.C. Hall where Peter was M.C. Peter was also the M.C. at Feb. 16th Commemoration of Lithuania's Independence at St. Casimir's Social Center.*

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.



*K. Šipaila*

#### K. ŠIPAILOS PAGERBTUVĖS

Newark, N.J. Lietuvos Vyčių 29 kuopa gegužės 3 d. pagerbė savo veiklą pirmininką Kazį Šipailą. Pagerbtuvėse dalyvavo 250 asmenų. Į salę žengianti pirmininką pasitiko Rozalija Žukauskienė, prisegė jam gėlę ir palydėjo iki garbės stalo, gausiai plojant publikai.

Vyčių dvasios vadas kun. J. Šernas sukalbėjo maldą, o Liudas Stukas padainavo keletą dainų. Visi pagerbtuvių dalyviai nuotaikingai sugiedojo Ilgiausių Metų.

Prof. dr. Jokūbas Stukas vaizdžiai apibūdino K. Šipailos vytišką veiklą ir pabrėžė, kad jam šis pagerbimas yra suruoštas ne kaip



*C-100 - Tony Radzevich, Pres. and Nat'l Trustee, preparing sausages at their fall meeting held at Lake Galway, N.Y.*

generolui, bet kaip tauriam lietuviui, kurio dėka 29 kuopa yra pati lietuviškiausia organizacija šioje parapijoje.

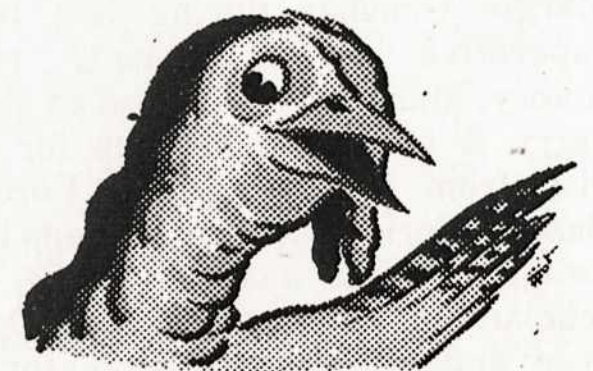
Ta proga solemnizantą sveikino L.B. New Jersey apygardos pirm. Kazys Jankūnas ir lietuviškų mokyklų inspektorius Antanas Masionis. Be to, žilis sveikino veteranų vardu, V. Audėnas - Balfo, Purnas - L. Tarybos ir kiti. Sveikinius baigė šių pagerbtuvių pirm. Albinas Žukauskas.

Eva Sharon ir A. Radick įteikė dovaną - Mindaugo medalį ir Lietuvos valstybinį ženklą Vytį.

Kazys Šipaila, sujaudintas tokiomis gražiomis pagerbtuvėmis, nuoširdžiai padėkojo valdybai, surengusiai šias iškilmes, ir visiems, gausiai susirinkusiems dalyviams.

Vaišės ir šokiai truko iki 1 val. nakties.

A. Žukauskas







ILLINOIS-INDIANA

DISTRICT

## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The Fourth of July was a sunny, warm day and members of the District were prepared for their annual picnic. People came and filled the hall, as well as the garden.

Chairman Harry Petraitis, with his committee: Algird Brazis, Irene Sankus, John Evans, Estelle Rogers, Al Zakarka, Emilija Pakalniškienė, Helen Petraitis, Aldona Zunas and Gerry Mockus spent many hours on the planning stages.

Wally Tenclinger and his band provided the exciting dancing and listening music.

We were pleased to see Fr. A. Stašys, Fr. P. Juknevičius, Fr. J. Savukynas, Alderman K. Jakšy.

Membership Chairman John Norusis presented the winners of the New Members contest: 1st. Estelle Rogers, 2nd. Sabina Klatt and 3rd. John Auksciunas. We are grateful to the donors of the prizes: State Senator Frank Savickas, Richard Shlaustas, owner of Diamond Head Restaurant, and Lack & Sons Funeral Home.

Waltz and Polka contest judges were Vince Samoska, Irene Norusis and Eleanor Zapolis.

There were many entrants for the Kugele contest. Skaniausia kugeli iškepė Adele Sankus.

We are thankful to the donors of the ticket prizes. K. Petruliene won the fur jacket donated by Norman Burnstein. A. Brazis

donated a case of champagne. There was a \$25. gift certificate to Gifts International by J. Evans & Sons Funeral Home Ltd. Other donors were Club Roma, M. & J. Juska, Knights Inn, L. Pauksta, H. Petraitis, Charlie Austin, J. Nauseda, G. Mack, I. Sankus, A. & P. Jasaitis, Gintaras Lounge, Westwood Liquors, Roseann's Tavern & J. Norusis.

The Juniors under the guidance of Frank Zapolis had two game booths. Untiring K. Petruliene was in charge of the kitchen which served so many goodies. G. Mack & M. Kasper worked very hard at the successful Chance Game Booth.

Liquid refreshments were handled by P. Jasaitis along with his army of helpers who did their best to serve all. Bar cashiers were Sophie Nieminsky and A. Jasaitis.

The day was a success and our thanks to those mentioned, and the many we were unable to name. We look forward to seeing all our friends next year.

The District in conjunction with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce held a golf outing at Palos Country Club. All the women golfers were attending the Convention. From our male representation, R. Shlaustas was a winner.

Several Chicagoans attended the Mid-Atlantic Nat'l. Conv. and the reports have been stupendous. We received rave reviews about "Lietuviškas Linksmavakaris", the evening the "Vilija" Women's Quartet under the direction of Louis Stukas performed.

We were so pleased to learn that Chicagoan Robert Hanrahan was the recipient of the "Friend of Lithuania" Award.

Sincerest congratulations to Leon Pauksta on his successful term of office as S.C. Pres.

The Convention presented its condolences to the family of the late Leonard Simutis who was well known & liked by many.

Širdingai ačiū to the Mid-Atlantic Dist. for giving us a superb Convention. Dayton, we are looking forward to seeing you in '76.

Our thanks to Emily Petraitis and Adele Zunas for the successful Bake Sale which was held recently.

May this coming Thanksgiving Day bring you love and peace.

Hoosier

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

The efforts of the hard-working committee made our IID July 4 Picnic a great success. The Garden and K of L Building was jammed to capacity. Council members that did their bit were: Harry/Emily Petraitis, Al/Aldona Brazis, Irene Sankus, Gerry Mack, Estelle Rogers, Adeline/Pete Jasaitis, Ed Krivickas, Eleanore Laurin, Sophie Nieminski, Louis/Bernadine Rogers, John Evans, Dell Zunas, Aldona Gylys, Monica Kasper, Barbara Klevinsky, Al/Julie Zakarka, Al Raubiskis, Al Matulis.

Among the lucky prize winners were: Monica Kasper (winner of a case of Champagne donated by Al Brazis), Juozas Juska (Camera donated by Charlie Austin), Steve Lack (Liquor bottle donated by Harry Petraitis), and Rich Janik (a super king-size bologna donated by Joe Nausedas).

Our council was well represented at the 62nd Nat'l. Conv. by Ed Krivickas (who served on the Presidium as Sgt-at-Arms), Monica Kasper and Sophie Nieminski (members of the Mandate Committee), Estelle Rogers, Eleanore Laurin, Dolores Wainauskas, Al/Julie/Marie Zakarka, Barbara Klevinsky, Ceil Kincie, Beana Montville and Dell Zunas. Leon Pauksta and Irene Sankus represented the IID.

Best wishes to Irene, who after fulfilling her 3 year term as Nat'l. Treas., was elected Trustee.

Super congratulations to Marie Zakarka who was awarded one of the Junior Conventionships. The Juniors had a full schedule, and everyone enjoyed all of the activities planned by the committee.

Congratulations to Estelle Rogers - Top winner of the New Members Drive at the Convention. She received a beautiful Lithu-



anian wood carving. Our council also received 3rd Place in the Drive. Estelle also won the Membership Drive in the Ill-Ind Dist. and received a \$50. cash award donated by our own State Senator Frank Savickas. John Auksciunas received 3rd place in the IID Drive and received a cash award, plus dinner for two at the Diamondhead Restaurant, all donated by Rich Shlaustas. Steve Lack and Sons donated the \$25. cash award for 2nd place which was won by Sabina Klatt of C-36.

Our K of L Choir recently performed during the ethnic program at the Chicago stop of the Freedom Train and at a special Bi-Centennial program at the International Stock Exhibition.

Condolences to Gerry Mack and to Sophie Beinoras on the death of their fathers.

Council officers continued to make plans for upcoming activities at the monthly board meetings. Al/Ruth Dagus, Gerrie/Al Mockus, and Dolores Wainauskis hosted the July, August & September meetings, resp.

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*John Stoskus, C-103 Sr. and Rev. Albin Janiunas, NED Spiritual Advisor*



### **NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT**

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On May 4 at St. Joseph's Church in Waterbury, Conn., C-7's late Pres. James Valaitis hosted the Spring NED Convention. Pastor Geo. Vilciauskas greeted the delegates & guests, and Prof. Alexander Aleksis spoke about Founder's Day. The Mandate Committee reported delegates present from 9 councils. The District will continue its observance of St. Casimir's Day as a yearly event. It was tried this year for the first time and proved successful. This observance will be held one week prior to local observances. Words of greeting were extended to Rev. V. Martinkus of Providence, R.I., on his 40th year of priesthood, and to Rev. A. Nauzunas of Brockton, Mass. on his 25th anniversary. A donation of

\$50. was sent to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid for pamphlets received. Committees to screen candidates for the Dist's. "Friend of Lithuania" Award, and a uniform funeral ritual were formed. Marion Dillis of Brockton & Benedict Coach of Westfield were selected as delegates to the Nat'l. Conv., with Mary Minkus of Westfield and Theresa Traines of Bridgeport as alternates. A pleasant interlude from the business of the Conv. was provided by John Beinoris, organist for St. Joseph's Church, Waterbury, with his sextet who provided a fine repertoire of Lithuanian songs. We wish to thank Co-chairmen John Alanskas & Patricia Richards for the fine manner in which they handled the event, the hard working kitchen crew, and all the members of C-7 for their hospitality.

The NED held a Holy Year, Holy Hour at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, Mass. at 4 P.M. on May 18. The service opened with a hymn, followed by homilist, Rev. Albin F. Janiunas, Dist. Spiritual Advisor. Before the closing hymns, there was a New Testament reading by Rev. Albert Contons, former Nat'l. Spiritual Advisor.

A fine group of K of L'ers from the Dist. gathered in Kennebunkport, Me., at the Franciscan



*2nd Vice Pres. Susan Boroskas, Longinas Svelnis, Frank Yonika, Rev. V. Martinkus, attending the NED Convention in Providence, R.I.*





*Octogenarians attending the NED Convention, Felix Zaleskas, Mrs. P. Grendal, Mrs. A. Wadluga*



*St. Andrew's Church Choir, New Britain, Ct. M.C. John Stoskus, C-103 at Maironis Park*

Monastery on June 27-29 for a few days of reflection and religious exercise. Fr. Justin Vaskys, OFM, our retreat master, did an excellent job in establishing dialogue among us in our conferences, and with his keen sense of observation of the current scene in relation to the church. We do hope in the future that more of our fellow K of L'ers will participate. A pat on the back to Anthony Miner and Dorothy Sinkavich, both of Worcester, for the fine job as co-chairmen of the retreat.

The Dist. sponsored its annual Family Picnic on July 20 at Packard's Heights Pond, No. Orange, Mass. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Senk of New Britain, Conn., and members of Athol-Gardiner C-10, were hosts to a group of happy members from Worcester, Westfield, So. Boston and Bridgeport. A fine time was had by all, although rain did chase the guests reluctantly away just before supper. Let's hope next year the weather will cooperate. A heartfelt thanks to our hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Senk, for their hospitality.

The Fall Dist. Conv. was held Sept. 28 at St. Casimir's Church, Westfield, Mass., hosted by C-30.

Joseph White

#### C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

John Walaska and Irene Landanski received their 3rd degree during the NED Holy Year Holy Hour at Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston.



*Rev. A. Contons, Mrs. Vic. Mathieu and Mrs. Bertha Stoskus*

Father A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Beatrice Mathieu, Ruth Krecioch, and Bertha Stoskus received their 4th degree during the recent Nat'l. Conv. in New York. This was the first time in our organization's history that three sisters received the 4th degree together. Our felicitations are extended to all degree recipients.

Father V. Martinkus officiated at the Nuptials of his niece Sylvia to Romas Leparskis in Toronto, Canada.

Congratulations to Dr. John Cunningham on his appointment as

Director of the Pawtucket Memorial Hospital's Family Care Unit. This is to be a training area for the development of family doctors. His spouse Biruta helped with the moving chores.

The Most Rev. Daniel Reilly, D.D., was recently ordained a Bishop, and enthroned as the Spiritual leader of the Norwich, Conn. Diocese. Bishop Reilly served the Providence Diocese in many capacities. His warmth and fatherly interest in St. Casimir's of Providence will be missed by our Lithuanian parishioners.

Father Ed Budrecki, M.I.C., underwent surgery at Day Kimball Hosp. in Putnam, Conn. After a recuperation period at his brother Herbert's home in New Jersey, Father returned to his duties at Marianapolis in Thompson, Conn.

Two of our members are now in college: Regina Krecioch at R.I. Junior College, and Paul Stoskus at Yale University.

The Supreme Council has requested the Lithuanian Priest's League to appoint Father A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., of Providence College as our organization's new Nat'l. Spiritual Advisor.

One of the highlights of our 62nd Nat'l. Conv. was the Honorary Membership award given Simas Kudirka. He is an inspiration to all who come in contact with him.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Helen Shields and her Convention Committee for a difficult task, well done. Ačiū!

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## C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

We ran the gamut of emotions from joy to sadness to nostalgia as our Parish, Our Lady of Vilna, commemorated its 50th Golden Jubilee on May 25. Our members played an important role in the celebrations, having volunteered for specific assignments. The day was bright and clear. Dottie March had conducted choir rehearsals, and the music was perfect. Our former organist, Bill Burdulis, helped with the singing and musical arrangements. Mary Sviklas was organist. Concelebrants at the Mass, in addition to our Pastor, Rev. Alphonse Volungis, included the Bishop of the Diocese, Bernard J. Flanagan; Fr. John Bakanas, who formerly served here; Fr. Albin Yankauskas, who was born and brought up in the parish, served as an altar boy; Asst. Pastor & Administrator, Fr. Doyle; Fr. Valentine Atkocius of Marianapolis; and Fr. Miciunas, Pastor of St. Casimir's. Two older parishioners, Mrs. Mikalina Kersis and Mr. Anthony Tamulevich, whose brother Fr. Michael Tamulevich, now deceased, served as pastor here, brought up the Offertory gifts, - and representing the younger members were Johnny March and Patricia Yurkenas.

After the 11 A.M. Mass, about 400 people crowded the hall at Maironis Park for the Golden Jubilee Banquet. Seated at the head table were the Bishop, Fr. Volungis, Mr. & Mrs. J. Adamaitis, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Tamulevich, Mr. & Mrs. S. Wackell, Joseph Glavickas, Fr's. Bakanas, Steponaitis, Yankauskas, Puidokas & Miciunas. The parishioners were thrilled to see our former pastor, Msgr. C. A. Vasys, who served here for 40 years. (Our Parish is really his monument). But Msgr. was overcome and could not be seated at his place at the head table and had to be returned home to the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn.



C-116 — Helen Dwaltas cleaning up at Our Lady of Sorrows Convention in Brockton, Mass.

The main attraction at the banquet was the beautiful singing of George Lisauskas of Lawrence, whose voice was compared to the late Mario Lanza. Vytenis Vasyliunas of Somerville was accompanist, and his mother introduced the musical program. Dinner music was played by John Bunevich at the organ. It was an event filled with nostalgia for the early founders, their hopes, dreams and struggles to establish our beautiful church. We are deeply grateful to those people, and now it is up to us and future generations to keep what we have.

Two of our members, Tony Miner and Mrs. Irene Adamaitis, received their 3rd Degree medals in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston on May 18 during the NED Holy Hour, in a fitting ceremony with Fr. Janiunas & Fr. Contons officiating.

Our NED weekend retreat with the Franciscan Frs. at Kennebunkport, Me., was truly enjoyable, thanks to the great planning job done by our own Dotty Sinkavitch & Tony Miner. This year we were joined by members from Bridgeport and New Haven, Conn.

Anna Miller & Emily Gudzevicius of C-26 enjoyed themselves so much, they stayed on for a few extra days.

Thanks to the hospitality of Mr. & Mrs. Senks of the Bridgeport council, the NED family outing was held at their summer home in Athol, Mass. There was plenty of swimming, boating, and good food. Ruth Ciras, Helen Daltwas, Ann Markvenas, Trudy Zibinskas & Anna Miller of our Council attended this year's gathering. (The same group got together for a week at Cape Cod).

Joseph Krasinskas hosted the gathering of the Sinkavitch clan at his summer camp. Might not be a bad idea to have a council meeting there next year; in this way, we could get Joe to attend the meeting!

Dot Sinkavitch & Rita Skamarock spent a week at Lake George; then Dot and Claire Grigaitis of C-26 were off to Montreal & the Gaspe Peninsula. Mary (Balukonis) & Vic Mrozinski (who just returned from the island of Martinique) and Irene (Balukonis) & Harold Ostrowski made their annual trek to Hampton Beach, N.H. Their sister, Aldona Lozaraitis, joined them. Dot & Bart March and their lovely family spent the entire summer at their vacation home at Cape Cod.

We received a call from former member John Puras, now living in Cocoa Beach, Fla., who wishes to be remembered to all his old friends. He extends an open invitation to anyone visiting in that area.

Once again, we extend condolences to families of some of our dear K of L friends. Our sincerest sympathy goes to the Valaitis family of Waterbury, Conn., on the passing of Jimmy. He was long an able leader of C-7, and a friend of ours for many years. Also to the Shilalie & Ankstis families, we extend a deepfelt sympathy on the death of Tillie Shilalie of C-26.

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## C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

To take you back a bit...

Walter Arbachauskas, a student deacon, was the main speaker at Our Lady Society of the Church of the Good Shepherd at its annual banquet at the Garden Gate Restaurant in Seymour last February. The Lithuanian flag was flown in front of the City Hall on Feb. 16, and Mayor Michael Adanti issued a proclamation declaring this day as Lithuanian Independence Day. The flag was purchased by our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul, and the details were handled by Casey Svelnys. Our members collected funds for the Nat'l. Foundation for Lith. Independence after all Masses, with good response from everyone.

Our annual Communion Breakfast was held Mar. 2 after the 8:30 A.M. Mass in the church hall. Fr. Paul gave the invocation. The breakfast prepared by our "Smiling Chef" Jack Tyson, with assistance from our members, was thoroughly enjoyed. Lil & Stan Twerian were installed into the 2nd Degree by Al Barauskas, Ritual Chairman.

Your prayers are asked for Lee Gray's father who passed away in April, and his son-in-law who passed away last May.

Our members enjoyed themselves immensely at "A Night at the Races" held by Waterbury C-7. Fr. George was there with his winning smile, and Fr. Ray dropped in to say hello to all his friends. Delegates from our council attending the NED Spring Conv. held May 4, hosted by Waterbury C-7, were Leon Barauskas, Anthony Chepulis, Frances Barsevich & Ruth Tyson. Alternates were Ann Barauskas & Ann Ramanauskas. There were also other of our members present, including Fr. Ray. All we heard was "good hosts, good food, good music, good Convention". Another group attended the Amber Ball hosted by Bridgeport C-141. Casey Svelnys won two door prizes!

Father Paul had a bit of bad luck suffering a relapse from his last illness, and is convalescing in Canaan, Conn. All of us are praying for Father's quick recovery and hope to see him soon.

Mary Slavin from Hamden and Mitzie Kolinofsky from Seymour were installed as new members on May 7. We are glad to have you in our group!

Congratulations to Father Raymond who celebrated the 17th year of his ordination into the priesthood at a special evening Mass on May 15. Fr. Ray expressed his gratitude to the many people who filled the church, and a good number dropped in at the rectory to offer their congratulations.

This year we celebrated our council's 25th Anniversary with a scrumptious (as usual) pot-luck supper before our regular meeting. A tentative date of Oct. 18 was selected for our Silver Ball, with Co-chairmen Anthony Chapulis & George Martin heading the committee. (Practically everyone at the meeting volunteered to help).

Lee & Olga Gray vacationed in Jamaica (Olga calls it "Paradise"). Dot Martin has been doing an excellent job typing up our Church Bulletin and having it printed up each week. Congratulations to John Sabulis who was elected to the Parish Council. We now have eight C-135 members on the Council.

Much happiness to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeGennaro who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Land'n Lake Restaurant in Oxford. This lovely couple were married in St. Anthony's Church on Apr. 19, 1925. They belong to one of our very proud members, Lillian Norwid. Congratulations, too, to Donna & Kestutis Svelnys on the marriage of their son, Leonard, to Linda Foster. The marriage ceremony was performed by Fr. Raymond Yuskauskas here at St. Anthony's on May 9. The reception followed in the church hall, where placed on the head table was an old-fashioned Lithu-

anian wedding cake. 'Tis said that 100 eggs went into its making.

Events to help celebrate St. Anthony's 60th Anniversary were "A Nite at the Races" held June 6 chaired by Lillian Poehailos, and a Parish Fair on June 15 headed by Gen'l. Chairman Stan Twerian, and Co-chairman Jack Tyson & Bob Trella. We thank the many members who assisted the chairmen with the above socials, and to those who donated in various ways. Casey arranged to have the Lithuanian Folk Dancers from Waterbury perform at the Fair in the afternoon. They were a hit with everyone. Nice to see John Alanskas from Waterbury attending both affairs.

Ruth & Jack Tyson feel great. Their son Robert won 3rd prize in the 1975 Advanced Jr. Scholarship Pipe Organ Contest sponsored by the Conn. Valley Theater Organ Society.

Eva, we miss you!

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## C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

The NED Council of the K of L held their annual family picnic on July 20 at the summer cottage of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Senk on Packard Heights Pond, Athol. Approximately 60 K of L's were in attendance, - and swimming, boating, picnicking, singing, and fellowship were the order of the day until the rains came. A big thank-you to the Senks for their hospitality.

Mrs. Margaret Senk was our council's delegate to the Nat'l. Conv. held in New York in August.

Miss Nellie Melaika attended the summer board meeting of the Mt. Grace Region Business & Professional Women's Club held recently in Auburn. She gave a report on the Foundation to state officers and delegates.

The Genaitis' are grandparents again. Both their daughter Lillian Erickson, and son Richard, welcomed daughters three days apart. Congratulations to the parents and to the grandparents. The Genaitis' spent five weeks with their



daughter and family in the Chicago area.

Mary Gauronsky rested for a few days on the Cape as part of her summer vacation. Lennie Davidonis relaxed around the Athol area, boating and fishing. Bill Wisnauskas spent his vacation painting his home.

St. Francis Parish held their annual summer picnic at the Lithuanian picnic grounds in Gardner, which was attended by hundreds of parishioners and friends from the area. Our Howie Beaudette was in charge of the food. Howie, again this year, was Chef at the Lithuanian Scout Camp.

Council members were in attendance at the Sister's Picnic in Putnam, Conn.

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#### C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Our thoughts are far from collected following a lazy-hazy summertime! Hence, we're bound to omit a few pertinent bits of information relating to our council that will, therefore, from necessity, appear in another issue. Here's what comes to mind right now:

We have a star! Marilyn Buckley, daughter of Bill and Anne, this summer won a gold and a bronze medal in swimming at the State Special Olympics. She also won four first prizes in track for the County Special Olympics. We're very proud of Marilyn!

The June retreat at Kennebunkport, conducted by Father Justin, OFM, was well attended by our council. Adele & Francis Degutis, Claire Grigaitis, Helen Gillus, Rita Pinkus, Anne Bucinskas, Adele Ulevich, Emily Gudzevich, and Frances Grigas all attested to a fine recollected weekend.

Our member, Tillie Shilale, died in July, we are most saddened to report. A delegation in good number represented our council at her funeral, and we extend to her son and other members of her family

our profound and sincere sympathy.

The annual council picnic held last June at Maironis Park was another huge success. Co-chairpersons were Rita Pinkus and Joe Sakaitis. Their assistants were Adele & Francis Degutis, Helen Gillus, Anne Bucinskas, Claire Grigaitis, Emily Gudzevich, Ann Bender and Olga Kersis.

Father John C. Jutt's anniversary Mass was held on June 26. Father's twin brother priests concelebrated with our pastor, Father Miciunas, and a coffee hour followed in the church hall. Meeting with our late pastor's family each year is sad, yet recalling pleasant memories is quite consoling to everyone present.

Father Michael Tamulevicius' anniversary was commemorated with Mass on Sept. 9.

Co-chairpersons Adele & Francis Degutis and Joe Sakaitis, scheduled the bowling season to begin on Sept. 11.

We congratulate Tony Miner of C-116 on his election as President of the Supreme Council. And we congratulate our own council members, Rita Pinkus as Treasurer and Anne Bender as Secre-



tary. All were elected at the Nat'l. Conv. in New York in August. Also in attendance were Helen Gillus and Anne Bucinskas.

We expect our sick list to reduce drastically with the full recovery of Alexander Kardokas, Adele Ulevich, Kazys Adomavicius and Tony Morkunas. Hope each will be well in record time!

The NED Cultural Picnic took place at Maironis Park on Oct. 5, - another annual cultural success! A good number of us planned to meet in Westfield for the fall NED Convention.

Our annual dinner dance took place Oct. 25 at Maironis Park and with the excellent planning by the committee, it was a gala night. Joe Zalieckas was chairman, assisted by Marion & Arthur Racicot, Donna & Mike Murphy, Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus and Joe Sakaitis.

Planning the annual fall clam-bake were Bill & Carol Grigas, Ellie & Steve Walinsky, Adele & Francis Degutis.

You wonder why the summer meetings are so great? We'll tell you why! Various members come forth to offer their homes, or summer homes, for these outdoor meetings and everyone, but everyone, attends! The July meeting was held this year at the summer home of Ellie & Ronald Valinski on Lake Lashaway in Brookfield. The August meeting was held at the summer home of Rita & Ted Pinkus on Turkey Hill Pond in Rutland. Food, friends, moods, etc., all excellent! Grateful thanks to these members of ours!

Speaking of generous souls, if Ellie & Steve Walinsky are rewarded a hundredfold for their distribution of peaches from their orchard in West Millbury, well, wow, there's a new industry in the offing! Same goes for Frannie Grigas and her mom who most generously distribute to us city folk the bounty of their garden. We have one fine population within our council!

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## C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

The NED's Spring Convention was held in Waterbury hosted by C-7. After the 11 AM Mass, Ed and Antoinette White prepared a delicious "Brunch" at the Clubrooms. They were assisted by Honorary Chairman John Alankas, Chairman Patricia Richards, and Co-Chairman Lillian Paulauskas. It was nice to meet everyone again and to catch up on the news. We then adjourned to the School Hall for our meeting where Rev. George Vilciauskas, Chaplain, welcomed delegates and guests. Dist. Pres. Al Jaritis smoothly conducted the meeting, and Mr. A. Aleksis, recently back from a trip to Florida with his wife Marcella, gave a talk on Founder's Day and was his usual loquacious and interesting self. The Mandate Committee reported a total of 70 Delegates representing 9 Councils, making this a successful Convention. Supper was served after the meeting, and the delegates left for home, after "socializing" with their K of L friends. The next Dist. Conv. will be held in Westfield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Aleksis, our "newly-marrieds", returned from their several month's stay in Florida, just in time for the Convention. Hope you soaked up that good old Miami sun to last you till the winter!

Our Chaplain, Rev. Vilciauskas, who is becoming a very popular guest speaker, was pictured in the Hartford Times with the Pres. of the Blessed Mother Sodality and Pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Hartford, at their recent Communion Brunch.

We had a busy schedule this past Spring. In addition to hosting the NED Conv., we held a "Nite At The Races" which was a huge success, thanks to Ron Shortell and his untiring committee. A Supper Meeting was held in June honoring Joseph Samoska, Sr., who did so much for the K of L and St. Joseph's Parish, not to forget many local organizations in many

ways. We were very glad to be able to say "thanks" in our own small way. Twenty-two of our members attended the "First Amber Ball" given by the new council in Bridgeport, Conn. A good time was had by all, and we congratulated Bridgeport on the acceptance of their Charter that nite.

Dot Alankas was on the "Disabled list" again - on crutches with a badly twisted ankle. She is doing fine and will be back in the swing of things in no time. Mary Undraitis is sporting a new Nova around town. Good luck with your new car, Mary! Nell Diggles took advantage of the school vacation to take a trip to Florida, and returned in time to help with the Convention. Our Housemen planned another fishing trip to Cape Cod, and their wives (who refused to be left behind) accompanied them.

Plans were made by our members to attend the Cultural Picnic in Shrewsbury at Maironis Park in the Fall.



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