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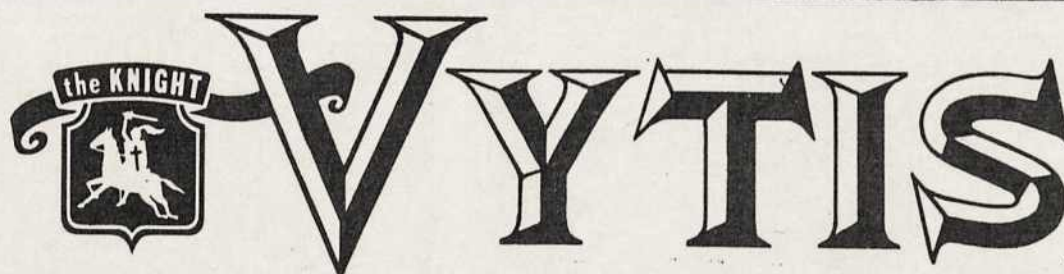
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### THE MODERN CATHOLIC CHURCH

When we concentrate our undivided attention upon our motto, "Dievui ir Tėvynei", (the first part of it: "for God"), we are in reality including three ideas, not just one. To us "for God" really means: for God, for Christ, for the Church. Our K of L motto "for God" is one word, yet it is manifested in three concepts: God in Himself, God in Christ and God in His Church. As Knights of Lithuania we dedicate ourselves to God as our Goal, as our Guide and as our Guardian. Christ is our Guide and the Catholic Church is our Guardian.

In this article we shall focus upon the third concept: God in His Church - our Guardian in the Modern World.

### BLOWN ABOUT BY WINDS OF CHANGE

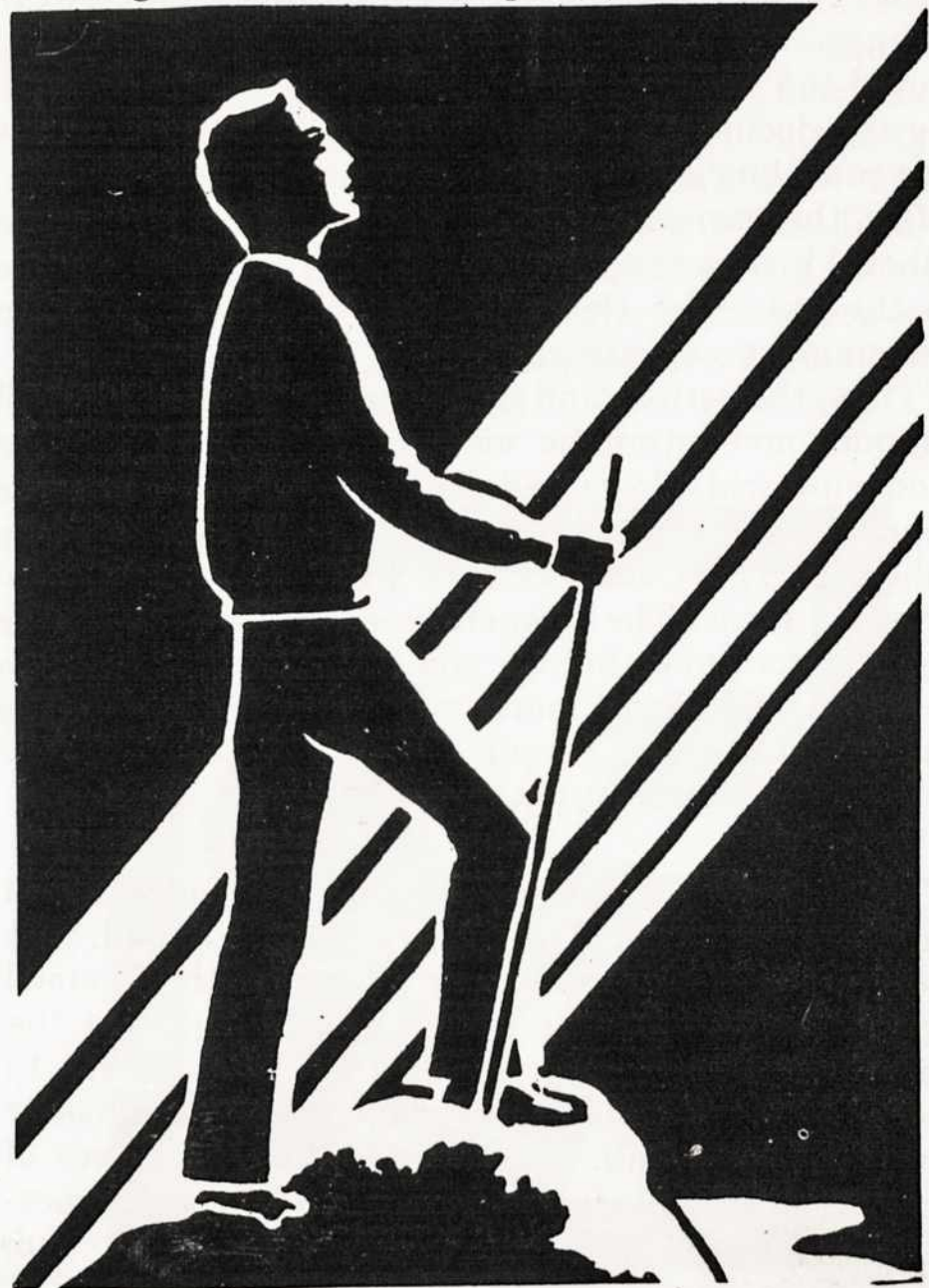
During the past ten years or so, you know, as well as I do, that an enormous amount of confusion and uncertainty has swelled up within the Catholic Church. Things have come to such a pass that a huge bubble seems almost ready to burst. Ever since the end of the Second Vatican Council, we poor Catholics have been blown about by the winds of change. We sometimes feel that our feet are not touching the solid ground of the Faith of the "good, old days". We reach out in our dizzy flight to catch hold of something to steady us, but the passing tree branch we strive to clutch at snaps off. And we go off spinning again amid the new ideas and practises of the Church in our modern world. At times it is most disheartening to notice what is happening to the Church we believe in and which we love.

We pick up the daily paper and read items such as these: conscientious priests and teachers are alarmed at present day trends in Catholic education and at the books prepared by the so-called catechetical experts; thousands of priests and sisters have abandoned their vocations; in one survey in a Catholic High School in Memphis, Tennessee, 90% of the Juniors and Seniors thought that every means of artificial contraception was permissible; seminarians in one Seminary out West declared that they did not believe in Original Sin; Seminary professors here and there are teaching that it is possible to accept and believe that Joseph was the physical father of Jesus, or, (what is worse) that Jesus was the son of some Roman soldier with whom Mary had an affair! These were items I chanced upon in one edition of the CATHOLIC REGISTER and are but a few of the

samples of the confusion prevalent in our beloved Church today. For many Catholics these become proofs that the Church is weakening and is becoming a failure in the modern world. But this is not the way to look at the success or failure of the Church of Christ. These incidents, and perhaps others much worse, show that the PEOPLE ARE FAILING THE CHURCH, not that the Church is failing the people.

### TAKING THE OPTIMISTIC VIEW

The intent of this article is to show that things are not so bad as they seem, though, sometimes, they seem truly frightful. Fundamentally, God is as solidly in the Church as He ever was. God is not dead, as certain writers five or six years ago were writing. God has not forgotten His world. He is still the God of all creation and of all creatures, including man. Nor has Christ abandoned His Church. He is still the Head of the Church which is His Mystical Body, and we form part of that Body. Jesus Christ is still the only Guide to the Father. No other has appeared. No teaching of His in the Gospel has been eliminated.



The Church has not raised a white flag of surrender to the pressures of the world - or of the Devil, for that matter. The Church continues to be the firm, safe and wise Guardian of the Faith and Morals of the People of God. The Modern Church has not let up one iota in its valiant defense of the truths that make men happy on this earth and lead them to an everlasting happiness in the world to come.

To prove my optimism regarding the Church in the Modern World, let's take a quick glance at what happened at the Second Vatican Council and at the seriousness with which the Bishops labored to update the Church. Two thousand three hundred Bishops with their experts met in Rome on October 11, 1962 for what was to be an open council, in which there was to be full discussion and debate and a conscientious attempt to renew the Church of Christ, to make it more effective in the world of today. Long before the Council met, various commissions working in Rome prepared 16 large volumes, 10,000 pages of studies and ideas to be presented to the Council. 871 members of these commissions worked three years to arrange this massive amount of material and formulate it into 20 SCHEMAS.

But before the Council actually began, a group of 17 Dutch Bishops came out in opposition to many of the SCHEMAS, claiming that they were too conservative and too traditional and urging that they should be rewritten in a more liberal and modern fashion. This was the beginning of the so-called clash between the Liberals and the Conservatives in the Council. So, the great question arose: which way would the Church go? Liberal? Conservative? Reading the documents of the Council carefully, we come to a consoling and, I would say, optimistic conclusion. After the earnest debates and clashes between the Liberal Bishops and the Conservatives, when it came to the vote, the Council Fathers decided upon an amazingly moderate course.

Thus, the actions and the documents of the Council support my optimistic view of the Church in our modern world. No sacred doctrine of the Church was repealed. No moral law was weakened by the Liberals. The Conservatives went along with progressive ideas. The Gospels were raised to a higher dignity than ever before and the Sacraments were renewed and made more meaningful and effective and helpful to the People of God.

#### SO WHAT IS NEW?

The Council did open up certain new tendencies in the Modern Church. These were not really bad, just because they were new. For instance, the Council stressed the personal dignity and the rights of the individual human person. Thus, we were taught to live up to our dignity as persons, and not consider ourselves like dumb, driven cattle in the practises of our Faith. It introduced certain democratic procedures in Church government, which were not bad,

either. The people now have a greater say and a great deal more responsibility in the modern mission of the Church. As a matter of fact, according to the Council, the business of the Church is the business of the laity. The laity must become more and more involved in the saving work of the modern Church.

After the Council a very strange tendency developed. I believe that this post-conciliar situation is the real cause of many of the Church's troubles today and of our own uncertainty and confusion, at times, concerning the position of the Church of Christ, Our Guardian, in the Modern World.

What happened was this: the Liberal versus Conservative clashes within the Council overflowed Vatican City and splashed out over the world. Catholic thinkers and writers became divided and took up sides in discussing the conclusions of the Council. It seems that the Liberals shouted the louder, so most people heard them more quickly and more often. The Liberals claimed that they were presenting "old truths in new language", but as we shall see, they were in many cases presenting only PARTIAL truths and overstressing them. This could lead only to divisiveness and confusion.

Let's look at some of the things they are saying and teaching:

1. They stress (and sometimes, overstress) the personal, human side of the Faith, a "what-religion-means-to-me-personally" sort of thing. They tend to downplay the essential things of the Faith and dwell on the human and personal.

2. They try to explain how the Faith should work in the day to day situation of our lives and of our personal experience.

3. They stress (and sometimes overstress) ACTIVISM. They want the Church to be concerned with man's activity and struggle to make this world a better world for man. They say that if you make this world a better place to live, the Faith will have a better chance to develop and grow. But the great danger of ACTIVISM is that it tends to push meditation, prayer and efforts towards personal holiness down to a secondary level.



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4. For the Moderns the Faith is not so much a gift of God, a grace poured forth into the soul, as it is a **PERSONAL RESPONSE** in which man encounters God and establishes what is known as an "I - THOU" relationship with God. Not "I - IT", but "I - THOU". This insight clearly shows the intimacy with God that our Faith should bring us; it tends to stress the human element and not the Divine Gift.

5. And lastly, the moderns stress the freedom of the individual and the rights of individual conscience, which means that **AUTHORITY** is considered somewhat less important. The traditional thinkers still hold that law and authority are supreme and that man's conscience must be formed primarily by God's Law and not by individual preference or feelings or circumstances of the times.

#### MODERN VS. TRADITIONAL: IN A NUTSHELL

If we were to summarize the differences between the traditional position and that of the moderns, we could say that the traditionals look upon reality **OUTSIDE OF MAN** and have God, Christ, Church as starting points. Eventually, they get to the study of man and the rights of the individual and the **PERSONAL RESPONSE** and so on. The moderns, on the other hand, start with what is **INSIDE OF MAN**, with the way things seem to man, his inner feelings, emotions, his day to day living, his worries and anxieties. Eventually, they, too, get to the Church, Christ and God in their thinking.

There you have it in a nutshell: the modern approach and the traditional. At this point, the most natural thing in the world is to say "Take your pick". But I am **NOT** going to say "Take your pick". If I did, I would be betraying my oath of office, as Spiritual Adviser. You would have to impeach me, if I did this. God forbid! I would be leading you astray. I love you too much to do that.

What I will say is this: we must not take sides in this Liberal vs. Conservative controversy within our Church. Our duty and responsibility as Catholics and as Knights of Lithuania is to seek the Truth, live the Truth and defend the Truth, whoever may proclaim it, wherever we may find it. We must be prepared to seek and take the Truth from both Liberals and Conservatives. This is much more difficult than taking sides. We must hold on to the Truths, both God-given and man-discovered that have come down to us through the ages; we must discover and be ready to accept newly-found Truths and strive to incorporate them into our thinking and into our way of life. When these so-called modern Truths clash or seem to clash with the ancient Truths, we do not immediately take sides blindly and stubbornly. We study the matter carefully, discuss it openly and seek points of contact.

Only when there is a clear, outright contradiction, must we reject it as false. Most often the **position** statements we hear are partly true and partly false. We must be alert to discard the falsity and retain the truth, being especially cautious when one side or the other tends to overstress its position.

#### DON'T TAKE SIDES... SEEK THE TRUTH

Perhaps, an example will help explain what I mean by seeking the Truth and not taking sides in controversy.

Recently, some Modern Catholic thinkers have come up with what is called **SITUATION ETHICS**. This is supposed to be a new, modern theory of morality in which it is taught that what makes an act good or bad, moral or immoral, is not, primarily, the keeping or the breaking of the law - the Ten Commandments, for instance - but rather, the situation or circumstances in which the act takes place. According to Situation Ethics, it will not always be wrong, or a sin, to lie, steal or commit adultery.

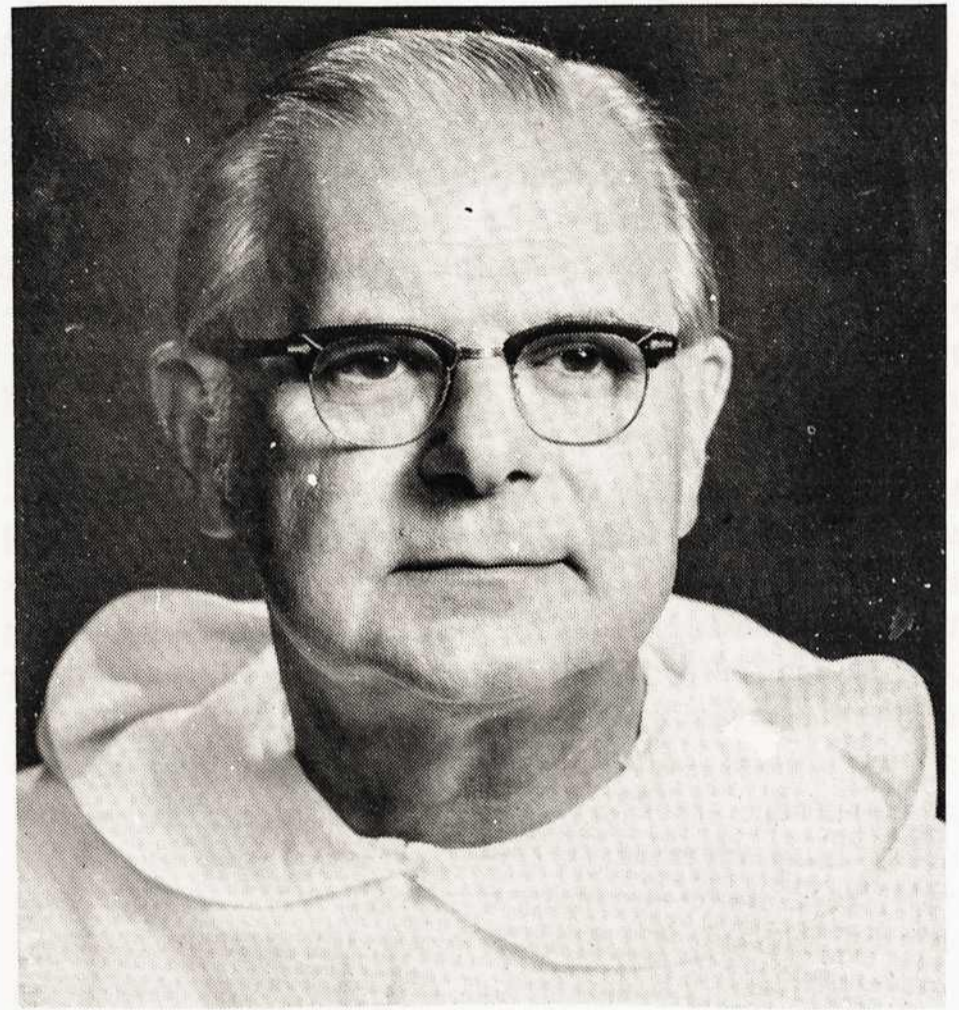
Notice, first of all, that this is a modern theory, based, not on the reality **OUTSIDE OF MAN**, but on what is **INSIDE OF MAN**: how man judges his actions in a given situation. The traditional position concerning the norm of morality that was taught and is still being taught, is that knowingly and willfully to break God's Law is always wrong, always a sin. This teaching is based on the principle that the primary norms of morality are outside of man. God sets down laws for men, not man's own, individual situation.

Now, which side would you take: A - morality is determined **OUTSIDE OF MAN**, or B - morality is determined **INSIDE OF MAN**? Don't answer! Because, if you do, you are taking sides in a modern vs. traditional controversy, which, as I said a moment ago, we are not to do. We seek the truth wherever it is found, and no matter who proposes it. We try to accept the truth expressed in both positions.



In thinking this matter over we clearly understand that there are laws OUTSIDE OF MAN: thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not lie... These are God-given and not man-determined. On the other hand, every act that we perform will always be accompanied by circumstances and will be done in a certain situation. These circumstances (such as: time and place, knowledge or lack of knowledge of the law, emotions and passions) will have a bearing on the morality of our actions. If I disobey a law out of complete ignorance of the law, I break the law, but I am not guilty of sin. Ignorance is a circumstance that excuses guilt. This is an ancient principle, not a modern discovery. But if I teach that circumstances and the situation always have such an input into my actions that knowingly and willfully to break the law can SOMETIMES be a good action, I have plunged into error. And this is what the moderns seem to be trying to tell us. They would hold, for instance, that it is sometimes no sin and a moral action to steal (if it is for a good cause) or to indulge in premarital sex (if there is a meaningful relationship - whatever that is - established between the consenting parties). These conclusions are false and must be rejected in light of a higher truth that must be preserved, namely, that evil may not be done, in order that good may result. In a word, the "situation" or the feelings or intentions of man just cannot make a bad action good; it cannot be the basic determiner of morality.

Thus it is that, in spite of the bad news we have been reading about the Church in the Modern World, in spite of our own momentary confusion and uncertainties, we do have solid grounds for optimism in the vitality and strength and progress of the Church of Christ in our own times. After all, we believe in one, holy, catholic, apostolic Church. WE proclaim this every Sunday at Mass. We, Knights of Lithuania, proud of our motto - "For God" - must live that Faith in the Church with a more dedicated loyalty, a loyalty directed to Christ Himself. We will be lost, if we try



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to follow the opposing and confusing voices within the Church. Let us never forget that there is only one, true "voice" in the Church: the voice of Our Holy Father in union with the college of Bishops world wide. So, we do not take sides in these controversies. We continue, as always, seeking the highest Truth. We seek unity in the Church, not division, a unity that is really a trinity: union with God, with Christ, with the Church.

#### ONE FINAL COMMENT

Just three days before I finished typing the final copy of this article, I came across the following quotation in an editorial of a Catholic newspaper: "...only a charlatan or a lunatic would be optimistic about the state of American Catholicism". Since my article was thoroughly OPTIMISTIC in outlook, I find myself being called a "charlatan or a lunatic".

I know what a lunatic is. I had to go to the dictionary to find out precisely what a "charlatan" was: a quack, a faker, a fraud.

So it seems that anyone who is optimistic about the Church either does not know what it is all about, or is a deceiver, an outright faker.

I strongly resent that accusation and I reject it. I am aware, just as you are, of the difficulties in the Church in the United States, but this does not mean that the Church of Christ has failed or is failing. The Church is a Divine Institution, it can never fail; however, people, you and I, can fail the Church. The problem lies within ourselves, our response to Christ in His Church, our loyalty and our Faith.



## KELIONĖ KURŠIŲ MARIOMIS

“Kuršių Nerija yra tokia savita, kad ją būtina pamatyti kaip Italiją arba Ispaniją, jeigu sielai norima suteikti nuostabių vaizdų”.

V. Humboldtas

Kuršių marios - didžiausias ir žuvingiausias Lietuvos vidaus vandens baseinas. Jų ilgis 93 km, didž. plotis 46 km, mažiausias plotis (ties žiotimis į Baltijos jūrą) 380 m, didžiausias gylis 6,5 m, plotas 1610 m<sup>2</sup>, t.y. jos daugiau kaip 25 kartus didesnės negu Kauno marios ir beveik 36 kartus, negu didžiausias Lietuvoje Drūkšių ežeras.

Kuršių mariose plaukiojimo sąlygos daugiau jūrinės. Tad plaukiant mariomis toliau nuo kranto (plaukiant skersai marias) net ir giedrą dieną reikia naudotis valtės kompasu. Esant rūkui (o jis mariose dažnas), kompasas yra būtinas. Mažomis valtimis ar baidarėmis čia galima plaukyti tik pakraščiais ir tai tik esant geram, ne vėjuotam, orui. Kaip ir jūroje, mariose pakyla didelės bangos.

Plaukiant į Kuršių marias, pirmiausia reikia susipažinti su jomis. Mariose yra nemaža seklių. Šiose vietose laivai plauko tik farvateriu, nužymėtu bujomis (vienoje pusėje juodos spalvos, kitoje - raudonos, posūkiuose - su horizontaliu baltu dryžiu) ir sutapimo ženklais. Naktį Kuršių mariose orientuojamasi pagal švyturių šviesas, o užėjus tirštesniam rūkui - pagal nautofonų garsus.

(iš knygos “Lietuvos vandens turistų keliai”)

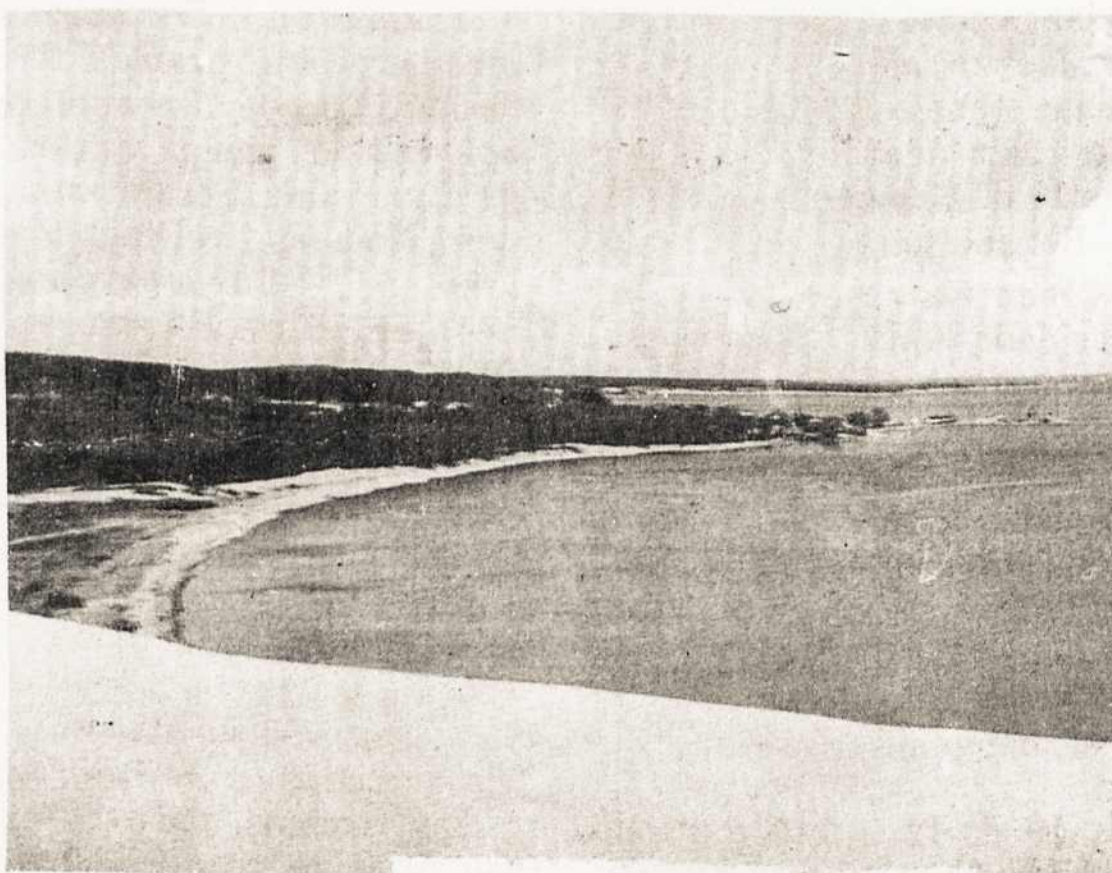
Apie keliones Kuršių mariomis parašyta daug gražių iliustruotų knygų. Mano kelionė nebuvo žvejimasis kopomis, miškais nuo laivo denio. Aš pats buvau beveik laivas ir visą kelionę bangos stengėsi išmesti mane į krantą arba apversti. Ar aš galiu perplaukti paprasta baidare Kuršių Nerijos pakrantę? Man tai teko išbandyti.

Šiam žygiui ruošėmės su draugu, su kuriuo pasileidome Nemunu iš Kauno į Klaipėdą. Tai buvo nuostabi 8 dienų kelionė. Dabar mes galvojome apiplaukti aplink visas Kuršių marias. Kai draugas susirgo, nutariau irkluoti vienas, bet tik Nerijos pakrante nuo Klaipėdos iki Kranto (Zelenogradskas). Susiradau reikalingus žemėlapius, bet smulkaus žemėlapiu apie Kuršių

marias negalėjau gauti. Su visomis įlankomis reikėtų praplaukti apie 110-115 kilometrų. Galvojau tai padaryti per tris dienas. Tada dar nežinojau, kad vėjas bus man toks nepalankus. Per visą kelionę pūtė rytų ir pietryčių vėjas.

Šis žygis buvo atliktas sportine dviviete baidare, naudojantis bangų uždangalais. Kuršių Nerijos pakrantė buvo praplaukta per penkias dienas.

Liepos 17 d. 8 valandą ryto išplaukiau iš Klaipėdos “Žalgirio” irklavimo bazės. Praplaukiu “Meridiano” restoraną, du Dangės tiltus ir aš jau mariose. Reikia perplaukti skersai marių, o čia laivų sukeltos bangos gana pavojingos ir dar reikia saugotis laivų. Laimingai pasiekiu vakarinę marių krantą,



*Kuršių marių pakrantė*

kuris lydės mane visą kelionę. Pirmas sustojimas turėtų būti Alksnynėje. Baigiant praplaukti uosto zoną ir Kiaulės nugaros salą, matau, kad bangos vis didėja. Negaliu irkluoti arti kranto, nes marios seklios ir bangos lūžta, bet plaukti toli nuo kranto irgi bloga, nes išvirtus niekas tau negalės padėti. Prie pat Alksnynės jau neįmanoma irkluoti. Užeinu į Alksnynės alaus barą pavalgyti, o čia mano nuostabai jau sėdi nuo pat ryto atplaukę su motorine valtimi draugai ir geria alutį. - Iš kur tu čia?! - jie netiki, kad galėjau dabar per tokias bangas atplaukti iš Klaipėdos. Nuraminu, kad viskas tvarkoje ir palaikau jiems kompaniją.

Po dviejų valandų vėjas rimsta. Tai atsitikdavo taip netikėtai, kad aš tik stebėjaisi. Būdavo toks stiprus vėjas, staiga tylu ir vėl viskas prasideda iš naujo. Pirmą nakvynę darau už Juodkrantės. Prasideda lietus, bet toks, kad atrodo irkluoju per vandenį, nieko aplink nematyti. Ties Bebrų įlanka pastebiu kylančius iš krūmų dūmus. - Valio! Reiškia yra laužas, žmonės. Susipažistu su klaipėdiečių šeima, kurie jau savaitę laiko stovyklauja palapinėje. Kaimynai pakviečia pasivaišinti žuviene, su lošiamo pokerį. Papasakoju jiems apie savo kelionės planus. Tada jie vakare dar nematė mano baidarės, bet kai iš ryto aš jau ruošiausi plaukti, jie stebėjosi, kad ji tokia lengva ir tokia nepastovi.

Liepos 18 d. 11 valandą ryto vėl pirmyn. Bet juo toliau, juo bangos didesnės, nes čia marios jau plačios. Prasideda kopos. Atrodo, jos labai žemos, bet tai apgaulinga. Kai tekdavo kur nors sustojus pabandyti užkopti į viršūnę, pasirodė ne taip jau žemos. 5 valandą vakaro, vėl dėl oro, negaliu toliau irkluoti. Tada bangos nelūžo prie kranto, bet visos marios buvo baltos. Žinoma, kurį laiką idomu kovoti su bangomis, bet greitai pavargsti.

Liepos 19 d. 12 valandą dieną pasiekiu Nidą. Nutariu palaukti kol aprims bangos. Pas gyventojus, kurie gyvena prie pat marių, palie-



Juodkrantėje

ku baidarę, pasidžiaunu drabužius. - Kiek tau moka už tai? - klausia šeimnininkė. - Nieko - atsakau. Ji tik stebėdamasi pakraipo galvą. Užeinu į Nidos meteorologinę stotį, bet nieko malonaus negaliu išgirsti. - "Vėjas pietryčių ir rytų. Artimiausiomis dienomis jokių pasikeitimų". Truputį palaukus staiga vėjas nurimsta. Ko greičiausiai išplaukiu. Tada dar nežinojau, kad po keletos minučių užeis audra. Plaukiant iki Grobšto rago kyšulio, atsirandu toli nuo kranto, norėdamas greičiau praplaukti įlanką. Truputį pradėjau jaudintis, nes aplinkui nei vienos valtės ir taip įtartinai ramu. Staiga papūtė nedidelis vėjelis. Greičiau, greičiau į krantą. Tai buvo pavojingiausias minutės. Krantas dingo, savo baidarės nematau. Aplinkui didžiulės bangos. Galvojau, kad aš po vandeniui, bet vėl kažkaip stebuklingai iškildavau. Ar atlaikys baidarė, irklas, o kranto dar vis nematyti. Viskas baigėsi laimingai... tik buvau užmiršęs supakuoti foto aparatą ir dabar net bijojau pažiūrėti kaip viskas atrodo. Žinoma, visos filmos peršlapo, aparatas pilnas vandens. Miškelyje pasistatau palapinę, džiovinu daiktus. Ir čia jaučiasi stiprus vėjas. Audra vis nerimsta.

Liepos 20 d. Pabundu nuo triukšmo. Kas tai?! Išsiritu iš miegamojo maišo. Tai tik bangos, kurios dūždamos į krantą sukelia tokią muziką. Apie irklavimą negali būti ir kalbos. Pagal žemėlapi esu netoli Pilkopos (Morskojus). Brendu per smėlį į gyvenvietę. Prabėga nieko nebijodamos stirnos. Aplinkui nei vieno žmogaus. Tik kopos ir vėjas. Už kopų nusileidžiu į mišką. Niekad grybaudamas nerasdavau tiek grybų. Seniai čia nebuvo grybautojų, tiek baravykų aplinkui! Gyvenvietėje nusiiperku truputį maisto, tik pasirinkimo didelio nėra, nes jau ne Lietuvos respublika (pietinė dalis priklauso RTFSR Kaliningrado sričiai).

Vėjas vis nerimsta. Nejaugi reikės baigt kelionę, praplaukus daugiau kaip pusę kelio. Vis tiek nutariu plaukti. Svarbiausia atsistumti nuo kranto, nes bangos vis išmeta atgal. Tada darydavau taip: baidarės užpakalį atgrėždavau į bangas, o priekį į krantą. Atbulas ir atplaukdavau nuo kranto. Marių kranto linija raižyta įlankomis: Žuvėdrų, Rasytės, Preilos ir t.t. Dėl laiko stokos visų įlankų neaplaukiau. Juo labiau, kad vėjas ir bangos trukdė. Punktyrine linija parodyta, kaip tai atlikau. Nuo



marių iškyšuliu eina seklumos ir bangos čia labai didelės. Plaukiau toli nuo kranto.

Kopos, kopos! Tolumoje matyti "miškas". - Kodėl jis visas vandenyje? Anksčiau skaičiau, kad kopose galima išvysti Pabaltijo fata morgana-miražus. Tai tikrai nuostabūs reiškiniai. Kopos, atrodo, nusileidžia tiesiai į vandenį. O gal man tai atrodo tik nuo nuovargio. Tik vėlai vakare pasiekiu Rasytę (Ribačis). Lietus, kuris taip mėgo mane visą kelionę, nesigaili ir dabar. Užmiegu net nejausdamas, kad visas šlapias.

Liepos 21 d. Ilgiausia diena. Baigėsi Lietuvos Sacharos smėlynai.

Pakrantės jau lėkštos, meldai, pelkėta. Vėjas kaip juokdamasis pasisuka iš pietų ir dabar irkluoju beveik vietoje. Dar bėda, sutrunka vairo trosas. Po didelių vargų pasiekiu Šarkuvą (Liesnojė). Nueinu į paštą duoti telegramos į Krantą (Zelenogradskas) kur gyvena draugas, kad pasitiktų, bet viskas uždaryta. Kelionės dar vienai dienai neatidedu. Neišlipdamas į krantą irkluoju iki pamarių galo. Vos galiu pakelti rankas su irklu. Toks stiprus priešakinis vėjas! Kanalu priplaukiu beveik iki miestelio. Dar tik keletas yrių ir viskas.

- Iš kur tu čia? - klausia mane rusiškai valčių sargas. - Iš Klaipė-

dos atsakau. - Per tokią audrą! Pas mus visi žvejai bijo plaukti meškerioti.

Vos išlipu iš valtės. Toks nuovargis, kad valandėlę sėdžiu nejudėdamas ant krantinės. Po dviejų dienų, pailsėjęs pas draugą, autobusu per dvi valandas davažiuoju iš Kranto (Zelenogradskas) į Klaipėdą.

Toli vakaruose, kur kasdien baigiasi diena, kur saulė pasineria į Baltijos bangas, tįso plonutis sausumos režis - Kuršių Nerija.

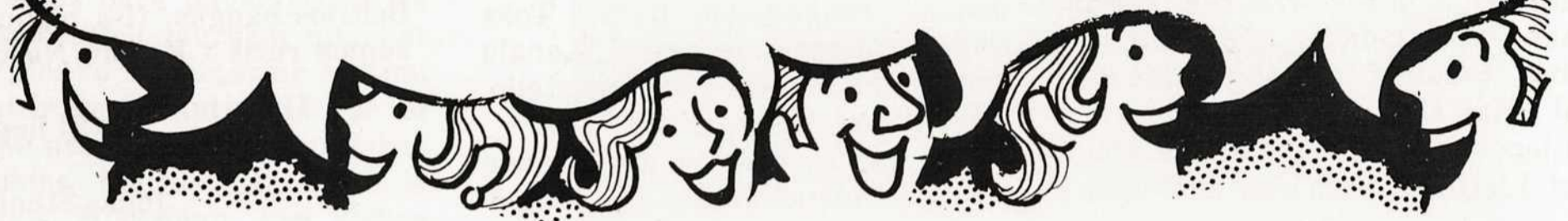
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# COMMUNICATING TO PERSUADE



(Remarks given by John Yeck, during the 63rd National Convention, Dayton, Ohio)

For over 35 years - I have tried to communicate with people, simply and efficiently, in order to get them to do something or take some action... ask for more information, give money to a good cause, vote for a school levy, think well of an organization... that sort of thing. ...to persuade them, through printed material.

And I've been asked to come here this afternoon and talk to you about communicating to persuade. I feel like someone sent out to put a chrome plate on solid gold. Every Lithuanian I've ever known has been a SUPER-persuader... tremendous. You know exactly what they mean - and what they want you to do - and you feel you'd better do it. So, instead, I'm going to tell you what I've learned - then afterwards, you folks can teach me a thing or two.

As you all know, WE LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES... so I could tell you about all the mistakes I've made, but we don't have time for that, so I'll just touch on three or four popular ideas which I originally accepted as right - but found out were wrong.

## KNOW YOUR OWN SITUATION?

Popular Idea No. 1: most people think, when communicating to persuade, the most important thing is to **STUDY AND UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN SITUATION THOROUGHLY**... get all your ducks in a row, they say.

**RIGHT? WRONG!** It's important, but you usually know your own situation well enough. Understand-

ing the other fellow's situation is far more important. For one thing, if you don't speak the listeners' language, they won't even get your message.

You may remember the fellow who borrowed the country preacher's mule... a very obedient animal... carefully trained to move forward only when his rider said, "Praise the Lord" and to stop only when the rider said "Amen".

The preacher briefed his friend, who got on the mule and shouted, "Praise the Lord". The mule laid back his ears and took off like a streak, straight for the edge of a perpendicular cliff. The rider saw what was coming and shouted, "Whoa, Whoa... w-h-o-a". Then he remembered and said, "Amen".

The mule stopped, his front feet on the very edge of the cliff.

"Oh", said the rider, "Praise the Lord".

You see, you must not only speak their language to get action, they hear what you say in **THEIR** context, no matter what you mean.

Both communication and persuasion actually happen, not when we say or write something, but when that something takes root in the other fellow's mind.

The most important thing to learn in communications is... **I DON'T COUNT**. Only the other fellow counts.

**OUR MESSAGE MUST BE ACCURATELY RECEIVED** in the other fellow's mind, through eyes or ears, mainly, **BEFORE IT CAN possibly CHANGE** that mind. Big job! How?

It doesn't take us long to learn that **POUNDING**

Convention postscript



*I Defy Anyone . . .*

THE TABLE doesn't work; getting RED IN THE FACE doesn't work; telling other people HOW SMART WE ARE OR HOW DUMB THEY are doesn't work. Those things are "NATURAL" attempts. But being natural doesn't work... because when I'm being "natural", the world revolves around me.

What does work?

Well, THE OTHER FELLOW MUST LISTEN to what I say and understand it or the jig is up. But people only listen to what INTERESTS THEM - they have better turner-offers than a TV set - can look you right in the eye and not be listening at all. And understanding (transferring an idea accurately from one mind to another) is terribly difficult - almost a miracle really. So it's easy to agree that two very important elements in communication are INTEREST AND CLARITY.

WIDE KNOWLEDGE?

POPULAR IDEA NO. 2: The most interesting and easiest to understand communicators are speakers or writers with the WIDEST KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGE and the MOST BEAUTIFUL WORDS AND PHRASES at their command.

RIGHT? WRONG! Elegant language has a SOOTHING effect... and clearly has its place... in proclamations, ceremonials, mis-direction (that's telling lies without actually lying) to impress other people with when you're feeling inferior and the like. But in honest persuasion... no.

The first three rules for clarity, I believe, are: SIMPLICITY, SIMPLICITY, SIMPLICITY.

To be clear, PREFER THE SIMPLE TO THE COMPLEX, in concepts, sentences and words. To get you to learn new words, teachers probably told you that "Vocabulary is a function of earnings;" that corporation presidents know more big words than janitors, and earn more. But BIG MEN USE BIG WORDS TO THINK WITH. Not to explain or direct or persuade with. When the wastebasket blazes up, they yell "fire", like everybody else. No nonsense about "conflagration".

Communicate with the COMMON... the simple,

Anglo-saxon, concrete words. ..."Common", when referring to words, doesn't mean inferior, beneath one's dignity. It means universal. Common to everyone in your audience. Stick to the SIMPLE DECLARATIVE SENTENCE; the ACTIVE VERB; THE PRESENT TENSE, THE COMMON WORD, when you want to be clearly understood. I hold with the ancient Chinese philosopher: "Say it so the 12-YEAR-OLD CAN UNDERSTAND it and the college professor will figure it out somehow".

Part of simplicity is to write POSITIVELY. Negatives confuse... double negatives are even worse. Two negatives may make a positive in English classes, they don't in the real world. When a youngster says to you, "I ain't had no lunch", for heaven's sake, don't ask him, "WAS IT GOOD?"

Most important of all: If a listener or reader doesn't understand you perfectly, blame yourself. Never ask, "How can anyone be so dumb?" Instead ask, "How could I have said it better?"

How do you create interest? With what you say and how you say it among other things. Which is more important? What you say must be interesting... to the listener or reader, of course. Tell someone you have what they want and that fact will shine through stilted, stuffy, obscure language like a yellow beacon through the fog.

A young man once wrote Amy Vanderbilt, "Dear Miss V. What's the right way to propose to my girl?" Amy replied, "Son, for proposing, there ain't no wrong way".

Listeners live in their own worlds... and to communicate we must first move to their world... see things from the other fellow's point of view. Going there takes a little effort, and imagination.

Henry Kissinger, serving in the Army after World War II, was assigned to round up all the former Gestapo members in a Bavarian Province. Elsewhere, army officers beat the bushes, knocked on doors for months. Henry put an ad in the HELP WANTED SECTION OF THE NEWSPAPER. He advertised for "men with police experience". In four days 98% of all the former Gestapo members in the area HAD CHECKED INTO HIS JAIL. He looked at the problem from the other fellow's point of view. It's usually different.

If we could hear germs talk, we'd probably hear one germ ask another, "Do you think they'll ever find A CURE FOR PENICILLIN?"



The old vaudevillian, JOE COOK, once said, "Of all my wife's relatives, I like myself the best". And where do you look first when you first see a group picture that you're in? At your own face. Sure. It is the most important face in the place. But she won't; she'll look at hers.

Every message you send out must filter through their ears and eyes... and their sentry at the gate says, "Who cares?" "Big Deal". "WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?" And that's the only way life can be lived.

There are TOO MANY MESSAGES to handle each day, so each person picks and chooses, according to his or her own point of view, as you are picking and choosing now.

You can also build interest with an interesting style... with techniques of language... the WAY you say something.

Study the styles of interesting writers. You'll find: They use "picturesque" nouns, phrases and metaphors. So readers can VISUALIZE what they mean.

They use verbs in the ACTIVE VOICE, usually in the PRESENT or a past TENSE.

PERSONAL references. People-oriented situations.

QUOTATIONS... actual excerpts from conversations.

EXCITEMENT - action.

CHANGE OF PACE - long, then short sentences.

A RHYTHM OR CADENCE that carries you along.

We could spend an hour on each of those, and there are others. But LOOK FOR INTERESTING STYLES in what you read and hear. Copy them. Put them in your talk and writing. You'll be more INTERESTING; COMMAND MORE ATTENTION; GET YOUR IDEAS ACROSS BETTER.

With clarity and interest you at least GET IN THE OTHER FELLOW'S HEAD, have a chance to persuade.

What about persuasion?

Oh, I know... persuasion has a bad name... has had ever since the SNAKE STOLE THE SHOW in the Garden of Eden.

Unfortunately, you see, EVERYONE TRIES TO PERSUADE. Not only teachers, preachers, college presidents and HONEST PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND



*For Today & Today Only . . .*

ME... but crooks, cheats, hucksters, shysters, quacks, con men of all shapes and sizes. CON WOMEN, TOO try to persuade.

The tools of persuasion include not only words, but GUNS, BALL BATS, BILLY CLUBS, TANKS, BOMBERS, the POWER TO TAX, TO JAIL, to HIRE AND FIRE, the misrepresentation, the outright LIE... they're all available.

Willie Sutton, the famous bank robber, once said, "You can get more money with a kind word - AND A GUN, than you can get with just a kind word".

But the great minds of history, with the highest and best ideas and thoughts, have had to be persuasive, too.

COLUMBUS had to persuade Isabella;

PAUL had to persuade the Corinthians;

MARCO POLO; KUBLAI KHAN... NEWTON, DARWIN, LUTHER, EINSTEIN, CHURCHILL... and I dare say YOU'VE had some tough persuasion problems in your day.

They did it with words. So let's leave the tanks and guns to others and look at the use of words for honorable persuasion.

#### PRESENT A STRONG CASE STRONGLY

POPULAR IDEA NO. 3: When you want to persuade, present your side of the case as strongly as you possibly can, as in a debate.

RIGHT? WRONG! A strong presentation of your side wins in a debate because you deal with IMPARTIAL JUDGES who look for that. But for persuasion, a "strong presentation of your side" develops RESISTANCE, leads to ARGUMENT, which doesn't work.

You can't MAKE people do anything anyway, even with a gun. THEY HAVE TO WANT TO DO WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO DO. Granted, a gun might help them want to, but it's not guaranteed. Thousands died because even guns couldn't make them raise their hands and say, "Heil, Hitler". So your best bet is to prove to their satisfaction that doing what you suggest will help them get what they already want... to find something, little or big, about your suggestion that's desirable to them, from their point of view. In business they call this being "Market oriented".

Funny, TO GET OTHERS TO ACT, MOST PEOPLE ORDER; COMMAND; YELL; or BEG; PLEAD... but fail to point out that the other person MIGHT GET SOME LITTLE, DESIRED THING by doing what they suggest.

COLUMBUS DIDN'T HAVE TO PERSUADE ISABELLA that the world was round. She didn't care, anyway. He just talked about SPICES and she bought the whole deal. SPICES SHE WANTED, ALREADY.

Benefits can be rational or emotional.

PEOPLE OFTEN WANT TO DO WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO DO FOR RATIONAL REASONS.

They believe they'll somehow be **BETTER OFF** if they do what you suggest.

But they act emotionally, too. We all know that... **FEAR, HATE, LOVE, GREED, HONOR... INTANGIBLES.**

Another surprise here? Yes.

### IT'S A TOUGH WORLD

**POPULAR IDEA NO. 4: It's a TOUGH WORLD.** And to get people to do what you want them to do, you must be **AGGRESSIVE, DECEITFUL, TRICKY, CALLOUS, and WILLING TO CHEAT A LOT...** particularly in business.

**RIGHT? WRONG.** Well, **IT IS A TOUGH WORLD.** Always has been. The papers are full of **AGGRESSIVE, CROOKED CHEATERS,** who get their way **TEMPORARILY.**

But in my experience, when persuading others it's a lot easier and one heck of a lot more fun... to be **FRIENDLY AND HUMAN AND THOUGHTFUL OF THEM.** It **WORKS BETTER, TOO.**

People often do things because they **LIKE YOU...** or **TRUST** or **RESPECT YOU** or your company... or admire **YOUR JUDGMENT.** They give you a sort of **"PROXY"** for their decisions. They **"GO ALONG"**.

They **RESIST ARROGANT, AGGRESSIVE, OVERBEARING** people.

So: **TO PERSUADE, BE FRIENDLY.**

**GOOD WILL** is persuasion's **SECRET WEAPON.**

People also tend to want to do what you suggest when they **PERCEIVE YOU** as **HONEST, SINCERE, INTERESTED** in them... **BELIEVABLE...** worthy of trust.

In the short run, only the perception counts. As one sell-and-run magazine salesman said, "Once you learn to fake sincerity, everything else is easy".

But in the **LONG RUN** - if you expect to live in the same town for a while, or keep your friends or customers... to stay believable, you have to **REALLY BE** honest, sincere, interested in them, trust-worthy.



"Now, a poor salesman would take that for a final answer."

Well, there are **FOUR "EXPERIENCES"** of mine... areas in my own field where I learned, to my satisfaction, that **POPULAR CONCEPTIONS WERE WRONG.** They are yours if you can use them... and like them... No charge.

If you only want to **REMEMBER ONE THING,** remember this: to communicate and persuade effectively, three little words make all the difference.

**I DON'T COUNT.**

That's easy to **UNDERSTAND...** easy to **BE-LIEVE...** easy to **ACCEPT...** and easy to **FORGET.** As Will Rogers said, **"IT AIN'T WHAT YOU KNOW THAT COUNTS, IT'S WHAT YOU REMEMBER TO USE"**. So don't forget:

**I DON'T COUNT.**



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## REV. A. GRIGAITIS FETED

by Gene Gobis

Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, associate pastor of St. Casimir's Church, was honored on Sept. 12th for 45 years in the priesthood and his 75th birthday at a testimonial dinner.

Father Grigaitis celebrated the 5 p.m. Mass which was concelebrated by a number of his priest-friends. His seminary colleague from Western Europe, Bishop Anthony L. Deksnyis, D.D., Ph.D. presided and delivered the sermon. Msgr. Balkunas, Maspeth, L.I. and Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, National Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of the Knights of Lithuania were also in attendance. A congratulatory program arranged by the pastor, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, preceded the Liturgy. St. Casimir's Church choir sang under the direction of organist Daniel Kabasin.

Father Grigaitis was born in the village of Paskynai, District of Raseiniai, Lithuania on September 22, 1901. In 1924 he graduated from the Raseiniai high school. He continued his studies at the Seminary of Kaunas, majoring in philosophy where he graduated in 1927. He then took up courses in theology and philosophy at the



University of Kaunas, graduating in 1931.

Ordained to the priesthood at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral of Kaunas on May 30, 1931 by Archbishop Joseph J. Skvireckas of Kaunas, he was appointed to various parishes in the diocese of Kaunas until his exile in 1944 from Lithuania to Austria, Bavaria and

West Germany. He served as a refugee priest and chaplain at Flegelhorst-Memengen, Germany until 1950.

Since 1950 he has served in the Diocese of Albany and has been at St. Casimir's parish since 1967.

A reception followed the Mass at the St. Casimir's Social Center. The testimonial reception was formalized by the representatives from societies and organizations of St. Casimir's parish.

A Quiet and gentle man, admired and held in very high esteem by all who know him, Father Grigaitis devotes much of his time as the Spiritual Advisor of the Third Ward Senior Citizens, and as an active member of C-100 of the Knights of Lithuania. He visits many of the elderly parishioners who are unable to get to church and his visits are eagerly anticipated by them.

Father Grigaitis yearns to see the day that Lithuania regains her independence and he also strives to keep the Lithuanian language alive.

Ilgiausių ir laimingų metų! These are the wishes extended to a wonderful man... Father Anthony Grigaitis.

## KUNIGUI GRIGAIČIUI

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Gyvenk ilgai sveikas, ganyk mūsų sielas.

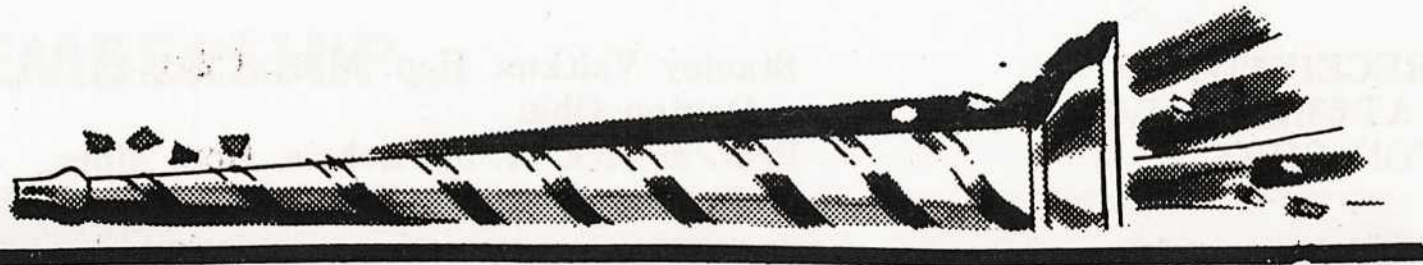
Atvykai pas mus, jau gana, senai,  
Prašom, būk su mumis, nors ir amžinai.

Atvykęs čionai, skelbi Dievo žodį,  
Aplankai ligoje, - nelaimėję paguodi.

Norim būt geri, stengiamės, kiek galim  
Jei kuo, nusižengėm Tau, - dovanok, mums Tėveli.

Mes mylim Tave, kaip savo šeimos narį,  
Būk su mumis ilgai, mielasis Tėveli.

Apolonija Žiaušienė



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## OFFICIAL NEWS



### OFFICIAL NOTICE

**FROM:** THE COMMITTEE OF ONE  
**TO:** THE COMMITTEE OF 2187\*  
**RE:** CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS

The Supreme Council has decided to revise, update and reprint the 1968 edition of the Constitution of the Knights of Lithuania. The Supreme Council Officers and Chairpersons, the Spiritual Advisors and the Honorary Members are already engaged in this task.

Since ALL members have the RIGHT, through the National Convention, to vote on the basic laws that govern our organization, it becomes the DUTY and privilege of all K of L'ers to participate in the Constitutional revision process.

Therefore, all 2187 members (and each member individually) are/is invited to contribute suggestions and advice. You are asked to re-read the Constitution, search out what you think needs modernizing and correcting, what should be deleted or added.

Next, take the time to write down your comments. Please follow these guide-lines:

1. Use standard 8 1/2 by 11 inch typing paper.
2. Write ONLY ON ONE SIDE of the paper.
3. Leave two inch spaces between each suggestion.
4. Identify each comment by indicating the ARTICLE number and PARAGRAPH number to be revised, according to the Article and Paragraph numbers in the 1968 Constitution.
5. Take 30 days to do this. (Putting it off until next week will not make it any easier.)
6. Be sure to sign your contribution and send your revisions to:

Rev. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.  
 Providence College  
 Providence, Rhode Island 02918

Constitutional Revisions

Supreme Council has determined that those members who participate in this special project will be worthy of a substantial reward, namely, RITUAL POINTS. Any member submitting a letter of suggested revisions by the deadline established (30 days after reading this letter) will be entitled to FOUR, THREE or TWO Ritual Points, depending upon the quantity and quality of the suggestions proposed. So, you see, your time and effort will be rewarded.

### A PERSONAL NOTE IN CONCLUSION

I urge all members to join in this effort to improve our organization's basic laws, the Constitution. If each member does his or her share, we WILL have a new Constitution by Convention time in Providence in 1977, - an achievement some have said just could not be done. It will be done, if you do your reading, writing and sending your letter in 30 days.

VYTIŠKAI,

Fr. A.A.J., O.P.  
 SC Spiritual Advisor  
 Chairman, Constitutional Revisions

\* There are 2187 members besides myself in the K of L. Hence, the Committee of 2187.

### WE RECOMMEND...

"LITHUANIA MINOR, A Collection of Studies on Her History and Ethnography" edited by Martin Brakas, is a collection of six studies on Lithuania Minor's history and ethnography. The book should be of interest to those interested in Lithuanian history, and particularly those students of this oft-forgotten part of Lithuania. Published by the Lithuanian Research Institute, Inc., it is available from the Lithuanian Encyclopedia Press, Inc. 395 W. Broadway, So. Boston, Mass. 02127.

**DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT 63RD CONVENTION  
IN DAYTON, OHIO**

Antanas A. Buknis, C-25, Cleveland Seniors	\$150.00
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Also with greetings, already published in Sept.-Oct. VYTIS, the following donations received:

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Since 63rd Convention to date, Nov. 22, 1976 received following donations:

K of L Chicago Seniors	\$25.00
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Philip & Marian Skabeikis, C-110, Maspeth, N.Y.	10.00

Respectfully submitted

Anthony J. Mažeika, Treas.

## CONVENTION RAP 1977

### DO YOU KNOW?

Your 1977 National Convention will be held at the **MARRIOTT INN PROVIDENCE**.

Approved dates for the Convention are: August 17-21 inclusive.

Interstate Route 95, Exit 23, and Route 146 are adjacent to the INN. The Marriott has an indoor and outdoor swimming pool. The Marriott is the newest hotel in Providence. St. Casimir's church is within a short walking distance from the hotel.

Our Convention proceedings will be in some of the following rooms: Sessions Street, College Street, Canal Street, Angel Street and Benevolent Street. Water Works and Powder Lane may also be visited by the Conventioneers.

Inflation will not increase the delegates, alternates or guests fee of \$40.00. However, there will be a couple added events at no extra cost.

The Marriott Inn has committed it's - 1976 rates to the K of L, 77 Convention.

Follow the "VYTIS" for additional Convention-Rap.



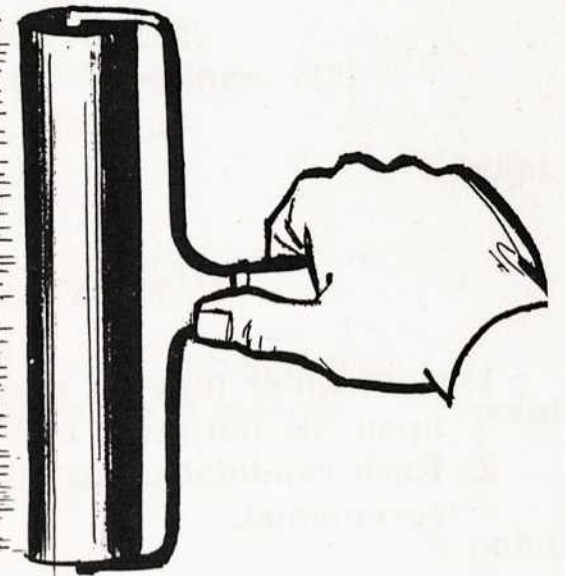
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Providence, Rhode Island



## MEMBERSHIP...

# SPREAD THE NEWS!



The time for the 1977 K of L Membership Drive to begin is here!! The rules, although the same as last year's, are reiterated here.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank the delegates to our National Convention for again placing in me their trust to serve as Membership Chairman and as National Membership Vice President.

To all council membership chairmen I say - first make sure that last year's members do not stray from the fold, then devote all your ingenuity and resources towards signing up the new ones.

To all District Membership Vice Presidents I say - take a long hard look at the problem of revising defunct councils within the geographic boundaries of your District. There are thousands of unaffiliated Lithuanian Catholic Americans throughout the US who could benefit from K of L membership. Let's seek them out.

The good news so far this year, is the reorganization of Council 46 of Forest City, Pa. and the founding of two new councils, in Pittston, Pa. (#143) and in Schuylkill County, Pa. (#144) respectively. I am sure that I speak for the entire membership when I extend to these new K of Lers a hearty welcome.

### RULES FOR THE 1977 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being the first to have their membership dues 100% Paid Up.

First Category	1-49 Members
Second Category	50-99 Members
Third Category	100 And Over

The Deadline for 100% Paid Up Membership is March 31 and will be strictly adhered to.

Awards will also be presented to Councils who have the largest percentage of increase of membership over last year with a minimum of 10% increase. The award categories will be the same as set forth for the 100% Paid Up Membership goal already stated.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR NEW MEMBERS

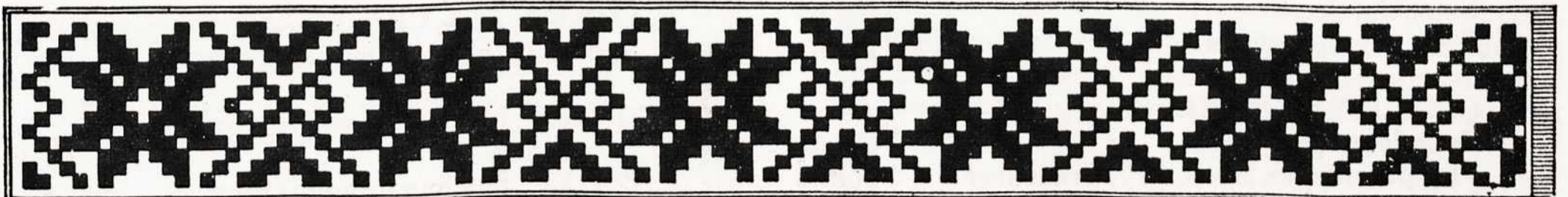
Awards will be given on an overall basis for First, Second and Third place to those individuals who have signed up the greatest number of members and accumulated the greatest number of points as follows:

Enrolling a NEW member (one who has never been a member before) will earn 10 points and a REJOINED member (someone who has not been a member during the past year or longer) will earn 5 points.

The deadline for the New Members Awards is JUNE 30th.

All councils are urged to secure adequate dues payment sheets and membership cards from the National Financial Secretary.

Philip Skabeikis  
National Membership Vice President



# RITUAL RULES — 1977

## REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES

### FIRST DEGREE

1. A member may be enrolled in the First Degree upon his initiation into the organization.
2. Each candidate must fulfill certain duties as per ceremonial.

### SECOND DEGREE

1. One-year membership in the First Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least **THREE** points as per outlined point system.
3. Each candidate must answer five out of ten questions as per ceremonial.

### THIRD DEGREE

1. Two-year membership in the Second Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least **THIRTY** points as per outlined point system.
3. Each applicant must be able to answer ten out of twenty questions in Lithuanian as per ceremonial.
4. A fee of \$3.00 must accompany each application for which a medal and certificate is issued to successful candidates; fee is returned to unsuccessful candidates.

successful candidates.

5. The District Ritual Committee must review the qualifications of all Third degree candidates. (In the event that a council is located in a locality where a District Ritual Committee is not organized, the Supreme Ritual Committee should be contacted).

### FOURTH DEGREE

1. Three-year membership in the Third Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least **NINETY** points as per outlined point system.
3. A fee of \$5.00 must accompany each application for which a medal and certificate is issued to successful candidates.
4. The Supreme Ritual Committee must review the qualifications of all Fourth Degree candidates, who must set down in detail the conditions under which he or she qualifies for the Fourth Degree.

(Important - in sending the forms for a degree application, the member's (a) activity must be listed, (b) the category it comes under (alphabetically listed in point system) and (c) date of activity.

## ACTIVITIES AND CREDIT POINTS FOR K. OF L. DEGREES

Mere election to an office or committee does not automatically entitle one to Degree credits. Proof of satisfactory fulfillment of duties and proof of other activity listed in the application must be available.

### a. COUNCIL OFFICER:

President, per year	5 points
1st Vice-president, in charge of Juniors	4 points
2nd Vice-president, in charge of obtaining new members	3 points
3rd Vice-president, in charge of Seniors	3 points
Treasurer	4 points
Recording Secretary	5 points
Financial Secretary	3 points
Trustees and others	2 points

### b. DISTRICT OFFICER:

President - per year	5 points
Vice-presidents, Secretary, Treasurer	3 points
Trustee, others	2 points

### c. SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICER:

President - per year	10 points
Vice-presidents, Recording and Financial Secretaries	7 points
Treasurer, trustee, others	5 points

### d. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Religion, Lithuanian Affairs, Cultural, Ritual	4 points
Public Relations, with publication dates and scope of material listed Council, District, or Supreme Council	1 to 4 points

### e. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Sports (if clearly designated as a K. of L. activity)	
(1.) - Eg., bowling or golf league, council	1 point
(2.) - Eg., bowling or golf league, district	1/2 point

- (3.) Secretary of any league, under K. of L. name 4 points
- (4.) Any assistants, depending on scope of duties 2 points
- (5.) Chairman of District tournament 3 points
- f. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:  
Dance, Breakfast, Dinner, Picnic, Raffle, or other temporary major activity 2 points
- g. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:  
Christmas party, Social, Outing or similar affair, limited mainly to Council membership (If co-chaired, split points) 2 points
- h. ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER:  
(Not chairman) Council or District Supreme Council 1 point  
Inactive committee member - one who participates only at function 1/2 point
- i. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:  
On yearly basis, Council level Social, condolence, photographer, historian, etc. 2 points
- j. DIRECTOR of K. of L. Choir or Conductor of regularly scheduled classes in Lithuanian language, history or literature - per year (For shorter periods of time, 1 to 4 points awarded at discretion of Council Ritual Committee) 4 points
- k. MEMBER of K. of L. Choir - per year 2 points  
Member of Lithuanian parish choir or other Lithuanian chorus or drama group - per year 1 point
- l. DIRECTOR of a theatrical presentation (If play is in Lithuanian, add one point) 2 points
- m. SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:  
Supreme Council, District, Council - per year 5 points
- n. GENERAL CHAIRMAN:  
Host Council's Convention committee for National Convention, per Convention (If co-chaired, each receives 2 points) 4 points
- o. MEMBER, Host Council's Convention committee for National Convention, per convention, or suitable points for work performed 1 point
- p. NATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICER:  
Chairman, vice-chairman, secretary 2 points
- q. MEMBER OF COMMITTEE:  
Resolutions, Mandate, Greetings, etc. (Serving during a National Convention) 1 point
- r. DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION:  
If record of attendance is satisfactory, as per Mandate committee's records 1 point
- s. DELEGATE TO DISTRICT CONVENTION:  
(Maximum credit - 1 point per year) 1/2 point
- t. ORGANIZING A K. OF L. COUNCIL (Junior, regular or senior) 5 points
- u. ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS into K. of L. - per member 1/2 point  
For re-enrolling an ex-member - per member 1/2 point
- v. FOR EACH PUBLISHED NEWS ITEM IN "VYTIS"  
Dates of publication must be listed 1/2 point
- w. FOR EACH ARTICLE OR EDITORIAL PUBLISHED IN "VYTIS" 2 points
- x. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: 2 points
- y. ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETING: per meeting 1/4 point
- For other activities - as approved by the Supreme Ritual Committee. Under the designation of Committee are included all activity units: Boards, Circle, Groups, Clubs, etc.

#### TEMPORARY SPECIAL PROJECT

As a special incentive to members to become involved in the "Constitution Revision Committee" (see page 15), the Ritual Committee will award from two to four ritual points to members who contribute suggestions to the "Constitution Revision Committee". The Committee and Father Jurgelaitis will decide the exact number of points each member deserves, on the basis of quantity and quality of the material submitted.

# K of L Calendar

## JANUARY

- 22 IID Annual CHOIR DANCE, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.  
28, 29, 30 - C-17, So. Boston, SKI WEEKEND, King Pine Ski Lodge, E. Madison N.H.

## FEBRUARY

- 6 IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" Banquet, Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.  
5 C-29, Newark, SQUARE DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.  
13 C-90, Kearny, AMBER BALL, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J.  
26 C-36, Chicago HEART OF MY HEART DANCE Darius-Girenas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

## MARCH

- 6 C-29, Newark, St. Casimir Communion Mass and Breakfast, Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J.  
6 C-10, Athol-Gardner, St. Casimir Day Celebration.  
6 IID St. Casimir Day Celebration, St. Casimir Church, Gary, Ind. C-82, Gary - Hosts.  
13 MAD St. Casimir Day Communion Breakfast and District Convention, Our Lady of Vilnius Church and Hall, Manhattan, N.Y.

## APRIL

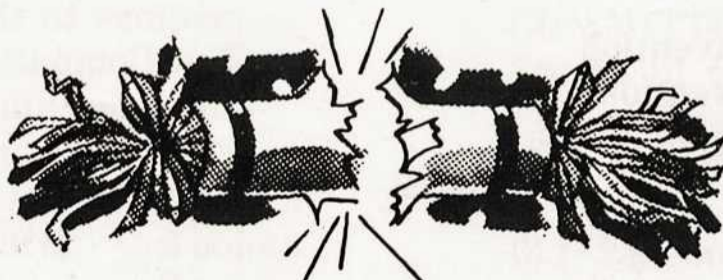
- 24 NED SPRING CONVENTION, Athol, Mass. C-10, Hosts.

## MAY

- 21 MAD TESTIMONIAL for LORETTA STUKAS, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.  
22 MAD SPRING CONVENTION, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J., C-90, Hosts.

## AUGUST

- 17-21 64TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Marrott Inn Providence, Providence, R.I., C-103, Providence, Hosts.



# JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

Add to your Lithuanian vocabulary, as you go back to school (mokykla) after Christmas vacation...

pieštukas	- pencil
plunksna	- pen
šratinukas	- ball-point pen
kreida	- Chalk
trintukas	- eraser
žirklys	- scissors
klijai	- paste
pratimai	- workbook
rašiuvinis	- notebook
žemėlapis	- map
rašomasis stalas	- desk
spalvotos piešos	- crayons
dažų dėžutė	- paint box
teptukai	- paint brushes
rašalas	- ink
rašalinė	- inkwell
lenta	- blackboard
mokytoja	- teacher
kabė	- paper clip
smeigtukai	- thumb tacks
mokinys	- pupil
skambutis	- bell
klasė	- classroom
vedėjas	- principal
drožtukas	- pencil sharpener

## REMINDERS...

Next month we will remember Lithuania's Independence Day on Feb. 16th. Some type of short program should be part of your monthly meeting to demonstrate your interest in commemorating Lithuania's independence.

Junior Council 36-112 plans a dramatization of the signing of Lithuania's independence. The signing was a very brave, heroic act in Lithuania, just as ours was here in the United States. Lithuania had powerful nations like Poland and Russia looking down at her at that time.

All of your members can take an active part in the play and you'll enjoy preparing the historic program that will take place at your meeting.

If you would like to know more about the ceremony and the men who took part in it, please write to me and I'll send you the information as soon as possible.

## FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE



"KIŠKUČIO VARDINĖS", By Stasys Džiugas is a delightful collection of children's poetry in Lithuanian. Edited and prepared by the Lithuanian Book Club and published by DRAUGAS Press, this book, "The Bunny Rabbit's Namesday", should be a welcome addition to every K of L Junior's library, and should provide an excellent tool for becoming familiar with the Lithuanian language in very simple but enjoyable terms. Available from DRAUGAS PRESS, 4545 W. 63rd St., Chicago, Ill. 60629.



# Vyčiai Veikia



## Council Activities

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### MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

#### C-74 - SCRANTON, PA.

On Nov. 6, C-74, St. Joseph Church, Scranton, held a "Get-Acquainted Night" in St. Joseph Church Hall. A buffet dinner was held, followed by dancing. The following assisted at the affair. Chairman was Eva Kazokas and co-chairmen were John Wisnosky and Charles Gryzauskas. Other on the committee included: Tickets - John Skeras, Tony Yavorski, Charles Danoski, Ann Kvietkus and Jean Kneragas; Basket of Cheer - William Romeika, John Morris, Andrew Leonard, Al Laibinis and Peter Menchinsky; Decorations - Jean Pocius, Rose Stanchis, Francis Yavorsky and Helen Romeika; Refreshments - Anne Brocavich, Agatha Sueta, Mark & Gertrude Romeika, Irene McLaughlin and Ann Zielinskas; Entertainment - Betty Leonard, Patsy Sims, Mrs. Al Laibinis, Roscoe Beers, Frances Skube. Helen Cravath was in charge of publicity.

We had the pleasure of having Helen Shields, Phil and Marian Skabeikis and Jean and Larry Janonis from New York as our guests.

A large group took the First Degree. Included in the group were Father Michael Ozalas, our Spiritual Adviser and Father Papka from Forest City.

The following are C-74 officers for 1976-77. Spiritual Adviser - Father Michael Ozalas, President - Eva Kazokas, Vice-President - Andrew B. Leonard, Treasurer - Joseph Zubavich, Financial Secretary - John Skeras, and Recording Secretary - Helen Cravath.

Andrew B. Leonard

#### C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Peter and Charlotte Sargalis hosted the members of C-100 at their summer home at Lake Galway for the September meeting. New members Algis and Anele Dzekciorius and daughter, Lina of South Bethlehem, Mildred and John Whelly, Mildred and Ben Botaitis and Frances DiBart were welcomed to the council.

President Tony Radzevich spoke on the constitution of the Knights of Lithuania, refreshing everyone's memory as to the aims of our organization.

The minutes of our previous meeting were reported by Nellie Liberis and the council's finances were brought up to date by Sophie Olbie.

An accounting of the happenings at the National Convention in Dayton were given by Gene Gobis. Amsterdam had a large group in attendance. Sophie Olbie, Peter Hayes and Gene Gobis came by plane. The rest of the delegates and guest drove... Tony and Ann Radzevich, Helen Radzevich, Annacetta Guzielek, Regina and John Kot, Juniors Gerard and Alan Drenzek, and Milton and Isabelle McKinley (Ridgefield, N.J.).

Congratulations to the Daytonians on one of the most successful conventions! They certainly have that "togetherness" spirit.

Syracuse K of L'ers celebrated the U.S. BiCentennial at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral on Sept. 14 where our National Spiritual Adviser Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis celebrated a Lithuanian Mass. Assisting him was Monsignor Balkunas, Maspeth, N.Y. Amsterdamsians Tony and Ann Radzevich, Frances Bobines, Peter Hayes, Regina Kot, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis and Don Holleran participated in the doings.

Father Baltch who spent his vacation in France and the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia gave the highspots of the Lithuanian participation at the Congress. He also traveled to Chicago for the Lithuanian Dance festival. Algis and Anele Dzekciorius also were in Chicago for the event, and also reported on the event.

The members wished Father Grigaitis a happy 75th birthday. A cake with one huge candle was presented to him, and as he blew the flame out, the council members sang the familiar "Happy Birthday" and "Ilgiausiu Metu"!

Food and refreshments were served by our hosts, Peter and Charlotte Sargalis. Peter Hayes brought dozens of ears of corn. Bill Liberis and Joe Shatas aided our hosts by serving the liquid refreshments. A group of Juniors were present - Gerry and Alan Drenzek, Rima Hartvigas, Stan and Evelyn Rimkunas' children - Mary Margaret, Stanley and Joseph. The weather was warm and a few of the youngsters took advantage of the warm waters of the lake.

The October meeting, held at the Social Center, was well at-

tended. The refreshments were served by the committee of Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich and Judy Kastravickas. Father Grigaitis said the opening prayers and the business meeting was run by president Anthony Radzevich. All present unanimously agreed to reelect the same slate of officers continue for another year. Our staff includes: President - A. Radzevich, Vice-President - Gene Gobis, Treasurer - Sophie Olbie, Secretary - Nellie Liberis, Sgts.-at-Arms - Walter Rusilas, Charles Karbus and Peter Sargalis (new). Edward Baranauskas will be at the helm of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee while Polly Ziausys and Regina Kot will continue being co-chairladies of the Cultural Committee. Mary Stanionis will continue her duties as our Ritual Chairlady. Father Baltch showed slides of his trips to France and to the Dance Festival in Chicago.

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

With the arrival of 1977, let's take a moment to reflect on the joys and sorrows of the year just past.

Congratulations to Donna (Jankowski) & Michael Murphy on the birth of their baby daughter. Mrs. Marion March, Vite Ivaska and Mrs. Ann Morkunas are among those who were hospitalized during the old year. We wish them a rapid return of good health so that their ailments may be just a memory.

And we offer prayerful condolences to those who lost loved ones last year: to our pastor, Father Miciunas and to our spiritual director, Father Uzdavinis, who both lost sisters; to Alex Pridotkas and

to Anthony Savage whose fathers passed away; and to Alex Kardokas and Nancy Gorden whose brother died.

The 5th anniversary Mass for our late pastor, Father Jutt, and the 7th anniversary Mass for our late spiritual advisor, Father Tamulevicius, were held in June and September respectively, with families and friends in attendance. Among those present were the ever-faithful members of C-116 (Our Lady of Vilna parish) who also shared the wonderful influence of these two priests.

During the year, we commemorated Lithuania's Independence Day in February and St. Casimir's Day in March. We had a pre-Lenten supper with Bill Karas, the Kardokas' and the Degutis' providing the "blynus" to everyone's great satisfaction and enormous consumption!

Rita Pinkus and her committee presented a delicious chicken barbecue in the church hall preceding one of the monthly meetings. During the summer, Elly & Steve Walinsky, Jr. hosted a meeting which included a shishkabob at their West Millbury home. It was a delight to have as an added treat the presence of Joe & Diane Drumstas who were visiting Joe's family in Worcester. The annual clambake in charge of Bill & Carol Grigas and committee was another social success. The New England Cultural Picnic held at Maironis Park in October is certainly worthy of praise. Each year, the "best" in Lithuanian culture is put before us: books, carvings, weavings, amber... and good Lithuanian food. Has anyone ever seen a more beautiful collection of amber, both jewelry and figurines, than that belonging to Wanda Pajeda Lescord? At this writing, Christmas party plans are in progress and our co-chairpersons, Marian Racicot and her sister, Eleanor Carmody, assure us it will be a very "merry" event. Our council's 60th anniversary was commemorated with a dinner and dance at Maironis Park in October.

Mrs. Anna Bacys was singled out for special honors because she has been a member of our council for 56 years and we are proud of her. Did you know that Teresa Adomavicius' father, the late Anthony Ciginskas, was our council's first president? In addition to Father Miciunas and Father Uzdavinis, other former spiritual directors present were Father Alphonse Volungis, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church in Worcester, Father John Bakanas of Vianney House in Worcester, and Father Justin Steponaitis, pastor of St. Francis Church in Athol. It was a lovely evening.

Being a nice "guy" isn't enough. You must stand out, too. It begins with small steps... first becoming a member, joining committees, taking council offices, then the big leap to district and national offices... and for value given, value is received. How else can we describe Rita Pinkus' arrival at Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania? Whether Rita was chairperson or held a supporting role in whatever the project was, she was and is one of our council's best advertisements. Congratulations, Rita, from each and everyone of us!

And so, we are happy to announce that Rita will serve as our Council President for 1977! Her enthusiasm is contagious, her executive board assures us: Vice Pres. Peter Ivaska, Rec. Secy. Ann Bender, Fin. Secy. Mildred Lapinskas (who urges all to make early payment of dues), Treas. Steve Walinsky, Jr., Auditor Marion Racicot, and Lith. Affairs Chmn. Alex Kardokas. Our Spiritual Director, Father Uzdavinis, will officiate at the installation ceremonies. In charge of the social following will be Mrs. Ann Walinsky and her daughter-in-law, Elly Walinsky.

Many, Many individuals contributed to the successful year and their names are duly recorded in the Minutes. We are grateful to Joe Sakaitis and his board of officers who served in 1976 and we

promise able support to Rita Pinkus and her board for 1977. Hope Christmas was joyful for all and that 1977 will be healthy and happy for each of us.

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C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The concelebrated Mass and gala Dinner-Dance commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Marianapolis was attended by Father Ed Budrecki, MIC, Mr. & Mrs. John Stoskus, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Vaicaitis, and Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Krecioch.

August 13th is the magical date for Carol Walaska. Carol's wedding date was advanced a week because of the Natl. K of L Convention coming to Providence. Her father, John, is our council's Vice-Pres., and mother Irene is Secy.

Phil Carter has rejoined the council and will be on the Conv. Ad Book Committee. Welcome!

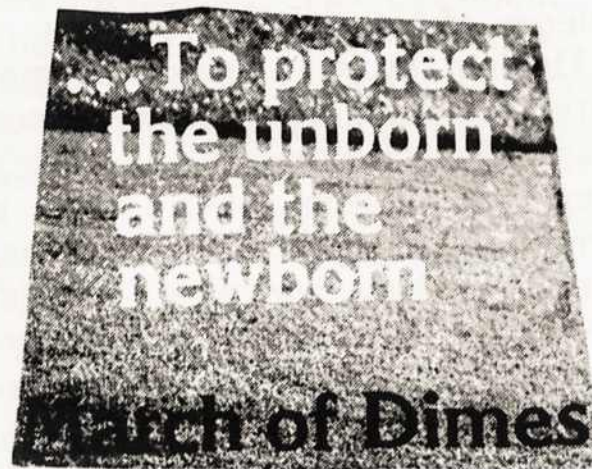
Father V. Martinkus was the homilist and principal concelebrant during Canada's Lithuanian Day celebration. St. Joseph's Oratory was the scene of the religious event. Father Casimir Pugevicius, Natl. Lith. Affairs Chmn., served St. Casimir's Parish during the pastor's absence.

C-103 officers for 1977 are as follows: Spiritual Advisor Father V. Martinkus, Pres. Bertha R. Stoskus, Vice-Pres. John Walaska, Secy. Irene Walaska, Treas. & Fin. Secy. Beatrice Mathieu, Lith. Affairs Chmn. Vyto Kapiskas, Ritual Chmn. John Stoskus, and Religious Program Coordinator, Father A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

Nellie & Anthony Yanovitch, sister and brother-in-law of Father Jurgelaitis, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary in So. Boston. Much happiness!

Helen Seraichekas, Ruta Krecioch, Anele Lesziak, and Bertha Stoskus attended the concert and dinner sponsored by the Lithuanian Charitable Society of Worcester, Mass. The concert featured the "Aidas" Girl's Choir from Hamilton, Canada.

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C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

It gives us great pleasure to report that the NED Bicentennial Festival held Oct. 3 at Maironis Park was a huge success. Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus and Ann Bender, all of C-26, were Chairpersons of this annual affair. Many, many people contributed so very much that we dare not mention any names for fear of overlooking someone. We do want, though, to give Honorable Mention to all the kitchen help who worked like beavers all day. As usual, the kugelis was delicious and a real big seller. Daugelis ačiū visiems.

Dot Sinkavitch was the lucky one; she won the First Prize, a portable TV. She's blessed with the Luck of the Irish, - after all, her birthday is Mar. 17!

Not so lucky, or so she claims, was Marion Lukason on her trip to Las Vegas. She claims she "broke even", but we notice she is sporting a brand new car.

Mary & Vic Mrozinski are back from their annual trek to Florida,

and the tans they got make us all look kind of anemic.

We express our very deep gratitude to Olga Kersis of C-26, who is an accomplished organist & choir director, for coming to our aid with her excellent direction during our 40 Hour Devotion services. Many, many thanks.

Our sincere condolences to the family of John Yurkenas on the death of his mother.

Mrs. Irene Adamaitis made an excellent M.C. at the recent Banquet held by the Lithuanian Women's Club. Guests included Congressman Joseph Early & his wife, and Mayor Thomas Early & his wife, who is a Lithuanian.

Carolyn Adamaitis is becoming an accomplished musician. She plays in the school orchestra. Carol played at the Music Festival for the children's program and also for Friday night's performance. This is quite an honor, for the Worcester Music Festival has the distinction of being the oldest festival in the entire country.

We hear that Marion Tauras, a former Jr K of L'er, is very happy teaching Art in the local school system. Good luck, Marion!

It pleases us very much that Mrs. Marcella Sviklas, the mom of Irene Tamulevich, has made an excellent recovery from her recent illness.

Since we switched from golf to bowling, we are doing much better. We don't lose nearly so many balls.

Grace & Joe Balukonis can be counted among those who have chosen Cape Cod for the site of their second home. We hear their year round home at Falmouth is just beautiful, with a marina and swimming pool, and located right on the ocean front. Good luck, folks! We wish for you many, many pleasant hours. Does this mean no more traveling, or just a place to go to rest up from your numerous trips.

A very, very Happy New Year is wished to all.

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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

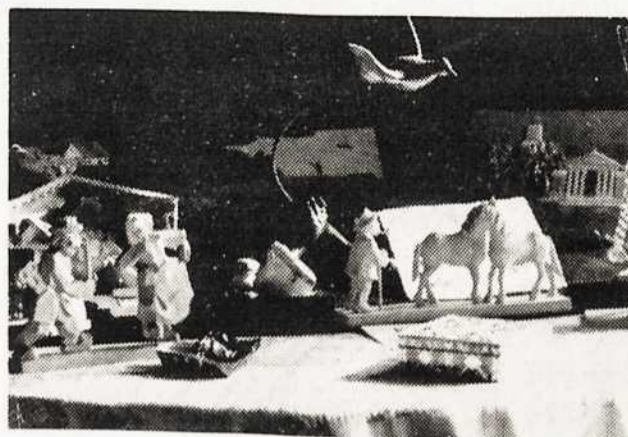
One of the nicest happenings of the past year was the Lithuanian Fall Festival held at Maironis Park on Oct. 3 for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

Driving to Shrewsbury, Mass., the natural abundance of various trees provided a dramatic show of autumn hues as a prelude to the verve and zeal that was to come.

Once inside the aesthetically designed edifice, the refined qualities of our heritage were in evidence everywhere. A scan of the large area revealed the carefully displayed collection of hand-woven linens, amber and wood carvings shown by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tamulevich of Worcester. These, an accumulation of opulence, were attained through gifts and the many visits to Lithuania.

A view of inlaid murals, amber collage and several intricately carved wayside shrines on display were made possible by our NED Chairlady, Nell Ruggles. Special attention was focused on the originality of a sculptured bird in flight. A masterpiece in root sculpture, born by the gifted hands of Pranas Baltuonis of Montreal, Canada, it is the brilliant creation of a genius.

Separating these displays was a section with Lithuanian coins made available for purchase by Anthony Ruggles and Clement Picard. Also on the table was an amber



*Partial view of exhibit featuring inlaid murals, amber collage and root sculpture by Pranas Baltuonis*

necklace, a prize donated by our chairperson, Nell Ruggles. Filling in for the convalescing Tony Miner were Wanda & Edward Lescord of Worcester, managing the sale of books, little pouches of "Lithuanian Gold", amber artifacts and linens.

The ladies of So. Boston and Brockton, - Ann Wolinsky, Heidi Kniupis, Mary Neversky, Ann Bender, and Sue Boroskas, featured a luscious assortment of cheeses, lap robe, a magnum of whiskey, and numerous other gifts. A bushel basket of fruit was offered by the sweet and charming Jrs. from Brockton and So. Boston. The fish bowl proved popular and successful, and was sponsored by the council of Ann Bucinkas, Rose Chestnut and Adele Degutis.

The highlight of the Festival was the award segment, emceed by the popular John Stoskus of Provi-

dence, R.I. The NED "Friend of Lithuania Award" was presented to Allen Dougherty, Editor of the So. Boston Tribune. Accepting the award for the vacationing Mr. Dougherty was Edward Ketvirtas, a retired Air Force Colonel whose military career spanned 37 years of service, and who now is a prominent Boston businessman and treasurer of the So. Boston Lith. Citizen's Assoc. In his letter of acceptance, Mr. Dougherty stated that he gained the greatest satisfaction in working with members of the Lithuanian community of the greater Boston area, and particularly with the Knights of Lithuania. Praising the K of L activities for providing the Tribune with "good copy" which was always well prepared and presented punctually for publication, he expressed his appreciation for the honor conferred upon him.

Recipients of the Scholarship Awards this year were Donald Picard, son of Mr. & Mrs. Clement Picard of Holyoke, Mass. C-30, and Heidi Kniupis of West Roxbury, C-17.

With music and dancing into the late hours, the time came to say, "Labanaktis". The success of this affair was made possible through the joint efforts of the Worcester councils and the cooperation of all NED councils who worked tirelessly and gave generously of their time and contributions.

Margaret Picard



*Edward Ketvirtas accepting the "Friends of Lithuania" award for the vacationing Allen Dougherty, Felix Zaletskas of So. Boston, Joan Laframboise and Al Jaritis.*



*Scholarship recipients: Donald Picard & Heidi Kniupis with NED Pres. Joan Laframboise and Al Jaritis.*

## SRS. C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

October was election month and our roster of council officers is as follows: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas, Pres. John Norinkavich, 1st V. Pres. Alexander Akule, 2nd V. Pres. Frank Markuns, Rec. Secy. Virginia Markuns, Fin. Secy. Aldona Kropas, Ritual Chmn. Longinas Svelnis, Cultural Chmn. Daniel Averka, Lith. Affairs Chmn. Felix Zaleskas, Sgt.-at-Arms Patricia Akule, Trustees Daniel Averka & Joseph White, Vytis Correspondent Joseph White.

We thank our outgoing officers for their time and effort in making the past year a successful one and wish the incoming officers the best of luck for the coming year.

Mr. & Mrs. Casimir Plevock celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 17 with a 11 A.M. Mass at St. Peter's Church in So. Boston followed by a reception at Lantana in Randolph, Mass. at 2 P.M. Mrs. Plevock is a much esteemed member of our council and we all wish her and Casimir congratulations and good health in the coming years. Many council members attended this lovely affair along with the happy couple's five children, grandchildren and many friends. Their daughter Alice Ruseckas, a council member, played the organ at Mass and led the youth choir in a selection of songs.

Virginia & Frank Markuns and Pat & Al Akule spent the week of Oct. 12 visiting the Markuns' son John and family in Virginia. John is a union labor lawyer in Washington, D.C.

Ann Norinkavich and Alexander Akule ran a successful whist party in October for the benefit of the church. These two members give often of themselves for the many events of both church and K of L thru the years, and we want them to know that their work is appreciated and recognized by all.

Each fall the combined C-17 & Srs. pool their efforts and talents to sponsor a gala fall event which

helps raise money for council activities for the coming year. On Oct. 30 the So. Boston Lith. Citizen's Club was the scene of the Halloween Festival buffet & dance preceded by a social hour. The hall was beautifully decorated in an autumnal motif with the traditional cats, witches, skeletons, scarecrows, shocks of corn and attractive pumpkin centerpieces for each table. Some people came in costumes. The costume prize was won by Heidi Knuipis, C-17, who was dressed as a very attractive Arab, with second prize going to Cathy Norinkavich as the pixie, Peter Pan. A lovely Afghan made and donated by Ann Petchell was won by Ed Ketvirtas, our local jeweler, and two fruit baskets were won by Ann Kuderauskas and Al Akule. The people danced to a wide variety of music played by the Modernistics, and it seemed that the most fun was group dancing when all joined to dance. It was nice to see many friends from surrounding communities, some as far away as Worcester, attend for an evening of conviviality and to renew old acquaintances. We thank all members of both councils who were on the various committees making this evening possible.

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## C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

The delegates that participated in the 63rd Convention, in Dayton, Ohio were Jerome Jankus, Ann Marie Kassel, Henry, Sabina, Rosemarie and Bernadette Klatt. Jerome was Sgt.-at-arms, Ann Marie was Secretary and elected National 1st Vice Pres..in care of

Juniors, and Sabina worked on Greetings. Rosemarie Klatt was the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations! Also she was named in "Who's Who Among American Students". Sabina Klatt received a beautiful gift for membership. The convention was very interesting and one that will not be forgotten.

September 5th - The K of L Dancers performed with all dancers from all over in the Šokių Šventė Festival. The K of L choir sang with a few other choirs. It was a beautiful sight to see. Everyone was awed by the performance.

On Sept. 12th - The Šiluva Marija procession was held at Nativity B.V.M. Church. Napoleon Sapkus and Jerome Jankus carried the flags. Quite a few council members participated.

The 11th Anniversary at Ford City shopping center was celebrated for a week and on Sept. 17th the K of L Dancers and Choir performed. Many people were there and enjoyed the performance.

A very successful picnic was held at the K of L - Sept. 19th - "Burning of the Mortgage Picnic". A grand time was had by all who attended.

On Aug. 4th - Jerome Jankus and Napoleon Sapkus and Antanas Brokelevicius carried the flags in Kenosha, Wisc. with Kazimiera Petruliene and Sabina Klatt and Maria Klatt escorting - representing the K of L.

Welcome to our new members - Antanas Butkus, Helen Petkunas, Jean and George Sorini Vance, Jonas Kernagis.

Congratulations to our new officers - Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Paul Juknevičius, President - Sabina Klatt, Vice President - Lucille Kilkus, Secretary - Ann Marie Kassel, Financial Secretary - Rosemarie Klatt, Correspondent Secretary - Sally Chernius, Seniors Organizer - Mrs. K. Petrulis, Trustees - Anthony & Kay Vallunas, Ritual Committee - Helen Skudra, Sgt.-at-arms -

Jerome Jankus and Napoleon Sapkus.

Ann Marie Kassel started a new 36-112 Junior Council on Oct. 12th. It was a nice turn-out. They started to learn the dances and to sing under the instruction of Faustas Strolia. They were on Lithuanian Television - Channel 26-8:30 - November 28th, dancing and singing. Also they performed on Dec. 2nd - Lithuanian day at the Science and Industry - "Christmas Around the World" with the K of L regular dancers.

Plans are being made for "Heart of My Heart" dance - February 26th to be held at Darius Girenas Hall. Mr. & Mrs. R. Harding are the Chairpersons for the dance. Everyone is enthused about this event and all are working on the plans. An invitation is extended to all.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Many 112'ers, led by members State Senator Frank Savickas and Alderman Ken Jaksy, had the opportunity to meet with Jimmy Carter at a special reception at Midway Airport in Chicago. Members reported that Gov. Carter was most cordial and friendly.

Our council was ably represented at the American Lith. Roman Catholic Federation's 70th Anniversary Congress held at the parish hall of Immaculate Conception Church. Emilija Pakalniskis and Antanas Sereika represented our council, while Irene Sankus and Alex Pakalniskis Jr. represented the Supreme Council. The Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas and Council Spiritual Advisor Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas also attended the Congress.

The 5th Anniversary of the death of the late Consul General Petras Dauzvardis was held at the Jesuit Center under the direction of Father Kezys of the Lithuanian Photo Archives. The event was well attended and everyone enjoyed the memorial program and film from the Archives Library. Council members John Evans, Irene Sankus, Leonard Simutis,

Estelle Rogers and Julie Zakarka assisted, and IID Pres. Algerd Brazis was one of the soloists and sang a beautiful program.

Our council's annual Halloween Party was held in the Zakarka Rathskeller and everyone enjoyed the festivities, from the socializing, to the super beverage dispensing of Al Zakarka, to the delicious food prepared by Julie. Unusual costumes were worn; Richard & Valerie Jurgaitis came as a 20's gunman and his moll, and mystery guests Mary Hartman and Jimmy Carter turned out to be Aldona Daukus and her friend Chris.

Condolences to the family of Honorary Member Ignas Sakalas, who was a long-time president of the Chicago Srs., was very active with the K of L Bldg. Trustees, and an advisor and consultant to all K of L members in the IID. He will long be remembered by us all.

The IID Memorial Mass for deceased K of L members was held at Nativity B.V.M. Church with Canon V. Zakarauskas officiating, and attended by members from Chicago area councils. Following the Mass, many 112'ers, and Kazimiera Petrulis of the Srs., and AnnMarie & Georgie Kassel and Bea Pupinek of C-36, traveled to Lisle to have brunch at the new Jerry Sharko's Restaurant. To say the brunch was terrific would be an understatement, - everyone truly enjoyed the delicious, plentiful food and the beautiful atmosphere of the restaurant. Jerry is a member of our council, and we recommend that everyone visit his new place.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
**JANUARY 15** - Annual K of L Choir Benefit Dance, Pakstas Hall, celebrating the Choir's 60th Anniversary;  
**FEBRUARY 6** - IID Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet, Martinique Grand Ballroom. Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis will be the Award Recipient;  
**MARCH 6** - IID St. Casimir's Day Commemoration, St. Casimir's Church in Gary, Indiana, with C-82 as hosts.

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

After the Oct. 9 Jr.'s meeting, Joe & Eugenia Gečas had lunch for them. This was followed with transportation to the bowling lanes for a fun afternoon.

Much thanks to Religious Chmn. Eloise Berczelly for planning an Evening of Recollection on Oct. 19 which was opened to the entire parish. The evening began with dinner at 6 p.m. and Mass at 7:30 p.m. with open discussion following in the church hall. Offertory bearers during Mass were Chris Mantz and Joyce Berczelly. Our guest celebrant and moderator was Father Roger Griese of Sacred Heart Church, Dayton. In spite of small attendance, the evening proved fulfilling and informative. Thanks, also, to Eloise's committee, - Bea Noreikas, Fran Petkus, Joyce & John Berczelly, and Harley Karns.

Dennis Noreikas chaired a Harvest Polka Party Dance on Oct. 23. Unfortunately, we ran into competition with other local organizations holding functions the same evening, and the area universities had their homecomings. In spite of this, those attending really had a good time. The DeCarlo Brothers, who supplied the music, had the crowd on the move. Denny's committee is thanked for the work they put into the dance. Patty Noreikas and Joyce & John Berczelly were in charge of the decorations. The bar was "manned" by Judy Petrokas, Rita Ambrose, Joe Mantz, and

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John. Eloise Berczelly and Bea Noreikas took care of the kitchen while Fran Petkus and Chris Mantz handled the tickets.

A luncheon was held Oct. 1 for our weary travelers returning from a 10-day trip to Lithuania, via Amsterdam and Poland. The travelers on this exciting trip were Ada & Kathy Sinkwitz, Alex Grushas, Mike, Alice & Mary Petkus, Albina & Albert Wallis, and Walter Lastoskie. Stories from their adventures are still being told. The warmth they received from their families in Lithuania will leave them with long-lasting memories and new friendships. Some are planning to make return trips.

With Mary Lucas taking charge of our left-over supper, and Sarah & Charles Petkus handling the bar, we had a good wrap-up Conv. meeting on Oct. 10. Committee reports were turned in, and some of the fun things that happened during the Conv. were told. We were all pleased that Mr. & Mrs. Aleksis were able to attend the Conv., and to hear how well the Knights sang the Vyčių Himnas at the Sunday Mass. We were thankful to Mr. Aleksis for the kind words he had for the Dayton Knights. We are also hoping our Natl. Pres., Mr. Anthony Miner, is well now. We missed him at the Conv., and we know how much he had planned to be here. We still want to thank everyone for coming to Dayton. The Conv. never could have been as good as it was if you all weren't there! Again, labai ačiū!

The Vėjeliai Dancers' Director, Judy Petrokas, is keeping the dancers on the move. They performed Oct. 17 at the Univ. of Dayton's Annual International

Tea. At one point of the program, Natl. & our council's Cultural Chmn., Aldona Ryan, presented the Univ. with a gift from the Dayton Lith. community, - a hand carved wayside cross created by Holy Cross parishioner, John Kvietys. The cross will be on permanent display. Judy also arranged for those dancers who were able, to make a trip to Cleveland on Oct. 24 to see the Grandinėlė Dancers perform. It was quite an experience for our young people, and they really learned much watching this experienced group.

Marianne Podoyak was chairman for her sorority's Fall Festival, using the International Theme for the program. With the help of Sally Miller, Albina Wallis, with first hand information from her recent trip to Lithuania, really held the interest of the people attending. All the new Lithuanian artifacts our travelers brought back were on display. Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz made and served virtiniai. Cecelia Lisankis played

Lith. music on her accordian. We hear that Jerry Podoyak got to help, even though the program was for women only!

Get-well wishes go to Sue Noreikas, Elinor Sluzas, Aldona Ryan (recuperating from a foot injury), Dorothy Conrady, Charlie Petkus (recovering from two surgeries, hernia & gallbladder), Mary Lou Lastoskis (respiratory problems), and Walter Lastoskie (gout). Get-well wishes, also, are sent to our friend in C-7, Waterbury, Conn., John Alanskas.

Congratulations to Laima Rastikis who received her Masters Degree from the Univ. of Dayton. Laima was recipient of the K of L Scholarship Award a few years ago, and is cochairman of our Lith. Affairs Committee. Much luck to Chris Mantz who has joined the CCD staff in our parish. Mary Lucas was the "cheer" winner at our dance, the date of which was also Mary's birthday!

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Fr. Anthony Sabaliauskas is celebrating his Golden Jubilee as a Salesian this year. Born in Lithuania in 1905, he was ordained in 1932 and has worked in several Mission lands, including India, Columbia and Venezuela. He was the first editor of the Lithuanian Salesian Bulletin. For the past five summers he has assisted the Mexican migrant workers at the request of the bishop of Gary, Indiana.

