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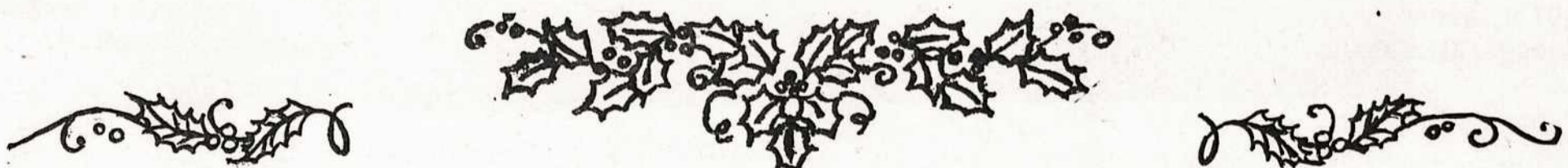


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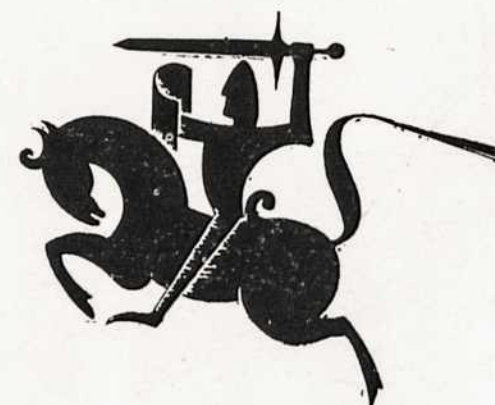
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THE SINGING KNIGHTS

On Saturday, November 12th, 1966, the lingering memories of the past and present Knights of Lithuania Choir's performances and performers became interwoven at a gala Golden Jubilee event. It was a most memorable night for the choir and the people who came to give it their homage.

This Knights of Lithuania Choir "Dainos Choras" was organized by the then Chicago District President Leonard Simutis, Sr., P. Baltutis and J. S. Jonca in September of 1916. John J. Kazanauskas was chosen as the group's first president. The first choir director was Alexander Aleksis who soon left for a post in Brooklyn, New York. He was succeeded by Anthony Pocius under whose direction the choir performed in its first concert in December. Other outstanding early performances were the Sasnauskas first cantata "Broliai" in 1918, the first operetta "Kornevilio Varpai" in 1919 and the first Religious Concert, a Du Bois cantata in 1920 at Kimball Hall. The choir participated in the first Chicago Lithuanian Song Festival sponsored by the Lithuanian Daily Draugas. As a matter of fact, rarely was there an important national holiday commemoration or conference or convention of the various organizations at which the K of L Choir was not invited to perform.

In 1932 Joseph Sauris assumed the duties of choir director producing many concerts, cantatas and operettas. He directed the group on its performances for the 1939 Worlds Fair in New York. During this time,

the choir composed of over 80 of some of the best voices among the Lithuanians, and some of the most active supporters of the choir devoted untold time and effort for its success. Perhaps the choir history should have one section in gold letters for the late Stanley Simulis for his contributions to the group. His enthusiasm dispelled any discouraging moments, his ceaseless efforts in gathering funds overcame the many financial obstacles during the trying years. He did not sing with the group but he believed in its accomplishments.

For a short period, Stanley Rakauskas led the choir and under his direction, they presented, most successfully, a musical production, "Ekskursija į Lietuvą".

Leonard Simutis, Jr., son of one of the original choir organizers, took over the helm for about ten years from 1941. It was interesting to note that at this time, the choir was composed of so many sons and daughters of the original choir members. This group performed in over fifty concerts and programs in Chicago and in other cities, in places like Orchestra Hall and Kimball Hall, appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and were heard over radio stations WGN and WCFL.

After a period of inactivity, the group was reorganized in 1960, primarily through the efforts of Estelle Rogers, first president of this era, Eleanore Laurin District president then, and Loretta (Kassel) Stukas. Other choir officers, Loretta Macekonis, Helen Gudauskas, Julie and Albert Zakarka, who are still active, were also responsible for the birth and growth of the new choir. Under the energetic direction of Faustas Strolia, it has enjoyed an enviable record of performances and concerts among not only the Lithuanians, but also civic and other non-Lithuanian groups.

Among the various contributions to the fostering of Lithuanian culture, the choir has put out a record, "Težydi Vėliai Lietuva". The hard-working president at the time of the recording was Zena Savokaitis.

The dedication of these people, the choir's present president Vladas Paliulionis, and each and every member of the choir can result in nothing but a successful future, continuing on to a Diamond Anniversary.



KALĖDOS

KUČIOS

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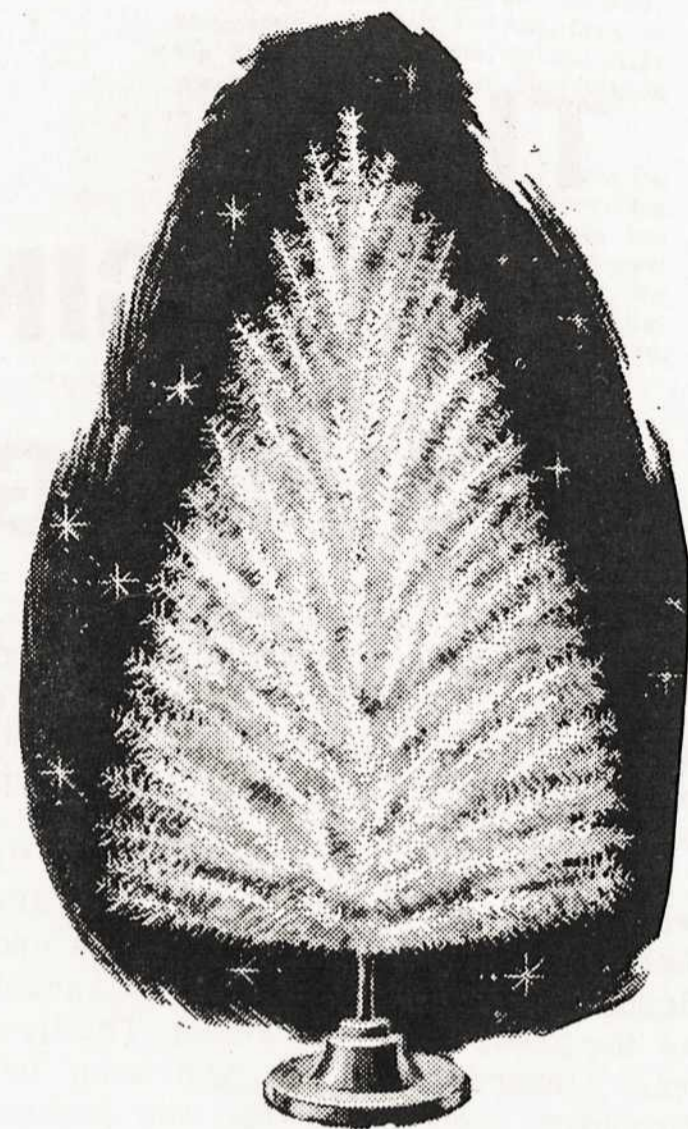
POV. DIRKIS

KALĖDOS yra vilties simbolis. Bet kokia viltis ir kada atrodė mažiau išsipildžiusi, kaip ta, kuri buvo gimusi Betliejuje tą pilką gruodžio naktį, beveik prieš du tūkstančius metų. Naujai gimęs kūdikis paskelbė kovą išsiplėtusiai Romėnų imperijos jėgai! Mažasis Kristus išėjo prieš Cezarį! Ir kas iš Cezario jėgos šandieną beliko? Jo armija yra tik istorija, jo imperija yra subyrėjusi. Jo įtaka yra beveik nulis. Tačiau žodžiai, kuriuos Kristus kalbėjo - tie neliečiami idealai, tie vilties žodžiai perviršijo materialinį pasaulį ir su kiekvienu šimtmečiu vis darosi stipresni. Ir tas yra pagrindas vilčiai, kuri gimsta kiekvieną Kalėdų rytą.

KUČIOS - šeimos šventė. Jos simbolizuoja šeimos vienybę, tą dvasinį jungtį, buriantį visus šeimos narius į vieną būrį. Kučių vakaras kiekvienam iš mūsų yra sutartinės reikšmės, didžios prasmės, kurias mes ne tik išsaugojom, bet ir pe duodam būsi-

moms mūsų kartoms. Nes Kučių vakarienėje mums - lietuviams - yra ne vien tradicinė apeiga, bet ir mūsų tautinio solidarumo simbolis.

Kai susėsdavome prie Kučių stalo, šienų apdėtu ir balta drobule apdengtu, kai savo vietas užimdavome visi šeimos nariai, prasidėdavo iškilmingas plotkelių laužimas ir dalinimas. Pats Kučių patiekalų vaizdas jau savaime sukeldavo savotišką nuotaiką - tai buvo kitokie, negu kasdieniniai šventadieniški ar sausų valgymo, t.y. visi pasnikiški patiekalai. Ir pats valgymo iškilmingumas - visa tai atrodė nepaprasta ir reikšminga. Viso valgių būtinai turėdavo būti 12. Klausdavome vyresniųjų kodėl būtinia 12? Atsakymas būdavo: todėl, kad metuose 12 mėnesių ir kad Kristų lydėjo 12 apaštalių. Beto, Kučių vakarienės metu vyravęs nujautimas, kad drauge prie 12 patiekalų sėdi ir tie, kurie yra nukeliavę į amžinastį arba tie, kurie dėl įvairių gyvenimo prie-



žasčių yra atskirti ir negali Kučių vakarienėje dalyvauti. Tai yra lietuviško vieningumo, giminių ryšių saitai, dvasinė jėga, kurios niekad neįveiks net žiaurūs durtuvai ir brutali pavergimo jėga.

KALĖDŲ METU - KUČIŲ vakarienės metu pasirodydavo ir puošni eglaitė ir kartais net su Kalėdų Seneliu. Šie du dalykai irgi turi savo paskirtį ir prasmę. Eglutė yra Kalėdų švenčių papuošalas, kuris šiame krašte apsireiškė 18 a. ir tapo mėliausiu medžiu. Tačiau Kalėdų Senelis yra tapęs vaikams Santa Claus, kuris žinomas kaip plačiaširdis šv. Nikoljus ir virtęs Kalėdų Seneliu, kurio klumpės pripildytos dovanomis ir saldainiais.



To All Councils

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and HAPPY NEW YEAR

from Council 30
Westfield, Mass.



HOLIDAY
GREETINGS

to all my friends in the
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA



FRANK GUDELIS
Dayton, Ohio

89TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 416

House Concurrent Resolution 416 was adopted by the House of Representatives by a record vote of 298 yeas to no nays on June 21, 1965, and unanimously passed by the United States Senate on October 22, 1966.

Whereas the subjection of peoples to alien subjugation, domination, and exploitation constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights, is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations, and is an implement to the promotion of world peace and cooperation; and

Whereas all peoples have the right to self-determination; by virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social, cultural, and religious development; and

Whereas the Baltic peoples of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have been forcibly deprived of these rights by the Government of the Soviet Union; and

Whereas it has been the firm and consistent policy of the Government of the United States to support the aspirations of Baltic peoples for self-determination and national independence; and

Whereas there exist many historical, cultural, and family ties between the peoples of the Baltic States and the American people: Be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the House of Representatives of the United States urge the President of the United States - -

- (a) to direct the attention of world opinion at the United Nations and at other appropriate international forums and by such means as he deems appropriate, to the denial of the rights of self-determination for the peoples of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and
- (b) to bring the force of world opinion to bear on behalf of the restorations of these rights to the Baltic peoples.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO URGE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN BEHALF OF LITHUANIA, ESTONIA, AND LATVIA.

MR. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask the unanimous consent that the Senate turn to the consideration of Calendar No. 1573 House Concurrent Resolution 416.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The concurrent resolution will be stated.

The Legislative Clerk. A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 416) to request the President of the United States to urge certain action in behalf of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the concurrent resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeds to its consideration.

Mr. KUCHEL. Mr. President, I wish to say that I am delighted that this matter is being taken up. It deserves attention in this session as a mark of our continuous concern for those peoples who have been deprived of their democratic institutions and are unable to speak for themselves.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

(From the Congressional Record of October 22, 1966)

AND THE FUTURE?

The Resolution is not a law and does not require the U. S. President's signature. At present it is being directed to the U. S. Department of State and from there it will go to Ambassador Goldberg, U. S. Representative to the United Nations, who might be empowered to place the question on the agenda of the United Nations Organizations.

The question immediately arises: how would the

raising of the Baltic issue at this time affect the new United States efforts to increase its economic and cultural contacts with the satellite states and with the Soviet Union?

A pertinent answer has been provided by Congressman J. P. Addabo (D., N.Y.):

"The State Department may think that it is not the most opportune time to raise this question. But I think the State Department is wrong for in these discussions (State Department with Communist nations) it is an important factor and if we are going to settle problems let us settle all problems and this is a problem that has unjustly not been given attention throughout all these years. The Congress has spoken that this question should be placed on the agenda of the United Nations!"

AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR BALTIC CAUSE IN U. N.

In reply to a letter on the Baltic cause, sent by Mr. Stefan Korbonsk Chairman of the Assembly of Captive European Nations, the United States Mission to the United Nations sent the following letter, dated October 10th expressing Ambassador Goldberg's views:

"Self-determination for the Baltic peoples has been firmly established United States policy and a policy that this Government has never failed to keep on record before the world. Our Mission to the United Nations has repeatedly sought to direct the pressure of world opinion against Soviet rule in the Baltic States and other subjugated areas by timely and pertinent statements focusing world attention on the injustices suffered by the Baltic and other Soviet-dominated peoples.

"Please be assured that the United States Government is keeping this situation under careful observation and will make use of every opportunity to remind the world of this injustice."

A DECLARATION

Lithuanian youth, assembled in session at the Lithuanian Religious Congress in Washington, D.C., on September 5, 1966, Lithuanian Youth Year, after due deliberation and discussion of the discourse "Youth and Religion Amid the Anti - religious Pressures of Our Times", unanimously proclaim the following declaration:

We, Lithuanian youth, consciously believe in God and in Christ and His Church. Our belief and religious ways have been accepted by us through our own deep conviction and by free choice as the essential and meaningful part of our lives. In our personal and public life we adhere to the precepts laid down by Christ and His Church. Loving our neighbor with the love of Christ, we respect people of all nations, races, religions and convictions. Laying particular emphasis on the worth of the human individual, we are ever striving that more people be followers of Christ in their daily lives.

Brothers and sisters in occupied Lithuania, we understand and deeply sympathize with you over the conditions of your life and the difficulties your experience when you profess your faith. You have our special love and we are glad that you are guided by the voice of your conscience in the worship, profession, perception and love of your Creator and Redeemer.

Even though you are unable to choose and practice your faith freely, you have retained that faith within you, while awaiting the day of freedom when you will be able to strengthen your perception of this faith and make a public profession of it. Our friendly wish that that day arrive soon in the most important word that

can come to you from the Lithuanians living in freedom. We desire that freedom of conscience, now enjoyed by millions of free people may soon be yours also.

Separated as you and we are by the oppressors, may we never bear enmity toward each other, but always feel as members of the one Lithuanian nation. Whenever we hear your voice, we strive to understand and, if possible, respond to it with our aid. Whenever you hear us, we hope you are similarly disposed toward us, for there is only one truth, one God, and one life everlasting. In your journey through life try to distinguish truth from lies, honesty from deceit, true knowledge from all - perverting propaganda.

We in the free world aim to devote ourselves to the following plan of prayer and dedication:

1. Develop ourselves as Christians and steel ourselves in Christian morality.
2. Became familiar with all Lithuanians regardless of their viewpoint and to exert our influence on them by our good example.
3. Strive in every way to aid the youth of occupied Lithuania in their religious needs.
4. Actively, eagerly and assiduously join with Lithuanians everywhere in their efforts on behalf of freedom of Lithuania and her Church.
5. Be diligent members of our Lithuanian parishes and of the Lithuanian community.
6. Begin forthwith the distribution of the important informational book, "The War Against God in Lithuania" and in all ways inform the free world about the enslavement of Lithuania.

New Yorko "Laisvės Ziburio" radio iniciatyva buvo surengtas pagerbimas lietuviams daug nusipelnusiam kongresmanui Joseph P. Addabbo. Ta proga kongresmanui buvo įteiktas lietuvišku stiliumi išdrožinėtas kryželis. Priėmimo dalyvavo šių organizacijų atstovai - Lietuvių Bendruomenės, "Darbininko" ir "Dirvos" laikraščių, "Laisvės Ziburio" radio, Rezoliucijoms remti komiteto, Lietuvos vyčių, akademikų skautų ir demokratų klubo. Nuotraukoje matome dalį šio pagerbimo dalyvių (iš k. į d.) K. Miklas, D. Kezientė, kun. J. Liauba, D. Kezytė, A. Sniečkus, R. Kezys, kongr. Joseph P. Addabbo, prel. J. Balkūnas ir už jo Antanas Mažeika. (Foto: R. Kisielius)





Lithuanian Christmas



JOSEPHINE J. DAUZVARDIS

"Christmas comes but once a year" seems to have become an out-moded phrase. Nowadays, crass commercialism starts "pushing" Christmas in October. By the middle of December, the Christmas merchandise has assumed a tawdry appearance, and the charm and expectancy of the holy season seems to have evaporated.

To counteract this commercialism, let's take a nostalgic trip into yester-year for a glimpse of oldtime Christmas in Lithuania, during which emphasis was stressed on the religious aspect of the season and on strengthening and maintaining of family ties.

The four weeks of spiritual preparation in Advent were a fitting prelude to Christmas Eve, one of the most important Lithuanian family holidays. That day was a day of peace, good will, religious recollection, warm family reunion.

Kūčios - Christmas Eve Dinner, served after the evening star had made its appearance in the sky, was the highlight of the day. The table, spread with fragrant hay as a reminder of Christ's manger, was covered with a special hand-loomed white linen cloth. In the center of the table, several white and pastel-colored rectangular holy wafers, paplotėliai, were placed on the household's finest plate. The head of the family, uttering a heart-felt prayer of thanksgiving, proffered a holy wafer to each member of the family to break off a bit, and, in turn, to share it with other members. This symbolized the holy unity of the family, as well as the precept of sharing one's daily bread with others.

The Christmas Eve menu consisted of twelve meatless courses (twelve - for the Apostles who later followed Christ). All feasted on the dishes, many of which were prepared but once a year: soup, fish, vegetables, preskučiai - hard little biscuits served with poppyseed and honey sauce, kisielius - a fermented oatmeal pudding, dried fruit compotes, home-made bread, etc. No alcoholic beverages were served. Instead, there might have been herb teas, rye-bread cider, or - if the family kept bees - rare mead. The conversation of the leisurely meal centered on the significance of Christmas. Heated discussions and arguments were avoided, for it was believed that the atmosphere surrounding the coming of Christ must be one of absolute peace and good will.

If a member of the family had died during the year, an empty chair and place setting at the table symbolically kept him or her within the family circle.

Because of the mystic aspect of the evening, many traditions, superstitions and legends abounded. It was

considered the proper time for foretelling the future: straws were drawn from under the table-cloth, their length predicting the length of life; the shape of wax figures, formed by pouring melted wax into cold water, gave clues to future events. Children ran frequently to taste the wellwater, for, at midnight, it should change into wine, or to the stable to listen for the moment when the animals would talk. In some regions of Lithuania, the table was not cleared of food for it was believed that, sometime during the night, the Blessed Babe and His Mother would pay a visit to the home, and they must find some semblance of Lithuanian hospitality.

The hay from under the tablecloth, together with choice bits of food, was brought out to the animals as an expression of gratitude for their work and loyalty, and also because certain animals in the stable had guarded and kept warm the Babe of Bethlehem on that blessed Eve long ago.

All made efforts to attend the Shepherds' Mass - Piemenėlių Mišios - at midnight or at dawn, some countryfolk traveling many miles through cold and snow to pay homage to the new-born King.

Kalėdos - Christmas Day - was spent in or near home, in feasting or simple merry-making, with rounds of visits to neighbors by the youngfolk. In some places, the visitors were required to sing a Christmas or folk song before admittance was granted. Home-made gifts were reserved for children only. The frantic exchange of gifts among adults was rarely practiced.

There were no glittery artificial Christmas trees: Lithuanians just did not believe in cutting down trees needlessly. Instead, paper cut-outs adorned the windows, branches of spring-blooming shrubs were forced into bloom, and boughs of aromatic pine or fir trees, decorated with geometric ornaments made of natural straw, provided soul- and eye-satisfying holiday decorations.

In time, alas, these simple Christmas decorations were supplanted by "store-bought" ornaments, and, as a result, the making of straw ornaments was fast becoming a lost art. We are proud that this unique, well-nigh forgotten folk art, was revived here in Chicago.

It is gratifying to note that with the revival of this "lost folk art," there has been a revival of interest in the good old Lithuanian customs and traditions. During the Christmas season one can glimpse, in the so-called Lithuanian colonies of Chicago and other cities, many trees decorated with straw ornaments. The warm tradition of Kūčios - Christmas Eve - has also seen a revival, with emphasis on the true meaning of Christmas.

Recipes for Kūčios dinner can be found in "Popular Lithuanian Recipes," obtainable at the Lithuanian Catholic Press, 4545 W. 63rd St., Chicago, Ill. 60629 (\$2.00).



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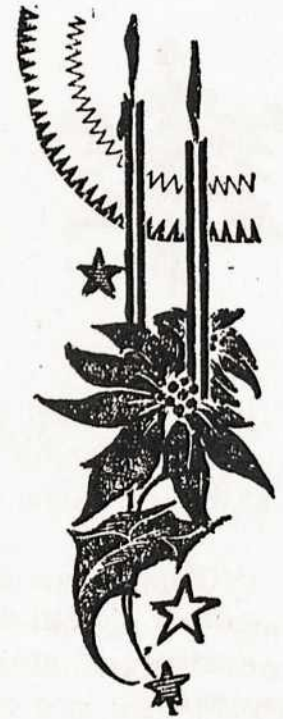
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RT. REV. MSGR. JOHN BALKUNAS ADDRESS TO THE
FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, AUGUST 27th, 1966.

My theme today is - The Challenge To Our Lithuanian Youth In America. This challenge was not considered by the past World's Youth Congress in Chicago. That Congress was conducted in a spirit of liberalism and indifferentism of the questions I shall raise in my address. I personally, am very much dissatisfied and do not place any confidence in their leadership. Our Lithuanian American youth hardly took any part in the Congress and therefore accept no responsibility for its deliberations and resolutions.

The challenge that I wish to speak of is our own motto - For God and Country. What are we doing and what must we do for "God and Country" - in these United States and, of course, in Lithuania. Why, after 53 years of K of L life, am I bringing up this old challenge. Bear with me and I shall touch only two questions - both of them on our spiritual commitment to "God and Country".

It is difficult to determine the exact period when Lithuanian immigration to the United States began. More than likely, it was toward the end of the Eighteenth Century. The immigration grew in volume as a result of the 1863 Uprising in Lithuania and the subsequent restriction of the Lithuanian press by the Czarist Government. Other factors for immigration in the latter half of the 19th Century were the abolishment of serfdom which served, up to that time, as a detriment to im-

migration, the conscription of Lithuanians into the Czars Armed Forces as well as the Turk War of that era.

The larger initial immigration was largely accomplished in secret since prevailing conditions of the time were not favorable for immigration. However, more information is available on the larger immigration era of the 1870's. Several Lithuanian parishes in the United States have already commemorated their Diamond Anniversary which attests to the larger number of Lithuanian immigrants reaching America. Before the end of the 19th Century, over 30 parishes flourished in this new land. Shortly into the 20th Century, a total of 90 parishes was recorded. These facts, in addition to the information contained in the parish register, all point up to the fact that the large immigrations of Lithuanians began around 1870. Thus we are on the threshold of the First Lithuanian Centennial in America.

The early immigrants formed tight enclaves in their adopted country as did the other ethnic minorities settling in the United States. This permitted mutual assistance and the moral support needed to exist under the harsh conditions prevailing in America at that time. With the establishment of organizations and parishes, Lithuanians were thus able to retain their religion, traditions and language. These were the first steps taken toward securing their identity and retaining it for their progeny. Then schools were built, newspapers

founded, book printing houses established - all of which enhanced their cultural life and retained the Lithuanian character. These immigrants were pioneers in a true sense and it is with pride that we may reflect upon their accomplishments. Perhaps their greatest struggle and accomplishment was retaining their Catholic faith in a land that was then overwhelmingly Protestant, Anglo-Saxon. Yet their aspiration to hold fast to the faith, along with other ethnic groups such as the Poles and the Irish, allowed the church to flower into the institutions and organizations that exist today.

With the increasing number of Lithuanian immigrants at the turn of the last century, with the rudiments of Lithuanian institutions already founded, churches and organizations gained ever growing security and Lithuanians turned greater attention toward regaining the independence of their Homeland. We are well aware of the indispensable role these Lithuanians played in having the self-determination of Lithuania restored.

Now, let us apply this story of the immigrants and their success to meet obligations to God and Country - to ourselves. Those of us born in the United States - children of the immigrant Lithuanians; those that fled as displaced persons from Oppressed Lithuania and those who were born in various areas of the Free World after the parents fled war-ravaged Lithuania. Let us focus on our responsibilities to God and Country and measure ourselves on the scale that weighed the accomplishments of the old immigrants.

First, focus on our duty to God. The old immigrants

understood their duty to God and the Church. With little formal education but much stamina and perseverance, effective leaders began to champion the aspirations of the largely uneducated people. A strong love of God took priority over other characteristics and they thus began to organize parishes and build churches. They turned their attention to education and founded printing establishments and newspapers which were smuggled into Czarist Lithuania and in this manner, played an incalculable role toward inspiring Lithuania's Independence. They concerned themselves with the state of the Catholic Church under the Czars, her economic condition and her freedom, - while at the same time building and strengthening Lithuanian life in the United States. And at the end of a century's work, Lithuanians could boast of 123 parishes in the United States, organizations commemorating their Diamond Anniversaries and as in the case of the Knights of Lithuania, its Golden Anniversary. Lithuanian Catholic schools educated hundreds of thousands and fraternal and benevolent institutions have given assistance to many thousands. However, this picture of spiritual values has begun to drastically change in the past generation. For a number of reasons - among them; the movement of the younger generation to the suburbs, the dying out of the old-timers, assimilation into the vast "melting-pot" of America, inter-marriage and the indifference of the new-arrivals frequently coupled with the apathy of their children, have all contributed to the sharp decline of Lithuanian spiritual life which flourished in earlier years. Thus far, three parishes have closed up and there is grave danger of more closing.



LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ ir LAIMINGIAUSIŲ 1967 NAUJŲ METŲ
Linkejimai Visiems "Geros Valios" Lietuviams ir
Ypatingai Visiems Vyčiams!

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ VIDUR-CENTRINIS APSKRITYS
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With the decreasing number of Lithuanian parishes, serious threats to Lithuanian cultural life and organization arise. The question that comes to my mind is how many more years do Lithuanian parishes in the United States have at the current rate of decline? Twenty-five, perhaps fifty. Their life depends directly upon your feelings toward them, your spiritual obligations and responsibilities. Every Lithuanian should and must seek to prevent the condition from deteriorating further and to inaugurate constructive steps toward remedying the situation. Lithuanian life and activity has traditionally been centered about the parish which provides not only spiritual nourishment, but church meeting and banquet halls, educational facilities and charitable societies - among other services. The parish unites the increasingly scattered people in prayers, Mass and identity. Therefore it is plain to see and understand, that if the Lithuanian parish's throughout the country continue to decline in number, Lithuanian cultural life and activity will suffer proportionately. In view of this, it is surprising that there is very little alarm on the part of our leaders and organizations. "Bendruomenė" has expressed no interest in the mounting problem, - The Lithuanian World Youth Congress held last month in Chicago did not even mention the Oppressed Church of Lithuania, and other ostensible leaders of Lithuanian-American Communities pay little heed to the crises at hand. This question will be brought up at the Religious Congress in Washington.

I do not believe that most people are neglectful of their own personal spiritual life but rather they fear active involvement into parish affairs. This fear arises with the realization that they may have to make some personal sacrifices of time, money and energy. Rather than view parish activity as a satisfying responsibility which enriches and increases potential for a full life, they shirk this obligation and leave the problems of running the parish and all its responsibilities to the priests. Yet the recent Ecumenical Council clearly indicated that the laity, being the most important faction of the parish, should and must contribute to its life. During my tenure as President of "Bendruomenė", I suggested this idea to the organization requesting that it join in a union with the parishes throughout the United States. The suggestion was ignored and unfortunately, "Bendruomenė" is still ignoring it. This organization fails to realize the traditional role the parish plays in Lithuanian life and how severely handicapped activity and cultural life is becoming, due to the gradual decline of these centers of Lithuanian life. The plain truth of the matter is that there is no large Lithuanian undertaking that can circumvent Lithuanian parishes, and bear fruition. At whose doors did members of the Lithuanian World Youth Congress solicit signatures for the petition to the United Nations? At whose good office was co-operation sought and funds collected for the Youth Congress? Where did the choirs come from that participated in the Song Festival following the Youth Congress? The answer is obvious - it was the Lithuanian parish, her convents, schools and agencies! The very same church and institutions that the old immigrants built up for our spiritual life, our education and our enjoyment! Why are people ignoring the Lithuanian par-

ish? Didn't the old immigrants build these centers of Lithuanian life for their childrens spiritual and material enrichment? Are their toils to be in vain? These centers of Lithuanian life are the very heart of a renewed struggle to secure Lithuania's freedom from communist tyranny. They are the means by which we may further acquaint the world with the Suffering Church of Lithuania. Yet there are individuals, regrettably too many in number, that believe that one should not mix the church's situation in Oppressed Lithuania with the independence struggle or with cultural activity. We are obliged to think about and rectify this serious error. History has amply provided lessons showing that Atheism is an enemy of Lithuania and her people, for conditions that breed Atheism also invite the subtle tentacles of Communism. Communism is the oppressor of Lithuania and is the very same system that is seeking to bury the United States. America has again shown its spiritual backbone in its commitment to thwart advancing communism in Southeast Asia. And the struggle in Vietnam must not be underestimated for it has deeper meaning than many individuals realize.

Here, I state my first challenge to you, Knights of Lithuania - help to preserve our parishes, remain member of them, help your priests to keep them Lithuanian as long as possible. I, as a priest of 40 years, and a pastor of 33 years, wish to raise this alarming situation of our parishes. Many are approaching their last hours. This is the time to post our signals; This is the time to plan our future strategy against extinction or gradual death. Don't take things for granted. This is your challenge.

While the ever intensifying life-and-death struggle of our day against the Communist conspiracy and its allies is being fought on many fronts and issues, yet it must be emphasized time and again that the real war being waged today is not, basically, America against Soviet Russia nor the Free World against Communism but rather it is, fundamentally, God against militant atheism, Christ versus anti-Christ, the forces of morality and truth and justice against the powers of materialism and secularism and immorality, concentrated, to be sure, in the satanic scourge of the criminal Communist conspiracy.

Communism is militantly atheistic, that is to say, it not only denies God but it is totally dedicated to the elimination of all belief in God and of all religion and religious institutions from the face of the earth. This has been openly stated by many leaders and spokesmen in their published documents and public declarations. And what the communists have declared to be their aim and their policy they have ruthlessly and systematically put into practice, a fact to which the history of the last several decades bears grim witness and to which the Communist-enslaved peoples of the world would readily testify, where they are free to do so.

Our enemy in the Lithuanian parishes is Communism, because we have Lithuanian communism. Thus, when we toil for God, we meet communism headon. When we sacrifice for our Country, we meet communism again, whether it be in America or in Lith-



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your Supreme Council Officers

and "VYTIS" Staff

uania. In Lithuania our Arch-enemy is communism. It holds Lithuania in bondage and the Church in chains.

To fight Communism, we need our parishes. Only with prayer, sacrifices, and understanding can you fight this plague.

At this time, I would like to return to the latter half of the Knights of Lithuania motto, "For God and Country," and speak on the nation. Lithuania is in its 26th year of occupation. The practice of genocide has not subsided. Let's take a good, hard look at what the Communists have done for over a quarter of a century.

According to pre-war date, 85.5 percent of the Lithuanian population were Roman Catholics, 7.6 percent Jewish, 4.2 percent Protestant, 2.5 percent Green Orthodox, and 0.2 percent others.

Immediately after the occupation of Lithuania by the Soviets, the Concordate with the Holy See was abrogated. Chaplains of all denominations were dismissed from the army and schools. All monasteries and convents were closed. With few exceptions, church rectories and bishop residences were given over to Soviet administration. All religious and charity institutions were expropriated. Over 300 priests, ministers, rabbis were arrested, killed or deported to Siberia. The Archbishop of Vilnius, Mečislovas Reinyš, was arrested in 1947 and sentenced to ten years in prison. He died in 1963 in the prison of Vladimir, near Moscow. The Bishop of Kaišėdorys, Teofilis Matulionis, was arrested in 1946 and deported to Siberia. After his release in 1956, he returned to Lithuania, but was not permitted to exercise his pastoral duties and was expelled from his diocese. He died in 1962. The Bishop of Telšiai, Vincentas Borisevičius, was arrested in 1946 and sentenced to death. His Auxiliary, Bishop Pranciškus Ramanauskas, was arrested in 1946 and deported to Siberia. From 1946 to 1955, only one bishop for all Lithuania remained in Office.

In 1955 two new bishops were consecrated: Petras Maželis and Julijonas Steponavičius. However, the latter was arrested in 1961 and expelled from his diocese. At present, there is only one bishop in Lithuania, Juozas Labukas, who is permitted to operate, and two bishops under home arrest.

Four seminaries, with 470 students, functioned in 1939. Only one seminary remains today. The number of students is limited to 50, and each candidate for enrollment must be screened and obtain the permission of the Soviet administration. The number of priests dying from old age exceed that of the newly ordained ones. In this way, the Soviets seek to deprive the religious

communities of priests.

Out of the 977 churches and chapels in 1939, only about 500 remain open. Out of 29 churches and chapels in the city of Kaunas, only 7 remain in service. 27 churches in Vilnius were desecrated and converted into warehouses, museums of atheism, restaurants, etc.

Only one new church was built in the post-war period, but even this church was converted into a music hall. Its rector and his assistant were sentenced to eight years of prison. Teaching religion to children is forbidden and punishable by law.

The Church in the Baltic States has entered a period of a great danger for its very existence. Communism may never succeed in extinguishing religious feeling in the minds and hearts of the people. Yet by the use of terror and violence, communism may well achieve its aim of eliminating the church organizations, the outward embodiment of religion ...

These facts obligate every responsible individual to take personal and collective action to seek an end to the communist system. We must enter a period of greater effort to combat the materialistic and atheistic cancer that is Communism. The old immigrants were not fearful of the Czarist Regime in Lithuania and they devoted their time, energy and money toward having the oppressing system abolished. There was little mincing of words and ideas among them when they knew the suffering their fellow Lithuanians were undergoing under the Czars. They did not fail to acquaint the world with the sufferings of the church of their aspirations to realize a democratic Lithuania in their resolutions and actions - as did the Lithuanian World Youth Congress! Without failing to subscribe to cultural activity, the old immigrants nevertheless laid emphasis on intelligent priorities and were not obsessed with but one faction of life as the Lithuanian World Youth Congress so amply demonstrated, namely - the pursuit of culture. Culture has its place but it is not Lithuania's Independence, it is not her Catholic Faith and it most certainly is not the way to face up to the menace of Communism.

It is clear that there is much soul searching to be done. We are living in the United States, the citadel of freedom, and must accept the challenge of our times as the old immigrants coped with the problems plaguing their era. I therefore earnestly entreat the Knights of Lithuania, each and every one of you in this gathering, to the motto which has been with the organization for the past 53 years, and sacrifice your time, talent and energy, for "God and Country."

AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBOS SUVAŽIAVIMAS

Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba (ALT) yra būtinas veiksnys kovoje už Lietuvos išlaisvinimą. ALT'as plačiausiai apjungia Amerikos lietuvius, jų ideologines grupes, susivienijimus, patriotines organizacijas. ALT'ą sudaro: A. L. R. Katalikų Federacija, A. L. Socialdemokratų S-ga, A. L. Tautinė S-ga, A. L. Tautinė Sandra, Liet. Katalikų Susivienijimas, Susivienijimas Liet. Amerikoje, Lietuvos Vyčiai, A. L. R. Katalikų Moterų S-ga, Šviesos-Santaros Federacija, Liet. Studentų S-ga.

Metinis ALT'o suvažiavimas įvyko š. m. spalio 29 d., 9:30 v. v. Sherman House, Chicago, Ill. ALT'o nariai gyvai dalyvavo visų reikalų svarstyme. ALT'o pirm. inž. A. J. Rudis padarė raštu platų veiklos pranešimą, nurodydamas Lietuvos laisvinimo akciją JAV valdžios įstaigose ir Amerikiečių organizacijose, Vasario 16 d. ir Pavergtųjų Tautų minėjimus, veiklą lietuvių organizacijų tarpe ir bendrame Pabaltiečių Komite, informacinės literatūros apie Lietuvą platinime ir plačiai apimančius ALT'o reikalus bei uždavinius.

Iždo globėjų pranešimą padarė V. Abraitis. Suvažiavimas nutarė organizuoti Amerikos Lietuvių Kongresą ir suruošti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės 50 metų minėjimą 1968 m. Rezoliucijų komisiją sudarė: dr. P.

Grigaitis, K. Kleiva, J. Jurkūnas ir M. Vaidyla. Suvažiavimas priėmė rezoliucijas, padėjo ALT'o veikiam pirm. A. Rudžiui bei Valdybai ir pasiuntė sveikinimus prez. L. B. Johnsonui, sekr. Dean Ruskui ir Illinois gub. Otto Kernerui.

I ALT'o Valdybą išrinkti: E. Bartkus, T. Blinstrubas, P. Dargis, dr. P. Grigaitis, inž. A. J. Rudis, dr. K. Sidlauskas, dr. Vl. Šimaitis, J. Talalas, M. Vaidyla, dr. J. Valaitis, J. Zuris.

Lietuvos Vyčiai, įeidami į ALT'ą, yra padarę protingą žingsnį. Šiame ALT'o suvažiavime Liet. Vyčius atstovavo: E. Laurin, M. Pakalniškienė ir prel. J. Balkūnas. I ALT'o narius įeina: M. Andrikytė, R. Boris, M. Činikienė. Suprantama, kad Liet. Vyčių atstovui priklauso teisė ir pareiga tam tikrais laikotarpiais įeiti į ALT'o Valdybą vienuoliktą nariu.

ALT'o suvažiavime dalyvavo ir jį sveikino: Vysk. V. Brizgys, VLIK'o vicepirm. St. Lušys, ALT'o garbės pirm. L. Šimutis, gen. kons. dr. P. Daužvardis ir atstovavo J. Kajecko vardu, JAV Liet. B-nės pirm. J. Jasaitis. Perskaityti gauti sveikinimai raštu.

Kaz. Ažytėnas



Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos suvažiavimo, įvykusio 1966 m. spalio 29 d. Chicagoje, Sherman House, dalyviai. Sėdi iš kairės: inž. Eugenijus Bartkus, adv. John Zuris, T. Blinstrubas, Povilas P. Dargis, L. Šimutis, St. Lušys, Antanas J. Rudis, prel. J. Boll, dr. Pijus Grigaitis, dr. Vl. Šimaitis, prel. Ignas Alavičius. Stovi iš kairės: J. Jurkūnas, Alg. Žemaitis, Dalia Bobelienė, K. Kleiva, V. Rušinskas, M. Kaspeiraitis, Jonas Talalas, J. Skorubskas, adv. St. Bredes, jr., dr. K. Sidlauskas, V. Adamkavičius, V. Mankus, V. Abraitis, E. Mikužiūtė, R. Mieželis, Wm. T. Kvetkas, Cezaris Modestavičius, Josephine Miller, dr. St. Biežis, Martynas Gudelis, Rūta Domarkaitė, K. P. Žygas, prel. J. Balkūnas, Jonas Valaitis, Ona Biežienė, A. Ruškėnas, S. Diržienė, Alb. Valentinas, Emilija Vilimaitė, Mikas Vaidyla, Eleonora Laurin, M. Pakalniškienė ir G. Gedvila.

TO OUR VENERABLE BROTHER
VINCENTAS BRIZGYS
TITULAR BISHOP OF BOSANA

With paternal joy have We learned, Venerable Brother, of the forthcoming solemn blessing, in the grandiose Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - which the Catholics of the United States of America have raised in the Capital city of their noble Nation - of a Lithuanian Chapel dedicated to Our Lady who, according to a pious tradition, is said to have appeared in Silava, that centre of marian devotion so dear to the heart of the sons of Catholic Lithuania.

This significant ceremony, which brings together so many Lithuanians dispersed throughout the world, in the spiritual presence of their brothers living in the fatherland, gives Us a most welcome opportunity to address Our words of encouragement to those beloved sons and daughters, Lithuanian by birth or by descent, who, following the example of their ancestors, testify once again, in the spirit of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, to their confidence in the Mother of God, Mother of the Church, heavenly Protectress of their beloved land.

Your Chapel will manifest anew your veneration of Mary, as a eloquent witness to your glorious history, inspired no less by national ideals than by attachment to religious beliefs. Completed through the generosity of the faithful transported to the hospitable country where they now live, it is an expression of their gratitude to the Lord, "the giver of every good and perfect gift", as well as to all those in America who have held out a hand to assist Lithuanians.

Now happily completed, this shrine bears witness first of all to the deep love of a whole people for the Most Blessed Virgin - a love never interrupted through all the centuries, immortalized in monuments and sanctuaries erected and left wherever that people passed by, to the greater honor of a Nation believing in God and loving the merciful Queen of Heaven.

Just as, in the past, filial affection for Our Lady has shed light on your people's path, both in happy times and in moments of sorrow, so will it be the guarantee and pledge of a radiant future. We cherish the hope, Venerable Brother, that Lithuanian aspirations and prayers will obtain from God, through the intercession of Mary, that religious liberty defended by the Ecumenical Council; may they obtain that the spirit of understanding which all wish for nowadays permit the Church to live and work in your mother country without obstacles, to carry on there the mission entrusted to her by divine mandate, and favor a continual increase in faith and in religious practice.

The Chapel itself, embellished by the genius and inspiration of artists of your people, will serve meantime as a symbol of firm adherence to Catholic principles, of a Christian life ever more closely patterned on the faith professed, and of an unceasing struggle to become worthy promoters of the great work which previous generations undertook.

The familiar image of Saint Casimir, looking down from the mosaics of the new Chapel, will serve as a reminder of his virtues, and will incite Lithuanian Catholics to help give back to the world the Christian meaning of individual and social life, to maintain and augment the deposit of spiritual and civil riches, handed down by their forefathers as a proud heritage for every Lithuanian.

Let that hymn which Saint Casimir used to chant every Day, and even carried with him into the tomb, arise at this very moment from the heart and lips of all Lithuanians, near and far:

"Mano siela, dėkok kasdieną Motinai Marijai, garbink jos vardą ir stebėkis jos dorybėmis. O Marija, tu esi garbė ir pasididžiavimas visų žmonijos dukterų, išaukštinta virš visų Dievo kūrinių, o gailėstingoji Mergele, išklausk maldas tų, kurie ištikimai tave garbina."

To you, Venerable Brother, to the Most Reverend Bishops, the clergy, religious men and women, and to all the beloved Lithuanian people, who never fail to place all their hopes and desires in the heart of Our Blessed Lady, in pledge of richest heavenly favors, We impart from Our heart Our paternal Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, September 4, 1966

Paulus P.P. VI.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The Supreme Council held a meeting on Saturday afternoon, November 12, 1966 at the "Algier's". Present at the meeting were National president, Alexander Wesey; Vice Presidents, Mary Stonis, Eleanore Laurin and Longinas Svelnis; Fin. Secretary, Helen Zimmer; Treasurer and C-36 president, Frank Svelnis, Jr.; Loretta Stukas, representing the Scholarship Committee; Frank Vaskas and Vincent Samaska of the Public Relations Committee and Leon Pauksta, president of C-112. Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas of the I-I District was also present.

Minutes of this meeting were taken by Mary Stonis in the absence of the Recording Secretary and each member of the Supreme Council Board will receive their copy within the next few weeks. The next meeting is scheduled for January, 1967 and will be held in the NY-NJ district area. Members will be notified in the very near future.

DISTRICT and COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Most of the districts and councils have already held their election of officers. But if your council secretary has not submitted the names of the elected officers to our national recording secretary Josephine Zukas, please ask her to do so immediately. Remember! the names, addresses and zip codes are now required. Mrs. Zukas has a difficult job so let's all help her by sending the required lists NOW.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE RECORDS

Mr. Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton, Ohio 45404, informs us that "Speed Course in Lithuanian for Adults" and "Children's Playway to Lithuanian" instruction records are still available at a cost of \$3.00 per set postpaid. Each set consists of two records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, with booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings.

1967 MEMBERSHIP DUES

National financial secretary Helen Zimmer informs us that the 1967 membership dues are now being accepted. Council financial secretaries should submit membership dues immediately after collection. Dues are to be paid on a January to December basis.

When a new member joins a Council, dues should be collected as follows:

- \$4.00 if members join from January - March
- 3.00 April - June
- 2.00 July - September
- 1.00 October - December
- 2.00 annually for non-subscribing member (Not entitled to receive VYTIS. Primarily for second or additional members of family living at one address not wishing to receive extra VYTIS copy)

6.00 Couple (First year, subsequent years, couple pays only \$4.00 per year)

Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from Miss Zimmer.

SUPPLIES

Any Supreme Council Officer or National Committee member requiring official K of L stationary is requested to write to Helen Zimmer, 1840 West Wabansia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60622.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

As we Knights are preparing for the great feast of Christmas let us not forget our fellow man behind the Iron Curtain. As we all go to church on Christmas Day and bow our heads in humble prayer to the Infant Jesus, let us all say a prayer for our fellow Lithuanians who are behind the Iron Curtain that they also may not be forgotten. Let us who are free to worship the Almighty as we see fit do all we can to help our fellow man. May the Prince of Peace shower us with kindness and mercy and may peace reign once again among all nations.

Alex Kardokas
Chairman Lithuanian Affairs
New England District

K of L PINS

The new K of L pins (slightly larger than the previous issue) are now available at a cost of \$1.00 each. It is suggested that each district and council obtain a supply for their members' use by writing to national treasurer Frank V. Svelnis, Jr. It would be a convenience to our treasurer if your orders are paid in advance.

"VYTIS DEADLINES

January 1967 issue - was December 5th
February - January 5, 1967
March - February 5th
April - March 5th

All material except Council News must be sent to the editor.

54TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Council 96, Dayton, Ohio, announced that the 1967 National Convention will be held in Dayton on August 3-4-5-6, 1967. Mrs. Mary Lucas is the chairman and Miss Patricia Zelinskas, the secretary. Further information can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Lucas at 6236 Woodville Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

Our Dayton Council's hospitality is well known to all visitors - so make your vacation arrangements early and plan to include the 54th National Convention.



Iš Sendraugių gyvenimo



CLEVELAND, OHIO SENJORŲ VYČIŲ SUS-MAS IR PAGERBIMAS SAVO NARES

Spalių 25-ta diena jau prabėgo, bet kas šioje dienoje įvyko ir pas ką, tai mūsų spaudoje dar nieko neteko pastebėti, o ši diena buvo kiek skirtin-gesnė, nes joje ne tik, kad buvo sus-mas pas didingą vyčią senjorą ir Cleve-lando lietuvių buvusį uolų visuomenės veikėją - Jurgį Kuzą, bet garbingai buvo pagerbta senosios kartos didelė veikėja, viena iš išžymių Clevelando lituvių scenos mėgėjų - vaidintojų ir L. Vyčių org. ketvirto laipsnio narė - Paulina Glogodienė, kurie šiais metais, rugsėjo mėnesį minėjo savo šeimyninio gyvenimo 50 metų jubiliejų, kuri mūsų Pola sukūrė su Vincu Glugodu ir per tuos 50 metų gražiai ir saulėtai gyveno. Bet apie mūsų brangią vyčią Polą mes vėliau ir daugiau prisiminsime, nesdabar norisi prisiminti apie sus-mą.

Diena buvo graži, tai gal dauguma narių ir norėjo su Jurgiu Kuzu pa-bendrauti jo namuose šaukiant savo sus-mą, kuri pradėjo malda senjorų vyčių pirm. A. Buknis, o met. rašt. pareigas ėjo senjorų gabusis raštinin-kas Jonas Milas. Sof. Milienė padarė nuoseklų pranešimą apie senjorų izdo stovį, o M. Tarutienė, saulėtos dėžutės prižiūrėtoja, padarė pranešimą iš greit augančio jos finansinio stovio. Kitų raportų šiuo kartu daug nesigirdėjo, o jų, kad ir buvo, tai visi jie buvo trumpinami, nes dauguma žino-

jo, kad po sus-mo bus vyčės P. Glu-godienės pagerbimas, josios 50 metų vedybinio gyvenimo proga. Pagerbi-mu daugiausiai ir pilniausiai pasirū-pino mūsų mielos vyčės - Margarita Tarutienė ir Kazimiera Sadauskienė. Tai šis sus-mas ir buvo skubotai už-baigtas senjorų pirm. Antano Buknio malda.

Sus-mui pasibaigus, prasidėjo vaišės, jaunų šeiminkų Jurgio Kuzo dukters Elenos Konienės ir jo mar-čios D. Kuzienės paruoštų. Nors šei-mininkės jaunos, bet valgius ir kitus skanumynus buvo paruošusios puikiai ir skoningai. Tikrai buvo lietuviški valgiai, o pats tėvelis "trokštančius" pagirdė įvairiais gėrimais.

Visiems prie stalo besivaišinant pasipylė sveikinimo gražios dainos ir sušukimas "valio" Polai Glugodienei. Ją papuošė gyvų rožių bukietu ir įtei-kė \$50.00 dovną, jos 50 metų vedybi-nio gyvenimo jubiliejaus prisimini-mui. Tuo pačiu mūsų Paulina buvo pagerbta dideliu tortu, kuri apšvietė net 50 žvakučių, kas mūsų mielai ju-bilijantei ištraukė net gailias ašaras. Na, vėliau sekė kalbos, sveikinimai ir linkėjimai garbingai celebrantei. Siuo kartu ilgesnes sveikinimo kal-bas sakė: A. Buknis, senjorų pirm., vice pirm. M. Trainauskaitė, Z. Tarutis ir J. Sadauskas, kuris su Pola Glugodiene glaudžiai bendradarbiavo įvairiuose lietuviškuose visuomeniš-kuose darbuose, o ypatingai lietuviš-kų istorinių veikalų pastatyme sceno-je. Juodu turbūt bus daugiausiai vei-kalų vaidinę Clevelando lietuvių isto-rijoje. Buvo ir daugiau pristatyta sve-

čių sveikinti jubilijantę, bet tie lin-kėjimai buvo tik kelių žodžių. Prog-ramėlės vedėju buvo namų šeiminin-kas - Jurgis Kuzas.

Vyčė P. Glugodienė yra viena iš pirmutinių L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. kūrė-jų - organizatorių, didi vaidintoja, choristė, daug rašiusi apie vyčių veiklą lietuviškoje spaudoje. Dalyva-vo L. Vyčių org. seimų rengime ir taip pat kitose organizacijose. Pau-lina 12 metų ėjo met. rašt. pareigas A. L. K. S. 50-toje kp., o jai atgai-vinus A. L. K. S. 142-tą kp. (kiek laiko ji buvo netekus savo gyvavimo) ėjo ir vis tebeeina met. rašt. ir ko-respondentės pareigas. Su kitų pagel-ba, šią kp. padarė skaitlingą nariais, kuri dabar gal yra skaitlingesnė nei kitos dvi A. L. K. S. kp. Clevelande. Pola yra buvusi A. L. Tarybos sky-raius pirm. ir visą laiką jame daug darbavosi ir dar tebesidarbuoja. Si Clevelando lietuvių veikėja nuo savo atvykimo į šią šalį (1910 m.) ir ap-sigyvenimo Clevelande yra daug pa-sidarbavusi savo tautos ir lietuvybės bei vietinių dr-jų, organizacijų labui. Daugiausiai dirbo L. Vyčių 25-toj kp., A. L. K. M. Sąjungos 26-toj kp., C. L. Kul. Darželio Sąjungoje, kur-rijoje ir dabar tebesidarbuoja ir at-stovauja mieste turinčius kultūrinius darželius Rockefeller Parke, kur ran-dasi ir Clevelando lietuvių darželis. Ji šioje sąjungoje ilgus metus atsto-vauja C. L. K. D. Sąjungą. Nors tie-sa, kad mūsų mielą Polą kiek sutruk-do gilesnis amželis ir sveikatėlė, bet ji dar vis nenuleidžia rankų ir jėgos pasidarbuoti savo tautiečių tar-



(K) Dalis senjorų vyčių, kurių tarpe matosi Pola Glugodienė, 50 metų šeimyninio židinio celebrantė. (D) Celebrantė Glugodienė savo draugių tarpe, iš kairės - Kazimiera Sadauskienė, Pola Glugodienė ir Margari-ta Tarutienė.

CLEVELANDO VYČIAI
SENDRAUGIAI
SVEIKINA VISUS
VYČIUS KRISTAUS
GIMIMO ŠVENČIŲ PROGA



CLEVELANDO VYČIŲ
SENDRAUGIŲ KUOPA



VYTIŠKI ŠVENTŲ
KALĖDŲ SVEIKINIMAI
NUO
LOS ANGELES
COUNCIL 132
SENJORŲ KUOPOS NARIŲ



SVEIKINA LIETUVOS VYČIŲ
ORGANIZACIJOS CENTRO VALDYBA
IR "VYTIS" REDAKTORIUS
ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ
IR
NAUJŲ METŲ PROGA
CHIKAGOS SENJORŲ KUOPA

pe. Pola ne tik nepailstančiai darba-
vosi draugijiniuose darbuose, bet ne-
apleido ir nepamiršo savo Sv. Jurgio
liet. parap. darbų ir jos rėmimo fi-
nansiniai, kaip ir daug parėmė liet.
seselių vienuolynus ir kitas labdarin-
gas organizacijas.

Vinco ir Polos Glugodų 50 metų
šeimyninio gyvenimo bažnytines apei-
gas atliko pats Klebonas kun. B. Iva-
nauskas ir pasakė gražų pamokslą,
ypatingai daug prisimindamas Polos
gražiuosius darbus bažnyčios ir tau-
tos labui, kuri daugely surengtų pietų
ir vakarienių buvo vyriausia vadovė-
šeimininkė. Taip pat su savo žmogum
Vincu, pardavinėjant Lietuvos laisvės
bonus, paaukojo daug brangaus laiko
šiam tikslui.

Beje, negalima pamiršti, kada
Paulina ir Vincas Glugodai įėjo į baž-
nyčią, tuojau pasigirdo muz. P. Am-
brazo griausmingas grojimas vargo-
nais ir toks specialus grojimas juos
palydėjo iki altoriaus. Zmonių buvo
apipilnė bažnyčia. Abu celebrantai
dėkodami Visagaliui Dievui už gražų
šeimyninį gyvenimą, priėmė bendrai
į savo širdis šv. Komuniją.

Po bažnytinių pamaldų, sugrįžus
namo, susirinko didokas skaičius
draugų, senjorų vyčių, artimų gimi-

nių ir net keturi kunigai, būtent: kun.
B. Ivanauskas, kun. Zemaitis, kun. P.
Dziegoraitis ir kun. Al. Goldikovs-
kis, kuris kaipo buvęs vyčių senjo-
rų dvasios vadas ir jų didis drau-
gas, pamaldų metų, bažnyčioje, prie
altoriaus meldėsi ir dėkojo Dievui
už celebrantams suteiktą gražų šei-
myninį gyvenimą ir prašė Visagalio
Dievo, kad prailgintų jiems amžių
sulaukti ir minėti 75 m. tokio gra-
žaus šeimyninio gyvenimo. Zinoma,
susirinkusieji svečiai Glugodų didin-
goje rezidencijoje, buvo visi gražiai
ir nuoširdžiai priimti ir pavaišinti
iškilmingais ir skoningais pietumis,
kurių metu buvo nuoširdžių kalbėlių
ir gražių linkėjimų Polai ir Vincui
Glugodams, jų gražaus ir saulėto šei-
myninio gyvenimo proga.

Senelis.

CLEVELANDO SENDRAUGIŲ
SUSIRINKIMAS

Clevelando Vyčių sendraugių mė-
nesinis susirinkimas įvykęs lapkri-
čio 13 d. pas Margaretą ir Zigmą
Taručius praėjo pakilioj nuotaikoj.
Delegatų buvo pranešta apie įvy-
kusį Vidurio Centro apskrities sei-
mą Cleveland, kuriame sendraugius
atstovavo 8 delegatai. Įvykusiame ba-
liuje dalyvavo 28 sendraugiai. Pasi-
džiaugta valdybos narių Ponų Pavių
veiklumu ir nusiskūsta, kad į vyku-
sią stovyklą "Dainavoje" iš Clevel-
lando neatsiūsta nė vieno jauno na-
rio. Ateinantis susirinkimas ir valdy-
bos rinkimai įvyks Gruodžio 11 d.
pas Kazę ir Aleksą Sadauskus. Po
bus metinis balius iš narių suneštų
valgių.

Pabuves.

A. A.

WILLIAM A. SANKUS

mirus, jo žmonai A d e l e i ir dukrai I r e n a i,
žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorei, reiškiame gilią užuojautą
ir draug su jomis liūdime.

Chicagos Sendraugių Vyčių Kuopos
Vadovybė ir nariai

JUNIOR NEWS

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL K of L JUNIOR COUNCILS
FROM YOUR SUPREME COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Juniors:

Now that the Christmas Season is almost over and you are all ready to start a New Year, I think it is a good time to sit down and give a lot of thought to your Junior K of L Council and its activities.

As members in good standing, as I hope you all are, there are some questions I would like you to answer for me.

Have you been true to your K of L motto, "For God and Country"?

Are you setting a good example as a good Catholic?

Are you a citizen that we can be proud of?
Are you participating in all religious, cultural social and sports activities that your Council has planned for you?

Are you attending as many of your meetings as you possibly can?

Has your Council sent their annual dues to the Supreme Council?

Are you cooperating with your executive board and helping them to make your council one you should be proud of?

Are you helping your counselors with their work in teaching you your Lithuanian heritage and heeding their advice? Remember that they are giving up a lot of their time to be of help to you and deserve all your respect. They are

there to be of assistance to you and do so wholeheartedly.

If you are holding a office in your Council, are you doing your utmost to be a good officer and leader?

Have you invited your friends to join your Council? I am sure that after they become members of the K of L Juniors, they will thank you for persuading them to join.

Each Junior Knight should give wholehearted cooperation and should do all you can to make every activity that your sponsor's plan a success, be it religious, cultural, social or sports. If one and all participate in some way, your Council will not only be successful but all of you will get so much more out of the Knights of Lithuania.

Let us all try to set a good example of Good Catholic American Lithuanian Youth by living up to our K of L motto, "For God and Country".

If we do just that no one will have anything but good to say about us and you will make your parents, spiritual advisors, counselors and regular members all very proud of you.

In closing my very best wishes to all of you and may the New Year bring you all the very best in life, health, happiness and success in all your activities.

Vytiškai,

MARY H. STONIS

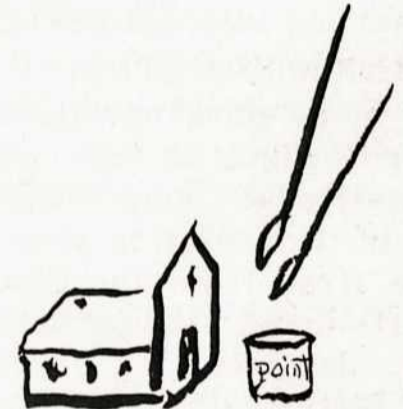
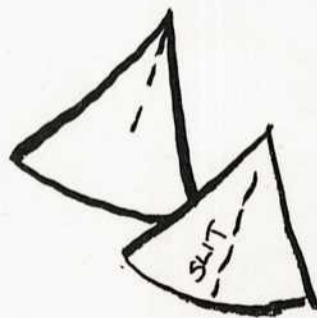
Juniors Vice President

Christmas Scenes

Basically the background for each scene is the same and is made as follows: Turn a peanut butter jar on its side and stick a few gummed gold and silver stars on the outside. Inside glue a snowy carpet of cotton. Add a sparkle of superfine powder over the snow. Then place one of the following scenes in the jar:



MINIATURE CHRISTMAS TREE - Cut two triangles of green construction paper 2-1/4" high. Make a 1/2" slit from the top of one triangle. Slit the other triangle from the bottom to within 1 1/2" from the top. Insert the first triangle over the second. Glue tiny sequins here and there for ornament. On the top glue a silver star.



CHURCH IN THE SNOW - The tiny church is made from a kitchen match box, placed on one of the long sides, with a tower of construction paper glued to one end. Cover with construction paper on window and doors. Glue cotton to roof where snow has fallen on it. Sprinkle roof with superfine sparkle.

Paint the jar lids a bright color before replacing them. You can think of many different interior ideas yourself.

Camilla Bereckis

Counselor, Chicago Juniors

CHICAGO JUNIORS

Congratulations to the Juniors' newly elected officers for the '66-'67 season: Sandra Juris, President; Leonora Stanciauskas, Girls' Vice President; Michael Micka, Boys' Vice President; Christine Juris, Treasurer; Joyce Janas, Recording Secretary; Christine Giedraitis, Corresponding Secretary; Anita Giedraitis and Richard Richkus, Sgts. at Arms.

Leo Stanciauskas and committee planned a very entertaining and groovy Halloween Party and Dance for the Juniors which included a "spooky" seance, dancing, games, prizes and Halloween goodies. The ghosts and goblins had a swinging time and even the councillors were seen trying to frug (the tables being turned as the Juniors acted as instructors.)

The Juniors were busy in November creating their masterpieces of straw which were entered in the Fifth Annual Lithuanian Straw Ornament Contest, sponsored by Frank Zapolis (C-36). This yearly event is one we look forward to participating in as well as having an opportunity to view the beautiful display.

Sandy Micka, Roseanne Richkus and Joyce Janas have each brought in one new member this season helping their chances to win the membership prize being offered to the Junior signing up the most new members. A transistor radio or camera is the prize worth working for. Welcome to new members Elsa Varskys, Donna Marino and Nancy Balis.

Cis Matul

I-I District Juniors V.P.

DEAR MISS MATUL,

Some good Detroit and Ohio members suggested that I report on our vacation at Camp Dainava during the K of L week this year as we were the first from the Chicago area to participate. (My parents - son, Bill 13, daughter, Joyce 11 and I)

Well, we all had a very enjoyable vacation there. The accommodations at the White House were very good and the food excellent (good ole family style). Personable young folks were able counsellors under the guidance of Mr. Byville and Mrs. Sophie Zager of Detroit. The facilities of a fine beach for swimming, fishing and rowboating provided much fun. Might add, too, that the area is very scenic.

The barracks for the boys and girls were mighty busy places, not only for sleeping, but for the changing of attire for sports, campfires, talent shows, masquerade parties, etc.

My parents who came for a restful vacation were pleased as they were on their own to enjoy visiting and card playing.

Being from Chicago, I was delighted to visit and chat with the out-of-town K of L'ers. However, had there been more adults present during the entire week, there certainly would have been a greater adult swinging group with more planned activities.

In summation, again, the facilities at Camp Dainava readily provide a great camping experience for everyone - the young and old ...

Sincerely,

Helen S. Janas



DAYTON JUNIORS

Late summer and early fall activities for the Dayton Juniors were a lot of fun. On Aug. 31 a swim party and picnic took place at Cowan Lake. Winners of games were Sharon Prasmantas, Regina Mikalas, Theresa Mikalas, Leo Mayauskas, Jon Prasmantas, Joe Cernevicuis, John Kavy, Mark Vaitkus and John Breczelly. Thanks to the mothers who sent along the good food; we enjoyed it very much.

A Halloween party was given by senior members on Sat. Oct. 29. They invited junior members to share the fun. We did have fun bobbing for apples, playing musical chairs, and catching balloons to see who had a lucky number inside to exchange for prizes. Refreshments were served and a good time was enjoyed by everyone.

Christine Sluzas moved into a new home across town. We hope to see her often at the meetings. John Breczilly, our "All American" is playing football on the Allen School Team. He hopes to be on the basketball team later in the season. Lots of luck, Johnny.

Activities planned for the coming months include skating and bowling.

May all of you enjoy the holidays, and have fun.

Cathie Lavender



CHICAGO JUNIORS LEARN TO SILK-SCREEN. (Upper left) Raymond Krauskis of C-112 explaining the silk-screening process to the Juniors. (Center left) Francine Klatt silk-screening with the help of Ray. (Lower left) Richard Richkus proudly displaying the finished product. (Above) Patty Micka receiving her sweatshirt bearing the K of L Juniors emblem.



PRESENT YOUR COUNCIL WITH A NEW KNIGHT for Christmas...

RULES FOR THE 1966-67 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Credit for enrolling members in the new drive will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed.

Earn TEN points for each new or rejoin member you enroll by JANUARY 31, 1967. However the cards must be post-marked and received by the national financial secretary BEFORE February 28, 1967.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, 1967.

Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during MAY AND JUNE, 1967.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S. C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 8-1-66. The Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these 8-1-66 totals.

There will be FIVE AWARDS:-

- (1) Individual in a large Council with the most points;
- (2) Individual in a small Council with the most points;
- (3) Council with less than 40 paid-up members;
- (4) Council with 40 or more paid-up members;
- (5) District with the greatest number of new members.

BE FIRST TO BE 100% PAID-UP AND GET A SPECIAL AWARD

Effective immediately, the councils in four categories will be eligible to receive an added citation for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up. Your quota is the 8-1-66 totals from the financial secretary's convention report.

- 1st category - 11 to 29 members
- 2nd category - 30 to 59 members
- 3rd category - 60 to 99 members
- 4th category - 100 members and over

If councils 61, 67 and 133 can double their membership they will also be eligible for competition in the first category.

In the next few holiday season weeks you will probably see more people than any other time during the year. You will receive Christmas and New Year cards. You will attend more family and other social gatherings. All this offers an occasion for you to scan and see which of your friends are not now K of L members. So think K of L!

This season finds people most receptive to any appeal you may present in asking them to join. Whether your prospect is a student and finds our Scholarship Fund a fine aspect of the Knights of Lithuania or whether your prospect is a senior citizen and finds our active older generation a nice way to find companionship, you won't get them to join unless you present these facets of our organization to them.

Your own council holiday socials are excellent events to have the prospective members become acquainted with the present members and hear about our activities.

But - it is up to YOU to invite them, to talk to them. So list the names of non-members from your own Christmas mailing list, from new cards you receive; ask them to join your festivities. Invite the friends you will meet in the shopping plazas or at the Legion party or the Holy Name holiday brunch. Or better still, give them an application to bring back with them.

Do them a favor. Ask them to join NOW, so they can enjoy the Lithuanian Independence Commemorations, the Valentine parties, the St. Casimir Day gatherings which will be coming up shortly. Do your Council a favor and present it with a new "Knight" for Christmas.

Of course all these occasions also offer the ideal time to remind one another to pay membership dues. Let's not wait for the post-holiday financial depression. Let's not wait until another council is listed FIRST to reach 100% Paid-Up membership. Present your council with a new Knight AND a 100% Paid-Up Special Award.

We are going to list the membership standings beginning with the January issue, and we'll all be waiting to see how much you thought of your K of L during this season.

Eleanore H. Laurin
Membership Vice President

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17

Kaip Tau Klojas?

With pen in hand, the news-worthy notes of C-17 are written down for posterity. May we offer our congratulations to Rev. Albin Janiunas on his election as the NED Spiritual Advisor and to Al Jaritis, as the new president of the district.

There are many activities to write about, and with limited space, only the most important shall be placed here. G-17 was the host council of the second district bowling rolloff. A good attendance of athletes showed up, and continued their athletic prowess at the refreshment table that followed the bowling match. A gathering of the councils and a lot of exchanging of ideas took place. Thanks to the efficient committee for a job well done: Ann Miller C-116, Rita Pinkus C-26 co-chairladies, Joanne Grigas, Helen Sabiski, Mrs. Helen Zarembo, Alice Olevitz, Valerie Olevitz, Bill Zarembo, Frank Grigas, Pat Plansky, Claire Sawiski, Al Jaritis, Albina Rudziunas, Phyllis and Bob Gendreau.

G-17's Annual Fall Dance, was a smash. There were many old friends meeting for a long time, and there were the other distance councils who always attend and support the K of L activities. Plaudits for our dance

committee - to our co-chairmen Bill Zarembo and Al Jaritis and to the workers Alice Olevitz, John Olevitz, Mrs. Helen Zarembo, Carol Witosky, Eleanor Sanda, Jackie Burke, Gerry Marcinowski, Ruth Stankus, Rita Venis, Leo and Albina Rudziunas, Rev. Albin Janiunas, Butch and Jerry Venis, Rita Venis, Vyto Jurgela, Florence Zaleskas, Frank Stankus, Frank Grigas, Frank Sabiski, Larry Svelnis.

Longinas Svelnis attended the Supreme Council meeting and the K of L dinner-dance in Chicago. Larry was elected as the 3rd vice-president ... John Daniels has been busy traveling with his job, to Mexico, Texas, and California.

The council hikers held two hikes this past year. One was a flat hike where the hikers who liked flat walking came along and enjoyed themselves. After the hike we were the guests of the Daniels, John and Anita, where everyone rested their sore and tired feet. After all, it was an eleven mile hike, and most of the people were out of shape. The last hike was a real rugged type up Mount Monadnock, N. H. A bus took the hikers to the bottom of the hill, and then the hardy group of hikers wended their way up the tough fog-found trail. For some it was the first time and even

though it was a rough day they enjoyed it and wanted to make it again when the weather was better. In the future there are more hikes planned both flat and high. Watch for the advertisements about them in you coming bulletin.

Delegates to the national convention were Brenda Statsky, Longinas Svelnis, Jean Pasakarnis, and Al Jaritis. It was a very fine convention "in the stixs", both business-like and social.

The delegates to the district convention were Jerry Venis, Larry Svelnis, Frank Grigas, Frank Sabiski, Al Jaritis, Bill Zarembo, Father Albin Janiunas.

May we of C-17 extend our most cordial welcome to our new pastor, Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas. This was Cambridge's loss and South Boston's gain. Father Baltrashunas is a native South Bostonian, and its a return of the native. Welcome aboard, Father. May you have good fortune and our prayers on your new pastorphism.

C-17 was there to aid and abet the good Sisters of Jesus Crucified of Brockton at their annual picnic Labor Day. This is one of the money raising programs that the Sisters run to help them pay off the debts incurred in building a new nursing home. Those with any spare cash

Best Wishes for the
Holiday Season
from
COUNCIL 100
AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

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DEAR K of L FRIENDS

My mother and I gratefully acknowledge and thank each and every one for the many, many kind expressions of sympathies on the death of my father.

Irene Sankus

wanting to be put to good use can send it to the Sisters at Brockton, Mass.

Larry Svelnis, Kasty Yonika and Frank Yonika attended the dedication of the Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington D.C. There would have been more attending, but some one had to stay home and help the Sisters raise money at the Labor Day picnic. Too bad these dates conflicted with each other.

A tip of the hat to Bill Gorski. He organized a boat trip for the nuns at Brockton. They went sailing around Cape Cod, and there wasn't one case of sea-sickness to report. Guess we have some good sailors among the Sisters. They had an enjoyable trip and were grateful and thank Bill for his efforts. Later on in the season, Bill chartered another boat (sail) and went sailing. Towards the end of the day they were suddenly fog-bound and were forced to layover until the wee hours of the morning when the fog lifted.

Rita Venis came out of the hospital a - OK. Helen Zemaitis is on the road to recovery after a nasty fall.

New Citizens and future K of L'ers: Christopher, son of Joe and Paula (Antanelis); John Casimir, son of John and Alice (Zaremba) Olevitz; Paul, son of Bob and Phyliss (Rudis) Gend-

reau.

Engagements and weddings: Donna Grigas became Mrs. Robert Reina and a wonderful wedding party was held. It looked like a Knights of Lithuania affair because there were so many there. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Minikus came down from Westfield, Mass. to attend. Then there was the one where Madeline Druzdis became Mrs. Ronald Venis and this was also a great one. We have the engagements of Joanne and her sister, Carol Antanelis, to announce. Mrs. Joseph Antanelis is losing all of her daughters, and in return she is gaining two more sons, a fair exchange. Joan Pasakarnis is also announcing her betrothal. The best to all of you gals in your future endeavours.

Congrats to Stanley Griganavich upon his appointment to become the new manager of the South Boston Lithuanian Citizen Club.

May we welcome Father Anthony Benzavich upon his transfer to St. Francis Church, Lawrence, Mass. We hope to see you at some of our functions in the future.

The hockey nuts are at it again - John Olevitz, Jerry Venis, Al Jaritis, Bob Gendreau have their annual season tickets -. This is the year that, they figure, the Bruins have a good chance to make the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Good luck lads and may the best team win - the Bruins!

Bowling folded this year. It was either the apathy of the bowlers or the right time to please all couldn't be found, and no bowling league. Spares, you can take the rest of the year off, and don't forget to support

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year



HOLIDAY GREETINGS from:

- Rev. Paul Sabulis
- James Valaitis
- Lillian Paulauskas
- John Alanskas
- Marcella Andrikis
- Neil Diggles
- Joseph Putkauskas
- Dr. William Shukaitis
- Frank and Neil Shaknaitis
- Peter Kudzma
- Ed and Antoinette White
- William and Ann Gervickas

K of L Calendar

- December 18 C-79, Detroit, "Kiddies" Christmas Party and Raffle, Detroit, Mich.
- December ? C-3, Phillie Christmas Party, Philadelphia, Pa.
- December 31 I-I District New Year's Eve Party, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- December 31 C-79, Detroit, New Year's Eve Party, Detroit, Mich.
- 1967
- January 22 C-3, Phillie, 25th Anniversary Banquet and Dance, Philadelphia, Pa.
- April 16 C-29, Newark, Testimonial Dinner for Jack Stukas, Georgian Room, Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N. J.
- August 3, 4, 5 & 6 Knights of Lithuania 54th National Convention, Dayton, Ohio

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the district rollofs.

Madeline (Druzdis) Venis had some bad luck. Some one took her car without her permission and slightly wrecked it - TOTAL? Rita Waitkunas's brother, Doctor Joe of Chicago, made a short visit to his old home town of Southie. Jean Pasakarnis went on a lecturing tour for Massachusetts General Hospital throughout Conn.

A large group of C-17 teeners attended the 25th anniversary of Father John Zuromskis of Lowell, Mass. They also attended the banquet honoring our former pastor, Father Francis Virmauskas, who is now at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Thatcher Street, Brockton, Mass. Why not send him a card or two. He would like to hear from all of the Knights of Lithuania.

Ray and Paula Slinger, on their way to Mexico, stopped and paid a visit to Loretta (Kontrim) Martell at her Florida home.

Rest in Peace: Mother of Leo Rudziunas and Dana Valotka, who came from Cleveland; The husband of Helen Zemaitis, Tony, who suddenly was

called way from this earth; For the grandfather of Loretta (Kontrim) Martell; To a great supporter of all K of L activities, Joseph Venis, uncle of Jerry and Butch Venis; To Barbara Smuden's mother who survived a major surgical operation and then suddenly passed away. Remember them in your prayers because it's the one thing that we all can do.

If you happen to hear some knocking on your door look out and see if it's not Mary (Krauneles) Zaremba and Alice (Zaremba) Olevitz. They are collectors for a retarded children's fund, dig deep and give.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26 JoJo

C-26 has again started the Fall Season off with a bang! Our Annual Clam Bake took place on Oct. 21st and all the clams and lobsters seemed as though they never tasted so good. A Big Thanks goes to our Committee: Steve & Ellie Walinsky, Bill & Carol Grigas and our Waitresses: Rita Pinkus and Janice Tagman.

On Oct. 23, the first New England District Roll-Offs took place at the Auburn T Bowl, Auburn, Mass, hosted by C-26. A social followed and everyone had a grand time. Speaking of bowling, it ranks as the top of the list this season. Our Council is bowling at the Metro Bowl in Worcester and having quite a time. Team No. 5 is now in First Place, with team members, Leo Banket, Capt.; Gloria Metrik, Carol Grigas, Bob Kerbal and Mary Jankowski trying hard to stay there; but Team No. 6 is not far behind with team members, Danny Lettic, Capt.; Phyllis Morin, Diane Kasevich, Rose Chesna, Mary Ann Roland and Joe Stoney keeping up a steady pace. Carol Grigas and Joan Krusas hold the women's high triple with 318; Danny Lettic with 367 and Joe Drumstas with 342 hold the mens'; High singles are held by Dick Karalus - 137 and Joan Krusas - 120. This season, bowling has really gotten on its feet thanks to Committee Members: Tine Delonis, Mary Zaleskas, Charlie Kerbal and the rest.

We have some pretty tanned members in the Council after their trips.

Mary Zaleskas, Tine Delonis and Agy White have just returned from a trip to Florida. And to think they gave up the warm weather for our cold! Alena Pinkus too, has just returned from a 12 day trip to San Francisco, Hawaii and Las Vegas with many a story and pictures to remember it all.

On October 29th, we held our Fall Dance, entitled FALLING LEAVES with music by the Kinsmen. Committee members Charlie Kerbal, Mary Law, Joan Peculis, Charlie Grigaitis and the rest of the crew made it quite a success.

Beginning with our November meeting, our newly elected officers take over for the coming year. Bill Grigas will again reign as President; Rita Pinkus has taken over as 1st V-P; Steve Walinsky is 2nd V-P; Frances Grigas as Rec. Sec'y; Carol Grigas, Fin. Sec'y.; Ellie Carmody as Treas.; Tina Delonis and Charles Kerbal, Sgts-at-Arms; Janice Tagman and Al Grigonis as Auditors. Chairman include: Wanda Pajeda, Cultural; and Vladas Gedmintas, Lithuanian Affairs. Our congratulations are given to the above winners and a continued KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30 Marcijona Welcome to our recent new members, Valmore and Irene Prest.

Our annual K of L outing was held July 10th at Congamond Lake. Joseph Sabonis acted as chairman and Doris Tarnauskas was his most able assistant. We thank the entire committee for a job well done.

Delegates to the National Convention were: Benny Coach, John Tarnauskas and Sophie Kucharski. Alternates, "Cookie" Coach, Helen Alexik and Frank Jutkus. Sophie Kucharski reported on the Convention at our September meeting. Many of our members were able to attend most Convention activities and from all comments, a wonderful time was had by all.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Vincent Puidokas, was very fortunate recently, in that he was able to attend the Dedication and Blessing of the Lady of Siluva Chapel in Washington, D. C. Father gave us a very interesting report of what took place, and promised to have movies of the events to show at our next meeting.

It was voted to have a fruit cake sale again this year as our first fundraiser of the new season. Co-chair-

men of the sale will be Anne Saboni and Marcia Rogers.

Named to the nominating committee were: Joseph Sabonis, Benny Coach, Marcia Rogers and Ann Kyllis.

Belated Thanksgiving Greetings. And a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

LAWRENCE, MASS., C-78 Angel

A delayed, but very sincere thank you to Joe and Paula Bunevith of C-116 for their gracious hospitality and for putting up with us during the convention weekend. They were wonderful to do it, and we appreciate it.

Three of us went to the dance at Maironis Park in Worcester, including our president, Shirley Gobush. The dance was terrific.

C-78 wants to thank Algis Martisauskas of C-18 for picking two of our members, Mary and Dot Blaze- vich for the N. E. District Hike at Monadnock. No one else from our council could get up courage enough to climb in the fog and rain. If it wasn't for Algis' inspiring words "The summit is just over the next boulder!", and for George Barton's inspiring words "This is the EASY trail up!", our two climbers might

**OUR BEST WISHES FOR A
BLESSED CHRISTMAS
and a**

**PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
to all the
KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA**

**from
COUNCIL 96
DAYTON, OHIO**

Hosts for the 1967 National Convention





To All Our Friends
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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We welcome Margie Savage, Elaine Kasper, Stanley Garbauskas and Billy Simkonis as our newest members.

We extend congratulations to Miss Irene Adamaitis - She was the happy recipient of the "Scholarship Award" at the 53rd National Convention. Irene plans to be a teacher and is attending Worcester State Teacher's College. Good luck, Irene, we are all proud of you.

The combined efforts by our members resulted in a very successful Military Whist which was held in the Parish hall in November. The only unhappy victims were the turkeys that were given away as prizes.

Our much-traveled couple, Mary and Vic Mrozinski are off again, this time for a two week stay in Jamaica. How lucky can you get! That nice tan to sport all winter.

Trudy Zibinskas spent part of her vacation in Washington - Her only lament was that she didn't have enough time to see everything.

If you spot a brand new white Chavele coming down Vernon street most likely it will be Marion Lukason. Marion now knows the joys of owning a car? Good luck, Marion, with your brand new car.

By this time Paula and Joe Bunevith will be pretty well settled into their new home. They are neighbors to Carol and Richard Luikey, who also are new home owners. Looks like the exodus to the suburbs by our young newlyweds is on. Well, good luck, folks, and many blessings to your happy homes.

The members of C-116 extend to all K of L'ers a very "Linksmų Kalėdų" and "Laimingų Naujų Metų" visiems.



WELL WISHERS

never have made it with only torn slacks, soggy sneakers, stringy hair, bumps, scratches and bruises. It could indeed have been much worse! We were sorry to see that Charlie Grigaitis of C-26 didn't make it this year. C-78 is confident, however, that he will be among the first to reach the summit next year.

C-78 wants to extend congratulations to the following: To Charles Grigaitis, our new national chairman for Lithuanian Affairs. (We know the convention could not have picked a better man for this most important office); To Al Jaritis, our new president of the N. E. District; To George Barton of Norwood, who has been appointed treasurer of the N. E. District; To Diana Dvoske and Joe Doherty of C-78 on their engagement. (Plans have been made for a May wedding.)

Quite a few member of C-78 went to the dance in Worcester on Oct. 29. The theme, "Falling Leaves", the picturesque orange pumpkins decorating the tables, and our congenial host C-26 contributed toward making it a colorful, fun-filled evening for all of us. It must be noted that Char-

lie Grigaitis is tops as far as we're concerned.

We are now looking forward to another fantastic ski weekend.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116

Ann M.

The highlight of our October meeting was the election of officers. Our new Executive Board of Officers for the '66-'67 season are: Pres. Mrs. Mildred Lapinskas; 1st Vice-Pres. Anthony Miner; 2nd Vice-Pres. Miss Irene Adamaitis, assisted by John Savage, Secretary - Ann Miller; Fin. Sec. Dorothy Sinkavitch; Treas. Charles Lapinskas.

After a few false starts our bowling league is rolling along in fine style. Bob Paluses and his team has a slight edge right now, but the other teams are slowly climbing up, and Bob is getting that worried look. Vic Mrozinski holds hi-average for the men while Dorothy March is leading the women. But the season is early and everyone has that grim determined look when they show up at the alleys every Friday night. John Andruski feels there's no stopping him since he found that good luck charm.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

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V. Ed. Pavis

The 19th Annual Convention of our District is now History, and to all those that participated it will ever remain a very pleasant memory! The Convention convened in the Spanish Room of the Pick-Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. Cocktails and Buffet Lunch in the hotel from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. Then the 19th District Convention convened at exactly 2:00 P.M. being opened by Peter Luiza, President of our Host C-25. Father Balys C. Ivanauskas, Pastor of the Lithuanian St. George Church and District Spiritual Director, recited the Invocation, after which the American national Anthem was sung. Vincent Ed. Pavis, District President and Honorary Member was then requested to preside over the session. The Convention was greeted in person by Father Ivanauskas and by Joseph Sadauskas and Frank Gudelis, our organization's Honorary Members. Minutes of the previous Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pa., were read by

our District Secretary, Mrs. Stella F. Pavis. Reports of all District Officers and District Committee Chairmen were submitted. Convention greetings from Al Wesley, our National President and from Edward A. Daniels, Secretary of the Supreme Ritual Committee, were read and received in absentia. Our delegation's report on the 53rd National K of L Convention held in Worcester, Mass., was placed on file, in order to save time - since the Convention was ably covered in the last issue of the "VYTIS".

The District Convention decided to continue sponsorship of the K of L Camp Dainava Week, which next year will be under the able direction and leadership of both Frank and Sophie Zager (who are requesting wholehearted support in the project from all our members), the promotion of our Annual Pilgrimage next year to the famous Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, and requested all Councils to put forth all efforts to bring new and reinstate old members within our ranks.

Under new business, the Convention approved placing a half-page Greeting in the Christmas issue of our

"VYTIS", donated \$50.00 toward the Building Fund of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Putnam, Connecticut; donated \$25.00 to the Lithuania Daily "DRAUGAS" in appreciation of its many publishing services rendered our organization, and approved placing a full-page Greeting from the District in the forthcoming 54th K of L National Convention Program Book.

Upon the request of Dayton's C-96, Mrs. Mary Lucas and Stanley Vaitkus were approved as nominees from our District for Honorary Membership. Histories on the two previously approved nominees - Robert Boris and Ann Mae Uznis, when received will be forwarded the Supreme Honorary Membership committee for its consideration.

The following District Officers and Committee Chairmen were elected or re-elected:

Rev. Father Balys C. Ivanauskas - Spiritual Director, Vincent Ed. Pavis - President, Frank Zager - First Vice-President, Stanley Vaitkus - Second Vice-President, Mrs. Stella F. Pavis - Secretary, Michael Petkus - Treasurer, Miss Julia Alesunas and Joseph Kurpowic - Trustees.



GLAD TIDINGS

MARY
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VICE PRESIDENT

JOY! JOY! JOY!

CHRISTMAS CHEER and a
BRIGHT NEW YEAR !

Mary, Anthony and Nancy Kober
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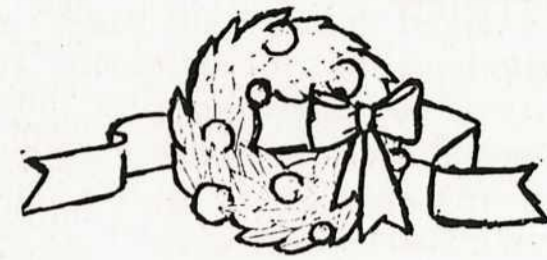
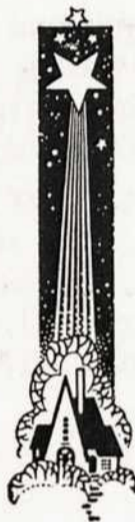


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NEW YEAR

to our VYTIS EDITOR, THE
STAFF and each and every
member of our K of L.

ELEANORE LAURIN
S. C. Membership V.P.

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FOR A BLESSED
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DETROIT'S COUNCIL 139 and
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR
REV. VIKTOR KRISCIUNEVICIUS



A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy
Prosperous 1967 New Year
To All Our K of L Friends
Where ever They Are -
GREETINGS

From INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS of Our
K OF L SENIORS COUNCIL #111
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Mr. and Mrs. VINCENT ED. PAVIS -
(K of L Honorary Member)

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH P. STRAINIS
Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY MARKS (MARKAUSKAS)
Mr. and Mrs. JAMES YURCHISON
Mr. WILLIAM MAGOLIS

Anthony Buknis - Sargeant-at-Arms.
Committee Chairmen: Frank Gudelis - Ritual Committee, Stanley Vaitkus - Catholic Action Committee, Peter Luiza - Lithuanian Affairs Committee, Frank Gudelis - Representative to the "VYTIS".

The convention closed with an appropriate prayer and the singing of the Lithuanian national Anthem and our own K of L Hymn.

Immediately after the convention, the newly elected District Executive Board met in its first executive session.

In the evening, at St. George Church hall, all enjoyed a rollicking good time during the arranged Halloween Masquarade Dance. The following morning, Sunday, Oct. 30th, 10:30 A.M. all in a body attended the special High Holy Mass, sung and recited in the Lithuanian language, offered for the intention of all our members both living and those departed within our District. Father Ivanauskas rendered a wonderful and inspiring sermon on the occasion of the Feast of Christ the King. He warmly greeted and welcomed the District Convention and all its delegates and

guests as well as the local K of L'ers. Before the Mass the Fourth Degree Ritual was exemplified by Father Ivanauskas. Vyto Jucius of Pittsburgh, producer and program director of the popular "Echoes of Lithuania" program over Pittsburgh radio station WZUM, was the worthy and happy recipient of the Fourth Degree.

During the Convention Banquet, which was well attended, all enjoyed a very delicious Lithuanian style menu of the day. Frank Gudelis, District Ritual chairman, presented various members for the Third and Fourth Degrees. The District President congratulated each individual recipient and presented their respective Degree medals. Third Degree recipient were from Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio. After many cordial felicitation and happy memories the delegates and guests prepared to leave for their homes - and to prepare for the next - the 20th (Jubilee) District Convention, which will convene next year in Detroit, Michigan. C-79 will be our genial hosts. After much worry and diligent inquiry - our District's Banner suddenly appeared just before the Convention. Thanks to Robert Bo-

ris of Detroit for his kindness in bringing the banner from Detroit.

DETROIT, MICH. C-79 Soffi

With a distinct hum and hustle, the agenda fell in our headquarters before yours truly was able to get down to her article for the "Vytis". Most of us had a tremendous summer, and we welcome fabulous fall although it means a score of activities.

Overflowing fruit made eye-catching centerpiece of bananas, apples, oranges, and grapes on the refreshment table for our October meeting. Hostesses Mrs. Ceil Yunck and Mrs. Adeline Vitkus were responsible for the delightful Fall motif.

With the thermometer hitting a 90-degree mark, June 25 was a perfect night for our weenie roast. The parking lot at Hines' Lola Valley park was jammed with ears of approximately 50 members and guests who came to cool off under the shade. And, there was no fidgeting around waiting for a cool drink.

Some pleasant moments were enjoyed at the Family Picnic on Aug. 13. Horse-shoe pitching and other games were in full swing from about three in

the afternoon until sundown. Congratulations to Emil Byville who "walked off" with the horse-shoe trophy for the second straight season. Our merry-makers consumed uncounted "Sloppy Joes", a variety of salads and the traditional piece de resistance: baked beans, Yunck's style. This and other social events of the summer would not have been possible without our hard working co-chairmen Cel Yunck and Bernie Vit-chus. Ačiū - them and all others who helped.

One of the most memorable events, that many are still reminiscing about, is the pilgrimage joining Lithuanians from all parts of the world Sept. 3 - 5 for the dedication of the shrine of Lithuania's patroness "Our Lady of Siluva", in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Ann Valatka was instrumental in organizing the Detroit delegation. Those of you not able to attend the dedication should try to make a trip to this shrine sometime in the future. From all reports we hear it is truly beautiful.

Your intrepid scout has been churned up by a fascinating Cultural Exhibit at International Festival in

Northland center. The mart, consisting of approximately 30 exclusive specialty booths and shops from "around the world" was held Oct. 20-22. Adding delightfully to the cultural spirit was a Lithuanian display including a fabulous collection of amber jewelry, wood carvings, way-side crosses and lamps, carved in the traditional Lithuanian motif. There was an interesting array of Lithuanian records, books, magazines, and a variety of other printed literature, available for scanning and buying. The focal point of interest, for many non-Lithuanian visitors who stopped, were the intricate and beautiful patterns woven into table cloths, scarfs, sashes, and spreads. Among other things which the guests admired were the beautiful national costumes and their lovely models. Also viewed and admired was a hand woven floor rug which was made and brought directly from Lithuania. Rarely has an opportunity been available to absorb Lithuanian culture from a large and varied collection of arts and crafts. This formidable job has been hand-carried by Mrs. Stella Hotra. Among some of 79'ers assisting here were daughter Tina, Bertha Janus, Sophie

Zager, P. Medonis, P. Bandza and Dorothe Martin.

Meanwhile, we are concerned with some of our "stay-away" members. It is to be remembered that it takes more than just paying your dues to keep an organization at it's best - it takes participation by the members and attendance at meetings. so let's make an honest effort to come and participate whenever possible.

See 'N' Tell: Joining our suburbanite Lithuanians are Julie and John Belickas who settled in their new quarters on Farley, in Redford ... That fearsome Inez was no "fierce-some" to Sophie and George Leskosky who vacationed in sunny (or was it stormy?) Florida for 3 weeks, enjoying all the sights and their trip... Most of us were disheartened about one certain "heart", Jos. Kazlauskas. We hear he's doing nicely. In his absence Joe Salinas had done a great subbing job, presiding at meetings and fulfilling other functions ... Heading in our future plans are a card party, Kiddies Christmas party, and New Year's Eve party. For any further information watch your "Patter". ... Mending at ease following major surgery is Mary Kazlauskas ...

BEST *Christmas* WISHES

from
Council 12
New York



Merry
Christmas

A HAPPY
YEAR!

LEONARD
VALIUKAS
President

Americans For Congressional
Action to free the
Baltic States



The classic "Happy Birthday to You" fell all in one week upon Estelle, Charlie and Vida Ann Gogelis in November our best wishes too... This is the season when we rack our brains for presents. I'd like you to consider this special gift, sending a great big Christmas card from all of us to all of you: "Sveiki sulaukę Šv. Kalėdų, Laimingų Naujųjų Metų", and may it's wonderful spirit stay with you through all of the coming year.



NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3 Twinkle
A quarterly Communion Breakfast took place on Sun., Oct. 23. Nineteen of our members attended Mass together and received Holy Communion. Afterwards we all partook of a light breakfast, and with 16 parents,

relatives and guests participated in the installation ceremonies of our new officers. Rev. Batutis, Pastor of St. Casimir's, officiated. A good turn-out for an important K of L event.

The Halloween "Hawaiian Luau" Party held on Sun. Oct. 30, was a smashing success. Imaginations ran rampant. Witch doctors, Hawaiian maidens, Beach Boys, cocoanut trees, and Hawaiian pineapples were all present. Everybody agreed that the theme selected for the party really added zest to the fun.

Plans, plans, plans - we have more plans than Carter has pills! Dianne Beletsky is conducting a Lithuanian Christmas Decorations contest. All members are invited to participate.

We hope to use these decorations for the trees wet up in our Lithuanian churches.

The most important plans are those in connection with our Banquet and Dance in celebration of C-3's 25th Anniversary. All arrangements are being made definite. The tickets are out and we are sure that 100% cooperation from our members will bring about a huge success. Jan. 22, 1967 - that's the date! We do hope that our K of L friends

who live nearby will be able to attend.

We are also in the midst of making arrangements for our annual winter weekend in the Pocono Mountains. We can't promise that we'll be snowed in for two days like last year, but we do promise a most enjoyable weekend.

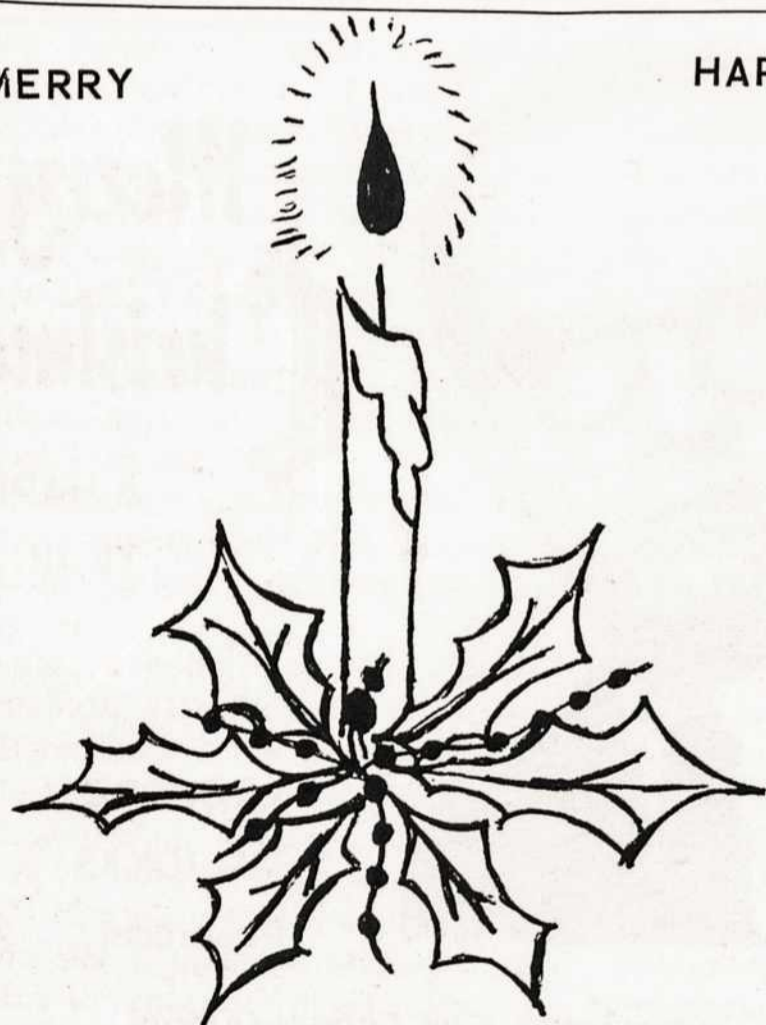
The date, time and place of our annual Christmas Party have yet to be announced. But you can be sure that C-3 will host another enjoyable event for its members.

We are pleased to announce that the Council Bulletin is again in press. Alberta Bekeris, Dianne Beletsky and Agnes Mickunas will serve as co-editors.

DIBS AND DABS. All the hulloaloo is over and now the new Mr. and Mrs. Walter Svekla are busy getting things settled in their new apartment ... Ann Simmons became Mrs. Ralph Eugene Pettit on Oct. 29. We wish her happiness in her new life ... Pete Shelus is now an engaged man. Best of luck to him and his lovely fiancée... Deer season - that's all our great hunters, Albert Ozalis, Tony Burch and John Mickunas talk about. The word is out

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COUNCIL 3
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Merry Christmas

to all our K of L Friends

K of L Senior
Council 111
Youngstown, Ohio





and to all a
Happy New Year

COUNCIL 7
WATERBURY, CONN.



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LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ**

ILLINOIS - INDIANA APSKRITIS
VALDYBA IR VISI NARIAI



that Joe Warsavage will be joining them this year ... Belated Happy November Birthday to Ann Alsankas.

NEWARK, N.J. C-29 The Wanderer C-29 held yearly elections at their Oct. meeting, with the following results: president, Kazys Sipaila; vice presidents, Jack Remeika and Edward Schmidt; secretaries, Joan Yankauskas and Eva Coll; treasurer, Peter Podgalsky; and trustees, Walter Sharon Jr. and Ralph Radisch.

First and second degrees were given to Joan Stupin, Helen Radisch and Ralph Radisch.

C-29 at this time extends our congratulations and best wishes to the St. George Sick Benefit Society, who are celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year. We also extend best wishes to the Ill. - Ind. District K of L Choir on their 50th Anniversary. Last, but not least, congratulations to the Ruta Ensemble, who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary.

To all of the members and friends of the K of L we extend our best wishes for a most blessed Christmas and a happy and most prosperous New Year.



**ILLINOIS - INDIANA
DISTRICT**

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THEY WERE THERE - to join the members of the Knights of Lithuania Choir in commemorating and celebrating fifty years since its first concert in 1916; the first Choir president and still-active supporter, John Kazanauskas; in spirit and heart by the greeting he sent - the first Director, Prof. Alexander Aleksis of Waterbury, Conn.; the District president at that time who was instrumental in organizing the original group, Leonard Simutis, Sr. and a capacity crowd of K of L'ers and guests. They began to arrive at the Chateau Bu-Sche earlier than the usual Lithuanian time that Saturday, November 12th. There were the guests for the speaker's table - our beloved Bishop Vincen-

tas Brizgys; our Consul General of Lithuania Petras Dauzvardis and Mrs. Dauzvardis; the aforementioned Leonard Simutis, Sr.; the principal speaker John Kazanauskas, who that evening presented the choir with a rare picture of the first choir; Father A. Zakarauskas who gave the invocation and Father A. Valancius who presented the closing prayer; Chairman of the event Algird Brazis and Mrs. Brazis; our Supreme Council president Alexander Wesey; Prof. Leonard Simutis, Jr. who was Choir Director from 1941 to 1951 and who provided much of the data for our history; our present devoted Choir Director Faustas Strolia and Mrs. Strolia; the first president of the reorganized choir Estelle Rogers and the current choir president Vladas Paliulionis; District membership V-P and ticket chairman of the event John Evans and District president Eleanore Laurin; and the "master" Master-of-Ceremonies Stan Kancewick.

The program was enhanced by our dear friend, Prudencija Bickus, who led the audience in singing the American and Lithuanian National Anthems and most capable Musical Program

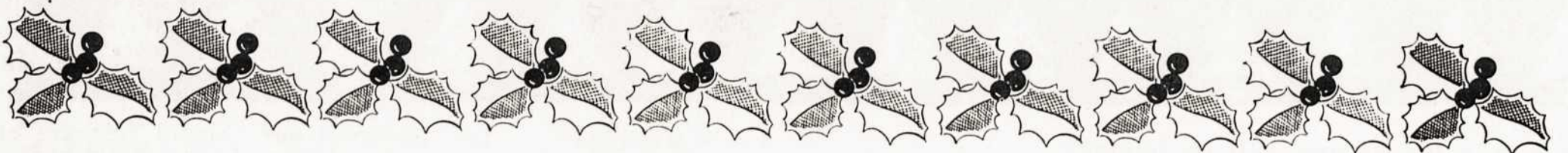


to our fellow K of L'ers
COUNCIL 112
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Members of Council 13
 extend their wishes

for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

to
 K of L'ers from
COUNCIL 1 to COUNCIL 139



Announcer Milda Pakalniškis. Directed by Faustas Strolia and accompanied by John Byanskas, the Choir gave its melodious renditions of the following: "Susikalbėjo", liaudies daina (Z. Aleksandravičius); "Tu, berželi", išplėsta liaudies daina (T. Brazys); "Narsuolių Daina" (F. Strolia); "Vai ir prijojo" duetas Ann Marie Kassel ir Albinas Rudzevičius, liaudies daina (J. Strolia); "Kur Lygys Laukai" (Maironis, J. Tallat-Kelpša, aranž. E. Kiskis).

Among the many, many telegrams and greetings from our friends everywhere in the country were three oral greetings by Rev. Edward Abromaitis, president of the Lithuanian Priests' League, Anthony Rudis, president of the "Taryba" and Frank Savickas, member of Council 112 who was just elected to the Illinois House of Representatives. Among the notables in the music field, we were honored to have in our midst Prof. Juozas Žilevičius, Vytautą Radžią and members of the Lithuanian Opera Choir, Petra Armoną and members of "Dainava" Ansamblis, Alice Stephens of the Alice Stephens Singers, Loretta Stukas

who represented the "Rūtos" Ansamblis of New Jersey and Jack Stukas' "Memories of Lithuania" radio hour from New York. And of course, it is always a pleasure to have Felix and Aldona Daukus of the Sophie Barcus Radio Family Hour with us.

We were most delighted to see our out-of-town K of L'ers and Supreme Council Board members Mary Stonis, Frank Vaskas and "Chipo" Cheponis from New Jersey and Larry Svelnis from So. Boston.

Among the several hundred other guests, we were honored by any number of clergy, businessmen, profes-

sionals and leaders of various organizations, as well as our usual faithful and always important K of L members and friends. We are grateful to each and every one of them for their ever present support for our K of L and especially this time, for being present and contributing to the huge success of the Choir's Golden Jubilee Commemoration.

Eleanore H. Laurin
 I-I District President

CHICAGO, ILL., C-36

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At the September meeting, we elected the following officers for the current year: Pres., Frank Svelnis, Jr.; 1st Vice, Helen Pius; 2nd Vice, Vince Samaska; 3rd Vice, Tekle Norbut; Rec. Sec'y., Joan Jakunas; Fin. Sec'y., Wilhelmina Ulevicius; Corres. Sec'y., Lillian Kodis; Treas., Anthony Walunas; Trustees, Lucille Kilkus and Virginia Balzekas; Sgts-at-Arms, Jerome Jankus and Napoleonas Sapkus. Father Paul Juknevičius will remain the Council's Spiritual Advisor. After elections, we held a par-



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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YEAR**

IRENE K. SANKUS
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ty for the newly-elected officers and members.

Usually C-36 has a Fall Dance, but this year, we went all-out and held a Mexican Fiesta. Posters from Mexico, provided by American Airlines, music by the "Labre Combo", a pinata and raffle prizes contributed to the "south-of-the-border" flavor. Some of our members went all-out and came dressed in Mexican sombreros and serapes - only the moustaches were missing. Raffle tickets were sold individually for mens' and womens' prizes. So who won? Lorraine Wainauskas of C-112 won the men's prize and Frank Kovalauskas, the women's prize!

C-36 offers congratulations to Faustas and Terry Strolia on the birth of their son and to Anita Sutkus on her engagement to Ludwiz Zebrauskas.

We also offer condolences to Irene Sankus on the death of her father.



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to all our
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Jack and Loretta Stukas



NEW OFFICERS of C-36, CHICAGO: Seated: Rev. Paul Juknevicus, Teklė Norbut, Frank Svelnis, Jr., Helen Pius, Joan Jakunas. Standing: Vincent Samaska, Lucille Kilkus, Anthony Wallunas, Lillian Kodis, Jerome Jankus, Virginia Balzekas, Napoleonas Sapkus.



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