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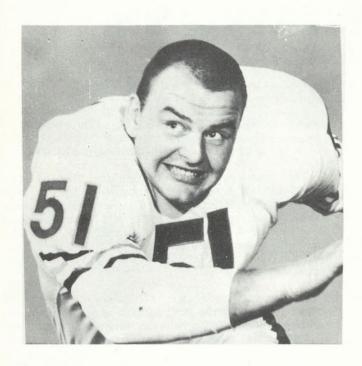
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BUTKUS of THE BEARS

by TONY YUKNIS

The elder Butkus boys did not permit their kid brother, little Richard, to play ball with them because it might have been too rough for him. This action frustrated Dick and pent up even a greater desire to play and to prove himself. Big brother Ronnie played football for the University of Illinois, and later, with the Chicago Cardinals pro teams. Meanwhile Dick's strong determination to compete could not be denied. He was destined to blaze an even more glorious path on the gridiron when his opportunity came.

Dick found an outlet for his bursting desire when he enrolled at the Chicago Vocational High School. He became a powerhouse 200-lb. fullback there. His coach claimed that it took three or four tacklers to bring downthis devast-

ating ball carrier.

When Dick matriculated at the University of Illinois he weighed 234 lbs., standing 6-3 tall. Outgrowing his backfield position, he was switched to center. This didn't stop Dick. He then became one of the most devastating of all line-backers being named All-American in 1962-63-64. In '63 cocaptain Butkus had the pleasure of inflicting a Rose Bowl defeat on the University of Washington.

That same year Butkus was voted the Illini's most valuable player. Also he won the Chicago Tribune's silver football trophy as the most valuable player in the Big Ten Conference. His college career ended with Dick being named "The Player of the Year" by the American Football Coaches Association, while the United Press chose him as the lineman of the year. In, fact he was named on everybody's All - American team.

Butkus was the first choice in the draft by the Denver Broncos of the American Football League and the Chicago Bears of the National Football League, Dick decided to sign with the Bears for a paltry \$100,000. This made him one of the most feared and marked linemen in the league.

One of the Bears' coaches, Abe Gibron, sized up Butkus as follows: "He has the desire to play, which is the main ingredient of a real pro. He's consistently outstanding." This coincides with Butkus' philosophy, "To win you must work on it every day. You can't be just a week-end player." Head Coach Bill Dooley added, "Dick is a pro in every game. He is consistently outstanding." It was desire that earned Butkus a spot on every Pro Bowl played.

So, being named All Proby the Pro Football Writers, United Press International and Associated Press is old hat to Butkus. In 1968 Dick was named as the linebacker of the year. Last year, when Butkus was chosen as the defensive player of the week, Coach Jim Carr asked, "Just this week? To me he's the defensive player of the week all year. He's the best football player in the league today - irrespective of the position

played."

Statistics on Butkus show an increase in the number of tackles, assists, throwing the quarterback for a loss and intercepted passes. Butkus calls the defensive signals as co-captain. Before he got the call from the Bears Dick asserted, "I don't like to be a captain, But since I am, I have reason to give some directions. I have a way of getting to the players. When a tackle pulls a man and allows me to throw the quarterback for a loss, I pat him on the back." Though Dick hits his opponent hard he never deliberatly attempts to injure a player. "I try to tackle the ball carrier around the waist or shoulders - never at his legs if possible, " Butkus explains.

Butkus married the former Helen Essenberg and has two children. He is fond of his family and home life in his suburban Chicago Heights residence. Ricky weighed 9 lbs., 10 ozs. at birth and was close to two feet long, the longest baby ever at the Jackson Park Hospital. Like his Dad, Ricky should become a big man in football some day.

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ELECTIONS.

District and Council officer elections must take place either in the months of September or October as per the constitutional change which was approved at the 1964 National Convention.

Immediately after the election of new officers, PLEASE send the names and address to our National Recording Secretary Nancy Kober, 2 Bayview, Great

Neck, N.Y.

The Supreme Council officers, your national Spiritual Advisors, and the national committee chairman cannot operate efficiently without YOUR cooperation. As shown in the reports of our officers, there is a great need for better communication. This year - let us ALL cooperate with our elected officers and chairmen.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our new National Financial Secretary Irene Rakaitis reminds us the membership dues are \$5.00 per year and will be due on or before January 1, 1970. She requests that the newly-elected Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should be collected for a full year.

Please note that the new 'Associate Members' 'dues structure is the same as that for regular mem-

bers.



VYČIAI! KALĖDOS NETOLI

Galite palinkėti kiekvienam Vyčių nariui Linksmų Švenčių asmeniškai, vienu sveikinimu - ''Vytyje''. Kaina maža, o ''Vyčiui'' didelė parama. Užsisakykite Kalėdų sveikinimus jau šiandieną.

ALL MEMBERS, COUNCILS, DISTRICTS ARE IN-VITED TO PARTICIPATE in the 1971 "VYTIS" CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN!

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"POST-CONVENTION NEWS" ...

K of L IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

The Sept. 9, 1970 Congressional Record carried remarks made that day by Hon. John S. Monagan of Connecticut in the House of Representatives, pertaining to the Knights of Lithuania Friend of Lithuania Award. We quote these fine remarks herewith, and extend a public and very sincere Lithuanian ''Thank You'' to Mr. Monagan for his interest in our organization.

(Following the remarks quoted below, Mr. Monagan quoted the text of the introduction of Mr. Puchinski, as presented at the Convention Banquet by Rev. John C. Jutt and reprinted in the October, 1970 VYTIS.)

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AWARD HON. JOHN S. MONAGAN of Connecticut IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, September 9,1970

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Speaker, I should like to bring to the attention of the House the August 23 presentation of the Knights of Lithuania award medal to our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PUCINSKI). This presentation was made at the closing banquet of the 57th national convention of the Knights in Chicago.

As the 1966 recipient of this award, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. PUCINSKI and to welcome him to the group of previous Knights of Lithuania award winners, who are also Members of Congress, DANIEL J. FLOOD, RAY J. MADDEN, and PETER W. RO-

DINO, JR.

I should like also to congratulate the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA for their great public service. The plight of the Lithuanian people must not be forgotten. The Knights of Lithuania will not allow it to be forgotten.

In 1966 when I received this award, I stated that it would be a tragedy if the noble literary, artistic, and cultural traditions of the Lithuanian people were to be destroyed. I commend the Lithuanian people for their spirit, for their ability to preserve their love of their past and their people in the face of overwhelming Soviet propaganda efforts. That spirit still exists today. ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA HAVE KEPT IT ALIVE, and they must be commended for this.

For this reason I include here the excellent remarks made by my friend, the Reverend John C. Jutt of Worcester, Mass., a dynamic protector of human freedom, in introducing the recipient of the Knights of Lithuania award medal, Congressman ROMAN

PUCINSKI.

WE GIVE THE THANKS

WE THANK THEE GOD ...

Thanksgiving is a time noted for family reunions, delicious food, crisp Fall weather . . . but most important, it is a time to recall God's goodness to us, and to offer Him thanks. Too often, we adults become so absorbed in decorating, cooking, planning, that we lose sight of the holiday's true purpose. This year, several future K of L-ers, children of members, were asked: "What will you thank God for on Thanksgiving Day?" Reading their replies perhaps one can see God's blessings in a new and clearer light - through the children's eyes.



On Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for the earth, air and the sun; for peace, love, and goodness; for sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing; for freedom of speech, worship and freedom of press; for my parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends...for flowers, trees and plants... For dogs, cats and singing birds... for games and happiness and my life. I am thankful for Jesus' sacraments and for Him opening heaven for us.

John Nakrosis, age 8 Kearny, N. J.



I am thankful that I am healthy. I thank God for my mother, father, sister, brother, aunts, uncles, grandmother and grandfather. I thank God that I can play the piano by ear. I am thankful for my friends. I am thankful for my teachers.

Joyce Mazur, age 9 Lyndhurst, N. J.



I am thankful for food, I am thankful for my Mother, I am thankful for my Daddy, I am thankful for my relatives, I am thankful for football, I am thankful for baseball,

Daniel Nakrosis, age 7 Kearny, N.J.



I am thankful for being an altar boy. I'm thankful to have nice parents, brother and sister and friends.

Michael Grigaliunas, age 10 Bayonne, N.J.





I thank God for my parents and relatives, and for food. I thank God for animals because they're nice and you can play with them. If you don't want to live in a tent, I thank God for a house. I thank God for school so that we can learn, for sleep because it makes you feel good. I thank God for trees because they make it more shady, for sunny and rainy days, so the flowers can grow and have some water. I thank God for flowers because if you put them by your house it will look pretty, and for fruit because it's good for you.

Georgianna Kassel, age 6 Westchester, Ill.





A. Kačanauskas

ALEKSANDRAS KAČANAUSKAS AND LITHUANIAN MUSIC

L. STUKAS

To be involved with Lithuanian music today - as a soloist, organist, choir or orchestra member, and not know the name "Aleksandras Kačanauskas" is almost a contradiction of terms, for the senior Mr. Kačanauskas was perhaps one of the best-known and most talented Lithuanian composers of modern times. Although he himself is no longer among the living, his numerous compositions have kept his memory alive wherever Lithuanian music is heard.

Aleksandras Kačanauskas was born in 1882, in Kaunas, Lithuania and very early in life, began studying music, under the able guidance of Juozas Naujalis. In 1911, he entered the Ryga School of Music in Latvia to pursue the study of piano, organ and composition, and later studied voice at Petrapilis and Rome. He quickly became proficient in many phases of music, as organist, accompanist to noted solviets, charal director, and haritone solviets.

noted soloists, choral director, and baritone soloist. His composing talents also began to emerge early in life. In 1900, he began harmonizing folk songs - ''Oi rūta, rūta'' among the better known. In 1910 his composition for Chorus ''Kur bega Šešupė'' won first prize in the ''Lithuanian Cultural Society's'' first Music Contest, and his ''Už klystančius žmones'' for solo voice won second prize.

In 1920, Aleksandras Kačanauskas returned to Kaunas and its music world, not only as a music teacher, but also as a choral director, organist, and composer. He organized a "Society for Lithuanian Musicians and Artists" and helped found the Lithuanian Opera Co., in which he himself also sang solo parts. He continued teaching music at the Kaunas School of Music, Vytautas the Great University, and the Vilnius State Music Conservatory.

Even while spending his life creating and teaching music, Aleksandras Kačanauskas found time to be a good, loving and strict father to 3 children. Losing his wife while their children were still young, he devotedly assumed the role of both mother and father and also managed to instill an appreciation of music in his offspring - Algirdas, Gediminas and Aldona.

After a life of providing his nation with a wealth of music and musical works, Aleksandras Kačanauskas died on Nov. 16, 1959 in Vilnius. This month marks the eleventh anniversary of his death, or the end of the "Tenth Anniversary Year", a year which was commemorated by memorial masses in Vilnius, Lithuania, Newark, N.J., Brooklyn, N.Y., and Rome, Italy, and special programs of his compositions.

The musical wealth left by Mr. Kačanauskas includes over 200 compositions, mostly for solo voices or choral groups, and harmonizations of Lithuanian folk songs. K. Kaveckas called Mr. Kačanauskas "Lithuanian King of Romance" for his many romantic compositions. Because of his excellent knowledge of the choral and solo voices needs, Aleksandras Kačanauskas compositions are very well suited for choral singing, and can be easily learned. As an example of his music, one such song, "Sesuo Žydrioji Vilija" is presented herein.

It is our firm wish that Mr. Kačanauskas songs will continue to resound, in his native but enslaved Lithuania, and everywhere in the free world where

the Lithuanian language is heard.

(Translation from ''Muzikos Žinios'', April, 1970)

Vilnele, bėk į Viliją, O Vilija – į Nemuną, – Sakyk: tėvynę mylime Labiau "mes už gyvenimą.

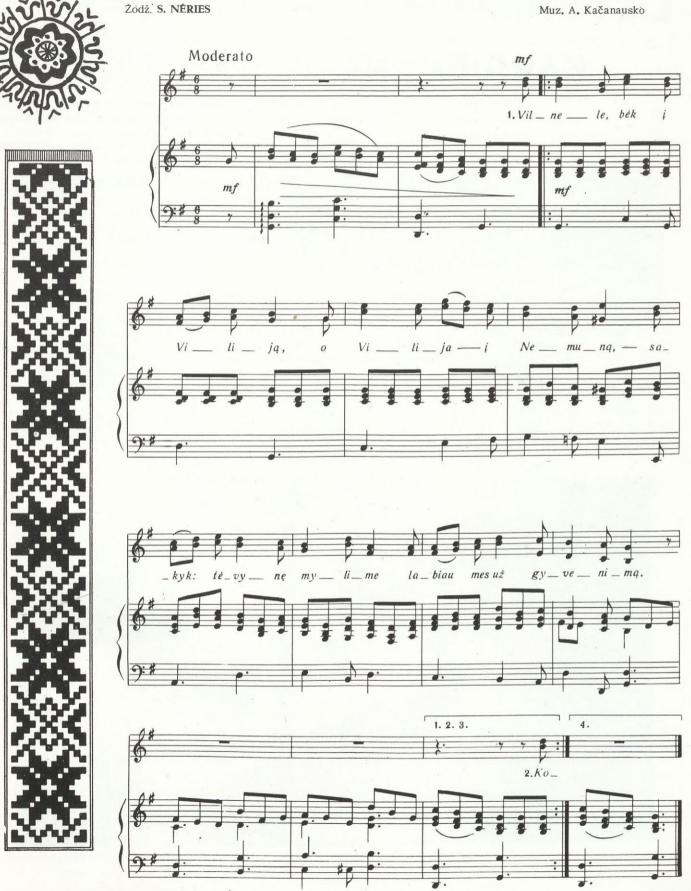
> Kovas kovoję — kruvini Sugrįžtame, sugrįžtame. Žaizdas nuplausim vandeny, Žaliais šilkais aprišime.

> > Kiekviens akmuo prakalbintas, Koki mes vyrai, pasakys,— Kaip priešo šalmus skaldėme, Mirtis kaip merkė jų akis.

> > > Sesuo žydrioji — Vilija, Skubėk, skubėk į Nemuną,— Sakyk, kad laisvę mylime Labiau mes už gyvenimą.

SESUO ŽYDRIOJI VILIJA





LIETUVOS KARIUOMENĖ

BALYS SVALIA

Kai Pirmas pasaulinis karas baigėsi ir lapkričio 11 paskelbtos paliaubos, Lietuvos žemėj jau vyko gyvas karių savanorių organizavimas, kad apgynus Vasario 16 nepriklausomybės aktą – Lietuva turi būti laisva. Taigi, tik po 12 dienų jau paskelbtas pirmas kariuomenės įsakymas ir lapkričio mėn. 23 d. Laisvai gyveno tauta, dėka Lietuvos kariuomenės, kuri partizaniškai kovojo su net trim priešais, norėjusiais ją paglemžti. Lietuviai vyrai ir moterys krauju atpirko laisvę, apibrėžė krašto sienas, palaikė rimtį ir patriotizmą per 22 metus.

Tačiau nelaimingas II pasaulinis karas vėl Lietuvą užgulė didžiomis nelaimėmis. Stalinui ir Hitleriui susitarus, 1939 m. Lietuva suktais būdais pamažu patenka Sovietų Rusijos teritorijon ir 1940 m. bir-

želio 15-tą Sovietai užima visą kraštą.

Kas gi atsitiko su mūsų šaunia buvusia kariuomene? Jau liepos 3 d. Maskvos įsakymu Lietuvos kariuomenė pavadinta "Liaudies Kariuomenė", panaikinamas žurnalas "Karys". Rugp. 30 d. pavirsta į 29 teritorinį korpusą, kurio vadu skiriamas gen. Vitakauskas. Lietuviai kariai sumaišomi su rusaiska-

riais. 1941 m. vasario 23 visi lietuviai kariai tapo prievarta prisaikdinti sovietų vėliavai. Dalis kariuomenės išvežama į Rusiją, 179 ir 184 divizija lieka Varėnuose ir čia Hitlerio armija atranda ją. Vieni išbėgioja, kiti žūsta. Daugelį ginklų rusai pirma išgrūdo į Rusiją. Niekas neįsivaizduos ką turėjo iškentėti lietuvis karys patekęs į bolševikų reples. Visa kas buvo brangu lietuvio širdžiai, rusai žlugdė, naikino.

Atėjus bolševikams antrą kartą į kraštą ir iki šiai dienai jiems tenai besiautėjant, dauglietuvių buvusių karių stojo į partizanų eiles. Virš 40 tūkstančių jų žuvo gindami laisvę, daug pateko į Sibirą, kalėjimus. Tūkstančiai žuvo, pradedant nuo Eimučio, ir baigiant Daumantu. Jie šaukė laisvo pasaulio pagelbos - niekas negirdėjo, bet jie gyvens mūsų širdyse amžinai, jų vardus nuo kartos į kartą maldoj ir širdy kartos. Nulenkime dabar galvas užvisus žuvusius..., kurie paskyrė savo brangiausią turtą – gyvybę, kad kiti laisvi būtų. Ir dabar dar žūsta buvę partizanai Lietuvoje, dabar žūsta lietuvis kovojant prieš bolševiką net Vietname, garbingose JAV karinių pajėgų eilėse . . . Kelkime šauksmą, kad ir dabar lietuvis šventai kovoja net už Amerikos laisvę, viso laisvo pasaulio laisvę. Todėl visi lietuviai, nenustokime vilties ir junkimės į bendrą kovą, kas kuo galim, nes artėja valanda, kad baisus diktatorius su savo svita susilauks reikiamo atpildo ir žuvusių karių, tautos patriotų, partizanų kraujas šaukiasi jiems atpildo. Tikėkime giliai, kad sulauksime teisybės triumfo prieš apgaulę ir terorą. Laisvė vėl įsisiūbuos visam pasauly. O dabar, tylos minutę, sukaupkime savo mintis ir pasiryžimą už tą laisvę, dėl kurios jie žuvo ir žūsta . . . Padėdami gėlių vainiką ir aidint trimitui ties Nežinomo kario paminklu, kurio Lietuvoj - Kaune senai nebėra...



Lietuvos raiteliai Vilniuje 1919 m.

Pope Paul Speaks to Lithuanians

The following is a copy of the greeting given by His Holiness Pope Paul VI to Lithuanians during the General Audience, Wednesday, July 8, 1970 in St. Peter's Basilica. This audience, on the day after the Lithuanian Chapel's dedication, was attended by some 10,000 people from various parts of the world. Lithuanians were provided with a reserved section of the Basilica, and their presence was mentioned several times during the audience. Also, Lithuanian Bishops Deksnys and Brizgys stood with the Pope and joined him in imparting the Papal Blessing on all the faithful gathered. The Holy Father's greeting, as printed, is reprinted from the "L'OSSER-VATORE ROMANO" of July 9, 1970.



Pope Paul VI, Bishop Deksnys, and others during Lithuanian Chapel Blessing.

A PELLEGRINI LITUANI

With pleasure and joy we see present here this morning a group of our Lithuanian sons and daughters. We know that you have gathered from many parts of the world and we welcome you with all our heart.

It was justyesterday that we personally blessed your chapel in this Basilica and offered Mass there. On that occasion we did not fail to commend to the protection of our Mother of Mercy your dear country and its people.

In our prayerful remembrance our thoughts turned back to your past. We thought of the vicissitudes and glories of your history and gave thanks to God for the fidelity of your people to the Church and to this Apostolic See. We prayed for all of you, especially for the youth of today who are the hope of tomorrow.

Once again this morning we wish to show our special affection for you. Through you we send our greetings into your churches and homes, and to your families wherever they may be. Always close to you in suffering and in joy, we renew our prayer for you to remain ever faithful and confident. With the Apostle Peter we would charge you to "set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (I Peter I:13).

Most cordially we impart to your beloved clergy, religious and faithful our special Apostolic Blessing.

KANKINIU KOPLYČIA ŠV. PETRO BAZILIKOJE

PREL. JONAS BALKŪNAS

Iš spaudos pranešimų ir tilpusių nuotraukų iš Kankinių Koplyčios šventinimo apeigų darosi įspūdžio, kad aš Romoje nebuvau ir šventinimuose nedalyvavau. Priešingai tris dienas ten prabuvau ir visose apeigose dalyvavau.

Tokių gražių apeigų sunku įsivaizduoti. Kiek Vatikanas ir Šventasis Tėvas parodė simpatijos lietuviams iškeldamas lietuviškos koplyčios grožį ir svarbą, aiškiai rodo, kad joki komunistų reikala-vimai juos nepaveikė. Šv. Tėvo kalba koplyčioje ir audiencijoje drąsino mus mūsų kovoje už tikėjimą ir laisvę, kad spontaniškai visi lietuviai atgiedojo Jam "ilgiausių mety". Du kartu skambėjo Lietuvos Himnas koplyčioje. Visi jautėme - čia mūsų koplyčia - čia mūsų Aušros Vartai - čia mūsų aukos - čia mūsų meno darbai čia mūsų kankinių atminimas - čia mūsų maldos namai - čia mūsų lietuviškas kampelis Bazilikoje. Ačiū Vyskupui Brizgiui už šios koplyčios parūpinimą.

Ar ji lietuviška? Lietuvos istorinė medžiaga, kuri jos religiniam gyvenimui, maždaug 700 metų laikotarpyje buvo lemtinga, yra atvaizduota koplyčios sienose. Penkis kartus užrašytas žodis - LITUANIA, personažai, vaizdai,tik iš Lietuvos. Ar ją galima lietuviškesne padaryti? Nieko svetimo joje

nera.

Ar galima koplyčia vadinti kankinių koplyčia? Taip. Ir reikia ją taip vadinti. Koplyčios nišoje yra "Kristaus Rūpintojėlio" bronzinė skulptūra. Po statula yra lotynų kalboje išrašyti koplyčios dedikacijos žodžiai: ''1970 Viešpaties Metais liepos 9 dieną, popiežiui Pauliui VI valdant Bažnyčią, viso pasaulio lietuviai šią koplyčią aukojo Svenčiausiai Mergelei - Gailestingumo Motinai, noredami įamžinti atminimą ty savo brolių, kurie Tevynėje pasiliko ištikimi katalikiškojo tikėjimo liūdytojai, kurių vardai įrašyti gyvenimo knygoje ir dėl to jie kaip negęstantys švyturiai švies per amžius."



Vadinasi, ji dedikuota netik žuvusiems už tikėjimą Lietuvoje dabartiniame amžiuje, bet ir praeityje. Dabartis atvaizduota už tikėjimą mirštančio jaunuolio kankinio berjelfinė figūra simbolizuojanti visus kenčiančius už tikėjimą ir ištremtuosius į Sibirą. Sibirą taipgi atvaizduoja lietuvaičių maldaknygė - "Marija, gelbėki mus". Tai vieninteli lietuviški žodžiai koplyčios sienose (jei neįskaitytume tikruosius vardus).

Dėl to ir šėlsta okupuotos Lietuvos ponai. Dėl to ponas Sniečkus birž. 24 d. Kaune kalbėjo, kad ''Vatikanas taip pat kursto religijos pagrąžintas nacionalistines aistras...'' Sugrįžę turistai iš Lietuvos pasakoja kaip Vilniaus radija ir spauda tenai smerkia kankinių koplyčią ir vyskupą Brizgį. Kaip keista, kad susigiedojo - suturavoja su Sniečkum ir kompanija kai kurie mūsų spaudoje ir per radiją. Koplyčia sukėlė audrą okupuotoj Lietuvoj. Vieni džiaugiasi, o kiti

pyksta.

Argi, ištikrųjų Vatikanas pakluso komunistų reikalavimams nevadinti mūsų koplyčios kankinių koplyčia, kaip kaikas dar užsispyrę rašo? Visai ne. Koplyčios paprastai vadinamos šventųjų vardais. Kai Lietuvos kankiniai būs paskelbti šventaisiais, tada tikru vardu ir mūsų koplyčią pavadins. Mes aukojom kankinių atminimui ir taip ją dedikavom. Kitaip jos nevadinsim. Taipkaip Washingtono koplyčią dedikavom Persekojamos Bažnyčios atminimui Šiluvos Marijos garbei.

Tik pagalvokim - jei Šv. Tėvas būtų paklusęs komunistams,tai išviso nebūtų leidęs koplyčios įrengti, arba būtų uždraudęs atvaizduoti kankinius ir nebūtų patvirtinęs dedikacijos po Rūpintojėliu, ir pagaliau asmeniškai nebūtų dalyvavęs šventinimuose ir taip šiltai prabilęs į mus. Toji audra Lietuvoje aiškiai sako, kad jų intervencija Vatikane nieko nelaimėjo.

Koplyčia dar nebaigta, Kankinių pilnesnis sąrašas yra ruošiamas ir bus įrašytas sienose rezervuotoj vietoj (kaip man sakė ponas Jonynas). Lietuvos užrašas ant grotų nebuvo uždėtas, kadangi nė viena koplyčia neturi užrašų ant grotų. Jis bus iškaltas virš Rūpintojėlio. Bus dar kitų smulkmenų pridėta, ypač ant lubų. Padėkime vyskupui Brizgiui šiuos darbus užbaigti. Jam reikalinga dar 12 tūkstančių dolerių. Raginčiau visus dėkinguženklan, kad ir mažiausia auka, prisidėti prie užbaigos darbų. Aukas pasiųskite per savo kunigus.

Baigiant norėčiau pabrėžti vieną nuotaiką Romoje. Užklausiau tenykščių politikų, kaip stovi lietuviški reikalai Vatikane dabar mirus ponui Girdvainiui. Atsakė labai gerai. Lietuvos atstovybės reikalų vedėjas - jaunasis Lozoraitis Vatikano pripažintas ir kviečiamas. Lietuvių Kolegija stiprėja ir plečia veiklą. Vatikano radija stiprina lietuvišką programą. Vakarų Europos lietuviškas vyskupas sekmingai jungia visus lietuvius. Pietų Amerikos lietuviams duotas Generalis Vikaras - Msgr' as Ignatavičius. Galim susilaukti ten lietuvio vyskupo. Vyskupas Marcinkus Vatikane turi aukščiausio svorio. Dabargi koplyčios leidimas ir šventinimas apvainikuoja lietuviškus reikalus Vatikane. Mes turetume nepulti Vatikana, bet jam DEKOTI už palankuma ir nuoširdžią paramą.

DIARY of a PILGRIMAGE

CONTINUED ...

IT WAS JULY 12, 1970 AND THE K. OF L. PILGRIMAGE WAS ALMOST OVER. HIGH ABOVE THE CLOUDS, AS ALITALIA'S 707 SPED BACK TO THE USA, THE WEARY TRAVELERS JOTTED DOWN SOME OF THE MANY HAPPY THOUGHTS AND LOVING MEMORIES THEY WERE CAREFULLY TAKING HOME WITH THEM, TO SHARE THESE IMPRESSIONS WITH VYTIS READERS.

What can one say but that this pilgrimage is perfect, when one attends a concert at the famous La-Scala in Milano -- participates in a personal Mass with Pope Pius VI -- hears the opera "Aida" in the ancient Bath Ruins of Rome, and finally spends $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours in listening to the thrilling Passion Play at Oberamerrgau....Thanks for everything, Jack Stukas and Alice Barton for a "Stebetina Ivyki".

.... Father John Scharnus

.....A life time dream realized - a Lithuanian Pilgrimage to Rome, plus seeing the Pope, kissing his hands four times, and being blessed by him.

....Annie Mitchell

The celebration of Mass by His Holiness Pope Paul VI was a memorable event for the Lithuanian people, one to be remembered by all who participated in the Shrine dedication ceremonies.

....Frank Vaskas

The K of L's 1970 excursion to Rome was undisputably "THE" happening of the 20th century.

....Marcella Andrikis

I was very gratified with the warm reception we received at the Lith. Club in London. It is always such a thrill to meet persons of your own nationality in a strange land. To converse and sing Lithuanian songs with them seems to bring me closer to the loved land of my forefathers and to share the patriotism and love of Lithuania.

....Mary Lucas



M. Lucas, Consul & Mrs. Balickas, L. Stanulis at London's Lith. Club.



M. Andrikis and A. Mitchell present bouquet at "Rūpintojėlis" statue of Lith. Chapel.



J. Stukas, J. Jesulaitis, H. Statkus exchange greetings at St. Peter's Basilica.

Wonderful tour with a great group of people, the Knights of Lithuania. Father Joseph Kinta

The Basilica events were the most thrilling. I never expected to get to Italy, let alone be so close to the Pope! Also, I really enjoyed the outdoor performance of Aida in its most natural setting of the Ruins. The lights shining on all the trees outside and making it all seem as if we were sitting in an area of ancient times, the smoke coming up and over the roads through the opening with its blue and rosy hues from the incense burners. The singing, also, was excellent. The use of live animals on the stage was another attraction. I don't expect to ever see anything like it again.

....Mildred Chinik

Loving impressions... The thrilling experience of a greeting by Pope Paul..Admiration of the Lithuanian people on the K of L tour for their cordiality, generosity and stamina.. The happy 4th of July celebration away from home but in our hearts... God bless Jack, our leader, and every singing star.

....Mary York

A memorable vacation and a wonderful experience for my daughter to see the Pope and talk to the Cardinal. (Samore).

....Ruth L. Grasha and Eleanor

I appreciated learning so much about Shakespeare in his hometown of Stratford-on-Avon. By seeing all the places he knew, I will easily remember his life's story.

....Diane Kolicius



At Italy's Carrarra Marble Mines.

Opera in Rome --- a thrilling experience, a "once in a lifetime" happening. This trip was perfectly planned, packed full of unusual experiences.

....Sister M.A.

Italy was fabulous, something I'd never even dreamed of, and I fell in love with Florence. Even more impressive to me, though were the wonderful people who let me share their trip with them. For people of so many different interests to be able to enjoy each other so much and share these experiences so memorable to all of us, was truly heart-warming to me!

....Carolyn Farnsworth

We shared many memorable hours in harmony. I will always remember these days and nights and I will never be the same because I have become the richer for these experiences.

....Jane E. Gaubas

Fantastiche! Stupende vacanze!!!!! How can words describe the inner thrill of receiving Holy Communion from the Pope at the Dedication Mass, and what an honor to play the organ for this historic occasion. The trip was most exciting. The sights were tremendous, and a fatiguing, frustrating, aggravating, and a most wonderful time was had by all. Viva K of L - Viva London - Viva Italy.

....Louis Stukas

Impressions......The Italian Alps rising majestically up above the clouds as if saying "Welcome to Italy"......On our first morning in Milan, attending the seven o'clock Mass in the great and beautiful cathedral of Milan....Participating in the Mass and receiving Holy Communion in this hallowed place was a thrill of a lifetime.

....Ernest & Veronica Omlor

One of the most gratifying experiences was clasping Pope Paul's hand in the crypt at St. Peter's. On the humorous side, we're still chuckling over the "Pig's Trotters Vinegresse" (pickled pig's feet) on the menu at the Hotel Chelsea in London.

.... Albert & Sue Jesulaitis



Rev.'s Zakarauskas, Kazlauskas, Mendelis, Shakelis, with J. Stukas, at the Lithuanian College, Rome.

One of my many memorable impressions is the harmony with which strangers in the beginning became one happy family. The natives of the countries we visited demonstrated that pride in one's country and family are among one's most important characteristics.

....Helen Radicsh

WE WERE:

Loved in London
Molested in Milan
Pinched in Pisa
Rested in Rome
Flat Broke in Florence
Veterans in Venice
and
Arrested in America
(getting through Customs!)

....Susan Mensler and Nancy Kober

Londoners were lovely but lukewarm. Italians instantly had everyone imbibing. The entire conglomeration of events would take a lifetime to tell, but the experience has somehow given everyone an enriched appreciation of life.

....Janet Martello

An indescribable feeling overtook one when the Holy Father appeared on the balcony to impart his blessing on those gathered in the square. There were so many well planned tours to occupy us, leaving no time for boredom. We certainly got more than we "bargained for".

....Sister M. Francesca

A line of appreciation to the very fine stewards, directors, guides, chauffeurs and Knights organizers who made this Lithuanian pilgrimage tour far better than I had expected.

....Jim Sabal

The K of L Tour brought together many people from all parts of the United States for a common purpose, the dedication of the Chapel for Lithuanian Martyrs. This was an intense and colorful event, interspersed with Trips 'N Tours throughout London and Italy.....all memorable events.

....Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Trainis

My most memorable experience -receiving the Papal Blessing from the Pope.

.... Magdalena Smailis



Frascatti wine, compliments of Rev. Urbaitis.

The Knights of Lithuania planned a trip....

It was just great we must admit...
And tho' we are tired as can be....
It was a sight worth while to see..
In the air the sky was so blue....
Close to heaven we felt it was

Close to heaven we felt it was

The "Papal Blessing" we received,

And seeing the Pope was heavenly. Now the trip is over and we are homeward bound.

Three cheers for the K of L.... For making our heads go round and round.

The breath-taking sights we will never forget....

But "America the Beautiful" is the best one yet.

.Helen Statkus & Madeline Stevens

The dedication was overwhelming! We had a problem -- kept losing one another in the vast crowds at St. Peter's Square. Fortunately the bus was our meeting place!

....Mr. & Mrs. Alfonse Barauskas

One could go on for pages on this fantastic, historic, and scenic trip. However, who could forget the various plumbing systems we experienced -- boys and girls together -- holes in the floor -- pulling chains, etc.

....Pat Zelinskas

I want to thank Jack and the K of L for asking me to go along on such a wonderful trip.

....Lucy Zamaris



Venetian serenade for H. Statkus and guide Anita.

All the K of L tour members showed me they know how to travel, how to travel, how to enjoy life, and each other's company. All the hotels said "the best and livliest group in ages!".

....Alice Barton (Trips 'N Tours)

The crypt of St. Peter's Basilica will long be remembered since my "pen pal" of four years standing crossed my path on the day of the dedication of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel. The steps of St. Peter's will also be remembered for here I met a close friend 20 years in absence. Overall, the trip was most impressive.

.... Helen Matulonis

Loved my Italian name......
"Angelina"...

....Dorothy Mazeika



J. Stukas presents gift to Cardinal Samore in Rome.

My greatest thrill was standing a few feet away from the Pope when he held Mass in the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel. I got a kick out of the little kitchens in the rooms of the hotel we stayed at in London.

....Elizabeth Potts

Demesio, demesio....We dined, sang, and prepared ourselves for the pilgrimage in old Rome. However, in Italy, we lived as Italians did....We wined on the best wines, ate pasta, made Caesar turn not once but twice in his grave, and loved, loved, loved.

....Danute Mikulskis



Lunch in Italy. 1. to r. H. Matulonis, L. Stanulis, A. Barton, D. Mikulskis, and A. Rodger.

The most wonderful thing that happened in my life was seeing my husband kiss the Pope's hand in Rome.

....Sophie Kokalas

It was wonderful meeting old friends and new Lithuanian friends in Rome.
....Bertha Stoskus

I was thrilled to receive an Episcopal Blessing in Rome from Bishop Marcinkus.

....John Stoskus

I went to the Opera House in Milan and accidentally received a souvenir from one of the chandeliers.

....Evelyn Pranis

The Gondoliers serenaded us in Venice, but the lucky group in Carlos' bus were serenaded by an expert driver -- between flat tires.

....Helen Matthews

A trip never to be forgotten!!Millie Grinewich

This has been a most delightful and interesting trip. It offered so much more than I anticipated. Each day brought a new and educational experience. May I express my deepest thanks to all who planned this excellent tour. To cover the amount of territory we did in a short period of time was really amazing. The memory of it will stay with me always.

....Lucille G. Oppermann

Kompanija ir kelione esu pilnai patenkintas, Malonu su tokiais asmenimis keliauti. Daug nuvargome, daug pamatėme, ypač Kankinių Koplyčios pašventinimą ir dalyvavome Šv. Tėvo Mišiose lietuviams. Buvo trukumų bet jie niekad neapeinami. Esu labai dėkingas p. profesoriui Stukui ir p. Stukienei už suruoštą tokią įspūdingą ekskursiją.

Kun. J. Pragulbickas

Neužmirštamas pergyvenimas mums liko Lietuvių Kankinių Koplyčios pašventinimas ir kelionės sklandumas. Valio Vyčiai ir jų prezidentas, Dr. J. Stukas.

Vincas ir Genovaitė Meiliūnai

Malonu buvo susitikti naujus veidus ir pamatyti naujas vietas. Londonas yra įdomus. Roma, labai sena ir įspūdinga. O Venecija – oi norėčiau visuomet ten praleisti atostogas. Širdingas ačiū organizatoriam ekskursijos.

Lijolė Stanulytė

Mūsų kelionę reikia laikyti pavykusią, nes per tokį trumpą laiką, geros organizacijos dėka, spėjome tiek daug pamatyti ir išgyventi daugybę bendry įspūdžių, o svarbiausia, galėjome asmeniškai dalyvauti lietuviams taip svarbiame įvykyje - Lietuviškos Koplyčios sventinime. Bendrai paėmus, mus visur lydėjo pasisekimas. Turėjome gerus vadovus. Nors Londonas buvo šaltokas, už tat Italija pasitiko šypsodamasi ir savo saulės šiltumą negailėjo per visą mūsų viesnagės laiką. Visi persiėmėm Italijos papročiais - valgėm makaronus ir net tie, kurie nemėgo vyno, pradėjo jį gerti. Be abejo, visuomet gražiai prisiminsime šį saulėtą kraštą, kur sukrauta tiek meno vertybių.

Snieguolė Liaukutė



V. ir G. Meiliunai su J. Stuku Romos Kolisėjuje.

Esu labai patenkintas, kad turėjau progos dalyvauti gerai suorganizuotoje Vyčių ekskursijoje į Romą ir atgal. Ta proga mačiau daugelį Italijos meno ir kultūros įstaigų apie kurias turėjau žinių, tik skaitydamas knygas. Ypatingai buvau sujaudintas Šv. Tėvolaikytomis Šv. mišiomis lietuviams ir bendroje Šv. Petro Bazilikoje audiencijoje, kurioje Šv. Tėvas nettris kartus prisiminė lietuvius ir jų rūpesčius. Už tokį puikų suorganizavimą ir vadovavimą tenka didelė padėka Dr. J. Stukui.

P. Povilaitis

Įspūdinga ir įdomi buvo ekskursija Anglijoje ir Italijoje dviejų savaičių laikotarpy.

Aloyzas Rudzitas

Tos dvi savaitės buvo taip pilnos įspūdžių, kad sunku patikėti,
kad per tokį trumpą laiką galima
tiek daug pamatyti. Grįžę į namus
dar ilgai gyvensime prisiminimais. Man asmeniškai buvo didelis įvykis, kad galėjau pamatyti
Popiežių ir gauti jo palaiminimą,
kas ne visiems gyvenime pasitaiko.
Taip pat ačiū visiems ruošusiems
šitą ekskursiją.
E. Liaukienė

sijungti prie Vyčių ekskursijos į Romą, dalyvavimui Šv. Petro Bazilikoje pašventinime Lietuvių Kankinių Koplyčios. Esu labai nustebintas ir didžiuojuosi dalyvaudamas kartu su vyčiais, matydamas Vyčių pasišventimą Tėvynei ir Bažnyčiai. Taip pat man buvo labai malonu girdėti labai gražius atsiliepimus iš Londono lietuvių, o taip pat iš lietuvių Šv. Kazimiero Kolegijos Romoje, apie Amerikos Vyčių organizaciją ir jos centro valdybos pirmininką Dr. J. Stuką.

A. Žemaitis

Man teko visai pripuolamai pri-

Maloni buvo kelionė su Vyčiais. Buvo dienų kur jaučiausi kaip sapne. Visi buvo draugiški, malonūs. Tokioje ekskursijoje norėčiau keliauti ir daugiau kartų . . . Bronė Karaškienė

Grįžtame į namus su kilnia nuotaika ir gražiais į spūdžiais. Nes buvome liūdininkais Sibiro Kankinių atminčiai Šv. Petro Bazilikoje įkurtos ir pašventintos Koplyčios. Ji per amžius liudis milijonams lankytojų, kad mažos bet labai garbingos Lietuvių Tautos nekaltų sūnų ir dukterų kaulai pūva žiauriuose Sibiro tyruose ir labai daug dar kenčia sunkias vergijos kančias.

"Močiutė" Količienė

Su Jūsų ekskursija esu labai patenkinta. Didelį įspūdį padarė Vyčiai Romoje, visur sugebėję pirmieji dalyvauti. Ši ekskursija man paliko labai neužmirštamus įspūdžius kuriuos atsiminsiu visuomet. Buvau sujaudinta kaip mačiau, kaip Vyčiai visur, kur tik gali, garsina Lietuvos vardą ir dėl jos dirba, kad išlaisvintų iš žiauraus komunistų jungo.

Ona Puodžiunienė



Lietuvių atsisveikinimo vakaras, Romoje.



L. Vyčiai Londone Lietuvių klube.



There is a truism that haunts every one of us. Without vision man, institutions, organizations, governments, and even countries perish.

We in the Knights of Lithuania must have the vision not just to survive, but to go on to new heights of dedication, accomplishment, and responsibility. We must have vision to realize the goals of the K of L.

Bringing into the organization those people whom we know and associate with daily can assure the continued success of the Knights of Lithuania. New membership shows that each of us has the vision to point the way to new accomplishments. Unless we recruit with dedication and pass on to our fellow Lithuanians the marvelous heritage of the K of L has, it will be difficult to stay on the road to greater glory.

I would ask each member to reflect for a moment and visualize the Knights of Lithuania with double the membership tomorrow. Visualize, if you will, what new membership means - new friends to share the good times, new friends to bring in vitality, new friends to carry on the great traditions we have woven into our heritage, new friends to stimulate our vision to a greater tomorrow.

Double the membership - tomorrow - what a vision. All we have to do to double the membership is for each of us to bring in one new member. Sounds

simple, and it is - just one new member. Not 1600, not 160, not 16, but one new member each, and we could double the membership. What a vision!

MEMBERSHIP

If only each of us could visualize the potential in one new member each, I'm sure that some of you will go out and bring in a new member because you can visualize a greater K of L. To you I say: You are the true visionaries. To you the K of L owes its destiny.

To help our members in their membership recruitment, I would ask that each council membership vice-president sees to it that every member has membership cards in his possession.

FRANK ZAPOLIS

Membership Vice President

RULES FOR THE 1970-71 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

100% PAID UP AWARDS

Awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid up.

1st category - 10 members and under
2nd category - 10 - 29 members
3rd category - 30 - 59 members
4th category - 60 - 99 members
5th category - 100 and over

NEW MEMBER AWARDS

We will use same categories for awards as in 100% paid up. Awards will be presented to the council having largest percent increase over last year with a minimum of a 10% increase.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Using the same categories as in 100% paid up, we will give an award to those individual members with the most total points. Signing up a new member will earn 10 points and signing up a previous member will earn 5 points.

A new member is defined as someone who has not been a member during the past 12 months.

You can secure your membership cards from your council or district membership chairman.

FRANK ZAPOLIS -Membership Vice President





The Unknown Soldier's Tomb in Lithuania

Standing close by the Museum of War in Kaunas, Lithuania, is a tower which has a unique symbolical connection with Lithuanian independence. A few paces from the tower is the cairn dedicated to the memory of the unknown soldier.

Since all visitors to Lithuania seem most deeply impressed by this daily observance to the memory of Lithuania's brave dead, we shall accept it as a fine example of modern day Lithuanian culture. At break of day, the trumpeter mounts the steps leading to the top of Liberty Tower from which he sends the clear call to observe the coming of a new day. At the close of each day, the trumpeter again mounts the step and sends a call to observe day's passing and to send a prayer of thanksgiving to the Maker of man.

Answering the trumpeter, at the close of day, is still another trumpeter. Emerging from a side room of the Museum, a solemn procession slowly advances along an arched pathway through the tower base and on to positions by the side of Lithuania's tomb of the unknown warrior. In calm and dignified manner, the ceremony is held. The band plays a hymn dedicated to the unknown dead who so courageously gave their lives that Lithuania might live. At a signal, the lancers present arms and appropriate music is played. During the ceremony, there is an exchange of clarion calls from the tower to the group below.

Most interesting, perhaps, is the advent of a soldier who steals in from the side to light the pagan fire offering on the small altar standing immediately in front of the cairn. This is to honor the pagan

religion of old.

The government has placed a neon cross slightly above the bronze plaque on the pyramidal cairn. The cairn has been constructed of stones gathered from the various battlefields where Lithuanian soldiers fought Russian Bolsheviks, ambitious Poles and other enemies. The cross is lighted and at the signal all bow their heads in silent prayer. Flags are lowered and Lithuania has again observed the passing of a day with a renewal of the pledge to ever be mindful that liberty is sweeter than anything else - Christian liberty - that gives the sure hope of living forever. The band strikes up another tune and the procession wends its way to the starting point within the Museum.

Few people have observed this ceremony without feeling a strange emotion. Here is a nation who remembers in a daily manner. It is a solemn lesson to be mindful of those things in life which have lasting value. The inscription on the shrine reads: "Redde

quod debes."

(Reprinted from ''Timeless Lithuania'', by Owen J. C. Norem, D.D.)



VYČIAI



COUNCIL



DISTRICT

Dottie Dutkus

A meeting of the New York-New Jersey District was held on Sunday, Sept. 27, 1970. Council 52, Elizabeth, N.J. was host council.

Election of officers were held. The new officers are as follows: President - Ann Klem, 1st Vice Pres. - Dorothy Dutkus 2nd Vice Pres. - Kazys Sipaila, Secretary - Ann Mitchell, Fin. Sec. - Michael Grigaliunas, Treasurer - Loretta Stukas, Trustees - Larry Janonis, Jos. Sable, Mildred Grinewich.

Congratulations were extended to Council 52 (Elizabeth) on their 33rd Anniversary and also to St. Peters & Pauls Parish (Elizabeth) on their 75th Anniversary.

Report of the 57th National Convention held in Chicago was given by Loretta Stukas. The delegates and guests attending this convention express their heartfelt thanks to the Illinois-Indiana District for sponsoring an excellent convention. Congratulations are also extended to the new Supreme Council Executive Board.

Plans are being made to one of the future District meetings at our neighboring council in Amsterdam, N.Y. This would be the first meeting ever held in Amsterdam and we are all looking forward to the date.

After the meeting dinner was served by the host council

and Stanley Valatka showed slides of his recent trip to Lithuania and Rome.

The next District meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 6th at St. Michaels Parish Hall, Bayonne, N.J. with C-67 as host. A Christmas Program will be held after the meeting.

NEW YORK, N.Y. - C-12-Mary York

Greetings from K of L Council 12, Manhattan, N.Y. and our Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Anthony Kardis. After a pleasant summer of relaxation, our first meeting took place on October 4th. Being the feast day of St. Francis of Assissi, an Italian Fiesta with Lithuanian overtones was held at Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall.

The fiesta was appropriate for getting into the spirit of hearing a report from Mary York, the council's representative to the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel dedication at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy.

Mary presented a slide presentation of the places visited in England and Italy and also brought her "Pilgrim Album" and cornucopia of treasures from Rome.

Because of our strong circle of friendship with the parishioners of Our Lady of Vilna Church, an invitation was extended also to the Rosary Society to hear about one of the major events in the Lithuanian calendar. Other special guests included Loretta Stukas, VYTIS Editor and wife of our National President, and Ann Klem, NY-NJ District President.

And now for some club member news: Ann and John (our Vice-President) Yorkus and Helen and Walter Yurkus just returned from Iowa, where they had a pleasant reunion with the family.

Emily and Al Yatkauskas recently sawtheir son Matthew off to Rome to visit the Lithuanian College.

The Montvidos family, as Ann expressed it, had a "Glorious?" vacation at home while sons Michael and Edward exercised their talents at decorating their room - of course, under Father Steve's supervision.

In closing we must mention that our parish church, Our Lady of Vilna, has been redecorated under the guidance of our beloved Pastor, Rev. George Gurinskas. An exquisite sanctuary of "Old Lithuania" in "Little Olde New York".

GREAT NECK, N.Y. - C-109

In spite of being among the missing from the VYTIS Council News, C-109 has been holding its meetings regularly but with limited activities. During the summer months, the members scattered in different areas. The Weseys vacationed in Maine, visiting Starcy's relatives; the Zukas' traveled Upstate New York as far as Land of Make Believe. The Kobers toured England and Italy with the K of L excursion, and as a result of all that flying, Nancy Kober's business address is now Trans International Airways, Kennedy Airport. And speaking of nice jobs, Ann Martens is with the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, right smack-dab in the midst of all those eligible men. We were delighted to learn that Beverly and Ricky Marks will be moving back to Great Neck in the very near future. This should add to the attendance of our coming meetings.

The Bernatovichs have also been among the missing only because of baby-sitting problems. Why not bring little Irene to the meetings also - we will indoctrinate her to being a future K of L'er.

Through the courtesy of Marion and Richie Kurila, our Council was able to sponsor a Rummage-Garage Sale in Mineola. Their garage was filled to capacity with treasures of every sort ranging from knick-knacks to 14 k. gold stemware set. Plans are being formulized for another sale, perhaps this one in Great Neck. Our thanks are extended to the Kurilas and all who gave a helping hand - Millie Rogers, Sue Zebart, Mary Picardi, Ann Martens, Lou Ann Rutha and the Wesevs.

At our last regular meeting a resolution was passed for the Great Neck Council to host the 58th National Convention. Excellent convention facilities are available at near-by Harrison House in Glen Cove (the former Pratt-Whitney Estate) wherein the executive type convention with class could be held. Sleeping quarters, meeting rooms, coffee-breaks during meetings, two swimming pools, private beach, bowling alleys, tennis courts, ping-pong, sauna rooms, billiards and more, all situated on the beautiful country club estate, only two years old. All activities would be on the premises and the registration fee would only be a bare minimum, if any at all. The aims, purposes and name of the Knights of Lithuania would be publicized among the Lithuanians and most of all non-Lithuanians on Long Island - many of whom have no knowledge of Lithuania or our K of L organization. Our Council's membership has reached a plateau - not a single new member in many years and the dismal realization



The Kobers at Shakespeare's home, Stratford, England.

that we may perhaps soon be losing a few of our former regular, faithful members. We are certainly in need of a boost, and we, therefore, are keeping our fingers crossed and only hope the Supreme Council Executive Board will see their way clear to permit C-109 make their dreams become a reality.



LOS ANGELES, CALIF.-C-133

Council 133 elected new officers at its August 13, 1970 meeting. Rimas Gajauskas - President, Joan Lubin - Vice President, Karole Bichnevicius - Secretary and Gabija Bonataite - Treasurer.

This council is very lucky to have Mrs. Bichnevicius take part in its activities as she also spends much of her time singing. As a soloist she sings for many American doings as well as Lithuanian functions.

Our Council held its Sept. meeting around a bar-b-que party at the home of Joan Lubin on Sept. 27, 1970. Our Nov. meeting will really be a treat as we are invited to the home of movie star Ruta Lee (Kilmonis). We expect a big turnout for this one and hope that the ladies as well as the men will come.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

N-E-D

Susan Boroskas

The 3rd Annual K of L -NED Cultural Picnic was held at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. The affair was successfully co-chairmaned by the Mrs. Ann Bender, Helen Gillis and Mary Jankowski, all of C-26, Worcester. Joseph Sakaitis. C-26, was Treasurer. Many guests and members, including several members of the clergy. attended from all over Mass. and Conn. Cultural displays, a program, dancing, and the traditional Lithuanian foods made the day once again a huge suc-

At the Cultural table was a display of various Lithuanian arts and handiwork, all loaned by the Pajeda family. Miss Wanda Pajeda, C-26 member, not only artistically arranged the display, but also was on hand all day to answer questions for the visitors.

At Table 2, C-1, Brockton, once again trying to encourage us to learn more of the history of Lithuania, delved into the 1893 Massacre at Krazai. Appropriately decorated posters emphasizing high points of the event, and a marked map showing the location, were displayed. As there is practically no English translation of this event, Fr. Wm. Wolkovich, former curate of St. Casimer's, Brockton, did research and provided translations. Printed copies were distributed. The project was organized by Dr. & Mrs. Peter Bizinkauskas, Albert Skirius and Susan Boroskas.

Table 3 had Lithuanian articles for sale and was chaired by Anthony Miner, C-116, Worcester. Table 4 was the Prizes Table, organized by C-26 and Olga Kersis.

Table 5, the "Fish Bowl" was prepared by C-30, Westfield, with Mary Minkus as chairman. Table 6, "Lucky Seven" was handled by Albert Jaritis, C-17, Sylvia Shukis, C-1, and Leo Shakelis, Cambridge. Table 7 was a K of L Information Table, directed by Larry Svelnis, C-17. It featured poster with an invitation to join the K of L, display photos, and copies of the VYTIS.

Other committees included: Kitchen, Rita Pinkus, C-26: Refreshments, Edmund Grigaitis, C-26; Mistress of Ceremonies for the 'Program, Mary Jankowski. The program included accordian selections by Edward Meilus, Jr., and songs plus a "Sing-A-Long" by a C-26 Singing Group, with Ann Bender as accompanist. The "Sing-A-Long" was directed by "Mitch Miller" of the K of L, Joseph Sakaitis. with participants Adelle Degatis, Frances Degutis, Claire Grigaitis, Mrs. Edward Ginkus, Joseph Sakaitis, Francis Ginkus and Edmund Grigaitis, A surprise duet by Fathers Albin Janiunas and Marcinkus, who sang "Du Broliukai Kunigai" was a big hit. Greetings were given by Fr. Janiunas, NED Spiritual Advisor, and Albert Jaritis, District President.

The Fall NED Convention, hosted by Athol-Gardner, C-10, started with a dance and get-together at the Legion Hall, Gardner, Saturday night, Sept. 26. Chairman Howard Beaudette was assisted by William Wisnauskas, Alvin Radski and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Janaitis. The dance featured good music, good

cheer and lots of sociability, as well as several enjoyable folkdances.

On Sunday, a K of L Mass was held at 10:30 in St. Francis Church, Athol, with Host Pastor Rev. A. Yankauskas as celebrant. After Mass, Father served coffee to those attending.

The sessions at St. Francis Hall were presided over by President Albert Jaritis, Before business meeting, Host Council 10 President, Howard Beaudette introduced the day's guest speaker, Rep. H. Thomas Colo, who spoke of the importance of bringing our religious beliefs into government. He pointed out the many abuses in government spending and the need for the people to speak up for their convictions. A question period followed. Fr. Jankauskas welcomed all and invited them all to tour the rectory after the meeting. NED Spiritual Advisor Fr. Janiunas extended words of encouragement. National Spiritual Advisor Fr. A. Contons spoke in reference to an article he has written, "Religious Freedom in Lithuania is a Myth." Rita Pinkus and Marv Minkus reported on the National Convention in Chicago, Ann Bender gave a report on the Cultural Picnic, and J. Sakaitis presented a financial report.

The sessions were interrupted for a Holy Hour in church, conducted by Father Janiunas. After the Holy Hour, a delicious supper was served by the ladies of the host council, Tina Shatas, Nellie Meliaka, Brone Wishnauskas and Mary Garomsky.

In the last session, the following resolutions were passed:

- That NED sponsor the 1971
 National Convention at Kennebunkport, Maine.
- That NED take action on locating and printing Lithuanian songs with words and

music for use of councils.

3. That a Cultural Picnic be repeated in 1971, with Al Jaritis of C-17 and John Norinkevicz of C-17 Srs. serving as co-chairmen.

Election of officers had the following results: President - Longinas Svelnis, C-17 Srs; 1st Vice Pres. - John A. Alanskas, C-108; 2nd Vice Pres. - Mary Minkus, C-31; 3rd Vice Pres. - Alexander J. Akule, C-17 Srs; Rec. Sec. - Mrs. Irene Adomaitis, C-116; Corresponding Sec. - Susan Boroskas, C-1; Treasurer - Wm. Wisnauskas, C-10; Trustees - Leo Shakelis, C-18, and Ted Pinkus, C-26; Lithuanian Affairs - Miss Irene Adomaitis, C-116; Cultural - Ann Bender, C-26; Ritual - Sylvia Shukis, C-1; Sports - Helen Gillis, C-26; Spiritual Advisor -Fr. Albin Janiunas; Public Relations - Susan Boroskas. They were sworn into office by Rev. Janiunas.

The sessions closed with a prayer, the K of L. Hymn was sung, and all adjourned to the rectory for a tour and refreshments. The next convention will be held in April in Brockton, Mass.



CHICAGO, ILL. - C-36 "Vince"

C-36 members and the K of L Juniors' Dance Group are busily engaged in planning their "HARD TIMES PARTY", scheduled for Nov. 14, 1970 in the K of L Building. Azuolas Stelmokas and his new orchestra will provide the music. Azuolas

is the talented accordianist who is regular accompanist for the Dance Group. The Council, the Dancers and their directors Frank, Sis and Helen invite all the group's parents and friends to support the Dancers by attending this party.

The Dancers are also busy rehearsing for their second annual appearance in the Christmas Around The World Program, to be held at the Museum of Science and Industry of Chicago. We wish them much success.

MID -CENTRAL DISTRICT



DAYTON, OHIO - C-96

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Mary Lucas and Pat Zelinskas were the first of Dayton's Rome travelers to arrive home and were greeted at the airport by the 'Knights'. Elaine Pacovsky and Marilyn Grant, Mary's daughters, hosted a "welcome home party" at Mary's house. Those at the party got a first-hand report of their trip, experiences, dedication of the Shrine in Rome, etc. Ernie and Veronica Omler, two other travelers, stayed in New York for a few more days! Fr. Titas Narbutas was also a Rome traveler but with a different tour group. Little forgotten things keep popping up each time we see the travelers.

July 18th saw our K of L members participating in "Captive Nations Week" motorcade and program through downtown Dayton. Wearing their Lithuanian costumes were Mary Lucas, Frances and Mary Agnes (a Jr.) Mikalauskas, and Aldona Ryan. Others taking part in the activity were Rev. Titas Narbutas, Andy August, Joe Gecas, Frank Gudelis, George Mikalauskas, Joe Noreikas, Alice and Mary Petkus, John Razauskas, Joe Ryan, Joe, Ada and Cathy



M. Lucas, P. Zilinskas and other travelers enjoy refreshments at sidewalk cafe in Rome.

(a Jr.) Sinkwitz, Stan Vaitkus, John and Irene Veigel!!

Our Sports Committee, Dave Petroski, George and Fran Mikalauskas, Ernie and Veronica Omlor, must be given a Big Thank You for two most enjoyable Family Picnics at Triangle Park. These were held on June 7th and Sept. 13th. All the members pitched in with covered dishes and monetary donations towards refreshments. Attendance, food, gab and games were there in full force. Our Sept. 13th picnic was preceded by the 8 AM Mass, dedicated to all the living and deceased members of the council. A light breakfast was held in the church hall and then members made their annual visit to the cemetery to place flowers and say prayers at the graves of our nine deceased members.

Reports by our delegates, Joe and Bea Noreikas, Veronica Omlor, and Ada Sinkwitz, to the National Convention in Chicago, came back complete and 'a good time well spent'. Also attending the convention and receiving their fourth degrees were Eloise Berczelly, Pat Zelinskas, Fran Petkus, Veronica and Ada. Guests from the council taking part in convention activities were three of our National Honorary members, Frank Gudelis, Mary Lucas and Stan Vaitkus, as well as council guests, Joe, Jim and Cathy Sinkwitz, Charles Petkus, Ann Scott, Mike Petkus, Judy Petrokas, Elinor Sluzas, Rita Ambrose, Steponas Bucmys and Ernie Omlor. Congratulations are extended to our fourth degree recipients; to Joe Noreikas who was a seargent-at-arms and Veronica Omlor who was on the resolutions committee during the sessions; to Frank Gudelis who was elected a National Trustee.

The Juniors received a monetary donation from the council to help them with their annual camp trip and they also earned money at the annual Salem Mall charities weekend (we got to see more of Judy Scott's artistic work in the booth display); working at the Parish's annual Family Homecoming Picnic at Eintracht Park. All in all, the Juniors raised enough to send 19 members off to camp! We think the advisors, Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas, survived through all this planning! June 'Den Parents' for the Juniors were John and Ann Scott who feted them with a wiener/corn roast in their back yard. Games and prizes added to the evening's entertainment. July was a work month but August saw Mike and Fran Petkus as 'Den Parents' hosting an all day swim party at Cowan Lake! Helping with the driving chores were Jim and Phyllis Richey, Joe and Eugenia Gecas, Barbara August and Fran Mikalauskas. We were blessed with sunshine and fun all day! September 'Den Parents' were George and Fran Mikalauskas. They began their project with a luncheon in the church hall followed by a roller skating party. This proved most successful and well attended.

July 4th saw Charlie and Sarah Petkus hosting an all-day swimming party for council members at a private pool. The water was warm, weather cool, and food plentiful. July 26th was our parish's annual Homecoming Picnic. Ray Steinbrunner again was a co-chairman. Ann Scott took on the big chore of running the kitchen for the Jrs.....

Joan Kavalauskas held her post in charge of keeping our rep at excellent cabbage rolls in line! On Sept. 19th Sally Miller and Joe Noreikas co-chairmened our Harvest Ball Dance at the Lithuanian Club....attendance was down but a very congenial crowd made up the fun. Winners at the 'cheer' drawing were the Steinbrunners, Ray and Mildred; the Wilemaitis', Mike and Eileen; the Wallis', Albert and Albina. Our youngest member, John A. Berczelly, must be given credit with the largest sale of tickets! Curley and Eva Leasure had a 'BLAST' at their farm home on July 12th!

On Sunday, Sept. 27th, Fr. Titas received Bishop Anthony Deksnys at our parish. Bishop Deksnys, who is bishop for Lithuanians in Western Europe, held 10 AM Mass and then met with K of L'ers and parishioners in the church hall. A light lunch was served.

Visiting Florida and our Hialeah Florida members, Pete and Paulette Petkus, were Judy Petrokas, Mike, Alice and Mary Petkus and John Razauskas. Michigan had the pleasure of a visit from the Berczellys, John, Eloise and John. Heading for Canada and away from the hay fever season were John Razaus kas, Mike, John and Jane Petkus. The Kavy's - Stan, Ida and John - kept the fish in Lake Erie hopping. Gemming is the latest with the Sinkwitz family and they have roped the Omlors and John Razauskas into joining this newest venture! Don't laugh - they are coming back with 'very interesting' stones! Heading East for a quick trip to take their daughter to college and to visit family were the Bakanauskas', Sam and Mazine.

With wishes of 'lots of luck' to follow, John and Irene Veigel are joining our list of out-of-town members. John has been transferred to Bethany Beach, Delaware for NCR.....As Irene says, "We are

most pleased, also, that John recovered with no problems from a recent illness. Winding up Irene's term as council secretary will be Veronica Omlor.....Mary Miller will finish Irene's time on the telephone squad!

Good to hear John Scott has also recovered from a recent illness and that Joe Gudelis is doing well following surgery. Congratulations to Charles and Fran Vangas on becoming grandparents for the fourth time but first girl....did you know their son, Rodney, was presented top Student Council Award as a freshman in high school?

Deepest sympathies are extended to Joe Mantz on the loss of his father this past summer and to George Mikalauskas on the loss of his brother. May their souls rest in peace.

August birthday greetings go to Felix Goldick, Lauretta Pant, Kitty Prasmantas, George Mikalauskas, Phyllis Richey, Albert Wallis, Curley Leasure, John Kavy and Janina Bucmys. August anniversary congratulations are sent to Albert/Albina Wallis, Ildephonsas/Janina Bucmys! September birthdayites are Joe August, Marianne Podoyak, Lou Prasmantas, Alex Pietrzak, Fran Mikalauskas, John Scott and Carol Urban, Sept. anniversary celebrators are Joe/ Noreikas, Jerry/Marianne Podoyak, Mike/Donna Jean Dailey, Fred/Ann Kondrotas, Bill/Eva Leasure, Joe/Anna Mae Petrusky. Celebrating birthdays in October were Joe Noreikas, Eleanor Mantz. Annadele Miller, Mike Veigel, who is stationed in Vietnam, Joe Boeke. Molly Petkus, Mary Lucas, Ernie Omlor and Jim Kavalauskas. Celebrating anniversaries in October were Stan/Ida Kavy, Alex/Polly Pietrzak and Tom/Elizabeth Scott

DETROIT, MICH. - C-102

D. Bunikis

With mixed emotions we received the news that our pastor,

Rev. Walter Stanievich was transferred from St. Anthony's to St. Marks of Warren, Mich. We wish him well in his new assignment, knowing that he will tackle each new challenge with his customary enthusiasm. During the eleven years that Father served at St. Anthony's he left his mark on the parish both spiritually and physically. St. Anthony's was the first church to have an all Lithuanian Mass and his excellent taste is reflected in the rectory and the many new appointments in the church. We shall sorely miss him but are happy to note that he will continue as our spiritual advisor.

Although a large number of our members attended the parish farewell dinner for Rev. Stanievich, our officers felt a more personal tribute was in order and arranged a little evening get-together to honor him. Highlight of the evening was a picture-taking session. Our newest member, Bob Klucens, brought in an impressive array of professional equipment to take our official 50th Anniversary Photograph. A pot-luck dinner followed and then Father was presented with a gift from the council with approby Grazina comments priate Vaskelis.

Bravest member attending was Donna Stanievich, who left her wheel chair and came hobbling in on a broken leg. Seems she decided to initiate her daughter's new bike and did not quite maneuver a turn. Most appreciated member was Vitalia Vaskelis who organized the clean-up crew.

We are all happy to learn that Vytas Biliunas is slowly but surely recovering and is well on the way to good health; spending much of his time recuperating in the fresh air and restful atmosphere of Dainava.

Our 50th Anniversary Dinner-Dance held September 26th was most successful. More on this next month.

It's been quite awhile since this council has had an article in the Vytis, but this columnist has had a very busy springsummer season. First, we have joined many other suburbanites and now make our home in Farmington. Then, during the transaction of selling our home and moving to our new location, our youngest son, Tom, was involved in a serious auto accident where he was a passenger. It could have been tragic, considering the total loss of the car. Fortunately, he escaped serious injuries. Thanks to that "Man" upstairs.

Hardly over with that incident when Pa Zager slipped off the ladder while painting the house and sustained a foot injury-thus the reason for calling off our plans to the National K of L convention in Chicago. However, our delegates-Monica Salas, Jerry Zager, Vicki Chepelonis and Lenny Salas gave a fine report at our Sept. meeting.

Farewells were said at Divine Providence Church on May 17, as we went to Mass for the last time before demolition of the church for Jeffries Freeway. A number of candles were lit and few tears were shed as the doors closed for the last time. Driving away we still felt the resounding echo of Father Michael Kundrat's voice when he said "time for tearing down, a time for building". However, a new Divine Providence is on its way. A "full-go-ahead" signal has been issued by the zoning board of Southfield for the tri-complex development -Rectory, Church and Activities Building. Our member, Joseph Panavas will be the builder of the rectory. Perhaps by the time this article appears in print, the ground breaking will be a

reality.

After an 8-hour wait at JFK airport in New York, our members, Magdalena Smailis, Ruth Grasha and daughter, Eleanore, hit the sky-ways for the K of L pilgrimage to Rome. They attended the dedication of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in St. Peters which included an audience with Pope Paul. The trip was too wonderful to digest in the time it covered, but the flight over the Alps will always be remembered.

A bit of summer still lingered on coolish August 5, when Dorothe Martin opened her residence for a well attended poolside meeting. The meeting was "supposed" to be concluded with coffee, but Dorothe and her daughter, Phyllis Ann Milius, prepared a feast "fit for a king".

What do members do when the rains come, as it did for our Family Day picnic on Sept. 13? Well, chairman Dorothe Martin informed members to gather at Lola Valley Park as planned, and, as a result, more than expected showed up for the occasion. A buffet table was set up under a huge tree where we dodged the intermittent rain. There was plenty of delicious food and liquid refreshments. We extended a big "Aciu" to all the ladies and the fine committee who helped serve and prepare such a feast. Games were played, headed by A. Dainus. The menfolk participated in the horseshoe tournament and Emil Byville emerged victor for the third consecutive vear.

Some 60 seventy-niners attended the 50th anniversary dinner-dance of C-102 on Sept. 26. Everyone had a wonderful time and we wish the council many more years of activities.

Soffi Snooping: Mike Baron discovered a grand way to celebrate his 60th birthday on Sept.

5. He was given a surprise party held in his sister Sophie's home and, we were told, it was a complete SURPRISE!....Wedded bliss to Peggy Bitner, daughter of Sophie Bitner, to Jerry Byville, son of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Byville and to Ralph Valatka, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph, Sr. We wish them many years of happines.....Barbara Vitchus. talented daughter of Bernie and Adeline Vitchus, spent the summer at Interlochen Music campus. Her brothers, Bernie, Jr., and Leonard had also spent several summers there...Wonder why no one is able to reach Gerry Zager lately? He's been visiting his second home. Just ask whatshername "Grace". Dr. Bruno, who was involved in an auto accident in September, was in the hospital. He had a few ribs broken and few other injuries, but is now on the mend.....Did you notice the dahlias in the flower beds at Bertha Janus? The plants are as big as saucers and the color is just as pink as pink can ever be... Eleanore Grasha, six-year old daughter of Ruth Grasha, was one of 10 Detroitarea winners in a national Barbie Fan Club Sweepstakes. Eleanore and her mother were honored at a luncheon in the Top of the Flame. To top it all, they were featured in the Farmington Observer, showing Eleanore receiving the Barbie Lively Livin' House.. We extend sincere sympathy upon the death of Helen Keller, who passed away in July. Helen was a long time member and a familiar figure at the K of L meetings until she succumbed after a long and difficult illnes. She will by greatly missed.....Pete and Bingo Stanulis are looking forward, eagerly, to being grandparents for the first time. Son Jimmy, and his wife, Jane, should be receiving congratulations soon now.



Iš kairės į dešine - Diane M. Količius, seselė M. Pranciška, Veronika J. Količienė ir Janet R. Martello.

PITTSBURGH, PA., C-19

Mrs. Količius Man keliaujant po pasaulį ne vienas jau klausė – ar jūs Pittsburghe dar turite vyčių ir ar jie veikia?

Mane tokie klausymai erzina, nes Pittsburgho vyčiai yra veiklūs ir duosnūs. Piniginiai jie visuomet prisideda prie visų religinių, kultūrinių ir tautinių reikalų. Dirba taip pat visiems geriems tikslams. Ir veikimu nesiriboja vien tiktai prie savo namų.

Kiekvienais metais Šv. Kazimiero šventės proga jei vidurvakarinių valstijų kuopų eilė ne Pittsburghe, tai pittsburghiečiai vyksta į Clevelandą, Youngstowną, ar kitur švęsti savo globėjo šventę.

Turi didelę kėgliuotojų lygą, nuo rudens ligi pavasario kėgliuoja kartą savaitėje. Kuomet "Bowling Tournament" įvyksta Pittsburghe, tai Pittsburghiečiai būna
gerais šeimininkais. Šiais metais
būrys vykome į Dayton, Ohio. Daytoniečiai tikrai mums "paklojo
raudoną kilimą", nors grįžome
ir pralaimėtojais, bet pilni gražių
ir malonių prisiminių ir įspūdžiu.

Vyčių seimuose Pittsburghiečiai irgi kiekvienais metais skaitlingai dalyvauja, taip pat Pittsburghiečiai yra buvę centro pirmininkais, iždininkais, sekretoriaisrėmis ir ėjo kitas pareigas.

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Dabar ne tiktai Pittsburgh'o Vyčiai, bet ir bičiuliai, laukiame religinio, tautinio ar kultūrinio darbo ir kelionės, nes mes tikrai gyvename DIEVUI ir TĖVYNEI...



Klupo iš kairės į dešinę - Diane M. Količius ir p-lė Naujelytė, stovi iš kairės į dešinę - Mildred Chinik, Janet Martello, B. Pots, E. Pranis, seselė M. Alverna, A. Rozger, seselė M. Pranciška ir Veronika Količienė.

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