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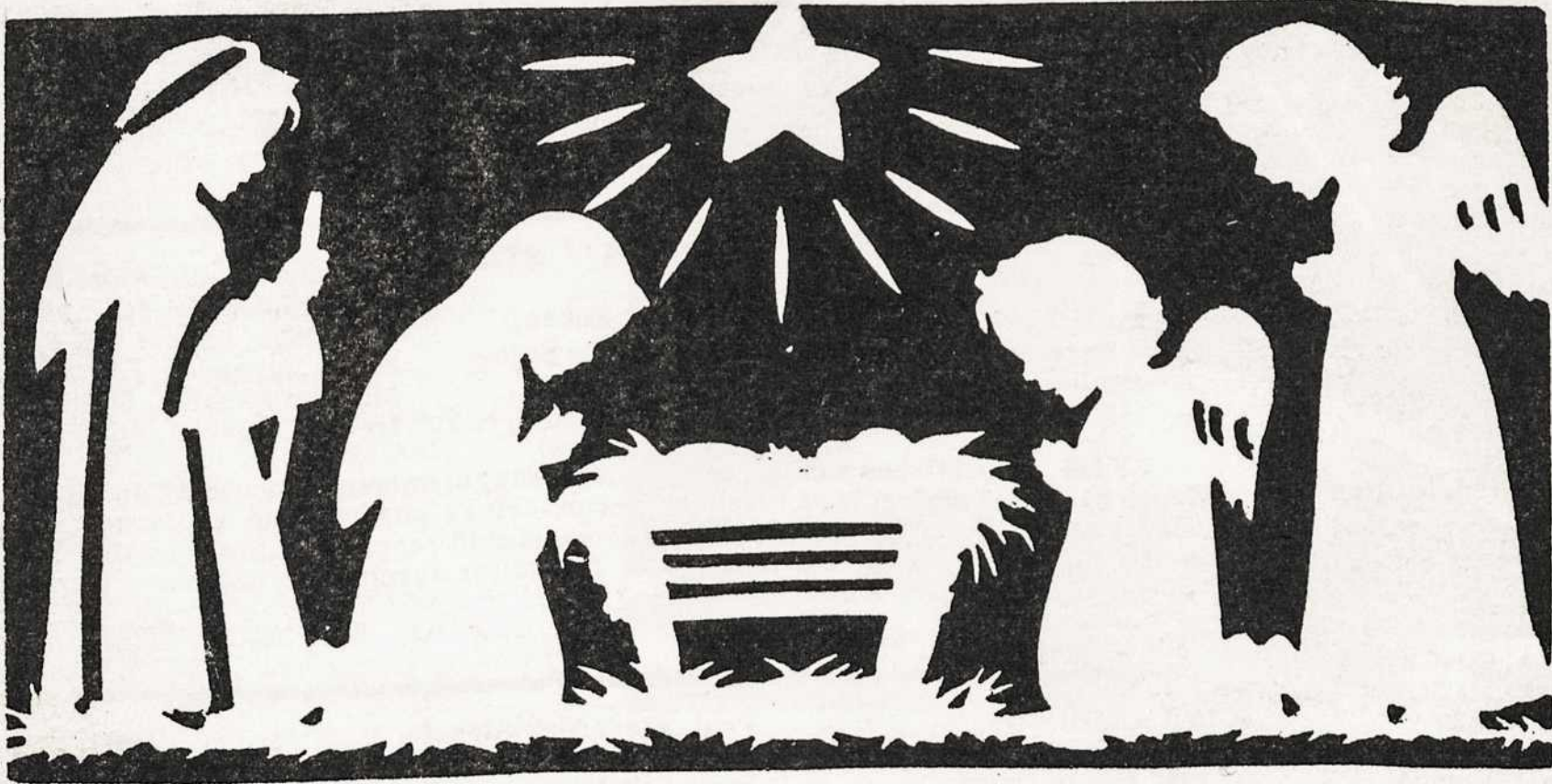
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Christmas Joy

Rev. Albert J. Contons

Christmas is a unique event because in the Infant Jesus heaven and earth meet, God and man become one.

Jesus is unique because of all men He alone could choose His birth. From all eternity He chose an immaculate virgin as His mother, a humble carpenter as His foster-father, a lowly animal manger as His birthplace, an oppressed and barren country as His native land, poor shepherds and wise seekers of truth as His first visitors. He chose to share the joys and sorrows of the humble and poor.

All babies are basically receivers. As babies we receive life from our parents, we receive food, clothing, protection, education. Only gradually are we able to give of ourselves to others.

Jesus is unique because as God He is a giver. He could not receive, He was already perfect. He could only give, and giving is the essence of love. "God loved the world so much that he gave His only Son." (John 3, 16)

As God, Jesus gave up His public honor, His visible Lordship, to become a servant, a slave. As Paul says, "His state was divine, yet He did not cling to His equality with God but emptied Himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are." (Phil. 2, 6-7) Jesus did not so much receive life as He gives life - the fullness of life - to men.

Jesus is unique too because He comes down from above to raise us up. Jesus became man to bring men to perfection, to ennoble and

enrich human life, to be a perfect model in joy and suffering, in life and death. He promises, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever." (John 6, 51)

Christmas joy can be experienced only if we have faith. Without faith Christmas is no longer a divine mystery but a sentimental memory.

Mary needed faith to believe the message of the angel that she would be the mother of God. Jo-

seph needed faith to carry out the word of the angel that he should accept Jesus and Mary. The wise Men needed faith to follow the star to Bethlehem.

Christmas joy is ours only if we have faith in Jesus as unique - the One who chose His birth from all eternity, Who gives Himself in love, Who raises us up to new life.

This is the mystery of Christmas and the source of the joy we wish to all K of L members, their families and friends.



Lithuanians in The

NEWS

SALUTE TO LITHUANIA... in Greenwich Village, N.Y.

Visitors to the famous "O. Henry's Steak House", located in Greenwich Village, New York City, recently were greeted with Lithuanian flags and literature in and around the restaurant, during the establishment's "Salute to Lithuania" Week, Sept. 19 to 30, 1970.

LITHUANIA was the first of the CAPTIVE NATIONS to be saluted by Mr. Gilbert Di Lucia in his famous restaurant. He believes that the tragic fate of former free and independent nations, now under Communism, and the efforts towards restoration of their human and civil rights should be brought more strongly to public attention: he is doing so in his field.

O. HENRY'S is a popular meeting place for civic leaders, diplomats, professional people, celebrities, out-of-town visitors, local residents... for lunch, dinner, supper, drinks.

Large American and Lithuanian flags were displayed in front of the restaurant, smaller ones placed on the tables, and relevant literature was prominently shown and distributed. Much of the credit for this project goes to Helen Kulber, of the N.Y. Seniors, who served as coordinating chairman of the event.



(photo credit - Charles Binkins)

Mr. Gilber Di Lucia, proprietor of O. Henry's Steak House, and host of the cocktail-buffet reception to launch the SALUTE TO LITHUANIA, is presented with the Captive Nations medal by the Consul General of Free Lithuania in New York, Honorable Anicetas Simutis. In photo (l to r): Kęstutis Miklas, Nancy Umbrazas, Mr. Di Lucia, Mr. Simutis, Mme. Simutis, and Helen V. Kulber.



(photo credit - Charles Binkins)

Some of the remaining guests sing "Lietuva Brangi (My Beloved Lithuania)" at the cocktail reception hosted by Mr. Gilbert Di Lucia at his restaurant, O. Henry's Steak House to launch his SALUTE TO LITHUANIA. In photo (l to r): Miss Nancy Umbrazas, David Gould, Rev. Kornelius Bucmys, Miss Juratė Balsys, the Honorable Anicetas Simutis - Consul General of Free Lithuania in New York, Helen Kulber, - Mr. Di Lucia, Miss Skira Semeta, Mme. Simutis, Alexandra and Charles Merker, Mrs. Mary Kober, Kęstutis Miklas, Miss Nancy Kober, Anthony Kober, Wid Watson, Jacques Olivier, and (back) Gediminas Semeta.



Concelebrated Diamond Jubilee Mass in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Elizabeth, N.J.

LITHUANIA PARISH CELEBRATES DIAMOND JUBILEE

Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Elizabeth, N.J., the oldest Lithuanian Church in New Jersey, recently celebrated its 75th Anniversary. The Diamond Jubilee was marked by a concelebrated Mass in the Church, followed by a Jubilee Dinner in nearby Lithuanian Liberty Hall. Chief celebrant of the Mass was the parish's Administrator Rev. Peter Zemeikis, with

other celebrants representing all the Lithuanian parishes in New Jersey. Archbishop T. Boland of Newark presided and extended greetings to all present, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Dambrauskas, MIC, who was ordained from Sts. Peter and Paul.

We congratulate Rev. Zemeikis and his parishioners, and wish them many more years of service to "God and Country."

OUTSTANDING CROSSES

Two of the Lithuanian Crosses gracing Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y., were recently featured on the TABLET (Brooklyn's Archdiocesan Newspaper), as part of a "Crosses in the Sky of West Queens" feature. Readers were asked to identify five crosses, two of which were from Transfiguration Church.

ALICE'S RESTAURANT, LITHUANIAN STYLE

The above title introduced a most interesting article in the Chicago Tribune's Oct. 2, 1970 issue. A group calling themselves "The Motley Crew" visited a small Lithuanian restaurant on Chicago's South Halsted Street, sampled several items of "Lithuanian cuisine" and wrote a very complimentary article about their experiences there, as well as about the establishment's "barščiai", "kugelis" and "Cheese dumplings" among other items. Our congratulations to owner Mrs. Alice Moore for helping Lithuania "make the news".



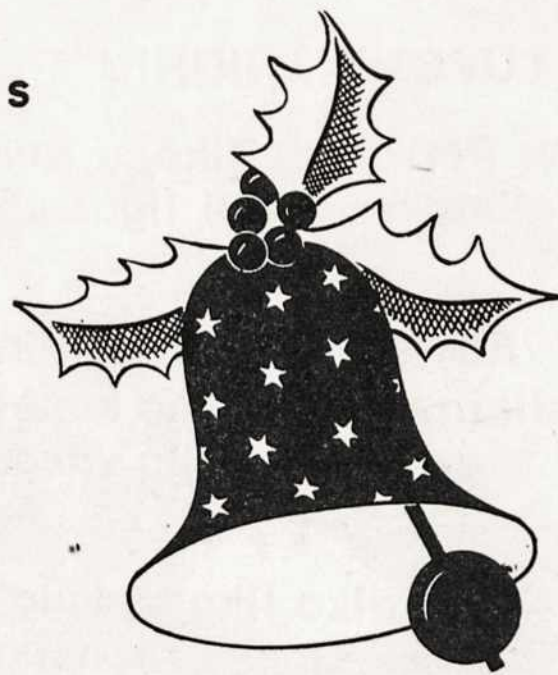
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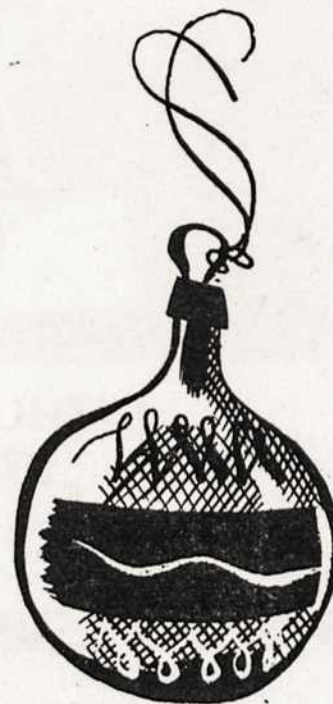
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BEST WISHES

to
all our
friends

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Kalbas ir darbus baikime garbingai

Ne labai senai, tik prieš tris metus išgirđome, kad atsiradusi galimybė lietuviams įsiruoti paminklinę koplyčią šv. Petro bazilikoje Romoje. Žinia sudomino visuomenę. Jeigu džiaugiamės išsikovoję kuriame nors mieste Lietuvos vardui nors ir nuošalia gatvę, kelias pėdas žemės kur nors miesto parke, tai kaip nesidomėsi vieta, kuri visame pasaulyje yra labiausiai lankoma, kurią kas metai pereina milijonai žmonių iš visų pasaulio kraštų.

Kaip buvo neseniai priminta spaudoje, laisvos Lietuvos vyskupai senai svajojo turėti šv. Petro bazilikoje kokį nors Lietuvos vardo priminimą. Nereikia abejoti, kad tokią galimybę būtų finansiniai parėmusi ir Lietuvos valdžia, nepaisant kokios kada ji būtų buvusi krypties. Deja, tada galimybės nerasta. Ta privilegija teko svetimuose laisvuose kraštuose dabar gyvenantiems lietuviams Lietuvos vergijos metais.

Ištyrę galimybes ir lietuvių nuotaikas, pirmą viešą žingsnį šiuo reikalu padarė - pasirašė prašymą šv. Petro bazilikos Administracijai du lietuviai vyskupai: P. Brazys ir V. Brizgys. Teigiamas atsakymas gautas jau vyskupui P. Braziui mirus ir sutartį su šv. Petro bazilikos Administracija teko pasirašyti vienam vyskupui V. Brizgiui.

Kam nors gali atrodyti, kad šią koplyčią kurti buvęs sudarytas gana siauras komitetas (tik 9 asmenų). Jame tačiau nariais yra įvairių generacijų ir organizacijų asmenys. Visus lietuvius apimęs yra Garbės Komitetas. Komiteto veikla buvo tyli. Tenkintasi asmeniniais pasitarimais su istorikais, menininkais. Visuomenė buvo informuojama per spaudą. Nebuvo jokių vaju, susirinkimų. Komitetas manė, kad palyginamai nedidelę sumą koplyčios įruošimui lietuviai lengvai suaukos. Visuomenės atsiliėpimas išties buvo gražus. Nors retai kur buvo lietuviai paraginti savose parapijose, ne visos organizacijos savo nariams priminė šį

reikalą. Trumpais atsišaukimais spaudoje paraginti atsiliėpė tikrai visų kraštų laisvo pasaulio lietuviai. Iš pačios Lietuvos gautos vertingos dovanos gintaro dirbiniais. Po trumpo dviejų metų laiko koplyčia įruošta ir yra likusi palyginamai nedidelė skola.

Kažin ar turėjome kitą lietuvių gyvenime įvykį, kurį taip plačiai būtų paminėjusi įvairių kraštų ne-lietuvių spauda. Lietuviškoje spaudoje buvo vienas kitas ir kontroversinis pasisakymas, dauguma tačiau atsiliėpė ramiai ir objektyviai (Pav. Draugas, Aidai, Lietuvių Dienos, Tėviškės Aidai Australijoje ir kt.) Gi svetima spauda atsiliėpė tik teigiamai (išskyrus komunistų), daugelis skirdami tam įvykiui didelės reikšmės.

Atrodo, kad ne tik spaudoje, o ir pokalbiuose esame jau viską pasiaiškinę. Savo išpūdžius jau pradeda pasakoti atsilankantieji Ro-

moje po koplyčios dedikacijos. Tokių lietuvių - kunigų ir pasauliečių šiuo metu yra jau gera šimtinė. Jie beveik vienbalsiai pasakoja savo teigiamus išpūdžius ir kitataučių lankytojų didelį susidomėjimą lietuvių koplyčia, kuri labai išsiskiria iš kitų toje pat bazilikos kriptoje.

Visiems lietuviams dabar lieka tik vienas uždavinys - garbingai greitai užmokėti dar likusią koplyčios įruošimo išlaidų dalį - apie 15,000 dolerių. Kaip koplyčia taip ir skola yra visų lietuvių. Kiekvienam lietuviui ją lankyti pilnai malonu bus tada, kai jausimės, kad jau niekam nesame skolingi. Panašiais atvejais lietuviai iki šiol mokėjo save pagerbti, garbingai užbaigsime ir šį Lietuvos vardui reikšmingą darbą.

L. K. Koplyčios Komitetas

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Šv. Petro Bazilikoje, Romoje
kalbės pasauliui ilgus amžius.

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Our Unusual Christmas Tree

Leisurely we strolled down State street, Chicago's busiest thoroughfare. Occasionally we stopped to gaze at an attractive window display or a theatre marquee. Suddenly we stopped and gaped in amazement. Christmas, it seemed, had come to this section of State street almost two months before schedule. Its dull, unattractive lampposts had been transformed into two long rows of novel, albeit bizarre Christmas trees.

My companion caustically remarked that these trees could not compare in beauty of decoration with those he had seen some years previously in Los Angeles. It seemed to him that the Angelinos were the only ones who knew how to dress Christmas trees.

Immediately I took exception to this remark and pointed out that as far as I was concerned the only Christmas tree in the world was the Lithuanian tree on exhibit every year at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. This tree has won so many prizes for beauty and originality of its decorations that no tree in the country can compare with it.

Reams of publicity have been written describing in minute detail the delicate, fairy-like straw-colored fret-work pattern that seemed to be sketched on the dark green boughs of the tree. Large photographs of the tree appeared in many papers throughout the land. Its ornaments have been sketched and widely-copied for private use. Some department stores even featured ornaments patterned after those on the Lithuanian Christmas tree.

This should be proof enough of the popularity and attraction of the Lithuanian Christmas tree. Could any tree the Angelinos decorated compare with this? Evidently not. I answered my own question and hastened on with a description of the "šiaudinukai" and other ornaments that turned the tree into a thing of exquisite beauty.

I explained that the šiaudinukai were made by stringing stalks of straw on twine into a myriad of fantastic, geometric shapes: triangular and rectangular, bells with colored bead clappers, insect and

birdlike figures, simple triangles and elaborate bird cages, all symmetrical and beautiful in their construction.

Color and gentle movement were added to the tree by birds that seemed to be very much at home on their perches among the "šiaudinukai". These were made of whole eggshell in a variety of delicate hues but with beaks, wings and tails of gaily colored crepe paper.

Still other birds seem to be flitting in and out beneath the tips of some of the branches. These are the "riešutiniai", made of walnut shells, with wings of feathers, birch-bark or metallic paper. The tiniest waft of breeze keeps them in almost constant motion.

"Saulutės" - little suns, flower-like paper aureoles surrounding centers of shining beads or mirror fragments, added their bit to the beauty of the tree.

Colorful "juostos" - sashes and hand-carved wooden toys and home-made dolls, dressed in Lithuanian costume, added strong notes of vivid hue and intricate design.

But the crowning glory of the tree is the symbol of the faith of the Lithuanian nation - a cross, replica of the beloved Lithuanian way-side cross, reproduced and carefully embellished by skillful fingers. This work of a loving heart tops the tree, caps it, as if with a reminder that Christ was born to die for us on the cross.

For the benefit of those of our readers who may have forgotten or have never learned the art of dressing a Christmas tree Lithuanian style, we repeat, in brief, instructions for making the various figures described.



"SIAUDINUKAI". Soda-fountain straws were found to be the best substitute for natural straw. For each ornament, straws must be cut to lengths of equal size to form triangles, bells, etc. A length of strong wire, looped at one end, is used as a needle for threading straw onto a strong twine. For a realistic effect, the straws can be dipped into a thin solution of orange shellac or plastic linoleum paint.



(reprinted from "GARSAS", Dec., 1969.)

BIRDS. Use uncooked, clean eggs. Carefully puncture each end of egg with pin or needle. With a strong puff, blow out contents of egg. With pin, enlarge holes already made, and puncture two additional holes at either side of egg. Thread a string through these two holes, tie, and leave long loop for hanging of ornament. Pleat oblong pieces of crepe paper. Insert one end, each of two equal-sized oblongs, into sides of egg, to represent the tail. A small twist of the paper is used for the head and beak.

SMALL BIRDS. Carefully break open walnuts, remove meat. Shell may be left plain, or gilded or painted, according to taste. Make cardboard pattern of wings of birds, extended in flight, and of v-shaped tail. Cut wings and tail from metallic paper or from thin top layer of birch bark. Head of bird can be cut from paper in like manner. If preferred, large head strung on wire can represent the head of the bird. Glue head, wings and tail in place on one half of shell. In other shell half, puncture a small hole with an ice-pick, string with thread, knotted inside shell. Glue the two shell halves together. Small feathers can be used for wings and tail, instead of paper or bark.

SAULUTĖS. Are made in a variety of shapes and forms, similar to single-petal paper flowers. Centers are made of shiny beads, sequins, spangles, small mirrors, etc.

N. B. Measurements are not given. Size of wings, tails etc. are cut in proportion to size of eggs or nuts.

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OUR SENIORS...

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Our Senior membership as a distinct component entity within the ranks of our organization has been created to serve some of the most vital needs within our K of L "family" circle. When the Seniors were organized originally, with the formation of the Seniors Council in Chicago, the underlying purpose was to more or less separate our older element from the younger members, thus giving both groups more unhampered freedom in their plans and activities. Although on basic principles both groups were firmly in agreement, our youth living in their age, brought up under a different environment, naturally gravitated toward thoughts and ideas more suitable to their generation, while our Senior members, most of whom were in fact the early pioneers that created our Noble Order from its very inception, the original Youth of their day, now have become the venerable elders, not only in deeds but in their more conservative viewpoint. The Senior element was foreseen as the steadying influence to continually keep our organization on its steady course on vital issues arising within our domain. In a nut-shell it can be summarized that our Youth of today looks at our organizational structure with eyes toward the future, while our Seniors remembering the golden past yearn for the grandeur of those days.

Yet after a score of years and the formation of other Senior Councils in various sections throughout our land has the main purpose been achieved? Frankly it must be admitted success was only partial. In the Seniors Councils planning and activity does rotate in more conservative fields, such as culture in its various phases, patriotic and religious commemora-

tions, testimonials and espousal of the many Lithuanian-American movements. But there remains in many of our regular Councils too many of our Senior element that should be organized in their own Seniors Councils, leaving our present youth to formulate and guide the destinies of their regular Councils. Is it not a sad fact that at one National Convention after another, and especially in the last Convention that was held in Chicago this year, it literally seemed that they were conventions consisting overwhelmingly of the Senior element. No wonder there was an outcry there as to where is our younger generation.

This condition needs immediate remedy. If we wish to return our Youth back into our organizational ranks, we must return their Councils back to them. Let there be no fear on the part of some of our Seniors that our youth then will lead our organization "to the bow-waws". They are our own children and were brought up carefully in K of L principles by all of us their parents and grandparents. We Seniors should begin a renaissance period now to bring our Youth into back our fold.

Especially now, since the adoption of our resolution admitting non-Lithuanian spouses of members into our organization as Associate members, let us recruit those former good, hard working members and their mates into our ranks. Then we will truly have a real, honest-to-gosh Family circle.

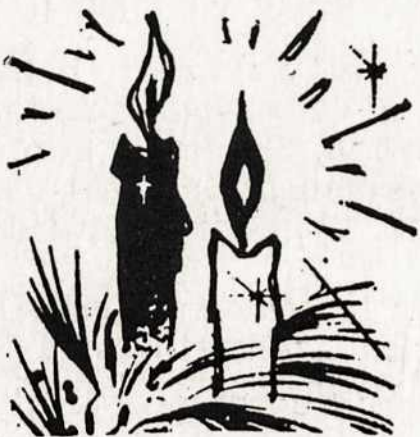
I am herewith requesting all our Councils to seriously consider the above facts. Viewpoints pro con on this question will be greatly appreciated from all. Let's talk this matter over as fully as possible, and then - let's do something about it!

To our fellow Knights and Ladies

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LOS ANGELES CALIF. - L. Vyčių sendraugių kuopos vasaros iškyla ir atostoginis susirinkimas įvyko š. m. Liepos mėn. 18 d. prie Pacifiko pakrantės vyčių Jakučių šeimos jaukiuose ir vaišinguose namuose puošnių medžių ir žalumynų paunksmėje. Buvo aptarti skubesnieji kuopos reikalai ir dalyvavimas š. m. rugpiūčio mėn. 20-23 d.d. įvykstančiame 57-me L. Vyčių seime Chikagos mieste.

Poatostoginis šios kuopos susirinkimas įvyko š. m. spalio mėn. 11 d. L. Angeles Lietuvių Bendruomenės namuose. Susirinkimą atidarė kuopos pirm. J. Činga ir posėdį praversti pakvietė J. Andrių. Formalumus atlikus ir bėgamus reikalus aptarus, svarbiausiu susidomėjimu praėjusis vyčių seimas, kuriame šią kuopą atstovavo B. ir A. Škiriai. Seime aktyviai dalyvavęs Antanas Skirius padarė platų apie seimo eigą, svarstytus dalykus, statuto kitiimą ir kitus svarbesnius nutarimus. Iš pranešimo ir narių paklausimų buvo jaučiamas susirūpinimas, kad senajai lietuvių kartai tremtyje išmirštant, lietuvių kalbos vartojimas privačiai ir viešai kai kur vis siaurėja ir silpnėja ir lietuviybės reikaluos tas liūdnina nuotaikas ir viltis. Tačiau iš pranešimų aiškėja ir džiuginanti reiškiniai, kad lietuvių jaunoji karta, ypač moksleivija išmokdama gerai ir svetimias kalbas, rodo galimybę laiškais, raštais ir veiksmais Lietuvos reikalus iškelti ir į tarptautinių reikalų šviesą, ir tuo keliu sparčiau teisybės ieškoti.

Buvo pareikšta minčių ir privačių paskatinimų, kad USA valdžios pareigūnų rinkimų ir kitokių balsavimų progose pravartu dalyvauti, turėti balsą visiem lietuviams, o ypač Vyčiam, parodant savo budrumą ir veiklumą kaip savų, taip ir visų žmonių gerovei, pažangai.

Susirinkimą baigiant kuopos pirm. J. Činga priminė, kad mūsų vyčių kaip sendraugių kuopai priktų ir priderėtų pasveikinti pralotą Mykolą Krupavičių, sulaukusį 85 metų amžiaus, kaip pavyzdin-

gą lietuvių tautos didvyri, visų liet. seimų rinktą atstovą, uoliai vykdžiusį įvairias aukštas pareigas, užsitarnavusį įvertinimo ir pagarbos ne tik vien savų, bet ir kitataučių kilnių asmenų. Susirinkimas šį pasiūlymą visais balsais užgyrė. Ant greitųjų kiek turėta sudėta pusšimtis žaliukų (dolerukų), kaip kukli (simboliška sendraugiška) dovana gerbiamajam Jubiliatui.

Poatostoginį susirinkimą baigiant malda, kuopos vadovybė susirinkimo įprašyta išsipareigojo dovana ir sveikinimą pastaruoju punktu priimtą pirmoj eilėj įvykdyti.

Mingirdas Veiverietis

MIRĖ SIBIRO TREMTINĖ - GĖTAUTIENĖ

1970 m. spalio 28 d. mirė Rozalija Gėtautienė, mamytė Bronės Gajauskienės, Santa Monikoje, Calif. Rozalija buvo palaidota spalio 31 d. Holy Cross kapinėse, Los Angelyje.

R. Akramaitė-Gėtautienė gimė 1881 m. rugpiūčio 26 d. Adakave, Tauragės apsk., Lietuvoje. Ji buvo ištejęs už ūkininko Jono Getauto Kliučių km., Upynos par., Skaudvilės valsčiuje.

1949 m. R. Gėtautienė, kaip ir visi "didieji Lietuvos liaudies priešai" - ūkininkai, kunigai ir mokytojai, buvo išvežta į Sibirą. Čia jai teko kaimynystėje gyventi su Jono Skiriaus šeima. 1954 m. Jonui Skiriui sunkiai susirgus, Rozalija toli bėgo per Sibiro miškus, surado kunigą ir jį parvedė suteikti Jonui Skiriui paskutinį patepimą. Ir už kelių dienų ji J. Skirių palaidojo.

1956 m. ji po septynių metų sunkaus darbo Sibire, grįžo Lietuvon, kur nerado nei pastogės, nei pensijos, nei darbo. Jos dūkra Bronė Gajauskienė, gyven-dama Los Angelyje, stengėsi ją parsisiųsdinti Amerikon. Ji sužinojusi, kad San Francisco burmistras vyksta į Maskvą, jam rašo ir maldauja, kad jis paprašytų Kruščevo leisti jos senutei mamytei atvykti pas dukterį. 1960 m. ji buvo išleista ir atvyko į Los Angeles.

Laidotuvių apeigos vyko Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčioje. Per rožančių kun. dr. A. Olšauskas pasakė pamokslą, o kapinėse žodį tarė A. Skirius ir giminių vardu visus dalyvius pakvietė pietų, į Gajauskų butą.

Rimas Gajauskas yra L.V. 133 kuopos pirmininkas.

Visi Los Angeles jaunieji ir senieji vyčiai reiškiame gilią užuojautą mirusios dūkrai Bronėi Gajauskienei, jos vyrui Juozui Gajauskui ir Rimui Gajauskui.

S. R.

NEW YORK SENIORS

A report on the 57th Convention in Chicago was made by our president and delegate, Anthony Mazeika, Sr., and supplemented by our other delegate, Helen V. Kulber, during our meeting October 15th. It was very nice of Rev. Jutt to give special credit to Helen for work in behalf of the Lithuanian cause although her resume was sent to him as the "Lithuanian Affairs - Publicity - Public Relations" annual report from the NY-NJ District and N.Y. Senior Council. Many others congratulated her, too, after looking over her folio of letters, items and photos in newspapers, etc. which Father Jutt brought to the convention ...

Rev. Ladas Budreckas, who had returned from a European trip with Rev. Stasys Raila the day before, told of their experiences - especially interesting in Poland, and showed pictures. He presented us with mementos, medals and other articles blessed by Pope Paul. We also greatly appreciated the Polaroid pictures he took of us at the meeting, a remembrance of another pleasant evening in the Sandanavicius' home, and the delicious refreshments provided by our hostess, Mrs. Emilija Sandanavicius. The members were urged to participate in the Baltic Rally at the United Nations on October 18th (which they did) ... Reports were made on the United Baltic Appeal /BATUN "Baltic Folk Festival" in Freehold, N.J., and the "Salute to Lithuania" at O. Henry's Steak House, in Greenwich Village, N.Y. Dr. Stukas gave much time on his "Memories of Lithuania" radio program to advertise both events. Mary and Anthony Kober, with daughter, Nancy, (C109) were among the guests at the opening cocktail party September 19th, hosted by Mr. Gilbert Di Lucia, proprietor of O Henry's and sponsor of the "Salute". Dr. Jack arrived a bit late due to his radio broadcast that Saturday but stayed for dinner with the Kobers, Helen Kulber (who coordinated the 12-day event), and others. Rev. Rackauskas, Stella Willworth, and Eugenia Karpus (NY Srs) dined there at various times and even treated Helen to tasty solids & stronger liquid refreshments to replenish her energy in distributing Lithuanian bulletins to the guests and passersby at the sidewalk cafe . . . The inducements for having the 1971 K of L Convention at Blue Water Manor on Lake George were presented by Helen. She and her sister, Beatrice Hoff, enjoyed five days there, including the Labor Day holiday. They were invited to attend the morning lectures and evening socials by the L.S.T. Korp! Neo-Lithuania which was holding its summer encampment. In his lecture, Vincentas Gruzdyds made special note of the very good impression he got of the K of L while attending its 1968 convention in his hometown, Philadelphia. This Korp! conclave provided a wonderful opportunity to exchange view with many young and older Lithuanians from other cities as well as to disseminate Lithuanian propaganda among non-Lithuanian vacationers. When lack of time prevented Helen from speaking at length during sessions, she and Bea posted bulletins outside their door (Room #1 - right next to the Assembly Hall as they had requested a location near "where the action is!!"). In an open discussion about the Lithuanian Martyr's Chapel in Rome, she commented that heretofore no criticism

had ever been made of churches being designated as "Our Lady of Vilna" (instead of "Vilnius") and that publicity regarding the new chapel reaped in many countries was worth the expense of building it ...

When Mr. Slivynus heard Helen's last name, he embraced her - he had known her late husband and family very well long ago. He invited her and her sister to his beautiful home on the premises (the Slivynases own Blue Water Manor) where they were wined and dined. They became better acquainted with Mrs. Slivynas' charming sister, who was on a visit from Lithuania, and they met Rev. Joseph Grabys of Scotia, N.Y., who was there with his mother, also visiting from Lithuania. She sang a long folk song with everybody joining in the choruses. The only regret was that a tape recorder was not available.

Our council is having a mass said for Jadvyga Averka, who died on September 7th after a lengthy illness. We offer our deepest sympathy to her husband, Daniel, and daughters. . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laucka, who have retained membership in our council during their tenure in Germany and presently in Washington, D.C., and Dr. and Mrs. Kostas Jurgela (Voice of America) drove up for the funeral... Although not K of L members, the Pauleys attended many of our events. It was a shock to learn of the death of Anita (nee Garszva) on October 23rd. Our sympathy goes out to her husband, John, and daughter, Joanne.

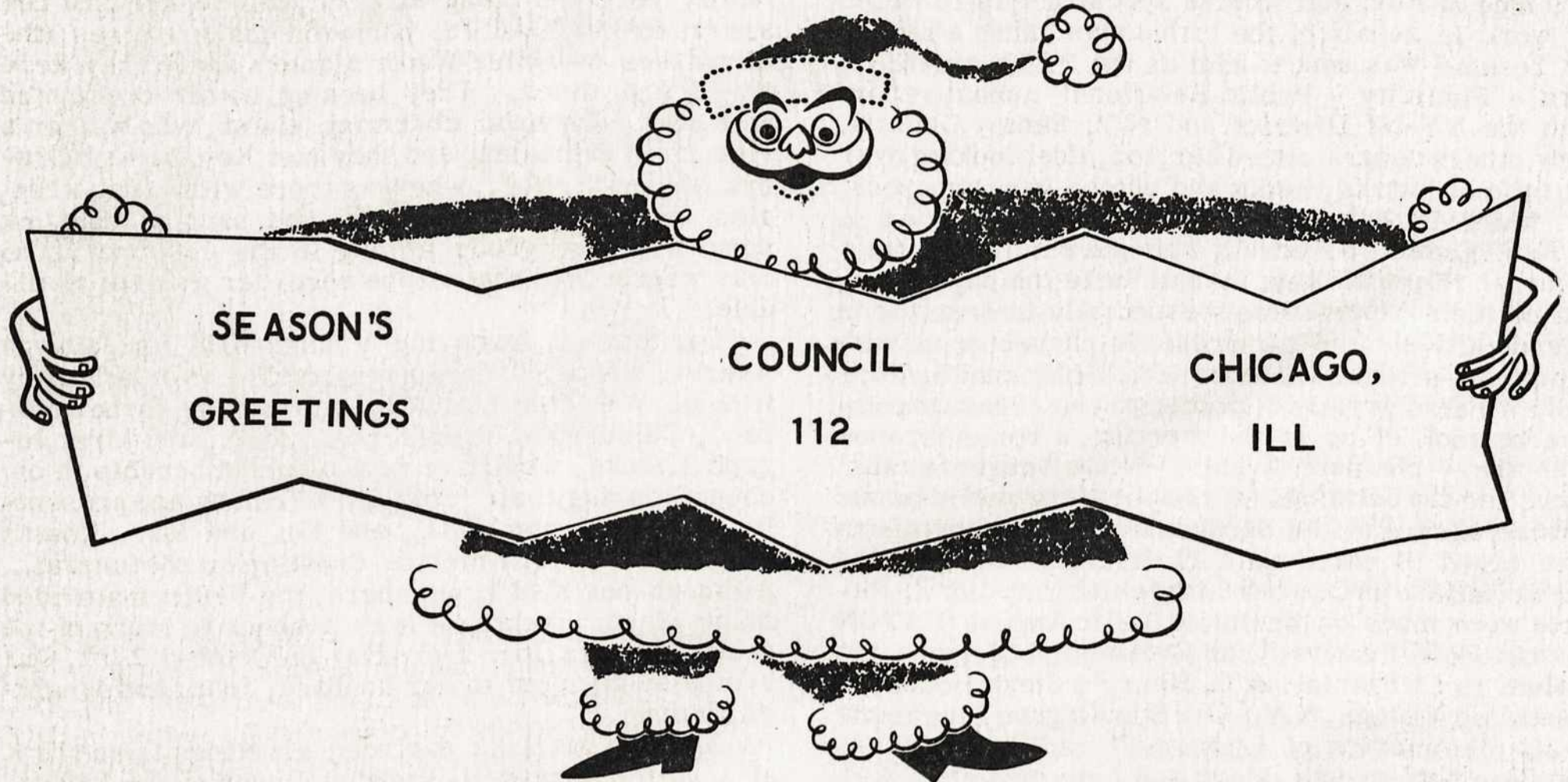
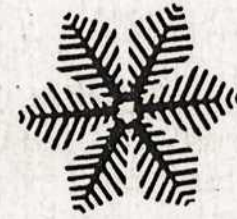
Anthony Mazeika extended greetings from the K of L at the very well-attended dinner of the Lithuanian Catholic Women's Society Council 29, October 11th at Annunciation Parish Hall.

May this
anniversary of
Christ's Birth
fill our
hearts with
Peace, Hope
and Faith
to make
the New Year brighter.



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- 2 bulvės (vidut. dydžio)
- 2 morkos
- 1/4 svaro žalių žirniukų
- 1/4 sv. baltų pupelių
- 1 silkė
- 1 svogūnas (mažas)
- 2 šaukštai alyvos

Be to, pipirų, acto ar citrinos rūgšties, cukraus, druskos.

Daržoves išvirti atskirai ir atšaldyti. Bulves bei morkas nulupti ir supiaustyti keturkampiais gabalėliais. Silkę išmirkyti, nulupti, išimti kaulus ir supiaustyti smulkiais gabalėliais. Svogūną smulkiai sukapti. Po to viską sumaišyti, pridėti alyvos, acto, pipirų ir druskos pagal skonį. Leisti kiek pastovėti. Sudėti į salotini indą. Papuošti įvairiomis kaptomis ar žalioomis daržovėmis.

DŽIOVINTU VAISIŲ KOMPOTAS

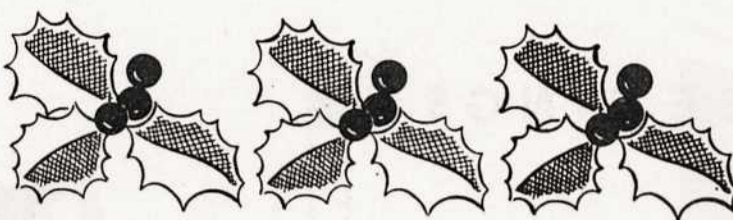
Proporcija:

- 1/2 svaro slyvų (džiovintų)
- 1/2 svaro kriaušių (džiovintų)
- 1/2 svaro obuolių (džiovintų)
- 4 stiklinės vandens
- 4 šaukštai cukraus

Be to, cinamono, gvazdikėlių.

Vandenį su prieskoniais ir cukrumi užvirti ir po to sudėti nuplautus vaisius.

Norint, kad kompotas gražiau atrodytų, kiekvieną vaisių rūšį virinti atskirai ir tikrai po to sumaišyti. Kompotas į stalą duodamas atšaldytas.



Kūčių valgiai



SLIŽIKAI SU AGUONOMIS

Imti 1 stiklinę pieno, 1 oz. mielių, truputį druskos, didelį šaukštą cukraus, ir 1 1/2 stiklinės miltų, iš to užmaišyti tešlą (mieles prieš dedant į tešlą ištrinti su 1 šaukšteliu cukraus). Padėti šiltoje vietoje.

Kai truputį pakils, pridėti miltų ir užminkyti tešlą tokio kietumo, kad būtų galima ją kočioti. Gerai išminkyti, daryti piršto storumo ritinėlius, juos supiaustyti į gabaliukus (lygaus pločio ir ilgio) ir kepti vidutinio karštumo krosnyje (maždaug 350° F.)

AGUONŲ PIENO PARUOŠIMAS

Imti 1/2 svaro aguonų, jas sumalti (yra aguonoms malti mašinėlė) ir užplikinti su 2 stiklinėmis verdančio vandens. Nuplikinti, nulupti ir sukapti 10 migdolų ir sudėti į aguonas. Pridėti cukraus pagal skonį ir, kai atšals, įpilti 2 stiklines tikro pieno. Viską išmaišius, šiuo aguonų pienu užpilami sližikai ir pateikiami valgymui.

GRYBAI SU PAMIDORU PADAŽU

Išvirti 1/2 svaro džiovintų barykų. Supiaustyti pailgais gabaliukais ir ant jų užpilti pomidorų ir svogūnų padažą. Sudėti į salotini indą ir papuošti marinuotais grybais, petruškomis, morkutėmis.

Padažo paruošimas: Supiaustyti 2-3 svogūnus pailgais gabaliukais ir paspiginti alyvoje iki geltonos spalvos (alyvos imti 2-3 šaukštus). Pridėti 2-3 šaukštus pomidorų košės, truputį druskos, sumaišyti ir pilti ant grybų.

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Lietus tyliai barbena į langą. Šeštadienio pavakare. Dalytė mezga, o Algiukas spalvuoja, motina kitame kambaryje migdo mažąją Laimutę. Į duris smarkiai pasibeldžia, ir į kambarį įvirsta Kaziukas.

Kaziukas: Hi, Al. Hi, Dolly. What are you doing?

Dalytė: Aš visai ne Dolly, o Dalytė, ir mano broliukas Algiukas.

Kaziukas: What's the difference?! My name is Kaziukas, but nobody can pronounce it, so I changed to Charlie. What are you doing?

Algiukas: A bookmark for my father.

Kaziukas: A bookmark? For Christmas? Are you crazy? And what is this, Dolly?

Dalytė: Don't call me Dolly! I am knitting a bonnet for my baby sister.

Motina: Vaikai, ar užmiršot savo pažadą kalbėti tarp savęs lietuviškai? Turbūt nenorit, kad Kalėdų Senelis jums dovanų atneštų?

Vaikai: Neužmiršom, neužmiršom!

Dalytė: Atsiprašom, mamyte, čia Kaziukas kaltas, - pradėjo kalbėti angliškai, ir mes jam taip atsakom.

Algiukas: Mes daugiau taip nedarysim, prižadam!

Kaziukas: O man Santa Claus bicycle atneš! Mama žadėjo baseball nupirkti, o daddy transistor radio, if I get good marks in šeštadieninė mokykla.

Algiukas: Mes šiais metais vieni kitiems dovanų nutarėm nupirkti. Mes patys dovanėles padarysim: tėveliui ruošiu knygai pažymėti kortelę, mamytei ir Dalytei - nesakysiu, kitaip nebus staigmena. Už tuos pinigus, kuriuos sutaupėm nupirkdami dovanų, pasiuntėm močiutei ir pusbroliams siuntinių į Lietuvą . . .



Dalytė: Aš nenoriu nei naujos suknutės, nei lėlytės, kad tik močiutei nereikėtų šalti ir Birutė su Kęstučiu turėtų šiltus batukus.

Motina: Taip, šįmet mūsų kalėdinės dovanos bus naudingesnės Lietuvoj vargstančiai močiutei, tetai Jonei ir Birutei su Kęstučiu. Mes čia visko turim, o jiems dažnai ir duonelės trūksta, apie šiltus drabužius tik pasvajoti tegali.

Kaziukas: Ir mano tėvelis pasiuntė a package to Siberia, ten dėdė Joe in jail.

Motina: Žinau, Kaziuk, žinau! Tavo tėvelis daug padeda mūsų broliui Juozui Sibire. Mes vieni neišstengtume šelpti ir jo, ir Lietuvoj palikusios jo šeimos, ir mūsų senutės mamos. Tačiau ne tik siųsdami siuntinius mes jiems padedame. Mes turime stengtis būti geri lietuviai, mylėti savo tėvynę Lietuvą, išmokti gerai lietuviškai kalbėti, skaityti ir rašyti ir tik lietuviškai tarp savęs kalbėti.

Dalytė: Ir savo lietuviško vardo nesigėdinti, ir kitų vardų neiškraipyti . . .

Algiukas: Ir šeštadieninę mokyklą lankyti ir mokytis netingėti . . .

Motina: Tada ir dėdė Juozas Sibire, ir močiutė Lietuvoj, ir visa lietuvių tauta džiaugsis jumis ir jiems kentėti bus lengviau . . .

Kaziukas: Oh . . . I see . . .

Kaziukui tas pašnekesys padarė nemažą įspūdį. Parėjęs namo, jis žiūrėjo savo mėgstamos programos televizijoje, nes žaisti neturėjo su kuo - buvo vienturtis. Tačiau televizija jo šį vakarą kažkodėl nedomino. Tėveliams išėjus į koncertą, Kaziukas, neilgai gaisęs, nutarė eiti gulti. Atsigulęs kurį laiką skaitė, bet ir mėgiama knyga iš į laukinius vakarus besiveržiančių kolonistų gyvenimo nepatiko. Padėjęs knygą į šalį, Kaziukas pradėjo galvoti apie besiantinančias Kalėdas, eglutę ir dovanas. Staiga jis išgirsta pažįstamą melodiją, prasiveria durys, ir vidun įeina Kalėdų Senelis.

Kalėdų Senelis: Kelkis, Kaziuk, keliausim!

Kaziukas: Kur keliausim, Santa, į North Pole?

Kalėdų Senelis: Neklausinėk, tuoj pamatysi. Tik šiltai apsiauk. Ten dabar šalta!



Kaziukas greitai apsivelka ir išeina paskui Kalėdų Senelį. Čia pat kiemelyje jų laukia raketa. Juodu sėda raketon, ir jau skrenda padangėmis. Netrukus raketa nusileidžia Lietuvoje, nedidelio miestelio pakrašty. Kalėdų Senelis ir Kaziukas išlipa. Didelės sniegės tyliai krinta iš dangaus ir dengia visą žemę minkštu baltu patalu. Kalėdų Senelis veda Kaziuką prie artimiausios trobelės. Jie sustoja už lango ir stebi pro užuolaidų tarpą, kas dedasi viduje.

Birutė: Ar gerai uždengiau stalą, močiute?

Močiutė: Gerai, Birute, labai gerai! Dabar sudėsim lėkštes, čia mamytei, čia tau, čia Kęstutiui ir man, čia tėvelio vieta, - jis dabar vargsta vienas šaltame Sibire. Čia Jurgiui su Onute ir Kaziuku, čia Marytei ir jos šeimynėlei. Ir jie tolumoje Amerikoje dabar Kūčias valgo ir mus mini . . .

Kaziukas: Kalėdų Seneli! Tai mano grandma, I mean močiutė. Ir Birutė, ir Kęstutis. Aš pažįstu juos from the picture they sent me. Let's go inside!

Kalėdų Senelis: Ne, vaikuti, ne šiandien! Žiūrėk, kas bus toliau.

Močiutė: Vidury stalo, Birute, padėsim kryželių ir kalėdaičius, o tu, Kęstuti, padėk atnešti barščius ir šližikus su aguonu pienu. Juos padėsime prie kalėdaičių. Menkos mūsų Kūčios, - o būdavo, dvylika valgių būtinai gamindavom Kūčių vakarienei . . . Tuoj pareis mamytė ir kūčiausim.

Kęstutis: Kodėl mamytė taip ilgai nepareina?

Močiutė: Vaikeli, rusai draudžia tikėti į Dievą ir jį garbinti, todėl ir šventą Kūčių vakarą visokius susirinkimus ir paskaitas, kad žmonės neturėtų laiko prisiminti ir garbinti gimusį Kūdikėlį.

Birutė: Ar eisim į Piemenėlių mišias po Kūčių?

Močiutė: Ne, vaikeli, šį vakarą niekur neisim. Judu iš mokyklos išmestų, o mamytę iš darbo atleistų, jei pamatytų bažnyčion einant. Rytoj, sugrižę iš mokyklos, apsiliks šiltus tetos Marytės atsiųstus rūbelius, apsiausit naujuosius batukus ir eisim į Panemunės bažnytėlę. Ten mūsų niekas nepažįsta, ten ramiai galėsime pagarbinti gimusį Jėzulį.

Kęstutis: Panemunės? taip toli! Ar išbrisim per sniegą? Dar vis sninga!



Močiutė: Nebijok, išbrisis. Kad tik nepradėtų pustyti . . . O buvo laikai, vaikučiai, kai Dievą garbinti galėjom viešai, kai nereikėjo slėptis, lyg ką bloga darant . . . Bet kiek daug žmonių, laisvėj gyvenančių, to neįvertina. Pasimelsim ir už juos rytoj prie Jėzulinio Prakartėlėje. Ir už Amerikoje gyvenančius dėdę Jurgį ir tetą Marytę ir jų vaikučius, mus nuolat siuntiniais šelpiančius. Štai ir dabar Marytė rašo, kad vien ton kalėdinių dovanų vienas kitam Dalytė ir Algiukas judviem šiltus batukus nupirko . . .

Kęstutis: Ir paprašysim Dievulio, kad jį vėl laisvai garbinti galėtumė!

Birutė: Ir kad tėvelis iš Sibiro greičiau sugrižtų!

Kęstutis: Ir kad Dalytę, Algiuką, Laimutę ir Kaziuką galėtume sutikti ir padėkoti . . .

Močiutė: Taip, prašysim Dievo, kad greičiau laisvės sulauktume . . .

Kaziukas: Kalėdų Seneli, Kalėdų Seneli! Let's go inside! Prašau eikim vidun, nors minutei... Prašau... Prašau...

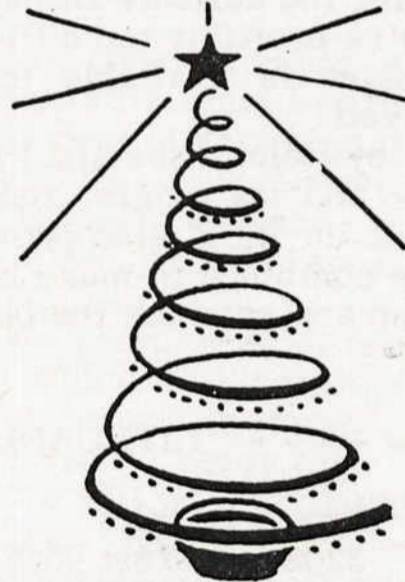
Motina: Kas yra, Kaziuk? Ko šauki? Tu sapnuoji! Nubusk, vaikel!

Kaziukas: Kur aš? Mamyte, tu čia? Aš ką tik buvau Lietuvoje, mačiau močiutę, Birutę, Kęstutį ir negalėjau pas juos nueiti. Jie eglutės neturi ir Kūčias tokias menkas. . . Ir bažnyčion eiti negali . . . Mamyte, aš prižadu būti geras, poterėlius kalbėti netingėti, ir gerai mokytis, ir namie lietuviškai kalbėti . . . Aš prižadu būti geras lietuvis . . . Aš prižadu . . .

(The above was prepared and presented by the Maironis Lithuanian School of Brooklyn, for the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour of New York, December, 1969).



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



to
YOU

Jack and Loretta

STUKAS

ENTHUSIASM

MEMBERSHIP

All the thoughts on membership are worthless unless the members have the spirit to make them work. This spirit can be called enthusiasm.

Emerson said "nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Enthusiasm means having a real interest, and everyone knows what having a real interest in an endeavor can accomplish. Your spirits rise when the action starts and there is an enlivening feeling of zest. Enthusiasm is interest plus energy, a will to do something and the spirit to get on with it. Knowing that your good friends would make good K of L members means nothing until you approach them with interest and enthusiasm. Few people can refuse someone who shows an interest in them with enthusiasm.

The satisfaction you will derive from seeing your council grow into a strong cohesive organization will amaze even the least enthusiastic. There is no enjoyment in putting off your membership recruitment. You do not get pleasure out of postponing or putting off your duty to the K of L to increase it's membership. These undone responsibilities begin to nag us.

Don't just look at membership recruitment as though it was someone else's problem. Start into it enthusiastically. Don't put it off another day. Start into it today enthusiastically. Don't pretend you must think it over. Start into it enthusiastically. Don't start half heartedly. Put everything you can into your start, start enthusiastically. Have an enthusiastic approach to matters concerning the K of L will keep the K of L an interesting and top flight organization. An enthusiastic approach to membership will guarantee a strong K of L organization in the future.

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

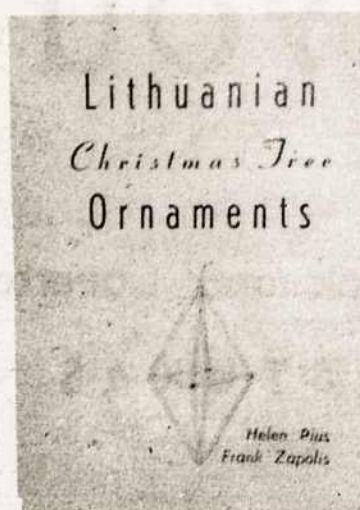
MAKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS . . .

If you have been admiring the delicate Lithuanian straw ornaments, wishing you knew how to make them, and then deciding that they're probably too difficult anyway, don't despair! "Help" has arrived. A compact, illustrated "how-to" booklet is available to help you get started now, to make your most beautifully-decorated Christmas tree yet!

The booklet, prepared by Helen Pius and Frank Zapolis, presents a short description of the Lithuanian Christmas Tree Ornament and its origin, and gives a step-by-step guide on how to make the basic ornament, and how to elaborate on it. It also provides photographs of finished ornaments, demonstrating how many simple shapes can be combined to make beautifully intricate designs.

Clip the following coupon and send for the booklet today.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL
M E E T I N G
Nov. 8, 1970 - Newark, N.J.

ATTENDANCE

Rev. A. Contons, Dr. J. Stukas, A. Jaritis, N. Kober, R. Pinkus, S. Boroskas, D. Dutkus, A. Klem, L. Svelnis, A. Bender, F. Vaskas, L. Stukas, M. Kober, A. Kober, H. Gillus, A. Bucenskis, M. Stonis, K. Sipaila.

RELIGIOUS BOOKLET

Rev. Contons announced the publication of the booklet "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN LITHUANIA - SOVIET MYTH". 10,000 copies were printed and councils, districts, and other organizations should be urged to obtain and distribute the pamphlets. The text will be printed in full in the Jan. VYTIS.

JUNIORS

A point system for activity in Junior Councils is being set up by Al Jaritis. Also, a photo contest for Juniors will be held in the near future.

MEMBERSHIP

F. Zapolis suggested by letter, that some token incentive prize be given each K of L-er signing up a new member. The idea will be developed further. In a discussion on other ways to increase membership, it was recommended that more concentration be placed on keeping members active once they join. Also, councils should be consulted regarding their needs and specific problems with membership.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mary Kober in the name of Great Neck Council 109, submitted a bid to host the 58th National K of L Convention. Also, the New England District had agreed to host the Convention if it were held at Kennebunkport, Me., as suggested at the last Supreme Council Meeting. After a discussion of the relative merits of holding the convention at either location, a vote was taken. The result favored Great Neck. The National Convention will be held at the Harrison House in Glen Cove, N.Y., hosted by C-109.

SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

It was agreed that the trip to Scandinavia, originally considered for 1971, be postponed until 1972.

MISC.

Donations were sent to the Lithuanian Salesian Center in Italy and to the Balzekas Lithuanian Museum of Chicago.

VYTIS STAFF

The new VYTIS staff is slowly taking shape, and will be introduced in full in the next issue. We sincerely thank our readers for their patience in accepting "change over" delays, omissions, etc. and promise to get on to smooth operation as soon as possible. Also, a most heartfelt "AČIŪ" is extended

to retiring editor Miss Irene Sankus for her outstanding helping hand during this transition period!

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Immediately after the election of new Council 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 Raitis reminds us the membership dues are \$5.00 per year and will be due on or before January 1, 1971. 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 members.

A message from the Great Neck Council

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
58th NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15, 1971

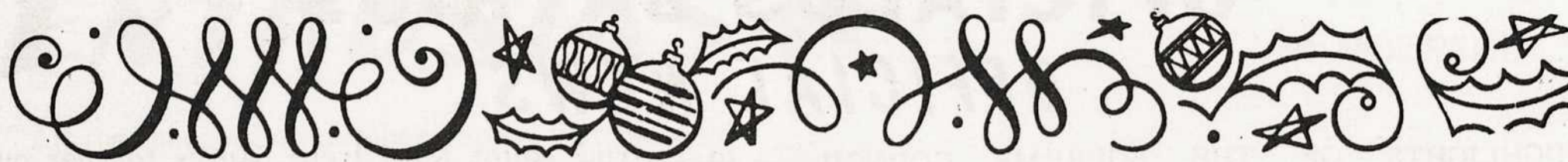
Harrison House
Glen Cove, Long Island
Hosted by Great Neck Council #109

Our first endeavor, in our 37 years of existence, to host a National Convention has not come without a great deal of apprehension and uncertainty. However, now that we have received the "go-ahead signal" from the Supreme Council, our 20 members have become one team with the great responsible undertaking we have assumed.

We promise a "different" Convention, - a Convention which will perhaps pave the way to innovations never before attempted. We're willing to change; we hope you're ready too!

We will be meeting at the elegant (former) Pratt-Whitney Estate in Glen Cove, on the exclusive, fashionable North Shore of Long Island. Resort-type accommodation, two swimming pools, bowling alleys, tennis courts, will be yours for the duration of the Convention. Meetings will be made pleasant with the interruption of coffee breaks.

We will need YOUR cooperation. Reservations (firm and definite) must be made well in advance if we can successfully plan this K of L Convention. We're new at this, but eager to please. Please help by giving us your support.



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**COUNCIL
ACTIVITIES**

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS. - C-10

Vincukas

Our condolences are extended to council president, Howie Beaudette, on the recent death of his father, Omer Beaudette. Our chaplain, Fr. Al Yankauskas led our council members and many K of L'ers from Worcester in the recitation of the rosary.

The Genaitis' family recently returned from a trip to Washington State and Canada.

Our local K of L stalwart, Frank Anoris was recently hospitalized. Frank is now recuperating at home.

Fran Milosh Muller and husband are now making their home in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Nellie Melaika spent her recent vacation in Europe. Lennie Davidonis has recently purchased a trailer camper and had been spending some time camping.

Howie Beaudette recently received the medal of merit for outstanding service to the Lithuanian Scouts. He has been chief chef the past 2 years at their annual Scout Jamboree held at the 4-H Camp in Spencer, Mass.

Our local council hosted the annual Fall K of L convention. The pre-convention dance was held

at the American Legion Hall in Gardner. The H & R Trio from Worcester furnished the music. The dance was well attended by our local gang along with others from Boston, Worcester, Brockton, and Lawrence. Sunday's activities began with a Mass in St. Francis Church. Sessions were held in the church hall followed by supper served by our sweet ladies. Area representative, Tom Colo, who is married to a former council member, spoke to the group on politics in general. The Spring convention will be held in Brockton.

ANSONIA, CONN. - C-135

"Topstone"

On Saturday, May 9, we honored our "oldest" K of L'er (80 years young) Stanley Bujanauskas to a testimonial dinner which drew a capacity crowd to our church hall. It was a night that will long be remembered as no one in the parish was so honored. The August-September issue page 25, lower right hand corner had a picture of Stanley. On Thursday, August 13, Stanley was laid to rest in Mt. St. Peter's Cemetery - approximately three months later after that eventful night that belonged to him. Stanley was city sheriff for the past 32 years and had two more years to serve until elections. He was secretary of the Lithuanian Political Club and St. Anthony's Society for over 58 years. He was very well known throughout Lithuanian circles in the East and had been a very devoted person fighting for Lithuanian Indepen-

dence. The same people who held him in such high esteem while he was living, paid their last respects to him by filling the church to capacity during his funeral mass. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and loved ones. He will be missed by the K of L and others in the parish who respected him for his wisdom and unselfish giving of himself to worthy causes. We are glad that we were able to show him how much he was loved by honoring him on his 80th birthday. A.A. Stanley.

Father Clement Kasinskas, a member of the Passionist Order and the second boy from St. Anthony's to enter the priesthood, has distinguished himself by writing a prayer for Lithuanians. It was printed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives on the 30th anniversary of Russian occupation of Lithuania. Father Clement is a bilingual preacher doing mission work in New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and has done much work in the coal mining regions of the latter state. To Fr. Clement -- Congratulations from the K of L C-135 and after reading this we think other councils will join us in our salutation.

It is a comfort to know that those who set themselves above the law have been served notice that they cannot escape the consequences of their actions. It brings renewed faith to know that this law on the books is being enforced. The Hon. Judge Joseph J. Chernauskas (C-135 charter member) resident judge of the Fifth Circuit Court in

Ansonia sentenced a 19 year old Stamford youth a few months ago to six months in jail for wearing the American flag as a patch on the seat of his blue jeans. Judge Chernauskas was presiding in the First Circuit Court in Stamford at the time! State Senator John M. Lupton of Weston, a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate has suggested a special award be given to Judge Chernauskas and lauded him for his action. We also would like to add our congratulations to "Judge Joe". Keep up the fine work.

HERE AND THERE:

Many of our members were traveling around so much these summer months, it has been hard to keep up with them - Lee and Olga were sporting beautiful tans from sailing on their big sailboat off the New England Coast and Long Island Sound. Sailing really agrees with these folks.

Al and Ann Barauskas, back from their trip to England and Italy with the K of L are planning a

"Night in Italy" for all K of L members of the council when they show some of their many slides of the trip. Their local companions during the trip were Al and Sue Jesulaities. Maybe it'll bring back some memories to Johnny Sabulis who spent quite some time there many years ago.

Church has been painted (outside) and looks real great. Fancy outside lights add to its appearance. Of course the Rectory was painted too! Can't do half a job now, can we? Congrats to Father Paul Sabulis for taking care of our property.

Millie Driznus spent a week vacationing up in New York State - she does not talk much about it - was supposed to be a camping trip - but plans change sometime -- Right Millie?

Ann Barauskas has another TV for the house -- Al says it goes in the bedroom for late shows - wanna bet? Ann won the set at the N.E.D. picnic held in Worcester and is

quite thrilled about it.

Gala New Year's Eve plans are in the making -- a fine time being planned for everyone attending. Make your reservations early, as its going to be a good time, "Lithuanian Style".

Dues are due -- have you paid them yet? We won't take you by the hand now -- Later it might be too late!

Father Kasinskas (home town boy) was the preacher at our Forty Hours held recently -- It was nice to see and hear Father Clement once again. Lots of luck from all of us Father.

Lil and John Norwood enjoyed their cottage at the Lake again this summer. Lil says it beats having a swimming pool at home anytime and saves John much work.

Al Jesulaitis, when asked why he wasn't in many of the pictures printed in the Vytis of the K of L trip stated he was socializing with the local folks - made many friends - and had a good time too! Didn't



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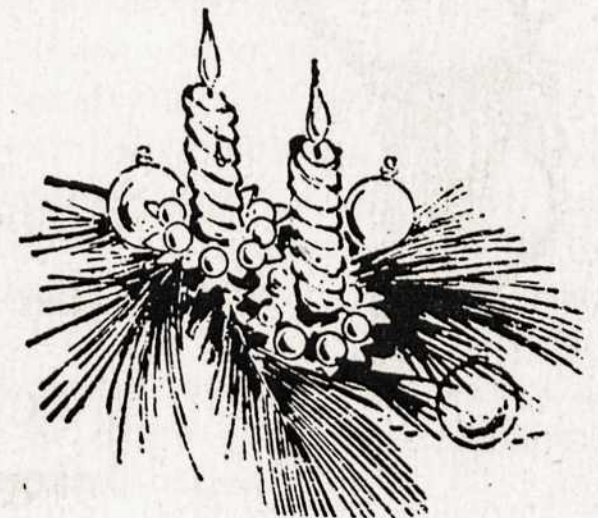
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have a drop of water on the entire trip and never got sick.

Johnny Sabulis had a surprise while attending a Saturday Evening Mass in Maine recently. Expecting the regular fare - it turned out to be a big special occasion, for the Mass was celebrated by Maine's Bishop Peter L. Gerety. Bishop Gerety also gave the homily or sermon and was well received by all. After Mass he met with all attending and offered his personal individual greetings. Very impressive!! Incidentally, John is no stranger in that parish for he has been there many times through the years - even taking up the collection at times.

Peter Gumbulevich enjoys his night job as guard at the YWCA in New Haven - He sees all the latest styles and is becoming quite an authority. Lots of luck Pete!

Even though the National Convention was held in Chicago, the members are planning to attend the next one in force as it's scheduled to be held here in the East - let's go! And make it a time to be remembered!

Fall activities are being planned and your help is needed. The more the better it will be, as new ideas and help are needed.

WORCESTER, MASS. - C-26
"Dzukele"

"Had a great time in Chicago" is what we hear from our delegates. Those attending the National Convention last August were Anne

Bender, Ted & Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus, Anne Bucinskas, Mary Jankowski, Paul Kuzmeskas, and the three Gregonis brothers, Vinnie, Allen and Bob. Receiving special awards at the Convention were Anne Bender, Beverly Yvanauskas, and Allen Gregonis. Birute Raciukaitis received the K of L Scholarship and has since begun her studies at the University of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Two members of our council are now members of the Supreme Council: Mary Jankowski is Cultural Chairman and Rita Pinkus is on the Ritual Committee.

Frances Grigas played hostess at her home for a ham and bean supper preceding the July meeting. Assisting her were Pauline Flaherty, Adele Degutis, and Christine Delonis. Father Jutt, our pastor, filled in for Father Steponaitis at this meeting. Father Steponaitis, our spiritual director, was vacationing with the altar boys of the parish.

Bill and Carol Grigas were our hosts for the shish-ka-bob supper preceding the August meeting and this, too, was a delightful affair. Bill and Carol were assisted by Ron and Lorna Walinsky and by Steve and Ellie Walinsky.

"Those Wedding Bells are Breaking Up that Old Gang of Mine" certainly rings true in our council. Mr & Mrs. Howard Beressi (Josephine Shimanskas Berthiaume) were married in the Spring and are living in Auburn. Charles and Joyce Grigaitis were married in October

and will live in Worcester. Also married in October, in Philadelphia, were Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Drumstas (Diane Beletsky Daniels). Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couples.

We are happy to announce the following births: Betty & Richard Desautel have a baby son, David Christopher, born last June. Anne and Vyto "Sparky" Morkunas have a baby son, Vyto Peter, Jr., born in September. Congratulations to the happy families!

Jim Sanders and Matilda (Tillie) Carroll both spent time in hospitals recently and now we hear that Mrs. Nell Thompson is also waiting for a bed. Best wishes to all three for the return of good health.....and quickly.

Wanda Pajeda was a joy to hear recently as she related of her trip, accompanied by her mother, to Lithuania this past summer to visit relatives. Christine Delonis and Frances Grigas toured several countries of Europe in August. Terry Ciginskas and Emily Gudzevich enjoyed Maine and Massachusetts coastal areas this summer. We'll tell you about the interesting trips of others in another issue.

Mary Jankowski, Anne Bender and Helen Gillus, the three co-co-chairmen for the September NED Cultural Picnic, held at Maironis Park, report a social and financial success, due to the combined efforts of many. We'll attest to that! They worked hard with their assist-



GREETINGS

TO ALL -

from

New England's
Youngest Council

C-135

Ansonia, Conn.



Merry Christmas

Council 29
Newark, N. J.



Happy New Year

ants, and the results simply prove once more that the K of L is quite a team.

A beautiful attendance at the District Convention in Athol in September made this affair another K of L success. "Great time" seems to apply to a great many K of L functions!

Joseph Sakaitis tells us the Fall Dance will be held at Maironis Park on November 7 and he'll be assisted by Janice Tagman, Allen Gregonis, Virginia Lelakis, Wanda Pajeda, Charles Grigaitis, Edmund Grigaitis and Anne Bender.

Paul Roland advises that the bowling season is in full swing and by the time this is published, the teams will have been selected and competition soared high!

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



NEWARK, N.J. - C-29

The Wanderer

C-29 celebrated its 55th Anniversary with a gala dinner-dance on Saturday, October 10 in St. George's Hall. The affair was a grand success in many ways. The committee, headed by Albinas Zukauskas, deserves a great hand for their endeavors in making the event the success it turned out to be. It commenced with greetings by Mr. Zukauskas. Toastmaster was Supreme Council President, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, and the invocation was offered by Rev. John Scharnus, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Newark.

Dr. Stukas extended greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council, complimenting C-29 on its many years of activity, stressing in particular the fact that despite many obstacles, C-29 managed to survive,

A HOLY and HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to all

Rev. Raymond Yuskauskas

James Valaitis

Anthony Alexander

John Alanskas

Tom Kaukas

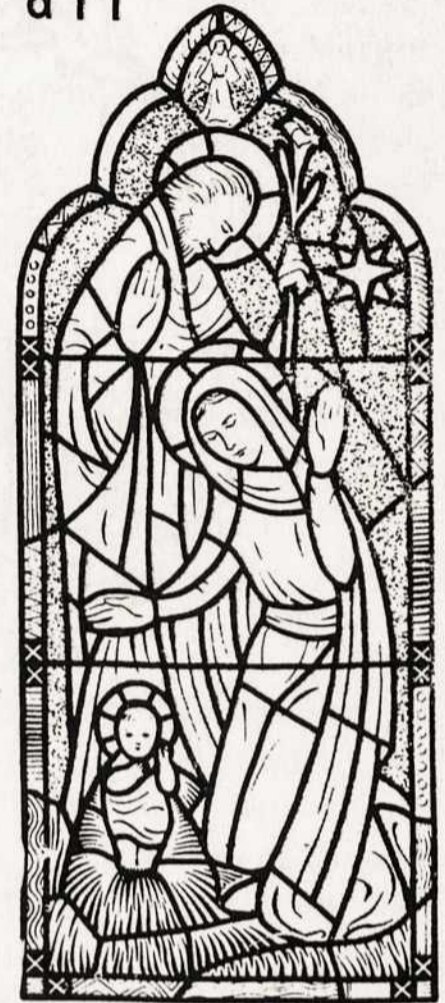
Lillian Paulauskas

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Di Napoli

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Samoska, Jr.

Dr. & Mrs. William Shukaitis

(all of C - 7)



and has done much in the field of Lithuanian activity, especially in Lithuanian affairs committee of the K of L. Rev. John Scharnus also greeted those gathered and complimented the K of L and C-29 for their many years of endeavor, and for remaining true to the Church in these troubled times. Greetings were also extended from our spiritual advisor, Rev. Totoraitis. Called on for a bow were past-presidents Charles Strolis and Peter Podgalsky, N.Y.-N.J. District president Ann Klem, Honorary Member John Sprainaitis of Paterson, your columnist, former national president, Joseph Sakevich and his Mrs., Vytis Editor Loretta Stukas, and others.

The Zibuokles Sextet, directed by Louis Stukas gave a very fine program of musical selections and were recalled for several encores. Our anniversary received excellent coverage in both the Lithuanian and American press, especially the ADVOCATE, NEWARK NEWS, ELI-

ZABETH DAILY JOURNAL. They deserve letters of thanks. The evening came to a close with greetings from C-29 President K. Sipaila and benediction by Rev. J. Barkus.

On October 20 the yearly elections took place with the following results: President - Kazys Sipaila, Vice-President - Rose Zukauskas, Treasurer - Eva Sharon, Secretaries - Helen Radisch, Mary Stonis and Ann Abromaitis.

NOTES OFF THE CUFF:

Don't forget that next year is the Silver Anniversary of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Let's make it a banner year and the outstanding one re our letter writing, and also arrange some sort of program marking said anniversary. C-29 wishes to express its condolence and sympathy to Antanina Skruodys and her family on the death of her mother in Lithuania.....Sure has been some year for traveling for Yours Truly, particularly outstanding was the trip to Rome for the Lithuanian Shrine Dedication.

Holiday Greetings



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



Dear K of L Pilgrims to Rome,

May the Christmas
Spirit prevail in your
hearts and homes
throughout the
New Year.

Mary York
Council 12
New York



May the Blessings
of Christmas
Remain With You
throughout the New Year

Ann Klem
NY-NJ District President



To all my K of L friends . . .
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų ir
Laimingų Naujų Metų.



Annie Mitchell Matulevičiutė
Honorary Member

NEW YORK, N.Y. - C-12

Liberty Lady

October 4th was an enjoyable and busy occasion for us. Prior to the meeting a group of over fifty people had fun at an "Italian Fiesta". A real family gathering of children, teenagers, brothers, sisters, parents and grandparents. Of focal interest to all was a display table of Italian souvenirs recently acquired by Mary York while on the K of L tour. After a slide presentation of the European trip we climaxed our social hour with a drawing of door prizes, many of which came from Italy. It seems we are never too old to be surprised and are tickled pink when we win.

John Yorkus, newly elected President, was presented a Knights of Lithuania emblem necktie (all the way from London) for his past dedicated service as Vice-President of C-12. His charming wife, Ann, was also honored by the council for her many devoted years as President of the Rosary Society and was presented with a Pearl Rosary blessed by Pope Paul.

Our honored guests, Ann Klem, N.Y.-N.J. District President, and Loretta Stukas, Editor of Vytis, gave us the benefit of some new approaches for K of L activities,

recapped highlights of the convention and suggested guidelines for local publicity.

C-12 is donating \$100 to the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel Fund with a special thank you to Bishop V. Brizgys, in appreciation for making the chapel a reality and a permanent remembrance to Lithuanians all over the world.

We were most happy to welcome into the council a new member, Helen Matthews, a fellow traveler at the K of L tour. Helen, upon offering her services, was promptly put to work.

The members are looking forward to a religious music recital at the dedication of the new organ in the parish church, Our Lady of Vilna.

A Merry Christmas to All!!!

PHILADELPHIA, PA. - C-3

Happenings by Vladas

Congratulations are the order of the day for Council 3! Congratulations are extended to: Lillian Sasnauskas for receiving her 4th Degree Medal in Chicago; Tony Burch and Alena Pinkus (of Worcester, Mass.) who tied the knot on August 1. (Someone will have to investigate the magnetism between Worcester K of L'ers and our Philly

K of L'ers!); Irene & Walt Svekla who moved into a home in Cherry Hill, N.J.; John & Agnes Mickunas who bought a summer home near Wildwood Villas, N.J.; Diane Daniels and Joe Drumstas (another Worcesterite) who became Mr. & Mrs. on October 24, and to Margie & Charlie Petronis and to Ann & Sparky Morkunas (Worcester, again!) who recently became proud parents of future K of L'ers, Mark and Vyto, respectively.

C-3 recently held elections with the following results: President - Lillian Sasnauskas, Vice-President - Al Ozalis, Recording Secretary - Irene Ozalis, Financial Sec. - Irene Svekla, Treasurer - Tony Burch, Trustees - Alena Burch and Diane Drumstas.

The National Convention in Chicago was poorly attended by our Philly Council (we had only one representative - Lillian Sasnauskas), but it was gratifying to hear that our members and our Sunday night party were sorely missed by those at the convention. Let's hope that next year's convention works out better for our members.

C-3's monthly meetings are getting more interesting and attendance has been picking up since we've been having them at our members' homes. Tony & Alena Burch



C-12, (Manhattan, N.Y.,) and guests during "Italian Fiesta" meeting.



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A Blessed Christmas
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Joyous New Year
to all
K of L Members Everywhere

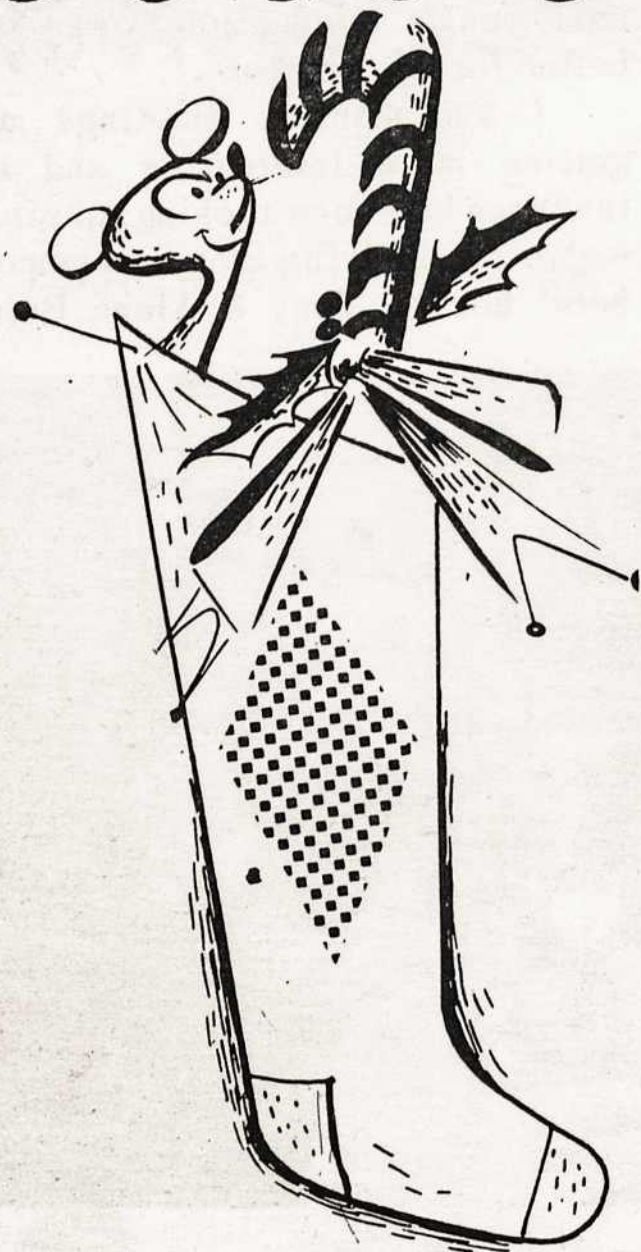
Dottie Dutkus
Member of C-61



HOLIDAY GREETINGS
TO ALL

MY K of L FRIENDS

FRANK GUDELIS
DAYTON, OHIO



SEASONS GREETINGS

I L L I N O I S - I N D I A N A

D I S T R I C T

hosted our meeting in November and Alberta & Chuck Wiegand will play host in December. Could it be that a trend has started?

A C-3 Lithuanian Heritage Committee has been formed with Vic Balten as chairman. The function of this committee is to spread Lithuanian culture beyond the normal K of L circles. Two projects under way are the donation of Lithuanian books to local Catholic high schools and the placement of a monument or marker at the site of the first Lithuanian settlement in Penna. We hope this committee flourishes and proves an example to other K of L Councils. Until next month - Linksmu Kaledu, Laimingu Nauju Metu, ir Sudiev!

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



DISTRICT

V. Ed. Pavis

The Cleveland Seniors Council deserves a lot of compliments for all its efforts in promoting a most successful District Convention. Under its most capable Chairlady on arrangements, Miss Stella Sankal, and all her superb committee members, their Council hosted a long to be remembered District annual event. Aside from the social, religious and ceremonial aspects that were practically flawless, the Convention itself after hearing the various reports of all our District officers, committee chairmen and all our affiliating Councils, approved them, and then settled down on deliberations followed by sound decisions on the future course for our beloved Order.

In the matter of our K of L Camp Dainava Week program, this was indefinitely tabled until such time that sufficient interest become apparent to warrant such renewal.

From the M-C Convention



Mid Central District Convention Presidium: 1. to r. Stella Sankal, Stella Pavis, Ed. Pavis. Standing, Frank Gudelis.



Joseph Stempuzis, director of Lithuanian Radio Hour, speaking during Convention Banquet. Seated, Mary Lucas, Father Goldakofsky.



**Broliai ir sesės
Vyčiai ir Vytės . . .**

**Sveikinu visus su Šv.
Kalėdomis ir laimingais
Naujais 1971 metais. Te
stiprina Kūdikėlis Jėzus
Jūsų vytišką dvasią!**

**Juozas Sadauskas
Garbės narys**

On the matter of a religious Pilgrimage, it was decided to sponsor one, tentatively, on Sunday, June 27, 1971, at the SHRINE OF THE THREE CROSSES, at the Lithuanian HOLY CROSS CHURCH in Dayton, Ohio, requesting our District Spiritual Director and Pastor of said parish, to graciously lead us all during this Holy Day of Recollections. It was also decided that our District's Semi-Annual Executive Board session will convene that same day in conjunction with the District's Pilgrimage in Dayton. A \$25 donation was approved to the Lithuanian Daily "Draugas" in recognition of its generous publicity that it has granted our group.

In the matter of where the next District Convention will be held, word was received from Miss Grace Vaskelis that K of L C-102 of Detroit, Mich. has graciously consented to host the 24th Annual District Convention, probably about the same time of year. The District will sponsor a special Membership Drive, this coming year, especially to re-recruit our lost former members - now that non-Lithuanian spouses of members are admissible as Associate members. Our District's Second Vice-President, Miss Grace Vaskelis, will be in charge of this Membership Drive.

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Drizzle and damp weather were the order of the day for our meeting on Nov. 4. This was election night. Our president, Frank Zager, was retiring and the following new officers emerged as victors: Spiritual Advisor - Father A. Babonas, President - Gerald Zager, Vice-Pres. I - Ed Sackle, Vice-Pres. II - Frank Zager, Financial Secretary - Jos. Chaps, Recording Secretary - Magdalan Smailis, Treasurer - Leon Galinskas, Trustees - A. Dainus, R. Grasha, D. Martin. We thank the outgoing officers for a tremendous job in the past tenure and welcome the new ones and wish them much

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success in their respective offices.

Besides being a busy homemaker, Elizabeth Paurazas, gives many hours to church and civic activities. Her secret of getting so many things done is to start doing them. One of her consistent activities has been director of Lithuanian Women's Retreat. This year the 17th Annual One Day Retreat was held at Mary Reparatrix Retreat House, on Oct. 13. Each year there are interesting speakers who conduct the retreat.

A very resounding report on the K of L pilgrimage was given by Maggie Smailis with the assist of Ruth Grasha, who also went on the trip. Their first stop was London, England, and found the city very picturesque. The changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace and a tour to Stratford-on-Avon was really something fascinating. In Rome, they saw many priceless treasures and beautiful works of art including the breathtaking Sixtine Chapel. The K of L'ers were

the only group invited to participate in the Consecration of the Lithuanian Chapel Altar and accompanying Mass. Maggie was privileged to shake the hand of Pope Paul VI, following the celebration of one of the Masses. Their trip also included visits to shops, tours of ancient cathedrals, a Gondola ride in Venice and many other points of interest. There were a lot of weary feet and lack of sleep from constantly being on-the-go, but the experiences and countless memories gained from the K of L pilgrimage will long survive. Maggie did a lot of picture-taking in her travels and promises to treat us to some movies "one of these days" at our meeting.

Attending the Mid-Central District convention in Cleveland were delegates: Ruth Grasha, Magdalan Smailis, Violet & Joe Panavas and Vicki Chepelonis and her guest, Bernice Doble. Vicki, who has been busy in preparation of moving to Redford, expressed that it was fun "to get away" and go the Greyhound

way. Among the "early birds" to the M/C convention were Ruth and Maggie arriving there on Friday. Lovely weather dominated the delegates' trip, and they summed up the assemblage as a constructive, entertaining and strictly "forget the calories" affair. Evidently, the Cleveland Committee went all out and - Labai Aciu. Congratulations to all our new M/C district officers including President V. Ed Pavis who is serving his 5th term, along with his "better-half" Stella. Our three delegates, Ruth Grasha, Vicki Chepelonis and Maggie Smailis emerged as trustees, and Ruth as Public Relations Chairman. Ruth Grasha gave a fine report at the November meeting.

SOFFI SNOOPING: Word is that Cel Yunck, now retired, is living a good life in Florida, where she and Harold are building a house....George & Sophia Leskosky are back from a plane trip to Puerto Rico and the Mediterranean. According to Sophia, it is a fascinating

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place to see....E & K Gogelis covered Michigan, Wisconsin and Nebraska by car in September while visiting many state parks and lakes. The highlight of their trip was a visit with friends in Omaha.. Joe & Sophia Golojuch of Rotterdam, N. Y. (nee Sophia Kazlauskas, formerly of Amsterdam, N.Y.) were guests of Frank Zagers. They even brought their guest to the K of L meeting....The Artic Circle was the destination of Clem Patocki for a week's fishing trip - Can anyone top that?....Tom Martin has been in U.S. service for a year in specialized training. He's been in Texas, Florida and other parts of the country. He has received orders to be shipped to Vietnam.....For the first fall meeting held at Ona Walls' home, the ladies of Moteru Sajunga were terrorized when a masked man entered through a bedroom window and joined the ladies in the downstairs recreation room. The ladies, at first, thought it was a joke. They realized it was no Halloween prank when he left with some of the womens' purses including Ona's.... If anyone wants to know how to open a locked car with the ignition keys INSIDE the car after a meeting, just ask Maggie Smailis..... Patricia Medonis has been hospitalized and we wish her a speedy recovery. Do drop in to visit with her if you have an opportunity....Three birthdays in one week were celebrated in the Gogelis' household in November: Vida on 17, Charlie on 23, and Estelle on 25.....Dorothe

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Martin is doing a remarkable job as new editor of the Patter. It is always newsy, up to the point and carries a bit of humor, wit and items of council activities. Anyone having news of interest, call Dorothe at 474-4822.

Since this is the festive season, we wish to extend everyone a real Lithuanian Linksmu Švenčiu!

DAYTON, OHIO - C-96

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October 14th saw us spending our second annual Evening of Recollection under the arrangements made by our religious chairmen, Pat Zelinskas and Eloise Berczelly, aided by Fr. Titas Narbutas. The evening began with a catered dinner prepared by Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz. Father Richard Danielak from St. Adalbert's parish was our spiritual leader. The program began with a sermon followed by the Rosary, exchange of dialogue and ending with Mass and reception of the Blessed Sacrament in both species. It was a most rewarding evening.

On October 15th Fr. Titas made arrangements for an Evening of Recollection in Lithuanian. This evening was under the spiritual direction of Fr. Alphonse Bernatonis, OFM Cap. Fr. Bernatonis made this stop to Dayton as part of his tour of the USA and Canada. He is raising money for a new dormitory for a Lithuanian high school in Germany. Both evenings were open to all council members and parishioners.

"Den Mother" for our Jrs. in October was Mary Lucas. Mary had a real "Hobo Party".....this means beans from the can and all! Also on the agenda was a scavenger hunt with Elaine Pocovsky's team winning. Costume winners were Mary E. Petkus, Cathy Sinkwitz, Georgie Mikalauskas and Michael Petkus.

The weekend of Oct. 16-18

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AND ESPECIALLY TO ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF
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NEWLY ELECTED (or re-elected) DISTRICT OFFICERS for 1970-1971:

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Frank Gudelis, - Honorary Member - Dist. First Vice-President.
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Mrs. Stella F. Pavis - District Secretary.
Miss Stella Sankal - District Treasurer.
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Frank Gudelis, - H.M. - Dist. Ritual Committee Chairman.
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Mrs. Mary L. Lucas, - H.M. - Dist. Cath. Action Committee Chairlady
and Representative and Correspondent to the "VYTIS".
Miss Ruth L. Grasha - Dist. Lith. Public Relations Committee Chairlady.



Joe, Ada & Cathy Sinkwitz, Mary Lucas, Sally & Mary Miller, Frank Gudelis and Joe Noreikas headed for the annual district convention. The Cleveland Seniors were hosts. Judy Petrokas and Rita Ambrose spent the weekend at the home of Clevelanders John & Evelyn Andruslis. To say "a good time was had by all" would not completely cover the reports that came back to Dayton. We hear Clevelander Pete Luiza entertained the members at the organ. Dayton's Steponas Bucmys had the honor of singing solo at the Sunday Mass. Congratulations to Fr. Titas continuing as District Spiritual Advisor; Mary Lucas remaining as Vytis Correspondent and Religious Chairman; Frank Gudelis remaining as 1st Vice-President and Ritual Chairman for the District. What's this we hear -- Joe Sinkwitz is converting John Andruslis into a rock enthusiast now? (We don't mean music). Joe could blow this hobby into a national function if he keeps at it!

**Wishing You Well
at Christmas . . .**

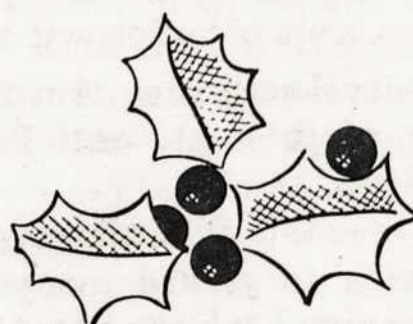
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ODDS AND ENDS.....

We hear George & Frances Mikalauskas came in first place for the costume awards at the annual Lithuanian Club's Halloween Party on October 31st. Cheers to the winners! Congratulations to our Jr. treasurer, Mark Vaitkus, who was one of 29 selected to participate in Dayton's Honor Seminar program for high school students. Mark made his achievement in the field of physics.

We are happy to see Eva Leisure is on the road to recovery from her recent bout with pneumonia. Good to hear all is well with Ann Kondrotas and Annadel Miller who also had their troubles with illnesses.

Birthday Greetings for Nov. are extended to Eugenia Gecas, Polly Pietrzak, Anita Goldick, Mike Dailey, Ada Sinkwitz, Janet Veigel, John A. Berczelly and Bette Omlor. Anniversary greetings are sent to Mike & Alice Petkus, Pete & Paulette Petkus, John & Ann Scott!

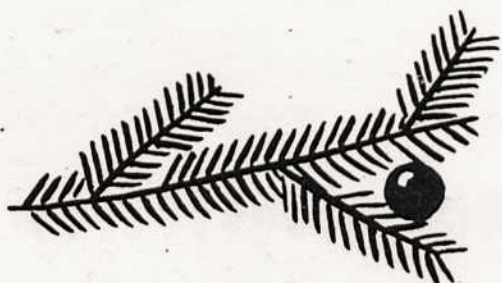


DETROIT, MICH. - C-102 "Ace"

What's new with 102? Well, we certainly have a lot to tell you. Our anniversary dinner-dance was beautifully planned and all guests had a time that was absolutely grand. For the committee we give laud: Donna Bunikis, Mary Ann Guerriero, Edna Klucens and Terry Medonis. A well done job to make us proud. The Venetian Club was the scene, a place where one could dream. Not too modern, not too old - the decor was in green and gold. The buffet was plentiful and delicious; splendid looking and nutritious. From all over the city, friends came, both present members and founders in name; some from other Detroit councils fame. We had out-of-town guests attending, too, Julia, Joanne, Stella and Antoinette - with friendship to renew.

The program was never tiring, honored guests charming and speeches were inspiring. The music was by the orchestra of Joe Stark, enough to give even the old a spark. Variety of style was the way; we'll remember it for many a day. Our thanks we do bequest, they fulfilled our every request. To our master of ceremonies, Bob Boris, our praises could ring out a chorus. And our president, Grace Vaskelis, was simply delightful - to give her our thanks is only rightful. She worked with the committee diligently and made a small raffle a success; her welcome and introductions were superb, again our thanks does she deserve.

The speeches gave our spirit a lift, the dancing kept our feet adrift and friendly conversation made it a perfect combination. **THANKS TO ALL!**



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



CHICAGO, ILL. - C-36 Christine

With Thanksgiving just past and Christmas almost here, C-36 can recall many memories to be thankful for.

Mrs. Norbut would like to thank everyone for all the get well cards and wishes she received, when in Holy Cross Hospital. She is now living with her daughter in Niles, Illinois. Mr. Budris gives thanks to all well-wishers after his heart attack and freak accident. He has gone through two operations and is

recovering slowly.

Thanks to all the beautiful people we met while at the Sheraton-Chicago and who left us with such nice memories of the K of L convention here in August.

A special thank you to all the Vyciai and their friends who have participated in many of the functions that C-36 has held.

Jonas and Virginia Urbonas are thankful to be the proud parents of a 6 lb. 13 oz. baby girl, Kristin Rachel. This is their first child. Congratulations.

C-36 would also like to extend its congratulations and best wishes on the following engagements: Christine Chernius to Rudolf Stachyra. Their wedding is planned for June 26, 1971. Isabelle Conway to Walter T. Zemgulis. Their wedding date has not been set.



COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS TAKE NOTE:

Effective immediately, ALL COUNCIL NEWS should be sent to newly appointed Council News Editor at the following address: Mrs. Josephine Zukas, 9 Charles St., Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. - 11050. All other articles and material should continue to be sent to the Editor, Mrs. Loretta Stukas, 1467 Force Drive, Mountainside, N.J. - 07092.

K OF L CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 6 NY-NJ DISTRICT CONVENTION - St. Michael's Hall, Bayonne, N.J.
- 12 C-112 CHRISTMAS PARTY, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 13 C-100 CHRISTMAS PARTY, Tower Inn, Amsterdam, N.Y., 6:00 P.M.

JANUARY

- 23 IID CHOIR DANCE, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.
- 31 AWARDS DINNER for Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.

APRIL

- 24-25 30th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, DANCE AND BANQUET, of Memories of Lithuania Radio Hour, directed by J. J. Stukas, New Jersey.

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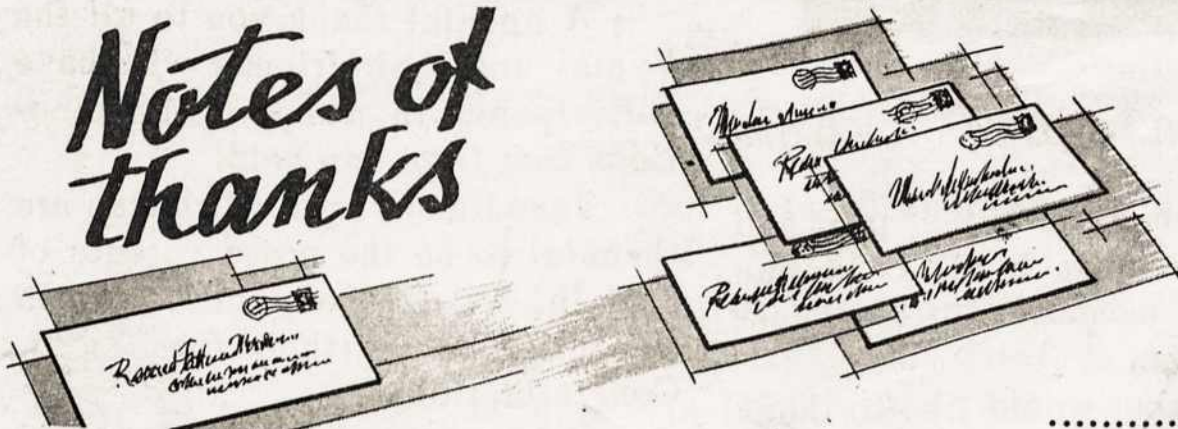
- 11-25 58th NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Harrison House, Glen Cove, N.Y., C-109, Great Neck, Hosts.

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Notes of Thanks



.....FROM THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Dear Professor Stukas:

At this time, I would like to thank you for the scholarship which I received from the Knights of Lithuania. I would also like to thank everyone who participated on my behalf.

Birute Raciukaitis

Dear Mr. Stukas:

Please accept my sincerest thanks for the lovely K of L scholarship. Your kindness will always be appreciated. Thanks again.

Lauren Kentra

.....AND A CORRECTED THANK YOU:

In the Thanksgiving Thoughts by K of L children, printed in November VYTIS, the pictures of Georgiana Kassel and Michael Grigaliunas were accidentally switched, and Michael's message was unintentionally cut short. Our sincerest apologies. Since Michael's message said concisely what so many of us should feel, we are printing his corrected message this month:

WHAT I AM THANKFUL TO GOD FOR

I am thankful for being an altar boy. I am thankful for living in a free country. I am thankful for being a Lithuanian and I am thankful to have nice parents, brother, and sister, and friends.

Michael Grigaliunas - Age 10
 Bayonne, N.J.



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