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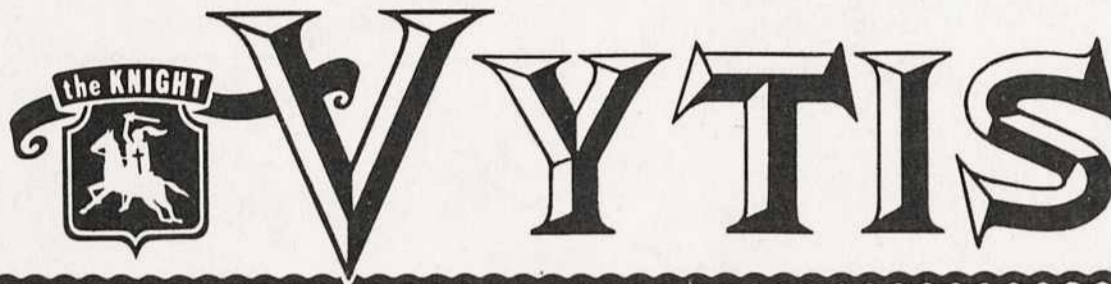
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Religious Freedom In Lithuania - Soviet Myth

by REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS

Communist persecution is crippling the Church in Lithuania and rendering it inactive for practical purposes.

Out of fear of reprisals Christians are discouraged from coming to church for worship, baptism, marriage, funerals. If church doors remain open, it is basically a propaganda gesture to hide religious persecution from naive Western visitors.

This is the situation which saddens Lithuanians the world over.

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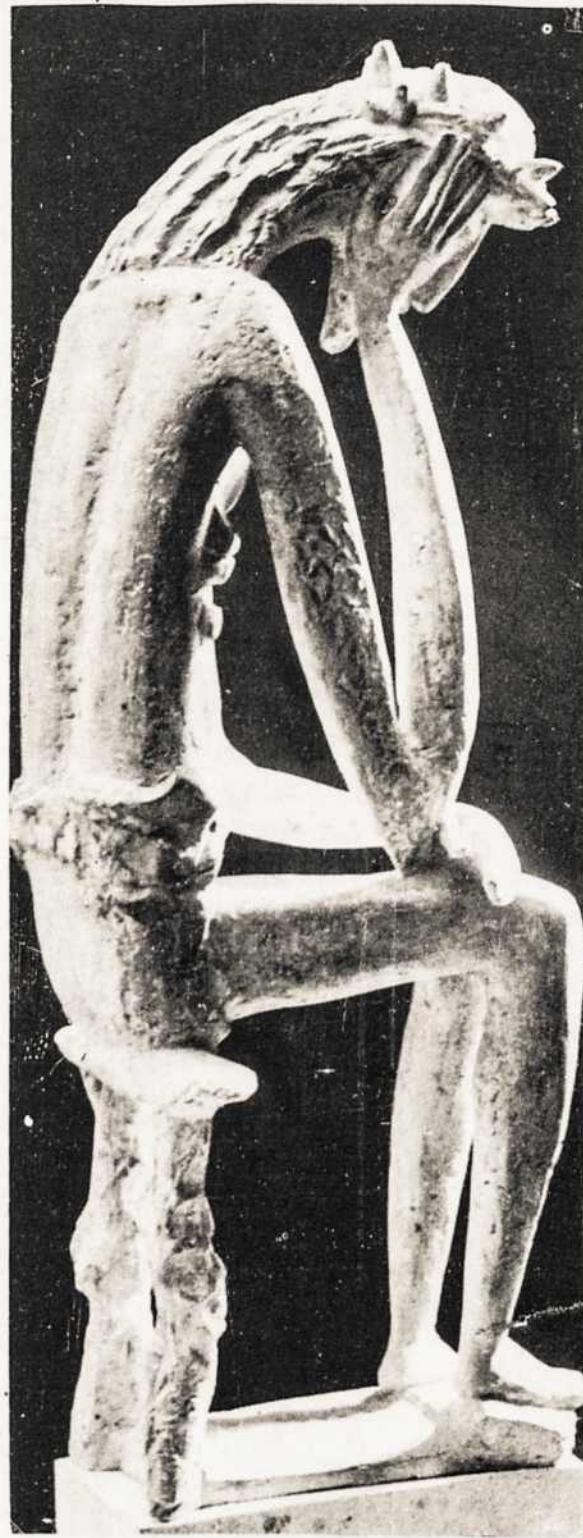
Lithuania has the unenviable distinction of having lived under Communist and Nazi occupations. A small and independent nation of three million on the shores of the Baltic Sea, 85% Catholic, Lithuania was forcibly occupied by Soviet armies in 1940. As a result of the surprise German attack in 1941 Lithuania was under Nazi rule until 1944, when Soviet armies overran Lithuania again.

Having experienced life under Communism in 1940-1941, about 75,000 Lithuanians fled to the West before the swift advance of the Red Army in 1944. During mass deportations in 1941 and 1944-1950 more than 300,000 were swallowed up in Siberian slave labor camps. Some 30,000 Lithuanian freedom fighters were killed between 1944 and 1950 in guerilla warfare resisting Soviet occupation.

PRIESTS PROTEST REPRESSION

Religious freedom is so completely denied today by the Communist regime that priests in Lithuania, despite personal risk, have protested by signed declarations. In the diocese of Vilkaviskis priests appealed in a letter to their bishops on Dec. 31, 1968 and protested also to Communist officials in a document signed by more than thirty priests and dated Jan. 8, 1969.

They protested government interference in seminary affairs and recalled that the Soviet constitution requires separation of



"Rūpintojėlis" - the Lithuanians' "Pensive Christ."

Church and State. But they asked, "What Soviet laws permit government officials to administer the internal affairs of the seminary?"

Shortly after the protest all signers received a written reprimand from Soviet officials. One priest was arrested and sentenced to hard labor in a military camp near Vilnius. Then dean of the clergy was removed from office and from his pastorate. Four more priests were punished in other ways.

In August of 1969 forty priests of the Vilnius diocese signed a lengthy protest letter addressed

to top Soviet authorities in Moscow and in Lithuania. They protested the contradiction between the guaranty of religious freedom in the Soviet constitution and its denial in practice. They quoted from the writings of Lenin that "every person must have full freedom not only to profess any religion he wants, but also to publicize and change his faith... this is a matter of conscience and let no one dare to interfere in these matters."

"But in reality it is not so," according to the priests' declaration. "The laws which protect the rights of the faithful are broken without any consideration."

In their statement the priests outlined the tactics which are being used today by Communist officials to destroy the Catholic Church and religious belief in Lithuania.

"The Catholic Church in Lithuania is condemned to die." This is stark and frightening conclusion of the forty Vilnius priests.

SEMINARY COMMUNIST CONTROLLED

Primary target of religious persecution is the clergy. Before the Soviet occupation of Lithuania in 1940 there were four seminaries, 400 seminarians and 1439 priests. - Today all seminaries have been shut down except one with a top limit of 30 students. Of 800 priests still living, about 100 are complete invalids.

Admission of candidates to the seminary is controlled by Communist authorities. This year the number of students allowed to be accepted from the entire country has been raised from five to six per year. An applicant has to complete his Soviet military service first. Then he needs approval of local and regional Communist party officials, and finally of the Communist Commissar of Cult, who is in charge of Church affairs.

Communist secret agents seek to infiltrate the seminary, be ordained and work to destroy the Church from within. In 1961 Bishop Julijus Steponavicius was exiled

from his own territory because among other things he refused to ordain three students who were discovered to be Communist agents.

PRIESTS' WORK PERMITS

Priestly life is much restricted by Soviet authorities. To accept any church position such as pastor or assistant, the priest needs a "work permit" from the Communist Commissar of Cult (the "delegate" for religious affairs, or "Bishop of bishops," as he is nicknamed in Lithuania). The four bishops still allowed to function cannot transfer priests without permission of the Commissar. But the Commissar can transfer pastors and assistants on his own authority without the bishop's approval.

If the Communist Commissar of Cult wants to punish a priest he recalls his "work permit." The priest is then given one month to find civilian employment. If unsuccessful, he is subject to deportation to a concentration camp. It is estimated that today 100 priests have been deprived of "work permits."

"CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES"

It is Soviet policy to isolate the priest from the people. The

priest is not allowed to attend a wedding celebration, baptismal party or any such gathering. He is forbidden to visit his own parishioners or to have contact with youth groups. He is not even permitted to wear clerical clothing except in church to prevent arousing the curiosity of young people about its religious significance.

The Communist press (the only press allowed) has denounced on various occasions the following priestly activities as "criminal": praying for Communists, for those who have been killed or have died in prisons; organizing sports activities for the youth; giving religious instruction to children; visiting the sick in hospitals and the needy in their homes; urging people to love the Church and the Pope.

Not only are priests forbidden to visit the homes of their people, but the four bishops are not allowed even to visit parishes. The Sacrament of Confirmation ordinarily may be administered only in the cathedral of the diocese to make it more difficult for children and parents living on farms or in distant towns. In the diocese of Panevezys Confirmation has been administered only once since 1961.

Even in the pulpit the priest is very restricted. He is forbidden to teach Christ and the truths of faith. This would counter government sponsored atheistic propaganda. The priest would be accused of conducting religious propaganda and would be punished. His preaching must be limited to moralizing on such evils as stealing, drinking, idleness.

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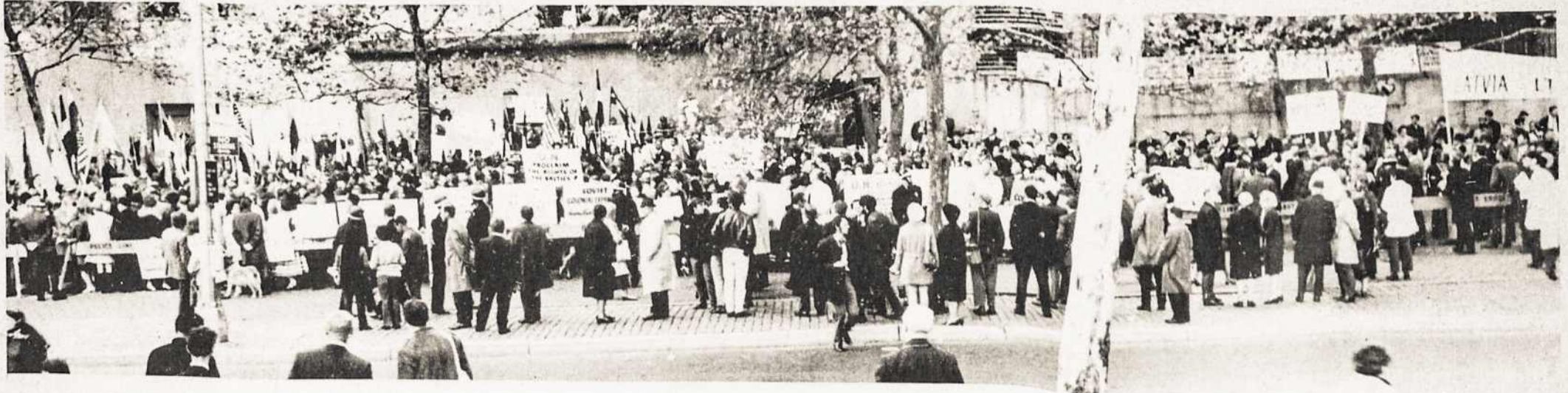
PROPERTY OF COMMUNISTS

Communist authorities try in every way to shield youth from any religious influences. Children and young people under eighteen are forbidden to study religion or to participate actively in religious services. They cannot serve Mass, participate in processions, sing in choirs. Priests who have allowed this have been removed from their pastorates or fined.

In schools children are indoctrinated in atheism and communism. They are taught that religious parents are backward and ignorant. Pupils are forced to fill out school questionnaires with such questions as: "Do the members of your family believe in religion? . . . Do members of your family participate in religious services at home or in



In the U.S.A., Baltic youth rally for freedom for their less fortunate brothers behind the Iron Curtain.



Demonstrators at the U.N. in New York dramatize the plight of Soviet-occupied Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

church? . . . What religious books do you read? Who advised you to read them? . . . When was the last time you confessed to a priest?"

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM - A MYTH

In practice freedom of religion in the Soviet system is a myth. A youth accused of being a believer or of practicing religion finds college or university education barred to him in Lithuania. Government employees, teachers and students are watched and spied upon for signs of religious belief.

In one case a school principal was dismissed from his position because he allowed his mother to be buried with religious services.

The declaration of the Vilnius

(All foregoing photos by V. Mazelis)

priests cites other examples. An accountant on a collective farm was denied a state pension in his old age because he used to play the organ in church on Sundays. A newly wed couple lost their previous grant of a piece of land on which to build a house because they had their marriage blessed in church.

Since 1945 Communist authorities have closed down 437 churches and chapels. They have been converted into warehouses, museum* of atheism and music halls. The remaining 600 churches are difficult to maintain. Very high taxes are imposed for the use of the churches and must be paid by the parishioners.

TO DESTROY THE CHURCH

Soviet efforts at physical destruction of the Church in Lithuania have so far failed. Although Communist tactics change, the basic anti-religious policy remains and reflects a Khrushchev slogan: "Peaceful coexistence with the Church abroad, but relentless warfare against religion at home."

This is borne out by orders from Moscow in 1964 to intensify the campaign against religion with the avowed purpose of completely wiping out the Catholic Church in Lithuania by 1980. That campaign is continuing, relentlessly.

But nonetheless Lithuanians have not lost faith. They still look hopefully and with courage to the West for support in their struggle for national liberation and religious freedom.

A reprint of the foregoing article was prepared in pamphlet form by Rev. Contons, and is available in bulk, for distribution to individuals, institutions, and other organizations. All councils are urged to obtain copies and distribute them at will, to publicize the truth of Lithuania's lack of religious freedom.

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Naujų Metų Papročiai - Nauji ir Seni

Visų amžių žmonės švenčia Naujus Metus pagal savo tradicijas ir įvairiais būdais, bet nei viena kita šventė kaip Naujieji Metai taip ryškiai neatvaizduoja žmogaus vilčių dėl laimingų sekančių metų, gerovės ir jo noro būti geruose santykiuose su kitais žmonėmis.

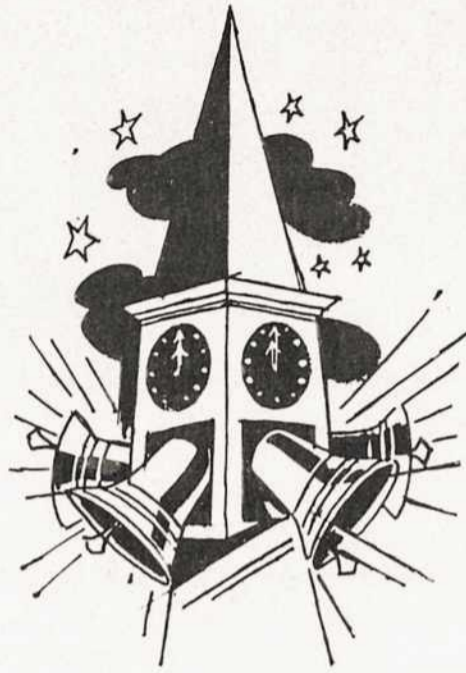
Ši vilties ir brolybės dvasia daugiausia pasireiškia papročiuose kaip valgiai, linksmimasis ir aplankymas draugų. Amerikaitėliko pridėti dar savo bruožą prie pasaulio Naujųjų Metų papročių.

Sporto mėgėjai amerikiečiai Naujųjų Metų dienas išstato savo populiariausias komandas, jas remia ir sveikina drauge su Naujais Metais. Rose Bowl kolegijų futbolo žaidimas, kuris seka garsųjį Pasadenos (Kalifornijoje) rožių festivalį, buvo pradėtas 1915 m. ir buvo pavyzdžiu kitoms panašioms, mažoms ir didelėms, žaidynėms per visą Ameriką.



Puikūs "Mummers" paradai Philadelphiaje yra antrasis Naujų Metų dienos įvykis tipiška amerikoniška savo išraiška. Mummers paradai, kuris yra giminingas senosioms Anglijos Mummers žaidynėms, prasidėjo kaip didelis festivalis 1876 m. sausio 1 d. Per paskutinius Naujų Metų dienas apie 2 mil. žiūrovų iš visų rytinės Amerikos valstijų sekė fantastiškai apsirengusius orkestrantus ir maskaradus, linksmi paroduojančius Philadelphiaje Broad Street.

Nors ir kaip kurie Amerikos papročiai yra nepaprasti bet dauguma Naujų Metų papročių yra paveldėti iš Europos. Prancūzijoje ir Škotijoje Naujų Metų diena pasidarė ir pasiliko svarbiausia metų šventė. Dovanų, pasveikinimų ir apsilankymų metas.



12 vynuogių yra dalis linksmų ispanų Naujų Metų švenčių, kurios vyksta Madrido Times Square "Puerto del Suol". Kai laikrodinis muša vidurnaktį vynuogės yra laikomos virš galvų ir valgomos dėl laimės. Viena vynuogė kiekvienam metų mėnesiui.

Paliesti kiaulę Naujų Metų išvakarėse atneša laimės, tiki vengrai. Svarbiausiose Budapesto restoranuose ir kavinėse gyva kiaulė yra vidurnaktį paleidžiama ir didžiausiame sąmišyje ir linksmymbei svečiai laksto paskui ją.

Naujų Metų išvakarėse po vakarienės, Lietuvoje, du ar trys maskuoti vyrai ir moterys nešdami degančius žiburius kaimuose eina į namus kur valgo, geria, šoka ir dainuoja. Kai išeina,

šeimininkas ar šeimininkė taip pat su maskomis palydi juos iki sekančių namų. Prieš pasibaigiant žiburių procesiją išsijungia visas kaimas.

Anglijoje vyno stiklas ir duonos bandukės riekutė yra duodama svečiams, kurie ateina pirmieji į namus tuoj po dvylikos valandos.

Pirmas svečias atneša tradicinius simbolius šilumos ir gerovės - anglies, duonos ir druskos - ir yra priimamas šiltai kadangi leidžia Naujus Metus. Atstovaudamas senus metus, svečias išeina pro užpakalines duris.

Naujų Metų šventės Amerikoje kaip daugelis švenčių šiame krašte, yra sulydymas seno ir naujo. Šiame dideliame sulydyme, gludi mūsų kaip tautos stiprumas ir siekiai.

Šis pagrindinis požiūris Amerikos gyvenime ypatingai interesoja užjūrių draugus ir gimines, kuriems milijonai laiškų bus siunčiami švenčių proga.



K of L Calendar

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.

AUGUST

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

Editorial

GOOD OLD U.S.A.

WHERE DOES SHE STAND?

Does the United States of America occupy a place of supremacy in the world of nations? We Americans would like to think so but the terrifying, shameful and scandalous handling of the Simas Kudirka affair by representatives of our government makes us wonder and creates in us some very serious doubts.

Simas Kudirka is the Lithuanian sailor who in desperation sought political asylum by leaping from the Soviet ship, Sovietskaja Litva, on which he was serving, to the deck of the United States Coast Guard cutter, the Vigilant, near Martha's Vineyard on November 23, 1970. After some hours, the Captain of the Vigilant allowed Soviet sailors to board the cutter, beat up Simas mercilessly before American observers and then in one of the cutter's lifeboats, transport him back to the Soviet ship. In so doing, our country, a signatory, violated the General Protocol on Refugees.

This disgraceful and unexplainable action bears testimony to the world that the United States no longer considers herself the top nation in the world. It hands over this unique honor to Soviet Russia.

Only a few short weeks ago, Pranas Brazinskas and his son Algirdas, Lithuanians seeking freedom also, hijacked a Soviet plane and forced it to land in Turkey. To Soviet demands to return the two, Turkey, as much less power, said a loud NO even though homicide and shootings were involved. While performing in England, a Soviet ballet dancer defected. England, by its own admission only a second rate power, likewise said NO to Soviet demands for return. In similar incidences, other nations, much less powers than the United States, did not hesitate to stand up to Soviet Russia with a determined NO.

Yet in the case of Simas, the United States of America, the so-called land of the free and the champion of human individual rights, timidly and shamefully said YES and cruelly turned over to the Soviets one who harmed no one but merely wanted what we all cherish so dearly, freedom.

We may not like to admit it but this unfortunate act, performed so openly before the free world, seems to indicate that the United States regards herself as only a secondary power. The master power is Soviet Russia. As the saying goes, actions speak louder than words.

In recent years, we have sadly witnessed the defiling of our beautiful and majestic American flag by Americans and non-Americans alike. This we abhorred and condemned. But to see this same flag stained with a huge visible blotch by representatives of our own government in the stupid way they treated the Simas affair makes us squirm with fright and question the actual worth of our country by those who should love it the most. Perhaps we can now understand why not a few Americans are leaving the United States to spend their remaining years in Canada and elsewhere.

It is our humble opinion that the fate of Simas Kudirka has been sealed. We venture to say that by now he is listed among the dead.

Yet may it be our sincere hope that this incident, as dreadful and as frightful as it is, will wake up our country to realize that, if it is to be the hope of those seeking freedom and the land of the free, she must faithfully live up to her reputation as the champion of human individual rights even at the cost of jeopardizing certain fish rights. Guilt on the part of those involved must be clearly established and appropriate punitive action taken. The wrong done can never be totally undone but similar events must not be permitted to happen in the future.

Only thus can the United States avoid playing second fiddle to any other nation. Only thus can she occupy the supremacy she rightly deserves in the wide world of nations.

Rev. John C. Jutt
Hon. Chairman, Lithuanian Affairs Committee

And the KofL Protested...

The tragedy of SIMAS KUDIRKA shocked and appalled Americans everywhere, but it especially touched those of Lithuanian descent. In Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, New York, Los Angeles and elsewhere, protests were organized against the Coast Guard action. Marches, meetings, rallies, telegrams and letters expressed outrage at the US failure to grant asylum to the Lithuanian seaman, making this event one of the most publicized in American - (and modern day Lithuanian) history.

The Knights of Lithuania chose to demonstrate its sorrow and disgust silently, but effectively, through community prayer for the brave, abused seaman, and through an extensive letter writing and telegram campaign, by individuals and the Supreme Council. At the request of the Supreme Council President and various District Presidents, masses were held throughout the country for Simas Kudirka, under sponsorship of the K of L, and were very well attended by K of L'ers and non K of L'ers alike. A partial list of the special masses held follows:

Dec. 6: Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Elizabeth, N.J.; Annunciation Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Holy Cross Church, Dayton, Ohio; St. George Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dec. 8: St. Casimir's Church, Worcester, Mass. Dec. 13, Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N.J. Dec. 18: Nativity BVM Church, Chicago, Ill.

Other masses were also held by the K of L in Amsterdam, Boston, Worcester and elsewhere, and the K of L participated in Masses at St. Patrick's Cathedral, N.Y., and St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland, as well.

The fate of Simas has no doubt been settled, but his tragedy has shaken many free men out of their complacency and brought the plight of our beloved Lithuania out into the open. We owe it to him to keep this plight before the eyes of the public until Lithuania is free of the yoke of Communism. Let the State Department, your Congressman and other public officials, as well as your local press hear your opinion of this tragic incident and your appeal for Lithuania's cause today.

profile . . .

ALGIRDAS KAČANAUSKAS

by Loretta I. Stukas

Whether on stage directing a choir, at the church organ providing music for Mass, at a microphone broadcasting to local Lithuanians, or just in a private home socializing with friends, Algirdas Kačanauskas embellishes the situation with a continental flair and charm that immediately endears him to all present. Personality alone, however, does not lead to success in the music world, and Mr. Kačanauskas can boast also of an inborn talent, expert training and a lifetime of experience in music.

Born the son of the famous Lithuanian composer Aleksandras Kačanauskas on Jan. 3, 1917, in Petersburg, Russia, Algirdas first set foot on Lithuanian soil in 1920, when his parents returned to their homeland. Already at the age of 12, he began to study music under the expert tutelage of his renowned father. But after completing studies at the Jesuit "Gimnazia" (high school) in Kaunas, young Algirdas decided to study law at the Vytautas the Great University in Kaunas. His inherited love of music nonetheless won out, for in 1940 Algirdas put his law books aside and again turned to music, at the Kaunas State Music Conservatory.

In High School, Algirdas Kačanauskas, joined the school orchestra for a year. Later, he organized the Neo-Lithuania Men's Quartet in Kaunas, and directing it, concertized all over Lithuania with it. The group was also featured on the Kaunas State Radio.

With World War II came the occupation of Lithuania by Communist Russia. Algirdas fled his beloved homeland and in 1944 settled in Germany. There he continued his music studies at the Stuttgart Advanced School of Music. A year later, he organized a Lithuanian Cultural Ensemble called "Sietynas", consisting of a

chorus, soloists, an orchestra and a folk dance group. "Sietynas" gave many successful concerts throughout the American zone of Germany, for Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian audiences. The ensemble won honors in an international festival in Heidelberg, and also contracted to perform for one season with the US Armed Forces "Special Service".

In 1951, Algirdas Kačanauskas emigrated to the United States, settling in New Jersey. From his first day as a USA resident, Mr. Kačanauskas became an energetic member of Lithuanian American activity. He organized a Lithuanian orchestra, and a men's quartet "Aitvarai". With the "Aitvarai" he toured the US and Canada with very successful concerts.

He was invited to assume directorship of the "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble of New Jersey in 1952, and continued in that position until 1970, when he retired at the suggestion of his physician. He still continues as the group's "Director Emeritus". Under Algirdas' able direction, "Rūta" became one of the most popular and outstanding Lithuanian choruses on the East Coast, known both for their concerts in various cities and for their "Sing Along in Lithuanian" recordings. To show appreciation for his nearly 19 years of generous service as their director, "Rūta" recently tendered Mr. Kačanauskas, a "Testimonial Dinner", attended by some 200 of his friends, including former and present "Rūta" members, members of several other choirs he has directed, various music personalities, community leaders and even relatives from Indiana and Chicago.

As "Rūta" director, Algirdas also became a leader in other phases of Lithuanian music activity in the New York-New Jersey



area. In 1952, he organized the 5th New Jersey Lithuanian Song Festival, in Harrison, N.J. Ten choruses (including for the first time, choruses from New York) with about 500 singers participated. In 1953, he directed a joint choir participating in a Lithuanian Hymn Festival in Elizabeth. The Music Sector of the Lithuanian Committee for the N.Y. World's Fair, 1964, was headed by Algirdas Kačanauskas. This committee organized a mammoth Lithuanian Day, in which some 1000 singers and as many dancers from all over the US participated. At the 1966 Lithuanian Religious Concert in Washington, D.C., Algirdas served as the Committee's Vice-President and one of the directors of the joint choir.

Today, Algirdas Kačanauskas' main duties revolve around Annunciation Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he serves as organist and choir director. On the non-music level, he continues to assist Dr. Jack Stukas in his "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour of New York, as an announcer, and occasionally as a fill-in director.



A. Kačanauskas (center), is toasted by Rūta President, E. Sinusas, his brother Gediminas, toastmaster Jack Stukas, and his cousin Elena Stelmokas.

In what spare time he has, Algirdas is active in the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Organists' League, as well as many other organizations, including the Knights of Lithuania. For more than 5 years, he has been an active member of K of L C-29, Newark, and whenever possible, participates in national and local conventions and other activities. He is also one of the more generous and regular contributors to the K of L Scholarship Fund.

On the heels of Algirdas Kačanauskas very successful Testimonial Dinner, the K of L joins the "Rūta" Ensemble in wishing Algirdas many more years of health, happiness, and service to the Lithuanian community and the music world



KARALIAI, ANGELAI IR VELNIAI...



Povilas Dirkis

Ar senoje Lietuvoje buvo, dar prieš krikščionybės laikus, Trijų Karalių šventės vietoje švenčiama kokia kita diena, skirta dievams ar deivėms, nežinau. Pagonijos laikais mūsų sentėviai tikėjo į Praamžį, kuris turėjo savo pagalbininkus - įvairius dievus bei dievaites.

Perkūnas nebuvo vyriausias dievas, bet Praamžio pagalbininkas, kuris nusikaltėlius bausdavo. Ypačiai turėdavo daug darbo ir vargo su piktomis dvasiomis, vaikydamas jas po plačias erdves. Padavimai sako,

kad, krikščionybei įsigalėjus, tos piktosios dvasios pavirto velniais, o gerosios dvasios - angelais.

Dar mano vaikystėje, perkūnijai griaudžiant, buvo smilkinama šventomis žolelėmis, pašventintomis per Žolinę, arba verbą, kuri Verbų sekmadienį būdavo pašventinta, kad išvaikytų velnius ir kad perkūnas netrenktų ir neuždegtų namo.

Pasakojama, kad seniems papročiams išnaikinti tų laikų dvasininkai-kunigai sujungė juos su krikščioniškais papročiais ir ilgainiui žmonės prie jų priprato.

Beveik visoje Lietuvoje buvo paprotys Trijų Karalių išvakarėse, prieš saulėlydį, balta kreida išrašyti ant durų ir vartų tris raišes K.M.B. o tarpus pažymėti kryželiais. Buvo kalbama, kad tą naktį pikta dvasia - velnias eina per kaimus ir, kur nėra užrašų su kryžiaus ženklais, ten apsigyvena. Ir jau tada sunku jas iškrapštyti, nes ir šventintų žolelių dūmai bei švęstas vanduo nepadaeda.

Todėl visi pasistengdavo tokius trijų raišių ir kryžiukų užrašus sužymėti savo namo duryse,

nes niekas nenorėdavo velnių į savo pastogę išsileisti.

Trijų karalių šventėje jaunimas pavaizduodavo tris karalius, apsirengęs įvairiais karališkais drabužiais su karūnomis. Visi trys eidavo per kaimus ir vienkiemius. Įėję į namą sugiedodavo: "Sveikas, Jėzau, gimusis." Ūkininkai, arba šiaip gyventojai, "karalius" vaišindavo. Paprastai tuos "tris karalius" sekdamas būriai vaikų sutokiu triukšmu, kad net visus šunis išbaidydavo iš kaimų į laukus, kur jie baisiai staugdavo iki "trijų karalių" vaikštytės pasibaigdavo.



PRIZES.....MEMBERSHIP

The prizes of life go to those who erect buildings, decipher ancient inscriptions, solve equations, build machines, improve farm production, discover a health-saving drug, or govern a nation rather than to those who convince themselves that these tasks cannot be done because of inevitable difficulties.

To those members of the K of L who can see the potential of a K of L tentimes larger than its present membership will go the prize of - achievement. To the members who can envision the K of L commitment with its larger membership will go the prize of - undreamed - of participation. To those members who can anticipate the K of L growth will go the prize of - leadership. To those members who can project new K of L membership will go the prize of - a job well done.

In any event, it is not the most beautiful, or the strongest, the most imaginative, or the most talkative people who win the prizes. The people who win the prizes are those who actually enter as participants and use every facility to win.

As K of L members, we must enter the event of growth and use every avenue to leap into the limelight and walk away with the prize of a strong, growing, dynamic, believing membership.

To get from the thought of recruiting new members, you must commit yourself and enter the competition - and walk away with the prize.

It is unjust and unreasonable to be unwilling to pay the price of commitment if one wants the prize of growth badly enough.

Frank Zapolis
Membership Vice President



*Fondest and friendliest NEW YEAR'S
GREETINGS to our entire
K of L Family*

MARCELLA ANDRIKIS
Honorary Member
C-7, Waterbury, Conn.

Visiems Vyčiams, linkiu
džiaugsmingų ir laimingų
Naujų 1971 metų



ALEXANDER J. ALEKSIS
Honorary Member
C-7, Waterbury, Conn.

SEND A LETTER. . . DON'T DELAY

You will find enclosed with this issue on the following pages two letters, one in English and one in Lithuanian, that can be used to secure new membership. The letter is intended to indicate friendship and unity amongst the Lithuanians, especially the K of L.

They can be used in a number of different ways:

- 1) Each member can cut the letter out and mail it to a friend. (Put the prospective member's name and address in the section indicated "TO" and your own name and address in the "FROM" section.)
- 2) Each Council can collect the completed letters and mail them at the same time as a council project.
- 3) The letters can be duplicated and passed out at a Lithuanian community activity. (Be sure to put in a return name and address in the "FROM" section. A rubber stamp with the Council Membership Vice President name and address would be the most logical.)

If you do not receive a return from your letter in a few days, a phone call to your prospective member encouraging him to return the membership form and money to you can be just the nudge needed to recruit that new member.

The letter we have provided here is so simple to work with that I think, we should be able to generate a lot of enthusiasm in looking for new members. The time it takes to 1) Cut the letter out, 2) Write in your future member's name and address, 3) Write in your own name and address, 4) Address and stamp the envelope, and 5) mail it, will take less than two minutes of your time - but could produce years of good fellowship.

I would ask that the interested members write to me and give me their opinions and suggestions concerning this type of membership program.

Frank Zapolis
Membership Vice President



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

TO

FROM

It seems that as the years go by, we drift farther and farther away from each other and our heritage. We in the Knights of Lithuania feel that it is important to have friends that have a common background. We are constantly looking for members who believe that by keeping our Lithuanian heritage alive and vibrant, we will never have to search for our identity.

Today there are many nationalities, races, and religions who are looking to find themselves and to identify with somebody or something. We in the Knights of Lithuania are fortunate in that we can identify with a rich heritage, worthwhile causes, and fine people. We do not think it is in our interest, yours and mine, to drift too far away from our heritage.

With this in mind, I would like to ask you to become a member of the Knights of Lithuania. Please fill out and sign the application at the bottom of this letter and return it to me today. Enclose your check for \$5 made payable to the Knights of Lithuania (\$7 for husband and wife) and I will take care of the rest.

Very truly yours,

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If married, husband's or wife's name _____

Parish _____

Signature _____



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Gerb. p.

Siunčia

Laikui slenkant, atrodo, mes vis tolstame vienas nuo kito ir nuo savo tautinių tradicijų, prarasdami tautinę tapatybę. Mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai, jaučiame reikalą bendrauti ir veikti drauge su visais tais, su kuriais mus riša bendra praeitis ir bendros idėjos. Nuolatos ieškome narių, kurie, laikydamiesi lietuviškų tradicijų ir jas praktikuodami, išlaiko savo tautinį charakterį.

Daugybė tautų, rasių ir religijų šiandien stengiasi kaip nors ir kuo nors išreikšti save. Mes, Lietuvos Vyčiai, tuo atveju esame laimingi, nes galime išreikšti ir pasireikšti savo gausiomis tautinėmis vertybėmis, savo kilniais tikslais ir sava visuomene. Todėl mums būtų pragaištinga nutolti nuo savo tautinių tradicijų, kurias esame paveldėję ir kuriomis gyvename.

Šių minčių vedina nuoširdžiai kviečiu jus įsirašyti nariais į Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją. Tam tikslui prašau užpildyti šio laiško pabaigoje pridėtą atkarpą ir gražinti man šiandien. Taip pat reikia pridėti \$5.- (\$7.- vyrui su žmona drauge) čekį, išrašytą The Knights of Lithuania vardu. Visa kita aš pati sutvarkysius.

Su pagarba

jūsų

Vardas, pavardė _____ Telef. _____

Adresas _____ St. City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Jei vedęs, vyro ar žmonos pavardė _____

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Lithuanians in The News



NEW DEAN OF CLERGY

REV. ROBERT K. BALTCH, pastor of St. Casimir's Church and Spiritual Adviser to C-100, Amsterdam, New York, has been appointed to the position of dean of Montgomery County (New York).

As dean, Father Baltch, will have the responsibility of overseeing and supervising the 10 Catholic parishes in the county in the service of the Bishop. He succeeds the Rev. John Harzynsky, pastor of St. Stephen's Parish, Haganan, who has held the position during the past year.

Father Baltch came to St. Casimir's in 1949 when he was appointed as assistant pastor, and served in that position until 1967, when he was appointed pastor.

In addition to his new responsibility and pastoral duties, Father Baltch also serves as an assistant director of the Diocesan Priests' Choir.



Participants in the Diamond Jubilee of St. Joseph's Choir. Left Photo, 1. to r. Mrs. Anicetas Simutis, Mrs. Edward Bergin, Marcella Andrikis, K of L honorary member, choir president and jubilee chairman; City Alderman Alvera Balanda.

MAYOR'S SON TAKES LITHUANIAN BRIDE

William Daley, son of Mayor and Mrs. Richard J. Daley of Chicago, chose a beautiful Lithuanian girl as his bride. Young Daley and Loretta Margaret Aukstik, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Aukstik, exchanged bows on Dec. 5, 1970, in St. George Lithuanian R. C. Church, in Chicago's Bridgeport section. Both the bride, groom, and both their fathers, were born and raised in Bridgeport - the oldest Lithuanian neighborhood in Chicago. The young couple met while working in the Mayor's office in City Hall.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR MARKS 75th YEAR

The St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church Choir of Waterbury, Conn. marked its 75th anniversary on Nov. 22, 1970, with a concert and dinner in St. Joseph's Hall.

Heading the list of distinguished guests attending the ceremonies were the Mayor and Mrs. Edward D. Bergin, U.S. Rep. John S. Monagan, Lithuanian Consul General and Mrs. Anicetas Simutis of New York.

Alexander J. Aleksis, organist and choirmaster arranged a program featuring a piano duet by Mrs. Donald E. Brown and Mrs. Charles G. McCleary of the Waterbury Chapter, American Guild of Organists; Gertrude Raskauskas, lyric soprano, representing the Mattatuck Musical Art Society; an augmented St. Joseph's choir and men's quartet and a classical ballet solo performed by Miss Susan Miklinevich. Tribute was paid to the choir's deceased directors, members and friends.

The Reverend George J. Vilciauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church and choir alumnus was honorary chairman of the Diamond Jubilee celebration. Marcella Andrikis, choir president was chairman. Bernice Ortlieb and Joseph Kazlauskas, cochairmen.



Anicetas Simutis, Consul General of Lithuania at New York; Waterbury mayor Edward D. Bergin; the Rev. George J. Vilčiauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's church, K of L'er and choir alumnus; U.S. Rep. John S. Monagan, K of L Award Recipient Prof. A. J. Aleksis, K of L honorary member, composer of the K of L Hymn and choir director at St. Joseph's church.

K of L AT CHICAGO MUSEUM FESTIVITIES

This year, the K of L was most prominent in the Lithuanian portion of Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry Annual Christmas Around the World Festival. Member of the I-IDistrict, namely, Bernice Kasarski, Miss Carolyn Kasarski, Benediktas Kentra, Virginia Kentra, Miss Laurie Kentra, Emily Mikaitis, Akvilina Petrauskas, Helen Pratt, Wanda Radavich, Miss Susan Radavitch, Mary Simonelis, Stephanie Simonelis, Lucille Vesoto, Miss Lucille Vesoto, Wanda Zygmunt provided and decorated the Lithuanian Christmas Tree in the Exhibition. On Dec. 10, the K of L Juniors performed with a plan and Lithuanian dances, in the Festival's Lithuanian Day Program. Cecelia Matul, Helen Pius and Frank Zapolis directed this year's play.



Members of the K of L Junior Dance Group at the Museum's Lithuanian Christmas Tree. Pictured, top to bottom: Lucille Vesota, Caroline Kasarski, Laurin Kentra, Suzanne Radavich.

BALTIC STUDIES CONFERENCE

Dr. Jack Stukas, our National President, recently attended the Second Conference on Baltic Studies, co-sponsored by the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, and San Jose State College, which was held at San Jose State College, San Jose, California, from November 26th through 29th... Over 135 scholars, representing 85 universities and colleges, 19 research institutions, scholarly journals and archives, either gave papers or participated in panel discussions, or both. Scholars represented no less than 11 foreign countries and 5 research institutions. Over 400 scholars registered for the Conference, which had as its theme: The Baltic Area Through The Ages... It was academic and non-political. It was organized to provide forum for the presentation, discussion and exchange of ideas, and for the dissemination of information in the following fields of scholarly studies concerning the Baltic area: Ancient, Medieval and Modern History, Political Science, Ancient and Modern Baltic Languages, Archeology, Folklore and Folk Art, Literature and Drama, Religion, Law, Bibliography and Sources of Baltic Study, Economics, Industrial Development and Technology... A total of 105 papers were presented in these categories...

An exhibition of Baltic materials, folk art and crafts was held during the Conference in the Library of San Jose State College, and remained open for another week after the conference.

A special exhibition of rare Baltic historical sources is open to the public for one month at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace in the Hoover Library at Stanford University.

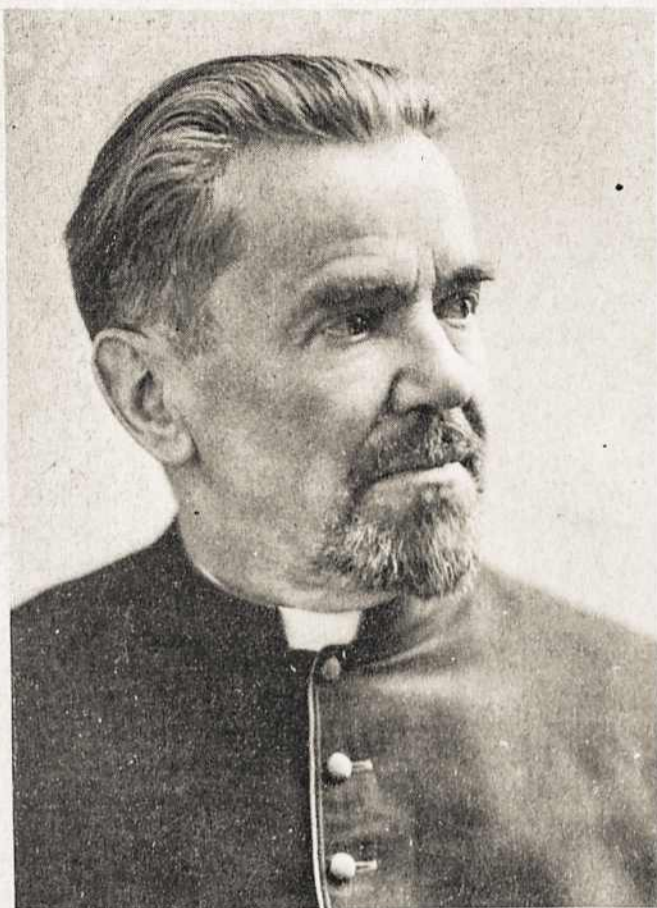
The First Conference on Baltic Studies was held last November at the University of Maryland, at College Park. Abstract of the 50 papers presented have been published in one volume, illustrated and hardbound, at \$4.50. If you are interested in obtaining the proceedings of last year's conference in Maryland and this year's conference at San Jose, California, also in membership in the non-profit, scholarly Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, write to the Executive Director, Janis Gaiulis, 471 Bay Ridge Avenue, in Brooklyn, N.Y.



A H A P P Y
and
P R O S P E R O U S
N E W Y E A R T O Y O U A L L !

Vytiškai,

COUNCIL 30
WESTFIELD, MASS.



**A.A.
Prel. M. KRUPAVIČIAUS
TESTAMENTAS
LIETUVOS VYČIAMS**

Miręs 1970 m. gruodžio 4 d. ir palaidotas gruodžio 9 d. įžymusis Nepriklausomos Lietuvos politikas, visuomenininkas, kovoto-

jas dėl Lietuvos laisvės ir didelis vyčių bičiulis bei jos idėjos puoselėtojas mum vyčiams paliko savo testamentą, kurį 1949 m. gyvendamas Europoje ir eidamas Vliko pirmininko pareigas Vyčių Seimui posėdžiaujant Elizabeth, N.J. rugsėjo 9-11 dienomis įrašęs į juostelę prisiuntė savo testamentą, kuris tinka ir šiems laikams, tad prisiminkime jį ir pacituokime: "Labai norėjau būti Jūsų seime, bet mano pareigos, sunkios, ir atsakomingos, laiko mane Europoje. Bet aš esu su jumis širdimi ir siela. Aš mano brangūs vyčiai ir vytės ir šandie su jumis bendrauju, nepaisant erdvės, nepaisant tų plačių jūrų ir aukštų kalnų. Aš tiesioginiai kalbu iš ten į Jūsų širdis, nes manoji ir jūsų širdys kalba ta pačia kalba ir mūsų lūpos girdi tą pačią raudą, o netrukus ateityje užgiedos ir linksmą pergalės dainą.

Mano brangieji vyčiai ir vytės, Jūsų kaip jaunimo rankose yra taip pat ir lietuvių tautos likimas šičion JAV. Nuo jūsų priklauso ar mūsų visuomenė, dabar lietuviška, ar ji pasiliks nelietuviška. Tai yra jūsų rankose. Ir kadangi nuo jūsų toji ateitis priklauso, jus esat atsakomingi už ateitį.

Jūs mano brangūs vyčiai, matot, kad mūsų visuomenėje, Amerikos visuomenėje, toli gražu ne viskas tvarkoj lietuviškoj šeimoj. Jus, mano brangūs vyčiai ir visos Amerikos lietuvių jaunimas, matot taip pat, kad yra labai silpnų vietų. Atrodo, lietuviška siela, lietuviškąją širdį pradeda keisti kita siela ir kita širdis - nelietuviška. Atrodo, kad mes kaip ir traukiame iš savo pozicijų, užleidami jas kitiems. Šičion ir yra tas didysis uždavinys mūsų jaunimo, kuris tikrai turi pasakyti: Gana! Turi pasakyti ir garsiai sušukti: Jaunime, Lietuvos Vyčiai, Lietuvos riteriai, mes turim apgint savo garbę. O apginsime tada, jeigu ne leisime nei vieno colio lietuvių bei susilpnėti ir išnykti iš mus padangės.

Tepadeda jums Dievas atlikti didįjį uždavinį - apsaugoti Amerikoje lietuviškumą ir užtrenkti kelius nutausti tam lietuviškumui. Tepadeda Dievas jums gražinti lietuvių kalbą į lietuviškąsias šeimas. Tai atlikę jus atliksit didelį uždavinį, kuris dabar stovi prieš jūsų akis.

Valio vyčiai ir vytės. Ligi pasimatymo laisvoje Lietuvoje!

Povilas Dirkis.

**LIETUVIŲ ISTORINĖ RAIDA NUO
3.000 METŲ PRIEŠ KR. IKI
MINDAUGO LAIKU**

Č. Gedgaudo knyga "MŪSŲ PRAEITIES BEIEŠKANT" jau atiduota spausdinti.

Kaip žinome iš buvusių spaudoje ištraukų, knygoje išskeliama giliausia Baltų praeitis visai naujoje šviesoje, pasirėmus vėliausiais šaltiniais. Pažangos amžiuje negalime tenkintis svetimos propagandos dažnai sužalota mūsų istorija bei proistore. Turime bešališkai paskelbti oficialius dokumentus ir naujausius archeologinius radinius, kurie tą mūsų praeitį garbingai nušviečia.

Knygos medžiagos trigubai laugiau, negu buvo laikraščiuose; be to, atskleidžiama nepertraukiama mūsų istorinė raida nuo Kristaus laikų ligi Mindaugo, kurios dar niekas nėra paskelbęs. Plačiai aprašoma senovės Baltų tikyba ir aukšta kultūra, duodama daugiau 70 iliustracijų bei žemė-

lapių. Iš viso negailėta pastangų, kad gražiai įrišta didelio formato vertinga knyga (7 x 10 col. 400 psl.) papuoštų kiekvieno lietuvių lentyną.

Tie praeities klausimai savo naujumu ir netikėtumu turės sukelti kontroversijų. Diskusijoms bus progos knygai pasirodžius, - kiekvienas mūsų galėsime apsispręsti knygą perskaitęs, nes duodami faktai paremti moksliais šaltiniais, kurių sąrašas patiekiamas knygos pabaigoj (apie 50 veikalų).

Iš anksto suteikta Jūsų parama yra būtina, kad leidėjams nuimtų nuo pečių rizikos našta. Todėl prašome Jus prisidėti prie visai tautai naudingo žygio savo įnašu:

\$500.00 ir daugiau -
Mecenato vardu

\$100.00 ir daugiau -
Rėmėjo

\$15.00 - Prenumeratoriaus.

Mecenatų bei rėmėjų sąrašas bus įdėtas knygos pabaigoje.

**NAUJA LITERATŪROS
PLOKŠTELĖ**

"Lietuvių Dienų" leidykla (4364 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Cal. 90029) išleido poezijos ir prozos plokštelę, kurioje savo kūrinius skaito keturi populiariaji literatūros vakarų dalyviai: Pulgis Andriušis, Bernardas Brazdžionis, Antanas Gustaitis ir Stasys Santvaras. Plokštelė pavadinta "Keturi autoriai - poezija ir proza".

Plokštelės aplanką puikiai paruošė pasižymėjęs grafikas, šios srities meistras dail. Alfonsas Docius.

Plokštelė ilgo grojimo, tinka Stereo ir Mono aparatams. Kaina \$5.

Čekius ar perlaidas prašome užvardinti "Gedgaudo knygos Talkai" ir siųsti komiteto įždininkui J. Kutrai: 1011 - 19th Street, Santa Monica, Cal. 90403.

Reiškiame Jums gilią pagarbą ir iš anksto dėkojame.

KOMITETAS

Iš Sendraugių Gyvenimo



PAULĖ GLUGODIENĖ

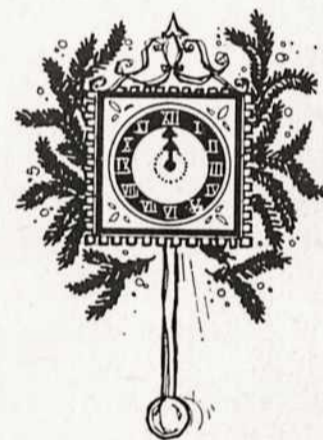
Nuo pat jaunystės dienų Paulė Glugodienė pasireiškė lietuvių veikloje. 1912 metais įsirašė į LRKSA 50 kp. Vėliau organizavo 142 kp., kur įdėjo daug darbo. Dalyvavo beveik kiekviename LRKS Seime, savo lėšomis. Daugelį metų buvo moterų sąjungos 26 kp. korespondentė, o šiemet eina nutarimų raštininkės pareigas. 1912/4 metais priklausė prie teatrališko choro, kaip gabi choristė - aktorė. Teatrališkam chorui neprisijungus į vyčių orga-

nizaciją, 1915 metais ji su būreliu iš to choro pasitraukė ir sudarė vyčių 25 kp. šv. Jurgio parapijoje. Ši kuopa per du mėnesius išaugo į pajėgų 100 narių vienetą ir sudarė stiprų chorą. Choras rengė vaidinimus, gegužines ir iškylas prie ežerų. Per trumpą laiką vyčiai užėmė visą Clevelando lietuvių vadovybę. Tai galėjo vyčiai padaryti tik bendru sutartiniu darbu. Tuo laiku vyčiams priklausė keliolika čia gimusių jaunuolių, tiksliai sugyveno su naujaisiais ateiviais. Kur vienybė, ten stiprybė. 1915 metais L. vyčių 25 kp. pasiuntė į vyčių trečiąjį kongresą, įvykusį Chicagoje, du delegatu: Igną Sakalą ir Matą Šimonių, kurie, iš Kongreso grįžę, vyčių veiklą dar labiau stiprino. 1918 m. vyčių kongresas įvyko Clevelande. Jis buvo gausus delegatais ir nudingais nutarimais. Čia pasirodė vyčių 25 kp. choras, vaidino gražų veikalą "Mirga" ir iškėlė šaunų banketą delegatams nemokamai.

Visiems parengimams daug darbo įdėdavo Paulė Glugodienė, kuri ir šiandien L. vyčių 25 kp. darbuojasi. Visą tą laikotarpį geraširdė Paulė savo vaišingumu, nuoširdumu stiprino visų energiją vieninamai darbuotis visuomenės labui. Paulė Glugodienė buvo L. K.

Darželio valdybos narė ir per ilgą laiką daug yra pasidaravusi jo reikalams. Šiomet Paulė Glugodienė patyrė didelį širdies skausmą: bal. 5 d. palaidojo savo brolių a.a. Joną Čeriauką, kuris pas ją gyveno ir sunkiai sirgo. A.a. Čeriauka buvo ne tik vyčių, bet ir visų lietuvių kilnių darbų rėmėjas. Rugs. 22 d. palaidojo savo vyrą William Glugodą, kuris visą gyvenimą Paulei buvo ištikimas ir padėjo jos veiklai, nesigailėdamas lėšų. Rugsėjo pradžioje palaidojo ir vyro seserį. Tos trys laidotuvės Paulei atsiliepė - pakirto jos sveikatą. Ji stengiasi tą viską pakelti ir nenuleisti rankų. Pas save dar surengė vaišes artimiesiems. Ilgametei veikėjai linkėtina Dievo palaimos ir geros sveikatos išvert: ir nepalūžti.

2 broliukai



VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIAMS

Brangieji Vyčiai!

Aš norėčiau su jumis visais asmeniškai pasitarti. Kadangi tai yra neįmanoma, norėčiau nors raštu arba laiškais pasidalyti mintimis. Seime sendraugis Juozas Sadauskas smarkiai kaltino "Vyti" dėl lietuviškumo stokos, o S. Balzekas siūlė dėti į Vytį daugiau straipsnių iš senosios lietuvių kultūros, kad ir studentai galėtų pasinaudoti.

Mano nuomone, nereikėtų rašyti ištisos Lietuvos istorijos, nes ją mes visi daugiau ar mažiau žinome, bet istoriniai straipsniai anglų kalba būtų labai naudingi taip, kaip ir straipsniai iš lietuvių kultūros. Iš jų jaunimas daug ko išdomaus ir brangaus sužinotų.

Pageidautina, kad atskiras sendraugių skyrius "Vytyje" ir toliau būtų paliktas kaip dabar kad yra. Sendraugiai, rašykite ir branginkite praeitį, mokydami naują kartą Lietuvos vardu.

Jaunesnis Vytis

LIETUVOS KANKINIŲ PAMINKLAS

Šv. Petro Bazilikoje, Romoje
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PHILADELPHIA, PA. - C-3

Happenings by Vladas

C-3 hopes that everyone had a joyous Christmas and a successful New Year. Now that the holidays are over, our Council members are looking forward to our annual Winter Weekend in the Pocono Mountains. We'll report on this in a later issue.

Our Council Bulletin, Knights 'N Days, has been transformed into a newsletter which is serving its purpose quite well - informing members quickly of what happened at the monthly meeting and what events are scheduled during the month. The editors, Lillian Sasnauskas and Irene Svekla, are doing a good job and are to be commended. Other councils should take note that if a four or more page Council Bulletin is not possible, a one-page newsletter should be tried to keep members informed of council activities.

Victor and Leonora Balten just returned from a trip to Spain. We can't wait to see them and find out their experiences in the land of El Cid.

Sure hope Joe Drumstas and Alena Burch are beginning to feel at home in Philadelphia. There is nothing like Philly in winter to remind Worcesterites of "back home, up north" with all that snow.

Several of our members got together before Thanksgiving to pack clothing for the needy throughout the world. As usual, the packers couldn't resist modelling many of the clothes they were sorting. It is amazing how many of the old styles are in vogue at the present time. Father Neverauskas treated the workers to refreshments and snacks in appreciation for their help.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. - C-100

Smile & Sparkle

After a long lapse, we're back in business with a column! We'll

brief you on happenings since June.

June 28 - Big letter day - our K of L outing at Dr. Kindar's summer home in Lake Galway, N.Y. The planning committee consisted of Sophie Olbie as chairman with helpers Gene Gobis and Don Holleran. Polly Ziausys took over at the outing with Helen Druziak and Gene Gobis at her side. Bill McCune served as official bartender and Leo Druziak was our Hot Dog Chef. Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas really outdid themselves by making fifteen pounds of kielbasa, topped off with home made rye breads. A pleasant surprise greeted all who attended - a four-piece band led by Mark Druziak and his three friends. They really were great! The big moment arrived when Rev. Joseph Grabys of Scotia, N.Y. appeared with his mother, a recent arrival from Lithuania. Her visit to the USA was for approximately three months... Father Victor Puina informed us that Sadie and Charles Karbus had been in an accident the evening prior to the party. Sadie was hospitalized and Charles was shaken up, but seemed unhurt. We're glad to see Sadie made a speedy recovery!..... Prizes were won by Lenny Olechowski, Peter Hayes, Fr. Joseph Enselment (Happy Birthday, Father - Nov. 13), and Velma Svedarckas.... Fr. Matthew Cyvas of Albany was also present. He was planning a trip to Kennebunk Port, Maine with a bus load of his parishioners to visit the Franciscan Monastery.... Groups of men could be seen playing bachi, while others were at horse shoes, cards, boating, and fishing. Later in the day those melodious voices could be heard singing, singing, and singing..... Belated birthday greetings to Charles Karbus (July 19) and Sadie Karbus (August 17).

September 21 - First fall meeting - President Radzevich asked Gene Gobis to give her report on the National Convention held in Chicago. She presented the council with the two awards which the council won - 1st place for Membership Drive and also for Paid-up Dues.... Accepting co-chairmanship for the Christmas banquet were Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis..... Rev. Robert K. Baltch showed slides on his recent trip to Lithuania. His visit coincided with the Song Festival which took place in Vilnius.... The members expressed their best wishes to President Anthony Radzevich and his charming wife, Ann, on their 25th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on Sept. 30. Also, birthday greetings were expressed to our organist, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas (Sept. 23).

NEWS BIT: John Gerutis and Judith Oberist were married in St. Casimir's Church on August 15. Ginny Miciulis' daughter, Barbara, and Michael Wytrwal tied the knot on October 17, also at St. Casimir's Church. Almost 500 guests attended the reception.

"THE BIG SPLASH" - Sept. 26. Place - Don Holleran's. Three birthdays were celebrated at one time - Rev. Bernard Gustas and Don Holleran (both Sept. 28) and Prof. Joseph Olsauskas (Sept. 23). Attending the gala celebration were over 80 guests. They included out-of-towners from New York City, Newton, Conn., Glens Falls, Troy, Albany, and Schenectady. Joe Zemaitis drove six hours to make the party.

The new slate of officers are: Anthony Radzevich - President, Gene Gobis - Vice President, Cynthia Thomas - Secretary, Sophie Olbie - Treasurer, Rev. Robert K. Baltch - Spiritual Advisor, Matthew Kazlauskas and William McCune -

Sergeants-at-arms. Matthew Orante will head the Cultural Committee and Edward Baranauskas will once again take over the reigns of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Rev. B. Gustas will head the Religious Committee...The Christmas banquet was scheduled for Dec. 13 at the Tower Inn. Reservations were handled by Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis..At the meeting, Rev. Baltch spoke on the new chapel which was completed in November at St. Casimir's Cemetary. He then showed slides on his recent trip to Lithuania, Russia, and Italy. Refreshments were served by Eleanor Olechowski, Aldona Abeling and Cynthia Abeling. Present were new members, -Miss Mary Stanionis and Mrs. Betty Kuzmich. Glad to have you in our midst. Welcome to our council.

At our November meeting we had a double attraction: the drawing of a 25 lb. turkey won by Frank Slikas and the showing of slides by Father Gustas on his trip to Germany. Our meeting fell on Nov. 9 and it was Ginny Miciulis' birthday. Helen Druziak and Polly Ziausys were on the refreshment committee. Helen made a birthday cake and Polly brought all the other goodies. Ginny was surprised when the members chimed in singing "Happy Birthday"....Certain faces which we have missed appeared at this gathering. Welcome back Don Nikstenas, Ed and Nellie Liberis. Also, two new members, or rather, former members from the old K of L



C-100 BIRTHDAYITES - DON HOLLERAN, Gene Gobis, FATHER GUSTAS, Matt Orante, and PROFESSOR OLSAUSKAS.

days rejoined through the efforts of Matt Kazlauskas. We welcome Vladas and Solomeja Rusilai. Linksma mums visiems priimti jus ir jusu zmona prie Vyciu organizacijus....Also present were our newest members, Mary Stanionis and Betty Kuzmich (who are sisters), Tony & Ann Radzevich. Helen Druziak; Polly Ziausys, Sophie Olbie, Sadie Karbus, Helen Radzevich, Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Cynthia & Mildred Thomas, William McCune and Gene Gobis.

BIG, BIG, NEWS...Our beloved Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, was appointed Dean of the Clergy for Montgomery County, by Bishop Edwin B. Broderick. Our sincere congratulations!

Our heartfelt sympathies to Ed & Nellie Liberis and their family in the recent loss of Ed's mother, Mrs. Barbara Liberis.

We hope it won't be too long before we have Anthony Beleckas back in our midst. Tony has been ill for a number of months. Pasveik Antanai, mes pasiilgome jusu..... National Legal Advisor, Anthony C. Stokna, has also had his bad luck with illness this year. Recently, Tony spent a few weeks in the hospital, but he is now back on the job.

Our Amsterdam Council hopes your Christmas was Merry, and wish one and all a Very Happy New Year!!

NEW YORK, N.Y. - C-12

Liberty Lady

Talk about throwing a pebble in the pond and the ripples spread in all directions. As a result of our K of L action in October - approving a donation to the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel, we heard recently that the Rosary Society is planning to give a similar donation. God Bless them for their generosity as the word "Martyr" becomes even more significant after hearing the shocking story of the Lithuanian seaman seeking political asylum in our country. K of L C-12 has approved the motion to send a letter to the President of the United States to continue the investigation of this unfortunate situation.

Individual members are also sending personal letters to the



President John Yorkus of Council 12.

President to express their feelings about the disgraceful incident. We all observed a Day of Mourning on Dec. 6th by attending services at Our Lady of Vilna Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral and then joined the public procession to the United Nations.

At the November council meeting we had the pleasure of having a visitor from another council, Joseph Boley of C-41 Seniors. Our members exchanged viewpoints with Joseph on the financial structure of K of L.

John Yorkus, the new President of Council 12, read the wonderful letter of acknowledgment we received from Bishop Brizgys for the donation to the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel. Our hostesses, Ann Montvidas (Treasurer) and Helen Matthews served delicious refreshments during the social hour. Our vivacious member, Helen Cuperwicz, proudly announced that son,



Rev. Anthony Kardas, Spiritual Director and Joseph Boley, visitor, at C-12 November meeting.

Paul, has joined the Cub Scouts and Helen is now kept busy attending monthly scout meetings. Our new member, Helen Matthews, who loves singing, is busy rehearsing with the Lithuanian Women's Operetta Chorus in preparation for the song festival of Canadian and American Groups to be held in the summer of 1971.

The hard working K of L crew gave of their services at the Annual Fall Parish Dinner for the support of Our Lady of Vilna Church. It was a huge success and we suspect the K of L'ers are beginning to acquire an avocation as waitresses, cooks, refreshment dispensers and interior decorators.



Hostesses at C-12 November meeting.
Ann Montvidas - Helen Matthews.



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DAYTON, OHIO - C-96 FBP

November 7th saw some of our members heading for Cincinnati to the International Exposition Program on display at the Cincinnati Convention Hall. With C-134, Cincinnati, in charge of the Lithuanian display, our representatives came back with varying reports. The program presented cultural displays, folk dances and foods of the nationalities represented. Making the trip were John/Ann Scott, Polly Pietrzak, Pat Zelinskas, Eloise Berczelly, Joe/Bea Noreikas, Frank Gudelis, Rita Ambrose, Elinor and Annamarie Sluzas, Mike/Alice Petkus, John Razauskas, John/Jane Petkus, Joe/Ada Sinkwitz, Ann and Joey Boeke, Joe/Eleanor Mantz, George, George, Jr. and Elena Mikalauskas. Dressed in their Lithua-

nian costumes were Mary Lucas, Frances and Mary (a Jr.) Mikalauskas! Representing our Juniors were Ed Sluzas and Cathy Sinkwitz, also!!

Highlight for the month was our election of officers for the 1971 year. Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Titas Narbutas, President - Joe Noreikas, Vice-Pres. in charge of Juniors - Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas, Vice-Pres. in charge of members -

Mike P. Petkus, Secretary - Veronica Omlor, Treasurer - Sally Miller, Fin. Secretary - Frances Mikalauskas, Trustees - Marianne Podoyak and Bea Noreikas, Sgt-at-arms - Andy August, Ritual - Stan Vaitkus, Lithuanian Affairs - Frank Gudelis, Cultural - Mary Lucas, Religious - Pat Zelinskas, Condolence - Eleanor Mantz and Maxine Bakanauskas, Vytis - Fran Petkus, Sarysis - Joe Gecas and Frank Gudelis, Sports - Chairman George Mikalauskas assisted by Charles Petkus, Dave Petroski and Lou Prasmantas. Here's to success in the NEW YEAR! A big THANK YOU to those who kept us in line for 1970!

Our Election Evening was followed with a covered buffet supper/cocktail time under the guidance of Kitty Prasmantas and Mary Lucas along with the help of the telephone squad and its leader, Ida Kavy. Everyone had a good time. Eloise Berczelly had her table in stitches. Joe Gecas had some thinking on a 'very interesting subject'.

ODDS AND ENDS....

Speedy recovery wishes are extended to Annadel Miller who has been hospitalized. Get well wishes go to Joe Sinkwitz, also....Sporting a new car are Jim and Joan Kavalauskas. Tighten those safety belts! Checking on the Cleveland council and their family for the Thanksgiving Day weekend were the Mikalauskas', - George, Frances and family..A Thanksgiving Family Reunion was held in Indiana for the Pant Family, - Henry and Lauretta. Lauretta's parents, Ernie and Veronica Omlor participated also... Sometimes one has to travel for fun - that's what Judy Petrokas did at a 'Family Reunion' in Michigan.

Steponas Bucmys was host to Kazys Karpius the weekend of November 28-29. Mr. Karpius of Cleveland is long time editor and publisher of the Lithuanian language weekly newspaper 'Dirva'. On Nov. 28, in our church hall, Mr.

Karpius showed films of the activities at the Lithuanian Cultural Gardens in Cleveland, films of the former President of Lithuania, Antanas Smetona, who lived in exile in Cleveland, and played music recorded at the War Museum in Kaunas during an independent period in Lithuania. Following the program, Steponas entertained K of L members and friends at his home. This gave some an opportunity to meet with Mr. Karpius informally.

Recovering from wedding preparations were the parents of the groom, C. Mike and Eileen Wilemaitis, as was Joe and Aldona Ryan whose daughter was recently married. Best wishes to the newly weds.

It's reported that John and Irene Veigel are enjoying their new state and home - Bethany Beach, Maryland.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Albina Wallis on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Marcella Kadis, and to Maxine Bakanauskas on the loss of her sister, Sallyann Casey. May their souls rest in peace.

Celebrating birthdays in Dec. were Amelia August, Frank Gudelis, Ann Kondrotas, Mike P. Petkus, Fran Vangas, John Veigel, Eileen Wilemaitis, Andy August, Sam Bakanauskas, Joe Petrusky, Joe Somentus, Ildephonsas Bucmys and Joan Kavalauskas. Happy birthday to all!

To all friends and Knights from C-96, we extend best wishes and a New Year blessed with health and happiness.

DETROIT, MICH. - C-79 Soffi

The tinsel, streamers, Christmas tree and the old year have been put away, the New Year has begun, and with it comes every wish for God's blessing from C-79 to you.

A spring maverick weather greeted our 79'ers as they assembled for a meeting on Dec. 2. The hustle and bustle of the Installation of Officers was the main agenda of the evening, and when the dust was settled, Frank Zager had installed the new president, Gerald Zager, who in turn installed all the new officers. With your cooperation, we can help our new officers do a good job. They need our aid more than ever to face the challenges of 1971.

During this meeting, the members presented visual accounts of the church council meeting held on

Nov. 22. There was a bit of "whooping" and talking but the year-end "stock-taking" proved that our members have a great interest in the organizational activities.

Our Cultural Chairman, Stella Hotra, brought in and displayed some geometric ornaments made of straw. Anyone wishing to learn how to make these straw ornaments can contact Stella. She was a guest speaker at a Christmas demonstration at the Chaney Library on Dec. 14. Daughter, Tina Hotra, gave her annual report on Lithuanian Affairs. She had some pithy comments on the "Simas" subject, and urged members to attend a demonstration in front of Detroit's Federal building, which was held on Dec. 5, to protest the denial of political asylum to a Lithuanian defector from a Soviet fishing vessel. Tina also urged our members to write to President Nixon condemning the injustice of the brutal treatment of Simas. Ralph Valatka made the TV circuit when a newsman questioned the purpose of the demonstration. He informed the public that Simas Kudirka requested asylum near Martha's Vineyard, after hurling himself from a Soviet fishing vessel. Instead, after several hours of consultations, the sailor was beaten and dragged back by the Russian crewmen who were permitted to board the U.S. cutter by its commander, Capt. Ralph Eustis. He spoke of many such atrocities suffered by all the small nations under the Soviet rule which should not be permitted.

The Christmas luncheon at the Sussex House on Dec. 11 was a successful venture. Credit for the work goes to Bertha Janus and Sophie Zager. Everyone enjoyed a Christmas Fashion Show along with the "talk-swapping".

SOFFI SNOOPING: Many of our members are heading for warmer climates - Chester and Marge Nashlon enjoyed the fun and sun at the Bahamas....Ann Calvin and her sister, Mary, will head for Colorado in January when Mary retires....Joe Usoris' mother, Mrs. Veronica Usoris, flew to Arizona accompanied by the Zager's aunt, Mrs. Mary Vincuinis, to spend the entire winter season there....Dorothe Martin and family went to Phila. for Godfather and Auntie's 50th wedding anniversary. We heard thru the "grapevine" that it will be a reunion remembered.....Belated but

sincere congratulations to Stella and Walter Hotra on their 25th wedding anniversary, celebrated on Oct. 13 with a Mass and reception, in Philadelphia, Pa.....Leon Galinskas is under a new roof in Roseville.....We were deeply saddened by the untimely death of little Loran Gail, the three-year old granddaughter of Helen and Clem Patocki. She was the precious daughter of Elaine and Lou Redmond.....Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Pat Milius on the sudden death of her brother, George Kudirka. He is survived by his wife, Helene, and one daughter. George was a well-known musician in Puerto Rico. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. P. Kudirka.

Just a reminder - what finer New Year's resolution is there, than to sign up a new K of L member.



K of L Mid-Central District Officers for 1970-71. L to R: Grace Vaskelis, Mary Lucas, Frank Gudelis, Stella Pavis, Ed Pavis, Violet Panavas, and Stella Sankal.

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On October 16, 17 and 18 the Cleveland Seniors Council hosted a well planned and very enjoyable District Convention at the Howard Johnson Motel.

On Friday evening, we were hosted by Mrs. Jule Saleseviciene and Mr. & Mrs. Peter Luiza at their lovely home with a gay "Early Bird Party" and a delicious buffet. Thanks to Julia, Pete and Aldonna for their fine hospitality.

Among the business discussed at the District meeting was the sad decision to drop the Camp Dainava Project due to lack of campers and the unavailability of suitable dates for everyone concerned.

A pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Three Crosses in Dayton, Ohio is planned for a tentative date in June.

Election of officers finds the following taking office for the coming year: Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Titas Narbutas, President - Vincent Ed Pavis, 1st Vice-Pres. - Frank Gudelis, 2nd Vice-Pres. - Grace Vaskelis, Secretary - Stella Pavis, Treasurer - Stella Sankal, Trustees - Ruth Grasha, Violet Panavas, Victoria Cepulionis, Sgt.-at-Arms - Petras Zigmantas, Ritual Chairman - Frank Gudelis, Lithuanian Correspondent - Jos. Sadauskas, Vytis Correspondent - Mary Lucas, Lithuanian Affairs - Ruth Grasha, Catholic Action Chairman - Mary Lucas.

Saturday night found us at Hoffbrau House Restaurant for a gala evening of dining and dancing which was enjoyed by everyone, especially the German food and the Polka band.

On Sunday morning, Father Angelaitis celebrated Holy Mass for the members at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. He extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and congratulated the Knights for their zeal and dedication to the organization - to God and Country.

At noon we again assembled at Hoffbrau House Restaurant for another sumptuous meal after which the out-of-town guests bade farewell to their wonderful hosts, the Cleveland Seniors.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

CHICAGO, ILL. - C-112

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Belated congratulations to past president, Albert Zakarka, and his officers who had another successful K of L year.

Our leaders for the 1970-71 season are: President - John Evans, Vice-President - Irene Rakaitis, Rec.Secretary - Dolores Wainauskis, Corres. Secretary - Bernadine Rogers, Treasurer - Monica Kasper, Fin.Secretary - Al Dagus, Trustees - Al Mockus and Al Zakarka, Sgts-at-Arms - Ed Krivickas, Antanas Sereika and Andy Tatusko. Canon V. Zakarauskas will again serve as our Spiritual Advisor.

Although President Evans was on a European trip during the first board meeting, which was hosted by Irene Rakaitis, his committee selections were announced. Geraldine Mockus will handle Lithuanian Affairs and the English publicity,

Emilija Pakalniskis, Lithuanian publicity, and Irene Sankus, "Vytytis" correspondent. Ruth Dagis will manage both the Ritual and Social chairmanships. The "Cheer" will be applied by Monica Kasper and after a nine-year hiatus (to raise her family), Angie Svehla will be in charge of Membership.

As in previous years, board meetings are held at the individual members' homes. The November and December board meetings were hosted by John Evans and Dolores Wainauskas, respectively.

Proud new parents of a baby girl are Leo and AnnMarie Juraitis, and Al and Julia Zakarka welcoming their third daughter, Denise Ann. Godparents for Denise Ann were K of L'ers, Dolores Yuknis and Al Dagis.

Motherhood did not delay Julia Zakarka from starting a C-112 Junior group. These bright young ladies are meeting regularly and entertained the council at the December meeting with Christmas carols.

Our council's Halloween Party held at the Don Varnas Post was very successful and fulfilled, although some of our members made the trip to Pakstas Hall to join in the Lithuanian Television's Dance.

Congratulations to C-112 member and former IID Spiritual Advisor, the Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, who became the new pastor of the Lithuanian Nativity B.V.M. Parish. Many K of L members attended the welcoming banquet held in the Parish Hall on November 1.

Best wishes to C-112 members who were elected to Supreme Council: Irene Rakaitis - Financial Secretary, Algerd Brazis - Trustee, and Albert Zakarka - Lithuanian Affairs Co-Chairman.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

BROCKTON, MASS. - C-1 P.E.A.

Council 1 members are busily planning their 27th Annual Snowflake Ball to be held February 6th at the Walkover Club, Brockton, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. This year we will have Joe Pasioka's Orchestra from Connecticut. As in past years, we are hoping to see many of our K of L friends whose support we have appreciated. Our

members on the dance committee are: Honorary Chairmen: Rev. Peter Shakalis and Rev. Michael Vembre; Co-chairmen - Marilyn Yuskaitis and Connie Grein; Decorations - Joanne Apanowicz; Refreshments - "Ronnie" Bizinkauskas; Publicity - Susan Boroskas and Pat Achorn; Tickets and Orchestra - Sylvia Shukis; General Committee - Andy Grein, Norman Achorn, Peter Bizinkauskas, Robert Dillis, Tony Skirius, Dorothy Kaseta, Al Skirius and Mike Boroskas.

See you on the "6th" !

Council 1 wishes to extend the happiest of holidays to our friends and Peace in the New Year.

WORCESTER, MASS. - C-26

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Over the protests of the membership, Val Baziliauskas insisted that holding office of President for two years was quite sufficient and, after extracting from him his word to remain active, we respected his decision and proceeded to elect a new President and board of officers. The new executive board was duly installed by our Spiritual Director, Father Justin Steponaitis, before Mass on December 8. With candle in hand, the following were sworn to Office: President - Stephen Walinsky, Jr.; 1st Vice-President - Helen Gillus; 2nd Vice-President - Ann Bender; Recording Secretary - Eleanor Walinsky; Financial Secretary - Rita Pinkus; Treasurer - Joseph Sakaitis; Auditors - Virginia Lelakis and Wanda Pajeda; Sergeants-at-arms - Mary Jankowski and Francis Degutis; Lithuanian Affairs Chairman - Olga Kersis. After receiving promises of whole-hearted support from the members, the new executive board (in an effort to capture the spirit of self-commitment) volunteered to plan the annual Christmas party. It was to their credit.

Gloria Metrik became a "Mrs." this fall, while Dana Paulukonis became engaged. Best wishes to the happy young ladies. Both Ted Pinkus and Ann Ridick, we're happy to report, have recovered from illness which had each of them confined to the hospital.

Wanda Pajeda, Virginia Lelakis, and Dana Paulukonis have offered their assistance to Helen Gillus in working with our Juniors. It seems safe to predict that with these four girls at the wheel (along with Father Steponaitis and his perpetual interest in youth work), our Juniors will experience a very good year!

The first executive board meeting was held at the home of Steve and Elly Walinsky where a check was made in the social and spiritual segments of the council, endeavoring to arrive at something of a factual agenda for the coming year. The bowling season is in full swing and committee heads have been named. We'll report on these items, among others, in a forthcoming issue. We hope all our friends had a Merry Christmas and we now wish each of our K of L friends a happy and healthy New Year. Su Diev.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS. - C-17

Autumn came and left and we are now in the winter season. C-17 has been active over the past few months. Congratulations to Al Jaritis on his election to 1st Vice-President of Supreme Council. Congratulations also to Larry Svelnis, now President of the NE District and to Alexander "Al" Akule, 3rd Vice-President of the District. Al Akule has been a K of L'er for a number of years but his work had prevented him from taking an active part. Now that he is able to devote more time to the Knights of Lithuania, we welcome him back to the fold. John Norenkevich, a new name added to the ranks of workers, and Al Jaritis were elected co-chairmen for the NED Cultural Picnic which will be held Sept. 12, 1971, at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. Don't delay; send in your ideas as to how we can improve the picnic in order to attract more K of L'ers and their friends. Be an active member and volunteer your services, too.

Father Al Contons, Larry Svelnis, Al Jaritis, and Sue Boroskas attended the Supreme Council meeting held in Newark, N.J. Larry took the morning bus to New York, while the rest of the group used the Newark Shuttle.

Ed Rudis really gets around. Though Rudy is working in Europe, he is a true K of L'er - pays his

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dues regularly, and even took time off to meet the K of L travel group in Rome for the dedication of the Lithuanian Martyr's Chapel.

The last social event of the season for the council was our very successful "Novemberfest" nite which was a complete sell-out. This was a joint venture between C-17 Regulars and Seniors. Chairman was John Olevitz. His committee consisted of: Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Venis, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Shalna, Alice Olevitz, Helen Suprin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph White, Mr. & Mrs. John Norenkevich, Helen Zarembo, Helen Zemaitis, Mr. & Mrs. Al Akule, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Markunas, Eddie Duszreick, Dr. Al Kiboris, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mickalonis, Mrs. Adam Druzdis, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Rudzuinas, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gendreau, Rev. Al Janiunas, Larry Svelnis, Al Jaritis, Connie Grien of C-1, Brockton, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Venis and Anna Ulevicius. (The correspondent hopes he didn't miss anyone). This was the social of the year. The band played overtime and the food disappeared as quickly as it was served. They all had such a good time, it was difficult to say "Good-night"! It was good to see the old friendly missing K. of L faces and now that we have their names, a concerted effort should be put forth to sign them up as members of either the regular council or the senior group. Let's get them on the books!

Our "Vacationers Club" list is a long one. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gendreau and family spent their free time in Vermont - their motto being "Think Snow". Mr. & Mrs. Rudzuinas travelled to France and Spain. Bill Zarembo went to Venezuela and up the Amazon River for some adventure. "Aloha" was sounded by Helen Zarembo, Helen Zemaitis and Lil Wadell via Las Vegas & San Francisco, Calif. Jean Pasakarnis also went to Hawaii, a combined business and pleasure

trip. Jean conducted a medical seminar in Honolulu. Mr. & Mrs. John Norenkevich spent their vacation in New Hampshire. Bill Gorski and Father John Zuromskis went to a dude ranch in New York, getting in some horseback riding. Adele Martus spent an interesting vacation. She traveled to Quebec and Montreal, Canada with her sister-in-law, Mary, whose aunt had just arrived from Italy, and Mary's daughter. Adele added a few Italian words to her vocabulary and felt the trip was very worthwhile. Fr. Al Contons took a group of students on a tour of Europe. Al Jaritis spent a fortnite in California, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Yelmokas toured the Caribbean for a short vacation. Frank Yonika, a member residing in Maryland, spent part of his leisure time at Cape Cod. Dalja Karoblis toured Europe. Vytautas (don't call me Vyto) Bruzgys also traveled throughout Europe and Canada. John and Anita Daniels and family journeyed to Disneyland and saw California sights. Larry Svelnis hibernated to Massachusetts for a short rest, away from the cares of the world.

We haven't seen Rita Waitkunas lately, as she is busy renovating her empty apartment. Rita seems to be an interior decorator at heart. A new son has been added to the Paul Neveira's household; mother is the former Ginny Druzdis. Ann Kleponis is trying to make up her mind as to what a thoroughbred or a plug is at Rockingham Park..... ever find out Ann? A daughter has been added to the Raymond and Paula (Bernotas) Slingers. Helen Suprin is busy surveying the hills of New Hampshire and Vermont for the coming skiing season. Plans are under way for the council's skiing trip the last weekend in January. Make your reservations early through Al Jaritis. Initially, we will accept reservations from

friends. We've been missing the following members: Vyto Jurgela, Pat Plansky, Florence Zaleskas, Frank & Helen Sabiski, Vic & Helen Grigalunas, John & Betty Grigalunas, and Joanna Grigas. Pay us a visit!

Please remember in your prayers the following: Martin Gaputis, one of our old time members. Also, Robert "Bobby" O'Malley who, while on vacation, lost his life in a boating accident. Though Bobby wasn't Lithuanian, he was a social member of C-17 Juniors and a wonderful fun-loving member. His smile will be missed and the zealous energy he put into every endeavor. From the Senior Council we lost Treasurer, Steve Mickevich, another hard-working member who was proud to do his share for the Knights of Lithuania. Anele "Nellie" (Marks) Davis will also be sorely missed. After getting her household in order, she was now ready to work for K of L causes. The father of Aldonna (Jakabouskas) Keaney passed away after a long illness. Lillian Wadell's brother as well as Attorney Anthony Young's sister, Mrs. Frances George, also passed away. We lost a great K of L friend, Antanas Kneizys, former editor of "Darbininkas" and of the Lithuanian Radio Hour and father of Rev. Anthony Kneizys of Hudson. From neighboring C-18 we'll miss Al Marcin. We lost Rev. Alphonsus Yumont, S.J. who wasn't a member of the K of L but was always eager to spread the word of the organization. Also in your prayers remember the Lithuanian sailor, Simas, who was turned back to the Russians after he asked for refuge. Let's hope we don't have a similar incident like this.

A Healthy and Happy New Year to all from C-17.

