
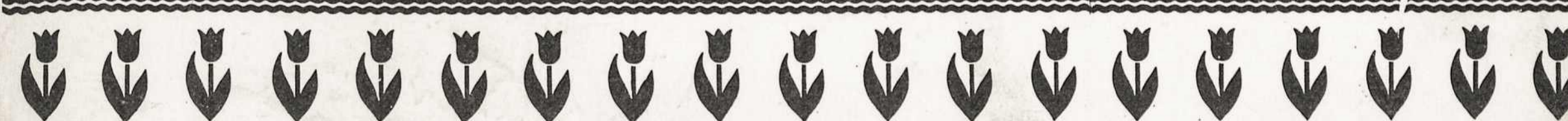


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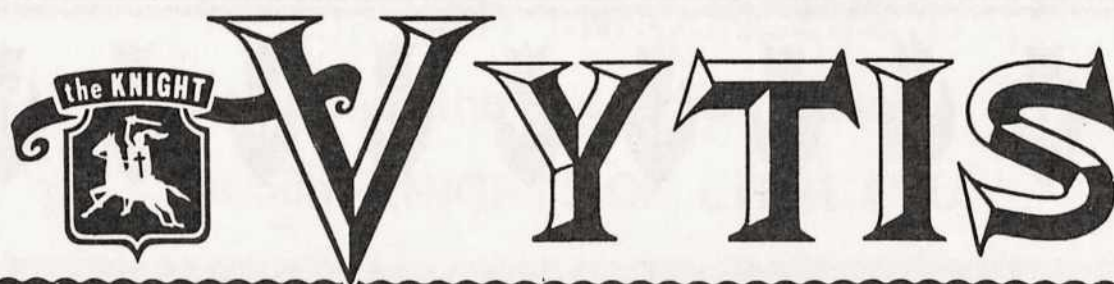
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# THE SAVIOR OF LIFE IS RISEN

Rev. Albert J. Contons

Why is it that rock's brightest superstar, Jimi Hendrix, was extinguished a few months ago at the peak of his success?

Why did Janis Joplin, whose records sold millions come to a sudden end from an overdose of drugs?

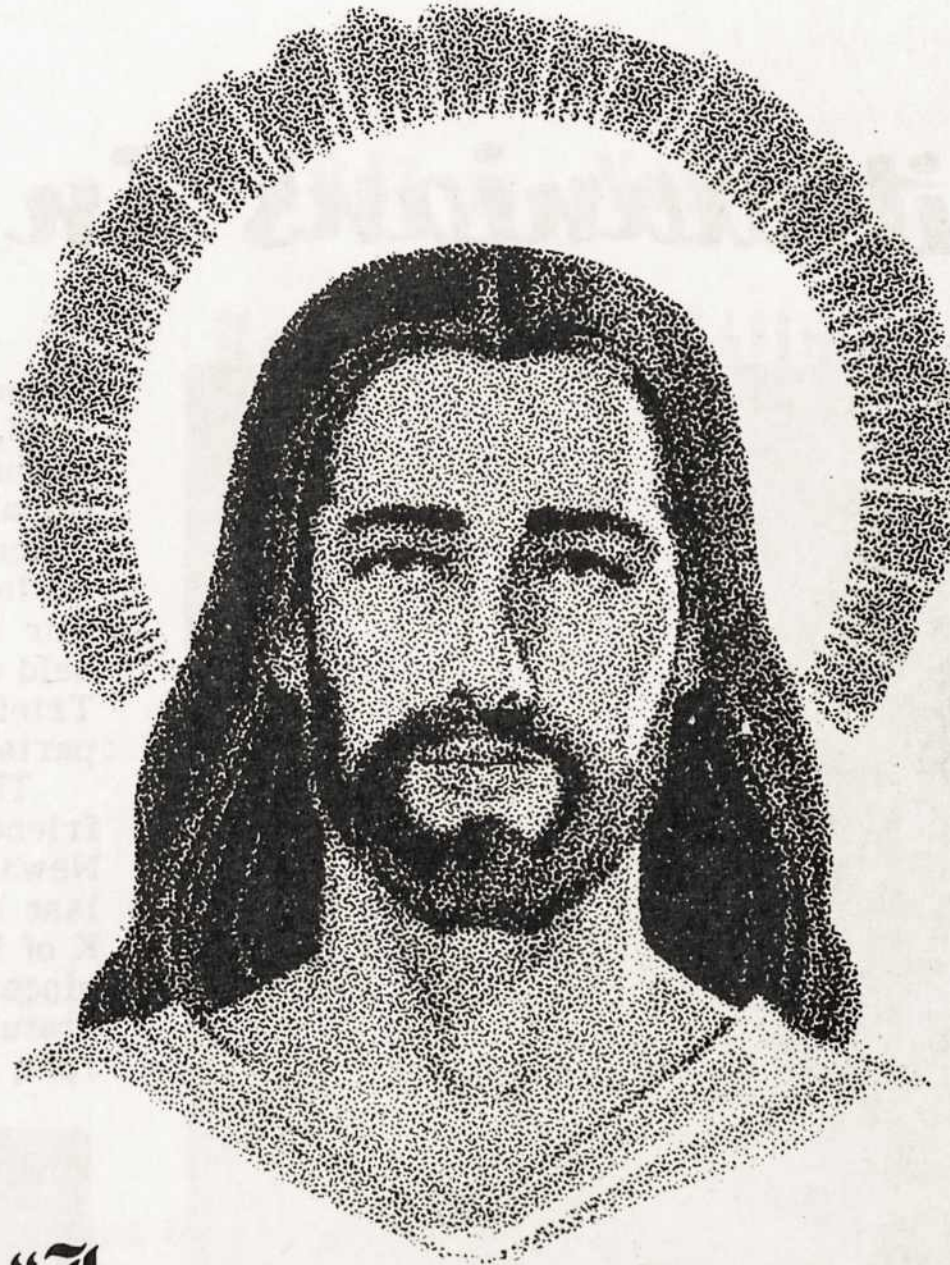
Why are there an estimated half million dropouts from life, young people living in the streets of America, bitter, lonely, despairing?

These tragedies reveal a despair about life, the failure of hope. Janis Joplin, filled with life onstage, admitted the emptiness of her life offstage. Her first album was entitled "Cheap Thrills." She once reflected, "I was brought up in a middle-class family; I could have had anything. But you need something more in your gut, man." Something was missing.

One of the great modern novelists, Nikos Kazantzakis, author of "Zorba the Greek," saw life as calling for noble human ideals, but without God. His thinking typifies so much of the despair in life today. In "Saviors of God," he writes, "Our body is a ship that sails on deep blue waters. What is our goal? To be shipwrecked." He adds, "Without hope, but with bravery, it is your duty to set your prow calmly toward the abyss and to say, 'Nothing exists.'"

As Christians we cannot give in to the despair of so many around us. Our lives are filled with hope because of Easter - Jesus rose from the dead.

We live in hope because God



**"I am the Resurrection and the Life"**

made promises to us. He made a covenant with us through Abraham, Moses and the prophets. We belong to God. He loves us and cares for us.

God describes His covenant with us, "I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead... You shall be my people and I will be your God." (Ezek. 36, 26-28)

We live in hope because we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. In one sense this second coming was inaugurated with the Resurrection of Jesus and His exaltation at the right hand of the Father. From another viewpoint, this second coming will be completed only at the end of time when Christ will return in glory. This end-time, begun with the Resurrection, is a time of growth for us, of struggle, of perfecting our lives and bringing the world to perfection. As St. Paul writes, "We must hope to be saved since we are not yet saved."

We live in hope because Christ is risen from the dead. The Letter

to the Hebrews calls the Risen Jesus the "anchor of our hope."

The anchor in the ancient world was a symbol of stability. Early Christians used it on graves as a symbol of hope. But this symbolism can be misleading. A ship's anchor may suggest to the Christian that he must be moored to the past and stand still as life flows on, that he must look backward.

Instead, our hope anchors us to the Risen Lord who will come again. We are a pilgrim people on the march; we look forward to the future.

We are like a space ship anchored in orbit. It speeds forward in stability and constancy. If it comes too close to earth it can be destroyed in the atmosphere; if it goes too high, it can lose its mooring in orbit and become a space vagabond forever.

As Christians we are made strong by Easter hope. We are not afraid of life nor of the future because Jesus is the Savior of life. We go forward in life with the Risen Christ made present to us by His grace, by His Spirit. This is the joy of Easter.



# Lithuanians in The News



REV. JOHN SCHARNUS NAMED MONSIGNOR

A new member was added to the ranks of the Lithuanian Monsignori with the recent elevation of REV. JOHN J. SCHARNUS, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N.J., to the rank of Rt. Rev. Monsignor.

Born June 29, 1911 in Newark, N.J., Msgr. Scharnus was educated at East Side High School in Newark, the Fawcett Art School, and St. Benedict's Prep. He received a degree from Seton Hall University on Jun. 6, 1934, and was ordained to the priesthood four years later, at the Immaculate Conception Seminary.

His first assignment was curate at St. Paul of the Cross in Jersey City, N.J. In June, 1939, he was appointed as assistant to Rev. Leo Voicekaskas of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Harrison, and then was transferred to Sts. Peter and Paul, Elizabeth, in July, 1939 as assistant to Rev. Joseph Simonaitis.

In November, 1949, with the institution of the Catholic Youth Organization in the Newark Archdiocese, Msgr. Scharnus was assigned by Archbishop Walsh as one of the ten original Assistant Directors. He was appointed administrator of St. Ann Lithuanian Church, Jersey City, N.J. on July 1, 1941, where he served until 1964.

May, 1942 he became Spiritual Director of the Lithuanian Sodality Union of New York and New

Jersey, a post he held for 20 years, until 1962. In 1963, Msgr. Scharnus was elected President of the Lithuanian Priest Relief Association, an international organization to help priests of Lithuanian descent in time of sickness, with financial assistance.

In 1964, Msgr. Scharnus was appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Kearny, a post he held until 1968, when he was appointed Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Newark. At present, he is also a parish priest consultant of the Newark Archdiocese.

The new monsignor, until now known to his many friends as "Father John" is a member of K of L C-29, Newark. He especially endeared himself to the K of L last summer as one of the Spiritual Advisors of the K of L Pilgrimage to Rome. The Knights of Lithuania sincerely extends its warmest greetings and congratulations to its new Monsignor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Joseph Scharnus.

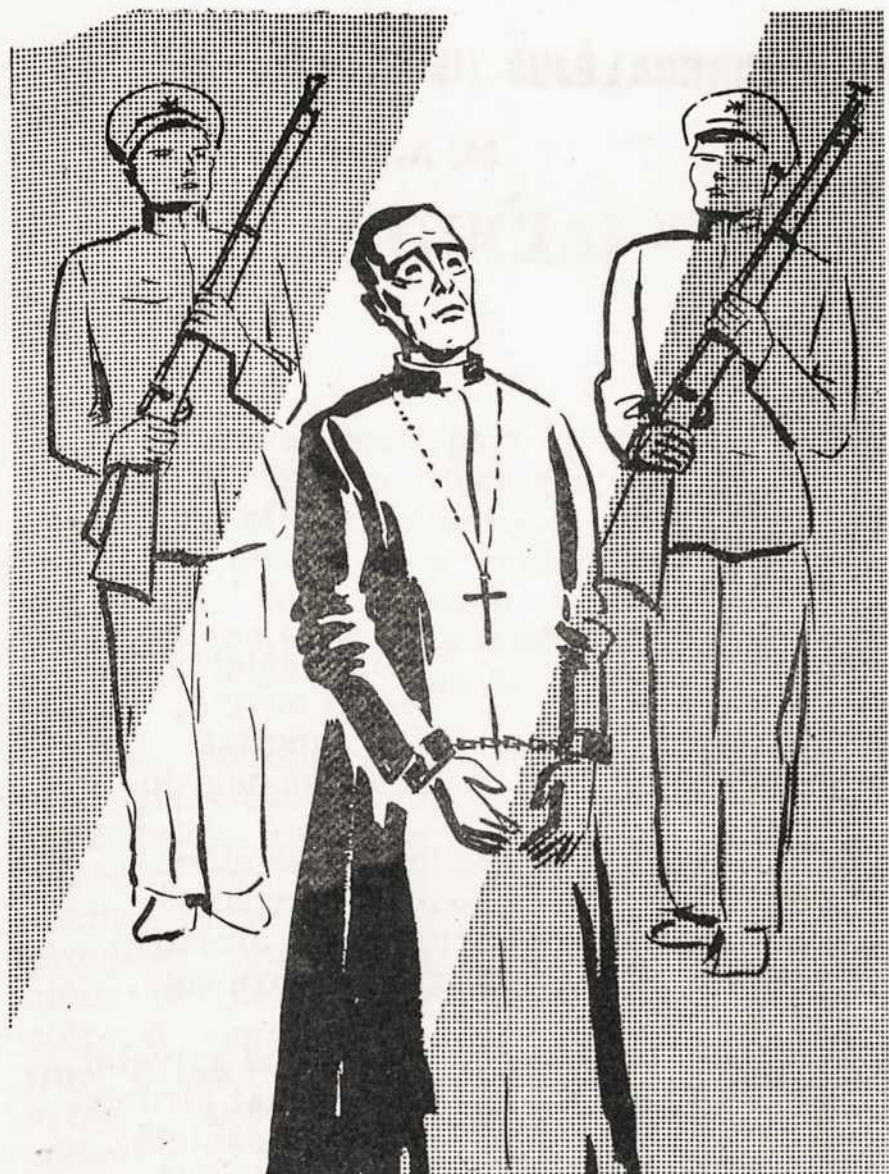


FUTURE K OF L-ER HONORED

Eleanore Grasha, seven-year-old daughter of Ruth Grasha, is shown receiving a Barbie Lively Livin' House. She was one of the ten Detroit area winners in a national Barbie Fan Club Sweepstakes. Eleanore and her mother were honored at a luncheon at Top of the Flame in Detroit. Ruth is not to be outdone by daughter. As M/C District's Public Relations Chairlady, she has written for proclamations commemorating Lithuania's Republic to each governor in every state. Ruth has received 14 proclamations and many replies from congressmen. She has also received a letter from the State Department regarding the Simas Kudirka incident. She also serves on the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of C-#79.



## 1941 m. Velykos Komunistų Kalėjime



Kun. J. Čekavičius

Ant grindų ramiai ilsisi 28 vyrų pageltę kūnai. Jie daugiau panašūs į gyvus lavonus, nei į normalius žmones.

Pelėsių kvapas ir drėgnas oras slegia gyvuosius. Atrodo, netrukus pasirodys aušra - mąstė kunigas, gulėdamas ant maišelio.

Tik staiga trenksmas į duris ir komanda - keltis!

Naujos dienos pradžia, nauja virtinė skausmų ir žmogaus pažeminimo kančių. Nusiminimas, neviltis ir baimė kaip sunki našta slegia visus.

Sienoje kaliniai aštriu pagalėliu išraižė kvadratėlius su numeriais. Tai reiškė mūsų kalendorių. Nuostabu, kad per ilgesnį laiką kaliniai pameta laiko tėkmę. Nebežino nei savaitės dienų, nei metinių švenčių.

Mūsų kalendorius rodo šią dieną esant sekmadienį Šv. Velykų Šventę.

Kasdieninė kalėjimo tvarka nekinta - vis ta pati. Sunkias medines klumpes vilkdami, mes einame ratu aplink stalą. Vieni kalbasi, kiti, žiūrėk, persižegnoja ir tyliai judina lūpas - meldžiasi.

Po keleto minučių, gauname kumščio dydžio juodos duonos gabalą ir kaušą juodo šilto vandens.

Maži ryto aušros spindulėliai prasiskverbė į mūsų kamerą lėtomis užkaltais langais. Tolumoje

dūsliai suskamba bažnyčios varpai. Kalinių ratas sustoja. Jų tarpe pasirodo nedidelio ūgio katalikų kunigas, tik vakar atvežtas iš karcerio.

Jo veidas labai išvargęs, sumuštas ir dėmėtas.

Visi kaliniai su pagarba prieina prie jo ir sveikina jį Velykų švenčių proga.

Vienas kalinių, priėjęs prie kunigo, su mažu duonos gabalu stuktelia jam į kaktą, sakydamas "Kunigėli, čia aš mušu Velykų margutį." Nusišluostė ašaras, veidais atsisukė į bažnyčios pusę, tyliai meldžiamės.

Po pusvalandžio sargai atidarė mūsų kameros duris ir įsakė plauti grindis. "Mes jau vakar vakare jas išplovėme", sako vienas iš mūsų. "Nesvarbu!" - rėkė pareigūnas. "Greičiau į darbą!" - šaukė jis. Vyrai skaičiuoja, kurio eilė plauti grindis. Pasirodo, šią dieną yra kunigo eilė.

Nieko nelaukęs, imu kibirą ir einu prisileisti vandens. "Na, tu, kunigėli, tai jau neplausi grindų", kalba į mane senosios rusų kartos vyras Zachary. "Man ne Velyki, aš už tave išplausiu grindis." Ir mano bičiulis paėmęs iš manęs kibirą, gražiai grindis išplovė.

Niekšai pasiryžo pasityčioti iš kalinių religinių jausmų Didįjį

Penktadienį, prieš Velykas. Išalkę kaliniai laukė vidurdienio sriubos tą penktadienį.

Atneštas prie durų vidurdienio stiubos katilas stipriai pakvipto sprigučių ir lašinių kvapu. Kaliniai pastatė akis žiūrėjo. Pirmieji tuojuo pasitraukė nuo durų su tuščiu dubenėliu rankose. Tos skanios stiubos visai neėmė. Kai kiti tai pastebėjo, visi kaip vienas atsisakė imti sriubą. Mat, Didžiojo Penktadienio religiniai nuostatai draudžia tą dieną valgyti mėsą.

Kilo triukšmas. Netrukus atėjo visa grupė valdininkų ir reikalavo pasakyti, kas sukurstė tai daryti. Nesuradę kaltininkų, nubaudė visą kamerą dviem dienom be sriubos.

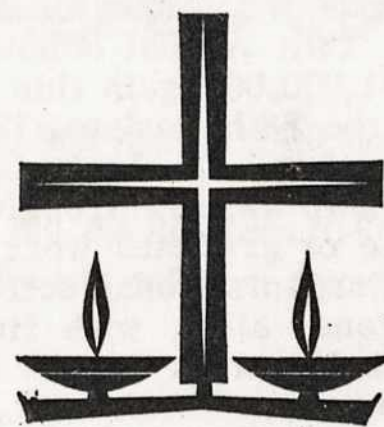
Šiandien gi Velykos. Artėja vidurdienis. Greitai gausime vidurdienio sriubą. Jau girdėti katilų skambesys. Štai atrakina duris, o mes jau eilėje laukiame Velykų sriubos.

Vos tik durys atsidarė, pasklido baisiai dvokiantis kvapas. Žiūrime ir negalime suprasti, iš kur taip baisiai dvokia.

Atsinešę sriubos kaušus negalėjome valgyti. Pasidėję ant stalo ją maišėme ir žiūrėjome, kas gi čia sudėta.

Netrukus paaiškėjo: neišvalyti gyvulių viduriai, su visu mėšlu, sudėti į mūsų sriubą. Dėlto ir kvapas buvo tiesiog nepakeliamas.

Tos Velykos man paliko tikrai gilų išpūdį. Nesvarbu, kaip niekšai bando palaužti žmogaus valią, Dievas suteikia stiprybės.







## SUNKIAI SUNEGALĖJUS (Ištrauka)

M. A. Norkūnas

Oi skauda, skauda  
Mano galvelę;  
Oi gelia, gelia  
Jausmingą širdelę.

Eisiu girelėn  
Margon pievelėn,  
Gal ten surasiu  
Širdelėi vaistelių.

Ėjau girelėn,  
Margon pievelėn,  
Tik nesuradau  
Širdelėi vaistelių.

Vaistų gėlelės  
Seniai nuvyto,  
O jų lapeliai  
Širdelės negydo.

Kaip tom gėlelėm  
Tėvelis dangaus  
Skyrė joms amžių,  
Kuris taip brangus,

Taip mano galvelei,  
Jausmingai širdelėi  
Leidžias saulelė,  
Baigias dienele.

The above poem, written by our beloved founder, is published in commemoration of the anniversary of his passing, April 1, 1951.

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is prepared to forward an official announcement, application and reference forms to be submitted by prospective K of L candidates for the annual scholarship awards. These forms will be sent directly to each applicant whose name will be submitted to our Scholarship Committee by his or her council president or secretary.

The deadline is JUNE 30th, and forms may be obtained from the Chairman, Dr. J. J. STUKAS, 1467 Force Dr., Mountainside, N.J. 07092.

The 14th Annual Scholarship Awards, totalling up to \$1,000.00 again this year, will be announced during the 58th National Knights of Lithuania Convention, Aug. 11-15, in Glen Cove, N.Y. (C-109). Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate or graduate work. Scholarly achievement, K of L organizational activity, and various recommendations, along with financial need, are taken into consideration in the selection of scholarship winners.



We urge each Council and individual member to support this important Knights of Lithuania project financially. Many Councils urge their members to donate an extra dollar to the Scholarship Fund when paying their dues. Others prefer to sponsor an affair, a drawing, or to earmark a percentage of an affair's profits for the Scholarship Fund. Some councils, also, solicit patrons, businessmen and organizations to donate to our Fund.

All donations to the K of L Scholarship Fund should be forwarded to the Committee Treasurer, at the address given above. Mr. Zager will acknowledge each donation, and the complete list of donors will be printed in the Vytis after the National Convention.

The Scholarship Committee is looking forward to receiving names of applicants for the awards, and also having each member's cooperation in obtaining funds for this important K of L Program.



## MARGUČIAI - LITHUANIAN ART ON EASTER EGGS

Eggs have been part of the Easter celebration since the development of Christianity. The egg was taken as a symbol of the tomb from which Christ emerged and it became traditional to bless and eat eggs at Easter time.

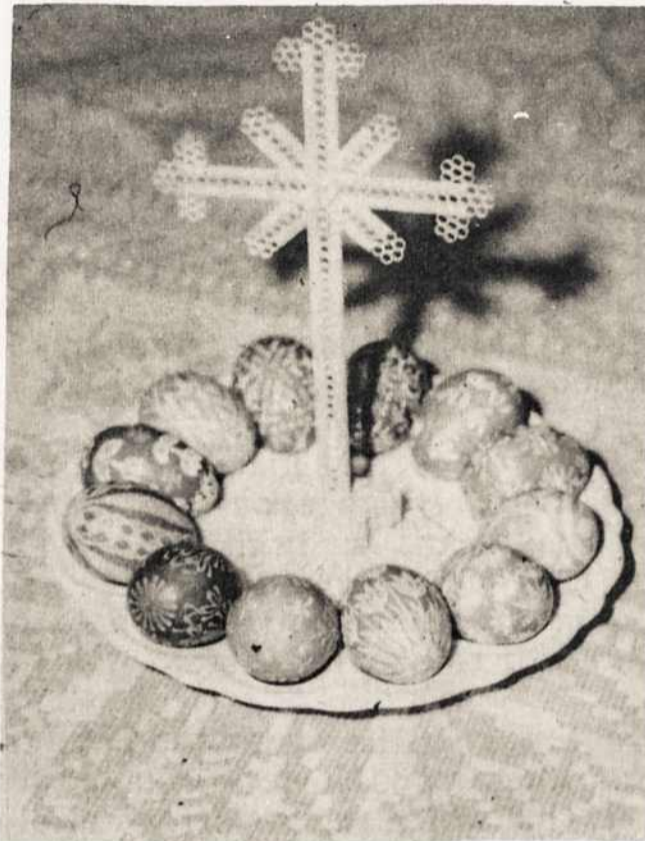
The custom of coloring eggs also goes back many years to a time before the first written records of our civilization. Roots, herbs, berries, seeds, and flowers provided pigment stains for every color of the rainbow. The first colored eggs were red and as time passed yellow, green, blue, brown, and even purple were added.

Colored eggs are particularly associated with the Lithuanian celebration of Easter. Intricately designed and multi-hued, these eggs, or "Margučiai", are typical examples of Lithuanian folk art. Friends and neighbors try to outdo one another in producing the prettiest eggs in the vicinity. The strength of the egg shells is also tested in egg rolling, picking, and hitting contests, as part of the Easter celebration.

Two methods of egg decoration are especially popular with Lithuanians. The first, the knife-etching method, is the more painstaking of the two.



"Mom" tries her hand at decorating a Lithuanian egg.



After they are hard-boiled, the eggs are dipped in dye or colored India Ink while still hot. Lithuanian motifs as well as the Easter Lily design and a variety of other novelty designs may be used. The designs are carefully scratched with a sharp knife or the head of a pin. Great care is taken to prevent cracking the delicate egg shell, especially when the egg is practically finished. Additional colors are often added or filled in after the etching is completed, and the egg may be rubbed with a waxed cloth to give it an enamel-like sheen. It takes three or four hours to complete one egg.

This method of egg-coloring dates back, actually, to pre-Christian days in Lithuania. Ancient Lithuanians etched eggs for spring with bones, stones, knives and other sharp objects, and colored them with soaked tree barks, leaves, berries, vegetables, etc.

The second method, in which the design is applied on the egg with beeswax, was a Slavic influence which took hold after Lithuania became Christianized, perhaps picked up from Slavic countries when Lithuanian ruled much of Europe.

A suitable instrument may be made by pushing a straight pin

into the smooth end of a match stick, or in the eraser of a pencil. This is dipped into melted wax and the design is applied with pencil-like strokes. After the design has been applied, the egg is dipped into a colored bath. The wax is removed with a warm cloth and the ornaments appear in white. A shine may be added by rubbing with a waxed cloth.

A great variety of colors may be obtained by using a series of colored baths. Dyes can be bought or made at home by boiling onion skins or walnut husks. Dark backgrounds, in general, are used to make the design stand out. Among the designs used are firs, roses, dots, zigzags, and flowers. The design is small, delicate, and covers the egg with a network of lace.



The "artists" admire the finished product on the "Ruta Tree".



COVER: Anne Klem, of (C-90, Kearny, N.J.) teaches Nancy, Billy and Susan Ochs, children of Bill and Rita Ochs (C-67, Bayonne, N.J.), the wax method of decorating Easter Eggs.



**Editorial . . .**

## **AMERICA? WHY DO YOU DO IT?**



It is natural for man, so endowed by his Creator, to seek the development of his talents for his spiritual and material advancement under a free system of life and government. If he is enslaved and is unable to do so, he seeks such a system even at the risk of what is most precious to him, life itself.

So it is no wonder that the Brazinskases, Simas Kudirka, the Simokaitises - all Lithuanian, and Rudolf Nureyev and Natalia Maharova - Russian ballet dancers, gambled with their lives to flee Soviet slavery for countries where the privileges of freedom can be enjoyed. These events were given much publicity by the Catholic and secular press.

All this publicity it seems that one very important matter has been forgotten. Has anyone tried to explain the basic reason why these individuals took the dangerous step they did? Yes, they sought freedom but what was it that forced them to seek it elsewhere and not in the country in which they were born and brought up?

To us, the answer is quite simple. It is just impossible to live as a human being under the Soviet system where man's basic rights are denied him and where he is reduced to a puppet or some kind of animal forced to obey the whims of his master. Life under the Soviet system is a life of jail and imprisonment, a life most intolerable to a true human being.

Soviet propaganda would have us believe that life under the Soviets is a happy man's paradise. If it is so, then why this exodus of her people from Russia and Soviet-occupied territories? The answer to this question is one which the Soviets refuse to answer and which the reporters of our newspapers seem to ignore.

We did not fail to see how the Soviets, in each of the above-mentioned incidents, took extra pains to play the events down. They simply cannot take the chance of anyone leaving the country and then revealing to the world what life under the Soviet regime is. This is especially true when one considers the fact that the Soviets permit only those to leave the country who in their judgment are faithful to their system. When these "faithful" ones defect, it is most difficult to come up with an adequate answer.

Since this is so, we find it very puzzling to understand why the United States and the free western world actually give recognition to the Soviets as a world power seeking peace for mankind. Common sense would seem to indicate that a nation which enslaves her people to the point of forcing them to risk their lives by fleeing from it is not a nation that is sincerely bent on world peace. Before a nation can be concerned about world peace, it must first provide peace and tranquillity for its own people. Such a nation should be told in no uncertain terms that it must first be concerned about its own inhabitants before it can expect recognition by the free world.

The way matters stand now, the present attitude on the part of the free world toward Soviet Russia, encourages the Soviets to continue their policy of enslavement and persecution of their people. It encourages for the future further incidents such as we have seen in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Simokaitis, Simas Kudirka and others. For this reason, it is extremely difficult to find a suitable answer to the question: "America? Why do you do it?"

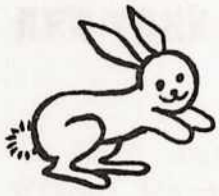
If America is the champion of freedom for all peoples, if the free western world is serious about liberty for the people of not merely one or a few nations but of all nations, then they should take concrete and practical steps to force Soviet Russia to make a drastic change in the type of life they provide for her people and to prove that it really wants peace by treating her inhabitants as human individuals and not as puppets or animals. Profits from trade relationships should not be of concern in such a matter which concerns the well-being and the welfare of human beings. The dignity of the human person demands this.

It is, therefore, our conviction that the time has come for the United States and the western free world to take appropriate action against the Soviets and to deal with them as the principles of justice and charity demand. Let the Soviets get out of Lithuania and the other occupied countries and incidents such as have occurred will not happen again.

Rev. John C. Jutt







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## CLEVELAND, OHIO

### DARBINGAS SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Vasario 7 d. įvyko vyčių sendraugių mėnesinis susirinkimas Lithuanian Village pastate. Nors oras buvo nekoks - snigo ir neturintiems automobilių sudarė kiek nepatogumų, bet susirinkimas buvo vienas iš gausiausių. Susirinkimą atidarė malda Stasė Sankalaitė, Sendraugių naujoji pirm. Ji priminė, kad malda aukojama už buvusio ilgamečio pirm. Antano Mačioko sveikata. Po vidurių operacijos jis pustrečios savaitės išgulėjo ligoninėje. Ačiū Dievui, mūsų Antanėlis jau apleido ligoninę ir ramiai ilsisi pas savo dukrą Antaniną ir žentą Al. Cinch. Valdyba ir nariai jam linki greitai pasveikti. Praėjusio susirinkimo nutarimus skaitė ir užrašinėjo M. Trainauskaitė. Ji kaip praėjusių metų išdininkė, taip pat padarė finansinį pranešimą, ir savo vedamą knygą perdavė Everdui Pranckūnui, naujam sendraugių išdininkui.

Saulėtos dežutės finansinį pranešimą padarė vyte R. Sadauskienė, iš kurios raporto paaiškėjo, kad sendraugių izdas ir saulėtos dežutės finansinis stovis yra geras. Tai patvirtino ir kasos prižiūrėtojai K. Petkūnienė ir K. Eidukaitis.

Skyriaus Tarybos raportažą padarė vice. pirm. Ignas Visockas, kuris priminė visiems, kad skyrius vasario 14 d. rengia Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės 53-jų metų sukakties paminėjimą. Abiejose lietuvių parapijos bažnyčiose bus Šv. Mišios, o 4 val. po pietų, naujos parapijos auditorijoje bus kalbos ir meniška programa. Taip pat trumpai pranešė, kad birželio 27 d., rengiama ekskursija į Dayton, Ohio, prie trijų kryžių šventovės. Ją rengia L. Vyčių, vidurinių valstybių apygarda. Šiam reikalui

nariai pritarė ir padidino komisiją šiais nariais: Jule Salaževičiene ir J. Sadausku, pas kuriuos galima registruotis ir užmokėti kelionės išlaidas.

Sv. Kazimiero šventės minėjimo pranešimą padarė pirm. Stasė Sankalaitė. Šios šventės paminėjimu rūpinasi L. Vyčių 25-ta kuopa. Veikiančioji komisija pranešė, kad ji ruošia kortavimo pobūvį su gausiais laimėjimais. Ritualų komisija netrukus žada šaukti savo susirinkimą ir kartu paprašė pririnkti dar vieną narį šiai komisijai. Į ją išrinktas Ignas Visockas. Nutarta bendrai su kitomis Clevelando lietuviškomis draugijomis ir organizacijomis, paminėti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės sukaktį ir dalyvauti su vyčių sendraugių vėliava. Taip pat nutarta kasmet užsakyti Sv. Mišias, už visus mirusius Clevelando L. Vyčius. Be to, sendraugiui mirus, susirinkti laidotuvių koplyčioje bendrai pasimelsti už velionį ir atsisveikinti. Vyte Uršulė Sukienė, kuri buvo susižeidusi ranką, sendraugiams tarė labai nuoširdų ačiū, už jai pareikštą užuojautą nelaimėje.

Po susirinkimo, kaip paprastai, prasidėjo vaisės - užkandžiai, kuriuos skoningai paruošė susirinkimo globėjos - vyte Rožė Sankalienė ir josios dukra, o Stasė Sankalaitė visus nuoširdžiai ir vytiška dvasia aptarnavo. Įspūdingai paminėjo penkių narių gimtadienius su dviem dideliais tortais, sugiedojo ilgiausių metų ir palinkėjo nepailsti vytiškoje veikloje. Čia buvo pagerbti šie gimtadienio proga: A. Bujokas, A. Pinkūnienė, R. Sadauskienė, K. Petkūniene ir K. Eidukaitis. Eidukaitis jautriai padėkojo ir prisiminė savo sūnų, žuvusių Vietname.



Senelis



Charlotte Petkunas and Antanas Bujokas with KofL flag, St. George's Church, Cleveland, during Lithuanian Independence Day ceremonies.



Cleveland Sr. flag born by Antanas Bujokas, Lithuanian Independence Day.



Refreshments after Lithuanian Independence Day activities in Cleveland



LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

## PREL. MYKOLO KRUPAVIČIAUS AKADEMIJA

Los Angeles Vyčių sr. iniciatyva sudarytas daugelio organizacijų komitetas š. m. sausio 17 d. Sv. Kazimiero parapijos salėj suruošė minėjimą - akademią prieš 6 savaites mirusio Prelato Mykolo Krupavičiaus atminimui pagerbti.

Sceną puošė dail. Peterienės pieštas velionies portretas. Platoka ir įvairi programa buvo pradėta Vyčių sr. pirmininko J. Čingos trumpu žodžiu. Po to sekė invokacija, atlikta kun. Olšausko ir lyg ir jai papildymas - fortepijonu paskambintas Franz Liszto "Funeralles", kuri meistriškai atliko Raimonda Apeikytė. Po šio įvado sekė dar, palyginti, nauja mūsų kolonijoje gyventojų prof. J. Kuprionio paskaita apie Krupavičių lietuvių tautos tarnyboje. Paskaitoje prelegentas plačiai nušvietė M. Krupavičiaus vaidmenį ir jo darbus Nepriklausomos Lietuvos laikotarpyje.

Po paskaitos, programai paįvairinti, nuskambėjo keletas lietuviškų dainų: Fausto Strojos "Tėviškė", Židžiūno "Šlana šilko vėjas" ir S. Šimkaus "Plaukia sau laivelis". Jas darniai padainavo O. Deveikienė ir Z. Kalvaitienė; akomponavo O. Metrikenė.

Toliau Lietuvių Fondo Los Angeles vajau pirm. E. Arbas perskaitė dalį M. Krupavičiaus testamentą, ta proga ragindamas susirinkusius aukoti minėtam fondui, kadangi ir prel. Krupavičius savo testamente to prašo.

Po trumpos pertraukos antroji minėjimo dalis pradėta lyg ir paties prel. M. Krupavičiaus: čia susirinkusieji išklausė dvi skirtingas M. Krupavičiaus kalbas, praskambėjusias iš magnetofono juostelės. Tų kalbų perdavimu pasirūpino V. Gilyš.

Toliau balsingų vyrų trio: Br. Seliukas, A. Polikaitis ir R. Dabšys puikiai atliko tris dainas: B. Budriūno Tėviškėlė, Iš rytų šalelės ir Tykus buvo vakarėlis; akomponavo O. Metrikenė.

Po to sekė antroji paskaita, greičiau pluoštas prisiminimų iš bendro darbo su prel. Krupavičium Vlike kalbėjo buv. Vliko Vykdomosios Tarybos pirm. Alena Devenienė, iškeldama M. Krupavičiaus asmenį tremty, kaip Vliko pirmininko, jo greitą orientavimąsi komplikuoiose situacijose, jo nepalaužiamą liniją siekiant Lietuvai laisvės.

Po šios paskaitos sol. Birutė Dabšienė, akomponuojant O. Metrikienei, padainavo B. Dvariono Žvaigždutę. O. Metrikenės Nemunėlį ir Kampeli mielas.

Akademią-minėjimą baigta J. Čingos žodžiu, po kurio visi sugiedojo Tautos himną.

Dail. I. Peterienės specialiai šiai salei papuošti nupieštas prel. M. Krupavičiaus portretas klebono prel. J. Kučingio sutikimu pasiliks čia visą laiką.

Lietuvos Vyčių Sr. kuopos metinis susirinkimas įvyko sausio 3 d. Liet. Bendruomenės patalpose.

Pranešimus - apyskaitas padarė pirm. J. Činga, fin. sekr. A. Skirius, ir revizijos komisijos pirm.

Į naują valdybą išrinkta pirm. J. Andrius, vicep. L. Niuniava, sek. S. Duda, išd. A. Arnashus, fin. sek. A. Skirius. I revizijos komisiją: J. Činga, V. Tuskenis.

Stasiui Dudai, L. V. kuopos sekretoriui, padaryta sunki operacija California ligoninėje, Hollywoodė. Linkime Stasiui greitai pasveikti.

J.A. IR J.P.



### SCHOLARSHIP FOR LITHUANIAN STUDIES

The Supreme Council at its Pittsburgh, Pa. meeting of March 28th, decided to request the Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania, to allot \$200.00 in stipends from its 1971 Scholarship Fund Awards to one or more worthy Knights who wish to attend the Lithuanian Program, at Fordham University this summer. For further information, please contact Dr. J. J. Stukas, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, 1467 Force Drive, Mountain-side, N.J. 07092.



## NEW YORK SENIORS

Our January meeting was held at Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall. We welcomed a new member, Stacys Balsys, a guest, Norbert Kulikauskas, - and bid a fond adieu to Rev. Ladas Budreckas, who was leaving for his new assignment at Bishop Deksnys' headquarters in Germany. His pleasant personality and interesting comments will be greatly missed. Our gift of continuing membership in our council was graciously accepted and Father Pakalniskis led us in a special prayer for Father Budreckas. Joseph Boley showed his slides in which many K of Lers were seen and played a record made by the late Msgr. Krupavicius for the 1949 K of L Convention. Joe also made a touching speech about "someone" who had devoted many years to the Lithuanian cause before revealing an old but beautiful large Lithuanian flag and presenting it to Helen Kulber. She sincerely appreciated the tribute and the symbolic flag as her family heirloom flag had been stolen... This seems to be the "Honor Helen Kulber" season. For her Lithuanian activities she was presented with a lovely doll in Lithuanian costume and amber beads by Lucija Gudelis, American and Lithuanian flag pins of handset Tiffany gems by Margaret Kneale, and THEN, the silver Lithuanian Independence Commemorative medal and a scroll, designed and lettered by Povilas Jurkus, by the Darbininkas newspaper. Six others were recipients of the Second Annual Awards presented by Darbininkas. Helen's was in the category of having accomplished the most for the Lithuanian cause in non-Lithuanian areas.

Our February meeting took place after Mass at Annunciation Church. Father Rackauskas led us in prayer. Members enthusiastically approved the proposal of Anthony Shovelski to hold symposiums on political matters inasmuch so many of them now affect our "For God and Country" standard. In this respect, Helen Kulber reported on meetings of the

United Nations Association of the USA and the League of Women Voters. Congratulations - to Peter Wytenus upon his appointment to the Community Planning Board. In commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day, Joseph Boley read excerpts from a book on Lithuania, written by our member, Joseph Laucka. Later, Joe, Aldona Zaunius and Helen went to the Shubert Theatre where St. Malachy's Actors Chapel and the Catholic Actors Guild "Annual Show Business Prayer Day" was in progress. They heard two dramatic, inspiring and amusing talks by the Retreat Master, of the day, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen; chatted with Cyril Ritchard, Penny Singleton, Wini Shaw, George Dirgentis and others during the coffee break on stage; and attended the concelebrated evening mass, joining in songs led by guitar-playing nuns from Staten Island. Joe has a part in "An Enemy of the People", opening on March 11th at Lincoln Center.

Some of our members heeded the appeal of Emilija Sandanavicius to help the Studentų Ateitininkų by attending their Mardi Gras ball - and had a grand time! Transfiguration Parish Hall was transformed into a colorful nightclub. Costumes were outstanding in beauty and originality. Mrs. S. is still receiving congratulations on becoming a grandmother via daughter Irene and son-in-law, Anthony, who live in Rome. Baby Jonas Antanas Algimantas Merlino will have to cope with learning Italian, Lithuanian and English... Some of us also attended the Cultural Evening sponsored by the Lithuanian Catholic Women's Cultural Society to benefit the Scholarship Fund for Lithuanian Studies at Fordham University.

Circumstances have prevented us from having a fund-raising event for our council recently - but we do cooperate with other groups for Lithuanian causes - and we are making plans!



# Easter Blessings

from your  
**SUPREME COUNCIL**  
**OFFICERS**  
 and the  
**"VYTIS" STAFF**

**58TH NATIONAL CONVENTION AUG. 26-29, KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE**



# AUKA . . .

## (The Offering)

Bernardas Brazdžionis

Ar žydi, Viešpatie, tenai prie gimto namo  
Balta palinkusi tėvų obels šaka?  
Alpstu be jos, trošku be jos už okeano ...  
(Kas sakė, motin, tau, kad žemėje taika?).

Ar eina giedanti procesija per lauką,  
Kad pasimelstų Kryžiaus Atradimo dieną Tau?  
Nešu ir aš tremties dienas kaip kryžiaus auką...  
(Aplinkui melą, vien tik melą tematau).

Ar nešat jūs, pasaulyje paklydę broliai,  
Jos vardą, jos gyvybę ir jos garbę širdyje?  
Artėja tėviškės dienų pakrantės atitolę...  
(O jūs vis tolate, vis tolate, dėja...).

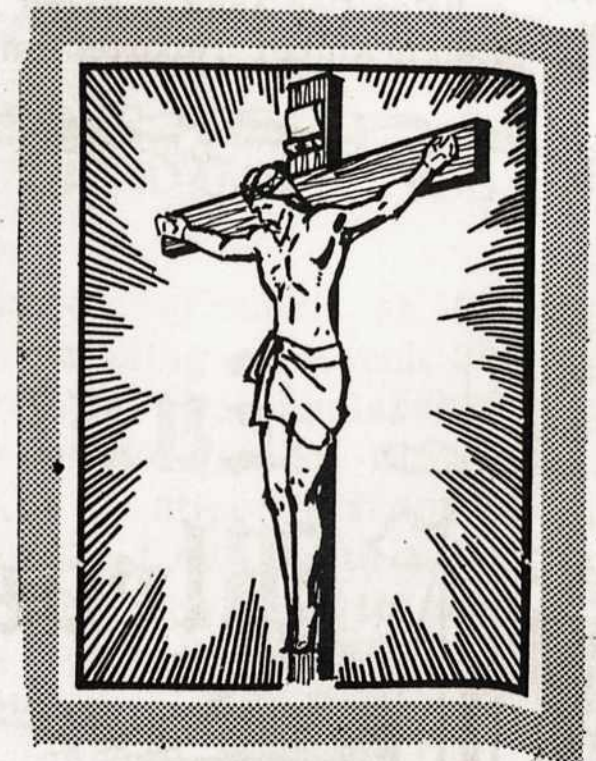
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Is it blooming, Lord, there, by my native home  
The white, bent branch of my parent's apple tree?  
I am faint, and thirst without it.. beyond the ocean...  
(Who said, that on earth there is peace, mother, to thee?).

Is there a singing procession through the field,  
To pray on Discovery Day of the Cross, to thee?  
Carry do I, like the cross, days of exile...  
(Around me lies, only lies do I see).

In the world do you bear, brothers, gone astray,  
Her name, her life and her honor sincerely?  
Closer come the shores of our fatherland, long away...  
(Yet you get further and further, regretfully...).

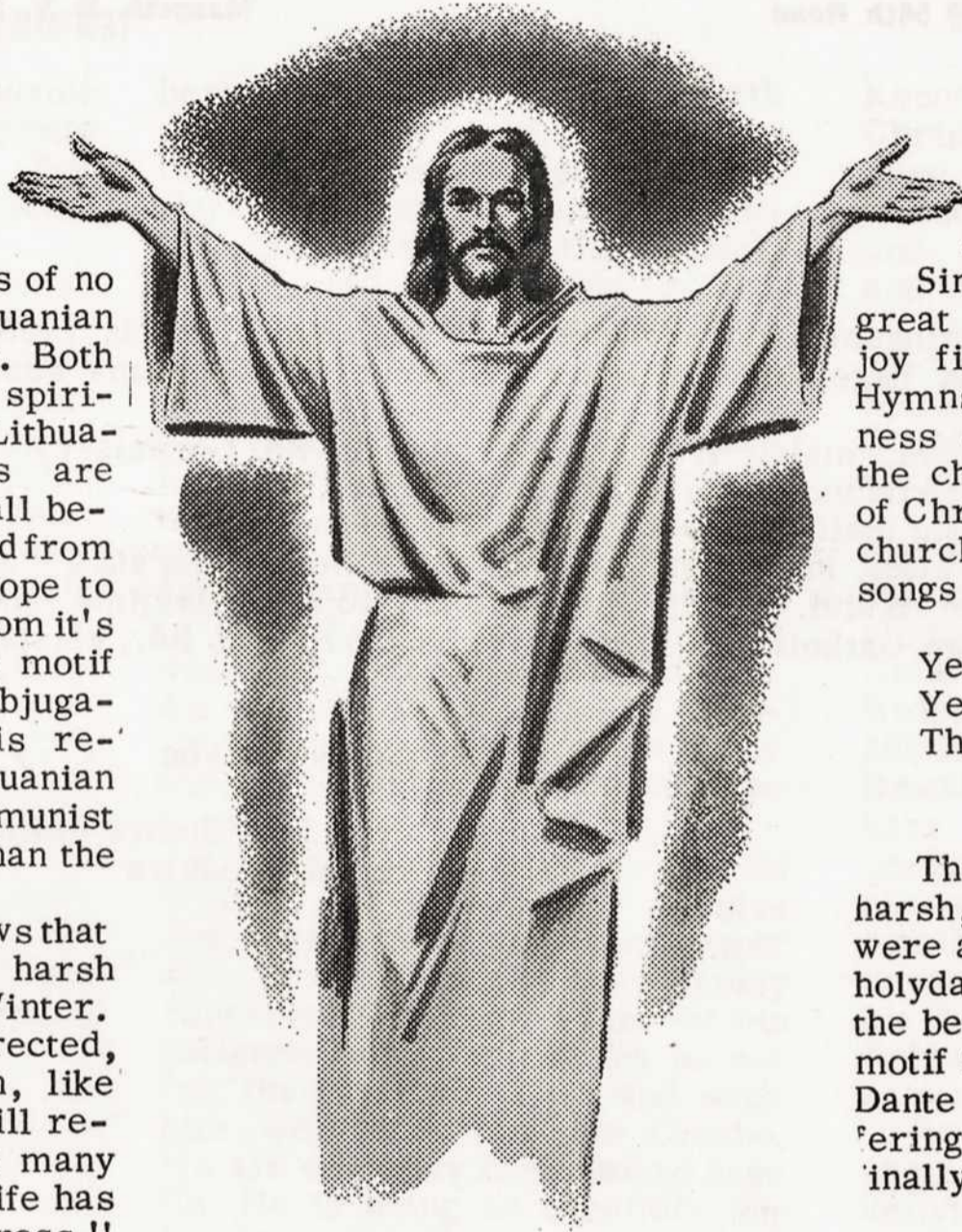


Translated from Lithuanian by Dr. Jack J. Stukas.



# CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

## in Lithuanian Hymns



Christ's Resurrection is of no less importance to the Lithuanian people than Christ's Birth. Both holydays are occasions of spiritual joy. No wonder that Lithuanian Easter church songs are full of great joy, first of all because Christ has resurrected from the dead and thus gives hope to the nation's resurrection from its present enslavement. This motif is a result of the long subjugation of the country and is reflected even in recent Lithuanian hymns. The present Communist subjugation is even worse than the earlier ones.

However, everybody knows that a joyous Easter follows a harsh Lent as Spring follows Winter. Christ suffered and resurrected, and the Lithuanian nation, like other subjugated nations will resurrect to a new life after many sufferings and tortures. "Life has been promised by the Cross," sang the famous Lithuanian national poet, Maironis, in his epic "Out of sufferings to the glory."

Probably there was no church in Lithuania during her independence, in which there didn't sound the most popular Lithuanian Easter hymn - "A happy day has dawned" (Linksma diena mums nušvito).

A happy day has dawned,  
Everybody desired this joy,  
Christ has resurrected, death  
has fallen.

Alleluia!

Death is conquered, the chains of slavery are broken, and new life begins for the soul. A new hope is also born for the poor people who suffered not only from the devil's snares, but also from the hardships of subjugation and oppression. Christ is greeted as the King of Light, as a Mighty

Ruler, and He will liberate the Lithuanian people from the darkness, which is not only darkness of the soul because of sin, but also a spiritual darkness because of the inhuman treatment of the Lithuanian people.

But now Spring has come, and this motif is very often found in Lithuanian Easter hymns.

The Winter of our condemnation is gone,  
The Spring time has come,  
Let us sing Alleluia!  
The chains of slavery are broken,  
The gates of Heaven are open,  
Let us sing Alleluia!

Since Easter is a holiday of great joy, the expression of this joy finds its way into Lithuanian Hymns. Full of spiritual greatness are the processions around the church at sunrise, at the hour of Christ's resurrection, when the church bells ring and the Easter songs are heard.

Ye organs, sing Alleluia,  
Ye choirs, pronounce  
The great holyday, Alleluia!

The Winter time has been harsh, the slavery and subjugation were almost unbearable and Easter holydays are like a glimpse into the beatific vision of Heaven. This motif reminds us of the great poet Dante who, after seeing much suffering in Hell and Purgatory, was finally allowed to see Paradise.

Thanks to you, o Good Jesus,  
For the opening of Heaven.  
Let us love you always,  
Let us see you forever.  
Alleluia.

Even a short look at Lithuanian poetry enables us to find that many Lithuanian poets sing in the same way. Many motifs of Easter hymns can be traced in the poems of individual poets. And many church melodies can be heard in Lithuanian folksongs.

Why to lament and to weep at  
the sepulchre of the Messiah?  
Be consoled, o world!  
Who brings life, doesn't fear  
to die;  
This spiritual silence only to  
His honor! (Maironis)

(The Marian)



## AN OPEN LETTER FROM

**Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc.**

Affiliated with National Catholic Resettlement Council — U.S.C.C.

64-09 56th Road

Maspeth, N. Y. 11378

Malonūs Vyčiai,

Jūs rodote didelį gailestingumą, kai remiate Persekiojamą Bažnyčią Lietuvoje. Jūsų aukomis Lietuvos Katalikų Religinė Šalpa pagelbėjo ligotiems kunigams, išblaškytoms seselėms ir parėmė bažnyčias Lietuvoje. Visi yra dėkingi.

Gavėnia prasidėjo 1971 m. maldų ir aukų rinkimas LKRS. Gerasis Vyti ir Vyte, visos apskritys ir kuopos kviečiamos paremti tikinčiuosius ir religiją Lietuvoje. Kaip?

Praveskite vyčių ir draugų maldos valandėlę savo parapijose.

Siųskite savo asmeninę auką, sudarykite kuopos, apskrities dosnią auką - skirdami savo santaupų dalį ar padarykite parengimą tam tikslui. Vyčiai, Jūs esate kovotojai už tikėjimo išlaikymą.

Aukas siųskite Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., 64-09 56 Rd., Maspeth, N.Y. 11378. Jūsų aukos atleidžiamos nuo mokesčių.

LKRS Valdyba

Vytis kun. Stasys Raila  
Reikalų Vedėjas

My dear Knights:

You manifest a merciful concern for the persecuted Church in Lithuania. By your contributions and donations, you have enabled the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc. to assist many sick priests, dispersed sisters and to render aid to many Churches in Lithuania. Each and all are deeply grateful.

The 1971 Lenten season is almost at an end and once again we seek your cooperation in carrying on our work. All Districts, as well as individual Councils, are hereby cordially invited to participate in this work of mercy. How can you help?

Our first suggestion is for every District and every Council to sponsor a Holy Hour of Prayer in your local or parish church for the persecuted Church in Lithuania. A suitable religious program can be worked out with your spiritual moderator.

Secondly, contributions are an essential necessity to carry on the work of assisting the persecuted Church in Lithuania. Your personal contribution, your District contribution, your Council contribution, all can add up to a sizeable assistance program.

Thirdly, a social affair of sorts, whether it be a concert, a dance, a lecture, in your parish hall, would bring in substantial funds.

Knights - you are the vanguard in fighting for the Faith. Help those persecuted in Lithuania to do the same.

Contributions may be sent to: Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., 64-09 56 Road, Maspeth, N.Y. 11378. All contributions are tax deductible.

Rev. Stanley Raila  
Executive Secretary



# JUNIOR NEWS

## KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA DANCERS

(CHICAGO JUNIORS)

The Knights of Lithuania Dancers have had some pretty exciting happenings lately. For one thing, they have elected some great new officers...

President - Robert Zapolis is fifteen years old and a sophomore at Evergreen High. He is a very athletic person and enjoys swimming as his favorite sport. He is on Evergreen High's swim team and has won many victories over other swim teams. Robbie is also interested in science and while still only in the 8th grade, placed second in the Chicago Science Fair held at the International Amphitheater. He is fond of music, likes listening to his record collection, plays the drums and is a good dancer.

Vice President - Arnold Brazis, Jr. is seventeen years old and a senior at Gage Park High. His favorite subject are science, physics and math. His aim in life is to eventually become an architect. Arnie has a part time job at the Evans Funeral Home which keeps him busy, but he enjoys water skiing and fishing as hobbies.

Secretary - Marie Giedraitis is fifteen years old and a freshman at Maria High School where

her favorite subject are Earth science, art and gym. Marie hopes to, one day, become a pediatrician. Her hobbies are swimming, baseball, piano and since the summer, has started playing the guitar. Marie and her sister, Chris, have sung on various occasions with either sister playing the guitar.

Treasurer - Lorraine Raman is eighteen years old and a freshman at Southwest College. Her favorite subject are biology, English, Spanish and art. She hopes to go into the advertising field when she completes her studies. As with our other officers, Lorraine enjoys swimming as a hobby and in fact teaches. She also likes to sew.

Our new accordionist is Ed Gudonis, who replaced Azuolas Stelmokas. Azuolas is no longer able to devote time to our weekly rehearsals. We thank him for his patience and for helping us out for the past two years and wish him well with his own Combo. We are certainly fortunate to have Ed. He is doing an excellent job learning the dance pieces and has fit right in with the group.

Other members include Sue and John Radavich; Kastytis, George and Gina Endriukaitis;

Kenneth and Carolyn Kasarski; Christine Giedraitis; Richard Pocius; Al Pakalniskis; Charlotte Brazdzionis; Rita Kuras, Dennis and Jo Ann Wasilauskas; Vito and Lucille Vesota; Susie Brazis.

Our counselors and dance teachers and Frank Zapolis, Cis Matul and Helen Pius. Eleanor Zapolis has become our musical advisor and director.

There is much talent within the group and in addition to folk dances, our performances have included duets by Chris and Marie Giedraitis. Sue Radavich and Gina Endriukaitis have joined with Marie to form a trio. Charlotte Brazdzionis and Al Pakalniskis have each recited Lithuanian poems to the delight of the audiences. And soon, we will have a small combo to back up the dancing, Ed Gudonis on accordion, his brother, Paul, on guitar and Robbie Zapolis or George Endriukaitis on drums.

In future issues, we will write about our appearances and our activities.

Marie Giedraitis  
Secretary  
I-I Knights of Lithuania  
Dancers



Marie and Christine Giedraitis - Duet



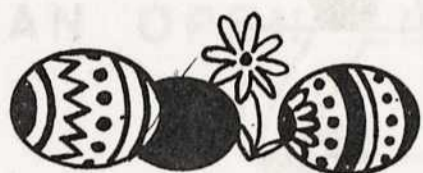
Charlotte Brazdzionis - Reciting a Poem



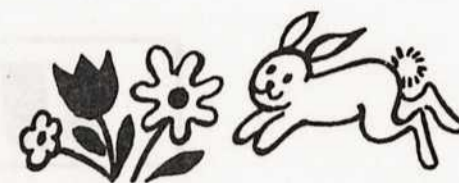
The Knights of Lithuania Dancers performing at the Museum of Science and Industry-Christmas

PERFORMING FOR THE CHICAGO LITHUANIAN WOMEN'S CLUB





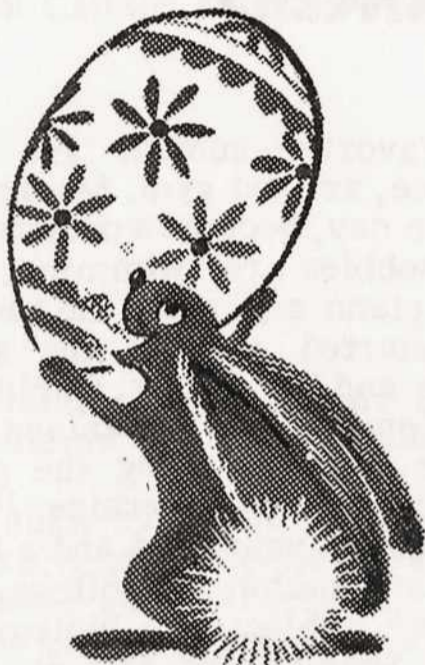
## VELYKŲ ZUIKELIS



Povilas Dirkis

Ilgainiui Velykų simboliu virto margučiai ir zuikelis. Tai galima pastebėti anglosaksų šalyse. Zuikeliai vaizduojami kaip gamtos puošėjai, margučių dažytojai, linksmintojai ir panašiai. Zuikelis Velykų šventėse prilygsta Kalėdų Seneli arba Santa Claus.

Dabar klausimas kaip zuikelis pateko į Velykų papuošalus? Tai nesunku atspėti. Jis yra gyvas, judrus, ir meilus gyvūnas, pirmūnis miškuose pasveikina kiekvieną atėjusį pavasarį ir kiekvienam pasirodo esąs gyvas. O dar aiškesnį atsakymą į tą klausimą



duoda senoji germanų mitologija. Kaip žinome, dabartines šventes amerikiečiai, anglai ir vokiečiai vadina "Easter." Tas žodis yra kilęs iš senovės germanų pavasario dievaitės "Eastere." Remiantis istoriniais padavimais, nuolatinis tos dievaitės palydovas ir geros kloties lėmėjas buvo zuikelis. Tuo būdu su pavasario dievaitės vardu atėjo ir tas populiarus laukų gyventojas zuikelis.

Krikščionybei išsigalėjus dievaitė Estera iš velykinio gyvenimo išnyko, o zuikelis taip ir pasiliko iki šiol.



# MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, May 21st

Early-Bird Get-together Party  
Holiday Inn Motel in  
Ford City on So. Cicero

SATURDAY, May 22nd

Registration - Motel and Bowling  
Lanes  
BRUNCH - Holiday Inn Banquet Room  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
BOWLING TOURNAMENT - 2:00 PM  
Ford City Bowling Lanes  
DANCE - I.C. Church Hall - 9:00 PM  
44th and So. Fairfield

SUNDAY, May 23rd

MASS - Immaculate Conception Church  
10:00 AM - 44th & So. California  
BANQUET and AWARDS - Immediately  
following Mass - K of L Bldg.  
47th and So. Campbell

REGISTRATION - Bowlers - \$15.00  
Non-Bowlers - \$12.00  
for all events except the  
Friday nite party.

*The Beautiful  
people are Bowling*



# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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### DISTRICT



CHICAGO, ILL. - C-112 is

As the preparations are being completed for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, the bowling IID members began a series of bowling socials. The first social was sponsored by the District at Bruno Shotas' Wood-Mac Lanes, with dinner following at the K of L Building. Everyone enjoyed the day's activities, especially the delicious dinner with steaks prepared by our super-chef Vince Samaska of C-36. Council members Irene Sankus and Al Raubiskis were co-chairmen and assisted by Gerry Mack. Honorary Member Al Manst, Sr. of C-5 was a delightful M-C and distributed prize money to the following: 1st Place - Helen Zimmer & Vince Samaska; 2nd - Flo Rumsas and Red Cibulskis; 3rd - a tie between Irene Sankus/Bob Zimmer and Christine Chernius/Al Kachinskis. Estelle Rogers received a "special" award. Among the "pot" game winners were Dolores Wainauskis & Al Kachinskis. (Al must be a great bowler; he is always in the winner's circle - as the Dayton bowlers from last year's tournament will remember).

The District held a Ritual Degree presentation on Jan. 19 at the K of L Building. Assisting the Chairman Helen Zimmer were Al Zakarka, Ruth & Al Dagis and Irene Sankus. Council recipients of the 1st Degree were: Birute and Emilija Baskauskas, Albina Brazis, Vyto Butkus, Patricia Martinkus, Stephanie Mlodzik and Adele Zunas. 2nd Degree: Jean Janula, Michael Lawrence and Algirdas Svirmicks. Congratulations to all!

Belated wedding wishes to council members Birute Baskauskas

(former IID Secretary and K of L Scholarship recipient) and Claudius Pumputis.

IID President Algerd Brazis, Irene Sankus, Stanley Molis, Leon Pauksta, Al Raubiskis, Estelle Rogers, John Evans and Al Kachinskis all helped to make the District's annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet held on Feb. 27th most successful. John Evans, our Council President, presented the annual award to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation on behalf of the District. The award was accepted by the group's President, our own Dr. Joseph Jerome. Among the honored guests were: His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Consul General Petras Dauzvardis & Mrs. Dauzvardis, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Jerome, and the Reverends Peter Cinikis, Anthony Zakarauskas, A. Valancius, John Savukynas, Adolph Stasys and Paul Juknevicus.

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## NEW ENGLAND

### DISTRICT

WESTFIELD, MASS. - C-30

With the rush of the holidays over, our little group looks forward to another rewarding year.

Happy events of the past year included the return from Vietnam of former Junior K of L members - Joseph & Anthony Sabonis, sons of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sabonis, Capt. Patricia Waiwat, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Waiwat, and Lloyd Kylis, son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Kylis.

Wedding congratulations to Dorothy Minkus, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Minkus, who was married in July to Thomas McKenna,

Christine Jutkus, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jutkus, who was married in November to Lt. Dennis Potter. Lots of luck to these young people.

In July, C-30 hosted a N.E.D. Picnic at Congamond Lake. Boating, swimming, food cooking over charcoal fires, and a community songfest of favorite Lithuanian songs rounded out the day.

In December, members of our council, together with the choir of St. Casimir's Church, participated in an "Ethnic Christmas Tableau", where Lithuanian Christmas carols were sung and a tree decorated with Lithuanian ornaments was displayed.

Mary Minkus and Marcia Rogers used their Lithuanian ornaments to decorate a tree in our Church at Christmas time. It created so much interest we now have a workshop with Mary teaching the girls how it's done.

Last year was not a good year for members Frank & Ann Krenzul - sickness and accidents took their toll. They are both well on the way to good health again and we all extend wishes for the best of everything this coming year.

Deep concern was felt by all regarding the Simas Kudirka event, and a Mass was offered for his intention.

Mary Minkus and Stella Jutkus were in charge of the annual K of L covered dish supper in honor of St. Casimir's Day held on Mar. 7. More about that later.

Best wishes to our new slate of officers: President - Bernard Minkus, Vice President - Marcia Rogers, Secretary - Louise Renaud, and Treasurer - Mary Minkus.

WATERBURY, CONN. - C-7

W.J.S. & M.A.

The K of L held their monthly meeting on Feb. 19th. The singing of the Lithuanian National Anthem and the K of L Hymn was directed by Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, Hon-



orary Member, Lithuanian's Declaration of Independence Act was read by Prof. Aleksis, ranking representative of Free Lithuania, the first Waterburian knighted by the Lithuanian government with the Order of Grand Duke Gediminas.

Later during the meeting a brief talk was given by Honorary Member Marcella Andrikis on the K of L involvement in Lithuanism. Miss Andrikis also presented a resolution in regard to Soviet occupied Lithuania's liberation, which was unanimously adopted, and will be forwarded to President Nixon, the United Nations, and other U. S. government officials. The meeting was concluded with the singing of "God Bless America".

Following the meeting a fellowship hour featured a Lithuanian buffet and sing-a-long. The commemorative program in observance of the 53rd Anniversary of Lithuania's Proclamation of Reconstituted Independence February 16, 1918 in Vilnius, was arranged by Miss Andrikis, Cultural Chairman, assisted by Janice LaPointe, Sandy Strielkauskas, Marcella Laureckas, James Valaitis, Wanda LeVasseur, John Alanskas, Lillian Paulauskas, James Danauskas, Nell Diggles, Dr. Wm. J. Shukaitis, Al Alanskas, Thomas Kaukas, Ann Rutkauskas, Dot Mazeika and Julia Sidlauskas.

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

"Dzukele"

You can't keep a council alive unless you systematically work at it. We're working at it, and here's our system:

A combined skating party and scavenger hunt was held at Maironis Park in February (Carol Grigas, Chairman) and it was another very successful family social. The little Vaitkunas, Krusas, Godek, Grigas, Ivanauskas, Grazulis and Walinsky children were in attendance and they thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor activities of skating and sliding, and just romping in the snow. The names of the committee and the menu was described in an earlier issue, but now is the time to announce the top award winners. Pauline & Phil Flaherty were first

prize winners in the skating competition. (Incidentally, happy first wedding anniversary to Phil & Pauline on April 19). First prize in the scavenger hunt went to the team of Mary Jankowski, Frances Grigas, and her nephew, John Pocius.

Our own mardi-gras celebration took place in the form of a pre-lenten supper meeting (Wanda Pajeda, Chairman). Delicious kugelis were prepared by Mrs. Nell Thompson, Dana Paulukonis, Elly Walinsky, Adele Degutis and Wanda Pajeda. Mmmm, good!

We extend a very warm welcome to two KofL's recently transferred to our Council, Mildred & Charles Lapinskas. Cheers could be heard for miles around when Ron Walinsky hit a 142 single in bowling recently. Much joy is wished Ellie & Steve Walinsky and their children in their new apartment. Get well wishes to Lynn Mattrick, a recent patient at St. Vincent Hospital. Death paid a visit to the families of two of our members recently, and we extend sincere sympathy to Ginny Lelakis, whose mother died in January and to Dan Shimkus, whose dad passed away in February.

The commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day was noted in various ways, but especially in attending the special Mass at St. Casimir's in the morning and the political and cultural program at the Lithuanian Naturalization Club in the afternoon. Our pastor, Fr. John Jutt, was preacher at Mass and was the main speaker at the Club as well. The Worcester Council of Lithuanian Organizations performs beautifully each year and their many efforts certainly become beautiful results. Who can deny the feeling of togetherness when so many Lithuanians and non-Lithuanian political figures join together for Mass and Holy Communion in the morning, and gather again the the same day for public ceremonies. Incidentally, we had real live Lithuanian Dolls as onlookers in the afternoon. The pre-school daughters of Bob & Aldona Shumway were attired in authentic Lithuanian dress. The local television channel afforded the public answers to the why's and wherefore's of the festivities by interviewing Miss Irene

Adamaitis of C-116 and Ray Jakubauskas of our council. They were very good.

May 1st marks the 25th anniversary of C-26 and our executive board has a series of events planned to celebrate. Among them are a picnic to be held on May 23 (chairman, Bill Grigas) and a dinner and dance to be held on October 16th.

The annual commemoration of St. Casimir's Day (patron of our parish, as well as of the K of L and all Lithuanians) was held on March 7. Ann Bender and Rita Pinkus worked diligently toward its success. We invited the Lithuanian Boy and Girl Scouts and the Ateitininkai to join us this year for Mass and Holy Communion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, and to have breakfast together after Mass in the church hall. Our guest speaker was one of our own members, Attorney Robert Shumway. Fr. Jutt, our Pastor, and Fr. Steponaitis, our Spiritual Director, expanded the celebration by including a procession at Mass to include every organization of the parish marching with its banner, thus solemnly venerating our Saint. March 7 was officially "Pray for Lithuania Day" in our parish.

More next month, but all of us wish all of you a very Happy Easter!





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

C-17 has been very active during the winter months. Many from the regular and senior councils attended the very successful Snowflake Ball sponsored by C-1, Brockton. Our hats are off to a staunch K of L supporter, Frank Yanika, who drove from Washington, D.C. to attend the Ball. It's disturbing that other council activities are not as well attended as this one. The solution seems to be to publicize the affair at all events well in advance and see that tickets are sold early.

Many of our members attended the Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration among which were Fr. Albert Contons, Fr. Albin Januinas, Fr. Anthony Baltrasunas, Larry Svelnis, Phyllis Grendal, Gintares Karosis, Stanley Griganavicius, Felix Zaleskas, Leo & Albina Rudziunas, Lorraine Harris, John Olevitz.

The St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast was held at the church hall where we had a good crowd. The committee consisted of John Olevitz, John & Ann Norenkevich, Joe & Ann White, Ann Petchell, Mary Michevich, Larry Svelnis, Al Jaritis, Jerry Venis, Josephine Satkevich, Robert & Phyllis Gendreau. The toastmaster was Tony Shalna.

Congratulations to Dana (Rudziunas) Valdtka who became the mother of a bouncing boy, to Jackie Burke and Ruth Stankevicius who are on the Dean's list, and to Rita Waitkunas on her engagement.

We all look forward to the Scholarship Dinner to be held on May 8th at the South Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Auditorium. Tickets are \$7.50 each, which will include a catered family-style dinner and dance. Profits will be divided between the National Scholarship Fund, - and an 8th Grade student from our own parish school, a stipend to help further his/her education. We ask for your support and assure all who attend, they won't regret it. Just remember our very successful "Novemberfest"! Co-chairmen for the event are John Olevitz and Larry Svelnis.

Our sympathies are with Al Jaritis who had the misfortune of

having to vacate his residence at 4 a.m. and 4 degrees below zero, due to a fire next door, - the occupants of which suffered a total loss. This was the third major fire on Al's block in six weeks! Al is presently living out of a suitcase at the home of Alice & John Olevitz.

Remember to send a "get well" card to Dr. Anthony Kapochy who is recovering from an automobile mishap. Others on the sick list are Rev. Albin Januinas, Rita Venis, Alice Olevitz, Helen Zaremba, Albina Rudziunas, Helen Sabiski, Angie Yelmokas, Madeline Venis, Marie Lubinas, Pat Plansky, and Phyllis Gendreau. Our sincere condolences are extended to Mary, Ann & Joan Kleponis who lost their dad recently and also to the family of Vytautas Dambrauskas of Brockton who was fatally injured in an automobile accident.

Seen on the slopes of the Vermont hills were Helen Suprin and her brother Frank, and Leo & Albina Rudziunas (who must qualify for the title of the "most travelled"). At Sugarloaf, shushing down the slopes, could be seen the fleeting figure of Jean Pasakarnis who seemed to be in training for the 1972 Winter Olympics. On the White Mts. you could see the figures of Bill & Lil Gorski, and not too far in the distance was Fr. Joe Svirskas. Along the cold Strandway were John & Alice Olevitz and family making their way to the skating rink.

We will soon be approaching the date of the District's Dance & Convention hosted by C-1, Brockton. The pre-Convention dance will be held May 1 at St. Casimir's



Tourists on the K of L trip to Europe: Magdalena Smailis, Mary York, Helen Jambor, Alice Barton, and E. Liaukiene.

Church Hall, and on the following day, the semi-annual Convention meeting will take place in the same hall. Come as a delegate or a guest, but make it a point to be there. Express yourself; give criticism, if you must. It's YOUR organization, and we want to get your ideas.

The co-Chairmen of the N.E.D. Cultural Picnic are Al Jaritis and John Norenkevich. All councils are asked to be on the lookout for talent for the picnic and submit their names to the chairmen. As usual, many workers of all types are also needed. Let's hear from you. If you are a good K of L member, you must participate on all levels - council, district and supreme council activities. An organization is only as good as the members make it.

## WORCESTER, MASS. - C-116

Ramblina

So many of us have had the doldrums in the middle of the winter. There is such a letdown after Christmas and the New Year's holidays. Then, there are the Christmas bills that Santa left in our stockings, the bad weather and driving conditions, flu and grippe and all 201 different varieties of colds. So, instead of sitting down or lying down and complaining about everything, Dottie March, our Social Chairman, ran a beano for the K of L in the church hall on Jan. 31. There was a nice turn-out which included Dottie Sinkavich and her mother; Ann Yurkenas with her mother and daughters; Dottie March's son Johnny; Rita Paluses and her son Bobby; Irene Adamaitis, Sr. with daughters Irene, Jr. and Carolyn -- it was such a nice family affair. Then, we also had in attendance Marion Lucason, Helen Daltwas, Ruth Ciras and Anne Miller, who informed us that some interesting vacations are being enjoyed by some of our people. Father Eugene Borek who bowls with our council on Friday nights, took off for Miami Beach, and Carol Tamulevich, also a bowler, took off for Morocco and No. Africa. Dottie Sinkavich is planning a trip to Spain, Portugal and Majorca. Ah, what stories we shall hear when they all return with their pictures!



Of course, the big occasion during the month of February, in addition to Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Valentine's Day was Worcester's celebration of the 53rd Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence. This took place on February 14. All five Masses at Our Lady of Vilna Church included sermons by Father Alphonse Volungis, our Pastor, and Father John Bakanas on the subject of Lithuania and her struggles over the years. The Lithuanian Hymn was also played at all Masses and for many of those who attend our church and are not Lithuanian, this was probably the first time they heard this stirring national anthem. At three in the afternoon the formal program was held at the Lithuanian Club on Vernon Street. Our President, Tony Miner was M.C. and did a capable job in both English and Lithuanian. Mrs. Irene Adamaitis was in charge of the hospitality room where she entertained such local dignitaries as Congressman Harold Donohue, Senator Daniel Foley, Mayor Jos. Tinsley, District Attorney Wm. Buckley and members of Worcester's City Council. Junior K of L'r Joan Adamaitis helped out in the hall wherever needed, and Irene Adamaitis, Jr. took part in a television interview on Worcester's Channel 27 to describe the day's activities. Kazys Adomavicius, President of Maironis Park, graciously invited all committee members to Maironis Park after the program where a truly "Lithuanian good time" was had by all.

Our annual St. Casimir's Day celebration took place on March 6 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass after which Dottie March arranged a buffet in the church hall for all K of L's and their families. Dottie and Irene Adamaitis, Sr. represented the K of L on the Las Vegas Night that the parish sponsored on March 20. Those who helped were: Anne Miller, Dottie Sinkavich, Bart March, Ann and John Yurkenas, Rita and Robert Paluses, Ruth Ciras, Joan Treinas, Helen Daltwas, Tony Miner and Charlie Grigas. On March 7, our President Tony Miner chaired a Formation Sunday Program for the diocese which was a spiritual Sun-

day for all members of parish councils. As you can see, C-116 is busy, busy all the time - so busy that we don't always find the time to write about everything.



### MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DETROIT, MICH. - C-79      Soffi

After scheduled January and February meetings were cancelled due to stormy weather, we finally were successful on a third attempt-February 10. However, it was an executive board meeting, and among some of the accomplishments were a recommendation to vote at the March 3 meeting on an important issue - that due to insufficient meeting facilities and the falling attendance of our members, meetings be held every other month instead of once a month. Cards would be sent as reminders just before the meeting. Also, at this meeting a lengthy discussion followed on the plans of the new church. The report we heard from Chairman, A. Dainus, revealed facts about the various zoning conditions under which the city of Southfield is protesting. Rotating board members overflowed the conference with questions, and all of us came away more informed and desirous than ever for an immediate end to the many obstacles of building a new Divine Providence.

This deep-in-the-heart winter brought out a goodly number of people, including Seventy-Niners, on February 14 for the commemoration of Lithuania's Republic. The day began with Masses at all three Lithuanian churches. A program was held at Mercy College and among the principal speakers were Anthony J. Rudis, former President of the American Lithuanian Council. His talk covered at great length the Simas Kudirka incident. He believes that Kudirka was either slain or imprisoned by the Russians and asserted "absolutely untrue" to reports that Simas is well and living in a new apartment in Klaipeda. The Detroit News carried an interesting article on the commemorative services of Lithuania's Republic.

Governor Wm. Milliken issued a proclamation in recognition of the event. The program was concluded with the Jaunimo Choral group under the direction of Stasys Slizys, and the Silaine Dance group under G. Gobiene's leadership. The Magazine Section of the Detroit News carried a feature article of Silaine, pictured in their beautiful native costumes and dances.

**SOFFI SNOOPING:** Mary Saltis wrote from Florida, where she is spending the winter months. She's having a nice time and is convinced Florida is the ideal retirement spot ..... Joe's mother, Veronica Usoris, and her friend, M. Vinciunas, are having a marvelous vacation in Arizona, getting away from the ice and snow that Michigan experienced .... We were glad to hear that Violet Panavas is feeling better after being confined with a very sore throat. She commented that her children enjoyed her loss of voice for a few days, as she couldn't scold them. We think they were teasing to make her feel better..... Dana Ann Milius had a near-bout with pneumonia and her mother, Phyllis, underwent minor surgery. All reported doing well..... Susie Wasse, daughter of John and Valerie, spent two weeks in the Bahamas with a few friends. Welcome back to the land of melting snow, and thanks for bringing some of the sun with you..... Betty Ann and Bob Quinn vacationed in Florida. Besides enjoying the nice weather, they did some sight-seeing..... Julia Medinis also visited the Sunshine State for three weeks - just sunning and visiting friends... Bernie Vitichus went home to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. to spend some time with his very ill Mom..... After several months of absence, we enjoyed receiving the newsletter, "Patter". Keep up the good work, Dorothe, and Phyllis, too..... The icy streets of our sub were taking their toll of accidents; over one weekend there were five accidents on our corner alone. For us it was getting stranded twice, with several bangs and dents on the car door. Reading Elsa Porter's column recently, and her predictions of an early spring, reminded us of groundhog predictions. If the old story holds true about the groundhog seeing his shadow,



Michigan should have an early spring. We hope Elsa's and the groundhog's predictions are correct as we are very weary of this winter weather.....REMINDER: Sophie Zager is Chairlady of the "Basket of Cheer" spring raffle. The drawing will take place at the May 5 meeting. We're certain all have been contacted regarding the raffle. Please do your best to help out.

March 3rd was our best council meeting; one which we have not had in a long time. We were glad to see our many "stay-away" members: A. Zilvitis, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Vale, J. Laurinaitis, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Kase, Ann Kratage, M. Bernadis, J. Jensen and Tom Martin.

Speaking of good things - the brunch hosted by C-102, following St. Casimir's services, March 7, was a sheer delight, including a combination of a variety of delicious home-made food, good "gaspadines" and a day to be remembered. However, the occasion was a sad one due to the death of Father Michael Kundrat's mother on March 5. Ironically, her death occurred a day before Father's birthday on March 6. Lai Dievas suteike jo mamyti amzina ramybe.

DAYTON, OHIO - C-96      FBP

As our religious project for the month of February, Mary Lucas hosted a home Mass at her residence on the 12th. Fr. Titas Narbutas offered the Mass and Junior members, Ed Sluzas served and Mary Mikalauskas led the singing on her guitar. The epistle was read by Ernie Omlor, the offerings were brought to the altar by Junior members, Cathy Sinkwitz and George Mikalauskas, Jr. New hymns sung during the Mass were gathered together by George Mikalauskas, Sr. Following the Mass a discussion on The New Rites of Baptism was conducted by Fr. Titas. Other members and guests taking part in this religious program were Chairman, Pat Zelinskas, Eloise Berczelly, Veronica Omlor, Alex & Polly Pietrzak, Janina Bucmys, Joe & Ada Sinkwitz, Rita Ambrose, Frances & Elena Mikalauskas, Elaine & Jamie Pacovsky. In spite of the snow and

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icy conditions that evening, members who participated felt it was a rewarding experience. Aciu, Mary.

February 21st saw our Knights, parishioners and guests joining in the celebration of the 53rd Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. The program began with a Lithuanian Mass. The Mikalauskas family, George & Frances, and their children, Mary, George, Jr. and Elena, brought the offerings to the altar. A procession to the Shrine of the Three Crosses followed and the program was continued in the church hall. Arrangements were made by Fr. Titas and the Parish Sarysis Committee. In commemorating this day, Frank Gudelis read the greetings and resolutions received from our senators, etc. Elinor Sluzas gave a very inspiring talk leading into the Juniors' solo of "Blowing in the Wind". Chris Goldick wrote and read "What my Grandmother taught me of Lithuania". Chris Mantz read "I am a Wayside Cross" written by Elaine Pacovsky. Mary Mikalauskas played 3 pieces on her guitar and sang - one in English and two in Lithuanian. Our Juniors made us very proud of them. Council member Mark Vaitkus also played two selections on his accordin. The main speaker was an American-Lithuanian parishioner, Peter Ziukas. Guest soloist from Cleveland, Ohio, was Julius Kazenas who was accompanied by Irene Alvarado. Announcer was Danute Masilionis. (Incidentally, Danute has started Lithuanian

classes on Saturdays in the church hall). Stan Vaitkus closed the program. Refreshments were served and a big "thank you" goes to Eugenia Gecas, Kitty Prasmantas, Elena Zukaitis and Mrs. J. Rastikis.

ODDS AND ENDS.....Apologies to Dave Petroski whose name was omitted when listing members helping in the parish Synod Program. Please forgive!.....We see Elinor Sluzas survived her slumber party for the Juniors - boys only!.....

Quick-tripping it to visit our members, Joe & Ann Boeke, in Grand Rapids were Joe, Ada (Ann's parents), Cathy Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas.....Irene Veigel was in Dayton for a short visit with her mother who had been hospitalized....Lithuanian classes were started on Feb. 27th and will continue each Saturday for two-hour sessions. These classes are open to all, but at present, only our Juniors seem to be taking advantage of them. Come on down!

Mary Lucas, Chairman for the District Pilgrimage to Dayton to the Shrine of the Three Crosses on June 26 - 27, has been busy setting up her committee and agenda. Assisting with this project are Sally Miller, Frank Gudelis, Ada Sinkwitz, George Mikalauskas, Pat Zelinskas, Eloise Berczelly, Fran Petkus, Elinor Sluzas, Kitty Prasmantas, Stan Vaitkus, Joe Noreikas and Fr. Titas. Make plans to come. ....If you see a NEW Kitty Prasmantas, Elinor Sluzas and Rita Ambrose, - their secret is W.W.'s... Good to see Phyllis Richey up and about after her recent surgery, and great to hear that Eva Leasure is well on her way on the recuperation road....With Joe Mantz joining the "shutterbug club", perhaps the council will now have some pictures for publication in the Vytis... Members celebrating birthdays in March were Ida Kavy, Aldona Ryan, Maxine Bakanauskas, Helen Vaitkus, Judy Scott, Jim Sinkwitz, Bea Noreikas, Frank & Irene Petrauskas and Marion Owens. Congratulations! Anniversary greetings to Joe & Eugenia Gecas.





## NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

AMSTERDAM, N. Y. - C-100

Smile & Sparkle

Our Spiritual Advisor, the Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, invited our council to the rectory for the Feb. meeting. President Anthony Radzevich presided. Nellie Liberis, our new Secretary, read the minutes. These were hastily put together as the original copy traveled to Moscow, Idaho, where our newly-wed and past Secretary, Cynthia Thomas Douglas, is now living.

Ginny Miciulis advised the group that Congressman Samuel S. Stratton would be unable to attend our March 6 commemoration of Lithuanian Independence. The menu for the affair was read by Sophie Olbie.

Pres. Anthony Radzevich booked the American Lithuanian Club for the N.Y.-N.J. District Meeting to be held in Amsterdam on June 6. Our members are looking forward to meeting all fellow K of L's. We hope to make their stay, even though it will be of short duration, one that they will long remember.

Mildred Thomas presented Fr. Baltch with a birthday cake. It was good to look at and also delicious! Fr. Bernard Gustas wished Fr. Baltch a happy birthday in behalf of the council. We sang "Happy Birthday" and "Ilgiausiu Metu" to Father and also to Polly Ziausys (2/9) and Nellie Liberis (1/29).

NEWS BITS ..... We now know why Matt and Nancy Kazlauskas did not attend the January meeting. The reason: a month's visit with their doctor son, Matt, Jr. in San Jose, Calif. Naturally, they had a wonderful time!

A 25th wedding anniversary was staged by Betty & William Liberis for their parents, Nellie & Edmund, on Dec. 19 at the fabulous Tower Inn. Many guests were present to make the occasion a most memorable one.

Prof. Joseph Olsauskas and his daughter, Roma Petrauskas, met for the first time in over thirty years of separation. Roma came to visit her dad from Kaunas, Lithuania.

NEWYORK, N.Y. - C-12

Liberty Lady

Youth! Our established members have marvelously carried the K of L Banner these many years. Now, we are beginning to receive support from the Lithuanian Youth. Matthew Yatkuskas, the organist at Our Lady of Vilna Church, has joined forces with the seniors and is the latest new member of our council. Matthew's aspiration for K of L is to organize a choral group in the future, and may all his expectations be fulfilled.

Children of our council members who belong to the scout movement are reaping awards for their endeavors. Walter Yurkus, Jr. has received a ribbon of honor as a first prize winner for display of originality and a highest award medal for athletics. A father's encouragement frequently brings out the best in a son. Young Walter is fortunate in having such a father who lends moral support and advances the cause of scouting by serving as a Chairman of Advancement Committee for Scouting, and we hear Walter Yurkus, Sr. works as hard as his son.

Annie Waskiewicz, Laura Montvidas and Patricia Senken, perfect young ladies and daughters of members of our council, have acquired sashes with emblem achievement awards in various job projects. We are proud of these youngsters of Lithuanian descent as they fulfill their mottos of "Be Prepared" and



C-12 Secretary Betty and 1st Vice-President Lee Waskiewicz.

"Do your Best" and with the current exposure that they receive at K of L meetings, we are sure these future good citizens will carry on the K of L tradition.

Our deepest sympathy to Evelyn Bell, past Financial Secretary in C-12, on the recent loss of her father, John Savage. And to Nell Genis, whose mother, Mrs. Zalis passed away this January. In February, again we heard sad news on the loss of Jovita Sleder's mother, Petronella Urbano-vicz. A loss of a parent is indeed a sad occasion, and may time lessen their grief.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Alicia Karr, who has been ill the past year and is recuperating presently. We miss you at the council meetings and hope before long that you will be well enough to join the activities.

The memorable K of L tour to Rome which produced an ever-widening circle of friendship resulted in yet another member for C-12. Welcome to Jim Sabal; we are happy to have you in our family of Knights.

It is gratifying to know that the executive branch of our government responded "President to President" regarding the lack of sanctuary to Simas Kudirka. May we share with K of L the letter from the President of the United States:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1971

Dear Mr. Yorkus:

It was thoughtful of you to let me have your views concerning the defection of Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian seaman. Like you, I was shocked when I learned how the defection attempt was handled, and I assure you that we have taken steps to make certain that such an incident will not happen again. I am determined that America will live up to its proud tradition of guaranteeing the safety of refugees.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Richard Nixon

Mr. John P. Yorkus  
President, Knights of Lithuania  
C-12, New York, N. Y.





# K of L Calendar



## APRIL

- 4 IID BOWLING SOCIAL, Hosts C-36, Archer-Kedzie Lanes, Chicago, Ill.  
 18 IID BOWLING SOCIAL, Hosts C-112, Wood-Mac Lanes, Chicago, Ill.  
 24, 25 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, DANCE AND BANQUET of Memories of Lithuania Radio Hour, directed by J.J. Stukas, Lith. Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N.J. (Concert) and Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J. (Mass and Banquet).

## MAY

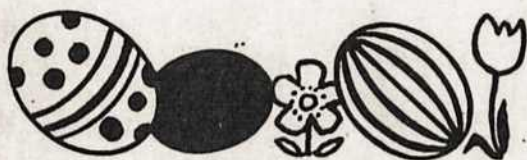
- 1-2 and 8-9 – Lithuanian Opera of Chicago's presentation of "LA TRAVIATA", Maria Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.  
 1, 2 N.E. DISTRICT CONVENTION, St. Casimir's Hall, Brockton, Mass. Dance – May 1, Meeting – May 2. C-1, Brockton, Hosts.  
 5 C-79, Detroit, Mich. MEETING & "BASKET OF CHEER" Spring Drawing.  
 8 C-17 SCHOLARSHIP DINNER-DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Auditorium, So. Boston, Mass.  
 8 5TH ANNIVERSARY LITHUANIAN TELEVISION BANQUET, Jesuit Youth Center, Chicago, Ill.  
 15 C-112 VENETIAN INTERLUDE, K of L Building, Chicago, Ill.  
 23 C-26 WORCESTER, MASS. PICNIC – commemorating 55th Anniversary of the Council.  
 21, 22, 23 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Ford City Bowling Alleys and Ford City Holiday Inn, Chicago, Ill. I-I. District, Hosts.

## JUNE

- 6 NY-NJ DIST. MEETING, American Lithuanian Club, Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100 Amsterdam, Hosts.  
 26, 27 MC DIST. PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE THREE CROSSES, Dayton, Ohio.

## AUGUST

- 26, 27, 28, 29 58TH NATIONAL CONVENTION,  
 Lithuanian Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me.







**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**  
 By decision of the Supreme Council,  
 the 58th **KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**  
**NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
 will be held - at the beautiful Lithuanian  
 Franciscan Monastery, in  
 Kennebunkport, Maine

Thursday through Sunday, August 26, 27,  
 28, 29, 1971

Those who wish to, may come earlier to  
 enjoy an extended vacation with their families  
 or friends, **from August 23 through 25th.**

Complete information will be given in the  
 next issue as to sponsorship and  
 arrangements, rooms, additional outside  
 facilities, activities and programs.

### **SVARBUS PRANEŠIMAS**

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba nutarė, kad  
 58-tasis **METINIS, VISUOTINIS VYČIŲ**  
**SEIMAS**

šiais metais įvyks - nuo ketvirtadienio iki  
 sekmadienio, **Rugpjūčio 26, 27, 28, 29 d.d.,**  
 gražiame, Lietuvos Pranciškonų Vienuolyne  
 Kennebunkport, Maine

Tie kurie norėtų praleisti savaitės atostogas  
 su šeimomis, gali atvykti keletą dienų

**Rugpjūčio 26, 27, 28, 29 dd.,**

Smulkiau apie seimo ruošą, kambarių  
 užsakymus, numatytą programą ir pramogas  
 bus pranešta sekančiame numeryje.

