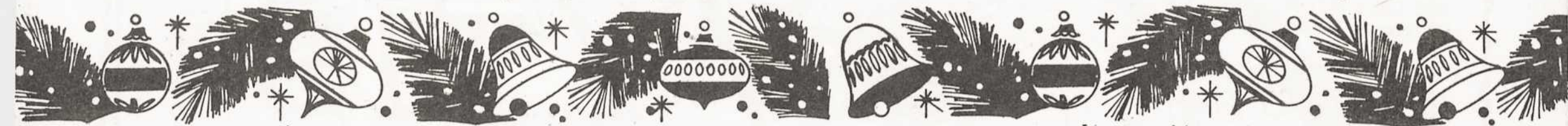


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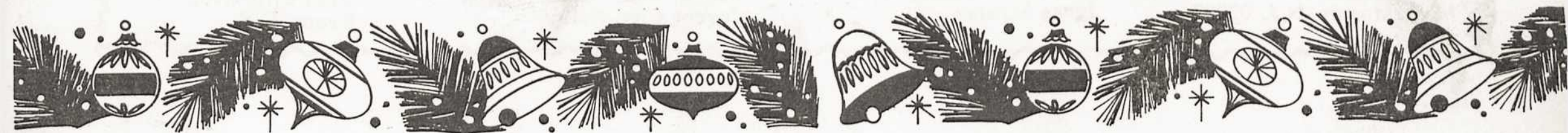


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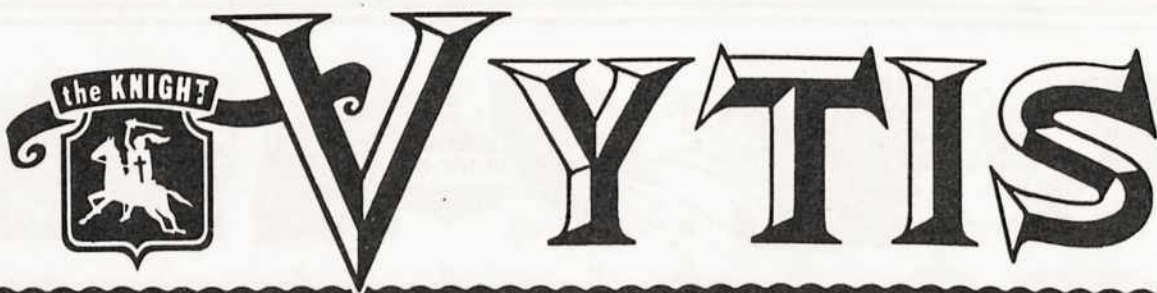
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Nazarete naktis tįsojo šešėlius,
Debesiai skaroti padangėmis slinko...
Ūžė palmių sodai, vėjas žaidė smėlius,
Viskas į Betliejų neramybe linko.

Skurdus vyras glaudžia vis Marijos ranką,
Negauna nakvynės nei židinio šilto...
Duris atidaro ir vėl jiems užtrenkia,
"Gal gi gyvulėliai mus tvarte priimtų?...!"

Asilai ir jaučiai gailystoj uždusę,
Ašaros sužydo akių obuoliuose...
Užleido vietele, klaupiasi pakluse,
Šiltais kvapais šildo šienelių ėdžiose.

Sužiuro žvaigždynai į menką tvartelį,
Miškų visi medžiai viršūnėm palinko...
Jūra suspindėjo deimantų lašeliais,
Šilkiniai vėjeliai smuikuot susirinko.

PALAIMINTA NAKTIS

Saulių aureolės lankais susipynę,
Aukso kasų pluoštais Jėzulį nuleido...
Marijos pražydo dieviškasis veidas -
Jos glėbys dabar bus - Viešpaties supynė.

Žvaigždė apsikaišius briliantų grožiu,
Dausom atplasdėjo spindulių gausybėj...
Ties tvartelio stogu įsisegė rože,
Ir tviska ir žėri visoj aplinkybėj.

Angelų trimitai... Piemenys atbėga...
Ir avių pulkeliai atbilda kalnais...
Juozapas pilkuoja vargingoj sermėgoj,
Bet Viešpatį liečia pūslėtais delnais.

Betliejus sužydo amžiais amžiniaisiais,
Garbė Dievui skamba varpais ir vargonais...
Supasi Lopšelis lingiais nemariaisiais,
Supasi ir supsis, ir laimins mūs duoną.

Marija Aukštaitė
Iš Knygos "Rožių Vasara"

PADĖKIME LIETUVAI

Šie, 1971, metai gali būti įrašyti istorijos knygoje kaip laikotarpis, kada žmogus pakeitė savo nuomonę apie artimą. Vatikano laikraštis pareiškė, kad raudonosios Kinijos priėmimas į Jungtinių Tautų (United Nations) organizaciją duoda "vilties" ateičiai, bet labai "apgailėstauja" kad laisvoji Kinija - Taiwan buvo išmesta iš tos organizacijos.

Ukrainiečių kardinolas Slipyj drįso prabilti Vyskupų Synode Vatikane, kad ir šiandien bažnyčia yra persekiojama Ukrainoje ir apgailėstavo dėl Vatikano tylos tuo reikalu. Atrodo, kad Vatikanas tyliai, bet sėkmingai išlaisvino iš raudonosios vergijos kardinolą Slipyj, Kardinolą Mindzenty, Amerikos Maryknoll Vyskupą Walsh ir toliau stengiasi atgauti pilną laisvę bažnyčiai už geležinės uždangos.

Amerikos Senatas nubalsavo nebeduoti pinigų kitoms tautoms per "Foreign Aid". Tie bilijonai dolerių daugiau reikalingi mūsų krašto žmonėms.

Jugoslavijos Premieras Tito, lankydamasis pas Prezidentą Nixoną, tarė, kad ateitis esanti nežinoma: Ji gali būti gera arba bloga. Net ir mūsų laikais mes galime kartais šaukti su pranašu Kaba-kuku - "Kaip ilgai, Viešpatie aš šauksiuos pagalbos, o Tu neišgirsi; - kelsiu savo balsą į Tave o Tu nepadėsi?" Viešpats Dievas mus užtikrina, tardamas pranašui Habakukui: "Nes regėjimas įvyks skirtu laiku; jis įvyks - o teisingis bus gyvas savo tikėjimu." Psalmininkas sako apie Viešpatį mūsų Dievą - "Jis yra mūsų Dievas, o mes - jo ganomieji žmonės, jo rankų globojamos avys." Šv. Povilas pataria veikti teisybės ir teisingumo srityje. Šv. Povilas sako: "Saugok tau patikėtąjį turtą Šv. Dvasiai padedant". Dievas davė mums ne baimės dvasią, bet jėgos, meilės ir susivaldymo. Kur tik randame neteisybės ir neteisingumo turime atsakyti teisingumu.

Krikščioniškoji veikla yra Dievo įkvėpta. Jeigu artimas, net ir už jūrų vandenų, pažeidžiamas, užgautas neteisybe ar neteisingumu, negalime rankų nuleisti. Turime krikščioniškai padėti. Kitaip mes veiksime be Dievo pagalbos. Nepadarysime nieko be Dievo pagalbos, be Jo įkvėpimo.

Mūsų tėvų žemė Lietuva pergyvena sunkią tikėjimo priespaudą. Tėvams neleidžiama mokytis savo vaikelių apie Dievą. Vaikai gali įskusti savo tėvus už tai. Kunigai, kurie ruošia vaikučius prie Pirmos Komunijos, yra įkalinti. Viename mieste Lietuvoje Kunigas J. Zedėbskis buvo uždarytas kalėjime, kad mokino parapijos vaikučius, paruošdamas juos prie Pirmos Komunijos. Du tūkstančiai parapijiečių, kaip buvo rašyta New York Times ir Boston Pilot, skundėsi raštu Maskvai, kad nors Rusijos Konstitucija suteikianti tikėjimo laisvę, bet praktiškai tos laisvės nesą Lietuvoje.

Lietuvos Vyčiai ir bičiuliai, supažindinkime laisvus Amerikos ir viso pasaulio žmones, kad lietuviai Lietuvoje nori tikėjimo laisvės ir savosios valdžios. Junkimės į Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos darbą, rašydami laiškus, užtardami pagergtą tėvų žemę Lietuvą. Padėkime Antanui Miner, mūsų Komiteto Pirmininkui, kuris dabar dirba a.a. Kun. Jono Jutt-Jutkevičiaus vietoje ir tęskime 1946 m. pradėtą darbą. Nepamirškime Simo Kudirkos pagalbos šauksmo. Lietuvos gelbėjimo reikalas yra artimo meilės, teisingumo reikalas. Tai yra svarbus ir reikalingas darbas, į kurį visi mes turime įsijungti.

Kun. Albinas P. Janiūnas
So. Boston Lietuvos Vyčių Kuopos Dv. Vadas ir
Naujosios Anglijos Apskritis Dvasios Vadas



TEGU TOJI MEILĖ, KURIA DIEVAS PARODĖ
LEISDAMAS SAVO SŪNŲ TAPTI ŽMOGUMI,
NUOLAT DEGA MŪSŲ ŠIRDYSE.

GERIAUSIŲ LINKĖJIMŲ!

CLEVELANDO SENJORAI

PRINCE OF PEACE

By Rev. Albert J. Contons

One of the most spectacular celebrations in the history of the world took place in Iran a few months ago. It commemorated the 2,500th anniversary of the founding of the Persian Empire by Cyrus the Great.

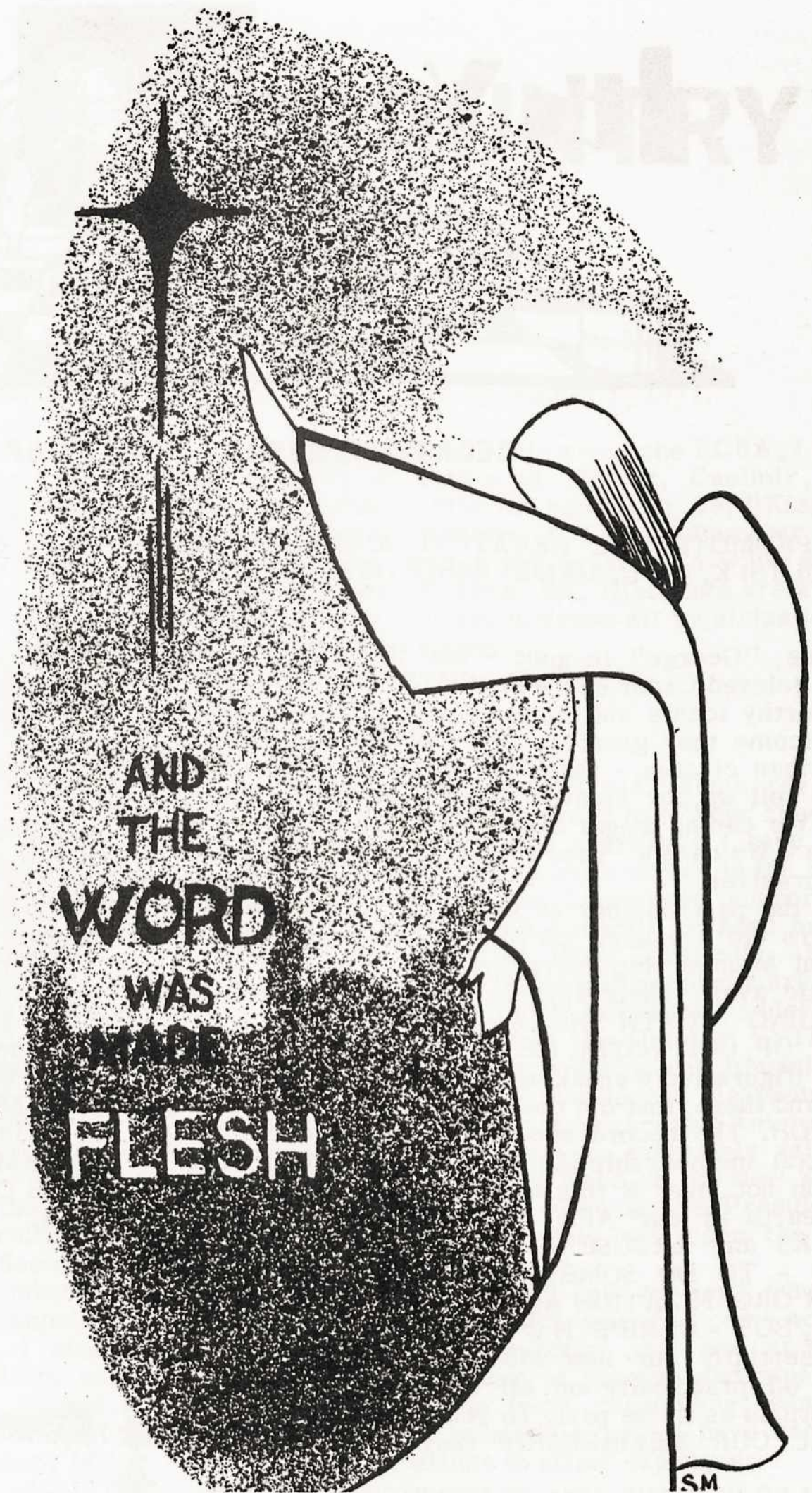
Two thousand workers labored for two years to build a magnificent tent city in the desert, on the site of Persepolis, the ancient Persian capital. Honored guests included a hundred emperors, kings and presidents of state. The sumptuous banquet was prepared by chefs flown in from the famous Maxim's of Paris. Millions of dollars were spent. But this once powerful empire had crumbled long ago and disappeared under relentless desert sands. Cyrus remains only a name in history books.

Christmas too is an anniversary, birthday of a prince. But it does not commemorate an empire built by force of arms, nor a heritage buried under the sands of time. Nor is it celebrated with royal pomp in a ceremonial city.

Christmas is a celebration of life in the hearth of every Christian home. Christ is not a dusty memory but a living presence. This presence is no longer geographical, but spiritual, in the innermost depths of man's soul.

Already in the Old Testament Isaiah prophesied about the coming of the Messiah. "For a child is born to us, a son is given us... They name him Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9,5) God promised of his people, "I will make with them a covenant of peace... and put my sanctuary among them forever." (Ezekiel 38,26). This promise was fulfilled with the coming of the Prince of Peace. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1,14).

Jesus is the promised Emmanuel - God with us. Christ makes



Jesus lived as a man of peace. And his farewell gift is peace. At the Last Supper he said, "'Peace' (Shalom) is my farewell to you, my peace is my gift to you." (John 14,27). Jesus did not speak of peace as merely the absence of war. Peace is much the same as eternal life. Peace, truth, light, joy - these are all aspects of this great gift of Jesus: eternal life.

his dwelling in the hearts of all men who receive him. In the midst of discouragement he gives hope, in divisions he brings reconciliation, in troubles he administers healing.

Christ is truly the Prince of Peace. And it is the fullness of his gift of peace that we wish to all members of the K of L and their families on Christmas day.



"GEORGE" IS GONE... NOW IT'S UP TO YOU AND I...

TO PROMOTE THE GREATEST AND BEST (IN RESULTS) K. OF L. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - EVER!

Yes, "George" is gone - and if you believe in your Beloved Order of the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, its worthy ideals and purpose, and YOU desire that it become the greatest and best in Lithuanian - American circles, - then NOW is the time that YOU and I roll up our sleeves and DO something about it! - We can no longer depend on "George" to do it for us - We cannot "pass the buck" but MUST do the job ourselves.

In the past number of years my worthy predecessors did a superb job in trying to promote successful Membership Drive, but lasting results were of little avail. Their appeals DID NOT RESULT IN BRINGING FORTH THE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT OF OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP! The handful or so (figuratively speaking) of dedicated members, here and there, that did their utmost - was just NOT ENOUGH. The record speaks for itself - currently our total membership is probably at its lowest ebb. ... I do not know if this appeal from me will reach the hearts of our APATHETIC BROTHERS AND SISTERS and AROUSE THEM at least JUST THIS ONCE - TO DO SOMETHING WONDERFUL FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS THEMSELVES or not, BUT - HERE'S HOPING!

Essentially our new MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is based on practically on all the same rules and regulations as in the past. To refresh the memories of ALL OUR MEMBERSHIP they are as follows:

RULES FOR THE 1971-72 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

AWARDS TO COUNCILS ON REACHING 100% PAID-UP MEMBERSHIPS:

Awards will be presented to COUNCILS in each of the following categories for being FIRST to have their membership dues 100% PAID-UP.

- First Category - 10 members and under.
- Second Category - 10 - 29 members.
- Third Category - 30 - 59 members.
- Fourth Category - 60 - 99 members.
- Fifth Category - 100 or over.

AWARDS FOR SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS:

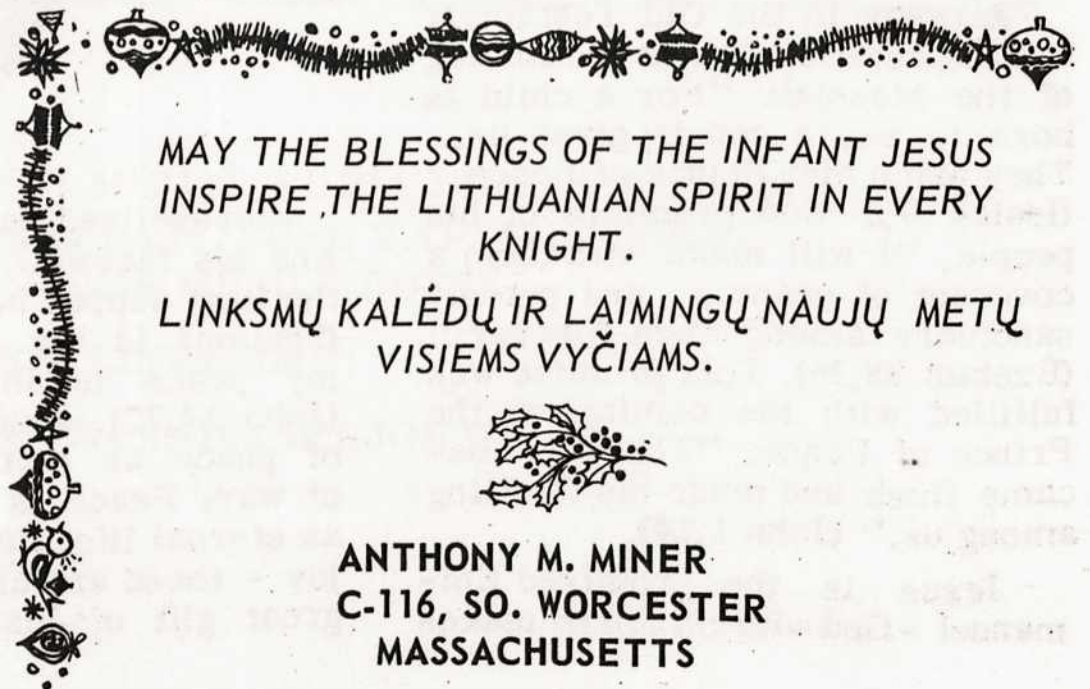
We will use same categories of Councils for awards as in 100% Paid-up set-up. Awards will be presented to the Council having the largest percentage increase over last year with a minimum of 10% increase.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

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

A Previous Member is defined as someone who has not been a member during the past 12 months... A New Member is one who never belonged before. YOU can secure your MEMBERSHIP CARDS from YOUR COUNCIL or DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN. COUNCILS ARE URGED TO SECURE ADEQUATE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARY - IRENE OZALIS, 6148 Erdrick St., Philadelphia, Pa. - 19135.

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Membership National
Vice-President.



MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE INFANT JESUS
INSPIRE THE LITHUANIAN SPIRIT IN EVERY
KNIGHT.

LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ
VISIEMS VYČIAMS.

ANTHONY M. MINER
C-116, SO. WORCESTER
MASSACHUSETTS

FOR GOD



COUNTRY

FOR GOD

AND

Resolutions were approved at the last two National Conventions requiring the Knights of Lithuania to give active support to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. Inasmuch as some K of L'ers are not as familiar with the Lithuanian language as they should be and undoubtedly wish they were, perhaps they did not read the 1971 resolution dealing with Religious Aid, which was printed in Lithuanian. The following translation should clarify the K of L commitment for everyone:

"Whereas the Knights of Lithuania during their 1970 National Convention decided to support Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid activity utilizing all possible means, therefore this Convention directs councils, districts, and the Supreme Council to work with their Spiritual Advisors in organizing and directing LCRA Supporters' Statutes, which were approved by the Lithuanian Priests' League."

The aims of the LCRA are explained in the statutes which each council has received, but certainly rate repeating. In brief, the LCRA is dedicated to the preservation of Catholicism in Lithuania. It pursues its aim by providing priests in Lithuania and in Siberian exile with the necessary vestments, religious, and liturgical articles financed by donations. It also informs the world in general about the suppression of Catholicism in Lithuania, gathers, edits, and publishes documentary proof of Communist acts of persecution in Lithuania; and last but not least, urges all LCRA members to pray for the suffering Church.

In line with its resolution of support, the National Convention elected me to serve as Coordinator of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Society. At present there are no other committee members. I therefore request each district to elect or appoint a member to this important committee. I also implore all districts, councils, and members to donate whatever amount they possibly can. Please make your checks payable to: Coordinator, Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid and mail them to Anthony M. Miner, 49 Bruce Street, Grafton, Mass. 01519. Donations are tax deductible, and the names of all donors will be published in the VYTIS.

At the time of this writing, the following donations have been received and forwarded to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid center:

\$ 25.00 - Profit on Lithuanian articles sold at the National Convention by Anthony Miner and donated in the name of the New England District K of L.

\$100.00 - Donated by the New England District at its Fall Convention.

\$ 15.00 - Donated by Anthony M. Miner.

\$140.00 - Total as of November 1, 1971.

As a fund-raising project for the LCRA, I have for sale Vytis decals at .75; St. Casimir, and Lithuanian Power pins or buttons at .25; "Kiss me I'm Lithuanian" buttons, 1 1/4 in diameter with block lettering over a red heart on a white background, bumper stickers; etc. Discounts are available in volume orders. Address all inquiries to the address provided above.

FOR COUNTRY

By the time that you read this column, the first Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin will have been received by all of the people whose addresses I have. Obviously, there have been some changes in the ranks of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee supporters. Therefore, I request all councils to send me the names and addresses of their Lithuanian Affairs Committee members. Individual members are welcome to send in their own names and addresses.

Although I had asked in the October VYTIS for clippings and information relating to Lithuania and Lithuanians, the response was indeed disappointing. Boston has shown the greatest response; Amsterdam next; Philadelphia has sent an extremely valuable clipping, Newark has sent word of the New York - New Jersey resolution to request the President to urge Kudirka's release. This has been the total response.

Once again I urge you all to send whatever pertinent information which you may come across. It is only with unified action that we can be effective. If it is the cost of postage and paper that is preventing anyone from responding, send me your bill and I'll reimburse you. I have received the following donations to offset expenses:

\$25.00 - Anne Klem, Nutley, N.J.

\$15.00 - Joseph Sakaitis, Worcester, Mass.

\$50.00 - New England District

When the need for additional funds becomes pressing, I am certain that we will be able to raise the necessary money. Therefore, even if you think that a certain piece of information is common knowledge, or that because a New England, or Worcester paper has published something and that I must be aware of it, send it along anyway. It is very easy to miss an article due to a busy schedule.

Finally, it should be of interest to all K of L members, as well as the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, that the remainder of the profit on the Lithuanian articles which I sold at the Convention, (\$25.00) was sent to the Lithuanian Foundation (Tautos Fondas) in memory of Father John C. Jutt in the name of the New England District K of L. There is a movement to memorialize Father Jutt in the Lithuanian Foundation by means of contributions. Anyone who would care to participate in this commendable project can send their contributions to me. I will forward them and publish the names of the donors in the Lithuanian Affairs Column.

As a point of information, the Lithuanian Foundation is an organization dedicated to the preservation of Lithuanian culture. It aims to collect a total of

one million dollars and then to use the interest for the preservation and propagation of Lithuanian culture. Anyone who contributes \$100.00 becomes a voting member. If a deceased person is enrolled, a specified person can wield the vote. In Father John's case, his brothers would be empowered to wield the vote.

In closing, I take this opportunity to extend my most sincere wishes to all of you worthy Knights and Ladies for a most holy and happy Christmas, and a healthy, prosperous, and pleasant New Year.

Anthony M. Miner
Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman
Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid
Coordinator



Christmas Greetings

Bells are ringing for a Christmas filled with joy and merriment, and we're chiming in to add our own good wishes for all!

COUNCIL 7

WATERBURY, CONN.



Merry Christmas



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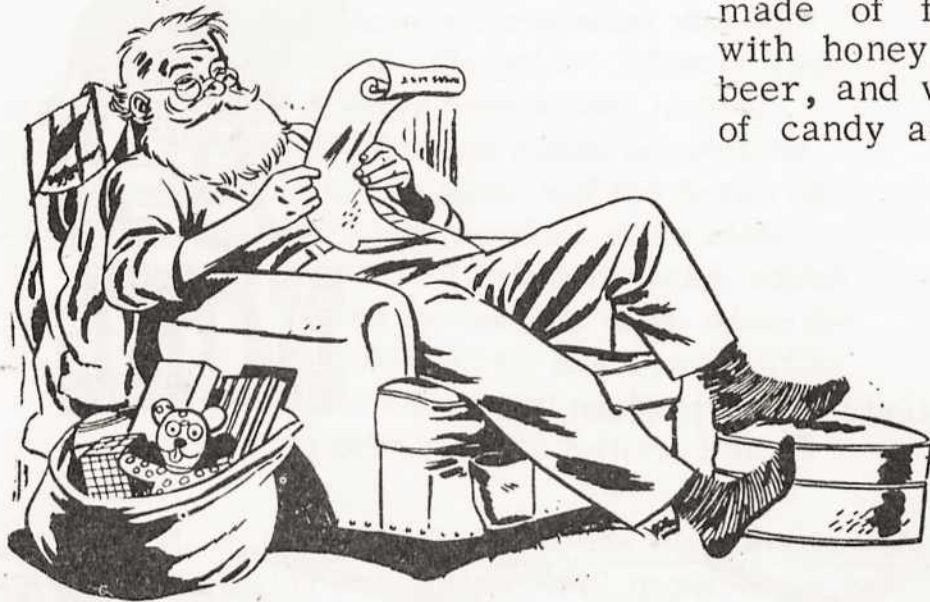


"KALĒDA" -

Santa's Predecessor In Old Lithuania

By Loretta I. Stukas

"I am Kaleda. I bring happiness, a good harvest, and every manner of well being..." Such was the greeting Lithuanians of olden days received on Christmas eve from their "Father Christmas", predecessor to (but not to be confused with) the modern day Santa Claus.



"Kaleda", the fictional Father Christmas or the Old Man of Christmas was, to the Lithuanians of old, the personification of the Christmas Season. He came from a "far off land", and brought promise of what the Lithuanian peasants yearned for most - happiness, prosperity, and good harvest.

Usually, on Christmas eve, an old man from a neighboring village would enact the part of "Kaleda". He dressed up in white sheepskin coat sashed with a linen belt, and a tall sheepskin hat. Under the coat, he put a pillow on his back, to imitate a hunchback, and attached a long white beard to his face. He carried a crooked cane and a bag filled with nuts and other harvest "goodies".

As he proceeded on his house-to-house trek, he was frequently followed by a group of excited children, who clung to him and pulled at his belt, asking for treats.

When he came to a house, he rapped on the door with his cane. To the question "Who's there?" he replied:

"I'm Kaleda. I bring happiness, good harvest and every manner of well-being. I come from another land, where the hills are made of flour, the rivers flow with honey, lakes are filled with beer, and where the rain is made of candy and the snow of dough-

nuts. I carry a full bag of treasures... good fortune, plentiful crops, and many other blessings. Please open the door and don't send me back just yet."

Upon entering the house, "Kaleda" would take various kinds of grain from his bag and sprinkle it over the householders. An ancient superstition attributes good luck in harvesting to the



sprinkling of grain. To the young maidens of the house, he would offer soaps and wild herbs for preserving their beauty. Extending best wishes to the family, he would sing a Christmas Carol or two, entertain the children with some funny stories and a few dances, and present them with some nuts from his bag.

In return, the father of the house would treat the old man to some refreshments - and "Kaleda" would continue on to another home.

"Kaleda" was considered to be the bearer of good fortune - so was always a most welcome visitor on that magical Christmas Eve night.



On behalf of the Museum staff and myself, I want to thank the members of the Knights of Lithuania for their wonderful support of the **Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture.**

STANLEY BALZEKAS, JR.

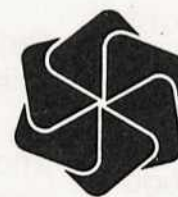
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Christian Truths and Natural Sciences

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(PART 2 – Continued from November Issue)

...“Christian truths need not be reconciled in terms of natural sciences in order to verify their validity, but can be defined as the exact possible accordance of our mind and will with Christ’s Revelation and with His Universal - Catholic - Church. The greatest wisdom ever known in the wisdom of Christian truths concerning the present, the past, and the future as well. Holy Scripture does make statements, known as Christian truths, which can be proven for us only then, when the right time comes to do so. A reconciliation of these truths and real sciences has never been needed.” (from Part 1)

II. A reconciliation that has never been needed.

The right time, of course, will never come in order to make each and every one of Christian truths to be provable scientifically for the following *basic* reasons.

1. The supreme veracity especially of all Christian truths is based on the Authority of the Incarnate God -- Christ Himself and His Church. In this case no scientists can be the supreme authorities, regardless of who they are: theologians, philosophers, mathematicians, physicists, geologists, botanists, biologists, anthropologists and so on.

Even a great scientist in the field of physics like *Albert Einstein* had trouble analyzing and ascertaining what is *truth* and what is not. This kind of a scientist supposed to be one of the most capable men tell the truth about the facts, which he has collected.

In the scientific language of today’s chaotic world, the word “scientist” is used to signify a man of such strict knowledge which deals *only* with material, organic facts; with the world which is, so to speak, “out there” to be observed, measured, judged by our senses and instruments only. No wonder that (because of the influence of this materialistic and very narrow concept of the words “science”, “scientists”) *Albert Einstein* made this typical statement:

“It is difficult even to attach a precise meaning to the term ‘scientific truth’. Thus the meaning of the word ‘truth’ varies according to whether we deal with a fact of experience, a mathematical proposition, or a scientific theory. ‘Religious truths’ convey nothing clear to me at all” (4) -- (our emphasis added.)

Yes, indeed, it is not only difficult but also impossible to attach a precise meaning to the term or word “scientific truth” according to our senses which are sometimes very deceiving to us. It is especially impossible to do so, laboring under the very erroneous impression that facts alone (!) can *speak* for themselves, telling the *truth* about themselves.

Everyone under normal circumstances can see, for instance, the following *facts*: the sun, the moon, the stars. But even under the most normal circumstances not everyone can tell a scientific truth about himself as an astronomer, a physicist or as an astronaut and his satellite -- the cosmonaut who is known the most from his propaganda. *Louis Agassiz*, one of the great scientists in the field of *organic* nature, rightly said: “Facts are *stupid* things until brought into connection (at least, -- Th.Z.) with some general law”(5) which is given not by the facts themselves but by the divine Creator of all things.

Truth may vary in the human, in the experimental world, and it may be very difficult -- as *Albert Einstein* says -- “to attach a precise meaning to the term ‘scientific truth’”. Truth as such, however, does not vary with *God* the Creator. *God* says that all the statements of Holy Scripture are *true*, not fables or myths, and the *veracity* of Christian or religious truths must depend on the only Authority, on the Authority of *God* Himself. Therefore *William J. Tinkle*, the famous scientist in the field of *genetics*, has this to say:

“The scientists, properly speaking, have created nothing. They are, instead, ingeniously making use of what they find already in existence Unchanging factor in man’s experience and well-being is the Bible, a Book whose earliest writings are some 3,000 years old, but whose message is as true and revelant today as when it was written”

(*William J. Tinkle* -- our emphasis added). (6)

If scientists in terms of any kind of strict knowledge - science - set out to make an unbiased investigation of the makeup of the world and reach a scientific *truth*, their results as scientific truths, of course, should be accepted. However, if they set out to prove a certain bias, for instance, that the world is only matter and motion or that *truths* have no spiritual and eternal values, and if they report that they have proved their point, we must not wonder why they have rejected all the contrary evidence. They can reject that evidence, but they cannot disprove that evidence and the supreme veracity of Christian truths.

2. To man alone, depending on his senses only, it is always impossible to find out the precise, scientific truth about speechless facts, the "stupid things" (Louis Agassiz). Let us take a few examples in this regard.

The taste of a fever-stricken person judges a sweet thing to be bitter. Our senses can deceive us even in regard to very common empirical things or objects: for instance, the size of the sun which seems to be a foot in diameter, in reality exceeds the size of the earth. Furthermore, senses can deceive us concerning accidental, ordinary things; as when senses judge that vinegar is honey, or that a stone is a diamond because the color of both is the same.

Therefore, we have need not only of our senses and intellect, but also of a very strict logical procedure in our own field of science. That logical procedure is a part of philosophy because it deals with all facts knowable in the light of the human mind, seeking for the deepest and the highest causes (the "how's") and reasons (the "why's") of all things (beings), of all material, organic, human, spiritual realities, and of God Himself as far as possible. In other words:

"Indeed, there would never have been any sciences if philosophy had not preceded and proceeded them" (Martin Heidegger). (7).

Philosophy is the most capable in searching for both individual and universal value of truths in the light of natural -- human mind. Nevertheless, we still remain more or less by ourselves alone if we forget the supernatural light, divine Revelation in searching individual and universal truths: if we forget theology. Theology is the science of God, His attributes, His relationship with the universe and vice-versa in the light of divine Revelation and according to the Teaching of the Universal Church. The whole range of real sciences, properly speaking, can not escape from philosophy, nor from theology. This is the real meaning for men as scientists in order not to be alone especially in searching of the wisdom of Christian truths, namely:

"Hardly do we guess aright at things that are upon earth, and with labor do we find the things that are before us. But the things that are in heaven, who shall search out".

(The Book of Wisdom 9, 16-17).

If the contrary is true, then we have pseudo-science or scientism. This kind of science has been also predicted 2000 years ago:

"People will be self-centered, enemies of everything that is good. The time is sure to come when, far from being content with sound doctrine, people will be avid for latest novelty and collect themselves a whole series of teachers according to their own tastes; and instead of listening to the truth, they will turn to myths" (2 Timothy 3, 1-3: 4, 3-4; -- our emphasis added).

This time has come a long time ago, as we know. Our era is the best proof of that.

Indeed, even though Jesus Christ as Man walked the earth about 2000 years ago, He made many other scientific

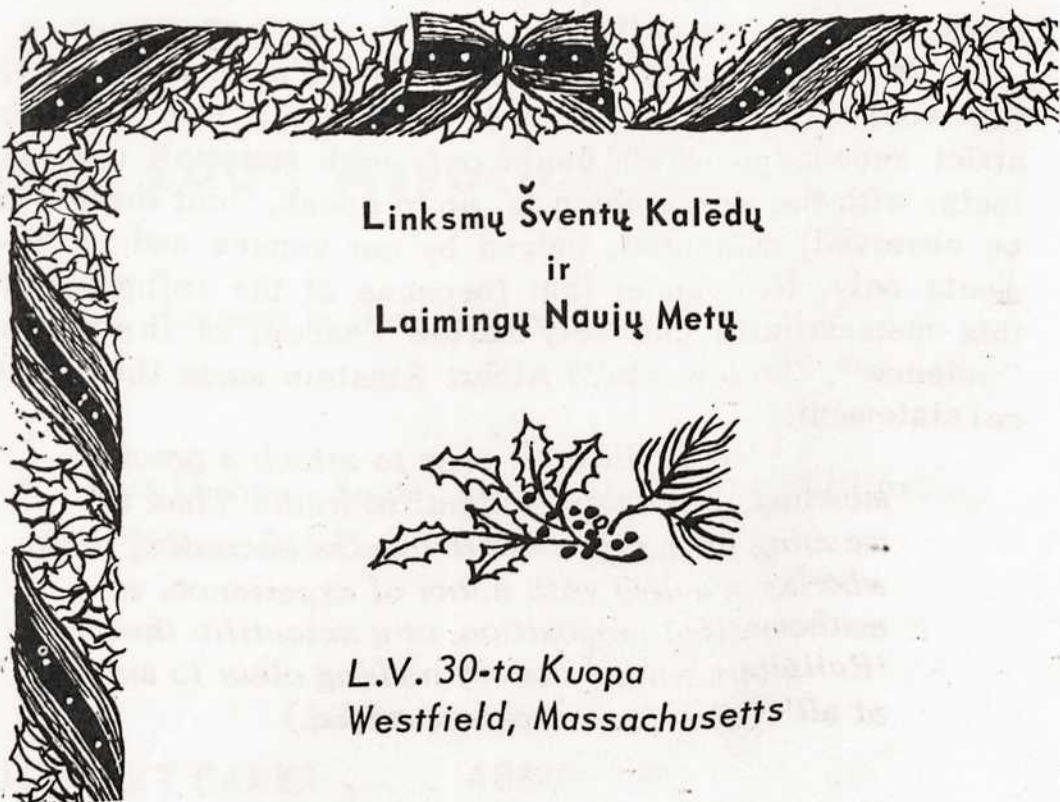
statements, known as Christian truths, about the present -- what is, the past -- what has been, and about the future -- what shall be.

Finally, Christian or non-Christian truths do not adjust themselves to any kind of scientists, rather the scientists must adjust themselves to any kind of truth in order to be real scientists. Truths being of natural or supernatural value are nothing else but truths. They might be (here and there) expressed incompletely. Nevertheless, an incomplete truth is not an error, but a truth: "It is most important to see that an incomplete truth is not an error ... and the reaction of merely championing the opposite leads not to complete truth but to error" (*Dietrich von Hildebrand*). (8). It is very misleading to say that truth is acquired when the pendulum goes from one extreme to another and finally stops to rest in the middle of the same extremes instead of being above the two extremes, not between them, rightly says Dietrich von Hildebrand, according to the doctrine of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Consequently, a reconciliation of Christian truths, and true science has never been needed ... Especially natural or physical sciences can neither prove nor disprove Christian truths, their greatest wisdom ever known about the present, the past and the future as well.

FOOTNOTES

- (5) Lane Cooper: L. Agassiz as a Teacher, Comestock, 1971, p. 48.
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Kalėdiniai įvairumai Amerikoje

Kalėdos Amerikoje turi savo istoriją. Ją sudaro generacijos žmonių, atvykusių iš užjūrio kraštų ir visokiausių laikų periodų iš įvairiausių kultūrų.

Daugelis senų amerikiečių prisimena Kalėdas ir gailisi tų senų laikų, kai be didelio skubėjimo, ramiai ir be didelių išlaidų jie galėjo pasiruošti šventei, patys pasigamindami žaislus, kepdami tradicinius pyragus.

Kolonijų laikais, tarp 1620 ir 1776 metų, kai Amerika paskelbė savo nepriklausomybę, Kalėdos buvo švenčiamos įvairiais būdais.

Vargingose gyvenimo sąlygose Naujoje Anglijoje tėvai piligrimai griežtai draudė Kalėdų šventimą. Jie atvyko į šį kraštą kaip pabėgėliai nuo religinių persekiojimų Anglijoje ir buvo įsitikinę, jog jų puritaniškas tikėjimas, toks, koks jis tade buvo, negali toleruoti šventiškos nuotaikos, kuri buvo jaučiama Kalėdų metu senoje tėvyneje.

Ir ši laikysena išliko Naujoje Anglijoje ligi 19-jo šimtmečio pradžios.

Kitokia atmosfera vyravo pas jų pietinius kaimynus, olandus, išsikūrusius ten, kur dabar yra New Yorkas.

Ten Kalėdos reiškė vaikams Santa Claus apsilankymą, kuris jiems buvo žinomas, kaip plačiaširdis šv. Nikolajus, ir vėliau pasidarė Kalėdų seniu. Jis jų klumpes pripildydavo dovanomis ir saldainiais.



Suaugusiems Kalėdos reiškė apeigas bažnyčiose, svečiavimosi, draugų bei giminių pasveikinimus, kas jiems primindavo Olandijoje paliktus namus.



Visur Atlanto pakraščiuose Kalėdų šventimas rodė tautinę ir religinę kolonistų kilmę.

Švedų - New Jersey valstijoje, Kvakerių - Pensilvanijoje, Romos katalikų - Marylande, britų episkopatų - Virginijoje.



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1741 m. vokiečių kolonija, apsigyvenusi rytų Pensilvanijoje, įkūrė Kalėdų išvakarėse Betlehem miestą, Kristaus gimimo vietos dėkingam prisiminimui.

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Kalėdų giesmės iš Europos atkeliavo su atvykėliais iš Austrijos: Tyli naktis, iš Anglijos - God Rest You Merry, iš Prancūzijos - O Holy Night. Ir kaip Europos dovana Naujam Pasauliui, tai Adeste Fideles.

Dar kitos giesmės yra vengrų, lietuvių, ukrainiečių, skandinavų ir jos faktinai yra giedamos beveik visomis kalbomis žmonių, kurie sudarė Ameriką.



Lithuanians in The

NEWS

On Nov. 22, EDWARD KRAUSE (Kriauciunas), athletic director of Notre Dame University and outstanding Lithuanian athlete, was honored by Chicago's "Back of the Yards" organization, as a "Most Distinguished Citizen of Chicago". He was feted by the well-known community organization during a dinner at the Martinique Restautant, Chicago.

Mr. Krause, born in Chicago's "Back of the Yards" neighborhood, attended Holy Cross Lithuanian School and De LaSalle High School, where he began to distinguish himself in basketball. While attending Notre Dame University, he became one of the outstanding players in the USA, in football AND basketball. After graduation, he coached basketball and football at St. Mary's College in Minnesota, Holy Cross University, and finally Notre Dame. At Notre Dame he began as the athletic director's assistant, and finally Athletic Director.

In the days of free Lithuania, Ed Krause especially distinguished himself as captain of the Lithuanian Basketball Team in the Olympic Games... and contributed much to leading them to the Championship.

AN ANNIVERSARY IN CHICAGO... AND LITHUANIAN MAIDENS

Lithuanian young ladies figured significantly in Chicago's recent parade commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Chicago fire. Students of Maria High School of Chicago, dressed in beautiful Lithuanian costumes, rode a float depicting the contribution of Chicago Lithuanians to the city. A special "Thank you" and commendation was received by Maria High School from the Mayor's office. Pictured in National costume, on the float, are: Gedre Cepaityte, Birute Baceviciute, Dalia Stelmokaite, Joana Martinkaite, Rasa Degutyte, Ramune Ziupsnyte.



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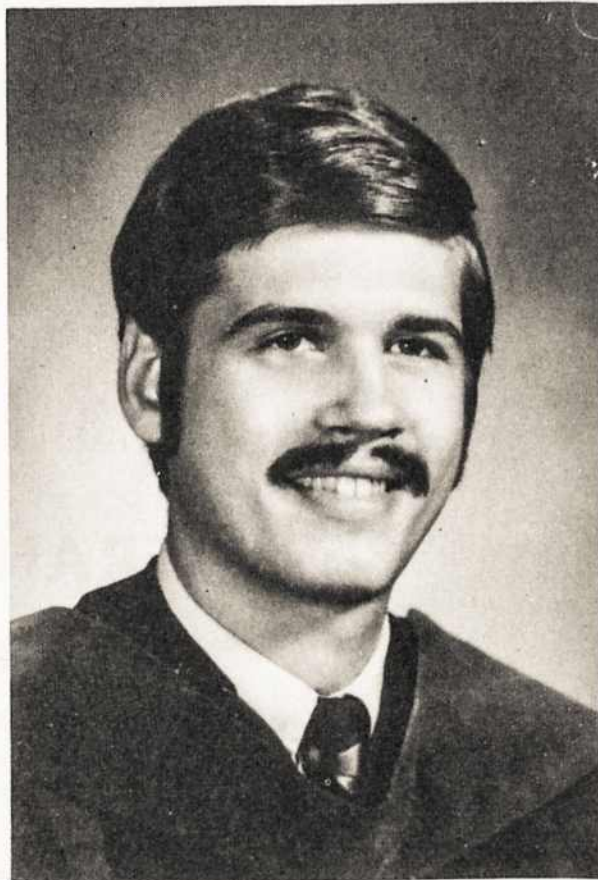
DENIS G. MAŽEIKA
MEDICINOS DAKTARAS

Denis G. Mažeika, Antano ir Zuzanos Mažeikų sūnus, So. Ozon Park, N.Y., gegužės 28 dieną baigė Buffalo Valstybinio Universiteto Medicinos Mokyklą Medicinos Daktaro laipsniu ir nuo liepos 1 dienos pradėjo interno pareigas Clevelando miesto klinikose. Vėliau žada specializuotis akių ligų srityje.

Denis yra gimęs 1945 m. Pittsburghe, Pa. 1967 m. baigęs paruošiamąjį medicinos kursą Fordham Universitete, buvo priimtas net į 7 medicinos mokyklas. Iš jų pasirinko Buffalo, kaip vieną moderniausių tos rūšies mokyklų.

Kaip sąmoningas lietuvis jis lankė Lituanistikos kursus Fordhamo Universitete ir įstojo į Lietuvos Vyčių 41-ją kuopą, aktyviai dalyvaudamas to kuopos tautinių šokių ratelyje. Vėliau tai kuopai pirmininkavo dvejis metus.

Už nuopelnus tautai ir Vyčių organizacijai jam buvo paskirta Vyčių stipendija, o jis pats 1966 m. pakeltas į Lietuvos Vyčių trečiąjį Vytauto laipsnį.



Denis 1965 m. padėjo savo broliui Antanui surengti studentų demonstraciją Washington, D.C., o vėliau, lapkr. 13 d., tais pačiais metais - didžiąją lietuvių demonstraciją New Yorke. Talkino Laisvės Žiburio radijui, dalyvavo tautinių šokių festivalyje New Yorke pasaulinės parodos metu ir Chicagoje - tautinių šokių šven-

tėje. Vasario 16 d. proga kalbėjo per radiją ir rašė Amerikos spaudoje.

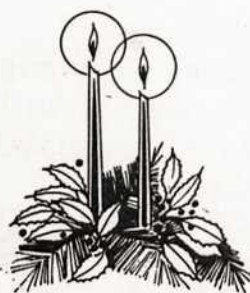
1969 m. vedė veiklią lietuvaite Audronę Masiulionytę ir abu drauge priklausė St. Catharines parapijos tautinių šokių grupei Kanados pusėje.

Denis Mažeika yra būdingas Amerikos lietuvių jaunosios kartos atstovas, sąmoningai pasirinkęs Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją, kaip pagrindą, savo tautinei veiklai. Ir nenuostabu, nes ir jo tėvai tuo keliu yra ėję. Tėvas šiuo metu yra Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narys, o motina savo gyva veikla reiškiasi New Yorko senjorų kuopoje. Ir dabar Denis ir Audronė Mažeikai, apsigyvenę Clevelande, tuojau įsijungė į L.V. senjorų kuopą ir Čiurlionio Ansamblių.

Šveikindami mūsų garbingą Vyti, naująjį medicinos daktarą Denį Mažeiką, linkime geriausios sėkmės profesiniame darbe ir ištvėrmės kovoje dėl mūsų tautos laisvės.



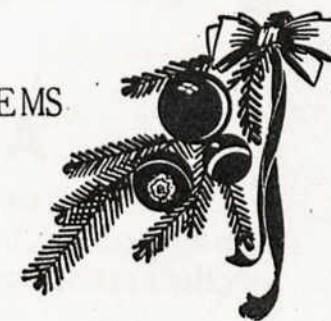
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- 1 tbsp. sugar
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- 1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

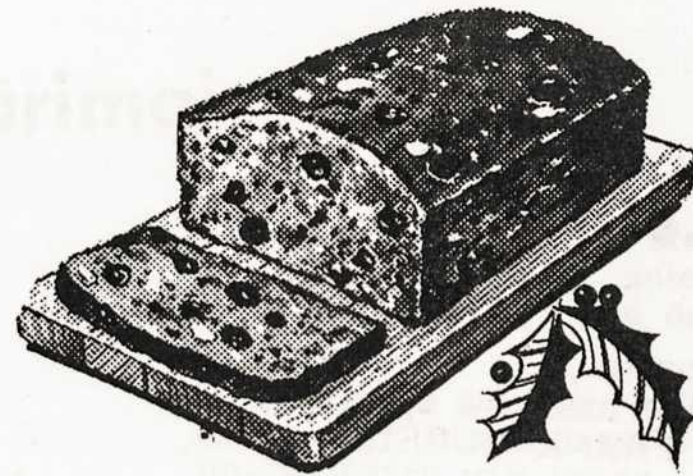
Cream yeast with sugar. Add warm milk and salt. Sift in flour. Stir thoroughly. Put in warm spot to rise a little. If necessary, add more flour to roll. Roll with rolling pin on floured board. Cut into finger-width strips, then into bits of 1/2 inch or less. Bake in 350 degree oven till edges are light brown. Serve with

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- 1/2 lb. poppy seeds
- 2 cups boiling water
- 10 almonds
- 2 cups milk

Pound the seeds fine. Cover with boiling water. Blanch, peel and chop almonds, stir into seeds. Add sugar to taste, and when cool, pour in the milk. Pour over biscuits just before serving.

From "Popular Lithuanian Recipes"
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CHRISTMAS BREAD (Kaledu Pyragas)

- 1 yeast cake or
- 1 package dry yeast
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 cup scalded milk
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups white raisins
- 1/4 cup poppy seeds
- 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup lukewarm water. Combine butter, sugar, salt, milk, and cold water, and add to this the egg, raisins, poppy seeds, together with dissolved yeast. Add sifted flour and mix well till blended thoroughly. Grease a pan (9 x 5 x 3) and pour mixture into it. Cover with clean dish towel and let rise in a warm place (85 degrees) for about 1 1/2 hours until light. Bake in a moderate oven 50-60 minutes. The last 5 minutes of baking, remove from oven, brush with honey that has been warmed slightly, and sprinkle with poppy seeds. Be careful not to let honey get too dark, so watch last 5 minutes.

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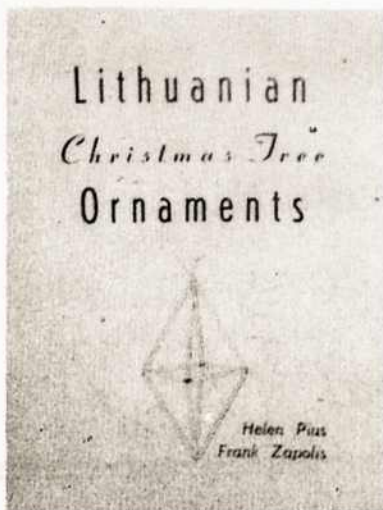
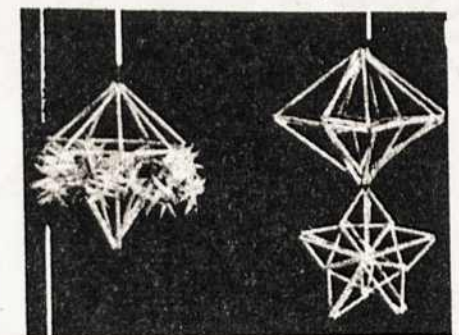
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Vytiškai,
Irene Sankus
C-112, Chicago

Dear Editor,

Enjoyed the last issue (October) very much. You must really devote an enormous amount of time to it. Thanks for making the VYTIS so good.

Sincerely,
Dianne Drumstas
C-3, Philadelphia

Ed. note: The "goodness" of VYTIS depends on faithful contributors, efficient staff members, and interesting topics to cover. My thanks to all of YOU who help so generously.

We Get Letters . . .

Dear Mr. Stukas,

It was very dear of the "Vyčių" Convention to pass the resolution memorializing my late husband, ANTHONY O. SHALLNA and recounting his services to the Knights of Lithuania. It was also kind of the Convention to express the wish that my attention be called to this resolution by sending me a copy.

This is to acknowledge my receipt of a copy of VYTIS containing the resolution. Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness. With sincere personal regards and thanks, I am,

Cordially yours,
Susane P. Shallna



Dear Editor,

...Please make a correction in VYTIS. In the October issue, ... I was listed as a member of C-26. I am in fact from C-116, So. Worcester, not C-26. Thank you.

Anthony Miner
National Lith. Affairs Chrmn.
LRCA Coordinator

Ed. Note: We stand corrected! Our sincerest apologies, Tony, to you and to your council.

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Panašiai buriama ir prieš Naujus Metus.

Šeiminkas, kūčias pavalgęs, išeina į sodą ir papurto medžius, - tada ant jų bus daug vaisių.

Šeiminkė, kūčias pavalgiusi, išeina laukan pažiūrėti, ar daug žvaigždžių danguje. Jei dangus žvaigždėtas, tai vištos bus dėslios ir anksti pradės dėti. Sakoma: "Bus Velykos su kiaušiniais."

Prie kūčių stalo pirmas nesėda, nestada beganydamas gyvulių neišlaikys "nuo iškadės."

Kūčias pavalgius, stalą nukrausčius, žiūrima, ar daug ant stalo iš šieno grūdų pribyrėjo. Jei grūdų daug, bus derlingi metai.

Jei kūčių dieną ant stogo pakraščio laikosi daug sniego, tai ateinančiais metais bus daug baravykų.

Jei kūčias pavalgęs atsiraugai, tai dar ir kitais metais kūčias valgysi.

Kas įvyks ateinančiais metais? Ant stalo apvožia tris bliūdelius ir po jais slapta padeda žiedą, gėlę ir žvakę ar rožančių. Kam eilė vožti bliūdelį, tas iš trijų atvožia vieną. Jei po bliūdeliu žiedas - šiais metais susituoksi; jei atvoži gėlę - dar tuos metus mergausi ar bernausi; jei žvakę atvoži - mirsi, o jei rožančių - liksi davatka.

Gabalą popieriaus lengvai pagniaužo saujoje ir, padėję židinėje ar ant skardos, sudgina. Tada skarda pakeliama ir žiūrima, ką vaizduoja popieriaus šešėlis. Pirmoji mintis lemiamą. Jei matai vežimą - ateinančiais metais keliasi, jei namus - į savo namus vyksi, jei lopšį - susilauksi kūdikio ir pan.

Skirtas bernelis. Mergina į stiklinę vandens įberia žiupsnelį pelenų. Pelenai turi būti to vainikėlio, su kuriuo buvo pamergiuos arba kuri turėjo ant kasų, eidama į bažnyčią. Tada ant stalo pastato stiklinę atsisėda ir žiūri į stiklinės dugną, kol pamato sau skirtąjį.

Šliurę meta. Mergina atsigula aukštelninka ant grindų galva į lauko duris ir, pakėlusį koją, per galvą meta šliurę. Atsikėlusį žiūri, į kur šliurė atsisukus: jei į duris, ateinančiais metais ištekės. Mat, iš namų išeis.



Holiday Greetings



Jack & Loretta Stukas

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

Dr. Jack Stukas, Supreme Council President, announces that the next Supreme Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 9, 1972, at the Lithuanian Citizens' Club, So. Boston, Mass. All National officers and Committee Chairmen, as well as District Presidents and Honorary Members are most cordially invited to participate, and aid the progress of the organization.

MARY JANKOWSKI, RIP

It is with deep sorrow that we learned of the very untimely death of another outstanding member. On Nov. 15, MARY JANKOWSKI, National Cultural Chairman and Honorary Member was called to her eternal reward. To her family and her fellow K of L-ers in Worcester, the Supreme Council and the VYTIS Staff extend sincerest sympathy. May she rest in peace!

(More on her life next issue.).

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary reminds us that membership dues will be due in January 1972. If a new member joins a Council, the dues are as follows:

\$100.00	Lifetime Member
5.00	if member joins from January - March
3.75	- April - June
2.50	- July - September
1.25	- October - December
2.50	- Additional family member (No "Vytis")
7.00	- Couple (First Year Only)

Dues should be collected for a FULL YEAR. Member record sheets and applications for new or reinstated members are available without charge from the National Financial Secretary.

Please note that the new "Associate Members" dues structure is the same as that for regular members.



YES INDEED - DE . . .

... All you fellow Knights are on my list for

-- A MERRY CHRISTMAS



-- A HAPPY NEW YEAR



... Plus an invitation to attend

the 59th NATIONAL CONVENTION in 1972

Host Council - 25 CLEVELAND, OHIO

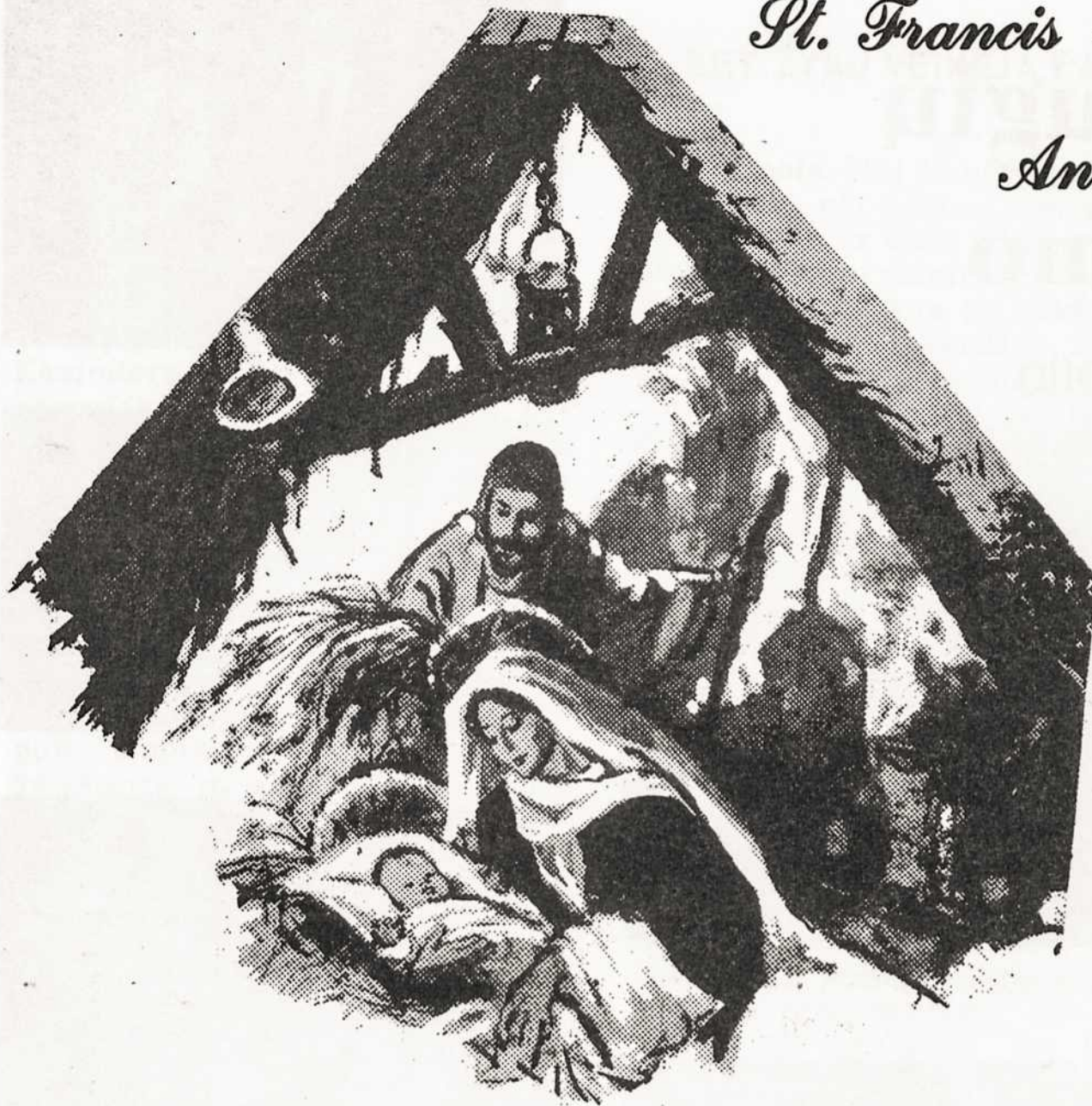


St. Francis -

And The

Christmas Crib

By Loretta Stukas



"What a novel idea"... said a passer-by recently, as he looked at the live animals enhancing a life-size replica of the Nativity scene in front of a town hall in New Jersey. But actually, the "novelty" of live animals at a Christmas scene - and in fact the whole idea of the Christmas Crib in its present form, and its use outside, dates back to St. Francis Assisi, known for his great love for the Christ Child, and his great affection for God's animals.

Since the beginning of Christianity, the Nativity scene has been one of the most popular subjects in religious art. Perhaps the earliest-known depiction of the Nativity in picture form, dating back to 380 A.D., served as a wall decoration in the burial chambers of a Christian family in the St. Sebastian Catacombs in Rome. However, until St. Francis' famous Christmas celebration at Greccio, Italy in 1223, the Nativity scene was represented mostly in picture form.

St. Francis had a great desire to bring to life the memory of the Divine Infant who was born in

Bethlehem. He especially wanted to show how the Christ Child was deprived of all comforts other babies enjoy, but how humble animals like the ass and the ox contributed to His comfort, by providing Him warmth while He was bedded in a crude manger on hay.

The humble but determined saint looked to his close friend, Messer Giovanni Velitta, for help. He gave Messer Velitta a list of instructions, asking him to carry them out to the letter. Giovanni did all that was asked of him... and readied the scene for St. Francis' celebration.

On Christmas eve, 1233, outside the church in Greccio, a manger was set up and filled with real hay. Giovanni led a live ass and a live ox to the scene while the faithful of the town prepared candles and torches. Greccio became a new Bethlehem, as the statue of the Christ Child was brought to the scene by candlelight. All sang in praise of God with exultation. Solemn Mass was sung at midnight at the Crib site. St. Francis, who in all his humility, chose never to become

more than a deacon, intoned the Gospel and preached the sermon.

The townspeople went home aglow with the true "spirit of Christmas" and a sense of participation in the Miracle of Christmas. News of the celebration spread quickly, and the Christmas Crib became popular - outside churches and homes as well as (on a smaller scale), inside.

Even today, farmers in mountain provinces of central Europe spend the long winter evenings of Advent repairing and enlarging Cribs. Some have as many as 100 figures, and often fill an entire room.

In 1741, Moravian missionaries came to the USA from Germany, and founded Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. They and other Europeans brought the custom of the Christmas Crib to America, calling it "Putz" (from the German "putzen" - to decorate). Their version of the Crib grew to include not only the Nativity scene, but also various figures, as well as waterfalls, houses, fences, bridges.

As Christians in the USA and elsewhere decorate their homes, town squares and churches with life-like Nativity scenes, St. Francis must surely look down from heaven, overjoyed, seeing how widely his "Greccio Christmas Celebration" traveled!



Iš Sendraugių Gyvenimo

CLEVELAND - OHIO



Cleveland and Youngstown Seniors enjoying a summer picnic at Pymatuning Lake.



After Mass for deceased members: LEFT: Cleveland Seniors at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. RIGHT: At Luncheon after Mass. Seated: K. Gaizaitis, J. Sadauskas, A. Maciokas. Standing: I. Visockas, S. Sankal.

Birthdays:
Top: Vyto Lelys, greeted by Jule Salesaviciene, Antanas Bujokas, Stella Sankal. Center: April Birthday people: Ed Pranckevicius, Mary Trainy, Stella Gaizutis, Joe Sadauskas. Bottom: May "Birthday Boy" Anthony Maciokas, assisted by Mrs. J. Juska, a guest from Mt. Clemens, Michigan.



COUNCIL-17 SENIORS

SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

TYLU, BET ŽYMU VEIKĖJĄ PALAIDOJUS

Chicago, III.

Po gedulingų pamaldų Šv. Marijos Gimimo bažnyčioje spalio 13 d., gausaus būrio žmonių išv. Kazimiero kapines buvo palydėtas senosios lietuvių kartos tylus, bet žymus Chicagos lietuvių veikėjas a.a. Antanas Bacevičius, miręs spalio 10 d. Šv. Šeimos viloje, Orland Parke. Šią ištaigą yra įkūrusi ir seneliams prieglaudą pastačius Lietuvių katalikų labdaringoji sąjunga, įsteigta 1914 metais. Laidotuvių išvakarėse, Lak mirusiųjų pašarvojimo įstaigoje (koplyčioje) Lietuvos vyčių veteranas ir garbės narys Ignas Sakalas vyčių, labdarių ir Susivienijimo lietuvių katalikų Amerikoj vardu tarė žemiau dedamus atsisveikinimo su velioniu žodžius:

"Ruduo. Laiko paženklini, šalnos pakąsti, pageltę medžių lapai krinta viens po kito. Savo laiku tie lapai buvo ne tik medžių puošmena, bet ir malonumas tiems, kurie po jais rasdavo pavėsį ir poilsį.

Šį vakarą susirinkome čia atsisveikinti su dar vienu laiko paženkliniu, nukritusiu nuo didelio ir seno Amerikos lietuvių katalikų medžio - ažuolo lapu, kurių jau nebedaug yra likę iš senosios kartos, kurie taip pat jau pageltę ir tik laukia Visagalio rankos mostelėjimo, kad nukristų nežinion... Atsisveikinti su Antanu Bacevičium.



Velionis šioj žemėj nebuvo nei rašytojas, nei poetas, nei garsus žurnalistas ar koks iškilus profesionalas, prekybininkas, bet paprastas zanavykas iš Lukšių parapijos, Šakių apskrities, atvykęs iš Lietuvos dar tuomet, kada ji buvo tamsi ir juoda, kai ją laikė suspaudęs carų dvigalvis aras savo galingais sparnais. Čia, Chicagoje, puolęs prie laikraščių ir knygų, įsijungęs į draugijas greit iškilo į draugijinio ir visuomeninio gyvenimo vadovaujančio asmens viršūnes. Neklysiu sakydamas, kad velionis savo gyvenime daug kartų daugiau yra nusipelnęs Tautai ir Bažnyčiai, nei daugumai tų, kurie šiuo metu spaudoje garsiai linksniuojami arba patys linksniuojasi.

Atvykęs į šią laisvės šalį velionis garbingai išlaikė motinos palydimus tolimon kelionėn žodžius - tris dorybes: būti doru, blaiviu ir branginti jos išiebtą jo širdyje ir užgrūdintą tikėjimą. Ir iš tikrųjų, velionis nėjo neribotos sąžinės laisvės keliu, nuklotu visokiais žibučiais, bet trumpu ir pražūtingu. Visą savo gyvenimą jis ėjo sunkiu keliu, kovos už Kristų ir Tautą keliu, kuris yra ilgas ir pagrįstas šviesia amžinybe. Šiuo keliu velionis ėjo drąsiai, nesvyruodamas, nevedmainiaudamas iki fizinės jėgos jam tarė: 'Gana, tau reikalingas poilsis'.

Daug laiko ir vietos imtų atpasakojimui gal 60 ar daugiau metų veikimo Chicagos lietuvių katalikų visuomenėje. Parapijų gyvenime jis buvo pavyzdgingiausiu Bažnyčios nariu. Visuomeniniam, draugijiniam gyvenime - visokeriopo veikimo planuotojas, visuomet kupinas naujų naudingų sumanymų, jų energingas vykdytojas bei rėmėjas. Visos ano meto Šv. Mykolo parapijos, North Side, katalikiškos draugijos ir katalikiškųjų organizacijų kuopos - skyriai: Katalikų federacijos, Tautos Fondo, Darbininkų sąjungos, Blaivininkų susivienijimo, Katalikų susivienijimo Amerikoj, Katalikų spaudos draugijos, Katalikų moksleivių (vėliau studentų), Šakių apskr. klubo, visų vienuolynų (ypatingai tėvų Marijonų ir jų leidžiamos spaudos), net moterų -

Moterų sąjunga jautė velionio veikimo įtaką ir neišsemiamą šaltinį sėkmingesniai veikimui. Visuose savo veiklos baruose tikėjimo - katalikybės atžvilgiu buvo griežtas ir be jokių kompromisų. Dėl to net nekatalikų, kurie jį pažinojo, buvo gerbiamas. Bet labiausiai velionis buvo suaugęs su Labdaringąja sąjunga ir Lietuvos vyčių organizacija ne vien North Side skyriuose, bet visam Chicagos rajone.

Kaip gyvas sidabras, jis buvo tų organizacijų sąjūdžiuose ir tiksluose: labdariuose įgyvendinti didelį užsimojimą - pastatyti seneliams namus - prieglaudą, o vyčiuose - gyvais ir veikliais palaikyti ano meto įvairias sekcijas: sporto, dainos, teatro - scenos meną ir pagaliai sumanymą nuosavos Chicagos vyčiams nuosavybės.

Jo veikimą liudija gražus vyčių namas - salė prie 47 ir S. Campbell gatvių ir gražioji Šv. Šeimos Vila, Orland Parke, labdarių triūsu ir surinktomis aukomis pastatyta, kurioj ir velionis savo gyvenimo saulėleidyje rado visokeriopai aprūpintą poilsio vietą.

Reikia dar pažymėti, kad velionio sumanymu ir pastangomis Šv. Mykolo parapijos patalpose buvo įsteigtas knygynas - skaitykla, kurion plaukdavo visi katalikiški laikraščiai ir naujos knygos ne tik Amerikoj, bet ir Lietuvoj leidžiami. Knygynu - skaitykla naudojosi visi nemokamai.

Mielas ir garbusis Susivienijimo, Labdarių Sąjungos ir Šakių Klubo garbės ir Lietuvos Vyčių Ketvirtojo laipsnio narys Antanai. Tau gyvenant šioje žemėje mes su tavim kartu žygiavom Dievui ir Tėvynei pažymėtu keliu. Šiandien, tau išvykus į amžinastį, čia prie tavo palaikų gulinčių karsite, mes prižadame neišėiti iš to kelio ir toliau žygiuoti iki Visagalio ranka pamos ir mums vykti į anapus, kad ir mes atsiimtumėm nusipelnytą užmokestį".

I. Sakalas



K of L Calendar



DECEMBER

- 3 - LITHUANIAN DAY, "Christmas Around the World", Museum of Science and Industry, Program by the K of L Juniors, Chicago, Ill.
- 5 - N.Y.-N.J. DISTRICT CONVENTION - Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall, New York, N.Y., C-12, Hosts.
- 5 - I-I DISTRICT MEMORIAL MASS for DECEASED MEMBERS, Lithuanian Jesuit Chapel, 12:00 Noon, Chicago.
- 10 - I-I DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING and CHRISTMAS PARTY, K of L Bldg., 8:30 P.M. Chicago, Ill.
- 12 - C-100 CHRISTMAS PARTY, Tower Inn, Amsterdam, N.Y.
- 18 - LITHUANIAN DAY, Main Chicago Public Library, K of L Juniors will perform at 12:15 P.M., Chicago, Ill.
- 18 - C-112 CHRISTMAS PARTY, K of L Bldg., 8:30 P.M., Chicago, Ill.
- 19 - C-29 CHRISTMAS PARTY, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J., 1:00 P.M.

1972 - JANUARY

- 9 - SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.
- 22 - K of L CHOIR BENEFIT DANCE AND PARTY, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

FEBRUARY

- 5 - C-1 BROCKTON, Mass. ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL, Canoe Club, 20 South Street, West Bridgewater, Mass.

APRIL

- 9 - ANNUAL T.V. MASS, Boston, Mass. - Sponsors - New England District.

MAY

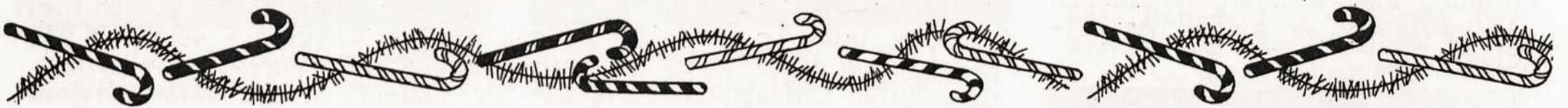
- 15 - C-29 CONCERT, featuring N.Y. Lithuanian Men's Chorus "PERKUNAS". Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J., 7:30 P.M.

JUNE

June 22 - July 7 - K of L SOUTH AMERICAN FESTIVIDAD.

AUGUST

59th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Cleveland, Ohio, C-25 Hosts.



Season's Greetings



to all
K of L members and their families
from your



Supreme Council Officers and the "VYTIS" Staff



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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



PHILADELPHIA, PA. - C-3

We wish to extend congratulations and best wishes for a productive year to all the Supreme Council Officers.

Six C-3 members attended the entire national convention, and the Drumstas' were able to join them on Saturday. The convention format was a terrific idea and a refreshing change, but whatever the surroundings, whenever K of L-ers meet, the end result is a good time. Hats off to the hard-working New England folks for making it a successful convention.

New England seemed to attract quite a few of our members: Irene and Al Ozalis, Lillian Sasnauskas and Irene and Walt Svekla toured those beautiful states after the convention. Some of our other members really went far to enjoy their well-earned vacations. Joe Yanulaitis went to Bermuda for a week and Jim Varevice spent an enjoyable time in Sweden. Agnes and John Mickunas have their own built-in hideaway in Cape May, New Jersey. But Joe Drumstas had a unique vacation set up by his "travel director." He toured a lot of building-supply houses in sunny Philadelphia and spent most of his vacation redoing some rooms in his home.

We got the K of L ball rolling at our October meeting and elected new officers: Irene Ozalis is President, Joe Petkunas is Vice-Pres-

ident, Agnes Mickunas is Secretary, Tony Burch is Treasurer and Al Ozalis is Financial Secretary. Irene was also elected National Financial Secretary so our president has a busy year ahead of her. Since we've started the practice of holding meetings in homes of our members, membership attendance has really picked up.

Nov. 14 had a triple purpose for us. Since it has been our practice to conduct periodic Communion Sundays within our group, we decided that the first such Sunday of our new year should be dedicated to the memory of Father Jutt. Our council always had a close bond with Father John, so our Mass and Communion for that Sunday was for his soul. Following the Mass, our chaplain installed the new officers, and we proceeded to a local restaurant for brunch, and then had a meeting.

C-3 also suffered its own loss in May, when Our Lord called Veronica (Ronnie) Ozalis to her eternal reward. We all still miss her hearty spirit and helping hand. Sympathy is also extended to Anne (Alanskas) Morkunas of Worcester, a former member, who lost her father in October. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations are in order to Vic and Lenne Baltin, on their new home and the new arrival - baby daughter, Christine. The stork will also visit the Burch and Drumstas homes in 1972.

C-3 extends sincere Christmas Greetings to all and asks God to bless the New Year for all our K of L friends.

NEWARK, N.J. - C-29

The Wanderer

Our Annual Dinner - Dance came off in very fine fashion on Oct. 9 in Holy Trinity parish hall under the chairmanship of Albinas Zukauskas and co-chairman Mary Stonis. Invocation was given by Pastor Msgr. John J. Scharnus. A very excellent discourse was given by National President Dr. Jack J. Stukas.

The following past Presidents were called on for a bow - Peter Podgalsky, Charles Strolis and Joseph Sakevich; latter was also past National President of Supreme Council. Present was C-29 Spiritual Advisor Rev. Peter Torotaitis and Rev. Joseph Barkus, OSB.

Council President Kazys Sipaila also extended brief greetings. Happy Anniversary greetings were extended to Dr. and Loretta Stukas on their 7th Wedding Anniversary. A low bow in the direction of the committee and others who contributed towards the success of the event.

The yearly elections saw the present executive board returned once more to office; many thanks for their past efforts and may they continue their excellent work in the coming term.

The writer, on behalf of council and self, extends best wishes and congratulations to Chapter 68 of the Lithuanian Womens' Alliance of Newark who this year are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Also, congratulations are in order for the American-Lithuanian Veterans' Post on their Silver Anniversary.

Perhaps by now the 58th National Convention is all but a memory, but to those of us who attended the conclave will long remember it. The atmosphere and other conditions in connection with this seimas certainly did leave a long lasting impression. In particular, the writer wishes to stress the fact that there was more use of Lithuanian at this year's gathering than in previous meetings. May this trend continue.

NEW YORK, N.Y. - C-12

Liberty Lady

Somehow the word "Freedom" has special significance in the month of November as we remember that a year ago Simas Kudirka made his valiant effort for American Sanctuary. This correspondent, for one, keeps thinking of the maxim "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" and how any nation can lose it through neglect or complacency. With this thought in mind, decided to attend the Declaration of Independence Assembly sponsored by the National Historical Society. Learned how the Founding Fathers of our country struggled and sacrificed for freedom and left a heritage for us to safeguard. Also, not only did I have the pleasure of meeting people with similar interests on American history but in conversation was able to relate the plight of Lithuania.

Couldn't think of a better way to celebrate the 26th United Nations (Tautų Festivalis) in New York which commemorated the 15th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution for Freedom. With a dear friend of Hungarian heritage,



C-12 - 'Volunteer Belles' serving at church dinner. l to r: Ann Yorkus, Millie Pietz, Betty Waskiewicz, Helen Yurkus, Helen Cuperwich, and Barbara Kartanowicz.



Mary York (C-12) with friend Evelyn Sheffman (of Hungarian descent) attending Festival of National, U.N. Day in New York.

observed the captive nations display their talents and heard a Congressman from New York commend us for the "strength in unity" effort of the occasion, and that we should remind the President not to forget to discuss the freedom of captive nations when he visits Moscow. Barry Farber, internationally syndicated radio personality and Festival Chairman, concisely stated the representation at the festival was a good example of "Freedom's Blood Bank". Lithuanians were well represented on committees, talent show and audience.

Again on U.N. Day our council Treasurer, Helen Matthews, participated in the Operetta Chorus at the Lithuanian Song Festival held in Elizabeth, N.J. Sponsored by the American - Lithuanian Organists and Musicians Alliance in celebration of their 60th Anniversary, we heard the choral groups were a tremendous success.

The big concentration of C-12's effort went into the annual Fall fund-raising dinner of Our Lady of Vilna Church on Oct. 31. President Lee Waskiewicz and the "reliables" Joe Kscenaitis, Millie Pietz, Helen Matthews, Ann Yorkus, Al Monkawitch, Helen Cuperwich, Ann Zindzius, Barbara and Michael Kartanowicz volunteered their services for which Pastor Gurinkas was most grateful.

On the passenger list of the "S. S. Romanza" as it cruised in the Caribbean Sea was Helen Matthews on a well deserved Thanksgiving Holiday.

Matthew Yatkaukas, our organist and C-12 member, is



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

to all

MY K of L FRIENDS

FRANK GUDELIS
DAYTON, OHIO



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

LINKSMŲ NAUJŲ MĖTŲ



COUNCIL 12 - MANHATTAN, NEW YORK

**WISHING EVERYONE
LINKIU VISIEMS**

**AN OLD FASHIONED LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS
SENOVINIŲ LIETUVISKŲ KALĖDŲ**

**OF FAMILY TOGETHERNESS
SU SEIMYNINIŲ PRISIARTINIMU**



Mary York - Council 12



furthering his musical career and moving on to greener pastures. We are sorry to see him go but wish him well at St. Peters in Yonkers, N.Y.

We were shocked to hear about the serious illness of our past President, John Yorkus, after the sudden death of his brother Valentine. For years John was one of the first volunteers for service at the church dinners and as ill as he was, nevertheless worried about what had to be done at the October dinner. That is devotion. Everyone wishes John a speedy recovery as he slowly recuperates at the Veterans Hospital in New York City.

With the announcement of the appointment of Ann Yorkus as Lithuanian Cultural Chairman in C-12, we now have a full complement of officers and chairmen.

A Blessed Christmas to one and all and may the New Year bring peace and contentment to your homes.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. - C-100

Smile and Sparkle

On Monday, Nov. 1, C-100 met in the St. Casimir's Parish meeting rooms, where Rev. Anthony Grigaitis opened the meeting with a prayer.

At the request of President Anthony Radzevich, Mrs. Sophie Olbie and Miss Genevieve Gobis, Co-Chairmen for the Christmas Banquet, gave a progress report. The banquet will be held on Dec. 12 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tower Inn. Miss Gobis or Mrs. Olbie should be contacted for reservations.

Presentation of the First and Second degrees to qualified members followed. The First Degree was presented to Rev. Anthony

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

**Sveikinu visus su Šv.
Kalėdomis ir laimingais
Naujais metais.**

**Juozas Sadauskas
Garbės narys**



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ir**

Džiaugsmingų

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ALGIRDAS KACANAUSKAS

29-tos Kuopos Narys

Apreiškimo Parapijos

Vargonininkas

Brooklyn, N.Y.



Grigaitis, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Miss Mary Stanionis, Mrs. Betty Kuzmich, Mrs. Regina Hartvigas, Mrs. Helen Druziak, Mrs. Polly Ziausys, Mrs. Ann Sweet, Mrs. Nellie Liberis, Mrs. Mildred Thomas, and Mr. Joseph Valikonis. Seven members received the Second Degree: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Miss Helen Radzevich, Mrs. Ann Yunker, Mr. Bill Mc Cune, Mr. Peter Hayes, and Mr. Joseph Olsauskas.

The Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch advised the group that the former pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Rev. Joseph Rashtutis, is now residing at St. Joseph's Manor, a nursing home operated by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, at 261 Thatcher St., Brockton, Mass. 02402, and asked that we keep up a correspondence with him or, if possible, make a trip to visit him.

Later, Father Baltch showed movies of various parts of France, which he visited last summer, Camp Dainava, Michigan, and scenes of the beautiful fall foliage around Indian Lake and Speculator, N.Y.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ann Sweet, Miss Helen Radzevich, and Mr. Joseph Valikonis.

NEWS BITS

Sophie Olbie vacationed recently in St. Louis, Missouri, where she visited her relatives.

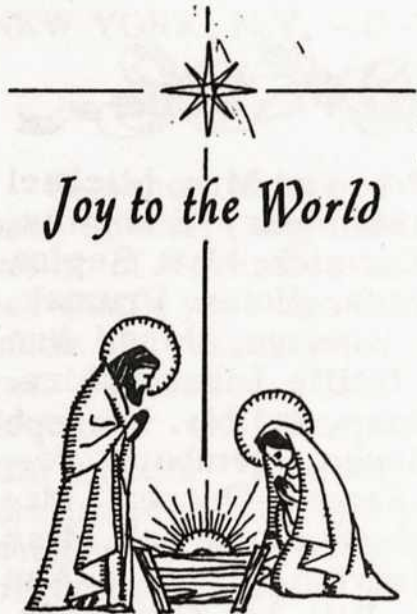
Birthday greetings to Ginny Miciulis (11/9). Helping Ginny celebrate with a dinner at the Overrock Inn, Wells, N.Y. were John and Regina Kot, Joe Valikonis, Gene Gobis and Don Holleran.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO - C-25

Congratulations department - Miss Ursula Yankauskas and Mr. Eugene Kunsitis were married on October 9th at the 10:30 Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rev. Angelitis officiating. Miss Yankauskas was attended by Nellie Samas, as matron of honor and Helen Jakulis as bridesmaid. Andrew Palzes was best man and Bill Jakulis usher. Bill Jakulis also gave the bride away. Miss Yankauskas wore a dress of tissue silk and Alencon lace embroidered with pearls and pallets. The dress was designed and made by Andrew Palzes. Mr. and Mrs. Kunsitis are both members of Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio, as are all members of the wedding party. Ursula is a 4th degree member and Gene is a 3rd degree member. Following a beautiful reception at Sherwins, Mr. and Mrs. Kunsitis motored to Miami, Florida and then flew to Aruba Island in the Caribbean Sea. Best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

Following the wedding reception a delegation consisting of Al and Joanna Shigo, Nellie Arunski and Ben and Alice Karklius journeyed to Detroit for the Mid Central District Convention to personally submit a bid by Council 25 for the 1972 National Convention.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES
FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE
NEW YEAR



COUNCIL #96
DAYTON, OHIO

DETROIT, MICH. - C-79

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It won't be long before ole man Winter will be snapping at our heels. Despite a brisk, wet Fall evening members braved the weather for our meeting on Nov. 3. It seemed like "Ladies Night." Where were all the men? Hostesses Helen Tucker and Violet Panavas had heaps of delicious goodies following the business meeting. Labai Ačiū; we enjoyed the socializing.

Elections of officers were held and the following members were elected: Spiritual Advisor - Fr. A. Babonas; President - Gerald Zager; 1st V.P. - Ruth Grasha; 2nd V.P. - Frank Zager; Fin. Sec. - Jos. Chaps; Rec. Sec. - Maggie Smailis; Treas. - Helen Tucker and Trustees - Vicki Chepelonis, Tony Dainus and Sophie Zager. Congratulations to the new officers; kindly give them your utmost support.

Our delegation, - Frank, Sophie and Gerry Zager, concluded in their reports that this year's National K. of L. Convention was quite different. Instead of the swank and plush hotels of former years, delegates and guests enjoyed the fresh Maine air, and the simple but beautiful surroundings of the Franciscan Monastery. The lodging was a bit "roughing it". However, no one seemed to mind walking the long corridors with a "Labas" here and there and shar-

At the Yankauskas - Kunsitis Wedding: Right - the Bride and her mother, Below - the Bridal Party.

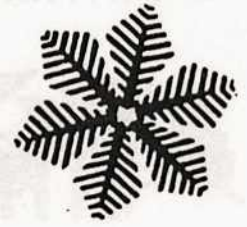
ing the facilities. More so then ever, there were interesting panel discussions where members expressed their ideas on various organizational subjects. Joseph Boley imparted a beautiful message on speaking the Lithuanian language. Special consideration will be given to Lithuanian Affairs resulting from Father Jutt's personal efforts involved in this work. Following the sessions members enjoyed good Lithuanian family-style meals. The social events were zippy, and joining us for a few of them were George and Marie Kase of our council and Mark Zager. Two of our members Frank and Sophie Zager were bestowed with Fourth Degree medals. Our sincere thanks to the N.E. District in hosting a great Convention.

There were activities galore when the M.-C. Dist. Convention, hosted by C-102, was held in Detroit on Oct. 8-10. Although Chairlady Grazina Vaskelis was hit by a sudden "unwelcomed" bug in her knee, she managed to limp through all the proceedings A-OK. Judging from the "Labas" and "Kaip tau?", delegates and



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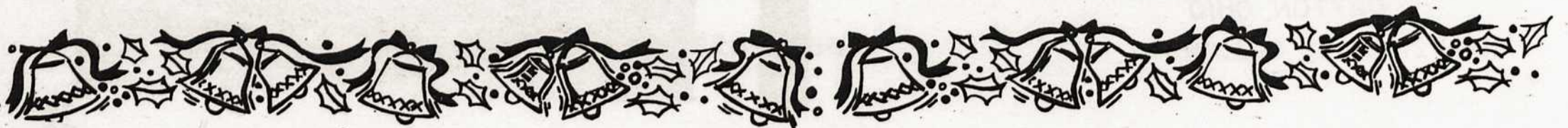
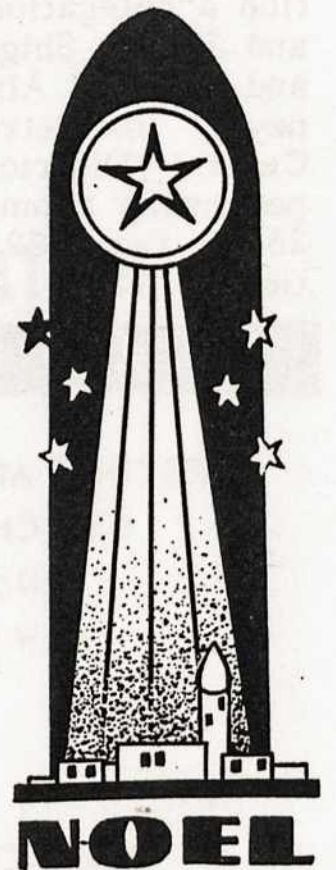
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guests enjoyed meeting each other. Nellie Arunski and the Al Shigos who left immediately following the wedding reception of Ursula Yan-kauskas and Eugene Kunsitis in Cleveland missed the session but arrived in time for Saturday Night's Social and Sunday's Banquet. After receiving a full dose of that enthusiasm, it is difficult to accept the possibility that they might not be able to drum up "the bestest" Convention in Cleveland next year. Ed and Stella Pavis' trip was marred by car trouble. However, Ed contended cheerfully to stand by his Rambler. They held over an extra day and sat it out showing slides while their car was fixed. Suffice it to say that Pres. V. Ed Pavis and his "better half" Secretary, Stella Pavis, were elected to their seventh consecutive term. Congratulations! Our delegation consisted of Ruth Grasha, Vicki Chepelonis, Violet Panavas, Maggie Samilis and Sophie and Frank Zager.

The 79'ers were co-sponsor with 102 and 139 in the jubilee celebration of Fr. J. Walter Stanievich's 25th Anniversary in the priesthood, on Nov. 14. Fr. "Stan" was a member of old St. George's Parish and upon his ordination offered his first Mass there. Congratulations to him and may he see many more healthy and wholesome years!

SOFFI SNOOPING:

This has been a "GO" season for Stella Hotra. Hardly back from a trip to Philly, when they took off to Wisconsin, Chicago and a visit with their daughter, Tina, in

Deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers are extended to the family of my dear friend,

Rev.

JOHN C. JUTT

on the loss of their dear son and brother and to the entire Knights of Lithuania organization, on the loss of an atstanding leader.

ANNIE MITCHELL,
HONORARY MEMBER,
C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.

Indiana. They are busy with preparations for Tina's wedding, in February, to Ramutis Bulota... Get well wishes to Rosalia Miknis who is recuperating from a coronary attack... Also recovering is Adele Vale from surgery. Her husband, Mickey, retired Oct. 1 and he will surely be heading for some fishing... The Frank Zagers enjoyed the fall colors in northern Michigan and a visit with relatives in Cross Village... Some tourists have all the luck or a special talent for angling, and Clem Patocki has proof of his aptitude

when he went fishing with Al Casey to far-away places like the Artic Circle... The Jack Millards were visited by Ann Marie Yelmo-kas of Boston, Mass., her first visit since they met through correspondence five years ago. Yours truly wrote an article in her column stating that Sidney Millard would like fan mail from some young girls of Lithuanian ancestry and Ann Marie responded. They met for the first time this summer and the Millards took their guest up north on sightseeing trips... Joan Byville is in Grandville, Mich., where she is teaching art. Her parents miss her, and so do we... Adeline and Bernard Vitcus were in Pennsylvania. Adeline's brother, Charles, was made a Grand Knight in the K. of C. and the first G.K. from Holy Trinity Lithuanian Parish... A Happy 80th Birthday to a dear person, Anthony Mameniskis... John Laurinaitis passed away and our sympathy to the Salas family. Please pray for him...

A word of thanks to Vytis Editor, Loretta Stukas and her staff on a splendid Convention issue of the Vytis. We really enjoyed it.

Wishing you all a merry holiday season.

DAYTON, OHIO - C-96

On Oct. 1 a "Chili Supper" was held in the church hall after First Friday Mass. The Mantz's, Joe and Eleanor, were the hosts for the evening, helped by Jerry and Kathy Roberts, Sarah and Fran Petkus, John A. Berczelly



Mid-Central District Convention, Oct. 9-10, Dearborn, Mich. LEFT: Conducting the meeting - Stella Sankal, Treas., Stella Pavis, Sec'y, V. Ed. Pavis, Pres. CENTER: Saturday night social hour. RIGHT: At the Banquet - Frank Gudelis, Mary Trainey, Stella Sankal.

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and Jr., Christine Mantz. Highlight of the evening was viewing slides of various council functions Joe had taken, in addition to some Jerry Podoyak took of Ruta Lee during her visit. Sally Miller volunteered to be our projectionist. It was a fun time... too bad more members didn't attend.

An Evening of Recollection was held on Oct. 13; arrangements were made by Fr. Titas Narbutas and Religious Chairman, Pat Zelinskas. Rev. Philip Hoelle, SM, was guest moderator for the evening. As in the past, it was a well spent evening beginning with supper at 6 P.M., first conference at 7, rosary, and confessions followed by a dialogue in the church hall. The program was closed with a Mass. Our thanks to Father and Pat for continuing this evening of recollection which seems to be falling into an annual event. Also, thanks to Jerry Bedrowsky for the fine programs he had printed.

On Oct. 16 Mary Lucas hosted a "sewing circle" Tupperware Party in her home. Mary donated all the prizes she received from the Tupperware sale to the Pillowcase Party Raffle of Nov. 21. Ačiū Mary!

Our thanks go to Charles and Sarah Petkus for planning the last-of-the-season cook-out at Taylorsville Dam on Oct. 24. The warmth of the fire and the members congeniality made everyone forget about the wet grounds outside the cabin! CHEERS again to Mary Lucas on her birthday!

On Oct. 31 George and Frances Mikalauskas hosted the Jrs on a lunch - bowling trip for their October activity. Turnout was excellent and they sure had a good time. A surprise for the Jrs - after the first game a handicap was set up and trophies awarded to the winners! Taking first prize for the boys was Tom Rastikis, with Ed Sluzas coming in 2nd. First prize for the girls went to Kathy Sinkwitz with Julia Prasmant - winning 2nd place. These trophies were presented and donated by Joe Sinkwitz.

Members heading for the District Convention of Oct. 9-10 with Detroit C-102 as host were Mary Lucas, Frank Gudelis, Ildefonsas and Janina Bucmys, Charles and



- More scenes from C-96's evening with Ruta Lee.

Sarah Petkus, Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, with Kathy Sinkwitz representing our Jr' council. All came back with much thanks to C-102 for a well-spent weekend! Congratulations to Father Titas Narbutas who will continue as District Spiritual Advisor, Frank Gudelis - 1st Vice-Pres. and Ritual Chairman, Mary Lucas will continue as Vytis Correspondent, and Joe Sinkwitz was elected Sgt-at-arms.

ODDS AND ENDS

Taking Fall trips were Pat Zelinskas to Virginia, Gettysburg and points East. Stan and Ida Kavy headed for W. Virginia, and Tina Kavy traveled to Nebraska. Frank Gudelis won the 50/50 raffle at the Chili Supper. If Stan Vaitkus would keep his feet on the ground, he'd stay out of trouble.

Congratulations on the birth of their son to Ray and Bette Omlor, with congratulations also to the grandparents, Ernie and Veronica Omlor. Did you hear? Our President, Joe Noreikas received his license in real estate. Bea's happy the studying is over and things can get back to normal.

Dayton members wish to send their congratulations to our co-Knights in Cleveland on the occasion of their marriage on Oct. 9 - Gene Kunsitis and Ursula Yankauskas. Our best wishes to both of you. George and Frances Mikalauskas had the pleasure of celebrating the wedding with the newly-weds.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Joe Mantz and his family on the sudden loss of his mother, Lillian. On Oct. 23 we were saddened with the loss of



council member, John Razauskas. John, a member in long standing, had been one of our quiet members - his gentle way will be remembered by many of us. Our sympathies to his family and many dear friends. May their souls rest in peace.

November birthday celebrants are Eugene Gecas, Polly Pietrzak, Mike Dailey, Ada Sinkwitz, Janet Veigel, John A. Berczelly, and Bette Omlor. Celebrating anniversaries in November are - Mike and Alice Petkus, Pete and Paulette Petkus, Mike and Fran Petkus, John and Ann Scott, Joe and Hilda Cernevicus.

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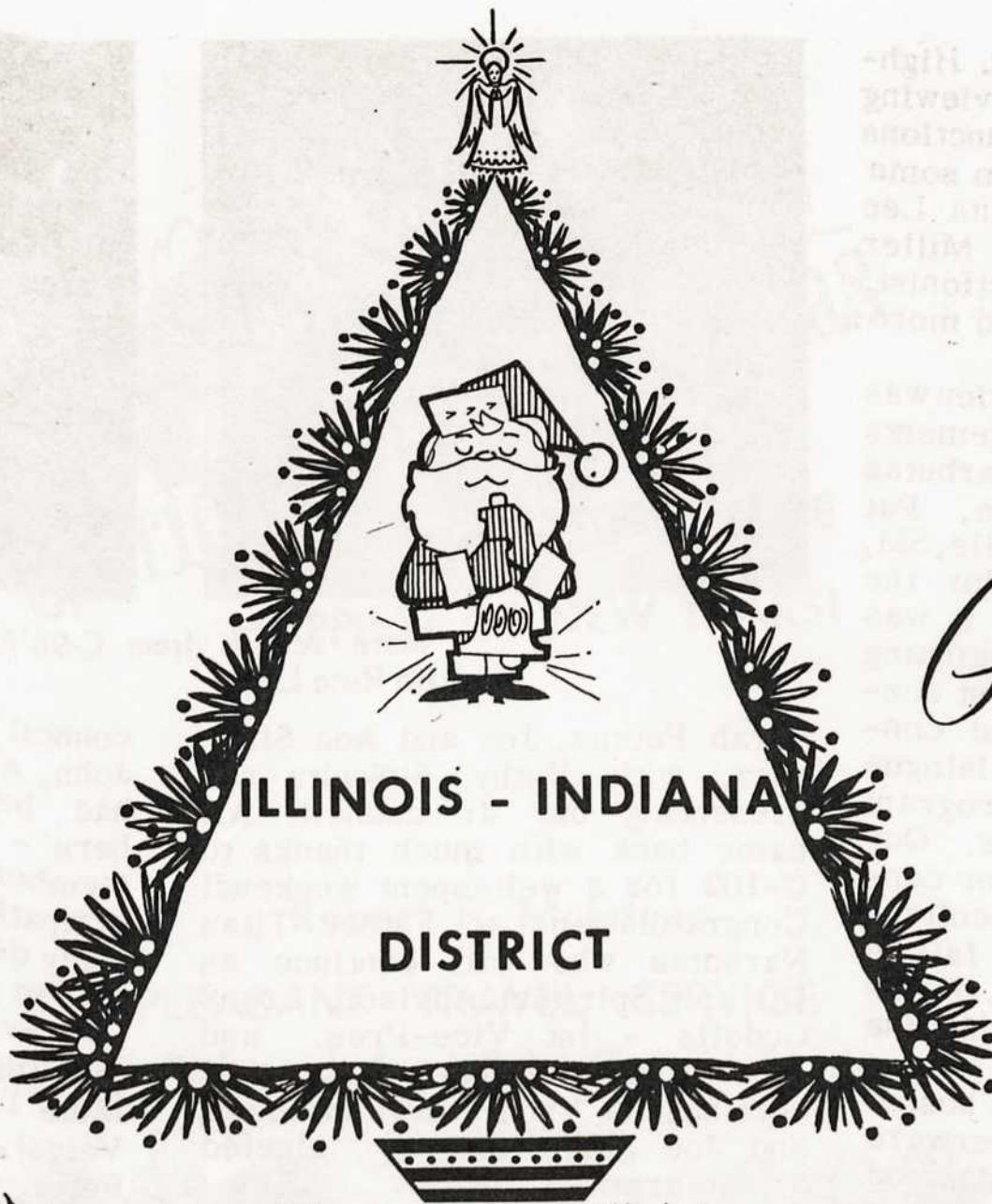
WORCESTER, MASS. - C-26

"Dzūkelė"

The tabulated results of our elections predict another good year coming for C-26! We are proud to announce our 1972 Executive Board of Officers: President - Joseph Zalieckas; First Vice President - Mary Jankowski; Second Vice President - Eleanor Walinsky; Recording Secretary - Virginia Lelakis; Financial Secretary - Rita Pinkus; Treasurer - Joseph Sakaitis; Auditors - Stephen Walinsky and Robert Albavicius; Sergeants at Arms - Carol Grigas and Francis Degutis; Lithuanian Affairs - Mildred Lapinskas. Congratulations to all! They were duly installed during the 7 P.M. Mass

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on Dec. 7, just preceding our December meeting.

Stephen Walinsky, our outgoing President, expresses his appreciation to his board of officers and to the entire membership for their support and goodwill throughout his term of office. We, in turn, express our appreciation to Steve and his officers for a year filled with activity in matters financial, spiritual and social!

The 55th Anniversary Dinner and Dance held in October at Maironis Park was a most successful event. Committee leaders for this gala event were Anne Bender, Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus and Mary Jankowski. It was wonderful to have not only excellent representation from members of our own council, but from our neighbors in Worcester, C-116, as well as other N.E. District Councils. Thank you, everyone, for making our anniversary so memorable!

Rita Pinkus, Vin Gregonis and Vite Sepavich all have spent time in the hospital and are doing their utmost to remove their names from the "sick list". Mary Jankowski, our very active member, holding honorary membership in

the K. of L., suffered a heart attack recently and is now recuperating at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. Our prayers are with them all to give them that additional boost. These people are workers... we need them back, and fast! Birute Raciukaitis, we hear, was taken ill while at college in Connecticut. We hear she's well now... and that's good news.

Claire Grigaitis and Adele Degutis were co-chairmen of the annual New York City trip and, as usual, these girls made perfect arrangements whereby each traveler was completely satisfied.

Bowling standings change rapidly, but at this moment we can report that Jim Sander's team holds first place, Richard Desautel's team the second, and Joe (our new President) Zalieckas' team the third. High single for girls in held by Joan Krusas; for boys, it's Richard Desautel.

Our condolences to Ann and John Bender on the passing of John's mother, Mrs. Katherine Bender in Worcester, and to Ann and Vyto Morkunas on the passing of Ann's father, Mr. Alsankas in Philadelphia, both in October. One of our own members passed away

on Oct. 30 and many of us attended the funeral on All Souls Day of Mrs. Margaret Delonis Sanders, wife of Jim Sanders, mother of Christine Delonis. No matter how deeply felt, no expression of sympathy can possibly help, but we want the families of these dear deceased to know that our thoughts and prayers are with them in their sorrow.

Three Franciscan Fathers of Kennebunkport, Maine (Fathers Dyburys, Rapolas and Butkus) were honored on Oct. 17 in Worcester by the Worcester Auxiliary of Franciscan Fathers on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee in the priesthood. The day began with a beautiful Mass celebrated by the jubilarians at St. Casimir's Church, and a banquet which followed at Maironis Park. Many of our members participated by singing in the choir and attending the banquet.

We were happy that Nell Thompson was unaffected by the hurricane brewing around the Bahamas while she was cruising in that area. She returned home, reporting a marvelous time, with no need for the seasick pills she took along "just in case".



SEASON'S GREETINGS

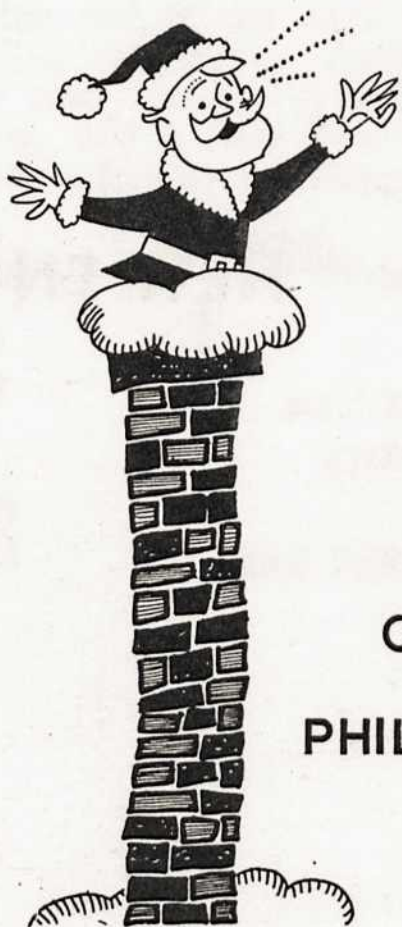


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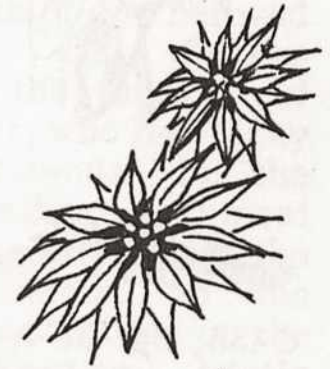
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At this writing, we're planning a council trip to Athol to visit our former Spiritual Director, Father Justin Steponaitis, recently assigned administrator of St. Francis Church. Our unofficial council photographer, Frannie (Algis) Glodas, has some good shots of recent affairs involving K. of L.'ers which he has promised us for "Vytis" publication soon. Wanda Pajeda heads the women's clothing department in a new store in Westboro, and we wish her luck. Christmas is approaching quickly and for this beautiful season we send along our best wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas!

BROCKTON, MASS. - C-1

Here is the news you have been waiting for!

"February 5, 1972 - C-1 will hold their Annual Snowflake Ball from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m."

The dance will be held at the Canoe Club, 20 South Street, West Bridgewater, Mass. This hall will

give a lot more room for dancing to Joe Pasieka's Orchestra from Connecticut.

Members heading the Dance Committee are:

Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Doris Fralick and Mrs. Joyce Piscatelli.
Decorations: Miss Joanne Apanowicz.

Orchestra: Miss Sylvia Shukis.
Publicity: Mrs. Patricia Achorn, Mrs. Susan Boroskas and C-1's Upcoming Junior K. of L'ers.
Refreshments: Mrs. "Ronnie" Bizinkauskas.

Tickets: Bob Dillis.

Every year profits from the Snowflake Ball are givento worthy causes needing financial support. In the past we have donated to missionaries in Texas and Africa; also to our local parish and the C.Y.O.

We hope to see all our K. of L. friends on Feb. 5th!

As the end of the year draws near, C-1 wishes to extend a Happy and Holy Christmas to everyone, and a New Year filled with Peace, Health and Happiness.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT



I-I DISTRICT "Taityte"

October, 1971 was the dawning of another year in the Age of Aquarius as Aquarian, Algird Brazis, was elected for the third term as President of the Illinois-Indiana District. The positions of the suns, moons and planets in the house of this K of L District were: Algird Brazis C-112, President; Leon Pauksta C-112, Board Chairman; Frank Zapolis, C-36, 1st V.P. (Juniors); John Evans, C-112, 2nd V.P. (Membership); Irene Sankus, C-112, Secretary; Anne Marie Kassel, C-36, Corresponding Secretary; Frank Svelnis, C-36, Treasurer; Albert Raubiskis, C-112, Trustee; Albert Kassel, C-36, Trustee; Jerome Jankus, C-36, Sgt-at-Arms; Napoleon Sapkus,



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C-36, Sgt-at-Arms. The positions of the other planets and the Committee Chairmen titles they will hold shall be announced at a later date.

The Board is already planning the annual Memorial Mass for the deceased members and their families. The date for this Commemoration is Sunday, Dec. 5th. The Mass will be said at the Lithuanian Jesuit Center and the Memorial program and brunch will be at the K of L Building.

The K of L Choir is also in full swing for the coming year. The Choir Officers again for this year are: Estelle Rogers, President; Loretta Macekonis, Vice Pres.; Helen Gudauskas, Secretary; Juozas Juska, Treasurer; John Auksciunas, Vladas Paliulionis and Albert Zakarka, Trustees.

Choir Director Faustas Strolia and his talented new assistant Audrone Simanaitis, along with the officers and choir members are busily planning their annual dance which will be held at Pakstas Hall, Saturday, January 22nd.

The talented Juniors are proving to be most noteworthy Public Relations representatives of the K of L in this area. Among their many performances were appearances at the Palmer House, the Conrad Hilton, Ford City and scheduled for this month are the Lithuanian Program at the Museum of Science and Industry, December 3rd and a special program, at the Main Chicago Public Library, in conjunction with a Balzekas Museum presentation. The Suns in this Stellar System are Frank Zapolis, Cis Matul and Helen Pius.

K OF L WEDDING

On Aug. 14, 1971, "Illinois and Indiana" joined forces when two active members of the I-I D were united in Holy Matrimony. The groom was Algis Skudra, member of C-112, Chicago and a resident of East Chicago, Indiana... the bride, Helen Zimmer of C-36, Chicago, and a resident of Chicago's North Side.

Helen has been active in the K of L for many years, on the

council and district level, as well as nationally. She served as National Financial Secretary for four years and is currently a member of the National Ritual Committee. But her favorite activity is the Knights of Lithuania Choir, of which she has been a member since its reorganization in 1960. It was there that Helen met Algis, whose love of singing encouraged him to join the Choir (and travel from Indiana weekly for rehearsals), and also to become a member of the K of L.

Helen and Algis' wedding was indeed a joyous, Lithuanian-style wedding. They were wed during Nuptial Mass at Immaculate Conception Lithuanian Church in Chicago, with Father A. Misiunas, MIC officiating and the K of L Choir providing the music. Choir Director Faustas Strolia also sang a solo while Helen presented a bouquet at the Blessed Virgin's altar. Helen's brother Robert escorted her to the altar and a wedding party of family members as well as K of L-ers Al and Ann Marie Kassel attended them.



At the Zimmer-Skudra wedding: LEFT: The bride and groom; RIGHT: The wedding party.

After Mass, the "famous" C-36 "Wedding Package Deal" took over... Wally Tenclinger provided decorations, driving, and of course happy music (with MANY polkas). Pre-reception champagne was served at John and Lucille Kilkus'... and the reception at the K of L Hall was one of good food, good music for dancing, and lots of Lithuanian singing. The bride and groom were received by their parents with the traditional black bread, salt, cheese and wine, served from Ruta-bedecked glasses.

Former "users" of the "package deal"... the Kassels, the Tenclingers, the Kilkus', the Strolija's, and the Stukas' (Loretta flew in especially for the occasion), all agreed the Skudra wedding was indeed an outstanding Lithuanian wedding, in the true K of L tradition.

We sincerely wish Helen and Algis many, many years of happiness... and hope that, just as their guests lacked for nothing at their wedding reception, so also the Skudras enjoy everything life has to offer.

CHICAGO, ILL. - C-112

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Council leaders for the 1971-72 K of L year are: Pres. Julie Zakarka; V-P, Irene Rakaitis; Rec. Secy., Ruth Dagis; Fin. Secy., Albert Dagis; Corres. Secy., Bernadine Rogers; Treas., Monica Kasper; Trustees, Michael Lawrence and Alexander Mockus; Sgts-at-Arms, Peter Bagdonas and John Auksciunas. Canon V. Zakaraskas

will again serve as our Spiritual Advisor. The new President appointed the following chairmen: Albert Zakarka as Lithuanian Affairs; Ruth Dagis, Ritual; Estelle Rogers, Membership; Monica Kasper, Cheer; and Irene Sankus, Gerry Mockus and Emilija Pakalniskis will handle the publicity as "Vytis" correspondent, English publicity and Lithuanian publicity, resp.

The newest hostess supreme is Angie Svehla, who with her husband Bob, hosted the council's Halloween Party on Oct. 30. All who attended this annual event had a super time. Costume prize winner was an "Original Pumpkin" who turned out to be none other than Ruth Dagis. French artist Al Dagis almost drowned, but emerged victorious as the applebobbing champ. Swifty Ed Krivickas was the winner in musical chairs. An old-fashioned but fun-filled evening!

A host of council members joined in the Banquet which honored our beloved John Byanskas. The dinner, under the sponsorship of the "Birute" Chorus, was held at the Martinique Restaurant and a capacity crowd applauded John and his special guests. John has long been a special friend of the K of L Choir and as often as possible accompanied the group at their performances.



Belated wedding, congratulations to a charming couple - Vladas Paliulionis and Helen Stukelis. A most happy marriage to both.

Our condolences: to Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis and her family on the death of our beloved Consul General, Dr. Petras Dauzvardis; to the family of the Rev. John Jutt, who had many close and dear friends in the Chicago area; to Albert Kachinski on the death of his mother; to the family of Alex Budris; to the Dagis and Mockus families on the death of Frank Kantaut; Adella Zunas on the death of her husband; Antanas Balcytis on the death of his wife; Louis Rogers on the death of his father; Anele Pocius on the death of her father in Lithuania; State Senator Frank Savickas on the death of his wife; and to the relatives of Antanas Bacevicius. Remember them in your prayers.

Congratulations to council members who became officers in the Ill.-Ind. Dist., namely: Leon Pauksta, Board Chairman; Al Brazis, Pres.; John Evans, Membership Vice-Pres.; Irene Sankus, Secy.; Al Raubiskis, Trustee. Estelle Rogers was also re-elected K of L Choir President along with Juozas Juska, Treas., and Al Zakarka, John Auksciunas and Vladas Paliulionis as Trustees. Our best wishes to these council members and all choir officers for another successful year. The Choir Benefit Dance will be held on Jan. 22, 1972 at Pakstas Hall and everyone is urged to support the Choir by attending this affair.



Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois

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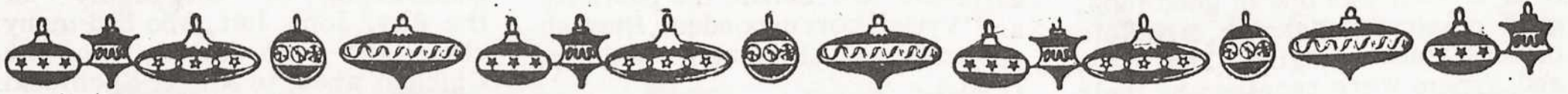
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