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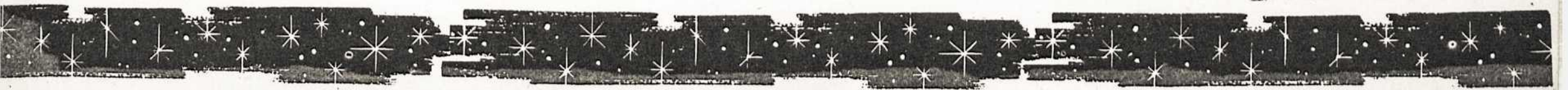
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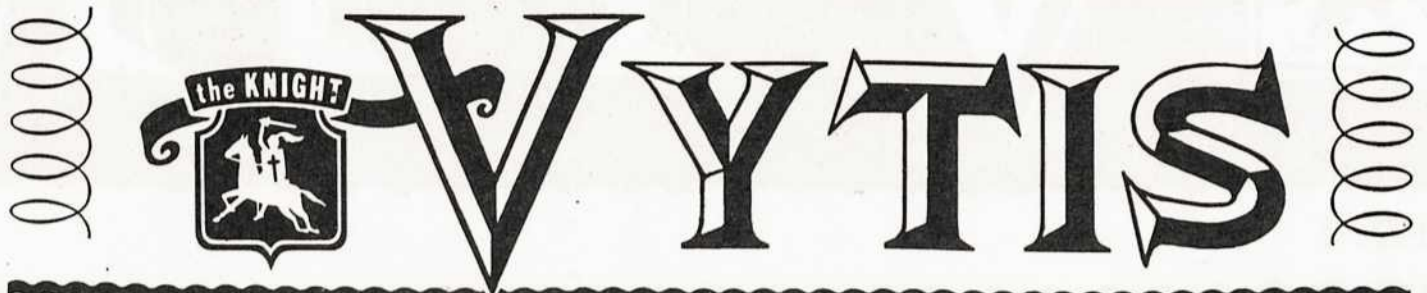
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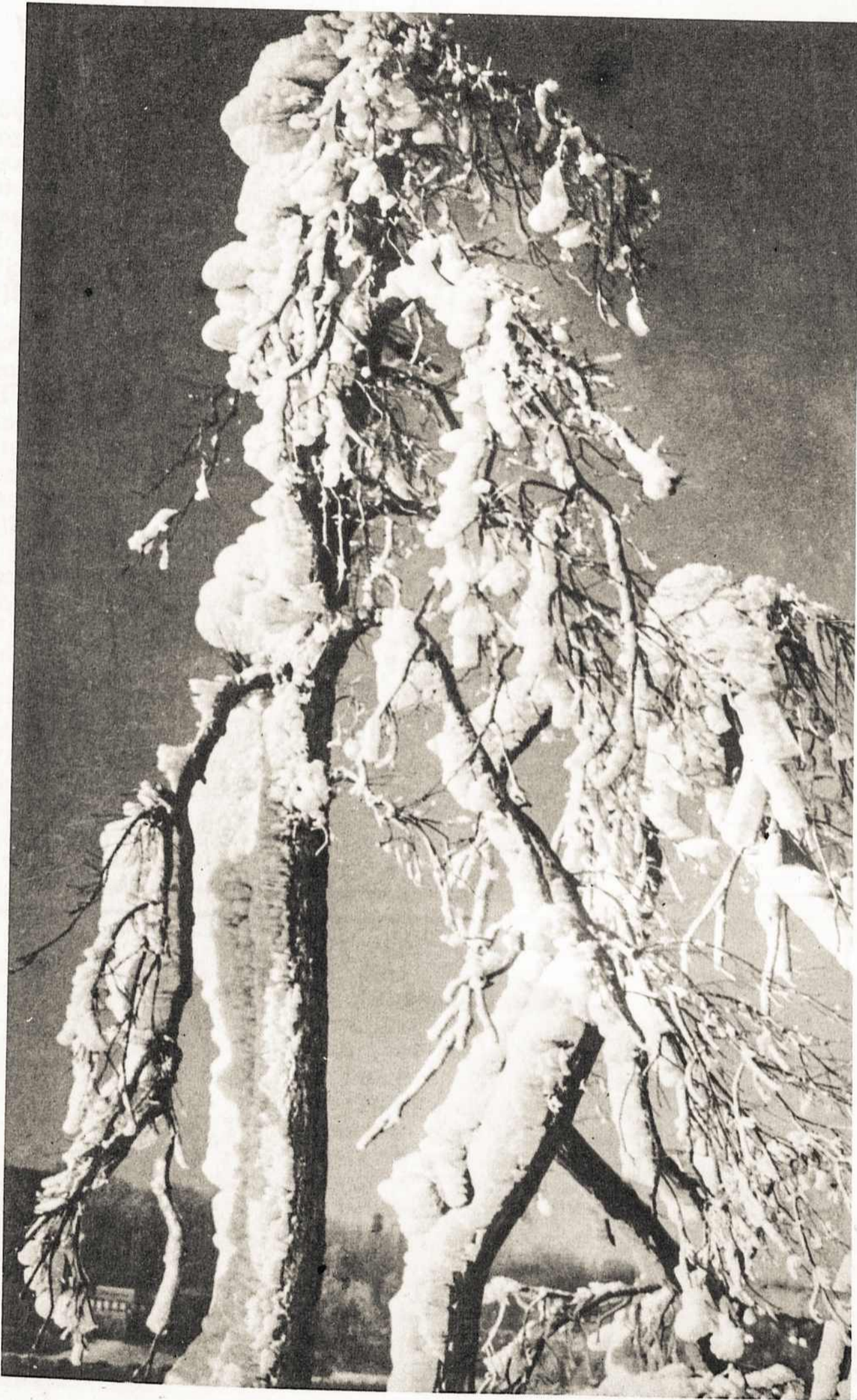
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Paskubom išaina.

Iš žiemų tuoj dar da gruodis
Ant triukšmingų ratų:
Žemą purviną ir juodą
Sniegenom apkrato.

Paskui sausis ir vasaris
Savo rodo jėgą:
Upes, ežerus uždare,
Per kaimus nubėga.

Sausis kloja visą šalį
Baltom drobėm lino...
Žvirblis kapsto, gal grūdėlių
Ras koki mėšlyne.

O vasaris sodą pliką
Auskarais dabina...
Girdėt, zuikį kur skalikas
Pasigaut mėgina.

Te dabina, tegul kloja
Varganą šalelę...
Praleis žiemą sau artojas
Šiltoje trobelėj.

67.I.24

Štasis Jakštas

**A HAPPY
TRIP...
WITH A
SAD
ENDING!**



Sadly, the accompanying self-explanation letter -- and the very interesting story of his Safari -- was found among Father John Jutt's effects, after his tragic death. They were presented to the VYTISEditor by Father John's brothers during the 58th National K of L Convention in Kennebunkport, Maine.

In his memory, we present herewith Father John C. Jutt's account of

**A DIFFERENT
EAST AFRICAN
SAFARI**



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*June 9 on the way
to Casablanca*

Dear Loretta,

We ended our photographic safari and are presently on our way to Casablanca in Morocco. From Morocco we shall tour Portugal and Spain by car and end up by July 8 in Iceland and Greenland.

I dashed off a number of hand-written pages about the safari. Perhaps the K of L's will find it interesting. I had no regular paper, I took none, so I used what I could find. I read the script once. In some parts it lacks coherence and needs some polishing.

However, since time is limited, I send it to you as is. You may edit and correct it as you ^{see} fit. If it is too long, cut it or use it in instalments in the Vytis.

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If I get the chance, I'll try to write more later on. We'll be on the road quite a bit.

All is well so far. We hope it will continue.

Please give my best to Jack also. With Our Lord's choicest blessings,

*Sincerely in Our Lord's
F. John*

A Different East African Safari

By Rev. John C. Jutt
(Written June, 1971)

The word "safari" in the Swahili language means "journey" or "trip". At the mention of safari, one thinks of a trip into the wilds of Africa where hunters seek and shoot wild animals either for the sport of it or for getting first hand trophies to display in their dens or work rooms.

Within recent years, another kind of safari has been resorted to by many interested travelers. It involves the same type of trip in the same type of terrain but instead of using a gun or rifle, one uses a camera. Instead of using ammunition, one uses color film.

This is the type of photographic safari which is now being made by my two brothers, Fr. Anthony and Fr. Julius, and myself. Last year in 1970, we had occasion to visit Kruger National Park with all its wild animals in the southern part of Africa, the famous Victoria Falls in Rhodesia, The Treetops Hotel and Nairobi National Park in Kenya. We loved Africa so much that we decided in 1971 to make a real safari of the national parks in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

If one likes bumpy dirt and gravel roads with all the dust they carry, if one likes to sleep in lodges with lizards crawling up and around the walls, if one likes to sleep in beds which make one feel like a hot dog in a bun, if one likes meals which are only so and so, if one likes to bear up at times with primitive conveniences, if one likes to battle flies and insects, and if one likes to take a chance with wild animals, one will like a safari. A safari has its dangers and inconveniences but the rewards of seeing sights one has never seen before, more than make up for them.

Our safari began at Nairobi, capital city of the East African State of Kenya. As a city, it is an infant, for it received its charter only in 1950. Yet since that time,

it has built so many modern buildings and parks that its population has grown to almost a half million. The government has built extensively to make offices for its many departments. The Catholic Cathedral, though far from completed, bears signs which indicate it will become a gem in the complex of modern buildings and edifices now being built. The Catholic Bookstore will match anything we have in the States.

As we drove the 100 miles from Nairobi to the Masai Amboseli game reserve, we were able to see the Kenyan countryside - nothing spectacular but yet quaint, in that it is not marred by the signs of "progress" we see in our country. Now and then giraffes and impalas were seen in the distance. As we approached the reserve, we could see Mt. Kilimanjaro with its snow-capped summit coming closer and closer to us. In the shadow of this mountain, 19,340 feet high and made famous by the Hollywood movie some years ago, is the Kilimanjaro Safari Club. This is where we put up for the first night.

One must remember that in each safari club or lodge one must obey the strict rules that have been made for one's safety. Certain hours are set for meals and certain limits on where one may go are imposed. One can never tell when a wild animal or a dangerous snake may strike to create a catastrophe. Breaking or ignoring these regulations can bring about severe punishment, not to say anything about the dangers to one's person and life.

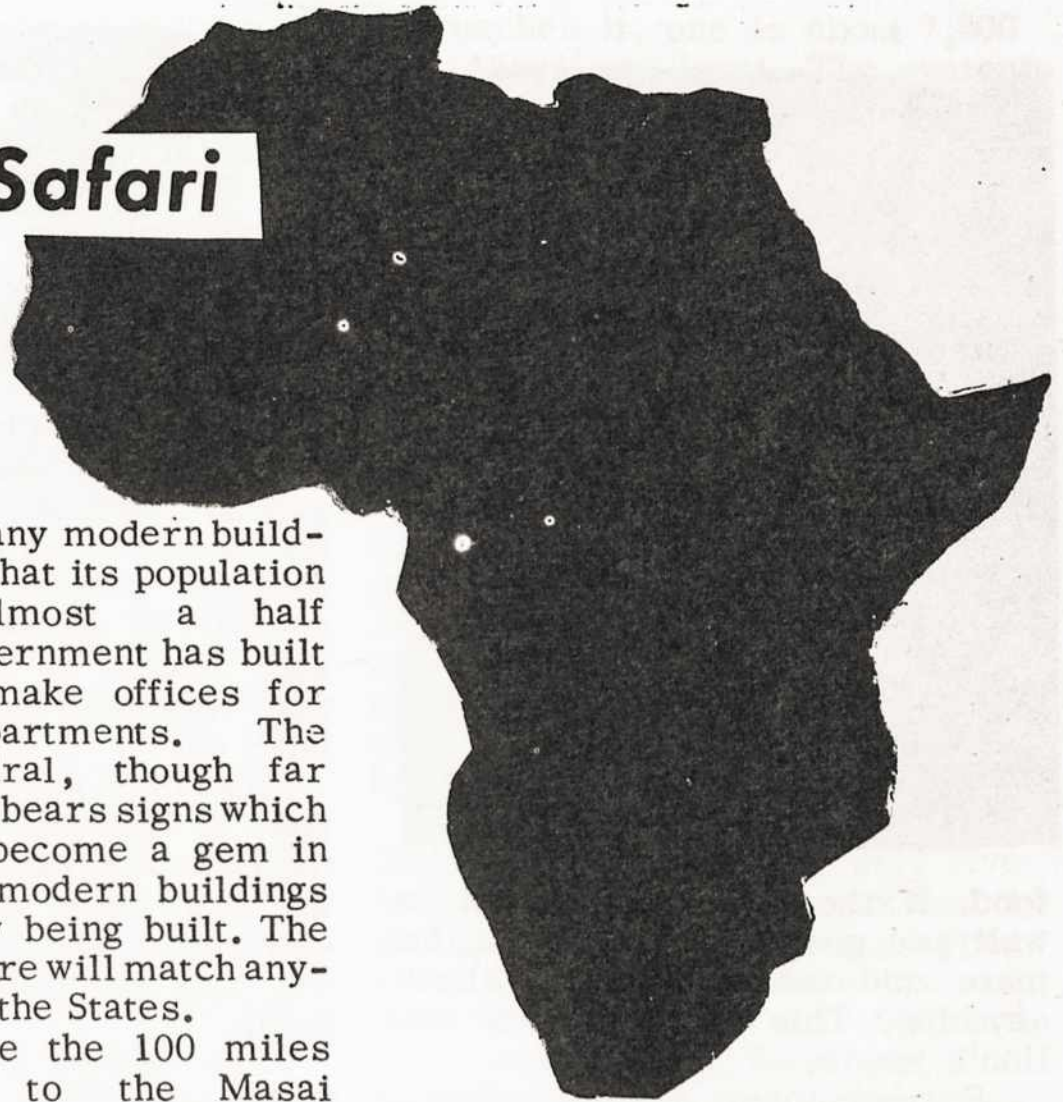
The Masai-Ambeseli Game Reserve is about 1,250 square miles in area. Those not wishing to go further distances from Nairobi usually come here because one can almost always see water buffaloes, giraffes, rhinoceroses, herds of elephants,

zebras and wildebeasts besides the many gazelles and impalas. The chances of seeing lions are also better here.

Last year, in the wilds we then visited, we saw no lions or cheetahs or leopards. We were just unlucky. Lions are considered the kings of the jungle even though a huge elephant can toss a lion about like a peg. Cheetahs are spotted like leopards and are considered to be the fastest animals on four feet. All know about the leopard, a strong animal who, unlike the others, often kills for the fun of killing.

In Amboseli, the first animal we saw was a huge lion, with a gorgeous mane, resting beneath a wide growth of brush. It must be remembered that a lion is a lazy animal, spending all day just lying around doing nothing. It does this in tall grass or among bushes. This is why it is so hard to spot it. It will kill another animal only when it is hungry. When it does kill, it has a real feast, fills itself up and then takes it easy for 3 or 4 days until it is hungry again.

It may be of interest to know that when a lion kills an animal, it feasts on the kill first. Its mate and cubs wait a short distance away. Only when the lion is fully satisfied will the mate and cubs dare to go and partake of the





food. If the kill is large, all is well and good. If it is small, the mate and cubs are left without anything. This is the law of the lion's jungle.

Furthermore, a lion and its family may stick around a big kill for about 2 days, feasting and feasting until very little of the meat remains. When the lions go, the hyenas and jackals come in and eat what is left. Whatever is then left by the latter is taken care of by the vultures. Usually when there is a kill, the vultures can be seen flying high above. Thus does nature take care of the jungle - no mess is ever left behind.

We photographed the lion as it lay in the brush. As we drove further, we saw a number of elephants, many impalas and buffaloes. Then we spied 2 lionesses, pawing and licking each other with animal love. Three cubs, playing joyfully with each other, were close by. One lioness got up to tend to the cubs. Our cameras were constantly working. As we returned, we were able to see a huge lion with a very bushy mane, lying on its feet with its head up looking over the scenery. It was a majestic sight. The beauty of a photographic safari is that the driver can drive the car almost to the animal itself. Only 5 or 6 feet away, we were able to get some nice shots of this magnificently posed lion.

Incidentally, a lion's life span is about 20 years. Its gestation period is about 4 months and its young at birth number from three to six. It is a carnivorous animal - eats mostly meat.

After a rather restless night and a so-and-so breakfast in the safari lodge, we made our way out of Amboseli and Kenya into Tanzania where wildlife is prolific. At Arusha, one of the larger cities of Tanzania, we visited the market where the natives sell their vegetables and fruits. No stalls of any kind can be seen. Everything is placed on the bare ground or on dirty mats. Children try to sell rings made of wire and colored beads. They have a number of gimmicks which they use. There is no question but that they will be great salesmen later on.

As in Amboseli and on the road to Arusha, so on our way to the Lake Manyara Game Preserve, we saw many men, women and children of the Masai tribe. Permit me to write a word about them.

The Masai descended from Egypt and drove their cattle down along the Nile into what is now Kenya and Tanzania. They consider themselves God's chosen people, and believe the world was created merely for them and no one else. Hence, if they lack something which they feel they need, they feel justified in taking it from other people.



Cattle is their whole life. They are convinced that non-Masai people have no right to own cattle. Because they tend their cattle there where there is fodder and water, they roam and keep on roaming. As we drove through this whole area, we saw many of their cattle tended by Masai children or young men. Others, seemingly older, walked along the roads carrying grass, stakes, etc. Many of the men carry sharp spears to ward off wild animals should they charge. Their ears are decorated with all kinds of beaded trinkets. The shells of their ears are cut

out and through the hole hang almost anything one can think of. Their hair is painted with a thick red paste and they cover themselves with a sort of burlap, stained maroon red. Hence it is not hard to recognize them.

Even though they roam, at times they do settle for two months or so. When they do, the women cut down trees in an area. With these branches, they make thorn shelters or corrals for their cattle. They strip small trees and interweave them with cleared-of-leaves branches and make huts no more than 3 feet high. They cover these woven branches with cow dung and let it dry. Inside they make very primitive beds and place a few rocks on which they build a fire to keep warm or cook their food. The huts are on the outside of the corral. Inside the cattle stay. When the dung gets too high, they leave the area and go to other locations.

They drink the milk from the cattle and eat mostly raw meat. Their delicacy is blood which they bleed from the cattle and then drink. A bull is supposed to give a gallon of blood a month while a cow only a pint. Frequently, they mix the blood with the milk and drink it. Each tribe will eat only the flesh of their cattle, goats and sheep. They abhor the flesh of all wild beasts, fish and birds.

A man can have as many wives as he wants as long as he has the cattle to buy them. He will meet other tribes and pick out a wife. He must pay 7 head of cattle to



Fathers Julian and John Jutt with Masari Warriors.

this tribe for her. As this was explained to us, the tension was broken when one tourist stated: "No one would even give 3 head of cattle for my wife".

It seems that promiscuity is quite prevalent in each tribe for there is a marked sign of venereal disease. On festive occasions like the circumcision ceremony, the men place their wives at the disposal of one another.

At one Masai camp we visited, the son of the Chief came up to me. His ears were pierced with many holes through which hung many ear ornaments. He had his little son (I presume) with him. All he had was a maroon burlap cloth and that was it. The son was held close to himself behind the cloth. He spoke what little English he knew but I was glad for he gave off a horrible smell. Talk about body odor mixed with stale smoke, he was it. I couldn't get rid of him too quickly.

For pictures of his place and of himself, he wanted 60 shillings (about \$8.40). We refused. Here again we see how Americans who travel abroad spoil everything by overtipping. Where normally a Masai would ask for one or two shillings, now he goes as high as 100. Some Americans are willing to pay the price.

Amboseli Game Preserve is in the equatorial zone but it is not the thick jungle one would imagine it to be. It has trees and thick brush but in many places it is bare and open. It was the same in Kruger National Park which we visited in 1970. So when we entered the Lake Manyara Game Preserve, we were surprised for there was heavy growth everywhere. Tropical forests abounded.

As we drove along, we could again see wildebeasts, giraffes, impalas, water buffaloes and near the salt water lake, many species of egrets, storks, ibises and other birds. Fortunately for us, Fr. Anthony noticed a movement in a distant tree near the lake. It was obvious that lions were in the tree. This is what Lake Manyara Game Preserve is noted for.

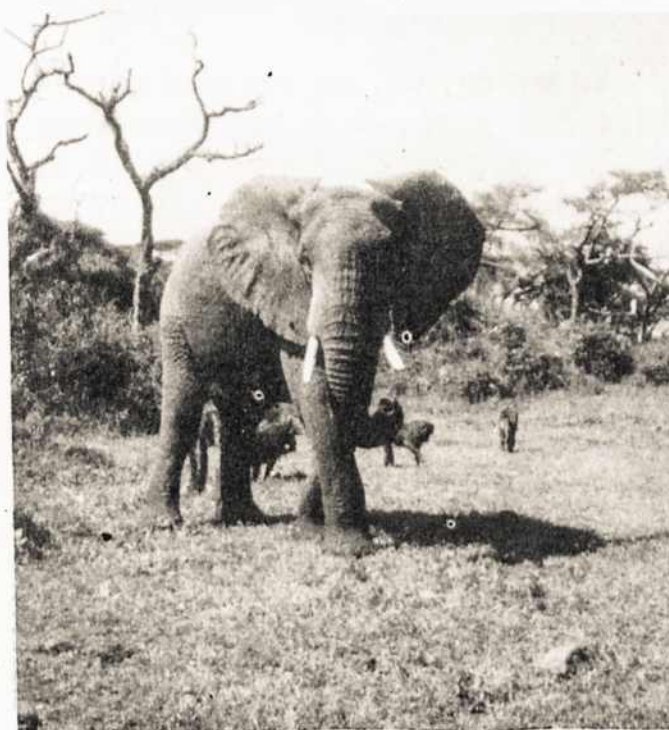
The grass was heavy and it seemed swampy. This did not phase our driver and guide, Joseph. He drove the Peugeot right into the thick of it all. It seemed at times we were stuck but Joseph had more spunk than we did. We



got to the tree and in its upper branches were 2 big lions and on the lower ones, 2 medium sized ones. They usually straddle the thicker branches and thus spend most of the day. They seemed not to care about our car below. Close by was a little cub on the ground. A closer look revealed the mother lioness hidden in the deep brush. The regulation to stay in the car at all times seemed very wise indeed. Needless to say our cameras were busy.

As we left the tree again by plowing through the heavy brush, we came upon a herd of elephants, some of them huge ones over sixteen feet high. At one spot, we photographed one only 6 feet away. Little did we know that another one was on the other side of the tall brush just as close. He was getting set to charge but Joseph managed to gun the car away. That night was spent at the modest Lake Manyara Hotel overlooking the whole valley and lake.

From Lake Manyara, it is only a short distance to Ngorongoro Crater, an active volcano many years ago and today a haven for over 30,000 wild animals. As one



approaches it, one is about 7,800 feet above sea level. The crater is about 2,200 feet lower. One can see the vast 102 square mile floor of the crater with lakes, very few trees and mostly plains. One can make out a few animals with the naked eye.

To get down the rocky and dangerous hair pin turns from the top to the crater, one has to use a landrover, an oversized jeep. At moments our hearts were in our mouths wondering whether we would make it. Make it, we did. Incidentally at the top rim of the crater, it looked like a miserable day - because we were in the clouds. Down below it was a beautiful day.

We saw a huge black-maned lion which we snapped only five feet away. Further, we noticed 2 groups of lions. These we snapped also. The 15,000 wildebeasts and the many gazelles and impalas were everywhere. Now and then hyenas, jackals, elands (big antelopes) and vultures came into the picture. We wondered why the lakes had pink shores but as we approached, we could see they were pink flamingoes. It is estimated that there are over 2 million of them. The crater is certainly a good place to see animals, and keep a camera from getting rusty. The ride back up to the rim was just as dangerous as going down.

That night we spent at the Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge, built on the rim overlooking the crater. Here we didn't mind to stay because the lodge was recently built and had superb accommodations.

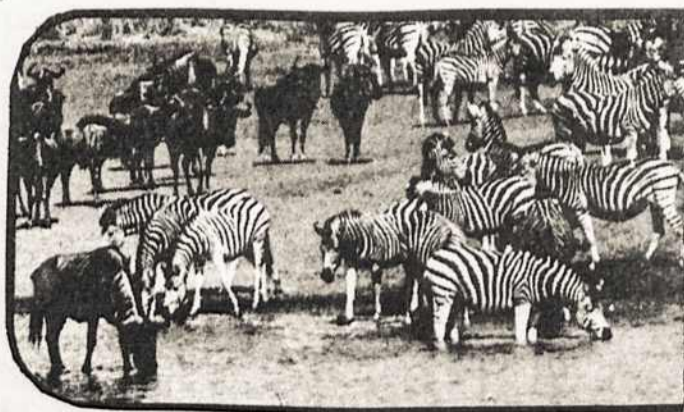
In the morning, we woke up and it seemed like it was going to be a rainy day. Again they were only clouds for as we drove on, it turned out to be a very lovely day. We were headed for Serengeti National Park, which has the greatest concentration of wild animals the world has ever known. It is the home of nearly all the best known African species, from the very large animals like the elephant and rhinoceros to the small ones like the mongoose and bushbaby. It covers an area of 5,700 square miles and has vast treeless plains dotted with flat-top acacia trees, rugged rock outcrops and thick brush. Lakes, swamps, streams and rivers run through the entire area.

We saw lions and many other animals. It was our wish to see a leopard or a cheetah. So our driver drove to many of these rock outcrops, and around them we again saw lions. One had a badly bruised tail from a fight with other lions. But we did not see any leopards or cheetahs. We drove for miles in areas where they usually are found. Again no luck and that is the way it ended.

Once we noticed two lions stalking 2 wildebeasts who were heading their way. We might have witnessed a kill had not our driver decided to frighten the wildebeasts into heading toward the lions. He drove the car back and forth but the wildebeast smelled danger and managed to elude the lions. As he did this, we hit a bump once and it was a miracle that we still remained in the car.

In May and June, it is particularly important to be here for the great animal migrations of wildebeast and zebras take place. Thousands and thousands of wildebeasts (it is estimated there are over 400,000) and zebras (not as many but still a great number) "migrate" from the central plains to the water of the western part of the park. Great herds gather together and move steadily in a broad stream toward the west. These streams may be miles long. At the tail-end follow the crippled animals and those too old to keep up. Many of these latter and killed by the lions and other carnivorous animals. It is really a sight to behold and this was our luck.

All day long we saw these zebras and wildebeasts besides ostriches, elephants, gazelles, antelopes, impalas, warthogs, baboons, monkeys and what not. At the end of the day, we were tired and stayed at the "not-so-hot" Seronera Lodge. When one is tired, almost any place is good enough.



The next morning we drove out early to look for Cheetahs and leopards. Again our efforts proved to no avail. After breakfast, we headed for more of the plains where again we saw and photographed all kinds of animals. The weather was beautiful.

In all these parks and reserves, there are many kinds of snakes, some poisonous like the cobra, black and green mamba and others non-poisonous like the adders and the python. They are hard to see because they stay in the brush or grass. This is one of the reasons why there is a strict regulation that while in the park, one must remain in his car. For example, in Kruger National Park, they know of 46 different kinds of snakes, 73% of which are poisonous.

It was while we were driving in the afternoon of our second day through Serengeti, we witnessed a sight that my brothers and I will never forget. In my opinion, it was the highlight of the trip.



As we drove, we noticed something black about 4 1/2 feet long on the dirt road. Joseph tried to avoid hitting it. As we went by it, Joseph yelled: "It's a black cobra". A black cobra kills anything it bites, even elephants and lions. A man bitten by one can live at the most only three minutes. It seems that rangers and guides never pass up the chance to kill one if they can. So Joseph ordered us to close all the windows and turned the car around and drove at the cobra. It didn't seem to harm it at all because it lifted up its hooded head ready to strike. Joseph turned the car around again and



headed for it at full speed. Again it didn't do any harm to the cobra. The third time he turned the car around. As we approached, we could see the hooded cobra with its mouth open and fangs sticking out. The whiteness of the interior of the mouth was clearly visible. It was furious and was ready to kill anything. The car was headed for it again. Spots of venom covered the windshield. I was in the front seat with the driver.

This third time the wheel got the cobra in the head. It was down and stayed down. But to make sure, Joseph headed the car for the fourth time, stopped the car at the place where the cobra lay, and then headed and backed the car a few times over the snake to make sure it was dead. The car stopped nearby. Joseph went out to look at it writhing but its head severely crushed. He stood about 15 feet away while from inside the car, we snapped pictures of what was left on the road.

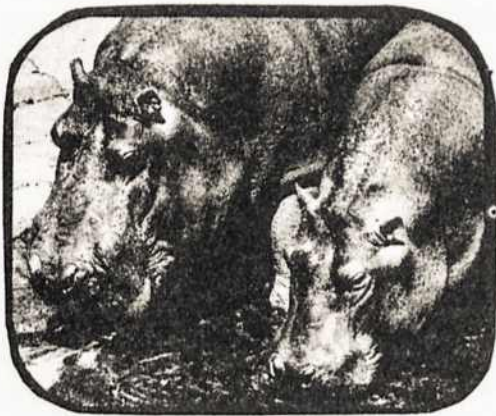
Try to picture a big, hooded-head cobra facing you with its mouth wide open, spitting its venom 4 or 5 feet and ready to sink its fangs into you and you'll get an idea of how we felt. It is true we were in the car and the windshield was a good protector but I assure you it doesn't lessen the feeling of the moment. The windshield was thoroughly washed at the first possible moment.

That night was spent at the Keekorok Lodge in the Masai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya. We had left Tanzania to get back into the land of Kenya. At the border, the Tanzanian officials made us open up our luggage. Since there were no tables or anything around, we opened them up on the dirt road itself. Why they made us do this especially when we were leaving the country, we don't know unless one takes into account the fact

that the government is in Communist hands and Communists as we know often resort to foolish and senseless procedures.

The next day we toured the western part of Kenya and saw the same animals. Many giraffes seemed to be here. One may think of a giraffe as being a very clumsy animal but it is a pleasant sight to see many of them running together. They can reach a running speed of almost 28 miles an hour. That night we stayed in Nairobi.

The following morning we got an early flight by plane in Nairobi for Entebbe on the shore of beautiful Lake Victoria. Here another driver and guide, George by name, met us. We were now in Uganda. As we drove through Kampala, the capital city, and the countryside, we could see the women in their loose flowing dresses and almost everything on their heads. Here again it was a land of primitive ways - mud huts and no water systems. Coffee fields and banana groves dotted the whole countryside. As we entered Murchison Falls National Park, we saw that the grass was very high here. It was difficult to see the smaller animals. Elephants and giraffes were very easy to see.



Uganda is called the "cradle of the Nile". The Nile river of Egypt begins at Lake Victoria and continues its 3,800 mile journey to the Mediterranean. Fed by the waters of Lake Victoria and a number of other lakes, the Nile river tumbles down a series of cascades and rapids for a drop of about a thousand feet. The pent-up fury of the river climaxes with a mighty turbulence through a gap of only 18 or 20 feet to crash furiously 140 or so feet on the rocks below. It is really quite a spectacle and is described as "the most exciting single incident

in the Nile's long journey to the sea". These are the mighty Murchison Falls. Hence the name for the park.

Even though it was terribly hot, we climbed the high cliffs to get excellent views of the falls. It was well worth it. In the late afternoon, our car got on a ferry which took us across the river to Paraa Lodge where we put up for the night. Our last night on the safari was spent in a modern lodge which had a good view of the river. Elephants, buffaloes and water buck came up to the patio of the lodge. The limits of where to go therefore, had to be kept scrupulously.

After breakfast, George drove us to the river where we boarded a launch for a 3 1/2 hour trip up the river Nile. The river is loaded with crocodiles and hippopotamuses. On the shore further away roam wild animals of all kinds. The launch stopped near the shore wherever crocodiles were sunning themselves. Some were over 25 feet long. Almost always they made a mad dash for the water. Hippos were approached and our cameras worked without ceasing. Usually wherever hippos can be seen, crocodiles can be seen also. Crocodiles don't harm the hippos but they use their cunning to divert the hippo mothers from their young. Then the crocodiles pounce upon the young and have a feast. Many crocodiles were seen floating in the river with their eyes just above the surface. Obviously one cannot take the chance of putting his hand in the water for the fluttering killer teeth, serrated in the crocodile's jaw, would make one handless in no time.



The launch took us to a distance of about 500 feet from the base of the Murchison Falls. Here it stopped for pictures. We took many. Then we headed back to the starting point, again seeing many crocodiles and hippos. It was an excellent ride.

Our car again drove on to the ferry to the other side of the Nile. We headed back to Nairobi along the same road we took going to the Falls. At Nairobi, we spent our last night in East Africa.

Thus did our safari end. We regretted not a single moment of it for we had hoped to make one for many years. It is an experience one never forgets. My suggestion is and ever will be: if you get the chance, make one by all means. With man making inroads constantly into the domain and land of wild animals, with so many species of wild animals getting extinct, who knows how long Amboseli, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro, Serengeti, Murchison Falls and other places will last? So as the saying goes, take it in while you can.



UŽ LIETUVIŠKĄ ŽODĮ

FOR THE LITHUANIAN WORD

During the 58th National Convention, in Kennebunkport, Maine, this past August, 1971, one resolution was especially warmly and enthusiastically received and unanimously passed. The resolution was one which urged members and councils to work ACTIVELY to return to our midst the LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE, and outlined several methods that can be used to preserve the language, encourage those who don't speak it to learn it, and in general to foster its appreciation. The best way to learn or relearn any language is to USE it. Therefore, Joseph Boley will, from time to time, offer thoughts on the subject... in Lithuanian, or in English, or, as in this issue, in Lithuanian with just a sprinkling of English. We urge all to at least attempt to read the following summary of what some K of L-ers are doing for the "Lithuanian Word" ... we guarantee that you will surely understand at least a few words...

Dar kalnų nenuvertėm užgyrę seime lietuvių kalbos palaikymo rezoliuciją, bet jau matyti konkrečių rezultatų.

40 asmenų Brocktono miesto

mokykloj (beginners, intermediate and advanced) lanko savaitines (weekly) lietuvių kalbos pamokas, kurias dėsto trys mokytojai. Kas šias pamokas suorganizavo? Gi mūsų organizacijos vice-pirmininkas Dr. Bizankauskas. Kaip tai įvyko ir kaip su pamokomis sekasi, jis pats plačiau mus painformuos. Bet jau pats faktas turi nepaprastos reikšmės.

New York - New Jersey apskrities valdybos posėdį netikėtai atidarė angliškai sukalbėta malda. Tuoj tam buvo padaryta pastaba (comment), ir visi sutiko, kad lietuviams, ypač Lietuvos Vyčiams, geriau pritinka lietuviška malda. Anksčiau šitoks dalykas gal būtų praėjęs visai nepastebėtas (unnoticed).

New York - New Jersey apskrities suvažiavime, prisimenant Simo Kudirkos tragediją, buvo paskaitytos ištraukos iš jo teismo angliškai ir lietuviškai. Žodžiu (in a word), lietuvių kalba atgauna savo teises (its rights). Šitoks nusistatymas yra tikrai vytiškas (knightly).

Pasekmės dar nedidelės, bet jomis galime tikrai pasidžiaugti. Belieka tik vienas klausimas: kaip kiekvienas iš mūsų galime į šį

lietuvių kalbos palaikymo darbą įsijungti?

A vice-president or a committee or council officers cannot reach the desired goal by themselves. Only when each of us does his or her part, shall we be entitled to feel satisfied. Only when it becomes an integral part of our daily life. And with each of us according to our station in life: the pastor is in an enviable position to set an example in his numerous contacts as well as the services in church; but the housewife, seemingly caged within the four walls that she sometimes finds good reason to complain about, is no less an important soldier in the battle for the Lithuanian word, in training and inspiring her successors, and all done with love and the knowledge that the future of the Lithuanian language lies within ourselves.

What are you doing about it? What are you thinking about it? The committee that was elected at the last convention would love to hear from you. Just send your comments to the Lithuanian Language Committee, c/o Vytis Editor, and you will deserve a real lietuvišką Ačiū. j b



I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MY K OF L FRIENDS A MOST HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. . .

And extend sincerest thanks to everyone, especially my friends from C-90, Kearny, and the NY-NJ District for presenting me with such a beautiful Testimonial Dinner, and also for the many expressions of sympathy on the death of my dear father.

ANNE KLEM

C-90 Member, and Honorary Member

Lithuanians in The News



Rev. Stanievich receives Of-
fertility gifts from his mother and
brother.

"AROUND THE WORLD"

FASHION SHOW

A feature of the Brooklyn United Nations Association luncheon at the Brooklyn College Student Center was an "Around the World Fashion Show". Among the participants in the event were (l to r): Mrs. Juta Virkmaa (Estonia) representing United Baltic Appeal - BATUN; Mrs. Eleanor Schoenfeld, UN observer for UNA-USA (United Nations Association of the United States of America), who spoke on "Issues Before the 26th General Assembly of the UN; Miss Alda Talbergs (Latvia), also with BATUN; Miss Regina Ruta (Lithuania), formerly "Miss Freedom" of Canada; Mrs. Harold L. Walker (in Greek gown), President of the Brooklyn Chapter of the UNA; Mrs. Helen V. Kulber, UNA and BATUN member, representing the Knights of Lithuania on this occasion, who assisted in arranging the international fashion show.

The United Nations Association - USA is a private, non-partisan organization of almost 100,000 members throughout the United States and over 135 major national organizations who aspire to peace, progress and justice.

KUN. J. WALTERIO STANEVIČIAUS DVIGUBOS PAGERBTUVĖS

Spalio 23 d. buvo pagerbtas St. Mark parapijos (Warren, Mich.) klebonas kun. J. W. Stanevičius jo 25-rių metų kunigystės sukakties proga. Pats jubiliejininkas atlaikė Šv. Mišias, asistuojamas kitų kunigų, o Vysk. V. Brizgys suteikė palaiminimą. Po pamaldų parapijos salėje įvyko vaišės, gausiai dalyvaujant parapijiečiams. Visi su džiaugsmu sveikino savo kleboną ir linkėjo geriausios sėkmės.

St. Mark parapija yra didelė ir pelnytai gali didžiulis savo gražia bažnyčia ir pradine bei vidurine mokyklomis. Dėl to vyskupas ir paskyrė šį jauną, energingą kleboną. Klebonas yra geraš muzikas ir balsingas dainininkas. Linksmas ir veiklus, parapijiečių gerbiamas ir mylimas.

Lapkričio 14 d. Lietuvos Vyčių 79, 139 ir 102 kuopos surengė antrąsias kun. Stanevičiaus pagerbtuves, jo kunigystės sidabrinio jubiliejaus proga, Šv. Petro parapijoje. Čia irgi jis atlaikė Šv. Mišias, kitų 7 kunigų asistuojamas. Svetimtautis kunigas angliškai pasakė pamokslą, o vietos klebonas V. Kriščiunevičius - lietuviškai. Abu pamokslininkai apibūdino jubilato veiklą ir nuopelnus. Po to kun. Stanevičius nuoširdžiai padėkojo kunigams ir visiems dalyviams, kurie taip gražiai jį pagerbė. Per Mišias gražiai giedojo muziko S. Slyžio vadovaujamas choras.

Po pamaldų buvo vaišės parapijos salėje. Lietuvos Vyčiai, kun. V. Kriščiunevičiaus padedami, atliko girtiną darbą, surengę daug nusipelnusio kun. Stanevičiaus pagerbimą.

Senas Vytis



(Photo - C. Binkins).

HOLY TRINITY OF NEWARK HAILS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Holy Trinity Lithuanian R.C. Church of Newark, (N.J.), celebrated the 70th anniversary of its founding on Nov. 21, 1971, with a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by a Banquet, in the parish church and hall, resp. Rev. Msgr. John J. Scharnus, pastor (and member of K of L C-29) was principal celebrant. He was assisted by priests who, at one time, like Msgr. Scharnus, were altar boys of the parish.

The parish hall was filled to capacity during the Banquet, with attendees from all parts of New Jersey who still support Holy Trinity. The entire celebration was sponsored by the United Societies of Holy Trinity. Msgr. Scharnus and Rev. Peter Totoraitis, Assistant Pastor, were co-chairmen.

Pictured are five of Holy Trinity's former altar boys - now priests - who participated in the Anniversary celebration. Seated, l. to r. are Rev. Raymond Thompson, Msgr. John Scharnus and Rev. Francis Ignaciunas, all of the Newark Archdiocese. Standing are Rev. Peter Barauskis, M.I.C. of Thompson, Conn. and Rev. Dr. Joseph Vaskas, M.I.C., of Chicago, Ill.



MINOR SONG FESTIVAL

Lithuanians on the Eastern seaboard who were unable to attend the 4th "Dainų Šventė" had an opportunity to hear the entire program in New Jersey, Oct. 24, 1971, during the traditional "Minor Song Festival" - "Mažoji Dainų Šventė" of the East. Before a standing-room-only crowd in Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N.J., a joint chorus of choirs from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut performed the entire 4th Song Festival program. The "Bright Path of Lithuania" Cantata featured soloists Irene Stankunas - Silva of New Jersey and Vaclovas Verikaitis of Canada. Juozas Stankunas was accompanist, and Algirdas Kačanauskas was chairman.

Also that evening, the new book "The Lithuanian Organist Abroad", by J. Zilevicius, was presented to the public and the 60th Anniversary of the Lithuanian Organists' League was celebrated.

NEW PRONOTARY APOSTOLIC

Rt. Rev. JOHN BALKUNAS, pastor of Transfiguration parish, Maspeth, N.Y., was recently made a Pronotary Apostolic by Pope Paul VI. The investiture took place at the St. Casimir Lithuanian College Chapel in Rome, with Cardinal A. Samore presiding. Msgr. Balkunas, an eloquent speaker and a man of many talents; besides being a successful pastor, has for many years taken part in and has held responsible positions in various local and national organizations, particularly in the Lithuanian Community.

(The Marian)



The choristers and soloists - and the audience, at the "Mažoji Dainų Šventė".

MARY JANKOWSKI

1917 - 1971

There will never be another Mary Jankowski. She loved her faith, her birthland and her heritage. She was a symbol of the Knights of Lithuania. She lived the motto, "For God and Country."

On Saturday, Nov. 6, Mary suffered a massive heart attack. She was rushed to St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester where she was placed in the hospital's intensive care unit. She failed to rally and on Monday, November 15, came the very sad announcement that she had departed this life. Mary had had no previous heart attacks, nor any other recent illness. As a delegate at the National Convention in Kennebunkport, Maine last August, she appeared to be filled with her perpetual vitality and enthusiasm for everything associated with the Knights of Lithuania and certainly her forthcoming demise could not be prophesied.

Mary's lifetime affiliation with St. Casimir's Church, its Choir and its Council 26, brought easy understanding why choir members attended in great number to sing the Concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection on the day of her funeral, Thursday, Nov. 18, and why members of her council, along with delegations from other councils and representatives from the New England District were there in large number, and why her many friends within the Roman Catholic clergy participated. A deeply touching moment occurred when, at the completion of Mass, the Knights of Lithuania rose and joined together in singing the "Vyčių Himnas". And then it was time for interment and the dignified funeral procession began its journey, and Mary was laid to rest at Notre Dame Cemetery.

Mary's illness and ultimate death came as an unbelievable announcement. Her energy was to be envied. She dearly loved the Knights of Lithuania with its beautiful ideals and goals. Mary

joined C-26 in April of 1937 and after only nine years of membership, her activities earned for her the Fourth Degree which she received in 1946. Then came the honor of all honors: Honorary Membership. This highest honor was conferred upon her at the 55th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania in August, 1968, hosted that year by C-3 of Philadelphia. All agreed that Mary most certainly deserved this distinction. She held every conceivable office and chairmanship within her council and was active in its sports program. She was responsible for the presentation of numerous plays and musicals, many of which were in Lithuanian. As a former vice-president in charge of C-26's Juniors, she was responsible for the successful drafting of a corps of young boys and girls, and arranged programs of Lithuanian songs and dances for them, taught them the Lithuanian arts of Easter egg dying and Christmas decorations. Her love for Lithuania, the language and customs, was evident in her work in Lithuanian Affairs and Lithuanian culture. At the time of her death, Mary was Lithuanian Cultural Chairman on the Supreme Council, having held



a similar position in the New England District. It is not possible to record here each and every K. of L. activity, nor is it possible to record the activities outside its realm, but it should be noted that she also maintained activity in the Lithuanian Charitable Society (Maironis Park), the Lithuanian Democratic League, and the Meno Mėgėjų Ratelis, a Lithuanian choral group in Worcester.

Her Council 26 and all the Knights of Lithuania extend heartfelt condolences to her husband, Peter, her daughter and son, Donna and Kenneth. Aside from the fact that Mary was active outside her home, let it never be assumed her family suffered. Mary's family ranked first - always.

Mary always had something to say about the K. of L. and usually its members understood and agreed. But even when they did not, they respected her.

There will never be another Mary Jankowski. Join us, please, in praying for her soul.

Olga Kersis

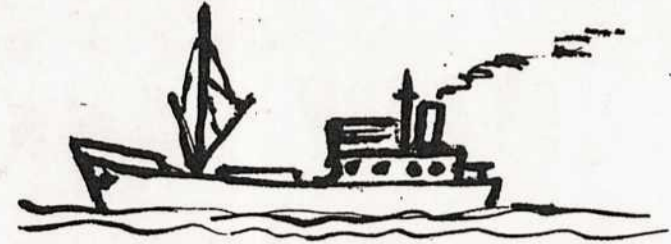
Our Sincerest Apologies -- to:

ALGIRDAS KAČANAUSKAS,

for the typographical error in the printing of his name, and... to:

ROBERT McERLEAN, of
PLEASANT TRAVEL SERVICE
6 Sea Girt Crossroads,
Sea Girt, N. J. - 08750

for the incorrect address given in their respective greetings in the Christmas issue of VYTIS.



UNSEEN, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Anthony M. Miner

On November 23, 1970, the waters off Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts witnessed the tragic attempt of Simas Kudirka to gain freedom and political asylum in the United States, only to be shamefully betrayed by the U.S. Coast Guard, to the Russians who subsequently sentenced him to ten years imprisonment at hard labor.

On Sunday, November 21, 1971, the waters off Martha's Vineyard were reminded of this soul-shocking incident when the New England District Knights of Lithuania, as a Lithuanian Affairs project sponsored a commemoration of Kudirka's ill-fated bid for freedom.

The day dawned dreary and depressing with snow and rain falling throughout Massachusetts. However, weather never daunted Lithuanians, and at the appointed hour, the delegates had gathered at the Steamship Authority Building at Woods Hole where they were joined by Captain and Mrs. Roberts Brieze, and Joe Boley. Under the worried shepherding of NED President Larry Svelnis, everyone boarded the ferry on time. At the last possible moment Fr. Contons appeared, and now, with our Spiritual Advisor aboard we were ready to sail.

During the ferry trip, there was activity galore. Interviews with Boston and Cape Cod reporters, program planning by Larry Svelnis, Tony Miner, Fr. Contons, Joe Boley and Captain Brieze, and hymn practicing by the entire group. And the rain continued.

Having docked at Vineyard Haven, the party attempted to board the chartered bus which was to take us across the island to Menemsha, the harbor closest to the spot where Kudirka was betrayed; only to find that the number of delegates far exceeded the number registered and the capacity of the bus. But where there is a will there is a way,

and in a matter of minutes a taxi service was engaged; and the convoy of bus, taxis, and the reporters' cars left for Menemsha in the pouring rain.

As we splashed across Martha's Vineyard, the unceasing downpour caused grave concern as to just how we could carry on our program in such a deluge. But we need not have feared; for our trust in God's kindness was well rewarded. About a mile from Menemsha the rain suddenly stopped. By the time we reached the harbor, the sun broke through the clouds and shone brightly throughout the entire commemoration. It seemed as if a minor miracle had occurred; as if God had favored our endeavors and had smiled upon us.

There at Dutcher Dock, already waiting for us was the boat which would take us out to sea for the casting of the floral tribute. Interviews were conducted by the Island reporters while final preparations for the program were completed. At last, when the flags of the U.S., Lithuania, the K of L, the Lithuanian War Veterans of Worcester, and the Lithuanian Scouts were unfurled in the gentle sea breeze, the program was begun with the singing of the U.S. and Lithuanian anthems. Then, Tony Miner, serving as M.C., requested Fr. Contons to present the invocation. Having presented a brief summary of the Kudirka situation and the purpose of the commemoration, Tony Miner introduced Captain Roberts Brieze, the Latvian-born president of the New Bedford Seafood Products Association, who had revealed the shameful betrayal of Kudirka to the public. Capt. Brieze described the incident and pointed out the location of the two ships on that fateful day.

Joe Boley then presented the main talk of the day. As usual, Joe's presentation was very moving

as he spoke of Kudirka and his fate, and very thoroughly denounced the Coast Guard's betrayal of Kudirka. Following Joe's speech, the Knights sang Maironis' "Lietuva Brangi" while a small party sailed out to sea to complete the program.

The delegation, consisting of Capt. Brieze, Irene Adamaitis, Joe Boley, Tony Miner, Larry Svelnis, and Dorothy Sinkavitch, accompanied by reporters, sailed out to the exact spot of betrayal, on the Mary and Verna commanded by her owner, Captain James Morgan. Very fittingly the Mary and Verna was a working fishing boat, and had been near the Vigilant when Kudirka sought asylum.

Having sailed out to the open sea to the site of the Kudirka tragedy, the Captain cut the engines of the Mary and Verna. Irene Adamaitis, in Lithuanian costume, imparted a message in the impressive quiet at sea. Then she gently laid the bouquet of yellow, green and red flowers on the water of Vineyard Sound.

In total silence, with heads bared, we watched the flowers float away on the tide until they were out of sight. Only the faint slap of the water and the tolling of the bell buoy could be heard. Then a crying gull flew by, the engines roared to life, and

INVOCATION BY REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS

O God, you once led your people from land of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

We are gathered here to pray for Simas Kudirka who put his hope in a promise and made a courageous leap for freedom.

His leap for freedom failed, but it was not in vain. His bruised and battered body broke through a wall of silence hiding an enslaved people from the view of the free world.

We pray for the family of Simas that their hope of freedom may some day be fulfilled.

We pray for the countrymen of Simas. They have no freedom to speak out, no freedom of press, no freedom of worship, no freedom to assemble and protest their bleak life.

We pray for those Americans who broke the promise of freedom, and broke faith with a long and noble tradition of America, which guarantees life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to those who reach its shores.

We pray that the eyes and hearts of all Americans may be open to oppressed peoples in distant lands as well as at home, that the promise of freedom may become a reality for all men by your grace, O Lord. Amen.

Dear Simas,

On these waters that brought you such keen disappointment we leave these flowers as a tribute to your courage. With them go our warmest wishes and our fervent prayers that the good Lord grant you and your beloved Lithuania the freedom that you so desire and deserve.

Until we meet - soon, we hope - God bless you, dear Simas, and keep you.

(Spoken from the fishing boat by Irene Adomaitis before she lowered the flowers on the ocean).

the Mary and Verna headed for shore, while in the east a rainbow of yellow, green and red appeared.

To quote from the VINEYARD GAZETTE, "Nature itself seemed compelled to acknowledge the drama and solemnity of the occasion."

In the meantime, the Knights ashore were busily signing a petition requesting President Nixon to seek Kudirka's release during the Moscow talks. The petition together with a covering letter was sent to the President by Tony Miner.

A buffet supper hosted by Bernice (Kavadaras) Marks, a former C-116 member, was waiting for us at the Amvet Hall in Falmouth. During this delicious supper, Captain Brieze was presented a book, *Mūsų Žemė Lietuva*, by Tony Miner as a sign of appreciation by the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of all the cooperation, help, concern, and friendliness shown by Captain Brieze for and to Lithuanians. Shortly after the presentation, Captain and Mrs. Brieze left, and were followed by "the good white Knights" who ran into rain again on their way home as they wondered about poor Simas, and prepared for more plans and work on Lithuania's behalf.

SOVIET 'JUSTICE'



(New York Daily News).

IN HONOR OF SIMAS KUDIRKA

(Talk delivered by Joseph Boley, during NED's commemoration of the first anniversary of Simas Kudirka's attempted escape to freedom).

Martha's Vineyard
Nov. 21, 1971

We have come to pay homage to a brave man, who bears the simple Lithuanian name of Simas Kudirka - Simas the seaman - who one year ago, not far from this shore of Martha's Vineyard where we are now standing, jumped from a Soviet ship to what he thought would be relative safety and hospitality of an American vessel. If we were to say that he was disappointed, it would be the understatement of the century. We failed him miserably, and because of our failure - even our contribution - he is now doing hard labor in a Soviet prison camp. His crime - love of freedom. This is a judgment - more than that, an official policy - of a Communist government, that is a signatory to the international Declaration of Human Rights. Evidently freedom is not one of those rights.

What is incredible is the fact that the tragedy of Simas Kudirka happened in America. It was American officials, who turned a deaf ear to Simas' pleading and handed him over to the Soviets battered, bleeding, unconscious. "Come and get him", they said in effect to the Soviet slave-masters. "Be our guests", while the pleas and prayers of the man who had dreamed the dream of liberation was refused asylum. In one tragic moment, a man's hopes were shattered, a country's reputation of being a haven for the oppressed was besmirched, and the U.S. government's and American people's welcome mat was suddenly pulled out from under him. In one flash of an instant the heretofore official policy of the country was seemingly reversed.

But the Rear Admiral who put the official seal on the entire shameful proceedings said: "The Russians are not barbarians". Asked about this statement later, he replied: "I don't believe they go around killing people". To which the interrogator couldn't help but remark: "You don't know much about history, do you?" No, the good Rear Admiral has not seen the wreaths hanging on the west side of the ugly Wall of Berlin, where many have found their grave in their attempt to seek freedom from Communist oppression. He had not heard what happened to the Freedom Fighters in Hungary 15 years ago. He had not read of what happened in Czechoslovakia. If he had asked Simas Kudirka, he would have received some missing information. Simas had seen mass murders, committed by the occupying Soviet forces. As described in No. 20 of the Chronicle of Current Events, at Simas Kudirka's trial that took place on May 17 to 20 of this year, in

Vilnius, Simas revealed that he remembered how people had been taken away to Siberia in 1941 and again in 1944. He recalled that many of his comrades had joined the partisans, and almost all of them had perished. He thought that at sea he would be able to forget the tragedy of his people, that's why he decided to become a sailor. He wanted to escape from frightful scenes of the mutilated corpses of Lithuanian partisans lying in heaps in the market places. And even the Soviet security officials have admitted that 50,000 Lithuanian partisans had perished. "The Atlantic Charter", said Simas at his trial last May, "The Atlantic Charter, which promised the enslaved nations freedom, was an empty promise costing my people 50,000 dead and 400,000 deported, of whom 150,000 found their graves in the earth of Siberia. The bravest and most resolute patriots of Lithuania were physically annihilated". - "But they can't be barbarians!" To make such a statement one must be deliberately ill-intentioned or very, very naive.

Before sentencing on May 20 Simas Kudirka declared: "I have nothing to add to what I have already said, only one wish, more specifically, a request both to the Supreme Court and the government of the Soviet Union. I ask that you grant my homeland, Lithuania, independence".

What a beautiful request to be made by a prisoner on his way, perhaps, to execution. What an inspiration! In this world of political pollution his crystal-clear dedication to principle is like a breath of fresh air.

Dear Simas, do not judge us by what happened here a year ago. The American people have not lost their oft-proven compassion for the unfortunate and the persecuted. They would find room for you in their country as they have found room for you in their hearts. On this shore, which looked so bright and inviting to you, we promise to seek every means to make amends. We will urge our President that in his conference with Soviet officials he be unyielding in his demand for your release, and we hope the Soviets will respond affirmatively, for surely they have nothing to lose by extending to you this fragment of human kindness.

Be assured, dear Simas, the Knights of Lithuania and their friends gathered here and all the American people hope that we shall one day be able to greet you here in person and to embrace you warmly and affectionately.

LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .



KRUPNIKAS (HONEY LIQUEUR)

- 1 Fifth Grain Alcohol
- 4 cups water (more or less, for desired strength)
- 3 cups honey (more or less, for desired sweetness)
- 2 medium oranges, quartered
- 1 lemon, quartered
- 1 stick cinnamon
- ½ whole nutmeg
- ½ vanilla bean
- 5 cloves
- 4 cardamon seeds
- 1 tsp. ground coffee

Pour alcohol into gallon jug and cap.

Mix water, honey, fruit and spices (except coffee) in large pot, bring to a boil slowly, and boil covered for one hour, using smallest flame possible.

A few minutes before cooking is completed, add ground coffee. (This is for color, but may be omitted).

When hour is up, strain and pour hot liquid into gallon jug, over the alcohol. Cover tightly and allow to stand 24 hours or more, to allow settling.

After 24 or 48 hours, strain mixture through coffee filter or two thicknesses of Kleenex towels, into decanter or bottle. If mixture is still cloudy, a second straining may be needed.

Change paper towels or filters frequently, as they will get clogged with honey, etc.

Mrs. P. Kassel
Chicago, Ill.

we get letters



Dear Editor:

Cordial congratulations and sincerest thanks for an inspiring and instructive November 1971 issue of VYTIS! It is inspiring, because it summons us to help free Simas Kudirka from his 10 years' hard labor sentence, and to aid him and his dear immediate family to emigrate to this "land of the free" ... inspiring too, because it eloquently calls upon Knights to "gražinti lietuvių kalbą į vyčių tarpą." A noble a beautiful ideal which - if really worked for, even though realized only partially - will certainly enrich the lives and culture of our Knights. Lithuanian is a truly rich, colorful, old (over a 1000 years old) but not antiquated language, and

we should do all we can to preserve it by using it wherever we can, especially in our meetings and in issues of VYTIS.

It is instructive too, because it shows us clearly the relationship between Christian truths and the natural (physical) sciences, and also counsels us to be wary of the dangerously strange, - though very popular now - statements of Teilhard de Chardin (against whose teachings Holy Mother Church, through Popes John XXIII and Paul VI, has specially warned us at least four times!) This is a truly scholarly article by Father Ziuraitis, O.P., Ph.D with helpful footnotes, reliable sources and additional enlightenment! I'm waiting avidly for your next issue with a continuation of this very

interesting and helpful article.

Once again, hearty congratulations on your November 1971 number that evoked this note of thanks. If I were a nightingale (like you and your gifted "Žibuoklės"), I certainly would sing your praise with ecstasy. But... being a mere "sparrow", I can only "chirp" a little... which I am now doing with all my heart and little throat. May God continue to supply you with the driving force you need to edit future inspiring and instructive issues of VYTIS for so many of us who regularly need such inspiration and instruction!

Gratefully yours,

Casimir Žvirblis, O.P.
Washington, D.C.

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NETEKOME
PETRO MEDONIO

Senosios kartos veikėjai vienas po kito pasitraukia amžinajam poilsui. Retėja lietuviško gyvenimo žibintai. Mirtis neaplenkė ir Petro Medonio. 1971 m. Rugsėjo mėn. 16 d. išvakarėse, nuėjęs pailsėti, jis užmigo amžinai.

Šis kuklus ir nuoširdus dzūkelis ilgus metus dirbo lietuviško gyvenimo baruose. Atvykęs į Ameriką (1910 m.) tuojau įsijungė į Lietuvos Vyčius. Buvo išrinktas Pitsburgo L. Vyčių apskrities pirmininku (1913 m.). Nedelsdamas įstojo į Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Susivienijimą Amerikoje ir 6 metus ėjo 38 kuopos finansų sekretoriaus pareigas. Atstatant Lietuvos Nepriklausomybę, jis dirbo Tautos Fondui, Aukso Fondui ir organizavo įvairias rinkliavas. Pitsburge, kuriant Šv. Pranciškaus ordino seserų lietuvių vienuoliją, pasidarbavo komisijoje, kuri surado ir užpirko minėtai vienuolijai 33 akrus žemės (Mt. Providence, Pa.).

1925 m. persikėlęs į Detroitą, Petras Medonis įstojo į Šv. Jurgio parapijos chorą. Dirbo L. Vyčių 79 kuopoje ir 5 m. LRKSA 171 kuopos finansų sekretoriumi. Tuometinė katalikiškoji akcija buvo judinama trijų lietuviškųjų parapijų komiteto, kuriam vadovauti teko Petru medoniui. Įsteigus ALRK



Federacijos 4-tą skyrių Detroito, jis buvo išrinktas pirmuoju skyriaus valdybos pirmininku. Keletą metų jam teko pirmininkauti ir Detroito Lietuvių Organizacijų Centru. Dirbo Balso 76 skyriuje ir kurį laiką buvo Amerikos Lie-

tuvių Balso radio klubo išdininku. Kaip geras dailėdė jis prisidėjo prie Lietuvių Veteranų salės pagražinimo. Be tiesioginio darbo ir šakotos visuomeninės veiklos, jis dar darė smuikus ir kankles. Velionis rėmė katalikišką spaudą, kurią prie savo parapijos bažnyčios platindavo su savo sūnumis. Retkarčiais skaitytoją pasiekdavo namuose. Pasidarbavo spaudos naudai ir padėdamas ruošti koncertus bei parengimus.

Petras Medonis gimė 1892 m. gruodžio mėn. 2 d. Paliūnų km., Seirijų valsčiuje. Dirbdamas Lietuvos Vyčiuose susipažino su veiklia lietuvaite Petronėle Visockyte ir 1917 m. ją vedė. Jie išaugino 4 sūnus: Petrą, Vincą, Romualdą ir Edvardą. Sūnus Petras, 2-rojo Pasaulinio Karo lakūnas (kapitonas), yra anksčiau miręs. Sūnūs yra vedę ir augina šeimas. Senieji Medoniai susilaukė 13 anūkų ir vieno proanūko.

Petras Medonis, sulaukęs senatvės dienų, mažiau reišėsi visuomenės veikloje, bet neretai dalyvaudavo įvairiuose parengimuose. Ypatingai mėgdavo koncertus. Namuose jis nesėdėjo rankas sudėjęs, bet kiek sveikata leido dirbo kankles ir smuikus, kurių skaičius siekia apie 150.

Iki pat mirties priklausė Šv. Jurgio, o vėliau Dievo Apvaizdos, parapijai. Buvo palaidotas Holy Sepulchre kapinėse. Amžinajam poilsui jį palydėjo ilga mašinų virtinė.

S.G.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

SENJORŲ PRIEŠMETINIS SUSIRINKIMAS

Lapkričio 28-toji diena vyčiams senjorams buvo svarbi diena: įvyko senjorų vyčių priešmetinis susirinkimas Juozo ir Rožės Sadauskų namuose. Į susirinkimą atsilankė gausus būrys narių. Pirm. Stasė Sankalaitė visus paprašė prie maldos. Po maldos nut. rašt. M. Trainauskaitė iš praėjusio susirinkimo perskaitė nutarimus, kurie buvo priimti be pataisų.

Izd. Ed. Pranckus padarė pilną finansinį pranešimą, iš kurio paaiškėjo, kad per paskutinį mėnesį dar daugiau patuštėjo senjorų išdas, o saulėtos dėžutės finansinį raportą pateikė Rožė Sadauskienė su pastabėle, kad saulėtos dėžutės finansinis stovis gerokai pagerėjo. Bet kiti raportai, kaip iš C.L.

Kultūrinio Darželio, A.L. Tarybos pranešimai buvo trumpi, nes ten mažai yra veikama. Iš Kalėdinio privataus pokylio, pranešimą padarė pirm. Stasė Sankalaitė ir nut. rašt. M. Trainauskaitė, kurios šiuo darbu ir rūpinasi. Šis privatus pokylis - vakarienė įvyks gruodžio 18 d., Hof Brau Haus restorane.

Toliau fin. rašt. Kazimiera Sadauskienė prašė ir ragino visus narius sumokėti savo metines duokles, nes to reikalauja L. Vyčių org. Centro Valdybos fin. rašt. Kiek teko pastebėti, šio susirinkimo dalyviai visi pilnai užsimokėjo savo metines duokles. Po visų raportų ir tarimų, buvo eita prie naujos valdybos rinkimo kitiems metams. Šie nariai buvo išrinkti: pirm. - Stasė Sankalaitė, vice pirm. - Ignas Visockas, nut. rašt. - Marijona Trainauskaitė, fin. rašt. Kazimiera Sadauskienė, izd. - Edvardas Pranc-

kus, išdo globėjai - Kazimieras Eidukaitis ir Kazimiera Petkūnienė, tvarkdarys - Antanas Bujokas, o saulėtos dėžutės prižiūrėtoja - M. Trainauskaitė. Veikiančioji Komisija buvo išrinkta iš šių narių: K. Eidukaičio, Ant. Bujoko, K. Titėnienės, A. Pinčūnienės ir J. Sadausko, o korespondentais Ed. Pranckus ir J. Sadauskas.

Baigiant susirinkimą kai kurie nariai pasiūlė kokių nors būdu pareikšti padėką L. Vyčių org. garbės nariui - Juozui Bulevičiui - Boley, už jo parašytą straipsnį, paskutiniame "Vyčio" numeryje, kaip mylėti savo tėvelių gražiąją lietuvių kalbą. L. Vyčiams ir vėl reikėtų būtinai ją naudoti savuose susirinkimuose, seimuose ir seimeliuose. Būtų gera, kad kartas nuo karto čia gimę ir auge, kaip mūsų Juozulis Boley, parašintų lietuvių kalba vytiško turinio žineles, kurias visi noriai ir mielai

pasiskaitytų. Senjorai vyčiai ir nutarė, kad jų nut. rašt. M. Trainauskaitė, pareikštų jų vardu mielam Juozuliui Bulevičiui, gilų vytišką ačiū. Taip pat dar reikia pažymėti, kad senjorų vyčių metinis susirinkimas įvyks sausio 9 d. Antano Bujoko rezidencijoje, 1108 Monarch Ave., So. Euclid, Ohio. Visi nariai prašomi savo metiniame susirinkime dalyvauti ir kartu atsivesti naujų kandidatų ir juos prirašyti prie senjorų vyčių.

Po susirinkimo Rožė ir Juozas Sadauskai ir jų dukra Rose Ann Welsh visus svečius gražiai priėmė, skoningai pavaišino užkandžiais, dideliu tortu, kuris specialiai buvo paruoštas Igno Visocko gimtadienio proga. Mūsų Ignas ne tik buvo pagerbtas didingu tortu, bet papuoštas ir gyvų gėlių puokšte ir sugiedotu ilgiausių ir laimingiausių metelių.

Senelis



FOR GOD

FOR GOD

AND

COUNTRY



FOR COUNTRY

With the beginning of a new year, let us make a firm resolution to live up to our motto and do our utmost to serve God. One very obvious way to do so is to support the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. For the last two years, the National Convention has voted to do just this very thing, and therefore it behooves us to carry out the wishes which the Convention has so firmly expressed.

In addition to individual donations, which I urge you to make, your councils would perform a great and valuable service by running an affair or raffle for the benefit of the LCRA.

Very soon February will be upon us, and the Commemorations of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence will be staged. This, (Feb. 16) would be an ideal time for all of us to write letters, and if possible, articles to be published in English language newspapers about the persecuted Church in Lithuania. Several articles about religious conditions and the punishment of priests in Lithuania have appeared recently. You can get this information from your Lith. Affairs Com. Chairman, or write to me for a copy of some of these texts.

The by-laws of the Religious Aid, which I mentioned in the December column, have not been mailed out to the councils, simply because I have been unable to obtain the council presidents' addresses. Therefore I ask the secretary of each council to forward the addresses to me as soon as possible.

Now that the Lithuanian Affairs Committee is in operation again, we should resolve that in this area too, we should live up to our motto and work energetically for "Country". There is a most pressing need for the gathering of information related to our work and for the writing of letters of commendation and/or criticism.

As the February 16th observance of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence is very close we should be making plans for a suitable program; or if there is a united committee planning the program in your city contribute your support. We, as Knights of Lithuania, and especially as members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, should be in the forefront of this activity. Let everyone know that we are sharing the task of keeping Lithuanianism alive. Participate in the February 16th programs, work in the committees, write resolutions, and contribute and collect the donations.

This period immediately preceding Feb. 16 is an ideal time to write letters to the editors describing Lithuania's plight. Inform the public and keep Lithuania in the minds of all.

We did a fine job on the Kudirka incident which gave us much publicity. Let us now capitalize on it.

Best wishes for a healthy, prosperous, and Happy New Year.

Tony Miner,
Chairman Lithuanian Affairs Committee
Coordinator Lith. Catholic Religious Aid

K of L Calendar



JANUARY

9-SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.

22-K of L CHOIR BENEFIT DANCE & PARTY, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

5-C-29 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION & BREAKFAST, Holy Trinity Church & Hall, Newark, N.J. 10:30 Mass, 12:00 Breakfast.

12-NY-NJ DISTRICT COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND CONVENTION St. Casimir's Church and Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - C-3 Hosts.

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

5-NY-NJ DISTRICT CONVENTION, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J. - C-29 Hosts.

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

AUGUST

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

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

M.R.Y.

A meaningful Convention of the N.Y.-N.J. District was held on Dec. 5 at Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall, Broome Street, N.Y. In addition to a thorough business meeting, a panel discussion took place on the topic "How to Revitalize Council Activities" and a commemoration was observed in remembrance of Simas Kudirka.

We renewed our faith with a Christmas message from Rev. Frank Bulovas, District Spiritual Advisor, whereby he asked us to rejuvenate the spirituality in our lives for a more meaningful Christmas season. Chairmen reports were heard; and of special interest were Mary Kober on the District Bulletin and the generosity of members to maintain the bulletin, Helen Kulber on Lithuanian Affairs and the widespread involvement with other organizations of keeping Lithuanism and the K of L name alive, Mary York on Public Relations announcing PR kits with helpful suggestions were being distributed to all councils in the NY-NJ District, and Anne Klem on Lithuanian Culture and the amazingly world-wide correspondence her exhibits have generated.

Joseph Boley of C-Brooklyn Seniors, represented the Supreme Council at the N.E. District "Kudirka" ceremony at Martha's Vineyard. We received the benefit of the impressive occasion through Joe's capsule explanation of what occurred, and he made us feel as if we were there.

Lest We Forget - To commemorate Kudirka's asylum for liberty a year ago, a dramatic skit of the trial of Simas Kudirka was enacted by members of the District. Marion Sidtis and Phil Skabeikis of C-41 gave an English version of the patriotic responses by Kudirka to the Soviet prosecutor. Following which, Joseph Boley and Kazys Sipaila re-enacted the trial in Lithuanian. We not only saw some effective showmanship but received an appreciation of the Lithuanian words after hearing the English version.

The Panel participants spoke on three subjects of revitalizing council activities: Loretta Stukas "Publicizing Your Council", Phil Skabeikis "Council Success Stories" and Joseph Boley "Making Your Meetings More Interesting". A lively discussion followed with the audience adding their views on the subject matter. Of the many important points made, one in particular needs repeating (courtesy of Joe Boley) "That good executive board action is needed for preplanning in order to have meetings that have movement and continuity. Brief reports with a message of inspiration and information".

Host council to the District delegates was C-12 of New York. We thank the Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Cuperwich for the delicious refreshments. During the social hour, Joe Boley entertained us with a slide presentation of recent K of L activities.

President Larry Janonis announced that the next District Convention will be held on March 12, 1972 in Philadelphia, Pa. Plans are in progress for bus transportation for the convenience of members. Newark, N.J., C-29 will host the subsequent District meeting on June 4, 1972.

Many district K of L members heard words of praise about Anne Klem at a Testimonial Dinner sponsored by C-90 on Nov. 14 at the Lithuanian Catholic Center in

Kearny, N.J. Anne's services "dėl Vyčių" was perhaps best described by Rev. Pocius when he said "Dedication is the keyword for Anne". We are happy for our District Cultural Chairman and the honor bestowed upon her.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

"Smile & Sparkle"

A Bon Voyage party in honor of Rev. Gediminas Šukys (Lithuania) was held on Saturday, Nov. 20. Father Šukys was a guest of the Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch for approximately one month. Both attended the seminary in Lithuania. The party was hosted by Father Baltch and our Council 100. Polly Ziausys really outdid herself in her capacity as chairman of the affair. Assisting her were Helen Druziak and Josephine Redding. All members contributed towards making the evening one that Father Šukys will long remember. Father Šukys, a well known composer in Lithuania, rendered a number of his songs and compositions to the delight of his audience. Father Baltch and Father Šukys sang a few duets. The audience joined in the singing of many of the favorite Lithuanian folk songs.

Attending the festivities were Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. Alfonsas Petraitis, Schenectady; Rev. Matthew Čyvas, Albany; Rev. Peter Jonaitis, Gloversville; Rev. Bernard Gustas, Rev. Joseph Anselment, Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, the Sisters of Jesus Crucified (Sisters Geraldine - Phyllis Grendal's cousin, Christine, Ann, and Roseann), Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ziausys, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Orante, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rimkunas, Mrs. Betty Kuzmich, Miss Mary Stanionis, Miss Helen Radzevich, Mrs. Ann Sweet, Mrs. Virginia Miciulis, Mrs.

Josephine Redding, Miss Genevieve Gobis, Peter Hays, Don Holleran, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Joseph Valikonis and Walter Rusilas.

Matt Orante presented Father Šukys with a number of parting gifts.

At the Mass held at the Shrine of the Martyrs in Auriesville in August, during the Lithuanian pilgrimage, the choir under the direction of Algirdas Kacanauskas sang the Lithuanian Mass composed by Rev. G. Šukys.

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Liberty Lady

After a business meeting on Dec. 5, President Leon Waskiewicz and a full complement of C-12 delegates welcomed the N.Y.-N.J. District delegates to its Winter Convention at Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall in N.Y.C. Helen and Vincent Cuperwicz, chairmen of the event, ably assisted by Anna Zindzius provided a delicious buffet dinner to the visitors.

Upon invitation by Batun, we had council representation on Nov. 15 at the Estonian House in N.Y.C. to hear an address by Hon. Edward J. Derwinski, U.S. Representative from Illinois and a member of the U.S.A. delegation to the 26th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Interested Balts who attended, heard an interesting speech by the Congressman regarding the questions raised at the UN about the Baltic States and its lack of self determination. He also suggested a course of action for us. That the average American has a lack of knowledge on the Baltic States, and it's our business to keep them informed. Also keep your younger generation super-conscious of its (in this case) Lithuanian heritage, language identity and spirit to keep the captive nation alive.

Talking about young people, the Cub Scouts are gaining another member of the Cuperwicz family, as Vincent Jr. is joining brother Paul. Lucky Troop, having a couple of up-and-going boys of good Lithuanian heritage. At an October Girl Scout gathering in



Hostess Helen Cuperwicz (C-12) serving at NY-NJ District Convention.



Planning for C-12 Essay Contest. L. to r: Mary York, Laura Montvidas, Annie Waskiewicz, Anna Yorkus.

Central Park, N.Y., awards were given to winners of McCall's Flag Pattern Contest. We are proud to announce that Laura Montvidas (daughter of members Ann and Steve) won honorable mention (\$10.00) for participation in making an American flag. Speaking of Steve Montvidas, we hear he is putting his hand to Data Teletypewriter Communications at Union Carbide.

Anna Yorkus and Mary York are in a preplanning stage of arranging for a children's essay contest on the subject of "What the Statue of Liberty means to me because of my Lithuanian heritage".

Again in November, it was a pleasure for C-12 to attend Anne Klem's testimonial dinner in Kearny, N.J. Anne is a Honorary Member and a wonderful lady deserving of all the praise she received that night.

An outstanding event in progress for the council is the Annual St. Casimir Day celebration on Mar. 5, 1972.

Hope the "Three Kings" visited your homes on the Twelfth Night.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

"Dzūkelė"

Stephen Walinsky felt very confident for the future of C-26 as he turned the gavel over to his successor, Joseph Zalieckas, our newly-elected President. According to Steve and his wife, Elly, Joe was among the foremost leaders of St. Casimir's C.Y.C. during their high school days. Since then, Joe has completed his education (he is a C.P.A. associated with a leading and highly respected accounting firm in this area), married, and has a young child. He has been a member of C-26 for several years, beginning with membership in the ranks of the Juniors. We wish Joe and his executive board much activity and harmony for the coming year, and we promise our cooperation in their efforts, both by attendance and by active participation in each project they offer us.

And, with the beginning of a new K. of L. year, we take this opportunity to wish all our friends a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Ann Morkunas will be our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman replacing Olga Kersis. Ann has much knowledge in this area, having been an active member in her home C-3 (Philadelphia), and now actively writing for C-26. She will announce her committee members at a future date.

Bowling continues to hold great interest for members of our council. Holding high average are Joan Krusas and Paul Roland. First place team honors go to Captain Richard Desautel and his mates Judy Ginkus, Claire Grigaitis, Peter Ivaska (incidentally, Peter is among our newer members), and Joe White. What teamwork here!

The second tragedy within several months deepened the sorrow of the Peter Jankowski family. Earlier this year, Peter's mother passed away, following a

long illness. On Nov. 15, following an illness of only 10 days, his wife, Mary, died. Mary Jankowski loved and lived the Knights of Lithuania. We wept upon hearing the sad news. We gathered at the funeral home to join in the recitation of the Rosary, and attended funeral services. Yet, we cannot reconcile ourselves to the very definite fact that we have lost one of our most dedicated members. Besides her husband, Mary's survivors include a son, Kenneth, a freshman at the University of Massachusetts, and a daughter, Donna, who is about to complete nurses' training studies at Hahnemann Hospital here in Worcester.

Once again, C-26 has reason to mourn. We ask all our K. of L. friends to join us in prayer for the sweet repose of Mary's soul at the same time, praying for special consolation for Peter and his children.

C-10 - ATHOL - GARDNER, MASS.

Vincukas

The Genaitis' and Wisnauskas' were proud to have been among the delegation of approximately 70 K of L'ers from the Mass. area who attended the most solemn and deeply moving ceremonies to mark the 1st anniversary of Simas Kudirka's unsuccessful fight to freedom that were held on Nov. 21 on Martha's Vineyard.

The weather was cold and it snowed and rained all day. As we arrived at Menemsha by bus, it cleared; the setting sun came out and a rainbow appeared. It seemed to say good would come of our efforts; it was a good omen. The talks by Robert Brieze and Joe Boley were inspiring as were the entire ceremonies. Latest reports have it Simas has been denied privileges at the prison camp and that his wife and family have been thrown out into the street with no apartment nor a job.

It should be our task to flood Pres. Nixon with letters to do all in his power to press the release of Simas and his family. It seems ironic that Captain Eustis of the Vigilant was released of his duties, but is stationed elsewhere, and Admiral William Ellis of the Coast

Guard was allowed to retire earlier as a result of the incident with a pension of \$1770 a month, and another officer, Mr. Brown, with a pension of \$1550 a month. Is that justice?

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Genaitis have bought a new ranch home in Mellrose, Mass.

Bill Wisnauskas was elected Rec. Secy. of the Lithuanian Outing Assoc. in Gardner.

Some of our members attended the wake of Mrs. Mary Jankowski who recently passed away in Worcester. Mary will be long remembered for her many efforts in the K of L. Her life was dedicated to our ideals and principles. May she rest in peace. Deep condolences are extended to her family and members of C-26.

Nellie Melaika attended the November feast held in South Boston.

Our November meeting was held in St. Francis church rectory with a group of C-26 members in attendance. They were visiting Fr. Steponaitis, newly appointed administrator of the parish.

It was so nice of Bea and George Marks to sponsor the coffee after the program that turned out to be a feast at the Amvets in Falmouth.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

F.B.P.

With more than 50% of our members turning out for our Annual Election of Officers Dinner on Nov. 7, stating that it was a huge success would be the understatement of the year. We give a BIG THANK YOU to the officers of 1971 for planning an evening that was most enjoyable. The food and refreshments... plentiful and good! Father Titas' booster talk to the members added a lightness to the festivities plus reminding us of the work ahead

for our council. With our President, Joe Noreikas, turning the election procedures over to Frank Gudelis we are now pleased to list our council's officers for the 1972 term:

Spiritual Advisor - Fr. Titas Narbutas; Pres. - Joe Noreikas; Vice-Pres.-in-charge-of-Jrs. - Joe and Eleanor Mantz, Mike and Fran Petkus; Vice-Pres.-in-charge-of-membership - Mary Lucas; Rec. Sec. - Karen Bedrowsky; Treas. - Sally Miller; Fin. Sec. - Frances Mikalauskas; Sgt-at-Arms - Joe Sinkwitz; Trustees - Bea Noreikas, Marianne Podoyak; Committees are: Ritual - Stan Vaitkus; Lith. Affairs - Frank Gudelis; Council Bulletin - Jerry Bedrowsky; Cultural - Tina Kavy; Religious - Pat Zelinskas; Condolence - Alice Petkus; Vytis Corresp. - Fran Petkus; Sarysis Rep. - Joe Gecas; Sports - George Mikalauskas, Dave Petroski, Jerry and Cathy Roberts, John A. Berczelly, and Georgia Zelinskas; Telephone Squad - Ida Kavy; Photographer - optional; Ways and Means - Marianne Podoyak,

To our outgoing officers of 1971 we extend much thanks for the time they gave and activities they planned to make our council an active one. To the incoming officers, much success for 1972.

On Nov. 13 Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz hosted the Jrs. by providing a light lunch and demonstrating the art of making Lithuanian Christmas decorations. Instructions were open to council members but only Kitty Prisman-tas and Frances Mikalauskas took advantage of the offer.

Nov. 14 saw Ann Scott as Chairman of a Seminarian Scholarship Fund Dinner in the church hall. Helping Ann with this project were Elinor Sluzas, Kitty Prasmantas and Frank Gudelis. The dinner was a success from the turnout of people. Proceeds went to our parish's burse in the diocese.

Also on Nov. 14, the Jrs. sponsored a bazaar in the church hall. The bazaar featured Christmas and miscellaneous items. It looked like a typical country store with our Jrs. dressed in the appropriate garb. Items for sale were made by the Jrs., council members, and donations from parishioners and friends. Under

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the guidance of their advisors, Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas, this project certainly was a tremendous success and our Jrs. are to be congratulated.

We thank Joe Mantz and Mike Petkus for pulling us through another successful Pillowcase Party. This was held on Nov. 21 in the church hall. Thanks also to the rest of the committee: Eleanor Mantz, in charge of prizes; Fran Petkus - ticket sales; Eloise Berczelly taking on "the hot job" - the kitchen, ably assisted by Bea Noreikas, Pat Zelinskas, Elinor Sluzas and Cathy Roberts. In charge of the door and extra card sales were Sally and Mary Miller, Marianne Podoyak, Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz. Doing the announcing were Sam Bakanauskas and Charles Petkus. Taking care of table chores were Kitty Prasmantas, Maxine Bakanauskas, Sue Mantz, Frances Mikalauskas, Georgia Zelinskas, Joan Kavalauskas, Tina Kavy and Judy Petrokas.

Refreshments and "the extra work" were handled by Dave Petroski, John A. Berczelly, Al Taoris, Jerry Roberts, Joe Noreikas, Frank Gudelis and Stan Vaitkus. Heading clean-up crew was George Mikalauskas, who even roped his brother-in-law in for extra help. Jrs. pitching in with the work were Christine and Joey Mantz, Michael and Jane Petkus. A big "Ačiū" must go to all the members, for the committee had 100% backing on this project through their ticket sales, pillowcase and door prize donations.

ODDS AND ENDS

Our Bethany Beach, Del. member, John Veigel, was in town visiting while also on business. We wish John and Irene much happiness in their new home. We

were pleased to hear their son Mike is back from Vietnam and doing well in his new computer programming job. Also hear their son Bob is now Food and Beverage Manager at the Bobby Baker Motel, Ocean City, Del. When out that way, stop in for a visit! Jim and Carol Urban informed us that they are now planning to move back to Carol's native state, Mass. Will they plan to stay in C-96 or rejoin the Worcester council?

A welcome to our new member Maria Bucmys, Sarunas and Maryte Lazdinis! Rejoining the council are the Cernevicius', Joe, Hilda, Donna and son, Joe. We hope they all have many years, with the council. Congratulations to Ernie and Veronica Omlor on their newest grandson. This makes eight grandsons and one granddaughter!

Speedy recovery wishes go to Tom Scott, and Ildefonsas Bucmys, recovering from surgery, George Zelinskas, Joe August and Ada Sinkwitz. We pray their hospital stay won't be too long. Visiting Columbus for the Animal Control Convention of Ohio were Henry and Loretta Pant. This is Henry's work in Greene Cty.

February will see our council celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Elinor Sluzas was nominated and accepted the job of being Chairman for this occasion. Much luck, Elinor!

December birthdays were celebrated by Amelia August, Frank Gudelis, Ann Kondrotas, Mike Petkus, Fran Vangas, John Veigel, Eileen Wilemaitis, Andy August, Sam Bakanauskas, Joe Somentas, Ildefonsas Bucmys, and Joan Kavalauskas. Anniversary congratulations are sent to Albert and Marianne Owens!

To all our fellow Knights we send sincere greetings and good health in the New Year!!!

JUNIOR CORNER

DAYTON, OHIO -
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Mary Agnes Mikalauskas

We juniors of Dayton have been very active and have done many exciting things in '71. Feb. 21 was a big day for us. We participated in the Lithuanian Independence Day Program.

After our monthly meeting in March, we went ice skating.

Since Mother's Day was in May, we had a short program and breakfast for our mothers.

June 27 was the M.C. District's Pilgrimage. We participated by singing at the Shrine of the Three Crosses.

In two of the summer months, we went swimming.

Cedar Point is where we went in August. Cedar Point is on Lake Erie.

In Oct. we were chaperoned to McCooks Bowling Alley, after a great lunch.

Nov. was another great month. After a lunch, we learned how to make Lithuanian Christmas tree ornaments. Also in Nov. we had a "Country Store" Bazaar which brought in profits for our treasury.

Dec. was a month that we Juniors liked. We went out to eat for a Christmas Party. Election of officers also took place in Dec. for '72.