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“The Taryba (Council) of Lithuania, as the sole representative of the Lithuanian Nation supporting its claims on the recognized principal of self-determination of nations and on the decisions of the Lithuanian National Assembly made at Vilnius on September 17 - 23, 1917: hereby proclaims the re-establishment of the Independent State of Lithuania on a democratic basis with its capitol at Vilnius, and announces the separation of that state from all political ties, which previously have linked it with other nations.”

“Likewise, the Taryba (Council) of Lithuania declares that in order to fix definitely the foundations of the State of Lithuania and its relations with other states, a constituent assembly, elected by the inhabitants in accordance with democratic principles will be convoked as soon as possible.”

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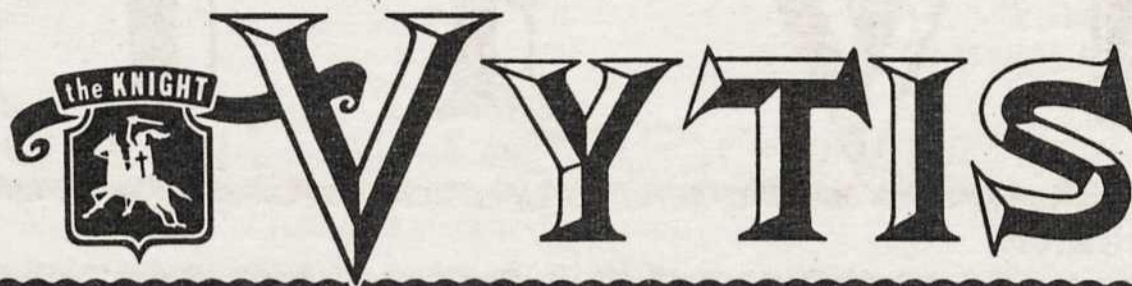
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LIETUVOS NEPRIKLAUSOMYBĖS ATSTATYMO DIENA



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Šiomet sueina 54 metai nuo tos 1918 metų vasario 16 dienos, kada Lietuvos Taryba Vilniuje paskelbė Lietuvos valstybinės nepriklausomybės atstatymo deklaraciją. Ši deklaracija, arba aktas, yra pats svarbiausias dokumentas mūsų laikų Lietuvos istorijoje. Juo subrendusi ir sąmoninga tauta visam pasauliui paskelbė savo politinę valią ir laisvai apsisprendė nepriklausomam gyvenimui. Tuo tauta įkūnijo tautinės laisvės idealą, kurio ilgus metus siekė ir dėl kurio atkakliai kovojo. Šis vieningas ir gausiomis aukomis patvirtintas tautos valios pareiškimas yra istorinis faktas, kurio niekas, nei sukta propaganda, nei fizine jėga, negalės panaikinti ar jo reikšmę sumažinti. Jis, kaip toks, yra amžinas mūsų tautos credo, įprasminąs visas praeities ir ateities aukas, sudėtas ar sudėsimas į tėvynės aukurą. Be to, jis, kaip laisvės varpas, be paliovos skambės būsimosiose lietuvių kartose

ir įkvėps jas dirbti, aukotis ir ištvirti kovoje dėl tėvynės laisvės, kaip kad dirbo, kentėjo ir aukojosi buvusios kartos.

Lietuvos Vyčiai, drauge su viso pasaulio lietuviais, minėdami Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymo dieną, su gilia širdgėla atsimena dabartinę tėvynės okupaciją, kuri iš mūsų tautos pareikalavo tiek kančių ir aukų, kiek niekada tauta nebuvo patyrusi visoje istorijoje. Drauge negalime susilaukyti neišreiškę džiaugsmo ir pasididžiavimo tais tautos didvyriais, kuriuos mūsų tėvynė išugdė nelaisvės metais ir tais kankiniais, kurie pasiaukojo savo kraštui. Tauta dar kartą įrodė, kad ji tikrai tebėra didvyrių žemė ir naujųjų laikų kankinių kraštas.

Vyčiai nuoširdžiai apgailestauja, kad kai kurie tautiečiai neatlaikę okupacinės nelaisvės ar tremties naštos, nudžiuvo ir atkrito nuo tautos kamieno. Vieni jų nuėjo į priešų tarnybą, kiti,

pamiršę savo tėvų kalbą ir tautybę, išnyko be ženklų lietuviais buvę. Sunkūs laikai gimdo ne tik didvyrius, bet ir išdavikus. Su kviečiais drauge išauga ir raugės, kurias tada yra lengviau atskirti, apsivalyti. Tokiu atveju ir tauta apsivalo nuo balasto ir sušvinta nauja energija, atgimsta.

Mūsų tėvynės išlaisvinimo svajonės ir lūkesčiai dar neišsipildė. Nelaisvės našta tebeslegia kraštą. Ateities prošvaisčių dar nematyti. Tačiau tauta ir išblaškyti laisvieji lietuviai dar didesniu ryžtu tęsia laisvės kovą iki tautos apsisprendimo teise pagrįstas vasario 16 dienos aktas bus įgyvendintas.

Lietuvos Vyčiai Amerikoje žygiavo žygiuoja ir žygiuos pirmieji tos kovos priešakyje.

Vasario 16-tosios dienos proga VYTIS sveikina savo skaitytojus ir linki visomis jėgomis dirbti Dievui ir Tėvynei, kad laisvė greičiau sugrižtų į mūsų šalį.

LITHUANIANS IN ARGENTINA

STILL HAVE LINK

WITH THEIR COUNTRY



EDITOR'S NOTE: Charlotte Kuzmich, former naukatuck reporter for The Republican, is spending a year of graduate study in Buenos Aires, Argentina, sponsored by the Inter-American Press Association. She is doing research on freedom of the press in Argentina. Her article deals with the observance in Argentina of Lithuanian Independence Day, celebrated Feb. 16.

By CHARLOTTE KUZMICH
BUENOS AIRES - Country, culture and language may be different, but the spirit of patriotic Lithuanians remains strong in the traditional commemoration of the independence of Lithuania after World War I - even in Argentina.

Argentina, the sunny story-book country traditionally known for its cattle, gauchos and beautiful women, has some 30,000 Lithuanian immigrants or families of Lithuanian descent.

Immigrants unable to enter the United States because of the quota set in the early part of the 1900's, made their home in this cosmopolitan Latin city.

These Lithuanian settlers joined the thousands of sympathizers in American cities like Waterbury, Chicago and Philadelphia to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of the Baltic country's momentary independence before it and its neighbors Estonia and Latvia became satellites of Communist Russia. The Feb. 16 ceremonies at the Monument of San Martin in the heart of Buenos Aires culminate a weekend of Lithuanian cultural activities which seem to keep the spirit strong. A wreath of carnations and greens were placed at the monument of Gen. San Martin, liberator and leader of Argentina.

Like New York, with its ethnic neighborhoods, Buenos Aires, a bustling Argentine city of 8 million, has what it calls "barrios" or neighborhoods where particular nationalities settle. Besides Lithuanians, Germans, Poles, Swedes, Spaniards, Jews and Italians contribute to the melting pot culture of Buenos Aires.

LITHUANIAN BARRIO

Villa Lugano is the Lithuanian barrio of Buenos Aires. Although the residents speak the Spanish of South America and adopt the customs and culture of Argentina, these immigrants and their children maintain a strong emotional and traditional link with the old country.

The Lithuanian Central Club of Lugano played host this year for the Lithuanian commemoration. There are three such clubs in the city and this year Club Central prepared a schedule of talks, concerts and religious services.

In his second year as president of the club, Senor Victor Misiunas says the commemoration is traditional and has been done for 20 years or more in Buenos Aires. Each club has its year for planning the schedule of activities.

Saturday Feb. 13, the people of the barrio met at the club for an evening of folk dancing and music. They were greeted at the door by young, fair-haired señoritas dressed in the costumes of Lithuanian peasants.

Misiunas led the discussion concerning the political and economic conditions in Lithuania. As is the case in most cities in the United States which have a large Lithuanian population Lithuanians gather to talk about their friends

and relatives in Lithuania.

Sunday Mass at the towering church of Santo Domingo on the Avenida de Belgrano in the center of the city was followed by a concert by the Lithuanian chorus.

Misiunas says a Mass like this is said once a year in memory of Lithuanians and the country's independence. The service is held in a different church in the city every year.

There is one Lithuanian church in Buenos Aires and the priest visits the Lithuanian barrio once a month to say Mass in the native tongue. There is one other Lithuanian parish in Argentina, north of Buenos Aires in the city of Rosario.

WREATH ON TOMBS

Following the Mass and choral presentation, the group, led by Misiunas, placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the famous Plaza de Mayo.

Explaining the reasons for the elaborate detail and planning of this February celebration, Misiunas, a tall handsome son of Lithuanian immigrants, says quite frankly that the people of Buenos Aires sympathize with the plight of their brothers in Lithuania. He, himself, has two uncles living there now.

It has been the custom of the people here to commemorate this historical occasion with hope of seeing Lithuania free once more, he said.

Although not all Lithuanians live in the capital proper or in the province of Buenos Aires for that matter, small groups commemorated the occasion in other parts of this vast country. Lithuanians also stay informed of the happenings in other parts of Argentina of Lithuania and the

Lithuanian - populated cities of the United States through native-language newspapers. Balsas and Laikas are two bi-monthly newspapers for Lithuanian readers. A

third is an underground Communist paper which has no freedom to publish.

Argentina is miles from Lithuania as is Waterbury where on

Feb. 16 patriots and immigrants celebrated a grand occasion, but together the spirit of these people is strong and the traditions are carried on.

(Waterbury Republican-American)



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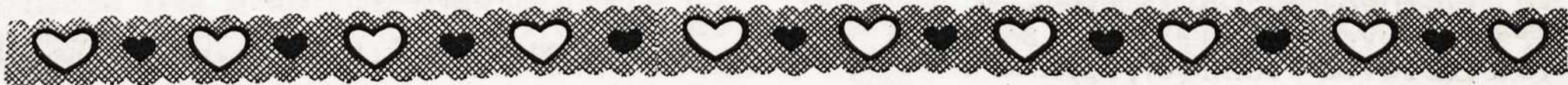
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MALDOS GALYBĖ IR LIETUVOS LAISVĖ



Lietuviai, pajudinkime Dangų, kad Lietuva būtų laisva, ir pavergėjai nebepersėkiojūtikinčiųjų. Dievo Galybės Rankoje yra mūsų išsigelbėjimas. Kai Petras buvo laikomas kalėjime, Bažnyčia gi meldėsi už jį nesiliaudama. Tikėkime, kad kaip Petras buvo išlaisvintas, taip bus išlaisvinta neteisingai įkalinta tauta. Būkite drausūs, nebijokite - Pats Dievas ateis ir Jus išgelbės (Izaijas). Jeigu mūsų pačių gelbėjimo jėgos yra menkos, kreipkimės į Galybių Dievą. Tik turime tikėti, kad Jis, Visagalis, išgelbės Marijos Žemės - Lietuvos žmones. Mes trokštame, kad Jis išlaisvintų pavergtuosius ir persekiojamus, bet taip pat norime, kad ir persekio-

tojai pasitaisytų. Mūsų idealas krikščioniška meilė.

Pradedant 1972 m. sausio 1 dieną maldomis ir pamaldomis kiekvieną dieną bus šaukiamasi į Dievą Lietuvai ir Lietuvos žmonėms gelbėti. Kiekvieną dieną bus laikomos Šv. Mišios už Lietuvą, persekiojamuosius ir Lietuvių Katalikų Religinės Šalpos geradarius.

Kiekvieną dieną maldai skirta viena lietuvių parapija, organizacija ar institucija. Maldos kalendorius bus išsiuntinėtas visiems, kuriems skirta diena. Prašome iš anksto ruošti, paraginti parapijiečius, organizacijos narius, institucijų gyventojus numatyti maldos dienas. Kiekvienas ir kiekviena gali melstis ir asmeniškai,

bet pageidaujama atlikti specialias pamaldas, visiems drauge pasimelsti. Prašoma savo maldos dienos programą aprašyti spaudoje. Metams pasibaigus turėsime gražų aprašymą, kaip lietuviai malda siekė sąžinės ir tautinės laisvės.

Jei kas norėtų 1973 metais gauti savo maldos dieną, prašome rašyti Lietuvių Katalikų Religinei Šalpai. Sausio mėnesio maldos kalendorių čia spausdiname. Norintieji prisidėti prie Šv. Mišių, kurios bus laikomos kasdien, savo auką siųskite Lietuvių Katalikų Religinei Šalpai. Jau turime intencijų 110 dienų. Mišias aukos lietuviai kunigai - misionieriai plačiajame laisvame pasaulyje, už JAV ribų. L.K.R. Šalpos Valdyba

LIETUVIŲ KATALIKŲ RELIGINĖ ŠALPA - MALDOS KALENDORIUS - LIETUVOS VYČIAM

LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID PRAYER CALENDAR FOR THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Balandis - April

- 12 T LIETUVOS VYČIAI # 1, Brockton
- 13 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI # 3, Philadelphia
- 14 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI # 5, Chicago
- 15 Š LIETUVOS VYČIAI # 6, Hartford
- 17 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI # 7, Waterbury
- 18 A LIETUVOS VYČIAI #10, Athol - Gardner
- 19 T LIETUVOS VYČIAI #12, New York
- 20 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI #13, Chicago
- 21 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #14, Cicero
- 26 T LIETUVOS VYČIAI #17, So. Boston
- 28 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #18, Cambridge
- 29 Š LIETUVOS VYČIAI #19, Pittsburgh

Gegužis - May

- 1 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #19, Srs. Pittsburgh
- 2 A LIETUVOS VYČIAI #24, Chicago
- 4 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI #25, Cleveland
- 5 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI # Cleveland Srs. Cleveland
- 6 Š LIETUVOS VYČIAI #26, Worcester
- 8 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #27, Norwood
- 9 A LIETUVOS VYČIAI #29, Newark
- 10 T LIETUVOS VYČIAI #30, Westfield
- 12 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #36, Chicago
- 15 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #41, Srs., New York
- 16 A LIETUVOS VYČIAI #52, Elizabeth
- 17 T LIETUVOS VYČIAI #17, Srs., So. Boston
- 18 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI #67, Bayonne

- 19 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #78, Lawrence
- 20 Š LIETUVOS VYČIAI #79, Detroit
- 22 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #82, Gary
- 23 A LIETUVOS VYČIAI #90, Harrison - Kearny
- 24 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI #96, Dayton
- 25 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI #100, Amsterdam
- 26 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #102, Detroit
- 27 Š LIETUVOS VYČIAI #103, Srs., Providence
- 29 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #109, Great Neck
- 30 A LIETUVOS VYČIAI #111, Srs., Youngstown
- 31 T LIETUVOS VYČIAI #112, Chicago

Birželis - June

- 1 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI #113, Linden
- 2 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #116, So. Worcester
- 3 Š LIETUVOS VYČIAI #133, Los Angeles
- 5 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI #133, Srs., Los Angeles
- 6 A LIETUVOS VYČIAI #135, Ansonia
- 7 T LIETUVOS VYČIAI #139, Detroit
- 8 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI - Chicago Srs., Chicago
- 9 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI - New England District
- 10 Š LIETUVOS VYČIAI - NY-NJ District
- 17 Š LIETUVOS VYČIAI - Mid Central District
- 19 P LIETUVOS VYČIAI - Illinois-Indiana District
- 20 A LIETUVOS VYČIAI - Centro Valdyba

Rugpiūtis - August

- 10 K LIETUVOS VYČIAI - Brooklyn-Queens #41

Lithuanians in The News



New Consul General.

JOSEPHINE J. DAUZVARDIS has been appointed Consul General of Lithuania at Chicago to succeed her late husband, Consul General of Lithuania Dr. Petras P. Dauzvardis.

Mrs. Dauzvardis is a native of Worcester, Mass. She attended Massachusetts University, completing courses in psychology and social work. She is a graduate of Northeastern University Law School, LL.B. degree. In Worcester she worked in the editorial and business offices of the Lithuanian weekly 'Amerikos Lietuvis', and was a social worker with the North American Civic League for Immigrants and the City of Worcester Board of Public Welfare. She taught the Lithuanian language, singing and folk dancing to several childrens' groups, and was active in American and Lithuanian civic, musical, amateur theatrical, and other cultural activities.

She has been a resident of Chicago since 1937. She was a volunteer member of the American Red Cross Speakers' Bureau and was chairman of the American Red Cross War Fund Speakers' Bureau. She was the official representative of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund in the Community and War Fund of Chicago, as well as a member of its speakers' Bureau.

Mrs. Dauzvardis produced, directed and narrated Lithuanian programs for the Chicago and Railroad Fairs, for radio and television programs, and other Chicago civic events. Since its inception, she has produced, coordinated and arranged Lithuanian programs for the Museum of Science and Industry. Dec. 3, 1971, Lithuanian Day, the Knights of Lithuania Juniors staged "A Traditional Lithuanian Christmas" written by Mrs. Dauzvardis. The Lithuanian Christmas Tree at the Museum is outstanding for its unique straw ornaments, a lost art which she helped revive and popularize. In 1952 she was named

one of ten outstanding women by the Womens Advertising Club. She has been master of ceremonies for Lithuanian Song and Dance Festivals held at the International Amphitheatre.

As members of K of L Council 112, Chicago, Mrs. Dauzvardis and her late husband Petras were staunch supporters of all K of L activities - locally and nationally.

On behalf of all the Knights of Lithuania, we extend to Mrs. Dauzvardis sincerest congratulations - and our very best wishes for success in her new appointment.

NEWS BITS - OF INTEREST TO LITHUANIAN - AMERICANS

LILIAN SHUKIS, Lithuanian soloist, has returned from Europe after giving concerts in various European cities. She sang the part of Nedda in Pagliacci at the Metropolitan Opera House on January 12th. After four performances at the Met, she will leave again for Europe.

ALFONSAS MIKULSKIS, noted Lithuanian composer and conductor of the Ciurlionis Ensemble of Cleveland, is working on a new mass based on Lithuanian folk motifs, with kankles - native musical instruments and the organ to be used in accompaniment.

According to the New York Times, VITAS GERULAITIS, young Lithuanian tennis champion from New York, was defeated by an Italian, Barrazzuti, at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida in the finals, for the world championship of young tennis enthusiasts under 18 years of age.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR OF BOSTON in its edition of December 27th, 1971, printed a letter from Dr. Elona Vaišnius, concerning the incarceration of two priests: Zdebskis and Bubnis, in Soviet occupied Lithuania, for teaching catechism to children. Dr. Vaišnius chides the Monitor for not calling the attention of its readers to this religious persecution in Lithuania.

Senator Percy (Illinois) has written to Chicago's mayor Daley that 69th Street of the Marquette Park region, where the greatest concentration of the city's Lithuanian residents exists, be renamed SIMAS KUDIRKA STREET, thus honoring the heroic sailor mistakingly denied American asylum and forcibly surrendered to the Soviets one year ago off Martha Vineyard's island.

According to the senator this will demonstrate to Chicagoans, and to the whole world as well, that the tragedy of Kudirka will not be forgotten.

The State of Victoria, Australia, has officially adopted the Lithuanian language in its programs of the Board of Education and the Board of University Examinators. Therefore, LITHUANIAN can now be chosen by students of the courses as an official subject of their studies, with a credit value corresponding to the other official subjects.

The Reuter News Agency, in a dispatch from Helsinki, Finland, reported that a British Town planner was detained after allegedly indicating that he planned to hijack an American passenger jet to "rescue" the Lithuanian sailor, Simas Kudirka from a Soviet prison camp. The Briton, was identified as 49 year old Leonard Milne, a resident of Canada. Pan American Airlines has not yet indicated whether or not it would press charges.

THE DETROIT NEWS on December 22nd, 1971 published an article by Donald O'Connor, calling attention of its readers to the beautiful Lithuanian Christmas Tree on display at the Public Library, and to the work of the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania, with headquarters in New York. Included was an interview with the President of the Committee, Dr. Kęstutis Valiūnas. Dr. Valiūnas emphasized that the Lithuanian people will always resist the Soviet Russians which have bathed their nation in blood, and ultimately justice and freedom for the Lithuanians will be triumphant.

The Litas Investment Corporation of New York, recently purchased 90 acres of land in Putnam, Connecticut, from the Lithuanian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, and are planning to establish a Lithuanian village or colony there, not far from the Matulaitis Nursing Home, and Marianapolis College, both Lithuanian-American religious institutions.

The new mayor of Cleveland, RALPH PERK, has selected a young Lithuanian engineer, Raymond Kudukis, to be director of the city's public buildings and properties.



THOUGHTS... FROM THE FAREWELL ADDRESS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington, delivering his Farewell Address, said that his invocation would forever be "That your Union and brotherly affection may be perpetual; that the free Constitution which is the work of your hands, may be sacredly maintained; that its administration in every department may be stamped with wisdom and virtue; that, in fine, the happiness of the people of these States, under the auspices of liberty, may be made complete..." Further, he commented "Tis folly in one nation to look for disinterested favors from another... There can be no greater error than to expect of calculate upon real favors from nation to nation." These, he said, were the "counsels of an old and affectionate friend" who dared not hope they would make "the

strong and last impression I could wish".

Indeed, the words of the "Father of Our Country" seem timely even today, nearly 200 years later...



Abraham Lincoln said:

HONESTY...I have always wanted to deal with everyone I meet candidly and honestly. If I have made any assertion not warranted by facts, and it is pointed out to me, I will withdraw it cheerfully.

COMPASSION...I can only say that I have acted upon my best convictions, without selfishness or malice, and that by the help of God I shall continue to do so.

ACCOMPLISHMENT...He who does something at the head of one regiment will eclipse him who does nothing at the head of a hundred.

GOOD AND EVIL...Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS...Can aliens make treaties easier than friends can make laws? Can treaties be more faithfully enforced between aliens than laws can among friends?



LABOR...I am always for the man who wishes to work.

LIBERTY...Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father, and to tear that charter of his own and his children's liberty.

SUCCESS...We can succeed only by concert. It is not "can any of us imagine better?" but, "can we all do better?"

MOTIVES...Ready are we all to cry out and ascribe motives when our toes are pinched.

PATRIOTISM...Gold is good in its place but living, brave, patriotic men are better than gold.

IN HONOR of SIMAS...

Scenes from the New England Commemoration of the first anniversary of Simas Kudirka's attempted escape to freedom - Martha's Vineyard, Nov. 21, 1971



Photos courtesy of Spencer Conley - Boston Record - American

NEŽINOMAS RŪSYS

Eilėraštis Romualdo Kisieliaus

Yra kalėjimas rytuos
nežinomo likimo,
kur rūsio celėje šaltoj,
štai, spindi akys Simo...

Bet ten ne vienas jis,
su juo, visų mūsų širdys plaka
ir per kalėjimų vartus,
į laisvę tiesia taką...

Užtai, nežinomam rūsy
šiandien ir mes ir Lietuva...
Kas liūdija, kad mūsų tauta
dar ilgai, ilgai
bus gyva...



Rev. A. Contons delivers the invocation...



Capt. R. Brieze shows where Simas jumped...



... and Irene Adomaitis lowers the flowers.

A Bit of "The Land of Crosses" . . . in New Jersey

Prior to World War II, Lithuania was distinguished by a countryside dotted with countless numbers of artistic and quaint wayside crosses. The infinite variety of crosses and the special forms of ornamentation on them go



NEWARK...

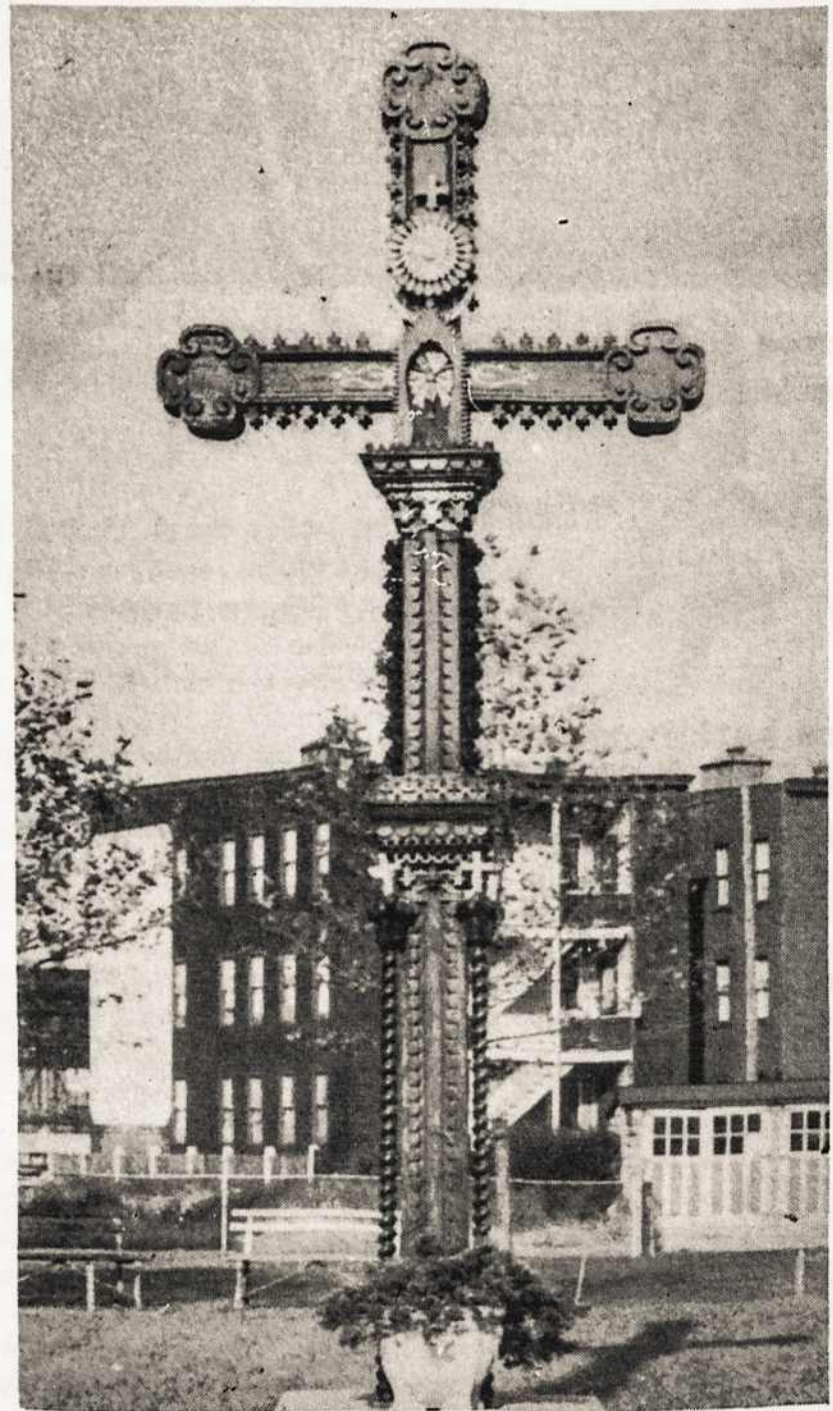
K of L-ers of C-29 NEWARK, under the chairmanship of Jack Stukas, with the help of the late Msgr. I. Kelmelis and C-29 Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, financed and supervised the erection of a Cross in front of HOLY TRINITY CHURCH in 1963. It stands as a memorial to all those who have heroically died in defense of their Catholic Faith and Freedom in Lithuania. The cross, designed and built by artist John Subacius, gives special attention to the traditional halo design, and is decorated with Lithuanian motifs, also a half moon, which symbolize the pagan beliefs of the ancient Lithuanians. A statuette on the cross proper represents the "Pensive Christ" (Rupintojelis), unique to the Lithuanian craftsman. The "Pensive Christ" is said to be symbolic of the contemplative character of the Lithuanians. At the base of the Cross is a shrine to St. Casimir, patron saint of Lithuania and the Knights of Lithuania.

back to pagan times. Travelers would usually get their bearings not from mileposts but from crosses enroute to their destination.

In Lithuania today, most of these beautiful crosses have been destroyed and the churches closed and desecrated by the Soviet Communists, who have oppressed this little nation on the shores of the Baltic Sea.

While they can no longer be seen in Lithuania, the Lithuanian Wayside Crosses are very much a part of Lithuanianism in the free world, and can be seen in front of Lithuanian churches, halls, clubs and even on lawns of private homes wherever Lithuanians have settled in the free world.

In New Jersey, thanks in great part to K of L Councils and members, almost every Lithuanian parish can boast of a beautiful Lithuanian Wayside Cross or Shrine on its grounds, for the edification of its parishioners, and the admiration of non-Liths who pass by and usually stop to look at the work of art, in awe.



ELIZABETH

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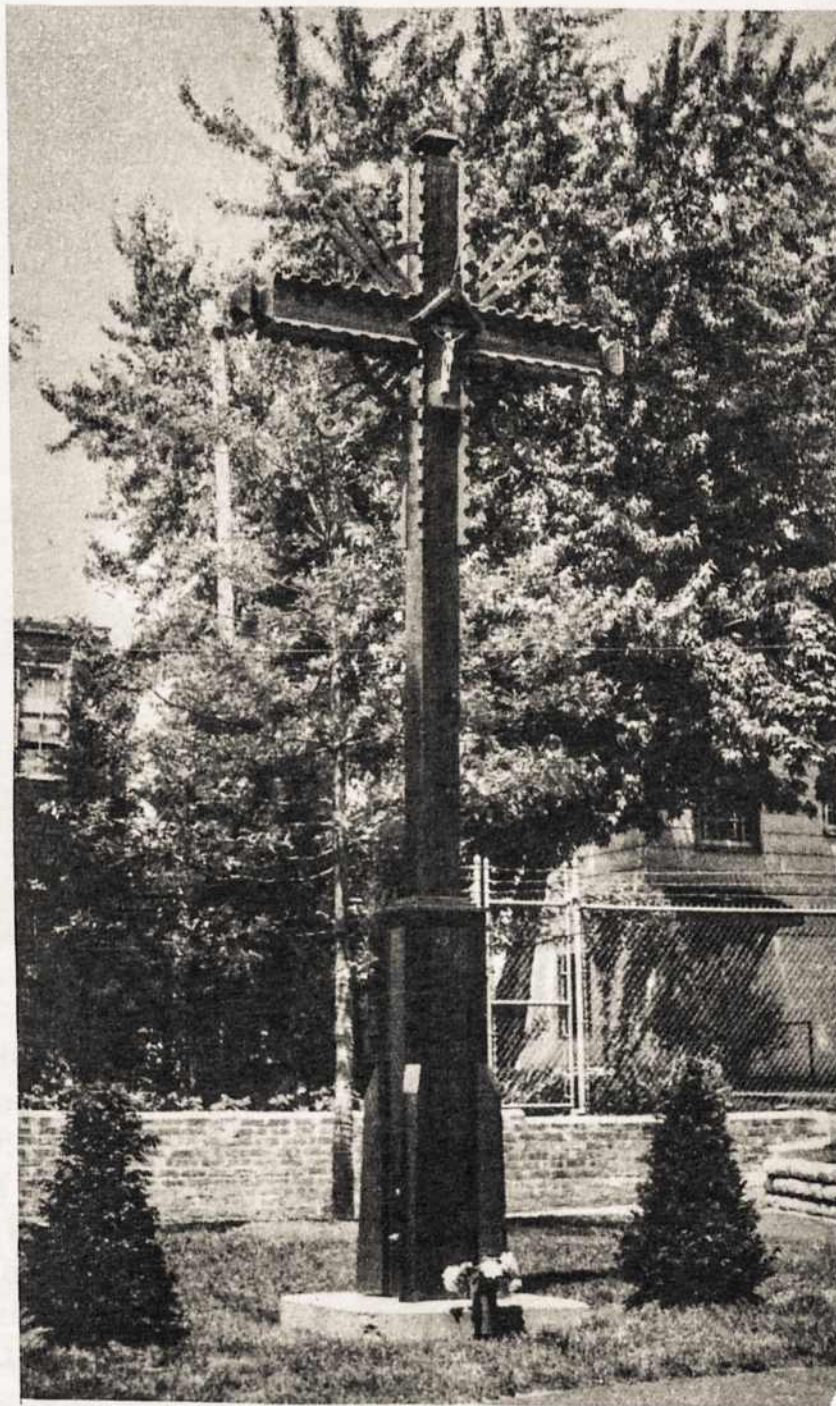
The late Rev. Joseph Simonaitis, then pastor of STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH in ELIZABETH, was especially enraptured with a Cross he saw in a town of Lithuania during a visit there before the War. He showed K of L-er, Stanley Valatka of C-52, a picture of the Cross, and asked that one just like it be built in the Church garden. Mr. Valatka and other parishioners set about designing and building the Cross, and it was erected in 1947, also by parishioners. It stands today as a symbol of the parishioners and their late pastor's devotion to God and to the land of their ancestors. The Cross is simple in its basic design, featuring the Crucifixion as its central theme, and generously adorned by beautiful carved Lithuanian motifs.



KEARNY...

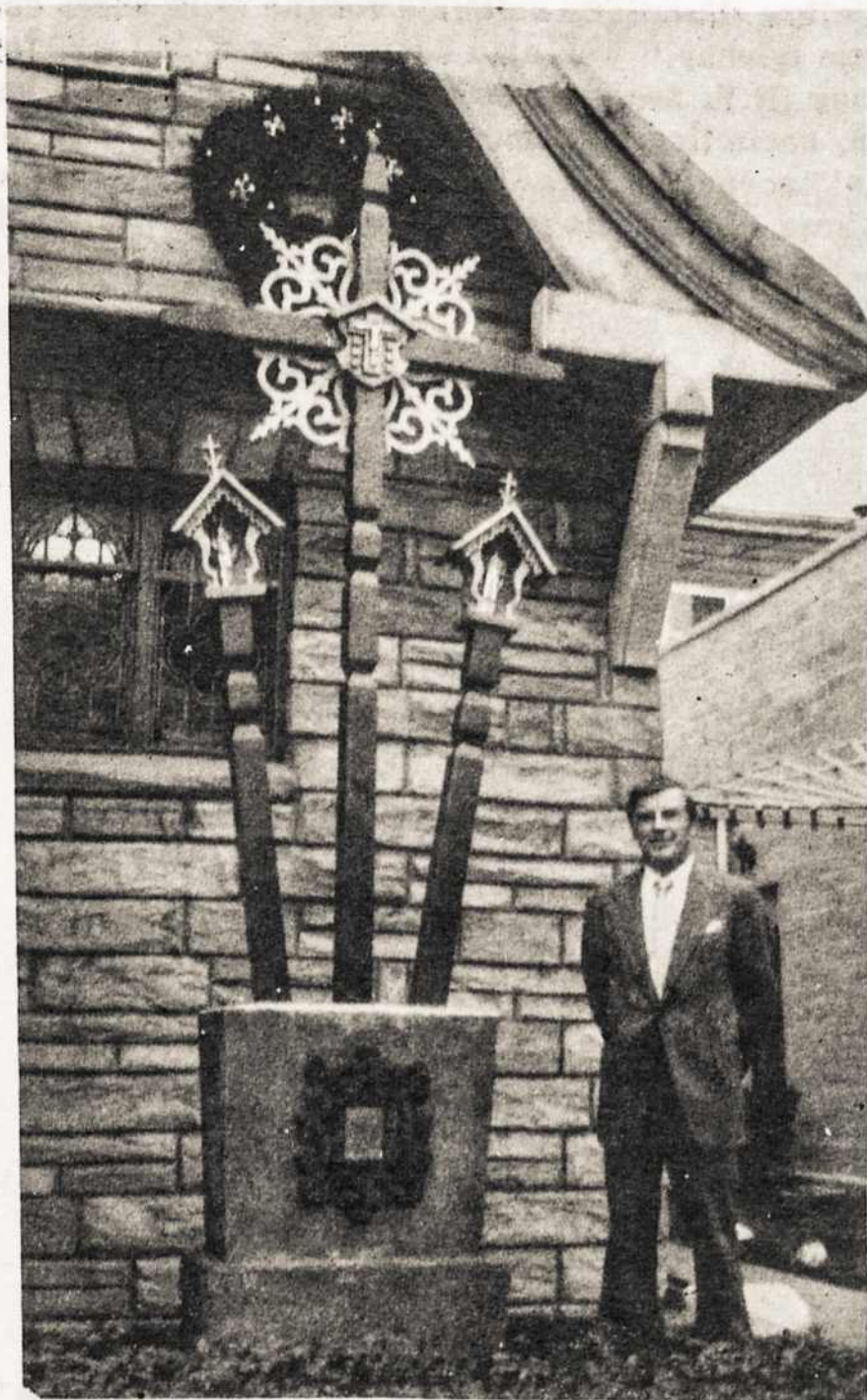
The Lithuanian Cross adorning the grounds of OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH in KEARNY, is also the gift of K of L-ers, in this case, members of C-90, Kearny. The late Rev. Leo Vaicekauskas, pastor, and C-90 Spiritual Advisor, initiated the drive to bring "a bit of Lithuania" to Kearny. Five years later, K of L-ers saw their

dream completed, as they dedicated the Cross during the 1962 National K of L Convention. The Cross, dedicated to "our fellow Christians suffering for the faith under communistic tyranny," was also designed by K of L-er, John Subacius (N.Y. Seniors member). It too features the halo design, encircling the Crucified Christ. At the base is a "Pieta" scene, enclosed in a Lithuanian-style chaplet. The Cross is embellished with numerous Lithuanian designs depicting Lithuanian weaving designs and other folk arts.



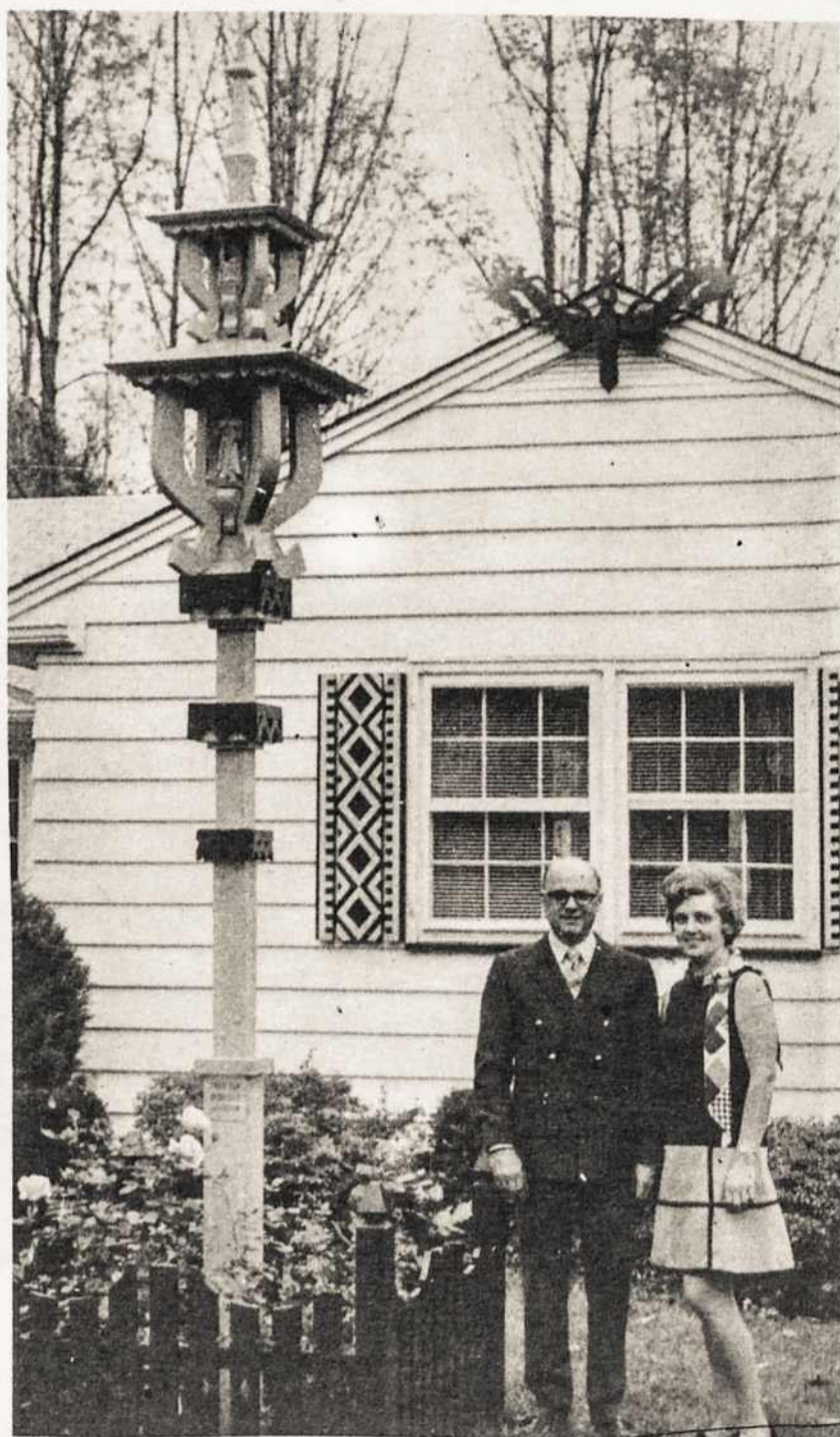
PATERSON...

In PATERSON, ST. CASIMIR'S CHURCH Garden boast of a beautiful Lithuanian Cross, the generous gift of James Garside. Mr. Garside financed the Cross as a memorial to his beloved wife, Mary (Sprainaitis) Garside at the suggestion of her uncle, K of L Honorary Member John Sprainaitis. Artist Paulius Jurkus designed and erected the Cross, under the guidance of Rev. Victor Dabusis. The cross, beautiful in its simplicity, again features the traditional halo, with the Crucified Christ as the central figure.



MOUNTAINSIDE...

Another much-viewed Lithuanian Cross stands on the front lawn of the home of Dr. Jack and Loretta Stukas, K of L National President and VYTIS Editor, respectively. This is more a shrine than a cross in design, as it features two chapelettes, one above the other, graduated in size. Each chapelette has two statues, the Madonna and the Pensive Christ on top, and St. Casimir and St. Francis below. The statues come from various parts of the world, souvenirs of Stukas' travels. The very tip of the shrine has the familiar half-moon, and the base contains a plaque with the words, "Pray for Oppressed Lithuania". The Cross, designed and built by John Subacius, originally stood at the Stukas summer home in Long Island, but in 1970, was brought to Mountainside, refurbished by the artist and erected on the front lawn. Many passers-by pause to look at the Cross and inquire of neighbors as to its history and meaning, and several local papers have written about it.



BAYONNE...

The newest Lithuanian Cross in New Jersey built in 1970 graces the front yard of ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH in BAYONNE. It was financed entirely by K of L-er Martin Rusgi, C-61, in loving memory of his late father William (Vincent) Rusgi. Martin was guided and encouraged with his project by the late pastor, Rev. Vincent Svirnelis, and by the present pastor Rev. Albert Matulis. This Cross, also designed and built by John Subacius, features a large Cross, with a crucifix in the center and surrounded by the traditional halo design, and Lithuanian carvings. On either side of the Cross are two shrines - one housing a statue of St. Casimir, the other St. Vincent. All are embedded in a cement base, which holds a dedication plaque.

The Godless Communists may destroy wayside crosses in Lithuania, which portray the deep faith of the Lithuanian people, but they cannot extinguish their religious spirit. And as long as Lithuanians in the free world reverence the faith and customs of their forefathers, "Lithuania, the Land of Crosses" will stay alive!

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OFFICIAL NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 8, 1972

C-17 Club Room, So. Boston, Mass.

ATTENDANCE

Spiritual Adviser Rev. Albert C. Contons, President Dr. Jack J. Stukas, First Vice-Pres. Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, Third Vice-President and NED President Longinas Svelnis, Recording Secretary Susan Boroskas, Financial Secretary Irene Ozalis, Trustee John Alanskas, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman and LCRA Coordinator Anthony Miner, Ritual Chairman Rita Pinkus, Public Relations Chairman Helen Kulber, VYTIS Editor Loretta Stukas, NED Spiritual Adviser Rev. Albin Janiunas, and other guests from the New England District.

Reports were given in person by those present, and in writing by 2nd Vice-President, V. E. Pavis, Treasurer S. Sankal, and PR Representatives Mary York and Juozas Sadauskas. The contents of the reports will not be summarized here, but rather included only where they have direct bearing on discussions had or decisions made at the meeting.

SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP

Space is still available for the K of L South American Festividad, June 22 - July 7. K of L members have first choice, but guests will be welcome, space allowing. Several K of L artists will make the trip also and will join with local entertainers to present concerts in the various Lithuanian communities the group will visit.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - K OF L AND BENDRUOMENE

August, 1971, the Bendruomene (Lithuanian Community Organization), announced the formation of a Lithuanian Affairs committee patterned and named after the K of L Committee of the same name. The K of L was notified of this move, but was not asked for permission to use the name. The question of whether the name "Lithuanian Affairs Committee" should be used by any organization other than the K of L was raised by numerous K of L-ers, as well as members of the press. After a serious discussion of the subject, the following decision was made:

Inasmuch as the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee was established 25 years ago by the late Rev. John C. Jutt, and since then has been an outstanding "trademark" of - and almost synonymous with - the Knights of Lithuania, the Bendruomene

should be politely asked that they change their committee's name, to avoid confusion and differences in policy. However, the Knights of Lithuania will continue to encourage and assist the Bendruomene wherever possible in the work of their new committee.

This decision will be relayed to representatives of Bendruomene as well as to the Lithuanian Press and other interested parties, by Dr. Stukas.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Numerous vacancies in National offices and committees have arisen, due to death and resignations. The following new appointments were made to fill the vacated offices.

1. ALBERT OZALIS, C-3, Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT for membership to complete the unexpired term of VINCENT ED. PAVIS, who resigned because of ill health.
2. FRANK GELENITIS, Esq. C-90, Kearny, N.J., was confirmed as LEGAL ADVISER, to fill the vacancy created by the death of ANTHONY STOKNA.
3. WANDA PAJEDA, C-26, Worcester, Mass., was confirmed as LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRLADY, to fill the vacancy created by the death of MARY JANKOWSKI.
4. ALEKSANDRAS PAKALNISKIS SR., C-112 Chicago, Ill. was confirmed as K of L Representative to the AMERICAN LITHUANIAN COUNCIL (TARYBA) replacing Algerd Brazis. Mrs. EMILIJA PAKALNISKIS and ALGERD BRAZIS will serve as alternate representatives and members of the council.
5. ALOYZAS PAKALNISKIS, C-112, Chicago, Ill., was confirmed as K of L representative to the LITHUANIAN YOUTH CONGRESS COMMITTEE, replacing ALEKSANDRAS PAKALNISKIS, Jr., who resigned.
6. A K of L Representative to the LITHUANIAN YOUTH FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM COMMITTEE would be selected with the assistance of the President of C-25, Cleveland, since the committee's headquarters are in Cleveland.

LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC ALLIANCE

The question of affiliation with the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance was again considered. Full affiliation and establishment of LRCA Councils were not favored. However, the President was instructed to inquire as to optional group insurance with LRCA for K of L Members.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TREASURER

Inasmuch as Mrs. Irene Wood, C-100, past Treasurer of the K of L Scholarship Committee, has still failed to produce records and supplies of the Committee during her term of office (2 years ago), she will be suspended from membership until such time as the materials are turned over and monies and records accounted for. The President of her council and others concerned will be notified of this decision as well as Mrs. Wood.

RECORD OF LITHUANIAN MARTYRS' CHAPEL BLESSING

A record featuring highlights from the Lithuanian Martyrs' Chapel Blessing in the Vatican, July, 1970, has been released. The record was pressed by Eurotone International and produced by the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council. The record retails for \$5.00 and will be made available to K of L-ers through Anthony Miner. Profits from K of L sales will benefit LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID work.

59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Word was received from the president of C-25 that they had selected Aug. 24-27, 1972 as the dates for the 59th National Convention. The Convention Headquarters will be the Hollenden House in downtown Cleveland. A question about the convention schedule was raised by the Convention Committee. They asked whether the Sunday Banquet could be scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, rather than later, and that sessions be started on Thursday, so as to eliminate the need for a Sunday afternoon session. The Supreme Council voted unanimously in favor of such a suggestion. Other plans for the convention social schedule include a Concert on Friday night and a Dance on Saturday night.

BONDING OF SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS

It was unanimously agreed that beginning with the 1972-1973 term, the Supreme Council Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Scholarship Treasurer would be bonded, inasmuch as they handle all the funds of the Knights of Lithuania.

VYTS BELIAJUS - VILTIS BANQUET

The VILTIS Magazine, published and edited by VYTS BELIAJUS, will celebrate its 30th anniversary this March. Inasmuch as Mr. Beliajus has been a supporter of Lithuanianism and a leading advocate of its culture for many years, the K of L, to pay him tribute, voted to send Dr. Stukas to Denver, Colorado as its representative at the VILTIS Anniversary Banquet, and allotted him \$100.00 in partial payment of his expenses for the trip.

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RITUAL COMMITTEE

Attention all Council Presidents. Please send me a list of your membership and the degrees held by each member as soon as possible, so that the files of the Supreme Council Ritual Committee may be brought up to date. Your cooperation is MOST appreciated.

Rita Pinkus
Ritual Chairman
76 Providence St.
Worcester, Mass. 01604

1972 DUES ARE DUE

Irene Ozalis, National Financial Secretary, urges all councils to collect dues NOW... to keep your membership list up to date. Dues are due in January. If your council is not paid up yet, please pay as soon as possible. The dues are as follows:

\$100.00	Lifetime Member
5.00	If a member joins from Jan. to March (or renews membership)
3.75	If a member joins from April to June
2.50	For July to September
1.25	For October to December

Only the first member of the family joining must pay the full dues. Additional family members pay only \$2.50 per year, but do not receive VYTIS. Couples pay \$7.00 their first year as members, and \$5.00 each year thereafter. Associate Members' dues structure is the same as that for regular members.

Member record sheets and applications for new or reinstated members are available without charge from the National Financial Secretary.

WHO ARE YOUR COUNCIL OFFICERS?

National Recording Secretary Susan Boroskas is preparing a list of current council officers, and she needs your help. Many councils have not responded to her plea. The following council officers' names are needed to complete her list.

C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass.; C-13, Chicago, Ill.; C-14, Cicero, Ill.; C-19 Pittsburgh, Pa.; C-25, Cleveland, Ohio; C-27, Norwood, Mass.; C-102, Detroit, Mich.; C-133, Los Angeles, Calif.; C-133 Seniors, Los Angeles, Calif.; C-134, Cincinnati, Ohio; C-135, Ansonia, Conn.; C-139, Detroit, Mich.

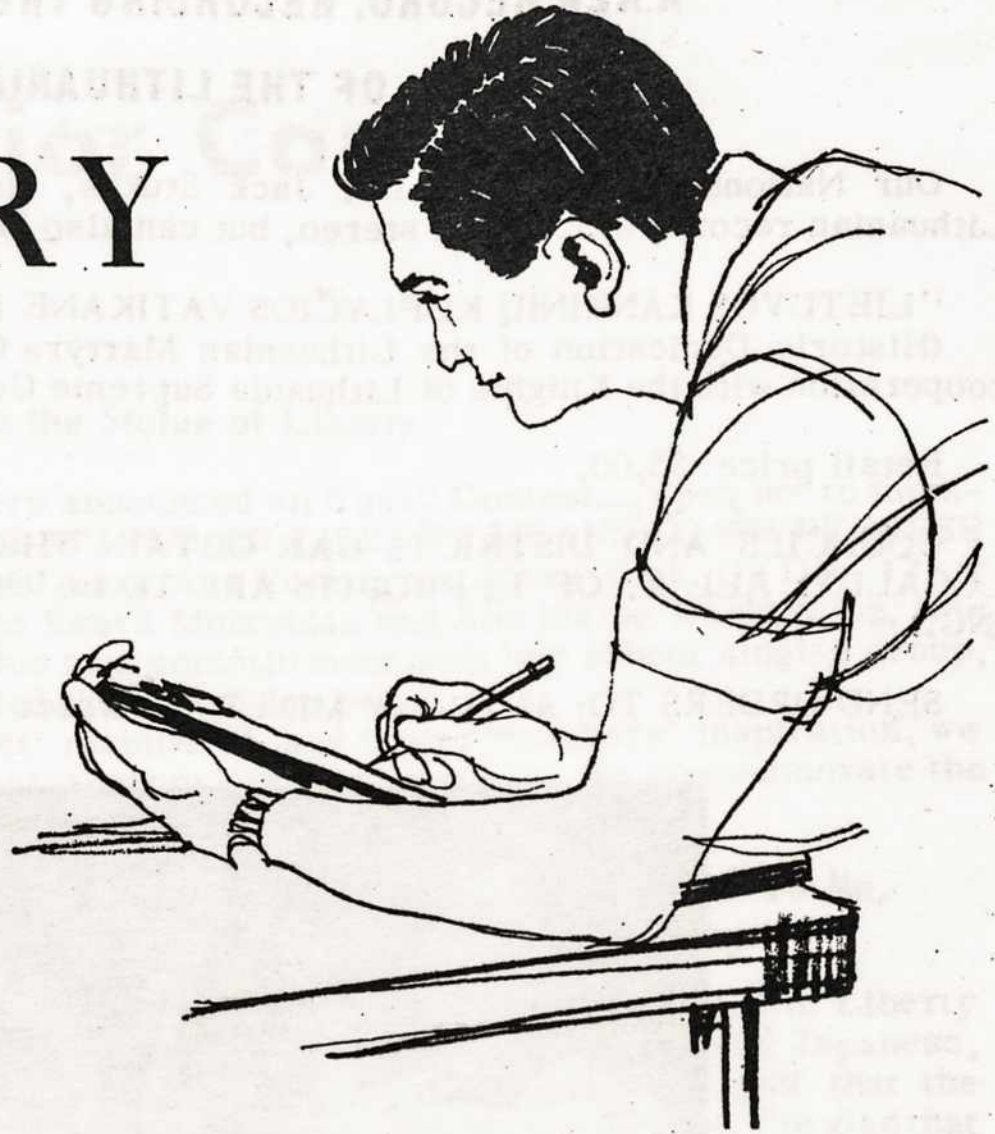
Anyone from the above councils having the list of current officers, please notify Susan Boroskas as soon as possible.

A NEW MEMBER - FOR LIFE!

K of L C-12, New York, N.Y., recently acquired a new member... who is so determined to remain in the organization that he opted at once to become a LIFETIME MEMBER, paying his \$100.00 dues... his name... JOHN ANTANAVICIUS! Our heartiest welcome, John. C-12 is certainly fortunate to have you in its midst.

IT'S INVENTORY TIME

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?



I am sorry to report that Vincent Ed Pavis has resigned from the office of 2nd Vice President in charge of membership, due to illness.

At the Supreme Council Meeting on Sun., Jan. 9, in So. Boston, I, Albert Ozalis, was elected to continue his work. My task will be a difficult one unless I get your complete co-operation and now because time is running out.

At this time, I would like to offer a suggestion for the coming month that we concentrate on 100%

payment of dues. For just as important as signing up new members to your council is, so is keeping the one you already have enrolled. I'm sure if you can keep this in mind, we will be guaranteed a strong K. of L. organization in the future. An added benefit will be the Awards given to Active Councils on reaching 100% paid up membership.

The Rules for this drive can be found in the Dec. issue of the VYTIS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

C-100 Amsterdam 1st Place
Cleve. Srs. - 2nd Place

100% paid-up, 3rd Category

When will your council be on the "100% Paid Up" list? Make it soon.

Albert Ozalis
2nd Vice President

It is with utmost sadness that we report the loss of yet another outstanding leader of our organization. On January 22, 1972, VINCENT ED. PAVIS, Honorary Member, and President of the Mid-Central District and of C-111 Seniors, Youngstown, Ohio, died of complications resulting from a heart condition which hospitalized him just before the end of 1971. Until his illness, Mr. Pavis was also National Second Vice-President in charge of Membership, but tendered his resignation when he took ill. More information on Mr. Pavis will appear in a later issue of Vytis.

A NEW RECORD, RECORDING THE HISTORIC DEDICATION CEREMONIES OF THE LITHUANIAN MARTYRS CHAPEL

Our National President, Dr. Jack Stukas, is pleased to announce the release of a new long-playing Lithuanian record, which is in stereo, but can also be played monaurally:

"LIETUVOS KANKINIŲ KOPLYČIOS VATIKANE PAŠVENTINIMO IŠKILMĖS"
(Historic Dedication of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, 1970. Produced in cooperation with the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council).

Retail price: \$5.00.

COUNCILS AND DISTRICTS CAN OBTAIN THESE RECORDS AT WHOLESALe PRICES FOR RESALE LOCALLY. ALL K. OF L. PROFITS ARE TO BE DONATED TO LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID, INC.

SEND ORDERS TO: ANTHONY MINER, 49 Bruce St., Grafton, Mass. 01519.



ABOUT THE RECORD. . .

The Knights of Lithuania, sponsored a pilgrimage to Rome in July, 1970, for the dedication of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel, in St. Peter's Basilica. On July 7th, His Holiness, Pope Paul VI personally blessed the beautiful replica of the Merciful Madonna of Vilnius (capital city of Lithuania), which enhances the chapel altar. Immediately afterward, the Pope celebrated a special mass for the hundreds of Lithuanian pilgrims gathered from various parts of the world, in the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica. (You will hear this memorable mass on Side I).

On Side II, you will hear His Excellency, Bishop Paul Marcinkus, an American - Lithuanian, addressing His Holiness in behalf of the pilgrims, in Lithuanian, and the response of the Pope, in Italian, with Bishop Marcinkus translating his remarks into English.

On July 8th, 1970, in St. Peter's Basilica, in the presence of some 10,000 faithful representing vari-

ous organizations throughout the world, Pope Paul acknowledged the presence of two Lithuanian bishops, Vincentas Brizgys and Antanas Deksnyis, who he invited to join him later in a final apostolic benediction. The Lithuanian pilgrims greeted the Pope with the familiar Lithuanian song of greeting, "Ilgiausią Metų", and His Holiness responded in English with a special greeting and apostolic blessing.

Vatican Radio gave special broadcasts in 32 languages around the world concerning the new Lithuanian chapel, and a typical broadcast in English, to Southeast Asia, is included as an example.

Finally, you will hear an excerpt from the talk given in Lithuanian by the Hon. Stasys Lozoraitis, Chief of the Lithuanian Diplomatic Corps, in Rome, and a greeting, in English, by His Eminence, Cardinal Antonio Samore, at the official reception for Lithuanian pilgrims held in the "Columbus" Hotel in Rome, following the ceremonies.



Junior Corner

Lithuanian Youngsters and the Statue of Liberty

At the November meeting of C-12, New York, members announced an Essay Contest... open not to members but to THEIR CHILDREN! The subject... "WHAT THE STATUE OF LIBERTY MEANS TO ME BECAUSE OF MY LITHUANIAN HERITAGE." The Judges designated were Ann Yorkus and Mary York. On Dec. 12, at the C-12 Christmas Party, First Prizes were awarded to Laura Montvidas and Ann Marie Waskiewicz. Ann Marie was present and read her essay. Laura, absent due to a commitment with her school singing group, had her essay read by her mother and her parents accepted the award for her.

For other parents' edification... and other younger members' and future members' inspiration, we present both essays herewith. The subject seems most appropriate this month, as we commemorate the anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence.

What The Statue of Liberty Means To Me As A Lithuanian

To many people the Liberty Lady means friendship and peace. To me it signifies welcome and freedom. Freedom is very important, especially as a Lithuanian. The explanation for this is because you can do most anything you want to without having someone looking over your shoulder.

Most Lithuanians who come here are glad about freedom because it is new to them. These people come here to America to escape the harsh and unjust treatment that they received from the Russians.

Welcome is important too. It makes most immigrants happy to know that they are wanted and needed.

For these reasons many Lithuanians settle in New York. They organize clubs and societies which remind them of the folklore, heritage and customs of their country.

The spirit for which this magnificent statue stands is well expressed in a poem by Emma Lazarus. The poem reads in part -

"... Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning
to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your
teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest - tost
to me,
I lift my lamp beside the
golden door!"

Ann Marie Waskiewicz

Notes On The Authors. . .

ANN MARIE WASKIEWICZ, age 12 1/2, attends St. Nicholas Tolentine R.C. School in the Bronx, N.Y. Her parents are C-12 members Betty and Leon Waskiewicz. Ann Marie also comes to meetings and helps with K of L projects.

What The Statue of Liberty Means To Me, A Girl of Lithuanian Heritage

First I would like to say that the Statue of Liberty would mean the same to me if I were Japanese, German or anything else. But I'm glad that the Lithuanians share it with everyone else. I'm glad that the Statue of Liberty isn't just there for some people but it's there for everyone.

The Statue of Liberty means freedom to me. Freedom, because it lets everyone go in and out of New York. I wish every State had something like the Statue of Liberty.

The Statue of Liberty means friendship to me. Friendship, because the French gave it to us to proclaim friendship between us.

This is what the Statue of Liberty means to me, a girl of Lithuanian Heritage.

Laura Montvidas



LAURA MONTVIDAS, age 10 1/2, attends St. Gerard Magellan R.C. School in Hollis, N.Y. Her parents are C-12 members Ann and Stephen Montvidas. Laura has helped at K of L functions and comes to the meetings with her parents.

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

K. JONAITI

AMŽINYBĖN Palydėjus

Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos apskrityje šių metų pirmoji mirties auka buvo organizacijos veteranas, Centro Literatūros komisijos narys (1921 m.), Centro valdybos pirmininkas (1922 m.) ir "Vyčio" redaktorius (1923 m.) poetas Kazimieras Jonaitis - Žilvytis. Mirė sausio 5 d.

Po pamaldų Nekalto Prasidėjimo Šv. Marijos bažnyčioje, kurias atlaikė ir pamokslą angliškai pasakė (lietuviškai pamokslą pasakė parapijos vikaras kun. J. Plankis), taip pat ir kapinėse paskutinėms maldoms vadovavo velionio svainis, Prelatas Charles Popell - Popieliauskis, buvęs ilgametis Šv. Andriejaus katedros, Grand Rapids, Mich., klebonas, dabar emeritus, gyvenęs Kalifornijoje. Laidotuvėse dalyvavo ir velionio svainė - Sesuo Euphemia iš Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Celebrantui asistavo parapijos klebonas prel. J. Mozeris ir kan. P. Juknevičius. Didelio išpūdžio visiems dalyviams darė velionio penki anūkai: keturi dukters Mrs. Merian Loftus, gyv. Vinnetka, Ill. (penktas dėl ligos buvo namie paliktas) ir vienas sūnaus Kazimiero, Jr., gyv. Minneapolis, Minn., kurie mišiose celebrantui prie altoriaus atnešė "duoną", vyną ir vandenį.

Palaidotas sausio 8 d. Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse, dalyvaujant gausiam būriui vyčių sendraugių, Šv. Vardo draugijos narių ir draugų, pažįstamų. Kapinėse atsisveikinant dalyvavo ir Šv. Marijos Gimimo parapijos klebonas kun. A. Zakaruskas.

Laidotuvių išvakarėse po prel. J. Mozerio maldų, Šv. Vardo draugijos vardu atsisveikino draugijos dvasios vadas kun. J. Plankis, o Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos vardu - garbės narys ir Chicagos sendraugių kuopos pirmininkas Ignas Sakalas. Jis pasakė šią kalbą:

Šį vakarą susirinkome čia atsisveikinti ir išlydėti amžinybėn a. a. Kazimierą Jonaitį - Žilvytį. Velionis buvo kuklus žmogus. Nemėgo pats savęs garsinti ir nesmagiai jausdavosi, jei kitas vienokia ar kitokia proga spaudoje ar viešam susirinkime jį pagarsindavo. Todėl tebūnie leista man šią valandą daugiau supinti sakinių apie velionį ir jo gyvenimą bei veikimą.

Velionis buvo gimęs Lietuvoje 1892 metais, Padvarių kaime, Vilkaviškio apskrityje. Mokslo pradžia gavo pas vadinamus kaimo daraktorius, tai yra kaimiečius, mokančius skaityti ir rašyti. Vėliau lankė Vilkaviškio mokyklą, o laisvą laiką praleisdavo "Žiburio" (Small Light) vardo knygyne. Knygų skaitymas jį gerokai pralavino.

Į Ameriką atvyko prieš Pirmąjį Pasaulinį Karą ir pirmiausia prisiglaudė prie Amerikos lietuvių blaivybės apaštalo ir laikraščio "Šviesos", vėliau "Tautos Ryto" leidėjo - redaktoriaus kun. P. Saurusaičio, Waterbury, Conn. Po kiek laiko persikėlė į So. Boston, Mass., ir įsijungė į spaudos darbą. Dirbo spaustuvėje ir padėjo redaktoriui tvarkydamas žinias.

Tuo metu įsisteigusios lietuvių katalikų jaunimo organizacijos - Lietuvos Vyčiai - (Knights of Lithuania) kuopos, kaip koks gaisras, plito po visas lietuvių kolonijas, įtraukdamos į veikėjų gretas ir velionį Kazimierą Jonaitį. Veikiant Vyčių organizacijoj, pradėjo reikštis ir velionio igimtas talentas, poetiškas kūrybingumas. Ne-trukus visoje ano meto katalikiškoje spaudoje, ypatingai vyčių laikraštyje "Vytis", pradėjo rodytis velionio kūryba - eilėraščiai Žilvyčio slapyvardžiu. Vyčių organizacijos vienas aukščiausių tikslų buvo: ugdyti nariuose tėvynės meilę, patriotizmą, grožį, gėrį ir t.t. Tuo velionis ir puošė savo kūrybą.



K. JONAITIS - ŽILVYTIS Jaunystės ir kūrybingumo metais.

Visi jo eilėraščiai kupini Dievo ir tėvynės meilės, patriotizmo, moralinių jausmų ir spinduliuoja Lietuvos gamtos grožiu bei tėvynės ilgesiu. Velionis yra sukūręs daugiau kaip 300 eilėraščių, išbarstytų po laikraščius. Tikrai gyvenimo saulėleidyje, mano įkalbėtas ir padedamas, surinko, kiek buvo galima, savo kūrybos ir išleido atskiru leidiniu - "Sielos Balsai". Bet daug eilėraščių jau negalėjo surinkti, nes jie buvo žuvę su senais laikraščiais. Meilė Lietuvos Vyčiams išliko gyva iki pat gyvenimo pabaigos. Paskutinis testamentinis leidinys - "Sielos Balsai" - dedikuotas vyčiams, kad gautas pelnas būtų skiriamas Vyčių Moksleivių Stipendijų Fondui.

1922 metais velionis buvo išrinktas Lietuvos Vyčių Centro pirmininku, o kitų metų seime, (kuris buvo vienas šauniausių Springfielde, Ill. Seimo posėdžiai vyko valstybės sostinės kapitoliuje - senato rūmuose, o miestas buvo išsipuošęs Lietuvos vėliavomis ir iškabomis su lietuviškais seimo sveikinimais. Pats gubernatorius Len Small asmeniškai atvykęs seimą pasveikino), velionis buvo paskirtas ir vyčių laikraščio "Vytis" redaktoriu. Jo, kaip pirmininko ir vado bei redaktoriaus, šūkis, Lietuvos

Himno autoriaus dr. V. Kudirkos veik prieš šimtą metų iškeltas buvo: "Kol jaunas, o broli, sėk pasėlio grūdą, ir dirvos neapleisk", o organizacinis veikimo kelias buvo nukaišytas gairėmis, jo paties žodžiais išreikštomis:

Štai balsas trimito po Lietuvą skamba,
Tiek amžių po žeme rūdijęs giliai,
Jo skambūs akordai daug atgarsio randa:
Ei, vyčiai! Į eilę! Šalin kraugeriai!
Kas kardo į rankas paimt nepajėgtų,
Te bonais nukloja į laisvę takus.
Ne sūnūs tėvynės, kurie neatsilieptų,
Nestotų į eilę - tie išgamos bus!"

Žinant, kokios paramos Lietuvą pradžioje susilaukė iš Amerikos lietuvių, reikia pripažinti, kad velionio patriotiniai eilėraščiai, kuriuos vyčiai visur deklamavo, ir straipsniai daug padėjo, kaip yra pareiškęs ir šių dienų rašytojas Ramojus.

Atvykęs į Ameriką velionis, kaip pats prisipažino, dirbo sunkius darbus. Prisiminęs lietuvišką patarlę; kad "žuvis ieško kur giliau, o žmogus - kur geriau", pradėjo domėtis vaistininko profesija ir pasuko ta linkme. Tos profesijos siekė didelėm pastangom ir pasišventimu, niekeno nremiamas. Dirbo įvairiose vaistinėse ir kartu mokėsi. Kaip žinoma, darbas ir mokslas išaukština žmogų. 1922 metais gavo Illinois valstybės leidimą - tarnauti žmonėms, reikalingiems vaistų. Ir tarnavo sąžiningai. Jo pirmi, kaip vaistininko, žingsniai buvo Ciceroy, paremti stipraus vyčių šulo kun. J. Vaičiuno, vėliau Bridgeporte. 1933 metais jau Brighton Parke nuosavam name įsteigė modernią vaistinę, kurią išlaikė beveik iki gyvenimo saulėleidžio.

1928 metais velionis vedė žymios Grand Rapids, Mich., lietuvių Popell-Popieliuškų šeimos dukrą Albiną, su kuria laimingai susilaukė sūnaus Kazimiero, Jr., ir dukters Marian. Abu yra baigę universitetus ir išėję į didelius žmones.

Brangus vyčių veterane! Mirtis

tave išvedė iš mūsų tarpo amžinybėn, tau nesulaukus tos dienos, kokią svajojai ir savo eilėraščiuose rašei:

O vienok kada nors išauš diena
Ir plauks iš krūtinių laisvės daina.
Sudrebės išgirdę tie, kurie kitų prakaitu minta
Ir slepias, kaip apuokai, kai rytas prašvintą.
Bet Judo darbų niekad nepaslėps...
Tas kraujas pralietas artojo sūnaus
Atskaitos pareikalaus...
Kas budelio rolę vaidint pamėgino,
Niekuomet neišvengs tautos prakeikimo"...

Tardami paskutinį sudiv, mes, liekantieji dar šioje žemėje prisiekiamo tavo žodžiais:

Vienok kovosim dar, kol dega krūtinė,
Kol plaka krūtinėje gyvoji širdis.
Nors reiktų išgerti taurę paskutinę:
Mes kopsim ten, kur - šviečia Viltis"...

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Right: 1972 Officers - front, l to r., Kazimera Sadauskas, Fin. Secy. Stella Sankal, Pres., Mary Trainy, Secy. Back, l to r., Antanas Bujockas, Sgt-at-Arms, Antanina Pinkus and Mrs. C. Titas, Social Comm., Edward Pranckevicius, Treas., Ignas Visockas, Vice-Pres., Kazys Zidukaitis, Trustee.

Below left: Ignas Visockas (left) and Jos. Sadauskas (right) welcome new members Dr. & Mrs. Denis Mazeika, transferees from New York C-41.

Center: October birthdays, l to r. Ursula Shukis and Peter Zigmantes, assisted by Stella Sankal.

Right: November birthday - Ignas Visockas is assisted by Mary Trainy and Kazimera Sadauskas.



K of L Calendar

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FEBRUARY

- 5 - ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL, C-1 Brockton, Mass., Canoe Club, 20 South St., West Bridgewater, Mass.
- 13 - COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES for Lithuania's Independence at Mercy College, Detroit, Michigan.

MARCH

- 1 - ANNUAL "CHEER" DRAWING at Council Meeting, C-79, Detroit, Michigan.
- 4 - ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, C-116, Worcester, Mass. - Mass followed by Buffet Supper. St. Francis Church, 5:30 p.m.
- 4-5 - MERRY WIDOW, presented by Pirmyn Chorus, Maria High School, Chicago, Ill.
- 5 - Tri-Council ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION hosted by C-79, Detroit, Michigan.
- 5 - C-29 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION & BREAKFAST, Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J. - 10:30 a.m. Mass, 12:00 Breakfast.
- 12 - NY-NJ DIST. COMMUNION BREAKFAST & CONVENTION - St. Casimir's Church and Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m., C-3 Hosts.

APRIL

- 9 - ANNUAL T.V. MASS, Government Center, Boston, Mass. Channel 7 WNAC, 9:15 a.m. - Sponsors - New England District.

MAY

- 6 - MILITARY WHIST PARTY, C-116 Worcester, Mass. Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall, 153 Sterling St., Worcester, Mass. 8:00 p.m.

MAY

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

JUNE

- 2 - C-116 Worcester, Mass. - MASS & PRAYERS for suffering Lithuania and the preservation of Catholicism in Lithuania.
- 4 - NY-NJ DIST. MEETING hosted by C-29, Newark, N.J.
- 11 - C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass. ANNUAL BARBEQUE, Frank's Camp on White's Pond.

JUNE-JULY

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

JULY

- 24 - C-26 Worcester, Mass. PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. 12:00 Noon and on.

AUGUST

- 24-27 - 59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, Hollenden House, Cleveland, Ohio, C-25 Hosts.

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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY

DISTRICT



NEW YORK, N. Y. - C-12
Liberty Lady

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RECIPE FROM C-12: Start with a heart full of love - add warm friendship spiced with laughter and merriment - season with joyful greetings, and serve with loads of good cheer.

This, along with the tasty recipes prepared by the members, made for an enjoyable Xmas Party on Dec. 12, which was held for the children and the "Young in Heart".

We were honored with the presence of NY-NJ District people: Anthony Kober, 1st Vice President and his charming wife Mary, Bulletin Chairman. Ann Klem, Cultural Chairman, brought her beautiful Lithuanian Christmas Tree ornaments for an appreciation of Old Lithuania. Frank Vaskas, Public Relations Chairman of C-29, Newark, and District Committee PR man, was having a good time meeting old friends.

Even a touch of Early American Christmas appeared on our tables as we observed the custom of the Dutch in New Amsterdam, when on the Eve of St. Nicholas Day they scattered around candy, apples and oranges for the young folks.

It was delightful to see the reunions going on as the Bells greeted the Sleders, Stella Marcinauskas introducing her good-looking sons, Larry Janonis and Al Monkawitch walking in with baskets of cheer under their arms, Jean Janonis having a ball as she kept winning prizes all afternoon. Finally Santa arrived in full regalia with gifts for all, and the children took over.

With happy December birthdays in order for Steve Montvidas, Jim Sabal and Walter Yurkus, we enlisted the services of Father George Gurinkas to direct the eighty voices in singing "Ilgausiu Metu".

Our thoughts then turned to serious matters as we remembered that Christmas is a time to count our blessings for the dedicated members who have sustained C-12 over the years. On this happy occasion we honored a deserving member, **JOSEPH KSCENAITIS** for **OUTSTANDING SERVICES** to the **KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, C-12**. After receiving a standing ovation, Joseph was presented with a token of our affection and appreciation by President Leon Waskiewicz.

Essay awards were presented to young ladies for the composition contest on the subject of "What the Statue of Liberty means to me because of my Lithuanian heritage." First prize awards were equally shared by Laura Montvidas and Ann Marie Waskiewicz for the excellent



Hard working Decorating Committee of C-12 Christmas Party: Jim Sabal and Helen Matthews.

presentations. Each girl received a loving cup with a monetary donation. Both Ann Marie and Laura are daughters of C-12 members and regularly come to meetings with the parents, so typical of our family council.

At one point during the Christmas festivities, we stopped our merriment to listen to the children sing "Silent Night" in remembrance



Award for outstanding services to the K of L, C-12 given to Joseph Kscenaitis. L to R: Mrs. Ona Kscenaitis (mother), Leon Waskiewicz (Pres. C-12), Joseph Kscenaitis, Rev. George Gurinkas (Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church).



Children and Santa at C-12 Christmas Party.

of Simas Kudirka. It was their way of wishing him a peaceful Christmas.

In the name of K of L C-12, President Waskiewicz gratefully acknowledged the spiritual guidance to the council by the Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church, Rev. George Gurinskas and Rev. Anthony Kardas, our Spiritual Advisor. We are also thankful to Father Kardas for the excellent church bulletin publicity of all K of L activities.

Chairman Mary York was deeply grateful to all members who came bearing gifts for the Christmas buffet table, and especially appreciative to the decorating committee,



C-12 Christmas Party: L to R: John Bell, Larry Janonis, Evelyn Bell, Joseph Sleder, Rev. Anthony Kardas,

Helen Matthews, Jim Sabal and Father Kardas, who worked so diligently the previous day to create the beautiful vision of Christmas. A great big thank you for the "spirit of service" that prevailed among all the members - to Ann Yorkus for serving as associate Judge of the contest and as Santa's helper - to the President and Executive Board for the moral support. The donations contributed towards the Christmas Boutique, and then the generous participation in the raffle, will enable C-12 to function in the traditional manner of observing worthy causes. GOD BLESS EVERYONE.

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

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'Tis the season to be jolly and it really was at C-29's annual Christmas party. The hall was decked with holly and the Christmas tree was gayly decorated with Lithuanian ornaments. Inviting aromas were coming from the kitchen and everyone eagerly anticipated the culinary delights of our committee.

Helmut and Regina Schmidt tackled the "kugelis" while Stanley and Adele Urbanas arranged the



C-12 Christmas Party: Jovita Sleder and Connie Siatsis.

chicken. Mrs. Anna Pocius was kept busy producing hot rolls. These wonderful members really turned out a feast to be proud of. We salute you and give you our sincerest "dėkui".

Many of our clan brought their youngsters along and this made the party complete. Their smiling faces and happy laughter was pure joy.

Our favorite and hard working priests also partook of the festivities - Rev. Monsignor John J. Scharnus, Father Peter Torotaitis and Father Joseph Barkus. It is always great to have the pleasure of their company.

Our President, Kazys Sipaila, passed cognac around for those "not feeling too well." Helen Radicsh commented that this seemed to include everyone!

Holiday vacations were taken by a few of our members. Jack and Loretta Stukas went to Chicago for the New Year while Frank Vaskas enjoyed the warm sunshine of Florida. Helen Kay spent Christmas in Connecticut. The Valentine Melinis family stayed home to prepare for the traditional Christmas Eve celebration.

Happy New Year to all. Let's make a resolution to become more active in our councils in 1972.

The Wanderer

We are now in the year of Our Lord 1972. Let us hope this year will be better than the previous one, and that it will bring health



Group of C-29 youngsters.



C-29: Stanley & Adele Urbanas making "goody" preparations in kitchen.



C-29 Christmas Committee from l to r: Anna Pocius, Adele Urbanas, Stanley Urbanas (seated), Helmut and Regina Schmidt.

as well as prosperity to all of our members.

The first important event of C-29 will be our Communion Breakfast in observance of the Patron Saint of the Knights, St. Casimir, on Mar. 5. High Mass will be offered at 10:30 A.M. in Holy Trinity Church followed by breakfast in the parish hall.

The second event of importance, - our council will sponsor a concert featuring the New



Group of handsome gentlemen at C-29 Christmas Party: (Standing) Joseph Boley and Al Yankauskas. (Seated) Jack Remeika, George Basil and Frank Vaskas.

York Lithuanian Men's Chorus "Perkunas" in the parish hall on May 13. We invite all to this event; it has been some time since we undertook such an event in the cultural field. The program will commence at 7:30 P.M. followed by dancing.

On behalf of the writer and the council, we extend heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the Jankowski family in the loss of wife and mother Mary Jankowski who passed away in November. May she rest in peace. Remember her in your prayers.

Our parish celebrated its 70th Anniversary on Nov. 21. There was a con-celebrated Mass in Holy Trinity Church in which five members of our parish took part. Main celebrant was Pastor Msgr. John J. Scharnus. This event turned out to be a home-coming day and reunion time for present and former parishioners.

A dinner followed in parish hall; the day was a success.

NEW ENGLAND

DISTRICT



C-116 SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

Ramblina

Our Lady of Vilna Parish, has been very lax about publicizing its activities, but we have been

busy.

The officers for 1972 are as follows: President, Anthony Miner; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Irene C. Adamaitis; 2nd Vice President, Miss Ann Miller; Recording Secretary, Miss Dorothy Sinkavitch; Financial Secretary, Miss Trudy Zabinskas; Treasurer Bart March, Jr.; Social Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy March; Spiritual Chairmen, Miss Helen Daltwas and Miss Ruth Ciras; Cultural Chairmen, Tony Miner and Mrs. Irene Adamaitis.

We are so proud of our President, - he has assumed the heavy duties and responsibilities of National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. He is one of the few people we know who could carry on the work of our beloved Father Jutt. We know Tony will do an excellent job. He is also L.A. Chairman for the N.E. Dist. and C-116. Tony is also Chairman of the newly-formed N.E. Dist. Scholarship Committee, and Miss Irene M. Adamaitis is Secretary. Irene is also serving on the National Scholarship Committee. It was not too long ago that Irene was one of our national scholarship winners!

Some of our council members went on very exciting trips this past year. Ann Miller, Trudy Zabinskas, Dorothy Sinkavitch, Joe and Grace Balukonis, Vic and Mary Mrozinski took jaunts across the Atlantic to Sunny Spain. Vic and Mary also went to Florida. Our Social Chairman, Dot March, and hubby Bart had so many friends down Falmouth way - Pocasset to be exact - visiting them at their new summer home. Rita and Bob Paluses were there, as well as John and Ann Yurkinas. John is the new President of the Our Lady of Vilna Men's Club - congratulations, John! Bart is the Vice-President.

Some of our council members had a wonderful time at Kennebunkport, Maine this past summer during the National Convention. Ann Miller, Dot Sinkavich, Mrs. and Miss Irene Adamaitis served as the official delegates from C-116. Tony Miner and Stanley Grigas served as alternates. Also attending as guests were Barbara Mazeika, Helen Daltwas, Trudy Zabinskas. Ann and Dot served as Chairmen of the Boating Committee which went sightseeing before the start of the Convention.

proper. Tony Miner chaired a panel discussion on Lithuanian Affairs and Miss Irene Adamaitis took part in a panel discussion on Youth and the K. of L. The Adamaitis family was there and while Mrs. and Miss Irene Adamaitis took part in the sessions, father John Adamaitis Joan of the Juniors, and Carolyn of the Juniors were kept indoors because of the rain. To make up for lost time because of the inclement weather, the family returned the following week and enjoyed the beach and sunshine at that time.

We had a good group working at the annual District picnic at Maironis Park in September. Ann Miller and her Committee did a great job in the kitchen, - that's the hardest job around, and Ann and her Committee deserve a lot of credit for their hard work. For once, there seemed to be enough kugeli to satisfy everybody.

At the end of September, Tony Miner, Stanley Grigas and Miss Irene Adamaitis presented C-116 at the District Convention in Cambridge. In November during the District's commemoration of the Kudirka affair on Martha's Vineyard, C-116 was represented by Tony Miner, who was Chairman, Stanley Grigas, Mary Miner, Joan Adamaitis of the Juniors, Ann Miller, Dot Sinkavich, and Miss Irene Adamaitis, dressed in Lithuanian costume who tossed the wreath out to sea in a deeply moving ceremony. It was rather prophetic that it had been raining all day and just when the ceremony took place, for about half an hour, the sun came out and there appeared a beautiful rainbow. A very happy reunion took place in Falmouth when our former member Bernice Marks and her husband hosted a reception for the K of L'ers after the ceremony. A very happy time was had by all.

Our K of L'ers had a wonderful Christmas party hosted by Dot and Bart March. Their home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Everybody brought their food specialty, a variety for all. Everybody sang, and had a jolly time. Ann Miller and Dot Sinkavich had a great game of Black Magic going which had everybody stumped. Irene Ostrowski looked lovely, - she was there with Ozzie. It was good



C-10 - ATHOL, MASS. - Christmas Party.

to see Ruthie Ciras feeling well after her stay in the hospital. Trudy had made a most delicious torte and everybody wanted the recipe. Ann and John Yurkinas were a happy pair as were Joe and Grace Balukonis. Helen Daltwas was so thrilled with her prize grab, she wouldn't give it up, and Marion Lucason joined in the singing when Bob Paluses gave her the microphone for the tape recorder. Rita Paluses wanted to exchange her purple candle with someone, and finally Bart March came to her rescue. Dottie and Bart always have a good time going for the bowlers, and this time the other K of L'ers also joined in the fun. They chaired a very successful military whist at Thanksgiving time; you may be sure they are two of our most active members.

Ann Miller and Ruthie Ciras again took reservations for the annual K of L trip to New York before Christmas, and again, it was a great success. This year they got home at midnight instead of 4 A.M. as they did on last year when we had the blizzard.

C-10 - ATHOL - GARDNER

"Vincukas"

Our annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 11 in St. Francis Church rectory with Fr. Steponaitis as host. It was a pot luck supper with Nell Melaika and Blanche Genaitis in charge of the arrangements. Bernice Wisnauskas made corsages for all who attended. After an excellent supper we sang carols and enjoyed an exchange of gifts. Lennie acted as Santa.

The following slate of officers was elected at the meeting that followed. Pres. Howard Beaudette V.P. Charles Genaitis, Treas. Nellie Melaika, Rec. Sec. Mary Gauronsky, Spiritual Adv. Fr. Justin Steponaitis, Fin. Sec. Leonard Davidonis, "Vytis" Correspondent William Wisnauskas.

The annual Communion Breakfast in honor of our patron, St. Casimir, will be held on Mar. 4, following the 5:30 P.M. Mass. Dinner arrangements planned by Committee Blanche Genaitis, Lillian Kuzmeskas, and Anne Novack have not as yet been completed.

The annual Barbeque will be held at Frank's Camp on White's Pond on June 11 with Frank Anoris, Lennie Davidonis and Charlie Genaitis in charge.

Miss Ida Waslaske and Miss Ann Waslaske are our council's newest members. Welcome!

Lil and Alec Kuzmeskas have built a home in Eastham on the Cape.

The Genaitis' flew to Washington State to spend Christmas Holidays with their daughter and family.



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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For each of you a great '72. For the first meeting of the New Year, the flu bug scored, resulting in not-too-good an attendance on Jan. 5. Hostesses

Mrs. V. Marozas and Julie Beleckas had a nice array of bagels and rolls to treat the members. Labai ačiū!

At an earlier meeting, Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas was full of enthusiasm and "shaping up" in the year ahead. She succeeds Helen Patocki as Rosary Chairman, volunteered to serve as Social Chairman, and accepted to chair our annual "Cheer" raffle. The drawing will be held at our March 1 meeting. In appreciation, we say, "Ačiū Elizabeth".

In the past year, Ruth Grasha has done a terrific job on Lithuanian Affairs spending much time and effort in letter writing and various contacts with senators, governors, congressmen and other notables for the Lithuanian cause, which included the Simas Kudirka case. She serves as Chairman in the M/C Dist. and chairs Lithuanian Affairs in our council. Our thanks to Ruth.

A pre-holiday executive board meeting and a Christmas social was held at the Frank Zager's home, on Dec. 15. Despite gale force winds that raked our area, it brought in such brave members as Ruth Grasha, Magdalena Smailis, Leon Galinskas, Helen Tucker and Violet Panavas. Our President, Gerry Zager, didn't have far to go - just down the basement stairs to the rec. room. Following the board meeting, members were treated to the usual Zager special - Frank's "mean" pizza. There were also home made Christmas cookies prepared by the hostess.

Commemorative services for Lithuania's Independence will be held on February 13, at Mercy College. Members are urged to participate at this event.

Another reminder: C-79 will host a St. Casimir's Day observance on Mar. 5. For reservations please contact Maggie Smailis at BR 3-5818.

SOFFI SNOOPING:

The annual exodus to the sun and fun country has begun. Antoinette Zilvitis and her husband, Dr. Bruno, enjoyed a Caribbean vacation, hopping from one warm island to another... Joe's mother, Mrs. Veronica Usoris, moved to Arizona to her new home... Dana Ann daughter of Phyllis and Charles Milius, was a winner in

the 37th Children's National Photographic Contest, held under the auspices of National Assoc. of Dept. Store Photographic Studios in over 200 cities in U.S... Our "sick list" consists of Mary Tollus who was hospitalized for tests and treatment. Isabelle Pavlichek has undergone major surgery. Valeria Kundrotas is recuperating after some misfortune. Her purse was snatched and she was knocked to the pavement. During her fall, she suffered a broken arm. We wish them all a speedy recovery... Sincere sympathy to A. Baron on the loss of her mother, and belated but deepest sympathy to Valeria Kundrotas on the loss of her husband, Constantine... Eleanor Waskiewicz and her family have moved to Hessel, Mich. They are proprietors of Sunset Cabins, a resort in Northern Michigan. Wonder how they enjoyed their first year of snowmobiling? Among members who have visited the Waskiewicz' was Sophie Bitner, who states it was adventurous. Her daughter, Peggy Salo, and husband moved to Roseville... Also leaving us are George and Sophie Leskosky. George is retiring and they will be moving to Florida in March... Joe and Helen Usoris sent "Merry Christmas" wishes from their new home in Farmington... M/M Geo. Kase are also residents of this area... By next publication Dorothe Martin and her family will be moving to Trenton, to their new home. We wish them all much happiness... A delightful time was had by a group of K. of L'ers at Bendruomenes' New Year's Eve Party. Among those attending were the Ralph Valatkas, M/M Frank Bunikis, M/M Emil Byville, the junior Valatkas, M/M Reseckas, the Frank Zagers and Mary and Joe Kazlauskas who came in from Toledo, Ohio... Our deepest sympathy to C-26 of Worcester, Mass., upon the death of Honorary Member, Mary Jankowski. She was a very active member and dedicated worker. She will be greatly missed... We were shocked to hear about the tragic death of Joe Sinkwitz of Dayton. Our deepest condolences to his family... The Mike Vale's daughter, Toni, is developing her talents in the florist business, opening a shop in downtown Detroit... It was "smashing" surprise birthday party for Ann-

toinette Zilvitis on Jan. 6, hosted by her daughter, Joan Lutsky... Michael Edward is the newest grandchild for Albena Gillis. Congratulations!

DAYTON, OHIO



The late Joseph Sinkwitz

Much to our regret C-96, Dayton, announces the sudden loss of Joseph Sinkwitz. Joe was killed in an automobile accident on Dec. 28 in Florida while on vacation with his family. To say this tragedy has saddened many of us would be an understatement. Joe had long been an active member representing us at many National and District Conventions and bowling tournaments. He was just voted in as District Sgt-at-Arms at the Oct. Dist. Convention and was taking the same office in our council in '72. Joe was a self-made man. His rock collecting and various other projects were shared with some of the Knights. His numerous contributions to the Knights, C-96 and our Juniors will be lasting memories. Joe and his wife, Ada, have hosted many a K of L gathering in their home for local and out-of-town members.

Our condolences go out to his wife, Ada - a 4th degree Knight; his son, Joe; his daughter Ann Boeke, our council member from Grand Rapids, Mich.; his son, Jim, a C-96 member; his daughter Kathy, a Junior Knight; to Joe's sisters, Veronica Omlor, a 4th degree Knight and Mary Lucas, an Honorary Member; to the rest of Joe's family and many, many friends. We all extend our very deepest sympathies. We pray the Lord his soul to keep.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

F.B.P.

This will be a difficult column to write as we have been saddened with the sudden loss of Joe Sinkwitz in an automobile accident. To add to this sadness, Joe's son-in-law, Joe Boecke, is recuperating at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich. from an infectious case of hepatitis picked up during his business trip to Israel. Coming in from Cleveland C-25 to visit with Joe Sinkwitz' family, and to offer some consolation, were Al and Joanne Shigo and Nellie Arunski. Numerous long distance calls came in from out-of-town members. Their thoughtfulness came at a very trying time and was much appreciated.

We received various news articles from our Syracuse, N.Y. member, Frank Petrauskas, on cultural Lithuanian projects in which he was involved. Frank sponsored and organized a booth for the Knights at Syracuse's Festival of Nations Program held on the weekend of Oct. 2-3 at the War Memorial Hall. We're proud to relate that the Lithuanian booth, which used the theme of Lithuanian Christmas Eve as their display, was judged the best! Frank also brought in the Lazdynas Dance Group of Rochester to perform at this Festival. In addition, Frank, National Landscape Award finalist, was guest speaker at the Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100's combination St. Casimir's Feast Day and Lithuanian Independence Commemorations Dinner. Frank also informed us of the loss of both his parents in 1971, - his mother passed away in March, his father in November. Our deepest sympathies. May their souls rest in peace.

As the council's religious project for December, our Chairman, Pat Zelinskas, made arrangements for members to help run a Bingo Party for the patients at the Dayton State Hospital. The patients were very pleased with all their prizes and the refreshments served. It proved to be a very self-satisfying evening! Pat, along with Eloise Berczelly, made up fruit baskets for all the male shut-ins of our parish and distributed flowers to all the women shut-ins. These two really put in

much time to prepare their December projects and we thank them for their kindness in what was accomplished.

An Evening of Recollection in Lithuanian was held at Holy Cross Church on Dec. 16 with arrangements made by Father Titas Narbutas. Msgr. Vytautas Balciunas, former Spiritual Advisor at St. Casimir's in Rome, now stationed in Thompson, Conn. was spiritual leader for the evening.

On Dec. 10 our Jrs and their annual "Dress-up Dinner" out. Following the dinner, they congregated at Elinor Sluzas' home to wind up the evening and held election of officers. For the third year our Jrs sang for the Noon Masses on Christmas and New Year's Day. Under the guidance of their choir leader, Elinor, and with Mary Mikalauskas supplying the music with her guitar, the Jrs continue to sound like angels.

"Ladies' Night Out" was held on Dec. 14. Marianne Podoyak was in charge of the arrangements, and also made individual favors for all. It was great fun!

In closing out the year, the council voted on breaking down our Charity Fund into the following directions: local charity projects under the guidance of Pat Zelinskas, Holy Cross Seminary Scholarship Fund, Sr. Luella in Brazil, our sister parish in Lithuania, and Lithuanian Religious Aid. This fund is built up from proceeds (10%) taken in from any source of income the council receives.

With our Jr Lithuanian classes taking hold for the second year, Adult classes will be formed this year. One of our newest members, Maria Lazdinis, has volunteered to conduct these classes. To show our appreciation, let's have a good turn-out. The good Lord knows many of us could do well by attending the classes.

A surprise windfall of merchandise left to our parish by a former parishioner was put on sale to all. Proceeds from the donations will go into the Parish Charity Fund. Our member, Karen Bedrowsky, volunteered to handle the project for the parish. Having used the products, Bestline, made the job easy for Karen!

A first for Holy Cross was the traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve Supper, Kūčios! It proved to be most successful. Members at-

tending were well pleased and will be waiting for another. Parishioners made arrangements for the dinner and Jerry Bedrowsky handled the musical program.

We're wishing a speedy recovery to Anele Petkus after her recent surgery, and to Maxine Bakanauskas after her recent accident. Did you hear of the winnings of Sarah Petkus? Sarah won a basket of CHEER and food aplenty! Congratulations! C-96 extends its best wishes to District President and Secretary, V. Ed and Stella Pavis, on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Many more years of happiness!

Celebrating birthdays in January were Jerry Podoyak, Joe Gecas, Mary Miller, Mike J. Petkus, Elizabeth Scott, John Berczelly, Charles Vangas, Jim Richey, Paulette Petkus, Ray Omlor and Georgia Zelinskas. January Anniversary greetings to Joe/Amelia August, Henry/Lauretta Pant, Ray/Mildred Steinbrunner and Ray/Bette Omlor! Congratulations to ALL!

CLEVELAND, OHIO - C-25

Irene II

Here it is 1972. Where did '71 go? The beginning of '71 was just like any other year, then all of a sudden, the pace picked up.

Helen and Bill Jakubs had a gorgeous pool built (a C-25 first). We had a lot of fun and much activity there this past summer.....Our delegates, Adele Svet and Alice Karklius, were very enthused and taken with Kennebunkport, Maine and the 58th National Convention, and Ben Karklius had movies of same to prove it. A beautiful place.....Andrew Palzes has been flitting back and forth to the coast (running a close second to Johnny Carson).....Two of our members decided to get married - Ursula Yankauskas and Gene Kunsitis. This meant showers and the excitement of a K of L wedding. The Shigo's, the Karklius' and Nellie Arunski dashed off to the M-C Dist. convention in Detroit after the wedding and had a great time.. Did you notice our Spiritual Advisor's picture in the Cleveland Plain Dealer breaking bread with newly-elected Mayor, Ralph J.



C-25 - Mr. & Mrs. Gene Kunsitis.

Perk, during the Mayor's Birthday Celebration? Not a bad looking picture, Father.

There was unusual enthusiasm during the election of the following 1972 council officers: Rev. Balys Ivanauskas, Spiritual Advisor; Charles Machutas, President; Gene Kunsitis, Vice President; Alice Karklius, Recording Secretary; Ben Karklius, Treasurer; Ruth Guzauskas, Financial Sec.; Adele Svet, Sunshine Girl; Bill Jakubs & Peter Luiza, Trustees; Al Shigo, Sgt.-at-Arms.

C-25 made the big decision to host the 59th NATIONAL CONVENTION in August. Here's one for Ripley -- if the Supreme Council approves the dates selected, it will be exactly 10 years to the day that C-25 (along with Cleveland Seniors) hosted the 49th National Convention. Yes indeed - de, we are pleased to once again invite the Knights of Lithuania Membership to come to Cleveland in '72 for the time of their lives. There will be many delightful pleasures for those attending. DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Our Annual Christmas Party was graciously hosted by Alice & Ben Karklius, and was a lot of fun. To add to the evening, John Andrulis surprised and amazed everyone with his self-taught soft-shoe number, - straw hat, red striped vest, cane and all. John, were you hinting that we could possibly use your number in some way during the National Convention?

Our Council was saddened by the sudden and untimely death of Joe Sinkwitz, C-96 Dayton, and all

our members express their deepest sympathies to Ada and Kathy.

The best for '72 to all our friends!

PITTSBURGH, PA. - C-19

Greetings from Pittsburgh once again! Although C-19 has been rather quiet lately, we have been quite busy. On Oct. 31 a very successful card party was held at the home of Mildred Chinik. On Dec. 5 we attended Mass at St. Casimir's Church and received Holy Communion in a body. This was followed by lunch at the Roosevelt Hotel where the regular monthly meeting was held and the following election of officers for the coming year took place. Rev. Walter Karaveckas, Spiritual Advisor - Veto Yucius, Pres.; Andy Rozger, 1st Vice Pres., Bill Kolicius, 2nd Vice Pres.; Sam Aleliunas, Treasurer, Rev. Walter Karaveckas, Rec. Sec.; Loraine Yucius, Corres. Sec.; Julia Aleshunas, Fin. Sec. It seems that the men have just about taken over the reins, and with such an array of manpower, we are looking forward

to big things in 1972.

We seemed doomed to a bad start when the Christmas party was threatened with cancellation due to illness of the scheduled hosts Loraine & Veto Yucius. We were sorry to hear that their entire family came down with the "winter miseries" right around Christmas. No doubt Santa eventually got through to them, and our faithful Past President, Mildred Chinik, came to our rescue again. With the able assistance of Anne Aleliunas & Eleanor Aleliunas she performed a minor miracle and put together the best "quicky" party ever. Mildred's lovely home was beautifully decorated with the many treasures of her travels; the food was absolutely delicious and prepared and served in the most elegant manner; and the entertainment was the best - everyone doing his "own thing", whether it was singing Christmas carols, playing the piano, dancing, talking....With all the presents, prizes, noise-makers, etc. everyone truly had a marvelous time together, and we are off to a fine start.



DETROIT, MICH. - Members of three K of L Councils: C-79, C-102, and C-139--cooperated in organizing a special K of L Tribute to Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, former National Spiritual Adviser, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his priesthood. The event took place on Nov. 14, 1971, with Mass at St. Peter's Church and refreshments afterwards in the parish hall. The committee was especially grateful to Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, pastor of St. Peter's, for the use of the parish facilities for the celebration, as well as for the assistance in planning the day. Pictured are committee members: Front row, 1 to r: Ruth Grasha, Annette Byrne, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius, Second row: Sophie Zager, Bob Boris, Catherine Kurpowic, Anna Mae Uznis, Frank Zager, Grazina Vaskelis, Edward Russell, Joseph Kurpowic and Matas Simonis. Missing from the photo are Stanley Wesley and Donna Bunikis.

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DETROIT, MICH. - C-102

BENDROS KŪČIOS: Lietuvos Vyčių 102 kuopa surengė bendras Kūčias Gusto ir Genės Baibokų gražiuose namuose. Čis Vyčiai ir svečiai, iš viso apie 60 asmenų, išklausė Kun. J. W. Stanevičiaus atlaikytas Šv.

Mišias. Po to jis pasakė kūčių dieni pritaikyta pamoksla ir palaimino šeiminkės skaniai pagamintus valgius. Susirinkusieji, lauždami plotkeles, sveikino viens kita su gražiais linkėjimais ateičiai ir sugiedojo populiaria Kalėdų giesme, "Tyliaja Nakti.. Kadangi ta diena buvo ir šeiminko

Gusto Baiboko gimtadienis, tai svečiai jo garbės dar sugiedojo ir "Happy Birthday" bei gausiais plovimais pasveikino jį.

Bob Borisas su draugais linksmai praleido dviejus savaitiu atostogas Meksikoje-Accapulco vasarvietėje. Grįžes vėl ikibo į savo darba.

DIEVUI IR TĖVYNEI

NEW YORKO VYČIAI TĖS
A.A. KUN JONO JUTT
DARBUS

Vyčiai vyresnieji ir 41 kuopa - 1971 m. gruodžio 12 d. paminėjo savo vado a.a. kun. Jono Jutkevičiaus mirtį. Jie organizuotai dalyvavo savo užprašytose Mišiose ir pamaldose. Vytis kun. Stasys Raila atitinkamai paminėjo velioni pritaikytu pamokslu. Jis kalbėjo: "Šio sekmadienio Evangelija kalba kaip Jonas Krikštytojas, būdamas kalėjime, per pasiūstuosius mokinius užklaušė Kristų kas Jis yra ir gavo Kristaus liudijimą apie save: "Ko išėiote į tyrus pamatyti? Ar puošniais rūbais vilkinčio žmogaus? Ar pranašo? Taip, sakau jums, tikrai daugiau negu pranašo. Štai siunčiu pirm tavęs savo pasiuntinį, kurs paruos Tau kelią". Mt. 11,2-11.

"Šia proga mes, vyčiai, atsimename savąjį Joną, a.a. kunigą Joną Jutkevičių. Mes jį laikėme lietuvių tautos pranašu, gelbėtoju, nepailstančiu darbininku už Lietuvą, už Jus, malonūs vyčiai. Jis nuo pat savo jaunystės dirbo, siejojosi ir aukojosi Tėvų Žemei - Lietuvai. O, kaip jis ją mylėjo, gyrė ir gynė! Jo maldos, kalbos, pamokslai ir jūsų pabarimai buvo tik iš lietuviškumo ir Lietuvos meilės. Daugybė jo kilnių minčių pasakytų seimuose, įteikiant medalius arba kalbant apie Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos darbus, giliai išmigo į jūsų ir mano širdį. Lietuvos vadavimo darbas buvo kun. Jono proto, rankų ir širdies darbas. Jis tiesioginiai ir per kiekvieną vyčių kuopą informavo amerikiečius apie Lietuvą, kėlė Amerikos spaudoje Lietuvos klausimą

ir gynė. Šimtais tūkstančių laiškų vyčiai daug nusipelnė Lietuvai. Jie rašė (ir rašo) dėkodami už teigiamą žodį ar žygį Lietuvos laisvei ginti, taisė klaidingas ir nepalankias nuomones, siuntė protestus pavergėjams, rašė prašymus, kad Amerika gelbėtų Lietuvą".

"A.a. kun. Jonas buvo pasiaukojęs Lietuvai ir lietuviškumui visą siela. Taip daug dirbdamas Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijoje, jis rėmė kiekvieną kitą vykdomą Lietuvos ir lietuviškumo darbą. Prieš trisdešimt metų pirmą sykį jį sutikau vyčiuose. Jis mielai priėmė Vyčių Centro Valdybos Dvasios Vadovo pareigas, kai vyčiams buvo sunkios veiklos dienos II karo metu. Matydamas, kad jis daugiau gali nuveikti Lietuvai be dvasios vado pareigų, jis visomis jėgomis kibo į Lietuvos gelbėjimo darbą. Kai reikėjo Kunigų Vienybei pirmininko ir čia stajodirbti. O persekiojamą Bažnyčią Lietuvoje, per Lietuvių Katalikų Religinę Šalpa rėmė kaip savo mielus vyčius".

"Laimingi visi šiandien esame, kad galime bendrai atsiminti Tave, a.a. Kunige Jonai. Mes tikime, kad nutraukta Tavo darbų eilė žemėje, yra tęsiama dvasiniu būdu iš dangaus. Mes meldžiamės Tavo intencija, nes tikime, kad tuo tinkamai prisimename Tave. Gerasis Dieve, laimink mūs brangų kunigą Joną, kad jo užtariamai galėtume tęsti jo darbus Dievui ir Tėvynei".

Bendrų pusryčių metu vytis Antanas Mažeika plačiau nusakė a.a. kun. Jono Jutt nuopelnus vyčiams ir Lietuvai.

Vytis aktorius Juozas Boley jautriai, lig ašarų pergyvendamas, atvaizdavo velionio nuoširdų darbą ir rūpesčius vyčiais, Lietuva. Jo parodytos laidotuvių skaidrės visus sujauodino. Visi susikaupe žiūrėjo, gailėjosi ir amžiną atilsį kalbėjo.

Šis vytiškas savo vadovo atminimas sužadino pasiryžimų jo darbams tęsti.

K.R.

VYČIAI REMIA LIETUVIŲ
KATALIKŲ RELIGINĘ ŠALPĄ

Lietuvos vyčiai labai nuoširdžiai remia persekiojamą Bažnyčią Lietuvoje savo maldomis, pamaldomis ir minėjimais. Vyčiai dosniai skiria savo aukas Lietuvių Katalikų Religinei Šalpai, kuri gelbsti bažnyčias Lietuvoje.

Siemet vyčių išrinktas koordinatorius vytis Antanas Miner jau atsiuntė savo ir Naujosios Anglijos Vyčių Apskrities auką \$140.00. Be to, jis rašys į "Vyti" apie vyčių pastangas gelbėti persekiojamą Bažnyčią Lietuvoje. Vysk. Vincentas Brizgys ir visa LKR Šalpos Valdyba yra dėkinga už vyčių teikiamą pagalbą.

Svarbiausias uždavinys dabar būtų sudaryti LKRS rėmėjų skyrius vyčių kuopose ar vietovėse kur yra vyčiai. Rėmėjų uždaviniai dideli: padėti sudaryti "Bažnyčios Fondą", iš kurio nuoširdžių būtų teikiama pagalba persekiojamai bažnyčiai Lietuvoje.

Ei, Vyčiai, mes gyvenam Dievui ir Bažnyčiai!

Vytis Kun. Stasys Raila