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Mrs. Pat Nixon, wife of the President of the United States, is greeted by Hon. Josephine J. Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, as Mrs. Nixon arrives to open the mammoth Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival in Chicago. Also pictured are: Miss Elizabeth Ogilvie, daughter of Illinois Governor who also danced, Mrs. Nijole Vengris, and Mrs. Dorothy Ogilvie, wife of the Illinois Governor. (Chicago Tribune Photo)

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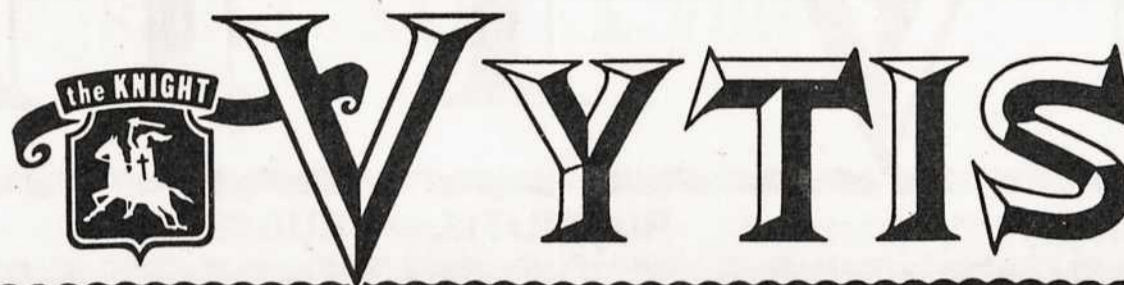
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FOURTH LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

July 2, 1972 Chicago, Ill.



On July 2, 1972, some 2000 young Lithuania dancers from all over the world, many of them also attending the Lithuanian World Youth Congress, gathered in Chicago's International Amphitheater to participate in the 4-th Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival. The gigantic amphitheater was filled to overflowing. The event was reported in all Chicago's major newspapers as well as in those of other cities, and broadcast over local TV. All who attended agreed that it was without a doubt spectacularly beautiful, and the best such festival yet! Pictured above (photo by. Vl. Juknevicius) are the dancers preparing for on of their dances.

THE WHITE HOUSE

July 12, 1972

Dear Mrs. Dauzvardis:

It was a very special pleasure for me to have the opportunity to be with you and all who participated in the Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival in Chicago. The occasion indeed was most enjoyable and rewarding.

Please know, too, that your many courtesies, together with the gifts of the lovely roses and the beautiful jewelry which the charming dancers kindly presented on behalf of all of you, added greatly to the joy of that memorable day.

With my deep appreciation for your warm expressions of friendship, and with best wishes,

Sincerely,
Pat Nixon

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Mrs. Pat Nixon, wife of the President of the United States, opened the Dance Festival, and remained for four hours. She had high praise for the dancers and urged the Lithuanians to preserve their "culture so others could enjoy it". This is the first time that a President's wife attended a Lithuanian event. Mrs. Richard Ogilvie, wife of the Governor of Illinois and their daughter Elizabeth were also present, and Elizabeth even learned two dances, and danced in the Festival with the Grandis group of Chicago.

Pictured at the Festival opening are, l to r, Dr. Kriauceliunas, Congressman Derwinski, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. Nixon, Consul J. Dauzvardis, and others.
 Photo by V. Noreika



53 AMBASSADORS, WE

DIARY OF A SOUTH AMERICAN FESTIVIDAD, K of L STYLE

By Loretta I. Stukas



K of L Excursion at Colombia Salt Mines

SUMMER, 1971

With the pleasant memories of the K of L Pilgrimage to Rome already a year old, the "travel bug" bites K of L-ers again. - What new "frontiers" can we conquer? Why not South America?

Pleasant Travel Service sets out to work out an itinerary, and National President Dr. Jack Stukas plans ways to make the trip especially meaningful, K of L wise, as well as enjoyable, tour-wise.

AUGUST, 1971

Bob McErlean of Pleasant Travel Service and a representative of Avianca Airlines present a tentative travel plan to the National Knights of Lithuania Convention in Kennebunkport. The countries on the agenda - Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Venezuela; the dates - June 22 to July 7, 1972; the purpose - to see a bit of South America, to make new friends among the South American Lithuanians, and perhaps exchange some Lithuanian culture and spirit.

SEPTEMBER, 1971

Registrations and deposits start to trickle in... and Jack Stukas begins communications with South American Lithuanians... and with K of L artists. Get-acquainted evenings begin to take shape, and artists Prudencija Bickus (Chicago), Louis Stukas (Hillside, N.J.), Vitalis Zukauskas (New York) and Vytautas Puskorius (Cleveland) agree to come along and provide the K of L part of the programs. All that remains is to brush up on our Spanish, Portuguese... and Lithuanian languages!

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Undaunted by hurricane Agnes and its flooding rain, 53 K of L "Ambassadors-to-be" and their friends gathered at Avianca's JFK terminal. Amid hurried hellos and good-byes, we flew off via Avianca's comfortable jet, to see what South America had to offer.

After a not-so-short stop in Barranquilla, Colombia for refueling and unexpected repairs, we arrived in Bogota, Colombia. The VYTIS badges with the Lithuanian flags attached, worn by our entire delegation, quickly identified us and brought waiting Colombian Lithuanians to greet us with flowers, embraces and warm words of welcome. The mood was thus set for the entire trip... at home away from home... feeling the warmth of brotherhood with people we'd just met... united by the bond of our common Lithuanian heritage!

Our Exprinter guides Victor and Nelson were also on hand, and efficiently bussed us through this bustling metropolis to the lovely, modern Hotel Continental. Anyone entertaining visions of a South America of only savages, snakes and backward living certainly suffered a rude awakening, at the sight of the modern buildings, roads, AND traffic.

A cocktail party, compliments of Exprinter, quickly "unwearied" the weary travelers, and provided a perfect setting for getting acquainted with each other, and with Rev. Vytautas Mankeliunas and Edmundas Karanauskas, leaders of the Bogota Lithuanian Community. After doing justice to a mountain of delicious hors d'ovres, and a sumptuous dinner, most of the group decided to walk off some calories, and took a leisurely stroll through town, escorted by Rev. Mankeliunas and Mr. Karanauskas. Although

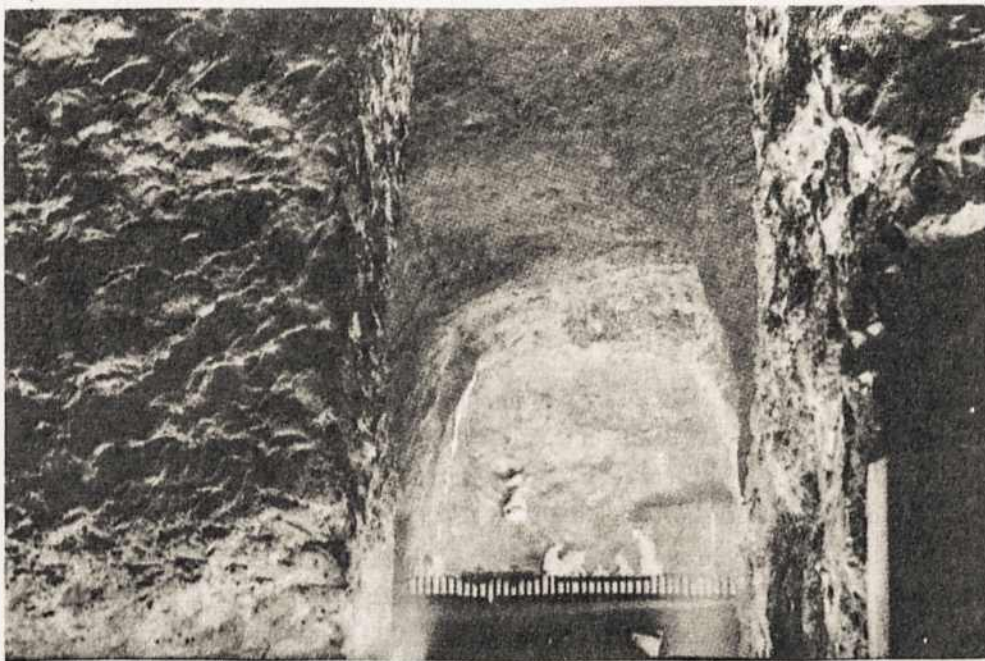
impressed by the buildings of varying architecture, and the modern stores, we were distressed to see young homeless lads sleeping in doorways and on the sidewalks, and even more disturbed to learn (as Irene Adomaitis later experienced) that many of these survive by picking pockets and begging. Colombia's population explosion and weak family life among the poor created this problem, and the government is hard pressed to cope with it with existing law enforcement procedures.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Those not content with a continental breakfast had a chance to practice their Spanish - and were rewarded with an interesting collection of entrees for their efforts! Another rainy morning (didn't we leave "Agnes" in New York?) was disappointing, but we were reassured by our guides that it wouldn't last. Bogota, 8500 feet up in the Andes, enjoys almost constant springtime. It rains almost daily, but only for very short periods of time. Interesting too, is the fact that the sun rises and sets at 6:00 A.M. and P.M., resp., every day of the year.

Through interim rain and sunshine, we viewed the long and narrow red-roofed city and then drove through Colombian farmland and down into the famous Salt Mines of Zipaquirá. These mines were worked for centuries before the Spaniards arrived; Chibcha Indians used to trade salt for gold ornaments with the Mayans of Guatemala and the Incas of Peru. Today, the mines are worked with modern machinery and techniques. There is said to be enough salt in this area to supply the world for 100 years. Some years ago the mine workers decided to create a place of worship in the mines. Excavations were planned as to form Byzantine arches and pillars to make up the nave and aisles of a magnificent underground cathedral. The Cathedral was begun in 1950 and completed in 1954. Each Sunday some 8000 worshippers come on foot through the mile-long tunnel to the Cathedral (no cars are allowed on Sunday), to attend Mass in this most unusual and inspiring place of worship.

From the depths of the mine and its cathedral, we drove back to town and ascended, by funicular railway, to the summit of Monserrate, for a breath-



Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral



Colombia, E. Karanauska, confers with K of L-ers Jack Stukas and Simonas Kontrimas

less (literally speaking) view of Bogota and of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the adjoining mountain. After ascending a few more stairs for a visit to the mountaintop church and its miraculous statue of Christ, we returned safely to where the breathing is much easier.

Stopping at the palatial summer estate of Simon Bolivar, we had our first taste of the tremendous admiration and love South Americans feel for their great liberator.

Lunch provided another adventure. Those of us who ventured into a local native cafe found its "soup of the day" to be a gourmet treat. Who would believe chicken soup, complete with chunks of chicken, corn on the cob, avocado, hot peppers and? could taste so good?

The tour's last stop was the Gold Museum, replete with a superb gold jewel collection dating back to ancient Indian days. Walking back to the hotel, the ladies (and most of the men) couldn't very well resist stopping to "just look" at the beautiful Colombian emeralds.

A delicious fish dinner set the mood for a celebration of St. John's Eve by Johns - Antanavich and Zubavicius, and Janes - Seeley and Staskus, while our artists and Jack and Loretta Stukas visited the homes of local Lithuanians Elvyra de la Torres and Mr. and Mrs. Karanauskas, to discuss the following evening's program, and enjoy a most delicious Lithuanian meal, with a most beautiful Colombian-Lithuanian family... on the occasion of their daughter's high school graduation. But only one word can describe the ride home... KARAMBA! We learned that local Lithuanians (especially the women) are TRUE Colombians, especially where driving is concerned.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Another Spanish lesson, at breakfast, as Prudencija Bickus tries to order a "boiled" egg (there IS a difference between a BOIL and a BOILED EGG, Prudy), inspired Larry Svelnis to head for the



At Mass, in Colombia

nearest bookstore and buy out their supply of Spanish-English dictionaries.

Meanwhile, with the gracious help of local Lithuanians, the "just looking" (at jewelry) turned into "let's buy". Many hands and lapels were suddenly glittering with newly purchased emeralds.

In the evening, we were transported to Bogota's German church, where our own Msgr. Vytautas Balciunas and Rev. Anthony Rackauskas, with Bogota's Rev. Mankeliunas concelebrated a Mass for our tourists and the local Lithuanians. It is here that the Bogota Lithuanians - 102 in all, counting children - attend a Lithuanian Mass every Sunday. Colombia Lithuanians all came to Colombia after WW II, fleeing the Soviet take-over of Lithuania. All are professional people and live very well.

Lou Stukas played the organ during Mass, and he and Prudencija Bickus sang. Msgr. Balciunas delivered the sermon, expressing his gratification at the fact that common heritage can still unite

Lithuanians scattered all over the world. After Mass, the Lithuanian Anthem was sung, and then, perhaps for the first time in South America, strains of the K of L Anthem resounded.

A reception and concert followed in the parish hall. Excluding those away on vacation or attending the Lithuanian Youth Congress in Chicago, all Bogota Lithuanians, young and old, were on hand to meet and greet the Knights of Lithuania.

Dr. Jack Stukas opened the program, expressing gratitude for the excellent hospitality, telling of some of the work of the K of L, and presenting records as mementoes to our hosts Mr. Karanauskas, Rev. Mankeliunas, and Mrs. de la Torres. Soloists Prudencija and Lou, actor-comedian Vitalis Zukauskas and pianist Vytautas Puskorius presented an excellent performance. Hardly a dry eye could be seen after the touching poetry and song montage, "Lithuania". Operatic and piano solos were met by enthusiastic applause, and Vitalis' humorous sketches again brought tears to everyone's eyes, this time from laughter! At the close, Colombia's Lithuanian Consul Sirutis thanked the K of L for coming to South America, and congratulated us on our purpose - "to leave something of ourselves, rather than to take anything".

A steady parade of Rum and Coke, and delicious hors d'ovres plus a genuine get-acquainted fest, and even some Lithuanian community singing followed the program. "We could have sung all night",

but, alas, awaiting us on Sunday was a full day's flight to Argentine. With sad goodbyes and "asta la vistas" we parted, content with our ambassadorship on this first stop.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

A very early breakfast, and on to the airport. The long wait was shortened by stops in the Duty Free Shop for "spirits" and perfume, chats with the local Lithuanians on hand to see us off, and a last taste of complimentary Colombian coffee. We boarded the plane already looking like "Merchants of Venice" - and there were still four countries to visit!

After several hours, several meals and several bottles of wine, the flight stopped in Lima, Peru, where we all scrambled through the myriad of airport shops, buying Llama rugs, silver jewelry, etc. At the stop at Santiago, Chile, there were no shops or refreshment stands... only one barren waiting room. After 30 minutes on Chile's "Communist" soil, we were delighted to return to our "capitalist" plane.

After yet another big meal, we set down at Buenos Aires, and were again warmly greeted by a large delegation of Argentine Lithuanians, waving and calling out Lithuanian greetings. Our arrival in Buenos Aires was especially touching, for here Simonas Kontrimas was reunited with his sister after 46 years... Anna Abromaitis with her parents after 26 years, and several others were greeted by relatives they had never met.

Alfredo Roplenas, young, Argentine-born leader of the Lithuanian community, expressed a few words of welcome at the airport, F. Ozinskas, editor of the newspaper "Balsas", photographed the group and Mr. Roplenas and Mrs. O. Kaireliene, Editor of "Laikas", the Argentine Catholic newspaper, and others joined us for the ride to the Regidor Hotel. Our Exprinter guides suggested we try some Argentine beef before retiring, as Monday marks the start of a meatless week in Argentine (declared periodically to allow for more beef export). But after 3 meals on the plane, a few "Cervezas" were about all we could manage to add to our already overstuffed selves.



At the Buenos Aires airport - Alfred Ruplenas, Ernesto Parselis and Jack and Loretta Stukas.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

A leisurely, fall-type (Argentina winter) morning provided a chance to catch up on sleep, learn to count in new Argentine Pesos and check out nearby Florida Avenue, a luxurious mall lined with fine shops and coffee houses. Our tourists boarded the buses for the afternoon tour decked out in warm new suede coats and stylish new shoes, their smart leather wallets stuffed with new pesos!

We noticed, riding around the modern Argentine capitol, how much Buenos Aires resembles Paris. It is South America's largest metropolis, with a population of some 7,750,000. As the heart of Argentina's commerce, industry and culture, it is sophisticated and truly-continental-modern, much of it rebuilt in the past 60 years. Its July 9 Boulevard is the widest boulevard in the world, and its parks, museums, theaters are as beautiful as those anywhere else in the world. Even the cemeteries and their monuments are replete with outstanding art work.

Most of Argentina's inhabitants are of European stock, who arrived, as the Lithuanians, before World War II. Argentina, and Buenos Aires in particular, boasts of very many Lithuanians, almost all early immigrants and their descendants. The young Lithuanians here, though never having seen Lithuania, speak the language fluently and are very active in the Lithuanian community. Buenos Aires Lithuanians have their own church, two newspapers, and three community centers. Numerous other Lithuanian colonies exist also, in other Argentine cities.

Our very interesting city tour past the immense July 9 Boulevard, through beautiful parks, past the theaters, government buildings, race courses, and

the opera house paused at a very unusual cemetery of elaborate and artistic mausoleums and monuments... at the inactive House of Congress, and at the quaint Caminito street in the poorer Boca District. It concluded with stops at two Lithuanian installations. The first was the Lithuanian Parish - "Madre de la Misericordia", - in Avellanda - consisting of a church, convent, folk museum and press. Rev. Steigvila, MIC, pastor, served as the institution's "tour guide"... then invited all to a taste of Argentine wine and snacks. The second Lithuanian stop was at SLA (Lithuanian Alliance of America) headquarters, and here too, after viewing the hall, in process of being remodeled, we were again treated to more wine, more snacks, and more interesting conversation with the local Lithuanians.

After dinner at the San Antonio Hotel, Vitalis Zukauskas, having mastered at least one Spanish word - "Si" - led a contingent to a concert in the Colon Opera House. Others found a good spot to learn the Tango, still others celebrated the eve of "Sv. Ladislava Day"... while our "medical committee" - Dr. Marija Zemaitis and nurse Dana Mikulskis began doling out their supply of medication to the less hearty.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Florida Avenue and its wares continued its appeal with the aid of local Liths, while Argentine restaurants proved to our tourists that meatless week needn't be dull. Visiting with relatives and/or newly acquired friends was also the order of the day.

In the evening, we again gathered for a concert-reception, at the Jonas Basanavicius Hall. Although a week-day evening, in Argentina's mid-winter,



At the Lithuanian Catholic Center in Buenos Aires. Top - Folk Art Museum, Right - Two Editors - Mrs. O. Kairelenė of B.A.'s "Laikas" and L. Stukas of "Vytis", in the church garden.





The "Aitvarai" Trio . . . and the audience in Buenos Aires.

the hall was filled to overflowing. The absence of central heating in Argentina and the resulting discomfort of a cold hall was short-lived. An enjoyable program and many good laughs helped us forget the cold quickly. A pleasant addition to the program was a selection of Lithuanian songs by a local male trio - the "Aitvarai". Glowing, enthusiastic "Ačiū's" were expressed by the Argentines, as our artists were presented with gifts and accolades. The general feeling - the K of L group truly brought a "revival of Lithuanian spirit to South America".

Another "wine and Argentine snacks" reception cleared up all remaining cold feet, hands, etc. and again, good old-fashioned Lithuanian community singing warmed the voices and hearts of all. Grace Vaskelis and Irene Adomaitis became our unofficial "youth representatives"... and Grace began her collection of "Pen Pals" (and prospective members?).

Of all the many songs sung, "Eisim Broliai, Namu" was the least popular, for no one wanted to go "Namu". We did break away, but not before at least half of our Lithuanian badges found their way to the lapels of the Argentine Lithuanians. We promised too, that we'd send them more!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

The puzzle of the day - how do we fit our purchases into our already bulging luggage? The answer - wear the extra clothes, for Montevideo, Uruguay's winter promises to be harsher than that of Buenos Aires.

News of a planned student revolt imposed on us an earlier departure - 3:00 P.M. - to the airport, for the main part of the city literally closes up before any student demonstration, to avoid property damage and vandalism.

How difficult it was to part with new and old friends and relatives in Buenos Aires. They told us that indeed our visit was a historic, inspirational, and most unforgettable for all their Lithuanians. It was for us, also. Most of us parted with tears in our eyes, vowing certainly to return soon.

A short flight across the Rio de la Plata, River of Silver... brought us to the beautiful but COLD city of Montevideo, Uruguay.

Grisonas, Lithuanian Ambassador for Uruguay and the only recognized representative of Independent Lithuania in all of South America, was on hand to greet our delega-

tion at the airport. With him was the young, energetic leader of the Lithuanian Community (Bendruomene), Edmundas Andruskevicius.

Our hotel, the Colombia Palace, overlooking the Rio de la Plata, was modern, new and very comfortable, except for a few problems with the central heating system. It wasn't meatless week in Montevideo, so approximately 53 delicious Uruguay steaks were the order of the day for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Grisonas joined us after dinner, and spoke some warm words of welcome. A few more local Lithuanians arrived to say hello, and the "get acquainted" session moved to the Colombia Palace's Lounge... which, to our dismay (when the bill arrived), turned out to be a Night Club, complete with cover charges, etc.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Sunrise comes VERY late in Montevideo! At 7:30 A.M. the sky was still pitch black, leaving us to wonder... "was it indeed morning, or did we sleep through the night and day, to 7:30 P.M.?" By 9:00 A.M., light had at last dawned, and most of us ventured out into Uruguay's damp, rainy winter for a city tour, but a few overslept, sleeping till "dawn".

The Rio de la Plata, which empties into the Atlantic just past Montevideo, looked more like an ocean than a river. Its shore is studded with modern hotels, casinos, and palatial homes. In Uruguay's summer, Montevideo becomes a vast playground, abuzz with vacationers enjoying the beautiful sandy beaches, but now, we preferred sightseeing from INSIDE the bus.

Uruguay, translated the "Purple Land", prides itself on its democratic way of life. but is currently striving to restrain the "Tupamaro" movement, intent on changing Uruguay's status quo. The ominous presence of armed guards at all government buildings attested to the state of unrest.

We visited the magnificent marble halls of Uruguay's Congressional Building, where our own President Eisenhower was feted some years ago, passed several interesting bronz monuments and photographed "Cerro", the hill seen across the water, which gave Montevideo its name. The city's discoverers saw the hill, and said "Monte video" - (translated "I see a hill"). We also drove past numerous very elegant and most modern homes, all along the vast shoreline.

Bundled up in our Colombian Ruanas (Panchos), we spent the afternoon checking out local leather shops (more coats, gloves, etc.), or warming up over STRONG coffee. The late sleepers took in the sights on private tours. Mr. K. Cibiras, Press Attache of Uruguay's Lithuanian Legation, paid a visit to the hotel also, to meet K of L-ers and to record an interview with Jack Stukas, and eventually to direct our bus to the Lithuanian Club at Cerro, for the reception with Montevideo's Lithuanians.

As we left for the club, the rains came... and STAYED. But in spite of the heavy rain, cold weather, and a week-day night, we were again greeted by a packed hall of eager faces who received us like celebrities. To compensate for the lack of central heating, we joined Montevideans in their custom of enjoying hot coffee and good cognac before a program. It helped, a bit!

Edmundas Andruskevicius, young president of the local Bendruomene, opened the evening with words of welcome. As usual, our hosts were ecstatic over our performers' concert, and we continued to enjoy it also, much like listening to a good record several times. - With each playing, we appreciated new fine points...

Ambassador Grisonas expressed a sincere "Valio, - Vyčiai", for bringing so much pleasure to Montevideo's Lithuanians, and for giving their youth new pride in their heritage and the beauty of Lithuanian culture. Uruguayan Lithuanians, as those of Argentina, are older immigrants who arrived in the 1920's, and their children and grandchildren. Currently, the younger generation has enthusiastically taken leadership of the Lithuanian community and is doing very well.

Montevideo Liths have three weekly Lithuanian radio programs - one is conducted mostly in Spanish and is aimed at the younger set, one is pure Lithuanian and is political and religious in theme, and the third (not too popular) is Communist in leanings.

After the program, we were feted to typical Uruguayan hot snacks - mini-pizzas, mini-franks,



A. Grisonas, L. Svelnis, M. Chinik, V. Kukauskas at the Lithuanian Embassy in Uruguay

various cneeses, "kaldūnai", etc. - all delicious, all went very well with the endless supply of Uruguay's white and red wine. But the real treats were the Montevidean Lithuanians, young and old. They were so sincere, gracious and anxious to learn about life in the US, and to tell of their lives and thoughts, that we became immediate friends. After bidding fond farewells to our hosts, we stopped briefly at the beautiful Lithuanian Church, at the invitation of pastor Rev. Sukackas. With the parish organist Mr. Dorelis at the organ, we

sang "Marija, Marija" and the Lithuanian Anthem, recited a short prayer, then headed back to the hotel. The reception was continued at the hotel for an hour or so by our own "youth committee" (by now grown in number), and several of Uruguay's younger set, with refreshments provided by our honorary Lithuanians, the McErleans. The list of pen pals was growing!

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Nearly all slept until well past "dawn", and awoke only to find more rain. Fortunately, the hotel was well-equipped with interesting gift, jewelry and coffee shops, adequate for passing the time away until flight time. Brone Karaska's relatives arrived to whisk her away for a few hours, but not before leaving a bag full of Uruguayan snacks and sweets for the rest of the group.

At the kind invitation of Ambassador and Mrs. Grisonas, a representative K of L delegation - Jack Stukas of the Supreme Council, Loretta Stukas for NY-NJ District, Larry Svelnis for New England District, Mildred Chinik for Mid-Central District, Prudencija Bickus for Ill.-Ind. District, plus the other artists and our priests Msgr. Balciunas and Father Rackauskas - visited the Lithuanian Legation, escorted by Edmundas Andruskevicius, before departure to the airport. Several interviews were recorded and we learned more of the political and cultural life of Uruguay, while enjoying delicious wine, home-made by Mr. Grisonas, wild mushrooms handpicked by Mrs. Grisonas, and an impressive array of other delicacies. We also learned that Mr. and Mrs. Grisonas were accomplished soloists, and as a surprise treat, Mr. Grisonas sang a few selections.

The rains continued to flight-time and beyond, delaying our departure, but the group of patient Liths on hand to see us off waited with us, over coffee, then bid farewell as we finally departed for Sao Paulo, a few shopping bags and new leather cases heavier, many Lithuanian badges lighter, and a lot of friends richer.

Sao Paulo was pleasantly warm and dry! We were back to summer weather at last. Msgr. Ragazinskas, Mr. Ciuvinskas, and a host of other Sao Paulo Lithuanians were on hand to greet us at the airport. Amelia Sinus and Valerie Stadalnikas were overwhelmed by their own delegations of relatives meeting them. Our Brazilian Exprinter guides escorted us to the luxurious Sao Paulo Hotel, and we retired to our most comfortable rooms, to dream of the experiences in the week past... and of the week that was to come.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Sao Paulo, with its skyscrapers shooting up to 72 stories high, is a highly sophisticated city, with ultra-modern shops and residences and wide boulevards, all beautifully decorated with tropical plantings and trees. We ventured out early, in the welcome sunshine, to check out the lovely shops before they closed at 1:00 P.M. (on Saturdays). At Sterns', the famous Brazilian Jewelers, we observed the process of refining and polishing precious stones, and bought a few finished products, then wandered back to the hotel on foot, enjoying the folkcraft shops and other stores on the way. By lunch time, we were well-versed on how to spend Crusieros... and even picked up a few words of Portuguese... "Si", "Obligado"... Prudencija was searching anew, in Portuguese dictionaries, for how to ask for a "boiled egg" in Portuguese!

The Brazilian people are a most interesting group. In Sao Paulo (and later in Rio), all seemed well dressed, happy in their work, and most intent on what they were doing. Every face looked completely different from every other, for Brazil boasts of a vast intermingling of races. No racial problems exist here... Whites, Indians, Negroes, Orientals, etc. all are considered equal in privileges and responsibilities... all live and work together and intermarry in harmony. Our guide predicted that in a few generations, a new race - a mixture of many of the old races - would emerge in Brazil.

In the evening, all decked out in our finery, we boarded the buses for the concert-reception at the Lithuanian Franciscan Sisters' large and modern High School Auditorium. But Vitalis Zukauskas and Larry Svelnis spent a bit too much time donning their finery... and had to make their own, more complicated way to the reception, vowing never to be late again!

Brazilian Lithuanians are also mostly early immigrants and their children, with a few post-war immigrants also in the active group. They are, for the most part, more affluent than the Uruguayan Liths, and also boast of their own weekly newspaper, two churches, and several clubs. It was sad, however, to hear that the school run by the Lithuanian Franciscan Sisters has no facility for teaching the Lithuanian language or culture, even part-time or weekends.

The reception planners - Msgr. Ragazinskas, Rev. Kidykas and Mr. Valavicius - were presented gifts of records from Jack Stukas on behalf of the K of L, and the Sister Superior of the school received a copy of Dr. Stukas' book, "Awakening Lithuania". Once again, our program was most enthusiastically received. We were also treated to an excellent and most enjoyable concert of folk songs, by the Sao Paulo Lithuanian Catholic Chorus, directed by Tatarunas. The reception, at St. Joseph Parish Hall, had new treats. Besides the delicious Brazilian snacks, we were introduced to the delightful cocktail "Maracuzza", the refreshing soft fruit drink "Guarana", plus a variety of Brazilian beers and wines. Since many Brazilians have traveled to or lived in the US, many friendships were renewed in the course of the evening.



Sao Paulo entertainment by the Lithuanian Chorus...



and by Lou Stukas and P. Bickus



Brazilian refreshments

We said goodbye too soon, but agreed to meet again Sunday, at Mass.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

A Brazilian Hippie Market was the first stop of the morning. Every Sunday morning, in a nearby park, local artists bring their handiwork - paintings, wood carvings, leather work, dolls, and novelty goods - to sell. We had a wonderful hour shopping, bargaining, and just looking. Then, it was on to St. Joseph's for their Lithuanian Mass, concelebrated by Msgrs. Ragazinskas, and Balciunas, and Father Rackauskas. Msgr. Balciunas again delivered the sermon, and the choir (still

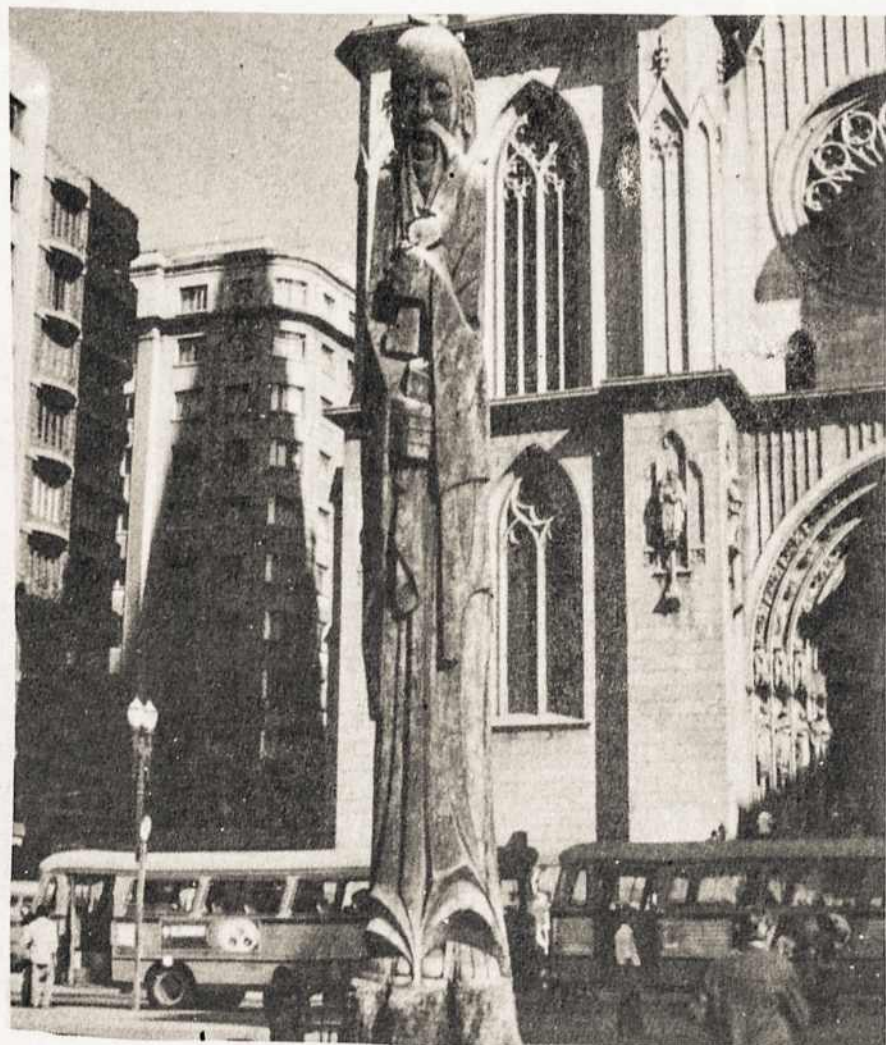


At Mass in Sao Paulo

in excellent voice) sang the Mass. Our hosts served a delicious lunch... and the local men entertained with an impromptu folk song concert. As we bid fond farewell - and parted with the last of our Lithuanian badges - our hosts saluted us with a special version (by J. Stankunas) of "Ilgiausiu Metu".

After a quick stop at the Lithuanian Jesuit center, escorted by Father Kidykas, for a look at their chapel, hall and school, we continued our tour of Sao Paulo - while some stayed behind to attend the Soccer Games.

The tour took us through the modern city to its new Gothic Cathedral, the largest in South America, inaugurated in 1954 during the city's 4th centenary. In the square in front of the Cathedral is a massive statue of St. Peter, carved out of one tree. The statue was intended for the Vatican, but was too large to be moved, so remains gracing Sao Paulo.



Another interesting stop was made at the famous Butantan Snake Farm, where serum is made from the snakes poisonous venom, and other research is done with snakes and various poisonous insects. Prudencija was the only soul brave enough to handle even a non-poisonous snake. For the rest of us, "just looking" was good enough!

The rest of the tour took us through the grounds of University City, largest atomic research center on the continent, where each building was designed by a different architect, past very lushly decorated coop apartments and private residences, and around the impressive commercial center, - and left us with an image of an exciting and interesting city of man-made and natural beauty.

Representatives of the "Tradicao, Familia e Propriedade" (TFM) took Jack Stukas to their headquarters for a visit and interview. The TFM movement in Brazil to counteract the spread of Communism by protecting "Tradition, Family and Property", plan to assist the Lithuanian cause by collecting one million South American signatures on a petition seeking religious freedom for Lithuania, to be sent to the United Nations and to Pope Paul VI. The K of L offered to assist financially, and our group collected \$150.00 as a start for funding the campaign. (See p. 26)

Sao Paulo is known as the night life capitol of Brazil... so half of our group decided to try a bit of the night life. To their dismay, "national folk dances in a typical Brazilian club" looked and sounded too much like American dances in a discotheque!

The other half of the group was content enjoying a leisurely dinner at the hotel, visiting new-found friends, or collecting more "pen-pals".

MONDAY, JULY 3

With the Sao Paulo Lithuanians on hand to see us off, we flew off to the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro. Its haunting beauty was already evident as we approached the airport, flying over the harbor dotted with small islands and outlined by imposing mountains. Rio de Janeiro, capitol of Brazil until superseded by Brasilia in 1960, is situated on the west bank of the Bay of Guanabara, on a strip of land between the mountains and the sea. As we stepped off the plane into the warm, tropical air, our recently-acquired colds and bronchial coughs seemed to improve immediately. In probably record time upon reaching the Regente Hotel, situated on the famous Copacabana beach, everyone was checked in, changed and on the beach to enjoy basking in Rio's warm sunshine and cooling off in her refreshing waters. For those who needed more healing than the sunshine could provide, Dana Mikulskis and Marija Zemaitis replenished their supply of penicillin and anti-biotics and continued doling them out.

The outdoor cafes along the beach provided the ideal setting to enjoy Rio's landscape at night. The lights twinkling along the beach and atop Sugar Leaf Mountain, and encircling Christ the Redeemer Statue on Corcovada Mountain, and the rare sight of an "upside-down" half moon, made us ask... "are we REALLY HERE?"

A few hearty souls ventured out to try night-clubbing again. While half of them struggled with giving directions to a Portuguese (only) speaking cab driver (and got lost), the other half (also lost) helped their driver fix a flat tire - and arrived at their destination after their friends had returned to the hotel, confused. Group 1 (or was it 2) enjoyed the club, nonetheless.

Other hearty souls strolled (and later trudged) along the beach, several miles from end to end, while the rest of us enjoyed the sights, sitting and sipping Dubonnet or Guarana at the outdoor cafes until the wee hours.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

In the morning, it was a trip to Sterns again, to claim our souvenir charm bracelets (and perhaps shop some more)... some short swims... then lunch at various interesting cafes or in our own charming Regente restaurant. Rev. Ignatavicius, spiritual leader of Rio Lithuanians, who met us at the airport also, joined us for the afternoon tour. The city of Rio is only 15 miles in length and from 2 to 10 miles wide, located among mostly green mountains and blue sea. Its population at present is about 4 million. Its natural beauty has made it a permanent tourist attraction, admired by all visitors.

A harrowing ride up Corcovado Mountain had its advantages - the views of the city below, at each hair-pin turn, were breathtaking when we dared look down. When the curving road became too narrow for the bus, we transferred to mini-busses, for an even more exciting ride, and then finished the climb to the top of the 2330 foot mountain on foot, to the base of the massive statue of Christ the Redeemer, a marvel of engineering, 115 feet high and weighing 1145 tons. It was almost impossible to imagine how the statue, completed in 1932, could have been built, with the limited engineering know-how of that day. The galleries around the statue offer magnificent views of every part of Rio and its surrounding islands. Sugar Loaf Mountain, a solid rock formation 1296 feet high, was dwarfed by comparison.

Somehow, the ride down seemed less harrowing. Down below, we rode through the tropical Tijuca Forest, pausing at its lovely waterfall, complete with pipes channeling the water directly to the local brewery!

It was twilight as we drove through the rest of the city, past its museums and its ultra modern monument to Brazilian soldiers killed in WW II, and along the picturesque necklace of beaches. Rio at night was again atwinkle.

The Stukas, Prudencija Bickus, Kazys Ciurlys, Regina Saldaitiene and Vitalis Zukauskas discovered that it is indeed a small world... when they met Evalyna and Conrad Mickevicius, formerly from New Jersey and Chicago, now living in Rio. The Mickevicius' entertained this group of their relatives, friends, dancing partners over a delicious Brazilian dinner at their home, and included a stop at their Country Club, for a magnificent view of Rio at night... truly a sight long to be remembered! The sidewalk cafes of the Regente and neighboring



Christ the Redeemer at Coronado

hotels captured the attention of the rest of the tourists, as they took their last look at Rio, enjoyed a few more Guaranas and Maracuzas, and began exchanging trip memories, in preparation for the last leg of the "Festividad".

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

After a relaxing plane ride over Brazil's ultra-modern capitol Brasilia, built in the shape of a jet plane, and over the green Amazon jungle, the K of L FESTIVIDAD touched down at its last stop, Caracas, Venezuela, the "City of Eternal Spring". Once again, we were met by local Lithuanians - Rev. Perkumas, chaplain of Santa Maria High School and spiritual leader of local Liths, and his committee - and the Exprinter guides who escorted us to the Hotel Savoy.

The hour's drive to the hotel took us past hillside after hillside of "shacks", inhabited by the poor of Venezuela, who prefer their shacks (equipped with TV sets, refrigerators, running water) to high-rise public housing, much to the consternation of the government. The usually bustling city appeared strangely calm, for all businesses were closed in honor of Venezuelan Independence Day.

After a refreshing supper, we proceeded to the Villa Litano, for the last South American Concert-Reception. Dr. Stukas, suffering from walking pneumonia, stayed behind, confined to bed, and delegated his authority to his wife, Loretta. Our own Mrs. Zukas, surrounded by her relatives, formed part of the welcoming committee that greeted our bus so warmly.



A. Zemaitis, Rev. Rackauskas, G. Vaskelis, L. Adomaitis in Caracas



Caracas, Venezuelan entertainers... and Soloist Lou Stukas, actor V. Zukauskas

The concert, held in the beautiful, modern Santa Maria High School Auditorium, adjacent to Villa Lituano, was opened with words of welcome by Rev. Perkumas. His words as well as other Lithuanian talks, were translated into Spanish by Mrs. Jurate de Rozales, decked out in traditional Lithuanian costume, for filling the hall were not only Lithuanians but also many local Venezuelans who came to enjoy a bit of Lithuanian culture.

On behalf of the K of L, Mrs. Stukas told of the work of the K of L, and expressed our happiness at having met and shared thoughts with so many fine Lithuanians throughout South America. "While we lost a bit of health temporarily, we gained a renewal of Lithuanian spirit permanently". As a remembrance of our visit, Mrs. Stukas presented Rev. Perkumas with a Lithuanian record and copies of VYTIS.

After the montage "Lietuva", a pleasant surprise was added to the program. The local Santa Maria School Students Chorus presented a beautiful program of typical Venezuelan songs, complete with guitar and native instrument accompaniment. Our own soloists, also suffering from various stages of laryngitis, etc. nevertheless gave their all to complete this last concert, and left a beautiful memory of Lithuanian talents. Honored guest, Member of Venezuelas Congress Charlita Monoz, told how he enjoyed the program, and felt great fellowship with the Lithuanian people. Jose Kukanauza on behalf of the Lithuanian community of Venezuela, presented gifts of gold crosses and medals to the program participants and to Dr. Stukas, via Mrs. Stukas.

Crossing the square to Villa Lituana for the reception, we paused to see the gold shrine to St. Casimir, complete with relics, affixed to the outside wall of the church where local Liths attend Mass. Most of the Venezuelan Lithuanians are immigrants who arrived after WW II. While they have no church of their own, Father Perkumas celebrates a Lithuanian Mass on Sunday a month in Caracas, and travels to other communities to say Mass for Lithuanians on the other Sundays. They have a fine club, and enjoy a great brotherhood with non-Lithuanians in the area.

The reception was warm and replete with champagne, beer, delicious snacks, and, as usual, good companionship. All too soon, the evening ended with "... Namo, Namo". Msgr. Balciunas expressed all our thanks for a very generous reception... we said many goodbyes, and waved more farewells from the bus as the Venezuelan students serenaded us in true Latin American style.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Our last day in South America was spent touring various shrines to Simon Bolivar, South American liberator, and other interesting sights. While Bolivar liberated many South American countries, the Venezuelans perhaps revere him most. His remains are entombed in the Pantheon, along with those of several of his aides, his birthplace is in Caracas (now a national shrine), and even the local currency bears his name.

Venezuela takes great pride in its national monuments, and spends much time and finances keeping them clean and in good repair. Since the nation was in mourning this day for the death of its former president, the Capitol Building was closed to the public, but the beautiful gardens in the courtyard gave an indication of the beauty of the entire installation. After lunch, Al Fresca, we checked out the local stores, aided by our new Lithuanian friends.

At supper, Jack Stukas, feeling heartier thanks to Dr. Zemaitis' "TLC", spoke a few words of "ačiū and sudiev", and Loretta Stukas, on behalf of all the tourists, presented token folk-art gifts to the "entertainment committee" - Prudencija Bickus, Lou Stukas, Vitalis Zukauskas, and Vyto Puskorius, the "health committee" - Dr. Zemaitis and Dana Mikulskis, R.N., and the "arrangements committee" Bob McErlean and Jack Stukas. The rest of the evening was spent celebrating Vyto Puskorius' and Antoinette Naujalis' birthdays over wine, saying goodbyes over cognac and salami, compliments of Larry Svelnis, attempting to fit everything into our bags neatly, for the benefit of US Customs agents, and finally organizing our hand baggage, for the benefit of the airport security guards.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

After one last trip past security guards (even Violet Brazaitis passed easily this time) we boarded Pan Am's jet and headed for home, our bodies tired, but our thoughts full of pleasant memories and our address books stuffed with names of new friends. For many months hence we'll be sharing stories of what we saw, where we went, who we met... but only the "53 AMBASSADORS, WE" can ever fully appreciate the true impact of this trip... a glowing gratitude for what we have in the "good old USA", and a refreshed pride in our Lithuanian heritage, gained through and shared with our South American friends.

Į LIETUVĄ

Važiuojant iš Šateikių į Salantus kairėj pusėj kelio matei su-smukusius į žemę trobesius. Laukiai ten gyveno. Suvargusiai gyveno, trobesių stogai kiauri buvo. Turėjo daug vaikų. Mokykloje kiti vaikai nenorėjo draugauti su tokiais neturtingais.

Ir štai vieną dieną parvažiavo pas Laukius iš Amerikos Laukienės sesuo su vyru. Salantuose po pamaldų žmonės į juos žiūrėjo. Kokie pasipuošę! Tur būt, yra turtingi. Ir nugirdo tuojau, kad nupirkę rąstų seseriai namams statyti. Vaitkaus akys žibėjo iš susijaudinimo pasakojant apie tai.

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A. Mikulskis, Ciurlionis Director

If it weren't for Alfonsas Mikulskis, it is doubtful whether there ever would have been a Ciurlionis Ensemble. Mikulskis has been the driving force that has made and kept the Ensemble what it is today. He was born on September 14, 1909 in the village of Daglienai. Mr. Mikulskis is a musician of broad background and education. He attended the Klaipeda School of Music, 1926-1930 and the Kaunas Conservatory, 1930-37. Only after finishing the Celist Class did he study and specialize in choir direction and composition. In addition, he has finished music teaching and choir arrangement. Alfonsas Mikulskis continued his studies from 1937-1943 with J. Gruodis, J. Bendorius and J. Kacinskas. While in Germany in 1947 he continued further in composition with Von Albrecht in Stuttgart and in 1948-49 with H. Hermann in Reutlingen. In 1960 he received an M.A. Degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Mikulskis to this day is full of energy, artistic enthusiasm and self-sacrifice and he continues to serve his great love the preservation of Lithuanian Music for all times. Don't miss this opportunity to see this great Maestro perform at the 59th National Convention Ciurlionis Ensemble Concert on Friday evening, August 25th.



ONA MIKULSKIS founded and has directed the Kankles Orchestra since 1940. She has faithfully and lovingly recorded and bound all performance publicity and notices of the Ciurlionis Ensemble and Kankles Orchestra. The books are fascinating and one must see them to appreciate them. This is a woman who loves her work, and is very proud of her husband's talent. She untiringly and willingly continues to train young Lithuanian girls to play the Kankles. Come to Cleveland and meet this fine Lady, we're sure you'll respond to her as we did.

WE PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

**COME TO CLEVELAND
AUGUST 23 - 27, 1972 AND
SEE WHAT WE HAVE FOR
YOU**



HOSTS: Council 25
Cleveland, Ohio

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS: Hollenden House
East 6th & Superior Avenue

PROGRAM

Wednesday, August 23

Registration - Hollenden House - Mezzanine - Second Floor	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
"Early Bird" Poolside Party - Wm. Jakubs Residence - 20716 Edgecliff Blvd. - Euclid	8:00 PM

Thursday, August 24

Registration - Hollenden House - Mezzanine - Second Floor	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Opening Session - West Ballroom "D" - Hollenden House	2:00 PM
"Mystery" Night and Buffet Dinner*	7:00 PM

Friday, August 25

Opening Solemn High Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church - 18022 Neff Road* - Includes Continental Breakfast at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine	8:00 AM
Second Session - West Ballroom "D"	10:30 AM
Luncheon - East Ballroom "B" - Fr. Bill Mitchell, S.S.C.C. - Speaker	1:00 PM
Third Session - West Ballroom "D"	2:30 PM
Concert - Ciurlionis Ensemble - East Ballroom A & B - Hollenden House	8:30 PM

Saturday, August 26

Requiem Mass for Deceased Members - St. John's Cathedral - East 9th & Superior Avenue	9:00 AM
Fourth Session - West Ballroom "D"	10:00 AM
Luncheon - Awards Presentation - East Ballroom "B"	12:30 PM
Fifth Session - West Ballroom "D"	2:00 PM
Semi-Formal Dance - East Ballroom A & B - Eddie Platt and His Orchestra - Hollenden House	9:00 PM

Sunday, August 27

Solemn High Mass - St. George Church - 6527 Superior Avenue*	10:30 AM
Official Convention Photograph	12:00 Noon
Closing Banquet - West Ballroom C & D Hollenden House	2:00 PM

* Bus Transportation Included

HEADQUARTERS FOR THE 59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

THE HOLLENDEN HOUSE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Offers 11 floors of beautiful rooms - all featuring color television. The suites are especially magnificent. The Hotel is located in the center of the city (especially chosen with YOU in mind). It is just a short walk to St. John's Cathedral, the Old Stone Church, The Terminal Tower Erievue Plaza, The Port of Cleveland, The Lakefront, The Old Arcade, and not to forget one of the most important features - the downtown shopping area. Airport service is provided by limousine or rapid transit.

The Hotel is the home of the famous MARIE SCHREIBER'S TAVERN - one of Cleveland's best known names for superb and gracious dining. (Try it - you'll like it!)

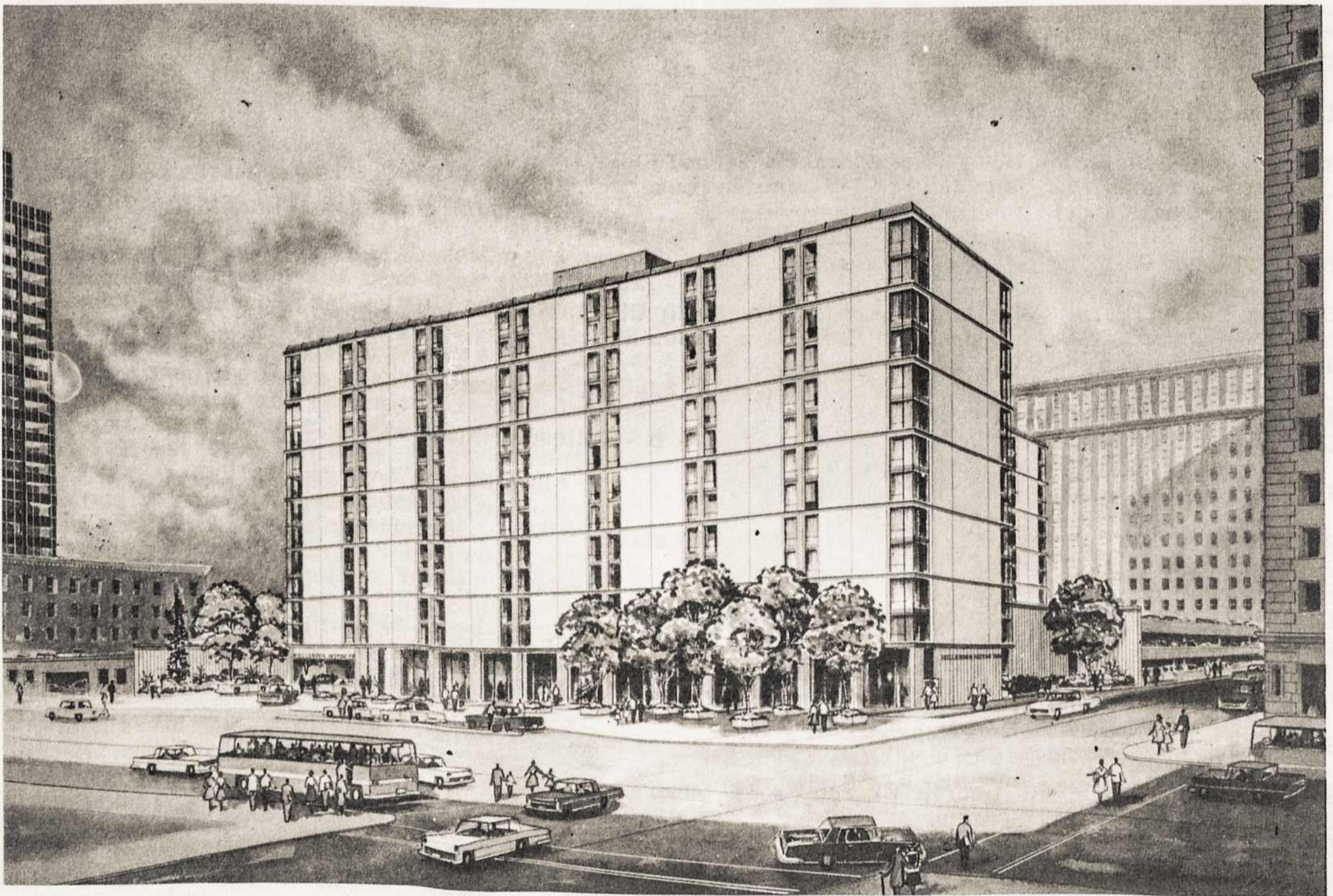
The Gay 90's decor of the GAZETTE LOUNGE is especially intriguing. It also offers nightly entertain-

ment. Complete meal and speed snack facilities are also available in the hotel's delightful COFFEE SHOPPE.

SWIMMER'S NOTE: - The Hollenden House is the only hotel in downtown Cleveland with a lovely indoor pool with temperature-controlled water and ample lounging patios.

SAUNA BATHS too. We're sure you'll want to visit the pool for a quick refreshing dip - or to laze in the warm air and relax.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW to attend the Knights of Lithuania 59th National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Make it a combined Vacation/Convention trip. You'll be delighted with the Hollenden House - your home away from home - August 23-27, 1972 - your Hosts - Council 25.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL . . .



The POOLSIDE PARTY at the Jakubs, WEDNESDAY evening, August 23rd will be an opportunity to see old friends, make new friends, and to relax before swinging into Convention business and activities.

The pool will be available for those inclined to take a dip, or if you prefer - dancing under the stars to the strains of a Hawaiian Band - or just enjoying

the luscious food and thirst-quenching refreshments and all around good fellowship!

Do come and relax and unwind before the hectic days of the Convention. Council 25 and Helen and Bill are all anxious to meet YOU!!!

Dress will be informal and don't forget to bring your swimsuit (The Hollenden House also has a pool).



**THURSDAY NIGHT is
MYSTERY NIGHT
in Cleveland.
The Date is
August 24, 1972.**

SCENES FROM THE
48th K of L CONVENTION
CLEVELAND, 1961



IŠKILMINGA MALDOS DIENA

Cleveland, Ohio

Birželio 25 dieną Lietuvos Vyčių Vidurinių Vals-tybių Apygarda suruošė iškilmingą Maldos Dieną Clevelande, Ohio. Praėjusiais metais tokia šventė įvyko Daytono, Ohio. Ją buvo surengusi L.V. 96-toji kuopa, o šių metų Maldos Dieną daugiausiai parengė Clevelando sendraugiai vyčiai - nutarimų raštininkė M. Trainauskaitė, pirm. Stasė Sankalaitė ir vice-pirm. Ignas Visockas.

Į šią šventę atvyko vyčiai iš Youngstowno, Day-tono - Ohio ir iš Detroito, Mich. Prieš pamaldas jie buvo pavaišinti užkandžiais.

Visi išsirikiavę su vėliavomis tvarkingai nužy-giavo į bažnyčią. Priešakyje visų žygiavo garbės nariai: Marijona Nukienė ir Juozas Sadauskas. Šv. Mišias atlaikė klebonas kun. B. Ivanauskas. Per pamokslą jis priminė, kad šios Mišios aukojamos už L.V. apygardos narius ir čia pat išvardino vė-

liausiai mirusius, būtent: Kun. Titą Narbutą, šios apygardos Dvasios Vadą, Vinčą Pavį, buv. pirm. ir žymų veikėją ir Juozą Sinkevičių.

Mišių metu vyną ir vandenį atnešė vytės K. Sa-dauskienė ir U. Gaižutienė, apsirengusios tautiniais kostiumais. Visi Mišių metu priėmė Šv. Komuniją ir meldėsi už mirusius.

Po pamaldų įvyko bendri pietūs. Iš čia maldininkai nužygiavo į Our Lady of Lourdes Kopyčią, kur buvo palaiminimas Šv. Sakramentu. Čia angliškai kalbėjo Kun. K. Mičiulis, o po to visi apėjo Kry-žiaus Kelius, prie kurių prisidėjo ir svečiai, atvykę net iš Kanados.

Kiek teko patirti iš vietinių vyčių ir atvykusių svečių, visi šia iškilminga Maldos Diena buvo labai patenkinti.

Senelis



Scenes from the K of L, Mid-Central DISTRICT PILGRIMAGE, June 25, 1972, at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Euclid, Ohio. Councils from Detroit Dayton, Cleveland and Youngstown participated. The Cle-

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



PRAYER FOR LITHUANIANS

The Lithuanian-American Community Organization (Bendruomene) was instrumental in obtaining a nationwide declaration of a Day of Prayer for Lithuania, June 18, 1972, in all dioceses of the United States, as a result of a visit to Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia, President of the Conference of US bishops, by members of Bendruomene and other organizations. Pictured (left) are members of the delegation. Left to right: Algimantas Gecys, Vytautas Volertas, Cardinal Krol, Msgr. John Balkunas, Dr. A. Novasitis, and Dr. Jack Stukas (representing the K of L).



Pictured right, is National President Dr. Jack Stukas presenting His Eminence, Cardinal Krol with a gift of his book, "Awakening Lithuania". L to r: Dr. A. Novasitis, Dr. Stukas, Cardinal Krol and Msgr. John Balkunas, all K of L-ers. Photos by Casimir Cikotas.

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ALEXANDER CHAPLIK, a member of So. Boston C-17 Seniors of the K of L recently took a very active part in publicizing the religious and political persecution prevalent in Lithuania. After the latest events and rioting for freedom in Lithuania, the Lithuanian American Council of Greater Boston sent telegrams to President Nixon at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, asking that he aid Lithuanians in their ardent quest for freedom. News of the telegrams was reported widely by numerous newspapers in the Boston area, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Chaplik.

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STANLEY W. DUTKUS, of the Maywood, N.J. Police Force, was named Chief of Police on May 1, 1972. In Maywood's history, Stanley is the first native-born, and the only Lithuanian to become chief. Stanley was sworn in as a patrolman on May 15, 1939, 33 years ago, after serving for five years as an emergency officer. He becomes the fifth chief in the 68 years of Maywood's existence.

Stanley is a former member of Council 61, Peterson, N.J. His children, State Trooper Stanley J., Virginia and David, and his sister Dorothy Dutkus, are active members of C-61 today. His wife Gertrude passed away several months ago.

PHYLLIS GRENDAL, Honorary Member of the K of L from Boston, Mass., was recently elected Secretary of the Republican City Committee of Boston, for a 4 year term. The Committee consists of all Metropolitan Boston Wards, and has 770 members, duly elected at the Presidential Primaries April 25, 1972.

LITHUANIAN CONSUL HONORED

The Women's Guild of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture recently honored Mrs. Joseph Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, at an afternoon reception and tea at the museum in Chicago. Approximately 400 close friends and associates attended the reception for Mrs. Dauzvardis, who was appointed to her post this year by the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, D.C. and confirmed by the United States Government.

On July 18, 1972, Mrs. Dauzvardis addressed 424 men, members of the Rotary Club of Chicago, at Chicago's Sherman House. She spoke on the subject "Lithuania, a Captive Nation", telling of Lithuania's history and her present-day persecution and occupation under the Communist yoke.



MARK A. VAITKUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Vaitkus and member of Dayton C-96, graduated first academically in a class of 236 from Chaminade High School. He is a member of the Society of Outstanding American High School Students, National Forensic League, Honor Seminars of Metropolitan Dayton, Student Council, orchestra, Treasurer of National Honor Society, President of Junior Council on World Affairs, recipient of Dayton Kiwanis Award and National Merit Letter of Commendation. After considering several scholarship offers, he has decided to attend Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, where he will major in mathematics.

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DALIA ZAKARAS, a Senior in the Music School of Northern Illinois University, recently won First Place from among 50 contestants in a vocal and instrumental contest at the University's Miss Zakaras, a mezzo-soprano, recently sang solo during the University's Symphony Orchestra Concert, and later presented her own recital as a Graduation Exercise.

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Soloist AUDRONE SIMONAITYTE recently won a \$450 prize during a contest in the music school of Roosevelt University, Chicago. Miss Simonaityte only recently came to the United States from occupied Lithuania, through the efforts of her father, but has fared very well in her music studies, in spite of her understandable language problems. Audrone also assists Faustas Strolia in directing the Knights of Lithuania Choir of Chicago.

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SUSAN TWERIAN, daughter of Lil and Stan Twerian, members of C-135, Ansonia, Conn., recently gave a very successful performance as Dolly Levi in the Ansonia High School Drama Club's presentation of "Hello, Dolly". The show was presented on two weekends before an average audience of seven hundred people each night. The show, with its colorful costumes and talented cast, received a standing ovation after every performance. The local radio station, WADS, played selections from the play every day between the first and second weekends.

In the school's production of "Mame" last year, Susan played the part of Vera Charles. She also appeared in "Who's Who in High School Dramatics" in the 1971 and 1972 editions.

Susan, who is a Junior at the high school, crowned the Blessed Virgin's Statue on Mother's Day at St. Anthony's Church and was inducted into the National Honor Society on May 18th. She is a Majorette and a member of the Synchronized Swimming Team and the Dance Club at the school.

She also had the winning essay in the Valley School Competition sponsored by the Governor's Committee on the "Employment of the Handicapped".

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ALGIS LEONAVICIUS, a member of the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens' Assoc. Chess Club, won the Massachusetts Class B Chess Championship recently, with a perfect 5-0 score. Kazys Merkis, the other South Boston entry, tied for the third place with a 4-1 record in the tournament held at the Boston YMCA. The new champion received a trophy and a \$200 prize. There were 74 competitors, 50 in the Premier class and 24 in the Novice.



LITHUANIAN DAY OF MOURNING IN NEWARK

June 15, 1972, the anniversary of the beginning of the mass killings and deprivations of Lithuanians by Communist Russia, was officially designated a "Lithuanian Day of Mourning" in Newark, N.J. A special proclamation was issued and signed by Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, and was delivered to a delegation of C-29 members by Deputy Mayor J. Frisina. Pictured above are Frank Vaskas, Hrs. Regina Melinis, Mrs. Veronica Melinis, Albinas Treciokas, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, and the Misses Ellen and Adelle Sudzinskas, receiving the proclamation from Deputy Mayor Frisina.

Rev. JULIUS JUTT was recently appointed pastor of St. James Church, South Deerfield, Mass. Father Jutt is the brother of the late Rev. John Jutt former chairman of the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee. While St. James Church is not a Lithuanian parish, it boasts of many Lithuanian parishioners, who are delighted at having a Lithuanian pastor. We wish Father Julius much success in his new duties.

LILIAN SUKIS, Metropolitan Opera star, sang the leading role in the Isang Yun opera "Sim Tjong" at the opening of the Munich Opera Festival on Aug. 1. On Aug. 10, 15, and 21, Miss Sukis will sing in the Festival's production of the Mozart opera "Titus",

MICHAEL YATKAUSKAS, young member of C-12, New York and former organist of Our Lady of Vilna Church in Manhattan, New York, was recently awarded a scholarship at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels, Belgium. He will begin studies there this Fall.

APOLOGIES.....APOLOGIES

The May issue of VYTIS featured an article on "RUTA, THE NATIONAL FLOWER OF LITHUANIA". Inadvertently, the name of the article's author was omitted. The article was written by Mrs. Susan Shallna, of South Boston, Mass., widow of the late Anthony Shallna, Lithuanian Consul, for an earlier issue of VYTIS and reprinted in May, 1972. Our sincerest apologies to Mrs. Shallna for this omission.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

One byproduct of the K of L excursion to South America was an unexpected, but most welcome offer of assistance in Lithuania's struggle for religious and political freedom. The T.F.P. Movement of Brazil, a society of young men dedicated to fighting Communism by preserving "Tradition, Family and Property", has undertaken a vast campaign to collect one million signatures on a Manifesto to the U.N. and to the Holy Father. It will stress the illegal Soviet occupation of Lithuania and the brutal religious persecution there, and will strongly plead for the discussion of the Lithuanian situation in the General Assembly.

The Campaign will cost an estimated \$6500, for radio, TV and newspaper coverage, lunches for some 200 volunteers, mailings, local transportation and numerous other operational expenses. The K of

L agreed to attempt to raise \$5000 of this sum.... and our South American tourists kicked off the campaign with a \$150 donation in Brazil.

Wouldn't YOU like to also participate in this campaign... and thus aid this energetic group of non-Lithuanians assist our Lithuanian cause?

Send your TFP donation TODAY, to

**Dr. Jack Stukas,
1467 Force Dr.,
Mountainside, N.J. 07092**

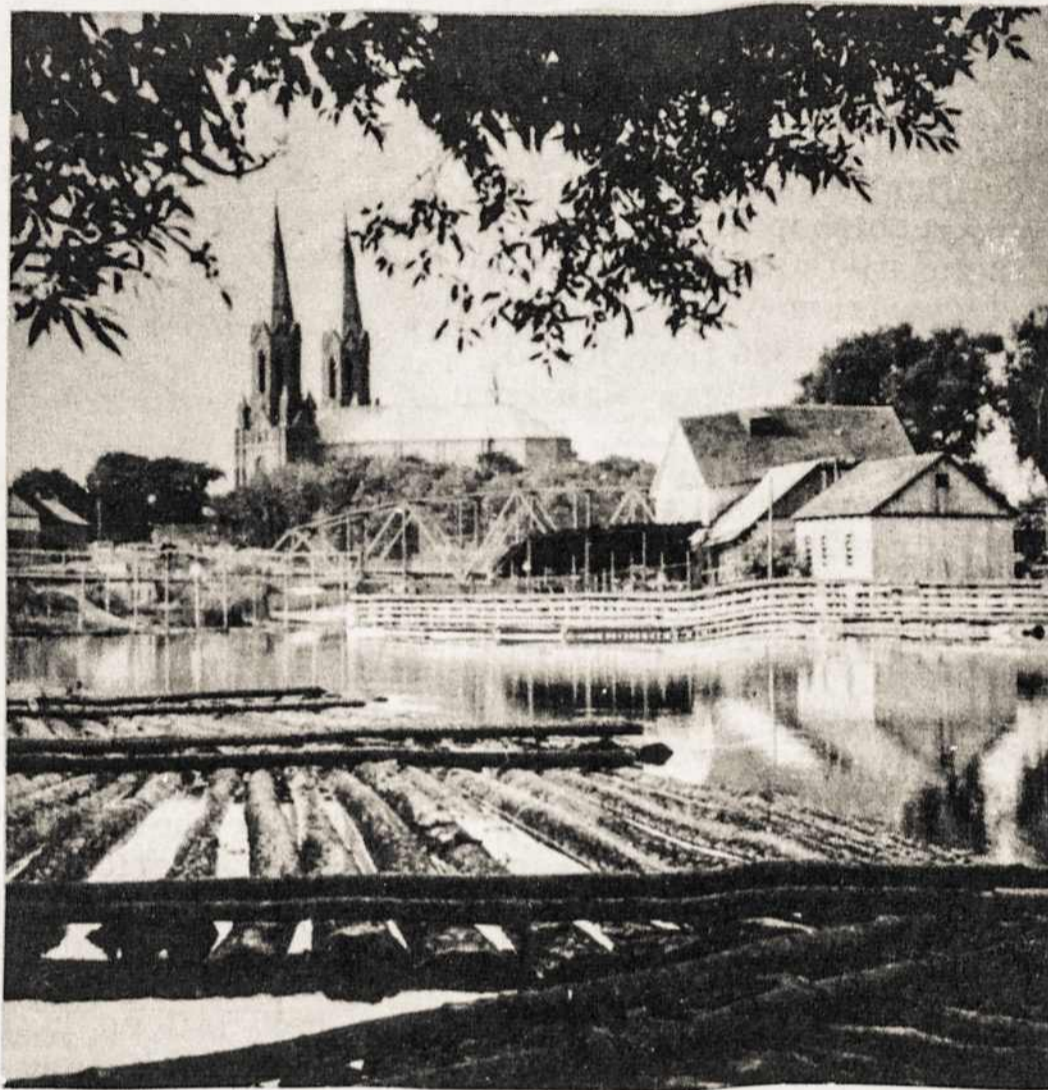
All donations will be listed in a future issue of VYTIS, and the money will be sent to TFP upon receipt of bills for incurred expenses.

ANYKŠČIAI

Pov. Dirkis

Tai vienos įdomiausių ir gražiausių Lietuvos vietovės vardas. Anykščiai davė mums literatūros klasikus, rašytojus: Vyskupą Antaną Baranauską, Studentą J. Biliūną ir A. Vienuolį - Žukauską. Anykštėnai juos gerai prisimena ir gerbia. Jų gimtinėse yra įrengti muziejai. Ant Liudiškių kalno Jonui Biliūnui pastatytas didingas paminklas. Taip pat čia yra daug vietų, minimų jų kūrinuose. Anykščių apylinkės gausios gamtos paminklų. Čia yra vienas garsiausias akmuo vardu Puntukas, ant kurio iškalti garsiųjų mūsų lakūnų - Kapitono Stepo Dariaus ir leit. Girėno - biustai. Labai įdomus Puntuko brolis Karalienės liūnas. Nemažiau įdomūs Šventosios ir Slavės upių krantai. Taip pat netoli Anykščių yra Šeimyniškių (Vorutos) piliakalnis. Starių kalnai ir gražūs Rubikių bei Nevėžos ežerai.

Žemiau Anykščių Šventoji vingiuoja tarp gražių, sausų pušynų. Josios krantai čia apaugę krūmais ir krūmokšliais. Į ją įteka upė Virinta, o žemiau Vidiškių įteka du - vienas prieš kitą - upokšliai: Siesartis ir Mušis. Apie Veprius į Šventąją įteka upė Širvinta. Ji yra pats didžiausias Šventosios intakas. Šventosios vandenimis galima pasiekti ne tik Kuršių Marias, bet ir Klaipėdą, pasitelkus tėvą Nemuną.



ANYKŠČIAI



PUNTUKO AKMUO PRIE ANYKŠČIŲ

REV. TITAS NARBUTAS 1913 - 1972

Rev. Titas Narbutas, pastor of Holy Cross Church, Dayton, Ohio, Spiritual Adviser of Knights of Lithuania Council 96 and the Mid-Central District, died May, 19, 1972. He had massive cancer and death was a merciful release from his suffering. His funeral was held May 23 at Holy Cross Church. The Pontifical Mass was concelebrated by Archbishop Nicholas Elko of Cincinnati-Dayton, Bishop Vincent Brizgys from Chicago and Bishop Anthony Deksnys from Rome.

Father Narbutas was born in Lithuania on May 23, 1913 and ordained there in 1937. From 1937 to 1944 he served in the Diocese of Panevėžys. He then pursued further studies at the Angelicum in Rome. In 1947 he went to Santiago, Chile, received the degree of Doctor of Theology from the Catholic University in 1948, and worked in the diocesan chancery. He came to the United States in 1950 and served at various parishes in the dioceses of Grand Rapids and Brooklyn. In the fall of 1960 he was appointed administrator of Holy Cross Parish in Dayton and remained here until his death.

Father Narbutas was especially devoted to Our Blessed Mother and



wrote the book "Marian Shrines of the Americas" which has been published in both the English and Lithuanian languages. He also authored several other books. He held offices in the Lithuanian R.C. Priests League of America and was former editor of their journal "Lux Christ". He was editor of the "Elenchus" - the directory of

Lithuanian priests in the free world. He was active in the affairs and projects of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science. Father Titas was actively involved with the Knights of Lithuania, attended our meetings and gave his full support to our endeavors.

During his tenure at Holy Cross, the church and hall were remodeled. The remodeling was carried out along Lithuanian motifs. Holy Cross Church now is an outstanding work of art, impressing all who visit it. The imposing Shrine of the Three Crosses was erected on the parish grounds, also the smaller Shrine of St. John the Baptist. The church grounds were beautified, with much work being done by Father Narbutas himself.

This writer has had the great privilege of working with all the pastors at Holy Cross Church since the beginning of the parish. The years with Father Narbutas have been particularly outstanding ones. He was a good man and a good priest in every respect. Surely Father Titas was welcomed into paradise with the greeting: Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord.

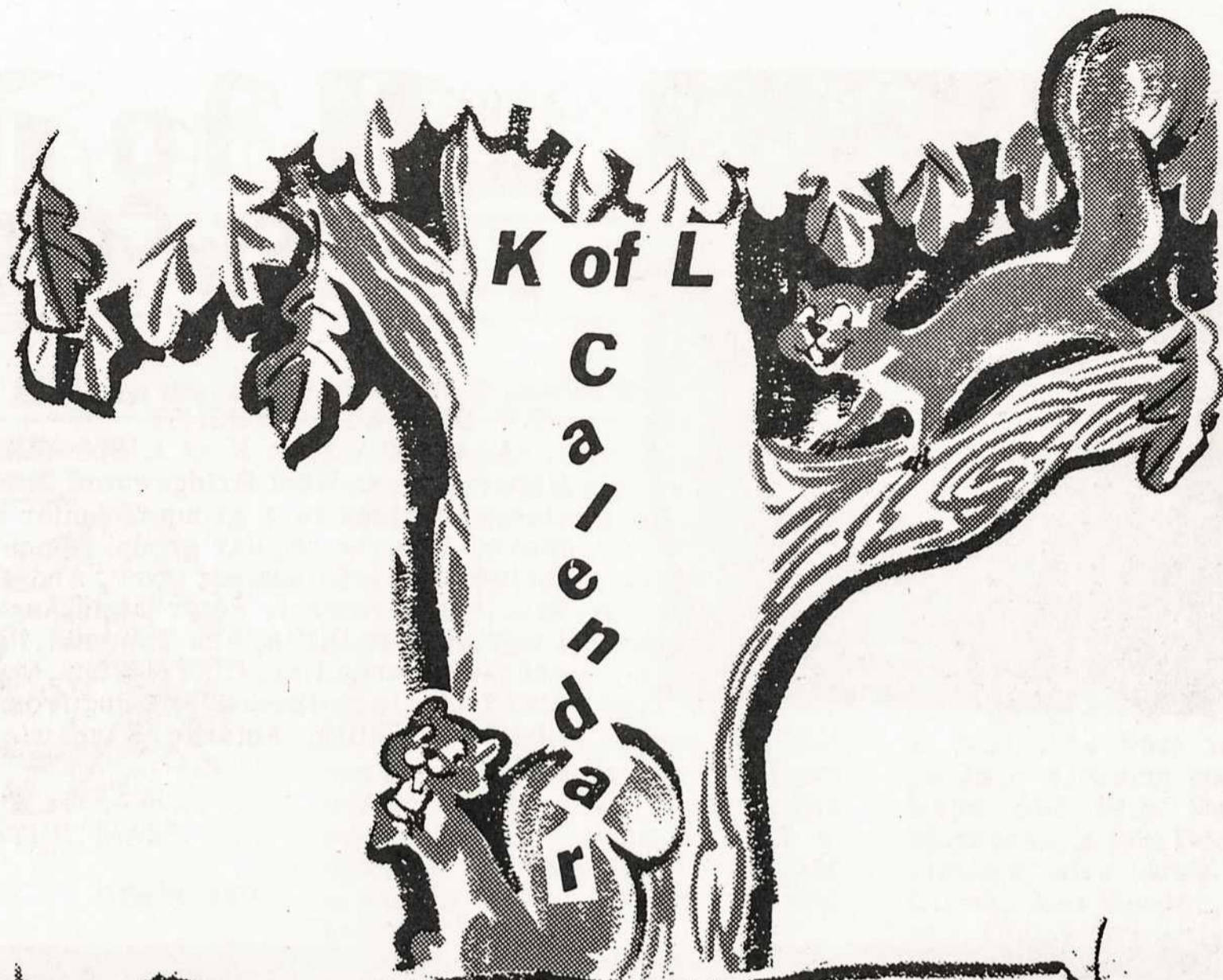
by Frank Gudelis

TRUST IN GOD

Give to me the peace of a perfect trust
My loving GOD in THEE;
Grant unwavering faith, that never doubts
That YOU choose the best for me.
YOUR best, though my plans be all upset;
YOUR best, though the way be rough;
YOUR best, though my earthly store be scant;
Let me know, in YOU I have enough.
YOUR best, though my health and strength
be gone,
Though weary days be mine,
Though I have not what others have;
Not my will, my GOD, but Thine.

Though disappointments come,
Let me know they are best for me;
To make me realize Heaven
And to lead me nearer Thee.
Give to me the peace of a perfect trust,
That looks away from all;
That sees YOUR Hand in everything
In great events or small.
That hears YOUR voice, a Father's voice —
Directing for the best constantly
Give to me the peace of a perfect trust
Grant me Heaven with YOU in eternity. Amen.

Rev. Richard W. Calek, Chaplain, Loretto Hospital.



AUGUST

- 16 IID - K of L and Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Golf Day Outing, Silver Lake Country Club, Chicago, Ill.
 19-20 C-36, Chicago LUAU - Gentaras Resort, Union Pier, Michigan.
 23-27 59th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Hollenden House, Cleveland, Ohio, C-25, Hosts.

SEPTEMBER

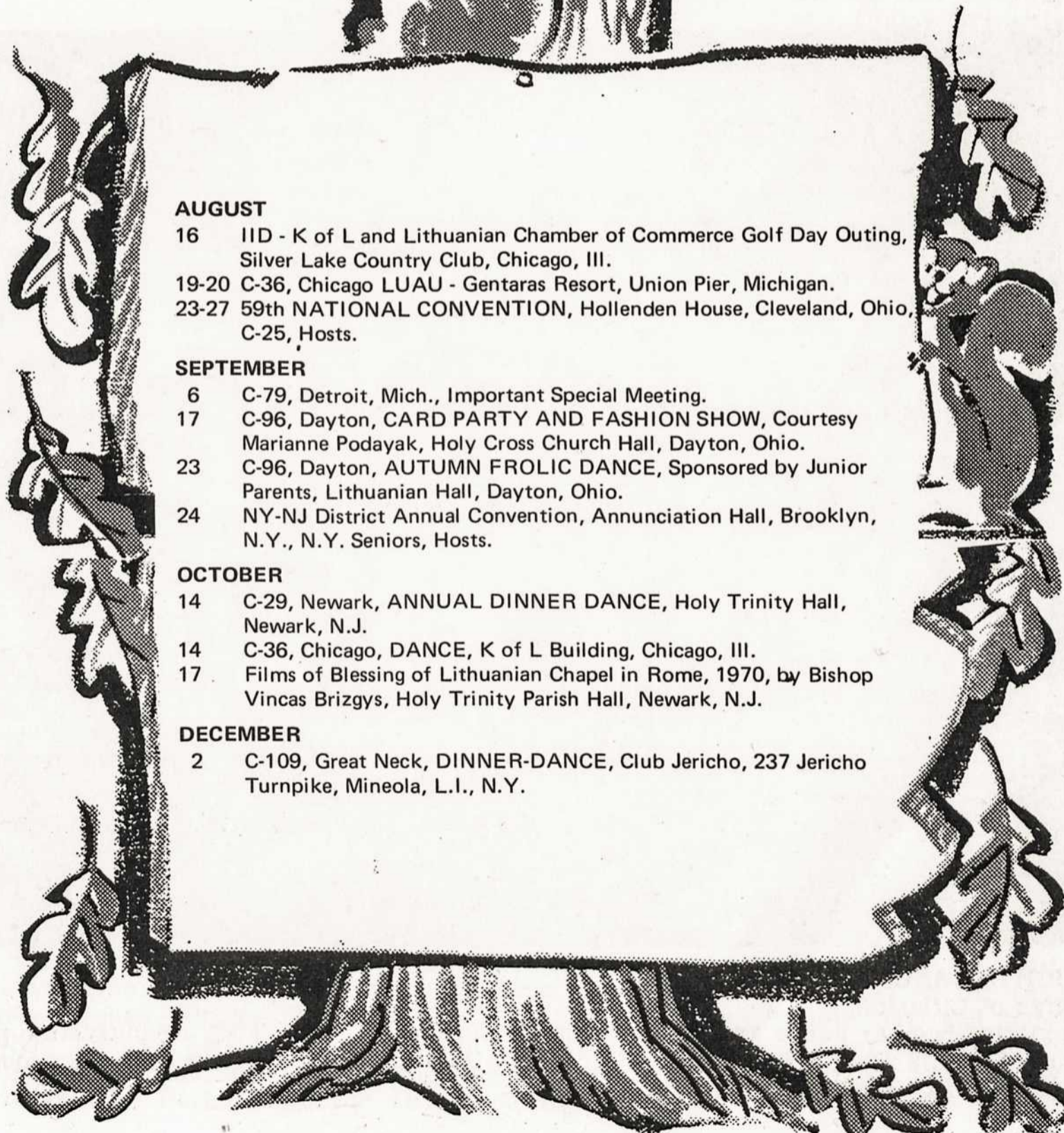
- 6 C-79, Detroit, Mich., Important Special Meeting.
 17 C-96, Dayton, CARD PARTY AND FASHION SHOW, Courtesy Marianne Podayak, Holy Cross Church Hall, Dayton, Ohio.
 23 C-96, Dayton, AUTUMN FROLIC DANCE, Sponsored by Junior Parents, Lithuanian Hall, Dayton, Ohio.
 24 NY-NJ District Annual Convention, Annunciation Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y., N.Y. Seniors, Hosts.

OCTOBER

- 14 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
 14 C-36, Chicago, DANCE, K of L Building, Chicago, Ill.
 17 Films of Blessing of Lithuanian Chapel in Rome, 1970, by Bishop Vincas Brizgys, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.

DECEMBER

- 2 C-109, Great Neck, DINNER-DANCE, Club Jericho, 237 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, L.I., N.Y.





Junior Corner

NEW BROCKTON KNIGHTS

At the Brockton K of L Snowflake Ball, at the Canoe Club in West Bridgewater, special recognition was given to a group of junior members who moved into the regular group. These young people include, (at left) seated, 1 to r, Andrew Bizinkauskas, Peter Pileski, Peter Bizinkauskas. standing, 1 to r, Robert Dillis, Ann Tumonis, Patricia Tamoshunas, Brenda Hay, Cheryl Yünr, Marjorie Dillis and Paula Tamoshunas. Missing from the photo are Charlotte Dillis, Antanas Razgaitis and Marion Dillis.



JUNIOR KNIGHTS DANCE

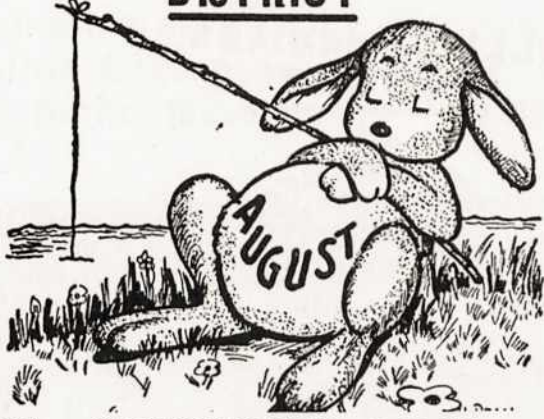
The Knights of Lithuania is the only existing regular dance group dancing under the K of L name. They recently also participated in the Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival in Chicago on July 2. Pictured above with the group are their leaders: Frank Zapolis, Cecilia Matul and Helen Pius.

K of L HERALD

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

"Dzūkelė"

The lazy-hazy days of summer are upon us and we're perhaps more in the mood for "sleepin' in the sun" than we are to prepare a Vytis contribution, but we make this feeble attempt, nevertheless!

For the first time in Carol Grigas' K of L career, she won the attendance prize at the June meeting. Rightfully so, because she and her husband Bill invited the K of L to their home for a shish-ka-bob for that meeting. Bill and Carol had Ellie and Steve Walinsky assist in preparing the delicious fare and, as usual, it was simply grand. It's a shame that we must wait for next June to participate in another shish-ka-bob! Can't imagine why the summer meetings have the greatest attendance, can you? For July, we were at the summer home of Mrs. Nell Thompson and her daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Ted Pinkus, in Ruthland, Mass.

John and Margaret Koslowski are new members and we cordially welcome them to our group. John, we have learned, has a most interesting profession. Would you believe he's an embalmer? Mr. and Mrs. Bart March are also among our new members and we extend a warm welcome to all!

One year has passed since our pastor, Father John C. Jutt, passed away. Our council attended a special Mass offered for Father

Jutt's soul on his first anniversary on June 28. Father's twin brothers, Fathers Anthony and Julius Jutt, participated and we had an opportunity to speak with them following Mass at the coffee hour served in the clubrooms. Father was laid to rest on July 5 last year... and while generally a 4th of July weekend brings joy, that one brought tragedy, the kind from which one never will recover. His influence is all about us, both in spiritual and national matters, and it will remain so for everyone who knew him.

Sister Joyce Ridick, S.S.C., recently was awarded a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. After spending two weeks at the home of her parents, John and Ann Ridick, Sister Joyce left for Rome where she will teach at the new Gregorian Institute. Our council members will recall that Sister Joyce, then Joan Ridick, served as recording secretary at one time. Congratulations!

Ann Bender and her committee were responsible, as usual, for the lovely Mother's Day breakfast, following a special Mass offered for both living and deceased mothers, in our Church hall. C-26, along with the Lithuanian Girl and Boy Scouts as well as the Ateitinkai, joined in one grand celebration. Congratulations to Donna Jankowski who has completed nursing studies at Hahnemann Hospital and graduated in May. And, congratulations to Anne Grazulis, who graduated from Worcester State College in June. Anne's husband, Vinnie (a former C-26 president) and their three children are very, very proud of Anne's accomplishments. Father John Bakanas has retired and we can't imagine St. Casimir's without him. But, Father has promised to "stay close" and so reluctantly, we allow him to have his wish.

The Bowling Banquet was held at the Driftwood Restaurant in

Shrewsbury last May and Frank Roland's team won first place. His team-mates were Ronnie Duncas, Pauline Flaherty, Billy Akasten and Andy Brennan. Paul Roland captured the award for high average for the men, while John Krusas won same for the women. Nice going! C-26's picnic was held at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury on June 4. Carol and Bill Grigas, Steve and Elly Walinsky, Anne Morkunas, Adele Ivaska, Anne Bacinskas, Mrs. Anna Bacys, Helen Gillus, Ann Bender, Francis Glodas, Claire Grigaitis, Virginia Lelakis, Wanda Pajeda, Olga Kersis, Rita Pinkus and Nell Thompson were just part of the working crew. It was a very cooperative undertaking. Joe Sakaitis, our council treasurer, had a few coins to count as a result of this joint effort. Again, the children had a place at this K of L event. Many games were available and they had much fun. Seen at the picnic were the children of the Grigas', Walinsky's, Shimkus', Flaherty's, Krusas', Godeks', Gircys', Matricks', Valinski's, and scores of others.

Mildred and Charles Lapinskas recently celebrated their 25th Silver Wedding Anniversary with a special Mass and a social... and then they travelled to Lithuania! Millie and Charlie have returned, reporting a wonderful trip, and now Wanda Pajeda and her mother are planning their trip. The Pajeda's visited Lithuania last year and are revisiting the country again this year. John Pauliukonis' mother recently returned from a happy reunion with her family there. Claire Grigaitis was hospitalized in April, but she's well now and enjoying life again. Sincere sympathies to the Gregonis family (Al, Vin and Bob and their mother) on the recent passing of their dad and husband, and to Walter Grimala and his sisters on the recent passing of their mother. We want these families

to know that we share in their sorrow.

Ellie and Steve Walinsky have moved into their new home in Millbury, and Joe and Barbara Godek will be moving into their new home in Auburn sometime this summer. Welcome to the home-owners (and taxpayers!) club!

Drasius Pajeda and Birute Raciukaitis took part in the Church ceremonies commemorating the June deportation of Lithuanians to Siberia. Shortly after this commemoration, Birute's father passed away very suddenly. Mr. Raciukaitis was one of the most sincerely dedicated laborers for the fight for Lithuania's freedom. He will be missed sorely. Our sympathies go out to the Raciukaitis family.

Rita Brazauskas and Emily Gudzevich travelled to Vermont recently where they assisted the Sisters at the dedication of a community hall at Camp Neringa. Mary Doginikas and her mother recently returned from a trip to Lithuania and all of us are anxious to hear our K of L travellers' reports! Joseph and Pat Zalickas have a second child, a daughter, born on July 3rd. Congratulations to the happy family.

See you at the Cleveland Convention... and... iki pasimatymol!

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

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Lil Poehailos did it again! She won second prize in the watercolor category at the Arts and Crafts Show at the Huntington Green. The show was sponsored by the Shelton Chamber of Commerce and was attended by hundreds of people. Lil also had a one man show of her water colors at the Ansonia Mall, and won honorable mention in the art show of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Seymour, Conn. Not to be outdone by his wife, Donald Pohailos is also a champ in his own right. He won the Class C Handball Singles Championship at the local Y.M.C.A.

Arline Stachowicz, daughter of Mildred and Walter Stachowicz, has been named Training Supervisor for Passenger Service by Western Airlines. Before her promotion, she was Customer Service Representative.

C-135, and Ann and Walter

Arbachauskas, owners of The Gold Leaf Florists, donated the flowers that decorated our altar on Easter Sunday.

Wilber Brainard is back at work after a nine-week layoff. Now that he is working again, he's happy and we are happy for him.

Going back for seconds is a common occurrence at our Pot Luck suppers, and why not? The variety of Lithuanian, Italian, Swedish, Chinese, Irish and liquid foods, always in plentiful supply, seem to say "Take more, that's what I'm here for".

Peter Gumbulevich, and our "Irish Lith", Lee Gray, came out winners after their recent operations. It's nice to have you back with us again.

C-135, under the direction of Violet Brazitis, and Ann and Al Barauskas, hosted the First Communion Class, their parents and the altar boys to a breakfast, May 21. A souvenir was given to each participant to remind them of this important step in their Christian lives.

They said it couldn't be done. But Casey Svelnys assisted by Stan Twerian did it! Here's the



C-17 - Longinas Svelnis, Frank Markuns and Phyllis Gendreau

story: Casey and Stan, both members of the Parish Council, attended a meeting of the Council at which plans for a Parish Picnic were being formulated. The topic was foods to be served, and Casey mentioned potato pancakes. Everyone said it would be too much work, but Stan offered to assist Casey in any way possible. As long as they were willing to take over the responsibility, they were given the go-ahead. As it turned out, the potato pancakes were the hit of the very successful picnic. Those attending were surprised to see it on the menu. The

line waiting for pancakes was so long that a second cooking station was started, and when the potatoes ran out (100 lbs.), people were still waiting. Yes sir, Casey Svelnys is our "Blini King"! Just ask Martha Akelaitis, Lillian Chaplik, Francis and John Barsevich, Eva Yurevich, Ann Ramanauskas or Father Paul P. Sabulis.

Members of C-135 presently serving on the Parish Council are Peter Gumbulevich, Lillian Poehailos, Casey Svelnys, and Lillian and Stanley Twerian.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



C-36 - CHICAGO (BRIGHTON PARK), ILL.

Christine Stachyra

Pretty Laura Kentra and her grandmother are taking a trip to Lithuania this summer. They plan an eighteen-day vacation. Have a safe and picture-filled trip!

Congratulations to Vince Samoska and Esther Eggelston, Wally Zengulis and Eleanas Lindemulder, Phil Oleksy and Annabelle Nowick. They were the first, second, and third place highest bowlers, respectively, at the bowling party held at Woodmac Bowl, Chicago, on June 10. Many of the K of L members and friends participated, and later enjoyed a fine buffet supper on the premises. It was nice to see Homer and Gerty Carver again. They traveled all the way from Georgia to bowl with us.

We would like to welcome our newest members - Annabelle Nowick and Frances Kasminsky.

We'll be looking forward to seeing everyone at our council's Luau at Gintaras, Union Pier, Mich. on Aug. 19-20. Plans are also being finalized for our council's Dance on Oct. 14 in the K of L Building in Chicago. See you all there!

CHICAGO, ILL. - C-112

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Our Council was ably represented by Dolores Wainauskas, Irene Sankus, Ed Krivickas and the three Al's - Raubiskis, Skudra and Kachinskis, at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Detroit. Although our team started out strong, they weakened at the end and Detroit's 102 teams came out on top. Congratulations to Eddie Krivickas for being our sole trophy winner and to fellow Chicagoan, Al Kassel of C-36, for his prize-money winnings.

on behalf of the K of L presented him with an appropriately worded scroll.

At our June business meeting, the last before a summer hiatus, we enjoyed a delightful Ice Cream Social. Our hostess for the evening, Bernadette Rogers, baked some delicious cookies as a special door prize. The winner was non other than our council president, Julie Zakarka.

Council members Irene Sankus & Al Raubiskis, co-chairmen of the District's Annual July 4 picnic,

tunity to meet with and entertain Ruta Lee. First we enjoyed her tremendous talents at the Hinsdale Community Theater where she appeared in the lead role of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and then we all had the pleasure of socializing with her at the lovely home of Andy & Dolores Yuknis. Ruta and her leading man, Wayne Johnson, enjoyed meeting the Chicago K of L's, and especially the Yuknis home. It was really a great party and Dolores & Andy were terrific hosts.



C-112 - CHICAGO KNIGHTS ENTERTAIN RUTA LEE

June 14 was the date of a Testimonial Dinner at the Beverly Country Club for former council & IID president, John G. Evans. Among the originators of the event was Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas. It was a fitting tribute, with over 300 people attending the candlelight dinner, to commemorate John's 25 years of service to the Lithuanian-American community. The District

announced that the picnic was most successful and expressed their appreciation to the council members who worked so diligently - Gerry Mack, Estelle Rogers, Al Zakarka, Al Skudra, Ed Krivickas, Albina Gaides, Gediminas Janula, and of course, District prexy, Al Brazis.

From an idea originated at our board meeting, members from our council and the IID had the oppor-

Congratulations to: IID Scholarship Raffle winners Joe Nausedas & Estelle Rogers; "DRAUGAS" on their 60th Anniversary in Chicago; Honorary members Leonard Simutis, Sr. & Ignas Sakalas of the Chicago Srs. who are former editors of "Draugas" and received special tributes at the dinner; William Kareiva, father of council member Marilyn Kareiva, Rev. J. Prunskis,

& Donna Kamm, who were all inducted into Chicago's Hall of Fame; former C-112 member Vyt Lubert who was elected Pres. of the Los Angeles Srs.; and to Stanley & Stella Molis who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on July 9 at Sharko's West.

Get well wishes and prayers to John Evans, hospitalized at Presbyterian-St. Lukes; to Mrs. Grecius, mother of Julie Zakarka & Estelle Rogers, convalescing at home; Adam Oskeliunas, who is seriously ill at home; and to A. Sereika, hospitalized at Holy Cross.

The council expresses their sympathies to Joseph Kuizin on the death of his mother; to Peter Gagle on the death of his sister Barbara; to Al Manst & Tekle Norbut on the death of Alban, Jr.; to the family of John "Jerry" Jesulaitis; to Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis on the death of her brother, Dr. J. A. Raukstis-Rudis; and to Bruno Shotas, on the death of his mother in Lithuania. They will all be remembered in our prayers.

Upon her return from the K of L tour to So. America, Prudencija Bickus was welcomed home by fellow K of L's at an intimate dinner in the home of Julie & Al Zakarka. It was a most delightful evening and everyone enjoyed Prudy's memories of the trip.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



DISTRICT

M.R.Y.

The N.Y.-N.J. Dist. Convention was held on June 4 at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J. Following the invocation by Pastor Msgr. John Scharnus, the business meeting was opened by President L. Janonis. A welcome to the assembled delegates was extended by the Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, and President Kazys Sipaila of Host C-29 of Newark.

The Mandate Committee reported six district councils were in attendance at the Convention. A district referendum regarding a Resolution submitted by C-3, Philadelphia, was favorably voted



NY-NJ Dist. Convention - Aldona Zaunius and Helen Kay - Hospitality Hour by C-29.

upon by the membership. After further implementation at the September Convention, the District name shall be changed to MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT.

President Janonis announced that a Conference of Ritual Chairmen will take place in the fall, sponsored by the District Ritual Committee. Invitations will be extended to Ritual Chairmen in all councils to attend the workshop and help resolve new guidelines for future course of action.

Honorary member, Joseph Boley, recommended to the Convention a means of perpetuating the Lithuanian language by supporting the Lithuanian newspapers. He eloquently explained how we can increase our knowledge of Lithuanian words and also discover many Lithuanian activities publicized in these newspapers which could not be found elsewhere.

District delegates were selected to the 59th National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio in August, - Joseph Boley of New York and Frank Vaskas of Newark, N.J. Serving as alternate delegates are Helen Kulber of New York and Joseph Petkunas of Philadelphia.

Nominations were called for to serve as District officers and chairmen for the fiscal year 1972-73. Election of officers will be held at the September Convention in Brooklyn, N.Y. The Brooklyn Seniors Council will act as host.

Rev. Totoraitis requested that

the Knights of Lithuania observe a National Day of Prayer on June 18 for the Church in Lithuania, as declared by Cardinal John Krol, President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also invited the delegates to participate at the special solemn commemoration in Newark on June 15.

Upon adjournment of the Convention, hospitality was extended to the delegates by C-29 President, Kazys Sipaila. Chairlady of the dinner, Regina Schmidt, ably assisted by her committee, prepared delicious Lithuanian food for which the delegates were most appreciative.

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

The Wanderer

Here is a summary of activities of Newark C-29:

On Apr. 23 in Holy Trinity Church, the Annunciation Church choir of Brooklyn, N.Y., gave a religious concert. It was an event that will long be remembered in our parish, and the choir certainly did live up to its top billing. Featured as soloist with the choral group was our own Louis Stukas. The concert given by the Annunciation group rendered DuBois Cantata, "The Seven Last Words on the Cross". There was a very good attendance in church. After the concert, there was a social hour and reception in the parish hall for the choir and guests. C-29 underwrote this reception, for which they received heartfelt and sincere thanks from Pastor Msgr.



NY-NJ Dist. Convention - Joseph Petkunas, Marian Sidtis, Peter Kasilionis - Hospitality Hour by C-29.

John J. Scharnus and his assistant, Rev. Peter Totoraitis. The membership is to be commended for their wonderful gesture.

A concert was held in the parish hall on May 13 featuring the Perkunas Mens' Choir of Brooklyn. While the turnout was not bad, it could have been much better. Nat'l. Pres. Dr. Jack J. Stukas gave a short address. The group from the City of Churches gave a very fine performance that evening. The council and its executive board certainly deserve reams of praise for having arranged this event. It is hoped that in the future more such programs are arranged.

There was a blessing of the American, Lithuanian and Papal colors on May 28 in Holy Trinity Church at the 10:30 A.M. Mass celebrated by Rev. Peter Totoraitis. Msgr. John J. Scharnus officiated at the blessing of the flags. Before Mass there was the singing of the American and Lithuanian anthems, and at the conclusion, the K of L Hymn. The flags were donated by C-29, the Holy Name Society, and the Lithuanian-American Veteran's Post and its auxiliary. C-29 Pres. Kazys Sipaila was flag bearer for the Lithuanian colors. It was certainly a very nice and commendable gesture on the part of the mentioned organizations for their donation of said colors.

C-29 had a day of prayer for persecuted Lithuania on May 9 in Holy Trinity Church. Spiritual Director Rev. Peter Totoraitis conducted the services, and a good attendance was present in church.

A council meeting took place on June 18. Helen Radisch gave a report dealing with the District Meeting held in Newark on June 4. Rev. Peter Totoraitis spoke at length on the recent tragic events in Lithuania. Jack Remeika read a proclamation issued by Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark. This declaration was issued in connection with the observance of Lithuanian National Day of Mourning on June 15 and dwelt on tragic events which took place on that day in 1941. Rev. Totoraitis announced that Bishop Brizgys would be in Newark on Oct. 17 and would show films taken during ceremonies in connection with the 1970 dedication of the Lithuanian Shrine in Rome, Italy. Mary Stonis and Regina

Schmidt will be C-29 delegates to the 59th Nat'l. Convention in Cleveland. The Annual Dinner - Dance of the council will take place on Oct. 14 in the parish hall commencing at 8 P.M. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Totoraitis and the singing of the K of L Hymn. The council will be in recess until Sept. 19.

A most pleasant vacation time to one and all. See you at the Seimas.

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Liberty Lady

FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY - On May 21, the Aušros Vartų Marijos Bažnyčia fundraising dinner was a huge success. The practice of K of L publicity at the church dinners was on full display. Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Kardas, expressed his gratitude to the Vyčių Council for the donations and usual services rendered by our members.

FAMILY NEWS - Emily and Past Pres. Albert Yatkaukas had the pleasure of seeing their three sons graduate this past Spring, - truly a family achievement. Son John, majoring in political science, graduated from New York Univer-

sity. Albert Jr., majoring in philosophy, graduated from St. Francis College in Maine. He made the Dean's list every year and is now entering the Officer's Candidate School with the Armed Forces. Matthew, who is a member of our council and former organist of Our Lady of Vilna Church, graduated from Sacred Heart in Yonkers, N.Y. He has been awarded a four-year scholarship to the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels, Belgium. We now have a "Foreign Correspondent" from the council about whom we shall be hearing more in the future issues of Vytis.

CONGRATULATIONS - Celebrating Summer and Fall birthdays are Edward Senken 7/2, Helen Yurkus 8/2, Joseph Kscenaitis 8/26, Vincent Cuperwich 9/4, Al Monkawitch 10/12 and Michael Kartanowicz 10/26. Wishing all many more healthful and happy years.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS - A facet of Lithuanian Affairs is the ability to spread to non-Lithuanian friends the culture, knowledge and current status of Lithuania. In other words, we are not just talking to ourselves. Recently, Mary York had just such an opportunity when she entertained



C-12 - K OF L PUBLICITY AT CHURCH DINNER - Pres. Leon Waskewicz, 1st Vice Pres. Helen Cuperwich, Helen Yurkus

visitors from Wales, Great Britain. Surprisingly, their knowledge was limited about occupied Lithuania and its current events. However, before returning home, they were updated via America about religious and political situations and expressed great interest in Amber, our Lithuanian Gold. In conversation, Mary found it difficult to refer to a lady being a "Knight" of Lithuania. A thought. Have we ever considered ourselves as the "Knights and Ladies" of Lithuania'?

NOSTALGIA - Past and present members of our council gathered together on Dievo Kūno Šventės in June to attend a gala 80th birthday party for Ona Kscenaitis, mother of council members, Joseph Kscenaitis, Millie Pietz and Betty Waskiewicz. Her devoted son-in-law, Pres. Leon Waskiewicz, welcomed the guests and announced plans to enroll Mrs. Kscenaitis as a K of L member in honor of the occasion. This reporter had the pleasure of seeing nostalgia at work as past and present members of the council enjoyed one another's company. Reminiscing about the past were Past Pres. Joseph Sartauskas and wife Ann, Viola and Peter Vaicels, Millie Kozloff, Alice DePrizio, Past Pres. Vincent Yatkaukas and wife Charlotte, Anna and Peter Garbincius, Barbara and Charles Pupelis and Past Pres. Stella Marcinauskis. We hopefully look forward to the day when some of the past members rejoin K of L as Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pupelis did recently.

BEAUTIFUL AND PROPHEMIC WORDS - All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.



C-12 - Ann & John Yorkus honored on 25th Wedding Anniversary

GREAT NECK, N.Y. - C-109

Our June 8th meeting was held at the home of Millie & Charles Rogers, who have always been perfect hosts. Attendance was good, and after liquid refreshments discussions were lively. Since our council has not had a social function in quite some time, it was decided to hold a Dinner-Dance just before Xmas, on Dec. 2. This affair will be held at the very elegant, posh Club Jericho in Mineola, Long Island. Beruta Gonzalez' suggestion was heartily endorsed-whereby each member would invite a minimum of 5 couples, or be responsible for a table of 10. Tickets are \$12.50 each and are now available from each member. We cordially invite our K of L friends to join with us to renew old acquaintances and to make this a festive, joyous event.

It was great seeing our "missing" members, Joan & Bill Bernatovich, at the June meeting. They will be vacationing at Lake Luzerne in Sept. with their 2 small children, Rita Ann & Billy. Beruta Gonzalez with daughters, Joann & Susan, have taken up camping and living in a tent while touring the Chesapeake Bay area. We understand they almost froze in the Catskills on Memorial weekend! Anne Martens with her grandchildren has been rooting for her favorite Mets at Shea Stadium, and also vacationing in the Hamptons. The Rogers journeyed to Portage, Pa. during the long 4th of July weekend. Lou Ann & Phil Rutha will be attending Int'l Boxing Association convention at Mt. Airy Lodge in the Poconos in Oct. Phil is a loyal member of the Boxing Association and a great guy working with youngsters. Mary Kober, who is past President of the Great Neck Public Schools Office Staff Association attended the Nat'l Association of Educational Secretaries Conference held in Portland, Oregon. After the conference, she spent some time in San Francisco, Calif. where her luggage was lost, and which since has been located. Tony Kober's chauvinistic remark was: "A woman always need a man to look after her." We agree! Tony

has done a complete vocational turnabout, and in Sept. will be teaching at the Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park. We wish him well and we're certain those Srs. won't be giving Tony any trouble. Jo, Joe & Janie Zukas vacationed in Lake Placid - the closer to the horse stables, the better. We have not seen Ann & Peter Bernatovich in ages, but can report that young Peter is in ROTC at St. John's University and will commence his 2nd year in Sept. Time doesn't stand still.

Our July 9 picnic-in-the-woods at Kings Point Park was truly a relaxing, pleasurable day. We are pleased that our Spiritual Advisor, Father F. Bulovas, came early and stayed late. His was definitely not a "tokenism" visit. We always enjoy Father's company and are delighted when he can get away from his administrative duties in Masspeth to spend the day with us here in Great Neck. Father, with Phil Rutha, Tony Kober, Al Wesey, Jules Picardi, Jr. & Sr., Joe Zukas, and youngsters Chris Burke & Sal Esposito comprised a softball team which members, we are certain, required some liniment rubbings the following day. It brings to mind the softball games our council had years ago, when practically every other Sunday we played against other K of L council teams. We go down memory lane when we mention the late Lillian Slaney & John Zorski (may they rest in peace), and the enthusiasm and K of L spirit these games created. Other guests at our picnic included Carolee & Chrissy Picardi; Sandy & Bob Burke with youngsters Chris & Jody; Sal & Betty Esposito (Phil Rutha's daughter) with Sal, Jr., Marie & Kim; former member, Mary Ann Wesey; Peggy Mazzarella (Nancy Kober's quiet friend); and Janie Zukas who brought out her net and gave everyone a little bit of exercise trying to overtake three cottontails - to no avail. Thank you all for coming; we enjoyed having you. Our next picnic date is Sept. 17; we'll look for everyone then.

Heartiest anniversary greetings to Starcy & Al Wesey who celebrated Aug. 11, to Millie & Charles Rogers on Sept. 3, and to

Marian & Richie Kurila on Sept. 9. August birthday greetings to Sue Zebart, Millie Rogers & Richie Kurila, and in Sept. to Charlie Rogers - 9-1; Bill Bernatovich - 9-20; Mary Picardi - 9-26; and Anne Martens on Oct. 5. Happy celebrating.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Jerry Jesulaitis of Chicago. Jerry was always a familiar face at the National Conventions - always managing to cop the prettiest gal as his prize. It is sad to note the passing of so many of our faithful, loyal Knights. Each one contributed to the organization in his own distinctive way, and can never be replaced. God grant them eternal rest.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Mary L. Lucas

On June 25, a good number of Knights from the Mid-Central District met in Cleveland, Ohio to participate in the annual pilgrimage sponsored by the Cleveland Seniors Council. Breakfast at 9:30 was served in the church hall.

A Lithuanian Mass celebrated by Rev. Ivanauskas was held in St. George's Church. This Mass was in memory of the deceased officers of our District who passed away this year: Rev. Titas Narbutas - Spiritual Advisor, Vincent Ed Pavis - President, and Joseph Sinkevičius - Sargeant at Arms.

At 1:00 o'clock a delicious lunch was enjoyed by everyone in the cafeteria of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. The services at the Shrine began in the Chapel with a sermon by the Rev. William Mitchell (Mičulis), a native son of St. George's Parish of Cleveland. He also told of his experiences while serving as a Missionary in Japan.

Prayers and Benediction followed. Next on the schedule was The Way of The Cross held in the beautiful wooded area of the Shrine complex.

Thanks to Mary Trainy and her committee and to all the Cleveland members for a beautiful pilgrimage and the wonderful hospitality which will long be remembered by all who attended.

Conventions are Great



We'll stand on our head to please you in **CLEVELAND**

C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

HOSTS TO THE 59TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Being Hosts to the 59th National Convention is certainly making the summer go by swiftly. Before you know it, it will be AUGUST, THE 23-27 - CONVENTION TIME.

Dreams do come true. Al Samas' did. He and 11 fellows from Cleveland sailed from Miami in May (they manned the boat) on a beautiful 55-footer and headed for Freeport and Bimini and just fished and sailed... sailed and fished... in the beautiful Bahamian sunshine. Sounds like great fun. Why didn't

you invite me to come along as cook and chief bottle washer?

Belated June Birthday greetings to Joanna Shigo - the 7th; Ben Karklius - 12th; Evelyn Andrulis - 29th, and Andrew Palzes and Ruth Guzauskas - 30th.

Glad to hear that Mrs. Palzes, Andy's mother, is recovering nicely after recent eye surgery.

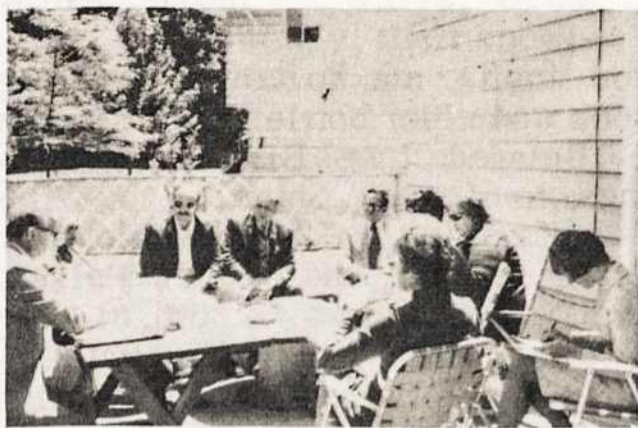
Our 2nd Annual Garage Sale held in the Guzauskas' Garage was another smashing success. Thank you, Ruthie and Joe, for putting up with us and our "junk" and to our hard-working committee.

The WJW Radio Project (saving ALCOA aluminum wrap endflaps) to SEND-A-DESERVING-CHILD-TO-CAMP ended in June. We didn't reach the 3000 points necessary, but ours were added to other clubs' points, and WE did have a share in sending at least one child to camp. Thank you to those participating. This was a worthwhile cause!

John and Evelyn Andrulis reported they had a great week in Las Vegas and area. They looked brown and happy upon their return.

C-25 Bowlers at the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Detroit were John and Evelyn Andrulis, Bruno Bartkus, Ruth Guzauskas, Ben and Alice Karklius and Charles and Nelda Machutas. Adele Svet and Pete Luize acted as sideline coaches. We weren't among the winning teams but they sure had a lot of fun bowling and distributing 59th National Convention material. Alice Karklius did bring home a trophy though - Low Actual Game. Congratulations there, champ!

The Supreme Council met in Cleveland in June at the Machutas home to work out convention details and we were pleased to welcome our National President, Jack Stukas and his wife Loretta; Irene and Bob Ozalis from Philly; Susan Boroskas from Brockton; Rita Pinkus from Worcester; Longinas Svelnis, NED President, along with John Alanskas from Waterbury. Cleveland Seniors on the scene were Joe Sadauskas, Honorary member, and Mary Trainy, Rose Sankal and Stella Sankal, National Treasurer. The Cleveland weather behaved itself and it was nice enough to meet outdoors. It was an interesting meeting and our council members, Gene and Ursula Kunitis, Nellie Arunski, Alice and Ben



June 11th Supreme Council meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Nat'l Pres. Jack Stukas presiding.

Karklius, Al and Joanna Shigo and John and Evelyn Andrulis enjoyed being there.

We hear the Shigo's have a new granddaughter, Kristy Ann, born on June 12. Congratulations! Congratulations and best wishes to Nelda Machutas on her Aug. 17 birthday.

ATTENTION LADIES: Watch your stores for the new DAVID-DREW line of better dresses coming out nation-wide in August. C-25 is very proud of Andrew Palzes who has now entered the manufacturing, as well as, designing ends of the business. Don't forget, girls, ask for the DAVID-DREW line this Fall!

The M.C. Dist. Pilgrimage held at St. George Church and Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on June 25 was well attended by our members. Charles and Nelda Machutas and their children, Ben and Alice Karklius, Nellie Arunski and Joanna Shigo, Peter Luiza, Agnes and Bruno Bartkus, Ursula and Gene Kunsitis and Mrs. Ursula Yankauskas would all like to thank Mary Trainy and her committee for a very pleasant and inspiring day. The grounds at the Shrine were just beautiful. We were glad



Thas. Machutas, C-25 Pres.; Rita Pinkus, Nat'l Ritual Comm. Chm.; Al Shigo, C-25

to see Knights from Detroit as well as Youngstown present despite Hurricane Agnes. You can't say that our Knights aren't rugged, strong and daring!

Don't forget now, it's CLEVELAND, OHIO August 23-27, 1972 for the 59th National Convention. C-25 is awaiting you with open arms!

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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Sunny skies and balmy weather was the order of the day for our July 5 meeting. Not many attended (perhaps due to the holiday weekend), but those who did found the meeting interesting and "peppy". It was good to see several members who have not attended in a long time - Leon Galinskas, George Kase and Bill Walls. Welcome back, and there are more of you we'd like to see too.

There is something unknowingly wrong when our council consists of over 150 members, and yet there is a lack of cooperation, loss of interest in attending meetings, and especially, lack of volunteers to work on committees and other various projects. The same faithful members who have been doing the work are tired, others have taken sick, some deceased, and the remaining ones apparently are not interested in doing anything. The continuation of this trend could lead our council to fold up. The uncertain situation demands close scrutiny. We urge members to attend our next meeting on Sept. 6 so that some of the deficiencies mentioned can be overcome with a satisfactory, working council.

Braving temperatures in the low 50's, 20-mile-an-hour winds and rain from hurricane Agnes, six members of our council turned out for the M/C Dist. Pilgrimage on June 25 at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Cleveland, Ohio. Though chairman, Mary Trainy, did not order the bad weather, we thank her for all her efforts. Those attending from our council were Ruth Grasha and daughter, Eleanor; Maggie Smailis and grandson, Chip Newberry; and Frank and Sophie Zager.

Following the pilgrimage, Ruth Grasha and Maggie Smailis took their youngsters to Aurora, Ohio to see the Sea World. They spent



Jack Stukas, Nat'l Pres. and Nelda & Charles Machutas, C-25

the day dodging raindrops but enjoyed the various shows which are a replica of the San Diego Marine-land. The Zagers stayed over for a visit with his relatives in Euclid and went to Sea World the next day - under sunny skies. It was a real treat!

When no-one came up with the answer as to the replacement of the traveling bowling trophy for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Clem Patocki and our council came to the rescue, and donated the trophy in memory of our late President and ex-boxing champ, Edward Martin. The presentation was made to the winning team, C-102, by Dorothe Martin at the closing Bowling Banquet. Ačiū, Clem.

SOFFI SNOOPING - At Houghton Lake, Dr. Bruno and Ann Zilvitis enjoyed the leisurely process of celebrating a safe, sane and very social Fourth of July... Valeria Kundrotas and her family vacationed at their cottage in Caseville with her guests who came in from Montreal... Magdalena Smailis trekked up north for



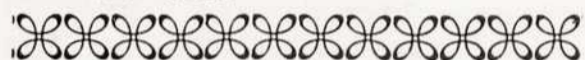
Birthday Toast to Ben Karklius at S.C. Meeting - June 11 - Cleveland, Ohio. l to r: Larry Svelnis, Alice & Ben Karklius, Susan Boroskas. Front row: Nelda Machutas and Ursula Kunsitis.



REMINDER TO COUNCIL NEWS CORRESPONDENTS

The October issue of the Vytis will be entirely devoted to Convention coverage and, therefore, will contain NO Council news.

Deadline for November issue will be October 5th.



a week's visit with her aunt... Estelle and Charlie Gogelis were visited by his brother Vytas from Argentina during a business trip through the States. They also had weekend guests, in June, from California whom they have not seen in over 20 years... We haven't been seeing much of Gerri Chaps. Though a grandma, she is not the type to be rocking on the porch. Tragically their daughter-in-law was killed in an accident, and the Chaps are now busy raising their two grandchildren. That's the kind of Grand-mommy to have... Sad news was received that Peggy Salo, daughter of Sophie Bitner, lost her first-born child, a boy, born on the Fourth of July. It would have been Mrs. Bitner's first grandchild. Peggy was quite ill following the loss of her baby, but we hope for the future, another safe and sound blessed event... Our condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kazlauskas on the death of his mother, Mary, in Penna. Also, our sympathy to Mary Kazlauskas and the Pete Stanulis family on the loss of their brother, John. A rosary and Mass was offered for Kazimiera Wietku, mother of Stella Sokoloski, and the same offering for Samuel Laurinaitis, brother of our member, John. We regret the loss of a fine member, Mary Tollus. Our sympathy to her beloved husband Joseph and family; her sister, Ona Walls, and brother George Kase who are also members of our council. May their souls rest in peace... Get well wishes to Rozalia Miknis who is recuperating from a coronary attack... Antoinette Baron had a "strange" happening with her car. Fortunately, she escaped without a scratch... We haven't seen Joe and Mary Kazlauskas for quite awhile. We understand they are busy helping in

the building of daughter, Jean's new home near Camp Dainava. Joe maintains his first love is his little Mary and his second love is Dainava. It's been their retreat every time they possibly could... It is with deep sorrow that we learned of the death of Rev. Fr. Titas Narbutas, Spritual Adviser of the Mid Central District.

May he rest in eternal peace with God.

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F.B.P.

This will be another difficult column to write because of the sudden loss of our Spritual Adviser, Rev. Titas Narbutas. This was a District loss, also. Father was a friend to many of us. During the all-night vigil for Fr. Titas, Jerry and Karen Bedrowsky and Elinor Sluzas played and sang background music that added warmth to this solemn occasion. Coverage of Father's life, for publication, was handled by Frank Gudelis. Frank had worked closely these many years with Father, not only through the Knights, but in parish duties. We pray Father's soul is at peace.

We are most thankful to Msgr. Leonard Gižinskas of Detroit and Rev. Vincent Bartuška, Manhattan College, N.Y., who took care of us during Fr. Titas' illness and the days that followed.

We welcome back Rev. Walter Katarskis! Fr. Walter has been reassigned to Holy Cross. Making acquaintances with parishioners will be a minor chore, as Father has maintained his friendship and council membership these past 12 years.

Our Spring Family Picnic of June 4 was a success, thanks to the efforts of our Sports Committee. We were surprised with live music from the accordian of Cecelia Lisankis of California. Cecelia was visiting the Petrokas family, and Judy made certain Cecelia had the opportunity to visit her friends in the Knights. A Big Ačiū! It was also good to see George and Kathy Janky at their "first" activity since joining the council.

To Mary Lucas and her Dance Committee, a "thank you" for another successful undertaking. The crowd was "light" but lively. Winners in the three raffles of "cheer" were Ray Steinbrunner, Charles and Mike Petkus. Thanks to Eloise Berczelly, Mike was on the ball! Guaranteed to see at a dance, but we wish we'd see them more often, were Ray and Mildred Steinbrunner, Mike and Eileen Willemaitis, Albert and Albina Wallis, and Albert and Marianne Owen.

Commemoration of the Lithuanian martyrs and persecuted who suffered during the time of June 1940-41 was held after the 10 A.M. Mass at the Shrine of the Three



"One Night in Munich" Dance Committee, C-96. Seated l to r: Karen Bedrowsky, Joan Kavalauskas, Mary Lucas, Marianne Podoyak, Hilda Cernevicius. Standing l to r: Jerry Bedrowsky, Joe Cernevicius, Mike Petkus, Jim Kavalauskas & Frank Gudelis. Missing was George Mikalauskas.

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Crosses on June 11, Junior girls placed flowers at the Shrine while the boys carried the Offering during the Mass.

Mother's Day began so beautifully with the Juniors undertaking their annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother before the 8 A.M. Mass. After Mass, the Juniors served breakfast in the church hall to their parents and members able to attend. Their program of readings, poems and songs was heartwarming. It is always great to see our Junior council keep right up with the regular council with activities.

Heading for the bowling tournament, with Detroit hosting the annual function of the Mid-West councils, with hopes of coming in big, were Charles and Sarah Petkus, Frank Gudelis, Joe and Bea Noreikas, Eloise and John Berczelly, Joe and Eleanor Mantz, Frank and Karolyn Ambrose, Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas, Pat Zelinkas and Joyce Boston. They didn't make the top, but were full of "a good time had by all".



Our congratulations to High School graduate, John A. Berczelly, who will continue his studies in the automotive parts industry. John is now on our Sports Committee, and has been with the council from his Junior Knights days, and still maintaining an active interest. Much luck to you!

ODDS AND ENDS... Europe was the place to be. Fr. Walter Katarskis, after recuperating from surgery, made a pilgrimage tour of the Shrines. Regretfully, Ernest and Veronica Omlor, and Ada and Kathy Sinkwitz' pilgrimage was cut short when Ada broke her leg in three places at Lourdes, France. Ada is back in the States after 8 days in the hospital at Lourdes. She is going through a slow recovery period... Legs are in the news - with Frank Ambrose bedded down with a badly bruised foot injury, and Jerry Podoyak on crutches with a broken toe! Mercy! ... We are pleased to report that Georgia Zelinkas is doing very well after recent surgery. Speedy recovery wishes are sent out to all.

John and Ann Scott made Arizona their vacation spot. Charles and Frances Vangas headed for Hawaii. Your correspondent wrote this column in Hialeah, Fla. The Petkus - Mike and Fran, Michael and Tom, are visiting with Mike's brother, Pete and his family.

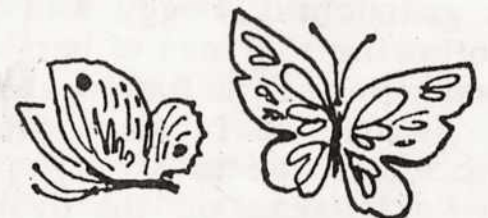
Congratulations to Donna Cernevicus upon her marriage to David C. Spitze on May 20. Eloise and Pat Zelinkas recently represented our parish at a Mass and religious program at the Dayton State Hospital. Eloise is planning a bake sale Oct. 22 with all proceeds going to charity only.

Joe and Aldona Ryan hosted the Juniors in June with a cookout and nature study project at their home. The advisors, Joe Gecas and Charles Petkus, who helped with the driving, enjoyed themselves, also.

Surprising news: Our council was endowed with a gift of \$1,000. from the estate of our deceased member, John Razauskas. John had also designated a gift of \$500. to our National Treasury. What can one say? We are most grateful to have been remembered and John will always be in our prayers.

Birthday greetings for August are sent to Laretta Pant, Kitty Prasmantas, George Mikalauskas,

Phyllis Richey, Albert Wallis, Bill Leasure, John Kavy, Janina Bucmys, and Karen Bedrowsky. September birthdayites are: Joe August, Marianne Podoyak, Louie Prasmantas, Alex Pietrzak, Frances Mikalauskas, John Scott, Carolyn Urban and George Zelinkas. Those lucky to be celebrating birthdays in October are Joe Noreikas, Eleanor Mantz, Annadel Miller, Mike Veigel, Joe Boeke, Joe and Hilda Cernevicus, Mary Lucas, Ernest Omlor, Jim Kavalauskas and Frances Zelinkas. August Anniversary greetings go to Albert and Albina Wallis, Ildephonsas and Janina Bucmys. In September, to Joe and Bea Noreikas, Jerry and Marianne Podoyak, Mike and Donna Jean Dailey, Fred and Ann Kondrotas. In October - Stan and Ida Kavy, Alex and Polly Pietrzak, and Tom and Elizabeth Scott. Congratulations and best wishes to all!



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Chris Mantz

On June 11 at the 10:00 Mass the Juniors celebrated the commemoration of the martyrs and patrons. The Junior boys participated in the offertory procession and afterwards a procession to the Shrine of the Three Crosses where the girls placed flowers.

We were sure lucky when we had a chance to visit Joe and Aldona Ryan's nature farm at their house. Mrs. Ryan explained why the trees, insects, and birds were important to the world. In the woods we found items of nature for a scavenger hunt, where Mary and Linda Petkus found their items first. We then roasted hotdogs for a picnic. When it was time to go, we were all a bit sad to leave. We will never forget the wonderful time we had there.