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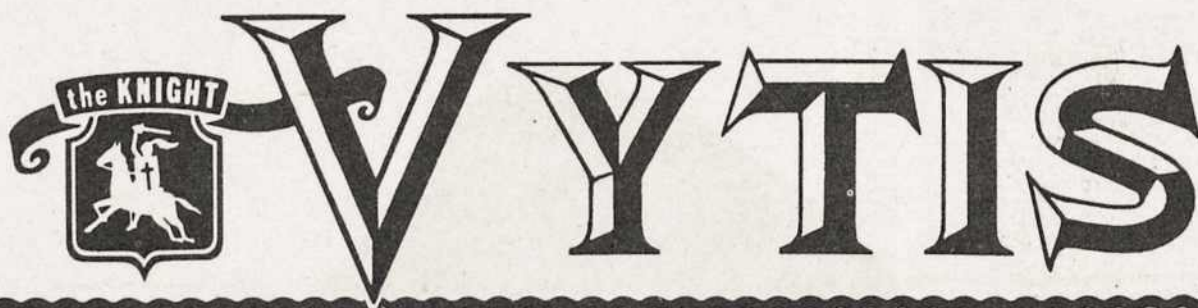
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THE DAY

ON WHICH AMERICANS GIVE THANKS

Thanksgiving is one of the distinctively American holidays, although the custom of an autumn thanksgiving celebration is probably as old as man's first harvest.

In America the custom was started more than three centuries ago by the Pilgrims. Among the earliest settlers in America, the Pilgrims had fled from England, where they were persecuted for separating from the established church and forming a congregation of their own. In 1620 a small band of them sailed to America on the Mayflower to find a place where they would be free to worship God as they chose. They dropped anchor off the sandy shore of Cape Cod, landed at Plymouth Rock and established their colony. During the first hard winter, forty-four of the 102 settlers died.

However, the spring of 1621 brought sun and warm rains together with some Indian friends who taught the settlers how to plant Indian corn and to fertilize it with fish. Able at last to plant a good crop of grains and vegetables, the Pilgrims reaped an autumn harvest so abundant that the governor of the colony, William Bradford, ordered a three-day period of thanksgiving.

The Indians were invited to share this celebration with the settlers and more than ninety of them arrived led by their chief Massasoit. They showed the Pilgrims where to find wild turkeys and tart red cranberries; and together with corn and pumpkin these became the traditional foods of the Thanksgiving feast. The three-day celebration included church services, feasting, and sporting events such as races and wrestling matches between the settlers and the Indians.

As Americans throughout the country give thanks on the last Thursday of November, they follow the example of the early Pil-

grims. Today, Thanksgiving, is a family day, an occasion for families to gather together. It is also a time to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. It is a holiday when those who would otherwise be alone are often welcomed into the home to join in the celebration. Above all, Thanksgiving is for many people the one day in the year they remember to give thanks for the blessings and what America has done for them.

It is a day, especially in these times of self-criticism and civil disturbance, to remember and be thankful for the many things that are right with America.

Let us be thankful, among other things, for an economy that provides jobs for over 79,000,000 Americans, that gives the individual the opportunity to reap a growing reward for his skills, that yields a total income that is rising at a rate of \$50 billion a year and which enables the average American family to buy all the food it needs for 17 percent of its income, compared to 30 percent in Britain and 50 percent in the Soviet Union.

Let us be thankful for a form of government in which every citizen is free to cast his vote

to shape the future of his country, in which the people rule, through their elected representatives, in which change can be effected through debate and ballot, in which there is freedom of speech and of the press and where writers and artists do not live under the threat of imprisonment.

Let us be thankful for better health and longer lives. In 1910, the average American could expect to live to age 50. Now he can expect to enjoy life to 70. To assure continuous health care, the United States trains close to 10,000 new doctors and imports 7,000 more each year to add to the 287,000 now in practice. Overall, America invests some \$60 billion annually in health care.

Let us be thankful for the dedication of our young people and for a superb educational system that is always striving to be better. More Americans finish high schools than students in any other country - and 55 percent of them go on to colleges and universities. America's investment in educating its youth is unmatched. A unique cooperation between our universities, industry and government has enabled us to develop technical capabilities which put

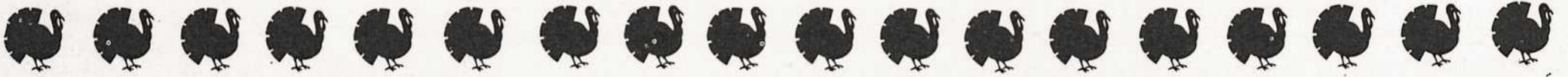


us on the threshold of new worlds.

Let us be thankful for the magnificent assemblage of peoples here in America - people of all races and nationalities - who are learning to live together harmoniously and in mutual respect.

These are no small things for which to give thanks. These, and much more, are what is right with America. They give Thanksgiving a broader meaning. Thanksgiving, in turn, is a good day to remember and be thankful for them.

A.C.N.S.



LADY AUTUMN WILL APPEAR

Antonia M. Wackell

Summer's lustre waning, Lady Autumn comes
With her frosts, her winds and her sun,
To change the summer's scenery
And get her cleaning done.

Her cooling sun will paint the leaves
In crimson, yellow and brown.
What landscape changes there will be
In countryside and town!

Her restless roving winds will lure
The colored gems from off the trees,
And drop them roughly to the ground
To lie and wait for the winter's freeze.

Her frostings shimmer on the roofs,
The trees and shrubs are crystal-crowned.
Feathered folk have long since left
And heavy mists cling to the ground.

Now her ground-work is complete
And nothing more from her is heard -
Until next year - when she will appear
Promptly, on September the twenty-third.



Religious Persecution In Lithuania – Soviet Style

by Rev. Albert J. Contons

THIS IS LITHUANIA TODAY

Half the churches are closed. Priests are harassed in their ministry. Young people are forbidden contact with the Church. This is Lithuania today.

Freedom to print Catholic publications, religious manuals, catechisms, prayerbooks is denied. Documents of Vatican Council II are still not available to the people. Internal affairs of the Church are controlled not by the bishops but by the Communist commissar of cult.

This also is Lithuania today - showcase of religious persecution, Soviet style.



Lithuanian Folk Art Sculpture of Our Lady of Siluva.

A small and independent country of three million on the shores of the Baltic Sea, 85% Catholic, Lithuania was forcibly occupied by Soviet armies in 1940. As a result of the surprise German attack in 1941 Lithuania fell under Nazi rule until 1944, when Soviet armies overran Lithuania again.

Having experienced the brutality of life under Communism in 1940-1941, about 75,000 Lithuanians

succeeded in fleeing to the West before this final Red Army takeover. The United States has never given official recognition to the Soviet occupational government.

"The Catholic Church in Lithuania is condemned to die". This is the stark conclusion of forty priests of the Vilnius diocese who signed a lengthy protest letter to top Soviet authorities in Moscow and in Lithuania in August of 1969.

SOVIETS ISOLATE PRIESTS

It is Soviet policy to isolate the priest from the people. The priest is not allowed to attend wedding celebrations, baptismal parties or any such gatherings. He is forbidden to visit his own parishioners or to have contact with youth groups.

Even in the pulpit he is forbidden to teach Christ and the truths of faith. This would counter government sponsored atheistic propaganda. The priest would be accused of conducting religious propaganda and would be liable to punishment. His preaching must be limited to moralizing on such evils as stealing, drinking, idleness.

To accept any church position such as pastor or assistant, the priest needs a "work permit" from the Communist commissar of cult (the "delegate" for religious affairs, or "Bishop of bishops", as he is nicknamed in Lithuania). Bishops cannot transfer priests without permission of the commissar. But the commissar can transfer pastors and assistants on his own authority.

If the Communist commissar of cult wants to punish a priest, he recalls his "work permit". The priest is then given one month to find civilian employment. If unsuccessful, he is subject to deportation to a concentration camp.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE DENIED

For a priest to teach catechism to children is a crime against the Soviet state. On Aug. 26, 1971 Rev. Joseph Zdebskis, pastor of the parish of Prienai, was arrested and charged with violating the law of separation of church and state by teaching catechism to children in church.

On Sept. 19 two thousand parishioners of Father Zdebskis sent a signed petition protesting this arrest to Soviet leaders.

Before his trial Father Zdebskis was so badly beaten that, according to press reports, his mother was not able to recognize him. During his trial 600 people demonstrated outside the courthouse until dispersed by police, with 20 arrests.

In his courtroom defense Father Zdebskis stressed that atheistic officials violate freedom of conscience and freedom to exercise parental rights over children as guaranteed in theory by the Soviet Constitution.

In his arguments he said that because of the restrictions on the priest examining children for First Communion "freedom of faith becomes similar to permission to live, but prohibition to give birth..."

"The fact that a charge such as this is brought against a priest, as well as the attempt to take children from parents, are these not violations of freedom of conscience?"

Father Zdebskis concluded that the trial "confronts priests with two choices!". One is "to be a priest according to the mind of Christ, determined to perform the duties required by Christ and the law of the Church, and at the same time accepting whatever Providence allows one to endure".

The other choice is "to choose the so-called 'way of peaceful cooperation with atheists', to try to compromise, to serve two masters; to be a priest, but not to be dangerous to atheism".

On Nov. 11, 1971 Father Zdebskis was sentenced to one year in prison. The following day, in another district, Rev. Prosper Bubnys, pastor of Girkalnis, was also sentenced to a year in prison on the same charge: instructing children in catechism.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATED

Another important trial took place a year earlier. This time a Jesuit priest was involved, Rev. Anthony Seskevicius, S.J.

The official charge read: "Seskevicius, at the close of the month of June and at the beginning of July, 1970, collected the children of Dubingiai Parish in the church and there instructed them in the catechism. This is in direct violation of the established statutes and, in particular, against the Criminal Code of the Soviet Socialist Republic of Lithuania, Article 143, section 1".

Verdict: guilty. Sentence, passed Sept. 9, 1970: one year in prison.

In his defense, Father Seskevicius stressed international guaranties of basic human rights and their violation in Soviet practice. He cited the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Man, co-signed by the Soviet Union.

Article 18 states: "Each man has a right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion: this right guarantees... the individual... freedom to profess his faith singly or collectively, freely to study his religion's teachings, to hold religious services and to perform his religious obligations".

He also quoted from the United Nations' Convention adopted in Paris in 1960, and ratified by the Soviet Union.

The fifth article states: "Governments participating in this agreement hold that... parents and legal guardians... may seek their children's religious and moral training according to their faith".

In spite of these international guaranties, Father Seskevicius observed that "in practice, religious freedom - especially in the field of teaching children - is relegated to obscurity".

ATTEMPTED LEAP FOR FREEDOM

The denial of basic human rights by the Soviets was brought into worldwide focus by the recent and famed Simas Kudirka case, in which a Lithuanian sailor tried to defect from a Soviet fishing vessel off Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts Nov. 23, 1970.

Simas Kudirka, a 32 year old radio operator, leaped from the Soviet vessel onto the deck of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Vigilant and pleaded for political asylum. After several hours of consultations among American officials, Soviet seamen were



Rally in Chicago, protesting the refusal of asylum to Lithuanian Seaman Simas Kudirka.

allowed to board the Coast Guard cutter, brutally beat Kudirka into unconsciousness and forcibly return him to the Soviet ship - to the shocked dismay of America and the world at large.

For this attempt at freedom Kudirka was tried for treason before the supreme court of Soviet occupied Lithuania and sentenced on May 20, 1971 to ten years at hard labor. His last request of the Soviet government was "I ask that you grant my homeland, Lithuania, independence".

In the courtroom he condemned Soviet oppression by saying that "The Atlantic Charter, which promised the enslaved nations freedom, was an empty promise, costing my people 50,000 dead (guerilla fighters resisting Soviet occupation) and 400,000 deported, of whom 150,000 found their graves in the earth of Siberia.

"The bravest and most resolute patriots of Lithuania were physically annihilated. But a new young generation has grown up which intends to go the road of their fathers".

Soviet authorities are fearful lest this "new young generation" come under religious influence. Children and young people under eighteen are forbidden to study religion or to participate actively in religious services. They cannot serve Mass, take part in processions, sing in choirs.

School children are indoctrinated in atheism and communism. They are taught that religious parents are backward and ignorant. A youth accused of being a believer or of practicing religion finds college or university education barred to him in Lithuania.

HOPE FOR FUTURE

In spite of hardships, Lithuanian Catholics cling tenaciously to their faith. Recently a Soviet official complained in the press, "In spite of scientific and atheistic propaganda and efforts of the Communist party, in 1968 51% of newly born infants were baptized, 57% of burials were performed with religious services". These official estimates and considered to be too conservative.

A Swedish Catholic newspaper reported in 1971 that "Out of 440 priests ordained in Lithuania after World War II only 17 have given up the priesthood. During that same time four bishops and 170 priests have died for their faith in Soviet prisons and Siberian slave labor camps".

The Lithuanian seaman's leap for freedom failed. But he succeeded in breaking through the wall of silence hiding Soviet oppression and religious persecution in Lithuania from the eyes of the world.

Lithuanians hope and pray that freedom loving people in the West will raise their voices in support of religious freedom and basic human rights for Lithuania and oppressed people everywhere.

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS OF LITHUANIA

	1940	1971
Bishops	12	6*
Priests	1439	808**
Seminaries	4	1
Seminarians	425	35
Churches and Chapels	1047	627

TO SIMAS KUDIRKA

No one wiped your bloody brow,
No Cyrene helped your cross to bear.
Just fiercely blue the waters mourned
That man is more insensible than stone
More savage than a beast.

O'er the Atlantic and through the Baltic
Your blood will return our brother
And flow again into the Nemunas...
There crosses resplendent dot the waysides,
heaths and hillocks
Of our homeland being slaughtered by
hammer and sickle.

The cliffs will not split asunder, Simas
Because you were betrayed.
Nor will the earth quake.
But in the weeping heavens there will gleam
A radiant new star.

Kotryna Grigaitytė-Graudis

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* Two of these are exiled from their dioceses and not allowed to carry out their duties.

**97 of the 808 priests are forbidden to do priestly work.

THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE PRIZE



Pay your dues **NOW** and get your Council an **AWARD**. That should be the most important item on your list. A Membership Drive is conducted for the purpose of increasing our number, and not to replace those lost to the organization because of delinquent dues. Once your Council's dues are 100% paid up, then you can concentrate wholeheartedly on **NEW MEMBERS**.

RULES FOR THE 1972 - 73 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

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

- First Category - 1 - 49 members.
- Second Category - 50 - 99 members.
- Third Category - 100 and over.

The **DEADLINE** for 100% Paid-up Membership will be **MARCH 31**.

AWARDS FOR SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS:

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

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR NEW MEMBERS:

Awards will be given on an overall basis for First, Second, and Third Place to those individual members with the most total points. Enrolling a **NEW MEMBER** (one who has never belonged before) will earn 10 **POINTS**, and a **REJOINED MEMBER** (someone who has not been a member during the past year or longer) will earn 5 **POINTS**.

The **DEADLINE** for the New Members Awards is **JUNE 30**. **COUNCILS ARE URGED TO SECURE ADEQUATE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARY - IRENE OZALIS, 6148 Erdrick St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19135.**

DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \$100.00 Lifetime Member
- \$5.00 If a member joins between Jan. and March,
- \$3.75 If a member joins between April and June,
- \$2.50 If a member joins between July and September,
- \$1.25 For October to December

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

Your concentrated drive will bring us many new members, your lack of interest and cooperation can make it a failure. Belief in ourselves and our organization's principles will guide us towards success - **SO LET'S START WORKING RIGHT NOW.**

ALBERT OZALIS,
Membership National Vice President

MATUI ZUJUI 80 METŲ AMŽIAUS

Ilgametis "Garso" ir buvęs "Vyties" redaktorius Matas Zujus šių metų rugpiūčio 14 d. sulaukė 80 metų amžiaus.

Sukaktuvinininkas yra gimęs 1892 metais rugpiūčio 14 d. Čiudiškių kaime, Klebiškio valsčiuje, Marijampolės apskrityje.

Mokėsi Prienuose, Seinuose, Kaune ir Valparaiso, Ind.

Į JA Valstybes atvyko 1913 metų rudenį. Šešis mėnesius praleidęs Valparaiso mokykloje, išsibaigus iš tėviškės atsivežtiems ištekliams, 1914 metų kovo pradžioje išvyko Chicagon ieškoti darbo. Informacijos dėliai atsilankė savaitraščio "Draugo" įstaigoje. Vyriausias "Draugo" redaktorius kun. Fabijonas Kemėsis, prisiminęs pavardę, nes Matas rašinėdavo korespondencijas dienraščiui "Vilčiai" Vilniuje, kurią redagavo Antanas Smetona ir kun. Kemėsis, čia pat pasiūlė dirbti "Draugo" redakcijoj. Matas čia dirbo pusantų metų ir per tą laiką suspėjo įsijungti į lietuvišką veiklą, ypačingai Vyčiuose.

Devynis mėnesius vėl praleidęs Valparaiso mokykloje gavo darbą dienraščio "Kataliko" redakcijoje ir čia darbavosi aštuonis mėnesius.

1916 metų rudenį Lietuvos Vyčių centro valdyba pakvietė užimti "Vyties" redaktoriaus ir administratoriaus vietą. Redaguodamas "Vytį" Matas padėjo steigti kursus, kuriuose iš Lietuvos žaliųjų kaimų atvykęs jaunimas galėjo mokytis lietuvių kalbos, istorijos, geografijos ir kitų dalykų. Matas buvo Talentų fondo iniciatorius. Fondas rėmė gabesnius scenos mėgėjus vaidintojus, kad jie galėtų pasimokyti mokyklose vaidybos meno. Tais laikais vyčiai labai uoliai rengdavo lietuviškus vaidinimus ir koncertus ir kai kurie scenos mėgėjai, kaip Balsys, Gedgudaitė, (vėliau ištekėjęs už Juliaus Kaupo išvyko Lietuvon), Vilimas, Janušauskaitė, Jančius ir kiti, tikrai pasižymėdavo puikia vaidyba ir žavėdavo publiką.



1920 metais rugsėjo mėn. Matas išvyko Lietuvon. Lenkams puolant, įstojo į Lietuvos kariuomenę - Karo Mokyklos ketvirtąją laidą. Išbuvo iki Velykų, o likusius karo tarnybos mėnesius dirbo "Kario" redakcijoj. Baigęs karo tarnybą, kuri laiką buvo apmokamu bendradarbiu Kaune leidžiamo dienraščio "Laisvė" ir Wilkes-Barre, Pa., leidžiamo "Lietuvių Balsas". Rašė "Vyčiui", "Garsui", ir "Draugui". Kaip Lietuvos Vyčių įgaliotinis, palaikė ryšius su centrine Pavasarininkų Sąjungos vadovybe.

1923 metais rudenį grįžęs Amerikon apie du mėnesius dirbo Katalikų Federacijos sekretoriato ir bendradarbiavo dienraščiui "Draugui". Nuo Kalėdų vėl užėmė "Vyties" redaktoriaus vietą ir čia darbavosi arti pusantų metų.

Už nuopelnus yra pakeltas Vyčių organizacijos garbės nariu.

1926 metais balandžio pradžioje buvo pakviestas redaguoti LRKSA oficialų organą "Garsą" ir čia darbuojasi iki šios dienos, dažnai eidamas ir administrato-

riaus pareigas. Matas yra sekretoriavęs 17-kai LRKSA seimų.

1945 metų pavasarį buvo pakviestas Bendrojo Amerikos Lietuvių Šalpos Fondo direktorium ir kelis metus buvo kontrolės komisijos nariu. Pirmininkavo BALF'o trečiajam seimui, įvykusiam 1948 m. spalio 15-16 d.d. Chicagoje.

Matas kelis metus yra buvęs ALR Katalikų Federacijos centro valdybos nariu; su kun. N. Pakalniū pirmininkavo Katalikų Federacijos Tarybos konferencijai, sušauktai 1940 m. rugpiūčio mėn. Pittsburgh, Pa. Konferencija, plačiai apsvarsčius tragingą Lietuvos padėtį, nutarė įsteigti Lietuvai Gelbėti Tarybą, vėliau pavadintą Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba. Konferencija taip pat išrinko komisiją kviesti į bendrą Lietuvos laisvinimo akciją kitas patriotines sroves. 1950 metais rugsėjo 30 ir spalio 1 d.d. Matas pirmininkavo Katalikų Federacijos sušauktam visuotiniam Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Kongresui, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pirmininkavo Kunigų Vienybės, Scrantų Vyskupijos provincijos, 1946 m. gruodžio 8 d. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., sušauktai parapijų ir organizacijų skyrių, draugijų bei klubų atstovų konferencijai, nutarusiai įsteigti bendrą komitetą Lietuvos Nepriklausomybei atstatyti ir remti lietuvių tremtinių ir pabėgėlių šalpos akciją, būtent, Altą ir Balfą. Matas buvo išrinktas komiteto pirmininku.

Pirmininkavo generaliniam Wyoming Klonio Liet. Komitetui, 1949 m. birželio 23-29 d.d. surengusiam Vyriausio Liet. Išlaisvinimo Komiteto pirmininkui prelatui Mykolui Krupavičiui prakalbų maršrutą.

1927 m. rugsėjo mėn. 8 d. Brooklyne vedė Kazimierą Tamošiūnaitę kilusią iš Pušaloto parapijos, Biržų apskrities. Kazimiera Kaune lankė "Saulės" mokytojų kursus ir priklausė prie moksleivių Ateitininkų kuopos. Pirmajam Pasauliniam Karui užsibaigus dir-

bo Šv. Kazimiero draugijos ir Paštų valdybos įstaigose. Į JAV-tybes atvyko kaip Vaikelio Jėzaus Dr-jos Kaune įgaliotinė parinkti aukų vaikų prieglaudos naudai. Per daugelį metų Kazimiera buvo ir yra įsijungus į American Legion Auxiliary 609 ir VFM Auxiliary 5267 Postus ir buvusi jų pirmininke; yra buvusi American Legion Auxiliary Luzerne apskrities vicepirmininkė;

yra Am. Legion La Boutique Des Huit Chapeaux Et Quarante Femmes 8-40 201 posto narė. Kazimiera taipgi uoliai dalyvauja Katalikų Susivienijimo ir Wyoming Klonio Lietuvių Moterų klubo veikloje.

Zujų sūnus Matas 20 metų iš-tarnavęs JA Valstybių kariuomenėje - ambasados Atėnuose, Haagoj, Beirut, Maskvoje (Sov. Rusijoj), treči metai dirba, kaip

kompiutorius, King's kolegijos įstaigoje, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Jaunesnysis sūnus Kazys, du metus ištarnavęs kariuomenėje, užbaigęs King's kolegiją ir įgijęs bakalauro laipsnį, dirba Pioneer korporacijos įstaigoje.

Duktė Ona Lanningienė su šeima antri metai gyvena Bangkok, Thailand, kur jos vyras turi valdinį darbą. Zujai turi šešis vaikaičius.

I. Sakalas

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ STEIGĖJĄ, M. NORKŪNĄ ATSIMENANT

Kun. Albino Janiūno kalba, pasakyta bal. 30 d. prie Mykolo Norkūno kapo, So. Lawrence, Mass.

Malda už "Tėvą" Mykolą Norkūną, Lietuvos Vyčių steigėją.

Dieve, kuris sutvėrei šį pasaulį ir visustvarinius, leidai mums pažinti Mykolą Norkūną: kataliką, lietuvių iš tėvų žemės, Amerikos kari, Amerikos lietuvių jaunimo mylėtoją. Kai kurie iš mūsų atsimena šį mūsų Lietuvos Vyčių steigėją. Kai kuriems teko su juo pasikalbėti, pasisveikinti, pasimelsti ir pabendradarbiauti. Jis savo valia, rūpestingumu stengėsi nuo išikūrimo laikų palaikyti mūsų jaunimą vieningą lietuviškoje ir katalikiškoje, Dievą ir artimą mylinčioje dvasioje. Jisai pagyvino mūsų Lietuvos Vyčių, seimus ir suvažiavimus, rodydamas broliškumą ir draugiškumą, o ypatingai ryžtą padėti mūsų tėvų žemei - Lietuvai, rusų - sovietų pavergtai. Tūkstančiai mūsų tėvų žemės katalikų raštu skundėsi United Nations - Jungtinių Tautų sekretoriui, prašydami tikros religinės laisvės garbinti Dievui. Mes, šiandien susirinkę ir susirūpinę mūsų brolių ir seserų katalikų likimu Lietuvoje, prašome Aukščiausiojo Dangiškojo Valdytojo apšviesti Sovietų Sąjungos vadovų ir visų tautų bei valstybių vadų protus, kad jie teisinga valia suteiktų tikrą religinę ir tautinę laisvę Lietuvai, kad visas pasaulis galėtų gyventi tikroje taikoje vienybėje.

Aukščiausias Valdytojau Dieve, pavergtus ir pasaulyje išsisklaidžiusius Lietuvius nepaliaujama viltimi žadinti teikis.

Leisk mums, Viešpatie Dieve, Mykolo Norkūno pavyzdžiu paaugoti savo laiką ir interesą pavergtai Lietuvai, užsiimti artimo meilės darbais, kad galėtumėm laimėti amžinąjį Tavo gailėstingumą.

Suteik, Viešpatie Dieve, Mykolui Norkūnui savo gailėstingumą, priimk jį į šviesos bei ramybės šalį ir įvesk į garbingą savo šventųjų šeimą. Išvaduok jį iš visų nuodėmių pančių kad prisikėlęs džiaugtųsi amžinąja garbe tarp Tavo šventųjų ir išrinktųjų. To prašome per mūsų Viešpatį Jėzų Kristų.

Amen.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT Delegates during ceremonies at the Mykolas Norkunas gravesite, during Spring Convention. Top photo: C-78 Treasurer Irene Baublis and John Stunza, NED Scholarship winner, in Lithuanian costume, with some delegates and members of the Norkunas family. Bottom photo: Rev. Albinas Janiunas, and Rev. Albert Contons with the Norkun family.

THE GREAT ESCAPE

By Aloyzas Pakalniskis

On Oct. 3, 1972, a family of five - three small children, their lawyer-father and medical doctor-mother - concluded a dramatic, hair-raising escape from Soviet-occupied Lithuania by arriving in Chicago to meet with relatives and make a new start in life.

They are Attorney Zigmas Antanas Butkus, his wife, Dr. Danute Butkus, daughters, Loreta, age eleven and Raimonda, age ten and a three year old son, Rimvydas. Their grueling experience began some three years ago when they started to plan an escape that eventually took them, initially by car, later by a variety of means of transportation, through much of Western Europe until they felt safe enough to approach an American installation to ask for political asylum. This they received, and now they finally find themselves among relatives in Chicago who are not merely excited, but delighted to have them in their midst as the latest bit of evidence that patriotic feeling is a growing force in Lithuania, and that Soviet authorities must reckon with it more and more.

The following day, on Oct. 4, two press conferences sponsored by the Lithuanian American Council were held in Chicago. The first conference, at the Pick-Congress hotel, included reporters from the leading Chicago newspapers and TV stations. Later in the day, journalists from various Lithuanian newspapers and magazines gathered at the ALTas headquarters to obtain information in Lithuanian.

Dr. Bobelis, president of ALTas, opened the Lithuanian press conference with the presentation of the Butkus family. After some applause, he presented the president of VLIKas, Dr. Valiunas.

Dr. Valiunas congratulated the Butkus family for achieving the great feat of breaking through the Iron Curtain. He wished them the best of luck in this new democratic way of life and assured them that they are welcome to the family of American-Lithuanians.

After Dr. Valiunas's word, the reporters began their questions.

The first question asked was whether the people in Lithuania are familiar with the Lithuanian American efforts to free them from Russia's bloody claws. Mr. Butkus answered that they are



The Butkus Family - Zigmas, Loreta, Raimonda, Rimvydas and Dr. Danute.

aware of ALTas and VLIKas and their work, from the radio translations of the Voice of America. Regulations loosened up and Lithuanians are quite free to listen to such broadcasts in private homes. Of course, if something of great importance occurs in the world, such as the Brazinskas' hijacking, then the Soviets set up special stations to interfere with radio waves coming from the West.

Through later questioning it was learned that the Butkus family escaped to the West just because they yearned for freedom. Materially, their life was extremely good. As a party member, Mr. Butkus had the high-paying job of a lawyer.

Many other Lithuanians would like to escape, even some high-ranking government officials. However, very few can succeed. Unsuccessful escapees are tried for treason, thus plans for such a venture must be kept in complete secrecy. Mr. Butkus told no one about his plans, not even his parents.

Mr. Butkus believes that the relatives he left behind will not be subjected to a great deal of suffering. They might experience some unpleasantness from government officials, such as lengthy cross-examinations.

It is extremely hard for an average Lithuanian to visit his relatives in the United States. The present economic conditions offer very low-paying jobs while the trip itself costs well over a thousand rubles. A person has to leave someone behind that would assure his return - son or daughter, or a spouse, for example. Before leaving the Soviet Union, one is briefed on what to do and not to do in the free world. And when a vacationer returns, he is questioned about his activities.

Lithuanians still remember the happy years before World War II and they would gladly return to a capitalistic system. Lithuanians would even be happy with a communistic system, provided Lithuania became an independent national state. Though they are pessimistic about such a change, the people do believe that the empire of the Soviet Union will someday fall apart just as the Roman Empire did.

It is hard to tell if there is an underground in Lithuania. The NKVD itself is not sure. But the organization of massive demonstrations in Kaunas seemed to indicate that some sort of underground activity exists.

The Kaunas demonstrations were truly huge. On the first day of rioting, the regular Lithuanian police force was sent out to stop it. But their rough methods of kicking and punching were not enough. On the second day, paratroopers from central Asia were flown in. These Asians are extremely cruel, even more so than the SS and Gestapo. They swung their banana-shaped weapons at anybody they saw, regardless of age or sex. Getting hit with such a weapon usually resulted into a shattered shoulder bone or worse. The hospitals were overfilled with unconscious people as a result.

These demonstrators wanted to show the world that Lithuania doesn't want the Russians. The rioting was only for political reasons. The Soviets, on the other hand, termed the unrest in Kaunas as "hooliganism", and the leaders of the demonstrations received relatively small sentences for "vandalism". Romas Kalanta, the courageous youth who burned himself, was termed by the government as a maniac and drug addict. Russia is trying its hardest to turn the world's eyes away from the fact that Lithuania is an occupied country.

Being a lawyer, Mr. Butkus found it very hard to defend persons put on trial for political reasons. The sentence is determined even before the court session begins. The judge is instructed by the Communist party on what to say. A lawyer cannot defend his client, or he will find himself in trouble with his superiors. Sometimes the client may not even choose his own lawyer, should the party find it necessary to have a trusted one "defend" him.

It was asked: "If justice is so corrupt in the Soviet Union, why does anyone even bother to go to law school?" Mr. Butkus replied that the general population is not aware of such extensive injustice. Only when one finds himself working within the justice department will he realize what a farce the courts really are.

"THOUGHTS EXPRESSED" DURING PANEL DISCUSSIONS AT THE 59th NATIONAL CONVENTION

... ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE LITHUANIAN ARENA

The purpose, make-up and workings of the Lithuanian American Council (ALTAS) was the chief topic of the Political Affairs panel. ALTAS President Dr. K. Bobelis, 1st V.P. T. Blinstrubas and Secretary Dr. Vl. Simaitis, explained that ALTAS is made up of representatives of approximately ten organizations and encompasses Lithuanians of all ideologies except the Communists and those who are not desirous of Lithuania's independence. It is the oldest organization in the USA dedicated to the work and aim of an independent Lithuania. VLIKAS (The Supreme Council for the Liberation of Lithuania) is the world-wide organization, whereas the ALTAS is the American branch and contributes the money collected at Feb. 16 observances to VLIKAS, while carrying on its own political action on Lithuania's behalf. BALF (United Lithuanian Relief) was organized later to assume the relief work of ALTAS, and still later, Bendruomene (Lithuanian Community) was established for the preservation of Lithuanian culture.

The K of L was urged to participate in ALTAS actively, and thanks for the past K of L work on Lithuania's behalf and for its support of ALTAS were

Mr. Butkus could not understand why certain families in the United States sent their children to pioneer camps in Lithuania last summer. Looking at them purely from a material point of view, the living conditions in these camps are extremely bad. And their main purpose is to brainwash the youth into accepting communistic ideas.

No matter how immense his talents might be, a youngster will not be accepted into college unless he belongs to the organization of young communists. And if he plans to further his studies in a certain field, he will have to join the Communist Party. All the better-paying jobs in the Soviet Union are held by party members. That is why Mr. Butkus classifies party members into two groups. One group of people uses the party just for their own personal interests while the others really believe in the doctrines set down by Kremlin. Because of his high position, Mr. Butkus himself was a party member. But he was strongly patriotic like many other fellow members are.

Russia is colonizing Lithuania with its own people. And these Russians do not try to learn Lithuanian. But the Lithuanian culture is much higher than the Russian culture and Mr. Butkus believes that the Lithuanians will hold out against the onslaught of Russian colonization.

Mr. Butkus concluded that Lithuanians are eager to throw off the oppression of the Soviets. They wish VLIKAs and ALTAs the best of luck in their efforts of liberation and want them to work even harder. With the help of Lithuanians in the free world, someday the dream of independent Lithuania will come true.

Dr. Bobelis assured the Butkus family that ALTAs has efforts under way to give them all possible assistance in establishing themselves in this country, and that other Lithuanians will also be helpful. He thanked everybody for coming to the press conference, especially Consul General Mrs. Dauzvardis and Dr. Valiunas, president of VLIKAs.

expressed by all three speakers.

There are 3 K of L representatives serving as delegates. Algerd Brazis, Emily Pakalniskis and Alexander Pakalniskis.

During a question period, Anthony Miner, panel coordinator, and others asked about ALTAS' recent activities. Asked why the K of L was not informed or consulted in regard to any of their activities, meetings, conventions, the speakers explained that it was a non-intentional oversight on their part, and perhaps negligence on the part of the K of L delegates to ALTAS. In response to the question regarding the reception of the memorandum presented by ALTAS to the Democratic and Republican Platform Committees, Dr. Bobelis stated that the

Democrats seemed unimpressed, took little interest, and did not promise any action or even serious consideration of the Lithuanian requests. The Republicans, he said, were genuinely interested and promised to forward the Lithuanian demands to higher channels.

The entire ALTAS group appeared extremely friendly and anxious for K of L support. They also promised to assist the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee by providing materials of political interest, and by including the Lithuanian Affairs Chairman in their future meetings.

Lithuanian Heritage Group attends . . .

THE DEDICATION OF

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION at the STATUE OF LIBERTY

September 26, 1972



(Below left)

Ralph Penza, newscaster on CBS-TV, is informed by Birute Radzivanas (left), Helen V. Kulber and Kestutis Miklas (right) President of United Baltic Appeal-BATUN (Baltic Appeal to the United Nations) of efforts to regain freedom and independence for Lithuania from Soviet Russia.

The American Museum of Immigration at the Statue of Liberty National Monument honors the millions of immigrants who came from all parts of the world to help build our great nation. It tells the story of the immigrants and depicts the role that people of every ethnic background have played in our cultural, economic and social development. It illustrates the meaning of the American motto: "E pluribus unum - out of many - one. In the process of building the Museum, we have completed the pedestal of the Statue as it was originally visualized by its designer, the French sculptor, Frederic Bartholdi.

Thus, the Museum will become an integral part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument; for what better location could be found to tell the dramatic story of the making of America that at the feet of the lady who, rising majestically in New York Harbor, provided so many immigrants their first view of America and who has been the symbol of hope, freedom from oppression, and the ideals of liberty.

(from the "Dedication" Program)

(Below right)

President Richard M. Nixon is warmly received by the thousands who attended the ceremony. Among other honored guests and speakers on the platform are (r. to l.): Mrs. Nixon; Rogers C. B. Morton, secretary of the Interior; Pierre S. du Pont, President of the Museum; Henri Claudel, French Consul General.

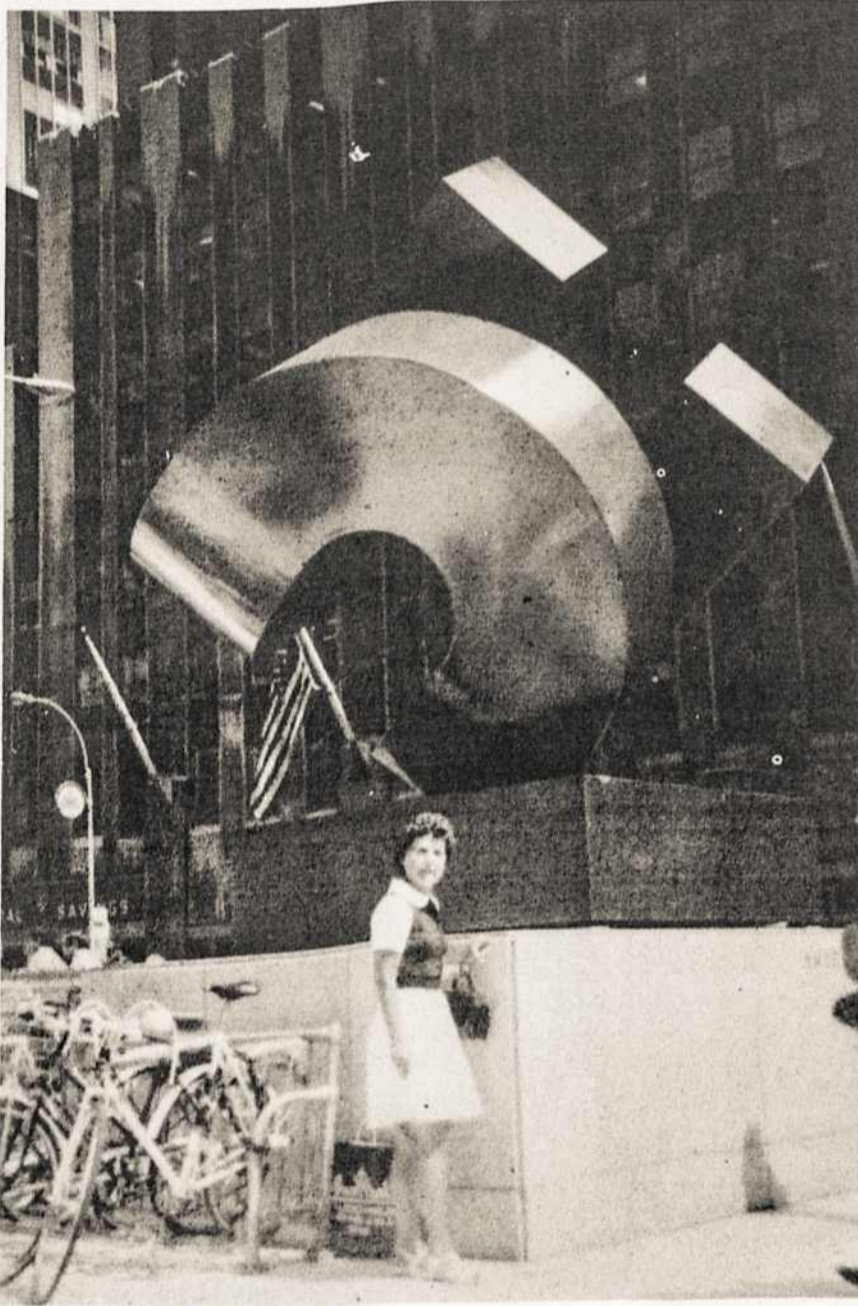
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Knights of Lithuania, N.Y. Senior Council members, Birute Radzivanas (left, in Lithuanian costume) and Helen V. Kulber, (right) K of L National Chairman - Public Relations, chat with Jane Pickens Langley before boarding the Circle Line boat for the Statue of Liberty. Famous as one of the celebrated "Pickens Sisters" singing trio and as a leader in the fight against Cerebral Palsy, heart disease and other humanitarian causes, Mrs. Langley is a candidate for Congresswoman, on the Republican ticket in the 18th C.D., Manhattan.



LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



Eugenia Karpus, of the New York Seniors, is "snapped" during her lunch hour in front of the Time and Life Building. The painted steel sculpture, "CUBED CURVE", by William Crovello was Given to the people of the City of New York by the Association for a Better New York 1971" - according to plaque on the base. Mr. Crovello, a Lithuanian on his maternal side, now resides in Belgium. He has had one-man shows and has exhibited in group shows in major galleries and museums in many countries.

VITAS GERULAITIS, the 17 year old from Howard Beach, N.Y., overhyped Billy Martin 6-1, 6-1 to win the 18-year old division of the National Junior Clay Court Tennis Championship held in Louisville last July.

LITHUANIAN MOVIE MAKERS

Two new films, on the subject of Lithuania, were shown at the New York Film Festival at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center, recently. The films, produced by the Lithuanian brothers **JONAS** and **ADOLFAS MEKAS**, were entitled "Reminiscences of a Journey to Lithuania" and "Going Home", and deal with their return, after 20 years, to their home town. New York Times film critic Vincent Canby favorably commented at length of the two films, stating: "The program makes for an evening rather more brimful of Mekases than one might ordinarily seek out, yet it's also moving, indulgent, beautiful, poetic, banal, repetitious and bravely, heedless personal".

LITHUANIAN NAMED PROFESSOR OF MARINE SCIENCE

Robert J. Barsdate, son of Mrs. Madeline Barsdate, 98 Henderson Ave., has been promoted to professor of marine science at the University of Alaska.

He is a graduate of Meadville Area Senior High School and Allegheny College and received a doctorate in geochemistry at the University of Pittsburgh in 1964. Since 1964 he has been engaged in the study of the chemistry and fertility of high-latitude ecosystems.

His research is supported by the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Science Foundation. He is serving as aquatic coordinator for the Tundra Biome of the International Biological Program.

Prof. Barsdate is married to the former Mary K. Hackey who is an Allegheny graduate and former teacher at MHS. They and their two daughters reside near Fairbanks, Alaska.

Soloist **ARNOLD VOKETAITIS**, will be singing also this year with the Chicago Lyric Opera Company, as reported in the "Panorama" section of the Chicago Daily News.

Soloist **LILIAN SHUKIS**, after a successful premier in Munich, Germany, is included in the soprano section of the roster of this season's artists performing with the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.



NEW PASTOR IN MASPETH N.Y.

REV. FRANCIS BULOVAS was recently appointed new pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration, Maspeth, N.Y., one of the largest Lithuanian parishes of New York - (Brooklyn Diocese), replacing the Rt. Msgr. Jonas Balkunas who recently retired.

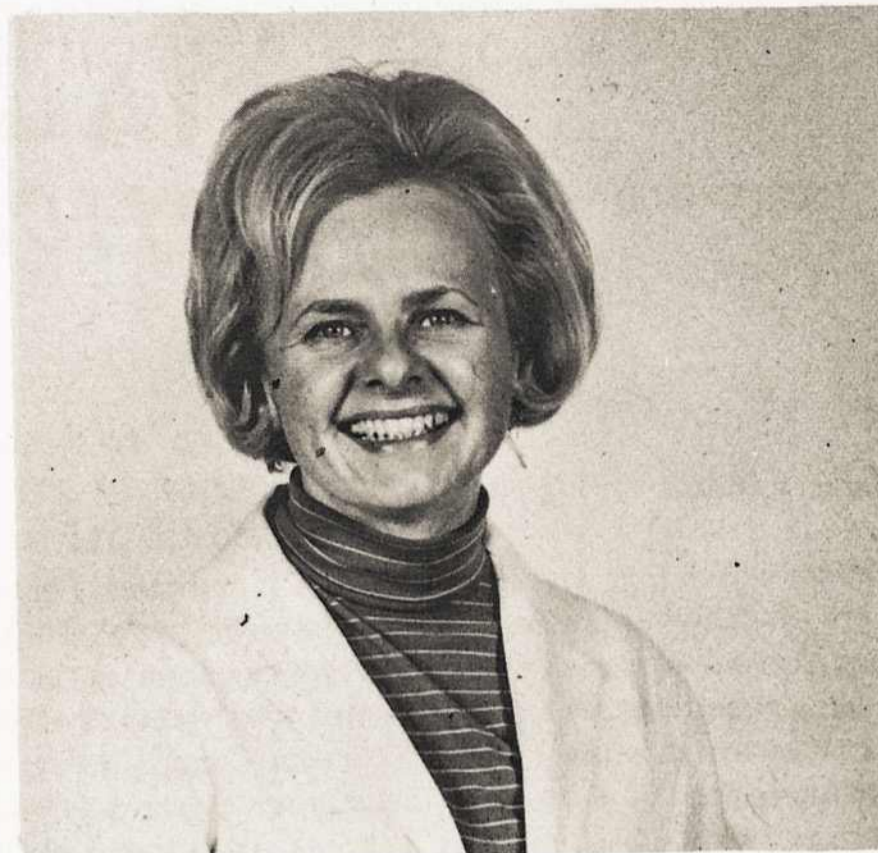
Father Bulovas was born of Lithuanian parentage in West Pullman, on the outskirts of Chicago, Ill., on Apr. 21, 1916. When he and his sister Viola were of school age, their parents moved to Brooklyn, where Father Francis attended Public Elementary School and Cathedral High School. After receiving a B.A. degree from Marianapolis College in Thompson, Conn., he entered Marian Hills Seminary in Clarendon Hills, Ill., and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood Aug. 8, 1943.

For ten years, Father Francis labored zealously for the Marian Congregation, serving as an assistant pastor at several parishes, teaching high school, and conducting missions and novenas. In 1953, Father Bulovas applied for admission to serve in the Brooklyn Diocese, and was accepted into the Diocese and later incardinated by the late Rev. Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy.

In the 20 years since Father Francis entered the Diocese, he served as an Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Miracles Parish, St. John the Evangelist Parish, and for the past 16 years, in the Church of the Transfiguration. On Jan. 1, 1972, Bishop Francis J. Mugavero, Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese, appointed him Administrator of Transfiguration Parish, and on the feast of St. Francis, Oct. 4, 1972, Father Bulovas was appointed Pastor.

For many years, Father Bulovas has served as the energetic Spiritual Adviser of K of L C-109, Great Neck, L.I., N.Y., and for the past 2 years, he has been Spiritual Adviser to the New York-New Jersey District (now Mid-Atlantic District) of the K of L.

All the K of L-ers wish Father Bulovas success and God's help in his new position... and sincerely hope he will continue his work with the Knights of Lithuania as well.



LITHUANIAN AMERICAN SCIENTIST HONORED

Miss Jean Pasakarnis, a graduate of the Bowling Green State University of Ohio, a staff member of the Massachusetts General Hospital and teaching supervisor of the Boston School of Cytotechnology was honored at a banquet by the alumni of the Bowling Green State University of Ohio on Sept. 7, 1972 at the Pier 4 Restaurant, Boston, Mass. Over two hundred persons attended and her activities were reviewed by Mr. James Lessig, director of alumni affairs. Dr. Edgar B. Taft spoke for the doctors and staff of the Mass. General Hospital, the distinguished Mary Cuniff and Susanne Shallna spoke as neighbors and friends. The award was presented by Mr. James Hof vice-president of the University.

Miss Pasakarnis is a member of K of L Council 17, So. Boston, Mass.

Football star **DICK BUTKUS**, who is in his 8th season with the Chicago Bears as a middle linebacker has written a book, "Stop Action", which "Sports Illustrated" has designated as recommended reading for October.

Baseball star **EDDIE WAITKUS**, died recently in Boston, at the age of 53.

JEAN BALUKAS, 13-year old pool shark from Brooklyn, won the Women's United States Open Pocket Billiard Tournament held recently in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel. She had runs of 8, 13, 12, and 13 to capture the largest first prize ever offered.

The 1968 Champ, **JOE BALSIS**, captured the \$2000 Third Place in the Men's Division of the Tournament at the same site.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brangus Vyciai,

Welcome back to a new season of K of L activities. I'm sure you are all ready to make this an outstanding year. Lack of communication with each other can slow down our goals, so I hope all you secretaries have submitted your slates of officers and committee chairmen to our Supreme Council Secretary, Irene Adomaitis. It is important for your Supreme Council officers and committee chairmen to know who you are so they can correspond with you directly.

This month of November, let us keep in mind the anniversary of the Simas Kudirka incident. I urge you all to cooperate with local Lithuanian organizations by attending their commemorations and taking part in them. May I suggest that your council sponsor a Mass for the intention of Simas and his family. Let's make this a prayerful petition and demonstration.

I am very anxious to hear from any Junior K of L groups that are forming. Please let me know how successful you are. Your ideas and thoughts will be a big help to other groups. Too, our Seniors should be our guides and mentors. I do hope to hear from them that they are progressing and active.

Also, I'm looking forward to getting some progress reports on the revitalization of inactive councils. What are you doing about this in your district?

Please keep all of us advised through the VYTIS, or drop me a note. As I stated before, I need all your help and advice, and will welcome it. If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

Have a very happy Thanksgiving... and a good K of L year.

Susan Boroskas, National President

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Please accept Bishop Vincent Brizgys's and Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid's most sincere gratitude for your previous offerings to help the Persecuted Church in Lithuania.

At this time, we are once again appealing to your generosity. Your personal donation and a contribution from the Council will mean a great deal to the recipients. If you will mail your donation before November 20, 1972, it will be published in our Program booklet. We intend to present a Concert to benefit the Persecuted Church in Lithuania on Dec. 10, 1972, at 4:00 P.M. in St. Thomas Auditorium, Jamaica Ave. and 88 St., Woodhaven, N.Y. You are cordially invited.

At the Concert we will present a book "DABARTIES KANKINIAI" -TODAY'S MARTYRS in Lithuanian written by Matas Raišupis; and it is our fervent hope that it will be favorably received. The cost of the book to the Public is \$10.00; but by becoming a subscriber of "KRIKŠČIONIS GYVENIME" your cost will be \$5.00.

"DABARTIES KANKINIAI" should be in the hands of every Lithuanian and in the home of every Lithuanian Family. It presents facts and information obtained from secret documents never published before. It will help you to understand your heritage and to appreciate the sacrifice of blood and life being now made.

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The Auxilians of the Sisters of St. Casimir marked their 50th anniversary by publishing their own collection of recipes, "Jubilee Gems".

The 660 recipes were gathered from the Auxilians themselves, their families and friends. Since many of the Auxilians are of Lithuanian descent, a special section is devoted to Lithuanian favorites such as kugelis, bacon buns, cottage cheese dumplings, and beet soup.

ALSO included are sections on: breads, cakes, candies, cookies, meats, relishes, sauces, salads, soups, vegetables and household hints.

The recipes are uncomplicated, common sense guides for adding a bit of elegance and extra flavor to everyday foods. Once you read it, it will surely become a much-used addition to your cooking library.

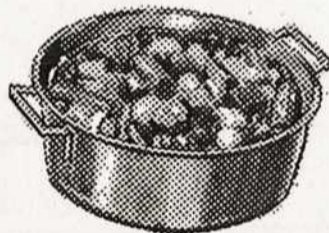
The accompanying recipes given here are but two of the recipes awaiting you in "JUBILLE GEMS"... why not order today, without delay!

LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .

SWEET-SAUER CABBAGE SOUP

Mrs. Stelle Shemaitis

- 3 lbs. spareribs
- 3 qts. water
- 1 (No. 2) can sauerkraut
- 1 small head of cabbage
- 5-6 peppercorn
- 1 large onion (chopped)
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 T. salt

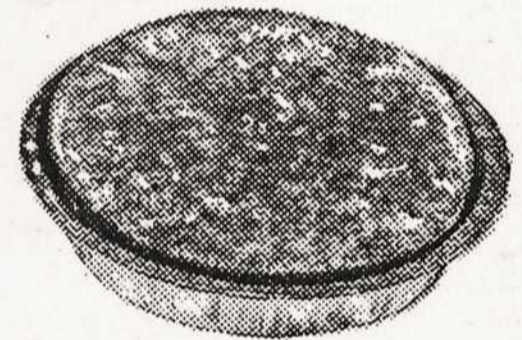


Boil ribs in water with onion, salt, peppercorn and bay leaves for 1 hr. Add rinsed sauerkraut; boil 1/2 hr. Add shredded cabbage, boil 15 min. longer. Ribs may be removed and served separately or meat cut into pieces and served in the soup.

BUTTERMILK CAKE

Mrs. Mary Bubness

- 1 c. butter
- 2 c. sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 3 c. flour (sifted)
- 1 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 c. buttermilk
- 4 egg whites (stiffly beaten)



Cream shortening and sugar well until light. Add egg yolks one at a time, beat well. Sift dry ingredients. Add buttermilk alternately. Add beaten egg whites, folding in gently. Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 x 1 1/2 in. pan. Bake for 45-50 min. at 350 .

TOPPING:

- 3 T. butter (melted)
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. nuts (chopped) or coconut
- 3 T. cream

Combine topping ingredients. Remove from oven and spread topping. Place under broiler for 2-3 min. until toasted.

K of L Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 4 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING,
7:00 P.M., Holy Trinity Parish
Hall, Adams St. & New York Ave.,
Newark, N.J. C-29, Hosts

DECEMBER

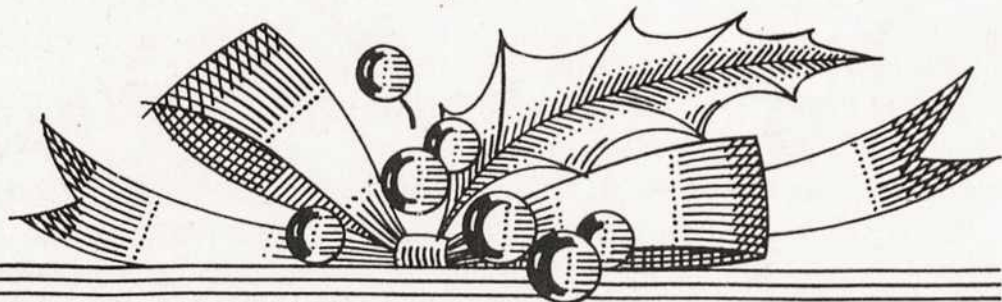
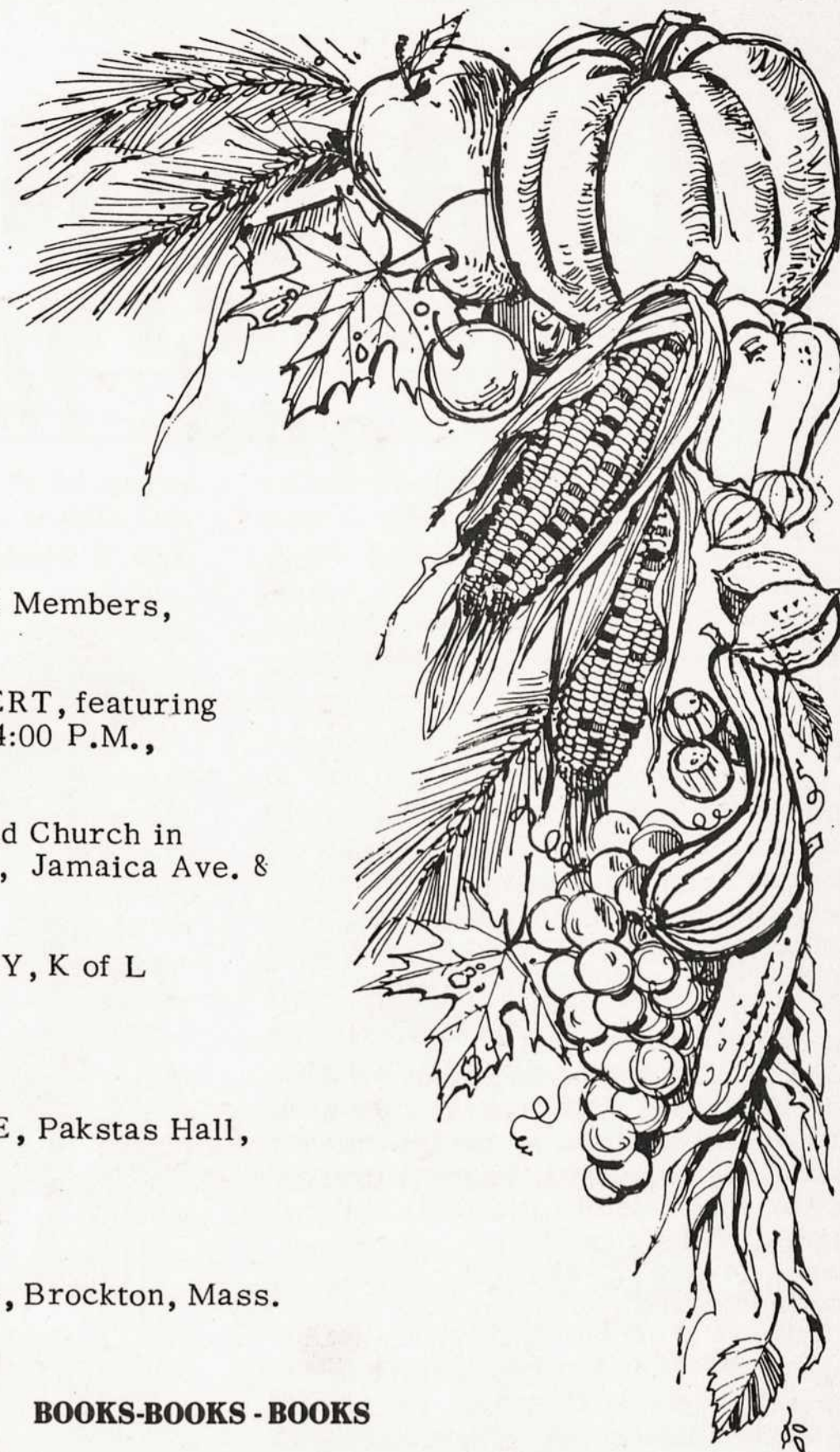
- 2 C-109, Great Neck, DINNER DANCE,
Club Jericho, 237 Jericho Turnpike,
Mineol, L.I., N.Y.
- 3 IID ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS for Deceased Members,
12:00 Noon, Jesuit Chapel, Chicago, Ill.
- 3 "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour CONCERT, featuring
K of L South American Excursion Program, 4:00 P.M.,
Annunciation Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 10 LCRA BENEFIT CONCERT, to aid Persecuted Church in
Lithuania, 4:00 P.M., St. Thomas Auditorium, Jamaica Ave. &
88 St., Woodhaven, N.Y.
- 16 C-112, Chicago, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, K of L
Building, Chicago, Ill.

JANUARY

- 20 K of L, IID, Choir ANNUAL BENEFIT DANCE, Pakstas Hall,
Chicago, Illinois

FEBRUARY

- ? C-1, Brockton, ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL, Brockton, Mass.



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JOURNAL OF BALTIC STUDIES. The Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies has just published its first issue of Journal of Baltic Studies, formerly known as Bulletin of Baltic Studies. The Journal will stress a larger variety of scholarly articles and book reviews, and will also have sections on biographical notes, Baltic Studies at institutions of higher learning, research in progress as well as news and reports on Baltic Conferences. Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies membership is \$10.00 a year, and includes a subscription to the new Journal. The address is: 366 86th St., in Brooklyn.

ENCYCLOPEDIA LITUANICA and THE LITHUANIAN FRANCISCANS. The Encyclopedia Lituanica Press of Boston, has published an interesting historical account of the Lithuanian Franciscans, in English, by Father Viktoras Gidziunas. The booklet is well written and contains many illustrations in its 16 pages. It can be obtained from the Encyclopedia Lituanica Press, 395 West Broadway, South Boston, Massachusetts. Two copies of the six-volume Encyclopedia Lituanica have been published in English, and are now available at the mentioned address.

The Commissars and the Devil

Rev. Monsignor P. Juras, now living in retirement at the Matulaitis Nursing Home, Putnam, Conn., is curator-owner there of a museum and library ALKA, housing a rich and varied collection of Lithuanian antiquities, art objects, paintings, "drobės and juostos", Easter eggs, books and periodicals. Many of our younger university graduates have spent hours there researching materials for their Ph D or Master's degrees on Lithuanian themes.

Any Lithuanian who spends even an hour there will go away with a deeper understanding of his nation's culture and will be surprised at the richness of Lithuanian culture. Monsignor Juras, in defiance of his 82 years (he recently commemorated, also, his 50th anniversary of priesthood) is dreaming plans for a larger building (costing up to \$150,000) to efficiently house the rich collections he amassed (with the generous help of hundreds of American Lithuanians) during a lifetime of devotion to preserve Lithuanian cultural objects.

One exhibit, in particular, leaves an indelible impression. A priest in Lithuania sent to his friend in USA examples of folk art now very popular in present day Lithuania and characteristically chose examples from the most popular themes - the Christ figure called "Rūpintojėlis" in Lithuanian and the devil ("velnias") figure. The Christ figure was in amber and represented our Lord poorly clad, sitting on a stump, holding his head, crowned with thorns, in his right arm and deeply worried about the condition of the human race, showing this in his weary and anxious face. The



other popular figure with our folk artists - devil - was made in wood and was very expressive of this gentleman.

All packages by post, in or out of Lithuania, must go through censorship and customs. The package arrived all right in the United States, but - the censoring commissar had smashed the Christ figure - Rūpintojėlis to bits, while leaving the devil figure unmolested and whole!

The receiver sent the package to the ALKA just as he received it from the US Post Office. Monsignor Juras, with infinite patience and care, glued the smashed amber bits together again, but could not recreate the right arm of our Savior in which he holds his worried head. So the restored figure is showing his left side to the public. The devil figure is grinning merrily whole and contented.

No doubt, this exhibit, when it becomes more known, will increase in fame (something like Venus de Milo of antiquity which has lost her arms during history). It will, no doubt get into art journals, and so on, since it represents a characteristic moment of our present world, in which the so-called "mighty" Soviet Russia instructs its commissars to smash a Christ figure, made by a Lithuanian folk-artist out of Lithuanian "gold" (amber), but educates to leave a wooden devil figure, made by the same folk artist, severely alone. The receiver of this package dryly commented to Monsignor Juras: "Maybe, over there, they are really afraid of the devil and cringe before him?"

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DISTRICT



C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

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Congratulations to past president Julie Zakarka and her officers on a successful K of L year.

Our leaders for the 1972-73 season are: Pres. Stanley Molis; V-P Edward Krivickas; Rec. Secy. Albina Gaides; Corres. Secy. Bernadine Rogers; Fin. Secy. Dolores Wainauskas; Treas. Monica Kasper; Trustees Lorraine Wainauskas and Leon Pauksta; and Sgts-at-Arms Joseph Kuizin and John Auksciunas.

Newly elected prexy, Stan Molis and his wife, Stella, hosted the first meeting of the Board at "Gintaras" which is owned by our member, Adolph Lietuvinikas. At the meeting, Stan announced his committee chairmen. They are: Membership - Estelle Rogers; Lith. Afrs. Albert Zakarka; Ritual - Ruth Dagis; Publicity: "Vytis", Irene Sankus, Lith. Press, Emilija Pakalniskis and English Press, Gerrie Mockus; Courtesy - Monica Kasper; and Social - Joseph Kulys. Canon V. Zakarauskas graciously agreed to serve as our Spiritual Director for another year. The next Board meeting will be hosted by Veep Ed Krivickas, assisted by "GiGi".

Membership chairman Estelle Roger is "on-the-go". A cordial welcome to new members, Joe Kulys and Al Styfer.

Congratulations to new parents Lorraine and Frank (C-36) Svelnis on the birth of a son - John Frank - on Aug. 6 at

Holy Cross Hospital. With Al Zakarka as the Godfather, John Frank is well on his way to becoming an energetic K of L member.

The council was ably represented at the 59th National Convention in Cleveland with Gediminas Janula, Ed Krivickas, Leon Pauksta, Irene Sankus, Al Skudra and Tony Yuknis attending as delegates of the council and the IID. Congratulations to Irene who was elected National Treasurer, to Gediminas who received his 3rd Degree at the Awards Luncheon and who was appointed to assist Adele Gabalas of the Seniors in reorganizing the National Archives, and to Ed Krivickas who became a Lifetime Member of the K of L.

Our Quarterly Communion Sunday was held on Sept. 24. Following the Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Church, we all trekked over to the K of L Bldg. for an informal brunch. With very little effort and work, we all enjoyed a most delicious repast and a pleasant afternoon. The next Communion Sunday will be held in conjunction with the District's Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members on Nov. 26 at the Jesuit Chapel.

Estelle Rogers was reelected the K of

L Choir President along with her entire corp of officers. Other 112'ers in the choir's leadership are: Juozas Juska, Treas. and Al Zakarka and John Auksciunas, Trustees. Our best wishes to the choir for another successful year. They are in the midst of recording a new Lithuanian album, which will be released in time for Christmas. Their Annual Choir Benefit Dance will be held on Jan. 20, 1973 at Pakstas Hall.

A recent out-of-town visitor was Grazina "Grace" Vaskelis, President of C-102 of Detroit. She was entertained by Irene Sankus, Gerry Mack, Leon Pauksta and Al Raubiskis. Ed Krivickas and Irene paid a return trip to Michigan, Lansing to be exact, and visited with Grace, "Ace" Byrnes, and Vitalia "Sam" Vaskelis. A delightful time was had by all.

Condolences to Helen Janus and Frank Svelnis on the death of their mother; to Stephanie Mlodzik on the death of her father; and to Vladas Palulionis on the death of his cousin, Felecia Aniulis. Remember them in your prayers.

The Council's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 16th in the K of L Bldg. All are most welcome to attend.



Mid-Atlantic District 1972-73 Officers and Chairmen.



**MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT
(formerly N.Y.-N.J. District)**

DISTRICT

M.R.Y.

The former New York - New Jersey District which is now known as the Mid-Atlantic District held its meeting on Sept. 24 at the Annunciation Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Representing councils in the States of New York, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, we have not broadened our horizons with our new District name to stimulate membership growth of additional councils throughout Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. We welcome people of Lithuanian heritage to join the Knights of Lithuania with its 60 years of history *del Dievui ir Tevynei* and for the preservation of the Lithuanian culture and language.

The District meeting opened with a prayer given by Rev. Ladas Budreckas. A welcome was extended to the delegates by the Host Council President, Anthony Mazeika of N.Y. Seniors. Marian Sidtis of C-41 served as Mandate Chairman. Dist. Pres. Lawrence Janonis gave his annual report on the activities of the past year and offered the recommendations that we continue to hold seminars on leadership, expand our Lithuanian Affairs work and consider reactivating sports for the benefit of young people.

After hearing the general officer and chairmen reports, the District delegates to the National Vyciu Convention in Ohio gave a resume of the Convention proceedings. Delegate Frank Vaskas reported about the memorial presentation to Lietuvos Vyciu of \$1000.00 for Lithuanian Affairs by the brothers of deceased Rev. John Jutt-Jutkevicius, our former National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. Delegate Joseph Boley further reported on the Lithuanian Cultural Seminar. He stated that councils were encouraged to promote additional singing groups even of a smaller nature such as duets, quartets,

sextets, etc., and to reactivate theatrical groups.

In recognition of his four successful years as Supreme Council President, Dr. Jack J. Stukas was honored with a testimonial statement made by Honorary member Joseph Boley, in appreciation for the capable leadership and the excellent job for representing us at other Lithuanian organizations such as Altas and Lendruomene, among others. Spontaneously, another Honorary member, Anthony Mazeika, added to the tribute by eloquently stating we were indeed fortunate as a Vyciu organization to have had the benefit of Dr. Stukas' outstanding representation at distinguished Lithuanian gatherings. What pleased the District delegates was Mr. Mazeika's comment that Dr. Stukas was already an Honorary Member; however, if he were not, just on the strength of what he has done for us in the past four years, he would have become an Honorary Member.

A guest speaker, Rev. Stasys Raila, Director of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Inc., asked the District delegates to continue to remember the persecuted church in Lithuania.

Acting Representative, Rev. Pakalniskis extended greetings from Rev. Frank Bulovas, Dist. Spiritual Advisor, who wished us success in all our future endeavors.

The District delegates had an opportunity to congratulate Honorary Member Ann Mitchell of C-52, Elizabeth, N.J. on her 35 years of service to the Knights of Lithuania.

A vokatas Antanas J. Savelskis, a Board Member of N.Y. Seniors Council, spoke of revitalizing our membership through closer ties between the Districts and Councils. He also suggested ways of spreading our Lithuanian Affairs in the community to enlist the aid of people in public life.

With the Vyciu interest in young people, we heard the happy news that Marian Sidtis of C-41 is in the process of organizing a Junior K of L group. We are thankful for her motivating interest in preparing young people to carry on the banner of the Knights.

Under the leadership of Chairman Helen Kulber, the District is currently involved with a Christmas project to bring Lithuanian Affairs closer to the public in New York City.

The Convention delegates resolved to send greetings to Bishop Paulius Marcinkus at the Vatican in Rome on the occasion of his 25th Kunigystes Anniversary. They further resolved an 80th Birthday greeting to Honorary Member Matas Zujus, the former Editor of Vytis and currently Editor of Garsas.

To keep our interest alive in the propagation of the Lithuanian language, Joseph Boley gave a short discourse on the interesting articles to be found in the Lithuanian newspapers.

Elected to serve the District for the fiscal year 1972-73: Pres. Lawrence Janonis; 1st Vice Pres. Marian Sidtis; 2nd Vice Pres. Kazys Sipaila; Rec. Secy. Ann Mitchell; Treas. Loretta Stukas; Membership Secy. Aldona Zaunius; Trustees, Dorothy Dutkus (one year term) - Mary York (two year term) - Helen Matthews (three year term).

Appointed as District Chairmen: Lithuanian Culture - Philip Skabeikis, Public Relations - Mary York, Lithuanian Affairs - Helen Kulber, Bulletin Editor - Marian Sidtis, Bulletin Printer - Mary Kober, Ritual Committee - Joseph Boley, Anthony Mazeika and Loretta Stukas.

With the Vyciu concern regarding religious persecution in Lithuania, the N.Y. Seniors Council arranged a program on the 1970 trial of Rev. Anthony Seskevicius in occupied Lithuania. It seems the Jesuit priest of Dubingiai Parish was preparing 17 children for First Holy Communion, and for performing his religious obligations, he was brought to trial.

We saw a motion picture which was produced and arranged by Rev. Casimir Bugevicius, Director of Baltimore, Maryland Archdiocese, Radio and Television Dept. Enacting the trial scene, Joseph Boley repeated the eloquent words of Rev. Seskevicius on basic human rights as he spoke in his own defense in court.

A paragraph to remember:

**"HISTORY WILL EVALUATE
YOUR DECISION IN THE END.
WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS JUSTICE.
LET US NOT BE ASHAMED TO
SUFFER FOR THE TRUTH".**



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

After an all too short summer, members are beginning to gather together to start a new year of K of L work.

We heard that during August, Millie Pietz and family attended 1972 Baltic Folk Festival held this year at Preston High School, Bronx, N.Y. This annual event of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian talent is BATUN's way of perpetuating the Baltic heritage and showing American friends of different ethnic backgrounds the culture of the Amber Coast.

In addition to being a good working member of C-12, Millie Pietz is also a busy lady in the community serving as Corresponding Secretary to the Board of Directors of Pasteur Catholic Guild of the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. An active traveler, she toured New England this summer and is now heading for Williamsburg, Va., to get into the Bicentennial mood.

The first news in trickling in from Brussels, Belgium as our "Foreign Correspondent" Matthew Yatkaukas is settling down to some serious music study. He informs us, if we think America has a high cost of living, that 10 eggs are priced at a \$1.00! He is encountering quite an international group at the Royal Conservatory of Music and has worked out a reciprocal agreement of teaching English to a Japanese in exchange for some fine Japanese cuisine.

Congratulations are in order to family



C-12 - Helen Matthews, Treasurer and newly elected Trustee of Mid-Atlantic District.

and Albert Yatkaukas celebrated their 23rd Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 8. Albert is a Past President of C-12 and has been a Vyciu member for 34 years.

We are proud to announce that three of our council members are serving on the Mid-Atlantic Dist. level for 1972-73: Lawrence Janonis as President; Helen Matthews, Trustee for a three year term, and Mary York as Public Relations.

President Richard Nixon recently dedicated the Immigration Museum at the base of the Statue of Liberty. Many exhibits were opened to the public showing ethnic contributions to the growth of America. C-12 investigated if emigrants from Lithuania were represented at the museum. The only evidence of recognition was a large glass plaque of an alphabetical list of nations which included Lithuania. However, no historical data or personal effects were to be found regarding the thousands of Lithuanians who came to America and contributed to its growth. Considering the children and grandchildren of these immigrants who have settled throughout the United States and of whom many are Knights of Lithuania members, this is indeed a poor showing at the museum. As proud Americans of Lithuanian heritage, we should correct this situation. It's worthy as a major project for the K of L.

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO ALL THE IMMIGRANTS WHO HAD COME TO FIND A BETTER LIFE WHERE THEY COULD BE FREE AND WORSHIP PEACEFULLY.

C-109 - GREAT NECK, L.I., N.Y.

The date of our Dinner-Dance is fast approaching. The girls are getting ready their gowns, and the guys are polishing their shoes. Tickets are being sold at a good rate (thank goodness!) and it should be a first-rate evening for all who will attend. We invite all our friends, and K of L's in particular, so that at least once a year our council may renew its spirit of friendship in convivial fraternity. The date is Dec. 2; the place - Club Jericho in Mineola, L.I. Tickets are \$12.50 per person - available from council members.

Our Sept. 17 picnic-in-the-woods at Kings Point Park was a fun day - with the children scattering in all

directions and the rest of us just relaxing, sitting around a well-filled barbeque grill. We reserve two picnic dates during the year and it truly is one occasion we look forward to. Our thanks to those who attended - Father Bulovas, our members and guests - the Burke's, Esposito's, Cezario's, and Maryanne Wesey.

Anne Martens who is deathly afraid of flying and has a million reasons why she can't, made train reservations to spend a 3-week vacation in Riverside, Cal. She looked forward to visiting her mother, stepdad, and brother, Peter Gruden, whom she had not seen in 30 years. In order to spend more time with her family, Annie abruptly changed plans, made the very important decision to put away her fears, and fly. The result? An outstanding vacation and a convert to air travel - "there's no other way". Sue Zebart is also in her league, having made her first flight to Canada for a week's vacation in July. Nothing is impossible!

Our deepest condolences to Julius Picardi on the death of his dad, Alexander, on Sept. 5, and to Ricky Marks who lost his mom, Mae Marks, on Sept. 9. Masses were offered for both of the deceased. Say a prayer, too, for Charlie Martens who died in Feb. - and for John Pauley, who was a staunch supporter of all our social affairs. We mourn their loss.

Congratulations to Marion and Richie Kurila on the birth of their first son - to complement their family of two daughters....Because of their daughters love for horses, the Zukas trio have become a horseback riding family. If there's a stray horse within the K of L membership, contact Janie, who can't wait to own one. Joe fell off a horse when it bolted, but true sportsman that he is, got right back on and continued the ride. After a week's hobbling, he's raring to go again. Seeing too many



C-109 - Janie & Joe Zukas

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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It's the end of the lazy, carefree days of summer and time for doing things.

The Cornerstone Blessing Ceremony of our new Divine Providence Church was held Aug. 13. The day was hot, 90 degrees, and many hands were involved with making this important occasion a success. Open House of the new rectory followed. The garage was cleaned and made presentable for the social; coffee and cakes were good and plentiful. There were many lovely bouquet arrangements. Helen Tucker made a special effort to get a variety of beautiful flowers from her yard to boost the dining and living areas of the rectory. To all K of L helpers - V. Chepelonis, Ann Valatka and H. Tucker, we owe a great debt of gratitude. Biggest "Aciu" to the main participants - Dr. and Mrs. V. Majauskas, Ralph Valatka, Fr. M. Kundrat and Fr. A. Babonas. Also, many thanks to those who came. At this writing, the foundation has been laid, the steel beams are up and sides are being bricked. Hopefully, all the walls and roof will be completed by Christmas.

Our first fall meeting was held on Sept. 13, complete with delicious homemade goodies made by hostesses Stella Hotra and Ona Walls. Aciu labai.

Elections were held and Ruth Grasha takes over as our first "woman" president. Other officers elected are: V.P. I - Ona Walls; V.P. II - Sophie Zager; Rec. Sec. - Maggie Smailis; Fin. Sec. - Joe Chaps; Treas. - Gerry Zager and Trustees - Anthony Dainus, Vicki Chepelonis and Marie Kase. Installation of new officers was conferred by our re-elected Spiritual Director, Fr. A. Babonas. Congratulations to all of the new governing body.

President Gerry Zager gave a report on the National K of L Convention in Cleveland. Other delegates were Ruth Grasha and Maggie Smailis. Frank and Sophie Zager also were at the Convention and attended a few sessions, expressing various opinions and comments. Besides attending the sessions, the three womenfolk, R. Grasha, M. Smailis and S. Zager, kept busy "cornering" autographs of Doc

Severinson and Tony Bennett who lodged at the same hotel to perform for the Brown's game. The threesome also received autographs of R. Sargent Shriver, and Frank Zager (standing by) was approached with a handshake and a chat as Mr. Shriver was leaving the hotel lobby. Nice "extra" curricular for our delegates! Glamour emphasized Saturday Night's Dance. It appeared as though Norrell and Pucci fitted the women delegates and guests with those gorgeous gowns and nifty dresses. We enjoyed Friday Night's Concert. The good music came from the Ciurlionis Ensemble whose choir sang, danced and played. A load of thanks to the convention committee for their surmountable efforts.

SOFFI SNOOPING: Way back in May, Elizabeth Paurazas attended the ordination of her grandnephew, Father Harold Piascik in Seamore, Conn. Tegul Dievulis Ji Laiminal.. We were sorry to hear that the Pennsylvania flood area afflicted the families of the Petroskis', Wasses', Vitchus' and others living in Wilkes-Barre, causing heavy damages and complete loss of homes and businesses... Maggie Smailis, daughter Marianne Newberry, and grandson Chip are returnees from summer travels. They vacationed in Florida and also toured the Mammoth Caves in Kentucky... Stella and Walter Hotra entertained his aunt and cousins who flew in from Denver, Colo. Stella was seen one Sunday after Mass carrying a very creative handbag, made by none other than her daughter, Tina Bulota... Adeline and Bernie Vitchus were visited by our out-of-town 79'ers, Cel and Harold Yunk, who make their home in Florida. The Yunks also made the rounds to other friends and relatives. Hurry back soon. All members in Florida are invited to come see us... Charlie Milius and the Andy Milius' were visited by their mother who resides in Montreal. Charlie drove his mother back and enjoyed a 3-week vacation in his French hometown... Sophie Bitner drove up north with a friend and attended the christening of minor Waskiewicz' first grandchild Richard, on Sept. 16 in Hesse Mich... M/M George Kase are proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, Lisa Marie. Congratulations to all... Wedding bells rang out for Tommy Martin, son of Dorothe Martin; and



C-109 - Picnicking at Kings Point Park. Seated - Lou Ann Rutha, Fr. Bulovas, Anne Martens. Standing - Phil Rutha, Maryanne Wesey, Jo Zukas.



C-109 - Rev. Bulovas, Phil Rutha and Joseph Zukas.

westerns, Zuky!.....The Picardi's have been celebrating. Mary's brother recently got married, and daughter Carol-ee passed her driving test.

Our very best wishes to Msgr. John Balkunas who retired as Pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration, Maspeth, N.Y. A great man, an honored priest, and a friend to all. His footsteps will be difficult to follow. We congratulate our beloved Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Frank Bulovas, who was formally installed as Pastor on Nov. 5 by the Very Rev. William J. Cullen, Episcopal Vicar. May God's graces lighten your burdens, and may the path ahead be an enjoyable one. Ad Multos Annos!



Robert Petroski, son of Betty and Frank Petroski. Ilgiausiu Metul.. M/M Wm. Grasha and granddaughter, Eleanor, drove to Cleveland and entertained themselves while daughter, Ruta, was attending the National K of L Convention. It was good to have them. The Grasha family motored to the Sea World in Aurora, Ohio... John "Korky" Laurinaitis was hospitalized and is hopefully recovering... Sympathy is extended to Julia Janson and her family upon the death of her mother, Kazimera Katarzis. Our prayers for Andrew Martinaitis, father of the late Edward Martin. May their souls rest in peace.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

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As Billy De Wolfe says, "Busy, busy, busy". That has been the case in Dayton. July saw us send off 20 of our 22 Jrs to Camp Marydale, paid by monies they had earned the past two years. In turn the Jrs came home to work towards next year's camp fund at the Holy Cross Annual Parish Picnic, July 23. Our own Ray Steinbrunner was again co-chairman of the picnic. The Jrs received half the profit they took in at the Parish Booth. Then on the 29th, Charles and Sarah Petkus hosted a private pool swim party for the Juniors. Junior parents were invited and the understatement would be 'a good time had by all'. As a matter of fact, George Mikalauskas is ready for the next pool party in spite of the women beating him in Euchre!

On July 16, before leaving for camp, the Jrs participated in the annual Captive Nations celebration held at the Shrine of the Three Crosses. Our Jr girls placed flowers at the Shrine and others carried the Offerings during the 10 A.M. Mass. Frank Ambrose was guest speaker for the occasion and his topic was most inspiring. July 30 the council had a special Mass, in addition to other Masses, set aside with special attendance by the members in memory of Father Titas Narbutas. His loss is still felt by many of us.

July 29 also saw Joe and Aldona Ryan host another successful cookout picnic at their home in Centerville. This was one time we goofed and scheduled two parties on the same night. Some of the Jr parents were unable to attend, but members there certainly had a great

on Aug. 10 Jim and Phyllis Richey

hosted a 'backyard party' at their home. Not many Jrs were able to attend but those there appreciated what the Richey's planned. July 20 saw Mary Lucas host a Jr Luau at her home. Those attending had a ball! The Scott's, John and Ann, are finally recuperating from the fantastic wedding they had for their daughter, Judy on her marriage to Joseph Ksiezopolski on Aug. 12. Aug. 13 gave the Jr another opportunity to build up their camp fund for next year by working at the Rainbow Booth at the Angler's Picnic. They certainly appreciated this invitation to add to their fund!

To the Cleveland council and their committee we say a very great big 'Aciu Labai' for the royal way they treated our Dayton members from Aug. 22 - 28! We drove up in scattered groups but ended up with 30 members and 4 guests spending time in Cleveland at the National Convention. Time goes by too fast, but it was well spent.

Highlights of the convention for Dayton are extending congratulations to Sally Miller and Francis Mikalauskas upon receiving their Fourth Degree awards and to Mary Lucas, an Honary Member, who was voted on the board as a National Trustee. Aciu's are sent to Maria Lazdinas' parents who entertained us at their home with a cocktail hour on Saturday evening. It was great to see our Syracuse, N.Y. member, Frank Petrauskas. Frank informed us that he is now in charge of Lithuanian Melodies each Tuesday from 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. on Syracuse station WSOQ. He also told us that the Lithuanian Booth again won first prize in the Festival of Nations Program in Syracuse. Missed at the convention was Jerry Jesulaitis! Jerry's loss came as very belated news to Dayton. We extend our deepest sympathies to Jerry's family and co-Knights of Chicago. Jerry's usual warm 'Hi' to his many friends of Dayton was really missed at the convention. We pray his soul is at peace. Deepest sympathies are also extended to Joseph Montvidas' family of Newark, N.J. Joe's death was sudden, especially to Fran Petkus who knew Joe well from her days in C-12, N.Y.

On Sept. 10 our day began with an 8 A.M. Mass for all living and deceased members in the council. Then members made their annual visit to Calvary cemetery to place flowers on the graves

and to offer prayers for our deceased. We now have 14 members to visit, and on the 4th some of the members went to Springfield, O. to visit the grave of Joe Somentus. This is not a morbid undertaking within the council. At each grave memories of our deceased are brought back and it is, indeed, a warm feeling to know they were Knights! Our final family picnic of the year was also held later in the day at Triangle Park. It was slow getting the group together - between the cemetery visit, and the two showers being held to which some of our women were invited. One was a bridal shower for Georgia Zelinkas and the other a baby shower for Maribeth Walusis. Needless to say, our Sports Committee came up with another successful picnic.

Marianne Podoyak, Chairman for the Card Party/Fashion Show of Sept. 17, is to be congratulated on a job well done. She was ably assisted by her aunts, Sally, Annadel and Mary Miller. Helping serve the cookies and coffee were some of our older Junior girls. A special thanks to them. But Marianne must thank her mother, Agatha Rendelmann, a non-K of L'er, for all the time she put in KP duty! It was a real fun afternoon and even some of our MEN participated!

With the Jrs always going out to work toward their camp fund, this year the advisors decided to put the parents to work! We held an Autumn Frolic Dance on Sept. 24 at the Lithuanian Club Hall. Jim Kavalauskas came up with a new selling idea for the Knights and it worked! We were sold out before we opened the doors! Every parent pitched in and did their share of the work. The profit received was more than our council ever made at a dance! The orchestra, Franz Klaber and his German band from Hamilton, O., really had the walls bouncing! Franz took time to learn two Lithuanian numbers just for the occasion. Extra thanks goes to Charles Vangas, Judy Petrokas and John A. Berczelly. They have no children in the Jrs, but really went out and sold tickets for us!

We must congratulate John A. Berczelly, Frank and Karolyn Ambrose. They have started a six team regular bowling league this season which is something we have not had in some years. Much luck to the success of the league! We are pleased to write that Joe Gecas, this past summer, had the op-

portunity to visit with his mother and three brothers in Lithuania. Also, happy news, Eugenia Gecas' brother, Ceslovas Burdulis, will be visiting with his family here in the States on a visa from Lithuania for a few months! Father Walter Katarskis was busy with company this past summer, also. Fr. Paul Gillis was in from Mississippi spending one evening with his cousin, Carol Urban and her husband, Jim. Then Father Paul spent an evening at the home of Mike and Fran Petkus who had some of the Knights over to reminisce with Father of his days as Spiritual Advisor for the Cincinnati council. In July, during the Parish Picnic, Father Victor Dabusis of Paterson, N.J. visited with us. Father Francis Kura, Chenoa, Ill. was in for a day's visit. Msgr. Gudzinskis took care of the parish to enable Father Walter to attend the Natl. Convention.

Congratulations to Mike and Donna Dailey on the birth of their second son. Happy grandparents are Tom and Elizabeth Scott. Good to know Hilda Cernevičius is doing well after her recent hospital stay; Veronica Omlor is recuperating very nicely from her recent surgery; Steve Vaitkus is back on his feet after a quick trip to the hospital for an appendectomy. Alice Petkus has the green light to continue with her trip to Europe after her recent hospital stay. We are pleased to hear that John Veigel, our Delaware member, is recovering nicely after his recent heart attack. Eloise Berczelly is A-OK after being sick in Cleveland!

Did you know that our Jet Set took on the big job of handling the Parish kitchen chores in fine style! Well done, Jerry/Karen Bedrowsky, Frank/Karolyn Ambrose! Elinor Sluzas had back-up duty in the cabbage roll department, and George Mikalauskas' famous turtle soup was a sellout.

Getting back to Cleveland. Our three participants in the May pilgrimage, Mary Lucas, Jerry and Karen Bedrowsky had nothing but praise for the warm reception they received! Then, to our surprise, Cleveland came down to attend our Jr dance on the 23! A very special thanks to Al/Joanne Shigo, Helen Jakubs, her daughter Barbara and Barbara's friend, Debbie, and Alice Karklius. To top this off... two Knights drove in from Pittsburgh for the dance, also - Joanne Fetter and Barbara Aicshunas! Poor Barbara had to be

rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital by Mike Petkus and Mary Lucas. We hope all is well for Barbara, after her check-up by her family doctor in Pittsburgh. Also in from Cleveland were the August's, Victor and Betty. We were beginning to wonder if we were holding a District Convention! The surprises were really appreciated! To top it off, Mary Lucas invited the out-of-towners for dinner the next day to make sure they had full tummies for the trip home! Some of us 'locals' were also invited, so quiet was not the word at Mary's!

Warm welcome wishes go out to our newest members Aldona Drukteinis, Michelle and Gary Baker (Maple Shade, N.J.). Since we have such an inactive council - Mary Lucas has started Lithuanian Christmas decoration classes for the next few Wednesdays. We plan to participate in decorating a Lithuanian-style Christmas tree when Dayton shuts off three blocks on Main Street after Thanksgiving. Ethnic groups in Dayton have been invited to 'do their thing'.

Ada Sinkwitz, with the help of members and their station wagons, is managing to get out and participate in spite of her wheel chair confinement. Frank Ambrose is doing well after his recent toe surgery. It may sound as minor, but Frank had a scare for a while. Congratulations

Joe Cernevičius on the occasion of their graduations from high school!

Thanks to Tina Kavy for her vacation cards from various parts in the Mid-West. The Mantz's had a safe trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Bakanauskas' had a special reason to go to Montreal, Canada. Their daughter Audrey participated in the North American Baltic Olympics representing the Lithuanians. Audrey came in 1st in 400 meter relay team, 2nd in the 100, 200, and 400 meter race! This type of competition is a first for Audrey, and we feel proud for her!

C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

D.B.

Summer vacations are over and it's back to work for another busy season. Among those recovering are the Klucens family who toured the west and had a great time, and the Pluto & Medonis families who enjoyed the many features of our own "water wonderland." The Bunikis girls, Mary and Margy, spent an interesting summer working in the guest house kitchen of

the Franciscan Monastery at Kennebunkport, Maine.

Topping them all was our President, Grazina Vaskelis, who went on the South American Festividad. She returned starry-eyed and enthusiastic, and was off to Chicago. Then on to the Convention in Cleveland (where she was elected Trustee - Congratulations, Grace!) Next came the District Convention in Pittsburgh and then on to N.J. In between trips she managed a few weekends with her sister Vitalia who now lives and works in Lansing. Ahyaunyste!

Matt Simonis spent the summer recuperating after a serious illness and looks great. Maryann Guerriero has all of her pep back after surgery. Our condolences are extended to Terry Medonis & Helen Smolek who recently lost their mother, and to Jo Jonulate whose sister passed away.

At our September meeting a new slate of officers was elected, - well almost new. President for next year is Grace Vaskelis, Vice-Pres. Bob Klucens, Treas. Frank Bunikis, Corres. Sec. Jo Jonulate, Rec. Sec. Margy Bunikis, Fin. Sec. Donna Bunikis and Ritual Chairman Edna Klucens.

Edna got things off to a good start in the Ritual Dept. and at the Oct. meeting we had an impressive turnout for degree initiations. Among those receiving the 2nd degree were: Margy Bunikis, Gena Baibak, Jo Jonulate, Bob Klucens, Vince & Charlotte Ruseckas, John & Donna Stanievich, Matt & Ona Simonis & Grace Vaskelis. Among 4th degree members who came to add luster to the ceremony were Ann Uznis & Maryann Guerriero. The new officers would like to see more meetings with 50% membership attendance. Our meetings are on the third Sunday of the month in St. Anthony's rectory basement. Coffee and goodies are always served along with good fellowship.

Our annual Kucios will be on Dec. 16 in the lovely Guerriero home. Make a note on your calendar and call your reservations in to Donna Bunikis or Edna Klucens. This has become the big event of the year for our council, and we all look forward to the home Mass followed by the traditional Christmas Eve dinner.

Some scenes for a new movie were recently shot at Harper Hospital, where Annette Byrnes works. She tried for Burt Reynolds or Al Pacino but only came close to Gene Hackman. Better luck next time, Ace!

As a closing note we wish to remind members to send in their dues to Donna Bunikis. They should be paid by the beginning of the year.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-1 - BROCKTON, MASS.

p.e.a.

C-1 members are "popping their buttons" with pride due to the fact that the new National President of the K of L is our own - Susan K. Boroskas! Congratulations are extended to this wonderful woman who has a genuine interest in the K of L, their members, and its future!

In September we held elections and the following members list our slate of officers and committees for the coming year: Pres. Sylvia Shukis (Sylvia is replacing Sue Boroskas originally elected); Vice Pres. in charge of Juniors, Anne Tumonis; Secy. Roberta Dillis; Treas. Joyce Piscitelli; Fin. Sec. Joe Piscitelli; Committee members - Lithuanian Affairs, "Ronnie" Bizinkauskas and Joseph Statkus; Lithuanian Cultural, Dalia Belkavicius; Ritual, Sylvia Shukis; Social, Doris Fralick and Charlotte Dillis; Public Relations, Pat Achorn.

We are already making plans for our annual Snowflake Ball to be held in February. Joyce Piscitelli and Doris Fralick will be co-chairmen of our most popular event and they are organizing a committee to make this the best dance ever!

C-1 will also be on the Parish Committee of St. Casimir's 75th Jubilee to be held in October of '73. Our Pastor, Rev. Peter Shakalis, is honorary Chairman.

"TID BITS" - Will C-1 host the 1973 National Convention?... Juniors are in the news. Pat Tamoshunas was crowned "Miss Lithuania" at the Lithuanian Picnic held at Romuva Park, Brockton. Congratulations to Cheryl Young on being chosen one of the leading Junior Models for Jordan Marsh of Boston.

Peter Bizinkauskas, Jr. and Andrew Bizinkauskas, representing C-1 along with Sue Boroskas at the National Convention, were a credit to their council, according to Sue. So glad to hear we have such upcoming youths in our council!

May we all be thankful for our blessings - large or small.

C-10 - GARDNER-ATHOL, MASS.

Vincukas

Our K of L Council elected the following slate for the coming year: Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Pres. - Howard Beaudette, Vice-Pres. - Charles Genaitis, Rec. Sec. - Mary Gauronsky, Fin. Sec. - Leonard Davidonis, Treas. - Nellie Melaika, Vytis Correspondent - William Wisnauskas.

Mrs. Margaret Senk of New Britain, Conn., represented our council at the National Convention in Cleveland. She was also in attendance at the N.E. Dist. Cultural Picnic and the annual Parish Picnic. It was good to meet her, and we all hope to see her more often at our affairs.

Paul Kuzmeskus, formerly of Worcester and now living in Athol, attended our council meeting and gave a report of the National Convention. We do hope Paul joins our council.

Frank Anoris was taken sick and was hospitalized at the time of our annual barbeque that is held at his summer home. The affair had to be cancelled. Frank has completely recuperated and has returned to his job at Starret's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Genaitis spent 5 weeks visiting their daughter and family in Bothell, Wash. They toured the Pacific Coast visiting many interesting places, including Disneyland and Mexico. The day they were to return to Gardner, Seattle Airport was closed indefinitely because of hijacking there. This delayed Blanche and Charlie 5 days. Nevertheless, they finally returned home none the worse for their ordeal.

William and Bernice Wisnauskas spent 5 weeks in Poland this summer. Interesting places visited were Warsaw, Cracow, Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, the Salt Mines of Wielicka, the Auschwitz Death Camp, the Mt. resort of Zakopane. For 3½ weeks they lived in the village of Pasesupe, on the

Lithuanian border. Prior to World War I, this area was Lithuania.

Former members, Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Kukauskas have moved into their new home on Barthel Ave., Gardner.

St. Francis Church, Athol, has been renovated beautifully. To celebrate the event, a Sacred Concert was offered on Sept. 24 in the church. Our pastor, Father Steponaitis, held a very successful picnic for the benefit of the parish at the Lithuanian Outing Assoc. on Aug. 24. He held religious education classes during the month of July for the entire enrollment of CCD children which proved very successful. This comes as a surprise, as most parishes are struggling with their CCD classes.

Pres. Howie Beaudette was head chef at the Lithuanian Scouts' Annual Jamboree held in Vermont this summer.

JUNIOR

NEWS

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO, JUNIORS

Chris Mantz

Working... What does it mean? This is what the Juniors have been doing along with the Juniors' parents. The Juniors have worked at picnic grounds to earn money while the parents sponsored a dance, The Autumn Frolic.

Even though we have been working, we took time out to go to Mary Lucas' Luau. We all had a lot of fun.

On Nov. 4, we represented our nation in the University of Dayton's Homecoming Parade. We wore our Lithuanian costumes.

The biggest working project we had was the Country Store on Nov. 12. This was our second one.

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Kadangi rugs. 20 d. ūkio šeiminkui suėjo 65 m. amžiaus, susirinkusių vardu buvo įteikta dovana ir sudainuota Ilgiausių Metų. A. Skirius trumpai apibūdino Daumanto Cibo atliktus darbus meno ir spaudos srityje.

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