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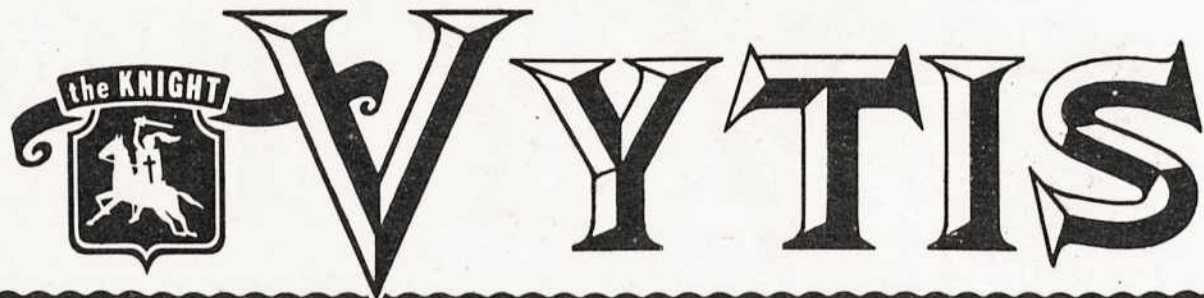
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# CHRISTMAS IN

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS



A few months ago I received an unusual letter. It was properly stamped and addressed. But inside the envelope there was... nothing. The sender had forgotten the message. Imagine your disappointment if you received a Christmas package, beautifully wrapped and ribboned, but empty inside.

For many people today, life is like a bright, colorful package in gift wrap, but empty inside, without meaning or value.

This emptiness is felt especially by people in the Soviet Union, where religion and the life of the spirit have been under attack for over 50 years. To satisfy this hunger of the spirit there has been a great resurgence of interest in older churches, art and monuments.

A Russian sculptor displays a religious art piece in his apartment and says, "We want things made by man, not by a machine, something that someone put love into, something human. We're tired of machines. We've become machines ourselves".

Another Russian observes, "Many admirers of the old monasteries are scientists. They have found that physics is not enough to satisfy man - they need something to excite the mind and the soul".

It is this spiritual hunger in the heart of every man, this hunger for the truest values of life - love, truth, beauty - that is satisfied by the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus is God's gift to us. Without Him, all the gift wrap, shiny foil and bright ribbons of life leave us thirsty, dry, unsatisfied.

Jesus is the Savior foretold by Isaiah, the prophet. He will be a wonderful counselor, God-hero, father-forever, prince of peace. He will be a "great light shining in the darkness", he will bring "abundant joy", his dominion will be "forever peaceful".

This prophecy of Isaiah became a splendid reality in the birth of Jesus - the "good news" awaited so long, "the tidings of great joy".

Not only was Jesus born into history in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, not only did He live, die and rise from the dead, but Jesus still lives among us, in us, in

mystery. Now it is we who are "empowered to become children of God", according to John's Gospel. It is we who by baptism are reborn in Christ.

In the first few years of the Church, the early Christians, all Jews, thought that salvation was only for the Jews. It was a ghetto mentality, wrapped up within itself, not reaching out beyond the group. Peter needed great courage to baptize a pagan soldier, Cornelius, and to say, "The man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God".

Today the temptation is just the opposite. Not only are Christians abandoning the ghetto mentality, but some are abandoning Christ Himself. They are going overboard in thinking, acting, sinning like the world. Instead of converting the pagan, they are in danger of reverting to paganism themselves. They are turning themselves inside out, losing the gift of Christ.

Christmas is a time to reflect on the birth of Christ and our baptism into Christ. As Christians we are the body of Christ, as St. Paul reminds us, "All of us, Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free men, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink".

Christmas is a call to live in Christ - not to snuff out the flame of the spirit, nor to fall flat with the world, but to be a light to the world, to be the leaven or yeast which lifts up the world, to be the salt which preserves the life of the world.

Christmas is an invitation to look under the beautiful gift wrap of our life and find the most precious gift of all: Christ who gives joy and meaning to our life.





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## BETLIEJAUS DŽIAUGSMAS

### KALĖDINESE GIESMĖSE

#### BAŽNYTINIO GIEDOJIMO RAIDA

Bažnytinės muzikos istorija - didžioji dalis - tai tūkstantmetinė melodija.

Katakombose bažnytinis giedojimas buvo paprastas (paimtas iš sinagogų). Buvo giedamos psalmės. 313 m. Bažnyčiai gavus laisvę, jos prisilėgta kalba pamažu darėsi melodingesnė ir skambesnė.

#### GRIGALINIS GIEDOJIMAS

Pirmuose keturiuose krikščionybės amžiuose tikintieji savo maldas daugiausia giedojo rytietinėmis melodijomis. Dalinai sekdami graikais ir žydais, jie kartu ir patys kūrė. Jų tarpe buvo šventų vyskupų bei vienuolių, kurie rūpinosi liturgija, kartu praturtindami ir bažnytinį giedojimą.

Būdinga, kad vysk. Telesforas (129) nustatė tam tikrus himnus ir giesmes Kalėdų šventėm.

Šv. Bazilijus Didysis (m. 372) kūrė himnus ir Cezarėjoj per Kalėdų šventes giedojo psalmes.

Šv. Augustinas (430) rašė filosofinį veikalą apie muziką. Šv. Ambrozijus (397) tikintiesiems davė daugiau himnų (Te Deum) ir paprastų melodijų.

Ypač daug bažnytinei muzikai padėjo vienuoliai. Šv. Benediktas (543) savo regulojį išsakė giedojimą. Nuo tada žymiausi bažnytinio giedojimo žinovai buvo benediktinai. Kai vienuolis benediktinas tapo popiežium Grigalium I Didžiuoju (590 - 604), jis reformavo bažnytinį giedojimą, įvesdamas savo sukurtą naują giedojimo būdą. Iš čia ir grigalinio giedojimo pavadinimas.

Kalėdos pirmą kartą viešai buvo švenčiamos apie 336 metus. Gi pastovią Kristaus gimimo datą - gruodžio 25 - krikščionim paskelbė popiežius Julijus I, 350.

#### ŽMONĖS, RAŠIUSIEJI KALĖDINES GIESMES

Prudencijus 4 amžiuje parašė himną Kalėdų mišparam "Jesu Redemptor".

Sedulijus 5 amžiuje rašė "A solis ortus cardine" Kalėdų "Aušrinėm".

Šv. Romanas, diakonas, gyvenęs 6 amžiuje Sirijoje, parašė Kalėdų šventėm himną, kuris iki šiol giedamas kalėdinių apeigų metu. Mielos ir gražios šv. Romano giesmės sujungė skirtingus Kalėdų epizodus. Šios giesmės jau buvo žinomos ir giedamos 12 amžiaus Italijoje. Nėra abejonės, kad jų nebūtų skaitę šv. Bernardas ar Dantė.

Tą pirmąją šventąją naktį piemenys džiaugsmingai giedojo pasaulio Išganytojui Betliejaus laukuose, o angelai danguj ir prie prakartėlės. Visais amžiais įvairiomis giesmėmis ir kitokiais džiaugsmo pareiškimais per Kalėdų šventes yra šlovinamas tas mylimas taikos Kūdikėlis.

Toji šventoji naktis davė pradžią visiem krikščionybės šventiesiems vyram, vienuoliam ir poetam kurti Kalėdų giesmes ir himnus.

#### KRIKŠČIONYBĖ SUSITIKO SU PAGONYBE

Pirmieji krikščionybės amžiai susitiko su pagonybe, su įvairiais jos papročiais. Krikščionys savo banžnyčiose turėjo taikytis prie pagonybės meno, lyrikos, dramų, giesmių ir muzikos.

Kokia klastinga ir galinga buvo pagonių įtaka krikščionybei, primena Bažnyčios tėvai. Heretikai savo populiariomis giesmėmis, instrumentais ir šokiais bandė sudrumsti krikščionybę.

4 amžiuje Laodicėjos susirinkimas nutarė, kad tik dvasiškiai tegali kalbėti, deklamuoti ir giedoti iš sakyklų banžnyčiose. Nuo tada prasidėjo ginčai apie šventas dramas bei vaidinimus banžnyčiose. Jie tęsėsi iki vėlyvųjų viduramžių.

Bažnyčia sugebėjo nugalėti pagonis ne vien dekretais, bet ir daug stipresniu ginklu - savo rašytojų raštais, gausia homilijų literatūra. Krikščionių dramos vystėsi pamažu, bet nuodugnai.

Pažymėtinos Rytų Bažnyčios tėvų parašytos homilijos. Šv. Krizostomas kalba, kaip Dievo Motina paguldė Kūdikėlį Jėzų į prakartėlę ir laikė jį ant savo kelių. Tas pats šventasis 4 amžiaus pabaigoj prie Betliejaus grotos parašė net mišių tekstą.

Vakary Bažnyčios liturginės dramos labiausiai vystėsi iš gausių jos tropų ir sekvencijų. Poetai stengėsi jas suderinti su skambia muzika.

Vaidinimai paprastai prasidėdavo prieš Bernelių mišias arba po vidurnakčio iškilmių.

Ilgainiui šie vaidinimai privedė prie nesusipratimo. Popiežius Inocentas III (1216) per Gniezo arkivyskupą tokius kalėdinius vaidinimus uždraudė. Dėl to yra aišku, kodėl paskui (1223) šv. Pranciškus iš popiežiaus Honorijaus III prašė sau leidimo Kalėdų šventėm įrengti Betliejaus prakartėlę.

9 amžiuje atsirado dvi naujos giesmių formos: tropai ir sekvencijos. Čia buvo įtakingi prancūzų vienuoliai. Tropas - tam tikras teksto prailginimas, parafravimas, vėliau išnykęs.

Giovanni Palestrina (1594) buvo didžiausias bažnytinės muzikos kūrėjas tuometinėj Romoj.

Kalėdinės giesmės bažnyčiose ir namie pirmiausia buvo giedamos Italijoje ir tik lotynų kalba. Pamažu tas giesmes pasisavino ir kitos krikščioniškos šalys ir pradėjo giedoti savo gimtąja kalba.

Prancūzai 11 amžiuje pradėjo giedoti savo kalėdines "noels" giesmes; vokiečiai 11 - 12 amž. - "Weihnachtslieder", o anglai - "Christmas carols".

### ŠV. PRANCIŠKAUS KALĖDOS IR GIESMĖS

Nėra kito tokio žmogaus, kuris viduramžiais tiek daug švento džiaugsmo būtų įnešęs į Kalėdų šventes, kaip šv. Pranciškus. Jam priskiriami ir kalėdinių giesmių kilimo nuopelnai.

Šv. Pranciškui Kalėdos buvo didžiausia švenčių šventė, nešanti šviesą ir viltį į tamsųjį pasaulį. Jis vis prisimindavo, kai 1219 lankėsi Betliejūj.

Kai paskutinį kartą šv. Pranciškus lankėsi Romoj ir 1223 lapkričio 29 popiežius Honorijus III patvirtino pranciškonų ordino regulą, ta pačia proga jis gavo popiežiaus leidimą Greccio atkrintėj, prie Asyžiaus, įrengti Betliejaus prakartėlę.

Tomas Celanietis detalai aprašė tą Greccio nakties įvykį. Tenai nebuvo jokio vaidinimo. Tik



meilė ir kiekvieno asmens susikaupimas, anot Sabatier žodžių: "Jis daugiau nebuvo Greccio atkrintėj, jo širdis buvo Betliejūj".

Paskui šv. Pranciškaus idėjom pasekė kiti vienuolynai bei parapijos ir pradėjo panašias prakartėles įrengti net bažnyčiose. Pranciškonų kalėdinių giesmių idėjos sklido į kitas šalis.

Pranciškonų poetas Jacopone da Todi yra autorius kalėdinės giesmės "Stabat Mater Speciosa". Jis yra dar parašęs ir sukomponavęs kelias kalėdines poetas itališkai. Jacopone da Todi mirė per Kalėdas 1306.

## O COME, LET US ADORE HIM



### "ADESTE, FIDELES"

"Adeste, fideles" (Ateikite, tikintieji), vieną iš gražiausių lotyniškų giesmių, jau 7 amžiuje giedojo benediktinai. Melodija miela ir lietuvių širdžiai. Giesmė giedama įvairiomis pasaulio kalbomis. 18 amžiuje jau giedojo ją Prancūzijoje ir Anglijoje. 1797 per Kalėdas ji guvo giedama Londone prie Portugalijos pasiuntinybės. Jos skambiają melodiją sukomponavo Vincent Novello. Spėliojama, kad žodžius parašė šv. Bonaventūra.

Anglijoje kalėdinės giesmės pirmą kartą buvo išleistos 1410. Tarp jų buvo ir "Adeste, fideles", išversta angliškai. Šiuo metu toji giesmė yra išversta į 76 pasaulio kalbas.

### ANGLIŠKOS KALĖDINES GIESMĖS

Isaac Watts gimė anglų protestantų šeimoje. Iš devynių vaikų buvo vyriausias. Beveik visą savo gyvenimą praleido invalido lovoje. Tačiau jis parašė 52 himnus. Kūrė bažnytinę muziką ir kalėdines giesmes. Skambiausia iš jų - "Joy to the World" (1719).

Charles Wesley 18 amžiuje gimė devyniolikos vaikų anglų protestantų šeimoje. Jis paliko per 2,000 kalėdinių giesmių, iš kurių melodizingiausia - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

"O little Town of Bethlehem" parašė kun. Ph. Brooks po savo apsilankymo Palestinoje 1865. Jis gimė Bostone, Mass.

Poetas Francis Thompson per Kalėdas (1892), išklauses mišias kapucinų vienuolyne, Pantasaph, Anglijoje, sukūrė Kalėdų poemą "Little Jesus". Tai mėgstama amerikiečių giesmė.

### "TYLI NAKTIS"

Tarp kalėdinių giesmių "Tyli naktis" visiem yra pažįstama, jauki ir maloni. Jos žodžiai - paprasti. Melodija - raminanti, harmonijoje su turiniu, pilna nuolankumo ir pagarbos dvasios. Tą giesmę parašė tirolietis kun. J. Mohr, o sukomponavo vargonininkas F. Gruber 1818. Ji yra išversta į 97 pasaulio kalbas, Lietuvą pasiekusi apie 1908.

Romoj gyvenantiems vokiečiams buvo staigmena, kai 1949, popiežiaus Pijaus XII pageidavimu, vokiečiai maldininkai pirmą kartą Šv. Petro bazilikoje per Kalėdas sutartinai sugiedojo "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht..."



## ⊙ Holy Night

### YRA IR LIETUVIŲ SUKURTŲ GIESMIŲ

Dar yra tūkstančiai kitų kalėdinių giesmių, kurių čia neįmanoma suminėti. Yra ir lietuvių autorių, poetų ir kompozitorių. Jų giesmes išgirstam per lietuviškas radijo valandėles Kalėdų švenčių laikotarpy. Dargi tos skambios kalėdinės giesmės kai kurių lietuviškų parapijų chorų yra užrekorduotos plokštelėse.

### KALĖDOS - VISA TAI, KAS GRAŽU IR ŠVENTA

Kalėdų šventės yra chorų ir linksmų kalėdinių giesmių laikotarpis. Tai namų ir širdies ramybės ir maldos laikotarpis. Kalėdos pakelia žmogų nuo skurdų iki turtų, nuo pasižeminimo iki išaukstinimo.



Kalėdos yra varpelių, eglučių, žvaigždžių ir spindinčių akių laikotarpis; bežadžių gyvulių ir išmintingų žmonių laikotarpis. Tai yra staigmenų ir misterijų - dieviško Kūdikėlio išikūnijimo laikotarpis. Kalėdos yra tykios nakties, nebylios šviesos, ramaus tvartelio, nebylaus globėjo, bežadės Motinos laikotarpis.

Kalėdos yra draugystės, geros valios laikotarpis - Dievo buvimas su žmonėmis.

Kalėdos yra laikotarpis išpuoštų gatvių bei kelių, linksmų paširodymų, drabužių puošnumo, amžinai atnaujinant žemės veidą Dievo akivaizdoj.

Kalėdos yra pabaiga pradžioj - Dievas apsigyvena mieste ir šalyje; žmogaus laukimo pabaiga, nelauktas jo troškimų įvykdymas.

Kalėdos yra vaikai ir angelai. Kalėdos - šv. Mikalojus ir šv. Pranciškus! Kalėdos yra visa tai, kas šventa! Kalėdos yra mišių auka! Kalėdos - Meilė!



### DICKENSO ŠYKŠTŪNAS

Argi kas gali užmiršti anglų rašytojo Charles Dickenso, mirusio prieš šimtą metų (1870), kalėdinių giesmių turinio pabaigą? Niūrus, surambėjęs senis šykštūnas dar turi progos pasitaisyti ir save išgelbėti. Henry Lichtfield West, žymus kritikas, kartą prisipažino: "Prieš daugelį metų anksti rytą aš pasiėmiau iš viršutinės lentynos kalėdinę Dickenso giesmę ir ją perskaičiau nuo pradžios iki pabaigos. Ir kai aš priėjau prie to puslapio, kur šykštuolis atbudo ir užklausė mažą berniuką, ar jis žinąs, kokia tai yra diena, o vaikutis smagiai atsiliepė: 'Tai Kalėdų diena!' - mano pulsas ėmė plakti smarkiau, mano širdis tvaksėjo stipriau, ir mano akys pasruvo džiaugsmo ašaromis".

Per Kalėdų šventes visas krikščioniškasis pasaulis puola ant kelių prie Betliejaus prakartėlės ir kartoja meilės istoriją, kuri įvyko ir tęsis per amžius.

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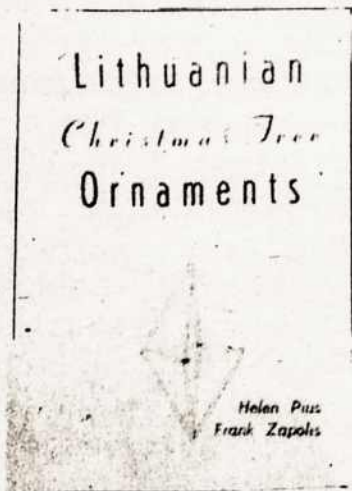
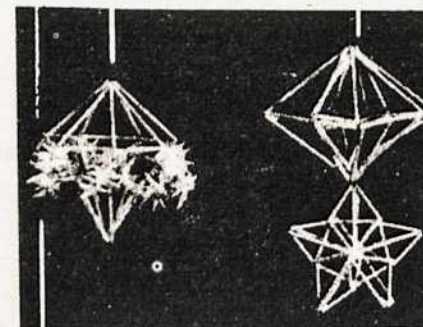
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 Tiny lights and tinsel garlands we'll not spare  
 We will crown you with a shimmering star  
 That once was seen by the shepherds from afar.

Your lowest branches will embrace  
 The roughened stall - His poor birthplace.  
 The little lamb and the Three Wise Men,  
 The shepherds and the folk will be there again.

There will be other stars in the childrens eyes,  
 Shining and wide in breathless surprise  
 Childish fingers will yearn to take  
 The Little Baby or the silvered snow-flake.

Surrounded by children and gifts you will stand,  
 The prettiest tree in a hidden box of sand.  
 Your sparkling warmth will draw everyone near,  
 For you are symbol of good will and good cheer.

But, little fir tree, the roughened stall will soon  
 be gone;  
 The angel-hair, the lights and garlands we hung  
 upon

Your branches will be laid away,  
 For it will be the end of the Christmas holiday.

Will you be angry when you are forgotten,  
 Once proudly growing and then forsaken?  
 Would you rather have stayed in the forest green,  
 And never the Christmas delights have seen?

Show no anger, little fir tree, and no hatred.  
 Remember instead the joy you spread.  
 And when the children whisper "good-by" - will  
 you hear

Their wistful hope "will the Little Jesus  
 and the pretty tree  
 be with us again  
 next year?"

A. M. Wackell



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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**.

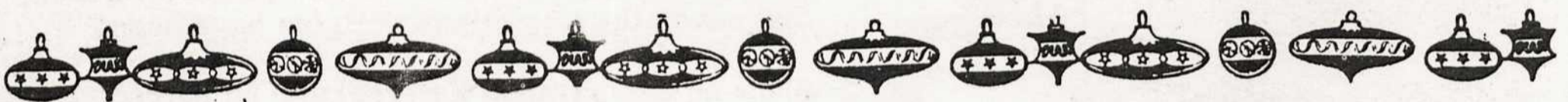
## AWARDS TO COUNCILS ON REACHING 100% PAID-UP MEMBERSHIPS:

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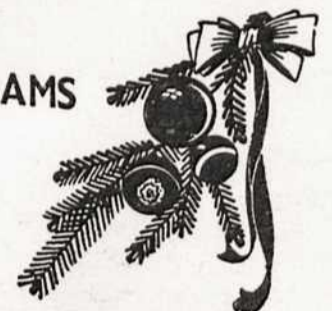
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ALBERT OZALIS,  
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FRIENDS AND  
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# TRADITIONAL LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS

By Josephine J. Dauzvardis,  
"Lithuanian Lore Lady"

This Christmas playlet was written specifically for the Ateitis Dancers & their friends. It can be easily adapted by other groups. Contains goodly number of Lithuanian customs, traditions, etc.



## CAST:

Father

Mother

Teen-agers: Jonukas, Onutė, Genutė

Children: Juozukas, Marytė

Grandfather Christmas

Ateitis Dancers

Accordionist

Ateitis Jr.

and 2nd ACT:

Algis, Jurgis, Bronius, Elzė, Barbė, Zita, Pranė

SCENE: Large room, table in center, some chairs at table, other chairs and benches scattered around room.

Christmas tree with Lithuanian ornaments - right front.

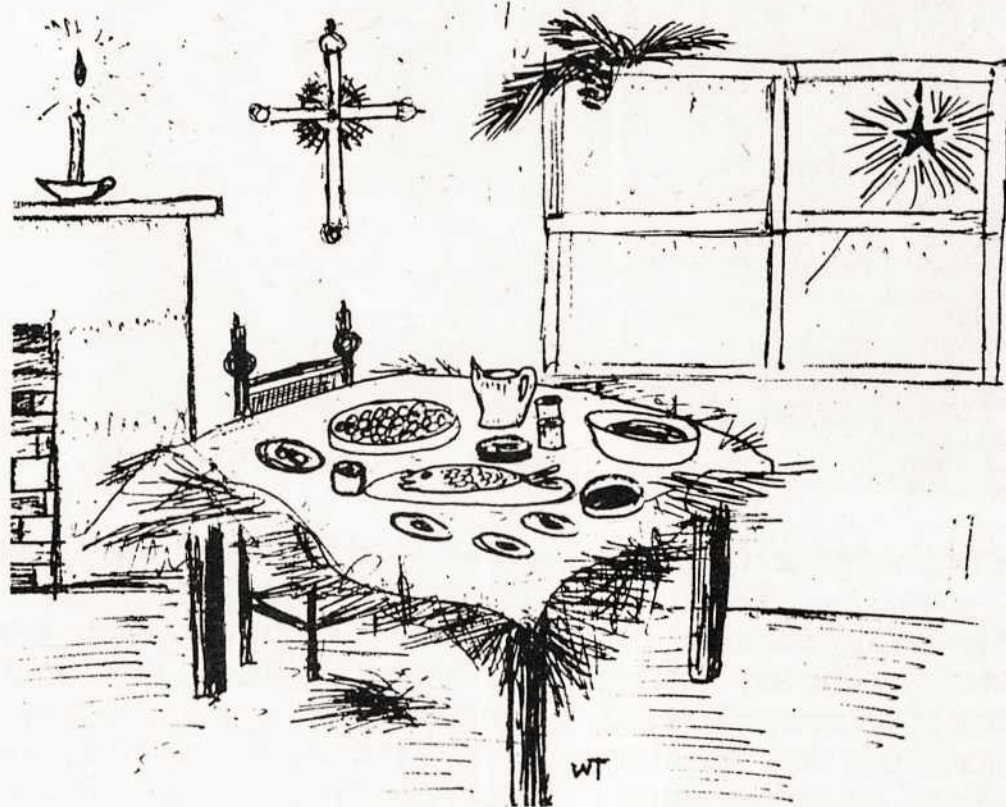
Girls are finishing decorating tree, father helping them hang those higher up. Mother is finishing preparing food in large bowl - Juozukas watching her, tries to snatch some food from bowl. All occasionally look out window as they pass it.

MOTHER (hitting Juozukas' hand with wooden spoon) - A -a (shaking head) - no eating - not till the evening star shows itself.

JUOZUKAS. It takes so long for that star to show itself. I'm starving.

FATHER. Be patient. By the time you finish tasting all 12 courses of our Kūčių supper you'll complain that you're stuffed.

JONAS (coming in with an armful of kindling). Here you are girls! (older girls try to check number of sticks in his arms). No, you don't, you must wait till after supper. It might spoil your appetite if one of you finds out she'll be an old maid.



The Kūčia Table

MOTHER (wiping table). Father, will you please bring in the straw?

JUOZUKAS - I'll help! (he and father go out).

MARYTE (trying to look out the window). Oh, I can't see any stars yet. (Jonas lifts her up, both look out window.)

JONAS. Look, little one, the sky is so clear and blue. The star should come out any minute now.

FATHER and JUOZUKAS (coming back with armsful of straw. They spread most of it on table, Marytė watching).

FATHER. When Baby Jesus was born, His bed was a manger full of sweet hay ...

MOTHER. Don't forget the little lamb of God...

FATHER. (stooping under table to make a neat pile of straw there - Juozukas and Marytė watching intently). Some time during the night Baby Jesus, and His Mother, and His little lamb will visit our house. We must prepare a proper welcome for them.

MARYTE. And if the little lamb is tired, he can rest on the straw.

ONUTE (taking tablecloth from bench). Here, Genutė, help me spread our Christmas tablecloth.

GENE (caressing it). It's so soft, so white, so beautiful.

MOTHER. Your dear Grandmother wove it specially for Christmas use. It is a family treasure. See that you girls cherish it always, and use it only for Christmas.

GENE and ONUTE. Yes, Mother, we'll remember.

MOTHER. Girls, set the dishes. Jonuk, bring in the herring and fish. (all help). First, the holy wafers and the cross - right in the center of the table. The bread here... Put the fish right there... Now, the šližikai - that's right...

FATHER (setting chairs around table, counts them, counts his family, then sadly sets another chair at foot of table). For Grandmother.

MOTHER (sighing deeply) For Grandmother... She was with us last Christmas Eve... but not tonight.

MARYTE (who has been looking out window from time to time with Juozukas) There it is. There it is... There's the star!

JUOZUKAS. I see it. I see it (jumping up and down).

(All rush to window, look outside, agree it is the star).

FATHER. Now we can begin our Kūčių supper. Come, children. (He stands at head of table, Mother beside him, others around table.)



leaving the one chair at foot of table vacant).

(Blessing himself, others following suit). Vardan Dievo, Tēvo, Sūnaus, Dvasios Šventos, Amen. Thank you, dear God, for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us this past year. Thank you, dear God, for being so kind to our little family. Bless this food which we are to partake in Your Name and in the Name of the twelve Apostles who followed you. Amen.

(He turns to Mother, she breaks off piece of plotkelė which he holds out to her. He turns to other side, offers plotkelė to nearest person, who in turn offers it to next, and so on, until all have shared plotkelė with each other. Father puts piece of plotkelė on Grandma's empty plate. Marytė sneaks a piece to the "lamb" under table. All sit down, begin passing dishes and eating.)

NARRATOR. Kūčios is an evening-long affair: 12 courses of food to be eaten leisurely. Let's look in a couple of hours later.

BLACK-OUT to indicate passing of 1 or 2 hours for meal. When lights go on, all seem well-fed, satisfied.)

JONUKAS. Oof, I'm so full.

JUOZUKAS. Me, too (reaching for a šližikas).

MOTHER. Ir kur tau telpa?

GENE. Don't eat all the šližikai. Leave some for us. (Takes a big hand-full of šližikai. Leave some for us. (Takes a big hand-full of šližikai, as many as she can hold).

ONUTE (runs over to her, then begin placing šližikai on cloth and counting them). One, two, one, two, - odd, even.

ONUTE (squeeling) Oo-oo -

even! That means you'll have a new boy-friend this year.

FATHER (pulls straw from under cloth). Look how long this is!

MOTHER. Wonderful, your life will be long, long, thank God. JONUKAS (holding short straw). Does this mean I'll have a short life?

ONUTE (giggling) Yes, a short life with us, if you keep on courting that pretty Aldutė.

MARYTE. Can we count the sticks of wood, now?

GENE. Alright Marytė, we'll let you count them tonight.

MARYTE (picking up sticks, counting them, and laying them to one side. Ends on odd number. Pouts.) Is that bad luck?

ONUTE (laughing and hugging her). No, sweetheart - all it means is that you will remain an old maid this year.

(All laugh, Onutė consoles Marytė).

MOTHER. Enough, children. Let's put things in order, then we must get ready for church.

ONUTE. Shall I take away all the food from the table?

MOTHER. No, leave it on the table. The souls of our beloved family members might return for a visit, they must find signs of hospitality. Also, each good home is visited by the Blessed Mother and Her Babe.

MARYTE. And His lamb?

MOTHER. Yes, His lamb, too. Genė, get the broom and sweep the floor clean so that our Holy visitors wouldn't stumble even over the smallest crumb.

GENE (sweeps floor, all others bustle around setting things in order.)

MARYTE. Can I rock Baby Jesus' cradle in church?

MOTHER (smoothing her hair). Yes, darling, you've been such a good girl - you will get to rock the Holy Babe's cradle.

(Curtain closes on busy scene).

ENTR'ACT - in front of closed curtain.

CENTER of stage, in spotlight - manger. Crib has several colored ribbon streamers hanging from sides, for rocking cradle.

RIGHT - children's chorus singing Christmas song.

LEFT - enter Mother with Juozukas and Marytė. Mother & daughter wrapped in skepetos, boy in heavy coat. They walk slowly and reverently to manger, kneel, bless themselves. Mother whispers to Marytė, who reaches out,



Gathering hay for the Kūčia Table

takes one ribbon and gently rocks cradle. Then mother directs Juozukas to take ribbon and rock the cradle. Both children smile with pleasure and awe. Mother urges them to rise - all leave stage - to left.

## ACT II

(SCENE - same room, with table and chairs pushed back to make room. Mother, Father & children are acting hospitable - guests sit around eating, drinking, talking. As curtain rises we find the Ateitis Dancers already dancing the KUBILAS. When dance ends, dancers sit down or rest, fanning themselves).

ALGIS. Whew, this tub dance makes me thirsty enough to drink a tub of something.

FATHER. It's a good thing that Mother and I made a couple of tubs full of mead. Here, have a glass. (He passes drink to him & others).

PRANE (smacking lips). You make the best mead in the village.

MARYTE (looking out window wistfully). I wonder when he will come.

ZITA. Who, darling?

JUOZUKAS. Aw, she's been waiting for Grandfather Christmas all day long.

ALGIS. On our way here we passed him three houses down the road with a whole string of children. He should be here soon.

PRANE. He has to visit all the children in the visit, and take them along with him as he goes to each house.

ELZE and BARBE (running in from other room, breathless, carrying rakes).

JURGIS. What in the world? What are you doing with rakes at Christmas? In all this snow? Do you feel alright?

ELZE. We know what we are doing.

BARBE. Sure, the rakes helped us find out if our future husbands will be rich or poor.

JURGIS Rich? Poor? With rakes in the snow? How?

BARBE. It's this way. Back there (pointing), at the crossroads, we had to level off the snow with our rakes. On our way home we'll stop and see what footprints are



Fortune-telling, with kindling wood

in the snow, and then we'll know if he will be rich or poor.

ALGIS. Yes, but how?

ELZE. If the footprints are of a man wearing boots, that means he'll be rich.

BARBE. And if he's wearing mocassins - he'll be poor.

ELZE. No matter, I just hope he'll be handsome.

ALGIS (taking one rake). I remember we used this same rake when we were harvesting rye this summer. It was fun.

ELZE. Yes, you men swept your scythes like this (make clumsy movement).

ALGIS. And you girls harvested the sheaves like this (mimicking).

OTHERS (too, mimic motions, and gradually all fall into RUGUCIAI).

ZITA (nearest window). Listen, do you hear something outside? (long-distant singing can be heard. Any gay folk-song).

MARYTE (running to window, jumping up and down excitedly). He's coming, he's coming.

JUOZUKAS (excited, looking out window). It is. It is Grandfather Christmas and all our friends.

FATHER (going out door, right). I'll let them in.

(Voices are heard back stage. First - 3 knocks on the door with wooden staff, then -)

GRANDFATHER CHRISTMAS. Tegul bus pagarbintas...

FATHER. Per amžius. Enter, welcome guest, with all your little friends. (Father comes in, holds door open as Grandfather Christmas and children troop in).

GRANDFATHER CHRISTMAS (walks in majestically, comes to

center of stage). I am Grandfather Christmas. I come a long, long way, from a land where it snows candy and rains honey. Where it is Christmas all year long. I bring goodies for the good, sweets for the sweet, good times for the young and good harvest and prosperity for our hosts. (Sprinkling grain over and under bench and table). Magic grain for the master of this farm, so his wheat and rye will grow well. (Gives little gifts to older dancers). Sweet-smelling soap for the girls to make them prettier. Rosy apples for the boys to keep them healthy and strong.

MARYTE and JUOZUKAS. Nothing for us, Grandfather Christmas?

GRANDFATHER CHR. Well, now, have you been good children?

MARYTE and JUOZUKAS. Yes, very good (Mother & father nod in agreement).

GRANDFATHER CHR. Fine, I will give you something. But first you must do something for me.

MARYTE and JUOZUKAS. We will, we will. What is it?

GRANDFATHER CHR. Will you sing or dance for me?

JUOZUKAS. If our friends help us, we can sing and dance about the poppy-seeds that Mother used in her Christmas baking.

MARYTE (to other children). Will you dance Agunelė with us?

OTHER CHILDREN. Yes, gladly. Let's dance, etc. AGUONEIE.

GRANDFATHER CHR. Very nice, very nice. Here is some candy for you, Maryte, and some gingerbread cakes for you, Juozuk.

MARYTE and JUOZUKAS. Thank you, thank you (show gifts to children).

GRANDFATHER CHR. My goodness, I'm getting old and forgetful. Here I gave gifts to you older ones before you earned them.

ALGIS (bowing to him). For you, Grandfather Christmas, we can do tricks, sing or dance. What would you like?

GRANDFATHER CHR. Dance something lively.

ALGIS. A polka? (Others shout - No, no, it's too simple). A waltz? (Voices - No, too slow). Subatėlė?

ELZE. That's the Saturday night dance. Today isn't Saturday?

GENE. So what? A dance that's good for Saturday is good for today. SUBATĖLĖ.

(Parents pass goodies to children who watch dancers).

GRANDFATHER CHR. Thank you very much. I see that everybody is happy here. Now I must go to the next house.

CHILDREN. No, no, not so soon.

GRANDFATHER CHRISTMAS. Well... maybe, if you would dance again.

CHILDREN. We'll dance ... (name of dance) for You. DANCE.

GRANDFATHER CHR. Thank you kindly. Now, we must really go. The days are short, you know. Come, children, on to the next house. Juozukas and Maryte will you come with us?

JUOZUKAS. May we go, Mother?

MOTHER. Yes, darlings, be sure and put on your warm clothing as you go out.

FATHER. And be home before dark.

GRANDFATHER CHR. and children skip out single file, to right, waving good-by to everybody).

BRONIUS. Oh, to be young again, to believe in Christmas legends.

GENUTE. And to have all that pep.

ALGIS. He would have more pep if he would get home before dawn Saturday nights.

BRONIUS. But you have no idea how beautiful it is - just before dawn the sky begins to glow in different colors.

ELZE. And the roosters start crowing.

ONA and GENE (start singing and swaying). Pradės aušrelė aušti, pradės gaidžiai giedoti. Everybody joins in, sing a little, then proceed in AUŠRELĖ).

GENUTE. That was so romantic.

ALGIS. Aw, it was too mooney for me. Just think, we didn't dance all during Advent - for four weeks. We must make up for the fasting.

ELZE. Don't worry, we'll make up for all that. From today until the Feast of the Three Kings we'll be at somebody's house, dancing, eating, making merry.

BARBE. Tomorrow we're going to Frannie's house.

ONA. (smacking her lips). She makes the best sausages. That vėdaras she makes is so delicious.

ALGIS. So come on, instead of drooling, let's dance to that king of all sausages - VĖDARAS.

MOTHER (after dance, jokingly). I must watch to my laurels. Taste some of my honey cake. Maybe it will rate a compliment or too. (Passes cake).

JURGIS (bowing to her). Thank you, Auntie. Your honey cake is absolutely the best in the whole county.

ALGIS. I'll have another piece, please.

BARBE. Don't be a glutton, Algi.

ALGIS. To show my appreciation for the cake, how about - let's all of us dance Auntie's favorite dance - Suktinis.

BARBE. Isn't it getting late?

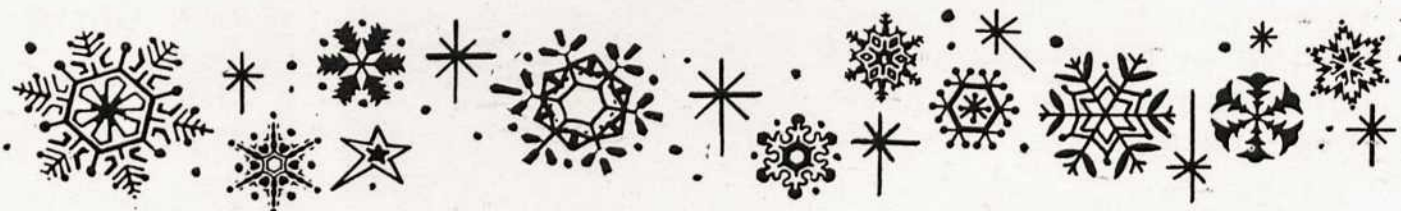
MOTHER. No, you can stay here as long as you like, dance as long as your breath and legs hold out. Please dance SUKTINIS. It reminds me of my young days.

(Father, taking hint, comes up to her, bows deeply, starts her off in SUKTINIS. Others join in and keep dancing as CURTAIN GOES DOWN).

CURTAIN CALL: Group is scattered in easy poses. GIRLS SHOUT

LINKSMŪ KALĖDŲ VISIEMS.

BOYS, raising glasses as in a toast - LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ!





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## OFFICIAL NEWS

### ELECTIONS

Has your council had its elections already? For the organization to run its smoothest and for the national officers to do their best to direct K of L activities, it is **ESSENTIAL** that they have the names and addresses of **ALL** Council and District Officers. If you have not already done so, please send the names and addresses of all your officers to National Recording Secretary,

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DO IT TODAY... WITHOUT DELAY.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION SITE

It's official... the 60th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania will take place in August, 1973, in BROCKTON, MASS., and will be hosted by Council 1. The Supreme Council, at its meeting Nov. 4, 1972 in Newark, N.J., gave Council 1 the official "go-ahead"... and great plans are in store for this special anniversary convention. The exact dates and the site will be announced in the next issue of VYTIS.

### NEW LCRA COORDINATOR

VITO YUCIUS, 52 Shady Drive West, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228, is now the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Coordinator for the K of L. All Council and individual donations to LCRA should be sent through Mr. Yucius.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

The National Financial Secretary, Irene Ozalis, reminds us the membership dues are \$5.00 per year and will be due on or before Jan. 1, 1973. She requests that the newly-elected Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should be collected for all year.

Also, to insure your members receiving their VYTIS promptly, please include members ADDRESSES as you send their dues, so that the secretary can verify that her records and those of the mailing company are correct. All dues, as well as address changes and corrections should go to:

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Šių metų lapkričio 7 d. ilgamečiui visuomenininkui, redaktoriui Ignui Sakalui, gyv. Chicago, Ill., suėjo 80 metų amžiaus.

Sukaktuvinininkas yra gimęs 1892 metais lapkričio 7 d. Knizlaukio kaime, Vaitkuškio valsčiuje, Ukmergės apskrityje.

Ukmergėje užbaigė keturių klasių mokyklą. Ignas anksti pradėjo rašinėti Seinuose leidžiamam savaitraščiui "Šaltiniui" eilėraščius ir korespondencijas. 1911 metais jis buvo pakviestas dirbti "Šaltinio" redakcijoje.

Į JAV atvyko 1913 metais. Apsigyvenęs Cleveland, Ohio, įsijungė į vietinių liet. organizacijų ir draugijų judėjimą ir veiklą; uoliai bendradarbiavo laikraščiams "Katalikui", "Vyčiui", "Lietuvai" ir "Draugui" pasirašydamas Sakalo, Aro, Aukštaičio slapyvardžiais. 1915 m. kartu su Povilu Šukiu įsteigė savaitraštį "Santauka", kurią Ignas kelis metus redagavo. 1918 m. Ignas buvo pakviestas į Chicagą "Draugo" redakcijon ir čia darbavosi ilgus metus. Ignas aštuonis metus redagavo Lietuvos Vyčių



organą "Vyčių", už nuopelnus pakeltas organizacijos garbės nariu. Ignas taipgi yra redagavęs ALRK Vargonininkų Sąjungos organą "Muzikos Žinios".

Ignas priklauso prie nedidelio skaičiaus lietuvių filatelistų ir yra surinkęs apščiiai filatelistinės medžiagos; taipgi apie lietuvių filatelistų veiklą jis rašo spaudoje.

Ignas Sakalas uoliai pasireiškia ir Katalikų Susivienijimo veikloje. Jis ilgametis 100-tosios kuopos finansų sekretorius; uoliai dalyvauja Chicagos apskrities veikloje, kaip kuopos atstovas ar apskr. valdybos narys, uoliai bendradarbiauja Susivienijimo skyriuje dienrašty "Drauge"; pirmininkavo 1938 metų seimui Pittsburgh, Pa., ir 1950 m. seimui, Detroit, Mich.

Aukščiau suminėti darbai parodo sukaktuvinininko plačiai nueitą kelią visuomeninėje, tautinėje ir kultūrinėje veikloje.

Už nuopelnus katalikų spaudai ir katalikų akcijai, 1952 metais Popiežius Pijus XII apdovanojo Igną Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice ordinu.

Sukaktuvinininko žmona Sofija Sakalienė taipgi yra uoli plunksnos darbuotoja - 28 metus redagavusi ALRK Moterų Sąjungos organą "Moterų Dirva".

Sukaktuvinininkui Ignui Sakalui ir jo šeimai ilgiausių ir laimingiausių metų!

M.Z.  
(Garsas)



### we get letters

Dear Editor:

Your article on the K of L excursion to South America was one that I read and reread several times, and at each reading of it, I forgot my true whereabouts but pictured myself with all of the good K of L people on this trip.

For years, our organization has talked about the work of public relations in the Knights of Lithuania, and sought the means to promote our wonderful group before the eyes of the outside world, so to speak. Truly, the trip was a wonderful piece of Public Relations work for the Knights. The travelers certainly

cemented good relations with the Lithuanian organizations in South America and did much to promote the K of L before other Lithuanians.

I have found the last few issues of VYTIS very interesting, and getting better each time. More of our members should pitch in and help our magazine continue to be an interesting one to read.

Sincerely,  
Frank Vaskas

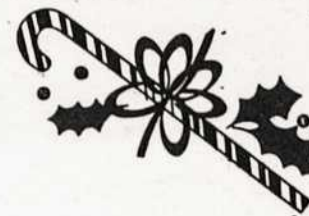


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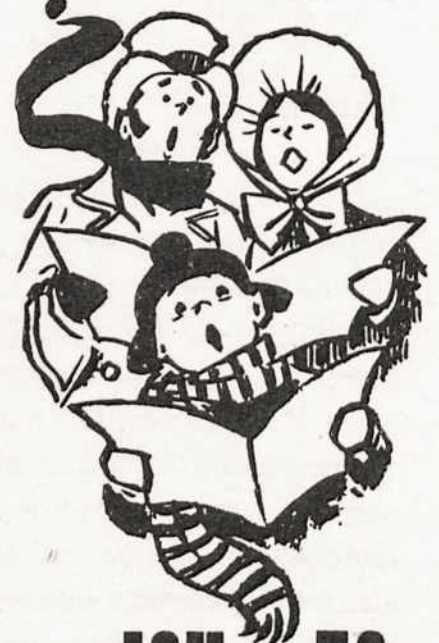
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PROF. J. KUDIRKA

## MUSICIAN HONORED

Prof. Justas Kudirka, former tenor of the Lithuanian State Opera in Kaunas, and a singer and musician of note in Lithuanian circles in the USA since 1923, was recently honored for his 45 years of devoted service as organist and choir director at Immaculate Conception Lithuanian R.C. Church in Brighton Park, Chicago, Ill. The testimonial for Mr. Kudirka consisted of a special Mass at the Church followed by a banquet and program in the parish hall, arranged and attended by pastor Msgr. D. A. Mozeris, the parish priests, a host of parishioners, friends, and leaders of the Lithuanian community.

Justas Kudirka was born in April, 1893, in Sakiai, Lithuania. He acquired a love of music early in life - singing folk songs with his family, and playing a home-made fife (birbyne) while shepharding. At age 14, he began formal music studies under Juozas Naujalis, one of Lithuania's masters of music. After briefly serving as an organist in Vilnius and Vladivostok, Russia, Mr. Kudirka continued his studies in the US and in Rome, and eventually joined the Lithuanian State Opera in Kaunas, after Lithuania regained its independence in 1918.

Together with some of the great singing stars of Lithuania such as Kipras Petrauskas, Prima Donnas Dvarionaite and Galauniene, Justas appeared in the presentation of numerous operas. His lyric tenor voice was acclaimed as one of the finest in Europe.

Following a concert tour in Germany, Latvia, and Estonia, Justas returned to the USA in 1923 and opened a music school in Pittston, Pa. Later, he recorded 23 religious and Lithuanian folk songs for the Victor and Columbia recording companies, and sang in concerts in many cities of the United States. For his abilities as a tenor and a great artist, Mr. Kudirka received many excellent reviews from the Lithuanian and the American press.

In 1927, at the invitation of the late Msgr. A. M. Briska, pastor, Justas Kudirka became the organist of the Immaculate Conception Church in Chicago. He reorganized the choir into a prize-winning choral group in city-wide competitions, and produced hundreds of choral concerts and operettas. He served on committees for Lithuanian national dance and song festivals and was president of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Organists Alliance.

The Knights of Lithuania congratulates Mr. Kudirka on this anniversary, and wish him many more years of fruitful work in the field of music.

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On October 13, a delegation of members of Bendruomene, the Lithuanian American Community organization, visited Bishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, seeking his help in encouraging World Prayer for the persecuted Church of occupied Lithuania. Pictured, l to r, are Raimondas Bubnys, Msgr. John Balkunas, Bishop Luigi Raimondi, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius and Algimantas Gicys. Photo by K. Cikotas.



## PROF. ALEKSIS IN MOVIES

The Rev. Algimantas Kezys, S.J., recently made a documentary film about Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, Honorary Member and composer of the Knights of Lithuania Anthem for the Lithuanian Photo Library, Chicago, Ill. The film will highlight Professor's extensive career of distinguished musicianship and leadership that began in 1911 in Warsaw, Poland, through to 1972 in Waterbury, Conn. Many unique and interesting scenes of personalities, events and places will be featured.

Noteworthy, too, is that the "DANCE OF YOUTH", a stylized polka adapted to the spirited music of Aleksis' composition, "JAUNYSTEI" (TO YOUTH), was chosen as the fitting finale by the Festival Chorus and dancers to conclude the IV Free World Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival held July 2, 1972, at the International Amphitheatre, Chicago, Ill.

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Soloist VACLOVAS DAUNORAS, returned to occupied Lithuania, after having sung in Toulouse, France, in Meyerbeer's opera, the Hugenots. Mr. Daunoras won the international vocalist competition last year in that city.

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### LITHUANIAN RE-ELECTED AS STATE SENATOR

Illinois Senator Frank D. Savickas (27th District, Democrat) was re-elected to the General Assemble for a second term. Earlier he had served two terms as Representative. The Senator is a member of Marquette Park Council 112 in Chicago.



### TELLING IT "AS IT WAS"...

REV. WILLIAM WOLKOVICH's unique style of preaching has received much publicity in the American Press. Father Bill tries to enact his sermons, recreating the scenes in which Christ found himself when lecturing on a particular subject.

The above photo, taken while Father Bill was conducting a retreat for Lithuanian girls in Putnam, Conn., shows him telling of Christ's famous "fishermen" parable. This photo and story was used in the San Diego, Kalamazoo, Louisville, Albany, Burlington (Vt.), Buffalo, New York, Boston, and Newark diocesan papers, among others.

Father Wolkovich, of Brockton, Mass. has conducted numerous days of Recollection and Retreats for Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians alike. Besides his religious affiliations, Father Bill is also very knowledgeable in Lithuanian subjects. He has written three articles so far for the Encyclopedia Lituanica, and is working on several more.

### LITHUANIAN PHARMACIST SEEKS PORTUGUESE DOCTOR

Not to be outdone by his brother in "making the news", pharmacist ADAM WOLKOVICH, R. Ph. of Hudson, Mass., has been working on recruiting adequate bi-lingual medical assistance for Hudson, and his efforts have gained for him a story in the Portuguese Times of Newark, N.J.

With the influx of Portuguese-speaking inhabitants in the Hudson, Mass. area, a serious need arose for Portuguese-speaking doctors and nurses to attend to the newcomer's needs and to be able to consult with them in their own language. Mr. Wolkovich, a long-time resident and pharmacist volunteered to aid in the search, and was authorized by the Portuguese community to conduct a drive for such doctors and nurses, and to interview prospective applicants. This is truly an excellent example of one ethnic group coming to the aid of another.



The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago again conducted classes in the making of Lithuanian Traditional Christmas tree straw ornaments, under the direction of Helen Pius, an expert in this folk art. The ornament making classes were attended by some 350 persons each year.

Pictured demonstrating the technique are Helen Pius and Cecilia Matul.

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On Nov. 17, New York Radio Stations WEVD aired a special program on the problems of the Lithuanian Community in Greater New York. Rev. Francis Ruggles, pastor of Annunciation Church was moderator. Other panelists included Rev. Pius Sharpniskis, OFM, Joseph Boley K of L Honorary Member and past National President, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, also a K of L Honorary Member, past National President and director of the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour, Hon. Anicetas Simutis, Consul General of Lithuania at New York, Mr. Philip Skabeikis, National Lithuanian Cultural Committee Chairman and Marian Sidtis, Mid-Atlantic District Vice-President. Significant is the fact that five of the seven participants are K of L members, and the K of L was mentioned on several occasions during the broadcast.

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Lithuanian-born pianist, ALDONA DVARIONAITE, now a resident of Poland, recently gave a most successful concert in Carnegie Recital Hall in New York City. The program included selections by Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, Chopin, Liszt, and Lithuanian composers Ciurlionis and the artist's father, Balys Dvarionas.

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The Knights of Columbus, Maywood, N.J. Council, tendered a surprise testimonial dinner November 11th to Chief of Police, Stanley Dutkus, in appreciation of his dedication to the K of C and the Maywood Police Department. He is a Lithuanian-American.

The Associated Press News Agency was quoted in a story in the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin" of October 17th, concerning the successful escape of a Lithuanian rocket expert, Lionginas Morkunas, 45, from a Soviet tourist group visiting Genoa, Italy. He asked for political asylum, and was taken to Trieste for processing. He wishes to emigrate to the United States. Morkunas told the Italian police, quote: "My country, Lithuania, is occupied by Soviet-Russian forces. They established a regime which I could no longer tolerate. It isn't easy to leave your homeland, and your family. But I couldn't continue to live under an oppressive yoke, which the soviets have placed on Lithuania".

The National Coordinating Assembly on Ethnic studies, in which three Lithuanians are represented: Aušra Zerr, Dr. Juozas Novasaitis and Rev. Kazimieras Pugevicius, meeting recently in Washington, protested in a resolution the failure of HEW to fund the Ethnic Heritage Studies act, which was approved by President Nixon on June 23rd. A sum of 15 million dollars was considered to support studies, projects and teachers in the program. This amount was not included in the administration budget for the next fiscal year.

SOLOIST ARNOLD VOKETAITIS is singing the role of Dr. Grenvil in the Chicago Lyric Opera presentations of La Traviata.

LITHUANIAN ACTOR, CHARLES BRONSON, has the main role in the film, "The Valachi Papers". Another actor of Lithuanian descent, LAURENCE OLIVIER, will have the main role in the television production of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into The Night".

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News sources in Athens, Greece, report that the Greek government has given asylum to a Lithuanian seaman, VYTAUTAS GODLIAUSKAS, who with other companions, recently successfully managed to elude soviet warships and dock their trawler in Greece. Political asylum has also been granted to ANTANAS MOCKAPETRIS, a member of the Ruta Ensemble of Lithuania. Another recent escapee, LONGINAS MORKUNAS, is awaiting processing in Trieste, Italy.

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Former Congressman, Charles Kersten, died on October 31, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While in Congress, Mr. Kersten authored a successful resolution, calling on Congress to investigate the forced soviet occupation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. A special committee was formed later, to investigate communist aggression. Mr. Kersten was a recipient of the Knights of Lithuania "Friend of Lithuania" Gold Medal Award. The Knights of Lithuania express deepest sympathy to the family, friends and associates of Charles Kersten, and share their sorrow in the loss of a true friend.

## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

The feast of Christmas is almost as old as mankind itself.

Early Germanic and Scandinavian tribes celebrated winter festivals observing the rebirth of the sun and the renewal of the cycle of life soon to come in the spring.

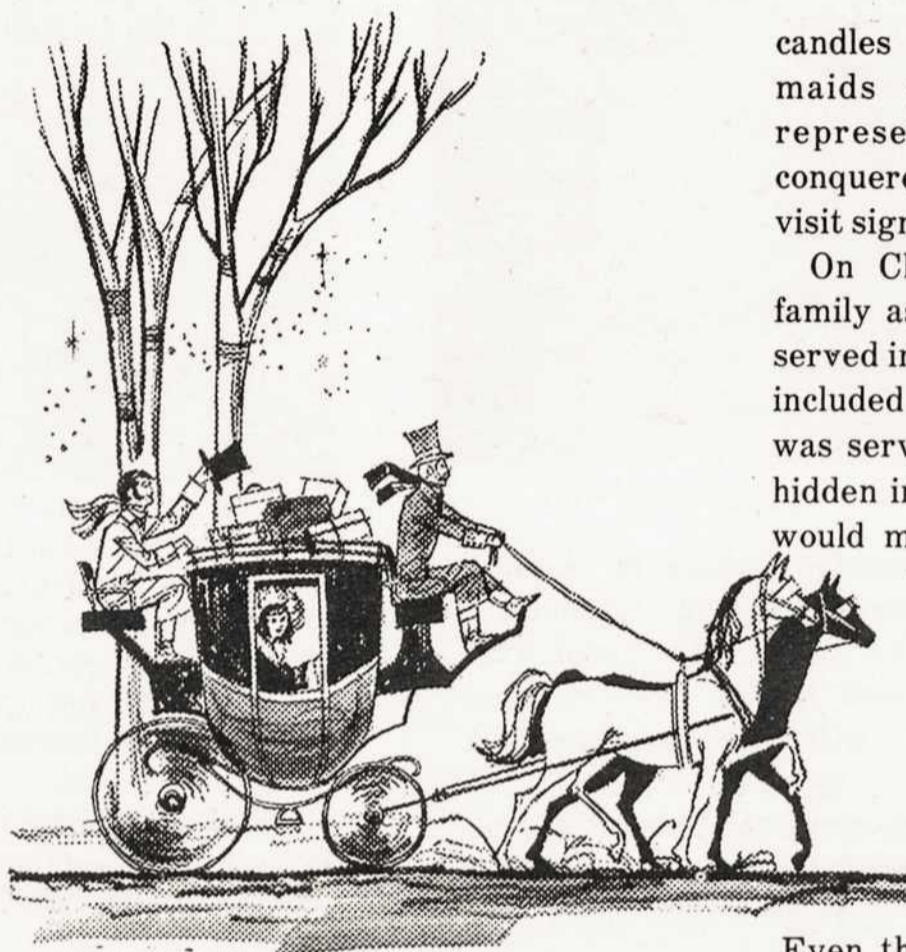
Christmas is celebrated in different countries in many different ways.

For instance, in **Lithuania**, the Christmas festival begins on Christmas Eve. Food is abstained from during the day, and the house is given a thorough cleaning. For the evening meal, hay is spread on the table to commemorate Christ's birth. Twelve dishes, containing fish, wheat, oat flour, mushrooms, and poppy seeds, are prepared for dinner. At dinner, wafers, called "plotkeles", are broken and distributed to members of the family, with good wishes for the future. When the meal is completed, everyone pulls straws from under the tablecloth. It is believed that the person with the longest straw will live the longest. Food is left on the table for the souls of family members who have died. Tradition has it that at midnight, when Christ was born, the dead come back to their homes. Christmas Eve festivities end with attendance at Midnight Mass.

In **Yugoslavia**, the custom of the Yule Log is kept. Oak logs are felled and are sawn on Christmas Eve before sunrise. These logs are decorated with red silk leaves and flowers. The family carries the logs to the house at twilight. As the logs are carried over the threshold, corn and wine are thrown over the first log, which is then placed on the fire by the oldest member of the family. The night is spent in keeping the log burning.

The floor of the house is covered with straw by the mother... a symbol of the stable where Christ was born.

A Yule candle is lighted in the middle of a sheaf of wheat, and prayers are said by the father for the blessing of God upon the household. Early the next morning, a pig was roasted on the fire, while the family awaited the arrival of a boy, called a "polaznik", who threw a



handful of wheat on them with the words, "Christ is born". They replied, "He is born indeed", and the mother threw wheat over the visitor. The boy then struck the log and wished good luck, prosperity, progress, and happiness to the family.

In **Sweden**, the Christmas season begins with St. Lucia's Day on December 13th. A Lucia Queen was selected in each village. On that day, she visited each farm, house, and stable with

candles in her hair, accompanied by maids of honor and "star boys" representing demons and trolls conquered by the sun. The Lucia Queen's visit signified the return of life and light.

On Christmas Eve in Sweden, the family assembled for dinner which was served in the form of a smorgasbord and included fish and ham. A rice pudding was served for dessert with an almond hidden in it. Whoever found the almond would marry before the year was up.

Even the birds were not forgotten, as food for them was scattered outside of every home.

The family would usually attend church services at midnight carrying torches. When the villagers reached the church, the torches were thrown outside in a pile, where they would cast a soft glow on the land.

In **Greece**, Easter is considered a more important feast than Christmas, but the time of Christ's birth is not totally ignored. On Christmas Eve, carols, or "kolanda" are sung at every door. The Christmas Eve dinner includes pork, fruit, Kourabiedes (small cakes covered with powdered sugar), and Christ-Bread (large, sweet loaves of bread with various ornaments engraved on the crust depicting some aspect of the family's life and profession).

In order to ensure health, wealth, and happiness for the coming year, the people go down to the beach on Christmas Day at dawn to collect sand and pebbles and sprinkle their houses and workshops with them. Also on Christmas, a handful of wheat grain is thrown upon the hot tiles of the fireplace. The way in which the grains burst in contact with the heat indicates whether or not the person is to leave the



village in the coming year. This grain is then thrown in the village fountain or well.

Christmas gifts in Greece are not exchanged until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. The season is brought to a close by throwing a cross into the water. Also, gremlins, or kallikantzary, appear on each during the Christmas season and return to their dwellings after the season is over. Thus, a priest goes from house to house blessing it, thereby making sure that some are not lurking in corners of the house.



**In Czechoslovakia,** December 6th marks the first day of the Christmas holiday. St. Nicholas arrives with a bag of gifts, leading the devil with switches for the bad children. When the children hear the arrival of St. Nicholas, they would rush to the table and say their prayers. If they knew their prayers well, they were rewarded.

On Christmas Eve, the children were told that, if they fasted, they would see a golden pig at suppertime. At dinner, when the candles were lit, a golden pig would appear on the wall, which would be a reflection of the roast pig in the center of the table.

Greetings were exchanged at the table, starting with the oldest and ending with the youngest. One place was left vacant for the Christ child. Christmas Eve would end with attendance at Midnight Mass.



December 6th is celebrated in the **Netherlands**, more so than Christmas. St. Nicholas arrives that day with the devil... called Black Peter... by steamer in the harbor and goes through the streets of the town. Gifts are also exchanged on this day.

After the children have gone to bed, the adults open their gifts and have hard cookies (speculaas), letterbanket (cakes made in the form of an initial), hot punch, milk chocolate, or tea.

**In France,** St. Nicholas and Santa Claus change to Pere Noel, who brings toys, candy, and fruit which he places in the children's shoes. The creche contains not only figures of the Christ child, Mary, Joseph, the Three Kings, etc., but also of the mayor, priest, baker, and other in the town. Christmas plays are performed in cathedral squares for French families.



**In Mexico,** December 16th marks the start of a nine day period called the Posada. Friends assemble at each other's homes where they go through the halls, reenacting the drama of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in the inn. When they are finally "admitted", they find a pinata hanging in the center of the room. Pinatas are earthenware and are filled with fruit and candies. The children are blindfolded and are given a chance to break it. On the ninth day, the image of the Christ child is placed in the cradle.



In the Holy Land, Christmas is celebrated in a most impressive way. Carols are sung in Bethlehem Square in Jerusalem, after which Mass is said in the Church of the Nativity, where a silver star marks the spot where Christ was born. After Mass, most people go to the hills around the town where the shepherds had first received "glad tidings of great joy" 2,000 years ago.

So, whether you say Linksmu Svenciu, Vesele Vanoce, Boze Narodzenie, or even Kung Hsi Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan... the message is still the same...

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Michelle Kalisiak

**(Museum Review)**



## BERNELIŲ MIŠIOS



Leonardas Andriekus

Žinom patys  
Tą kelią  
Per lauką -  
Stebuklinga žvaigždė nelydės.  
Vienumoj rasim tylų vaikeli,  
Vienumoj, Išganytojau, lauki -  
Žinom patys  
Tą kelią  
Per lauką -  
Mums nereikia žvaigždės.

Skamba žingsniai  
Ant ledo,  
Ant sniego -  
Į Bernelių Mišias Tu kvieti.  
Ne Betliejaus žvaigždė - meilė veda,  
Ne žvaigždė mus prikėlė iš miego -  
Skamba žingsniai  
Ant ledo,  
Ant sniego -  
Skamba Dievo naktis...

Ten karaliai  
Gal klaidžios  
Po tyrus,  
Čia varguolių palaimins naktis -  
Veda mus Tavo akys atlaidžios,  
Saugo mus apledėjusios girios -  
Ten karaliai  
Gal klaidžios  
Po tyrus  
Ir žvaigždės nematys...



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## FAUSTAS STROLIA VYČIŲ MUZIKAS

Faustas Strolia, Illinois - Indiana Apskritis Vyčių choro dirigentas, prieš septynis su puse metų įstojo į Chicago Conservatory College su tikslu labiau pasitobulinti ir sykiu įgyti kokią mokslo laipsnį. Nors bendrą išsilavinimą muzikoje jis yra įgijęs iš tėvo, kompozitoriaus Juozo Stroliaus, mirusio prieš tris metus Čikagoje, vis dėlto mokslo cenzui gauti turėjo susirankioti visus "kreditus", išklaudydamas visus privalomus kursus. Faustas nepasitenkino gavęs prieš du metus bakalaurą laipsnį, bet siekė mokslo toliau, apvainikuodamas savo studijas magistro laipsniu iš muzikos pedagogikos su smuiku kaip pagrindiniu instrumentu. Baiginius egzaminus (comprehensives) išlaikė su aukščiausiu atžymėjimu (passed on high level). Studijų metu buvo dekaño sąrašuose (dean's list).

Šalia darbo ir studijų Faustas jau vienuolika metų vadovauja Lietuvos Vyčių Choru Čikagoje, dirba kas šeštadienį Maironio vardo

lituanistinėje mokykloje, Lemon-te, ir priklauso South-West Symphony orkestrui, kuriame groja smuiku.

Faustas Strolia kasmet pašvenčia savo atostogas lietuviškam jaunimui vasaros stovyklose: Dainavoje, Neringoje, Romuvoje. Tose stovyklose jis paprastai sukuria daugelį naujų dainų. Paprašytas, beveik kasmet parašo po naują dainą Lituanikos skautų tunto stovyklai. Yra paruošęs skautus dainininkus jų plokštei "Tra-lia-lia", talkininkavęs Birutės Pūkelevičiūtės vaikų plokštei "Žirginėliai II", su Vyčių choru įdainavęs plokštelę "Težydi vėliai Lietuva" ir besiruošiąs išleisti naują mūsų darnųjų liaudies dainų plokštelę.

Teresė Strolienė yra puiki Fausto gyvenimo palydovė, kuri remia Fausto ir, apamai, lietuviškus darbus: nuo pat pradžių dainuoja Vyčių choro eilėse, o kas šeštadienį ir sekmadienį vežioja



vaikus ir į lietuvišką mokyklą ir į lietuvių skautų sueigas. Faustas ir Teresė Stroliaus augina keturis sūnus: Povilą-Kęstutį, Tomą-Algirdą, Joną-Vytenį ir Matą-Liną.

Fausto brolis Vytautas yra New Yorko Vyrų choro "Perkūnas" dirigentas, 1971 m. "Darbininko" redakcijos atžymėtas kaip labiausiai pasireiškęs asmuo chorų kultūrai kelti ir dainai bei muzikai populiarinti. Kitas brolis Herkulis (San Francisco) yra smuikininkas, eilę metų gastroliavęs su National Metropolitan Opera company. Bepigu "stroliams" "gastroliuoti"!

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- 3 IID ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS for Deceased Members,  
12:00 Noon, Jesuit Chapel, Chicago, Illinois
- 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. & 88th St., Woodhaven, N.Y.
- 16 C-112, Chicago, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY,  
K of L Building, Chicago, Illinois
- 17 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY,  
Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.

### JANUARY

- 7 or 14 Mid-Atlantic District Convention, Annunciation  
Church and Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y., C-41,  
Brooklyn, Hosts.
- 20 K of L, IID, Choir ANNUAL BENEFIT  
DANCE, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Illinois

### FEBRUARY

- \*17 C-1, Brockton, ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL,  
Canoe Club, Bridgewater, Mass.

### MARCH

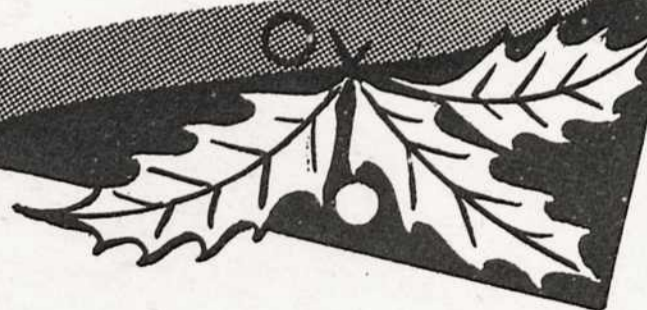
- 4 C-17 & 17 Srs., So. Boston, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY  
COMMUNION BREAKFAST, St. Peter's Church,  
50 Flaherty Way, So. Boston, Mass.

### APRIL

- 29 NED SPRING CONVENTION, St. Casimir Church,  
Smith St., Providence, R.I.

### MAY

- ? Midwest Bowling Tournament,  
Cleveland, Ohio



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### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Lietuvos vyčių N. Anglijos apskrities susirinkimas buvo spalio 1 Šv. Jurgio lietuvių parapijos salėj Norwood, Mass. Išrinkta nauja valdyba. Pirmininku išrinktas Albertas Jaritis iš So. Bostono. Aleksandras Akule is Saugus, Mass., išrinktas vicepirmininku, kuris rūpinsis naujų narių įrašymu. Petras Bizinkauskas Jr. is Brocktono, antras vicepirmininkas, steigs jaunamečių vyčių kuopas. Jonas Norinkevičius is Dorchester, Mass., trečiasis vicepirmininkas, rūpinsis sendraugių kuopų steigimu. Phyllis Shukytė iš Brockton, Mass., išrinkta sekretore, Darata Sinkevičiūtė iš Worcester, Mass., korespondente, Vilimas Rogers is Athol ir Ona Bender iš Worcester - izdo globėjai.

Sudaryti ir atskiri komitetai. Veronika Bizinkauskienė iš Brocktono išrinkta kultūrinės programos pirmininke. Marė Minkienė iš Westfield išrinkta ritualo komisijos narė trejiem metam. Margareta Senkienė iš Gardner išrinkta lietuvių reikalų komisijos pirmininke. Elena Gilienė iš Worcester išrinkta sporto programos pirmininke ir Longinas Švelnis is Needham - informacijos reikalams.

Vyčiai seimą pradėjo mišiomis, kurias aukojo kun. Albertas Abracinskas, Šv. Jurgio lietuvių parapijos klebonas. Jis pasakė ir pamokslą apie vyčių veiklą.

Seime paaiškėjo, kad jaunimo kuopos sudarytos Worcester, Brockton ir So. Bostone. Pageidauta surengti vieno savaitgalio uždaras rekolekcijas.

### C-17 - SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

Gaudymas vistu along the strandway, I submit news of our council's members: William Skudris, father of Winnie Reardon, has retired from the Local Draft Board after some twenty-five years of service to the community. Winnie (Skudris) Reardon, who is now living in California near Disneyland, has returned to school to get her degree, now that her children have grown up.

Last summer, if you went down to the ball park, you would have seen K of L fathers cheering for their sons who were playing either for the Little League or the Babe Ruth League. Stan Yelmokas, Jerry Venis, Bob Gendreau were the cheer leaders and Frank Akerely managed one of the Little League teams. Now the boys above are busy with the Hockey League and have added John Olevitz to the group of proud papa's.

Gal of the year for Bowling Green University in Ohio was Jean Pasakarnis who was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Alumni. Jean also attended her Alma Mater for a class reunion. At the Parish Reunion of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, the following council members were hostesses: Adele Martus, Adele Nancy Martus, Patricia Plansky, Ann Norinkavich, Joanne and Ann Marie Markuns. Joe Casper was the

Master of Ceremonies. Al Jaritis was invited to draw the first prize and Stanley Grinanavicius won the color television.

At Boston University, studying, is Ann Marie Yelmokas. Back from the Marine Platoon Leader's School is Freddie Hirst who has returned to Boston College. Roy Balaconis is a plebe at the Naval Academy. (I believe that's what they call the first-year students). Tony and Joanne Shalna have finally built their dream home, have moved in, and are in the process of making the house livable. Back from her vacation trip and looking as tanned as a native is Helen Suprin who went to Acapulco, Mexico. Dr. and Blanche Kapochy and Joseph and Gladys Mikalonis took a short tour to Denmark, Norway and Sweden and report they had a good trip and a marvelous time. Bill and Lil Gorski went to Woodstock, Vermont for their vacation. Bill rode his mare Noe Noe, and Lil rode her faithful bicycle. They had wonderful weather and the foliage was grand. Bill and Lil also took some of the novice nuns of Sisters of Jesus Crucified out for a hike in the Blue Hills, some of them even enjoying a ride on his mare. Keep up the good work, Bill.

Bill and Linda (Donovan) Zaremba were married and spent their honeymoon in England and France. Our very best to Arnold Plevock and Patricia Plansky who were recently married. It's a boy for Butch and Maddie Venis, number two. It's a boy for Joe and Ruth Ann Nauyokas, also number two. Barbara Nauyokas last season taught in Panama and now is taking time off to study for her Master's Degree at the University of Rhode Island

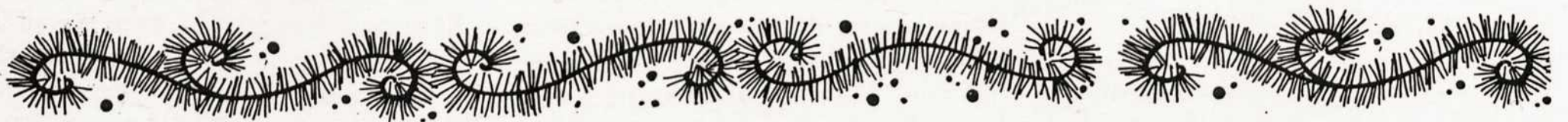
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*Greetings for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all Knights of Lithuania members*



*Christmas Greetings*

**COUNCIL 17**  
 Regulars & Juniors  
 SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.



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**COUNCIL I**  
 BROCKTON, MASS.

Your 60th Jubilee Convention Hosts

R.I.P. to Rev. Felix Norbut, former pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Brockton, Mass. and St. George's Church, Norwood Mass. Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Helen Grigalunas on the loss of her mother, and to the Puzin family on the loss of their brother Albert.

A for effort - While suffering from the flu-bug, Bill Gorski attended a pre-convention meeting for public relation directors in Washington, D.C. At the actual convention which was held in Lansing, Mich., Bill was elected National President.

Congratulations to Larry Svelnis on his elevation to Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania. Larry took the K of L tour to South America. Richie Markuns graduated from Wentworth Institute and is now out in the world working for a living. Jackie Burke graduated from the New England School of Pharmacy and also got married - now Mrs. Graziano.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balaconis took their brood of seven and went visiting to Disneyland, Florida. Somewhere along the line they missed seeing Mrs. Mary

Martus and daughter, Adele Nancy, and Auntie Adele Martus because they too, went to Disneyland. They can tell some interesting tales. Congratulations to Frank and Virginia Markuns on their 23rd wedding anniversary and to Pat and Al Akule on their 24th. Charlie and Lou Mikalonis have moved, realizing their preference to live in the country.

Welcome to Dr. Phyllis Cimic and Tevas Norkunas grandson, John, who have joined the K of L and are now members of C-17. Al Jaritis is looking very streamlined these days after his short stay in the hospital. Congratulations to Al on his election to the presidency of the New England District and also to John Norinkavich and Al Akule who were elected Vice-Presidents. Adele, Mary and Adele Nancy Martus were knocked down by the bug and are now up and around. Frank Grigas has been busy traveling back and forth to work since his company decided to move out to the suburbs.

The combined efforts of C-17's (Regulars and Seniors) November fest was a complete sellout. More tickets

could have been sold if they had the space and they could get themselves a larger hall, - if more of the membership would volunteer their help. Those usual few who work do get tired, and once in a while would like to sit on the sidelines and enjoy the festivities, too.



**MID-CENTRAL**

**DISTRICT**

**MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT  
CONVENTION**

**Mildred Chinik**

The weekend of Oct. 20-22 brought delegates and friends to the Mid-Central District Convention held at Howard Johnson's Motel on Route 51 in Pittsburgh. We were blessed with good weather and all the councils were represented:

C-96 Dayton - Mary Lucas, Anne Adele Miller, Sally Miller, Frank Gudelis and Joe and Amelia August.

C-25 Cleveland - Pete Luiza, Cleveland Seniors - Charlotte Petkunas, Julia Silasavicius, Mary Trainy.

C-79 Detroit - Ruth Grasha.

C-102 Detroit - Grace Vaskelis.

C-111 Seniors - Youngstown - Stella Pavis, Audra Petretich, Alice and Joann Strines and members of the host Council C-19. No one was present from C-134 Cincinnati but a written report was received.

Frank Gudelis ably and expeditiously conducted the meeting as acting President due to the death of our President Ed Pavis. The district was greatly saddened this year not only by the death of its President but also by the death of one of its active members, Joseph Sinkwitz, and also by the untimely death of our Spiritual Director, Father Titas Narbutas. All of them truly will be missed for they were active in both a spiritual and inspirational

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

manner. A moment of silent prayers was requested by our members for all of them.

From the reading of the reports it was noted that a great deal of work is still necessary in the areas of membership and junior councils. It was also agreed to follow tradition and continue to schedule the yearly pilgrimage. We hope that the success of this coming year's pilgrimage, to be sponsored by the Cleveland Seniors, won't be marred by another "Agnes" which brought havoc to many planned activities at this time. "Agnes" also brought sorrow to many of our Lithuanian communities living in the areas of Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

The Co-Chairman of the past 59th National Convention, Pete Luiza, reported that it had turned out to be most successful in every way and thanked all the councils in our district for having participated. The Mid-West Bowling Tournament will be their next project.

Frank Gudelis went into some detail on the procedure for recommending members for degrees, and especially the Honorary Degree. Since there will only be one person permitted to receive the Honorary Degree per year, it behooves the councils to start working now if they feel they have qualified members. The material - in great detail - is first approved by the member's own council, then on to the Ritual Chairman of the District, who in turn sends it to the Supreme Council's Ritual Committee.

Under New Business it was voted to send in a Resolution to Supreme Council to limit speakers at National Convention, called upon from the floor, to just 5 minutes per member.

It was suggested that a collection be taken up and sent to Lithuanian Religious Catholic Aid from this meeting. The members voted to send \$25.00. Joseph August donated another \$10.00 for this purpose to be added to the district's \$25.00. It was suggested also that individual members send contributions directly to the National Chairman of Lithuanian Religious Catholic Aid, Vyto Jucius in Pittsburgh.

The election of officers was the last item on the agenda and is as follows for 1972-73:

Spiritual Director - Father Walter Karaveckas; President - Pete Luiza; 1st Vice President - Frank Gudelis; 2nd Vice President - Grace Vaskelis; Secretary - Ruth Grasha; Treasurer - Stella Sankal; Trustees - Sally Miller, Vyto Yucius, Stella Pavis; Ritual Chairman - Frank Gudelis; Catholic Action - Mary Trainy; Lithuanian Affairs - Ruth Grasha; Public Relations - Joseph Sadauskas; District Correspondent - Mildred Chinik; Sgt. at Arms - Andy Rozger.

One of our District members has been qualified to receive her Honorary Degree at the 60th National Convention. We all sincerely extend our congratulations to Anna Mae Uznis from Detroit for having reached this worthy peak.

Two of our District members were qualified to receive their 3rd and 4th

Degrees but were unable to attend the Convention in Cleveland. Anne Allalunis was scheduled to receive her 3rd Degree Medal at the Mid-Central District Convention and permission was granted to present the 4th Degree Medal to Eleanor Aleliunas at this time also. This was done in a brief but solemn ceremony before Mass on Oct. 22 at St. Casimir's Church on the South Side with Father Walter Karaveckas officiating.

At the Banquet on Sunday afternoon the two girls were presented their certificates by Frank Gudelis, Ritual Chairman of the District. He took advantage of the opportunity by "enthusiastically" congratulating both Lietuviskai, and having his picture taken with the two lovely ladies!

A few references were made to business which had been discussed at the National Convention but most councils will be brought up-to-date on these matters by the council delegates and by our excellent organ, "THE VYTIS".

The social events turned out to be very happy ones. The members who came in early were hosted by C-19 at Howard Johnson's Motel. Lorraine Jucius had prepared some beautiful trays of hors d'oeuvres and a delicious cheese ball arrangement plus other goodies. Stella Zoog had made some especially delicious cheese tid-bits. We were only sorry that we didn't have a better turnout at the "early bird" function for there was food and drink a-plenty and good company to boot. Julia Aleshunas, Antoinette Naujelis and



**MCD Officers - seated, l. to r.: Stella Pavis, Sally Miller, Grace Vaskelis, Ruth Grasha. Standing, l. to r.: Frank Gudelis, Father Walter Karaveckas, Mildred Chinik, Peter Luiza, Vyto Jucius.**



**Degrees awarded at MCD Convention: Eleanor Aleliunas (4th), Frank Gudelis (Officiating) and Anne Allalunis (3rd).**

Joanne Fetter were members "living" at the Motel for the weekend and were our usual good hostesses. Others who were there from C-19 to lend a hand were Anne Allalunis, Mildred Chinik, Alice Potts, Andy Rozger, John Katella, Vyto and Lorraine Yucius and Father Kara-veckas. Among the early out-of-towners were Alice and Joann Strives, Ruth Grasha and her daughter Eleanor, Grace Vaskelis, Stella Pavis, Frank Gudelis, Audra Petretich, and Joseph and Amelia August.

The Saturday Brunch was an excellent buffet with plenty of food for all. Dessert was an added delicacy provided in home-made cookies and pastries made by Anne Allalunis, Eleanor Aleliunas and Joanne Fetter.

The Saturday Night Dinner Dance at the Mona Lisa Restaurant in the Whitehall Shopping Center turned out to be a delightful evening. The food was good and plentiful and the ladies all looked lovely in their festive long and short gowns. The music was an added bonus to the enjoyment of the evening, whether just listening, watching the dancers or

dancing! In addition to the dessert provided by the restaurant an extra dessert was provided in delicious home made almond cookies and beautiful pirces of cream candy - all made by Sister Francesca, one of C-19's members.

The Banquet on Sunday turned out to be good, too and was also held at the Mona Lisa Restaurant. The only thing we missed here were the dim lights and strains of delightful music of the night before. However, we still enjoyed visiting with our neighboring council members and I'm sure I speak for all the members in Pittsburgh when I say we were sorry to see all the delegates and guests depart for their homes.

**C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO**

**FBP**

On Oct. 14 Mary Lucas and her committee entertained the council at her home with a "Germanfest". Her committee really put on a "Big Show". Members attending had a great time! The door prizes awarded were a pleasant surprise, consisting of items pertaining

to German foods. It was good to see so many of our "Jet Set" on the committee. Surprise of the evening was helping Stan and Ida Kavy celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Tina, had prearranged with Mary to have a special cake baked for the occasion.

Heartiest congratulations go to Eloise Berczelly on the success of the bake sale of Oct. 21/22. Even though there were not as many baked items as one would like to see on display, monetary donations did ease and increase the total profit. This entire profit will go to charity, and will be split into three segments. It will be used towards our social visit with gifts for the patients at the Dayton State Hospital, gifts to the shut-ins of Holy Cross Parish, and this year we shall add a visit to the children's ward of the Stillwater Hospital. To Eloise and her committee of workers and donors, we give a Big Thank-You for the time they took to put this project into action.

Six of our members headed for Pittsburgh the weekend of Oct. 20-22 for the



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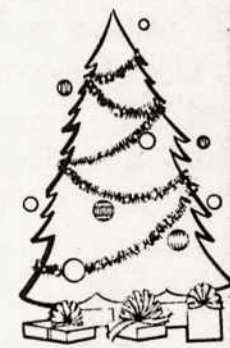



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
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Honorary Member**



**SINCERE GREETINGS  
to all my friends in the  
Knights of Lithuania**



**FRANK GUDELIS  
DAYTON, OHIO**



annual M/C Dist. Convention. Making the trip were Frank Gudelis, Joe and Amelia August, Mary Lucas, Sally and Annadel Miller. They returned home with nothing but praise for the fine arrangements the Pittsburgh council made for the occasion. Amelia August really enjoyed herself especially since this was a "first" for her. Congratulations to Frank Gudelis who was voted in as 1st Vice-Pres. of the District, and to Sally Miller who took on the chore of Trustee! With Sally just receiving her Fourth Degree, she is now heading for the treasured Honorary Degree. Okay, other 4th Degree members in the council, take heed!

On Oct. 25 we held our annual Evening of Recollection at Holy Cross Church. Guest speaker was Father Thomas Fortcamp, Spiritual Director at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton. Father has previously been at the parish, so we are all quite familiar to him. His discourse that evening was most inspiring. The evening began with supper at 6 P.M. in the church hall. Preparations were made by Rita, Karolyn and Frank Ambrose and Elinor Sluzas. Their mother, Mrs. Ambrose, sister, Marianne Blum, and Eloise Berczelly helped with some of the sideline cooking. Jerry Bedrowsky prepared the pamphlet outlining the schedule which was followed that evening and led us with the singing filling the church with sounds of organ music. Pat Zelinskas, our Religious Chairman, and Father Walter Katarskis, our Spiritual Advisor, "put the evening together".

A very large thank-you to George and Frances Mikalauskas for hosting the Juniors on Sept. 28. After their monthly

meeting, George and Frances fed them well with a "sloppy joe" lunch, and later went roller skating at the Huber Heights Skating Rink. It would be an understatement to say the Jrs enjoyed themselves! George and Frances got a big charge when, on a "couples only" skate, some young girl, not a Jr, said, "Look at that old couple holding hands!"

**ODDS AND ENDS:**

On Oct. 7 some of the Dayton and Detroit members assembled at Holy Cross Church for the solemn occasion of the wedding of David Petroski and Georgia Zelinskas, two of our members. Father Walter Katarskis began the services in such a manner that one got the feeling of one big family uniting and participating at this special time. It certainly was a beautiful wedding. Georgia's parents, also Knights, George and Frances Zelinskas, after recovering from the wedding, became grandparents by another daughter with a new grandson. Congratulations!

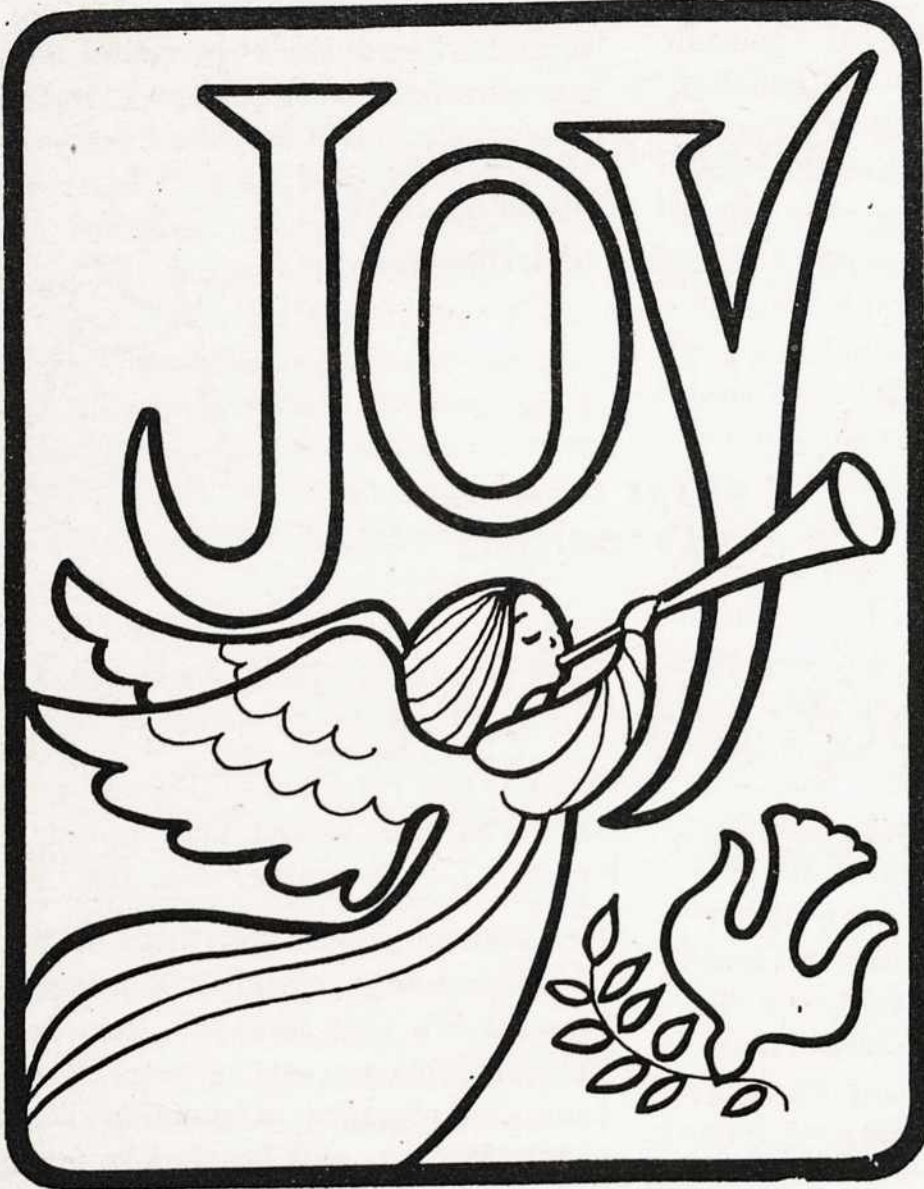
On Oct. 8 some of us had the pleasure of entertaining a few of our fellow Knights from Detroit who stayed on into the next day, - Betty and Frank Petroski, Dave's uncle and aunt, May and Bill Adams, Val and John Wasse, Adeline and Bernie Vitkus. We learned that Adeline had made Lithuanian records with Jack Stukas some years back, so she and her husband, Bernie, led some real old-fashioned singing at Charlie and Sarah Petkus' home. We ended the evening at Mary Lucas' home with "virtiniai". Bill Adams exclaimed, "I haven't had these in thirty years!" We were also pleased to hear the rest of the

Petroski clan returned to Detroit safely. Dave's parents looked very proud for him and Dave's brother Joe, the "best man", who in grand style raised his hand on high to toast the bride and groom and blew it! We still love you, Joe! Irene Petroski looked great, as usual. We did have the pleasure of meeting Dave's sister, Barbara and her family for the first time.

Good to see the Petkus', Mike, Alice and Mary, back safe from their pilgrimage tour of Germany, France, Austria and Rome. They had a private audience with the Pope. Belated congratulations to John and Jane Petkus on rejoining the council. Many happy working and fun hours with the council. Tom and Elizabeth Scott are back home from their trip to Ft. Myers, Fla. Stan and Ida Kavy spent some time in the Smokies, - a third honeymoon, their daughter Tina informed us! Congratulations to Sam and Maxine Bakanauskas and to John and Jane Petkus in their new homes. Many years of happiness!

We were more than thankful to God that Chuck Petkus, a Jr. and son to Charlie and Sarah Petkus, is recovering so well after being hit by a motorcyclist while Chuck was on his own bike. It was a scare! Chuck had major eye surgery, but with modern surgery there is no trace of it. Aside from bruises, Chuck looks good and is back to his old mischievous self!

Did you know that Judy and Rita Ambrose were co-chairmen of our annual Election Night Dinner Nov. 5th? Congratulations to Elinor Sluzas and Alice Petkus on their New Member Awards from the National Convention. Have you



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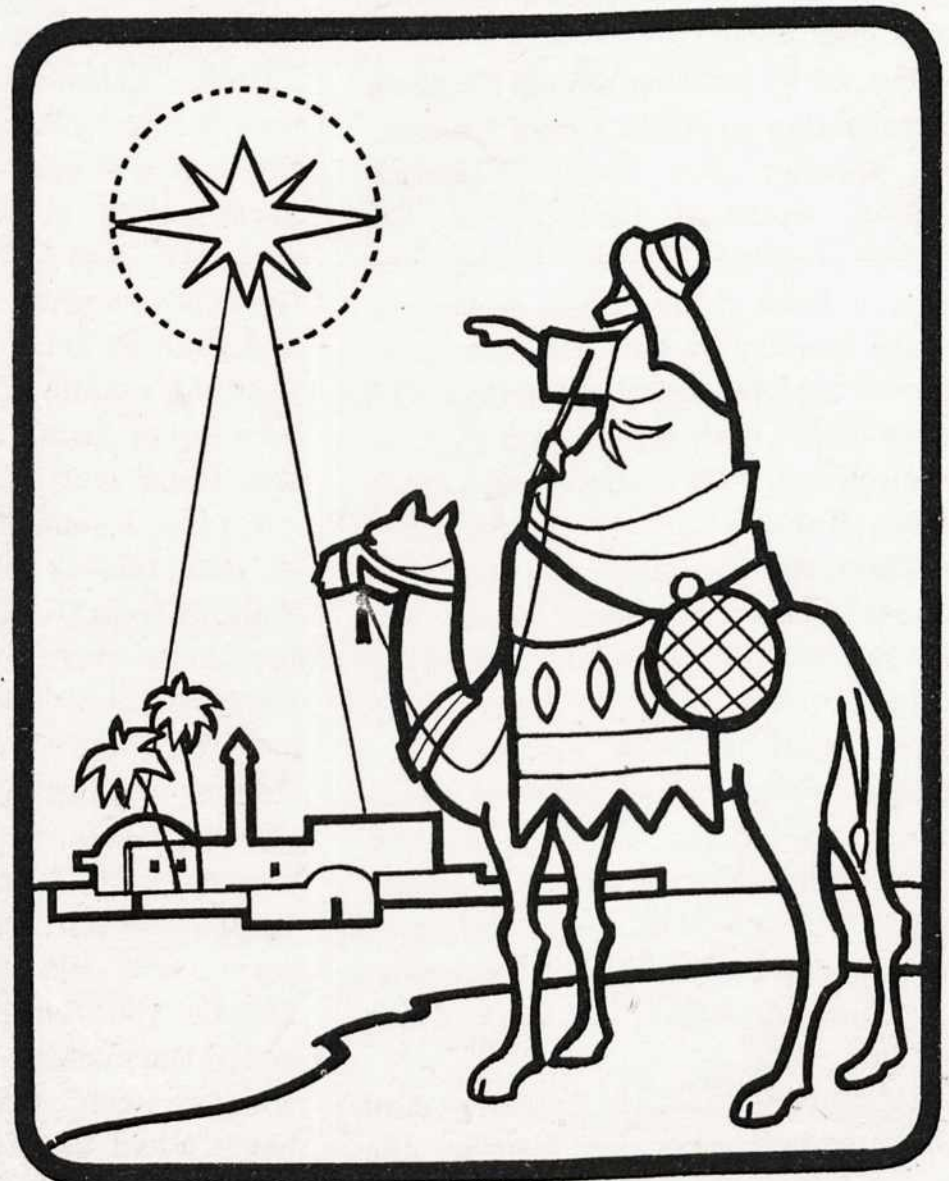
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Algis (C-112) and Helen (C-36) Skudra  
Eleanore Laurin, H.M., C-13  
Algerd and Aldona Brazis, C-112



heard that Frank Ambrose is our high bowler, so far, with 216! Come on, competition!

Our parish has begun issuing a monthly parish news bulletin "Sauklys". Knights working on this project are Jerry Bedrowsky, Rita, Frank and Karolyn Ambrose, Elinor Sluzas and Ed Sluzas taking charge of Junior Knights news.

November birthday greetings to Eugenia Gecas, Polly Pietrzak, Mike Dailey, Ada Sinkwitz, Janet Veigel, John A. Berczelly, Betty Omlor and Karolyn Ambrose. December birthdays are Amelia August, Frank Gudelis, Mike P. Petkus, Ann Kondrotas, Fran Vangas, John Veigel, Eileen Wilemaitis, Andy August, Sam Bakanauskas, Ildephonsas Bucmys, and Joan Kavalauskas. November anniversary congratulations are sent to Mike and Alice Petkus, Pete and Paulette Petkus, Mike and Fran Petkus, John and Ann Scott, Joe and Hilda Cernevicius, Frank and Karolyn Ambrose, and in December to Albert and Marianne Owens.

C-102 Ritual Committee Klucens, Chairman and Donna Bunikis. →

C-102, Detroit 1972-73 Officers. l. to r.: Josephine Jonulate, Corres. Secy.; Margy Bunikis, Rec. Secy.; Grazina Vaskelis, Pres.; Bob Klucens, Vice-Pres.; Donna Bunikis, Fin. Secy.; Frank Bunikis, Treas. ↓



## C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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Changing fall colors is the favorite time of the year for most of us. However, there was no breather for new President, Ruth Grasha, as she performed her first act of duty by calling a board meeting on Oct. 25. Those in attendance were: Maggie Smailis, Sophie Zager, Bill Walls, Frank Zager, Helen Tucker, Stella Hotra and Joe Chaps.

"Occasional rain and drizzle" was the forecast for our meeting on Nov. 1. But a goodly number of members attended, and we welcomed "Vytiskai" a new member, Mrs. Amelia Kulikauskas, into our fold. Likewise, it was good to see some of the stay-aways, Julius Bridgevaitis, Helen Patocki, Julia Medinis and Cassie Bay. Come and see us more often.

Father Alphonse Babonas opened the meeting with a prayer. When a new gavel for Madam President was not available for her first meeting, we

improvised with a wooden spoon which served the purpose capably. Ruth submitted a fine report on her attendance at the M/C Dist. Convention held in Pittsburgh on Oct. 21-22. Various other reports were given and many discussions followed, including hosting the 1974 National K of L Convention in Detroit. Plans for a Bake'n'Bazaar Sale have been formulated to be held in March. Members: When you are asked to bake a cake or to contribute towards the bazaar (gifts or money), please don't refuse. Proceeds will help realize our pledge toward the Building Fund of the new church, and to recover our very LOW treasury. Kindly help in whatever way you can.

A Thanksgiving motif was evident at the social that followed the meeting with various goodies on the table arranged by hostesses Helen Tucker and Sophie Zager. As an added attraction, Maggie Smailis brought in the record of the Lithuanian Martyr's Chapel Dedication in Rome and played it during refreshments.

The chairmanship of our council committees has been completed as follows: Cultural - Stella Hotra, Catholic Action - Sophie Zager, Ritual - John Kolinske, Lithuanian Affairs - Frank Zager, Rosary - Elizabeth Paurazas, Public Relations - Anthony Dainus, Sunshine - Adele Vale and Vytis - Sophie Zager. We hope they will contribute with their best efforts. Your correspondent requests that if you have news, please call in, so that **everyone** is included in our council's Vytis column.



New C-102 2nd Degree members: Back row: Matt Simonis, Gena Baibak, Ona Simonis, Vincent Ruseckas, Charlotte Ruseckas, Donna Stanievich, John Stanievich, Josephine Jonulate. Front row: Grazina Vaskelis, Margy Bunikis, Bob Klucens.



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Prevail throught the World  
During this Holiday Season  
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C - 79 - DETROIT, MICH.

Rev. A. Babonas  
Spiritual Advisor

Ruth L. Grasha  
President

**SOFFI SNOOPING:** Fond memories were exchanged when Alice Burt (Savickas) was visited by Fr. Jos. Margis, a family friend from Argentina. Alice met Father a few years ago when she visited her son Tom and family who live in San Paulo, Brazil. Her trip to South America was intended for only a few weeks but was extended for two and a half years. The highlight of her trip was a breathtaking ride over the Andes Mts. into Santiago. However, she especially reminisces when the very sad news of President John Kennedy's assassination was announced as the plane was landing at the airport. The Burts were also visited this summer by another friend, Margaret Romajano of Buenos Aires, Argentina, who is an exchange student teacher and taught all of Alice's grandchildren in her class. They all caught up on news dear to their hearts... Mrs. Mary Yekulis had an unfortunate happening. She was subjected to a robbery just a few doors from her home. She was hit repeatedly, to gain possession of her purse, lost

consciousness and fell to the ground. She recovered without any serious injury to her health and minor loss of money. On a happy note, Mrs. Yekulis has moved from Detroit and settled in the delightful two-family home of her daughter, Helen Tucker, in Dearborn... Former member Phil Dalton has recently retired and is catching up on "undone chores" around the house... Julius Bridgevaitis also is a retiree of recent days. Why not start now to seek active fulfillment of your life!.. Eleanor Waskiewicz and her family, including grandson, Richard, were in town visiting friends. They make their home in Hessel, Mich., a resort area in U.P... George and Sophie Leskosky were in Detroit visiting friends, and drove to Chicago to see her mother and family. They have retired near the Gulf area in Florida. They are happy in their new environment, and we wish them well... Travels go on! Stella Hotra and her husband, Walter, took off on their Wedding Anniversary to her hometown in Pennsylvania for a celebration with her brother and family and other friends... Ona Walls adds to

the gift of good success in winning a thousand dollars in a drawing, conducted by Sisters of Jesus Crucified. She donated some of her winnings to her favorite charities. Congratulations, Ona... Razalia Miknis spent some time in the hospital and is improving hopefully well... Pete Stanulis had surgery and is now doing well. We wish him a speedy recovery... We hope Marie Kase is enjoying a nice Christmas season following the removal of a leg cast on injured ankle bone. The Kases enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday with their son and family visiting from Danbury, Conn... The nicest gift in time for the holidays was a brand new grandchild for the Frank Zagers, their first, Tanya Marie. Her parents are Mark and Sandra Zager... The Grasha family were representatives of our council at the 50th birthday dinner honoring Father Victor Krisciunevicius, administrator of St. Peter's Church. Our pastor, Fr. Michael Kundrat, also attended the event. Ilgiausiu Metu, Father Kris, (as he is fondly called)... Hope you all have a blessed and happy Holiday Season!



BLESSINGS OF  
THE SEASON

May Christ be born  
again in every heart

COUNCIL 7

WATERBURY, CONN.

Laughter, smiles, quiet  
contentment . . . all are  
part of the spirit of  
Christmas. May they be  
yours in full measure.

COUNCIL 12

MANHATTAN, NEW YORK



Christmas Greetings

**C-139 - DETROIT, MICH.**

**Catherine**

A good portion of the spring of the year was spent preparing for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament which was held in Detroit. It turned out to be quite a success with 20 teams participating. Though so very late, here are some of the statistics:

1st Place team members from Detroit, C-102: Joe Guerriero, Maryanne Guerriero, George Kayganich, Bill Pluto, Donna Pluto.

2nd Place team C-102 Detroit  
3rd Place team C-79 Detroit

**TROPHY WINNERS**

**Ladies'**

High game-actual Maryanne Guerriero  
High game-w/handicap Barbara Nevin  
High series-actual Donna Pluto  
High series-w/handicap Ann Zilvitis

**Men's**

High game-actual Mart Wagster  
High game-w/handicap Vince Sherman  
High series-actual Vin Nevin  
High series-w/handicap Ed Sackle

Ladies' low game-actual Alice Karklius  
Men's low game-actual Ed Krivickas

The 1973 Mid-West Bowling Tournament will be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

**AT THE MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Left: Dorothe Martin presents Ed Martin Memorial trophy (traveling Trophy) to Joe Guerriero, captain of the C-102 team. In foreground are Rev. V. Krisciunevicius and Rev. C. Simaitis.



Since C-79 had won the Mid-West Bowling Tournament trophy three times and got to keep it permanently in 1971, it then had to be replaced. Through the generosity of Clem Patocki, a C-79 member, a new trophy was donated in memory of the deceased Ed Martin, former President and member of C-79. It was presented to the 1972 winning team by Ed's widow, Dorothe Martin.

Albena and Alex Kurpowic's daughter, JoAnn, was seriously ill and hospitalized but is feeling much better now. Our sympathy goes out to Isabell Skulis on the loss of her dear mother-in-law, Ann Skulis. Our Council will be minus two of our younger members this coming year because Pat and Frans Kuipers moved to Bowie, Md. We shall miss them.

Catherine and Joe Kurpowic attended the National Convention in Cleveland, - first having dropped off 66 Lithuanian books at Kent State University for their collection.

Right: First place winning team, C-102, Detroit. L. to r.: Bill Pluto, Joe Guerriero, Maryanne Guerriero and George Kayganich. Missing from photo - Donna Pluto.



Laura and Andy Kurtinaitis luau-ed and hula-ed in Hawaii in August. Helen and Al Gadwell also flew to Hawaii and visited with their daughter, Mary Pat, and son-in-law, Phil, who are temporarily living there while Phil is stationed with the Navy. Margaret Dubitsky had a delightful time touring part of Europe.

Quite a number of St. Peter's parishioners attended a dinner in honor of Father Krisciunevicius who celebrated his 50th birthday. Ilgiausiu Metu, Father!

As of this writing Pauline Dillenbeck is in the hospital. Best wishes go out to her for a speedy recovery.

The new officers for 1973 are: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. V. Krisciunevicius; Pres. Catherine Kurpowic; Vice Pres. Alex Kurpowic; Secy. Barbara McKenzie; and Treas. Cecilia Wagner. We wish all of you success throughout the coming year.



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Council 41

*Holiday Greetings*

DOTTIE DUTKUS  
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the merriest  
Yuletide ever!

## Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois

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Gerry Mack  
Estelle Rogers  
Gediminas and Jean Janula

Members of Council 112 - Chicago



Jolly good wishes  
for Christmas  
and the new year!



Gul šiandiena jau ant šieno Atpirkėjas žmonijos...

We wish each and every one of our friends and fellow knights a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COUNCIL 3  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.





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



C-3 members at the "Happy Hour".

**C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

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Our October meeting took place at the home of Agnes and John Mickunas. Prior to the meeting a delicious ham supper was served by our host and hostess. Elections took place with the following results: Pres. - Irene Ozalis; Vice Pres. - Joseph Petkunas; Rec. Secy. - Agnes Mickunas; Fin. Secy. - Albert Ozalis; Treas. - Joseph Yanulaitis; Trustee - Leonora Balten. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful term.

On Oct. 28, C-3 celebrated the election of officers, the festivities beginning with a Happy Hour at the home of Irene and Walt Svekla. Afterwards we proceeded to the Hawaiian Cottage for a delectable dinner and a Hawaiian floor show featuring two hula dancers. The members all hope this will set the trend for future inauguration dinners. The new Executive Board was officially installed by our Spiritual Director, Father Albin Neverauskas, on Nov. 19 after the 10:30 Mass, which was followed by a nice breakfast at the Oregon Diner.

On Nov. 15, our members gathered together once again to do their part in the Annual Thanksgiving Clothing Drive, packing the clothes for shipment.

**NEWS BITS:** Congratulations are extended to Irene Ozalis on receiving her 4th Degree at the National Convention and also being re-elected Natl. Fin. Secy., and to Albert Ozalis on his re-election as Natl. 2nd Vice Pres... Alberta and Chuck Weigand are the proud parents of a lovely daughter, Joann, born Oct. 18. Irene and Walt Svekla are expecting a visit from the stork in early April. Heartiest congratulations to both couples... Best Wishes to Linda Stupelis and Michael Krivinskas who recently became engaged... Wedding Bells will be ringing for Jim Varevice and his fiancée, Judy, in October 1973... Belated Anniversary Wishes to Agnes and John Mickunas (Sept.), Irene and Walt Svekla and Dianne and Joe Drumstas (Oct.)... Birthday Greetings to: Irene Svekla (Oct.), Felicia Rupsis and Lillian Sasnauskas (Nov.), Albert Weigand and Joseph Yanulaitis (Dec.).

The members of C-3 extend to all K of L'ers a very Linksmu Kaledu ir Laimingu Nauju Metu visiems.

**C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.**

**The Wanderer**

Our council's annual Dinner and Dance took place Oct. 14 in the Holy Trinity Parish hall. Invocation was offered by Pastor Msgr. John J. Scharnus. Other clergy present were the Rev.'s Peter Totoraitis and Joseph Barkus, OSB. As per usual, attendance was very good, and a most enjoyable time was had by one and all. Chairman was Mrs. Rose Zukauskas.

Bishop Vincent Brizgys of Chicago visited Holy Trinity Parish on Oct. 17 and showed movie films of the 1970 dedication of the Lithuanian Shrine in St. Peter's, Rome. Pleasant memories were recalled to all those who were fortunate to make that trip. Despite the fact that the films were shown on a week-night, a good attendance was on hand which contributed generously to the Shrine Fund. It was also a reunion of sorts for "yours truly" with the Bishop.



**Council 29**

**Newark, N. J.**

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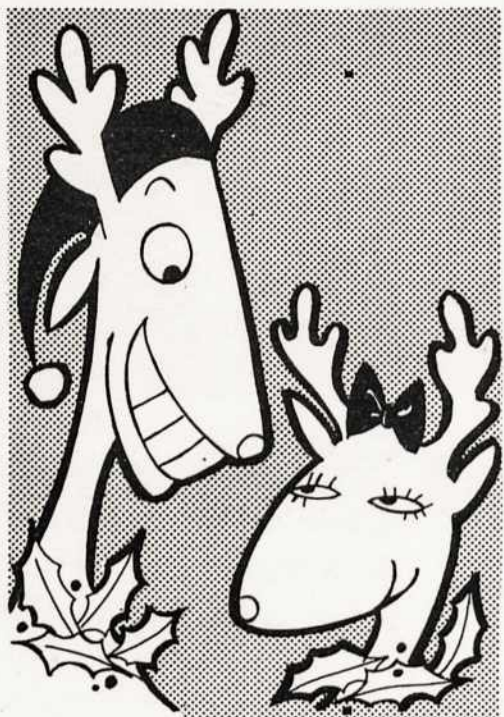
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L.V. 30-ta Kuopa  
Westfield, Massachusetts

# Merry Christmas



**Jack & Loretta Stukas**

## Happy New Year



"LINKSMINKIMĖS ir DŽIAUKIMĖS,  
DIEVUI GARBĘ DUODAMI GIEDOKIME"

Christmas Blessings and Happiness in the  
New Year to All of You and Yours.

MARGE (DAVIDONIS) SENK - New Britain, Conn.  
SENIOR MEMBER - COUNCIL 10  
ATHOL, MASS.



Wishing you and  
yours the very  
best of holidays!



Peter Kasilionis,  
C-52, Elizabeth  
Frank Vaskas  
C-29, Newark  
Lou Stukas  
C-29, Newark  
Bill & Rita Ochs, C-67, Bayonne  
Ann & Joe Chapulis, C-29, Newark  
Ted & Rita Pinkus, C-26, Worcester  
Ben & Alice Karklius, C-25, Cleveland  
Algis & Helen Skudra, Gary, Ind.  
Al & Gen Mazur, C-90, Kearny

**CHRISTMAS** is the sound of bells and the  
laughter of children - the  
glow of candles and the scent  
of pine.

**CHRISTMAS** is the joy of family and the  
happiness of friends - but  
most of all

**CHRISTMAS** is Love - **CHRISTMAS** is Peace.

Vytiškai  
MARY YORK  
Council 12  
New York, N.Y.







# Christmas Greetings

to all  
K of L members and their families

**PETER V. GAGLE**  
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# LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ

**COUNCIL 102**  
**DETROIT, MICH.**



Our yearly elections were held Oct. 24, which saw the executive board re-elected to another term. Those to serve, once more, are: Pres. Kazys Sipaila, Vice Pres. Mrs. Rose Zukauskas, Treas. Eva Sharon, Secy's Ann Abromaitis and Mary Stonis, Trustees Albinas Zukauskas and Wesley Zuostautas, Corr.'s Helen Kay and Frank Vaskas. Loretta Stukas gave a report on the District Meeting held in Brooklyn, N.Y. on Sept. 24.

**NOTES FROM YE SCRIBE'S PAD:**

Congratulations to the Auxiliary members of the Lithuanian-American Veteran's Post who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. The very same to St. Michael's Parish who this year are celebrating their 65th Anniversary. Our council was well represented at the Bayonne Parish Dinner-Dance on Oct. 28. Wonder what has happened to Operative 007? Come out of hiding, please!

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Joseph and Dr. Vito Kemezis

in the passing of their sister, Veronica. May she rest in peace.

In closing out our column for 1972, we extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all councils and friends of the K of L.

**C-100 - AMSTERDAM\* N.Y.**

**Smile & Sparkle**

Our council held its first meeting for the new season at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Radzevich in Hagaman on Sept. 11. Assisting the hosts on the Refreshment Committee were Ann Sweet, Helen Radzevich, and Mrs. Charles Karbus.

After the business-of-the-day was completed, an interesting article brought in by Orante was read: "Rubens Work Found". This was reported and published recently by the Associated Press. Workers restoring a cathedral in the Lithuanian city of Kaunas, found hidden in back of the walls a collection of paintings by Flemish and Dutch masters of the 16th and 17th centuries, including works by Peter Paul Rubens.

President Anthony Radzevich, one of a number of the council members who recently toured Lithuania, showed slides of the cities of Vilnius, Kaunas, various churches, resort areas, etc., that were visited by the group.

Welcomed in to the organization as new members were Richard Alexander and Dennis Di Lorenzo.

The Oct. 9 meeting was held at the St. Casimir's Church meeting rooms. Unanimously approved, the same slate of officers will remain at their respective posts for the oncoming year. Re-elected were: Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Spiritual Advisor; Anthony Radzevich, Pres.; Genevieve Gobis, Vice-Pres.; Nellie Liberis, Secy.; Sophie Olbie, Treas.; William McCune and Walter Rusilas, Sgts. at Arms. The Lithuanian Affairs Committee will be headed by Edward Baranauskas, Schenectady, N.Y.; the Cultural Committee - Matthew Orante and the Ritual Committee - Helen Druziak.

Joseph Shatas was welcomed into the organization.

Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch showed slides of his recent trip to Lithuania. An interesting fact was brought out by Father Baltch. In Kaunas there is a Devil's Museum. It is believed to be the only one in existence. The originator of this museum, Antanas Zmuidzinavicius, was the nephew of our founder and first pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Rev. Joseph Zidanavicius. Many years ago, Mr. Zmuidzinavicius who is now deceased, visited Amsterdam. A portrait done by him of his uncle, Rev. Zidanavicius, hangs on the wall of St. Casimir's Rectory.



**C-29 members with Bishop Brizgys, after movies of Shrine Blessing. L. to r. Lou Stukas, Jack Stukas, Bishop V. Brizgys, Loretta Stukas, Kazys Sipaila (Council President).**



## HAPPY HOLIDAY WISHES FROM

Susan Boroskas, National President

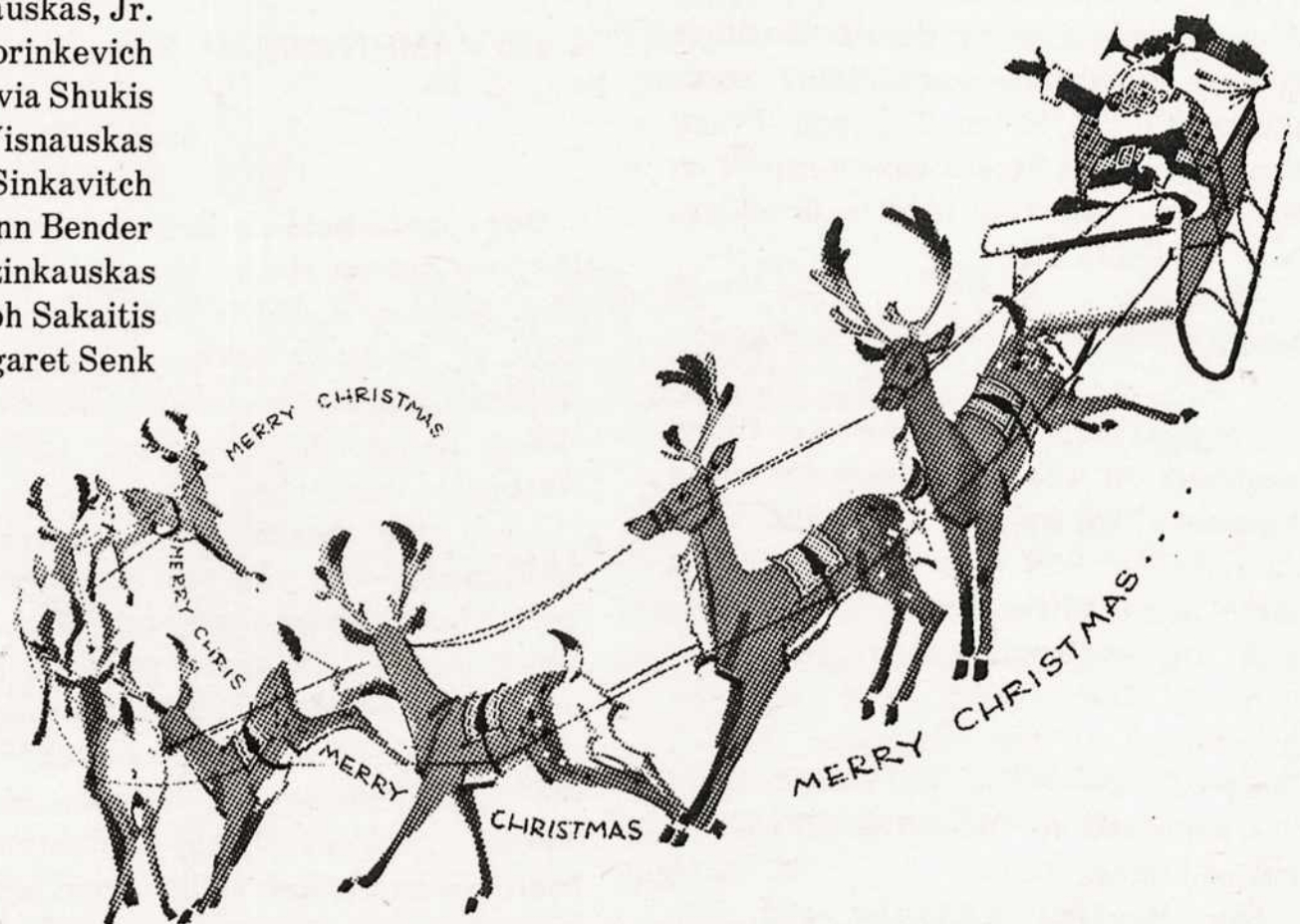
### 1972 - 1973 DISTRICT OFFICERS

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### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

*Merry Christmas*  
*Merry Christmas*  
*Merry Christmas*



TO ONE AND ALL -

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

AMSTERDAM COUNCIL 100

VERY REV. ROBERT K. BALTCH, *Spiritual Advisor*  
 ANTHONY RADZEVICH, *President*  
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*Contentment and abiding peace  
Be your companions  
This Holy Season*

Mary - Anthony - Nancy Kober  
C #109 - Great Neck, N.Y.

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DŽIAUGSMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ  
VYČIAMS IR VYTĖMS.



**ANNIE MITCHELL MATULEVIČIUTE**  
Honorary Member  
C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.



### NEWS BITS - SOME OLD, SOME NEW

Our Annual Picnic was held at the summer home of Dr. & Mrs. Adam Kindar, Lake Galway, N.Y. All members participated in bringing the delicious casseroles, etc.

Pete and Ronnie Urba and daughter, Alishia, made the picnic for the first time. Dennis Di Lorenzo through a bit of persuasive talk from Matt Orante, Gene Gobis and Walter Rusilas joined our council at the outing. WELCOME DENNY! Dennis was formerly associate with the Amsterdam Evening Recorder. He now is at the wheels of the Amsterdam office of the Sunday Albany Times Union. Good luck in your new job, Denny!

Matt Orante had a "card" up his sleeve. He presented Dr. Kindar with a "Lithuanian Cursing Stone", which he himself designed. Dr. Kindar, in addition to members Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. Bernard Gustas, Tony and Ann Radzevich, and Sadie and Charles Karbus, toured Lithuania in July.



C-100 The Lithuanian Cursing stone made and presented by Matthew Orante (extreme right) to the Kindar's.

Prayerful best wishes for a  
Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year to my  
fellow Knights

### MARCELLA ANDRIKIS HONORARY MEMBER

Our dear member, Matthew Kazlauskas and wife, Nancy, were present at the outing. Matt has been layed up since our District Convention last June. It was just great to see him and Nancy participating in a little fun. He enjoys vocalizing, so a group gathered around Matt and the familiar tunes of "Kaip As Turejau Kaime Mergele", "Ar As Tau Sese Nesakiau", "Laikas Namu Broleli Eit", etc. were sung. Helen and Leo Druziak's son brought his mini bike - so the youngsters had a grand time touring



Joe Valikonis, Ginny Miciulis and Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch at the outing.

Dr. Kindar's property. Dennis Di Lorenzo wanted to cool himself off and to get the feel of what it's like to be under waterfall... And, this he did!

The special prize was won by Peter Urba. Lucky Pete!

Out of towners included Rev. Matthew Cyvas, Albany, N.Y.; Rev. Peter Jonaitis, Gloversville; Rev. Joseph Grabys, Waterliet, N.Y. Also joining in the festivities were the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, Sister Geraldine, Sister Christine, Sister Rose Ann and Sister Ann. Glad to have Edna Stokna and Jean Maldutis and the Nikstenas's with us this year.

Bill McCune handled the bar with the help of Peter Hayes. Bill is now recuperating from a serious operation at the Albany Veteran's Hospital. Please get well soon, Bill. We miss you at the meetings.

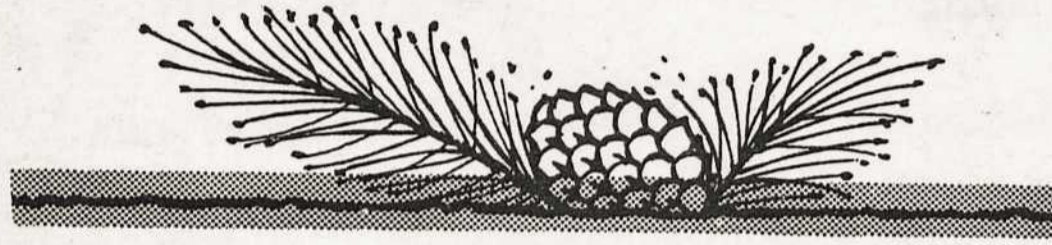
Sophie Olbie really did some traveling in the U.S.A. this year - St. Louis, Missouri (twice), various parts of Florida, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.



C-100 members enjoying the outing - sitting Edna Stokna and Jean Maldutis. Standing: Sister Geraldine, Regina Kot and Eleanor Alechowski.

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*May the Blessing of Christ Be With You*

Just as the Divine Child's  
 glorious coming made  
 Christmas day blessed  
 forever, may the reaffir-  
 mation of your faith in  
 Him light the way to greater  
 happiness. For the coming of  
 each sacred Christmas brings  
 the beauty of Christ's love  
 to you.

**Jonas J. Antanavicius**

**LIFETIME MEMBER**  
 Council 12 - Manhattan

