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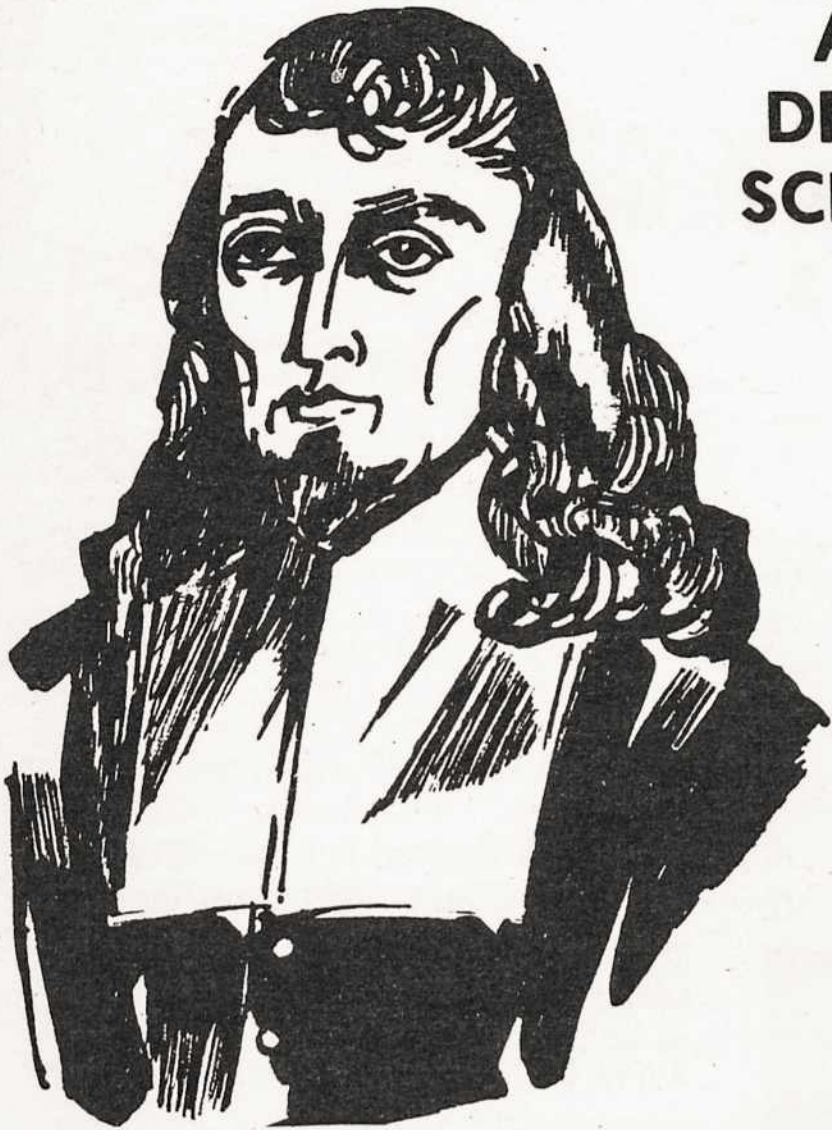
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A LITHUANIAN NOBLEMAN... DR. CURTIUS, NEW YORK'S FIRST SCHOOLMASTER AND PHYSICIAN



Dr. Alexander Carolus Cursius-Curtius
(Drawing by Pranas Lapė)

Courtesy of Lithuanian Medical Association

"How much trouble we have taken, to find a Latin schoolmaster is shown by the fact, that now one Alexander Carolus Cursius, late professor in Lithuania, goes over, whom we have engaged as such at a yearly salary of 500 fl., board money included," such was the context of a letter written by the West India Company and sent from Amsterdam on April 25th, 1659 to Peter Stuyvesant, the governor of New York.

From New York Historical Records, a Document Relating Colonial History, volume 14, completes the story of the event with an official entry made by the new schoolmaster; "Alexander Carolus Cursius, engaged by you as Latin schoolmaster, has arrived here. We hope and trust, that the community shall reap the desired fruits through their children, to which God may give his blessing: the state of the school shall be reported to you in due time."

Dr. A. C. Cursius actually participated in the growth of New York City, which was to become the largest urban area in the United States. In his day, New York City was called New Amsterdam and had only 1,500 inhabitants. This Lithuanian of noble birth was not only one of the first physicians, but also the first schoolmaster of New York's first institution of higher learning.

There is a slight variation in Dr. Curtius' name. When he left New York City and matriculated at the University of Leipzig, he was known as "Curtius Alex. Car." Upon arriving from Lithuania to Amsterdam, where he was hired to be a schoolmaster, he called himself "Alexander Carolus Cursius."

THE NOBLE FROM LITHUANIA

Dr. Curtius was quite a scholar. In his youth he attended several universities. Available sources tell us that in 1652 he matriculated after a summer course at the University of Leipzig as a Lithuanian with a doctorate in theology and the degree of licentiate in jurisprudence. He later taught in Lithuania.

On April 10th 1659 the West India Co. of Amsterdam signed him up as first rector of the newly established Latin school in New York (at that time called New Amsterdam, capital of New Netherlands).

As we noted before, Dr. Curtius received a salary of 500 florins, board money included; moreover, upon arrival he was given a gratuity of 100 florins worth of merchandise from the West India stores. He was also allotted a piece of land for his garden and orchard.

His trip to the New World on the ship Bever began April 25th, 1659. He landed in New Amsterdam on July 4th, 1659. And then when the West India Co. learned that he practised medicine, Governor Peter Stuyvesant presented him with a herbarium with the understanding that it belonged to the company.

HE DEFENDS MEDICAL DISSERTATION

After beginning his duties, Dr. Curtius began to realize that it was difficult to live on his earnings. He asked for a raise. In glowing terms governor Stuyvesant asked the company to honor the request of Dr. Curtius. Quote: "As to his services and dilligence, we must truly testify that his industry is astonishing and the progress of the young people remarkable."

The West India Co. replied, that since he was a bachelor, the salary should be enough for him. After two years of work at the school, he resigned in July 1661 and returned to Holland.

On December 27th, 1661 he enrolled at the University of Leiden as a candidate for the medical sciences. The following year Dr. Curtius defended his thesis for a degree of Doctor of Medicine, entitled: "Medical Dissertation on the Kidney and Bladder Stone."

The American Lithuanian Medical Association, upon the occasion of the tenth anniversary of its founding, reprinted this dissertation in its original language (Latin), and also translations in English and Lithuanian.

All of the translations and a short biographical sketch can be had in a booklet which was printed by the American Lithuanian Medical Association last summer.

The Lithuanian doctors should be complimented for this very fine piece of historical material. All Americans of Lithuanian descent can be truly proud of Dr. Curtius and his part in the growth of New York City.

P.P.C.
(Garsas)

announcing

THE 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
AUGUST 16 - 19, 1973
STONEHILL COLLEGE
NORTH EASTON, MASS.

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CONVENTION NEWS - 1973

Pictured are two views of Colonial Court, situated on the grounds of STONEHILL COLLEGE, NORTH EASTON, MASS. WHERE FOR ONLY \$ 8.00 A DAY OUR K of L members and guests will be staying for the 60th National K of L Convention hosted by Council #1 Brockton. The above rate of \$8.00 daily per person will include room and board (3 meals a day) and use of available college facilities: Chapel, tennis courts, gym, library, etc.

What better way to spend one's vacation in New England - participating in the 60th Convention at low rates and also within an hour's drive from "Ole Cape Cod". Bring the entire family for a most enjoyable time - fun for old and young alike!

Hoping to see all our K of L friends at the 60th in Brockton, Mass.

Sincerely,

Knights of Lithuania -
Council #1

LIETUVOS VYČIAI PIETŲ AMERIKOJE

Prof. J. Stukas suorganizavo įdomią ir kultūringą ekskursiją į visas didžiąsias Pietų Amerikos valstybes. Birželio 23 d. Kennedy aerodrome susirinko 53 asmens iš įvairių vietų.

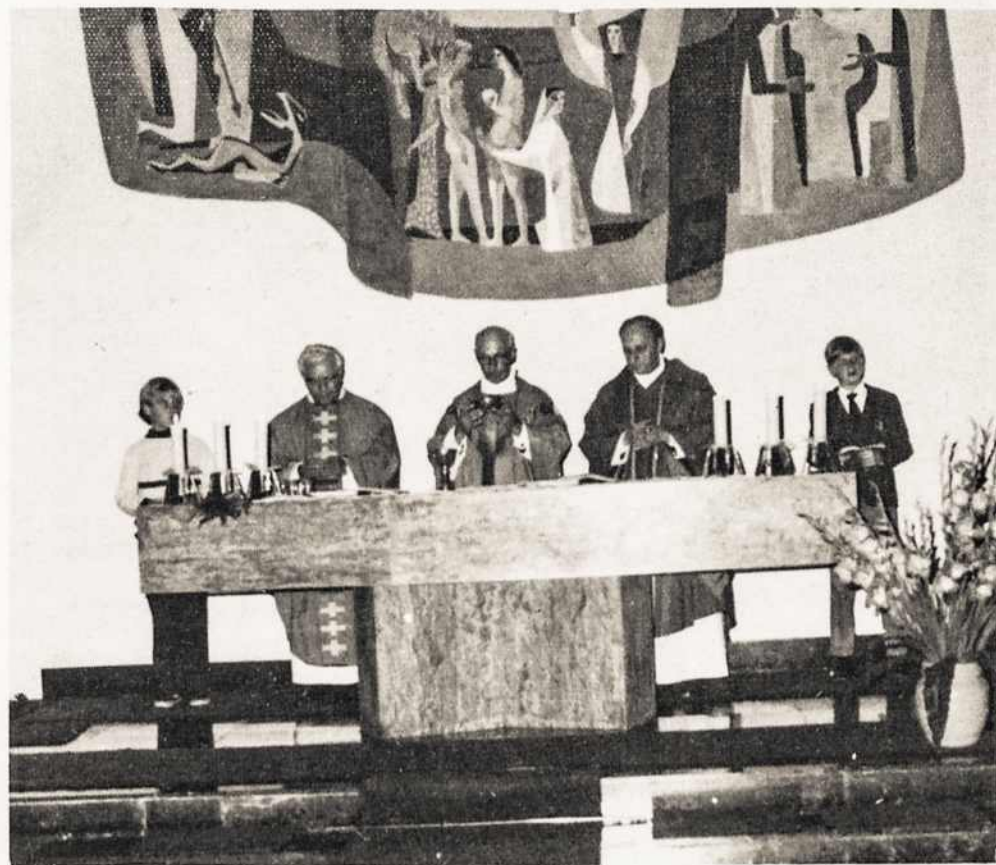
9 val. pakilome iš New Yorko ir po šešių valandų nusileidome Barranquilla aerodrome. Dar po poros valandų jau buvome Colombijos sostinėje Bogotoje. Mus pasitiko kun. Dr. Mankeliūnas ir bendruomenės pirmininkas Karanauskas. Apgyvendino Continental viešbutyje ir puikiai pavaišino. Kitą dieną dviem autobusais važiovome apie 40 mi. už miesto. Atsidūrėme druskos kasyklose. Čia yra įdomi Druskos Katedra 700 pėdų gilumoje, druskos kalne. Keletą kartų per metus vyskupas atvyksta čia per didesnes šventes ir atlaiko mišias.

Ūkiškai Colombijos kraštas skurdus. Matyti ganosi karvės, asiliukai; kai kur ir kiaulės pririštos. Žmonės žemę dirba primityviai su rankiniais kauptuvais.

Columbiečių 95% yra katalikai. Bažnyčių daug, senos, ispanų pastatytos, mažai lankomos. Matyti ir kryžių-smūtkelių laukuose. Lietuviai savo bažnyčios neturi. Prof. kun. Dr. V. Mankeliūnas kartą per mėnesį atlaiko mišias lietuviškai vokiečių bažnyčioje. Šeštadienį turėjome iškilmingas pamaldas. Koncelebruotas mišias laikė Prel. V. Balčiūnas, kun. Dr. V. Mankeliūnas ir kun. A. Račkauskas. Giedojo solistė P. Bičkienė. Po mišių ten pat, vokiečių salėje, buvo vaišės ir puiki programa. Ponia Prudencija ir Vitalis pasirodė visoje aukštumoje. Prof. J. Stukas išanginiame žodyje apibūdino Vyčių tikslus. Apdovanojo plokštelėmis kun. Dr. Mankeliūną ir p. Karanauską. Lietuviai, kurių Bogotoje yra 99, parodė nepaprastą vaišingumą ir nuoširdumą. Kon. Sirutis pasveikino ir patarė nebijoti



Colombijoje, prie Druskos Katedros įėjimo, iš k., Kun. A. Račkauskas, ekskur. vadovas Bob McErlean, V. Žukauskas, ir V. Puškorius.



Pamaldos Bogotoje, iš k. Kun. A. Račkauskas, Prel. V. Balčiūnas, Kun. Dr. V. Mankeliūnas.

Bogotos vagių. Birž. 26 d. 9 val. išlėkėme į Argentiją. Gražų sekmadienio rytą, birželio 26, pakilo mūsų lėktuvas per Andų kalnus link Peru. Limoje nusileidome. Čia prisiminė Šv. Rožė limietė, vienintelė Pietų Amerikos šventoji. Per vieną valandą spėjome nusipirkti suvenyrų. Čia daugiausia kailių išdirbiniai, sidabro papuošalai, kosmetikos ir įvairūs blizgučiai.

Po valandos paskubomis šokome į lėktuvą. Sustenėjęs mūsų geležinis paukštis pakilo virš kalnų. Nepaprastas vaizdas. Andų snieguotos kalnų viršūnės prieš saulę blizga įvairiomis spalvomis, o dešinėje Ramusis vandenynas; tikrai atrodo labai ramus. Po keleto valandų atsidūrėme Čilės sostinėje Santiago.

Čia iš visų pusių nejauki nuotaika. Raudona spalva, vakaro prieblanda, šaltis už nosies čiupinėja; todėl greit palikome tą nedraugišką miestą. Po septynių valandų skridimo iš Bogotos atsidūrėme Buenos Aires. Pasitiko būrys lietuvių. P. Ruplėnas tarė sveikinimo žodį ir dviem autobusais vingiovome per gražų šešių milijonų miestą. Vadovė išpėjo negerti vandens, pinigai esą dviejų rūšių, o vagių čia nesą. Tik amerikonus gali mandagiai apgauti. Naktimis niekas net moterų neužkabinėja. Kitą dieną aplankėme lietuvių bažnyčią. Kun. Steigvila, Marijonas žemaitiškai pasveikino, aprodė bažnyčią, spaustuve ir įdomų muziejų. Leidžia laikraštį "Laikas", kurį marijonai išlaiko. Aplankėme "Argentinos Balso" spaustuve ir klubo salėje buvome pavaišinti. P. Norkus ir Ožinskas nušvietė savo darbus ir planus. Argentinoje lietuvių esą apie 30 tūkstančių. Vakare vyko programa, kurią



Solistai - Liudas Stukas ir Prudencija Bičkienė.

išpildė P. Bičkienė, Liudas Stukas, V. Žukauskas ir V. Puškorius. Jų vyrų trejetas harmoningai padainavo. Žmonių pilna salė. Išalkusius pavalgydino, ištroškusius pagirdė ir visi linksmi grįžome į savo Rigidor viešbutį nakvynei.

Buenos Aires aplankėme muziejus, įdomesnes vietas. Prisipirkę naudingų ir nereikalingų suvenyrų (aukso, sidabro ir kailių išdirbinių) atsisveikinome su lietuviais. Pusiaus džetu per porą valandų persikėlėme per La Plata upę ir pamatėme kalną - Montevideo - Urugvajaus sostinę. Čia karo stovis. Gaučai iš miškų, komunistų remiami, užpuldinėja žmones ir drumsčia miesto ramybę. Mus pasitiko kons. Grišonas ir globojo per visą svečiavimosi laiką. Columbija puikus viešbutis ir iškilminga vakarienė visus linksmi nuteikė. Su prel. Balčiūnu nuvykome į lietuvių bažnyčią atšvęsti šv. Petro Šventės. Taksis vežė valandą, už ką sumokėjome 50 ct. Mus sutiko kun. Sukackas. 5 val.



Turistas S. Kontrimas susitiko savo sesutę Argentinoj - po 40 metų.

susirinko apie 40 žmonių. Jie labai lietuviški ir draugiški. Po Mišių vargonininkas su savo mašina užvežė į kalno viršūnę-tvirtovę. Čia pajutome žiemą, paltus ir pirštines panaudojome. Po gražios programos savo klubo salėje visus pavaišino, o 12 val. nakties visi susirinkome į bažnyčią ir sugiedojom Marija, Marija... ir Lietuvos himną, nes gavom žinią apie Lietuvos liūdnius įvykius. Aplanke Liet. Konsulatą palikom neramų, šaltą ir apsi-
niaukusį Urugvajų. Lėktuve pastebėjome, kad daugelis mūsų bendrakeleivių parudavo. Jie apsilikę Urugvajaus gyvulių kailinukais. Mat čia yra pati geriausia pasaulyje kailių išdirbykla. Audringo Atlanto pakraščiais beveik visi su slogomis, čiaudėdami išvykome į Braziliją.

Čia pasitiko gražus lietuvių būrelis. Pasisveikinę vykome į San Paulo viešbutį. Atvyko du braziliečiai studentai, tarė sveikinimo žodį ir pažadėjo surinkti milijoną parašų dėl Lietuvos laisvės. Parengimas įvyko lietuvių seselių kotryniečių puošnioje salėje. San Paulo miestas įkurtas 1554 metais. Šiame šimtetyje išaugo į pramonės, prekybos ir mokslo 7 mil. gyventojų miestą. Sekmadienio turgus viduryje miesto su visokiomis prašmatnybėmis. Muzika groja, įvairiausios prekės ant žemės sudėstytos, žmonių minios...

Pamaldas turėjome Saleziečių, kun. B. Suginto pastatytoje, gražioje lietuvių bažnyčioje. Koncelebracines mišias laikė Prel. Balčiūnas, Prel. Ražainas ir kun. A. Račauskas. Bažnyčia pilnutėlė. Atrodo, kad čia lietuviai jau pripratę prie naujos liturgijos, nes įsijungė į bendrą mišių auką.

Po užkandžių vykome aplankyti Tėvų Jėzuitų. Jų buveinė labai vargingai atrodo. Tėvas Kidykas aprodė bažnyčią, spaustuve - viskas beveik viename kambaryje. Čia atrodo lietuviai aktyvūs ir kultūringi. Susirūpinę abiejų parapijų išlaikymu. Vienas brazilietis, mokąs angliškai, sako: lietuviai valgo, geria, šoka ir dainuoja. Atrodo jie linksmi ir geri žmonės. Vienas San Paulo lietuvis atsisveikinant pasakė, kad Vitalis tiek prijuokinęs, kad jis net per savo vestuves tiek nesijuokęs. Jis dar pridėjo, kad Amerikos Lietuviai Vyčiai mus sustiprino religiškai, išjudino patrijotiškai ir tarpusavyje sujungė.

Rio de Janeiro. Čia mūsų niekas nepasitiko iš lietuvių, nors mieste ir apylinkėje esą apie 100 asmenų. Aplankėme didingą katedrą ne visi, Sterno brangenybių krautuve beveik visi, ypač moterys, kurios dar pinigų turėjo. Miestas su savo kalnais ir vandenimis sudaro nepaprastą grožį. Gal gražiausias miestas pasaulyje. Rio de Janeiro tikra



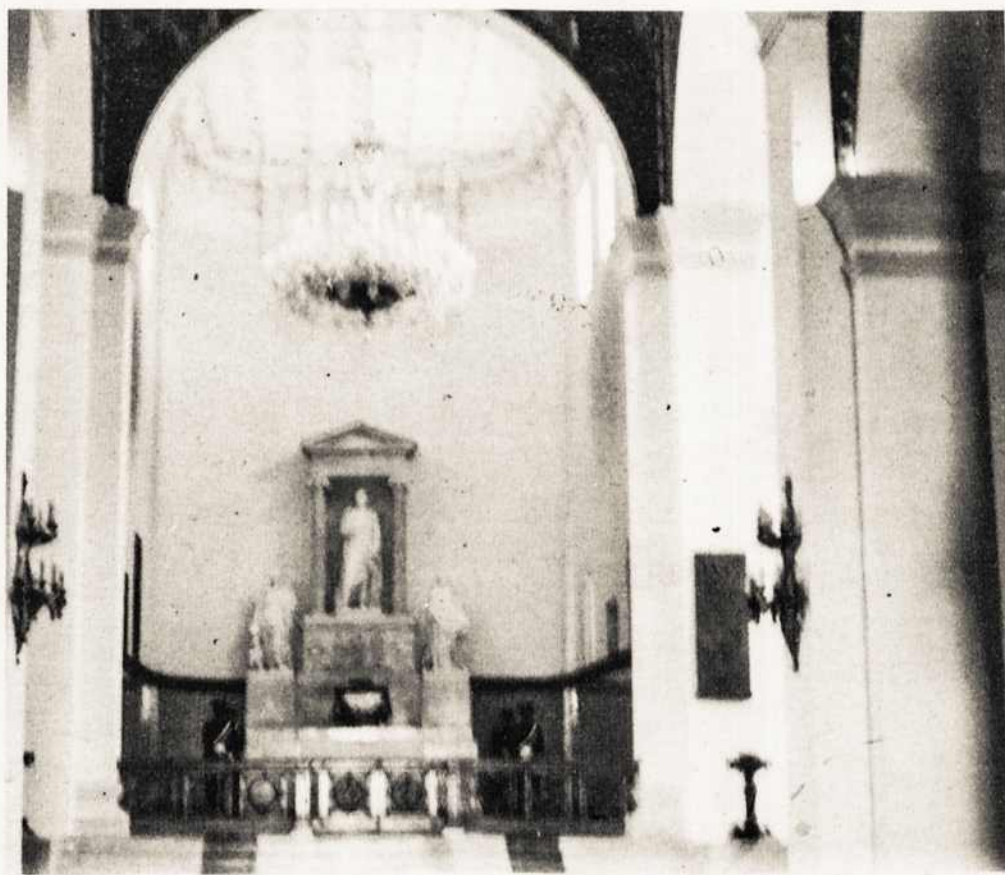
vasara, nors žiemos sezonas. Aplankėme Kristaus Išganytojo statulą. Kalnas 2330 pėdų aukščio. Atrodo, kad Kristus rankas išskėtęs laimina miestą. 1928 metais brazilijos gyventojai, dėkodami Išganytojui, pastatė šią didingą marmuro statulą. Pati statula yra 115 pėdų aukščio ir sveria 1145 tonas. Miestas apie 4 milijonai gyventojų. Čia amžina vasara, tik saulutė vidurdienyje ne pietuose, o šiaurėje. Iš lietuvių mus aplankė Kan. Z. Ignatavičius ir ponai Mickevičiai. Pas juos svečiavomės ir pamatėme kaip jie prabangingai gyvena. Aplankę įdomesnes vietas, liepos 5 dieną išskridome į Venezuelą.

Pačioje Pietų Amerikos šiaurėje, prie Atlanto, tarp kalnų prisiglaudęs milijoninis Caracas miestas. Čia mus pasitiko Kun. A. Perkumas ir keletas lietuvių. Matyti Amerikos įtaka. Didesni automobiliai, daugiau žmonių kalba angliškai. Autobuso vadovė važiuojant į Savoy viešbutį, pasakė, kad šis gražus kelias esąs brangiausias kelias pasaulyje. Iškasti dideli tarpekliai ir tuneliai per kalnus. Viešbutyje kun. Perkumas pranešė ruoštis vakaro programai, nors mūsų vadovų programa buvo numatyta kitą dieną. Pasirodo, kad liepos 5 d. yra Venezuelos nepriklausomybės šventė. Solistai ruošėsi streikuoti, bet susitarė su vietos vadovybe. Visose vietose

mūsų artistai puikiai išpildė programą. Čia ypatingai solistė P. Bičkienė, Liudas Stukas, Vitalis Žukauskas ir V. Puškorius įdėjo visą širdį. Salė pilna publikos. Trečdalis venezuliečių, nes vietos studentai ispaniškai padainavo keletą dainų. Žodį tarė valdžios atstovas. Mūsų vadovas J. Stukas Uruguajuje gavo ispanišką slogą ir koncerte negalėjo dalyvauti. Ponia Loreta tarė prasmingą pasveikinimo žodį ir įteikė dovanas kun. A. Perkumui ir kitiems vietos atstovams. Programa truko apie tris valandas. Kun. A. Perkumas mūsų aktoriams įteikė po auksinį kryželį su grandinėle. Po programos vieni kitus sveikinome, gerbėme, Ilgiausių Metų užtraukėme, šampano stiklus iškėlė. Kitą dieną aplankėme įdomesnes vietas ir karo muziejų. Venezuliečiai atrodo labai patrijotiškai nusiteikę. Lietuvių Caracas mieste ir apylinkėse yra keletas šimtų. Atrodo pasituri aukso prekybininkai, nes ponios viena kitą komplimentavo milijonieriais. Čia auksas 18 ka. Pirko kas tik dar pinigų turėjo. Kiti skolinosi nuo draugų ir pirko visokius blizgučius.

Liepos 7 d. saulėtą rytą, atsisveikinę su vietos lietuviais, pakilome virš Atlanto ir po keleto valandų nutūpėme New Yorke.

K.A.R.



Simono Bolivar paminklas, Caracas, Venezuela.



Iš Caracas - į namus.



**Peace to all
is our wish
in the New Year**



**Antonia
and
Stanley Wackell
Worcester, Mass.**

WAKE UP! Sir Knight



"The Knights of Lithuania was founded in America to preserve the culture and language of our forefathers.

In these critical times, when our aggressors in Europe are doing everything possible to suppress the Lithuanian language, its culture, religion and democracy in its form of government, it is important that we here in America do everything possible to preserve our Lithuanian heritage and continue to remind the world of the great atrocities committed against this small but courageous nation and that final liberation can be the only solution.

The Knights of Lithuania is so dedicated to this great task."

ALBERT OZALIS,
Membership National
Vice President

Increasing the Membership is one way to enable us to further these goals and make the K. of L. bigger and better. So make your NEW YEARS' RESOLUTION now - to bring at least one new member into your council. It certainly is not impossible, if we all try our best and bring at least one member, our number can be DOUBLED. Just look around - you might not even have to look far, to find one eligible Lithuanian, who has not yet been enrolled.

Since this year we will be celebrating our 60th Year, let's try to make this the BEST MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EVER! Don't Delay! Get Your Drive Organized Today!

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ir visus kitus Lietuvos Vyčius

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we get letters

Dear Madam President:

One of the featured articles in the VYTIS is called, "Lithuanians in the News". This article deals with only the good things that concern Lithuanians and if they happen to anyone affiliated with the Knights of Lithuania, it is that much more interesting. Whether this letter applies to this article or not, it concerns two Lithuanians who are members of the Knights of Lithuania of long-standing.

On Nov. 17, 1972, at 11:00 P.M., a fire broke out at the home of Olga Savitskas, when a television set exploded. (Incidentally, Olga is a past president of the C-135). Within minutes, flames were shooting 30 to 40 feet in the air from the front of the house.

Despite the gallant efforts of the firemen pouring tons of water into the flaming structure, the flames kept eating away through partitions until the entire house was gutted before it was brought under control. The house is a total loss. Repair is impossible. The charred remains will have to be removed and a new structure started from scratch.

Olga was getting ready to retire and Mildred Driznus, a tenant on the second floor, living with her aging mother was taking a shower. (Millie is presently Treasurer of C-135). Millie and her mother were taken from the blazing building via ladder, Millie with just a housecoat thrown over her body and her mother in her bed cloths, - with the weather so cold that the water from the hoses turned to ice as it spilled on the pavement.

Nothing was left salvagable. With nowhere to live and no clothes to wear, it would seem that all was lost. However, all is not lost when there are friends

offering a helping hand. Olga is living with friends across the street. Millie and her mother are with friends in another part of the city.

The purpose of this letter is to ask all brother Knights to show their friendship and extend a helping hand to these two members who are in need of a helping hand at this time. What better cause could there be to ask every brother Knight to donate \$1.00 or more to show what Lithuanians are made of. Anything the Supreme Council could do to weld the membership together for this worthy cause would never be forgotten by these unfortunate victims of chance and make them proud to be Lithuanians.

If you, as President, agree with me that some action should be taken, please let me know. My plan would be to appeal to all brother Knights through the VYTIS to send donations to either the Supreme Council or to me. If the Supreme Council collects the donations, two checks of equal amounts, one made out to Olga

Savitskas and one to Mildred Driznus could be sent to me or when I learn their new addresses, I will forward them to you and the checks could be forwarded to them.

Please hear my plea for help, to make the New Year happier for these brother Knights than the Old Year was.

This letter is sent with the approval of C-135's Executive Board and we are eagerly awaiting your acknowledgment.

Vytiškai,

Council 135
Stanley A. Twerian

Ed. Note:

Anyone wishing to assist in this cause should send their donations to Stanley A. Twerian, C-135, 274 No. State St., Ansonia, Conn. Please indicate that your donation is for the fire victims.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in
your prayers ...

FRANK GUEDELIS
Honorary Member
Member C-96, Dayton, Ohio
Vice President Mid-Central District
Died December 14, 1972
(More on his life will appear
in next Vytis Issue)

WAY BACK WHEN...

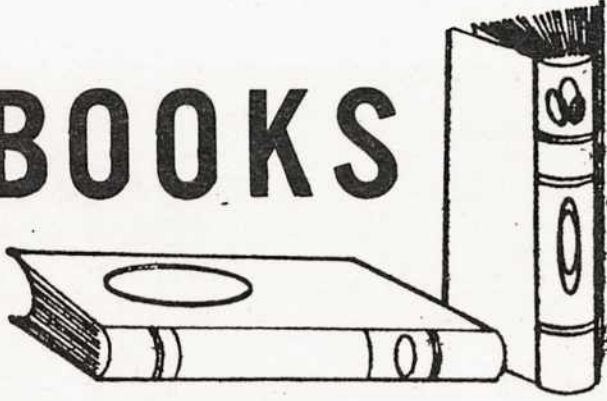
For those of us who wonder how the K of L ever "got along without us"... or for those who were there when the organization was in its infancy... here are a few pictures that might prove of interest.

Right: As far back as 1918, K of L Council 29, Newark, N.J. was alive and well. Pictured here is the Council Orchestra, which was organized in April, 1918. (Photo courtesy of K. Sipaila).

Below: Pictured is a New York - New Jersey District Convention, in Paterson, N.J., about 1933 or 1934. Anthony Mazeika, currently of the New York Seniors, was president of the District at the time. The photo was lent to VYTIS by Mr. Anthony Wedegis of Ridgely Park, N.J., who used to belong to the Cliffside Park, N.J. Council. Mary York is responsible for "finding" Mr. Wedegis!



BOOKS



THE FALLING TORCH

By Algis Budrys

In his novel, **The Falling Torch**, Lithuanian science fiction author Algis Budrys draws some interesting parallels with a present day situation.

Today, a tiny country on the Baltic, Lithuania, is slowly and gradually losing its identity through an intense program of russification. Its name and culture is represented by governments and organizations in exile throughout the Free World, while maps and history books frequently deny its existence apart from the Soviet Union. As generations are born and grow up, many are assimilated into their adopted cultures, some even without any knowledge of their ancestry. Support for the governments in exile slowly weakens. There are no successors to the men in charge, who stubbornly refuse to admit that their homeland exists only in a few memories. They make attempts to make the Free World take some action against the occupiers of their country through the UN, but the free nations are justifiably reluctant to take any action that may affront their cold war enemies. The situation remains stalemated.

In the beginning of his novel, Mr. Budrys seems to have transplanted this situation in the remote world of the year 2469.

Earth, or Free Earth has ceased to exist since it has been taken over by an enemy called the Invader, and has been subjugated to being but a tiny part of a vaster Intergalactic Empire. The concept of an independent Earth is alive only on a planet in another empire, that of the nearest star system Alpha Centauri. The Earth government in exile is endangered because of growing dissension within its ranks. Once free earthmen are slowly losing their identities while becoming a part of

Centaurian society. The last president of Free Earth continues to resist the onslaught of time, by protesting or supporting resolutions concerning Earth as they appear on the agenda of the Centaurian Supreme Court. Slowly however, this voice of protest is dwindling to a mere whisper.

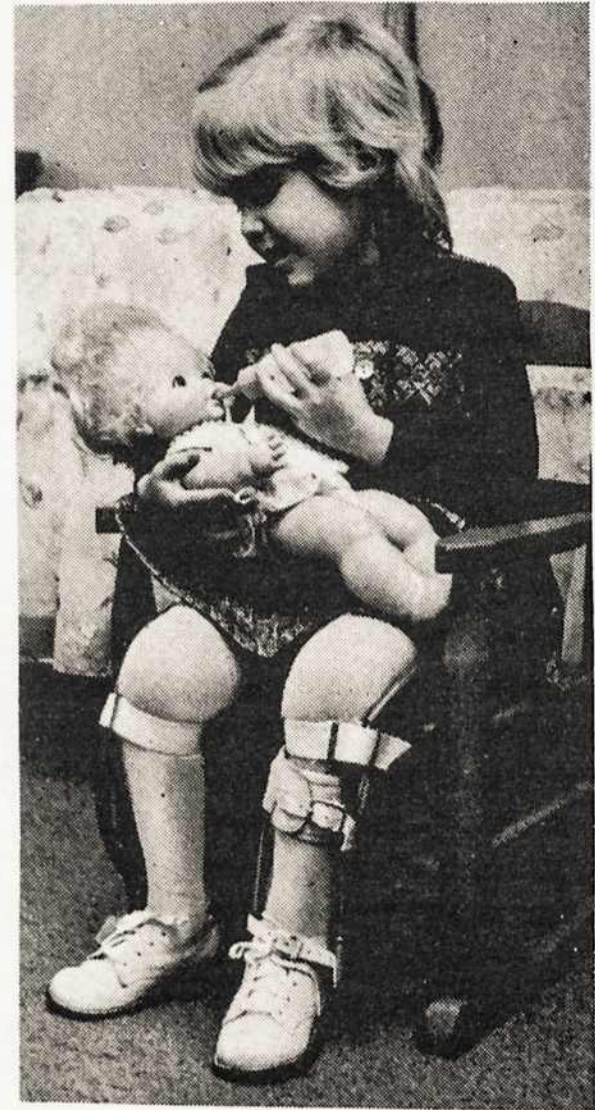
As today, the younger generations must take up the responsibility of keeping the Lithuanian question alive, the hope of the Earth government in exile falls upon the President's son, Michael Wireman, who knows very little of his Earth heritage. It seems that unofficially, the Centaurian government has provided a shipment of improved firearms. It becomes Michael Wireman's task to smuggle these arms to the few guerilla fighters remaining on Earth.

The apparent parallels stop here, as the story continues to show Michael Wireman's initial rejection of the resistance movement, and eventually his attempt and failure to be assimilated into Invader society. This is where the reader is handicapped. The author does not provide sufficient insight into how Wireman reaches the conviction that he is a free earthman and that this identity is worth dying for. The novel's continuity is broken as the reader finds himself at the end without having been given information as to how it was logically reached. Perhaps the ending is as enigmatic as the whole question of ethnic identity sometimes seems to be.

In an author's note, Mr. Budrys states that the players in this situation have no counterparts in current human history. This entire write-up must remain mere opinion and only one of several possible interpretations.

The Falling Torch by Algis Budrys is available in a pocket edition as published by Pyramid Publications, Inc. 444 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

It takes
more
than
**Mother
Love**



Birth
Defects
are
forever
...unless
you help.
March
of Dimes

THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY THE PUBLISHER

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

LITHUANIAN EXHIBIT AT HALLMARK



[Photo credit - Charles Binkins]

A Lithuanian chapel was among the interesting displays in the Christmas exhibition at the Hallmark Gallery, New York City, November 22nd to January 3rd. The Knights of Lithuania sponsored the Lithuanian project. A poster at the chapel notes that "Christmas is banned in Lithuania by the Soviets"... Pictured at the press preview are (front row): James and Kazyte Fitzgerald, (C-41); Regina Ruta Zymantaite (in Lithuanian costume), former Miss Freedom of Canada; (back row): Consul General of Lithuania in New York, Hon. Anicetas Simutis; Anne Klem, (C-90), who made most of the real straw ornaments and decorated the Christmas trees assisted by Mary Ann Sawicki and Eugenia Karpus; Charles J. Visotsky, Kazyte's father and a Lithuanian master craftsman, who planned and constructed the beautiful chapel, assisted by Karl Gerber; Helen V. Kulber, K of L National Public Relations Chairman, who coordinated this Lithuanian project; Casimir Genevich, K of L New York Senior Council member. The painting of "Our Lady of Vilnius" by Irene Paceviciute, Rome, Italy, was loaned by Edward and Casimira Genevich... Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald are, respectively, with the Army Communications Center and a registered nurse in Newport, Rhode Island. Thousands of persons visit the interesting exhibits which are changed regularly at the Hallmark Gallery of Hallmark Cards Incorporated, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Knights of Lithuania.

Ornaments made of straw have been created by Lithuanians for thousands of years.

Christmas is now banned in Lithuania. "Father Christmas (Kaledu Dedukas)" has been renamed "Grandfather Frost (Ded Moroz)" by the Soviets. His costume is similar to that of our "Santa Claus" and he brings gifts on New Year's Eve.

The chapel exhibited here is similar to an altar in Sts. Peter and Paul Lithuanian R.C. Church, Elizabeth, N.J. It is smaller in scale than the original constructed by John Subacius.

Lithuanian Chapel planned and constructed by Charles J. Visotsky.

Ornaments of straw made by lady members of the Knights of Lithuania - Anne Klem, Instructor, and Girl Scouts of America, Troop 2-611 Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Brooklyn, N.Y. - Clara Ferraro, Leader.

Exhibit - sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania.

The above is the narrative displayed along with the Lithuanian Chapel at the Hallmark Gallery. (Photo - John Sidtis).



C-116, So. Worcester
Anthony Miner, Natl.
 Lith. Affairs Chairman



Another view of the Lithuanian Exhibit... and viewers William Sidtis of the C-41 Juniors, and Mrs. Ann Sidtis. (Photo - John J. Sidtis).

The Lithuanian Folk Dance Ensemble of New York, directed by Mrs. Jadvyga Matulaitis, performed Sunday, December 17th, on the steps of the New York Public Library, 41st Street and Fifth Avenue, during a unique "Fifth Avenue Winter Holiday in New York", sponsored by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration, of the City of New York.

The annual Christmas Around the World Pageant at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry featured a traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve Program on December 7th. Among the 23 different Christmas Trees on display was the unique Lithuanian Tree with traditional straw ornaments.

A Baltic Festival of folk music and dance, has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 17th, at the Garden State Arts Center. Chairman George M. Wallhauser, Sr., of the New Jersey Highway Authority, which operates the Arts Center alongside the Garden State Parkway, announced that representatives of the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian communities in New Jersey have united to present the Arts Center's first Baltic Festival on June 17th, 1973. This event has been already given coverage in the Ocean County Daily Times, and the Advisor.

A New concise history on Lithuania, written in the Portuguese language, was presented at a special function at the San Paulo - Hilton hotel in Brazil on November 12th.



[Photo credit - Charles Binkins]

Helen V. Kulber, K of L coordinator for the Lithuanian project, thanks some of the Hallmark Gallery personnel for the opportunity to participate in its 1972 Christmas exhibition... Miss Barbara Guilfoyle, Field Research; Mrs. Jane Jordon, Research Editor; John Kern, Exhibitions Manager. Walter V. Swartz, Director, and Mrs. Lee Stausland, Art Director, were not available for photo. Miss Regina Ruta Zymantaite, is an esteemed commentator at many Lithuanian and Baltic events.

The Lithuanian American Community Organization has requested its chapters and districts to write to senators in their respective states, opposing the granting of "most favored nation" treatment to the USSR, unless the Soviets do the following: Remove all exit restrictions to minority groups; cease religious persecution; grant civil rights to minorities; extend freedom of choice to all nations which became victims of Soviet neo-colonial expansionism, including the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians; and reduce exorbitant customs duties imposed on consumer goods parcels sent to relatives and friends in the Soviet-occupied Baltic States.

The New York Post of November 28th, printed an article by Murray Seeger, datelined Riga, entitled "Latvia loses its identity to Russians". The native Latvians are slowly becoming a dwindling minority in their capital city and the Russians now total 30 percent of the Soviet-occupied republic's population. This article also appeared in other syndicated newspapers.

In the new Barrio Prospero Palacio section of the city of Comodoro Rivadavia, in Argentina, the City Council has designated a street "Lithuania".

Lithuanian American Community Organization has been informed, that Radio Liberty plans to begin broadcasts in 1974 in Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian to the oppressed Baltic States.

The Lithuanian priests organization of Brazil, through the Archbishop of the City of San Paulo has asked the Conference of Brazilian Bishops to request all faithful on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to remember the persecuted catholics in Lithuania.

CRYING OUT FOR THE CHURCH OF SILENCE



Sao Paulo, Brazil - Someone noted that the silence of the Church descended upon the Church of Silence. Although this is true about most of the Catholic Western hierarchy in several parts of the world, militant groups of faithful are taking a far different attitude: they are crying out louder each time on behalf of their brethren behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains. They try to wake up the Western conscience about the Church in the catacombs existing there. A striking example of this reaction occurred in in this big city. While in Moscow the communists were parading their tanks and missiles, thousands of Brazilians marched here in memory of all victims of communism around the world.

This unusual manifestation was promoted by the Brazilian Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property, known as the TFP. It all started with a High Mass in the ukrainian rite, celebrated at the huge Sao Paulo Cathedral, filled up to capacity. An Ukrainian choir sang the traditional hymns of their rich liturgy.

After the Mass homage was paid to the heroic Lithuanian youth who recently protested against the communist yoke in the streets of Kaunas. A Lithuanian choir sang a hymn to Our Lady, "Ausros Vartai" of Vilnius and a military band played taps. Delegations from 24 captive peoples were present, each one bringing its own banner and wearing its colorful national costumes.

Then, the multitude, concentrated in a large square in front of the Cathedral, received reverently a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, brought by young

Portuguese peasants. A speaker recalled that She announced in 1917 that if men would not convert, Russia would spread its errors around the world.

Prof. Plinio Correa de Oliveira, President of the TFP warned that the communism danger is bigger than ever, for today it is adopting more subtle methods of infiltration and subversion. This caused several peoples to lose the conscience of the danger, which fortunately is not happening in Brazil, as the presence of such a throng to that act testifies.

These last words sounded as a challenge to the mass of TFP young militants, who rising on high their red and gold standards cried out in unison: "Victory, victory to the Holy Cross! Brazil, yes! Communism, no!" And in the midst of a sea of banners and standards the immense parade slowly started to move on. Two big pictures of Cardinals Mindszenty and Slipyi, champions of the resistance against bolchevism, were carried by TFP militants.

The parade ended up at the TFP shrine of the Immaculate Conception, two miles away, where bishop Castro Mayer blessed the marchers and prayed along with them for the world-wide victory over communism.

The observances continued the following day with a lecture of the free China's ambassador in Brazil, Dr. Fu Sung-chu. The TFP invited him to speak about the situation of his country as a homage to the epic opposition of the Chinese people to the fanatic followers of Mao. The ambassador was saluted with a standing ovation when he stated his people's will to resist till the final victory.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brangūs Vyčiai,

Linksmų Naujų Metų!

Linkiu jums viso gero ateinantiems metams ir prašau Kūdikelio Jėzaus duoti visiems laimės, sveikatos ir pastiprintos Vytiškos dvasios. Prisiminkite maldoje mūsų steigėją A.A. Mykolą Norkūną ir visus tuos asmenis, kurie dirbo Vyčių Organizacijos naudai.

My Council 1, of Brockton is already at work planning for the 60th Anniversary National Homecoming Convention. It will take place at Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass. on the outskirts of Brockton.

We hope you take advantage of the "almost 1913" prices for food and lodging. Plan your vacation for that full week. Convention dates are Aug. 16 - 19. Much more information will follow in future issues.

It is a pleasure to welcome C-103, Providence, R.I. back to the active list. Norwood C-27 is making a comeback and concentrating on their Juniors. I hope that this New Year brings word that all districts can announce that Councils have been reactivated. Have you made the attempt?

Elsewhere in the Vytis you will read about the misfortune that K of L members suffered through fire.

I urge all of you as individuals, Councils and Districts to respond to the request for financial aid. These are our fellow Lithuanians and active K of L members. Please act on this as soon as possible.

Just a reminder to all Secretaries - Please submit names and addresses of your officers at once. The updated list is of utmost importance. Send the list to Secretary Irene Adomaitis.

Congratulations to all who had any part in the Christmas display at the Hollmark Galleries in New York. Special thanks go to coordinator Helen Kulber and to Anne Klem, for their efforts. I was interviewed on a local radio station about the exhibit and received many calls making further inquiries. The project is a wonderful K of L contribution in publicizing our Lithuanian culture and heritage! A sincere Ačiū!!!

Susan K. Boroskas

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

Nov. 4, 1972 - Newark, N.J.

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council met on Saturday, Nov. 4, 1972, in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J. Rev. Msgr. John Scharnus, Holy Trinity Pastor, opened the meeting with a prayer, and S.C. President Susan K. Boroskas presided.

REPORTS

President S. Boroskas stated that she submitted articles to DRAUGAS and DARBININKAS, and reiterated that any disagreements we have should be settled within our own organization and not aired to others. She also sought action on a request from DARBININKAS seeking a K of L correspondent to write, edit and translate to Lithuanian items for a K of L column.

1st Vice-President Dr. Peter Bizankauskas was not present and did not submit a report.

2nd Vice-President Albert Ozalis reported that he sent out the Membership Award Certificates to the 1971 and 1972 membership drive winners. He submitted articles to the VYTIS explaining the updated membership drive categories and rules. The triplicate membership application form was approved and 2000 forms will be ordered.

3rd Vice-President Longinas Svelnis reported that he is trying to reactivate C-27, Norwood, Mass., and that the NED Fall Convention was held in Norwood.

Recording Secretary Irene M. Adamaitis reported that she sent out notices of the S.C. meeting, and had received notification of election results for three councils and two districts to date. As yet, no reply had been received from the Legal Adviser on his willingness to serve in the coming year.

Financial Secretary Irene Ozalis reported that council financial secretaries have been notified of delinquent members being removed from the mailing list. She also received a large quantity of "Constitutions" from Irene Sankus, but new amendments need to be included. At the National Convention, we gained a new lifetime member, Edward Krivickas of C-112, Chicago, making a total of 4 Lifetime Members. A committee consisting of Rita Pinkus,

Joseph Boley and Longinas Svelnis was appointed to look back through VYTIS to 1968 to gather all amendments, to compile them and update the current "Constitution".

Treasurer Irene K. Sankus distributed a very complete Treasurer's report.

Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Anthony Miner reported that he issued an October bulletin and suggested writing to President Nixon reminding him of the Kudirka incident. The circumstances of the Butkus family were discussed but any action was tabled.

Cultural Chairman Philip Skabeikis outlined his goals for the year in two major categories: articles to VYTIS and making publications and educational materials available to individual councils. He also requested a budget allocation to meet the minimal expenses he expects.

Ritual Chairman Helen Skudra reported that she received Third and Fourth Degree medals from Rita Pinkus but Rita will keep the records. Again District Ritual committees were called upon to help process degree applications when local councils are lax.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Dr. Jack Stukas stated that the first installment of this year's award has been paid. There was no report from Committee Treasurer Gerald Zager. A question of donation acknowledgement was brought up, and will be referred to Mr. Zager.

Although no report was received, it was noted that Honorary Membership will be bestowed on Anna Mae Uznis at the 60th National Convention in 1973.

Public Relations Chairman Helen V. Kulber reported on her various activities, especially focussing on an exhibit at the Hallmark Gallery and a demonstration at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. In the public relations field, Mary York of the Mid-Atlantic District reported on local meetings and expressed the need for project motivation. She also agreed to look into the reasons for the omission of Lithuanian representation at the Immigration Museum at the Statue of Liberty, New York.

District reports were received from Albert Jaritis, NED President, Irene Sankus, IID Secretary and Marian Sidtis, MAD 1st Vice-President.

VYTIS Editor Loretta I. Stukas reported on the

October and November issues, and announced the Christmas ad campaign.

Joseph Boley, Chairman of the Lithuanian Language committee urged greater use of the Lithuanian language.

Dr. Stukas announced that \$1172 has been collected to date for the "Tradicao, Familia, Propriedade" (TFP) project to collect signatures in Brazil for Lithuanian religious freedom. The group needs \$5000 to accomplish its objectives. A World Lithuanian Congress will be held in Sao Paulo at the end of February. It was suggested that the collected funds be turned over to TFP at that time, via the Brazilian Lithuanians.

Dr. Stukas also advised the meeting that Bishop Brizgys has promised to obtain official Vatican recognition of the K of L for the 60th National Convention.

Helen Skudra reported that the K of L choir record is being recorded. The Supreme Council was purchasing 300 records. These will be sent to Philip Skabeikis for sale and distribution to K of L-ers.

A formal bid was received from C-1, Brockton, Mass., to host the 60th National Convention at Stonehill College in North Easton, Mass. during the week of Aug. 13-20, 1973. The bid was accepted. Possible convention activities were discussed to make this gathering especially memorable. Joseph Boley consented to serve in an advisory capacity for the Convention.

The Supreme Council repealed its decision of June 11, 1972 and voted to approve and recognize the validity of the By-Laws of C-41, N.Y.

It was suggested that a directive be sent to all National Chairmen and Officers urging them to direct their efforts to the National organization level rather than merely to their own local and council levels. Their leadership is needed on the national level.

The meeting was greeted by Rev. A. Valancius, H.M., and it was closed by Rev. Peter Totoraitis, Spiritual Adviser of C-29. The next Supreme Council meeting will be hosted by C-17, Sr., So. Boston, Mass. on Saturday, Jan. 20, 1973.

Sincere thanks to C-29 for their excellent food, refreshments, and hospitality.

Irene Adamaitis, Recording Secretary

"VAI LEKITE DAINOS" - A new long-play record, containing a beautiful collection of Lithuanian folk songs and modern compositions, sung by

THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA (ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT) CHOIR,

directed by **FAUSTAS STROLIA**. The record is stereo, but playable in mono, and sells for \$5.00. Quantity discounts are available to Councils.

For your copy or for more information, please write to:

Ms. Estelle Rogers
K of L Choir President
6958 So. Rockwell Street
Chicago, Illinois 60629

OR

Mr. Phil Skabeikis
National Cultural Chairman
104-22 - 110th Street
Richmond Hill, N.Y. - 11419

SCENES FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

NOV. 4, 1972

HOLY TRINITY HALL
NEWARK, N.J.



The Supreme Council at work.



President Sue Boroskas makes a point...



... and Dr. J. Stukas and A. Mazeika listen.



Time out for refreshments - served by (right) C-29 Hostesses Mary Stonis and Rose Zukauskas.



East meets West - Rev. A. Valancius, Chicago; J. Boley, New York; L. Svelnis, Boston; F. Vaskas, Newark.



The younger set - P. Skabeikis and other C-41 members.

NATIONAL LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE

All K of L Districts and Councils should establish a Lithuanian Cultural Committee, to expose their members to all aspects of their cultural heritage and to spread a knowledge and appreciation of this heritage to the American Community.

PLEASE SEND ALL NAMES OF CULTURAL CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN.

Whenever possible, please send reports of the activities of your Committee. What are you trying? What has worked? What has failed? Nothing formal is needed, just a note. If and where available, newspaper clippings or pictures would be appreciated. This will facilitate preparing a comprehensive year end report.

NEWS ITEMS

I. The National Cultural Committee is planning to arrange for the publication of K of L Lithuanian Christmas Cards, hopefully to be available by the 1973 National Convention. The Committee is seeking suitable designs to consider for printing. All Cultural Committees are urged to encourage local Lithuanian artists to submit designs. Ideas should also be solicited from talented council members. February is the tentative deadline for entries. Remember, these are to be **Lithuanian** Christmas Cards.

II. The K of L Choir has recorded and just released an Album of Lithuanian selections. Copies of the record are \$5.00 each and can be ordered from the National Chairman. Orders can and should be placed early. There are only **300** records being made available. All profits will go to the Supreme Council. These records make perfect items for a raffle, they can be given as gifts, or donated to local libraries and educational institutions.

III. The Encyclopedia Lituanica (see VYTIS Convention Issue) is being made available to K of L-ers at \$15.00 per volume. Each council should consider owning a set for use among members or junior councils. A set would also make a good gift to the local library or school.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME ON ANY CULTURAL MATTER AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE I WILL LEND A HAND IN ANY WAY I CAN.

Vytiskai,

1972-73 Chairman:
PHILIP SKABEIKIS
104-22 110th Street
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11419



LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .

MILK CHOCOLATE FUDGE

NEVER FAILS!!!

You will need large aluminum pot about 4 qt. size and wooden spoon.

Ingredients:

1. 1/3 cup Butter or (Oleo.)
2. 4 1/2 cups Sugar
3. 1 can (13 oz.) Evaporated Milk
4. 2 bars Hershey sweet chocolate candy (each bar 8 oz.)
5. 12 oz. Semisweet Chocolate Morsels - Chips (or mint flavor)
6. 7 1/2 oz. Jar Marshmallow Fluff
7. 2 Teaspoons Vanilla
8. 2 cups or more Walnuts (whole) or the nuts you like best.

Directions

Combine: Butter, Sugar and Milk. Ingredients **MUST** boil for 5 1/2 minutes and keep mixing.

Remove from heat and **QUICKLY** add Chocolate mix until blended. Add Marshmallow Fluff mix. Add Vanilla and Nuts mix. Pour into square pans (IT will be easy to cut in candy squares).

These pans should be lined with Aluminum Foil. Grease the covered pans very lightly with butter to avoid fudge sticking to the foil, do this before start cooking the fudge. (Have all your ingredients ready open, chocolate bars broken in pieces).

Do not attempt to cut the fudge until cools off.

Best of Luck!

Anna Pocius
C-29, Newark

K of L Calendar

Happy New Year!



JANUARY

- 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
- 20 Supreme Council Meeting - Boston, Mass.

FEBRUARY

- 4 IID "ANNUAL MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" Dinner, K of L Hall, Chicago, Illinois
- 17 C-1, Brockton, ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BALL, Canoe Club, Bridgewater, Mass.

MARCH

- 4 IID ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Nativity BVM Church, 10:30 a.m. Mass, with brunch at the K of L Hall, Chicago, Illinois
- 4 C-17 & 17 Srs., So. Boston, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST, St. Peter's Church, 50 Flaherty Way, So. Boston, Mass.

APRIL

- 28 C-96, Dayton - SPRING DANCE, Lithuanian Club, Dayton, Ohio.
- 29 NED SPRING CONVENTION, St. Casimir Church, Smith St., Providence, R.I.

MAY

- ? Midwest Bowling Tournament, Cleveland, Ohio

AUGUST

- 16-19 K of L 60th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Stonehill College, North Eastern, Mass. C-1 - Brockton, Mass. Hosts



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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

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Our council's annual Halloween Party was held in the Zakarka Rathskeller and as usual all who attended had a ball. John Auksciunas, as a lovely lady, and Gerrie Mockus, as a pretty witch, were the prize winners. We're told that Estelle Rogers left her sick bed to join in the fun - with bedspread and all.

Council members also attended the Nativity B.V.M. Parish banquet on Oct. 13. Members, Pastor Anthony Zakaruskas, Canon V. Zakaruskas and Rev. John Kuczinskas are to be congratulated on a most successful affair.

An apology, for a slip of the typewriter, to Dr. Joseph Jerome, who attended the national convention with his daughter, Barbara, as our council delegate and as the representative of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation.

Prexy Stanley and Stella Molis, Irene Sankus, Leon Pauksta, Estelle Rogers and Joe Kulys attended the Federation Banquet as K of L representatives. Joe was also elected to the new Board of the Federation. Dr. Jerome also will continue to serve on the Board. Our best wishes to these two council members for a successful and fruitful term.

National Treasurer Irene Sankus attended a Supreme Council meeting held in Newark on Nov. 4. Along with Helen Skudra of C-36 and Grazina Vaskelis of Detroit, she had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of the Jack and Loretta Stukas.

Council members joined with the I-I-D members in remembering the deceased K of L members and their families at the

annual Memorial Mass held on Dec. 3 at the Jesuit Chapel. Members who were on the planning committee were Leon Pauksta, Irene Sankus, Julie Zakarka. Others giving a hand were Monica Kasper, Gerry Mack, John Auksciunas, Gediminas Janula, and Al Pakalniskis, Jr.

New Board appointment is Antanas Balcytis who will handle the Lithuanian publicity for the council. The December board meeting was hosted by Albina Gaides.

Condolances to Bernadine Rogers and her family on the tragic death of her father.

Remember to schedule the K of L Choir Benefit Dance, at Pakstas Hall on Jan. 20, and the I-I-D "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner, at the K of L Bldg. on Feb. 4, on your calendar.

I-I DISTRICT

Our District is again under the capable leadership of Leon Pauksta C-112, who was elected to serve as President for the 1972-73 term. Other district leaders are Algerd Brazis C-112, Chairman of the Board; Frank Zapolis C-36, 1st V-P (Juniors); Stanley Molis C-112, 2nd V-P (Membership); Adele Gabalas Srs., 3rd V-P (Seniors); Irene Sankus C-112, Secy; Ann Marie Kassel C-36, Corres. Secy; Frank Svelnis C-36, Treas.; Albert Kassel C-36, Albert Raubiskis C-112 and Vincent Samaska C-36, Trustees; and Jerome Jankus C-36, Edward Krivickas C-112 and Napoleon Sapkus C-36, Sgt-at-Arms. The Rev. Anthony Zakaruskas, pastor of Nativity B.V.M. Church, will direct the officers as Spiritual Advisor.



Council 112 - Chicago - Annual Halloween Party.

Committee chairmen will be announced in the next "Vytis" issue.

Our Annual Memorial Mass was held on Dec. 3 at the Jesuit Chapel with the Rev. Jonas Borevicius officiating and delivering a most inspiring sermon. Honorary Member Ignas Sakalas delivered a fitting memorial presentation at the Brunch. A delicious buffet was prepared by Julie Zakarka, Ann Marie Kassel, Vince Samaska, Kazimiera Petrulis, Helen Gudauskas. Others who worked on the committee or assisted in the day's activities were Irene Sankus, Eleanore Laurin, Leon Pauksta, Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, John Auksciunas and Gediminas Janula.

Congratulations to our K of L Choir who just released a new musical record, "Vai, Lekite, Dainos!" The Choir, directed by Faustas Strolia, was accompanied by the noted A. Kuciunas, with Algerd Brazis and Audrone Simonaitis as soloists.

Our K of L Dance group, under the leadership of Frank Zapolis, Cis Matul and Helen Pius, continue to represent the K of L and the Lithuanians in great fashion. Their numerous performances are always well received and most recently they performed in the Lithuanian program at the world famous Museum of Science and Industry's "Christmas Around the World" pageant. They danced and acted in the Lithuanian Christmas play written by our own Josephine Dauzvardis, the Lithuanian Consul General in Chicago.

The next District activity will be our annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day. The event will be held at the K of L Bldg. on Feb. 4th.

C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

C.S.

How was your fall harvest this year? C-36's was great. We turned over a new crop of friends and ideas to help make our Fall Harvest Dance a great success. If you couldn't come, let me tell you what you missed.

The evening started off with a few folk numbers from the K of L Dancers. Wally Tenclinger and his band had the hall jumping with his fine music. The "No-Names" entertained in song, and later joined Wally and the band in a

sing-along that put Mitch Miller to shame. What a show!

Who can forget the snake dance the "No-Names" started, let by Rudy Stachyra. You might even say that C-36 had a mini šokių šventė when the band played Klumpakojė.

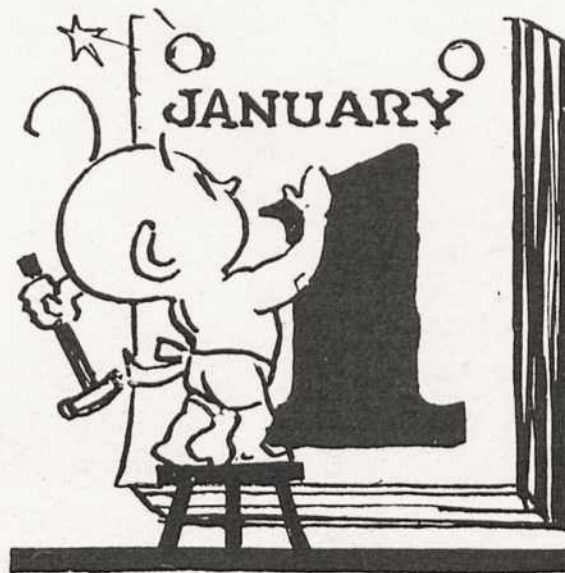
But if that wasn't your cup of tea, you had hot dogs with sauerkraut, and kugeli served with a smile by Francis Kasminskis, Gert Carver, and Mrs. Petrulis. And what about those bartenders! Did you ever see a sexier group of guys than Ray Kentra, Tony Wallunas, and Rudy Stachyra!

In fact, C-36 was more than happy to please. Our hostess, Christine Stachyra, announced "What you see is what you get, and if you don't see it, yell", and someone did! "Dancing girls", was the cry from one gentleman. So dancing girls he had, as our own Mrs. Zapolis, Ann-Marie Kassel, and Christine Stachyra joined Estelle Rogers and Cecilia Matul (C-112), along with five other circles for Hava Nagila.

Many thanks go to Scotty Zukas (raffle), Virginia Balzekas (popcorn), Sally Chernius (publicity), Virginia Kentra (tickets), Vince Samaska (chief chef), and all the guests who remained after the dance to help clean up.

Our congratulations go to Fr. Paul who won the Bell & Howell movie camera (1st prize), Estelle Rogers who won the AM-FM clock radio (2nd prize), and all the other lucky winners of the raffle.

Congratulations, also, to Walter and Isabell Zemgulis who were blessed with a baby boy.



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

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With the holidays behind us, we have our course for the New Year laid ahead and a somewhat new staff to direct us for 1973. Our Election Night Dinner was held on Nov. 5 in the church hall. With Judy Petrokas, Rita Ambrose and John A. Berczelly co-chairing the dinner, we convey a very LARGE THANK YOU. They really outdid themselves. They, in turn, were ably assisted by Frank/Karolyn Ambrose, Elinor Sluzas, Ann Scott and Eloise Berczelly. Judy's mother, Monica Petrokas, did her part to round out an excellent meal!

Incoming officers for the 1973 term are as follows: Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Walter Katariskis; Pres. - Elinor Sluzas; 1st Vice-Pres. - In-Charge-Of-Jrs. - Christina Kavy; 2nd Vice-Pres. - In-Charge-Of-Membership - John A. Berczelly; Rec. Secy. - Frank Ambrose; Fin. Secy. - Frances Mikalauskas; Treas. - Sally Miller; Trustees - Amelia August and Michael J. Petkus; Sgt-at-Arms - Stanley Kavy and Ernest Omlor; Culture - Stacy Lazdinis assisted by Tina Kavy; Ritual - Stanley Vaitkus; Lithuanian Affairs - Frank Gudelis assisted by Ann Scott; Religion - Pat Zelinskas and Eloise Berczelly; Condolence - Michael J. Petkus; Vytis - Fran Petkus; Council Bulletin - Rita Ambrose and Judy Petrokas; Sąryšis - Joe Gecas, Frank Gudelis; Ways and Means - Marianne Podoyak; Sports - George Mikalauskas, John A. Berczelly, Jerry/Cathy Roberts, Jerry Scott, with George Zelinskas in the advisory department; Telephone Squad - Leader - Ida Kavy assisted by Helen Vaitkus, Alice Petkus, Veronica Omlor, Laretta Pant and Ann Kondrotas; Social Chairman - Mary Lucas.

To ALL our outgoing officers, much thanks for the time they put in to keep us an active council, especially to our outgoing president, Joe Noreikas, who held the

post faithfully for four straight years! To our new staff, much luck, and we hope you will receive complete backing from ALL the members in all you undertakings!

The Seminary Scholarship Fund Dinner of Nov. 12 and the Jr. Council's "Country Store" proved to be a success again this year. Ann Scott carried most of the burden of the dinner. The Jrs not only took care of the "store" but had KP duty, sold raffle chances and Christmas cards. They were kept mighty busy! The Jr Advisors, Joe/Eleanor Mantz, Mike/Fran Petkus were more than pleased with the cooperation and donations received from council members and Holy Cross parishioners. Two Knights were raffle winners: Michael F. Petkus, Jr. Treasurer, won a hand made pillow, which, by the way was knitted by our regular council member, Jerry Bedrowsky. Joan Kavalauskas won Four Seasons wall decorations! Congratulations!

If Dayton council members were walking around looking a little more proud of themselves than normal, there was a very good reason. In the Nov. 15, 1972 edition of the Journal Herald, a local paper, Mary Lucas and her crew, who had been working steadily on the Lithuanian ornaments, had their efforts acknowledged with the following quotes: "The price tag on Dayton's downtown Christmas spectacular would be a quarter of a million dollars - if everybody were getting paid. Luckily the ladies from the Knights of Lithuania are making their ornaments". Further in the article: "Only the Lithuanian tree is decorated with 'homemade' decorations made of white plastic straws". Our tree was the only one that had all its ornaments completely made by hand, and without bragging too much, it really looked beautiful. We thank Mary for giving us that push to get the work done. Oh, - we did have one man join us in this project, Joe Ryan!

On Nov. 4 with a great deal of help from Judy Petrokas, our Jr.

Knights, dressed in costume, marched in the University of Dayton's Homecoming Day Parade. We thank Rita Ambrose, Frank Ambrose, and John A. Berczelly for helping the Advisors, plus an AČIU to Elinor Sluzas who hand-printed our Jr. Knights' signs that were displayed on each side of a 1922 antique car. The Jrs took turns riding in the car and were very thankful, for it sure was a cold, windy day!

A warm welcome is extended to Jerry Scott, our newest member, and a welcome back to Josephine Rimkus. Our congratulations to Jerry on his recent engagement to Terri Altendahl.

We are pleased that Steponas Bucmys is doing much better after his recent eye surgery. Jane Petkus came through her appendectomy in fine style. Joe Ryan's recent stay at the hospital - was fine, only for Joe to return home to sprain his ankle! Mary Miller is recuperating slowly from her long confinement in bed. Frank Ambrose is doing well after having had further surgery on his foot.

That Big Blast on Nov. 11 from Cincinnati was just Eloise Berczelly, Pat Zelinskas and Bea Noreikas making the annual trip to "The Big City". Did you know that Aldona Ryan is now on the State Board of the Ohio Society of

Professional Engineer's Auxiliary? Congratulations!

January Birthday congratulations are sent to Jerry Podoyak, Joe Gecas, Mary Miller, Mike J. Petkus, Elizabeth Scott, John Berczelly, Charles Vangas, Jim Richey, Paulette Petkus, Ray Omlor and Georgia Petroski. Anniversary greetings go to Joe/Amelia August, Henry/Lauretta Pant, Ray/Mildred Steinbrunner, Ray/Bette Omlor.



C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

"Dzūkelė"

Just prior to passing the gavel of the Presidency to his successor, our out-going President, Joe Zalieckas, had these words to offer: "To all our members, let me say 'thank you' for your suggestions and kind cooperation throughout the past year. May we, the Executive Board and I, express our appreciation for the very satisfactory council relation-



A few delegates at the National Convention in Cleveland representing Mid-Atlantic District (formerly New York-New Jersey District).

ship we have had this past year. Thank you all!" The new Executive Board was installed before Mass on Nov. 12 by our Pastor and Spiritual Director, Father Anthony J. Miciunas, M.I.C. We are happy to announce the following Board Members for 1973: Pres.: Charles Lapinkas; Vice Pres.: Mrs. Vyto (Ann) Morkunas; Rec. Secy.: Mrs. Charles (Mildred) Lapinkas; Fin. Secy.: Mrs. Theodore (Rita) Pinkus; Treas.: Joseph Zalieckas; Auditors: Stephen Walinsky, Jr. and Peter Ivaska; Sgts.-At-Arms: Francis Degutis and Richard Desautell; Lithuanian Affairs Chairman: Alex Kardokas. Congratulations to another fine Board of Officers. We look forward to working for Lithuania and Lithuanians with this dedicated group.

Congratulations to Bill and Carol Grigas who have a new son, William Charles; and to Bertha and Anthony Gircys who named their new daughter, Joanna. Sincere best wishes to Teresa Ciginskas who accepted a beautiful engagement ring from Kazys Adomavicius. The couple have set a summertime wedding date. Incidentally, Kazys is President of Maironis Park and we are happy to welcome him into our council as a brand new member. Wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gregonis, Mr. and Mrs. Rimas Jakubauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kuzmeskas and to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy (Donna Jankowski). The wide variety of happy announcements is reversed now as we inform you of the following: Bill Grigas' mother, Mrs. Helen Grigas, long active in our parish, died in December. Mr. Michael A. Karpicus, father of Edwina Ginkus and Michael D. Karpicus, passed away in December. Nine months following the death of his wife, Mary, Peter Jankowski passed away in August, thus causing Kenneth and Donna Jankowski to lose two parents in less than a year. To the families and friends of these fine people, we offer our prayers and sincere sympathy.

It was nice to see Lillian Sasnauskas, C-3 Philly, who visited her Godson, Vyto, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vyto Morkunas, here in Worcester, on the occasion of his second birthday.

The October dinner-dance at Maironis Park was a huge success. It was chaired by Ann Bender, Helen Gillus and Rita Pinkus, and assisted by Adele and Francis Degutis, Claire Grigaitis, Franny (Algis) Glodas, Joe Zalieckas, Arthur Racicot and Steve Walinsky.

Upon hearing an appeal for help from our pastor, the ambitious members of our council volunteered their decorating talents and painted two classrooms in our parish school in preparation for the new school term. Our council had a booth at the parish picnic, as well. Anniversary Masses were held on the proper dates for our two late K of L priests, Father Michael Tamulevicius (our long-time Spiritual Director) and Father John J. Jutt (our late Pastor). Father Jutt's twin brothers celebrated their brother's Mass.

Bowling continues to be competitive! Joan Krusas, Paul Roland, Alex Pridotkas and Peter Ivaska are in the race for honors! Miss Wanda Pajeda provided the articles for the Lithuanian exhibit at the Public Library commemorating Worcester's 250th anniversary. The fine task of arranging these articles was accomplished by Miss Joan Adamaitis of C-116.

Two news items in the John Kosloski family. First, they have a new son, Christopher! Second, John is now a Director of the Dirsa Funeral Home. Congratulations to this little family. Incidentally, in addition to John, we have two other members in the funeral profession: Bob Zemaitis (Dirsa Funeral Home) and Peter Carroll (Carroll Funeral Home), and while we wish these gentlemen much success, we hope other members of our council will point their professional sights in other directions! Ann Morkunas' mother, Mrs. Alsankas of Worcester,

formerly of Philly, spent a period in the hospital, but is home recuperating now.

Through a special arrangement made by Joe Zalieckas, Santa Claus delighted the youngsters of the following members of our recent Christmas party held in the parish hall: Desautell, Gircys, Godek, Grigas, Greska, Flaherty, Karas, Krusas, Morkunas, Kardokas, Racicot, Sheeny, Walinsky, Valinski and Zalieckas. What fun for all! Committee members were: Rita Pinkus, Mrs. Nell Thompson, Ann Bender, Ann Morkunas, Helen Gillus, Ann Bucinskas, Joe Godek and Steve Walinsky.

HAPPY NEW YEAR,
EVERYONE!

C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

L.R.

Election of new officers took place with the following results: Pres. - Mary Minkus, Vice Pres. - Benedict Coach, Treas. - Bernard Minkus, Secy. - Marcia Rogers, Culture Comm. - Mary Minkus, Ritual Comm. - Kunigunda Coach, Lith. Affairs - Benedict Coach, Scribe - Louise Renaud, Spiritual Adv. - Rev. Father Puidokus.

Cookie Coach lost her father, Stanley Danyla, and Bernie Minkus also lost his father, Peter, who was 94 years old. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Silver Anniversaries were celebrated by Frank and Edna Bernadicius, also William and Helen Alexik. We wish them many happy years ahead.

Sgt. Benny Coach was promoted to head the Detective Bureau. Louise Renaud, with her daughters, Donna and Carol, won trophies at the archery meet sponsored by the U.S. Bare Bow Archery Assoc. We had a few "William Tells" participating.

Our two picnics were great this year. A busload from Boston came to Southwick, and what a pleasant day it was! Who was it that fell out of the boat and had to have his

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pants dried? That's a no - no! We also had a group from Waterbury, and their bagels were delicious. Can we have more of the same next year? Joe Sakaitis was our only representative from Worcester. A farewell party for Father Bakonas kept them away. A happy and restful retirement to Father! Almost 99 percent of our own members turned out.

The weather could have been better, but the fun and food we had was really great!

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dunn went to Europe and visited Italy, Greece, and Spain where they enjoyed seeing the beautiful buildings and paintings.

A Lithuanian Culture Show was held in the church parlors, chaired by Mary Minkus and assisted by Cookie Coach and Anne Sabonis. Our dear friend, Tony Miner from Worcester, brought his Lithuanian goodies which were sold. Requests are being made for another show!

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

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Father Paul P. Sabulis, Chaplain of the Ansonia Police Anchor Club, was named Chaplain of the CWV of St. Peter and Paul Church. He was one of the speakers at the testimonial banquet held at Paradise Inn honoring Father William Mahoney, a missionary priest who was a classmate of his.

Our meetings are very interesting lately with travelogs given by Violet Brazitis (South America) Al and Ann Barauskas (Portugal), Al and Sue Jesulaitis (Portugal) and

Millie Driznus (California). Our last meeting featured a Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings. (mm-mm-Good).

Congratulations, again, to Ann and Walter Arbachouskas in the selection of flowers they donated for our Forty-hour Devotions.

Al Barauskas and Anthony Yuskis are with us again after brief stays at the Griffin Hospital.

Don Poehailos weighs one pound less - no diet - just shaved off his mustache.

Janet Brainard is in the Catering business. Her specialty is a wide variety of foods served buffet-style for any occasion. Good Luck, Janet.

Casey Svelyns organized a work session to sand the front edges of the pews that were causing pulls in ladies' stockings. No complaints on this score now. Thanks, Casey.

Odd Job Dept.: Peter Gumbulevich pulled an assignment as a Security Guard, in a cemetery, on Halloween Night.

We are wondering how Al Shurkis bet on the Ansonia -

Naugatuck football game on Thanksgiving Day, - an Ansonia boy living in Naugatuck! Let us know Al.

Howard Gyba had an easy day the Saturday Ann went on a bus trip with the Ladies Guild. Easy? His car broke down in Seymour, and when he got home, he was confronted with an unexpected plumbing job that took the better part of the afternoon to repair.

Ann Ramanauskas looks younger every time we see her. What's your secret, Ann, Lady of Leisure, - or is that it?

To assure your receiving the Vytis for 1973, contact Stan Twerian, Fin. Sec., by calling 735-2892. For those who do not attend our meetings, we wish you would.

Our Officers for 1973 are: Pres. - Violet Brazitis, Vice-Pres. - Al Barauskas, Secy. - Ann Barauskas, Treas. - Millie Driznus, Fin. Sec. - Stan Twerian, Trustees - John Sabulis, Lillian Twerian, Eva Yurevich.

A Happy Holiday Season to all of you from all of us.

