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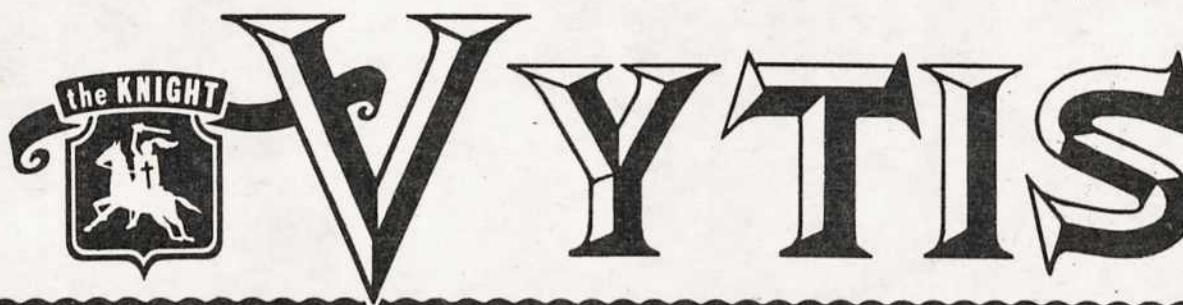
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LITHUANIA -

A CASE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

by

SAULIUS MATAS



Roman, a young university student, walked through the streets of his hometown on his way to the city park. It was that brief time of year which every citizen of Kaunas cherishes - the season of the linden blossoms. This blossom has a special place in the hearts of the Lithuanian people. Freed from dreary months of frost and darkness, the blossoming of the linden trees signals the advent of better days.

Like every other Lithuanian, Roman loved the blossom's scent and each year he allowed himself to be swept into the glorious times of Lithuania's past. He used to sit in the park and dream of the time when his ancestors had carved out a mighty nation, which stretched from the Baltic to the Black Sea and from the border of Poland to the very outskirts of Moscow. An ancient race still pagan, the fierce Lithuanian warriors had crushed the German Teutonic Knights at Tannenberg (1410) and had then embarked on the conquest of Russia. For as long as he could remember, he had loved this time and taken pride and consolation from it.

But things were changing now. Books were changing. History was being manipulated. More and more, the children were using other words. - Russian words. In a way they were right. Roman knew that the Lithuanian Empire was but a spark of light within a never-ending struggle for freedom. But in that struggle - there was the glory. Theirs was a thousand-year-old history of resistance. The endless struggles have left their marks in every street, in every castle ruin, in every broken monument. Every hillside speaks out with the remains of burned-out villages and the graves of myriad heroes. It might as well have been a myth. He thought for a time. His expressions changed: from fear, to sadness, to determination. Today, he would proceed to the park.

On this sunny day in Kaunas in May of 1972, Roman Kalanta sat down in the city park, which is called Freedom Square, and set a match to a gallon of gasoline which he had poured over his body. No one in Lithuania, or in the entire Soviet Union for that matter, had

to ask why he did it, for it was all too clear. His suicide was followed by three other Lithuanian burnings and massive protests throughout the country. During Kalanta's funeral open rioting ignited when a girl was manhandled by police after she had lain down in the street with her arms spread in the form of a cross. Thousands of students and workers attacked Communist Party and secret police headquarters, shouting "Freedom for Lithuania!" Eventually, tough riot-control paratroopers were called into Kaunas and hundreds were arrested. This was the biggest demonstration to occur in the U.S.S.R. within recent memory. Significantly, it was but one facet in an increasingly powerful "civil rights" movement in the entire Soviet Union.

Lithuania's is a struggle for her history. Her language and traditions, which trace back almost five thousand years, are the things the Lithuanians cherish the most. But the Soviets are determined to wipe out this long tradition.

But the truly frightening aspect of this plan is its global extent. What many westerners do not realize is that the Russian people comprise little more than fifty percent of the total population of the Soviet Union. The rest are members of twenty ethnic groups, each with a unique language and culture. With the aim of creating "a single common socialist culture with a single common tongue", the ethnic Russian rulers in the Kremlin have taken on the task of Russifying 112 million people. The western world's ignorance of this genocide greatly simplifies their task.

To fight this tyranny, non-Russian nationalist forces and Russian liberals have formed what is now known as the Soviet civil rights movement.

In less than a decade, the movement has created the Samizdat, which circulates effectively throughout the Soviet Union. Democratic-minded dissidents have organized around their churches - notably the Jews, Catholics and Baptists. in 90 percent - Catholic Lithuania, 17,000 dared to sign a petition in the spring of 1972 to party

chief Brezhnev and to Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations in which they asked for enforcement of Soviet constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion that are now being violated. Finally famous authors and scientists such as P. Yakir, A. Solzhenitsyn, and A. Sakharov have proclaimed to the free world - with eloquence and anguish - the Kremlin's injustices.

However, the movement has hardly been as effective as it had hoped to be. It succeeded in stirring up national and liberal consciousness; but the result has been a severe crackdown by the KGB. So far the police have not been able to curb Samizdat entirely, but they have closed down many churches and more than doubled the penalty for "anti-Soviet activity"-to seven years imprisonment. In addition, the civil rights activists are faced with the one problem they had not expected: the West's unwillingness to listen - or even to acknowledge them! Only the U.S., Canada, and Western Europe have the bargaining power to put pressure on unjust Soviet actions, but these very same nations encourage the oppressors by ignoring the dissidents. Alexander Solzhenitsyn, in his Nobel Prize acceptance speech, castigated the West as well as the Soviet Union for "comfortably ignoring all the groans, the stifled cries, the destroyed lives, as long as these remain at a distance". Going on, he writes: "The timid civilized world has found nothing with which to oppose the onslaught of a sudden revival of barbarity, except with concessions and smiles".

Possibly because of our skepticism with our own government's policies we reject such issues as stale, anti-communist propaganda which died along with the end of the 1950's. But keep this in mind: this combination of nationalist and civil rights issues is a new development in the Soviet Union. They are not some band of reactionary bourgeoisie working for the reintroduction of the capitalist system. Roman Kalanta was a member of the Communist Youth League. They are merely people, fighting for their basic human rights of history, language, literature, and religious belief. They are risking their



Soldier's Monument, Kaunas.

necks, even they have taken their own lives, as they must have an active and determined world opinion on their side if they are to succeed in any significant way.

The movement asks of those who are listening to voice their opinion on these matters. But make it a definite and active yes or no. The future of twenty cultures, of 112 million, should not be decided by our refusal to become committed.

(Notre Dame University Observer)



Liberty Monument.



NOT HE IS THE GREAT MAN

[NE TAS YRA DIDIS]

By Vincas Kudirka

Translated from the Lithuanian by Nadas Rastenis

Not he is the great man, before whom the millions
Of slaves bow and shiver, as he struts along;
But inwardly curse him; great are not the tyrants,
Who must be applauded, though they are mean and wrong.

But he is the great man, who fosters compassion,
Assists his worn brethren each day and each year;
Who serves troubled mankind with zeal and with passion,
Before whom men kneel down of joy, not of fear.

Not he is the mighty, whose will is reflected
By rivers and oceans becrimsoned in red;
Whose deeds are attested by mortals dejected,
Wealth burned, towns demolished, and millions of dead.
But he is the mighty who, sans blood, sans sorrow,
Spreads brotherly kindness at home and abroad;
Who brings to the saddened a brighter tomorrow,
And lightens a strained stranger's unbearable load.

Not he is the brave man, who grabs a sharp saber,
Agnashing his vile teeth with beastly ado,
Assails his well-meaning and dutiful neighbor,
And kills him, forgetting that he's a man, too.

But he is the brave man, we all must acknowledge,
Who for our sweet freedom is prompt to arise;
Who dares to defend his opinion and knowledge,
And speaks the truth firmly, straight to the world's eyes!



George Washington

First President of the United States Father of Our Country, was noted for many of his heroic attributes. But perhaps one of the most outstanding was his humility and devotion to his people. At a time when Washington could have been elected a dictator by a landslide, he chose, instead, to give his fledgling nation its birthright --- a country governed by all the people. To emphasize this choice even more dramatically, he humbled himself before a congress he could have controlled.

This lesson must apply not just for today, for all time --- that no man must ever consider himself above the Constitution of the United States, that our great country shall ever be a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

T.R.McK.
"American Heritage"



Abraham Lincoln

who rescued a whole race of men from slavery and saved the American experiment in Democracy for all time, has become in the 20th century since his death, a kind of symbol of all the Good toward which humanity is striving; a living proof that Man can attain that Good. Revered to the point of worship, both in this country and abroad, his name has come to mean many things; as if the very name itself spells out the truest meanings of honesty, compassion, humor, and wisdom. Yet, he lives on for people as a man ... a flesh and blood and bone human being whose greatness they can accept because they can accept his origin, his ways, his laughter. He is like a neighbor with whom to swap yarns over the back fence at sunset; he is easy-walking, easy-talking. You don't have to play up to him and he won't play down to you. You know where you are with Lincoln. And yet, there is that dedication in him, that urge of destiny running through him and the strength to answer the challenge, and you wonder ... Is some of this same greatness in my neighbor, my son, myself? He was spokesman for all that went before him in the building of America and everything for which we have since fought to preserve.

Ralph G. Newman

VASARIO 16-TOJI ŠIAPUS ATLANTO

“Lietuva mano šiaurės pašvaistė,
Ir žvaigždė sidabrinių rytų.
Kas krauju Tavo veidą nulaistė
Ir ko raudi prie kryžkelės Tu?”

Brazdžionis

Mes, kurie gyvenome savo tėvynėje, matėme Lietuvą žengiant pirmyn kartu su kitomis Europos valstybėmis. Stebėjome jos puikius kultūrinius atsiekimus. Mokėmės savo krašto mokyklose. Laisvai išpažinome savo tikėjimą. Visa tai paliko mums gražiausius atsiminimus. O tie, kurie dar maži būdami pasitraukė su savo tėveliais į laisvus kraštus arba tie, kurie visai nematė savo tėvų žemės ir Lietuvą pažįsta tik iš tėvų pasakojimų arba iš spaudos, didžiuojasi mūsų krašto didvyriais, ir susidaro gražiausią vaizdą apie mūsų numylėtą tėvynę.

Tokios mintys vyrauja mummyse, šiapus Atlanto, Vasario 16-tosios proga.

Mes visi Lietuvos paveikslą puošiame gražiausiais gėlių vainikais. Su malda prisimename tėvynę, jos nepriklausomybės dieną.

Šiandien mes prisimename tėvynę, okupanto prislėgtą ir žiauriai kankinamą. Jos laisvė sunaikinta ir tautiniai pasireiškimai suvaržyti. Jos vaikai persekiojami ir tremiami į svetimą tolimą Sibirą.

Vasario 16-toji vėl atnaujina mūsų ryžtą siekti tėvynei laisvės. Mes visi, esantieji laisvuose pasaulio kraštuose, šaukiame: “Laisvė Lietuvai!”

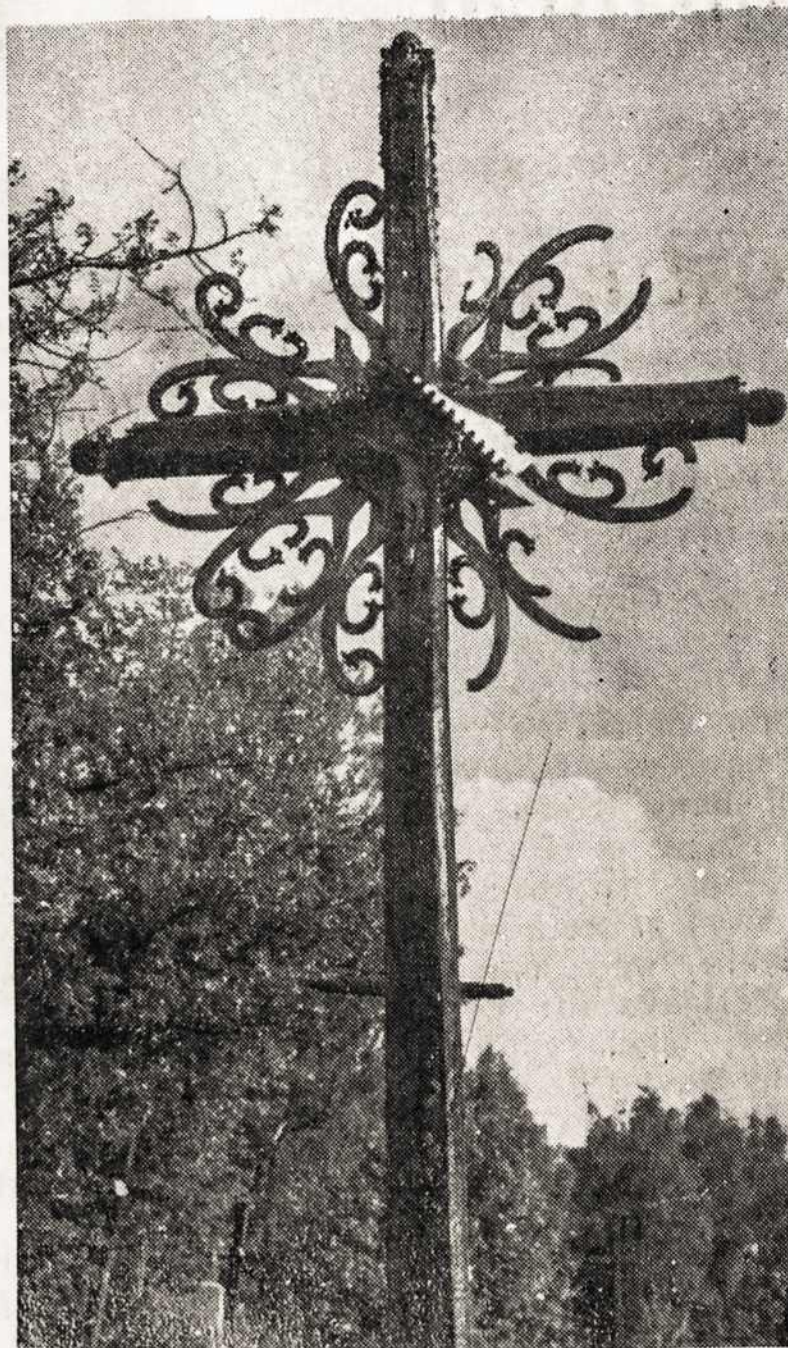
Tiek vyresni, tiek jaunesni kartu sakome: mes neišeisime į pensiją dėl Lietuvos laisvės! Tegul pasaulis žino, kad lietuviai šiame krašte trokšta laisvės Lietuvai ir tvirtai tiki, kad ji prisikels ir vėl bus laisva ir nepriklausoma.

Paskutiniai Lietuvos įvykiai akivaizdžiai apibūdina mūsų laikų tėvynės kančias ir jos vaikų išgyvenimus, kurie neturi lygių visoje mūsų tautos istorijoje.

Dabartinė karta išgyvena tokius laikus, kokių jokia kita lietuvių karta nebuvo patyrusi. Bet 16-toji Vasario mus paguodžia ir atgaivina. Mes tikime tėvynės prisikėlimu.

Visi žinome, kad po nakties tamsos vėl sušvinta aušra ir pasirodo auksiniai saulės spinduliai. Po žiemos ledo, ir šalčių, sukaustyta žemė atgyja pavasariui sušvitus. Po baisios audros - perkūnų ir žaibų - pasirodo vėl šviesi saulutė... Taip ir mūsų tėvynė, po baisių pergyvenimų ir kančių, prisikels skaisti ir šviesi naujam gyvenimui.

Tebūnie Vasario 16-toji, mums, šioje Atlanto pusėje, tarsi aušros žvaigždė, rodanti ateinančią laisvės dieną.



Mūsų tautos tragedija, galima sakyti, yra Dievo Apvaizdos leista. Juk didelė Lietuvos vaikų dalis pasiekė laisvus kraštus. Kai dauguma pasilikusių savo sodybose, prie Nemuno ir Šešupės krantų, negali kelti balso dėl mūsų laisvės, tai mes, laisvieji, turime šaukte šaukti: “Laisvės Lietuvai!”

Čia reikia prisiminti, kad tėvynėje pasilikę sudaro mūsų tautos branduolį, o mes čia tik padedame jiems iškovoto laisvę.

Kartais, mums gali atrodyti, kad nėra vilčių Tėvynės laisvei atgauti. Žinokime, kad viskas kinta. O Šv. Raštas sako: “Kyla tautos ir svyra karalystės. Dievas leidžia balsą ir dreba žemė”.

Lietuvos laisvės viltys sujungtos su visomis Europos pavergtomis tautomis. Vergijoje esantieji laukia laisvės, o su jais ir lietuvių tauta.

Prieš keletą metų mūsų tautos didis žmogus Kun. Krupavičius pasakė: “Lietuva atgaus laisvę tada, kai laisvės vartai atsivers visoms Europos pavergtomis valstybėms”.

Laisvės valanda artėja. Tai įvyks greičiau, nei mes tikimės. Teškamba laisvės varpas: “O skambink per amžius vaikams Lietuvos, tas laisvės nevertas, kas negina jos”.

Lithuanian

Costumes

by Loretta Stukas

Over the centuries, national costumes have been held in highest regard in many countries, particularly those of Europe. In Lithuania, the national costume has been worn at state occasions, folk festivals, weddings, and on National Holidays for centuries. Even today, when Lithuania is occupied by Soviet Russia, Lithuania's ladies consider the national costume one means of maintaining their national identity.

The costume is also popular outside Lithuania. Lithuanian choirs and dance groups in all parts of the world wear them as their standard performing outfits, and some brides and their bridesmaids even wear them as wedding outfits.

Cloth for the costumes is woven on special looms. There are several Lithuanian immigrants in



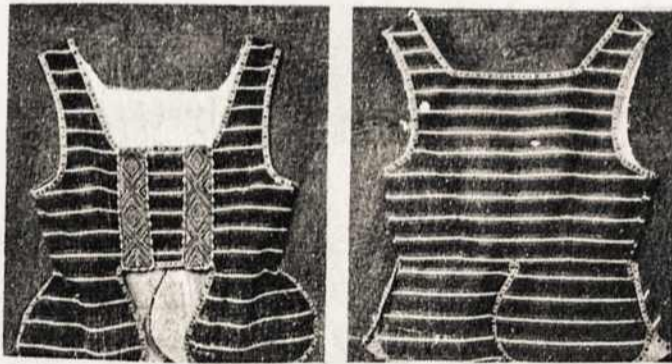
Costumes of the Aukstaiciai (Highlander) Region of Lithuania.

the USA, Canada and elsewhere who brought their "art" with them, and continue making costumes to order. Also, residents of Lithuania make costumes and send them to relatives in the US in exchange for packages of "Western goods".

A variety of patterns and colors are woven into the Lithuanian costume, but usually one basic color dominates. The particular weaving patterns used, as well as the cut of the components are usually representative of a particular re-

gion of the country. A maiden may choose a costume representing the area of her birth, or another region of her choice, but mixtures (e.g., a lowlander skirt and a highlander vest) are not proper. Basic components of the Lithuanian costume are as follows:

1. The **BLOUSE**, made of white or ecru linen or heavy cotton, has long, full sleeves, decorated with woven-in colored designs. The design is often repeated on the blouse's front and shoulders.



Vests (Kiklikai) of the Dzukija region.



Crown



Sashes (Juostai)



Aprons

2. The SKIRT, is full and usually made of wool. It can be gathered or pleated, and contains a variety of designs. Lithuanian lowlanders (žemaičiai) wear skirts with a vertical design, highlanders, (aukštaičiai) skirts have horizontal designs. The design patterns represent particular towns and villages.

3. The VEST is usually made of a material similar to but not identical to the skirt. It may have the same or contrasting colors

and designs as the skirt. The vest's peplum comes in a variety of lengths, again peculiar to a particular region of the country. Likewise, the front of the vest is clasped, laced, or buttoned, again according to the custom of a particular area.

4. The APRON is an important "finishing touch" of the costume, and is usually noted for the richness of its design. A very common decoration in Lithuanian folk art is the tulip, and this is

frequently woven into the apron. The amount of and type of design is symbolic of a region. In olden times, the apron was considered symbolic of virtue, and maidens were not to be seen in public without an apron.

5. The HEADPIECE is a crown with a woven sash or ribbon attached to the back. Frequently, the design of the vest or skirt is repeated in the sash. Traditionally, the maiden wears the crown with the ribbons or sash - the married woman wears a crown with a scarf attached, to cover her hair.

The costume is completed with a necklace of AMBER, often called Lithuanian "Gold"... the only jewelry considered proper with a national costume. Amber, the national "jewel" of Lithuania, is a fossil washed up from the Baltic Sea. It is said to have magical or medicinal powers. Lithuanian mythology has it that the Goddess Jūratė, daughter of Perkūnas, God of Thunder, lived in an amber castle far beneath the Baltic Sea. She met and fell in love with a mortal Kastytis, a fisherman. In anger, Perkūnas, struck and smashed her castle into bits. Thus, today's Lithuanians wear Amber - bits of that doomed castle.



Costumes from (l. to r.) the Klaipeda (Memel), Kapsis, and Zemaitija (Lowlands) regions of Lithuania.

LIETUVOS GENERALINĖ KONSULĖ J. DAUŽVARDIENĖ

SOFIJA ADOMAITIENĖ

Malonu ir garbė mums visiems, kad į Lietuvių moterų klubų federacijos ir Tautinių namų organizuojamą kultūrinių popiečių ciklą "Lietuvė moteris Chicagoj", pirmoji pasidalinti savo mintimis sutiko mūsų miela generalinė konsulė Juzė Daužvardienė.

Norėčiau nors prabėgomis pristatyti jos nueitą platų ir garbingą kelią.

LIETUVIŠKIAUSIOS ŠEIMOS DUKTĖ

Gimė Amerikoje Worcestery lietuviškiausioje Raukčių šeimoj. Baigusi universitete teisių ir socialinius mokslus, nenuplaukė tik į amerikiečių vandenį. Nuo 1917-28 m. dirbo laikraščio "Amerikos Lietuvis" administracijoje ir redakcijoje. Nuo 1928-33 m. vadovavo North American Civic League for Immigrants ir vėliau dirbo miesto socialinės apsaugos įstaigoj kaip "social worker". Nesibodėjo lietuviško "getto", kaip dabar girdime iš mūsų jaunosios kartos, ji visa širdimi savo visą laiką atidavė ten, kur lietuviška veikla šaukė. Deklamavo, vaidino, dainavo chore, akompanavo solistams. Nuo 1922-28 m. dirigavo lietuvių chorui ir mokytojavo vakarinėje lietuvių mokykloje. Tas jaunystės pasirengimas ateičiai atnešė brangių vaisių. Tapusi Lietuvos konsulo garbingos atminties dr. Petro Daužvardžio žmona, dar plačiau panaudojo savo žinias lietuvių tautos propagandai. Kažin ar yra kita tokia institucija, kuri tiek išgarsino Lietuvos vardą, jos kultūrą bei vargus amerikiečių ir kitų kraštų konsulų tarpe, kaip mūsų gerbiama konsulė.

PASKAITOS IR DARBAI

Pavarčius tik dalį jos užrašų, radau, kad jau 1935 m. Foreign Policy Club amerikiečiams pristatyta Lietuvos valstybė ir tautos kultūra, kaip lygi su visomis didelėmis valstybėmis. 1940 m. skaitė paskaitą Chicagoj suvažiavime Federation of Women Club. 1946 - 12 paskaitų amerikiečių klubuose, ieškojo pagalbos ir draugų okupuotai Lietuvai.

1947 m. - "tik" 29 paskaitos, net su lietuvių solistų programomis.

1948 m. - 5 paskaitos, na, ir šimtai kitų veikimų, nes pradėjom atskristi mes, "Dievo Paukšteliai", DP. Ir mudu su vyru, pirmą kartą aplankę Lietuvos konsulatą, buvome maloniai priimti, supažindinti su visa Chicago. Nuo tada juos pažinome ne tik pareigose, bet ir kaip širdingas asmenybes.

Jau 30 metų kai organizuoja Chicagos Mokslo ir Pramonės muziejų Kalėdoms lietuviškas šiaudinukų



J. Daužvardienė su naujai atvykusiais Butkiukais - Loreta, Raimonda ir Rimvydu.

ėglutes, programas, kūčių papročius, kuriomis labai susižavėjo amerikiečiai, nes jų spauda būna pilna nuotraukų bei pagyrų.

BALFO* RAUDONOJO KRYŽIAUS IR DAUGELIO KITŲ ORGANIZACIJŲ DARBUOTOJA

Nuo pat Balfo įsikūrimo aktyvi jo darbuose organizatorė, rėmė tremties mokyklas, Čiurlionio ansamblį, siuntė siuntinius reikalingiems. Aktyviai remia Balfo darbus iki šios dienos.

Priklausė ir dirbo Amerikos Raudonajam Kryžiu, Lietuvių atstovė Immigrant Protection League Chicagoje, padėjo tremtiniam atvykti į šį kraštą, skaitė paskaitas, organizavo koncertus, kur ir aš kelis kartus dainavau. Aktyvi veikėja Chicagos Lietuvių Moterų klube, kuris pagarsėjo amerikiečių spaudoj debiutančių pristatomais Gintaro baliais, kur įvesta daug lietuviško elemento. Pravedė lietuvių dieną pasaulinėj Faire & Railroad parodoje Chicagoje, kur Juzės Daužvardienės kvietimu mes - Bičkienė, Adomaitienė ir Baras - išpildėm programą prieš tūkstantinę minią. Suorganizavo 58 konsulų ponių klubą ir ten yra parengimų vadovė. Didžiausios atrakcijos sulaukė lietuviškų valgių išleista knyga (išleistos 5 laidos).

1952 m. Chicagos Womens Advertising Club išrinkta viena iš 10-ties žymiausia Chicagos moteris.

JUZĖ DAUŽVARDIENĖ - MOTERŲ MOTERIS

Noriu pabrėžti, kad visa ši veikla buvo galima, tik

šalia pagrindinio konsularinio darbo, tik šalia motinos-žmonos pareigų ir prie kuklių pajamų.

Negaliu šiandien nepaminti jos, kaip moters, skaudžios likimo dalies, per vienerius metus netekus keturių mylimųjų: vyro a.a. Petro, mielos mamytės, tragiškai žuvusio sūnaus ir brolio. Po ta skausmo našta ji nepalūžo, bet dar daugiau užsidėjo pareigų, paskyrus Generaline Konsule.

Mes čikagiečiai stebėjom ir matėm mielus konsulus visuose mūsų parengimuose, šventėse, grožėjomės jų kalbomis, kuriose visada atsispindi gili meilė tėvynei, jos kalbai ir pagarba tautiškoms tradicijoms.

Už jos tą meilę tautai ji pakviesta daugelio organizacijų garbės nare, tarp jų ir šio pobūvio rengėjų Chicagos Moterų klubų federacijos.

Mes moterys didžiuojamės, turėdamos Ją savo tarpe, dėkojame už Jos veiklą ir tikrai galime pavadinti Ją rašytojo K. Barėno žodžiais, kur jo veikale motina pavadinta Karalienių Karalienė, o Juzė Daužvardienė mums yra Moterų Moteris.

(DRAUGAS)



TO YOUR INDEPENDENCE DAY, FEBRUARY 16, 73

You fought to keep your freedom
In your country across the sea,
And in nineteen hundred and eighteen
Lithuania became independent and free.

You all were very happy
To declare your independence day,
You worked so hard to keep it
Each in his own way.

But alas there came a stronger force
Then you had to live in fear,
Your country was taken over
By the mighty Russian Bear.

Your Little country across the sea
That you all love so dear,
Will one day soon be free again
From the rule of the mighty bear.

So keep your faith and trust in God!
And someday soon t'will be,
Your dear country of Lithuania
Forever to be free!

Betty Dowber
Clifton, N.J.

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

SPORTS IN THE NEWS

Tennis Star VITAS GERULAITIS recently distinguished himself during the Orange Bowl Tennis Matches in Miami, Florida. Vitas, a member of the USA team, was considered the major force in defeating the Spanish team, and thus assuring the Sunshine Cup for the USA team. In subsequent TV and newspaper interviews, Mr. Gerulaitis spoke proudly of his parents and his Lithuanian ancestry.

JEAN BALUKAS, 13 year old pool shark from Brooklyn, won the Women's United States Open Pocket Billiard Tournament held recently in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, capturing the largest first prize ever offered.

The 1968 champion, JOE BALSIS, won the \$2000 third place in the Men's Division of the Tournament at the same site.

The well-known Lithuanian artist TELESFORAS VALIUS, who resides in Canada, has been presented a gold medal by the Italian Tommaso Campanella Academy of Arts & Sciences, in recognition of his outstanding graphic work. He was elected a member of the Academy in 1970.

ZHIVILA ROCHE, a talented young actress, has achieved success in her leading role of Peter Brook's production of "Midsummer Night's Dream" and is now a star of a London troupe of the Royal Shakespeare Co. Formerly "Zivile Slekyte", she is a Canadian of Lithuanian descent. She studied in Paris before winning a stipend to enter the Royal Theatrical Academy of London.

Regina Juškaitė and Rita Neverauskaitė, two Lithuanian girls born in Detroit, organized an exhibition "The Cultural Treasures of Lithuania", in Detroit's Main Library.

The exhibition was given a ceremonious opening on Nov. 29th, with artistic dances performed under the tutorship of G. Gobienė.

The exhibit lasted until Jan. 14th, 1973. Among the co-sponsors of it were the Cultural Club of Detroit, the Stasys Butkus' Group of Lith. Guards and the Lithuanian Community of Detroit.

LITHUANIAN DANCERS AT INAUGURATION BALL...

Mrs. Nixon's satisfaction with her visit to the Lithuanian International Folk Dance Festival last summer led her to suggest that a Lithuanian Folk Dance Group entertain at the President's Inaugural Ball. As a result, the CHICAGO LITHUANIAN STUDENT FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE, directed by Leokadija Brazdiene, was invited - and performed with great success - during the Inaugural Festivities on Jan. 20, 1973, thus publicizing Lithuanian culture in one of the finest ways possible.

... AND IN SOUTH AMERICA

The GRANDIS LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE of Chicago, directed by I. Smieliauskienė, has been invited to perform this February in South America. The group will give several dance concerts in Venezuela and at the South American Lithuanian Congress in Brazil.



A "PEACEFUL" YEAR?

If "IRENE" was indeed the "goddess of peace", then the Supreme Council should be in for a "peaceful" year! The "goddess" has three (and a half) namesakes on the 1972-1973 Supreme Council Board, namely (l. to r.), Irenes... Ozalis, Financial Secretary, Sankus, Treasurer and Adomaitis, Recording Secretary, plus a "half-Irene", Loretta Irene Stukas, VYTIS Editor.

On Mar. 11, 1973, the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture will hold its 4th Annual Awards Banquet at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. The banquet will honor the Honorable Josephine J. Dausvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, as Lithuanian-American of the Year. Mrs. Dausvardis will receive this award for her contribution to the benefit of mankind and preservation of freedom.

Pictured, from left, are Vida Tumasonis, Banquet Chairman and Margi Mankus, Souvenir Ad Book Chairman.

Mrs. Tumasonis is the wife of Dr. Venceslaus Tumasonis, noted physician and surgeon.



Through the kindness of the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers of Brooklyn, publishers of DARBININKAS, a weekly Lithuanian language newspaper published in Brooklyn, the Knights of Lithuania has been allotted a full page in the publication, once a month, for K of L news items, editorials, photos, etc. Editors for this important column are VYTAUTAS and BIRUTE RADZIVANAS, members of the New York Seniors. Vytautas and Birute request that all items for the column should be sent to them at the following address: 84-16 110 St., Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Items may be sent in English. Mr. & Mrs. Radzivas will provide translations to Lithuanian. Pictures will be especially welcome.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COLUMN IN DARBININKAS

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Paskubėkite įsigyti. Greitas persiuntimas veltui. Dovanai pridedamas atatinkamas sveikinimas. Knygos gaunamos pas platintojus arba leidykloje, jai pasiūnčiant užsakymą su čekiu (U.S. dol.).

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ALREADY!

**PACE OF DUES PAYMENTS
HAS BEEN TOO SLOW!**

Fellow Vyciai, have YOU PAID YOUR DUES yet? Hasn't anyone reminded you that you're one of us? Well, you sure are one of us; and WE SURE WANT YOU TO STAY WITH US.

Yes, it's time again for all of us to RENEW our Memberships. As far as the K. of L. is concerned, the important thing is getting those dues in. In fact, they are overdue. Some councils last year were 100% paid up before that year began.

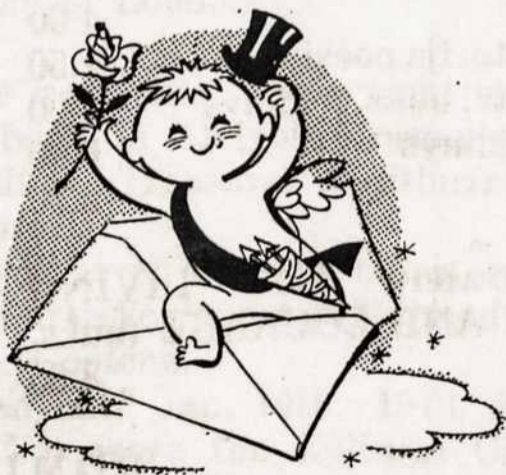
Help your Financial Secretary - don't make her hound you for dues; give them to her NOW! The Deadline - March 31 - for 100% paid up membership is rapidly approaching - So don't delay - PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

ALBERT OZALIS

Membership National Vice President



we get letters



Dear Mrs. Stukas,

Thank you very much for your recent article "Lithuanian American Scientist Honored" in the November 1972 publication of "Vytis".

I feel deeply privileged to have been portrayed in your fine magazine. May "Vytis" continue to maintain its leadership position and enjoy increasing support and interest.

Very truly yours,

Jean Pasakarnis

TFP CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

Last summer, during the Knights of Lithuania South American "Festividad", K of L leaders made contact with members of the "TFP" of Brazil, a society of young men dedicated to fighting Communism by preserving "Tradition, Family, and Property". The TFP members volunteered to conduct a campaign to collect from 1/2 to 1 million signatures on a Manifesto to the UN, the Holy Father, and Western Governments, pleading for freedom of religion and self-determination for oppressed Lithuanians.

The K of L agreed to try to collect \$5000 of a budget to assist in covering expenses incurred in the ambitious campaign. Unfortunately, only \$1188 was collected. What is more discouraging is that despite the fact that this project was approved overwhelmingly at the 59th National Knights of Lithuania Convention in August 1972, only 3 councils, the Supreme Council, and a handful of K of L members participated with donations. The rest of the donors were listeners of the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour. However, the campaign in Brazil will still go on, on a less ambitious level. It is expected to coincide with... and perhaps be a part of... the South American Lithuanian Congress to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil in mid-February.

During the "Festividad", \$150 was presented to the TFP. On Dec. 3, 1972, during a "Memories of



Dr. Jack Stukas (far right) presents check to TFP organization, via John USA - TFP, while other TFP members look on, at "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Concert.

Lithuania" Radio Concert in Brooklyn, another \$600 was presented to representatives of the American branch of the TFP, to be forwarded to the Brazilian TFP. The balance of the funds collected will be sent directly to Brazil, to be presented to the TFP Movement when their campaign is successfully completed.

As promised, the names of all donors to this campaign are listed herein. If your name, or your council's name is NOT listed, you may still contribute. Any added contributions received by the end of February will be included in the final sum sent to Brazil.

Contributions should be sent to Dr. Jack J. Stukas, 1467 Force Dr., Mountainside, N.J. 07092.

DONATIONS TO TFP, BRAZIL, FOR THE SPECIAL LITHUANIAN PROJECT

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FRANK GUEDELIS - HONORARY MEMBER - R.I.P.

"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord". Six months ago Frank Gudelis closed his final tribute to Fr. Titas Narbutas with the above words. Today... we bid "farewell" to Frank with the same wish!

On Dec. 14th, 1972 Frank was waiting for a bus to bring him home from work, undoubtedly thinking about his retirement in just two weeks, and about his birthday celebration that evening, which he was going to spend with a few buddies. In a few weeks it would be Christmas and he had told his sister Mary how happy he was and how busy he would be visiting with his many friends during the holidays. But Almighty God had other plans! Frank never stepped onto the bus, but was stricken with a fatal heart attack instead.

An ardent and active Knight for forty years... an honorary member who deserved all the recognition and attention he received... a TRULY dedicated parishioner of Holy Cross Church... an active citizen in the Dayton Community... a one-of-a-kind man... we could go on and on singing his praises. But we don't have to do it now in "Eulogy". Last February when



C-96 surprised Frank with a "This Is Your Life Party" we all told him, "We love you, Frank"... and today we're so glad we had the opportunity to SAY it.

Frank did not let the world pass him by. Many of us talk and some of us do something. Frank did what he talked about! He was a self-made man who developed a vast knowledge that many a

college grad envied! He could discuss almost any topic. When he could not immediately answer, you were guaranteed an answer within days. He was not all talk, He was action also.

Frank was the epitomy of what a Knight of Lithuania should be! Frank has left many fond memories with us. At conventions and bowling tournaments we attend, there will always be those moments we'll say, "If Frank was here this is what would be happening".

Masses and condolences for Frank have been coming in from all over the country. We are gratified to see that his many years of love and dedication to the Knights of Lithuania have not been forgotten. Ačiū!

It was such a warm feeling to have Rev. Walter Karaveckas, our district Spiritual Advisor, participate with us at the viewing and Mass along with Rev. Walter Katarskis, our council Spiritual Advisor.

May the angels of the Lord guide Frank to peace and watch over him as Frank watched over us! We know his soul is at rest!

Elinor Sluzas/Fran Petkus

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

To all the friends of the late

JOHN "JERRY" JESULAITIS

who sent Christmas Greetings to him, not knowing that he had passed away, his family extends a very sincere THANK YOU!

Jerry, a long time member of C-13, Chicago, and a very welcome regular at so many National Conventions, died June 20, 1972. He was buried June 24 at St. Casimir Cemetery in Chicago.

Deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers are extended to the family of our dear friend,

FRANK A. GUEDELIS

on the loss of their dear brother, and to the entire Knights of Lithuania organization, on the loss of an outstanding leader.

Stanley Vaitkus, Honorary Member
Charles Petkus, C-96, Dayton, Ohio

PAST AND PRESENT...

FOUNDER MEMBER REJOINS

The history of a council is one of its most precious possessions. Once in a "Blue Moon" a council is fortunate in being afforded the opportunity to recall the past membership achievements to build upon for the future.

It is a privilege to announce that Mrs. Ellen Muske, a founder member of Council 12 has rejoined the Knights of Lithuania. She served the Council for seven years and was the first Recording Secretary. The former Miss Songailaite fondly remembers the exciting years of organization work necessary towards the formation of a Council. Unquestionably they were active and dedicated years and the keyword was "Work" towards success. Mrs. Muske recalls the constant activity in the Council and her participation in various projects. A vivid picture still remains in her mind of attending the Knights of Lithuania 5th National Congress (as it was called in those days) in Brooklyn, New York.

A widow for many years and the Mother of two daughters and a son, Mrs. Muske resides in Richmond Hill, New York. She is currently serving as President of the American-Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance, Chapter 30, Maspeth, N.Y.



Mrs. Muske - then



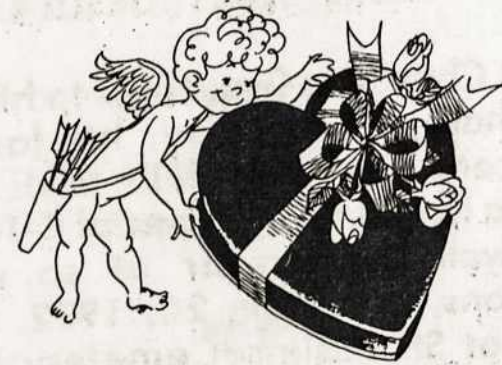
and now!

To quote Ellen Muske - "I would like to spend my senior years of being of service to the Knights of Lithuania".

WELCOME BACK TO THE FOLD

ANOTHER LIFETIME MEMBER IN OUR MIDST

MARY YORK, member of C-12, New York, energetic Public Relations Chairlady for the Mid-Atlantic District, and the patriotic "Liberty Lady" of the K of L, has joined the "exclusive" group of Lifetime Members of the Knights of Lithuania. A sum of \$100.00 provided her acceptance into the group, and relieved her of the further payment of dues for the rest of her life. Mary's entry brings the number of Lifetime Members to 4! Congratulations, Mary. Who will be next?





WHERE DID YOU FIND "YOUR VALENTINE" ???

Not the least of the many accomplishments of the Knights of Lithuania during its 60 years of existence is the "match-making" service that came about as a "by-product" of its other projects. Over the years, countless couples met and courted while working in the K of L ... then wed and raised fine Lithuanian families to carry on the K of L traditions. The VYTIS staff thinks that our readers would enjoy finding out about some of these matches. Who knows this may be an excellent selling point to attract more members of the younger set to our organization! If you are part of the "K of L Cupid Club", that is, if you met your spouse through the K of L, be it at a local dance, a national convention, or whatever, let us know about it. We would like the following information: Names (including the wife's maiden name), how, when and where you were married, what council you currently belong to, how many children you have, do they belong to the K of L. If possible, include a picture, and, of course, any other bits of information that may be interesting to others. The information received will be featured in the June, 1973 issue of VYTIS. All such data should reach the Editor, Mrs. Loretta Stukas, 1467 Force Drive, Mountainside, N.J. 07092 NOT LATER THAN May 5, 1973 (but sooner, if possible). Please don't be bashful write today, and watch for the June VYTIS.

PAST AND PRESENT

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- 4 IID ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Nativity BVM Church, 10:30 Mass with Brunch at the K of L Bldg., Chicago, Illinois. C-112, Chicago, Hosts.
- 4 C-17 & 17 Srs., So. Boston, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST, St. Peter's Church, 50 Flaherty Way, So. Boston, Mass.
- 4 C-29, Newark, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Holy Trinity Church, 10:30 A.M. with brunch at Parish Hall in Newark, N.J.

MARCH

- 11 MAD St. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS, COMMUNION BREAKFAST, AND CONVENTION, 10:30 Mass, St. Michael's Church, Bayonne, N.J. Brunch and Convention following, St. Michael's Hall, C-67, Bayonne, Hosts.
- 11 Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Annual Awards Banquet honoring Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, Lithuanian Consul General in Chicago, as "American of the Year", Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.
- 18 IID QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Illinois

APRIL

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

MAY

- 19-20 ANNUAL MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Cleveland, Ohio, C-25, Cleveland, Hosts.

AUGUST

- 16-19 K of L 60th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Stonehill College, No. Easton, Mass. C-1, Brockton, Hosts.

K of L Calendar

GROUND HOG DAY



NEW RECORDING ARTISTS

Once again, the Knights of Lithuania Choir of Chicago has left its mark for posterity... by presenting the Lithuanian community with a new LP recording, entitled "VAI LĖKITE DAINOS". Produced by Eurotone Records, the record was formally introduced Dec. 10, 1972, with a gala "Christening Reception" at the K of L Building, Chicago. The Reception was sponsored by Anthony and Mary Rudis, and attended by Bishop Brizgys, Lithuanian Consul Josephine Dauzvardis, a host of Lithuanian music-world personalities, and, of course, choir members, their families and friends.

The record includes a pleasant variety of Lithuania folk songs and modern compositions, beautifully and very professionally sung by the choir, under the direction of their talented and energetic conductor, Faustas Strolia. It is sparkled with solos by Algerd Brazis and Audrone Simonaitis. Aleksandras Kučiūnas was the accompanist.

The Knights of Lithuania Choir of Chicago was organized in 1915 by Leonard Simutis Sr. and was first directed by A. Aleksis. Later directors included A. Pocius, J. Sauris and L. Simutus, Jr. After nine years of inactivity, the choir was reorganized in December 1960, with Faustas Strolia as director. Since then, the choir has been contributing to Lithuanian culture through appearances before Lithuanian audiences, civic affairs, and international vestivals.



At the Record Christening. F. Strolia, A. Uznis, Bishop Brizgys, "Godparents" M. and A. Rudis, and Mrs. J. Daužvardis.

"Vai Lėkite Dainos" should certainly be part of every K of L-ers record collection. It retails at \$5.00, and can be obtained from

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

OR

Mr. Phil Skabeikis
National Cultural Chairman
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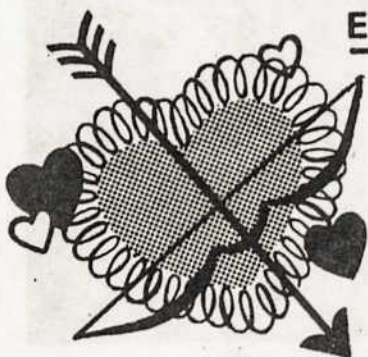


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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

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With sadness and a realization of the great loss to our council with the passing of Frank Gudelis, we proceed with our regular column. (Frank's death is written up elsewhere in this edition). We mourn a good friend, a great man, and one who had truly earned his Honorary Membership in the K of L organization.

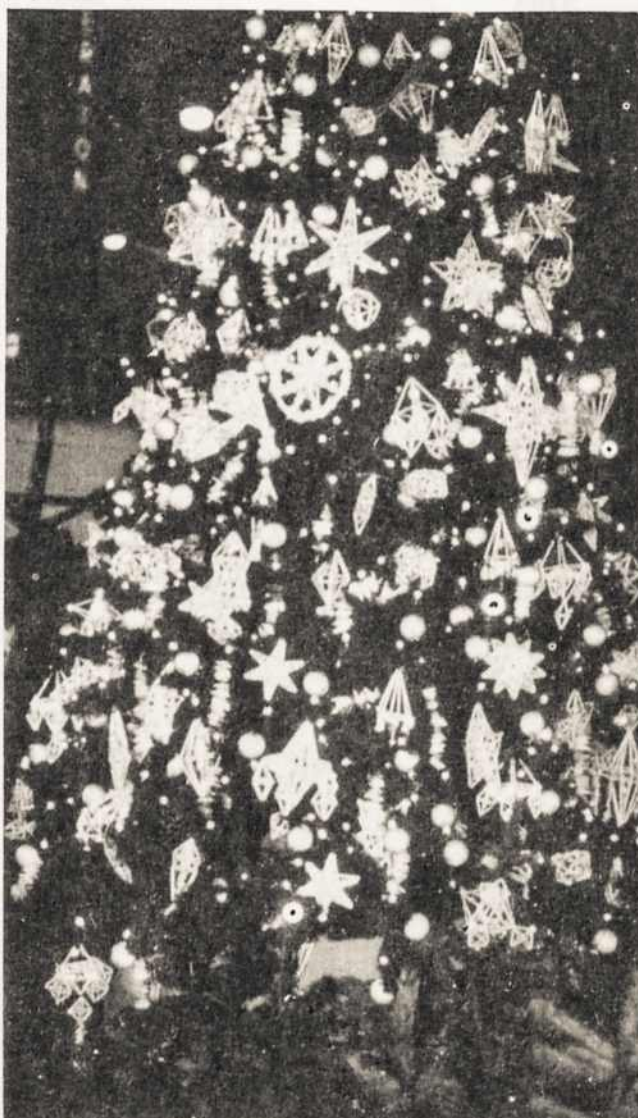
On Dec. 9 Joe and Eleanor Mantz and Mike and Fran Petkus would up their year as Jr Advisors with the Jrs' annual dress-up dinner at the Ponderosa. 20 of our 22 Jrs participated. After dinner, with transportation help from Jim and Joan Kavalauskas, we headed for Elinor Sluzas' home where the Jrs held their election of 1973 Officers and had a gift exchange. At this time the Jrs surprised Eleanor and Fran with gifts of charms with "Thank You" in three languages! The Jrs were then turned over to their new advisor



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for '73, Tina Kavy. Much luck and success to you, Tina!

Dec. 11 was "Ladies Night Out" with 34 of our women dining at the Tall Timbers. Much thanks goes to Marianne Podoyak, her aunts, Sally and Annadel Miller, and the telephone squad for concreting this



C-96 -Lithuanian Christmas Tree displayed in downtown Dayton - "One World of Christmas" exhibit.

evening. Food and service was excellent. Marianne's favors at each place setting were much appreciated! We did get to celebrate Eileen Wilemaitis' birthday. Some Marines were having a party that same day at the Timbers and we send a "round of thank you's" to them! They certainly entertained all 34 of us present in a very gentlemanly manner. Again, Marianne, thank you for taking this project on for



C-96 - Eleanor Mantz & Fran Petkus turning books over to Tina Kavy, 1973 Junior Advisor.

the second year in a row!

On Dec. 17 Pat Zeiinskas and Eloise Berczelly routed the course for our Christmas caroling. With the great success of the Oct. 22 bake sale, we were able to visit the shut-ins of the parish and also the original members of the parish. Road conditions and time prevented us from visiting parishioners who live farther away. Their gifts were sent home through family members. During the caroling, Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, a Jr., accompanied us on her guitar. Some of the Jrs were able to participate in this function, also. Our singing may not always have been in key, but the faces of our parishioners just watching and listening was a most rewarding gift to us! We are already looking forward to next year. On Dec. 31, Pat and Eloise presented gifts from the council to one ward at the Dayton State Hospital. A monetary donation was sent to Stillwater's Children Section at the hospital's suggestion. Ačiū labai to Pat and Eloise for their work and the time they took to put this charity function into action!

What a delight it was to see our CCD classes put on a Christmas program in the church hall on Dec.

24. Much thanks to Fr. Walter Katarskis, the nuns in charge of our young set, and to Frank Ambrose and John Scott, in charge of our teen-age group. They, in turn, were helped by Karolyn Ambrose and Frank's sisters, Elinor Sluzas and Marianne Blum. At the noon Masses on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, our Jrs, accompanied by Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, sang and filled our church with their voices "raised on high".

ODDS AND ENDS...

A "Thank You" to John and Ann Scott for having the bowling teams over for treats on Dec. 15. Needless to say, everyone reminisced about Frank Gudelis. In bowling, have you heard that Steve Kolakowski has taken over the single lead with a 219 for the men, and Eleanor Mantz has the women working hard to catch her 186?

We were pleased to see the Petkus' - Mike, Alice and Mary and Mike's mother, Anele Petkus, also a Knight, home safe from their trip to Florida over the holidays. They did get to visit our Hialeah, Fla. members, their cousins, Pete and Paulette Petkus. Jim and Carol Urban also had a safe trip to Mass. during the holidays.

Good to see Eleanor Mantz and Aldona Ryan doing well, both having had recent surgery. We send get-well-wishes to George Mikalauskas who is having a heck of a time battling a cold that turned into a congestive problem!

It was good to see Mark Vaitkus home for the holidays and doing well at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. Judy Petrokas and Elinor Sluzas are busy forming a committee to represent Lithuanian Culture during the University of Dayton's Cultural Ethnic Program to take place the week of Feb. 18 - 25. This will also tie in with our parish's Annual Independence Day Program. Don't turn them down when they ask for your help! A hearty handshake to Jerry and Karen Bedrowsky who took on the big job of making arrange-

ments for our parish's second annual "Kūcios". It turned out to be another success, as was the one last year!

Belated Jan. birthday greetings to Šarūnas Lazdinis. Feb. birthdayites are Ann Boeke, Pat Zelinskas, Sarah Petkus and John Petkus. Anniversary greetings are sent to Sam/Maxine Bakanauskas, Jim/Phyllis Richey, Joe/Ann Boeke, Louie/Kitty Prasmantas, Jim/Joan Kavalauskas.



NEW ENGLAND

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C-17 - SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

The cold weather brings us out, and together. The combined efforts of C-17 and C-17 Srs' November fest was a huge success. We had to turn people away, and even some of the membership had trouble securing their tickets. Like a forest fire, the ticket sales took off, and almost a month before the event, the tickets were gone. It's quite obvious we'll have to get a larger hall necessitating more workers, and as we all know, these will be difficult to get. The Juniors worked at the affair as junior hostesses. The regulars wanted them to see just what goes on in conducting such a dinner-dance. They are the future of the organization and eventually will have to take over. They had an enjoyable time escorting the guests to their tables and then having their own bit of fun, dancing. Since the dance was a buffet and there were twenty-six tables, we used a lottery to determine just which table went to the buffet spread first. Wouldn't you guess it, the first number drawn was the Juniors! They sure let out a real large howl, as did the twenty-sixth table!.. While the music was good, we had to settle for an alternate band, when our band of choice realized they were booked elsewhere for the evening.

We shall learn from our mistakes, making certain there is a contract with the band. In the past, it has always been a gentleman's agreement... This year we had a lot of new friends who attended the dance for the first time, and we hope not the last. May we thank the November fest committee for their hard work: Al and Pat Akule, John and Alice Olevitz, John and Ann Norinkavich, Joe White, Frank and Virginia Markuns, Ann Petchell, Ann Carroll, Helen Suprin, Joanne, and Tony Shalna, Butch and Maddie Venis, Phyllis Gendreau and Bob her husband, Adele Martus, Mary Martus, Ann Antonellis, Ann White, Al Jaritis, Doc Kiburis, Charlie Mikalonis, Larry Svelnis. A "Special Mention" goes to Joanne Shalna, Maddie Venis, Daljia Karoblis and Helen Suprin, who made over one thousand meatballs for the buffet table. And how did we come about this statistic, - well, they just kept count of them, that's how!.. Our thanks to all!

Helen Zemaitis and her mother took a trip to California so that Mrs. Tarushka could see her first great grandchild. John and Betty Grigalunas, Vic and Helen Grigalunas, Bill and Helen Bucelewitz made a journey to the island of Hawaii where they had a great time, and say they would return for some more vacation time. Bill and Lil Gorski and Noe Noe (Bill's mare) took a trip to Woodstock, Vermont. Bill gave Noe Noe a good workout riding up and down the hills while Lil made her way about on an old balloon-tire bike getting her exercise pumping up and down the hills. A new member has been added to our ranks, - Ann Marie Markuns, daughter of Frank and Virginia Markuns. Ann Marie came up from the Juniors and is going to high school.

Congratulations to Father Anthony Baltrashunas, Pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, South Boston, and the Spiritual Advisor for C-17 Seniors, on his 35th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. The Ladies

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sodality, whose Prefix is a member of our council, Adele Martus, hosted an open house for the parishioners to greet Father Anthony. A good crowd turned out and made the day a successful one for the pastor. Father Albin Januinas's mother is in the hospital, and we hope that she is on the road to recovery. Jerry and Butch Venis's father is in the hospital after an accident and we wish Mr. Venis the best of health and that he will be around us real soon. Heading for the hills of Vermont and getting his skidoo ready for the coming snow is Bob Gendreau and his family. Father Contons, as a member of the Priest's League, recently took a tour of a maximum security prison and was able to talk with some of the long-term inmates. Father found it was very interesting but the locked doors were frightening.

The New England Dist. had the first bowling rolloff of the season with C-26 as host. A great number of our members made their way to Worcester for the bowling matches. The good samaritans who took the Juniors with them in their cars were Adele Martus, Mary Martus, John Norinkavich and Al Akule. We need members like

these who go out of their way to give our young Juniors a lift. They are remembering that they will soon, in the near future, be taking over the organization.

Plans are moving along for our council's annual Ski-Weekend at King Pine Ski Lodge. Helen Zaremba, Helen Zemaitis, and Lil Wadel are selecting their wardrobes for their cruise to the warm climates while we're freezing here. Those gals sure know the right time for a vacation. Jean Pasakarnis has been kept quite busy traveling around the countryside conducting medical seminars, - that's one of the reasons you haven't seen her around. Bill and Linda Zaremba returned from London, Paris, and other parts of Europe after their honeymoon. They report their trip was grand, and they did plenty of sightseeing.

Dottie (Hunter) Ulevicius is home from the hospital, after an operation, and is on the road to recovery. The flu bug hit the entire Olevitz klan - John, Alice and the children Valerie, John Casimir, and Billy. It can be reported they are now well.

We found out that Ann Kude-rauskas is a Boston Bruin's fan, -

you can't even kid Ann about the Bruins! It's a girl for Mary and Buddy Zaremba, makes number four. 1973 marks the 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood for both our National Spiritual Advisor, Father Albert Contons, and our New England Dist. Spiritual Advisor, Father Albin Januinas. The big date is in May. Phyllis Grendal has been kept busy tending to her mother who has been hospitalized since last August, and has undergone two operations. Home for the holidays was Roy Balaconis of the Naval Academy who was kept busy as the lector at the Masses at St. Peter's Church.

Remember in your prayers one of the great figures of the Knights of Lithuania, Frank Gudelis, C-96, Dayton, Ohio. He'll be sorely missed. In your prayers remember the mother of Joseph White, Mrs. Helen White, and also Thomas Keaney, husband of Aldonna (Jakabauskas) and father of Paula, who died suddenly.

Larry Svelnis, Adam Druzdis and Joseph Lubinas were elected officers of the South Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club. Make 1973 an active K of L year, pay your dues, and recruit some new members.

Dear Readers:

Are you wondering "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COUNCIL NEWS" this month? The truth is: we made a New Year's resolution to FIRMLY adhere to the deadlines in an effort to speed up the arrival of VYTIS in your mailbox. The items included herein are those which arrived in time for the deadline!

The recent lateness of VYTIS can be attributed to many causes ... various unexpected problems at all levels of its production, plus, of course, the VERY slow holiday mails. But laxity on the part of council correspondents adds much to the general delay.

The deadline, clearly stated in the inside cover of each month's VYTIS, is "the 5th of the month preceding the next issue." However, most items arrive at the Council News Editor's desk well beyond that date ... some even as late as the 15th or 18th of the month. Therefore, effective IMMEDIATELY, deadlines will be firmly observed. Late items will be returned to the writer for updating for the next issue. Hopefully, this will help speed up publication.

If you want to read about your council, get after your correspondent to submit items EARLY!