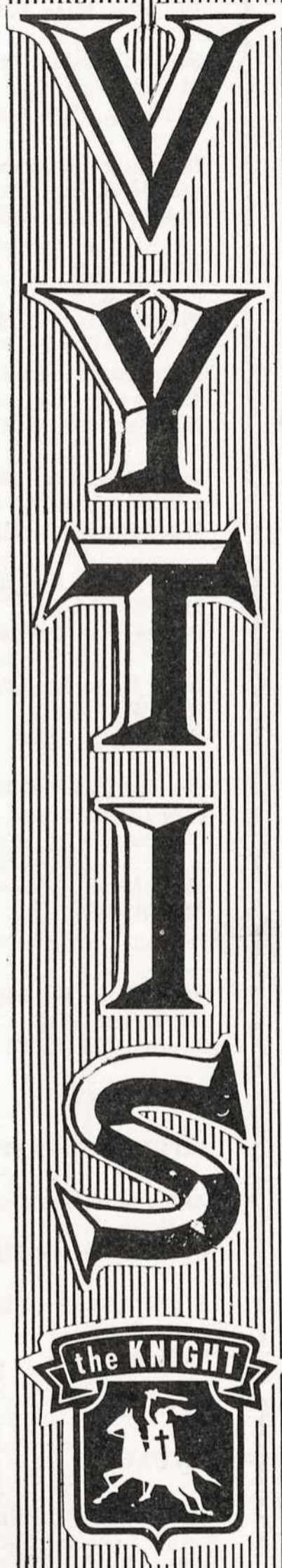


The altar of St. Casimir, Holy Cross Church,
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THOUGHTS AT ST. CASIMIR'S TOMB

By Joseph Yanulaitis

St. Casimir's relics now repose in the church of Sts. Peter and Paul, in the suburbs of Vilnius. The interior decorations of this church rank it as one of the most ornate in Lithuania. However, it still is not a cathedral, as was the former resting place of our patron in the center of the city in a special side chapel where his body was enshrined and honored. In 1953 the cathedral was desecrated by the Bolsheviks and turned into a museum. This forced the hierarchy to have his remains removed and transferred to the suburban church.

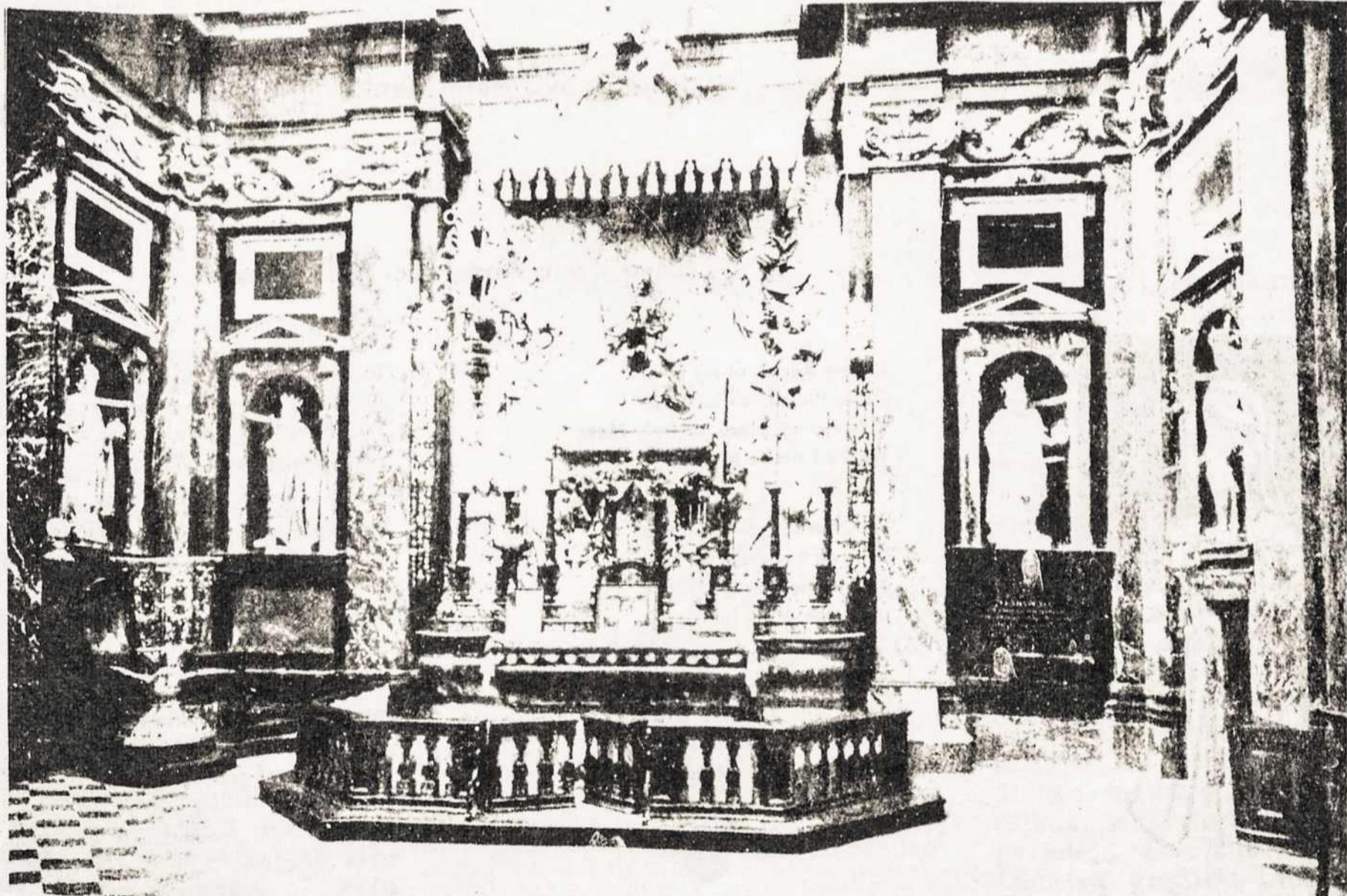
This action by the Russians was not done primarily because of their atheistic ideology but, because St. Casimir is not only a spiritual

solace but also an historical symbol of encouragement. In Moscow, they tolerate the church of St. Basil right in the shadow of the Kremlin, but in Lithuania, they cannot stand having the body of St. Casimir in the center of the capital city which is the cultural, civic and historical center of the country. Thus he was banished to the suburbs and his cathedral turned into a museum.

This was not the first time that his body has been removed from the cathedral. During the Russian invasion of 1655 when Czar Aleksei took Vilnius, he set fire to the city after plundering it so that it burned for 17 days. At that time the clergy secretly transferred the body to a hiding place where it

remained for 40 years until the Russians left Lithuania. The saint's remains were secreted so that the enemy would not desecrate and destroy them as they did with the many original pictures and statues of him throughout the country. Ever since the miracle of the appearance of St. Casimir on a white charger over the Dauguva River, when the Lithuanians were fighting the Russians in 1518 (as a white knight) and saved the day for them, the Russians began to despise him, because he became a spiritual and national symbol for them. This fact is attested in the priests' Breviary for March 4th.

Even during the long reign of the Czars (1795-1915) although St. Casimir's body was not removed

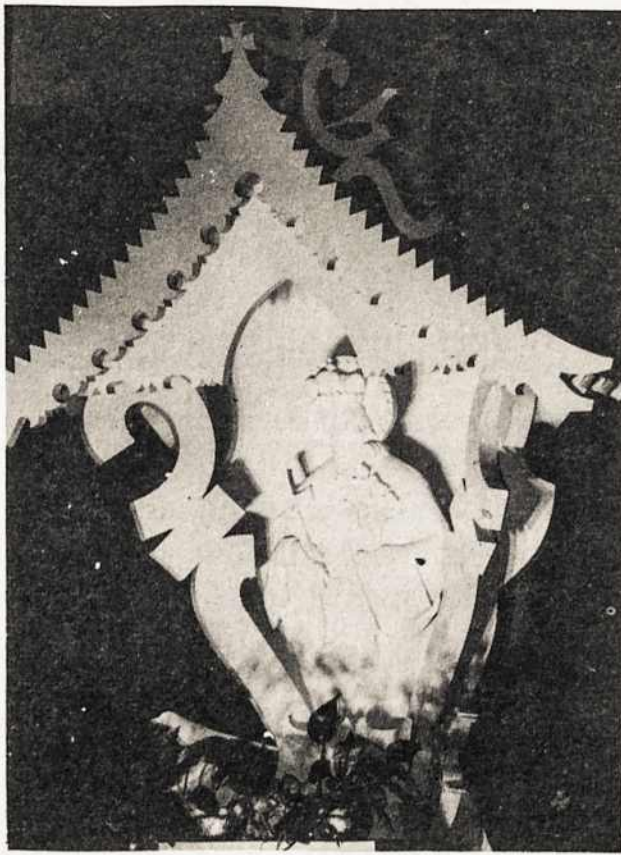


St. Casimir Chapel and Tomb, Vilnius Cathedral.

from the cathedral, his feast and public prayers to him were forbidden by the government.

While our fellow patriots kneel intercedingly at his tomb in the suburb (Antakalnis) of Vilnius, let us join them spiritually by uniting in prayer composed by our exiled compatriots in Siberia in the following prayer:

"St. Casimir, Patron of Mary's Land, who did honor the Blessed Virgin with hymns; who, while kneeling at night at the door of the church, did pray for her aid; you loved purity so dearly that for it you even forsook all earthly



ABOUT THE COVER

The Knights of Lithuania, C-96, Dayton, Ohio, donated this beautiful St. Casimir Altar to Holy Cross Lithuanian Church of Dayton, during the church's 1964 remodeling program. It was designed by Jonas Mulokas and built by Peter Vebra, both of Chicago. It is made of Finnish Veneer by Jovarauskas, also of Chicago.

The altar has been used many times for Mass, particularly when C-96 celebrates its annual St. Casimir's Day Mass.

(Photos by Joseph Mantz)

comforts and honor. Our holy Patron, obtain for our land the flowers of purity that by their sweet smell they may draw us to your ways. St. Casimir, you were unwilling to leave your land, and when it was in danger, you aided our armies. With aching hearts, we beg you: help our fatherland to rise to a noble life. Help us to return without delay to our land consecrated by the blood of martyrs, by innocent tears and boundless anguish. Amen".

From the Siberian Prayerbook, written by prisoners in Northern Siberia.

Send Your Angel To Holy Mass



"O holy Angel, at my side,
Go to the church for me,
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass,
Where I desire to be.

"At Offertory, in my stead,
Take all I am and own,
And place it as a sacrifice,
Upon the Altar Throne.

"At holy Consecration's bell,
Adore with Seraph's love,
My Jesus, hidden in the Host,
Come down from heaven above.

"Then pray for those, I dearly love,
And those who cause me grief,
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts,
And suff'ring souls relieve.

"And when the priest Communion takes,
Oh, bring my Lord to me,
That His sweet Heart may rest on mine,
And I His temple be.

"Pray that this Sacrifice Divine,
May mankind's sins efface,
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home,
The pledge of every grace."

KRYŽIAUS KARAI

Vyčiai dažnai susiduria su Kryžiaus karų vardu, bet maža ką apie juos nežino. Kryžiaus karai savo laiku suvaidino nemažą vaidmenį tautų gyvenime. Kryžiaus Karai prasidėjo 1096 metais ir truko iki 1410 metų. Tų karų tikslas buvo atsiimti Kristaus kapą iš musulmonų ir atkariauti visą Palestiną krikščionims. Šį žygį palaimino popiežius Urbonas II. Europos princai, norėdami tuo žygiu atsižymėti, sudarė keletą stiprių karinių ordinų ir barškindami kardais, traukė Palestinon. Pirmiausia jiems pavyko paimti Antiochą, Odesą, o 1099 metais pasiekė Jeruzalę. Tačiau turkai juos išvijo iš Palestinos. Po to buvo suorganizuotas antras ir trečias žygis. Norėta žūt būt, Kristaus kapą atsiimti, bet nepavyko. Tada 1192 m. buvo pasirašyta sutartis, kuri leido krikščionims lankyti "šventas vietas". Vėliau Kryžiaus karai buvo organizuojami krikščionybei platinti ir Šiaurės Rytų Europoje. Nuo jų labai nukentėjo ir Lietuva. Tik 1410 metais, kai Didysis Lietuvos Kunigaikštis Vytautas, ties Žalgiriu kryžiuočius sunaikino, Kryžiaus karai pasibaigė.

Pov. Dirkis



Vytautas Didysis prie degančios Kauno pilies prisiekia atkeršyti kryžiuočiams.



LIETUVOS METRIKA

Pov. Dirkis

Vyčiai daug kartų yra manę klausę apie Lietuvos metriką, t.y. kas ji yra. Ji dažnai minima spaudoje, diskusijose, paskaitose, bet retai kada paaškinama kas ji tokia. Ją sudaro buvusių Lietuvos kunigaikščių valstybiniai užrašai, arba tų užrašų rinkinys. Jis apima 408 metų laikotarpį nuo 1386 iki 1794 metų. Rašyta slavų kalba.

Daugiau žinių galima rasti Lietuvių Enciklopedijoje. Ten aprašomas Didžiosios Lietuvos Kunigaikštijos kanceliarijos archyvas, t.y. užrašų knygos, nuorašų knygos ir viešųjų reikalų knygos.

Didžiajam Kunigaikščiui kur nors važiuojant, kartu vykdavo ir raštininkas su kanceliarijos tarnautoju. Jiedu rašydavo aktų nuorašus, o grįžę įtraukdavo tuos



nuorašus į Lietuvos metriką. Karų arba perversmų metu Lietuvos Metrika būdavo stropiai globojama, kad nežūtų. Ji ne kartą buvo atsidūrusi net Varšuvoje, Švedijoje, Peterburge, o dabar yra Maskvoje.

Viena jos dalis nuskendo Baltijos jūroje; kita dalis žuvo kažkur kitur. Lenkai jos dalį perrašė lotynų raidėmis. Užrašų knygoje buvo surašyta 190 teisinių bylų ir 842 dokumentai liečiantys Lietuvos Didžiąją Kunigaikštiją ir Lenkiją.

Aštuonioliktojo šimtmečio pabaigoje L. Metriką sudarė 566 didoko formato tomai. 1920 m. taikos sutartimi Sovietų Rusija pažadėjo išvežtus turtus ir L. Metriką gražinti Lietuvai, tačiau niekad to pažado neišpildė.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY

When you're six years old, the world can be a wonderful place - if you can see it.

Tommy couldn't. He lived in a world of blurred images. School is tough enough when you're six. But it's even worse when your friends are learning to read, and you can't keep up.

To Tommy, letters were merely blurs; so were baseballs and faces. Because Tommy's father had long been out of work, glasses were simply out of the question - until this year.

The boy's glasses were paid for by a volunteer organization hundreds of miles away, called New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., of Short Hills, New Jersey.

New Eyes, as it is familiarly known, has earned the reputation of being one of the most effective sight-saving charities in the world. It has helped many thousands of needy people obtain glasses - here and abroad - and it has never asked for a cent in donations.

Since its inception, almost 40 years ago, New Eyes has asked only for used eyeglasses and precious metal articles such as old watches, jewelry (real, costume and antique), good or damaged silver and dentures.

The eyeglasses and glittering clutter are sent to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., Short Hills, New Jersey 07078. Thousands of packages from all over the United States arrive in the neat stucco



headquarters every year. There, volunteers, mostly housewives, sort out the glasses, separating those in plastic frames from those in metal frames.

Many of the 250 workers have learned to operate complex optical grading and testing equipment. They help fill specific orders from missions and hospitals in foreign countries where plastic framed glasses and sunglasses are sent.

The metal framed glasses have their uses, too. Through refining, they yield precious metals that are sold, along with the jewelry, to finance New Eyes funds in over 100 hospitals and health agencies throughout the United States. The money in these funds buys glasses for people who have nowhere else to turn.

In addition to these funds, arrangements have also been made in 48 states through health and welfare agencies whereby New Eyes purchases glasses for carefully screened persons, to whom no other private or public funds are available.

Last year 8,000 people were helped under this program. Tommy was one of them.

But, as public response has grown throughout the years, so has the volume of requests. Therefore, New Eyes needs more discarded jewelry and eyeglasses to do its job. As one New Eyes volunteer put it:

"The wonderful thing about New Eyes is that we can ask people to send us things they no longer need".

And these gifts can bring vision to a little boy, like Tommy.

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VALIANT DUKE MARGIS

During the reign of Grand Duke Gediminas (1316-1341), the teutonic Knights of the Cross and Knights of the Sword conducted "crusades" into Lithuania under the pretext of christianizing the nation. Actually, the crusades were plunderous forays aimed at complete destruction of the country and nation. The invaders were repulsed in several successful battles.

Yet, the story of the fall of the Lithuanian fortress of Pilėnai is the one which has remained vividly alive in legend and song.

In 1336, the teutonic knights raided and pillaged Lithuania repeatedly. People living in the countryside sought refuge in fortresses. And thus, a goodly number of Lithuanians, fleeing the sword, found their way to the fortress of Pilėnai which was defended by 4000 Lithuanian soldiers led by the valiant Duke Margis (Margeris). The teutonic invaders soon surrounded the fortress. They far outnumbered the Lithuanians within the walls of the fortress. The defenders, undismayed, and exhorted by their brave leader, fought unrelentingly. Fighting from daybreak to dusk, the Lithuanians repulsed the teutons from the fortress. In the dark of night they repaired the fortress walls. Soon, the deep, wide moat surrounding the fortress was filled with the bodies of the fallen. The defenders, though wounded and exhausted, fought like lions, with no thought of surrender.

Then the attackers set torches to the fortress. The crucial hour had approached. But Margis and his men refused to surrender. The valiant Margis ordered a huge

pyre built in the center of the fortress. His people placed all their possessions on the pyre and set fire to it. When the flames swirled high, old men and old women jumped into the pyre; mothers tossed their infants into the flames and leaped after them; young couples, embracing, surrendered to the fire; the defender-warriors, swords swinging, jumped in last, and, last of all, embracing his young bride into whose breast he had plunged his sword,

Margis joined his people. He and they chose a fiery death to ignominious surrender - the freedom of life in the hereafter to the lot of servitude under the teutonic knout.

And the teutonic invaders, pouring into the fortress of Pilėnai, stood aghast at the sight they saw. Awed and shamed by this wholesale display of heroism and self-sacrifice, they slunk away, having lost their intent to penetrate deeper into Lithuania.



AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBOS ORGANIZACINĖ STRUKTŪRA

Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybą (ALTą) sudaro šios centralizuotos organizacijos:

Ketrios ideologinės - Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Federacija, Amerikos Lietuvių Socialdemokratų Sąjunga, Amerikos Lietuvių Tautinė Sąjunga ir Amerikos Lietuvių Tautinė Sandara;

Šešios kultūros bei labdaros - Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimas Amerikoje, Susivienijimas Lietuvių Amerikoje, Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Moterų Sąjunga, Šviesos-Santaros Federacija, Lietuvos Vyčiai ir Šiaurės Amerikos Lietuvių Studentų Sąjunga.

ALTos aukščiausias organas - jos narių suvažiavimas. Tų ALTos narių yra 46 - ketrios ideologinės organizacijos skiria po septynius atstovus, kitos organizacijos po tris atstovus.

ALTos suvažiavimui yra atsakinga jos Valdyba - duoda savo veiklos, darbų ir finansinę apyskaitas. Suvažiavimui pranešimą daro ir išdo globėjai, kurie tikrina Valdybos pajamų ir išlaidų apyskaitas.

Suvažiavimas renka vieneriems metams ALTos Valdybą iš keturiolikos asmenų: pagal statutą po du narius iš ideologinių organizacijų, po vieną iš abiejų susivienijimų ir iš likusių keturių organizacijų. Suvažiavimas renka keturis išdo globėjus - po vieną iš ideologinių grupių. Išrinktoji Valdyba pati pasiskirsto pareigomis ir darbais.

Iškilus reikalui, suvažiavimas nutaria rengti Amerikos lietuvių kongresą ar seimą. Kongresas iš-

klauso Valdybos pranešimus, teikia sugestijas ateities darbams. Vyriausias tokių kongresų tikslas yra parodyti lietuvių vieningumą kovoje už Lietuvos laisvę, aptarti specialios akcijos reikalus, pasisakyti dėl JAV vedamos politikos Lietuvos išlaisvinimo reikalu ir kt. Tokių kongresų jau buvo septyni.

Atskirose lietuvių apgyventose vietose veikia ALTos skyriai. Jų sudarymo būdai ir pavadinimai pareina nuo vietos organizacijų susitarimų. Skyriai vidaus reikaluose tvarkosi pagal savo taisykles, tačiau savo darbus koordinuoja su ALTos Valdybos nusistatymu ir suvažiavimų bei kongresų nutarimais. Skyrius laikomas oficialiai veikiančiu, kai yra užregistruotas ALTos Valdyboje. Skyriai reiškiasi vietos gyvenime, keldami aikštėn ir gindami Lietuvos ir lietuvių reikalus. Jie padeda surinkti lėšas ALTos darbams finansuoti ir jos įstaigai išlaikyti. Išrodo, kad dar keliose vietose būtų galima naujų skyrių įsteigti. Vietos lietuvių veikėjai galėtų tuo pasirūpinti.

Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba nėra uždara organizacijų jungtis. Kiekviena centrinė lietuvių organizacija, norinti įstoti į ALTą, gali kreiptis į jos Valdybą. Ištisa eilė lietuvių organizacijų - politinių, ideologinių, kultūros ar labdaros - dar galėtų į ALTą įstoti ir dalyvauti Lietuvos vadavimo jungtinėse gretose.

Teodoras Blinstrubas
ALTos Vicepirmininkas



Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos suvažiavimo, įvykusio 1972 m. lapkričio mėn. 11 d. Chicagoje, dalyviai ir svečiai.

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



Dr. Stukas (right) in Argentina.

AWARD TO PAST PRESIDENT

Past National K of L President DR. JACK J. STUKAS was presented a special award by the Administration of the Lithuanian Newspaper "Darbininkas" during their annual Awards Ceremony on Feb. 3, 1973. The award was presented for Dr. Stukas' "leadership in the Knights of Lithuania, for his efforts to create a bond of support between the K of L and the Bendruomene, for establishing cordial relations between North and South American Lithuanians, and for the fostering of the love of Lithuanian music via his weekly "Music of Lithuania" radio program on WSOU, at Seton Hall University". Other awards were presented to several Greater New York Lithuanians also, in recognition of accomplishments in various fields.

On January 19th, when the Italian liner "Christoforo Colombo" sailed into New York harbor, aboard were 7 sailors from the Soviet fishing trawler, Vishera, who had defected to Greece over six months ago. Among them were five Russians, and Ukrainians, one Georgian and a Lithuanian: a 35 year old radio operator, Vytautas Gadliauskas. He expressed strong anti-communist feelings and stated that no one in Lithuania likes the present puppet government; not even the hard core communists.

Avraham Shifrin, a Russian Jew who fled to Israel in 1970, recently told the story of his 10 year imprisonment in the USSR to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee in Washington. He testified that millions of political prisoners still reside amid brutality and near starvation in thousands of Soviet concentration camps. Among other things, he stated that many thousands of men and women languish in concentration camps only because of their faith in God.

Snaring concern over the projected European Security and Cooperation conference with other Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian organizations, the United Baltic Appeal to the United Nations Organization - Batun - started a round of visits to the U.N. Missions of the countries participating in the preliminary talks. The purpose of the visits is to discuss the question of self-determination for the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian peoples in connection with recent developments concerning relations between states and regional security in Europe. The most important fact evolving from these visits most probably is that the Western countries have no intention of giving in to the Russians by recognizing de jure the present borders of the U.S.S.R.

BANK EMPLOYEE HONORED

MARY MELINIS, member of K of L C-29, Newark, N.J. and resident of Matawan, N.J., was named winner of the 1972 Ernest A. Minier Award of the Carteret Savings and Loan Association of New Jersey. The \$1000 award was initiated in 1959 through a trust established by the late Ernest A. Minier, first president of Carteret. It honors annually an officer and a staff employee who have given outstanding and loyal service to the Association over a period of time.

Miss Melinis joined Carteret in 1962, and presently serves as assistant to the Association's corporate secretary and personnel officer.



Presenting award, l. to r. Anthony M. Surano, Carteret President; John J. Clancy, Chairman of the Board; Miss Melinis, and Arthur E. Gilgar, the other winner.



LITHUANIAN BANK PRESIDENT HONORED

MRS. PHILOMENA PAKEL, President of the Chicago Savings and Loan Assn. was honored as "Lithuanian of the Year" by the Illinois-Indiana District of the Knights of Lithuania. The award was presented Feb. 4, 1973 during the District's annual "Memories of Lithuania Dinner" commemorating the 55th anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. Pictured are some of the honored guests of the evening: (l. to r.) Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, Lithuanian Consul General at Chicago; Mrs. Pakel; His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago; Anthony Rudis and Aldona Brazis.

In conjunction with the 40th International Eucharistic Congress, which will take place in Melbourne, Australia, from February 18th through 25th, the Lithuanian Community of Australia is sponsoring a theatrical event, song festival and religious concert. A gift to Pope Paul the 6th will be presented on behalf of the Australian Lithuanians through the papal envoy to that country.

On January 18th, the Parks and Recreation Department of Toronto, Canada, at a public meeting, agreed to have a park in the Keele-Annette section of the city, renamed "Park Lithuania".

The Fifth Congress of the Lithuanians of South America will take place from February 22nd through 25th, in San Paulo, Brazil. There will be special panels studying Lithuanian educational, religious, cultural and youth problems of Lithuanians residing in various Latin American countries. The Grandis Lithuanian folk dance group, also soloist Prudencija Bickiene, of Chicago will participate. The Lithuanian Congress will conclude with religious ceremonies in the San Paulo cathedral on February 25th.



LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .

CHEESE SQUARES

4 eggs
1 tbsp. sour cream
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup flour (approx.)
2 lbs. grated Andrulis Farm Cheese

Combine cheese, eggs, cream, salt. Gradually sift in flour, using just enough to make dough stiff enough for kneading (try not to use too much flour). Knead well. Roll not too thin, on floured board. Cut in squares or diamonds. Place several in rapidly boiling water (do not overcrowd). Boil 6-8 minutes. Remove from water, serve hot with melted butter. Left-overs can be reheated in butter.

CHEESE ZEPPELINS

6-7 boiled mashed potatoes
6-7 raw finely grated potatoes
2 cups grated Andrulis Farm Cheese
1 egg
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. caraway seeds (optional)

With your hands, mix together the potatoes. Pat out on floured board, cut into large round or oval shapes. On each round or oval place a generous spoonful of grated Andrulis Farm Cheese which has been combined with egg, salt, and caraway seeds. Fold over, press edges together. Boil in rapidly boiling salt water about 15 minutes. Serve with patties or butter on top.

(These recipes are provided through the courtesy of the Andrulis Farm Cheese Co.).

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OFFICIAL NEWS

K OF L CHOIR RECORDS AT DISCOUNT TO COUNCILS

The Knights of Lithuania Choir record, released in December, 1972, should be a part of every K of L'er's record collection. It contains an enjoyable collection of Lithuanian folk songs and modern Lithuanian compositions, and is beautifully sung... with mixed choral numbers and also solos by Algerd Brazis and Audrone Simonaitis. The choir is directed by Faustas Strolia.

The record retails at \$5.00, but councils wishing to purchase 25 or more records may obtain them at a considerable discount, by writing to MR. PHILIP SKABEIKIS, National Cultural Chairman,

104-22 110th St.
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11419

Phil will also fill individual orders. Write today!

WAY BACK WHEN... ANY MEMENTOES OR PHOTOS?

In anticipation of the 60th Anniversary of the Knights of Lithuania, the VYTIS would like to feature pictures and items of interest from the past 60 years of activity. Anyone having such items that would be of interest to VYTIS readers should send them to the Editor as soon as possible. Items can include old photographs, stories about active members of the past, news of founders of the council, or reports of activities being sponsored to commemorate this historic date. Photos will be returned upon request.

OLD VYTIS COPIES NEEDED

Back issues of VYTIS are being bound for various purposes, and several issues are missing, to make the volumes complete. The issues needed are:

1963 - November and December
1964 - December

Anyone who has any or all of these issues, and is willing to part with them, should send them to:

MRS. LORETTA I. STUKAS
1467 Force Drive
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

OFFICERS' NAMES NEEDED

The National Secretary still lacks a complete list of the officers - especially the President, Secretary, Spiritual Adviser - of each council. To aid in keeping the lines of communications open between councils, districts, and the Supreme Council, please see that YOUR COUNCIL'S Officers names and addresses are sent IMMEDIATELY to MISS IRENE ADOMAITIS, Natl. Rec. Secy., 4 Whitney St., Worcester, Mass. 01607

IN CASE OF DEATH OF A K OF L MEMBER...

In the event of the death of a K of L member, it is important that other members be made aware of that fact as soon as possible. Therefore, when a member dies, the council president or a council representative should immediately notify National President Susan Boroskas, 34 Arthur St., Brockton, Mass. 02402, so that the Supreme Council can extend proper sympathy, and VYTIS Editor LORETTA STUKAS, 1467 Force Drive, Mountainside, N.J. 07092, so that a notice can be placed in the next issue of VYTIS.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE "K OF L CUPID CLUB"?

If you met your mate through the Knights of Lithuania, please let us know about it, for the June issue of VYTIS. We'd like to know your names (including wife's maiden name), how and where you met, when and where you were married, what council (councils) you belonged to before and after your wedding, where you live now, and any other pertinent information that might be of interest to our readers. All information should reach the Editor's desk NOT LATER THAN MAY 5, 1973. See the February VYTIS for more information.

WELCOME TO ANOTHER LIFETIME MEMBER

VERONICA KOLICIUS, of Council 19, Pittsburgh, has just become a Lifetime Member of the Knights of Lithuania, by paying \$100.00 dues, and thus bringing the count of Lifetime members to 6. Our sincerest congratulations to Mrs. Kolicus. Who is next?

RITUAL RULES

The following are the current rules and point system used by the Supreme Council Ritual Committee, in determining which members are eligible to receive the various degrees of the Knights of Lithuania. We publish them in hopes of enlightening new members - and refreshing the memories of the not-so-new members, with the ground rules for earning these honors.

If you find you're eligible for a degree, we suggest you remind your Council President or Ritual Chairman of your eligibility - and thus help the organization update its ritual structure.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES

FIRST DEGREE

1. A member may be enrolled in the First Degree upon his initiation into the organization.
2. Each candidate must fulfill certain duties as per ceremonial.

SECOND DEGREE

1. One year membership in the First Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least THREE points as per outlined point system.
3. Each candidate must answer five out of ten questions as per ceremonial.

THIRD DEGREE

1. Two year membership in the Second Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least THIRTY points as per outlined point system.
3. Each applicant must be able to answer ten out of twenty questions in Lithuanian as per ceremonial.
4. A fee of \$3.00 must accompany each application for which a medal and certificate is issued to successful candidates, fee is returned to unsuccessful candidates.
5. The District Ritual Committee must review the qualifications of all Third Degree Candidates. (In the event that a council is located in a locality where a District Ritual Committee is not organized, the Supreme Ritual Committee should be contacted.)

FOURTH DEGREE

1. Three year membership in the Third Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least NINETY points as per outlined point system.
3. A fee of \$5.00 must accompany each application for which a medal and certificate is issued to successful candidates.
4. The Supreme Ritual Committee must review the qualifications of all Fourth Degree Candidates who must set down in detail the conditions under which he or she qualifies for the Fourth Degree.

ACTIVITIES AND CREDIT POINTS FOR K. of L. DEGREES

Mere election to an office or committee does not automatically entitle one to Degree credits. Proof of satisfactory fulfillment of duties and proof of other activity listed in the application must be available.)

- a. COUNCIL OFFICER:

President, Secretary - per year	5 points
Vice-President, Treasurer - per year	3 points
Trustee and others - per year	2 points

- b. DISTRICT OFFICER:

President - per year	5 points
Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer - per year	3 points
Trustee, others - per year	2 points

- c. SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICER:

President - per year	10 points
Vice-President, Secretary	7 points
Treasurer, Trustee, others	5 points

- d. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Lithuanian Affairs, Cultural, Ritual, Public Relations, Council, District of Supreme Council - per year	4 points
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- e. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Sports, depending on the scope and duration of this activity, as approved by SRC -	1 to 4 points
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- f. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Dance, Breakfast, Dinner, Picnic, Raffle and other temporary major activities	2 points
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- g. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Christmas party, Social, Outing and similar affairs, affairs limited mainly to council membership	1 point
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- h. ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
(Not Chairman):

Council or District	1 point
Supreme Council	3 points

- i. DIRECTOR of K. of L. Junior group - per year

	4 points
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- j. DIRECTOR of K. of L. choir or Conductor of regularly scheduled classes in Lithuanian Language, History or Literature - per year

	4 points
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- k. Member of K. of L. choir, Lithuanian parish choir or other Lithuanian chorus or drama group - one year

	1 point
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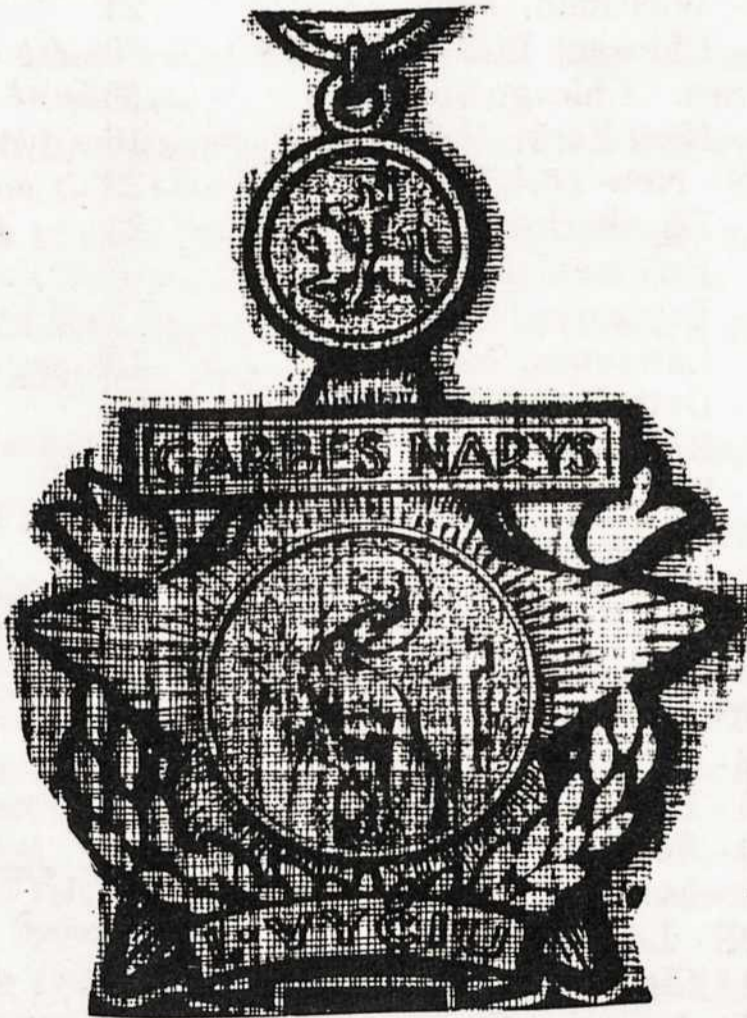
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| m. GENERAL CHAIRMAN, Host Council's Convention Committee for National Convention - per convention | 4 points | t. FOR ORGANIZING a K. of L. council (Junior, Regular or Senior) | 5 points |
| n. MEMBER, Host Council's Convention Committee for National Convention - per convention | 1 point | u. FOR ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS into K. of L. - per member | 1/2 point |
| o. DIRECTOR of a theatrical presentation (if play is in Lithuanian, add 1 point) | 2 points | v. FOR EACH PUBLISHED NEWS ITEM in the VYTIS | 1/4 point |
| p. NATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICER: Chairman, vice-chairman, secretary | 2 points | w. FOR EACH ARTICLE OR EDITORIAL published in the VYTIS | 2 points |
| q. MEMBER of COMMITTEE (Resolutions, Mandate, Greetings, etc.) serving during a National Convention | 1 point | x. EXTRA CREDIT - For K. of L. membership - per year | 1/2 point |
| r. DELEGATE to NATIONAL CONVENTION (If record of attendance is satisfactory) | 1 point | For other activities - As approved by the Supreme Ritual Committee | |
| s. DELEGATE to DISTRICT CONVENTION (Maximum credit - 1 point per year) | 1/2 point | | |

PLEASE NOTE:

Chairman credit may be given to only one person on a committee. All others serving on a committee or involved in an official activity, regardless of title, come under Paragraph "h" - Active Committee Member.

Under the designation of Committee are included all activity units: boards, circles, groups, clubs, etc.

ABOUT HONORARY MEMBERSHIP



The Honorary Membership is NOT another Degree to be received after the Fourth Degree is earned. It is a distinctive honor bestowed upon a member for "Outstanding" services. This kind of member may come up in a Council or District perhaps once in a generation and most candidates who have had this honor bestowed upon them have been "Outstanding" for an average of twenty five years. If there are two or even three such candidates, it is urged that the Council or District submit them one at a time so as not to detract from the distinctiveness of this honor, for rarely is their eligibility so completely equal.

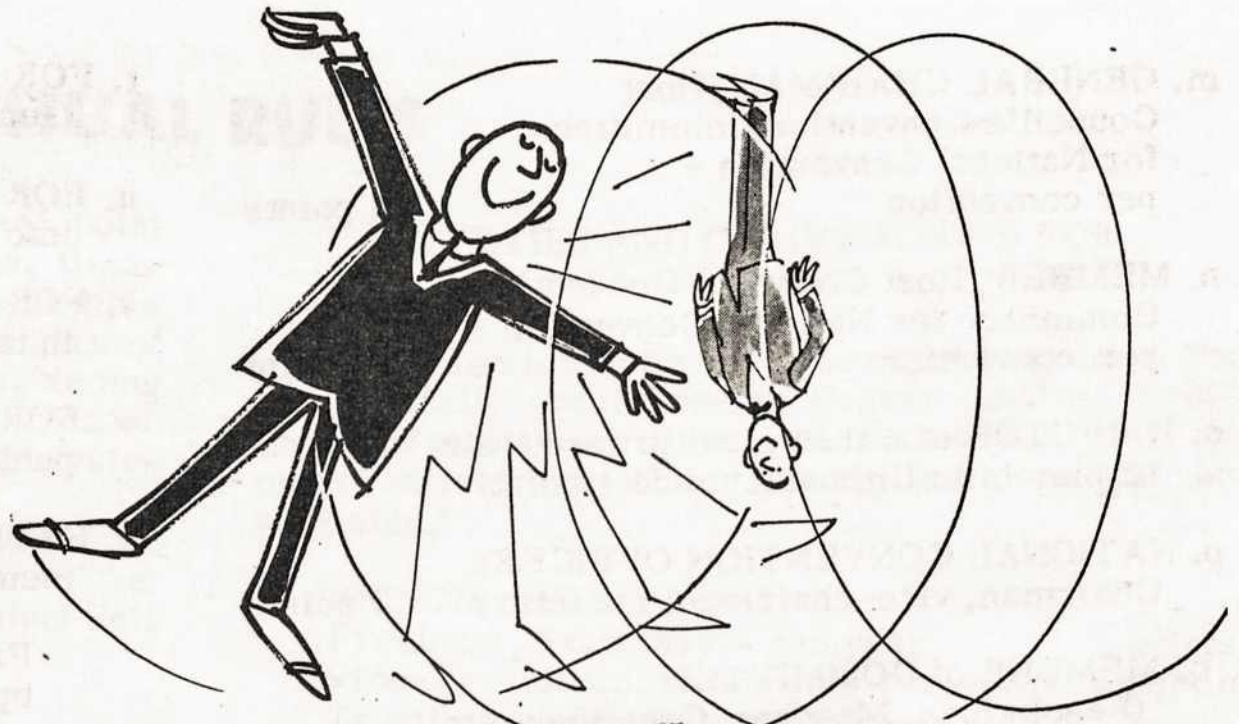
There is no formal application form for the Honorary Membership. If a District or a Council feels that on occasion, they have a fellow member who has, over the years, distinguished himself or herself, by intensive, sustained, outstanding services to the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian cause, they may apply for candidacy for this member as follows:

Pass a resolution, properly signed by the President, Secretary and Spiritual Advisor and send it on to the Honorary Membership Committee Secretary or President.

Include a detailed history of the candidates activities with the Council, the District, the Supreme Council, as well as any other activities civic or religious which have resulted in recognition for the K of L and the Lithuanian causes.

The President and the Secretary of the Honorary Membership Committee are listed with their addresses in the Vytis, for correspondence.

IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE



MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

1st Category C-10 Athol, Mass.
2nd Category C-100 Amsterdam, N.Y.
3rd Category 100 or over ???

CONGRATULATIONS & A BIG WELCOME BACK: to C-103, Providence, R.I., who have reorganized and as of Jan. 31 have six paid up members.

We are quickly approaching the end of the 100 Percent Paid-Up Membership Drive. Where do you stand? When will your Council be on the "100 Percent Paid-Up" list? **MAKE IT SOON.** Remember the deadline is drawing near - **MARCH 31.**

Get on the ball. Don't make it necessary for your Financial Secretary to hound you for your dues. Have them ready because if we ALL make a sincere effort, perhaps we will have a 100 Percent Paid-Up Membership.

Albert Ozalis,
Membership Vice President

COUNCIL	1972	1-31-73
C-1 - Brockton, Mass.	35	21
C-3 - Phila., Pa.	31	18
C-5 - Chicago, Ill.	11	1
C-7 - Waterbury, Conn.	116	2
C-10 - Athol, Mass.	22	26
C-12 - New York, N.Y.	43	40
C-13 - Chicago, Ill.	?	2
C-14 - Cicero, Ill.	1	1
C-17 - So. Boston, Mass.	40	0
C-17S - So. Boston Seniors	52	25
C-18 - Cambridge, Mass.	6	0
C-19 - Pittsburgh, Pa.	36	0
C-25 - Cleveland, Ohio	27	30
C-25S - Cleveland Seniors	42	29
C-26 - Worcester, Mass.	140	4
C-29 - Newark, N.J.	112	11
C-30 - Westfield, Mass.	24	0
C-36 - Chicago, Ill.	60	5
Chg. Srs. - Chicago Seniors	33	6
C-41 - New York, N.Y.	16	10
C-41S - New York Seniors	28	0
C-52 - Elizabeth, N.J.	23	0
C-61 - Paterson, N.J.	7	1
C-67 - Bayonne, N.J.	7	0
C-78 - Lawrence, Mass.	13	0
C-79 - Detroit, Mich.	157	55
C-90 - Kearny, N.J.	35	15
C-96 - Dayton, Ohio	124	72
C-100 - Amsterdam, N.Y.	57	61
C-102 - Detroit, Mich.	40	32
C-103 - Providence, R.I.	2	6
C-109 - Great Neck, N.Y.	26	0
C-111S - Youngstown, Ohio	13	10
C-112 - Chicago, Ill.	144	50
C-113 - Linden, N.J.	2	0
C-116 - So. Worcester, Mass.	42	26
C-133 - Los Angeles, Calif.	6	6
C-133S - Los Angeles Seniors	37	9
C-134 - Cincinnati, Ohio	12	0
C-135 - Ansonia, Conn.	58	0
C-139 - Detroit, Mich.	30	0



K of L Calendar

Well,

HELLO
spring!

MARCH

- 3 - ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION DAY SUPPER, 492 East 7th St., So. Boston, Mass.
- 4 - C-100 Amsterdam Combined Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration and St. Casimir's Day Corporate Communion and Dinner.
- 4 - IID St. Casimir's Day Commemoration, Nativity BVM Church, 10:30 a.m. Mass, with Brunch at K of L Hall, Chicago - C-112 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. Mass with Brunch at Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
 - 11 - MAD ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS, COMMUNION BREAKFAST & CONVENTION, 10:30 a.m. Mass, 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
 - 24 - SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING - Detroit, Michigan
- ### APRIL
- 29 - NED SPRING CONVENTION' 492 E. 7th St., So. Boston, Mass. - C-17 So. Boston, Hosts.
- ### MAY
- 12 - C-10 - Athol-Gardner SPRING DANCE, Athol Lithuanian Club, Athol, Mass.
 - 19-20 - ANNUAL MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Cleveland, Ohio, C-25, Cleveland, Hosts
 - 19 - C-17 & 17 Srs. SCHOLARSHIP DINNER-DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club, 366 W. Broadway, So. Boston, Mass.
 - 20 - NED DEDICATION of Amber - Altar of Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire. Mass at 5:00 p.m.
- ### JUNE
- 10 - Mid-Central District - ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE - Dayton, Ohio
- ### JULY
- 29 - NED FAMILY PICNIC, Father Pudiokas Camp, Southwick, Mass.
- ### AUGUST
- 16-19 - K of L 60th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass. - C-1, Brockton, Hosts
- ### SEPTEMBER
- 16 - NED 6th ANNUAL CULTURAL PICNIC; Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
 - 29 - C-17 & C-17 Srs. PRE-CONVENTION DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Club, So. Boston, Mass.
- ### NOVEMBER
- 11 - TELEVISION MASS, Channel 7 WNAC, Government Center, Boston, Mass. Sponsored by New England District
 - 17 - C-17 & 17 Srs. - NOVEMBER FEST - So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club, So. Boston, Mass.



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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by: Mrs. J. Zukas, 9 Charles Street, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y. - 11050

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

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HAPPY 1973 everyone - may it be your best year yet! We are happy to announce that all our Officers agreed to serve a second term. They are Rev. B. Ivan - Spiritual Advisor; Charles Machutas - President; Gene Kunsitis - Vice President; Ben Karklius - Treasurer; Alice Karklius - Recording Secretary) Ruth Guzauskas - Financial Secretary; Al Shigo - Sgt-at-Arms; Adele Svet - Sunshine Girl; Bill Jakubs and Peter Luiza - Trustees; Ursula Kunsitis - Correspondent; Nellie Arunski and Al Shigo - Lithuanian Affairs Committee; Nellie Arunski and Ursula Kunsitis - Ritual Committee. Congratulations to all.

We truly were very saddened at the death of our good friend and fellow Knight, Frank Gudelis. He will be truly missed by our Council. District doings just won't seem the same without his vigorous presence.

Our council's first Christmas Dinner held at the Golden Bowl Restaurant on Dec. 9 was a delightful and pleasant evening. The party mood continued at the home of Alice and Ben Karklius.



Officers of C-25, Cleveland, Ohio: Gene Kunsitis, Alice Karklius, Ben Karklius, Ruth Guzauskas, Charles Machutas, and Adele Svet.

Thank you Bill Jakubs for the "bubbly".

C-25 are now proud shareholders in the new Lithuanian Center being constructed on E. 185th Street - just around the corner from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. We hope to show the Center off to our fellow Knights during the Mid-West Bowling Tournament to be held in Cleveland, May 19-20. We also hope the Wayside Cross, now under construction at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, will also be completed in time. C-25 is proud of their participation in this project.



C-25 Christmas Party: Nellie Samas, Helen Jakubs, Charles Machutas, John Andrulis, Joanna Shigo.

It must be that time again. The Shigo's are vacation bound. This time it's a brief visit to Hazelton, Penna., then on to New Jersey for a visit with son Raymond and his family, and they'll wind up their trip by visiting their son, John and his family, in Maryland. Following suit are Ben and Alice Karklius who are Florida bound, heading for Juno Beach, and then on to Paradise Beach in the lovely Bahamas. Oh! that lovely sunshine and sand.

Congratulations are in order to Peter Luiza who was recently elected President of the Mid-Central District. We know he'll do a good job. He notified us that the Mid-Cent. Dist's Annual Pil-



C-25: Lithuanian Center Stock Certificate. Andrew Palzes, Ben Karklius, Adele Svet, Alice Karklius, Ursula Kunsitis.

grimage will be held in Dayton, Ohio, on June 10. It will be a combined Pilgrimage and Memorial Service for Fr. Titas Narbutas, Joseph Sinkwitz and Frank Gudelis.

Congratulations to C-1 Brockton, Hosts to the 60th National Convention. We are getting good vibrations on your chosen site. It sounds like fun at a great price. How can we stay away? We plan to have a very good showing in August. We wish you every success!

High Bowler and Prize Winners during our Bowling Party Feb. 3 were: For the Women - Alvina Luiza and Betty August. For the Men - Gil Richmond and Charlie Machutas. Keep up the good work, folks; we want you in shape for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Don't forget the dates - May 19-20. We'll be waiting to roll down the lane with you!



ATTENTION: Mid-Westerners and would-be Mid-Westerners: You are invited to the Mid-West Bowling Tournament - May 19 - 20, 1973 at Holiday Inn, Wickliffe, Ohio - Palisades No. 2. Hosts: C-25, Cleveland, Ohio. For further information, contact Charles Machutas, 4915 Berkshire Drive, No. Olmstead, Ohio.



C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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Our first meeting of the New Year was held on Jan. 3. Despite temptations to kick off their shoes, relax in a comfortable chair and watch T.V., about a dozen or so members braved torrential rain and a freezing weather forecast to attend the meeting. It was good to see Helen and Clem Patocki who had stayed away too long. Hope to see you more often and others, too, who have been "in hiding". President Ruth Grasha, following opening prayer, was surprised with a delightful package. In it was a very creative gavel, handmade by Bill Walls, who also made the presentation. His wife, Ona, had attractively decorated the gavel with little bows and flowers in Lithuanian colors. Ona went on to explain that the box came from Moscow, once carrying a beautiful Lithuanian doll to the Walls'. Ruth wasted no time putting the gavel to use in various discussions and plans for our council. Much thanks, Bill.

Among reports given, Lithuanian Affairs Chairlady, Stella Hotra, announced that the Lithuanian Independence Day program would be held on Feb. 18 at Mercy College, and that the Lithuanian Youth Choir would perform. She also announced that the petitions for Lithuanian Freedom were still being circulated, and that if anyone wanted a supply, they were to call Robert Selenis at 293-4611.

Following the meeting, Hostesses Helen Patocki and Stella Hotra treated members to lots of homemade cookies (and we all forgot about our calories). The buffet table was highlighted with a miniature Christmas tree decorated in Lithuanian ornaments. Labai Ačiū to Helen and Stella for a wonderful treat.

The joy and hope of a happy Christmas gave way to shock and sorrow on Dec. 14 for countless members and friends in the K of L upon the sudden death of Frank Gudelis, First Vice Pres., and

Ritual Chairman of M/C Dist. Frank was not only one of the greatest, hard-working members we've ever known, he was one of the greatest persons. We express spontaneous sympathy to C-96 of Dayton. May he rest in Eternal Peace.



C-79: Holiday Buffet Table at recent council meeting. Hostesses Helen Patocki & Stella Hotra.



C-79 - Detroit Officers: M. Smailis, S. Zager, Ruth Grasha (President), and Ona Walls.

Six days before Christmas one of our nicest members, Magdalene Stanton, was laid to her eternal rest. She suffered two massive strokes which claimed her life. In her earlier years, she was very active in church and club work. She was now a great right hand to her sister, Elizabeth Paurazas, who is very active in various organizations. Magde was never heard to speak an unkind word about anyone, always helping out wherever she was needed. She will be greatly missed. A grand-nephew, Fr. Harold Piascik of Connecticut, whose ordination Magde attended last summer, came in for the funeral. Our deepest condolences to her two daughters, sisters - Elizabeth and Ann Paurazas and their families.

We were sorry to hear of the

sudden death of Ann Calvin's sister, Mary Watt. Ann and Mary were inseparable - taking trips, attending church, and doing things together. Although Mary was not a K of L member, she expressed charity and helped in different capacities. She was the mother of 11 children, four of whom are living. Our sincere sympathy to her family.

SOFFI SNOOPING:

Off and away from the blistery Michigan weather was Cassie Bay, and her friends, Rita and Mary Neverouck, who flew to Hawaii for two weeks where they luau-ed and hula-ed... Belated wedding congratulations to Georgia and Dave Petroski. We hear a goodly number of our members had a merry time when they came into Dayton for the wedding... One of our fine couples, Joe and Gerri Chaps, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Mar. 6. The Frank Zagers observed their 30th year of wedded life on Feb. 20. Tina (Hotra) Bulota and hubby, Ray, marked their first wedding anniversary on Feb. 19. Ilgiausiu Metu!.. Congratulations to Bill and Mary Adams upon the birth of their 13th grandchild. The Adamses had three children, each of whom had four children. Everyone was kept in suspense to see who would be the "first" to break the 3-way tie. Finally, son Bob Adams and his wife broke the string and presented a son, Carl. The Adams family were visited by Dr. and Mrs. David Bakunas, nephew of Bill, Sr., for the holidays... Helen Tucker added to the gift of good success by winning \$25. in the Michigan lottery. This qualified her for the Millionaire's Drawing the latter part of February... Two of our members, Marie Kase and Maggie Smailis, are serving on the Divine Providence Parish Council. Congratulations!.. We received word from Florida that our lovely member, Celia Yunck, had suffered a coronary attack during the Holiday Season. Our prayers are with her. Cel, get well soon... Also best wishes to Bertha Janus for a speedy recovery following

hospitalization for the second time due to an angina condition... Pete Stanulis continues to be on the sick list. We hope that he is up and around before long... Joe and Mary Kazlauskas received the "red carpet" treatment with many handshakes when they visited here after many long months of absence from Divine Providence. They both look great and keep busy in Toledo, Ohio, where they work and make their home. We hope you don't stay away too long, again... Antoinette Baron and her family moved into their newly-built home in Livonia. Best wishes and many enjoyable years in their new residence... The Grasha family was visited by Eleanor Waskiewicz of Hessel, Mich. Eleanor was also a holiday guest of Fran and Joe Brown. Speaking of the Browns, we haven't seen them "in ages". Where are they hiding?... Our sincere sympathy to Betty Petroski and her family upon the death of her brother, Vince, in Wilkes-Barre, Penn. May he rest in Eternal Peace... Please remember, also, in your prayers our two great former presidents, Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson, who passed away within a month of each other... Su Dievu.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

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January was cultural and craft time for C-96! Dr. Šarūnas Lazdinis undertook an eight-week course instructing council members and parishioners on Lithuanian history and culture. The cost of the program was for material only, and a particular book from which he taught. The classes were small in number, but Dr. Šarūnas made the program worthwhile. One of the evening lessons was held at the University of Dayton where there were Lithuanian guest speakers, in town for Lithuanian Ethnic Week at the University. Dr. Šarūnas is a Doctor of Aeronautical Engineering associated with Wright - Paterson Air Force Field in Dayton and also a member of C-96.

Craft classes, under the motion from Eloise Berczelly, began on

Jan. 17. Our first undertaking was the making of "Ausukes" with instructions from Mary Lucas. Our second project has been working on paper tole. Elaine Pacovsky, Mary Lucas' daughter, and Karolyn Ambrose have been our instructors in this craft. Other crafts, and volunteers to help us, are on tap. We are hoping this will end up with a full Christmas Bazaar later in the year!

Mary Lucas' comments upon her return from the Supreme Council meeting held in Boston on Jan. 20-21 had nothing but praise for the fine arrangements made by those who set the schedule. Mary had a special note of thanks to Larry Svelnis for his personal tour of the sites of Boston. C-96 would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the Supreme Council for their donation of \$25. towards our project of Feb. 18-25 during the University of Dayton's Lithuanian Week. A very special "Thank You", also, to Mary York of C-12, N.Y., for her personal donation to this same program. Due to illness, our National President, Susan Boroskas, was unable to attend the meetings. Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Susan, and we hope she is back on her feet by publication time, if not sooner!

Our first religious discussion for the year was held at the home of Mary Lucas on Jan. 31. The discussion revolved around the theme of "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit", - a most enlightening evening which was fairly well attended. An Ačiū to Mary for opening her home to us!

ODDS AND ENDS:

Did you read the article in the Jan. 8 edition of the Daily News on Kathy Kondrotas? The Jean Kappel column had full coverage on the daughter of Fred and Ann Kondrotas. Kathy is now a full-time model in New York, and had at one time been a Junior Knight!.. Did you read the quote in our local paper by Steve Vaitkus in the Youth Forum Column? Steve is now business manager on the student council at Charminade

H.S., and also a council member... And more proud news. Sam and Maxine Bakanauskas' daughter, Andrea, attending Dennison University, was chosen from her political science course as one of 25 students to attend the President's inauguration in Washington, D.C. A term paper had to be written, so the trip was not all fun but much work, also!

If some local members were wondering why they did not receive their annual Christmas cards from John and Ann Scott, - the Scotts donated their usual expense to the council's Charity Fund. Much thanks to both of you!.. We are hoping Karen Bedrowsky is well on the way to recovery after her recent illness... Much luck is wished Jerry Roberts who has joined the United States Air Force... To the mother of our council President, Elinor Sluzas, and mother of council members Rita and Frank Ambrose, Mrs. Ann Ambrose, speedy recovery from your recent illness.

Belated January birthday greetings are sent to Dorothy Conrady. March birthday greetings are sent to Ida Kavy, Aldona Ryan, Maxine Bakanauskas, Helen Vaitkus, Jim Sinkwitz, Bea Noreikas, Frank and Irene Petrauskas and Marianne Owens. Anniversary greetings are extended to Joe and Eugenia Gecas.

The council would like to extend its deepest sympathy to Julia Aleshunas on the loss of her father. Julia has been a long-time friend to many of us in Dayton and one of our most faithful visitors from the Pittsburgh Council. May his soul rest in peace.



C-109 Detroit - A few members at the annual traditional "Kucios" feast.



C-109 Detroit — Rev. W. Stanievich celebrating Mass during "Kucios".

C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

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C-102 celebrated the Christmas holidays with our annual Kūčios party. Many of the traditional Kūčios dishes, including kisielius, sližikai, silkės and fish were featured along with a few non-traditional dishes for those with more Americanized palates. A Mass was celebrated, before the meal, by Rev. Walter Stanievich, followed with the breaking of holy bread (plotkeles). The party was an occasion for all members, active and inactive, to get together to celebrate the holidays. Among those present, and we would like to see them more often, were Gus and Gena Baibak, George Kayganich, Vince and Bill Klucens and Terry and Ray Medonis. Our Washington, D.C. member, Vince Boris, was also on hand with brother Bob. Hosts for the evening were Maryanne and Joe Guerriero who not only opened their beautiful home to us but had



C-109 Detroit — A few members enjoying a "Kucios" feast during the Holidays.

it decorated in prize-winning style. They won 1st prize in their sub-division for having the most beautifully decorated house.

One of our favorite members, Ann Uznis has been recently hospitalized. We all miss her and wish her a speedy recovery.



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT (Formerly New York-New Jersey District)



M-A-D exhibit at Hallmark Gallery in New York City. Coordinator: Helen Kulber of C-41 Srs.

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Liberty Lady

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Election of Officers and Chairmen for the Fiscal Year of 1972-1973.

President - Leon Waskiewicz, Vice Pres. Mrs. Helen Cuperwich, Rec. Secy. - Mrs. Betty Waskiewicz, Treas. & Fin. Secy. - Miss Helen Matthews, Public Relations & Vytis Corr. - Mrs. Mary York, Lithuanian Culture - Mrs. Ann Yorkus, Lithuanian Affairs - Mrs. Ann Zindzius, Ritual - Mrs. Helen Cuperwich.

VITAL COUNCIL GROWTH:

Happy to announce new members, Mr. and Mrs. John Radonis. John has rejoined the K of L and we welcome him back to the fold. His lovely wife Orfa, a Chilean beauty with a warm personality, is our latest associate member. They are the parents of



C-12 Young Folks in a Xmas spirit.

three beautiful daughters, Regina, Jannifer and Katherine... We expect our Lithuanian vocabulary to improve by the presence of Victoria and Antanas Dedinas who are adding to the growth of C-12. Parishioners of Aušros Vartų Bažnyčia, Antanas is our guiding light in the church choir, while gifted Victoria is an accomplished dramatic actress with real talent.

LITHUANIAN EXHIBIT, HALLMARK GALLERY, N.Y.

Considering the fact that both the K of L - sponsored Christmas exhibition and C-12 are located in the Borough of Manhattan, N.Y.C., we took a personal interest in this activity by visiting the Hallmark Gallery. The simple beauty of Christmas trees decorated with real straw ornaments enhanced the Chapel altar, making a total picture of religious beauty. We are living in an era which appreciates personal handicrafts and the Lithuanian talent lent itself beautifully in meeting the Hallmark criteria of "Christ-



C-12 — Presentation of Life Membership Certificate to Jonas J. Antanavicius at annual Christmas Party.

mas is what you make it". Our compliments to K of L'ers Ann Klem of C-90 who designed the ornaments, and Helen Kulber for the coordination of this splendid project.

CHRISTMAS-

An "old fashioned" celebration best describes the C-12 Christmas. Starting on Dec. 10, we had a successful children's Christmas Party with loads of presents from Santa and music to delight us all. Our ladies, God Bless them, provided the usual bountiful feast. On this occasion and with great pride, the council presented its first Life Membership Certificate



C-12 "Gentlemen" - Vincent Cuperwich & Al Monkawitch at annual Christmas Festivity.

to Jonas J. Antanavicius. And as usual, we expressed our gratitude to Pastor G. Gurinkas and our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. A. Kardas, for their guidance throughout the year. Chairlady of the event, Millie Pietz, extends her personal thanks for the tremendous cooperation of the committee, members and friends with a special aciū to the ladies of the Rosary Society for joining us and helping with the Kūčių table.

Then the 3rd Annual Christmas Community Endeavor took place, - Bernelių Mišios. It's a pleasure to announce that C-12 Knights and Ladies of Lithuania are still sustaining the Christmas Eve activity of providing free coffee and homemade cookies and cakes

to the parishioners and guests attending Our Lady of Vilna Midnight Mass. Again we were able to wish one another a Merry Christmas in the pleasant environment of the church hall. A council thank-you to this year's active committee - Joseph Kscenaitis, Millie Pietz, John Yorkus, Ann Yorkus, Helen Matthews, Albert Yatkaukas,



C-12 - Nelson Family enjoying the meal at annual Christmas party.



C-12 - Committee members working at 3rd Annual Christmas Eve Community endeavor.

Victoria Dedinas and Mary York. To quote Rev. Kardas "Lietuvos Vyčiai, Kuopa 12, po Bernelių Mišių sukviētė visus iš bažnyčios į salę, kur buvo stalai apkrauti pyragaičiais ir kitais skanėstais ir puikia kava. Čia daug pasidarbavo. Visiems buvo malonu valandėlę pasivašinti, pasikalbėti. Visi labai dėkingi organizatoriams".

During a well attended January Meeting, an observance of the Feast of Epiphany climaxed the Christmas Season for us. The story of the gift bearing Magi sparks the

imagination of this event in church history. Legend has it that Melchior was King of Nubia; Balthazar, King of Chaldea; and Caspar, King of Tarshish, representing the European, Asian and African races paying homage to "Little Jesus".

"HE CARES" PROFILE:

Without a doubt, anyone who devotes their time to research contributes towards the overall result of helping mankind. When the effort is for the benefit of war victims, one truly cares. Albert Yatkaukas, working the past three years as a Mechanical Engineering Technician with the Bio-Engineering Research Service of the Veterans Administration,



C-12 - Past President John Yorkus and Rev. Kardas

has helped in a dramatic breakthrough to aid veterans. Bringing mobility and usefulness by means of newly designed devices, thousands of veterans paralyzed by spinal cord injuries can look forward to a brighter future. The remarkable achievement will provide independence of action for the veteran, changing his life from complete dependency on others. On Dec. 14, Albert participated on a NBC-TV Program at the Bronx Veterans Hospital, which publicly demonstrated what has been accomplished to aid the veteran. The following statement by a veteran at the program "With all the new devices now, it's a different ball-game", must have made it all worthwhile to the engineers and technicians who had worked so diligently all these years. We, in C-12, are proud of Past President

Albert Yatkaukas in the selection of his career which actually started twenty-one years ago with the research group of New York University.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

SMILE & SPARKLE

Here we are again, wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR - LINKSMŪ NAUJŪ METŪ! Let's bring you up-to-date on our activities.

At our November meeting two new members were recruited, thanks to Ed and Nellie Liberis. Their son and daughter, Bill and Betty, signed up, and we welcome them to the fold... Last minute details were disclosed by the Xmas Committee, Sadie Karbus and Ann Sweet. Our Treasurer, Sophie Olbie, accepted the monetary duties for the banquet... According to our Treasurer, we now have five new members bringing up our membership to 61. Good going gang! Let's work for 75.

Our K of L Christmas Banquet was held Dec. 10 at the Tepee Restaurant. (Sorry to say, but your photographer's pictures didn't turn out, so no photos). Sixty people participated, with Sadie Karbus, Ann Sweet, and Sophie Olbie at the helm. A cocktail hour preceded the dinner.



C-100 - Lithuanian Luau - John Kot & Isabelle Orante.

The BIG TREAT came during dinner... SANTA CLAUS! The person identifying Santa first received a prize. The winner - Dennis Di Lorenzo. Santa Claus... Victor Marcinkiewicz. Matthew Orante donated a beautiful prize and the lucky recipient was Ginny Miciulis. The main centerpiece was claimed by Gene Gobis.

Hosting the group as Master of Ceremonies was our President, Anthony Radzevich. The breaking of the plotkeles by the guests and a religious meaning of Xmas by Very Rev. Baltch followed the invocation given by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis. Speakers included Rev. Joseph Anselment, Rev. Bernard Gustas, Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, Rev. Peter Jonaitis, Dr. Adam Kindar, Dr. Aldona Baltch, Mr. George Gravrogkas, Peter Urba, Dennis DiLorenzo, Michael Kerbelis, and Stanley Stankes. Christmas carols were sung in Lithuanian and English, and the program was concluded with Father Bernie Gustas leading the guests with the Lithuanian Hymn "Lietuva Tėvyne Mūsų".

May we all express our congratulations to the Committee for an excellent job. In the personal opinion of the reporter, the Tepee Restaurant, the meal, the speeches, the singing, the breaking of the plotkeles in the Lithuanian tradition, the visitation of Santa Claus, the lovely Xmas decorations, the grab bag and prizes, made for a most pleasant evening, an evening that will be long remembered.

At the Jan. 8 meeting, the final report on the Xmas banquet was



C-100 - Prof. Joseph Olsauskas exchanging "birthday" remarks with Peter Hayes.

given... March 3 was chosen for the combined commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day and our corporate Communion Day honoring our patron saint, St. Casimir. The Committee was comprised of Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich, Gene Gobis, and Sophie Olbie. The Canterbury House located near Scotia, N.Y. was chosen as the location.

Father Baltch mentioned that Rev. Joseph Rashtutis, our former pastor now at St. Joseph's Manor in Brockton, Mass., celebrated his 90th birthday on Jan. 3. Father also spoke on the improvements that were in store for our church for this year.

Movies on Norway, a country Father Baltch had visited a few years ago, were shown while the members enjoyed a variety of pies and coffee served by the refreshment committee of Virginia Miciulis, Nellie and Betty Liberis.

NEWS BITS: OLD AND NEW FROM HERE AND THERE:

Almost 100 persons attended the Lithuanian Luau held at Don Holleran's. Handling all the arrangements for the "PIG" (Kiaule) were our good K of L friends, John and Regina (Gerutis) Kot. Actually John traveled almost 60 miles to buy the pig, which he also butchered and roasted outdoors. One of the first guests was Father Baltch. Joe and Milda Zemaitis brought with them a guest from Australia, Maryte Vanagas. Others attending from out-of-town were Roberta Shields and Marilyn Mangino from Albany, and Vincent Parisi from



C-100 - Special medallions presented to birthday boys - Prof. Olsauskas, Matthew Orante, John Kot and Don Holleran.

Schenectady. Among the K of L's present were Peter Hayes (brought a couple of bushels of sweet corn from his garden), Anthony and Ann Radzevich, Charles and Sadie Karbus, Peter and Ronnie Urba, Helen and Leo Druziak, Eleanor and Lenny Olechowski, Ginny Miciulis, Joe Valikonis, Gene Gobis, Father Bernie Gustas, adopted K of L'er Father Joseph Anselment, Matthew and Isabelle Orante, Regina and Leonard Hartvigas, Don and Mary Ann Nikstenas and our roving reporter, Dennis DiLorenzo. We can't forget the large delegation from Syracuse, Stanley and Susan Lekutis' two daughters and their families.

Matthew Orante presented our three birthday boys, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Father Bernie and Don Holleran with medallions which he designed. The Truesdales, Dorothy and Bill, brought the birthday cake... which was HUGE.

Our new member Joe Shatas missed the Xmas banquet and the January meeting. WHY? He made a long, long journey for the holidays. WHERE? Johannesburg, South Africa. We can hardly wait to hear of his adventures and see the photos at our next meeting.

More to come later. Dabar Vytiška: sakau, iki kito rašymo.

ILLINOIS-

INDIANA

DISTRICT



C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

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Congratulations to Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas who will serve as Spiritual Advisor to the Ill.-Ind. Dist.; to Estelle Rogers and entire K of L Choir on the successful launching of their new recording "Vai, Lėkite, Dainos!"; and welcome to new members - Adeline Jasaitis, Nancy Santoski, Sophie Nieminski and Charlotte Brazdzionis.

Prexy Stanley Molis and board members hosted a most successful

"Pre-Christmas Feast" in the K of L Bldg. The festive table, the entertainment, the lovely-gowned ladies and handsome gentlemen enabled old and new friends to have a most enchanting evening.

Final plans for the event were made at the December board meeting hosted by Albina Gaides on a snowy-sleety-cold winter night. With the success of the "Pre-Christmas Feast", the board met for their January meeting at the home of Irene Sankus with ideas and plans for council-sponsored activities - the hosting of St. Casimir's Day, and a spring activity.

The Council received Holiday greetings from three most illustrious gentlemen - Daniel Walker, the new Governor of Illinois; Michael Howlett, Illinois Secretary of State; and George Dunne, President of the Cook County Board. Mr. Dunne and Mr. Howlett are frequent participants in K of L and Lithuanian activities, and we hope Governor Walker will join us whenever his schedule permits. Social chairman, Joe Kulys, was among the guests at the Illinois Inaugural Ball and festivities in Springfield.

A special event was the District's Annual St. Casimir's Day Commemoration held on Mar. 4 with 10:30 Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Church with brunch and program following at the K of L Bldg. Our council was the host and all Ill.-Ind. Dist. members were invited to attend this most significant K of L event.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

District President Leon Pauksta announced the following committee appointments: Lith. Afrs. Albert Zakarka C-112; Ritual, Helen Skudra C-36; Juniors Coordinator, Cecilia Matul C-14; Choir Rep., Estelle Rogers C-112; Scholarship, Eleanore Laurin C-13; Civic Affairs, Vincent Samaska C-36; Public Relations, Estelle Rogers C-112; and District Bulletin Editor, Gerrie Mockus C-112, and Mailing & Publishing, Valeria and Joseph Stanaitis,

Seniors.

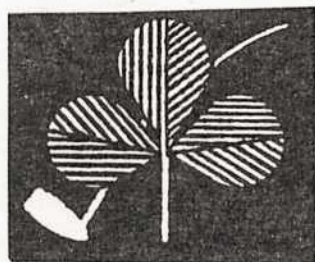
Our Choir's new recording, "Vai, Lėkite, Dainos!" was introduced in a grand manner with a reception on Dec. 10 at the K of L Bldg., hosted by the record's "godparents", Anthony and Mary Rudis. It was a most delightful party with many Lithuanian musical celebrities present. Among the honored guests were: His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys; Lithuanian Consul General Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis; the soloists, Algerd Brazis and Audrone Simonaitis, and accompanist, Alexander Kuciunas. Choir members Linda and Alvina Uznis were delightful as the Lithuanian-costumed hostesses. Choir director Faustas Strolia, president Estelle Rogers, her officers, and members, and record chairmen Sarunas and Milda Lisauskis are to be congratulated on this most successful project. On behalf of the entire choir, Estelle Rogers expressed appreciation to the Supreme Council, Loretta Macekonis-Grigaliunas, Joseph Juska, Peter Gagle and the other donors for their financial support of the record.

Our sympathies to Dayton C-96 on the death of Honorary Member Frank Gudelis, who was a favorite in Chicago and will long be remembered.

Speedy recovery wishes to Senior members - H.M. Leonard Simutis, Sr., who is convalescing at home, and John Jakubs-Jakubauskas, at Oak Forest Hospital.

Recent out-of-town visitors were former National President Jack Stukas and "Vytis" Editor Loretta Stukas who visited with her parents during the holidays.





**NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT**

C-17 - SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.
Sniegingas Pasakotojas

Things along the Strandway have been very quiet. At the hockey rink the following can be found watching their offsprings playing hockey: John Olevitz's son, John Casimir, played his first game as goalie for the Seals and came out a winner, 9 to 2. Even Uncle Al Jaritis was at the side of the rink to cheer his nephew on. Jerry Venis's son, Larry, also a goalie and having a good year, and Bob Gendreau's son, Michael, who plays on defense, were playing the same night, but not at the same time, - all playing for different teams.

C-17 has a new member, Helen "Honey" Zemaitis. She attended the first meeting and won the attendance drawing! Honey is a graduate of Cardinal Cushing High School and Massachusetts Bay Community College and is attending school nights. She is employed by the Carney Hospital.

Our annual ski-weekend held at King Pine Ski Lodge was a success because we had no casualties on the slopes. King Pine was one of the few places in New Hampshire at the time with snow on their slopes for skiing. The combined Christmas party with C-17 Seniors was a great success and a lot of laughs were had in the swapping of



Children attending C-26 - Worcester, Mass. Christmas Party

the gifts. We were also honored by the presence of our National President, Susan Boroskas, and the C-1 President, Sylvia Shukis. Fathers Contons and Januinas, and our pastor, Father Baltrashunas, were the recipients of gifts from both councils. Plans were made for the St. Casimir's Day Communion Supper. It was a first for us; we've always had a breakfast, and this time it was held on a Saturday evening.

Ann Norinkavich and Charlie and Florence Karr motored to Florida and Louisiana. They found it was a tiring trip but worth the effort to see the country. Bill Gorski went to Washington, D.C. for a conference on Mental Health. It's a girl for the Zaremba's, Buddy and Mary. Congratulations to Frank Suprin on his engagement to Jane McCann, our very best wishes! Remember in your prayers the mother of Daljla Karoblis and the father of Michael Raulinaitis and a friend of the K of L, Benedict Yuscavich.

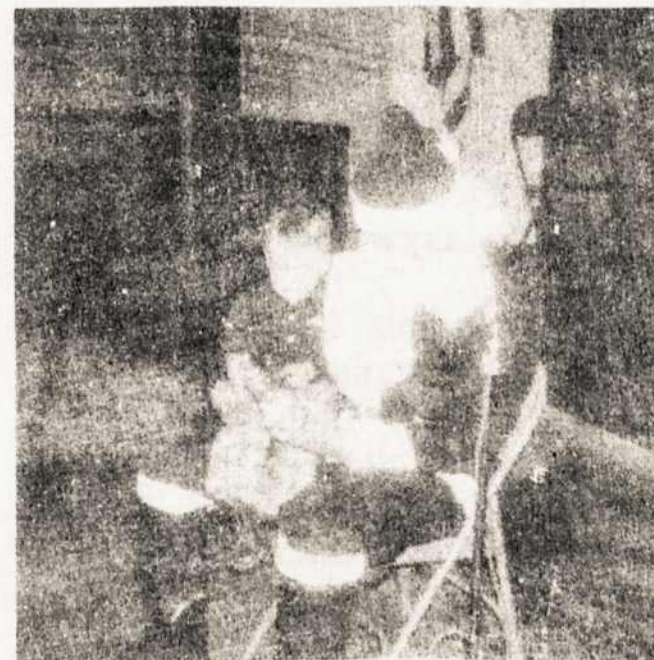
The Juniors hosted the children's Christmas party and did a wonderful job entertaining the kids with games and breaking of the pinata made by Doris Balaconis. A visit by Santa Claus (Stan Mitchell) helped the children enjoy their day. The regular and senior councils had their Christmas party and enjoyed singing carols and exchanging Christmas grab-bag gifts.

Our Juniors are making their social and civic plans for the coming year. They have some big ideas and hope that the regulars and seniors will help them carry them out. They have a bowling rolloff, swimming meet, basketball game, roller-skating nite, and ice-skating night on their schedule. They are also learning how to color Easter eggs. We need the Juniors and should encourage them in their ideas, - even help in transportation, if necessary. This is the bloodline of the Knights of Lithuania and members should encourage their children who are of the proper age to join the organization.

Ask Mary and Adele Martus

about their hectic trip to New York, when they took Mary's aunt to Kennedy Airport so she could return to Italy. These gals had a real good time at the hotel, but it's a good thing Mary had her credit card with her to pay for the meal they ordered, or they would still be there washing dishes! Frances (Daniels) Mattson and her family came to visit with her mother, and also came to our November fest Dance. She was the farthest traveler to attend. Her brother, Johnny Daniels, is still traveling around the country for his company. Ed Rudis came home from Germany for his annual vacation, went to all the Boston Bruins games, and visited all his friends before he returned. Joe Petchell retired from his shoe business and is now getting caught up with work at home. Says he's enjoying retired life. John Valatka has been traveling around the world, to England, Bermuda, etc. Stanley and Brenda (Statsky) Dzierzeski and family toured the south on their vacation.

One of these days we'll be able to catch up with Leo and Albina Rudzuinas who have been traveling around the world, and we'll be able to see some of the latest movies and slides from their trip to Lithuania. Helen Zemaitis related her tale of woe when she and her brother, Victor Tarushka, went to Lake Tahoe, and on the way back to California were caught in a mountain snowstorm. After her brother bought chains for the car,



C-26 - Vyto Morkunas, Jr. receives gift from Santa (Joe Zalieckas) at annual Christmas Party.

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because that's the only way the authorities would allow them to travel down the mountains, after a harrowing experience trip down, they came out into the warm sun and very mild weather. Helen said she wouldn't want to take that trip again! Vin Kasauskas and a friend have opened up their own repair shop in Norwood; we wish Vinnie much luck in his new venture. Father Albert Contons had a couple of days off from school and went to the mountains for his favorite sport - skiing. The snow was great and he had a couple of enjoyable days.

We are all busy making plans for the coming events: the Scholarship Dinner-Dance, the N.E. Dist. Spring Convention, Father Albert Conton's 25th Anniversary of Ordination Dinner, the pre-Convention fall dance, the Novemberfest, and other activities such as the NED Cultural Picnic and the 60th National Convention. It looks like a very busy season ahead and enough work for all, - if we all pitch in and do our share and not leave it up to just a few.

The Scholarship Dinner - Dance committee is busy working out details for the coming dance on May 19. The Seniors signed up two new members, Mrs. Lena Statsky, who is the mother of Brenda Dzierzeski C-17 member, and also Stasys Aguonis.

Larry Svelnis has volunteered for the chairmanship of the N.E. Dist's "Amber" dedication to be placed in the altar of the world's famous Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire. The amber is symbolic of Lithuania, and it will be in remembrance of the Lithuanian Freedom Fighters and Martyrs. The date for this

event is May 20 with a 5 P.M. Mass.

Ruth Stankevicius is now a teacher in the Boston School system in her home town of South Boston. Noticed, too, that Ruthy is in charge of the cheerleaders in school. We welcome her brother Frank Stankevicius back into the council along with his non-Lithuanian wife. Look any weekend at any of the ski slopes in Maine, Vermont, or New Hampshire, and you'll see shussing down the hills, Helen Suprin, Bill and Lil Gorski and Jean Pasakarnis. This quartet could almost rank as professionals among the skiers, because they are so good. They make skiing look easy.

Phyllis Grendal's mother is still hospitalized, and we wish her well. Phyllis was elected Secretary of the Suffolk County Republican Club. Felix Zaleskas is very proud man these days. He is a personal friend of Elliot Richardson, the Sec. of Defense. Felix sent Mr Richardson a letter of congratulations and received a personal letter of thanks. We almost had a millionaire couple in the council. During the drawing of the Massachusetts Millionaire's Lottery, Vincas Snipas had his ticket in the barrel. Though he wasn't lucky enough to have his number drawn, he did win a prize, - but not the BIG one he was hoping for. Better luck next time, Vincas.

C-17 took part in the observance of Lithuanian Independence Day, with Mass at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church, and an afternoon program at the South Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club. Mrs. Helen Zarembo and Helen Zemaitis are making plans for their trip to Miami, Fla., to get away from the cold and snow and to soak up some sun.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in
your prayers ...

REV. NORBERT PAKALNIS
Pastor Emeritus
Annunciation Church
Brooklyn, N.Y.
DIED JANUARY 11, 1973

MAGDALENE STANTON
Member C-79
Detroit, Mich.

LOUISE TOTILAS
Honorary Member
Formerly of C-116
Worcester, Mass.
DIED - FEBRUARY 8, 1973

ANTHONY YUSKIS
C-135 - Ansonia, Conn.
Died - January 30, 1973

