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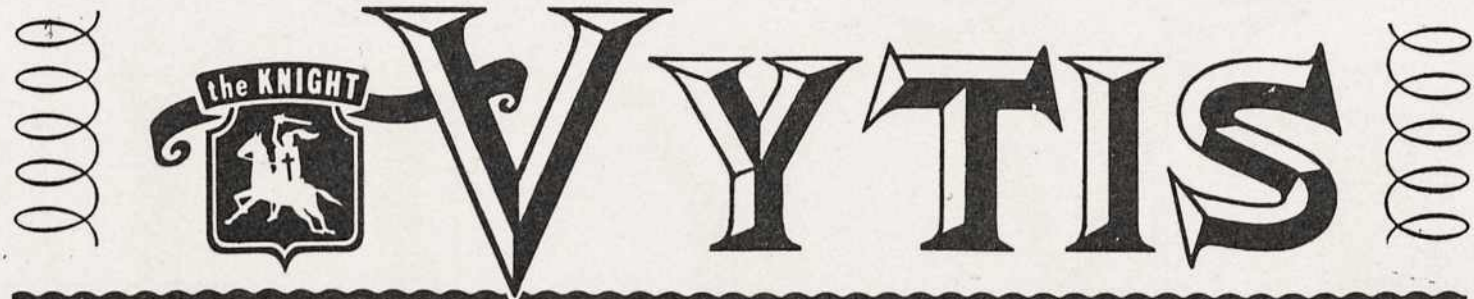
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Mary

A dear, little, dark-eyed girl baby
Whose smile would make Heaven of
Earth.

From the ocean, the stars and the flowers—
God chose her adornments at birth.

A wee, devout maid in the Temple,
Shy, winsome and royally fair,
The blue of the sky in her raiment,
The glint of the sun in her hair.

A maiden, predestined, exalted—
All queenly in bearing and grace,
Most womanly strong in her courage
But with girlhood's warm light in her
face.

Spouse of St. Joseph and helper
In tasks that were lowly, obscure,
Sharing the toil of the humble,
Living the life of the poor.

Honored by mighty Archangel,
Destined Salvation to win—
Bowing to Mandates Eternal,
Helping her people from sin.

Words fail me—unworthiness tells me
That I am but dust of the sod,
Aspiring vainly to honor
The Immaculate Mother of God.

—Marie De L. Kennedy

Heart's Ease

Heart of Mary, teach me,
That I may learn of life from thee.
Heart of Mary, guide me,
That I may walk life's way with thee.
Heart of Mary, hear me,
When my poor heart shall call to thee.
Heart of Mary, shelter me,
When my poor soul comes seeking thee.
Heart of Mary, strengthen me,
When pain and sickness trouble me.
Heart of Mary, comfort me,
When sorrow bids me turn to thee.
Heart of Mary, pray for me,
That I all pure of heart may be.
Heart of Mary, bless me,
And sanctify desire in me.
Heart of Mary, love me,
That I may love my God through thee,
And keep temptation far from me,
That I may live my life in thee. Amen.

—M. J. A.



ZUZANA BARAUSKIENĖ

KELETAS ŽINIŲ IŠ JOS GYVENIMO

Be abejoj, visiems yra gerai žinoma, kad Suzana Barauskienė yra dabartinė Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininkė. Ji gimė ir išaugo Brocktone, Mass. Čia baigė pradinį ir aukštesnį mokslą, išgydama slaugės profesiją. Iš pradžių dirbo su mažais nesveikais vaikais, o vėliau ėjo slaugės pareigas pas vieną gydytoją. Be to, ji net vienuolika metų yra ėjusi nuosavybių apskaičiuotojos pareigas Brockton'o mieste, drauge lankydama ir Northeastern universitetą.

Suzana yra labai veikli nuo pat jaunystės dienų įvairiose lietuviškose organizacijose. Besilankydama įvairiose vietose, ji Bostone sutiko žymų vyčių solistą (tenorą) Adomą Barauską, su kuriuo vėliau ir sukūrė lietuvišką šeimą. Nuo to laiko Suzana pasidarė viena veikliausių vyčių visoje plačioje rytinių valstybių apygardoje. Šiandien ji jau vadovauja visai



Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijai.

Adomas ir Suzana Barauskai išaugino dvi dukreles - Mariją ir Konstanciją - ir vieną sūnų,

kuris, atlikęs tarnybą laivyne, dabar studijuoja viename Mass. universitete. Visi vaikai sąmoningi lietuviai, vedę ir augina gražias šeimas. Taip pat aktyvūs vyčiai.

Suzanos vyras Adomas jau vienuolika metų kaip yra miręs, o jos tėvelis Ričardas Jarmalavičius prieš 2 metus yra miręs. Motina tebėra judri, sveika ir gyvena su ja.

Suzana Barauskienė yra L.V. trečiojo laipsnio narė ir vadovauja vietos kuopai nuo jos vedybų dienos. Nesenai ji buvo susirgusi ir ligoninėje išbuvo net tris savaites. Dar ir dabar, sugrįžusi į namus, neatgauna sveikatos ir niekur negali išeiti iš namų.

Mes, visi Lietuvos Vyčiai, linkime Suzanai sveikatos ir Visagalio palaimos, kad ji ko greičiausiai sustiprėtų ir pradėtų aktyviai reikštis mūsų tarpe.

Senelis



LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .

POPPY SEED CAKE

2 sticks margarine
1 cup sugar
4 eggs, separated
1 cup sour cream
2 cups flour
1 teasp. baking soda
1 teasp. baking powder
1 box poppy seeds (2½ oz. dry)
1 teasp. vanilla

Cream together margarine and sugar till fluffy. Add 4 egg yolks, 1 cup sour cream and mix well. Sift together 2 cups flour, baking soda, baking powder. Sift into creamed mixture.

Beat, in separate bowl, 4 egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold them into batter along with box of poppy seeds and vanilla.

Pour batter into greased, wax-paper lined 10" tube pan and bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Mary J. Picardi
C-109, Great Neck, N.Y.



“Pavasario saulė prašvito meiliai
Ir juokiasi, širdį vilioja,
Iškilo į dangų aukštai vieversiai,
Čirena, sparneliais plasnoja”.

Maironis

Kai pavasario saulė pabudina
gamtą ir žemė pasipuošia žalumy-
nais ir žiedais, tada ir žmogus
džiaugiasi pavasario žiedais, ir jais
puošiasi.

Gegužės mėnesio vieną sekma-
dienį, kulturingo pasaulio žmonės
skiria Motinos garbei.

Pasaulyje yra daug sukurta
gražiausių paveikslų. Daug iš tų
paveikslų mes vadiname “Mado-
na”, tai Motina, kuri pradžiugina
kiekvieno širdį.

Mes lietuviai turime savo
tautoje garsių Madonų.

Aušros laikų “Madona” tai lie-
tuvė motina sėdinti prie ratelio ir
mokanti vaikutį lietuviško rašto.
Čia ji kalba mažajam apie Tėvynės
meilę, pagarbą Dievui, apie
tėvynės didvyrius ir apie lietuviš-
kos knygos vargus.

MOTINA

Kun. J. Čekavičius

Tragiškų Lietuvos laikų “Ma-
dona” - “Preta”, tai lietuvė motina
šalia sūnaus partizano lavono.

Jis išniekintas, guli turgaus
aikštėje. Motinos veidas paženk-
lintas skausmu. Bet, kad neiš-
duotų kitų, ji čia stovi rami. Iš tolo
stebi savo mirusį sūnų. Tai mūsų
“Preta” Lietuvos Golgotoje. Tai
mūsų didvyrių motina, kurią mes
prisimename gegužės sekmadienį.

Šalia bažnytinių švenčių, bei
religinių minėjimų, tarytum šviesi
žvaigždė sušvinta gegužės mėne-
syje. Tai Motinos Diena.

Iš tikro, kaip gražu ir miela
prisiminti mūsų brangiąją Motutę
tąjį sekmadienį.

Amerikoniškas pasaulis gegužės
mėnesio antrąjį sekmadienį su
meile prisimena Motiną.

“Mama”, o koks mielas ir
jautrus šis pirmas žodis, kurį aš
išmokau iš Tavo lūpų.

O Mama - kokios švelnios Tavo
rankos, kurios glostė mano veidą
ir kaktą. Rankos, kurios nubraukė
vaikišką ašarą nuo mano mažų
akių.

O, mano Brangioji Mama. Tavo
veidas buvo man saulė. Tavo akys
mane vedė į gyvenimą.

O, Tu mano Geroji Mama. Regiu
ir šiandien aš Tave. Jaučiu Tavo
rankų švelnumą prie mano veido ir
kaktos. Ir šiandieną girdžiu Tavo
balsą.

Menu, kai paskutinį kartą Tu
mane palydėjai ligi kryžkelės.
Prijuoste uždengei savo akis, kad

aš nematyčiau Tavo perlo ašarų.

Tu laiminai mane, kai aš žengiau
į nežinomą pasaulį ir Tavo lūpos
kalbėjo maldą.

Tu pasilikai savo pastogėje ir
rūpinaisi tais, kurie likosi prie
Tavęs. Tu dalinaisi su jais viskuo,
ką Tu turėjai. Tėvynės ir Jos vaikų
kancios slėgė Tavo širdį, bet Tu
išlikai.

Tu esi mūsų laikų “Preta”. Tu
mūsų visų garbė ir pasididžiavi-
mas. Tu mūsų Motina.

Tau, Motina, šiandieną pavasa-
ris pasipuošė žalumynais ir gėlių
žiedais.

Tave prisiminus, suskambo
bažnyčių varpai. Už Tave geroji
mūsų Motina, maldos sudėtos prie
Viešpaties kojų. Tau šiandieną visi
lenkiasi reiškiant pagarbą už at-
neštas gyvybes į šį pasaulį.

Kai šią dieną mes prisimename
savo Motutes, tai tarsi saulės
šviesa, su aukso spinduliais su-
švinta, mūsų Dangiškosios Moti-
nos paveikslas.

Tai Marija - Dievo Motina. Tai
Ji atnešė džiaugsmą pasauliui.

Prie Marijos altoriaus šiandien
klaupiasi visi ir jauni ir vyresnieji.
O Jos paveikslą puošiame gegužės
mėnesio gražiausiomis gėlėmis.

Tai Marija mūsų Motina, o
Lietuva tai Marijos žemė.

Tu mūsų Dangiškoji Motina iš
Aušros Vartų. Užtarki mus prie
Aukščiausiojo kad mūsų Tėvynė
būtų laisva. O Seimų Geroji Motulė
galėtų džiaugtis savo šeimoje.

PALANGA - AND THE LEGEND OF BIRUTE



PALANGA, the seashore resort of Lithuania, and the Legend of Beautiful Birute. Palanga was and is the most popular bathing place of Lithuania, a pleasant drive north from the port city of Klaipeda on the Baltic Sea. When Lithuania was independent, it was an enjoyable drive to Palanga over the smiling country, studded with prosperous farms. The homesteads were of brick and were tiled, and took the place of the familiar timber and thatched houses. Belts of trees lined either side of the high road, and wide fields stretched to the horizon with herds of black and white cattle grazing under the care of sturdy, lint-haired boys. Many windmills spread their sails against the sky and the freshness of the Baltic Sea was never far from the roadway. Horses still had their place in Lithuania, and one would meet continual strings of the long country carts.

Palanga is not only a delightful holiday resort, but it is also a well-known spa. The nervous and anaemic, the despondent and bronchial may all take heart: for the pure air and excellent

climate, the sheltering dunes which protect the town from strong breezes, the tang of the sea and the resinous breath of the pines - all combine to heal mind and body. Palanga has a pier, and a splendid beach of firm, white sand, and the bathing is safe and warm.

Just north of the town is the curious Hill of Naglys, a Viking barrow of sandy ground, crowned with seven tall pines which stand out strangely in the sunset. The legend runs that long ago, a huge black bird, the Naglys, came out of the west, made its nest on the hilltop and from there ravaged the flocks of the country-side. This is probably a symbolic reference to the actual sea pirates, who used to cross from the western shores of the Baltic and harrass the coastal regions. It seems certain that the Naglys Hill is an ancient Viking grave.

There is another hill, peculiarly sacred in the eyes of Lithuanians, about half a mile south of Palanga in a beautiful park. This Hill of Birute - Birutes Kalnas - is associated with the most beloved woman in Lithuanian history. Overgrown with pine-trees, it is the only hill in the district, which, from very early times, was a sacred mound. Day and night the fire of oak branches burned here, tended by vestal virgins, under the guidance of the pagan high priest, in the depths of the oak grove which then stood upon it. It was on this spot that in the middle of the 14th century, a lovely novice, Birute by name, performed her sacred duties. On the very day when she was to take her final vows, it chanced that the son of the reigning Grand Duke was hunting in the forest with his friends. Kestutis saw Birute as he passed and was filled with love for her.

Birute refused all his passionate pleading, but Kestutis was determined to win her. He waited all day in the forest until the hour came in the evening light when the high priest, with prayers and chanting, was preparing to throw the white robe over the head of the

novice which would vow her to eternal virginity. Kestutis then suddenly appeared, flung the white robe which he snatched from the high priest's hands on the fire, and throwing the maiden over his shoulder, rode off with her.

The high priest, horrified by such sacrilege, prophesied calamity as a result, threatening that with the children of Birute and Kestutis, the glory of Lithuania would end. Strangely enough, the prophecy was fulfilled, for while Vytautas, one of their two sons, was the greatest ruler Lithuania ever possessed, raising her to a mighty power, after his death the kingdom began to split up and the day of its downfall was foreshadowed.

Birute, the beloved Grand Duchess, returned to Palanga after the death of her husband Kestutis, and was buried in the hill which bears her name. She died a pagan, but since she symbolized the very spirit of Lithuania, the people revered her as a saint; and local tradition has it, that no matter how deep the snow lies on the hill, there is always a pathway to the little Christian chapel which has been erected over her tomb...



Mother's Day

MOTINĄ ATSIMINUS

Darganai, pūgai siaučiant širdyje,
Jėgoms nuslūgus, nusilpus dvasiai -
Tavo, Motutė, šviesus paveikslas
Kilęs vaizduotėj, pakelia drąsą.
Eini pats vienas galvą nuleidęs,
Liūdnas, pavargęs ir nusiminęs...
Motinos vaizdas, rūta praskleidęs,
Šypsosi meiliai, guodžia, ramina.
Šviesus paveikslas: Motina eina,
Neša ant rankų vaikelį.
Tyliai niūniuoja lopšinę dainą,
Lemia mažyčiui laimingą dalią...
Kiek didesnę šitą vaikutį,
Kurs vos ant savo kojyčių stojis,
Veda paėmus jį už rankutės,
Rodo jam kelią, saugo, globoja...
O dar vyresnį, trečią vaikelį
Sekantį savo mamos pėdomis,
Veda į šviesią tolimą šalį,
Moko kovoti jį su audromis.
Motina eina, nieko nebijo,
Savo gyvybę pavojun stato,
Vien karštą meilę ugdo širdyje,
Vien tik mažučio tikslą ji mato.
Sutiks kelyje skurdo prispaustą
Svetimą vargšą, liūdną vaikelį,
Ir jis maloniai bus jos priglaustas,
Ir jį priims į savo būrelį.
Motina eina, žiūri į toli
Ten, kur jau brėkšta prieaušrio rytas
Kūdikį neša būsimai laimei,
Neša pilietį naujam pasauliui.

GOD'S MASTERPIECE IS MOTHER

God took the fragrance
of a flower
The majesty of a tree.
The gentleness of morning
dew
The calm of a quiet sea
The beauty of the twilight
hour.
The soul of a starry night
The laughter of the
rippling brook.
The grace of a bird in
flight
Then God fashioned from these
things a creation like
no other
And when his masterpiece was
through, He called it
simply - MOTHER.



KNIGHTS, WRITE NOW

By Tony Yuknis

The VYTIS magazine is calling all writers to dust off their typewriters, pound out feature articles on Lithuania, Lithuanians, religion, Catholic subjects, music, history, sports, literature, travel, biography and other subjects that would be of interest to the membership.

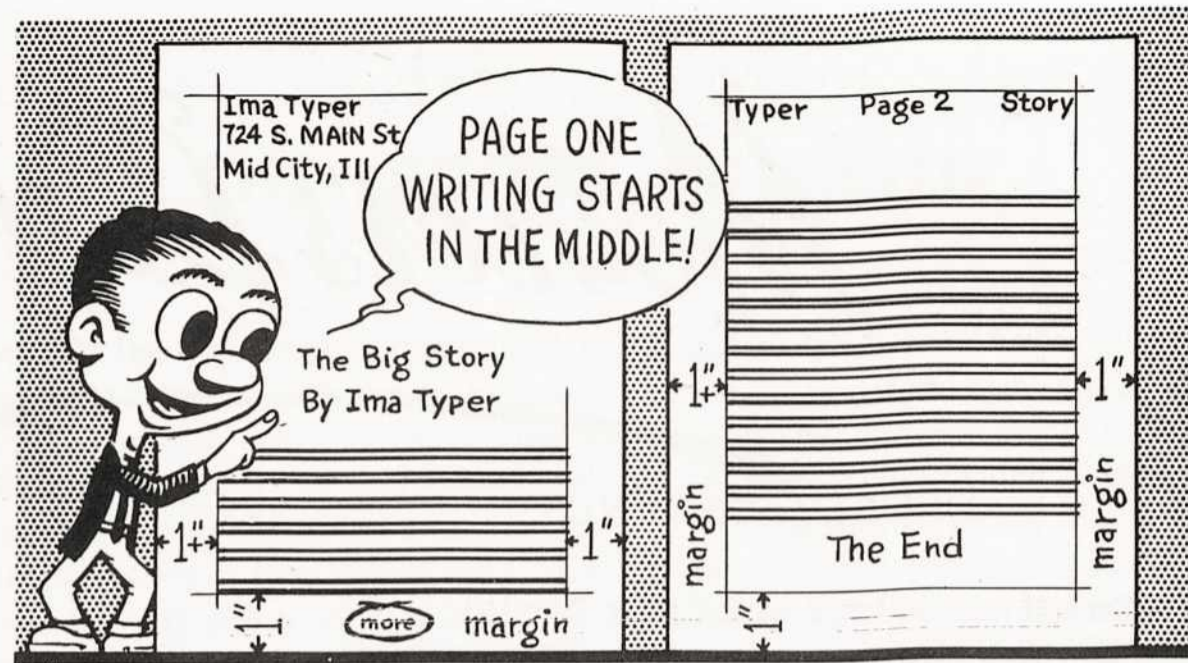
You commence your writing career by acquiring a ream of white standard size typewriting paper. Discriminating editors still believe that white is beautiful. Varying colors and sizes leaves the editor on the short end of this colorful profession. You will never get reamed out by the editor when you follow a few guide lines.

Replace the typewriter ribbon you bought five years ago so the editor can read the prose without using a magnifying glass. If the editor can read the manuscript there is an increased chance that you'll see it in print. Clean your machine keys with cleaning fluid and an old tooth brush. Tooth paste will not be needed. By now you are all keyed up to do your thing.

Your first page, in the upper left hand corner, will have your single-spaced name and address typed. If you have a tiny address label sticker that'll be faster, save your ribbon and make you more efficient.

Always type the title of your article in the center of page one. A few spaces down you write your byline. Now, you are well on your way to a brilliant writing career.

Then you drop down six spaces to commence writing your article. Indent your paragraph five spaces, use double-spaces between lines. Avoid breaking



letters at the end of each line and avoid splitting paragraphs between pages. In this world we need togetherness. Oh yes, try to keep a one inch margin on three sides of your copy. At the bottom of page one type "(more)" which will keep the editor in suspense.

On page two, in the upper left hand corner, type your name. To your right type your story title or a key word for brevity. Whether you lean to the left or right you will find it best to write the page number in the center of the page.

You continue writing your story on page two by dropping your paragraph down eight spaces. You may think this is wasted space, but this'll prevent you from telling too tall of a story. Ensuing pages follow the same pattern as you use double spaces between sentences and lines.

After knocking out about five pages, enough to call it a feature article, you begin to wonder how to end it all. Well, four of five spaces after your last paragraph you can type "The End", use double crosses "###", or conclude with the telegraphers signoff, "- 30-".

You may want to keep a carbon copy of your article in case it is lost, strayed, or stolen. What would you do if a skyjacker delivered your manuscript to Cuba?

After doing all these things, you paper clip the masterpiece together, fold it in thirds, carefully address (and zip code) the envelope, including a return address, and shoot it out (i.e.,

mail) to the clip joint editor.

If you have no writing credits and your article hasn't been solicited by the editor it would be wise to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for its return if it cannot be used. Established writers are not required to do this.

If you submit photos with your manuscript remember to put your address sticker on the back in the upper left corner, subject in right corner and photographers name at the bottom. A batch of photographs can be numbered and captions typed on a full page with corresponding numbers. Query the editor for official requirements.

Remember to mark your parcel "PHOTOS - DO NOT BEND", as some mailmen don't care if they give anybody the "bends". Enclose a cardboard stiffener even if you have to swipe it from your gift box.

Parcels without personal correspondence will go as third class mail, but for a few cents more, first class is said to get there better and faster.

After going through all of this you rest 24 hours and ponder how everything will come out in VYTIS. Then you forget all about it and commence thinking about the next literary gem you will concoct.

This article was sent in on four pages with a cartoon. Your writer figured that it would become a feature article because an illustration takes up space. Going to art school has finally paid off. It has resulted in less typing, saving the typewriter ribbon for the next article.

JUNIOR NEWS

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Council President:

In these busy times for all of us, an officer in any organization needs to be commended for the sacrifice of his time to the ideals of the group of which he is a leader. This is especially true for anyone taking over the task of a president, because as the leader of the group, the president must be prepared to shoulder much of the burden of making the organization and its ideals a success.

I would like to appeal to you now on behalf of the young people who are or who could be in your council. The Knights of Lithuania stand for a unique set of ideals that needs support. Each new member, regardless of age, contributes to the growth and development of those ideals. Consequently, your support as council president to the youth dimension in your council is essential.

As president, it is easy to delegate the task of youth development to another officer or individual, but the task is too precious to leave completely out of your hands. It needs your presidential prestige and enthusiasm to be captured by all the members of your council so that YOUTH DEVELOPMENT becomes a major goal of your council and its members.

To aid you in this task of getting young people involved in the Knights of Lithuania and its national activities, we are sponsoring the CONVENTION CONTEST FOR JUNIORS. Please alert your members to this effort to rebuild youth councils so that we will have the nucleus of a new group for eventual membership into the Knights of Lithuania. The seed of youthful membership is essential if the organization is to continue and to grow.

By your efforts, dear Council president, and the efforts of dedicated members in your council, you will be proving in action your desire to see our organization youthful, thriving, and fulfilling its high ideals and goals.

Please convey this message to the members of your council and tell them that I welcome their help, support and constructive criticism in this important task of our association. Write to me soon about your Youth Plans so that together we can move forward in our appointed work.

Vytiškai,

Peter A. Bizinkauskas
1st Vice President, S.C.

ANNOUNCING

CONVENTION CONTEST FOR JUNIORS

Up to eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) in prize money will be awarded for winning essays on the topic, "Why I Want to Attend the Knights of Lithuania National Convention in August 1973". Only enrolled members of active registered junior councils are eligible to enter. The prizes will be allotted on the following basis:

1. For each of the four districts of the K of L, \$200 dollars.
2. For youngsters age 8 to 11, one hundred dollars; for youngsters age 12 to 15, one hundred dollars.

RULES FOR THE CONVENTION CONTEST ARE:

1. The topic of the essay is, "Why I Want to Attend the Knights of Lithuania National Convention in August 1973".
2. The essay article should contain from 200 to 500 words, no more.
3. The article should be typed or written on one side of paper and be neat and double-spaced.
4. Three copies of the essay should be submitted. Carbon or xerox copies are acceptable.
5. No name should appear on the essay itself. All identifying information as name, address, age, council and district should be on a separate sheet.
6. Each entry should include a statement from the child's parents indicating that the essay is the complete and original work of the individual.
7. All entries must be received by the National First Vice-President before August 1, 1973.
8. The decisions of the judges will be final and all entries become the property of the Knights of Lithuania.
9. Full prizes (\$100.00) will be given to winners who are present at the convention in Brockton; half prize awards (\$50.00) will be mailed to winners who do not attend the National Convention.
10. New councils and new members must be registered with the National First Vice-President before July 1, 1973, in order to be eligible for awards.
11. Entries should be mailed to:

Convention Contest for Juniors

Peter A. Bizinkauskas
424 North Cary Street
Brockton, Massachusetts 02402

Tentatively, we hope to ask the four regional vice-presidents in charge of junior affairs to choose a panel of judges who will select the winners from their region. The unmarked but coded essays will be sent from the National Office to the district judges who will select a winner in each age category. The names of the winners will be announced at the convention during the Youth Sessions.

We hope that this activity will see a resurgence of youth councils and youth activity throughout all our districts and we urge the districts to add their own incentives to this effort.

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BY-LAWS OF JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

To our knowledge, the following by-laws do not have any official or constitutional status. Consequently, we are submitting them now so that they may be approved and added to the official constitution after and when approved at the National Convention, 1973. We want it appended to the regular constitution booklet, if and when ratified by National Convention.

Article I Name, Patron, Motto, Insignia

1. The name of the organization is Knights of Lithuania Juniors.
2. The patron is St. Casimir.
3. The motto is "For God and Country".
4. The K. of L. Jrs. have as their emblem the Lithuanian Knight on a white horse with a cross or a shield.

Article II Purpose

1. The K. of L. Jrs. strive to unite American youth of Lithuanian descent and to develop in them qualities of leadership and prepare them for eventual membership in the K. of L.

(a) The K. of L. Jrs. adhere to Catholic philosophy and precepts, furthering among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic Faith, and by appropriate means safeguard their moral conduct.

(b) The K. of L. Jrs. educate their members to become good American citizens.

(c) The K. of L. Jrs. encourage among its members an attachment for the land of their forefathers and an affection and respect for the Lithuanian language and customs.

(d) The K. of L. Jrs. strive to encourage its members to higher education.

(e) The K. of L. Jrs. strive to establish wholesome sports groups for the physical development of members.

Article III Membership

1. Membership is open to all Catholic youth of Lithuanian descent.

2. Anyone belonging to a group whose purposes conflict with the Catholic Religion, or which is subversive to the American government or which encourages disrespect for Lithuanian tradition may not become or remain a member of the Knights of Lithuanian Juniors.

3. Those who have not reached the age of sixteen are eligible to join a Junior Council.

Article IV Organization

1. A Junior Council may be organized with a minimum of five members.

2. The establishment of a Jr. Council must have been approved by a majority vote of the sponsoring adult council.

3. Each Junior Council will be the number of the sponsoring council, under which organized.

4. The sponsoring council must appoint a counselor whose responsibility it will be to advise the Junior Council when necessary and to supervise the activities of the Junior Council in compliance with its institution. The counselor maintains contact between the Junior Council and the Sponsoring Council, as well as the Supreme Council Officer in charge of Juniors.

Article V Dues

1. Each member pays an initiation fee of 25 cents.

2. Regular dues are 10 cents a month.

3. Each Junior Council pays an annual fee of \$5.00 to the Supreme Council. Each Jr. Council will receive 1 to 5 copies of the "Vytis" depending on the size of the council.

4. A Junior transferring to another council does not pay the initiation fee.

5. A member who has not paid his dues for three months is considered a member not in good standing, and loses his right to vote and other council privileges.

Article VI Officers

1. Officers for Juniors shall be:

A. President

B. Secretary

C. Treasurer

(in larger groups additional officers may be: -

D. Vice-President

- E. Corresponding, Recording or Financial Secretaries
- F. Sargeant-at-arms

- 2. Elections will be held annually.
- 3. Duties of Officers:

DUTIES OF JUNIOR K. OF L. OFFICERS

1. President

- (a) Calls meetings on the day designated by the club.
- (b) Conducts the meeting in a proper and orderly manner.
- (c) Sets a good example to other members by conducting himself in a manner fitting a Catholic youth.
- (d) Appoints committees and chairmen when necessary.
- (e) Acts as honorary member of all committees.

2. Vice President

- (a) Is always ready to take over and conduct the meeting when the President is unable to attend.
- (b) Helps the President in any way possible.
- (c) Helps to recruit new members.

3. Recording Secretary

- (a) Keeps an accurate record of the minutes of all meetings.
- (b) Informs members of the dates of meetings and social events.
- (c) Reads all communications addressed to the club.

4. Treasurer

- (a) Keeps an accurate account of all money received and paid out of the club.

- (b) Pays all bills promptly.
- (c) Sends club dues to Supreme Council Treasurer on time.

5. Sargeant-at-arms

- (a) Sees that order is maintained at the meetings.
- (b) Acts as usher in the Church by reserving pews for members on K. of L. Communion days.

6. Correspondent to "Vytis"

- (a) Prepares articles of interest for the Jr. page in Vytis.
- (b) Contacts members for ideas and suggestions.

Article VII Meetings

- 1. Meetings must be held at least once a month. Special meetings may be called when the President deems it necessary.
- 2. Suggested order of business meeting.

1. Opening of meeting
2. Roll Call
3. Payment of dues
4. Reading of minutes
5. Treasurer's report
6. Admission of new members by solemn oath
7. Unfinished business
8. Reading of Bills
9. Various committee reports
10. Reading of communications
11. New business
12. Announcements
13. Program (if any)
14. Motion for adjournment
15. Closing prayer

DAYTON, OHIO, JUNIORS - C-96

Kym Blosser

We contributed our help and performed in the program celebration for Lithuanian Independence Day held Feb. 25 in the Lithuanian Hall.

It was a GREAT DAY when the Juniors treated the Seniors to breakfast on Mar. 4, St. Casimir's Day.

On Mar. 17, eleven members attended a Junior's Meeting with our Advisor, Tina Kavy.

We have been going to camp for several years, so we've decided to go to Kings Island for 2 days, and spending the night.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Once again, the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is seeking prospective candidates for the annual Scholarship Awards.

Please encourage qualified candidates in your Council to apply. The deadline is JUNE 30, 1973. Forms may be obtained from the Chairman at the address given below. The 16th Annual Scholarship Awards, totaling up to \$1,000 again this year, will be announced during the 60th National Knights of Lithuania Convention, August 16-19 in Brockton, Mass.

Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate or graduate work. Scholarly achievement, K of L organizational activity, and various recommendations, along with financial need, are taken into consideration in the selection of scholarship winners.

We urge each Council and individual to support this important Knights of Lithuania project financially. Many Councils urge their members to donate an extra dollar to the Scholarship Fund when paying their dues. Others prefer to sponsor an affair, a drawing, or to earmark a percentage of an affair's profits for the Scholarship Fund. Some councils also solicit patrons, businessmen and organizations to donate to our Fund.

All donations to the Scholarship Fund should be forwarded to the Committee Treasurer at the address given below. Mr. Zager will acknowledge each donation and the complete list of donors will be printed in VYTIS after the National Convention.

We are looking forward to receiving names of applicants from your Council for the awards, and also having your cooperation in obtaining funds for this important K of L Program.

Dekingai ir Vytiskai Jusu,

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman
1467 Force Drive
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

Gerald Zager, Treasurer
32116 Red Clover
Farmington, Mich. 148024

LIFETIME SUBSCRIBER

Our sincerest welcome - and heartfelt thanks - go to MRS. ELIZABETH FISHER of New York, who recently became a LIFETIME SUBSCRIBER to VYTIS, by her generous donation of \$100. Mrs. Fisher is a well-known and long-time supporter of various Lithuanian causes and charities. We hope Mrs. Fisher will enjoy reading VYTIS for many years to come.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

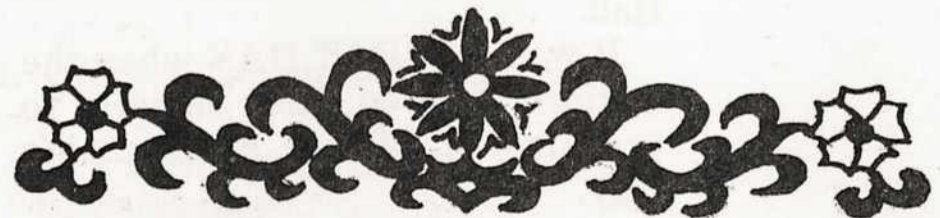
We still have available the Lithuanian language instruction records CHILDRENS PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN. The set consists of 2 records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, together with booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. Price per set is \$2.00 postpaid. Send your orders to Stanley Vaitkus 518 Hialeah Ct., Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

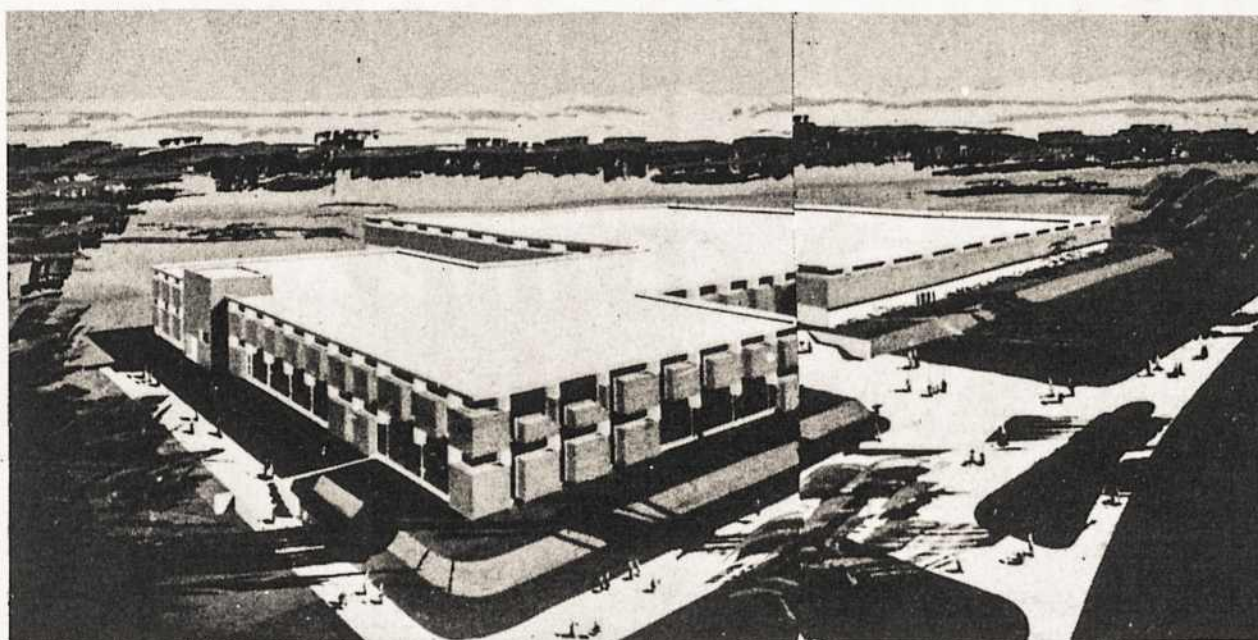
DAY OF PRAYER

JUNE 20, 1973 has been assigned to the K. of L. Supreme Council as its annual Day of Prayer for the persecuted Church in Lithuania. Since the Supreme Council clearly cannot physically gather together on that day, Supreme Council members as well as all K of L-ers are urged to join spiritually, in offering special prayers for Lithuania on that day.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The Supreme Council will meet on JUNE 9, 1973, at 1:00 P.M., at the Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall in Manhattan, New York, N.Y. C-12, New York, will be hosts. All Supreme Council members, members of the National Committees, and local Honorary Members, are urged to attend, as many important matters, particularly the National Convention, will be discussed.





PREVIEW OF CONVENTION 60

We hope many of you will make the Convention part of your vacation plans. The accommodations are excellent with the unbelievable price of \$8.00 per day, three meals included. There are a few singles but most of the rooms are for double occupancy. Each Town House has its own living room. Come the first of the week with your family and we will have places for you to go and see. How

about the Juniors taking part? We have plans in the making for your knowledge and pleasure. All the above prices are based on 150 people or more. If we cannot expect that many, the charge is one dollar more. With the large membership we have, I'm sure we will welcome many of you. The whole city of Brockton are making plans to welcome all K of L'ers.

Should anyone want to stay over until Monday, the charge will be

\$3.00. Shuttle service from Boston will be available through college services. (More on this later).

Also available for your enjoyment will be... Historical tours of Boston, Cape Cod, Plymouth... local beaches... antique shops... shopping centers... golf greens... bowling... plenty of good restaurants... a good hairdresser... town pool for quick dips... and as always, New England hospitality.

WEDNESDAY

GAY NINETIES NITE (GENTLEMEN START GROWING YOUR MUSTACHES)

THURSDAY

SESSION

PM MASS AT OUR LADY OF SORROW CONVENT
TRADITIONAL LOBSTER BAKE

FRIDAY

AM SESSIONS

MASS

60TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

(HONOR DESERVING MEMBERS)

PM SESSIONS

SUPPER

ART EXHIBIT & CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

CONCERT ALL TO BE HELD AT FULLER ARTS
MUSEUM

SATURDAY

AM SESSION

MASS - LUNCHEON (AWARDS)

PM SESSIONS

SUPPER

ANNIVERSARY BALL (FORMAL RECEPTION OF NEW
S.C. OFFICERS)

SUNDAY

MASS AT ST. CASIMER'S CHURCH

PHOTO OF CONVENTION

SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

BANQUET 2 PM

* PLANS FOR THE DAY ARE IN THE MAKING BUT
NOT DEFINITE AY YET.

THE 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION AUGUST 16 - 19, 1973

**STONEHILL COLLEGE
NORTH EASTON, MASS.**

**HOSTS
C-1, BROCKTON, MASS.**



Don't Miss the Boat!

The K of L Membership Drive is now in full swing... The K of L needs you to find new and worthwhile members.

Be on the Lookout! Start with your own backyard - your brothers, sisters, mother, father, in-laws, relatives and neighbors - who you're sure are eligible. (If you're not sure, check them out). And don't forget to button-hole that former member... whose membership may have lapsed for a year or more, due to carelessness or what-have you. And don't let the Associate Member (a Non-Lithuanian Prac-

ting Catholic Spouse) slip through your fingers.

Potential members are everywhere. DON'T MISS THE BOAT... Start Today... Talk K of L, sign them up NOW and bring them to your next meeting. The awards may have "sailed on" by you but it is never too late because the new members of today are the lifeblood of our organization, so do your part... Remember "United we stand, divided we fall".

Albert Ozalis,
Membership National
Vice President



VĖL ŽYDI MAGNOLIJOS

Romualdas Kisielius

Už lango pavasaris grįžo,
už lango magnolijos žydi.
Už lango atbudusi žemė
alsuoja nauja gyvybe...

Aš vaikštau tarytum apsvaigęs,
o žiedlapiai byra, lyg snaigės...
Aš vaikštau po žydintį sodą
pavasario baltu taku...



LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



LITHS AT N.Y. FOLK HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Lithuanian Folk Dance Group of New York is shown at part of the Lithuanian exhibit, sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania - New York Senior Council 41, after their performance during the two-week Folk Heritage Festival at the Bay Ridge Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. The accordion accompanist was Ruta Raudys of Linden, N.J., and dance commentator (standing next to Ruta) was Algimantas Bruzas. The Abike Jotayo and Ile Omo (The House of Children) acting out African Folk Tales and the Norwegian Folk Dance Society also participated in the March 21 program.



At the event, Mrs. Carol B. Wadsworth, Branch Librarian, graciously accepted the book "Awakening Lithuania" by Dr. Jack J. Stukas, presented by Helen V. Kulber in behalf of the Knights of Lithuania. At right is

Mrs. Jadvyga Matulaitis, Director of the Lithuanian Folk Dance Group. On the wall are color reproductions of paintings of Lithuanian Dancers by Robert Treonis of Chicago.

While arranging the showcase exhibit, Helen described the items and repeated the story about amber and Jurate and Kastytis to six different groups of children. Miss Ann Cagan, Adult Services Librarian, who assisted with the exhibit, looked through several books for a map of Lithuania - finally found one... "Europe in 1559" (C. S. Hammond & Co., N.Y.) which showed Lithuania extending from the Baltic to the Black Sea and containing Byelorrussia and the Ukraine. Miss Cagan requested a listing of available Lithuanian books to be considered for placement in the library... In her "thank you" letter for the book, the cooperation of the K of L and Lithuanian dancers in this project, Mrs. Wadsworth noted that several persons have inquired about the book "Awakening Lithuania" and other information pertaining to Lithuania, past and present.

It is ironic that the current Intourist map of the "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics" outlines the Baltic States - Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia - and shows each in a different color... yet so many modern mapmakers including Hallmark, lump them in the same color as the USSR and neglect to even identify them by name. Cities and provinces are clearly noted on the Intourist map but, to our consternation, "S.S.R." is printed under the name of each Baltic State.



FIRE VICTIMS RESPOND TO K OF L KINDNESS



"Happiness is making other people happy". Brother Knights helping Brother Knights individually and through their councils, must have felt this way when they gave financial aid so generously to the fire victims from Council 135 of Ansonia, Connecticut.

Olga Savitskas and Mildred Driznus, whose worldly possessions were wiped out in a couple of hours, accepted your donations with humility, but with happy hearts, I wish that I could express in words how these girls felt about the charity in your hearts towards them. I believe we've all had this feeling at one time or another when we would say "What can I say?" when our innermost feelings were exploding with sympathy and love. "Action speaks louder than words", and this is what you provided, "Action" in the great response to the plea for help when tragedy struck two of our Brother Knights.

Events leading up to this writing since the night of the fire are as follows:

Olga Savitskas was invited to stay in with Mr. and Mrs. John Jakabauski, friends and neighbors, who live across the street. The City of Ansonia has an ordinance that prohibits anyone from living in a trailer in city limits. However, the Mayor of Ansonia, the Honorable Sturgis Sobin, gave Olga special permission to live in one in the rear yard of her property while her house is being rebuilt. The house is being rebuilt with the roof already on, and most of the window casements in. There is still a great deal of work to be done; clapboards, parti-

tions, electrical and plumbing work, sheet rock, flooring, cabinets, etc. Then the tiresome and expensive task of buying furniture, appliances and all the little things that make a house a home. Olga has a long way to go before she gets anywhere back to normal but I'm sure she will make it, as Olga is not a quitter.

Mildred Driznus and her mother were taken in by next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. John Pastik. They put Mrs. Driznus to bed and gave her warm drinks because she was so cold and in a state of shock after sitting on the cold ground after being rescued while Millie and the other tenant were being rescued. Millie, with no clothes to speak of, (a house coat and another coat thrown over it) was given some clothing by Lillian Chaplik, a member of C-135. Later that night, a good friend of Millie's, Rose Elia, asked Millie and her mother to stay with her. They stayed with Rose Elia until Millie found a very nice four-room apartment about five blocks from the scene of the fire.

The pantry doesn't have many dishes or glasses, there isn't very much furniture and the closets aren't filled with clothes like we know closets to be, but they are slowly progressing. Millie and her mother will make it as Millie has determination and determination pays off. Yes, "Happiness is making other people happy" as I am sure you are, to hear how happy you have made these girls to make a comeback.

INDIVIDUALS AND COUNCILS DONATING
TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE:

Anthony D. Yuknis, Chicago, Illinois
 Anthony A. Buknis, Cleveland, Ohio
 Bernard and Mary Minkus, Westfield, Mass.
 Lungen L. Svelnis, Needham, Mass.
 William and Bernice Wisniauskas, Athol Gardner,
 Mass.
 Peter J. Kasilonis, Clark, New Jersey
 John Sprainaitis, Patterson, New Jersey
 Albert J. Shurkis, Naugatuck, Conn.
 Alexander J. Aleksis, Waterbury, Conn.
 Anne H. Gorski, South Boston, Mass.
 Victoria Chepelonis, Detroit, Michigan
 An Anonymous Member, Youngstown, Ohio
 Anna S. Billis, Amsterdam, New York
 Jack and Blanche Dunn, Westfield, Mass.
 Council 3, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Council 17, Dorchester, Mass.
 Council 30, Westfield, Mass.

Council 100, Amsterdam, New York
 Council 111, Youngstown, Ohio
 Council 135, Ansonia, Conn.

May God bless all of you.

Vytiškai,

Stanley A. Twerian
 Fin. Secretary Council 135

P.S. For those of you who would still care to donate
 to this worthy cause, please send your donations to
 the girls personally. The addresses are:

Miss Olga Savitskas
 250 North State Street
 Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

Miss Mildred Driznus
 1 Crowley St.
 Ansonia, Connecticut 06401

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IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

SO. BOSTON, MASS.

OCTOGENARIAN

FELIX A. ZALESKAS of 264
 Bowen St., South Boston, Mass.,
 well-known in the community,
 celebrated his 80th Birthday on
 APRIL 25, 1973.

Felix is active in civic and
 political movements in the com-
 munity, and member of the
 Knights of Lithuania National
 Organization with councils
 throughout the U.S.A., since 1913.
 (K. of L. is celebrating its 60th
 anniversary this year).

Felix is the proud father of a
 son, EDWARD (married to
 Virginia Gibbons), who is
 Professor at Boston State College;
 and four (4) daughters: FLO-
 RENCE teacher; FRANCES -
 secretary at John Hancock Life
 Insurance Co., and MRS.
 ELEANOR FISHER and MRS.
 MARIE RUKA; and 12 grand-
 children.

Felix arrived in Boston from
 Lithuania in 1910 and in 1931
 married Anele Sliuzaite, Ameri-

can born. Mrs. Zaleskas passed
 away in 1965.

He is well known throughout the
 country having traveled exten-
 sively in 1925 with the DZIMDZI-
 DRIMDZI group, headed by the
 late A. Vanagaitis and the late
 Prof. Dr. K. Pakstas.

Felix is also a veteran life
 member of the SOUTH BOSTON
 LITHUANIAN CITIZENS AS-
 SOCIATION, member of the ST.
 PETER'S HOLY NAME, and on
 October 11, 1964 was honored
 with the Americanism Medal from
 the STEPHEN DARIUS AMERI-
 CAN LEGION POST #317.

We wish Felix continued good
 Health and many more years of
 Happiness.

F.M.G.

ŠV. KAZIMIERO ŠVENTĖ

Youngstown, Ohio. Šv. Kazi-
 miero šventės proga mūsų miesto
 vyčiai aplankė Clevelando vyčius ir
 drauge pagerbė Lietuvos Šventąjį.
 Gausus Pittsburgo ir Youngstowno

vyčių būrys, atvykęs į garsų
 Clevelandą, suteikė šiai šventei
 iškilmingą pobūdį.

Pittsburgo vyčių veikėjas an-
 gliškai pasakė trumpą, bet pras-
 mingą kalbą (gaila jo pavardės
 nenugirdau). Po jo kalbėjęs L.V.
 vidurinių vakarų apygardos pir-
 mininkas Petras Luiza priminė a.a.
 buv. apygardos pirmininką Praną
 Gudelį, Vincą Pavį bei kitus, kaip
 pavyzdžius lietuviškai vytiškai
 veiklai.

Šia proga negali pamiršti mūsų
 korespondento ir Garbės Nario
 Juozo Sadausko, kuris kalbėjo
 ilgai ir lietuviškai. Nežinau, ar yra
 kitas toks, kuris taip mylėtų savo
 tėvynę ir jai tiek pasiaukotų, kaip
 Sadauskas. Dažnai jo veidą ašaros
 sudrėkina, kalbant apie Lietuvą.

Stela Pavis skundėsi negausiu
 veiklių šeimų skaičiumi. Nenusi-
 mink, Stela, ir negausus būrys čia
 daug veikia.

J. Sadauskas prašė mane para-
 šyti į Vytį. Tai aš ir padariau. Gal
 kada išmoksiu geriau rašyti ir
 pasidarysiu korespondentu.

Saulės Brolis

We get Letters . . .

To the Editors of the VYTIS:

We appreciate your using the picture of our St. Casimir Altar on the cover of the March edition.

Sincere thanks from all the members and especially those present at the monthly meeting of April 2, 1973.

Vytiskai,
Council 96, Dayton, Ohio
(signed by 24 members of C-96)

Dear Vyciai:

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the financial gift I have received. Through your contribution I have the privilege to study for the Holy Priesthood in the Lithuanian College in Rome. I pray for you and I ask you to pray for me that I may succeed in this quest.

Gerbiamieji Vyciai,

Nuoširdžiai dėkoju Jums už pinigine pagalba man paaukota idant tęsčiau mokslus lietuvių Kolegijoje man didelė garbė, kad galiu įsigitinti tikėjimes Bažnyčios centre, Romoje. Dekoju Dieviu už privilegiją, kuri leidžia man išsaugoti tėvynės tikėjimą kaip praeityje leido daugeliui kitu. Prašau pasimelsti už mano, o kartu melskimės už visų Dievo vaikų atsivertima.

Su Didele Pagarba,

JONAS A. STUNDŽIA
Pontificio Collegio Lituano
San Casimiro
Via Casalmonferrato, 20
00182 Roma, Italia.

Ed. Note: Jonas Stundžia is a K of L member - seminarian from New England, now studying in Rome. The "financial gift" referred to is a special scholarship awarded him by the New England District.

LIETUVOS TIKINTIEJI ŠAUKIASI PAGALBOS

Pavergtoje Lietuvoje komunistai žiauriausiai persekioja tikėjimą ir tikinčiuosius. Daug bažnyčių atimta, o už likusias tikintieji privalo mokėti didžiausius mokesčius.

Persekiojamai Bažnyčiai Lietuvoje pagelbėti 1960 m. įsikūrė L. K. Religinė Šalpa - lietuvių kunigų korporacija. Šalpos darbui stiprinti ir plėsti 1972 m. buvo įsteigti Religinės Šalpos Rėmėjai - pasauliečių organizacija, veikianti savarankiškai, bet vieningai su pačia Religine Šalpa.

Nariais rėmėjais gali būti visi, kurie aukoja ne mažiau 5 dol. metams, amžinieji nariai - 100 dol. mecenatai - 1000 dol. Įrašant mirusiuosius, aukojama 25 dol.

Už visus gyvuosius ir mirusius narius rėmėjus aukojama daugybė šv. Mišių. Ypatingai daug

meldžiasi už savo geradarius persekiojami tikintieji Lietuvoje.

Kviečiame visus įsijungti į Religinės Šalpos rėmėjus. Rašyti ar aukas siųsti: Religinės Šalpos Vyriausiajai Valdybai, 6825 So. Talman Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60629. Visi aukotojai gauna kvitus ir jų aukos atleidžiamos nuo federalinių mokesčių. Vietovėse, kur veikia Rėmėjų skyriai, aukos įteikiamos skyrių valdyboms, kurios vietoje išduoda kvitus.

Išgirs kime pagalbos šauksmą persekiojamų tikinčiųjų pavergtoje Lietuvoje. Neužmirškime jų - kovojančių už Dievą ir Tėvynę. Pagelbėkime jiems išlikti tikinčiais ir išlaikyti savo bažnyčias.

L. K. Religinės Šalpos Rėmėjų
Vyriausioji Valdyba

K of L Calendar

- MAY** 4-6 - C-25 - 3rd Annual GARAGE SALE at Residence of Ruth and Joe Guzauskas, Cleveland, Ohio
6 - Rev. Albin Janiunas, 25th Anniversary of Priesthood Celebration, St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass.
12 - C-10 - Athol-Gardner SPRING DANCE, Athol Lithuanian Club, Athol, Mass.
13 - C-90, Kearny, N.J. - MOTHER'S DAY SOCIAL.
13 - Rev. Albert Contons, 25th Anniversary of Priesthood Celebration, St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass.
19-20 - ANNUAL MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Cleveland, Ohio - C-25 Hosts, Headquarters: Holiday Inn, Wickliffe, Ohio. Tournament at Palisades II Lanes.
19 - C-17 & 17 Srs. SCHOLARSHIP DINNER-DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club, So. Boston, Mass.
20 - NED DEDICATION of Amber - Altar of Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire.
- JUNE** 3 - MAD DISTRICT CONVENTION, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.
- C-110 Hosts.
9 - SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Our Lady of Vilnia Hall, New York, N.Y.
- 1:00 P.M. - C-12 Hosts.
9 - C-96, REMEMBER WHEN NIGHT, Holy Cross Church Hall, Dayton, Ohio
10 - MCD ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE with Memorial Service for deceased members of District, Holy Cross Church, Dayton, Ohio
- 10:00 a.m. - Mass, Holy Cross Church
1:00 p.m. - Luncheon, Heritage House
3:00 p.m. - MEMORIAL SERVICE for deceased members at Shrine of Three Crosses.
17 - BALTIC FESTIVAL of SONG AND DANCE, Garden State Arts Center, Matawan, N.J.
- JULY** 4 - ANNUAL IID K of L Picnic, K of L Building and Gardens, Chicago, Illinois.
29 - NED FAMILY PICNIC, Father Pudiokas Camp, Southwick, Mass.
29 - ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC, Holy Cross Church (C-96), Eintracht Park, Dayton, Ohio
- AUGUST** 5 - "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" RADIO PICNIC - J.J. Stukas, Director.
"Priedaine" Latvian Park, Freehold, N.J.
16-19 - K of L 60th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass.
- C-1, Brockton, Mass. Hosts.
- SEPTEMBER** 16 - NED 6th ANNUAL CULTURAL PICNIC, Marionis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.
29 - C-17 & 17 Srs. PRE-CONVENTION DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Club, So. Boston, Mass.
- OCTOBER** 7 - C-90, Kearny, N.J. - AMBER BALL, Kearny, N.J.
13 - C-29, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 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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C-19 - PITTSBURGH, PA.

VIRGO

A little girl named Virginia, many years ago, asked the question, "Is there really a Santa Claus?" And the answer to her question was "YES". After a long silence it seems some people may be asking, "Is there really a C-19, Pittsburgh?" Our answer is "YES". Even though we may not have been heard of lately, we ARE here. And to prove this point, let me tell you a little about what we have been up to in the past months...

At the invitation of Senior C-25 of Cleveland, Ohio, we joined them for our annual St. Casimir Day Celebration on Mar. 4. Even though the road was a very dense foggy one, eleven of us ventured forth, and made it, to Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and then on to a very interesting Smorgasbord at the Hofbrau House. Every one of us enjoyed the "blynai" - especially ONE member Zeno Yokshas who, I believe, never did find out that there was anything else on the menu. We all enjoyed getting a chance to meet with the Clevelanders and our old friends from Youngstown. For some of us this was the first opportunity to do so since the M.C. Dist. Convention that was held in Pittsburgh in October. We thank our host council for a very nice day. We did miss Stella Sankal though...

Several of our members have been on the sick list. Anne Aleliu-

nas is home now recuperating after major surgery. Mildred Chinik, who had a go 'round with some kind of bug, is feeling much better and has been back to the old routine for a short time now. We hope Anne will not be too far behind. Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Karaveckas, missed a few of our meetings. The bug got to him, too...

Sr. Francesca, one of our new members, was hostess to our Council meeting in February. The way Sister treated us with all those delicious hors d'oeuvres, we may, be back sooner than she expects, with or without an invitation. Thank you, Sister. Since things were this way and that during the Holidays, we did not have a party, so we took this opportunity to exchange Valentine Day gifts.

We welcome a new member, John Kedzow of East Liverpool, Ohio. He has been very active in establishing a Lithuanian Library at Kent University, and has been a frequent visitor to Pittsburgh. Many of you have met John, I'm sure during his travels in search of Lithuanian publications. He, his lovely wife, Rose Mary, and three children were in Pittsburgh to celebrate Lithuanian Independence Day. John also participated in the day's commemoration by giving a short address to the assemblage.

President of C-19, Vito Yucius, active with every Lithuanian organization in Pittsburgh, Director of the "Echoes of Lithuania" radio program for the past eight years, and a real estate salesman, has still another feather to put in his hat. Not too many months ago Vito passed his state examination and has become a Real Estate Broker. Congratulations, Vito, we know this was something you were

really working toward. Vito's daughter, Dalia, dances with the "Neris" dancing group. The group performed during the Lithuanian Week celebration at the University of Dayton recently. While there, she met many of her father's friends from the K of L, and was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gecas, members of C-96. She and the others were impressed with the warm reception the group received from everyone in Dayton, BUT, we all know about that, don't we???

With SPRING here, we're sure to start blooming. We do plan or sending a team - who knows, maybe two - to the District Bowling Tournament at Cleveland in May. Then on to Dayton for the Pilgrimage in June, the National Convention, and who knows what in between. You can sure bet that C-19 is ALIVE and existing in the City of Pittsburgh...

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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Think Spring! However, the weather played major havoc with most of our council activities.

For one day at least, Detroit wore the title - the Windy City. On Mar. 14, the high winds with gusts measuring up to 53 miles, moved about our city, which produced a lean membership meeting that evening. Afterwards, the members "skaniai pasivaišino su kavute ir pyragu". Ačiū Helen Tucker.

The great Mar. 17 snowstorm resulted in a "lost weekend". But, chairlady Vicki Chepelonis, who derives the don't-give-up spirit in spite of the icy conditions, turned our Bake Sale into a wonderful success. She credits a hard-working team - Ann Calvin who was in charge of bread sales; Stella Hotra assisted by Alice Repshas and

daughter Ann Marie at the baked goods table; Ruth Grasha and Sophie Zager kept the raffle post booming; Adeline Vitkus and Helen Patocki, assisted by Panavas' daughter, Kathy, capably handled the White Elephant; and Helen Tucker, Julia Medinis and A. Kulikauskas kept everyone happy serving hot bagels and coffee. Those who passed the "Sorry" table were always tempted to play the game. This was supervised by Violet Panavas, daughter Karen, and little Eleanore Grasha. The entire committee, including the menfolk, and other workers, Mrs. Wm. Grasha and M. Kase, deserve our praises. Our sincerest thanks to the parishioners and members for their heroic efforts in braving the bad weather to help make our Bake Sale and Bazaar a success. Proceeds will benefit the council's pledge for the Building Fund of the new Divine Providence Church. Drawing of the Raffle was postponed to April 1, when hot bagels and coffee were served. For little Jay Redmond, who was the first-prize winner, April Fool's Day was a nice treat. Grandparents M/M Clem Patocki helped carry the huge basket of groceries.

A clear, crisp, sunny day, hinting the arrival of spring, drew members of the Supreme Council Executive Board for a meeting Mar. 24 in Detroit, hosted by C-102, at St. Anthony's. First V.P., Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, took the reins capably in absence of Pres. Sue Boroskas who could not attend the meeting due to illness. About 14 members attended, including one guest, your roving reporter. The M.C. Dist. Pres. Pete Luiza, among various reports submitted, commented on lack of correspondence from individual presidents in his district. He requests that they respond to news and other events. An agenda was formulated for the Natl. Vyčių Convention to be held in Brockton, Mass., on Aug. 16-19. Following the supreme council meeting, members and guests attended Mass, and enjoyed a delightful pot-luck supper. Every-

one exchanged "Labas - Kaip Tau", and it was nice seeing Knights we haven't seen in a while.

Many fond memories were also exchanged at the St. Casimir's Day observance on Mar. 4. A nice representation from our council participated at St. Peter's Church, hosted by C-139, followed by a buffet laden with a variety of dishes. An excellent program included Father Kris of St. Peter's, Father J. Stanievich of St. Mark's, and Fr. M. Kundrat and Fr. Al Babonas of Divine Providence. A nice balmy day highlighted the event.

SOFFI SNOOPING:

While Dr. Bruno Zilvitis was attending a seminar in Miami, Fla., his wife, Antoinette, and Adele Vale planned a housewarming for Zilvitis' daughter, Joan and son-in-law Vic Lutzky, who moved to a new home in Southfield... A near tragedy resulted when Tony Sokoloski was hit broadside in a car accident. He suffered a crushed pelvis, head injuries, fractures and cuts over his body, including fractured ribs. Best wishes for a speedy recovery. A thoughtful card to Tony would be appreciated... Our condolences to Bertha Janus upon the death of her uncle, Adam Rankell... It has been a battle of "wills" during Lent as some members found solutions to slimming down. Antoinette Baron is looking great after some pounds thinner... A get-away-from-it-all vacation was enjoyed by George and Marie Kase who took off to Florida and continued on a Caribbean Cruise... Dr. Bruno and Ann Zilvitis have become avid jet setters. Their latest jaunt was a two-week tour of Greece and neighboring Islands... Alice (Savickas) Burt is also keeping a fast pace. Hardly back from a Florida vacation, she attended granddaughter Patrice Boland's wedding. Patrice, who is studying to be a dental hygienist, will graduate from Marquette University in the near future. The highlight of Alice Burt's activities was her attendance at great-granddaughter

Sally Ruff's first Communion. Sally's father was awarded "Top Salesman of the Year". Congratulations!.. The Ralph Valatkas had a grand time touring Arizona, New Mexico, Dallas and Tampa, Fla., where they visited friends... Ona and Bill Walls are beaming about their forthcoming trip to Lithuania in June. A happy Bon Voyage!.. Another year, another award for Dana Milius who won first place in the Natl. Photographer's contest. Congratulations, Dana... Jay Redmond, grandson of Clem Patockis, also won in the photo contest. Seems to rub off in the family (Dana and Jay are cousins...)... After a lengthy selling period, Dorothe Martin finally sold her home in Livonia and will be moving to her new place in Trenton; then she plans a trip to Florida and to Hawaii for some relaxation. Have a great time, and "daug sekmes" in your new home.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

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Mar. 4th saw the council and Juniors celebrate the anniversary of our patron saint, St. Casimir, in a body at the 10 A.M. Mass at Holy Cross Church. The Jrs took part in the Mass with full participation - from the altar as altar boys, in the Mass readings and the Offering Bearers. They, in turn, under the guidance of their advisor, Tina Kavy, hosted a continental breakfast that was held in the church hall and open to the parish. A reading of St. Casimir was presented by Jr. president, Christine Mantz. Our thanks to the Jrs and Tina.

Our Mar. 5 monthly meeting saw 34 members in attendance and "new" ideas came from the meeting. One, which most of us thought should have been started long before this, is a take-off from our parish's St. Peter's Society. Our condolence secretary, Mike J. Petkus, will contact members and ask them to visit the sick members. With age creeping up on so many of us, more and more have spent time in the hospital for

various reasons. Sending gifts from the council has been in practise for many years. Now we shall include personalized visits. With our large membership, the job of ritual duties has been just too much for one man. So, Eloise Berczelly and Mike P. Petkus have volunteered to help ritual chairman, Stan Vaitkus, to set up a file index of all members and keep it up-dated. When degrees are ready to be awarded, all information will be immediately available. It was also announced at the meeting that Ann Scott will take on Frank Gudelis' position as chairman of our Lithuanian Affairs. Joe Gecas has taken on Frank's job, keeping the parish's appointment calendar for the year. Reservations for the hall must be made through Joe. A new position was created at the Feb. meeting, - Stan Vaitkus has accepted the position of archivist.

Much congratulations to the Jrs on their very successful bake sale of Mar. 17/18. Winners in the Jr raffle turned out to be all council members, - Frank Ambrose, John Scott, Aldona Ryan and Elena Zukaitis!

Much thanks is extended to Joe and Aldona Ryan for hosting the council at their home with a home Mass on Mar. 20. This was our second religious project for the year. It was most successful and well attended. Most everyone had an individual part in the Mass. The singing in Lithuanian and English was sung "on high". Ačiū Labai to the Ryans, and to Mrs. Isabel Latos (Aldona's mother).

On Mar. 21 we made American-style Easter eggs under the direction of Elinor Sluzas at our craft class. On Mar. 28, Mary Lucas held a Lithuanian egg decorating course. This class was full not only with council members, but those who saw our exhibition at the University of Dayton and had contacted Mary so they could be included in her class!

Prompted by the success and enthusiasm of "Lithuanian Week" at the University of Dayton, the Holy Cross Church Cultural Council has been formed. Every-

one in the parish is a member, but the main leaders are from the Knights. Frank Ambrose and Sarunas Lazdinis are Co-chairmen; Aldona Ryan - Secretary; Alice Petkus - Treasurer; Maria Lazdinis - Archivist. Much luck is extended to them in the work they have ahead.

Our parish had the honor of holding Forty Hours Devotions on the weekend of Mar. 23-25. This was also the weekend three of our members went on their annual retreat to Milford, Ohio - George Mikalauskas, Alex Pietrzak and Mike P. Petkus.

ODDS AND ENDS

A large warm welcome is extended to new members, Ann Louise Conrady, Dennis Noreikas, Alex and Margie Grushas of Oxford, Ohio, to Jon Prasmantas and Ray Gecas who have moved up from the Juniors, and to William Leasure, Sr. who has rejoined the council. Many active years with the council!

Much happiness is extended to Frank and Karolyn Ambrose in their new home and to Jerry and Marianne Podoyak who have moved into a new apartment! Congratulations to Sarunas and Maria Lazdinis on the birth of their first baby, a son, Audrius!

George Mikalauskas has been honored by his appointment as "Lay Communion Distributor" at Our Lady of Mercy. George and Frances' children attend school at this parish.

We are very happy to report that Eleanor Mantz is doing well after recent surgery. It is also good to hear that Pat Zelinskas' mother is doing well after a recent emergency trip to the hospital! First members to participate in our newly-formed visiting-the-hospitalized-sick were Frank and Karolyn Ambrose and Joe and Amelia August.

May birthday greetings are sent to Frank Ambrose, Sally Miller, Veronica Omlor, Henry Pant, Charles Petkus, Alice Petkus, Dave Petrovski, C. Mike Wilemaitis, Joe Ryan and Maria Lazdi-

nis! Anniversary greetings to John-Eloise Berczelly, Ernest-Veronica Omlor, Frank-Irene Petrauskas, Jerry-Cathy Roberts, - and a happy 25th to Joe and Eleanor Mantz.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Barbara Klevinsky of Chicago and her family on the very sudden loss of her husband, Stanley. Barbara and Stan have been friends to many of us from the Dayton council for years. Barbara is also a cousin of our Honorary Member, Stan Vaitkus.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-1 - BROCKTON, MASS.

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Detective and Mrs. John J. Bukunt were chosen King and Queen at the 29th annual Snowflake Ball held by C-1 on Feb. 17 at the Canoe Club in West Bridgewater. The selection of the couple, who were selected by last year's King and Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rodrigues, and Longinas Svelnis of Needham as judges, was followed by the traditional crowning ceremony.

Special guests among the 546 attending the ball from New England, New Jersey and California, included Mayor and Mrs. Richard L. Wainwright, and N.E. Dist. Pres. Albert Jaritis of So. Boston. Also attending for a short while, following a recent illness, was Mrs. Susan Boroskas, Natl. Pres.

C-1 Pres. Sylvia Shukis presented the new Queen with a bouquet, and Joseph Piscetelli, our Fin. Secy., presented Mr. Bukunt with a gift.

It was nice to see a write-up of our affair published in the Brockton Daily Enterprise. Our special thanks to Rev. Joseph

Naudziunas, Spiritual Advisor who was honorary chairman of the ball committee, to Mrs. Herbert Fralick and Mrs. Joseph Piscitelli, co-chairmen, and to their wonderful committee who worked so hard to make this event a great success. Our deepest thanks to all!

C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

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Sgt. Benedict Coach was named outstanding Police Officer of the Year by the Westfield Jaycees. He was awarded a plaque at a dinner party, a gathering of about 250 guests, among whom were our K of L members. Father Vincent Puidokas said grace before the dinner party for the outstanding citizen's award.

Willie Alixik received a plaque from the Auto Body Association for 20 years of outstanding service. Congratulations to our two outstanding K of L'ers!

In March, our members and their families held a bowling party. Louise Renaud had the highest score for the women, and James Rogers for the men. Nice bowling! Following the bowling party, Mary Mankus prepared some delicious potatoe pancakes for supper, which was held at the Church Parlors. They were consumed as fast as she could make them. Mary, you're a good cook! Although there were some aching muscles the following day, all had fun and enjoyed the day.



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The feast of St. Casimir, patron of the Knights of Lithuania, was observed in Bayonne, N.J. on Mar. 11 by the Mid-Atlantic Dist. Mass was offered in St. Michael's Church; hosts for the day was

C-67.

There was a fine turnout for this event. Mass was offered in the Lithuanian tongue, celebrant being the Rev. Joseph Vaskas MIC of Chicago. Father gave a very fine and inspiring sermon stressing mostly on the motto of the organization "For God and Country", how the Knights should put their shoulders to the wheel and help the cause of the land of their forbearers, especially the Church suffering in Lithuania. The membership gave a fine demonstration of faith and Catholic Action in their approach to the Altar rail at Communion time. Dist. President Larry Janonis, and Rita Ochs, a member of C-67, carried the gifts of Mass to the Altar. At conclusion of Mass there was the singing of the K of L Hymn.

Brunch followed in the parish hall where Dist. Pres. Janonis served as toastmaster. Invocation was offered by Rev. Albert Matulis, administrator of St. Michael's Church. Talks were given by the Revs. Vaskas and Frank Bulovas, Dist. Spiritual Director, who is pastor of Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y. Greetings on behalf of host council were extended by Rita Ochs.

In the afternoon there was a business meeting of the District. A mandate committee report showed seven councils represented at session. Several council representatives gave reports on council activity, etc. Honorary Member Anthony J. Mazeika, Sr. gave a very interesting discourse on the meaning of rituals to membership. Helen Kulber gave an excellent report dealing with the Hallmark Christmas Lithuanian exhibition held in N.Y.C. Meeting closed with prayer and the singing of the K of L Hymn.

NOTES ON THE CUFF:

At the brunch repast, the following received 3rd degree awards: Mrs. A. Sandanevicius, Helen Kulber and Vytautas Radzivanas. The ceremonies were presided over by Loretta Stukas

and Anthony J. Mazeika. Rev. J. Vaskas gave a short talk at the afternoon gathering. An Easter egg coloring display session was presided over by Ann Klem with several attentive people on hand.

The meeting received very good coverage in the Jersey Journal. The writer, and the Knights as well, should be very grateful to this publication which from time to time has given good publicity to the Lithuanian people and their activities. The address of the publication is 30 Journal Square, Jersey City, N.J.

The report on Council activity showed that presently there are Junior Councils in Maspeth and Kearny.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to the following members of Lithuanian clergy, all in the Newark Archdiocese, who are celebrating anniversaries this year: Msgr. John J. Scharnus, member of C-29 and pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Newark, on his 35th year, the Revs. Albert Matulis of Bayonne and Raymond Thompson of Kearny, both celebrating their 15th year in priesthood.

In charge of arrangements for the Mar. 11 Commemoration and Meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grigalunas, Rita Ochs and Martin Rusgi. We express our sincere thanks to C-67 for a most enjoyable stay while in their midst.

C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

GABBIGAIL

Hello again! C-3's celebration of St. Casimir's Feast Day turned out very well. After Mass at St. Casimir's Church, we gathered at the Queen's Village Inn for a delicious roast beef dinner. The short program emceed by Joe Yanulaitis was most interesting. Our guest speaker was Rev. Leonard Brogan, a Roman Catholic teacher. Lillian Sasnauskas received an award for having written the most letters concerning Lithuanian Affairs. Alberta Weigand presented a beautiful Lithuanian Wayside Cross, on

behalf of C-3, to Irene Ozalis in honor of her Fourth Degree. Anthony Novasitis received his First Degree. It was a very nice affair!

A nice delegation journeyed to Bayonne on Mar. 11 to participate in the District's St. Casimir's Day Celebration. Our members raved about the wonderful hospitality they received. Thank you, Bayonne, for a nice day!

Ten members met at the Civic Center on Mar. 31 to see the Phila. Blazers Ice Hockey team in action. Our team won, and we went to H. A. Winston & Co. afterwards, where we consumed "one of a kind" gourmet hamburgers. You've got to see the menu to believe it!

Sincere condolences to Dianne Drumstas who lost her mother on Mar. 22. Our prayers are with you, Dianne, at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

Plans are being made to participate in the Folk Fair at the Civic Center in April 1974. We will keep you posted as it begins to take shape. Dianne Drumstas is Chairman and Joe Yanulaitis, her Co-Chairman.

Belated Birthday Greetings to Chris Weigand (Mar. 5 - 3 yrs. old) - Johnny Drumstas (Apr. 20 - 1 yr. old) and Barbara Mickunas (Apr. 17 - 4 yrs. old). Our babies are growing up fast!

Also to Irene Ozalis (Apr. 21) and Agnes Mickunas (Apr. 27). Happy Fourth Anniversary to Chuck and Alberta Weigand, who celebrated on Apr. 19.

Sir Stork delivered an 8 lb., 1 oz. baby boy to Walt and Irene Svekla on Mar. 30. A hearty welcome to Walter, Jr. and best wishes and congratulations to the three Sveklas.

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

The Wanderer

The annual Communion and Breakfast of C-29 took place on Mar. 4. The membership assembled in the parish hall and marched to Holy Trinity Church, being led by the color guard of the

Lithuanian - American Veterans Post. Mass was celebrated by our council's Spiritual Director, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, in the Lithuanian tongue. Rev. Totoraitis congratulated the members for their fine showing and also gave an excellent homily appropriate to St. Casimir's Day. The St. Cecilia Choir, under the direction of Clement Bagdonavicius, sang during Mass, and a prayer to St. Casimir was recited by Rev. Totoraitis. It was really an inspiring sight and a demonstration of faith the members gave in their approach to altar at Communion time. Gifts of the Mass were carried to the altar by Mr. and Mrs. A. Zukauskas.

Breakfast followed in the parish hall. Invocation was given by our pastor, Msgr. John J. Scharnus, who also gave a very interesting discourse on his trip to Australia. Father had just returned the day before, having had attended the Eucharist Congress.

Toastmaster duties were divided between Council Pres. Kazys Sipaila and Rose Zukauskas. This came about because of sudden illness to Jack Remeika who was slated to be master of ceremonies. As is our custom, at our breakfast a raffle took place, and the amount of 43: was turned over to Msgr. Scharnus as a donation to our parish.

Many thanks to the Lithuanian-American Veterans Post color guard who participate in our annual event every year. They certainly did add to make the day more impressive.

Our council deserves much credit for taking part in the Feb. 16 celebration in our parish hall on Feb. 11, and serving coffee and cake to one and all, much of which was donated by council members. Frank Vaskas, at the request of the committee in charge, was able to obtain a proclamation from the Mayor of our city designating Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Day in Newark.

Helen Kay and her committee of workers for the breakfast deserve much praise for the success of the event on Mar. 4. Congratulations to Jack Remeika who was chosen

Commander of our Vets Post.

The writer, on behalf of the council, thanks the Rev. Raymond Thompson of Our Lady of Sorrows parish for use of the film projector in showing the film dealing with the imprisonment of Rev. A. Staskevicius in Lithuania. Rev. Staskevicius was put in jail by the Soviets for teaching Catechism to Lithuanian children. Our thanks, also, to projectionist John Bariou, also from Kearny and to Honorary Member Joe Boley who had a leading role in the film portraying the imprisoned clergyman. Mr. Boley was on hand and gave a few details concerning the film. We thank him for obtaining the film for showing.

Our congratulations and best wishes to our pastor, Msgr. Scharnus, who this year is commemorating his 35th anniversary in the priesthood; also to the Rev's Albert Matulis of Bayonne and Raymond Thompson of Kearny, both on their 15 anniversary. Our very best, too, to our Natl. Spiritual Director, Rev. Albert Contons, on his Silver Anniversary.

Put a circle around Oct. 13. That's the date of our annual dinner-dance; the place will be the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Smile & Sparkle

Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch invited the K of L's to hold their February meeting at the rectory. Final arrangements were made for the commemoration of Lithuania's 55th anniversary. Mary Stanionis advised the group that the Canterbury House would be the location for the doings, the date Mar. 3.

Our president, Tony Radzevich, told the group of the tragedy that befell two K of L's last November in Ansonia, Conn. From those present, a collection of \$30.00 was received which was to be forwarded to Mr. Stanley A. Twerian.

Father Baltch mentioned that two Lithuanian folk dance groups from the Chicago area had per-

formed at the inaugural ball for President Nixon.

Our new member, Joseph Shatas, talked about his recent month-long visit to South Africa. He showed the group photos of the gold mines in Johannesburg, wild life on the preserves and tribal dances performed by the natives. He brought back a number of articles which the members were able to see. He noted in his presentation that tourists are not encouraged to visit South Africa; land is cultivated in that area where the Dutch arrived, becoming the first settlers, in 1850.

A brief talk on life in Germany was also given by Joe. He had lived in the country for a few years, part of the time as a serviceman. He showed photographs and souvenirs he obtained while in East and West Germany.

Gené Gobis received a letter from the Natl. Fin. Secy., Irene Ozalis, congratulating C-100 on being the first to be 100 percent paid up.

Mildred Thomas presented Father Baltch with a triple decked birthday cake (Feb. 17). All present wished Father Bob birthday felicitations, in song naturally!

The biggest crowd yet to participate at the 55th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence showed up on Mar. 3 at the Canterbury House... 100 strong! Rev. Anthony Grigaitis gave the invocation. The welcoming address was made by President Anthony Radzevich, and Rev. Bernard Gustas was the toastmaster.

Rev. Matthew Cyvas of St. George's Church, Albany, New York, spoke on the life of St. Casimir.

A standing ovation was given to Prof. Olsauskas who entertained the group on the ancient Lithuanian instrument, Kankles. He sang a melody which he was taught in 1906, the year he began taking lessons on the kankles.

Attorney Norbert Sherbund (2nd generation Lith.), was the main speaker. The text of his speech dealt with the history of Lithuania. He mentioned such

great leaders as King Jogaila, Algirdas, the Grand Prince of Lithuania, and Kęstutis, Prince of Trakai. He reminded us that Antanas Smetona, the last president of free Lithuania, had visited Amsterdam. He remarked that people with so much spirit and stamina cannot be held down. He concluded with a very familiar saying, "Kas bus, kas nebus, bet Lietuva nepražus!".

V. Klova, aria from the opera, Pilenai, was sung by Father Baltch.

Dr. Adam Kindar, a recent visitor of Lithuania, commented on his trip. Our wonderful chairman of Lithuanian Affairs, Edward Baranauskas, was the final speaker on the program. He spoke on the doings of the committee and also of the other organizations that are working for the freedom of Lithuania. He said the best way to get to this goal is to keep the name of Lithuania always in print, writing articles, etc; in other words **KEEP LITHUANIA ALIVE.**

Last, but not least, on the program was a film shown by Father Baltch entitled, "1972 Trip to Lithuania".

In 1922 there was a group of American-Lithuanians here in Amsterdam who got together and raised a total of \$70,000. which was sent to Lithuania to help the young nation get on her feet. On Mar. 4 at St. Casimir's Church the 10:30 a.m. Mass was held in their behalf. President Tony Radzevich recognized the ones who were present at the banquet by asking them to stand up. They were Michael Kerbelis, Walter Rusilas, Peter Lalas, East Greenbush, N.Y., and George Tamasauskas, Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Polly Ziausys attended, wearing the authentic national dress of žemaitijos. She had just received it from her relatives in Lithuania. It was really beautiful!

Out of towners included Dr. D. Mace and Miss Audra Lekutis, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. George Gravrogkas, Latham; George and John Tamasauskas, Mount

Vernon; Miss Helen Whisper, Troy; Peter and Vytautas Lalas, East Greenbush; Theres Barnett, Marilyn Mangino, Bobbie Shields, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell, Scotia; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rupsis, Jr. Schenectady.

One of our oldest members, our Sgt-At-Arms, Bill McCune, has departed from our midst. Bill was a good K of L'er, a good Catholic, and a very likeable man. We will miss him at the meetings and at our summer outings.

We wish to extend our thanks to Ben and Helen Schell, proprietors of the Blossom Shop, who once again allowed us to have a Lithuanian display in their window for one month. This year the main feature was the map of Lithuania made by our K of L'er, Jonas Hartvigas. Assisting Gene Gobis in arranging the articles on display were Regina Hartvigas and Regina Kot. Many thanks especially to Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch for lending us a great assortment of articles, to Peter Luzinas, Emily Schell, Polly Ziausys, and Mrs. Hartvigas.

Celebrating his birthday on Mar. 14 was Peter Urba. Happy Birthday, Pete!

April birthday celebrants were: Ann Radzevich (Apr. 7), Ann Sweet (Apr. 11), Pauline Urban (Apr. 26) and Helen Druziak (Apr. 28).

The May flowers are just around the corner and so are the following birthdays: Richard Alexander (May 6), Leonard Hartvigas (May 7) and (May 21) Aldona Abeling.

Anniversaries are being commemorated by Eleanor and Lenny Olechowski (May 7), Helen and Leo Druziak (May 12). Ilgiausią Metų! Sveikinimai nuo visų narių.

C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

Our council's Dinner-Dance at the Club Jericho was a smashing success. We had been in the process of cancelling the dance, but some of our members held steadfast, and we're glad they did! The girls looked elegant in their pretty gowns, the dinner was good, the company excellent, and the re-



C-109 - Great Neck, N.Y. - Executive Board at Head Table at Annual Communion Breakfast - Mary Kober, Al Wesey and Rev. Frank Bulovas.

sults spoke for themselves — the profit realized topped that of any of our social affairs. Our thanks to all who came; we love you.

Mary Picardi and Jo Zukas, co-chairmen of the St. Casimir's Commemoration planned membership participation at the 12 Noon Mass at St. Peter of Alcantara Church in Port Washington with lunch immediately following at Virgil's Restaurant. Since this is not a Lithuanian parish, and many are not even aware of anything Lithuanian, it was nice to see an article in their Church Bulletin welcoming the K of L and also recognition of our presence by the celebrant of the Mass. The lunch was very well attended by members, their children, and



C-109, Great Neck, N.Y. - a few eligibles: Mary Wesey, Frank Alecks and Blanche Zukas.

guests. Father Frank Bulovas, our Spiritual Advisor from Maspeth, was the main speaker. We appreciate his concern for our Council. We took this opportunity to install all new members who had not as yet been sworn into the organization. As a result, we were fortunate (with gentle prodding from Mary Kober) to have additional new members join the council.

On Palm Sunday, the same committee planned a covered-dish social get-together at the American Legion Hall in Great Neck. There was a minimal charge, and each member volunteered a dish for the buffet table. This was a relaxed, leisurely afternoon social where we were able to greet all members and their children. Often it is very difficult for members with little children to attend evening meetings, or dances — and this was real fun. Perhaps it would be fun to follow New York C-12's customary practice of having a Christmas Party for the children - with Santa Claus. Bet the adults enjoy it, too!

Our Council now has a total of 34 members. We welcome into our organization: Frank Alecks, Rae & Joseph Bernatovich, Ann & Peter Bernatovich and family - Susan and Peter, Jr., Mrs. Rose Bernatovich (who, incidentally, was a charter member of Newark C-29), Carolee Picardi, Stanley Simanovich, and Bertha and Al Zack. We have found that in accepting new members, we now have assumed the responsibility to keep our council active and interesting, to instill in them the same love for our organization in sharing a common bond with all members. Our membership standings had been dormant for so long, our new members are welcomed as a refreshing breath of spring air.

Congratulations to Mary Kober who is now a Notary Public. Our thanks to Mary who has been in charge of the sale of boxes of eandy and cookies, with all



C-109, Great Neck, N.Y. - Seated: Rose Bernatovich, Joseph Bernatovich. Standing: Mary Kober, Rae Bernatovich, Anne Martens, Anne Bernatovich.

profits going to the council. We're doing well!.....Ricky, Beverly and little John Marks vacationed in Disneyworld, Fla. for a week in March. They had a great time in this very expensive children's paradise.....Al & Starsy Wesey also vacationed in Florida at the beginning of the year, golfing and fishing and visits to Disneyland. The Wesey's have a small home there (to accommodate Al's golfing jaunts) and are now contemplating purchasing in the Coral Gables area...Our thanks to Frank Alecks who suggested the American Legion Hall for some of our socials. Frank is a retired U.S. Coast Guard chief boatswain mate



C-109, Great Neck, N.Y. - top row down: Sue Zebart, Anne Rutha, Mary Kober, Blanche Zukas, Josephine Zukas, Phil Rutha, Christine Picardi and Janie Zukas.

who was highly decorated in the course of convoy duty to Europe. Frank is presently Commander of the Great Neck American Legion, which keeps him very busy. Frank was very proud when he attended a session of the Albany Legislature, with a group of students, wherein the Resolution proclaiming Feb. 16 as National Lithuanian Independence Day was passed. And, girls, he gives us the straight lowdown - he's not a confirmed bachelor - there's always hope. And we're hoping for a nice Lithuanian lass for Frank!..... Another bachelor, Peter Bernatovich, Jr., is attending the American Academy of Mortuary Sciences in N.Y.C. and will be graduating in October. There's always room for a Lithuanian undertaker in our area....Millie & Charles Rogers journeyed to Florida as did Stan Simanovich who spent a week fishing. (We presume it was for fish)....Jo Zukas spent a week in April with the 6th Graders of 3 Port Washington schools at upstate N.Y. Frost Valley in the Catskill Forest Preserve which is an Environmental Education Center. It rained all week! Jo says she never spent so much time climbing mountains in boots knee-deep in mud, learned how to measure with an Aledate and Triangulator, collected pond samples, soil tested, looked under fungus and mosses with magnifying glasses at insects which were really not very important before. Upon her return, Jo was feted at a luncheon at the North Hempstead Country Club by a group of mothers who felt comfortable knowing that Jo accompanied the students on their trip.....Nancy Kober has changed employment and is now working for Asti Tours, Inc. Still have the traveling bug, Nancy?...Our council's picnic dates at Kings Point Park have been selected for July 1 and Sept. 9. We're awaiting confirmation of dates....A committee consisting of Al Wesey, Ricky Marks, Carolee Picardi and Mary Kober are busy scheduling a June

Dance at the American Legion Hall. Tickets will have to be limited....Our thanks to Anne Martens and Sue Zebart who have held recent meetings in their homes. We love Sue's carrot cake! Anne is thrilled that her cousin, John Misha Petkevich, who represented the U.S. in the Winter Olympics as a figure skater, and a Harvard pre-med student, was named as a Rhodes Scholar. He will be studying at Britain's Oxford University.....Our deepest sympathy to our friends, Josephina and Charlie Senken, on the loss of their 4-year old son, and to the Zeltner family on the death of their beloved mother and wife, Josephine (Krauch). Our prayers are with them....At this time, also, please remember in your prayers the late Rev. John C. Jutt who has been a great loss to our organization.....Congratulations to the revived C-110, Maspeth. Our Great Neck Council always had close, friendly ties with Maspeth, resulting in some intermarriages, and we look forward to former members rejoining the council.....A very happy, patriotic Memorial Day to all. Keep the flags waving high!

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



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Our annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner held on Feb. 4 was a most successful event. Congrats to Co-Chairmen Al Brazis and Vince Samaska and their committee: Irene Sankus, Leon Pauksta, Stan Molis, Estelle Rogers and Ed Krivickas. Their most capable assistants were: John Chaplin, Bruno Gramont, Gerry Mack,

Monica Kasper, Al Zakarka, Cis Matul, Helen Gudauskas, Dolores Wainauskas, and ~~Eleanor~~ Laurin. Recipient of the K of L Award was Philomena Pakel, President of Chicago Savings & Loan Assn. Among the many honored guests were: His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Msgr. Tulaba of Rome, Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rudis.

The IID Ritual Team, Chairlady Helen Skudra, Irene Sankus, Al Zakarka and Frank Svelnis, presented 1st and 2nd Degrees on Feb. 19 to qualified members, and on Mar. 4, they presented 3rd Degrees to Povilas Dirkis and Valerie Stanaitis of the Seniors and to Bernadine Rogers and Algerd Brazis of C-112.

Kudos to C-112, prexy Stan Molis and all of their members who helped to make this year's St. Casimir's Day commemoration so inspiring. With over 20 organizations represented, we can really see what effort was extended in order to make this a remembered occasion. K of L Member of the Year was Board Chairman Algerd Brazis, and the award couldn't have been presented to a more worthy person.

Among the many non-K of L functions the district members attended, through the efforts of our P-R lady Estelle Rogers, was the annual Awards Dinner of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. This year's award recipient was our Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis. Among the many tributes of the evening to Mrs. Dauzvardis was the awarding of the City of Chicago Medal by our city's illustrious mayor - Richard Daley. K of L'ers were especially pleased to see the Mayor at a Lithuanian event.

Greetings to all IID members were received from Honorary Member Rev. A. Valancius who is now in Elizabeth, N.J., - in between trips to Rome, Florida and various other places. We all miss Father Val at our IID meetings and especially at our Bowling parties. A former bowling buddy of Father's - Al Manst - has now

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returned to Chicago, and we hope to see him at all of our activities.

Condolences to H.M. Eleanore Laurin on the death of her father, Anton.

The IID was well represented at the recent S.C. meeting held in Detroit, by Natl. Treas. Irene Sankus, District pres. Leon Pauksta and trustee Ed Krivickas. They reported that Natl. Convention plans are progressing, and complimented hostess Grazina Vaskelis and the other C-102 members for a most interesting and entertaining weekend. But we must ask Leon and Ed about the new method they developed for changing a flat tire. We never knew Cadillacs got flat tires!

Our business meeting was held on Mar. 18 at the K of L Bldg. with a good representation of the active councils. Many items were discussed and plans were made for the annual K of L Picnic to be held on July 4 at the K of L Bldg. and Garden.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL. iks

Our sincerest congratulations and "it couldn't happen to a lovelier person" to our member, Consul General of Lithuania, Josephine Dauzvardis, on receiving the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Award of the Year at their Annual dinner held at the Drake Hotel. Mayor Richard J. Daley chose this occasion to present Mrs. Dauzvardis with the City of Chicago Medal. It was a proud moment for all Lithuanians and especially those K of L members in the audience.

A Bowling Social was hosted by our council at Wood-Mac Lanes with dinner following at the K of L Building. Social Chairman Joe Kulys and dinner Chairlady

Dolores Wainauskas extend their thanks to all who attended. Among the bowling winners were our regulars: Rich Janik, Al Kachinskas, Alice and Rita Tomczak, Al Raubiskis and Bernadine Rogers. We are now looking forward to the Mid-West Bowling Tournament and send our Chicago and 112 bowlers off with winning best wishes.

The District's Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner was aided by many of our members. General committee: Algerd Brazis, Irene Sankus, Leon Pauksta, Estelle Rogers, Stanley Molis, Ed Krivickas; and workers: Gerry Mack, Al Zakarka, Monica Kasper, Dolores Wainauskas, Eleanore Laurin. Our congrats to the district for a most successful event, and to Philomena Pakel, the Award recipient.

As the hosts for the IID'S St. Casimir's Commemoration we were most gratified at the response and attendance on Mar. 4. Over 20 organizations participated with more than 200 people in church and over 150 for the brunch - program at the K of L Bldg. The council expresses appreciation to President Stan Molis, luncheon Chairlady Julie Zakarka, bar Chairmen Ed Krivickas and Al Zakarka, parade marshal Al Dagus, and all of the other members who worked so hard to make the event most memorable. Our thanks also to Harry Petraitis and Phil Krause who took time from their busy schedules to address those at the luncheon. A truly deserving member - Algerd Brazis - received IID's Member of the Year Award. To Nativity Pastor and IID Spiritual Advisor, the Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, and to our Council's Spiritual Advisor Canon

V. Zakarauskas, our appreciation for their time and guidance.

Welcome to new members - Honorary Member Eleanore Laurin, Beana Montville and Frank and Jean Bargaila (all transfers from inactive C-13).

Board meetings are not only the means for our officers to make plans for our council but it appears they are always a most entertaining evening with cordial friends. Recent meetings were hosted by Julie and Al Zakarka (Jan.), Dolores Wainauskas (Feb.) and Monica Kasper (Mar.).

Get-well wishes to Adam Oskeliunas who is recovering at home. Adam is well known member of our council and the Chicago Seniors, and we certainly miss his smiling face. A card from friends would be appreciated. Adam's address is: 7015 S. Rockwell, Chicago 60629

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