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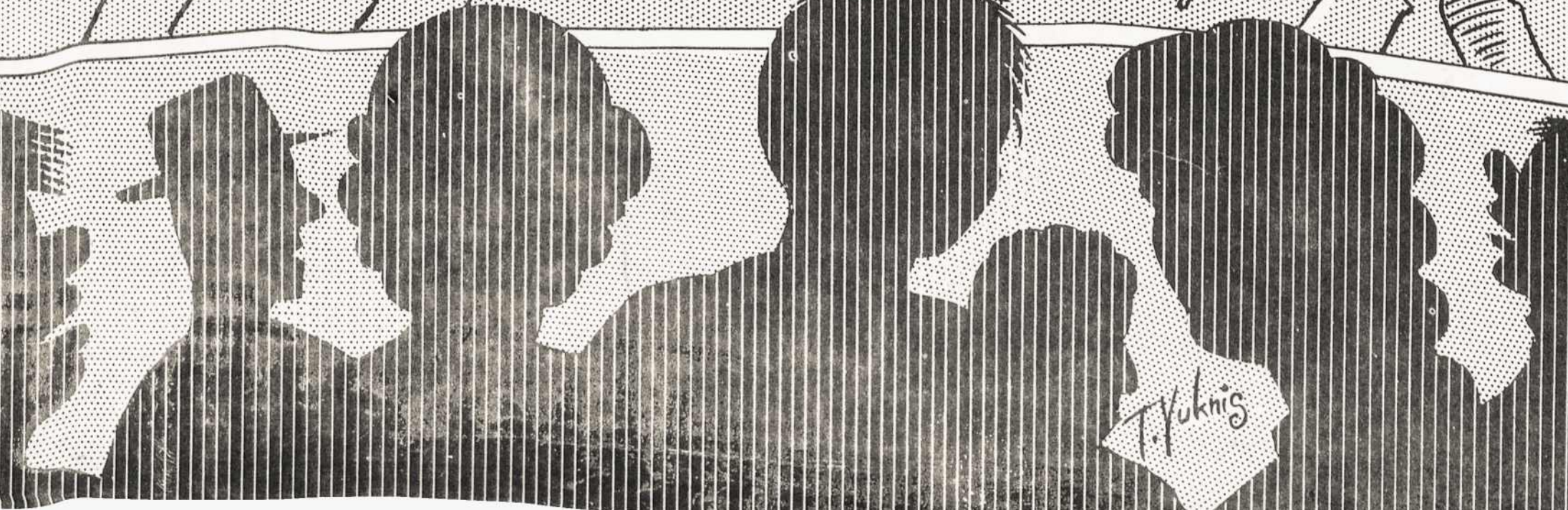
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ŠIAURĖS PAŠVAISTĖ

(Northern Lights)

Bernardas Brazdžionis

Lietuva, mano šiaurės pašvaistė
Ir gėlė sidabrinių rytų,
Kas krauju tavo veidą nulaistė
Ir ko raudi prie kryžkelės tu?

Ak, raudočiau ir aš apkabinęs
Tavo kojas gimtoj pakeleėj,
Kad iš tavo padangės lininės
Kristų džiaugsmo dienos spinduliai,

Kad sugrižęs ant Nemuno kranto
Iš tremtinio kelionės liūdnos
Glausčiau, tartum relikviją šventą,
Radęs slenktį namų pelenuos.

Ak, norėčiau raudoti iš džiaugsmo
Ir pajust, kad po kojom esi,
Lietuva, žemės žodi švenčiausias,
Lietuva, žemės laime šviesi!

Lithuania, my land of northern lights
And flower of silvery morns...
Who has splattered thy face with blood
And why at the crossroad to thou mourn?

Oh, sorrow also would I, enfolding
Thy feet, at my native way.
So that from thy flaxen skies
Would fall shafts of a joyous day.

On returning to the bank of the Nemunas
From the journey of an exile, sad.
I would press, as a relic most holy
Ashen remnants of a home, once had.

Oh, would I want to lament with joy
And to feel you again under my feet,
Lithuania, earth's most holiest word,
Lithuania, earth's bright fortune's seat!

Translated by Dr. Jack J. Stukas.



IN PRIZE OF

FATHERS

The attitude of children toward their fathers passes, as a general rule, through three phases.

In early childhood, Dad is a symbol of strength, wisdom and security. He is friend and protector, hero and model. He knows the answers to all questions; he is not afraid of the dark; he is the generous supplier of all good things, such as nickels for candy and ice cream. When Dad is around, we feel safe and secure; we know that everything is all right.

This is a glorious time for a father. The little sons and daughters know no more compelling joy than to sit on his lap while he tells them the stories he loved when he was their age. They are content just to be near him, and fall asleep more contentedly when they are clinging to his hand. When he comes home from work, they run happily to meet him, and gurgle excitedly as he swings them high in his strong arms.

For a brief period, he is not only father and provider, but high

priest of the family hearth, genius beyond compare, beneficent dispenser of lollipops and wisdom, guardian angel and defender against enemies, almanac, entertainer and repository of the world's choicest knowledge.

TOO GOOD TO LAST

But soon the picture changes. Teenage sons and daughters discover that Dad is not the allover genius that they had supposed. They have new idols, and in comparison Dad cuts a rather sorry figure.

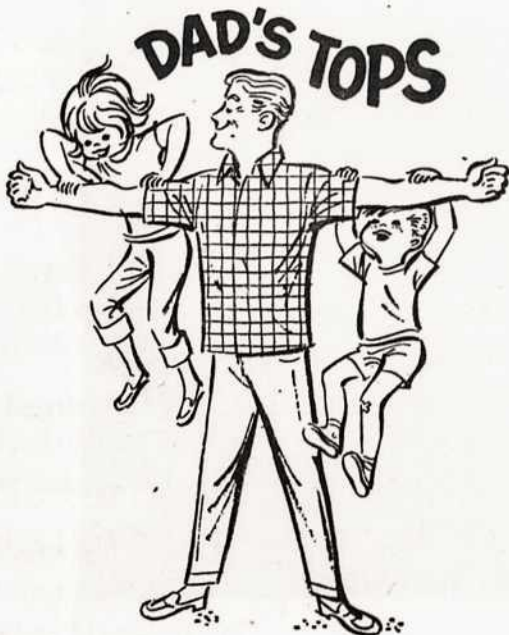
Of course, he is useful for some things, like writing checks or loaning the car for the evening. But he is old-fashioned! Positively Victorian! All he knows about is business and history and classical music and other dull things like that. He tells the same old long-winded jokes over and over and keeps talking about how things were when he was young. Why it's practically impossible to get on the same wave length with him.

lives. They may be filled with deep sorrow for the little gratitude and respect he received from them, the children he loved and protected. They make a belated admission that Dad was one of the really grand people who influenced their lives, one of the really powerful forces that helped shape their maturity.

They begin to realize how hard their father worked for them, how unselfishly he shared the fruit of his toil, how little he asked for himself. Looking back, they marvel at the tolerance with which father treated their bad manners, their selfishness, their disregard for the peace and comfort of the family, their greed for privileges, their duty of family responsibility.

For many children this final period of truth and understanding comes too late. Often Dad has gone to his Eternal Reward by the time a true sense of values has balanced his children's appreciation of him.

A word of thanks, a hug of affection, a grateful prayer is a small return for a father's lifetime of love and loyalty. It is all they desire.



DAD COMES BACK

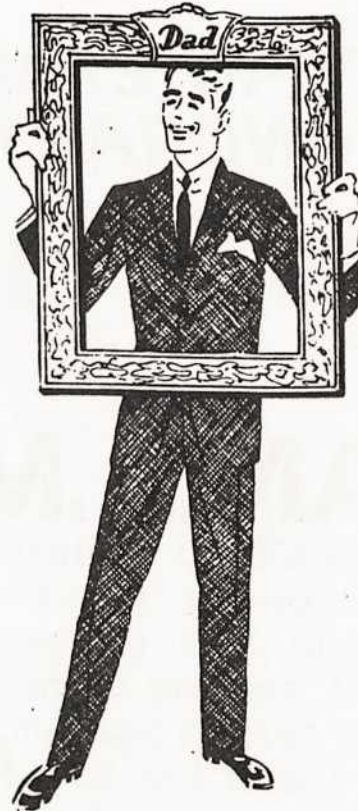
However, sooner or later, in the lives of almost every man and woman, there arrives a time when Dad comes back into his own. This time he does not receive the unreasoning adoration of childhood. What his mature children give him is a sober, grateful tribute that bespeaks the realization of what their father has meant in their

LIGUORIAN BULLETIN



While more than 50 million families in the U.S. will give gifts to Dad for Father's Day this month, honoring the head of the house is nothing new. Ancient Egyptians considered disrespect to one's father one of the Seven Deadly Sins, Strictly Puritan fathers insisted that their children call them "Honored Sir".

The first Father's Day in the U.S. was observed in Spokane,



Washington, in 1910, at the urging of Mrs. John Dodd who wanted to give recognition to her father, William Smart, for his devotion in raising six motherless children. However, the day wasn't celebrated across the country until it was declared a national holiday in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson, himself the father of three daughters.

KUR LIETUVA?

Romualdas Kisielius

Kur dingę mūsų Lietuva?
Žemėlapiuose vardo Jos nėra.
Ir jei paklausi tu kaimyno,
matysi, kad ir jis nežino.
Jos neįaučiu ir aš po savo kojų,
bet apie ją dažnai galvoju.

Ji dar gyva... gyva širdy...
gyva kur jos vaikai gyvi...
Jos kraujas dar maitina žemę vėsią
ir skleidžias naujos gėlės,
ten tėvynės pakelėse...

Bet laikas pamažu vis bėga,
o laikas turi baisią jėgą...
Ir prie duobės naujai dar iškastos
kasdieną atneša metalinius karstus...
Ar Tu tenais? Ar Tu tenais šalta?
Ar jau pavasaris praėjo,
ir obelis balta jau nužydėjo?
Ar visos mūsų viltys ir svajonės
nuo mirties pabučiavimo
užgėso tartum žvakės, ar žuvo
kaip voratinklin pakliuvusios
laukų plaštakės? Aš nežinau,
ir negaliu jums atsakyti čia nieko.

Žinau tiktai, kad laikas bėga.
Žinau, kad laikas turi baisią jėgą.
Žinau tiktai, kad vardo Jos
nėra žemėlapiuos naujuos...



Ed. Note: The above map was published as Hallmark's "Map of the World". Note the absence of even the OUTLINE of Lithuania and the other Baltic States!

It is tragic, that, although the New York Hallmark Gallery featured a most successful Lithuanian Display (K of L sponsored) in its 1972 Christmas Exhibit, its map-makers refuse to acknowledge Lithuania's very existence. Perhaps some letters of protest to Hallmark are in order.

CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP...



ANN MAE UZNIS

C-102

DETROIT, MICH.

In October of 1964, Council 102, Detroit, Michigan and on November 7, 1964, the Mid-Central District proposed Honorary Membership for Ann Mae Uznis. The delegates at the 1972 National Convention approved the Honorary Membership Committee's Resolution to confer this honor upon Ann, for her 39 years of devoted activities with and for the Knights of Lithuania at all levels.

Ann joined the K of L, Council 102, in September of 1934, received the Third Degree in 1952 and the Fourth Degree in August of 1959.

In the Supreme Council, she served as Financial Secretary, Secretary of a Convention Presidium and in at least 25 years of National Conventions, Ann served on the various Convention Committees, such as Resolutions, Greetings, Mandates, etc., representing her Council or District as a Delegate.

In the Mid-Central District, she held the offices of Recording Secretary and Trustee for several terms. Young people always liked and admired Ann - perhaps because she liked them, enjoyed working with them at Junior rallies and the Camp Dainava activities. She helped re-activate Council 43 in Grand Rapids and Council 79 in Detroit. Her other District activities range from Co-Chairman of a District convention to committee member of the various religious and cultural events; from being a Delegate to the District Conventions 20 times or more, to being a participant in the Sports Tournaments 20 times or more.

Ann's activities in the Council include being Vice President, 2 terms; Recording Secretary, 4 terms; Trustee, many terms; and serving as chairman or committee member on various Committees as Juniors, Ritual, Cultural, Lithuanian Affairs or

Sports. She has served as Mistress of Ceremonies, Chairman or Committee member for such functions as banquets, St. Casimer Day commemorations, plays, dances, picnics, outings, and card parties. For the over 25 years Ann was active, would be impossible to enumerate each of these by event and date.

She has enrolled at least 50 new members in the K of L and always tried to be an exemplary member herself, thereby arousing interest, activity and loyalty to the K of L in those members she enrolled and those she worked with.

Ann also contributed no small measure of time and effort to working for her parish, either as Chairman of the Forty Hours Devotion, as she did for 8 years, or as Chairman of a \$50 a plate Banquet or some benefit dinners. She sang with the local K of L choir for over 10 years, bowled with the league for over 10 years and always found time to be one of the willing helpers for those annual parish activities such as festivals, picnics, etc.

Ann Mae Uznis gave of herself to our K of L for so many years and the K of L was the beneficiary of every such unselfish effort. For this, it is a good thing we do - it is fitting that the K of L show its thanks by conferring upon Ann the Honorary Membership at this National Convention.

Honorary Membership Committee

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Prof. Alexander Aleksis
Ignas Sakalas
Anthony Mazeika

MEET SOME MEMBERS OF THE

K of L CUPID CLUB

Last February, we stated "Not the least of the many accomplishments of the Knights of Lithuania during its 60 years of existence is the "match-making" service that came about as a by-product of its other projects. Over the years, countless couples met and courted while working in the K of L... they wed and raised fine Lithuanian families to carry on the K of L tradition".

In response to our request for information on some of these "matches", many K of L-ers wrote to tell of how and where they met their spouses. Their stories follow...



Biruta Ciocys and BIRUTA SAVICKAS both of Providence, R.I., visited Chicago in 1948 on their way to the K of L National Convention in Detroit. While attending the annual "Draugas" Labor Day picnic Fr. A. Miciunas, M.I.C. introduced the two visitors to some of the Chicago K of L's working at the outing.

Anthony Yuknis and JOHN STOSKUS of C-112 played hosts to the two visitors from Rhode Island. JOHN STOSKUS and BIRUTA SAVICKIS began corresponding, and met at various K of L functions for the next few years.

Algird Brazis announced the Stoskus - Savickis engagement at the National K of L Convention in New York in 1951. They were married at St. Casimir's Church in Providence, R.I., on June 21, 1952. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by C-103's Spiritual Director the late Fr. John Vaitkunas. The current Spiritual Director of C-103, the Rev. V. Martinkus, was the master of ceremonies of the Mass.

Biruta Stoskus has been a member of the K of L in both C-103 Providence and C-112 in

Chicago since 1943. She has actively participated in K of L functions from the council, district and national levels.

John Stoskus was president of C-112 in Chicago; president of the Illinois-Indiana district, National vice-president on two separate occasions, and is currently president of C-103 in Providence, R.I.

Biruta and John have one son, Paul who is currently serving in the Armed Forces, attending the State Departments school of Foreign Languages at Rosslyn, Virginia.



ANN MIKUZIS and JACK L. JATIS were married at St. Michael's Church, Chicago. The late Rev. Alexander Baltutis was her Pastor and Spiritual Director of C-5. Jack at the time was a member of C-36 in Chicago. When Fr. Baltutis was made pastor of Nativity of BVM parish on the south side Ann and Jack also moved to Marquette Park where they helped to organize C-112 and remained faithful supporters of the council.

Ann Jatis was known for her role as a soloist at numerous Lithuanian functions in the Chicago area. Ann sang on most of the Lithuanian radio programs translated from Chicago.

The activities of Honorary Member Jack Jatis in the K of L speak for themselves. Jack served as President of C-112, President of the Illinois-Indiana district, and most notably as the National President of the K of L in 1949-1950. Jack served the K of L well even to the day of his death.

Ann and Jack Jatis have one son, (John) who is married and lives in Marquette Park.

When the Illinois-Indiana District decided to reorganize its K of L Choir in 1960, FAUSTAS STROLIA of Chicago was invited to direct the Choir. THERESA PUPINIK of C-5 and later C-36, Chicago, joined the choir during its second or third rehearsal, and caught the eye of the director almost immediately. However, Terry and Faustas did not begin to date until May, 1962. They announced their engagement at the National Convention in Newark, August, 1962, and were married Dec. 1, 1962, at St. Michael's Church, Chicago, by Rev. A. Valancius.

Faustas continues to direct the K of L Choir (and several others)... Terry remains a member, and is a frequent official Choir hostess for Lithuanian musicians. Both are also active members of C-36 and IID. The Strolias live in Oak Forest, Ill., where they are raising a family of "future musicians"... Paul, 9, Thomas, 8, John, 6, and Matthew, 4.

The former HELEN ZIMMER was a member of C-5 and later of C-36, both of Chicago, and also a charter member of the reorganized K of L Choir. There, she met ALGIS SKUDRA, of East Chicago, Ind., whose interest in singing and love of Lithuanian music led him to join the K of L Choir and C-112, Chicago. Helen



The Skudras, at their wedding.



The Kilkuses (seated), the Strolias and the Kassels (standing).

and Algis discovered each other after many years in the Choir. Friendship led to romance and they were married Aug. 14, 1971, at Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago, by Rev. A. Miciunas, MIC, and continue membership in C-36 and C-112, and in the K of L Choir, while living in Miller, Ind. Helen is currently National Ritual Chairman and past National Financial Secretary. She has also held many offices in C-5, C-36 and IID. The Skudras expect their first child in July, 1973.

ALBERT KASSEL, member of C-36, Chicago, never noticed ANN MARIE PUPINIK of C-5, also of Chicago, at local K of L affairs. When they finally met at the National K of L Convention in Worcester, Mass., August, 1960, Al asked "Is she REALLY from Chicago?" They courted, and were married May 12, 1962 at St. Michael's Church, Chicago, by Rev. A. Valancius, K of L Honorary Member and C-5 Spiritual Adviser.

Al and Ann Marie now reside in Westchester, Ill. and remain active C-36 members. Al is a past National Treasurer and has also served as National and IID Sports

Chairman, and held numerous offices in C-36 (including president), the IID and the K of L Building Committee. Ann Marie is currently C-36 Financial Secretary, IID Corresponding Secretary, and has also held various offices in C-5, C-36 and IID. She is also a charter member of and still belongs to the reorganized K of L Choir in Chicago. The Kassels have one daughter, Georgiann, 9 years old this June, who looks forward to K of L membership also in a few years.

LUCILLE STAIŠIUNAS, C-36, Chicago, member met JOHN KILKUS also of C-36 (and a close neighbor of Lucille's) through neighborhood and parish life, but they began going together after meeting at several K of L activities in C-36 and the Ill.-Ind. District. Lucille and John were married on Sept. 28, 1963, at Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago.

Lucille and John still reside in the Brighton Park section of Chicago, and remain active members of C-36. They have one son, John Paul, age 8, who is active in activities of the Brighton Park Lithuanian School. Lucille and John have held numerous offices in C-36, and Lucille is a charter member of the reorganized K of L Choir in Chicago.



The Kassels.



Jack and Loretta Stukas.

LORETTA KASSEL was Convention Secretary at the National K of L Convention in Philadelphia in 1958, and a member and delegate of C-36, Chicago, when she met JACK STUKAS, then Chairman of the National K of L Cultural and Scholarship Committees, and a member of C-29, Newark. At that convention, Loretta was elected National Recording Secretary and Jack was reelected to chair the Cultural and Scholarship Committees. "Business" correspondence became more and more "friendly", and occasional trips between Chicago and Newark sparked a long distance romance. Jack proposed at the 50th National Convention in Boston in 1963, and they were married Oct. 10, 1964, at Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago. Rev. Peter Cinikas, MIC, officiated with Rev. Frank Kelpsas and Rev. Paul Juknevičius, C-36 Spiritual Adviser, assisting. A week later, the union was blessed in Holy Trinity Church, Newark, by Rev. Peter Totoraitis, C-29 Spiritual Adviser.

Jack and Loretta now reside in Mountainside, N.J. and are active members of C-29, Newark. Jack, now an Honorary Member, is still chairman of the National Scholarship Committee and is immediate past National K of L President. He also directs the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour in New York. Loretta is currently Editor of VYTIS and Treasurer of the

Mid-Atlantic District. She has held many other offices in C-36, and IID, helped reorganize the K of L Choir in Chicago, and remained a choir member until her marriage.



PETER BIZINKAUSKAS and VERONICA IVANAUSKAS both grew up in South Boston, Mass., but somehow never met until...

After being inactive in C-17, So. Boston, while attending a School of Nursing, Veronica attended a C-17 Beach Party. There, she met Peter, who also had been away at school for many years. They dated discreetly for the next few months on morning dates (because during that summer they both worked 3-11 P.M.).

They made their first "public debut" together at the 1953 - 40th National K of L Convention in Boston, hosted by C-17. They were married a year later on Aug. 21, 1954, by Rev. Albert Contons, at St. Peter's Church, South Boston.

Peter and Veronica eventually moved to Brockton to raise their children in a Lithuanian neighborhood, school and atmosphere that so enriched their lives in "Southie". They have five children: Peter Mark, - 17, Andrew, 16, Maryte, 12, Paul, 10, and Verute, 8. Peter, Veronica and their two older sons are active members of C-1, Brockton, now. Peter, Sr. is serving his second term as National K of L First Vice-President, Peter, Jr., is New England District Public Relations representative to the Supreme Council. The family is also actively involved in numerous other Lithuanian programs - Lithuanian school, scouts, dancing, summer camp... and truly love every minute of it.



Angela and Charles, before they began dating.

ANGELA SARAPAS of C-26, Worcester, Mass., met CHARLES BUSKY of C-6, Hartford, Conn., at a C-26 dance at the Elks Hall, Worcester in the spring of 1947. After some 7 years of meeting casually at dances, conventions, picnics and other events, they started to date, in spring of 1954... became engaged that May, and were married Sept. 11, 1954, at St. Casimir Church in Worcester. The wedding had to be postponed from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. because of a hurricane!

Angela and Charles Busky now have three children - Charles J., 17, Michael, 15, and Karla, 13. They are still paid up members of C-26 and live in Shrewsbury, Mass. Angela and Charles both highly recommend K of L activities as a great way to meet people!

WALTER GREGAR of C-24, Chicago, long active in K of L circles in Chicago, first discovered STELLA DANELIUS, C-36, Chicago at the K of L National Convention in Cleveland in August, 1961. They began dating immediately after the convention, and were married Sept. 8, 1962, at Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago, Ill. Stella and Wally reside in Oak Park, Ill., and continue as members of C-36.

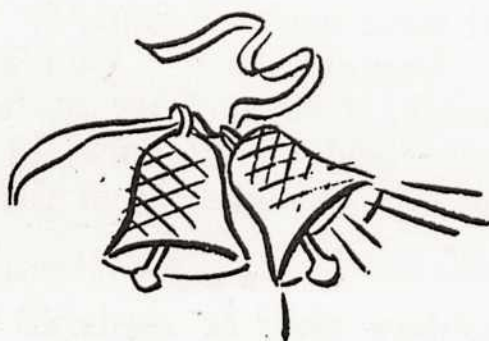
Dayton, Ohio C-96

GEORGE and FRANCES (LATOS) ZELINSKAS

met through K of L social functions in 1932. They both hold the second degree in C-96, Dayton. They were married in Dayton on July 25, 1936. They have four children - Bernadette Troy, Elizabeth Ann Getzinger, Georgia Carol Petroski and Lawrence. Georgia and her family are active Knights of Lithuania.



ERNEST OMLOR and VERONIKA SINKWITZ of C-96, Dayton met at a K of L Easter Party at Holy Cross Church Hall in 1934. Veronika now holds the fourth degree in the council. They were married May 30, 1936. They have five children - James, Veronica Heitkamp, Robert, Laretta Pant and Raymond. All had at one time been Jr Knights and regular council members. Laretta and Raymond have maintained their membership in C-96.



JOHN and ANN (GOLDICK) SCOTT of C-96 met through various council functions in Dayton in 1934. They both are fourth degree Knights. They were married in Dayton Nov. 6, 1937. They have two children - Judy Ksiezopolski and Jerome. Both children have been active in the Juniors and regular council with Jerry maintaining membership in the council.



JOSEPH and BERNADETTE (SLUZAS) NOREIKAS, also growing up in Dayton, didn't become acquainted until they both were on the committee for the National Convention which C-96, Dayton hosted in 1937. Joe is a second degree Knight while Bea holds the fourth degree. They were married in Dayton Sept. 4, 1939 and have four children - Joe, Jr., Richard, Carol Dichito and Dennis. Carol and Dennis had been active with the Juniors with Dennis a regular council member now.

STANLEY and HELEN (AVIZYNIS) VAITKUS first met at the Detroit National Convention of 1948. Helen belonged to the Providence C-103 at that time. Stan and Helen remet at various K of L functions throughout the years - they became engaged at Mike and Fran Petkus' wedding in 1952. They were married at St. Casimir's Church in Providence, R.I. June 13, 1953. Stan is an Honorary Member and Helen holds the second degree in C-96. They have three children - Mark, Steven and Teresa. All have belonged to the C-96 Junior Knights with Mark and Steven in the regular council now. Teresa, with a year to go with the Jrs, holds position on the cultural committee.



GEORGE MIKALAUSKAS of C-96 and **FRANCES MACHUTAS** met at a bowling tournament of which Cleveland C-25 was hosting in 1958. Frances belonged to C-25, Cleveland, at the time. George holds the 2nd degree while Frances is a fourth degree member in C-96. They were married at St. George's Church, Cleveland, June 20, 1959. They have three children - Mary Agnes, George II, Elena. Mary Agnes and George are both Junior Knights. Mary Agnes, many times, has led the Jrs with their singing with her guitar. Elena is 7 1/2.



JOSEPH and ELEANOR (PETKUS) MANTZ met at a C-96 dance in 1946 through Eleanor's brother, Peter, C-96's Hialeah, Fla. member. Eleanor holds the first degree. They were married May 29, 1948. They have five children - Barbara Goecke, Catherine Roberts, Susan, Christine and Joseph, Jr. Barbara and Cathy had both been active in the now disbanded youth group of which Cathy met her husband, Jerry. Cathy and Susan belong to the regular council. Christine and Joey are both Juniors with Christine holding the office of President this year.



JEROME and CATHERINE (MANTZ) ROBERTS of C-96 met through C-96's Youth Group in 1969. Cathy is a first degree Knight. They were married at St. Luke's Church, Dayton, May 8, 1971. Jerry is at present stationed with the Air Force in Denver, Colorado.



MICHAEL P. PETKUS and FRANCES BASKIS of C-12, New York, met for the first time at a C-12 Spring Dance in New York, in 1951. They remet at the Dayton convention (National) in 1952. They both are fourth degree members. They were married at Our Lady of Vilna Church in N.Y. on Nov. 27, 1952. They have two children - Michael F. and Thomas. Mike and Fran are active C-96-ers. Michael is a Junior Knight and has held the office of treasurer for the past two years. Tom is only 8.



DAVID and GEORGIA (ZELINSKAS) PETROSKI are the most recent C-96-ers to marry, through the Knights. They met at a C-96 family picnic through Eloise Berczelly acting as "piršlè", in Sept. 1970. They are both first degree Knights. They were married at Holy Cross Church, Dayton, on Oct. 7, 1972. David is originally from Detroit but his schooling and work brought him to Dayton and C-96.





John and Theresia Pocius in Hawaii.

JOHN B. POCIUS, former President of C-112 (Marquette Park - Chicago), met his bride-to-be, THERESIA A. STOCKUS of C-16 (Bridgeport - Chicago) at a K of L dance sponsored jointly by two newly revived councils, C-16 (Bridgeport - Chicago) and C-8 (Roseland - Chicago) in January of 1951.

John and Theresia married on June 7, 1952 in St. George's Church, Chicago. They remained active in the K of L through 1960 when they moved to Baltimore, Maryland where they now reside. John is employed as a Senior Engineer with Westinghouse Elec. Corp.

They have three sons, John, Joe and Tom. John has presently completed his freshman year at the University of Maryland. Joe will begin there next September and Tom will begin high school next fall term.

Last year, John and Theresia celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. (See photo of Luau at Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki).



ALBERT ZAKARKA, originally of C-100 Amsterdam, N.Y. but living in Pittsburgh and then a member of Pittsburgh's C-19, met JULIE GREICIUS of C-112, Chicago, at the Annual K of L Midwest Bowling Tournament on May 28, 1955, in Detroit, Michigan. They didn't waste time... even though it was a long-distance romance. They became engaged on July 3, 1955, announced the news at the K of L IID Picnic July 4, and were married on Oct. 9, 1955, at Nativity BVM Church, Chicago, by Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas (presently Pastor of Nativity BVM and District Spiritual Advisor).

The Zakarkas reside in Chicago, and are active members of C-112 and the K of L Choir. Both are past presidents of C-112 and have held numerous offices in the council and the II District. Al has also served as National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. Al and Julie have three daughters - Maria 15, who is a member of the K of L Junior Dance Group, Rita 8, and Denise, 2.

ANELE STUMBRIS was attending a meeting of her council, C-36, Chicago at Chicago's K of L Hall on Jan. 18, 1948, when EDWARD POCIUS of C-112 arrived for a District Board meeting there. Peggy Zakaras of C-36 and the Chicago Seniors introduced them before the two meetings started and Anele and Ed started dating soon afterward. They were married in Immaculate Conception Church, Chicago, on Sept. 18, 1949. Anele transferred to C-112 in Jan., 1950, after she completed her term of office as C-36 Recording Secretary.

Ed and Anele Pocius are still active in C-112, and live in Chicago's Marquette Park section. They have 4 children: Edward, 22, a graduate of Loyola University who will start Loyola Dental School in the Fall, Richard, 18, attending Northern Illinois University and a past member of the K of L Junior Dance group, Mary Ellen, 13, and Vida, 8.



ANDY YUKNIS and DOLORES (DUTCHIE) LAZUTKA met in 1947 while they were both officers of C-112, Chicago, Ill., serving as President and Financial Secretary, resp. They also bowled that year on the K of L team in their parish league. Their first real date together (aside from K of L group togetherness) was on Valentine's Day, 1948. They became engaged on Dolores' birthday, April 4, 1948, and were married on Oct. 16, 1948, at Nativity BVM Church, Chicago. This October they will celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

Dolores and Andy have four sons. Tom, 23, has a Record and Tape Shop in La Grange, Ill.; Michael, 21, is completing his 3rd year at Ripon College, Wisconsin; Bob, 20, is studying mechanical engineering at Pretor College, preparing to join his father's business; and John, 18, who will enter the University of Wisconsin to study art this fall. The family moved to Burr Ridge, near Hinsdale, Ill. 3 1/2 years ago has been a dream come true... they truly enjoy the home they built and the expanse of land around it.

The Yuknis family still belong to C-112, and try to participate in most of the council and district functions.



Dolores and Andy Yuknis.

In 1934, C-96, Dayton, Ohio, invited members of C-25, Cleveland, Ohio to be their guests at a Banquet Dinner at Holy Cross Parish Hall, Dayton. There, BETTY LUCAS of C-25 was introduced to VICTOR AUGUST of C-96, by another C-25 member. Shortly thereafter, an announcement was made that each Cleveland girl should find herself a Dayton boy, and visa versa, and go to the dinner table. Betty slipped her arm through Victor's arm and said, "I have mine". A romance had begun!

After many letters and many trips, Betty and Victor were married in St. George Lithuanian Church, Cleveland, on May 23, 1936, by Rev. Joseph Angelaitis (Betty's cousin), who is presently pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Cleveland.

The Augusts lived in Dayton for 9 years following their marriage, and then moved to Cleveland and just recently rejoined the K of L. In fact, they came back just prior to the "59th National Convention Days" in August, 1972.

They have 3 daughters and a son, and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. They are happy to be back with all the wonderful people in the Knights of Lithuania... and the Knights are certainly glad to have them back in their ranks.

The newest "Cupid Club" members are perhaps PHIL SKABEIKIS and MARIAN SIDTIS, both of C-110, Maspeth, N.Y., and formerly of C-41, Brooklyn, N.Y. Phil and Marian were married on May 12, 1973 at Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y. They met through the K of L and courted amid K of L meetings, conventions, and other activities. Phil is currently National K of L Cultural Chairman and also Cultural Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic District, and president of C-110. Marian is Mid-Atlantic District First Vice-President, C-110 Secretary, and moderator of the newly reorganized C-110 Juniors. Congratulations to Phil and Marian.



Many other members of the "Cupid Club" did not respond with information about themselves... but we received information from other sources about some of them... as follows!

TONY LINKUS and PENNY SVAGZDYS were married at Nativity BVM Church in Chicago, in 1948. Penny was an active member of C-112 and Tony served as president of the Illinois-Indiana District.

JOSEPH NAZEIKA and JOAN LUKAS, both of C-103, Providence, were married at St. Casimir's Church in Providence. They now reside in Massachusetts.

JOHN and IRENE WALASKA, both of C-103, Providence, R.I. John served as president of C-103.

ED VAITKUNAS, member of C-26, Worcester, Mass., met BARBARA LAZUTKA of C-112, Chicago, at the National Convention in Chicago, Ill. in 1956. After a concentrated "long-distance" romance, they were married a year later at Nativity BVM Church, Chicago. They currently reside in Auburn, Mass.



ELENA PINKUS, C-26, Worcester married TONY BURCF., C-3, Philadelphia in Worcester, Mass. and reside in Philadelphia, as active members of C-3.

DIANE BELECKY DANIELS, C-3, Philadelphia married JOE DRUMSTAS, C-26, Worcester, Mass., and also reside in Philadelphia and continue as C-3 active members.

C-3, Philadelphia, activity also matched up numerous other couples... among them, WALTER SVEKLA and IRENE VAREVICE, JOHN MICKUNAS and AGNES TIMMONS, ALBERT OZALIS and IRENE SASNAUSKAS (currently National 2nd Vice-President and National Financial Secretary, resp.), and numerous others.

This roster of K OF L CUPID CLUB members is by no means complete... some have drifted away from the K of L... others are still members but are perhaps too modest or just too busy to respond to our request for information. However, from the foregoing information on "love and marriage" in the K of L, it seems clear that the Knights of Lithuania has indeed served well in establishing new Lithuanian families! Also, in examining the names of those who met, courted and were married through the K of L, it is obvious that the K of L is a long-established family organization... for in many cases, several members of the same families (viz. Rusas, Pocius, Stoskus, Kassel, Pupinik, Lazutka) have found their mates through the K of L.

What better advertising can there be for encouraging membership in the K of L for young people?

Sincerest thanks to all who cooperated in providing information for this story. Special thanks go to John Pocius and Fran Petkus for their extra help in collecting information on their council members and other friends.

PASKUTINIS SUDIE DAIL. JONUI SUBAČIUI

Š.m. balandžio 18 d., po ilgesnės ligos, iškeliavo pas Prabočius, negrižtamai, dail. Jonas Subačius.

Dail. J. Subačių tenka laikyti vienu žymiausiu bažnytinio - tautinio meno dekoravimo kūrėju.

Dailininkas gimė 1904.I.12 Brooklyne. Meno mokėsi bent keliose Meno mokyklose, Vašingtone, National School of Art, New Yorke, Art Student League ir Italijoje, Romos Reggia Academia di Belle Arti. Taip, kad meno darbui buvo pilnai pasiruošęs ir toje srityje dirbo iki pat mirties.

Dail. J. Subačiaus mėgiamiausias darbas buvo bažnyčių puošimas ir jų dekoravimas ir, čia jis buvo nepamainomas, ypač jungime tautiškojo ir bažnytinio meno. Jo sukurti bažnyčių altoriai, liaudies motyvų ornamentais - sekė gražią ir didingą mūsų tautos pasaką ir išengęs į jo išpuoštą bažnyčią, matydavai gražiąją mūsų Tėvynę, su pakelių kryžiais, smutkeliais.

Aušros Vartų, Šiluvos, Marijos paveikslai buvo jo mėgiama tematika bažnyčių altoriams. Paskutinysis jo darbas Apreiškimo parapijos Brooklyne - Aušros Vartų Marijos paveikslas - tautiškų oranmentų rėmuose.

Du didžiuliai paveikslai tautiška tematika: "Mindaugo karūnacija" ir "Vasario 16 Signatoriai" - Maspheo parapijos salėje.

Daug įvairių iliustracijų, knygų, plokštelių, viršelių ir, vis tautiškais motyvais - yra labai daug sukūres.

O kiek kūrinių, paveikslų, škiečių liko dailininko atelje?

Visa tai tautai ir mums ilgai kalbės gyva menininko kalba ir jo vardas jau yra įamžintas jo darbais mūsų tautos meno istorijoje.

Jonas Subačius mylėjo meną ir juo stengėsi savo jausmus, meilę reikšti Dievui, ypač Marijai ir Tėvynei. Jo darbai pilnai pateisina, kada tai pasakytus Dr. Vinco Kudirkos žodžius: "Gyvenk taip, kad nesupelytum ir neliktum be likusio ženklų, kad žmogumi buvai".

Taip, Jonas buvo žmogus, žmogus vertas lietuvių menininko vardo. Jis buvo gimęs Dėdės Samo žemėje, bet mylėjo daugiau savo tėvų kraštą, negu daugelis mūsų, kurie esame gimę, auge, mokslus ėję savo tėvynėje... Mes Tėvynei daugiau esame skolingi, negu mes galvojame. Tėvynė davė mums visą, o mes, ją palikome sunkiausioje jos valandoje. Ir mums tenka raudonuoti prieš tuos, kurie, kaip Jonas Subačius, jos nemažes - duoda daugiau...

Kaipo žmogus, Jonas buvo be jokių "pretenzijų", ambicijos, bet žinojo savo vertę ir buvo toks, koks turėjo būti: malonus žmogus, puikus patriotas ir geras dailininkas. Dailininkas toks, kokio ilgai New Yorke lietuvių visuomenėje bus pasigendama.

Liūdniausias vaizdas buvo atsilankius į Jono laidotuves pasakyti paskutinį sudiev. Liūdniausia ne dėl to, kad jis iškeliavo pas Prabočius - čia yra būtinybė neišvengiama jokiai tvariniui pasauly. Liūdniausia, kad pasakyti paskutinį Jonui Subačiui sudiev, atvyko tik vienintelis jaunas menininkas Petras Saudanavičius iš gero pusšimčio dailininkų New Yorke, neskaitant keletą artimųjų ir menininko bičiulių.

Nežinau kuo tai galima paskaityti: "nežinojimu", apsileidimu, ignoravimu, ar dar kuo nors? Deja, kaip ten bebūtų, bet visai tai nesiderinama su dailininko profesija, garbe ir etika.

Gali žmogus patikti, ar ne, mėgti jį, ar ne. Bet paskutinį sudiev reikia pasakyti net ir savo didžiausiam priešui. O, be to, "priešas" Jonas Subačius niekam nebuvo ir nemanau, kad jis "priešų" turėjo? Nesu girdėjęs, kad jis apie ką nors būtų bent neigiamai atsiliepęs.

Jonas Subačius mylėjo tėvynę, mylėjo visus ir kaip tas "Laisvės kovų savanoris - tarnavo dėl Tėvynės ir neužtarnavo nei lentos ar grabo". Tiesa, Jonas "lentą" užtarnavo, bet respekto dėl jo darbų - jokio.

Visa tai nėra jau taip svarbu: kas dirbo Tėvynei, dirbs ir toliau, bet panašus elgesys "užmuša" ir parodo gyvenimą tokį "bevertį", o žmones "tuščius".

Tebūna Tau, Jonai, lengva Dėdės Samo žemė, nors tu sava, jautria menininko siela, labai mylėjai ir dirbai jai - savo tėvų žemei - Lietuvai.

J.J.
(Laisvoji Lietuva)



J. Subačius (dešinėje). menų parodoje,
L. Vyčių Seime Newarke.

LIETUVOS VALSTYBINIS ŽENKLAS - VYTIS

Vytis - kaip Lietuvos valstybės ženklas yra mūmyse nuo XV amžiaus. Jo užuomazga laikoma Kęstučio pinigėliuose iškaltas raitelis, kurį tauta įsivaizdavo kaip patį kunigaikštį - valdovą. Šitokia figūra Lietuvoje buvo populiari nuo neatmenamų laikų.

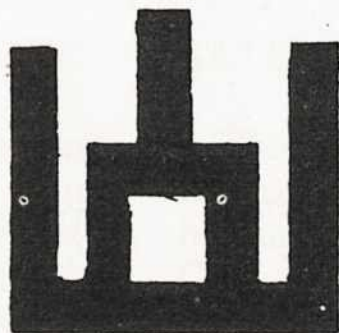
Gal tokį ženklą lietuviai ir turėjo dar anksčiau prieš Kęstutį, tik jis nemetaliniuose daiktuose negalėjo išlikti.

Vytautas tokį pat ženklą pakartojo savo Lucke mušdintose monetose. Apie tą patį laiką raiti savo antspaudose pasirodo kunigaikščiai: Vytautas, Jogaila, Kaributas, Švitrigaila. Tuo keliu raitelis Lietuvoje palaipsniui pasidarė valdovo simboliu, o valdovo simbolis brendo aukščiausiu Lietuvos Didžiosios Kunigaikštijos išskiriamuoju ženklu.

Vytis ilgokai pasivaržė dėl pirmosios vietos su "Stiebų Vartais" - Gedimino Stulpais, kuris tuo laiku buvo laikomas Lietuvos herbu ir Vytauto kariuomenės vėliavose Žalgirio kovos metu jis plėvesavo, todėl svetimųjų ilgokai buvo laikomas kaip valstybės ženklas. Tas varžybas raitelio naudai nusvėrė Vytautas iš Vilniaus sosto pakartojęs raitelį jau kaip, valstybės išskiriamąjį ženklą, savo vilniškėse monetose, visai D. Kunigaikštijai.

VYTIES ATVAIZDAS

Vytis pradžioje buvo tik paprastas, nedailiai ir netiksliai vaizduotas raitojo valdovo paveikslas. Jojo jis į dešinę pusę. Laikui bėgant arklio ir raitelio figūros priderintos prie realybės. Jogailos laikais raiteliui ant kairiojo peties užkabintas skydas su dvigubu kryžiumi. Kunigaikščio Kazimiero laikais prie šalmo buvo prikabinėtos plunksnos, kaspiniai. Žygimanto Augusto laikais žirgas buvo pertiestas ilga, karpytais galais iki žemės nutįsusia gūnia. Raitelio ir dugno spalvos taip pat ne syki



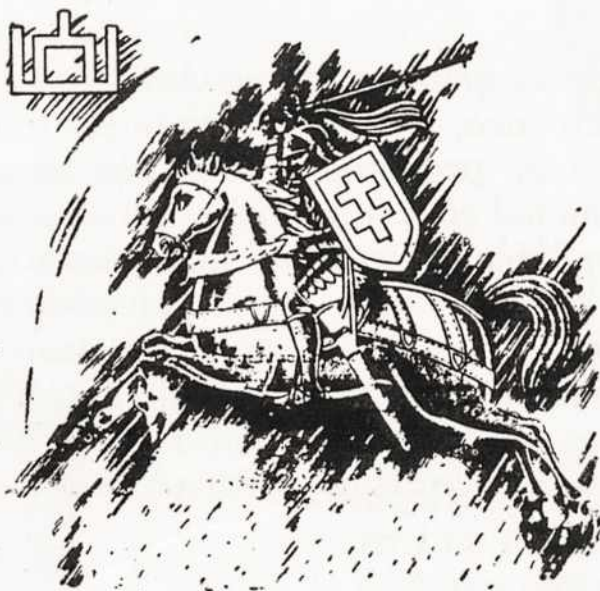
Stiebų Vartai arba Gedimino Stulpai. Senas Lietuvos herbas užleidęs vietą Vyčiui.

pagal individualinį skonį kaitaliojosi. Tačiau iš istorinių laikų išlikęs vyties atvaizdas iki mūsų laikų turi tam tikras nusistovėjusias formas:

1. Pagrindė šarvuotas raitelis su skydu ant kairiojo peties, jojo baltu žirgu smūgiui iškėlęs kalaviją;

2. Fiziologiška išraiška - žirgas sparčiame vijimosi bėgime, o pats jojėjas lyg siekias ką tuoj pasivijęs kirsti (iš to ir Vyties vardas);

3. Visas ženklas - baltas Vytis raudoname dugne.



Vytis — Lietuvos valstybės oficialus herbas.

NEPRIKLAUSOMYBĖS LAIKAIS

Nepriklausomybės kūrimosi pradžioje mūsų vyriausybė perėmė didžiųjų kunigaikščių ženklą kaip mūsų valstybės herbą. Standartinio vieno ženklo nebuvo. Pla-

čiausiai vartojamas ir žinomas dail. A. Žmuidzinavičiaus nupieštas Vytis. Jo išskirtinė žymė - žirgas apdengtas gūnia, kurios trys ilgesni galai nusitęsia žemiau žirgo kojų. Toks buvo vartojamas įstaigų antspaudose, bet be skydo. Vėliau pradėta vartoti vytį apskritime pagal 1925 m. skulpt. J. Zikaro padarytą modelį monetose. Šis žirgas buvo be gūnios. Atsirado du valstybės ženklo variantai. Vyriausybė ryžosi suvienodinti valstybės ženklą ir tam tikslui paskyrė specialią komisiją. Komisija patiekė projektą, kuris 1939 m. vyriausybės buvo patvirtintas.

Šiame projekte išlaikyta istorinė vyčio forma, paliktos tos pačios spalvos, tik padaryta nauja skydo forma ir įvestos kai kurios detalės. Šis naujas patobulintas vytis buvo naudojamas įstaigose, pasuose ir t.t.

STILIZUOTAS VYTIS

Šalia oficialaus mūsų vyties imta naudoti stilizuotą vytį. Oficialiai toks vyties pavaizdavimas nėra mūsų valstybės herbas, o tik galima skaityti, kaip jo simbolis. Toks ženklas daugiau paplitęs už Lietuvos ribų - išeivijoje. Jį matome ant automobilių langų, atlapose nešiojamą, juo puošiama ir kai kurių kongresų ar suvažiavimų patalpos. Kai kurie stilizuoti arkliukai yra labai neaiškūs ir nežinančiam sunku suprasti ką jie vaizduoja. Neprikl. Lietuvos laikais tokiais stilizuotais vyčiais buvo papuoštos Valstybės Teatro leidiniai bei programos. Daugiau jis nebuvo vartojamas. Stilizuotas vytis nėra tikras valstybės ženklas ir jį reikėtų vengti vartoti ypatinėse iškilimėse arba svetimtauciu tarpe, šiems - aiškumo dėliai. Nepriklausomos Lietuvos vyriausybės tokia vytis oficialiai niekad nebuvo vartojamas.

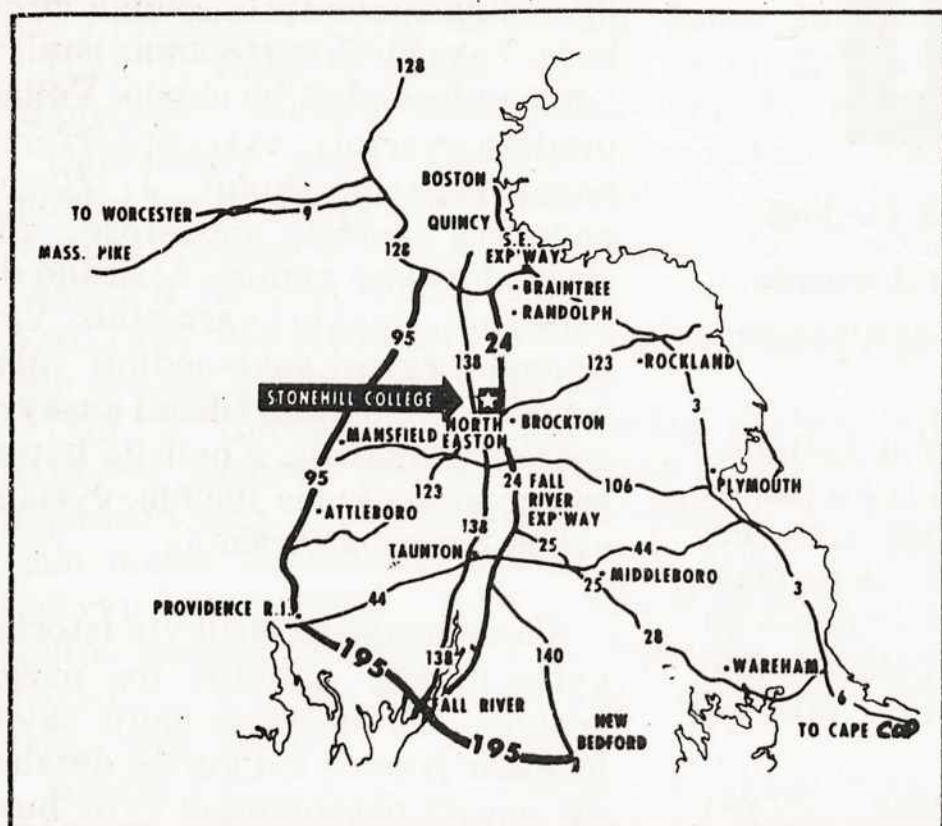
"Laikas" - O.K.

THE 60TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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The 60th National Jubilee Convention committee is making every effort to make this 60th Birthday Year one available to meet all K of L's pocketbooks. We were fortunate in obtaining the facilities of Stonehill College, whose administration provide this Summer Program as a non-profit community service. Every effort is being made to keep the registration fee low enough so that all members and their families can participate. We hope to gain your financial support to fulfill our aims through our Souvenir Program Book. Council 1, solicits your participation with a 60th Birthday greeting or ad. Please contact your friends relatives and business acquaintances to add their names as supporters of the Knights of Lithuania.

RATES:

\$35.00 Full Page	\$10.00 Patron
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CONVENTION NOTES:

The Jubilee Convention Committee want to encourage all K of L members to take part in this 60th Birthday of our organization. You have the opportunity of coming to the convention site for the full week at the same rates offered for the four days. \$8.00 per person will include room (double occupancy) and three meals a day.

The New England South Shore area has much to offer for your pleasure. Historic Boston, Plymouth Rock and the Wax Museums, Cape Cod with its stretches of sandy beaches and picturesque villages, gift shops galore and a mecca for antique enthusiasts. For your evening pleasure, summer playhouses, nightclubs and excellent restaurants are available. Three golf courses within a five mile radius, bowling alleys, and outdoor recreation amusements are added attractions.

Brockton has a fine center and a gigantic Mall for shopping. Shuttle

All returns should be mailed to Program Book Chairman Mr. Robert Dillis, 80 Manners Ave., Brockton, Mass. 02401

service from Columbus Ave. Motor Entrance, Statler Hilton in Boston will be provided on request at a nominal cost. Limousine service is available to the Hotel from airport.

There will be committee members on the grounds to assist you in any plans you would care to make. Transportation can be available for those without cars for trips.

Please come, we will be looking forward to greeting you.

Co-Chairmen -

Susan K. Boroskas (Nat. Pres.)

Sylvia Shukis (C-1 Pres.)
46 Vine St.
Brockton, Mass. 02401

P.S. Reservations should be sent to S. Boroskas, 34 Arthur St., Brockton, Mass. 02401.



CONVENTION - SCHEDULE PREVIEW

WEDNESDAY EVENING: GAY NINETIES NITE

Back to the Gay Nineties for the early arrivals. On the grounds is Brother Mike's Bar, where the delegates and guests will be entertained in the old time manner. Barbershop singing, free lunch, prices back to the 1900's will be featured. There will be a small cover charge.



THURSDAY EVENING: LOBSTER BAKE

Prior to the Bake, we will ride to Our Lady of Sorrows Convent for a late afternoon Mass and tour of the grounds.

On the menu prepared by Gloucester Specialists for the bake, served on the College grounds, will be lobster, half chicken, clams and all the trimmings that go with a traditional New England Bake.



FRIDAY EVENING CULTURAL PROGRAM:

Previous to the convention and during, the Fuller Arts Museum will be showing an exhibit of Lithuanian artists, crafts, sculpture, tapestries, Amber collection and the Glass Paper Weight collection of Charles Kazium. The exhibit will start on August 9 - 19th. Friday evening we will have a formal showing for the delegates with a champagne reception. At the museum Concert auditorium, we will present a cultural program.

SATURDAY EVENING, THE JUBILEE BALL:

The Ball will take place on the college site. A Connecticut Polka band will play. Also featured will be the presentation of the newly elected Supreme Council Officers. Decorations will be in keeping of the Jubilee theme.

SUNDAY AM:

At St. Casimer's Church, High Mass, followed by the Convention Photo. The Banquet, at 2:00 P.M., will feature Scholarship Awards, Honorary Member Award, and the Non-Lithuanian Award.

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FRIDAY LUNCHEON:

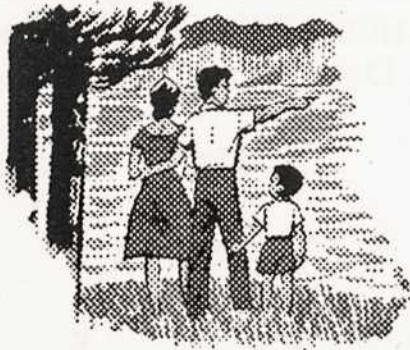
Will be a Birthday Observance and the special recognition of Charter Members and those that have contributed outstanding service to the organization. It will be a more or less golden circle. Any council or district having persons that would fall in that category are requested to contact Susan Boroskas at once.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON:

Award Luncheon for membership - any degree medal awards that may be given - Jrs. Essay Contest.

On Convention Grounds there will be a Lithuanian Boutique. Mr. Anthony Miner will be in charge of this project. C-1 invites any council or district that may have items for sale to bring them to the convention and we will be glad to sell them.

We will also have amber, woven cloths, records, books and various woodcarvings etc. All articles will be accepted on a consignment basis and all profits will go to the Lithuanian Religious Aid Fund.



PICTORIAL HISTORY - HELP, PLEASE!

We are attempting to put together a pictorial history of the K of L. Miss Irene Sankus of 2520 West 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60629, will be happy to receive any photographs that you feel could add to the project. Please take some time to look at your old photographs and see if there are some that may bring back a few memories.

Once again we want to urge all Knights to come to the convention and bring the family. You may come for the week at the same low rate of \$8.00 per person per day including three meals. Jubilee committee members will be on the grounds to help you make plans for the early part of the week. A list of places etc. will be sent in the last mailing.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

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

Registration Fee
\$30.00

Reduced rates for
Children

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

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

REV. CONTONS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

On May 13, 1973, REV. ALBERT CONTONS, National Spiritual Adviser of the Knights of Lithuania, celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The event was commemorated with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter's Church, South Boston, and a Banquet at the Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston. The Supreme Council extends sincerest best wishes to Father on this important anniversary.

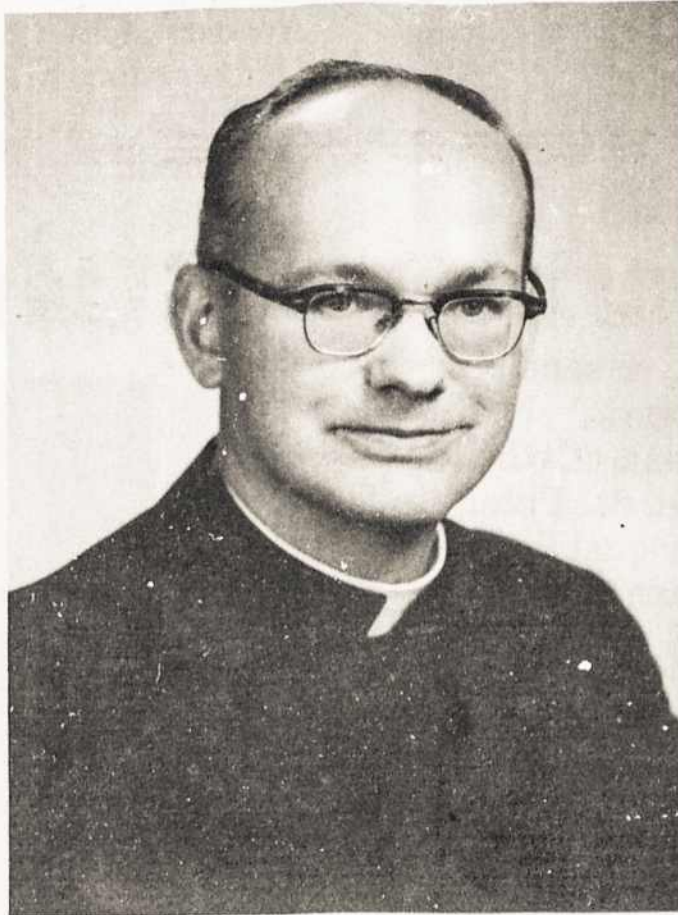
About Father Contons...

Born on May 11, 1924, in South Boston, Father Contons (Kontautas) attended local schools and was graduated from Boston Latin School in 1941.

That same year, he entered the college department of St. John's Seminary, continuing with studies in philosophy and theology until his ordination on May 6, 1948, by Richard Cardinal Cushing in Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor in St. Peter's Lithuanian parish, South Boston. In 1953, he was appointed instructor at St. Sebastian's School, Newton, where he teaches French and religion. Since 1962, he has also been serving as chaplain of the Cenacle Convent, Brighton.

Father Contons continued advanced studies at Boston College from 1950 to 1953, receiving the



M.A. degree in economics. At Laval University, Quebec, he studied during the summers of 1962-1964 and received the Diploma Elem. de Francais. He has also studied in France at the Institut Touraine, Tours, and at the University of Grenoble during the summers of 1967 and 1971.

Since ordination, Father Contons has been active in Lithuanian affairs. He has served as national spiritual advisor of the Knights of Lithuania from 1952 to 1961 and from 1968 to the present.

In 1960 he organized and led the Knights of Lithuania Pilgrimage to

the Eucharistic Congress in Munich, Germany. And since 1953 he has served as spiritual advisor to the Lithuanian Blue Army Movement, which promotes devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

Cardinal Cushing, in 1960, appointed Father Contons president of the Auxiliary of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified. During his term of office (1960-1967) he helped the Sisters in raising funds for construction of their new Motherhouse chapel and St. Joseph's Manor Nursing Home, both in Brockton. He is at present a member of the Sisters' Lay Advisory Board.

Since 1971, Father has served as president of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests' League of America. And, since 1970, he has been a member of the Boston Priests' Senate, and a member of its Advisory Board since 1972.

He has been a frequent contributor to various publications, including Vytis (The Knight), Soul, The Boston Pilot, Darbininkas (The Worker), and Lituanius. He has also written the English text for the "History of St. Peter's Parish", South Boston; compiled the "Knights of Lithuania Leadership Manual"; authored a booklet on the life of St. Casimir.

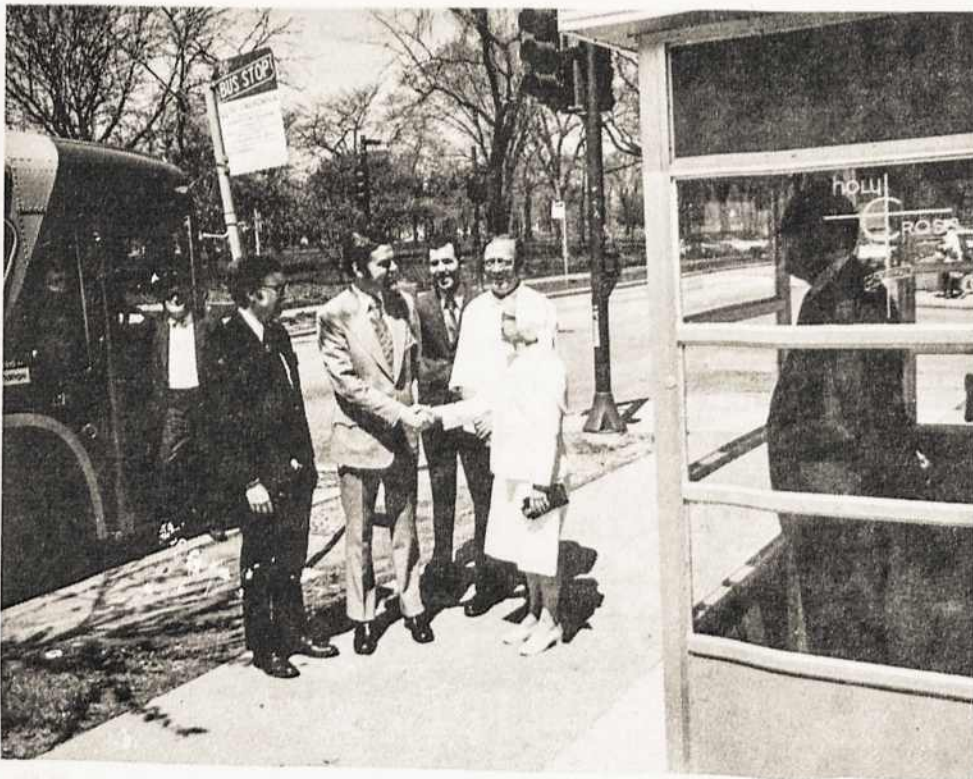
Father Contons' mother passed away in 1952. His father presently resides on L Street, South Boston. He has two brothers, Stephen, of Laconia, N.H., and John, of Acton. His sister, Mrs. Ruth Slanina, lives in Bristol, Conn.



FORENSICS CHAMPION

MARK MAZUR of Lyndhurst, N.J., a senior at Essex Catholic High School in Newark, N.J., recently won first place in the National Catholic Forensic League Regional Tournament at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, N.J., and thus qualified to compete in the National NCFL Tournament to be held at the Palmer House in Chicago, June 1-3, 1973. Mark has been a member of the Forensic Club at Essex Catholic for the past 3 years and at present is president of the club. He has won 12 trophies, 6 of which are first place winners, in extemporaneous speaking.

Mark is a commentator at Our Lady of Sorrows Lithuanian Church, Kearny, N.J., and he and his parents, Al and Genevieve Mazur, are members of K of L C-90, Kearny. Mark will attend William Paterson College in Wayne, N.J. in the Fall.

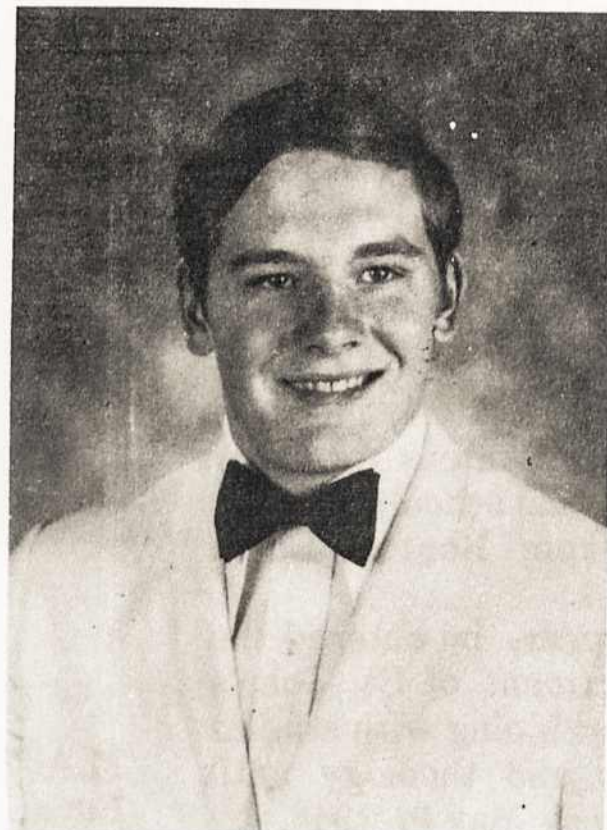


LITHUANIAN LORE LADY HONORED

MRS. JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS, Consul General of Lithuania at Chicago and well-known "Lithuanian Lore Lady", was honored at the Balzekas Museum's Fourth Annual Awards Banquet Mar. 11, 1973, at the Drake Hotel, Chicago. The Banquet honored Mrs. Dauzvardis as "American-Lithuanian of the Year", and was attended by approximately 600 persons, among them the Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, Neil Hartigan and the Mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daley.

Pictured, l. to r. are Daniel MacMaster, President of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry and Awards Chairman; the Honorable Josephine J. Dauzvardis; Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, and Mrs. Vida Tumasonis, Banquet Chairman.

*** Photo - J. Mankus.



NEW BUS-STOP SHELTER

HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL, Chicago, Ill., operated by the Sisters of St. Casimir, recently dedicated its newly constructed bus-stop shelter. The enclosed shelter will protect people waiting for buses at 69th & California (in front of the hospital). On hand for the dedication were (l. to r.) CTA District Superintendent, Associate Administrator of the Hospital Mr. John T. Hoyt, Mr. George R. Coman, representing the 15th Ward Regular Democratic Organization, Joseph N. Kulys, K of L C-112 Social Chairman; Mr. David Gordon, President of the Hospital's Employee Council; Hospital Administrator Sister M. Almarita; and Mr. R. Dagenais, CTA Superintendent.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

JOHN SUBACIUS, RIP

The Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian community in general suffered a tragic loss with the death on April 18, 1973, of artist JOHN SUBACIUS, member of the New York Seniors.

John was the designer of the Knights of Lithuania Flag, and designer and builder of numerous Lithuanian crosses, including several financed by K of L Councils in the Mid-Atlantic District. He also designed the cover of the first K of L Choir record and prepared many covers for National Convention

and other K of L Program books. Just about every Lithuanian church in the New York - New Jersey area can boast of some of John's work... altars, Stations of the Cross, or even total redecoration were done painstakingly and lovingly (and frequently with donated time) by this extraordinary ecclesiastical artist. But most of all, John had a gracious way, generous heart, a most hearty and infectious laugh and a keen sense of humor.

To John's sister and her family, the Supreme Council and the VYTIS Staff extend a most heartfelt sympathy.

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SCENES FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 24, 1973
ST. ANTHONY HALL - DETROIT, MICH.

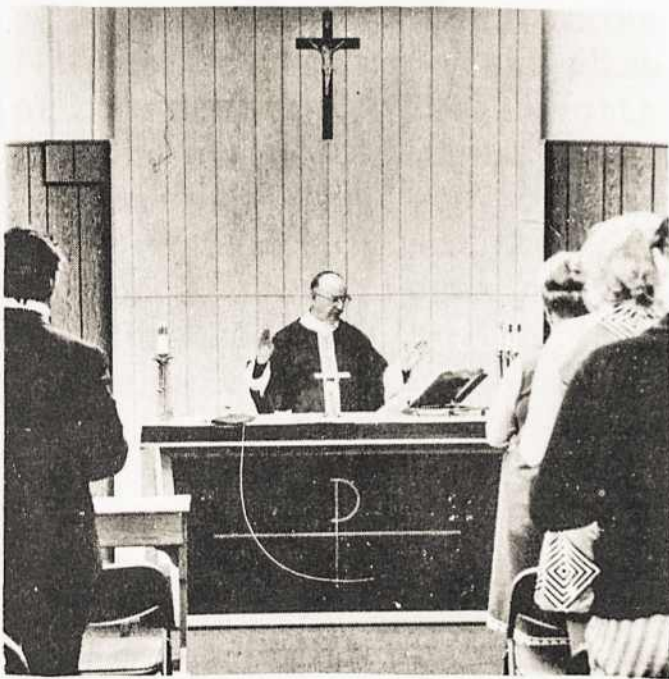


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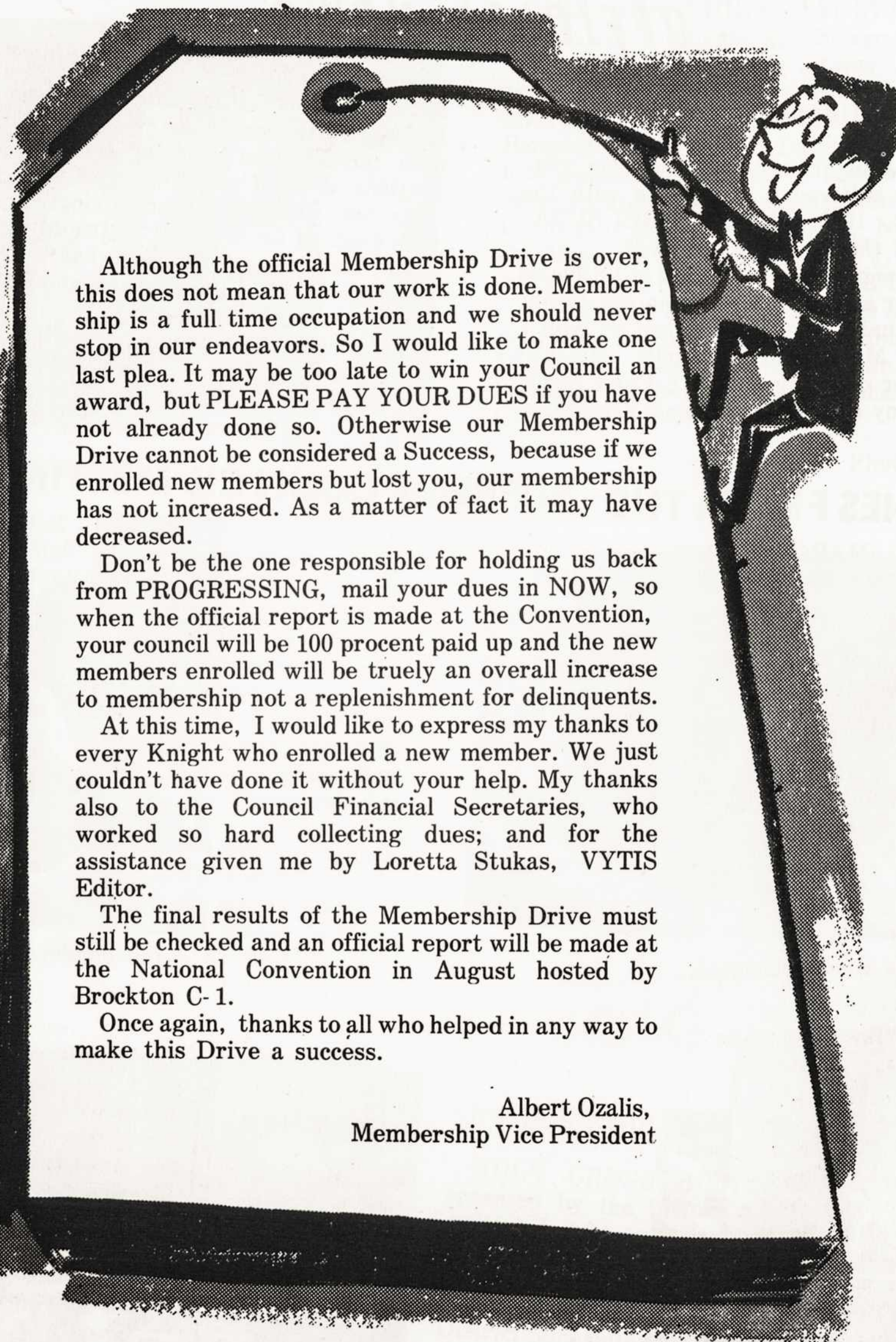


Afterwards, Rev. C. Simaitis celebrates Mass...



East meets West over refreshments.

BRING IN EVERY LAST ONE..



Although the official Membership Drive is over, this does not mean that our work is done. Membership is a full time occupation and we should never stop in our endeavors. So I would like to make one last plea. It may be too late to win your Council an award, but PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES if you have not already done so. Otherwise our Membership Drive cannot be considered a Success, because if we enrolled new members but lost you, our membership has not increased. As a matter of fact it may have decreased.

Don't be the one responsible for holding us back from PROGRESSING, mail your dues in NOW, so when the official report is made at the Convention, your council will be 100 percent paid up and the new members enrolled will be truly an overall increase to membership not a replenishment for delinquents.

At this time, I would like to express my thanks to every Knight who enrolled a new member. We just couldn't have done it without your help. My thanks also to the Council Financial Secretaries, who worked so hard collecting dues; and for the assistance given me by Loretta Stukas, VYTIS Editor.

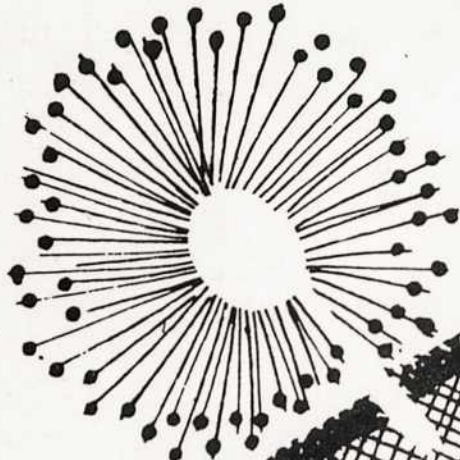
The final results of the Membership Drive must still be checked and an official report will be made at the National Convention in August hosted by Brockton C-1.

Once again, thanks to all who helped in any way to make this Drive a success.

Albert Ozalis,
Membership Vice President



K of L Calendar



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**JUNE 3 - MAD DISTRICT
CONVENTION**, Transfiguration
Church Hall, Maspeth, N.Y. —
C-110 Hosts.

16 - SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Our Lady
of Vilna 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 & DANCE, Garden State Arts Center, Matawan, N.J.

JULY 4 - ANNUAL IID K of L Picnic, K of L Bldg. 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, Freehold, NJ

12 - SLA Men's Lodge 228's Annual Outing - Anne's Grove, Kean Ave., Chicago, Illinois

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 and 17 Srs. - NOVEMBER FEST — So. Boston Lithuanian
Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.

AUGUST 16 - 19 - 60th NATIONAL CONVENTION -
Stonehill College, North Easton,
Mass.



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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

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The New England District Spring Convention on Apr. 29 was hosted by members of C-17 So. Boston with 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church and sessions at 1:30 p.m. Nine councils participated.

Two of the clergy in attendance celebrated in May their twenty-five years of priesthood - Fr. Albin Janiunas and Fr. Albert Contons. Our pastor, Fr. Anthony Baltrunas, celebrated his thirty-fifth anniversary in April. We had two guests; one has returned to stay and joined C-17 Sr. - Ed Rudis. Our other guest, Mrs. Edward J. Grazulis, back East from Cloquet, Minnesota after 18 years, was formerly a member of C-78 Lawrence. The District Cultural Picnic will be chaired by the new member, Ed Rudis, with 3 co-chairmen, Al Akule, Larry Svelnis and Rita Pinkus.

The District honored Felix Zaleskas C-17 Sr., and one of the original members of C-1, who celebrated his 80th birthday. The District will purchase twenty-five K of L Choir records for resale. Oct. 14 has been set aside to honor our Supreme and District Spiritual Advisors.



The President of NED ruled the sessions with an iron hand, with the selection of delegates to the National Convention: Mrs. Mary Minkus, Miss Anne Marie Markuns and alternate Joseph White.

The Fall Convention will be hosted by Providence C-103, and the pre-convention dance will be held in South Boston at the Lithuanian Club.

C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

Lelija

Happy After Easter; hope everyone had a fine holiday. With Spring here and Summer in the offing, everyone is making plans for vacations. Some of our members have been busy traveling already. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary by cruising to Bermuda on the good ship "Sea Venture". They met through the K of L., married and had 3 children. Daughter Virginia is married to "Ziggy" Maciokas, another K of L member. Daughter Patricia Ann is a registered nurse at Yale - New Haven Hospital, and son Raymond is attending St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont on a Basketball Scholarship. Congratulations to you both and may you have many more Anniversaries to come.

Tom Kaukas and his wife were in Louisville, Ky. to visit their son Richard, and then went on to Williamsburg, Va. and Lancaster, Pa. Tom spent his time in Amish country pursuing his favorite sport - Eating - and you should see what he brought home besides!

We have added several new members to our roster, and we wish to express a warm "Welcome" to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Patasius, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Streilkauskas, and John Blinstru-

bas. We look forward to seeing you often at the Club.

John Alanskas and his brother Al, with the help of Al's wife Dot, have been sprucing up their cottage at the lake since last year and the results are very gratifying. You might say, it was almost a professional job. When is the housewarming?

The K of L Bowling League Banquet was held on Apr. 28. First place team was captained by Frank Shaknaitis with Bob Strielkauskas' and Otto Shatas' teams taking second and third place. Honorable mention should be made of the last place team captained by Wally Valunas. They worked hard but didn't quite make it. But wait till next year, - right, Wally?

The Housemen are again planning a trip to Cape Cod in June with their wives. Perhaps "Nader's Raiders" should check into this yearly trek!

Congratulations to Pamela Mikaitis, daughter of member Ann, who recently married Ronald Shortell. Best wishes to the happy couple.

Our council made plans for a Holy Hour and Mass to be offered on May 14 in memory of the Lithuanian Martyrs for Freedom. Rev. G. Vilciauskas and Rev. Raymond Yuskauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's and our Chaplain, conducted the Holy Hour and Mass, and Mr. Alexander Aleksis planned a musical program for this very solemn occasion. Let us not forget the constant struggle of our freedom-minded Lithuanians and pray that their sacrifices will help to gain their country's freedom in the near future.

Through the generosity of Father Vilciauskas, the Silas Bronson Library in Waterbury has acquired the first two volumes of the Encyclopedia Lithuania, and subsequent volumes will be added

to the Library's Reference Department as they are published. When completed in 1974, the Encyclopedia will consist of six volumes.

In talking to some of our members, we get the impression they are looking forward to attending the National Convention in Brockton, Mass. in August. Hope to see you all there to renew acquaintances and to catch up on all the news. If you pass near Waterbury on the way there, stop in to say "hello"!

C-10 - ATHOL - GARDNER,
MASS.

Vincukas

Several notes of interest after our council's Casimir's Day Feast...

Our most generous president, **Howie Beaudette**, has donated the beautiful flower arrangements for the altar of St. Francis Church for our annual St. Casimir's Day celebration the past several years. This year he also had pink carnations for all members attending the Feast. A big thanks to Howie.

After the dinner at Tully Brook Inn, the group was invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Perekslis, godparents of the new Lithuanian flag donated by our local K of L. The Perekslis' are former K of L'ers, having met at a Jersey Convention some years ago that ended in a beautiful marriage. They are successful business people in Athol, and have a beautiful Swiss Chalet home. The evening was spent in reminiscing and chatting.

Paul and Debbie Kuzmeskus, our council's newest members, have bought a new home on Petersham Road, Athol. Congratulations!

The Genaitis' were our council's delegates to the NED Convention in So. Boston. That same weekend was spent by the Wisnauskas' on the Cape herring fishing.

Father Steponaitis had been quite busy preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation that took place in his parish on May 11. St. Francis Church is now

beautifully redecorated; it looks like a small cathedral.

Let us all remember in our prayers our former leader, Fr. John C. Jutt, on the second anniversary of his death.

Congratulations are in order to two fine dedicated K of L priests, - Fr. Albert Contons and Fr. Albin Janiunas, on their 25th anniversary to the priesthood. May they serve the Lord's vineyard many more years.

C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Along the Strandway

C-17 was the host council for the NED Spring Convention. A cloudy Sunday brought the delegates to Mass at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church and to the hall for a continental breakfast. The workers who helped out at the breakfast and supper were Adele Martus, Mrs. Mary Martus, Mrs. Ann Norinkavich, Mrs. Albert Kropas, Mrs. Pat Akule, Mrs. Helen Zemaitis, John Olevitz, Adele Nancy Martus, Kathy Norinkavich (both Juniors), Joe and Ann White, John Norinkavich, Virginia Markuns, Joanne Markuns (another Junior), Ann Marie Markuns, Al Jaritis, and Frank Markuns. All of these people worked very hard to make certain the delegates attending the convention were well fed. The convention was well conducted, presided by NED President, Albert Jaritis of C-17.

Roy Balaconis, a freshman at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., made the varsity on the Navy sailing team and placed 1st four times in his last couple of competitions. Roy has had plenty of practice sailing around the Boston area before he entered the Academy. His sister, Nan, is an instructor in sailing, and is one of our C-17 Juniors.

Vacationing along the blue skies and balmy shores of Bermuda were Ann Marie Markuns and Billy Zemaitis (both at different hotels and at varied times). Cruising along the open seas were Mrs. Helen Zaremba, Mrs. Helen Ze-

maitis, Mrs. Alice Tarushka (Helen Zemaitis' mother), Honey Zemaitis and Lillian Wadel.

The Juniors had a cake bake sale which was a tremendous success, due to a great deal of help from their parents, relatives and friends. They sold out their goodies after two Masses, and want to thank those regular and senior members who helped them with the sale. It was the Juniors' first financial venture, and it gave them an insight to fund raising. It wasn't as easy as they thought it would be, but they are now making plans for a bigger and better cake sale in the near future. The Juniors also conducted a Mother's Day Communion Breakfast, and were very enthusiastic about it, for it was the first event they handled by themselves. They also had a swimming party. Though transportation plans were set asunder, they were enterprising enough to get a ride to the Brookline Municipal Pool.

Louis and Lillian Bazzinotti, Albert and Aldonna Kropas are two of the newest Senior couples to sign up. Lillian Bazzinotti is very busy with parish work and is a dedicated worker for the Ladies Sodality. Her last effort was the chairmanship of the Whist Party for the parish, when she was assisted by Adele Martus and Ann Norinkavich. Josephine "Jo" A. Satkevich is also a good worker for the Ladies Sodality.

Anna G. Antanelis is receiving congratulations on the birth of a grandson, Peter Adam, born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Casey. Mrs. Casey is the former Paula Antanelis.

Congratulations to our council's Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin Janiunas, and to our Natl. Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albert Contons, on their 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Many happy years! Father Albin also celebrated his birthday.

Phyllis Grendal's mother is still in the hospital, and ever-faithful Phyllis makes visits twice a day. That's the reason we don't see much of her these days. We all

pray her mother will soon recover and return from the hospital to her comfortable home. We hear that our good friend, Eddie Puzin, is back in the Veteran's Hospital again. We are looking forward to seeing Eddie up and around real soon, attending some of the K of L functions. Joanne Grigas and her daughter, Donna, are on the road to recovery from their latest illnesses. Others on the sick list were Rita and Jerry Venis, Mary and Adele Martus, and Linda Zaremba. Hope all are well now.

Now that the hockey season is over, you can see five very sorry gentlemen with very long, glum faces, - the loyal Bruins rooters - Bob Gendreau, Jerry Venis, John Olevitz, Al Jaritis and Ed Rudis. Come on, lads, it's not all that bad; the Bruins were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. Think of all the money you saved! You can now look forward to next year with the same vigor. We have also found other Bruins fans - Paul and Debby Kuzmeskus of Athol's C-10. Real loyal enthusiasts.

We certainly hope Ann Kude-rauskas is not the jinx for both the Boston Bruins and the Celtics. We know she had tickets to the final games that both teams played, - in which they were eliminated. Why not cheer for the opponents, Ann, and perhaps our Boston teams would have a chance! That might also apply to Ann Kleponis who has just lately become a Boston fan. (It's all in fun, girls!)

Speaking of hockey, Jerry Venis' son, Larry, has his team in their playoffs, and he is quite a good goalie. John Olevitz's son, John Casimir's team finished in second place. It wasn't Johnnie's fault they didn't make first place, for in the last 14 games, his team had one victory, ten ties, three losses, and for the season had nine shut-outs. Buddy and Mary Zaremba's son, Joseph, also played hockey, and his league is finished for the season, - as is Bob and Phyllis Gendreau's son, Michael, who is now in the baseball schedule. It was a long winter...

Ed Rudis is back with us these

days, and has immediately gotten his feet wet by taking on the co-chairmanship of the NED Cultural Picnic. We need more people like Ed who is conscientiously interested in the organization and is always ready to do what he can to help.

From the looks of the crowd, we should have a Junior bowling roll-off instead of the Regulars! At the last NED Bowling Rolloff hosted by Regulars and Seniors of C-17, Al and Pat Akule, Joe and Ann White, Larry Svelnis, John Olevitz, Al Jaritis, John and Ann Norinkavich, and Frank and Virginia Markuns all helped in either getting the food together, or in the transportation of the Juniors to the bowling alleys. There were 35 bowlers, most of them from our own C-17, AND one member from C-26, Joe Sakaitis. Perhaps the rest of the district has lost interest in the bowling rollofs. They were always a great getting-together time. C-1 hosted the following bowling roll-off on June 10 in Brockton.

Ann Marie Markuns was elected delegate from the NED to the Natl. Convention to be held in Brockton in August. Mary Minkus was the other elected delegate, and Joe White of C-17 Sr.'s the alternate. We have been told Ann Marie Markuns has been accepted into the Boston College School of Nursing. That's great!

We really dislike telling Jean Pasakarnis and Helen Suprin that SPRING is here! They both have been looking for a late spring snow for that one last shush down the hills until next winter. Sorry, girls!

Bill and Lillian Gorski recently made a trip to Washington, D.C. Bill, who is the president of the National Mental Health Public Relations Directors, met with the Board to finalize the plans for their 1973 Convention.

We have conducted the preliminary examinations of candidates for our council's own Scholarship Award. On the Scholarship Committee are John Olevitz, Larry Svelnis, Dr. Albert

Kiburis, Jean Pasakarnis, Phyllis Gendreau, Loretta Martell, Mary Mickevich, Al Jaritis and Joseph White.

Remember in your prayers the mother of Peter Gediminsky who passed away. Also, our prayers are with the late Edmund Zeles of Waltham, Mass., who was not a K of L member but a loyal supporter of its activities.

May was a hectic month for the council because of the many activities. We invite all members to participate in the social affairs, but also in the work and pre-planning before the event. There is always so much to be done. 'Tis said that by keeping active, you are also keeping youthful. Let's all get on the "work wagon"!

There have been a few complaints from members who have not seen their names mentioned in the Vytis. We apologize if we have been forgetful, but it isn't always easy to dig for news. (Try it sometime!) Please help your correspondent by letting him know "what is new", and rest assured your name will not only be mentioned, but our council's column will become that much more interesting - because YOU are a part of it.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA

DISTRICT



C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

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Our Council's spring activity, planned by social chairman Joe Kulys and council prexy Stanley Molis, was the Hana-Matsu-Ri (Japanese Spring Festival) Dinner at the Diamondhead Restaurant. Richard Shlaustas of C-36 is the owner, and as our host really outdid himself with the arrangements, from the delicious Japanese dinner to the delightful beverages. Bay Barkus and his

cordovox provided the music, and among the Lithuanian - English - and Japanese tunes were a few Irish ditties, especially for Frank Brady. It was a pleasure to have George Coman of the 15th Ward, Norm Burnstein and John Evans, Jr. join in the festivities. However, the person who enjoyed himself the most was Andy Yuknis, and he was delighted to have us all celebrate his birthday. Scheduled as a non-profit event, we still made a profit, thanks to the raffle prize donors - Stella and Stan Molis, Richard Shlaustas, and Vyto Butkus of Club Roma. The Diamondhead Restaurant is highly recommended for all out-of-town visitors.

Most interesting Board meetings were held at the homes of Bernadine Rogers (April) and Lorraine Svelnis (May). During our meeting at the Rogers home, we had the opportunity to tour their beautiful new home and to meet their lively dog - Amber. At the Svelnis' we were most amused by the antics of Kathy and John. Of course, in among the fun times, we did accomplish a good deal of council business.

Condolences to Barbara Klevinsky and her family on the death of her husband, Stanley.

Speedy recovery wishes to Andy Tatusko and Balys Brazdzionis who are recovering at home.

Congratulations to Peter (Kęstutis) Bagdonas on his recent marriage. Pete is an active member of our council, the K of L Choir, and the Lithuanian Opera of Chicago. We missed hearing his tenor voice at the recent presentation of the opera, Carmen, but we did hear member Ray Samoska.

Upcoming events at which council president Stanley Molis and other 112 members are currently involved: A Party honoring Adam Anderson, entitled Hobo Hard Times, which will be held on July 7 at D-G Hall. Adam is the incoming commander of the Illinois



C-112: HANA'MATSU'RI (Japanese Spring Festival Dinner). Lorraine Svelnis, Estelle Rogers, Andy Yuknis, Irene Sankus with Frank Svelnis.

4th District of the American Legion. He is also active in our council and the Don Varnas Legion Post; and the SLA Mens Lodge #228's annual outing scheduled for Aug. 12 at Anne's Grove on Kean Ave. The event will be entitled the Lithuanian Festival and will feature a Chicago - Lithuanian Festival of Progress. If you have never attended an event of this group of SLA members, do so now, as they are always entertaining and interesting.

Recent out-of-town visitors were: Liudas Stukas and Loretta Stukas of New Jersey and Grazina Vaskelis of Detroit. The opera Carmen was the occasion and those in attendance on Apr. 29 had the opportunity to hear and enjoy Liudas sing the role of Escamillo. We congratulate him on a job well done and are looking forward to his next performance in Chicago. While in town, our guests were entertained by Al and Ann Marie Kassel, the Paul Kassels, Irene Sankus and Ed Krivickas.

Congratulations to the Marian Fathers on the occasion of their 300 Anniversary. The event was celebrated with a Mass at Our Lady of Vilna Church, with Cardinal Cody officiating, and with a reception of dignitaries following the Mass.



Enjoying the festivities at a recent IID dinner in the K of L Bldg., Chicago are: (seated) Mrs. D. Coman, Mr. & Mrs. John O'Boyle, Daniel J. Coman, Sr. and (standing) Al Kizlauskas, Stella & Stanley Molis (president of C-112) & George J. Coman.



Enjoying the Hana-Matsu-Ri Dinner are: (front) Stanley Molis, Estelle Rogers, Andy Yuknis and (rear) Dolores Wainauskis, Leon Pauksta, Joe Nausedas.



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C-79 - DETROIT, MICH. Soffi

All roads pointed to St. Francis Knights of Columbus Hall on Apr. 28 for the K of L Bowling Banquet. Approximately 100 members and guests attended the event. Awards were presented following the "calorie-filled" dinner. Alytaus Bar emerged as first-place team. Congratulations to owners and members, Pete and Rose Podolski. Second-place trophy was presented to All-City Refrigeration, and Adams Realty won the third-place team. Evelyn Galinas earned the Individual Girls' High Single - 223. Irene Kent took the Girls' Hi-Three - 580. Mens' Hi Single went to Mike Vale - 247, and Ray Lukas took the Mens' Hi-Three - 614. The championship team consisted of Ralph Stankus, Julius Bridgevaitis, Helen Mykolaitis, Kay and Chuck Paulson. Congratulations to all the winners. To the losers: don't despair! Better luck next year at the Southfield Bowl. The bowling committee, Frank Petroski, Vic Neven, Jos Gurriero and Lillian Stepan, worked hard to make the banquet a fun-loving get-together.

There was a goodly number of members in attendance for the May 2 meeting. It was a pleasure to see three "new faces" of menfolk - Anthony Dainus, John Belickas and Frank Zager. Some of the important substance discussed on the agenda were the Family Day Picnic, hosting a '74 National K of L Convention, and the formulation of a committee to erect some memorial in commemoration of the K of L at the new Divine Providence church. Our Ritual Chairman, John Kolinske, resigned after a fine, lengthy term, and Bertha Janus accepted to serve as the new Ritual Chairlady of our

council. Julia Belickas replaced Vicki Chepelonis who resigned, with our regrets, to serve on the executive board; and Maggie Smailis agreed to accept the Ritual Chairmanship of Mid-Central Dist., to replace Frank Gudelis whose death created a vacancy in that category. Congratulations to the new members in their respective offices.

Vicki Chepelonis reported on the Bake Sale and Bazaar, held on St. Patrick's weekend, which brought in a fantastic profit. A pledge will be fulfilled from C-79 toward the Building Fund of the new church. Pres. Ruth Grasha expressed her gratitude to Vicki and the entire committee for their wonderful efforts, and to the members for all their contributions.

Following the meeting, a "skanus" social was enjoyed Labai Ačiū to Helen Tucker, assisted by Julie Belickas and little Eleanore Grasha.

SOFFI SNOOPING:

While all bedlam let loose with floods, earthquakes, and the like, M/M Wm. Grasha took off for a two-week vacation to Florida. Daughter Ruth Grasha and little Eleanore Anne were left "batching" and tending to the house... Our sympathy to Barbara Sackle and her family upon the death of her brother, Nicholas Marklin. Remember him in your prayers... Eleanor Waskiewicz spent some time in the hospital with a siege of illness. She and her husband, Victor, will return to their resort community in upper Michigan, after a winter's stay in Detroit. We hope Eleanor recuperates quickly and stays well... The Frank Zagers are gaining another lovely daughter-in-law, Carol Yurgo. She and son, Gerry Zager, announced their engagement on Easter, and the wedding is due on Nov. 9... A ring in our ear, and we found out that Tony Sokolski is making a remarkable recovery following a serious car accident... Vicki Chepelonis co-ordinated a group of our ladies for the Annual Lilac Fashion Show on May 8 to

benefit the Sisters of the Poor, at the Raleigh House. It couldn't be better; it was a "day out" for the gals... Antoinette Zilvitis showed her artistic talents by making all the centerpieces for her Divine Child benefit project. Just ask a busy person for help, and you get the job done. Ann has always been willing to assist whenever asked... Away from her job is Julia Belickas who retired after 31 years with the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. "That's long enough, and I just want to take things easy", according to Julie. Best wishes upon your retirement, and we hope you will enjoy those leisure years.

Our hopes are for a nice summer and happy vacations. Keep safe. See you all in the fall.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

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Culture was the word for April with Ada Sinkwitz decorating and Judy Petrokas setting up the display of Lithuanian Easter Eggs at the University of Dayton John F. Kennedy Memorial Union Hall for the week of April 16-23. Then, Mary Lucas lent her Lithuanian items, accumulated through the years, to St. Henry's Catholic Church on Apr. 26 for their Card Party. They used an International Display as their theme. Joe and Aldona Ryan, Joe and Amelia August attended and report it was very much a success!

For the month of May, George and Frances Mikalauskas set up a Folk Art Display booth at the University of Dayton Kennedy Memorial Union Hall. On display were pictures of shrines that George made for various council members and Holy Cross parishioners; woven material sent to the Mikalauskas' from family in Lithuania; models of miniature shrines belonging to members and parishioners; pieces of amber; a picture of Our Lady of Siluva made entirely of amber laid in wood that belonged to our deceased Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Titas Narbutas; and books belonging to Sarunas and Maria Lazdinis. This display was

very well received!

On Apr. 17 Ada Sinkwitz had a home Mass, open to members and friends, which was celebrated by Rev. V. Katarskis. Attendance was good. Aldona Ryan accompanied the singing on Kathy Sinkwitz's home organ. Open petitions by participants made the Mass so much more meaningful and personal.

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Mrs. Isabel Latos and to Ildephonsas Bucmys. Ildephonsas is recuperating from his second cataract surgery. We are pleased to hear Joe Noreikas was not injured during a recent auto accident.

Congratulations are sent out to Joe and Eleanor Mantz on the birth of their first grandchild, a girl, Julia Ann! Also, to Charles and Frances Vangas who went to Kansas City to welcome their newest granddaughter.

It was good to see our Grand Rapids, Mich. members, Joe and Ann Boeke and their family. They were in town visiting Ann's mother, Ada Sinkwitz, for the Easter Holiday. Joe and Ann's children participated in the Resurrection Mass with the other children of Holy Cross Parish. After Mass, all (the children, altar boys, choir and ushers and their families) participated in a light breakfast in the church hall, and an Easter egg hunt. Joe and Eugenia Gecas, Mike and Fran Petkus, with the help of Fr.



C-96: Leaving for Retreat: Mike Petkus - Alex Pietrzak, George Mikalauskas.

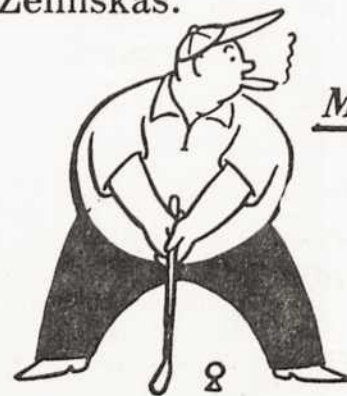
Walter, took charge of the program.

It was also good to see Jerry Roberts in for Easter from Denver, Colorado. Jerry is stationed there for the present time with the Air Force. His wife, Cathy, was sure happy to see him. Until Jerry has a set station, Cathy has remained in Dayton.

Crafts for April were candy making with a professional instructor and bread dough art by Elaine Pocavsky. George Mikalauskas is making plans to construct miniature shrines for indoors. Anyone interested should contact George to place their order.

Charles Petkus had the opportunity to visit with our Syracuse, N.Y. members, Frank and Irene Petrauskas, on a recent business trip. Frank informed Charlie he again participated in Syracuse's International Fair representing the Lithuanian Display.

June birthdayites are Rev. Walter Katarskis, Fred Kondrotas, Judy Petrokas, Ann Scott, Mildred and Ray Steinbrunner. July birthdayites are Stan Kavy, Fran and Peter Petkus, Stan Vaitkus, Tom Scott, Albina Wallis, Joe Mantz, Albert Owens and Jerry Roberts. June anniversary greetings are sent out to George/Frances Mikalauskas, Charles/Sarah Petkus, Joe/Aldona Ryan, Stan/Helen Vaitkus, C. Mike/Eileen Wilemaitis, John and Jane Petkus. Anniversary greetings for July go out to Jim/Carol Urban and George and Frances Zelinskas.



MID-ATLANTIC

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C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Liberty Lady

FEBRUARY EVENTS: Starting with a Feb. 4 Council meeting, pre-planning was the keynote for



C-12: Committee presentation of Plaque on St. Casimir's Day to Mary Shalins for leadership in Lithuanian community. (l to r): Mary York, Mary Shalins, John Yorkus.

K of L business. With excellent attendance, motions and committee work were dispatched in record time making it an interesting meeting for all.

Our prayers for the Independence of Lithuania were offered at Mass on Feb. 18 with hopeful wishes that God in His infinite wisdom will find the Nation worthy of freedom.

On the FEAST DAY OF ST. CASIMIR, Lietuvos Vyčių Patron Saint, we had cause for more than one celebration. After attending Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church, we gathered in the church hall for Communion breakfast. Second degree Knighthood was bestowed upon Helen Matthews, Millie Pietz, Jim Sabal, Connie Siatsis, Matthew Yatkauskas and Ann Zindzius. The Ritual Chairman, Helen Cuperwich, officiated at the ceremony. Congratulations! We're off to a good start with overdue rituals. Happy to say, a second life member in C-12, Mary York, was presented with a life membership certificate.

In recognition of Rev. George Gurinskas' cooperation with us as Pastor of Our Lady of Vilnius Church, we donated \$200. to the church coffers. As a current financially-sound K of L Council, we remembered that there were periods of time in the past when we could not observe all our obligations. We took this oppor-

tunity to express our gratitude to Rev. Gurinkas for his understanding.

This year we broadened our Lithuanian horizons and looked outside of K of L circles for a worthy person deserving of honor on St. Casimir's Day. By unanimous choice, C-12 is pleased to announce that MARTYE ANTANAITIS SHALINS of Woodhaven, N.Y., was honored for her personal qualities of leadership, service and good-will given to the Lithuanian Community. Her heartfelt generosity and staunch support of perpetuating Lithuanian culture and religious causes is known to everyone. A former resident and parishioner of St. George Church in Philadelphia, Pa., Martye has been living in the New York area for about 23 years. Currently she is a parishioner of Annunciation Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., and actively participates at church functions. We are proud of the fact that she had been a former K of L member in C-12, and we hope she rejoins the Vyčiu National organization in the near future. A successful business woman, Martye has also been blessed with a family of two sisters, three brothers and Mother who reside in Philadelphia. She has loving memories of a



C-12: 2nd Degree Knighthood bestowed upon (l. to r.) James Sabal, Helen Matthews, Ann Zindzius, Millie Pietz, Matthew Yatkaukas, by Ritual Chairman, Helen Cuperwicz.

cousin who was a Foundress and Mother General of the Sisters of St. Casimir in Chicago, Mother Maria Kaupas. Liberty for Lithuania can only be achieved if we, who live in America and other free countries, lend our support and help to keep alive the memory of Lithuania with activities that perpetuate the language and culture. Maryte Antanaitis Shalins is a shining example of those who

help through their tireless and enthusiastic efforts, and we in C-12 were happy to award a plaque of recognition to a gracious American Lady of Lithuanian Heritage.

Our thanks to the General Chairmen of the St. Casimir event, Jovita and Joseph Sleder, for their extra special efforts in arranging the Communion breakfast. The committee members found it a pleasure to work with them, which was evident by the donations, services and plain old-fashioned work. Joseph Sleder, a Past President of C-12, extended gracious hospitality to the ladies, making them feel like a "Queen of the Day".

World traveler John Antanavičius has returned from Innsbruck, Austria, and although for the record it was a skiing trip, we heard John was too fascinated by the scenery to bother venturing forth on the slopes. Foreign Correspondent Matthew Yatkaukas has returned from Belgium and is now in the swing of things in K of L. Welcome back.

After a short meeting on April 1 to resolve future council plans, C-12 as a group participated at the Rosary Society Communion



C-12: A second life membership certificate in Council presented to MARY YORK by Helen Matthews, Treasurer and Leon Waskiewicz, President.

Draugas
 4545 W. 63rd St.
 Chicago, Ill. 60629

VYTIS
 1625 W. Marquette Road
 Chicago, Ill. 60636
 Return Requested



*C-12: General Chairmen of St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast:
 Past President Joseph Sleder and Jovita Sleder.*

was a 5 P.M. Mass for Supreme Council intentions followed by a buffet supper.

President Leon Waskiewicz and council members were on hand to welcome the guests and extend their hospitality.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in
 your prayers ...

JOHN BECK (BIEKSHA)

Member - C-29, Newark

Died May, 1973

I DIDN'T HAVE TIME

I got up early one morning,
 And rushed right into the day,
 I had so much to accomplish
 That I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me
 And heavier came each task,
 "Why doesn't God help me?" I
 wondered
 He answered, "You didn't ask."

I tried to come into God's presence
 I used all my keys at the lock.
 God gently and lovingly chided,
 "Why, child, you didn't knock."

I wanted to see joy and beauty
 But the day toiled on, grey and
 bleak,
 I wondered why God didn't show
 me,
 He said, "But you didn't seek."

I woke up early this morning
 And paused before entering the day,
 I had so much to accomplish
 That I had to take time to pray.



Breakfast.

IN MEMORIAM: We regret to announce the death of John Subacius. A friend of C-12, we shall have a lasting remembrance of his artistic work as the artist who designed our Vyčiu Emblem Shield. May his soul rest in peace.

What better way of ending a "Council News" column than by announcing six new members. Formerly considered as friends of ours in the Rosary Society, they have now done us the honor of joining the Knights of Lithuania. The dedicated women for God and Country are Mrs. Mickalina Baltadonis the Vice President of Rosary Society, Mrs. Josephine Katkus, Mrs. Agnes Krauss, Mrs. Ona Kscenaitis the Treasurer of Rosary

Society, Mrs. Anna Lukscha and Mrs. Mary Yasevec. They are all splendid women whom we have known for many years. May they enjoy the benefits of Lietuvos Vyčiu as we shall in turn gain from their wisdom.

Our council hosted the SUPREME COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING on June 16, and all members looked forward to meeting the Supreme Council officers, chairmen, district presidents and honorary members at Our Lady of Vilnius Parish Hall. Chairman for the day was Mary York.

Light refreshments were provided for the early arrivals who were able to relax before the meeting. After the meeting there