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A view of Gediminas Square, with Gediminas Castle,
Vilnius Cathedral and Bell Tower

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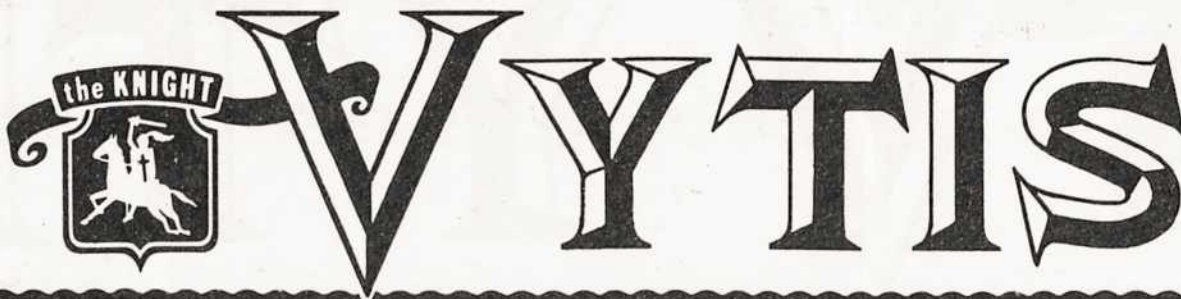
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THE 650 ANNIVERSARY OF VILNIUS AS CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA

ALGIRDAS BUDRECKIS

City of a hundred church spires, Gothic and Baroque palaces, winding cobblestones and brick-laid streets and medieval archways, Vilnius is the political and cultural center of Lithuania. On January 25, 1323 Grand Duke Gediminas drafted his famous letters to Western cities, designating the city of Vilnius as his capital. This year, Lithuanians throughout the world observe the 650th anniversary of the Lithuanian capital.

The "Chronicle of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and Samogitia" relates a legend which has gained wide acceptance as an account of the founding of Vilnius. This legend has come down through the ages to this day. Thus wrote the anonymous Scribe of the "Chronicle":

"On one occasion, Grand Duke Gediminas rode out from his capital Kernavė to hunt five miles beyond the River Vilija and in a forest discovered a splendid hill, surrounded by oaken glens and rolling plains. And this site pleased him greatly, and he settled down in this place, causing a city to be built, and named the city Trakai. That is, he moved his capital from Kernavė to where Senieji Trakai is situated. Shortly thereafter Grand Duke Gediminas set out to hunt four miles from Trakai, and discovered a beautiful mountain near the River Vilija. On this mountain he encountered a huge aurochs (tauras), and did slay the beast on the mountain, which today bears the name Taurakalnis. And it was too late in the evening to return to Trakai. So the Grand Duke decided to spend the night in the valley of Šventaragis, where the first grand dukes were cremated on ceremonial pyres. The Grand Duke slept in the hallowed valley. And while he slept, he dreamed that on the mountain which was then called Kreivasis kalnas, and now bears



the appellation Plikasis kalnas, did stand a great iron wolf. And from the throat of this marvelous beast came the sound of a hundred wolves howling. He awoke from his slumber, and spoke to his seer, named Lizdeika, who had been discovered as a babe in an eagle's lair (and it was the self-same Lizdeika, the supreme seer of Duke Gediminas, and later chief druid). And Gediminas bade his seer: 'I dreamed wondrous dream'. The Grand Duke related everything which appeared to him in the dream. And Lizdeika spoke: 'Lord Duke, the great iron wolf signifies that the capital city shall stand on this spot, and the tremendous howling from within the iron wolf means that the fame of this city shall spread throughout the world. And immediately on the morrow, remaining in this place, Gediminas did send for people and caused a castle to be erected in Šventaragis, calling it Žemoji pilis, and he built a second castle on Kreivasis kalnas, now called Plikasis kalnas, and gave both castles the name of Vilnius. And Gediminas built a city on the site, moving his capital from Trakai to Vilnius..."

Of course, Vilnius was inhabited since the Stone Ages as archaeological findings prove. Its strategic location drew the ancestors of the

Lithuanians to the river valley surrounded by hillocks. Whatever is the actual date of the founding of Vilnius, to this day 1323 is accepted as the official year of the historic beginning of the city, and Gediminas bears the honor of being the city's founder.



VILNIAUS MEDALIS

Vilniaus Krašto lietuvių sąjungos pirmininkui Kaziui Veikučiui pasiūlius, Detrote sudarytasis jungtinis komitetas Vilniaus sukačiai minėti pritarė išleisti Vilniaus medalį ryšium su Vilniaus miesto 650 metų sukaktimi.

Medaliui projektą parengė Eduardas Vasiliauskas. Norima atliedinti aukso, bronzos ir gal sidabro medalius 25c JAV centų didumo. Šiuo metu rūpinamasi medalio parengiamaisiais darbais.

Vilnius

Nereikia jo statyt iš naujo,
Tik pavartyt senus istorijos lapus:
Iš meno, geležies ir kraujo
Jo veidas išraiškingai prakalbus...

Epochiniais namais ir bokštais,
Su kryžiais, su žalčiais, saulutėmis juose,
Su vyskupų, karalių sostais,
Vaidilų kankinių mirtim drąsia.

Su moterim Ievom, Marijom,
Sutraukiusiomis ir surišusioms kelius,
Kai gimdė laisvėm ir vergijom--
Šventuosius dangui, žemei karalius.

Su dienų vieškeliomis ilgaisiais,
Su pokyliais, svaigiom vasarėm naktimis,
Su vakarų kultūros vaisiais,
Pietų gėlėm ir šiaurės žiemomis.

Su mūruose patraukų tūtom--
Budriom akim, langų langeliais apskritais,
Su žolinėm, verbom ir rūtom,
Su katedrose aukurais šventais.

Su pamatuos suspaustais turtais,
Su požemiuose miegančiais šarvuos kariais--
Kardais su likimu sudurtais--
Belaukiančiais, kada kovot išleis.

Su vėliavom poetų skargu
Neštom per vandenį ir nuometus liepsnų,
Per garbės gaudesį atvangų,
Per pusnį, spindesį šviesos sparnų.

Dabar, kai legenda kilnoji
Po pelenais sudegintos aukos gyva,
Tu laisvas grandines kilnoji,
Žydėdamas pro sniegą alyva.

Pažinę tavo būdo dydį,
Kryžiuočiai, lenkai, rusai, polovcai, gudai...
Jie tavęs Lietuvai pavydi,
Nes niekados garbės nepraradai.

Savo krauju maitindamasis,
Grumtynių ištverme į pergalę grįžtas,
Tu pelikanas Lietuvos gyvasis
Ir, atidavęs kraują, nemirštas.

Iš Naujai Išleisto J. Augustaitytės-Vaičiūnienės
Poezijos Rinkinio RŪPESTIS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VILNIUS

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

.....VILNIUS derived its name from "vilnis", meaning "wave" in Lithuanian, although the city is not situated on the seacoast, but at the confluence of two scenic rivers, the Neris and the Vilia.

.....VILNIUS Academy, established in 1579, became VILNIUS University in 1773 and is now the second oldest University in Europe.

...Lithuania's DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE was signed in VILNIUS on February 16, 1918.

.....The first Lithuanian newspaper, "Vilniaus Zinios" was published in VILNIUS in 1904 and survived until 1909.

.....Napoleon Bonaparte, pausing with his army in VILNIUS during the Napoleonic Wars, became enchanted with the beauty of Vilnius' Gothic St. Ann's Cathedral, and said he'd "like to carry it back to Paris in the palm of his hand."



St. Ann's Church.



Vilnius University - The Great Quadrangle.

.....People of many nationalities have inhabited VILNIUS, and VILNIUS has accepted them all, making them her own and never allowing them to destroy her Lithuanian character.

.....VILNIUS is the home of the miraculous and revered painting of Our Lady of "Ausros Vartai" — Gate of Dawn, situated over the gate to the old city. Many miracles, healings, favors, are attributed to prayer at the famous painting, embellished in exquisite gold and silver. While Communist occupiers have closed many churches in VILNIUS and converted others to museums, they have not dared to dismantle the painting or to prohibit Mass and devotions there.

.....Thaddeus Kosciusko, hero of the American Revolution, was born in VILNIUS, as were Adam Miskiewicz, the famed writer, and many other outstanding artists, musicians, and patriots.



.....VILNIUS survived many tragedies.....fire, plagues, and invasions by the Crusaders, Russians, Swedes, French, Germans, Poles and most recently the Soviets, but her hardships could not put out VILNIUS' flame. VILNIUS remains a Lithuanian city of romance, lyricism, and religiosity.

..... In establishing VILNIUS in 1323, Gediminas indeed created a strong "Iron Wolf" from which sprang many famous Lithuanians. Vilnius echoes are still heard throughout the world.



Painting "Our Lady of "Aušros Vartai".

A.A. JUOZAS OLŠAUSKAS

Šių metų rugpiūčio mėnesio 12 dieną, sekmadienio pvakarį, Amsterdame, staigiai mirė teatralas, dainininkas, kanklininkas ir paskutinis Dzimdzi-Drimdzi narys Juozas Olšauskas.

Velionis buvo gimęs 1893 metais rugsėjo mėnesio 23 dieną, Talokių kaime, Alytaus apskrityje. Dar visai jaunas būdamas pradėjo mokytis muzikos pas kompozitorių A. Kačanauską, o vėliau lankė muziko J. Naujelio vargonininkų kursus Kaune. Karo audrų išblokštas iš savo krašto, Petrapilyje dainavo kompozitoriaus C. Sasnausko profesionalų chore. Pokariniiais metais grįžo į Lietuvą ir kurį laiką vargoninkavo prelado Mirono parapijoje, tačiau tuo nepasitenkino ir persikėlė į Kauną. Čia tuojau įsijungė į Tautos Teatrą, kartu lankė Sutkaus vedamą Dramos Studiją ir įsijungė į besikuriančią satyrinio teatro grupę - Vilkolakį. Tuo pačiu metu Juozas lankė ir Naujelio vedamą Aukštesniąją Muzikos Mokyklą (Konservatoriją), kurioje vėliau pats dėstė tarimą - dikciją.

Operos solistas Kipras Petrauskas norėjo, kad jis rimtai studijuotų operą, bet liaudies dainos ir teatras buvo jam mielesnis. Su Vanagaičiu ir Dineika, jis 1924 metais patraukė į Ameriką ir sudarė garsiąją Dzimdzi-Drimdzi grupę. Lietuviai, išsimėtę po visas Amerikos kolonijas, labai gerai prisimena kanklininką - vaidilą Juozą Olšauską, kuris daug metų juokino, graudino atvykėlių lietuvių širdis.

Dzimdzi-Drimdzi grupei sumažėjus, o vėliau nustojus gastroliuoti, Juozas pagyveno kurį laiką Chicagoje. Vėliau patraukė vargonininkauti į Clevelandą, Detroitą, New Britain ir 1936 metais, kunigo J. Židanavičiaus pakviestas, apsiėjo Amsterdame. Čia Juozas tuojau sustiprino chorą ir sudarė



teatralų grupę. Taip pat Amsterdame J. Olšauskas buvo ilgametis Vyčių narys, Amerikos Lietuvių Klubo narys-rėmėjas, BALF'o Skyriaus ir A.L. Bendruomenės apylinkės steigėjas ir Amerikos Lietuvių Vargonininkų Sąjungos sekretorius. Visų jo paruoštų koncertų ir vaidinimų neįmanoma paminėti. Paminėtina tik, kad be visų kitų darbų, jis per 12 metų vadovavo lietuviškai radijo programai, kurioje dažnai skambėjo lietuvių mėgstamos ir pageidaujamos plokštelės, įdainuotos jo paties - Juozo Olšausko - solo arba kartu su Vanagaičiu, Rakauskaite ir kt. Už nuopelnus lietuvių tautai Juozas buvo apdovanotas D.L.K. Gedi-

mino Ordinu.

Ir štai, tik 6 savaites prieš savo 80-jų metų gimtadienį, rugpiūčio 15 dieną, po gedulingų pamaldų Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčioje, šešių kunigų lydimas, Juozas paskutinį kartą apledo bažnyčią, kuri per paskutiniuosius 37 metus buvo jo visas gyvenimas. Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse, Amsterdame, jo karstas buvo apibarstytas iš Lietuvos atvežtomis nuo jo mirusios žmonos kapo žemėmis.

“Vienybės” redaktorius J. Valaitis, atsisveikinimo kalboje pabrėžė: “Juozas - tai vaidila, kanklininkas - visur ir visiems žinomas... priešų neturėjo... Jis atliko didelius darbus, buvo didelis veikėjas, todėl mums visiems teks prisiimti dalį jo pareigų...”

Alg. Kačanauskas, Amerikos Lietuvių Vargonininkų Sąjungos sekretorius: - (Juozas buvo) ... Šauklys Amerikoje - skelbęs Lietuvos meilę ir tėvynės grožį... Jo darbai liks mūsų atmintyse”...

Muzikos Žinių Redaktorius ir Vargonininkų Sąjungos pirmininkas Mamaitis, redakcijos kolektyvo ir Vargonininkų Sąjungos vardu pareiškė užuojautą visiems lietuviams, nes Juozas buvo visų mylimas draugas.

Kunigas K. Balčys, parapijos klebonas ir artimiausia Juozo giminitė Kašubienė apgailestavo netekus didelio veikėjo, giminės, draugo...

Tą sekmadienį ant vargonų klavišų, prie kurių jis praleido pusę savo gyvenimo, palikti Juozo akiniai mums priminė jo atliktą darbą muzikos ir meno srityse ir įpareigojo visus lietuvius tęsti jo pradėtą darbą.

Ilsėkis ramybėje, mielas Juozai, mes tavęs niekad neužmiršime!

L.H.



I am a poor soul. Poor indeed now, though in life I lacked little to satisfy my every whim. Here in painful Purgatorial loneliness I lack what I most desire, what I most need by the very craving of my nature. Poor indeed am I until I attain my goal, the very purpose for which I was created - nothing else than to possess my God, nothing else than to see Him in my flesh.

Heaven forbid that you should suffer as I am now suffering, but how else can you be convinced of the reality of my fate. My sufferings, it may surprise you, are really no different than those endured by the lost souls, for we have both lost Everything; they forever, but I in purgatory - temporarily. But do not for a moment consider that a consolation, for separation but for a fleeting moment from the Beatific Vision is excruciating torment.

Who are we, you may well ask, who languish here in torment? Prepare yourself for a shock. We are good Christians. In general we did fulfill the duties of our state in life; we did do some good. We practiced some charity; we avoided serious sin; we were more or less devoted to the Sacred Heart, our Blessed Mother, and the Saints, yet here we are. We practiced our faith; mostly we were not lukewarm, yet we are here.

Why are we, poor souls, then suffering? We are in agony because of little things, at least they so seemed to us then. A little lie, a little pride, a little vanity, but especially having neglected all those opportunities to be cheerful, affable, to say a kind word, to ease a burden here and there; well, just plain pure failure to cooperate with all those many, many actual graces that were so abundantly given us.

How clearly I see it all now. For it was not so much what I did that landed me here, but rather it was all that I did not do. I thought it was enough to avoid great evil, to practice a negative kind of religion. Now I am paying for my sloth, my pride that froze my tongue to say that word of kindness.

HAVE PITY ON ME, AT LEAST YOU, MY FRIENDS

by Edward Aksomaitis, MIC

I am a poor soul and you are my friends. I stand here gazing on the shores of a new and sublime life; an eternity of happiness and bliss with God, Mary, the Angels and Saints. My happiness is near, just within my grasp, but alas, I cannot help myself. You are able to shorten my stay in the purifying yet unbearable sufferings of Purgatory through your prayers. A visit and flowers on my grave will not release my soul, but a rosary, a mass, indulgences, and acts of mortification will. I need prayers, abundant prayers that will move the heart of the merciful God to open the door to eternal happiness.

Had my life been in danger while on earth, all of you would have rushed in to help me. You would have given of your own blood, even risked your lives for me. Then why not help me now?

(“The Marian”)

VĒLINĒS

LEONARDAS ANDRIEKUS

*Jau Vėlinės -
Užtemo skliautas mėlynas.
Nemato sielvartinga žemė saulės
Pro mano gedulą,
Pro mano ašaras.*

*Jau Vėlinės -
Kodėl taip, Dieve, vėlinies
Apšviesti savo pievų žiburėliais
Takus į mirusių
Pasaulių senkapius?*

*Yra ten kapas,
Nuo ašarų sušlapęs,
Kurį dar syki noriu apkabinti
Ir, saulėn keldamas,
Giedoti Amžinatilsį.*

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LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE NOTES

DAY OF SHAME

The by-now historical Kudirka incident of Nov. 23, 1970, sent shockwaves through the complacent bedrock of American society. It also served to dispel, to some degree, the lingering apathy that was spreading throughout Lithuanian American circles.

The scope of the incident stirred many a literary spirit. It is no surprise then that the first work to appear on this subject in English is by a Lithuanian.

The same anger that most Lithuanians and many Americans experienced in 1970, is illicted again by the recently released book DAY OF SHAME. Author Algis Ruksenas was born in Lithuania in 1945 and came to the US with his refugee parents in 1949, settling in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended both Western Reserve University and Illinois State University, receiving both a B.A. and M.A. He is an experienced journalist.

His several years of research have produced an intelligent and frequently moving narrative that sets the stage, describes in detail Kudirka's actual removal from the Coast Guard Cutter and the entire incident's aftermath. The narrative is embellished with a look at Kudirka's career as a seaman, the Coast Guard's and the State Department's ignorance of the US policy of non-recognition of the Baltic annexation by the Soviet Union and a review of the entire problem of Russian fishing trawlers in US waters. Painstaking detail and concise appendices help make this opus a valid documentation of an important historical event.

Needless to say, DAY OF SHAME is worthy of everyone's attention.

The K of L Cultural Committee is happy to be able to offer this important book at a significant discount. Priced at \$6.00, individual and bulk orders will be happily filled by the National Cultural Chairman.

It has been a tradition for well meaning K of L'ers to make individual donations to the various National Committee Funds, most notably to the Lithuanian Affairs and Scholarship Funds.

With the establishment of a Cultural Fund at the 60th National Convention, K of L'ers interested in advancing the Cultural work of the Knights of Lithuania may make similar donations to this fund.

The Cultural Committee's two articles "Making Use of the Public Library" and "Making Use of the Radio" are available to all members. Both articles outline possible Cultural projects your council can undertake, step by step. Requests for copies should be directed to the National Chairman.

The artistic and beautiful Knights of Lithuania Shrine that first appeared publicly at Hallmark's Christmas Exhibit in New York and then in a local bank in Brockton during the National Convention is available on loan to K of L councils or districts. The group requesting its use will be responsible for all shipping charges as well as insurance. The Shrine, made of wood and carved in the Lithuanian tradition is ideally suited for display in Museums and Banks, at folk exhibits and in churches.

Requests for The Shrine should be directed to the National Cultural Chairman.

Slow sales of "Vai Lėkite Dainos" the K of L Choir's new record release bodes ill for the K of L's future ventures into support of recorded Lithuanian Music. Without a more positive response from our own membership, this important Cultural job, that of disseminating Lithuanian culture will be retarded. Let's get copies of this fine representative example of Lithuanian musical artistry into EVERY K of L home and into EVERY local school and library. This is a perfect project for every council's Cultural Committee. Place orders with the National Chairman at \$5.00 per album or \$3.00 each for orders of 25 records or more.

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

...Let us Give Thanks



Thanksgiving day is a fixed and permanent American institution. It is a beautiful custom, inaugurated in the beginning of our history, and carefully observed ever since. It is an outgrowth of the early religious character of the American people. It is a recognition of our dependence upon God. It is a proof to the world that, when we broke away from foreign political control, we did not presume to remove God, or reject His watchful providence. In every Thanksgiving proclamation by the president and the governors of the states there is an official pronouncement that this is a God-fearing nation, and that the progress which we have made during our short career, while due

in a secondary sense to our own indomitable efforts, is due primarily to the beneficence of the Most High.

We have been blessed and we should be thankful. No wonder that one day in the year should be set aside for the expression of our gratitude. When the American people cease to observe that day they will have forgotten the invisible Hand that strengthened them in their weakness and pointed out to them through many shadows the way that led to greatness.

The idea is good and full of reverence and yet, while we are proud of our nation's action in this

matter, as individuals we ought not to content ourselves with one day of Thanksgiving - we should thank God every day and every moment of the day for His countless blessings - nor ought we to rest, satisfied with Thanksgiving. There is just a slight suggestion of the Pharisee in exclusive Thanksgiving - "Lord, I thank Thee that I am not like the rest of men". There are other forms of prayer and other forms of divine worship which demand our attention. We must pray that God will pardon our sins, we must adore and praise His goodness, we must ask Him to give us our daily bread and all that is necessary for soul and body.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IN LITHUANIAN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 3, 1320 Gediminas, then King of Lithuania dealt the first of a series of crushing defeats to the belligerent Knights of the Cross, the Teutonic Order. The final blow to the invaders would come in another century at Gruenwald-Tannenberg in 1420.



NOVEMBER 2, 1862 The famed Lithuanian poet-writer-priest Father Maironis was born in Siluva. The writings of Maironis contributed to the 19th Century reawakening of Lithuanian nationalistic feelings that eventually led to the declaration of Independence in 1918. His words have provided inspiration for countless musical compositions and continue to represent the finest in Lithuanian lyric poetry. He died in June 1932.

NOVEMBER 4, 1893 Lithuanian Poet Kazys Binkis was born in the village of Gudeliai. Binkis became the most prominent exponent of the modern literary movement known as the KETURI VĖJAI (the 4 Winds). His first work VERSES, published in 1920 was much more naturalistic than modern. It treated

the simple beauties of natural surroundings in a fresh and delicate manner. After several years of experimental works with the modernists, Binkis returned to the classical styles he loved best. He died in April of 1942.



NOVEMBER 16, 1899 Dr. Vincas Kudirka, author of the words and music of the Lithuanian National Anthem, died at the age of 41. Kudirka's Hymn LIETUVA TĖVYNĖ MŪŠŲ was written in 1898, only a year before his death. The words of the third stanza were engraved on his monument. It read, "May the sun of our beloved shore, May our faith and the truth keep our pathway lighted". These engravings were eventually removed by Russian police. The Hymn, always popular and stirring, was elevated to the title of National Anthem during Lithuania's Independence period.

NOVEMBER 21-23, 1905 The so-called Grand Conference of delegates convened in Vilnius to take preliminary steps toward the declaring of an independent republic of Lithuania. Thirteen more years

of dedicated effort would be required before complete restoration of freedom was attained in February 1918.

NOVEMBER 10, 1922 The Vatican at Rome extended "de jure" recognition to the independent republic of Lithuania. Earlier in the same year, the International Conference of Ambassadors extended similar recognition. "De jure" recognition remains to this day the backbone for continuing legal resistance to Lithuania's incorporation into the Soviet Union.

NOVEMBER 13, 1965 Thousands attended a Baltic Rally in New York's Madison Square Garden to pro-

test 25 years of Soviet colonization and occupation in the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The wide publicity received from the radio, TV and press, brought new supporters to the rallying cry, "Freedom for the Baltic States".

NOVEMBER 23, 1970 A Lithuanian sailor, Simas Kudirka, aboard a Russian vessel, made a desperate attempt to escape to freedom by leaping aboard a US Coast Guard Cutter "Vigilant". His forcible removal and return to the Russians made him a hero, making his name a rallying cry for numerous national demonstrations and letter writing campaigns that brought Lithuania's plights and the fate of her people to world attention.



November

- 3 C-96, Dayton - ELECTION NIGHT DINNER, Holy Cross Church, Dayton, Ohio
- 11 C-96, Dayton - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Holy Cross Church, Dayton, Ohio
- 11 TELEVISION MASS, Channel 7, WNAC, Government Center, Boston, Mass. Sponsored by New England District.
- 17 C-17 & 17 Srs. - NOVEMBER FEST, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club, So. Boston, Mass.
- 17-18 American-Lithuanian Council (ALTAS) Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois
- 17 K of L Choir CONCERT/DANCE - K of L Bldg., Chicago, Illinois

December

- 8 CHICAGO JUNIORS, Chicago Historical Society, Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- 15 C-112, Chicago - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Illinois

January

- 12 C-96, Dayton - DANCE, Lithuanian Hall, Dayton, Ohio
- 19 K of L Choir - ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER-DANCE, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Illinois

May

- 18-20 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Dayton, Ohio - C-96 Hosts

May 30-June 1, 2

"INTERNATIONAL A'FAIR" - Dayton Convention Center, Dayton, Ohio

June 28 - July 12

K of L PILGRIMAGE/EXCURSION to Europe.

August

61st National Convention

K of L Calendar

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



GOD DAY

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THE THIRD ANNUAL GOD-DAY and MASS RALLY, sponsored by Concerned Citizens for God and Country, took place Sept. 15, 1973 at St. John's University, Jamaica, N.Y. At the altar during the Pontifical Concelebrated Mass are (l. to r.) The Most Reverend Vincent Brizgys, Exiled Bishop of Kaunas - Lithuania (as listed in program); The Most Reverend Charles P. Greco, D.D., Bishop of Alexandria, Supreme Chaplain Knights of Columbus; and The Most Reverend Joseph M. Pericone, D.D., J.C.D., Auxiliary Bishop of New York... Also pictured are Rev. Frank Bulovas, pastor - Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, and K of L, M.A.D. Spirtual Adviser, Rev. Stasys Raila, Chairman - Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid; Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas, P.A., P.E. - Transfiguration Church, President - Lithuanian Priests' League (all K of L members). Others in attendance included Assemblywoman Rosemary Gunning; Henry S. Middendorf, Jr., Chairman N.Y. County Conservative Party; Timothy Mitchell, President CCGC... Not visible are Senator John J. Marchi, Senator Martin Knorr, Thomas J. Cuite - Vice President City Council, and Congressman Mario Biaggi.

Bishop Brizgys' address to the congregation at the Rally was heartily applauded.

About 1,000 persons, including many other dignitaries, dedicated a beautiful, hot Saturday afternoon to publicly revere "God and Country", - but many more were expected as gauged by 1972 attendance in Washington, D.C.!!

It was good to see quite a few Lithuanians present. We were especially proud to hear well-deserved praise for the Lithuanian Folk Dancers of New York (Jadvyga Matulaitis, director) after their performance at the Rally. Later speakers alluded to their dedication, grace, agility and beautiful national costumes. Bob Mara, who filmed the girls for CBS-TV, whispered in awe to CBS reporter, Patricia Reilly, - "Aren't they beautiful!"

The KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA and 47 other organizations were listed in the "Grateful Acknowledgement" section of the program.



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The Knights of Columbus, in full dress regalia, added much importance and color to the GOD-DAY ceremonies as did the Catholic War Veterans (Lithuanian/Vincent Aboyas, Queens County Commander, standard bearer - 2nd from right), Women's Auxiliaries, Scout troops, choirs, band, drum and bugle corps.





TOUR OF LITHUANIAN CHICAGO

The Ninth International Anthropological and Ethnological Congress was held in Chicago from Aug. 28 to Sept. 8. Twenty members of the Congress attended a special tour through the Brighton and Marquette Park areas provided by the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Mary Krauchunas, Casimir Baltramaitis, Elena Bradunas and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, Jr., personally escorted the group on the tour.

Among places visited in Marquette Park (known as Lithuanian Plaza) were Maria High School, Nativity B.V.M. grammar school and church, Holy Cross Hospital, Parama Lithuanian Food Store, Draugas Lithuanian newspaper, the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Casimir. In Brighton Park, the group visited the beautiful Lithuanian church, Immaculate Conception Church (Monsignor D. A. Mozeris, Pastor).

Pictured above is the group as they visited Holy Cross Hospital, one of the most modern and largest hospitals in the country, staffed with many Lithuanians.

"Homemakers Magazine", of Canada, in its September issue, writes of the Lithuanian ping-pong champion, Miss Violeta Nesukaitis, who was the "secret dragon" one of the few ping pongists who beat the Chinese in 1972.

A Latvian refugee has successfully fled from a Soviet ship, and reached Denmark via a submarine which picked him up, near Erezund. He asked for political asylum.

The Lithuanian Opera of Chicago, will present the Verdi Opera, "Masked Ball" next Spring... Vytautas Marijošius, of Connecticut, will be the conductor.

The 4th annual conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, will take place in May, 1973, at the Chicago Circle. The theme of the conference will be: "Modernization and Nationalism in the Baltic Area".

The September 22nd issue of the Plainfield, N.J. Courier - News, writes about Hollywood actor, Laurence Harvey. He was born in Lithuania, as Laurence Skinkis, in 1928.

Dick Butkus, Lithuanian football star, of Chicago, is appearing in the film, "Two Tough Guys", which is being done in Chicago, under the able direction of Dino Di Laurenti...

In its July issue, the American Journal of International Law, has a lengthy critique of the book, "Baltic States: A Study of their origin and national development, their seizure and incorporation into the USSR". The book was published by William S. Hein of New York.

On September 18th, the Assembly of Captive European Nations in New York, met in 'Plenary' session and addressed a memorandum to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, on the question of the usurpation of sovereign rights by the Soviet Union in the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

The Lithuanian folk song and dance troupe, "Lietuva", recently completed a successful concert tour in Belgium. The tour included a popular folk art exhibition in Oderheim, Belgium.

The Lithuanian Song ensemble "Daina", of Sydney Australia, will appear in concert at the opening of the new Opera House in that city, on October 26th.

The News-Record, of Rahway, N.J., in its October 4th issue, writes of the phenomenal success of its comptroller, American-Lithuanian Roger Pribush (Pribušauskas), who earned over \$209,000 in interest for that city in recent months. Roger Pribush was described by Mayor Daniel Martin, as "our comptroller, doing an outstanding job".

Miss Virginia Radinas, of Sydney Australia, a Lithuanian, has been selected to represent "Miss World", in the forthcoming beauty contest...

RAPRTAS LIETUVIŲ KALBOS REIKALU

60-tas SEIMAS BROCKTONE

Trumpai sutraukus, lietuvių kalbos reikalas mūsų organizacijoje yra labai aktualus ir labai apšleistas. Ar pažiūrėjus į VYTĮ, ar pasiklausius susirinkimo protokolo, ar pasiklausius viešų diskusijų ar privačių pasikalbėjimų, išpūdis vienodas - lietuvių kalba yra ta mūsų Cinderella, murzina, skarmalais aprenpta, į užpečkį nustumta ir pamiršta. Yra išimčių, brangių ir pavyzdinių, kurias sutiname radijo valandėlėse, kelių korespondentų pranešimuose laikraščiuose bei susirinkimuose tartame žody. Bet bendras vaizdas - liūdnas, apverktinas.

Konstitucija gali rašyti ką nori, mes gyvename be konstitucijos, išduodame kas mėnuo raportus, ir renkame naujas komisijas naujiems raportams išduoti. Bet esminis reikalas, pati mūsų tikslo širdis net neprisimenama.

Jei norime, kad organizacija šią reikštų mūsų ir lietuvių visuomenės gyvenime, jei norime ką pasiekti, eikime tiksliai, vytišku keliu; kitaip tik egzistuosime, leisime savo dieneles ir metelius be reikšmės.

Yra mūsų tarpe žmonių iš kurių lengviau gauti 10 dolerių negu dešimts lietuviškų žodžių. Jie nežino, kad dešimts lietuviškų žodžių yra auka daug vertingesnė, daug reikšmingesnė mūsų organizacijai ir mūsų tautai negu 10 dolerių. Dešimts lietuviškų žodžių yra jau pagrindas tautinio turto, yra tai lapas iš lietuvių tautos istorijos. Šimtą dolerių žmogus moka už sulūžusią kėdę vien dėlto, kad jis yra "antique". Kokią gi kainą uždėsime ant žodžio kurs šimtmečius keliavo per kovą, per lietuviškąją užsispyrimą, per Sibiro sniegus ir štai jis atsiranda mūsų nuosavybėj. Ir kodėl jį dabar laikyti užrakintą rūsy (sklepe) ar palubėj - ant garret - ir juomi nesinaudot? Medžiaginiai dalykai kad ir tvirčiau si -

iš marmuro ar plieno - sunyksta, nusidėvi, nuplyšta. O lietuviškas žodis nepasensta, nenusidėvi, bet su kiekvienu jo ištarimu nusišveičia, darosi gražesnis.

Kaip tą lietuvišką žodį pradėt naudoti? Kaip jį išlaisvinti iš to tamsaus, uždaryto kambario ir išleisti jį vėl į pasaulį, kad jis atsišviežintų, tyro oro gautų?

Yra sakoma, kad ilgiausia kelionė prasideda su pirmuoju žingsniu - the longest journey begins with a single step. Bet tas pirmas žingsnis kartais bauginantis. Tas pirmas žingsnis - ar mesti rūkyti, ar pradėti kokią naują projektą, reikalauja tam tikros drąsos, stiprios rezoliucijos. Kaip plaukikas noris patikrinti savo kojos pirštu ežero vandens temperatūrą. Tik su baime kyščiodamas koją į vandenį, toli nenuplauks, nes vanduo bus per šaltas, bauginantis. Bet jei jis didvyriškai prieš save ištis aukščiau galvos rankas, ir nuo aukštos lentos be didelių apskaičiavimų pliumpt į vandenį, a, jis sakys, koks gaivinantis vanduo (refreshing) ir po to seka visa popietė didžiausio malonumo.

Kaip pradėt? Kada? Iš pat ryto. Su pirmuoju pasisveikinimu su



savo draugais ar šeimos nariais. Pradėt dieną lietuviškuoju žodžiu, kaip priitinka tikram lietuviui. Tokiu būdu, ne vienas išidrasinęs po diskusijų Kennebunkport seime pabandė ir rado tai lengva ir malonu. Prie vieno žodžio dar pridėt ir antrą. Kaip einasi? Kaip sekasi? Kaip sveikata? Kaip išmiegojai, po vakarykščios? Pradžia. Pradžia naujos lietuvių dienos.

Ir taip daryt ne tik šiandien ar ryt, bet po ryt, ir dar kitą dieną ir ateinančią savaitę, ir ateinančią mėnesį, iki tai dienai kada mums bus skirta keliauti amžinybėn, ir dar prieš kelionę, jei suspėsime, pasakyti Ačiū Dievuli už viską ir už lietuvių kurią man suteikė ir kuri puošė mano gyvenimą per ilgą laiką.

Kur pradėt? Nagi susirinkime. Svarstant lietuviškus reikalus priitinka pagerbt ir lietuvišką žodį. Kaip gi gali būti natūraliau? Kaip gi gali būti gražiau? Ir visuose lietuvių suėjimuose, vakariene, piknikuose.

Lietuviškas žodis tegul būna mūsų vytiškas ženkliukas, kuris mus garbingai pažymės. Negi jau pamiršome ką mokė Vyčių geriausias draugas, prel. Krupavičius: Lietuvis su lietuvių kalba lietuviškai.

Bet, sakysite, lengva yra pakalbėt apie sriubą ir kopūstus, apie švarką ir sijoną, ir kitus mums regimus ir apčiuopiamus dalykus. Bet norint pakalbėt kiek plačiau, norint išsireikšti apie abstraktines idėjas, apie komunizmą, apie žmogaus teises, apie Vyčių siekius ir kitas abstraktines idėjas, kur aš gausiu reikalingų žodžių? Reikia, kad mano žodynas (vocabulary) būtų didesnis. Kaip aš tai galiu padaryti? Nagi paskiriant 15 minučių į dieną skaitymui lietuviško laikraščio ar knygos. Ten susitikime su daugybe naujų ir įdomių žodžių. Tuos kurie mums labiau pa-

tinka, dažniau naudotini, pabrėžkime, pakartokime, pasirašykime. Tik po vieną žodį į dieną užsirašius ir pasisavinus, koks turtingas pasidarytų mūsų vartojamas žodynas.

Norint dar didesnę pažangą padaryt, ir susipažinti truputį su gramatika, kodėl nepanaudoti Introduction to Modern Lithuanian. Tai labai geras veikalas, kalbos žinovų sustatytas, su anglų kalba paaikškinimais ir 40 atskirų pamokų. Neskubant, nepersidirbant, į metus laiko tikrai tą knygą galima lengvai užbaigt ir daug išmukt. O jeigu jūsų būrely atsirasit keli kiti su ta pačia knyga ir ta pačia intencija, kodėl nesusijungti į lietuvių kalbos ratelį ir nesusirinkti kas savaitę pusantros valandos darbui ir gal išsirinkus iš savo tarpo vadovą arba net mokytoją iš šalies pasikviest drauge bendrai padir-

bėti. Stebėtumės jūs patys kokią žymią pažangą jūs taip padarytumėt. Kur tą knygą gauti? Tur būt kiekvienam lietuviškam knygyne. Arba pasiųskite Darbininkui \$8.00 ir paprašykite, kad atsiųstų Introduction to Modern Lithuanian. Tai bus jūsų gyvenimui kultūrinis įnašas.

Dar vienas dalykas. Skelbkime lietuviško žodžio evangeliją ir plačiai mūsų visuomenei. Kvieskime visus, kad jie įsijungtų į šią tautinę misiją gelbėti, atgaivinti mūsų tarpe mūsų gražiąją kalbą. Čia tai būtų didžiausias mūsų laimėjimas.

Jablonskis, vadinamas lietuvių rašomosios kalbos tėvas, kuris iš didelės tai kalbai meilės, savo gyvenimą pašventė tą kalbą taisant, gražinant, yra taip pasakęs:

“Kalba yra visų didysis tautos, jos pačios pasistatytasis paminklas. Patys mes, būdami tautos vai-

kai, savo motinos paminklo negriaukime! Tvorele jį aptverkime ir tiems, kur žemę knisa, jo biau-rinti neleiskime. Tausokime (tau-pykime) jį - gerbkime, branginkime, puoškime, vainikuokime!” (Vairas, 1915).

Teisingai buvo pareikšta 1938 m. (8, 189) Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Studentų ir Profesionalų Sąjungos organe “Studentų Žody”:

“Mes giliai įsitikinę, jog kai tik nustos Amerikoje skambėjus lietuvių kalba, kai lietuvis į Dievą nustos kalbėjęs lietuviškai, ir kai mūsų laikraščiai bus angliški, tada ir pats lietuvis Amerikoje bus tik legenda”.

Nebūkime legenda, būkime gyvas, energijos pilnas organizmas.

Negriaukime savo tautos paminklo. Tėvynę ir jos senąją kalbą ginkime kuo narsiau.

Gyvuokime dar ilgiausius metus. Būkime Vyčiai, Lietuvos Vyčiai!



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AND

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MAY THE LORD GRANT YOU HIS PEACE!

Any donation by your council, district, or individual members to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, will be received with grateful appreciation by its President, the Most Reverend Vincent Brizgys, and the Rev. Stasys Raila, LCRA Executive Secretary. They are very appreciative of the K of L members many past kindnesses to LCRA.

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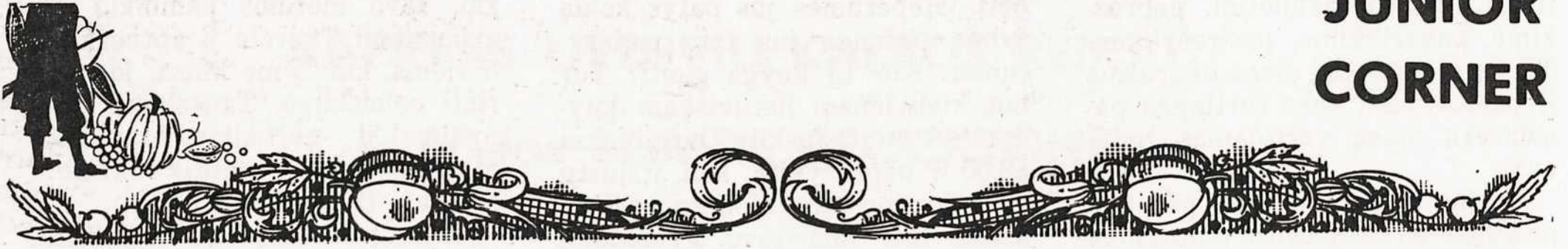
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Your charity will make Christmas a little brighter for our persecuted church in Lithuania.

John A. Stoskus



JUNIOR CORNER



AN OPEN LETTER TO JUNIORS:

ALL ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL CONVENTION?

The most exciting time of the Knights of Lithuania year comes with the National Convention held in August. The National Convention is the most powerful decision making body of the Knights of Lithuania. It is here that important decisions are made which may effect the entire future of the organization. It is also a time when fellow Knights from all over the country meet to share ideas, goals and comradeship.

Resolutions are passed which give us a voice far beyond Council or District as we, the Knights of Lithuania speak out, often addressing the President of the United States, our Senators and Representatives, and prominent people in the community. Resolutions are also passed which benefit our own members and the growth of our organization, such as the decision to administer the Ritual to Associate members, the drive to form new Councils in the State of Pennsylvania, and the formation of a Juniors' "Conventionship" Fund.

Guest speakers, many of them long-time K of Lers and experienced in many areas, are invited to address the convention delegates and lead them in discussions of ideas, problems, new programs, and special events. In this way, each delegate receives something new to bring back to the home Council or District.

It is at the National Convention that new Supreme Council Officers are elected for the coming K of L year. These officers serve as the guiding force for the organization throughout the year, putting into practice the programs initiated at the National Convention.

One of these officers, the First Vice President, is in charge of Junior programs and activities, and is available to you throughout the K of L year to help you with your Council's problems.

In addition to the business events, there is a full range of social events for all delegates and guests to enjoy. From recreational to Cultural, there is some activity to please everyone.

WHY JUNIORS AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION?

In addition to sharing in the excitement of the Convention, Juniors also have a special program at the National Convention. In the past, special tours, activities and menus have been planned with Junior participants in mind. A mini-Convention was also held to allow Juniors to make suggestions to the National Organization, as well as to discuss problems, share plans and programs, and make friends from other parts of the country. The coming National Convention should be equally exciting for Junior Members.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE THE NEXT CONVENTION YOUR CONVENTION?

The best Junior activities happen when you, the Juniors tell the National organization what you would like to do. Do you like folk dancing, singing, Lithuanian games? Would you enjoy a tour, or sessions in Lithuanian customs, language, music or art? All of these things can happen at the National Convention.

You can learn to

- ... make you meetings more interesting
- ... increase your understanding of the Lithuanian language
- ... make Lithuanian crafts
- ... understand what it REALLY means to be a Lithuanian, through learning her folklore and legends

The best conventions are planned early. Why not send your council's suggestions to the first Vice President this month. Good planning takes time, and the 61st National Convention can really be your convention, if you suggest the types of activities you would most like to have.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL... HOW CAN YOU GET TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION?

Regular Delegates to the National Convention are selected in a special way, according to the Knights of Lithuania Constitution. Council delegates are chosen according to the number of members that a Council has registered. Districts are eligible to send two Delegates to the National Convention. This year, for the very first time, the National Organization is offering "Conventionship" Awards to active Juniors, to encourage their participation in the National Convention. The award will be in the form of a \$50.00 grant. There will be four such awards for each District, to the four Juniors who have been most active and interested in the Knights of Lithuania in their own District.

HOW TO APPLY?

In January, the First Vice President of your District will provide your Junior Counselor with applications for those of you who wish to apply for a conventionship. Information will also be sent as to the dates and location of the Convention, as well as the approximate cost of the Convention stay. The application will include questions about your activities in the K of L, and your reasons for wanting to attend the National Convention.

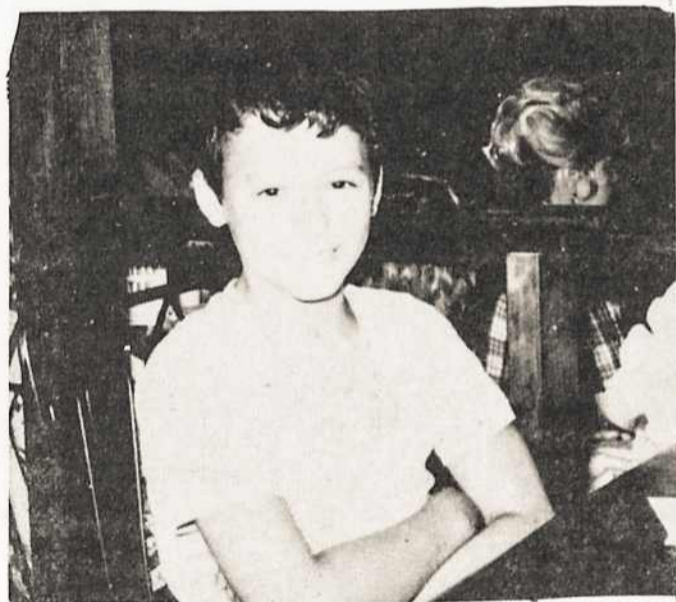
In addition, you will need your parents' consent, and letters of recommendation from your Spiritual Advisor, your Junior Counselor, and an officer of your regular parent Council. All application forms must be returned to your own District First Vice President by March 1, 1974. Selections of the Award winners will be done on the District level, because your District Executive Board is the closest to your activity. Announcements of the Conventionship winners will be made in May, 1974.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

EVERYONE who is currently a member of the Junior Knights of Lithuania who would like to share in the excitement and adventure of the 61st National Convention. Now is the time to become involved in the future of your organization, the Knights of Lithuania.

Vytiškai

Marian C. Skabeikis
First Vice President
Knights of Lithuania



Juniors - at work, prayer, play - at the 60th National Convention.

CHECKLIST FOR JUNIORS

COUNSELLORS AND OFFICERS

... Have all members, especially new members, filled out enrollment cards, and send them to the National Juniors' Vice President. This is very important as it is your members' formal record of membership as Juniors in the Knights of Lithuania. Upon completing the Enrollment cards, new members will receive their Membership Cards as Junior Knights of Lithuania.

... Do you know that Junior Dues are due in January? Paying your dues of \$5.00 per Council each year will keep your Council in good standing, and allow your members to be eligible for the Conventionship Award. Dues are payable to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary. Prompt payment of dues will also insure that your Council copies of VYTIS will continue, with information to benefit and interest your council.

... Has your Council offered its services to the District, especially at District Convention time? Junior councils make excellent assistants to the Executive Board, as waiters, as Cultural exhibitors, and as altar boys at Convention Masses. Volunteer to help your District and your parent Council in their activities. It will help you to understand your organization, and be a vital part of the Knights of Lithuania.

... Is a record kept of all members' activities for each Knights of Lithuania year? This record will be most important as the deadline for conventionship applications draws near.

... Does your Council have a correspondent to VYTIS? All Juniors anxiously await news of what YOUR Council is doing. Be sure to write up your activities, your elections and special events, and send them to the First Vice President

for inclusion in Junior News. Pictures of your activities are most welcome. Remember, the deadline for VYTIS is the 5th of the month before the next issue of the magazine, so please get your copy in early, to insure its place in Junior News.



JUNIOR COUNCIL NEWS

THE MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-110, JUNIORS

Junior Council 110 held their annual elections at their September 29 meeting. Elected to office were:

President - William Sidits
 Vice President - Jonas Stungurys
 Recorder - Robert Zebler
 Treasurer - Arunas Stungurys
 Sgt-at-Arms - Leon Stungurys
 Cultural Chairman - Leon Stungurys

Council 110 meetings have placed a strong emphasis on Lithuanian Culture and learning the Lithuanian language. Members have enjoyed a tape, available from the National Cultural Committee, on the history of Darius and Girenas, as well as lessons in Lithuanian vocabulary. The Lithuanian lesson included the use of adhesive stickers, where the words in Lithuanian could be written, and applied to the appropriate objects at home. Hopefully, 110 Juniors will begin to "think Lithuanian". Future plans include learning how to make Lithuanian Christmas tree ornaments, and displaying a Lithuanian tree in Transfiguration Church, Maspeth.

C-90, JUNIORS

Members of the C-90, Juniors of Kearney, New Jersey were presented at an Amber Ball held on Sunday, October 7 at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Club. Eighteen Juniors and their counselor, Diane Bachenas, were presented by Mistress of Ceremonies Genevieve Mozur.

A highlight of the evening was the Cultural Program, featuring Lithuanian Folk Dancing by the C-90 Juniors. The group, directed by Mrs. Elena Nakrosis, performed "Vakaruskos", "Lenciugelis" and "Sadute" in National costume. Later in the evening, a special guest, Vyts Beliajus of Denver, Colorado, known as "Mr. Folk Dance" by dancers of many nationalities, led the Juniors in an impromptu rendition of "Kalvelis"... and continued by teaching the adults a few ballroom-type Lithuanian dances.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to the C-90 Juniors!



MEMBERSHIP

A NEW COUNCIL

The K of L is alive and well in Scranton, Penna.! On Sunday, Sept. 23, Knights of Lithuania Council 74 was officially reorganized, under the auspices of Rev. Michael Ozalas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Scranton, and Miss Eva Kazokas. Six members of the Supreme Council - namely, Albert Ozalis, National 2nd Vice-President in charge of Membership, Irene Ozalis, National Financial Secretary, Marian Skabeikis, National 1st Vice-President in charge of Juniors, Philip Skabeikis, National Cultural Chairman, Loretta Stukas, VYTIS Editor, and Lillian Sasnauskas, National Ritual Committee member attended the initial meeting, explained the various aspects of the Knights of Lithuania to those assembled, and officially received the first 20 members into the organization. All Charter members of the newly reorganized council were also presented the First Degree of the Knights of Lithuania.



C-74 members take oath of membership.



Special Membership Committee at work.



Seated, C-74 officers: Helen Cravath, Secretary; Rev. Michal Ozalas, Spiritual Adviser; Eve Kazokas, President. Standing - S.C. Officers L. Stukas, A. Ozalis, M. Skabeikis, I. Ozalis, P. Skabeikis, L. Sasnauskas.



I. Ozalis collects dues from new C-74 officers.

Most of the new members are American born, second or third generation Lithuanians. They are especially fortunate to have in their midst a pastor who is interested in his heritage, and who actively sought members through the parish bulletin and from the pulpit.

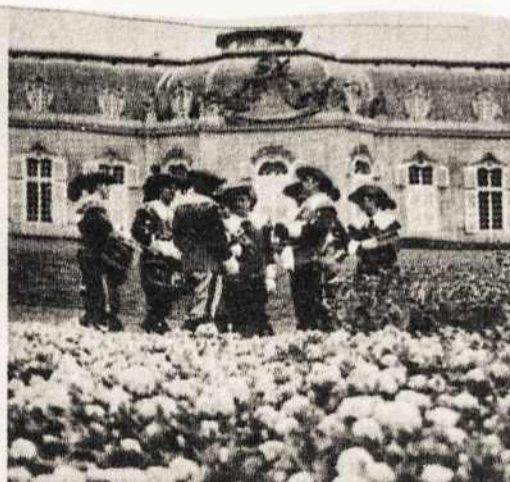
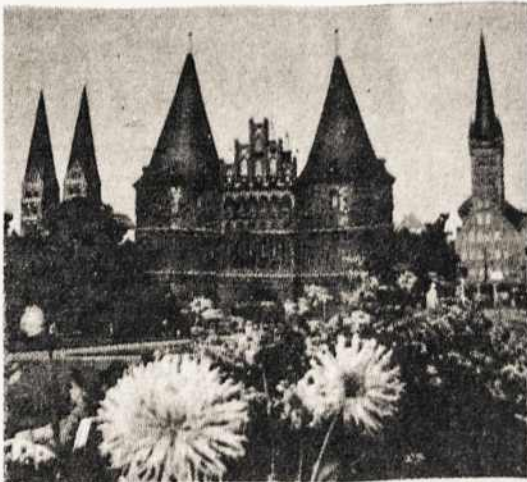
Scranton's K of L rebirth is the first step of an intensive program designed to restore Knights of Lithuania activity in the mining region of Pennsylvania. A special committee, formed for this purpose at the 1973 National Convention, is already looking into the reorganization of several other councils in this area.

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1st Day—Thursday, June 27, 1974

Depart JFK via Lufthansa No. 401 at 7:45 p.m.

2nd Day—Friday, June 28, 1974

Frankfurt, Germany. After landing formalities and customs clearance, we will be transferred by private motorcoach from Frankfurt to the Parkhotel Haarlaas in Heidelberg. Remainder of day at leisure.

3rd Day—Saturday, June 29, 1974

After breakfast we'll depart on a morning sightseeing tour of Heidelberg. In the afternoon we'll motorcoach to Weinheim and sightseeing. After dinner in Weinheim we'll attend a concert presented by the K of L at the February 16th High School. After the concert, we will board our buses for return to our hotel in Heidelberg.

4th Day—Sunday, June 30, 1974

Today we head for Frankfurt and a brief visit, then on to Ruedesheim to board a Rhine Steamer for a cruise to Koblenz. Upon arrival we'll board our coaches and head via Bonn to Cologne and the Hotel Basler Hof.

5th Day—Monday, July 1

Sightseeing of Cologne and the Majestic Gothic Cathedral (the largest in Europe) then via Aachen to Brussels, Belgium to the Grand Hotel.

6th Day—Tuesday, July 2

Half day tour of Brussels and on to Paris and the Hotel du Louvre.

7th Day—Wednesday, July 3

Today a tour of Paris including a boat ride on the River Seine. Evening at leisure.

8th Day—Thursday, July 4

We leave Paris and motorcoach through the the Loir Castle Country via Tours and on to Poitiers and the Hotel de France.

9th Day—Friday, July 5

Continue through Angouleme, Bordeaux (including wine tasting) and on to Lourdes. — Hotel Christina.

10th Day—Saturday, July 6. Lourdes

Morning at leisure. In the evening we will participate in the famous Torch Procession.

11th Day—Sunday, July 7

Today we cross the Pyrenees to Zaragoza with a visit to the Shrine of the Virgin of Pilar. Overnight at the Gran Hotel in Zaragoza.

12th Day—Monday, July 8

A most scenic drive through Aragon and Central Castilla to Madrid and the Gran Hotel Colon.

13th Day—Tuesday, July 9

Morning sightseeing of the Royal Palace and the Prado Museum. In the evening we'll board the night train for Lisbon (sleeper cars).

14th Day—Wednesday, July 10

Transfer to the Hotel Fenix in Lisbon. In the afternoon we'll take a tour of the city.

15th Day—Thursday, July 11

A full day excursion to Fatima returning to Lisbon in the evening.

Friday, July 12

Transfer to Lisbon Airport for return via T.W.A. flight No. 901 at 11:15 a.m. Arrive JFK at 1:30 p.m.



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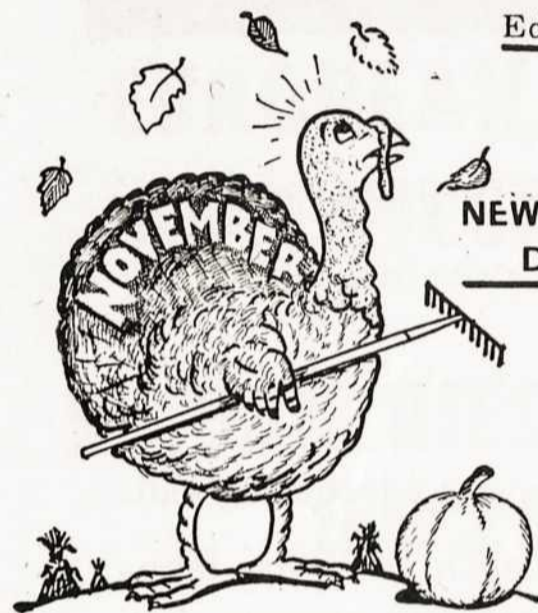
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NEW ENGLAND
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C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

"Dzūkelė"

Several months have passed since last we submitted an entry for "Council News", so on with the news. The bowling season ended in May with Richard Desautell's team in 1st place, Alex Pridotkas' team in 2nd, and Charles Lapinkas' in 3rd. High average awards went to Joan Krusas and Charles Lapinkas, High triple awards to Judy Ginkus and Richard Godek, High single awards to Judy Ginkus and Alex Kardokas. The bowling banquet took place on June 1 at Maironis Park. Now the new bowling season has begun with Judy Ginkus and Joe White the co-chairmen.

Stephen Walinsky, Jr., was chairman for the Bishop's Fund drive this year, with several K of L'ers assisting him. A Holy Hour for persecuted Lithuania took place on May 7 in St. Casimir's Church (our parish). In spite of heavy rains, we drove up to Rindge, N.H. for the Amber dedi-

cation at the Cathedral of the Pines. It's a lovely scenic area, and it was too bad the weather wasn't clear, to enable those who were visiting for the first time to view the extravaganza that Nature has provided. Our council picnic was held at Maironis Park on May 27 with Michael Murphy working diligently as the chairman.

Last year, Mike and Rita Karpicus (with young son, Joey) travelled to Oslo, Norway where they visited their son, Michael, who is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force. While in Europe, they also visited Denmark, Germany and England. The following month, Rita's sister, Christine Delonis, made the same trip, also to visit Michael, her nephew. They made a repeat trip this year for Michael's wedding. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Jack Kazlauskas is on the Board of Directors of the Worcester Host Lions Club, and he tells us they are earnestly searching for used eyeglass to aid the less fortunate. Perhaps we can help Jack in this area by looking for glasses no longer being used.

Claire Grigaitis travelled to Scandinavia this summer. Rita and Bill Karrytais really enjoyed their Western trip and arrived at the Walinskys' (where our August meeting was held) in full western cowboy attire! Rita Brazauskas now has a West Boylston address. Congratulations to Ann and Sparky Morkunas on the birth of their second son, John. The dancing school season ended in early

summer with a few potential starlets making beautiful terpsichorean attempts. Spotlighted were Mary Shimkus, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Shimkus; Lynne Walinsky, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Walinsky, Jr.; and Caryn Grigas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Grigas.

Best wishes for early recoveries to Mrs. Margaret Karas (Millie Lapinkas' mom), Tony Morkunas, Withold Ivaska (Peter's dad), Anna Bacys, Anne Bucinkas, Vinnie Grazulis, Joe Zelesky, and Mrs. Nell Thompson (Rita Pinkus' mom). We hope all will be in perfect health.

Our July meeting was held at the summer home of Ted and Rita Pinkus where we met and ate under the pine trees. In August, we met at the home of Ellie and Steve Walinsky where we picked peaches in their orchard. Very lovely summer. Incidentally, the delicious fare served at these meetings is probably why the attendance is very large in the summertime.

The N.E. Dist. Retreat was held in Kennebunkport, Maine at the Franciscan Monastery on June 23 and 24, and was attended by Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus and Anne Bender. Anne Bender headed the refreshment committee following the Memorial Mass for Father Jutt in June and for Father Tamulevicius in September. The families of Fathers John and Mike attended these annual services for two most staunch K of L'ers. Sympathies to the family of Joseph Grigaitis.

(Charles' dad) who passed away this summer. Claire Grigaitis and Adele Degutis were co-chairmen for the annual fall dance held at Maironis Park on Oct. 27.

Home from Europe for a brief visit with her parents, John and Ann Ridick, was Sister Joyce Ridick, a former secretary of our council. Drasis Pajeda and his bride have returned to the West while Drasis finishes school. They were married last Spring. Married on July 7 were Kazys Adomavicius and Teresa Ciginskas. Honor attendants were Olga Kersis and Francis (Algis) Glodas. Also in the wedding party were Irene and Eddie Markevicius with their daughter as flower girl. Lots of K of L's attended both weddings, and our sincere congratulations and best wishes to both couples for a long and happy lifetime together. The same greetings are extended to Martha and Janice Tagman who were married only weeks apart. They are the daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tagman.

There was a large attendance from our Council at the Brockton Nat'l. Conv.: Anne Bucinkas, Ann Bender, Rita and Ted Pinkus, Rose Chestnut, Helen Gillus, Emily Gudzevich, Frances Grigas, Joe Sakaitis, Allen and Victoria Gregonis, Vinnie and Bob Gregonis, Claire Grigaitis, Adele and Francis Degutis. Our Spiritual Director (and pastor), Father Anthony Micunas, was present for part of the convention. Father is supervising the erection of a rectory, painting of a convent, school repairs, etc., and working physically on most of these projects himself. Not too much time for everything else!



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Gabbigail

The summer weather was enjoyed by everyone. Chuck and Alberta Wiegand spent some time in a camper in the Poconos, Irene and Al Ozalis took cruise to Nassau and Disney World, Tony and Alana Burch visited her folks in Worcester and took time out for a visit with the Conventioneers at Stonehill College, and John Mickunas commuted back and forth from the shore where Agnes and Barbara spent the summer at their seashore home.

Vic and Leonora Balten and Irene and Walt Svekla attended the Lithuanian picnic in Freehold, N.J. and had a grand time renewing old acquaintances.

One summer's day the Svekla, Burch, Drumstas and DeFelice families enjoyed themselves in Town Bank, N.J. at the Mickunas summer home. It was a perfect day complete with good food, refreshments, a couple of rounds of badminton and croquet topped off with bike riding and a walk along the beaches. We hope that we can have another outing like this again very soon.

C-3 extends congratulations to Albert Ozalis on receiving his Fourth Degree at the National Convention. Also, congratulations to our re-elected members of the Supreme Council - Irene Ozalis (Fin. Secy.) and Albert Ozalis (2nd Vice-Pres.), and to Lillian Sasnauskas who was elected to serve on the Natl. Ritual Committee. C-3 is certainly well represented on the National level.

On Sept. 25 our council hosted a reception at the Nationalities Service Center which served as an introduction of the Knights of Lithuania to the many ethnic groups in the city of Philadelphia. Dianne Drumstas headed this affair and served a delicious assortment of Lithuanian delicacies to approximately 90 guests. Joe Yanulaitis set up a beautiful Lithuanian display which was on



C-3 - Dianne Drumstas and Joe Yanulaitis admiring Lithuanian display at the Nationalities Service Center.

exhibit for 4 months. Many people commented on the professionalism of the display, and C-3 is deeply indebted to Dianne and Joe for the time and effort they put in to acquaint others with Lithuania's culture.

Dianne Drumstas is the drive and force behind C-3's project - a three-day exhibit at the Folk Fair in April 1974 at Philadelphia's Civic Center. We have all become culturally minded due to Dianne's efforts. A Folk Fair Committee has been formed and we will keep you posted on events as they occur.

Heartiest congratulations to Jim Varevice and Judy Janrosyk who became Mr. & Mrs. in October. Much happiness!

C-3 is pleased to welcome all the good people of Scranton, Pa. into the Knights of Lithuania. We hope that we will have the opportunity to meet them personally in the very near future.

C-41 - BROOKLYN-QUEENS, N.Y.
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Robert "Bob" Novak, former C-41 member and now with the Los Angeles Council, vacationed in New York. He brought much material from California for Helen Kulber pertaining to Lithuanian affairs, culture and public rela-

tions. One of the books, Leonard Valiukas' "Lithuania, Land of Heroes", has been presented to the Donnell Library in New York.



Enjoying themselves on Helen's porch are (l. to r.) her granddaughter, Anita Dispensa, Bob, Helen, and her uncle, Charles Binkins holding Anita's puppy "Milkshake".

The above photo was taken by Antanina Binkins. Photos by Charles and his wife, Antanina, often appear in the American as well as Lithuanian and other foreign language publications. Their success, particularly in getting Lithuanian events in these papers, is commendable.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Smile & Sparkle

A great occasion took place on Aug. 26. Two of our members renewed their vows after 50 years of marriage, Michael and Louise Kerbelis, at St. Casimir's Church at the 10:30 A.M. Mass. A reception which included cocktails, music, and dinner, was held in their honor by their children at the Holiday Inn in Amsterdam. The Holiday Inn sign read: CONGRATULATIONS, MR. & MRS. KERBELIS.

Also commemorating their 50th Anniversary on Aug. 26 were two more members, Walter and Sally Rusilas. Walter was one of our delegates to the 1922 Convention in Lawrence, Mass. In fact, he sent Irene Sankus the convention photo of that year for the Brockton 60th Convention.

Ilgiausių ir laimingų metų jums visiems.

Our sympathy goes out to Ann Baltuska in the recent loss of her beloved mother. More misfortune beset Ann in August. She scalded herself, receiving third and fourth

degree burns on her leg. Here's to a speedy recovery!

August 12 marked Lithuanian Day at the Auriesville Shrine this year. It also marked the passing of one of Amsterdam's most prominent Lithuanians... Professor Joseph Olsauskas. Prof, as we all called him, was the most likeable person. In fact, he was a man with no enemies. Prof forced himself to make the 9 A.M. Mass at St. Casimir's that morning. No one realized just how ill he was. At approximately 9 P.M. that same evening, our beloved Juozas left us for the hereafter. Many, many families in Amsterdam feel as if one of their immediate family was taken away from them. The funeral Mass was held in Lithuanian with Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch celebrating the Mass. Many of the clergy assisted Father Baltch. St. Casimir's Choir sang and it was concluded with the Lithuanian Anthem. It was a truly sad day for all of us, and an Era came to an end with the passing of our most beloved Juozas Olsauskas. On Aug. 17, the day following the funeral, Dr. Jack J. Stukas gave an eulogy in memory of Prof. Joseph Olsauskas at the Nat'l. Convention in Brockton.

Playing host for our first fall meeting were our president and his wife, Tony and Ann Radzevich. Assisting them in preparing a unique supper were Sadie and Charles Karbus, Ann Sweet and Helen Radzevich. Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch said the opening prayer and also a prayer for our dear departed Prof. Joseph Olsauskas. Secretary Nellie Liberis gave a resume of the K of L Outing Day at Dr. Kindar's in June. Gene Gobis advised the group of Dr. Kindar's generosity as well as his hospitality to our council.

First hand reports on the Nat'l. Convention were given by Tony Radzevich and Gene Gobis, two of the seven delegates who attended. Additional comments were made by Sadie and Charles Karbus, Sophie Olbie, Ann Radzevich, Mary Stanionis and Betty Kuzmich. Congratulations to Tony

Radzevich who was elected Nat'l. Trustee at the Convention.

An extra treat, sparkling champagne, was presented by Michael and Louise Kerbelis. The reason - their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrated on Aug. 26. Also sharing the spotlight of 50 years together were Walter and Sally Rusilas. The refreshment committee surprised the couples with an anniversary cake. Ilgiausių Metų, Laimingų Metų, linkime abiems poroms!

Dennis Di Lorenzo suggested that we help out the Windmill Fund. The members collected \$25. which Dennis accepted and presented to the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce.

Dennis came up with another good idea... a Scholarship Fund for the most deserving person in either the field of music or drama in memory of our wonderful Prof. Olsauskas.

NEWS BITS

Rugsėjo 22 Tėvelis Antanas Gri-gaitis šventė savo gimtadienį. Mes vėliname jums Ilgiausių Metų.

A birthday celebration was staged at Don Holleran's on Sept. 22. Co-celebrating their birthdays (Sept. 28) were Don and Father Bernard Gustas. Although the weather was against us, it did not dampen the merriment among the K of L'ers sharing in the festivities. One of our guests was Theresa Mazeika of Philadelphia.

Getting together at Saltsman's Restaurant on Sept. 30 were Tony and Ann Radzevich (28th wedding anniversary), the birthday boys - Rev. Bernard Gustas and Don Holleran, and Gene Gobis.



C-100 - Jubilarians, Michael & Louise Kerbelis, cutting their 50th Wedding Anniversary cake.



L to R: Anna Simonis (Detroit — sister of Louise Kerbelis), Louise Kerbelis, Elizabeth Machulis (twin sister of Louise). 2nd row: Matthew Simonis (Detroit) and Michael Kerbelis.

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Simonis of Detroit were in the bridal party 50 years ago. The Kerbelis' were married in Detroit and moved to Amsterdam. They are proud parents of 3 children, Val, Mirga & Michael, Jr. Val and Michael, Jr. are co-owners of real estate and insurance agency which was established by their father and is called Kerbelis & Sons, Inc. A number of years ago, they branched out and operate the Kerbelis Travel Agency. When the Amsterdam council was reactivated, Michael Kerbelis played a key role in getting it reorganized. Son Val was elected president and his son-in-law, Edward Bablin, was the first vice-president. Michael and Louise are devout Catholics, dedicated to the Lithuanian cause, attend meetings of the council and have a deep love for their family.

C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

Our Sept. meeting was held at Anne Martens' home which brought out good attendance. The discussion after the meeting centered on the "olden days," and Millie Rogers and Phil Rutha enlightened some of the younger folk on how difficult it was growing up in the city. Life was not easy, and some interesting tales were spun.

We were pleased to learn that our President, Al Wesley, was approved for Honorary Membership next year to be granted at the '74 Nat'l Convention. We are indeed very proud of Al's recognition by the organization. Congratulations, too, to Mary Kober who was elected Trustee on the Nat'l Board. Mary, Tony and Nancy planed to Chicago and attended the Supreme Council meeting on Oct. 20. Nancy had to leave Sunday morning for business in Pittsburgh. The Kobers thank Illinois-Indiana District members for the hospitality shown during their pleasant stay in this exciting "Lithuanian city." They are still talking about the Japanese waitresses at the Diamond Head Restaurant who speak Lithuanian.

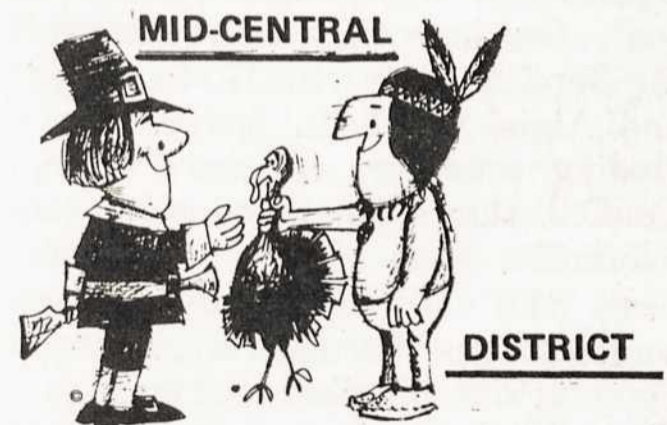
Jo Zukas has been appointed Audio-Visual Aid Chairman of the CCD Program in her local parish. This should keep Jo busy. Anne Martens spent three weeks in Oct. with her family in Riverside, Calif. It's a great feeling to be able to visit with those you love. Lou Ann & Phil Rutha attended the Nat'l Boxing Association Convention at Grosinger's in Nov., and while there, celebrated Lou Ann's birthday. They are now the grandparents of a 2nd set of twins, both via Phil's son and daughter-in-law, Phil Jr. & Andrea Rutha. Father Frank Bulovas enjoyed a well-earned two-week Florida vacation in Oct. "Good riding" to Carolee Picardi who is now the proud owner of a snazzy blue Vega. Carolee was awarded 2 scholarships and is now attending Adelphi Business School. The Picardi family vacationed in Sept. at a resort in Leeds, N.Y. enjoying the beauty of the Catskills. Marion & Richie Kurila and family are now comfortably ensconced in their larger home on Asbury Ave. in Carle Place, L.I. They say they outgrew the old one. The very best of luck! Susan Bernatovich spent some time in the hospital and is now completely recovered. Susan will be having a birthday on Nov. 19. Have fun! Another birthday gal, and one whom we have not seen in

a while, is Beruta Gonzalez who will be blowing out the candles on Nov. 23. We miss you.

Millie & Charles Rogers recently celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. They were delightfully surprised at what was to have been a friend's birthday party at the Veteran's Hall in Great Neck, but turned out to be an anniversary party for them. Many of their friends assembled to wish this fine couple much happiness. The party was secretly planned by their daughters, Marion Kurila & Jeanette Kovalsky and respective families.

On Sept. 28, Mary Kober hosted members to a workshop in the intricate art of making Lithuanian Christmas tree straw ornaments. Our non-Lithuanian guest, Jean Rutha, also did very well. We were fortunate to have an excellent teacher — Ann Klem of C-90, Harrison-Kearny, N.J. It has been suggested that our council prepare a Lithuanian-decorated Christmas tree in the Great Neck Library. But time is running short and we've decided to postpone this project until next year. Our thanks to Ann who was so willing and gracious to teach us the techniques of this traditional Lithuanian age-old art. We love ya!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Be grateful, start smiling, and enjoy the miracle of now.



C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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Autumn is here and with it comes many activities.

Complete with a new Rectory, Church and Cultural Center, the Divine Providence moved into a widely heralded "new era" on Sept. 8.

The dedication coincided with the feastday of Our Blessed Mother. We were deeply honored by the presence of His Eminence, John Cardinal Dearden, for the blessing of the church; also in attendance were Bishop Deksnys of Rome and Bishop Brizgys of Chicago. A delicious luncheon followed, attended by some 600 parishioners and guests. The fact that the evening banquet at the new Cultural Center was "Sold Out" appeared to have a lot to do with the obviously enthusiastic gathering of some 550 under the leadership of social chairman, Marie Kase, and her competent crew - Adele Vale, Stella Hotra, Vicki Chepelonis, Helen Tucker, Sophie Zager and Ann Zilvitis. Credit is also due to some of our menfolk who helped - George Kase, Mike Vale, Anthony Dainus and Frank Zager. Labai Ačiū, Marie, and your fine committee, and others who helped.

A gold star is awarded to Algis Rugenius who was chairman of the Divine Providence Building Fund, and many thanks to Anthony Dainus who preceded him. Algis spent many tireless hours, fired with enthusiasm to have the project completed. As often happens, they came up against many unexpected problems that were not anticipated. Even two weeks before the Dedication, many feared "disaster", - that it would never be ready for Sept. 8. But with God's help, and Algis' wonderful helpers, including members of the Parish Council, they soon found ways to overcome such difficulties, and now the Divine Providence complex has become a reality. Some of our members serving on the building committee were Ralph Valatka, Jos. Chaps, Elizabeth Paurazas and Frank Zager. Over three years, they attended many meetings, some including John Cardinal Dearden, and participated in the planning stages. Words cannot express everyone's gratitude. Thank God and Our Blessed Lady for letting the "weekend that was" really happen!

Another big event took place on

Aug. 5 honoring the Golden Years of Sister Mary Agnes, sister of council members Anthony Dainus, Julie Belickas and Isabelle Pavlichek. Sister Agnes was one of eight children of the Dainus family; one a sister, a nun, died 29 years ago. A good part of Sister's 50 years have been spent in the classroom which included Grand Rapids, Mich., New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Cleveland, Ohio. She received her Bachelors Degree at Duquesne University and her Masters from St. Louis University. A reception was held at the K-C Hall for what Julie Belickas calls "a bushel of nieces and nephews" totalling 59 in the immediate family. Ilgiausiu Metu, Sister!

For our council's first fall meeting on Sept. 13, installation of first and second degrees was the first item of business. Our ritual chairlady, Bertha Janus, and our Nat'l. Ritual Member, Frank Zager, conducted the ceremony. Candidates who received their degrees were: Mrs. Yekulis, Mrs. V. Marozas, Eleanor Mickey, Marie Kase, Cassie Bay, Helen Tucker and Adele Vale. Congratulations to all and our thanks to Bertha Janus for a beautiful job. Hosting the '74 National Convention was another item of important business, but decision was reached to postpone discussion of hotel accommodations until the next meeting. The meeting ended with Fr. Kundrat saying a prayer, followed with a social by Violet Panavas and Helen Tucker.

Congratulations are in order upon the elevation of Father Michael Kundrat to pastorship of our Divine Providence parish. May God bless you, Father.

SOFFI SNOOPING:

If you want nostalgia, a group of C-79 ladies attended the Fisher theater, June 17, to see "No, No, Nanette". Those attending were Bertha Janus, V. Chepelonis, S. Hotra, Cassie Bay, Antoinette Baron and Sophie Zager. Oops! There was one gentleman in the crowd - Anthony Mameminskis,

father of Stella Hotra... Cassie Bay joins the retirement club after 45 years of service with J. L. Hudson Co. She wasted no time - went to Arizona, where she and Ann Calvin will spend the winter... Ann Calvin enjoyed several summer months in So. America with her sister-nun, Sister Evangelista, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Sister, who formerly lived in South America, taught school there for 25 years. They flew down for a jubilee observance for one of the priests of the parish where Sr. Evangelista taught school... Bill and Ona Walls derived a lot of pleasure from their visit to Lithuania, and then toured Russia accompanied by son Philip and daughter-in-law... Keeping up with Antoinette Zilvitis and her husband, Dr. Bruno, is no easy feat. They spent a month in Europe, visiting about nine interesting countries... Helen Tucker motored to Disney World, accompanied by son Douglas, daughter Coleen, a niece, and seriously ill son-in-law, fulfilling his wish to see the place... Our late summer heat wave found many members in search of beaches and recreation sites to cool off. John and Julie Belickas and brother, Tony Dainus, were in Tawas, Mich. However, there was no relief up north from the hot spell... Clem Patocki and Mike Vale found solace in fishing at Hudson Bay in the Artic Circle... One particular spot that Joe and Mary Kazlauskas find tranquility is at the "Jezu Kalnelai" - as they fondly named their place, near the Irish Hills. They have been visited by the Ralph Valatkas, Emil and Phyllis Byville and Frank Zagers. Mary can surely prepare a colossal spread "at the snap of a finger"... Congratulations to Ralph and Ann Valatka on the birth of their first grandchild, Danielle Juliet... Sophie Bitner has also become a grandmother for the first time, Brian Glenn. However, Sophie was in the hospital, undergoing surgery when daughter Peggy Salo gave birth to their son. Many best wishes upon both occasions - the new birth, and Sophie getting well soon... Congratula-

tions to John and Val Wasse upon their 35th Wedding Anniversary... Chip Newberry who "took count" at our meetings is now serving as Altar Boy, (and doing a nice job)... Kazys and Estelle Gogelis were saddened by the loss of his dear mother, Ona Gogeliene, in Lithuania. Reiškiamo amžiną atilsį.

Our delegates to the National K of L Convention in Brockton, Mass., Sophie Zager, Ruth Grasha and Frank Zager, reported that the sessions were well organized and all social events nicely planned. Thanks muchly, Brockton. Sophie, especially, enjoyed seeing some of her hometown friends from Amsterdam, N.Y., whom she has not seen in 30 years.

In remembering the Holy Souls, particularly during the month of November, Joe Chaps has prepared a list of our dear departed members. Please remember them in your thoughts and in your prayers:

IN MEMORIAM

C-79, Detroit, Mich.

Frances Alksnes	Feb. 5, 1970
Kazimer Arman	April 3, 1972
Alex Bamonis	May 24, 1973
Michael B. Baron	April 12, 1971
Stanley P. Bernardis	July 21, 1966
Peter W. Brundza	April 18, 1971
William Chepelonis	May 7, 1966
Frank Janus	June 22, 1973
Andrew Gillis	April 2, 1970
Helen Keller	July 31, 1970
Ann Fagg (Zvirblis)	May 11, 1962
Constantine Kundrotas	Sept. 27, 1971
John Laurinaitis	Oct. 21, 1971
Edward Martin	Dec. 16, 1966
William Marozas	April 15, 1970
Stella Mameniskis	Dec. 6, 1966
Nellie Mahlo	June 5, 1971
Joseph Medinis	May 24, 1961
Frank W. Mickey	Jan. 1, 1967
Joseph Miknis	Feb. 18, 1970
Peter Medonis	Sept. 16, 1971
Walter Pelukas	Oct. 22, 1966
Adam Salas	July 16, 1967
Marijona Salinis	Dec. 24, 1969
Magdalene Stanton	Dec. 15, 1972
Mary Tollus	June 7, 1972

C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

A busy summer has come to an end, and as we prepare for a new season of activities, I'll briefly review what our members have been doing. First and foremost, we are very proud of Ann Uznis, who was awarded an Honorary Membership during the National Convention, and of Margy Bunikis who received one of this year's scholarship awards. Congratulations girls! Best wishes are also in order for Josie Jonulate who retired from the Army Corps of Engineers this summer and is now busy with her new career of doing all the things she didn't have time for before. Terry and Ray Medonis should now be in their beautiful new hill-top home out in the country. This has been quite an accomplishment. Ray acted as his own contractor and the whole family has pitched in working to complete the house. May they enjoy many long happy years in their dream home. And last but not least, we extend congratulations to C-79 and all the members of the Church of the Divine Providence upon the completion of their lovely new church and cultural center. Many of our members enjoyed themselves at the dedication ceremonies and opening dinner-dance in September. We all look forward to attending many social activities, as well as spiritual events, at this beautiful new Lithuanian facility in one of Detroit's loveliest suburbs.

Summertime still seems to be the prime vacation time for most people and so it was with our members. The Klucens family headed south in June. Their plans included a few days visit in Washington, D.C. and while there, they were graciously entertained by Vincent Boris. Carl Gobis also went south, but headed westward to Sunny Mexico and had a fabulous time in Acapulco and Mexico City. And topping them all is our president, Grace Vaskelis, who went to Lithuania with Loretta Stukas. We are waiting patiently to see her snapshots and to hear all about her trip.

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO FBP

Our council's activities never cease. The Jrs "den parents" for June were Joe/Eugenia Gecas. They sponsored an all-day-fun swim party at Cowen Lake. The Jrs had a most successful trip to Kings Island on July 13. The day was spent at the amusement park in place of their annual camp trip. All expenses were paid from savings at various work projects throughout the year. On Aug. 8 Mike/Fran Petkus and Eloise Berczelly hosted the Jrs to a trip to the Wright-Paterson Air Force Museum and then headed to Englewood Dam for a cookout.

Dayton's Lithuanian Cultural Committee hosted a visit by Algis Ruksenas, author of "Day of Shame", for the Lithuanian community on June 16. Summary and discussion of Mr. Ruksenas' book was held at the Holy Cross Church hall. A reception took place at this time and Mr. Ruksenas met individually with the people after the formal part of the program. He autographed books on request. It was a very impressive and informative evening.

Our Knights catered another reception on June 28 for Ruta Lee after her performance in "Guys and Dolls" at Dayton's Memorial Hall. The reception was open to the parish. Ruta Lee is still very warm-hearted, and we were delighted when she remembered so many of us from her last visit. We repeat... it is good to have a K of L celebrity, but great when they are as warm and responsive as Ruta is.

July 29 was Holy Cross Parish's annual Homecoming Picnic held at the Eintracht Park. Ray Steinbrunner was again co-chairman. It was good to see so many of the Knights doing their share of the work!

Our By-Laws Committee has been reactivated with Joe Ryan, Eloise Berczelly and Fran Petkus taking on the chore for the balance of this term. They have already suggested changes and additions which have been approved.

Council delegates to the Na-

tional Convention returned with nothing but praise for the wonderful time they had, and how pleased they were that everything was so well organized. They were most impressed with the stress that was placed on the youth of our organization. Representing the council as delegates were Sally Miller, Mike, Alice and Mary Petkus, Sarunas and Maria Lazdinis. Guests from the council were Joe and Amelia August, and our Syracuse, N.Y., members, Frank and Irene Petrauskas. Irene, the members who had never met you before were certainly pleased you made the Convention!

poem by Vincas Kudirka that is pertinent even today. Following services, refreshments were served in the church hall.

On Sept. 9 we held our annual visit to the deceased members of the council at Calvery cemetery. Wreaths were placed and short prayers were recited at each grave. This took place after the 8 A.M. Mass. Later in the day, we held a family picnic at Triangle Park. Much thanks to John A. Berczelly and Elinor Sluzas for setting up the picnic facilities, and to ALL the women for the delicious food. There certainly was plenty to eat! Thanks especially to

held at the Lithuanian Hall on Sept. 29. Music was supplied by the Music Jesters from Cleveland. We had a full house that was alive and happy! We thank Frank and Karolyn Ambrose and their committee for a most successful dance.

Something BIG is going to take place in Dayton the week-end of May 30, June 1 and 2. Instead of each individual nationality presenting their culture during different weeks at the University of Dayton as they did last year, all will participate that weekend at the new Dayton Convention Center. Most exciting is the fact that our own council member,



C-96 — L to R: Connie & John Zilinskas, Rev. Walter Katarskis, Rudy Toronto. co-star with Ruta, Ruta Lee, Mary Lucas.



Alice Petkus, Frances & George Mikalauskas, Rudy Toronto, Ruta Lee, Mary Lucas.

Our belated bowling banquet was held on Aug. 26. On the winning team were Frank/Karolyn Ambrose, Jerry/Teri Scott. Congratulations! Individual prizes went to Eleanor Mantz, Karolyn Ambrose, Judy Petrokas, Fran Petkus, John A. and John J. Berczelly (son and father), Ed Sluzas and Frank Ambrose. John A. Berczelly has taken on the chairmanship of the bowling league for the 73-74 season and will also chair the Mid-West Bowling Tournament with Dayton as host council. For the council's league, Eloise Berczelly will continue as secretary.

On July 15 Captive Nations Week was observed at Holy Cross Church. Ceremonies were held at the Shrine of the Three Crosses following 10 A.M. Mass. Our council president, Elinor Sluzas read a

Eloise Berczelly and her crew for the yummy "dirty bread"! We also helped Joe August celebrate his birthday with a cake and all the trimmings.

Sept. 22 saw some of us participate in a most beautiful day! Through the efforts of Pat Zelinskas, Frank Ambrose and Eloise Berczelly, a Mini-Retreat was held at Bergamo Center in Dayton. It was not only an experiment for the council, but for Bergamo Center also. A Mini Retreat is one day reserved for yourself, sharing it with God and his priests. Those of us who participated certainly felt it was well worth the time. We thank Pat and her committee for exposing us to this beautiful "experience". It was heartwarming to see Edward Sluzas represent our Junior council.

An 'Olde Time Polka Party' was

Aldona Ryan, is chairman of the program and will be putting this all together! Much luck is wished to Aldona, as this will be a very big chore.

During this past summer Aldona already started the wheels turning. WHIO-TV, a local station, as a summer replacement show, invited ethnic groups "to do their thing". Aldona worked with the station program director, Harry Butler, coordinating the various groups. Our Lithuanian dancers were saved for the last show! Doing the 'Lenciugelis' were Charles Vangas, Pat Zelinskas, Joan Kavalauskas, Laima Rastikis and Mary Agnes Mikalauskas. Fran Vangas accompanied them with her accordian.

This is another project Aldona has reactivated - the local dance group. Charles Vangas, Pat Zelinskas and Joan Kavalauskas will

be instructors. Fran Vangas will be supplying the music. The group is meeting every Tuesday for practice. The dancers range in age from nine on up. To all, MUCH LUCK!

Rumors were out that Dayton was going to take on a 'sister city' in Estonia under the name of U.S.S.R. Through the efforts of Elinor Sluzas and protests from the Jewish community in Dayton, a temporary halt in the project was made. Details on this will be sent to the Mid Central District and the Supreme Council. It seems that the chairman for the National Sister City Projects is a Dayton resident.

ODDS AND ENDS:

We are pleased to note that Mary Lucas is well on the recovery road after her recent automobile accident. Maxine Bakanauskas and William Leasure, Sr. are doing well after their recent hospital stays. We are happy to note that Joe Gecas' eye problem was not too serious. We are thankful Jr member Mary Agnes Mikalauskas came through her surgery just fine, and that Fran Zelinkas is recuperating nicely after her recent surgery. Mike J. Petkus is battling a case of lockjaw! It's good to hear that Andy August's mother is holding her own, and Amelia August's mother, Mrs. Helen Cekun, is doing well.

Much luck is wished Jim and Carol Urban in their new venture. Jim has taken a new position in Boston, Mass. It was good to meet our newest members, Alex and Margie Grushas, at the Polka Dance. Their living in Oxford, and Al's work schedule, has made it difficult for them to participate in some of our functions. We certainly hope to see more of you!

Happy retirement to Frances Zelinkas and Tom Scott. With time on your hands we'll be looking for you more often. To Rita Ambrose, safe driving with that new Grand Torino!



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

J.A.S.

Our Spiritual Director, Father V. Martinkus, administered the oath of office to our new president, Bertha R. Stoskus, at the September meeting. She succeeds her husband, who has been our council president over the past ten years. May her reign be a most fruitful one for the K of L.

With the new business year, we are pleased to welcome the following new members into our council: Fr. Edmund Budreck, M.I.C., of Thompson, Conn.; Ruth and Lillian Savage of Roxbury, Mass.; Regina Krecioch, a junior at Cranston East high school; and Paul J. Stoskus, a member of the armed forces special forces unit in Thailand. These new members were all recruited after the 60th National Convention.

Beatrice Mathieu and Bertha Stoskus represented C-103 as delegate and alternate at the National Convention. We were adequately represented at all of the convention functions, and compliment the Convention Committee of C-1 in Brockton for a job well done.

John and Bertha Stoskus were first prize winners of the NED Scholarship raffle held at Maironis Park. A goodly number of St. Casimir's parishioners from Providence attended the NED Cultural Picnic, and we are appreciative of their K of L support.

Energetic Victor Mathieu garnered 40 people to attend the NED Dance in South Boston. Rhode Island Bus Co. provided the driver, and C-103, under the direction of its new president, sponsored the trip.

Helen Seraichekas was tendered a cake and the best wishes of us all on her retirement from Government Services after our last meeting. "Ilgiausiu Metu" was sung to Helen, and to Fr. Martinkus who is celebrating his 10th Anniversary as pastor of our parish.

K of L'ers, personal friends, and parishioners of St. Casimir's gathered in the parish hall on Sept. 30 to honor Fr. Martinkus on the happy occasion of his Feast Day.

Remember the mother of Fr. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., in your prayers; she recently suffered her second stroke.

We sincerely extend our deepest sympathy to Fr. A. Contons and the members of his family on the loss of their beloved father.

Among our college student members, Bob Klucens spent an interesting summer working as a cook at a resort hotel on beautiful Mackinac Island. He has one small complaint - not one day off all summer! Ah, the stamina of the young! He and brother Vince are both now hitting the books at Wayne State University. Margy Bunikis spent her vacation acquiring a gorgeous tan. She worked in a cemetery planting flowers, - a nice quiet job. Putting scholarship money to work, Margy is now attending Michigan State University, while sister Mary has returned to Central Michigan University for her second year.

At our September meeting the following officers were elected for the new year. Grace Vaskelis was unanimously re-elected President. Also continuing for another term are Vice-Pres. Robert Klucens and Treas. Frank Bunikis. Newly-elected are Corres. Secy. Jo Jonulate, Rec. Secy. Maryann Guerriero, Fin. Secy. Edna Klucens, Vytis Correspondent Donna Bunikis, Trustees Joe Guerriero and Carl Gobis, and Sgt-at-Arms Bill Norkunas. Members are reminded that 1974 dues should be paid before the 1st of January. Please help your new financial secretary by sending your money in now. It should not be necessary for her to send a reminding letter.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Grace and Vitalia Vaskelis upon the recent sudden death of their father. He will long be remembered as a truly fine person.

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN. INO

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of Mrs. Rose Gaetano, mother of Rose DeGenaro, and Mrs. Margaret Gray, mother of Lee, who passed away in August. Mrs. Lucy Barsavich, mother of John, passed away in September. Those of us who have lost one or both of our parents, a brother or sister, know the void left in the hearts of the survivors. Your loved ones will not be forgotten in our prayers.

As is the custom of our council to hold a Communion Breakfast for the First Communion Class and altar boys, this year was no exception. With Ann Barauskas as chairman, assisted by Al Barauskas, Lillian Chaplik, Violet Brazitis, Sue Jesulaitis and Al Jesulaitis, 10 participants and 7 altar boys enjoyed a hearty breakfast and each was given a momento to help them remember this milestone in their religious life.

Our "Blini King" Casey Svelnys did it alone this year. What did he do? He ran the potato pancake consession at our Parish Picnic. Last year, he and Stan Twerian were co-chairmen, but Stan was General Chairman this year and couldn't work with Casey. Casey wasn't really alone. He had help from other members of the parish and one of our own members, Anthony Poehailos, who peeled potatoes for five hours. Ann Gyba and Lillian Chaplik, assisted by Ann Ramanauskas, ran a "Used, but not Abused" White Elephant stand as C-135's contribution to the picnic, and the profit they made surprised everyone. Violet Brazitis also helped at the stand. What business women we have in our council Lil Twerian and Ruth Tyson sold food checks, while Anthony Varshelka, Pete Gumbulavich and Jack Tyson dispensed liquid refreshments. Father Paul did his share. He donated his usual gift as one of the prizes and accepted the proceeds with a smile.

Violet Brazitis, Ann Ramanauskas and Helen Chapulis attended

the National K of L Convention in August. The stories they told about how well organized it was, the good time they had, and the friendly people they met, made everyone who heard them, sorry they couldn't attend and share in the fun.

Susan Twerian, daughter of Lil and Stan Twerian is now attending the University of Bridgeport, majoring in Theater Arts and Speech. Sue would like to make the theater her career. She played many bit parts and two leading roles during her High School years, and received a prize upon graduation from the Valley Arts Council as the most outstanding student in Creative Arts in Ansonia.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

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Hoosier

The new officers for the Ill.-Ind. Dist. are Pres. Leon Pauksta C-112, Jr. V-P. Frank Zapolis C-36; Membership V-P Stanley Molis C-112; Srs. V-P Ignas Sakalas Chgo. Srs.; Secy. Irene Sankus C-112; Board Secy. Adeline Jasaitis C-112; Treas. Albert Kassel C-36; Trustees Vincent Samaska C-36, Joseph Kulys C-112; Sgts-at-Arms Jerome Jankus C-36, Napoleon Sapkus C-36 and Edward Krivickas C-112. Committee chairmen will be selected by the President at the next Board Meeting.

The Chicago Srs. hosted a very successful Mini-Picnic at the beautiful K of L Garden of Sept. 30.

On Aug. 15 the Dist.'s Annual Golf Outing was held in conjunction with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce at the Palos Country Club. The lucky K of L winners were Estelle Rogers and Joe

Nauseda.

IID Convention delegates were Leon Pauksta who served as presidium co-chairman and Irene Sankus who was one of the secretaries. Congratulations to Irene Sankus who was re-elected Supreme Council Treasurer. We understand it took Irene and Leon all day to get from Chicago to Stonehill College via plane, cabs, limousines and shuttle bus. Our heartiest congratulations to a dear friend of many Chicagoans, Anna Mae Uznis, on becoming an Honorary Member.

Many of our people were busy recently attending Lithuanian functions: the Lithuanian Sports Group Farewell at the Martinique; installation of Stan Molis as Commander of A.L. Don-Varnas Post; SLA Mens Lodge Picnic; A.L. Darius-Girenas 40th Anniversary Parade, and the Captive Nations Parade.

We are very happy to see Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, our IID Spiritual Advisor, hale and hearty after his recent operation.

Our Juniors continue to represent the K of L at non-Lithuanian functions, such as Lithuanian Day at Talman Federal S & L Assn. and at the Dinner-Dance of the Chicago Historical Society at the Drake Hotel. They will also present the Lithuanian Program at the Museum of Science and Industry's Christmas-Around-the-World Pageant.

Greetings were received from Rome, via Vince Samoska who just returned from a visit to Lithuania and Rome, from Msgrs. Tulaba and Koncius and Fathers Rimselis, M.I.C. and Razanas.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

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Congratulations to outgoing prexy Stanley Molis and his most efficient corps of officers on a successful K of L year, and best wishes to newly-elected president Harry Petraitis and his officers, namely: Vice-pres. Edward Krivickas; Rec. Secy. Sophie Nieminski; Corres. Secy. Bernadine



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CHOIR, Chicago. Officers for 1973-74: Seated: Loretta Grigaliunas, Secretary; Estelle Rogers, President; Faustas Strolia, Director; Audron Simonyte, Ass't. Director; Helen Gudauskas, Vice-Pres. Standing: Albert Zakarka, Trustee; John Auksciunas, Trustee; Emilija Pakalniskis, Lithuanian Publicity; Joseph Yukska, Treasurer.

K of L CHOIR rehearsing for their up-coming concert and Dinner-Dance.

Rogers; Fin. Secy. Dolores Wainauskis; Treas. Monica Kasper; Trustees Geraldine Mockus and Emily Petraitis; and Sgts-at-Arms Antanas Balcytis, Albert Dagis and Louis Rogers.

Canon V. Zakarauskas graciously agreed to continue as our Spiritual Advisor. We truly enjoy his timely and interesting talks at each of our council meetings.

Summer board meetings were held at the Mockus and Dagis homes in August and Sept., resp., and the first meeting of the new K of L year, at the Krivickas residence.

Glad to see Tony Rudis, Jr. up and around after a lengthy stay at Holy Cross Hospital. His wife, Cheryl, is happy to have him back home.

Congratulations to council members who will serve as Ill.-Ind. Dist. officers - Leon Pauksta, Stan Molis, Irene Sankus, Adeline Jasaitis, Joseph Kulys and Ed Krivickas. We wish them a productive K of L year.

At the annual Our Lady of Siluva procession held at Nativity B.V.M. Parish, our council was represented with our flags and members in attendance.

Dolores and Andy Yuknis celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with many, many friends at the beautiful Beverly Country

Club. Felicitations and many more years of happiness to a dynamic couple.

Our annual Christmas Dinner-Dance will be held at the K of L Bldg. on Dec. 15 with the music of the "Neo-Liths". This is always a festive occasion and we welcome all to join us.



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At the last Supreme Council meeting held in Chicago on Oct. 20, a motion was made, seconded and passed that future Council news articles submitted for publication in the VYTIS should be no more than *two typewritten pages, double-spaced*. Therefore, please only include items of importance to the reader. Articles longer than two pages will be reduced at the discretion of the Council News Editor.

We might also add there are a few Councils that never - or rarely - submit an article on their activities; such as Pittsburgh, Waterbury, Elizabeth, Kearny, to name a few. We wait to hear from these Council Correspondents.



IN MEMORIAM

Remember in your prayers...

Rev. PETER TOTORAITIS
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Dear Editor:

Dubious political propaganda abounds. At times it overwhelms us. We often become confused and ultimately apathetic. It goes without saying that this is a danger to democracy.

As citizens of the United States we must assume the responsibility of becoming informed and actively participate in government.

This can be accomplished by attending the candidates' meetings offered in your community, studying the issues, writing to your elected officials. Join community organizations and take part in your community projects. This is how good government is created, nourished, and continues to flourish.

There are forces in this country today that are thriving on the very thought of apathy taking over the American people. We have an obligation, if not to ourselves, then certainly to our children, who are the true heirs of this nation. We have a weapon for our enemies, the vote!

Ethnic groups must not let it end with Captive Nations Week. They must not only pray for their friends and relatives behind the Iron Curtain, but also invigorate these energies toward making America their main concern, thus aiding our constant quest for freedom.

Freedom! A reality, a blessing, a reward, perhaps for your loved ones.

Mary Eileen Wilemaitis
Englewood, Ohio (C-96)

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