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## Christmas Light -

### Bright or Dim

Rev. Albert J. Contons

Christmas is the feast of Light. Christmas lights traditionally brighten the darkness of night. They are a symbol. The Prince of Peace pierces darkness of spirit. On Christmas night, the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Angels announce the joyous news, "This day in David's city a Savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord."

The Light of Christ shines brightly in the lives of many. Last year a book appeared entitled **RELIGIOUS REAWAKENING IN AMERICA**. It reported an extraordinary interest in religion among young people. Religion is the fastest growing field of graduate study at secular universities. The **CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST** plans to have students contact every home in the United States by 1976.

But Christmas 1973 has seen oil run short and Christmas lights grow dim. This too is a symbol. For many people today the Light of Christ is growing dim in their lives. There is a declining interest in traditional religious institutions. An opinion poll reports that in the last year the percentage of Catholics attending church regularly declined from

61% to 48%. Catholics over fifty showed a startling drop from 76% to 55%. Young Catholics were constant - changing only from 40% to 39%.

It seems that a growing number of Christians see Christ as a light shining in their lives, but apart from the Church. They accept Christ as their personal Savior - but they reject the Christ who took human flesh in the city of David, the Christ who appointed twelve apostles, who gave Peter the keys of the kingdom, the Christ who gave us His Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

We may rightly wonder: To accept rebirth in Christ while rejecting the Church is to accept life from our mother and then turn our back on her. Isn't this the same as accepting Christ as presented in the Scriptures while rejecting the Church which gives us the Scriptures? Isn't this accepting Jesus, the Head of the Body, while at the same time rejecting the Body of which He is the Head?



Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches....A man who does not live in me is like a withered, rejected branch, picked up to be thrown in the fire and burnt." Isn't this the ultimate fate of the Christian who thinks he can long live in Christ without communion with His Body?

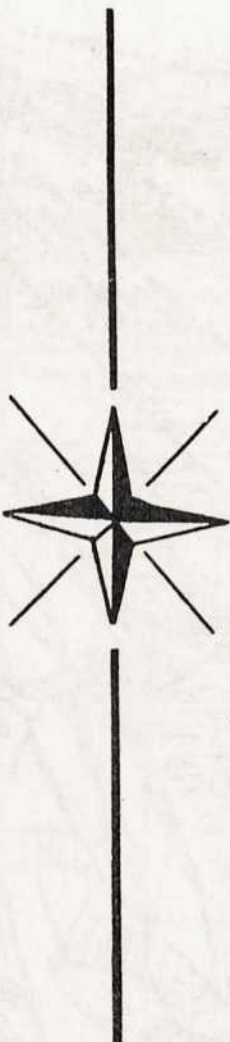
How can the Christian live by the Spirit of Christ, if he rejects the Body of Christ? Isn't this to reject the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus, that Jesus is the revelation in human flesh of the Father's love for all men of all times and places, and that God's love is made manifest today in the Body of Christ, the Church?

The mystery of the Incarnation (God becoming man) today means that we must accept the reality of the Body of Christ: that the Church is perfect in its Head, Christ, but imperfect in its members; that the Head of the Church, Christ, is Holiness itself, while the members of the Church are called to holiness though not yet holy.

Jesus is the infinite realist: He chose twelve apostles in spite of their sinfulness. Judas betrayed Him, Peter denied Him, James and John slept during His agony in the garden of Gethsemani, Thomas doubted His resurrection. Yet Thomas professed, "I believe, help my unbelief." Peter and the other apostles, apart from Judas, grew in love and shed their blood in witness to Christ.

Even though our city streets are dark, Christmas is still the feast of Light. Christ, our Light, is still present in our life. He is Emanuel, God with us. If we accept the Christ Child born in Bethlehem, we accept the Christ who lives on as Head in His Mystical Body, the Church.

May the blessedness and joy of the Christ Child fill the hearts of all K-of L'ers and loved ones, and may the Light of Christ shine brightly in your lives.



## ASTROLOGERS WORSHIP CHRIST

"Then Herod sent a private message to the astrologers, asking them to come to see him; at this meeting he found out from them the exact time when they first saw the star. Then he told them, 'Go to Bethlehem and search for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him too!'"

After this interview the astrologers started out again. And look! The star appeared to them again, standing over Bethlehem. Their joy knew no bounds!

Entering the house where the baby and Mary his mother were, they threw themselves down before him, worshipping. Then they opened their presents and gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh."  
(Matthew 2:7-11)

—From *The Living Bible*

Religious Heritage of America  
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# A LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS



Phil & Marian Skabeikis

For the Lithuanian, Christmas has always been a feast of great joy and hope. It is prepared for meticulously and celebrated quietly. Although the manner in which we celebrate it today is taken from Christian tradition many of its customs stem from pagan rites. Take the Lithuanian word KALEDOS, for example. It comes from KALEDA of folk song, a woman from a distant land who traversed the countryside in a carriage of gold presenting gifts to those she encountered.

Eccentrics of small villages who don sheepskin coats and hoods, wear false beards, brandish a pitchfork and go from house to house, call themselves "Kaleda", and bring nuts, beauty aids, charms and amulets.

In Lithuania, the Advent weeks preceding Christmas were times of fasting and prayer. Countrysides were cleaned and new clothing was bought for all. All this preparation reached its climax on Christmas Eve. The strict fast could be broken only upon the appearance of the first star in the clear winter night. In joyful anticipation, children would search for the tiny light and report its emergence. It was then time for the evening's most important event, Christmas Eve supper, called KŪČIOS, coming from KŪČIA, a mixture of grain and honey. This food was prepared for the souls of the dead members of the family. Today, KŪČIA has been replaced by PLOTKA which is eaten in memory of the ancient Christian love feasts or AGAPE. The PLOTKA is a thin piece of white unleavened bread baked by the servants of the church. The family table is covered with a thin layer of straw, reminiscent of the manger in which Christ was born. Over this is spread a pure linen tablecloth. During this night of anticipation, many families leave a chair empty, symbolic of a yet to arrive guest,



the Saviour. In other homes, families invite single people to share the joys of the universal feast.

The meal itself must traditionally consist of at least twelve dishes, all meatless. Following prayer, family members wish each other luck with the breaking of the Christmas wafer of unleavened bread, made especially for the occasion.

Appetizers are then served, such as herring, pickled and sauteed mushrooms, marinated fish in tomato sauce, etc. This might be followed by a red beet soup served with small pastries served with mushrooms called AUSELES, (little ears). Then comes the main course, consisting mostly of fish prepared in a variety of ways. Desserts were often more varied than what went before. The specialty, served only on Christmas Eve was AGUONŲ PIENAS or poppy seed milk. This was made by grinding scalded poppy seeds and mixing them with water, honey and nuts. The children were also presented with individual plates of fruits, nuts, candies and cookies. Supper usually lasted for three hours. Besides eating, the

family would sing hymns, relate stories of Christ's birth or the foretell the future by various means. Hay would be pulled out from under the tablecloth. If the number of pieces drawn was even, one would soon get married, if odd, the person would stay single for another year. Whoever drew the shortest straw was destined to live the shortest life. By dropping melted bee's wax into cold water and examining the shadow produced by the resulting shape, one could determine what the near future held; a ring foretold marriage, a cross death, a ship travel, etc.

Because the day before Christmas was also the feast day dedicated to Adam and Eve, the apple played an important role as a fortune-teller too. It would be sliced into many parts and divided among the guests, and if pieces were short for distribution, it indicated that someone would not be around during the next holiday season.

The Christmas tree was unknown in Lithuania for a very long time. It seemed senseless to chop down a piece of nature. The pagan belief in the goddess of the Forests, MEDEINE, told of the warning that once the forests were destroyed, so too would the Lithuanian nation fall. Eventually however, the bringing of a young fir into the home and decorating it with fruit, nuts, and cookies became part of the Lithuanian Christmas tradition. Viewing the decorated tree was usually saved for last.

The mother and the children would go to the locked door and sing a carol. If the father was finished lighting the candles, he opened the door and presented the gifts and the tree for the first time. It is interesting to note that the Christmas stocking tradition is practically unknown in Lithuania.

Delicate ornaments of straw were fashioned to decorate the

tree or to hang in archways. The art of making these straw patterns has been preserved to the present day. They resemble modern mobiles in their style and geometric design. When hung in doorways, fleeting drafts would keep them in constant motion.

At Midnight, the people fattered for the "Shepherd's Mass" in the towns or Matins in the countryside.

Just as the Christmas Eve supper is meatless, so the table on the first day of Christmas is decked with a variety of meats. The menu traditionally includes cooked or smoked ham, goose baked with apples or duck baked with sauerkraut, turkey baked with prunes, a suckling pig roasted to golden perfection or in aspic, leg of veal or mutton and various sausages among them the Lithuanian SKILANDIS.

All this was complimented with an assortment of relishes and horseradish, very hot with vinegar, milder with sour cream, or mixed with red beets.



In contrast to the liquorless meal of Christmas Eve, the Christmas Day feast included many drinks, DEGTINE or brandy, wine and home-made liquors.

This was Christmas in Lithu-

ania, when the true meaning of the holy day was permitted to be commemorated. Today, Christmas Day is like any other for the Lithuanian. No Christmas exists under Communist domination.



### Christmas Joy

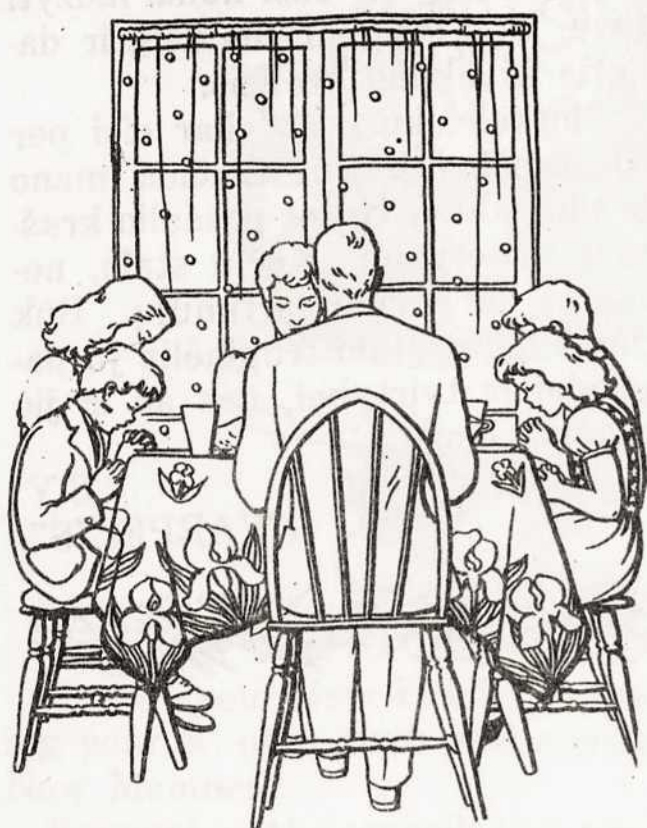


As the star of Bethlehem guided three wise men, may the spirit of Christmas lead you to many blessings.

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## KŪČIŲ PRASMĖ



Sekdami tėvų papročius, susirenkame Kūčių vakarą prie bendro stalo, simbolizuojančio šeimos altorių. Ties juo mes atnaujiname tą vidinį ryšį, kuris sieja mus tarpusavyje ir su mūsų Dievu. Ši šventą vakarą, kai viešpatauja išorinė tylą, prabyla mūsų širdys, šaukiasi viena kitos, viena kitai atleidžia, viena kitai linki geriausių vilčių. Ir vargo pastogėj ir tremties namuose, kur šventų jausmų taip maža, vis dėlto pajunti kažką šventą, kažką paslaptinę.

Ši vakarą susikryžiuoja ties mumis šviesa dviejų pasaulių - kosminio ir virškosminio. Saulė, praėjusi savo slenkstį, lyg atgimsta, diena iš dienos skleidžia daugiau šviesos, gimdo mummyse džiaugsmą, gyvybę, grožį. Didžioji šviesa, didesnė už saulę - Dievas, praėjus laikų slenkstičiui, išsiunčia lyg naują spindulį savo Sūnų, kuris gimsta žmogumi ir neša dvasinį persikeitimą, o su juo - ramybę, meilę, laimę.

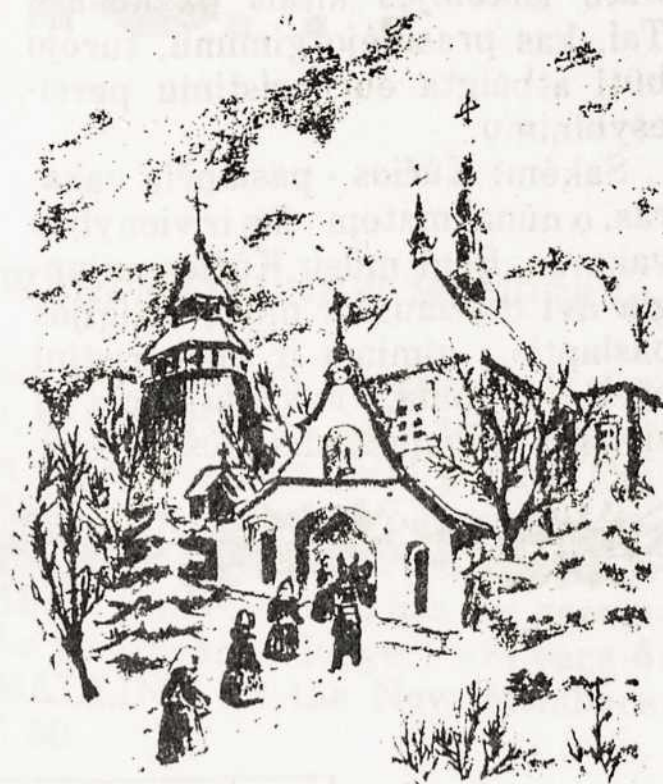
Laikų pervartos visuomet atžymėtos persikeitimų paslaptimis. Gimimo slėpiniai lydi perėjimą iš nebūties į laikinę būtį, mirties slėpiniai - išsineriant iš laikinumo į amžinybę. Atgimimu, pilnu žavumo ir mistikos, paženklintas persilaužimas į pavasarį. Apmirimu,

matomu, bet ir nesuvokiamu palydimas vasaros atsisveikinimas. Ir istorinių laikų lūžiai, kuriuos seka suirutės, revoliucijos, karai - neša gyvybę ir mirtį, naują dvasią ar seną, būsimą tvarką ar buvusią.

Tokia laikų pervartos šventė yra ir Kūčios. Kosminė ir virškosminė šviesa apreiškia nūn savo pergalės paslaptis. Žmogaus viltims prasi-veria nauji gyvybės paslapčių pasauliai. Penki žmogaus pojūčiai - tie kasdieniški ir tikroviški pojūčiai - jaučia daugiau ir giliau. Jie mato pasirodančias naujas žvaigždes, girdi giedant angelus, klauso gyvulių - šie kalba žmonių kalba, ragauja paprastą vandenį, o jis virtęs vynu, prisiliečia daiktų ir šie atveria ateities duris. Kūčios pasidaro paslapčių vakaras.

Prie bendro stalo susirenka ši vakarą žmonės, prie stalo, vienintelio savo rūšim metuose. Šis stolas nėra iš kasdienybės, iš paprastumos. Ne kūnui pastiprinti, ne jį pradžiuginti jis skirtas. Plotkelė, nerauginta duona, kviečiai, žuvis - tai valgiai iš pašvęstų puotų. Ir giesmės, kurios aidi prie to stalo, ir maldos, kuriomis pradedama ši puota, ir rimtis, kuri lydi dalyvius - ši pobūvi apsupa šventumo skraiste.

Kūčių stolas mena puotą, vykusią kitados Mokytojo mirties išvakarėse ir palikusią persiesybinią - vienintelį istorijoje ir labiausiai paslaptinę. Toje puotoje paprasta kviečių duona virto paslapčių Duona, kuri maitino daugiau dva-



sią ne kūną. Ir per tris šimtmečius po to, būreliai žmonių rinkosi į nuošalius namus, į katakombas ir, sėdę už bendro stalo, laužė tą duoną dvasinės vienybės ženklan, vienybės tarpusavyje ir su jų Mokytoju.

Nūnai šių puotų niekur neberasi pasaulyje, tik pas mus ir artimuosius katalikiškus mūsų kaimynus. Kažkas perkėlė jas iš amžių glūdomos, iš krikščionybės lopšio į mūsų kraštus, išlaikė per šimtmečius ligi mūsų dienų. Daug kas iš krikščioniškųjų Vakarų apgaili, kad jų Kūčios, palyginus su mūsų, nebesusiriša su pirmine krikščionybe.

Mūsų Kūčios yra vienintelė iškilmė, sujungianti Paskutinės Vakarienes stalą ir Betliejaus ėdžias. Plotkelė ir šienas yra tie du simboliai, kurie mena vieną ir antrą. Plotkelė kalba apie Kūnų tapusią duoną, šienas - apie Kūnų tapusį Žodį. Tiedu Dievo persiesybiniams priminimams guli ant vieno Kūčių stalo, kaip gilioj krikščionybės senovėj ant vieno altoriaus gulėjo šalia vienas antro Ostija ir Evangelija - gyvoji Duona ir gyvasis Žodis.

Šitos dvi paslaptys - kalėdinė ir velykinė - savo esme yra tos pačios. Tai, kas įvyko prakartėlėje, ir tai, kas vėliau paskutinės vakarie-

nės salėje, yra tarsi tas pats šviesos spindulys, tik dviejose spektro spalvose. Išskirti jų, žiūrint visumos, negalima. Viena be antros būtų jos nesuprantamos ir, sakytume, nepateisinamos. Kaip meteorų švystelėjimas būtų buvęs Dievažmogio atėjimas, jei Jis nebūtų išikūnijęs kitais pavidalais. Tai, kas prasidėjo gimimu, turėjo būti atbaigta eucharistiniu persiesybinimu.

Sakėm: Kūčios - paslapčių vakaras, o nūnai matom - jos ir vienybės vakaras. Bent mūsų Kūčios sujungia dvi didžiausias mūsų religijos paslaptis - gimimą ir eucharistinį persiesybinimą. Jos sujungia į vieną ir žmonių širdis, nes ir žmo-



nių vienybė yra did paslaptis. Kažkas nepaprastai jautraus ir švento riša širdis. Kai pats nebežinai, kas ėmė ir pertempė tas plonąsias gijas, kai žmogus pats pasidarai

bejėgis atmesti tą ryšį, kuris tave sieja su broliais ir Dievu, tada ateina diena su šieniu iš žemės ir su perkeista Duona iš dangaus...

Plotkele, kuri iš mažystės lankai mūsų namus, ir atveri širdis atlaidumui ir meilei, leisk nūnai laužyti tave, kaip savo širdies dalį, ir dailintis su likimo broliais.

Plotkele, kuri ši vakar eisi per tūkstančius ir tūkstančius mano brolių rankų, visuos pasaulio kraštus sudėtų ant Kūčių stalo, neaplenk ir mano artimųjų. Būk jiems mano stalo trupinėlis jų paguodai ir tvirtybei, nes aš ir jie esame viena.

S.Y.  
("VARPELIS")



**G**arbė aukštybėse Dievui, ir ramybė žemėje geros valios žmonėms. *Giriame tave, išpažįstame tave, garbiname tave, šloviname tave, dėkojame tau dėl tavo didžios garbės, Viešpatie Dieve, dangaus Karaliau, visagalis Dieve Tėve. Viešpatie vienatinis Sūnau, Jėzau Kristau Viešpatie Dieve, Dievo Avinėli, Tėvo Sūnau; kurs naikini pasaulio nuodėmes, pasigailėk mūsų; kurs naikini pasaulio nuodėmes, priimk mūsų maldavimą; kurs sėdi Tėvo dešinėje, pasigailėk mūsų. Nes tu vienas šventas, tu vienas Viešpats, tu vienas Augščiausias, Jėzau Kristau, su šventąja Dvasia, Dievo Tėvo garbėje. Amen.*



# MEMBERSHIP...



Be sure your New Year's Resolutions include: paying your K. of L. dues and signing up at least one New Member.

Remember, the councils that are usually first to be 100% paid up accomplish that goal the first of the year. With that pace in mind, there certainly is not much time left to help your council lead in its category. But do not let up - be sure that last year's K. of Lers are all in the fold again - then go all out to get those new members.

Your concentrated efforts will bring us many new members. However, your lack of interest and cooperation will lead to failure. Belief in ourselves and our organization's principles will guide us towards success - so let's start working right now.

## RULES FOR THE 1973-74 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

### AWARDS TO COUNCILS ON REACHING 100% PAID-UP MEMBERSHIPS:

Awards will be presented to COUNCILS in each of the following categories for being FIRST to have their membership dues 100% PAID UP.

- First Category - 1 - 49 members.
- Second Category - 50 - 99 members.
- Third Category - 100 and over.

The DEADLINE for 100% Paid-up Membership will be MARCH 31, 1974.

### AWARDS FOR SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS:

We will use same categories of Councils for Awards as in 100% Paid-up set-up. Awards will be presented to the council having the largest percentage increase over last year with a minimum of 10% increase.

# NOW HEAR THIS...

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR NEW MEMBERS:

PRIZES will be given on an overall basis for FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD PLACE to those individual members with the most total points. Enrolling a NEW MEMBER (one who has never belonged before) will earn 10 POINTS. Enrolling a REJOINED MEMBER (someone who has not been a member during the past year or longer) will earn 5 POINTS. The DEADLINE for the New Members Awards is JUNE 30.

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

In the past, various Councils have been lax in using Membership Application Cards, making the task of keeping appropriate records of the Membership Drive difficult. Therefore, it will be a necessary REQUIREMENT that a MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CARD be sent to the Financial Secretary for each NEW MEMBER enrolled, in order for you and your Council to receive credit for the member.

COUNCILS ARE URGED TO SECURE ADEQUATE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL FINANCIAL SECRETARY - IRENE OZALIS, 6148 Erdrick St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19135.

### DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$100.00	Lifetime Member
5.00	If a member joins from Jan. to March
3.75	If a member joins from April to June
2.50	For July to September
1.25	For October to December

Only the first member of the family joining must pay the full dues. Additional family members pay only \$2.50 per year, but do not receive the VYTIS. COUPLES pay \$7.00 their FIRST YEAR as Members, and \$5.00 each year thereafter. Associate Members' dues structure is the same as that for regular members.

ALBERT OZALIS,  
Membership National  
Vice President

## Profile...

# MARY YORK - LIBERTY LADY

*ED. NOTE: MARY YORK, the K of L's beloved "Liberty Lady", has been a moving force in K of L Public Relations circles, especially in C-12, Manhattan, and the Mid-Atlantic District. Recently, Mary was honored on the occasion of her retirement from the Bell Telephone Co., with a dinner and program. The gala event was attended by some 200 friends, including over 20 K of L-ers from her own and other councils.*

*The following article, which appeared in the JERSEY JOURNAL, Jersey City, N.J., is reprinted as a tribute to a lovely lady who is living proof that "a good Lithuanian makes a better American".*

L.S.

### MARY YORK TO DOUBLE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF LIBERTY PARK

By HILDA COUCH

Since 1965 Jersey City's Mary York has been one of the prime movers and untiring workers seeking to transform Liberty Park into a recreation center. And beginning next week she will be redoubling her efforts.

Mrs. York retires Friday after 46 years with the Bell Telephone Company, where she is currently the chief service advisor for Hudson and eastern Bergen areas. Co-workers will give a dinner in her honor Thursday evening at Schuetzen Park, and she says she will assure her friends that retirement from business doesn't mean retirement from volunteer activities, of which hers are many.

Some of those friends jokingly call her "Miss Liberty Park", and she loves the title. "You have to be proud of something, and I'd like



everyone to be proud of Liberty Park", she declared. She sees it as a lovely recreation area for Hudson residents, especially for those who cannot afford vacations, even weekends, at distant historic spots.

"When I read about the Green Acres funds, in 1965, I had hoped that some of the money would come to develop Liberty Park", she reminisced.

"Although that didn't happen, I still have not given up hope that the park may be developed in the future. It would be wonderful if that could happen in time for the bicentennial!

"It is a fabulous project. It would be a beautiful place for underprivileged people to go, take picnic lunches, get the breeze from the water and look at the fabulous New York skyline".

Her future work for it? "To keep it alive".

Another related project which she plans to continue after retirement is acting as a "Volunteer Hostess" at the American Museum of Immigration at the base of the Statue of Liberty, just a few hundred feet from the Jersey City shore, although it is rated as belonging to New York.

After her retirement Mrs. York not only plans to work hard for "the two Liberties" and to continue her work for the Jersey City Business and Professional Women's Club, which she joined in 1964.

"In that first year, Julia Sturm of The Jersey Journal, one of the organizers, asked me to run for treasurer", she said. Even since then she has been active in the club, including two terms as president. She took an active role in organizing three other BPW clubs in the county.

One of her proudest moments came when, at a state convention, it was her privilege to accept, for her club, the "Nike", awarded by the state BPW to the outstanding BPW club in New Jersey. She also received awards for the Statue of Liberty project, world affairs, publicity, education, civic participation and membership.

It is the international work of BPW that appeals particularly to Mrs. York, who attended the International Congress in London as the club's delegate. She has also attended several national conventions.

Mrs. York's career with the phone company started in New York, where she was born. Her commercial class at Washington Irving High School had been taken to see many businesses at work. She found the phone company "fascinating". So, when her father died, she applied first to the phone company. She was only 15, but she got the job.

Her first post was information clerk, and when she moved to New Jersey in 1929, she had a similar post in Newark. She has also worked in Bergen and Passaic counties, but mainly in Jersey City, where she and her mother live. She has had a perfect attendance record for 30 years.

One of her greatest thrills was receiving the telephone company's Good Citizen Award Plaque in 1969, also a pen and pencil set with an onyx base "for her community interest and her interest in Liberty Park and the Statue of Liberty".

She is a member of the H. G. McCully Council, Telephone Pioneers, and is on the New Jersey Bell Hudson County Community Relations Committee.

Her parents were born in Lithuania, and Mary works for that country through the Knights of Lithuania, a group of men and women which she serves as public relations chairman for New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Every Sunday she takes her mother to the service at a Lithuanian church in New York - Our Lady of Vilnius. Mary is a trustee and she and her mother belong to the Rosary Society.

But her heart belongs to America. She is a member of the New Jersey Historical Society and is a founder-member of the National Historical Society, with headquarters at Gettysburg.

She has hundreds of books, mainly on American history, to which she plans to devote some of her leisure time. And she will continue a pet project of hers - making tiny American flag pins for her friends.

(JERSEY JOURNAL)



*K of L Guests at Mary York's Retirement Dinner*

*Seated left to right: Millie Pietz, Joseph Kscenaitis, John Yorkus, Ann Yorkus, Agnes Krauss, Ona Kscenaitis, Mrs. Mary Rodell (Mary's mother), Helen Matthews, Loretta Stukas, Dr. Jack Stukas.*

*Standing left to right: Helen Kulber, Joseph Boley, Michael Grigaliunas, Frank Vaskas, Helen Grigaliunas, Ann Klem, Rev. George Gurinkas, Mary York, John Antanavicius.*



# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### ELECTIONS

Has your council had its elections already? For the organization to run its smoothest and for the national officers to do their best to direct K of L activities, it is ESSENTIAL that they have the names and addresses of ALL-Council and District Officers. If you have not already done so, please send the names and addresses of all your officers to National Recording Secretary,

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to all  
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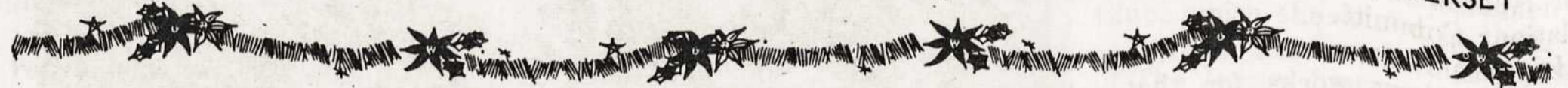
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**Joseph Zubavich, C-74**

[Scranton, Pa.]

**Ann M. Kelm, C-90**

[Kearny, N.J.]

**Peter Kasilionis, C-52**

[Elizabeth, N.J.]

**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kurpowic C-139**

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*Christmas Greetings*

**Irene K. Sankus**  
National  
Treasurer



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# A SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING IN LITHUANIAN CHICAGO

## Hoosier

Officers and out-of-town guests attending the S.C. meeting held in Chicago on Oct. 20 were Susan Boroskas, Marian & Phil Skabeikis, Al & Irene Ozalis, Larry Svelnis, Irene Adomaitis, Tony Radzevich, Loretta Stukas, Helen Kulber, Mary, Tony & Nancy Kober and Grazina Vaskelis.

The early Friday arrivals were given a tour of Chicago by Irene Sankus and Ed Krivickas. On Saturday Leon Pauksta and Joe Kulys took the guests to "Draugas", where they were received most graciously by Father Peter Cinikas. They then proceeded to the Jesuit Youth Center for a tour by Father Kijauskas.

The S.C. meeting was held in the K of L Bldg. where the National Archives were later viewed by the visitors. The evening Mass was held at the Immaculate Conception Church followed by a dinner served at the K of L Bldg.

A short stop was made at the infamous Knights Inn, owned by our own Paul Sakalauskas, and finally back to the motel and Suite 200 for more refreshments and conversation.

Sunday AM, through the courtesy of Jonas Vaznelis, "Gifts International", a Lithuanian Boutique, was opened exclusively for the out-of-town K of L'ers, where they purchased amber, wood carvings, etc.

The shopping spree gave everyone a good appetite and they then proceeded to Rich Shlaustas' exquisite Diamond Head Restaurant for a champagne brunch.

A trip to Chicago would not be complete without a visit to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. Irene & Stan Balzekas, Kazimer Baltramaitis, and Jurgis Kazakaitis gave an extensive tour of the Museum followed by a Champagne reception.

Helen Kulber missed the Sunday activities and appointed herself official K of L representative at the Vilnius Commemoration at the Jesuit Youth Center.

Early departees from Midway were Phil & Marian Skabeikis and Tony, Mary & Nancy Kober. Irene & Al Ozalis received the VIP treatment from United Airlines, courtesy of Ed Krivickas and his friends. On to O'Hare for a late

departure were Susan Boroskas, Larry Svelnis and Tony Radzevich. Al Ozalis had a bit of trouble passing security clearance at Midway; but Tony Radzevich did him one better as he met the security guards both at Midway and O'Hare.

The IID members were very happy to be able to host the S.C. meeting and hope that all enjoyed their visit to Chicago.



A pause at the meeting. L. Stukas (N.J.), G. Vaskelis (Mich.), A. & H. Skudra (Ind.).



A. Radzevich (Amsterdam) & L. Svelnis (Boston) entertain a hostess at Diamond Head Brunch.



S.C. Members and guests at the BALZEKAS MUSEUM. Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, Jr. pictured at far left.



## THE CHRISTMAS CAROL

by Dr. Leonard J. Simutis

THE TERM 'CAROL' refers to a traditional song for the celebration of Christmas. The French counterpart for the English term is "Noel" and in German the term "Wiegenlieder" is used. These terms have occasionally been used to designate devotional songs of a joyful character that are used during Easter and during the month of May. Musicologists seemingly agree upon the derivation of the term. The name seems to be derived from a French medieval word, "carole", which was a name used to designate the round or ring dance, a dance around a closed circle. This term was associated in English with the early pagan dance-songs performed in celebration of the winter solstice, the time when the sun was at its farthest point from the earth, a ritual which later merged with that of Christmastide.

SOURCES relating to the origin of the Christmas carol relate that the crib used at Christmas time was the center of a dance and that many Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes. The Christmas festival which took the place of the winter solstice especially lent itself to gaiety. The crib would be set up in private



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homes and, of course, in the churches with figurines representing the Holy Family and the various domestic animals. Carols would be sung and danced around the crib.

St. Francis of Assisi is said to have originated the custom of singing around the manger. To him we also owe the beginnings of the popular hymns and carols, apart from church music, designed to appeal to the masses. Later, the singing of these carols was done away from the crib.

In Yorkshire, England, children would carry boxes containing figurines of the Virgin and Child while they sang Christmas carols. The custom of treating carolers seems to have originated in England when carol singing became a pretext for the asking of alms.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROLS can be conveniently divided into several subject categories. Among

the Annunciation carols, "There is no rose on such virtue", is considered to be a gem. Epiphany carols are quite attractive and contain a dramatic element related to the visit of the Magi. The shepherd or pastoral motive has inspired a number of carols.

A large number of folksong carols are based mainly on subjects drawn from mystery plays and pageants. The "Cherry-Tree carol" and "I saw Three Ships" are fine examples of the folksong type of carol.

Some of the most beautiful Christmas carols can be found in the "cradlesong" or "lullaby" group. Most of the better known ones were originally written in German - a language that lends itself to a wealth of diminutives. A most attractive example is the 17th Century German cradle song, "Schlaf, mein Kinderlein". A large number of these carols have been

translated from the German language into English.


ON THE CONTEMPORARY SCENE customs vary, but, in the United States, vocal groups will visit hospitals, banks and places of business to carol for the employees and other people who may be on the premises. Many of these caroling expeditions will usually end with a short period of refreshments and socializing.

It is doubtful that there is a



person who has never seen a group of singers caroling in the courtyard of an apartment building or in front of a home. The original dance-carol has not survived but we all know the traditional carol melodies that are sung during Christmas time not only in our churches, on radio and television, but wherever good friends gather during the Christmas season.

(“The Marian”)



### THE CHIMES OF CHRISTMAS

Antonia M. Wackell

A faraway country, a night - cold and dim.  
A straw-filled manger, a newborn Boy.  
A circle of angels surrounding Him...  
It was a time for gladness and joy.

Beside the lowly bed there were  
No earthly gifts of gold or myrrh,  
Nor wooly lambs did they bring  
For the angels' infant King.

Each held a sparkling bell instead,  
Its chime, sweet and pure as a crystal note,  
And a celestial bell to inclose His bed  
Within its hallowed throat.

The chorus of angel voices sang,  
Stars shimmered their praises for the newborn Heir,  
The chiming bells their hosannas rang  
And sacred harmony filled the air...  
It was a time for gladness and joy.



A Very Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

to the members of the

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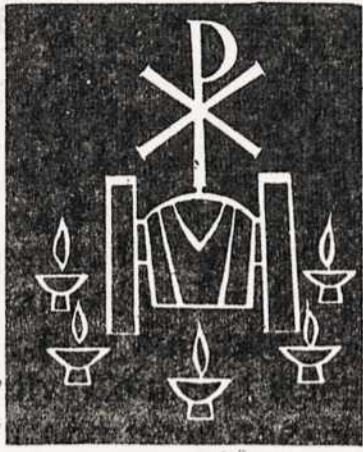
LEON PAUKSTA  
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Very Merry Christmas  
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Happy New Year to all



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## LITHUANIAN - CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

The Lithuanian-Catholic Religious Aid is very thankful to the Knights of Lithuania Councils, Districts, and individual members for their prayers and financial assistance.

Donations received for LCRA via the Knights of Lithuania since the 60th National Convention are as follows:

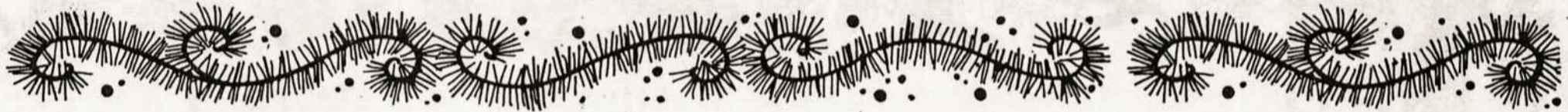
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| 1. Lithuania Boutique - 60th National Convention Committee of C-1: Brockton, Mass., under the direction of Mr. A. Miner | \$150.00 |
| 2. Anthony Miner: member of C-116; Worcester, Mass., personal donation  | 15.00    |
| 3. New England District donation  | 43.50    |
| 4. C-103, Sr., Providence, R.I.   | 25.00    |
| 5. C-116: Worcester, Mass.  | 15.00    |

Total monies received from K of L and sent to LCRA via checks as of 10-22-73 was **\$248.50**

Mass stipend received for LCRA from C-116: Worcester, Mass., of \$5.00 also sent to LCRA.

Your contributions have made by appointment meaningful. I humbly ask the financial aid of those councils, districts and individual members, who have not as yet contributed to LCRA - to consider our plea. According to the Supreme Council Mandate, all donations to LCRA by the K of L will be listed periodically in the "VYTIS".

JOHN A. STOSKUS,  
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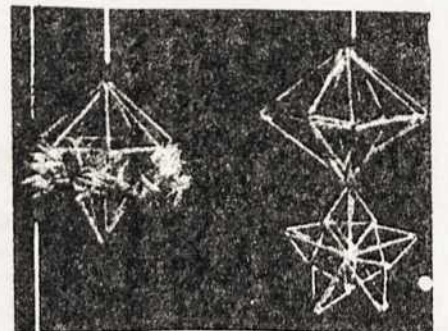
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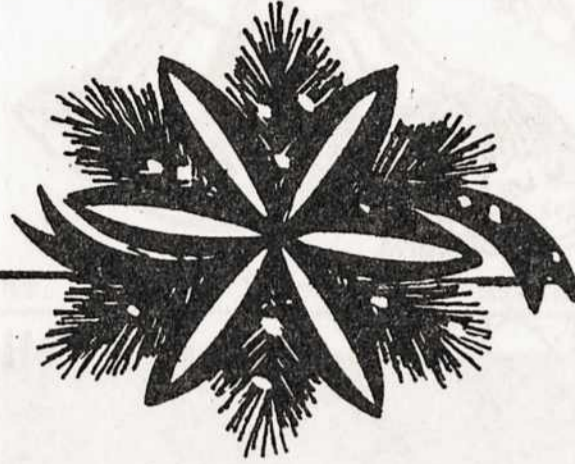
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## K of L Calendar

### December

- 8 – CHICAGO JUNIORS, Chicago Historical Society,  
Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois
- 15 – C-112, Chicago – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE,  
K of L Building, Chicago, Illinois
- 22 – C-102, Detroit ANNUAL KUCIOS, Mass, St. Anthony Church,  
Dinner, Boris Home.

### January

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

### February

- 10 – IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET

### March

- 3 – IID ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Chicago Seniors,  
Hosts

### 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



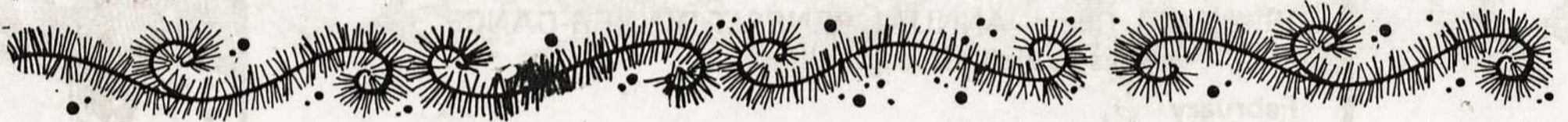
# Christmas Greetings



**ILLINOIS - INDIANA**

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We wish you all the long-lasting happiness of an old-fashioned Christmas shared with family and friends.



## **NOEL**



As we celebrate His holy birth in a humble manger, let us rejoice anew at the promise and wonder of Christmas.

**Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois**



## *Yuletide Joy*

It is our wish that this holiday season will bring peace on earth . . . good will toward all men.

**Council 36 - Chicago, Illinois**

# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

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President Leon Pauksta elected the following committee chairmen for the coming year: Choir - Estelle Rogers, Ritual - Ruth Dargis, Lith. Affairs - Al Zakarka, Public Relations - Estelle Rogers, Civic Affairs - Vince Samaska, Scholarship - Eleanore Laurin, Vytis - Helen Skudra, Bulletin Editor - Gerry Mockus, Bulletin Publication - Valerie & Joe Stanaitis.

After many years the Supreme Council meeting was held in Chicago hosted by our District. IID president Leon Pauksta and weekend hostess Irene Sankus would like to thank tour guides Ed Krivickas and Joe Kulys and Saturday nite assistants Kazimiera Petrulis, Vince Samaska, Adele Sankus, Betty Mack, Julie Zakarka, Gerry Mack, Eleanore Laurin and Albina Gaides. Other IID members in attendance at the meeting were Al Brazis, Al Zakarka, Estelle Rogers, Napoleon Sapkus, H.M. Al Manst, H.M. Adele Gabalas, Jerome Jankus, Emilija & Alex Pakalniskis, Sophie Naminski, Algis & Helen Skudra and Gediminas Janula. Joining in at the Sunday Brunch was John Evans.

The annual Memories of Lithuania Banquet will be held on Feb. 10 at the K of L Bldg. Jan. 19 will be the Annual Choir Dance at Pakstas Hall. The Seniors will host St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 3.

To one and all, a Most Blessed and Merry Christmas and New Year.



Adam Anderson Testimonial Party. Pictured are C-112 members: (seated) Stan Molis, Adam Anderson, John Evans, Anele Pocius. (Standing) Julie Zakarka, Al Zakarka, Stella Molis, Joe Nauseada, Ed Krivickas, Pete Gagle, Valeria Stanaitis, Monica Kasper, Estelle Rogers.



C-112 Officers receiving oath of office. Ed Krivickas, Gerrie Mockus, Emily & Harry Petraitis, Monica Kasper, Sophie Nieminski, Bernadine Rogers, Dolores Wainauskas, Antanas Balcytis, Al Dargis & Louis Rogers.



C-112 Spiritual Advisor, Rev. V. Zakarauskas, past president Stanley Molis, new president Harry Petraitis and Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, pastor of Nativity B.V.M. Parish.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

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President Harry Petraitis announced his committee heads at the last meeting, namely: Al Zakarka, Lith. Affairs; Ruth Dargis, Ritual; Estelle Rogers, Membership; Monica Kasper, "Cheer"; Julie Zakarka, Social; and Publicity; Irene Sankus, "Vytis"; Emilija Pakalniskis, Lithuanian; and Gerrie Mockus, English.

Condolences to the family of our long-time member, Adam Oskelinas, who passed away on Oct. 15. Adam was not only a faithful K of L member, but one of the early and most active members of Nativity B.V.M. Parish.

Our annual Halloween Party was held Oct. 27 at the Zakarka residence and was a successful and most entertaining evening. Our Detroit "member" from C-102, Grazina Vaskelis, joined in the fun along with other Detroiters Vitalia "Sam" Vaskelis and Anette "Ace" Byrne. Grazina served as a costume judge with prexy Harry Petraitis, and they awarded the prizes to Bernadine Rogers, a delightful and lively 20's flapper, and to Louis Rogers, a dashing Spaniard. "Sam" and Ed Krivickas were winners in the musical chairs game. The Dargis', Al and Ruth, came as Chinamen, the Mockus' as a chambermaid and chef, Albina Gaides and Pete Gagle as cats (not pre-planned either), and most appropriately, Estelle Rogers as a cocktail hostess, who due to laryngitis, spent the evening as the bar-maid.

The November Board meeting

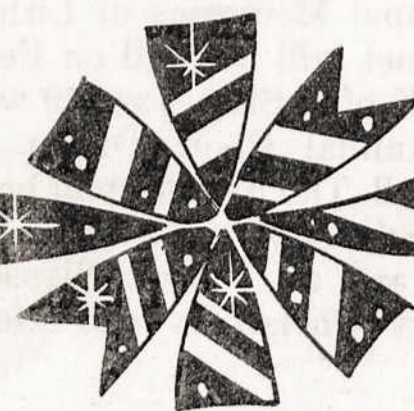


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Christine & Rudy Stachyna, C-36  
Kazimiera Petrulis, Chicago Seniors  
Joseph & Valeria Stanaitis, Chicago Seniors  
Frank C-36 & Lorraine C-112 Svelnis





Council 29  
Newark, N. J.

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Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
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Council 30  
Westfield, Mass.



was held at the home of Irene Sankus, where all reminisced about the Supreme Council meeting held in Chicago, and made the final plans for our annual Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 15 at the K of L Building.

From all of us in C-112 to our K of L friends throughout the country, our wishes for a very happy Christmas and a most productive New Year.

MAY YOUR YULE  
BE BRIGHT WITH  
GOOD CHEER AND  
GOOD TIMES!

Frank Vaskas  
C-29, Newark

Bertha, and the efficient kitchen helpers for their hospitality.

The roster of officers for the coming year are:

Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Albin Janiunas, Pres. - Albert G. Jaritis, 1st V.P. - Alexander Akule, 2nd V.P. - Andrew Bizinkauskas, 3rd V.P. - Joseph Sakaitis, Treas. - Dorothy Sinkavich, Corresponding Secy. - Virginia Markuns, Rec. Secy. - Helen Sereikis, Trustees (2) - James Rogers and Sylvia Shukis, Lithuanian Affairs chmn. - Frederick Hirst, Lithuanian Cultural chmn. - Bronė Wisnauskas, Ritual Committee - Longinas Svelnis, Joseph Sakaitis, Mary Minkus, Sports Committee - Helen Gillis and John Norinkavich, Public Relations chmn. - Joseph White.

The N.E. Dist. through its Scholarship Committee Chairman, Anthony Miner, awarded \$500. in scholarships to the following students:

1st Prize - Frederick Hirst, C-17, So. Boston.

2nd Prize - Joan Adamaitis, C-116, Worcester.

3rd Prize - Paula Tomashunas, C-1, Brockton.

4th Prize - Patricia Tomashunas, C-1, Brockton.

The Spring Dist. Conv. will be held in So. Boston hosted by C-17-S.

On Oct. 14 at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, Mass. the District held a Testimonial Dinner for its two beloved priests, Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Director and Rev. Albin Janiunas, District Spiritual Director, celebrat-



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The New England District, comprised of 12 active councils and 614 members, held their Fall Convention at St. Casimir's Church, Providence, R.I., on Oct. 7, chaired by Pres. Albert Jaritis and hosted by C-103-S, Mrs. Bertha Stoskus, Pres.

The end-of-the-season Convention was the culmination of a busy year with many varied events and activities reported by the District Officers and Committee Chairman. Election of Officers closed the proceedings.

Fr. Venceslaus Martinkus, Pastor of St. Casimir's celebrated a 10:30 A.M. Mass followed by brunch and later supper in the Parish Hall. Many thanks to C-103-S, John Stoskus, his wife

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Knights & Ladies



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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



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wishes from us to you  
at this joyous season,  
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ing their Silver Anniversary in the priesthood.

A capacity crowd from throughout the District came to pay homage to our able Spiritual Directors.

Albert Jaritis, President of NED was Master of Ceremonies, and the function was co-chaired by Mrs. Ann Bender, C-26, Worcester, Mass. and Al Akule, C-17-S, So. Boston, Mass.

The head table was composed of the following distinguished clergy and members of the K of L:

Msgr. Vytautas Balchunas, Villa Maria, Thompson, Ct.

Rev. Anthony Miciunas, MIC, St. Casimir's Church, Worcester, Mass.

Rev. Venclaus Martinkus, St. Casimir Church, Providence, R.I.

Rev. Edmund Budreckas, MIC, Marionapolis Prep School, Thompson, Ct.

Rev. John Barkunas (Ret.) St. Casimir Church, Worcester, Mass.

Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., Providence College, Providence, R.I.

Rev. John Zuromskis, St. Joseph's Church, Lowell, Mass.

Albert Jaritis, Master of Ceremonies, C-17, So. Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Susan Boroskas, Nat'l. K of L President, Brockton, Mass. C-1.

Mrs. Ann Bender, Co-Chairman, C-26, Worcester, Mass.

Alexander Akule, Co-Chairman, C-17-S, So. Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Patricia Akule, C-17-S, So. Boston, Mass.

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*Merry  
 Christmas*

**C-116, So. Worcester**  
**and**  
**Anthony Miner, C-116**  
**Dorothy Sinkavitch, C-116**  
**Anna Miller, C-116**

**All "WISH YOU WELL"**

The speakers for the occasion were:

Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., Rev. John Zuromskis, Mrs. Susan Boroskas, and John Olevitz.

The New England District wishes many happy and productive years in service to God and Man for these fine men.

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Vincukas

Our President, Howie Beaudette, was awarded a gold plate in honor of his receiving a life's membership in the American Legion. Howie is a past commander of the local post and proved to be an unselfish worker with the group - as he has proven himself as our devoted C-10 President during the past 4 years.

Congratulations to Fr. Albin Yankauskas, former C-10 Spiritual Advisor, on his appointment as Pastor of the newly-formed Catholic parish in Berlin.

Our annual K of L steak barbecue was held at Frank Anoris' camp on White's Pond in July. Bill Wisnauskas was in charge of the arrangements.

St. Francis Parish Picnic was held at the Lithuanian Outing Assoc. picnic grounds in Gardner on Aug. 19. It was attended by many K of L'ers. It was good to see Mary Senk from New Britain, Conn. present with her husband.

The Rodskis' spent their vacation in Canada visiting with relatives, and the Genaitis' traveled to



**Merry Christmas K of L'ers**  
**Sung with Songs of Rhyme**  
**Chanted by the Choralers**  
**For a Happy "Auld Lang Syne".**

**COUNCIL 26**

**WORCESTER**





## Holiday Greetings

TO ALL FROM EVERYONE AT

COUNCIL 7

WATERBURY, CONN.



Washington State to visit with their daughter and family.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kuzmeskus were council delegates to the Nat'l. Conv. held in Brockton. Howie Beaudette, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Genaitis, and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wisnauskas were our delegates to the Dist. Conv. held in Providence. Mrs. Brone Wisnauskas was elected Lithuanian Cultural Chairman of the District.

Nellie Melaika was recently elected President of the Athol Business & Professional Womens' Club. Howie Beaudette and William Wisnauskas were awarded their 3rd Degree after the Amber Dedication at the American Legion Home in Gardner.

Our newly-elected slate of officers was selected at the October meeting and will be installed in January. Paul Kuzmeskus was elected President to replace our most generous and devoted Presi-

dent Howie Beaudette; 1st V.P. Howie Beaudette; 2nd V.P. Mary Gauronsky; Treas. Nellie Melaika; Rec. Secy. Leonard Davidonis; Vytis Correspondent William Wisnauskas; Spiritual Advisor Rev. Justin Steponaitis. Chairmen are as follows: Ritual - Lillian Kuzmeskus, Lithuanian Affairs - Frank Anoris, Scholarship - Blanche Genaitis.

The council will celebrate its 60th Anniversary in 1974 - and will host the annual Christmas party for the 28 altar boys of the parish.

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

JONAS

The kind cooperation of our members helped us to fete District delegates, alternates, and friends in a most hospitable manner. Fr. Martinkus would like us to host the District Convention every year.

Helen Seraichekas was elected to a secretarial post in the NED. She is also our council representative on the NED-Scholarship Committee. We extend sincerest best wishes to Helen in her new venture.

Our members showed their fraternal obligation to their parish by their fine support of the parish supper.

Fr. Martinkus, Fr. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Fr. Budrecki, M.I.C., Bertha & John Stoskus, Beatrice & Victor Mathieu, Ruth & Lillian Savage and their aunt Mrs. Savage, attended the joint Silver Sacerdotal Testimonial rendered Fr. A. Contons and Fr. A. Janiunas by the NED. Fr. Jurgelaitis, O.P., had the privilege of speaking in behalf of Jubilarian Fr. Janiunas. Gifts were presented both Jubilarians in behalf of C-103.

Bertha and John Stoskus represented C-103 at the Day of Prayer

May the Christmas Spirit of  
Peace and Good Will  
Remain with You throughout  
the New Year



C-135  
Ansonia, Conn.

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JOHN A. STOSKUS,  
LCRA Coordinator

BERTHA R. STOSKUS,  
Council 103, President



For Lithuania: Oct. 21 at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, Mass. Bishop Timothy Harrington was the Benediction-Celebrant. After the holy hour, Bertha and John spent a most delightful evening at the home of Ed and Irene Tamulevich in Paxton, Mass.

Our council donated \$25. to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. A letter of appreciation was received from Fr. Raila, the Director of LCRA.

Helen Seraichekas and Irene Landanski were our delegates to the NED Convention; Beatrice Mathieu, Regina Krecioch and Ruta Krecioch were alternates. Ruta Krecioch served as proxy for Grace Vaitkunas.

Our members and guests who attended the buffet and dance sponsored by C-26 of Worcester had a very enjoyable evening. Mr. & Mrs. John Gervelis, Mr. & Mrs. Percy Cleall, Kazys Navakauskas, John & Irene Walaska joined Ruta Krecioch and Bertha & John Stoskus at the gala. President Bertha

Stoskus wishes to express her personal appreciation to them for their support of C-103 and other K of L functions in the NED.



C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Gabbigail

C-3 elections are over, and our new leaders for the coming year are as follows:

Spiritual Director - Rev. A. Neverauskas, Associate Spiritual Director - Rev. Sakalauskas, Pres. - Joseph Yanulaitis, Vice-Pres. - Dianne Drumstas, Rec. Secy. - Walter Svekla, Fin. Secy. - Albert Ozalis, Treas. - Lillian Sasnauskas,

Trustees - Leonora Balten and Charles Weigand. Committees: Cultural - Leonora Balten and Joseph Yanulaitis, Ritual - Albert Ozalis, John Mickunas, Alena Burch, Lithuanian Affairs - Alberta Weigand. Congratulations to all. We know that C-3 will have a fruitful year under their direction.

Our council will also be well represented on the District level with Lillian Sasnauskas serving as Membership Secy. and Albert Ozalis serving on the Ritual Committee.

Joe and Dianne Drumstas announced there will be a third addition to their family in May. Our best wishes to our two good friends... Al Ozalis and John Mickunas are at their favorite sport again - mushroom picking. They can be found most any weekend on their hands and knees deep in the woods of So. Jersey searching for these delicacies... Chuck Weigand has earned the distinction of being C-3's first Associate Member to accept an office. We are so pleased



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

- C-1 Brockton, Mass.
- C-1 Juniors Brockton, Mass.
- C-7 Waterbury, Conn.
- C-10 Athol, Gardner, Mass.
- C-17 So. Boston, Mass.
- C-17 Seniors So. Boston, Mass.
- C-17 Juniors So. Boston, Mass.
- C-18 Cambridge, Mass.
- C-26 Worcester, Mass.
- C-27 Norwood, Mass.
- C-30 Westfield, Mass.
- C-78 Lawrence, Mass.
- C-103 Seniors Providence, R.I.
- C-116 So. Worcester, Mass.
- C-135 Ansonia, Conn.



## Greetings

We're never up a tree when it comes to wishing our many good friends a Christmas overflowing with joy and the best of cheer.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO OUR K OF L FAMILY -  
SENIORS, REGULARS, &  
JUNIORS**

**LONGINAS SVELNIS**



With all good wishes,

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and that the New Year begins

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COUNCIL 3  
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he agreed to serve a two-year term as Council Trustee. Congratulations, Chuck!.. Installation of Officers took place Nov. 11 at the Council meeting hosted by Leonora and Vic Balten... C-3's Christmas Party was scheduled for Dec. 8... A cordial welcome to Father Sakalauskas who has agreed to become our Associate Spiritual Director... Jim and Judy Varevice have settled in their new home in Upper Darby. Best of luck to them... Our first dinner-Meeting of the season was held at the home of Irene and Walt Svekla. We hope that all of our members will try to attend future dinner-meetings... A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our K. of L. friends.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

### Smile & Sparkle

Opening prayers for our Oct. 8 meeting were said by Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch. He concluded with special prayers for the late Rev. Alphonse Orvidas who at one time had been an assistant at St. Casimir's.

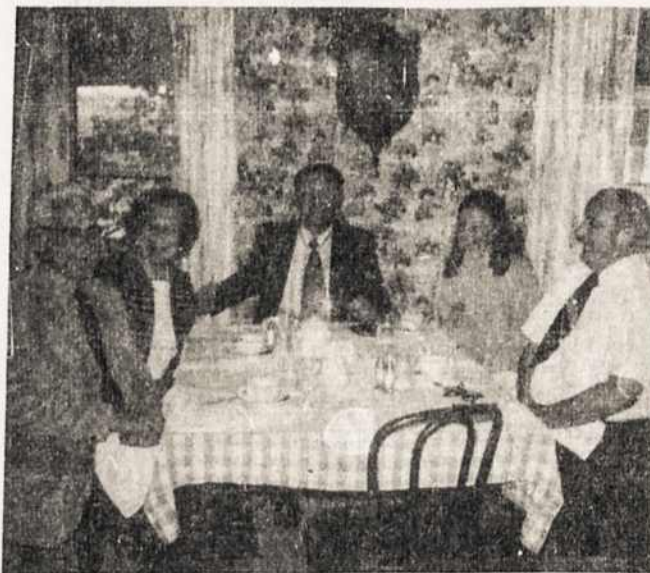
Chairman and spokesman of the nominating committee, Mary Stanionis, presented the slate of officers which she and her group, Betty Kuzmich, and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, had chosen. All accepted to run. The new officers were unanimously elected. The governing body is made up of: Pres. - Anthony Radzevich, Vice-Pres. - Gene Gobis, Secy. - Nellie Liberis, Treas. - Sophie Olbie,

Sgt.-at-Arms - Charles Karbus. Committee chairmen: Lithuanian Affairs - Edward Baranauskas, Cultural - Matthew Orante and Polly Ziausys, Ritual - Mary Stanionis.

Regina Kot volunteered to accept chairmanship of the Christmas Banquet with Helen Druziak and Polly Ziausys assisting her.

Sadie Karbus proposed that our council make a donation to help defray the cost involved in the construction of St. Casimir's Social Center. It was decided to have a 50/50 raffle. Sophie Olbie will take charge and Sadie Karbus will aid her.

Mildred Thomas sponsored a new member, Ida Boice, - and Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kerbelis were responsible in getting their daughter and son-in-law, Mirga & Edward Bablin, to rejoin our council. Welcome!



C-100, Amsterdam. Left to right: Nat'l Trustee & Pres. of C-100, Anthony Radzevich, wife Ann Radzevich, Rev. Bernard Gustas, Gene Gobis, and Don Holleran.

Slides of Austria, Hungary, and Yugoslavia were shown by Father Baltch.

Mary Stanionis and Betty Kuzmich served refreshments.

Leonard & Regina Hartvigas celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on Oct. 18. Ilgiausiu metu, laimingu metu, etc. linki visi Amsterdamo Vyčiai.

Gazing into the crystal ball, your reporter finds these members celebrating birthdays in December... Peter Sargalis (1st), Sophie Olbie (5th), Edward Bablin (4th), Walter Rusilas (8th), Stephanie Kroup (12th), Ben Kroup (30th) and our adopted K. of L'er Dr. Adam Kindar (24th). We wish one and all the very best of health and happiness.

Tony Radzevich returned from Chicago where he attended his first Supreme Council meeting. He remarked about the wonderful hospitality of the Chicago Knights.

A number of our council members journeyed to Waterbury, Conn. on Oct. 20 to attend the wedding of Algis Dzekciorius (Amsterdam) and Anele Maziulaitis (Waterbury). Traveling together were Regina & John Kot, Gene Gobis and Don Holleran. Richard Alexander's parents, Tony & Sadie were also there. Last to arrive was Dennis DiLorenzo... reason for the tardiness... got lost in the city. John Alanskas greeted the group outside the church, and after the services showed us the K of L club rooms. At the reception Gene Gobis spotted Prof. Aleksis

*Merry Christmas*

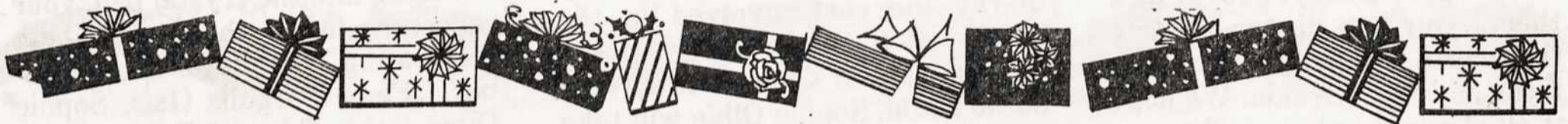
## MID - ATLANTIC

### DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICERS - 1973-1974

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 MARIAN SKABEIKIS, *First Vice-President*  
 PHILIP SKABEIKIS, *Second Vice-President*  
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 LILLIAN SASNAUSKAS, *Membership Secretary*  
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 MARY R. KOBER, *Bulletin Publisher*  
 ALBERT OZALIS-LORETTA STUKAS-ANTHONY MAZEIKA,

*Ritual*



and quickly introduced him to the Amsterdam group.

A triple celebration was held at Saltsman's Inn, Ephratah, N.Y., commemorating Ann & Tony Radzevich's 28th wedding anniversary (Sept. 30), and a double birthday observation of Father Bernard Gustas and Don Holleran (Sept. 28).

C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

Frog

C-110 was reorganized in Maspeth, N.Y. in February 1973 by former members of C-41 Brooklyn, when the need for a local parent council for the developing Junior group became apparent. Once the move was accomplished, the great potential for growth was realized. The founding group had belonged to a youth council (ages 16-30). It was decided to remove the upper

age limit for C-110. The successful transplantation was assisted by Rev. Frank Bulovas, Pastor of Transfiguration Church in Maspeth.

Since February, our council hosted the June MAD Convention, ably assisted by the Jrs.

Delegate to the 60th Nat'l. Conv. was Philip Skabeikis. Members Ron & Mary Volod, Ray Meseika, Marian Skabeikis, and Rimas Vebeliunas also attended. As a matter of fact, Rimas played the title role in the Convention Cultural Evening Play "Vargšas Tadas", and Marian was elected Nat'l. First Vice-President. Congratulations!

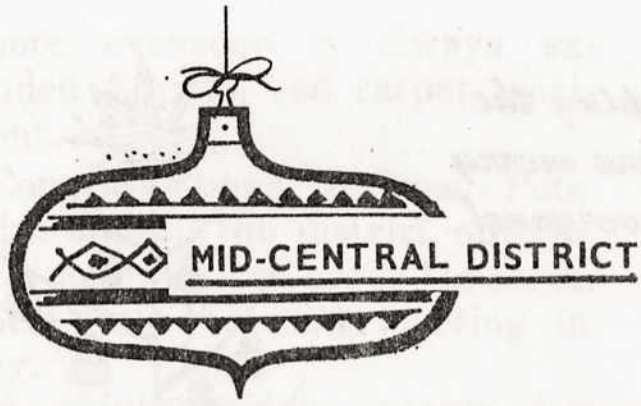
The first meeting of the new K of L year was held on Oct. 14 opening with 11 A.M. Mass at Transfiguration Lithuanian Church. At the meeting that followed immediately in the Parish hall, the following Board was elected:

Spiritual Advisor Rev. Jonas Pakalniškis, Pres. - Philip Skabeikis, Vice-Pres. - Ronald Volod, Secy.-Treas. - Marian Skabeikis, Fin. Secy. - Ray Meseika, KARDAS (Council Bulletin) Editor - Nellie Skabeikis.

Welcome to new members, John & Ann Sidtis, Anthony & Nellie Skabeikis, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Swedish, Peter Swedish, Kazimieras & Mary Strazdas, Mary Kuchinskas, Stella Sidtis, Al & Helen Kuchinskas, Peter Dykovitz and Mary Kulis.

Watch us grow!!!





### C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

Our members who attended the Mid-Central Dist. Conv. meeting and social gatherings, hosted by Detroit C-139, report that it was a most delightful weekend. It is impossible not to enjoy yourself when the reception is so warm and it is obvious that the host council has worked hard to make everything as nice as possible. It was such a pleasure to renew friendships with members from Dayton, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Youngstown, not to mention our own scattered Detroiters who were in attendance.

Highlight of the weekend was the presentation of 4th Degrees. Our members receiving degrees were Edna Klucens and Frank Bunikis. Congratulations to both!

Congratulations are also in order for off-and-on members Vic and Marie Yokin who are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Vic is Edna Klucens brother and is always most generous in allowing our council to use his pool for swim parties.



We hope that before long we will be able to congratulate C-102's bowling team, which our council is sponsoring this year. Working hard to make it to the top are Maryann & Joe Guerriero, Gus Baibak, George Kayganich and Rose Sawnick.

Charlotte & Vincent Ruseckas vacationed in sunny Arizona and while there contemplated future, looking over the retirement possibilities. Happy house hunting, folks.

Terry & Ray Medonis have moved into their dream home and are now busily decorating the lovely hill-top tri-level, about 40 miles northwest of Detroit. We wish them many happy years.

We will be starting the new year with two new members, - a great big welcome to Casey & Irene Ambrose. A gentle reminder to other members: Please send in your dues to Edna Klucens before the first of the year.

### C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

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Spooks, goblins and ghoulish decorations ran rampant for our Halloween motif, prepared by hostesses Helen Tucker and Helen Patocki, following our October meeting. Our thanks to the two Helens who adorned the settings beautifully, which made us indulge in all them goodies (forgetting

them calories, of course).

Members took advantage of a pleasant, sunny day on Sept. 22 for our Family Day Picnic. There was some apprehension with a forecast of rain and cloudy skies, but as "Lucky Chairman" Tony Dainus would have it, the weather changed and provided an ideal day for a perfect event. Games were played, along with good food and refreshments for socializing. There was also a horseshoe tournament with Ed Sackle the first-place winner. Labai Ačiū to the expenditure of Tony Dainus and much energy of his good committee: John & Julie Belickas, Cassie Bay, Jos. Chaps, V. Panavas, Helen Tucker, M. Smailis, R. Grasha, B. & F. Petroski, M/M W. Hotra and Ed Sackle. Approximately 65 people attended.

Ascot Motor Inn was the scene of the Mid-Central Dist. Conv. in Detroit, Oct. 13-14, hosted by C-139 of St. Peter's Church. Delegates representing our council were Vicki Chepelonis, Ruth Grasha, Violet Panavas and Frank & Sophie Zager. A new motion was introduced and approved to co-sponsor our district conventions in conjunction with the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, due to the small percentage of delegates attending the district meetings. So, be it reminded that you not only pack your bowling shoes, but also bring along your "meeting" shoes. That is in May 1974, Dayton, Ohio



LEFT: New C-102 4th Degree members Edna Klucens and Frank Bunikis, with new Honorary Member Ann Uznis.

RIGHT: Edna & Frank receive congratulations from C-102 President Grazina Vaskelis.



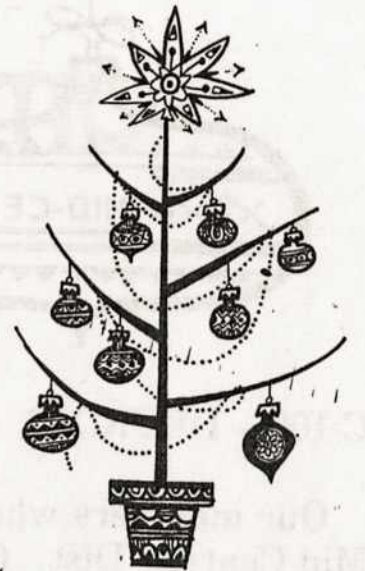


Kalėdų Švenčių,  
ir Naujųjų Metų  
proga, linkime  
Jums džiaugsmo  
ir Dievo palaimos

**PHIL & MARIAN  
SKABEIKIS - C-110**

*Here's hoping the  
holidays are merry  
dear for everyone!*

**DOTTIE DUTKUS  
COUNCIL #61  
PATERSON, N.J.**



**VYČIAI...**

**"GOD BLESS US ALL,  
EACH AND EVERY ONE."**



**COUNCIL 12**

**MANHATTAN, NEW YORK**



As we celebrate  
Christ's birth,  
let us pray for  
peace on earth



**Jack & Loretta Stukas**



**Linksmų Kalėdų  
Visiems Vyčiams!  
Best Wishes for a**

**Holy & Happy Holiday  
Season!**

**Officers & Members  
C-110 & C-110 Jrs  
Maspeth, N.Y.**



**Merry Christmas**

**Saint  
Anthony  
Savings**



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**Happy New Year**



where everyone is always extended a royal, red carpet treatment.

Congratulations to Pres. Pete Luiza and all the district officers who, upon request, agreed to serve office until the next meeting in May.

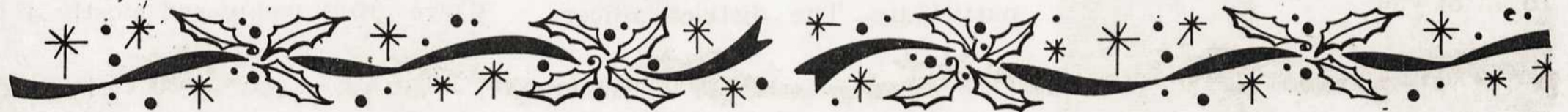
A bright, bright sunny day greeted the delegates, members and others for Mass at St. Peter's during the M.C. Dist. Conv. Prior to Mass, Fr. V. Kriščiunevičius, with the assistance of Nat'l. Ritual committee member, Frank Zager, invested 4th Degree honors to Anthony Dainus, Ruth Grasha and Magdalena Smailis. Congratulations to the threesome.

In his sermon, Father Kris gave a very touching summary of a "Vytis". Following Mass, a nice dinner-banquet was held in the church hall. As usual, good fellowship prevailed. The event was highlighted by the 3rd Degree awards conducted by Dist. chairman, Stanley Vaitkus, and assisted

by our Ritual chairlady, Bertha Janus. C-79 candidates presented with medals were Julie Belickas, Stella Hotra, Pat Milius, Violet Panavas and Joseph Salinas. Congratulations to all. We hope you will continue to work hard toward the goal of 4th Degrees. Our sincerest thanks to Ms. Janus for all her efforts in bringing up-to-date the members' ritual points. A beautiful job, Bertha! Katherine Kurpowic and Company, too, spared no effort to make this Dist. Conv. a very enjoyable event.

Indian summer played "hearts" with Stella & Walter Hotra who took advantage to celebrate their wedding anniversary by going North to view the fall colors and to visit their friends... Pat Milius and her mother, Patricia Kudirka, took a leisurely train trip to Montreal for a visit with relatives and friends... Anthony Dainus shows how retirement and pleasure can be successfully mixed. He visits almost daily the new Divine Provi-

dence Church and "squirms" through innumerable jobs left to be done... On Nov. 4 Eleanore Grasha was among the very first contingent of First Communicants to receive the Holy Eucharist Sacrament at the new Lithuanian church. Sincerest wishes, Eleanore... Our speedy recovery linkėjimai to Adele Vale following serious surgery. Her daughter, Antoinette (Toni), flew in from California and added moral support during her mother's convalescence - "which helped muchly", says Addie... Once again it is good to see Gerri Chaps in our midst. Two grandchildren kept her busy during a very sad time in her son Jerry's life. All's well now, and we hope it stays that way with the Chaps'... There was a "trodden path" between Royal Ascot Inn and the Frank Petroski home during the M.C. Dist. Conv. Between doings at the motel, Frank and Betty had some of the "bachelors" hopping on Fox Ave...



## K of L MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

### 1973-1974 DISTRICT OFFICERS

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*Greetings for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all Knights of Lithuania members*

As the Zagers journeyed to the K of L Nat'l. Conv. in Brockton, Mass., they were deeply saddened by the news of the death of Professor Joseph Olsauskas. Prof. Olsauskas was a gifted musician and choirmaster of St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam, of which Sophie was a member. Our deepest sympathy to C-100. Prof. rarely skipped a Nat'l. K of L Conv. and he will be greatly missed... We were in receipt of a note from Sophia & George Leskosky who retired to Florida. They have much company, but each of them manage a trip occasionally to Michigan. They celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary, and we wish them many more anniversaries... Our congratulations to Ann Uznis of our sister C-102 upon her Honorary investiture... Also, congratulations to Leo Smilgis who tied the knot Oct. 26 at the new Divine Providence Church.

Linksmų Švenčių from all of us to all of you!

## C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

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With Fall in the air, Jr Den Parents for Oct. 7, Stan & Helen Vaitkus and Charles & Sarah Petkus, planned a cook-out at Taylorsville Dam. Fall picnics are so enjoyable that members of the regular council conned an invite. In spite of the morning rain, a good time was really had. Much thanks to the Vaitkus' and Petkus'.

Oct. 13-14 saw Charles & Sarah Petkus head for the Mid-Central Dist. Conv. in Detroit with their 'bus'. Riding with them were Elinor Sluzas, Mary Lucas and Rita Ambrose. Also participating in the Convention were Joseph & Amelia August and Stan Vaitkus. The main problem resolved was to incorporate the Dist. Conv. with the annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament. This will give more members a greater chance to participate. The district officers

agreed to maintain their positions until the May meeting. From the Dayton members, a very sincere thank-you to C-139 for a well planned weekend. A special "ačiū labai" to Frank & Betty Petroski for opening their home and hearts to the Dayton members.

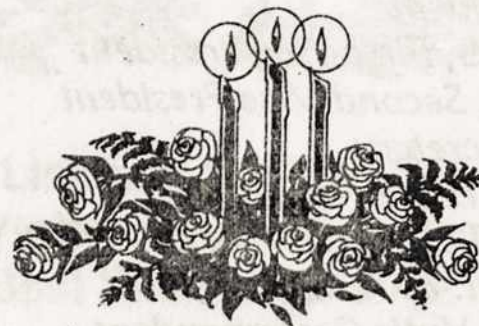
To say "thank you" to the co-chairmen of our Pillowcase Party of Oct. 21 at the Lithuanian Hall would be an understatement! Frank & Karolyn Ambrose and Jerry & Teri Scott did a fabulous job. Along with the help of their committee and the Junior Knights, we had the most successful bingo in the history of the council. The highlight of the day was Karolyn being taken to the hospital to give birth to her second son! To Frank and Karolyn, much happiness. To a calm Jerry and Teri, "good show".

The parish held a special Lithuanian Cultural Dinner-Dance on Oct. 27 at the Lithuanian Hall. This was the day our newly-formed dance group, composed mostly of



*Linksmų  
Kalėdų Švenčių*

*Laimingų  
Naujų Metų!*



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**Linki**

**Amsterdamo Vyčiai - Kuopa 100**

Juniors, presented their first public performance. Our youth certainly did well, and their instructors must be congratulated for preparing the dancers in such a short time. The older boys, Edward Sluzas, Ray Gečas and Michael Petkus, also danced the "Oželis" at the University of Dayton's International Folk Dance Tea on Oct. 28 and at the YMCA's International Festival on Nov. 1.

To the Cultural Committee of the parish, most of which are Knights, we extend a hearty "thank you" for a fine evening. The dinner was an all-Lithuanian cuisine, - plenty and most delicious. Our president, Elinor Sluzas, most emphatically congratulated Judy Petrokas. Although many hands went into the preparation of the food, Judy put it all together.

It was good to hear that Ada Sinkwitz's latest hospital stay was not too long. Good to know Veronika Omlor is recuperating nicely after a recent fall while visiting Bob Evans' Farm in Gallipolis, O. Charles Petkus is doing fine too, after a recent fall, - checking to see if his youngest son was getting into trouble!

Congratulations are extended to Stan & Ida Kavy on the birth of their second grandson! Congratulations to Joe Boeke upon being elected a lay administrator at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. Joe, Ann and the family were in town, visiting with Ann's mother, Ada Sinkwitz.

In preparing for our first attempt at a Christmas Bazaar held Nov. 10-11, it looked like Lithu-

anian Day at Cappel's Craft Supply Center with Mary, Sally & Annadel Miller, Pat Zelinskas, Eloise Berczelly, Frances Zelinskas, Eleanor Mantz and Fran Petkus, all shopping at one time.

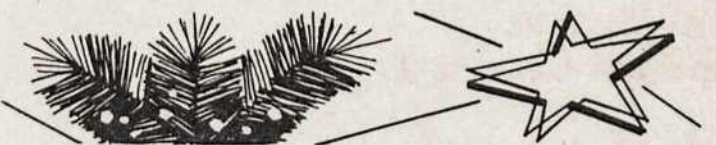
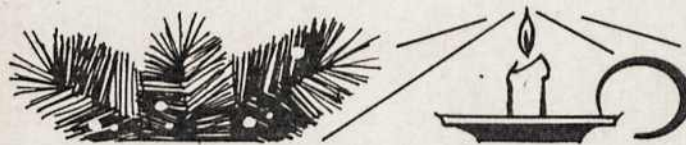
Congratulations to Jerry Podoyak on becoming Manager of a branch of McDonald's eatery in Dayton. Our prayers are with Fr. Walter Katarskis on a speedy recovery from a nagging tooth infection.

December birthday greetings are wished to Amelia August, Ann Kondrotas, Mike P. Petkus, Fran Vangas, Eileen Wilemaitis, Andrew August, Sam Bakanauskas, Ildephonsas Bucmys and Joan Kavalauskas. Anniversary congratulations are sent to Albert & Marianne Owens.



LEFT: Officers at the Mid-Central District meeting, Lincoln Park, Mich. l. to r. Ruth Grasha, Peter Luiza, Stella Sankal.

RIGHT: Cleveland Srs. at the Lithuanian Cultural Section at Kent State Un. Library. l. to r. I. Visockas, S. Sankal, M. Trainy.



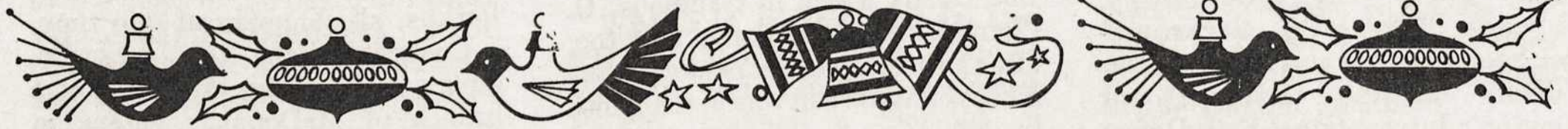
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## we get letters

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman  
Scholarship Committee  
Knights of Lithuania

Dear Dr. Stukas:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you, the Scholarship Committee, and the entire membership of the Knights of Lithuania for awarding me a scholarship this year.

The 60th Jubilee Convention will always remain a highlight in my life.

My family and I will always be grateful to the K. of L. for this scholarship aid to Assumption College.

Vytiškai,

Joan A. Adamaitis

Irene Sankus  
Supreme Council Treasurer

Dear Madam Treasurer,

Please convey my heartfelt thanks to the Scholarship Committee, Supreme Council officers and all members for the generous scholarship of \$300 of which I am honored to receive. I plan to continue participation in the Knights of Lithuania throughout my college life. Again, many thanks.

Vytiškis Jūsu,

Peter M. Bizinkauskas



Dear Mr. Stukas,

This is just a note of thanks for choosing me as one of the recipients for the National K of L Scholarship.

You couldn't imagine how helpful this scholarship is to me where as I hadn't received any money from B.C. itself. I hope, in future years, to prove myself worthy of this scholarship.

Vytiškai,

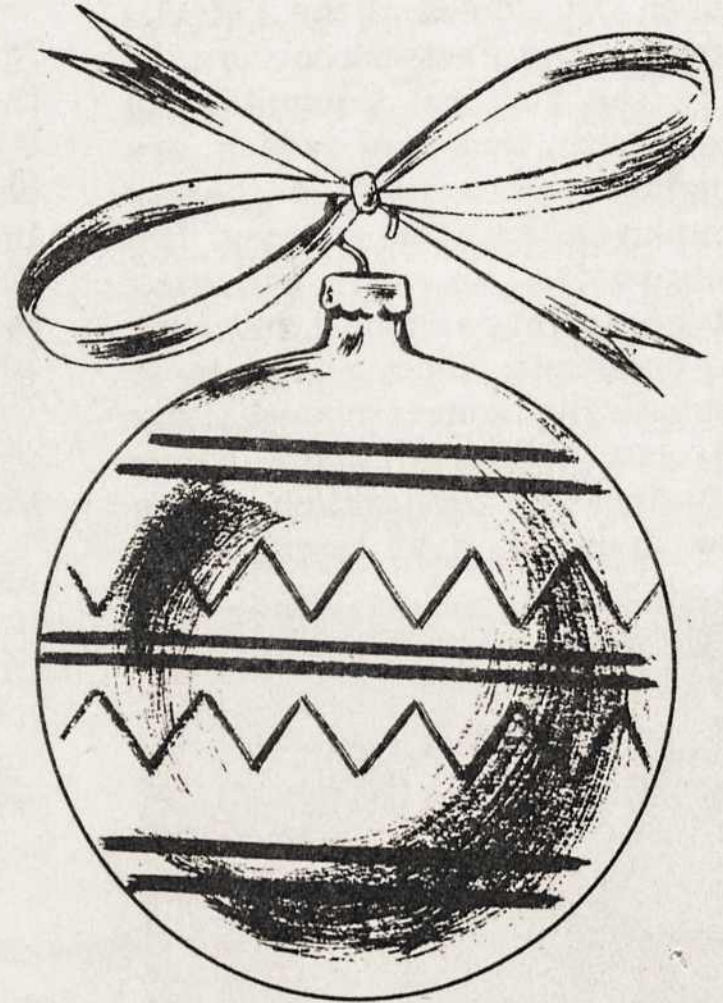
Ann Marie Markuns

Dear Dr. Stukas,

Please convey my most sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all the members of the Scholarship Committee. I feel very honored to have won a part of this scholarship. Thank you, once again.

Sincerely,

Margaret Bunikis



### IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your  
Prayers.....

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Member, C-112, Chicago  
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