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"KULTŪROS ŽIDINYS" - a new Lithuanian Franciscan Cultural Center in New York is blessed by Most Rev. Francis Mugavaro, Bishop of Brooklyn, while Franciscans and representatives of other orders and parishes assist. Photo by R. Kisielius

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OUR PATRON, ŠVENTAS KAZIMIERAS

By Phillip Skabeikis



St. Casimir, the patron Saint of Lithuania, became prominent at a time when Lithuania was primarily a nation of neophytes. It was Pope Urban VIII, in 1636, who appointed him the principal heavenly patron of all Lithuanians. On June 11, 1948, Pope Pius XII stated in a brief decree, "We confirm, appoint and proclaim St. Casimir, as the special heavenly patron of all Lithuanian youth".

St. Casimir was born on Oct. 3, 1458 in the city of Crakow, scarcely seventy years after Lithuania's conversion to Christianity. One of the few who resisted Christianity for a time was Casimir's grandfather Jogaila. Jogaila had two sons, Wladyslaw and Casimir, our subject's father. Casimir senior, succeeded Jogaila as Grand Duke

and governed Lithuania and Poland between 1440-1492. He married Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Albrecht II, Emperor and King of Germany, and therefore a descendent of the Hapsburgs. It is from this royal lineage that St. Casimir descended.

Casimir's formal training began when he was nine. He and his brothers were taught by two court officials. Instruction included reading and writing of the Polish language, then the language of the court, German, Latin, public speaking, physical education and the importance of prayer and virtuous living. The most influential teacher of the royal children was Canon John Dlugosz, a famed Polish Bishop and scholar. Of Casimir he said, "He is an excellent

youth of rare talents and remarkable knowledge".

There is no evidence as to when he learned Lithuanian. Either his father or his long stays in Lithuania are undoubtedly responsible for his mastery of that tongue. Visiting political and church dignitaries were greatly taken with the youth when he would appear before them and deliver discourses in a number of languages and on various topics.

When Casimir was 13, he was given command of an army 12,000 men strong, sent to seize the Hungarian throne. By that time the boy had become a tool of his parents. His mother's Hapsburg blood kept her sons heirs to the German throne. The failure and futility of his Hungarian campaign destroyed forever any expectations toward earthly thrones that the prince may have had.

Prince Casimir went back to his studies and received more training in the rules of chivalry, the art of rhetoric, debating and literary appreciation. His adolescent years brought with them a deeper love of prayer and stronger leanings toward the religious aspects of the court.

The King viewed these developments with alarm and hurriedly began instruction in court proceedings and judicial regulations, for Casimir was the heir to the throne, since his older brother had won the throne of Bohemia in 1471.

Frequent visits to Casimir's ancestral homeland, Lithuania began in 1474. Easter was spent in the capital, Vilnius, and numerous hunting trips took place in the surrounding forests. In 1476, the King and two of his sons spent Christmas there.

Casimir's religious side brought him to a fresh awareness of the situation in recently-baptized Lithuania. Many of the areas of the country were comprised of Ruthenians, worshippers of the Orthodox faith. His attempts to segregate these groups created great agitation, which was probably the cause for an attempted assassination of the King and the two princes in 1481. It was discovered in time, but Prince Casimir was deeply shaken when hearing of it.

When the King wanted to tend the affairs of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania more thoroughly, he sent Casimir back to Poland to rule in his stead. While there Casimir instituted many reforms which

cured ills that had gradually corrupted the Polish government. He personally aided in helping the poor and the sick. Although gaining great praise and respect, Casimir did not find the fulfillment he needed in court life. He drew closer to God. Self-inflicted penances and fasts became the order of the day. He spent entire days meditating in the chapel. He often wore a penitential hairshirt beneath his princely garments. Sometimes he declined his bed, preferring to sleep on the floor, with his arms outstretched in the form of the cross.

In 1483, Casimir's health began a noticeable decline, many saying it was the result of his harsh treatment of himself. His illness de-

veloped quickly and on the morning of Mar. 4, 1484, the 25 year old prince died in the arms of his mother. He was buried in the Vilnius Cathedral, where a chapel was erected in his honor.

His canonization took place in 1521 by Pope Leo X. March 4 was established as his feast day. Devotion to St. Casimir spread to many parts of Europe. Today, there are at least twenty Lithuanian and thirty-four Polish Parishes in the United States dedicated to St. Casimir. Several organizations have also chosen him as their patron saint, including our own K of L.

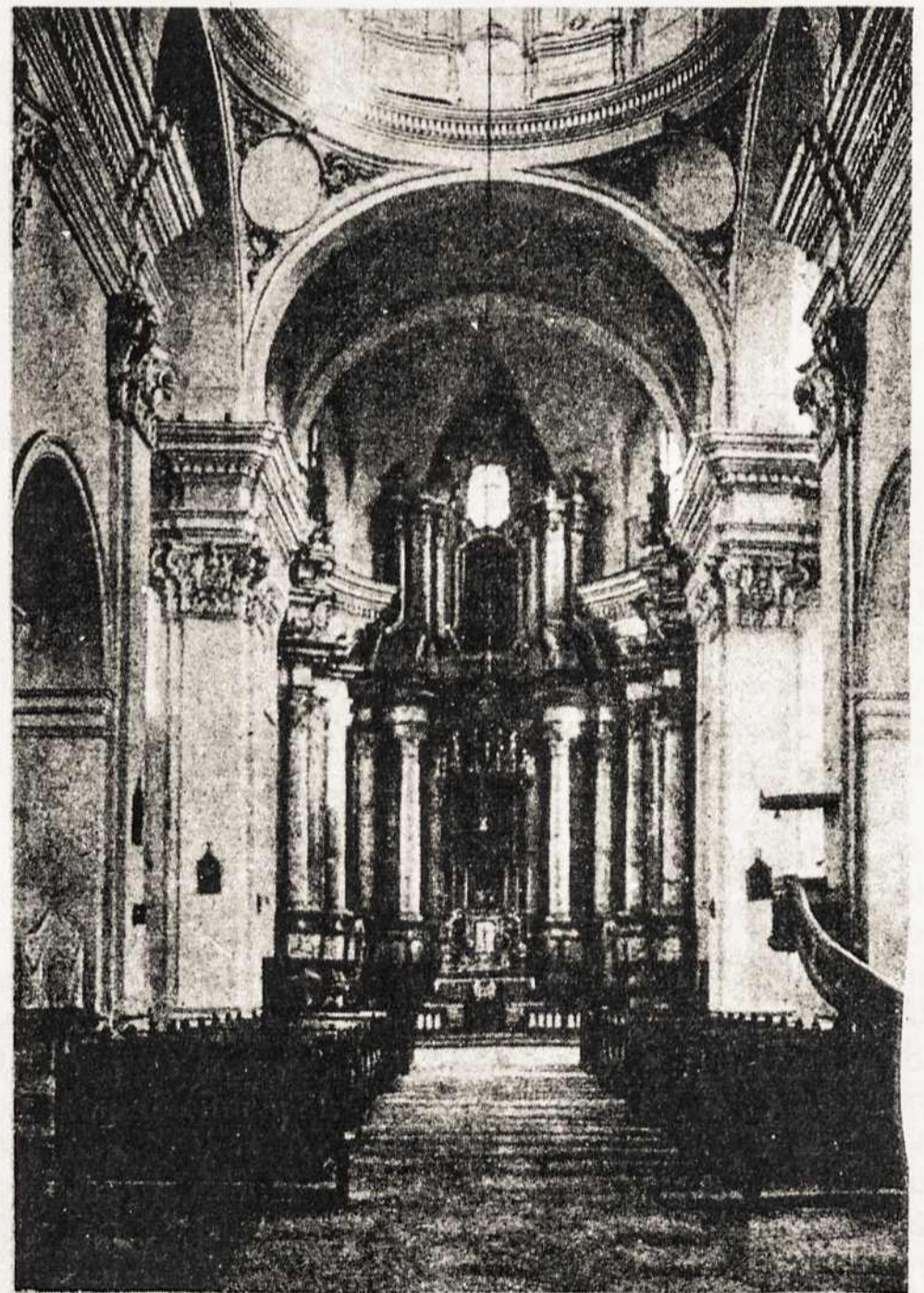
For many, St. Casimir is still the one to whom they can accord their trust, hopes and aspirations.



KAZIMIERAI ŠVENTAS

Kazimierai Šventas, mūsų patrone,
Kursai per galingą Dievo malonę
Likai didžiu šventu, tikrai garbingu,
Dabar jau pas Dievą būdamas laimingu,
Išmelsk mums čionai visiems apšvietimą,
Tikėjimą tvirtą ir sutikimą;
Kad ir paklydę greitai susiprastų,
Pagrįžtų prie Dievo, tiesą atrastų.
Vienybėj' tada visi čia kaip vienas
Tarnautume Dievui tikrai kiekvienas;
O kaip pasibaigs mūs dienos vargingos,
Mūs sielos galėtų būti laimingos.

Prel. M. J. Urbonas, LL.D.



St. Casimir's Church, Vilnius.

ŠVENTAS KAZIMIERAI

muz. Liudas Stukas
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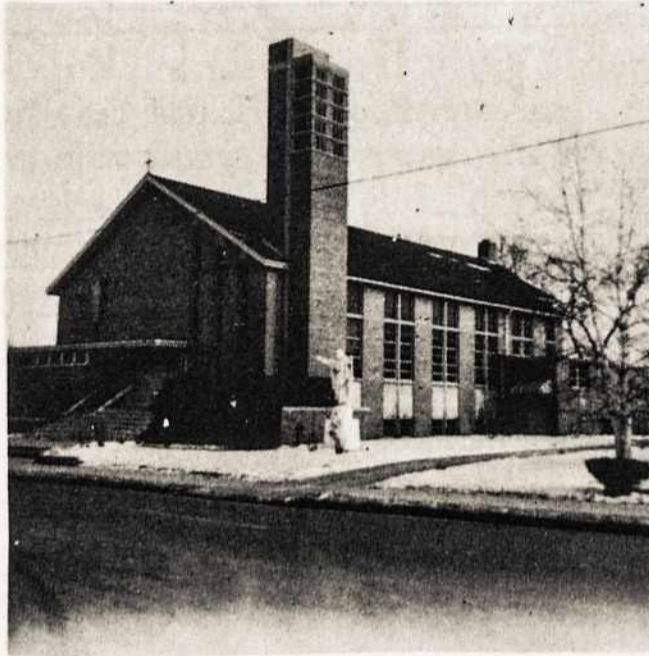
OUR NEXT CONVENTION - DETROIT

by Anthony Dainus

The year was 1959, the place was Detroit, the event the 46th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania. Not to brag about it, but the consensus was that "that was a convention". We went all out. That means that we have something to live up to and that's what we are planning - another big one.

We sidestepped offers to accept a convention for the last four years. But can you blame us? Our Church, Divine Providence, home of C-79, was torn down for a freeway and it took us four years to establish new quarters: a new rectory, new church, meeting rooms, a cafeteria and a huge auditorium. But this time, following trends of other cities, we are now in the suburbs of Detroit - Southfield, Mich. - on ten acres of land. Behind us are eighty more acres. It's a perfect setting for hunting, fishing (well at least there's a babbling brook to the rear) and bird watching! Bring your walking shoes so you can communicate with nature. Our hikers' club will take you on our own nature trails. What council offered that on their own grounds at previous conventions?

If we say that we are spending a million dollars on the project, it



The former DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH, Detroit. This beautiful Church was torn down for a freeway.

will give you some idea what is involved. Where did we get that kind of money? First of all, ours is an old parish dating to 1908. In fact, ours is also an old council as our number indicates - '79'. We go back to 1917. However we had a thirty year lapse and were re-organized through the suggestion of the able, the progressive Robert Boris of Detroit C-102 (St. Anthony's) and became the largest council in the country. We still are!

Speaking of building, the city of Detroit is not to be outdone. It too

is building a huge project initiated by Henry Ford, a five hundred million dollar complex called Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, along the river. Want more? We are getting a new football stadium for the Detroit Lions. It will be just outside the city in Pontiac, Mich.

I mentioned our huge auditorium etc. We call it our Cultural Center. Almost every weekend some cultural event takes place there, and soon various sporting events will be seen because it is an all purpose structure. Chicago has its "Kultūros Centras", so has Brooklyn, and now so has Detroit. We might mention that the famous artist V. K. Jonynas is designing stained glass windows and statuary for our church.

In planning this convention, our heads were not up in the clouds; we were down to earth. We have arranged the most reasonable rates for room and meals; the low figure will amaze you. Then too we discussed gas rationing if it should take place. We discussed all possibilities, selected our committees and finally decided to go ahead with the convention. It will take place in AUGUST, the SEVENTH to the ELEVENTH. See you there!

THE 61ST NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION

AUGUST 7-11, 1974

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A NEW CULTURAL CENTER FOR NEW YORK LITHUANIANS

For the New York Lithuanian community, Feb. 10, 1974 represented the culmination of some 10 years of hard work, and the realization of a dream of decades. A new Lithuanian Cultural Center - "Kultūros Židinys" - in Brooklyn, N.Y., was formally blessed and dedicated. The impressive structure, built under the auspices of the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers, St. Casimir Priory, includes a large multi-purpose auditorium, a smaller hall, and numerous meeting rooms for the public, as well as comfortable monastery quarters, a chapel, and the printing facilities used for publication of DARBININKAS, GARSAS, and numerous other Lithuanian publications.

Most Reverend Francis J. Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn, officiated at the blessing and remained as a guest for the Mass and formal dedication that followed. Most Reverend Vincentas Brizgys, Bishop in Exile of Kaunas and Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, was chief celebrant at the concelebrated Mass and delivered the sermon, while the Lithuanian Men's Chorus "Perkūnas", directed by Vytautas Strolia, and soloist Gina Čapkauskienė sang hymns during Mass. Hon. Anicetas Simutis, General Consul of Lithuania at New York and various officials of the Franciscan Fathers and the Lithuanian community extended greetings during the Dedication Ceremony. A most enjoyable concert, presented by tenor Kazys Yakutis of Worcester, Mass. and soprano Gina Čapkauskienė of Canada, accompanied by Saulius Cibas, closed the day's festivities on a musical note.



Concert artists G. Čapkauskienė, K. Yakutis and S. Cibas.



The official dedication ceremony.

New York Lithuanians long felt the need for a "home of their own"... a cultural center where young and old could gather for religious, social and cultural events, but it took the Franciscans to make the dream a reality. A Franciscan Fathers building fund was started in 1964, at the suggestion of Rev. Peter Baniunas and with the permission of newly-elected provincial, Rev. Leonard Andriekus. Rev. Juvinalis Liauba sought out and arranged for the purchase of an attractive and ample piece of property on Highland Blvd. in Brooklyn, and overcame the legal hurdles standing in the way of proceeding with the project.

From then on, only needed finances stood between the dream and the reality. Rev. Paulius Baltakis, Rev. Baniunas, Rev. Gailiusis, and other members of



An attentive public.

Photo by R. Kisielius

the order, aided by many lay people, pursued their cause with vigor, ambition and much personal sacrifice, ringing doorbells, writing letters, advertising via press and radio and planning and supervising numerous social activities. Ten years later, thanks to the devoted efforts of the Franciscans and the generosity of the local Lithuanian people, New York Lithuanians have their "ŽIDINYS"!



Bishops V. Brizgys (left) and F. Mugavero during Dedication festivities. Photo by R. Kisielius

On the occasion of the dedication, the following "Act" was read, summarizing so well the hopes and aims of the Cultural Center initiators.

This Lithuanian Cultural Center, the fruit of inspiring joint effort and sacrifice of the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers and all the Lithuanians of this Greater New York Area, is dedicated to:

INDEPENDENT LITHUANIA

and to the

LITHUANIAN NATION

May it foster personal growth and mutual cooperation of those who come to this Center and awaken in them the awareness of their rich Lithuanian heritage - its beautiful language and culture rich with fascinating traditions.

May it be the rock on which Lithuania's sons and daughters will build their moral, spiritual and religious foundation.

May it foster loyalty to these United States of America and be a constant reminder of their obligation to strive for the freedom of their fatherland - Lithuania and their brothers and sisters still living in captivity behind the Iron Curtain.

To this end may the Lithuanian Cultural Center be dedicated with the help and blessing of Almighty God.

FOR GOD

AND

COUNTRY

SAINT CASIMIR PRAY FOR US

Spread your charity to the priests and nuns in Lithuania. Love for God and love for our fellow-man are two virtues most dear to every K of L member as a Catholic. It is a way of being united with God.

The monetary offering you give the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid is used especially to help our dedicated priests and nuns in subjugated Lithuania. They dearly need your fervent prayers and support to sustain their dedication

in bringing spiritual aid to their suffering brethren.

The nuns in Lithuania are very active secretly. We know, that their vocations are increasing daily, but they must have your generosity in order to increase their numbers, and to help them accomplish their mission. Won't you need their cry for help? Mail your charitable offering to: Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., 64-09 56th Road, Maspeth, N.Y., 11378 to-day! Include your council number in order that we may have a record of the K of L contributions.

John A. Stoskus

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ ETIKA

Budėkite, tvirtai ir stovėkite, tikėjime, elkitės kaip vyrai ir būkite stiprūs.

1 Kor. 16;13

Mūsų organizacijos stiprybė glūdi Vyčio širdyje. Todėl Vytis turi būti dorybės pavyzdys ir jo elgesys visuomet turi liudyti toki nusiteikimą. Mūsų organizacijos pagrindas: religijos, laisvės ir garbės dvasia. Drąsa, atsidavimas ir ištikimumas šiems idealams sudaro "Lietuvos Vyčių" dorinį pagrindą ir čia slypi mūsų didingumas, nes

ištikimybė garbės ženklas! Laimės paslaptis yra laisvė, o laisvės - drąsa!

Šaunus Vytis myli savo tėvynę ir tautą ir jas visada gins narsiai kai tik jos bus pavojuje.

Garbingas Vytis visada nešioja savo krūtinėje gilią Dievo meilę, ir nėra, kas jį gali priversti ką nors daryti prieš Dievo valią.

Taip pat Vytis myli teisingumą ir laisvę ir visada pasirengęs už ją kovoti. Kiekvienas ištikimas lietuvių tautos sūnus šviečia savo patriotizmu krikščioniška dvasia ir tuo būdu jis dega gilia dora ir pasi-

aukojimu tėvynės labui.

Visais laikais, visose aplinkybėse, visose frontuose ir visuose mūsų tiesos ir didvyriškos aukos vėliava ves mus į pergalę! Ištikimybė tėvynei, Dievo meilė, narsumas, gerumas ir palankumas bus mūsų aukščiausi garbės ženklai ir kol mūsų širdis plaka šiais šventais principais "Lietuvos Vyčiai" bus amžinai karžygiškos didybės simbolis ir mūsų darbas bei pasiaukojimas bus visad naudingas gimtajam kraštui Amerikai!

Fred Hirst



VYČIŲ EKSKURSIJA Į EUROPA.

Lietuvos Vyčiai kviečia dalyvauti trečioje didžioje vyčių rengiamoje išvykoje ateinančių metų vasarą. Tai būtų Europos šventovių lankymo ir maldininkų išvyka. Bus aplankyta vietovės šiuose kraštuose: Prancūzijoje sostinė Paryžius ir Liurdo šventovė, Ispanijos sostinė Madridas ir Zaragozos šventovė, Portugalijos sostinė Lisabona ir Fatimos šventovė, Belgijos sostinė Briuselis ir Vokietijoje 16-tos Vasario gimnazija, kurioj vyčiai surengs koncertą lietuviams.

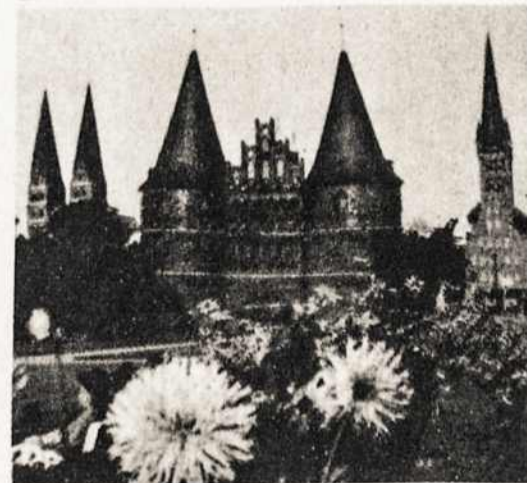


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Visi norintieji toje didžioje išvykoje dalyvauti prašomi jau dabar registruotis minėtoje agentūroje, prisiunčiant 100 dol. čekį ar piniginę perlaidą (M.O.).



Iš New Yorko išvyksta Luftansa lėktuvu 1974 birželio 27 ir grįžtama atgal liepos 12 d. Be lėktuvo Europoje bus keliamas dar traukiniais, autobusais ir laivu. Bilieto kaina vienam asmeniui, įskaitant pusryčius ir pietus arba vakarienę, nakvynes pirmos klasės viešbučiuose, įdomesnių vietų lankymą ir visą aptarnavimą, yra 925 dol.



LAND OF CROSSES



Leonard Andriekus

Long will you wail and hide your head
 If the last of your crosses fall;
 While they're steadfast, the sun turns back in winter,
 Grasshoppers frolic each year in the rye.

Rue and lilies have been nourished under crosses
 Where grain let free young shoots;
 Your days hung low like a great bronze bell,
 You found solace in your pain.

You had faith in the providence of the Lord,
 Not in the sowing and harvest of the earth,
 Even as the crucified Lord's five wounds
 Reopened in your being.

Innumerable the days, your wounds dripped blood
 Into the earth through chalices of flowers;
 The oakgroves sing new psalms to you,
 Evening grasshoppers sing your consolation.

The sun grows weary, seas wail deeply.
 Crosses swerve, rays break off -
 You forgiving deep trespasses,
 Stride the highway of tears to your destiny.

(Translated from Lithuanian
 by Demie Jonaitis)

IT'S A FACT

By Tony Yuknis

When rhesus monkeys were put on an "average American diet" they were practically poisoned. So related Dr. Robert Wissler, University of Chicago professor of pathology, to the American Heart Association. Though the monkey dieters ate more than others, they made poor weight gains, showed bad blood vessels, and died before the two years research program was fulfilled.

Russian scientists reported, in 1970, that coloring agent Red #2 was cancer-inducing and caused birth defects in laboratory animals. This coloring agent is used in the USA in candy, ice cream, soft drinks, jams, breakfast cereals, hot dogs, etc.

In the USA the Delaney Clause is the consumer's guardian against carcinogens (cancer inducing agents in foods). It prohibits the Federal Drug Administration from permitting food processors to add carcinogenic chemicals to foods.

Forget about ordering your hard liquor in plastic throw away bottles. The U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol has banned the use of polyvinyl chloride containers after tests showed that liquor leached out toxic agents.

You may be healthier if you cook your foods in enamel pots and pans. Tests, in Sant Agostino Hospital in Modena, Italy, proved that enamelware sheds more bacteria when washed.

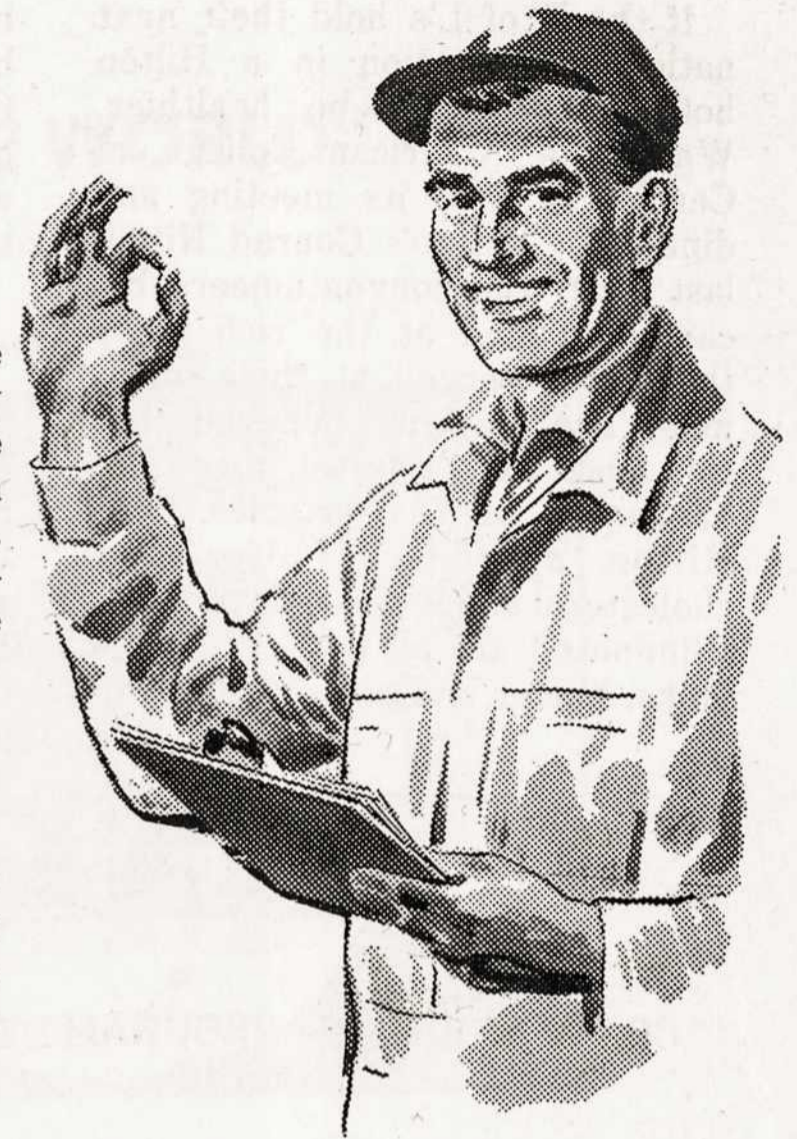
Out of the 1973 meeting of The American Academy of Allergy came the resolution urging the FDA to require warning labels on all medications containing aspirin. It is blamed for bad asthmatic attacks to people that are sensitive to aspirin.

The restricted saccharin sweetener had produced bladder cancer in three out of 48 rats tests by the FDA laboratories. It may soon join cyclamates on the banned list.

Fumaric acid which is used in fruit juice drinks was blamed to have degerative effects on teeth by University of Indiana researchers. The acid is found in soft drinks, gelatin desserts, puddings and pie fillings.

The purple dye meat stamp used by Government meat inspectors has been banned by the FDA. Japanese lab tests proved it to be a cancer causing agent. This coloring agent (also known as Violet #2) was found in soft drinks, candy, ice cream, snack foods and drugs. About 30% of it was used to mark meat.

About 60% of heart attacks occur to persons who do not have high cholesterol in their blood. This fact was reported at the California Medical Association convention. High blood pressure and heredity are the high risk factors.



Vitamin C deficiency is suspected in high cholesterol cases. A lack of this vitamin, not serious enough to cause scurvy, disturbs the conversion of cholesterol into bile acids in lab animals.

If you drink more than five cups of coffee per day you double your chances of getting a heart attack. The Lancet, British Medical Journal, stated that the strong stimulation through the nervous system results in the rapid beating of the heart and extra systoles even in healthy persons.

The Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness warns against the indiscriminate use of aerosol spray cans. The hair sprays, deodorants and cake cream toppings are propelled by Freon (flourine) gas. The spray gas, when inhaled, can depress the heart and can cause death in extreme cases. This fact is seconded by the Chicago Tribune's science editor.

If the K of L's hold their next national convention in a Hilton hotel they might be healthier. When the American College of Cardiology held its meeting and dined in Chicago's Conrad Hilton last year, the conventioners became appalled at the rich foods they were served at their meetings. The majority believed that rich foods were a factor in causing hardening of the arteries. The Hilton agreed to offer low cholesterol and low calorie dinners. Eliminated are all meat fats, egg yolks, butter and pan drippings in

baking and cooking. All meat will be trimmed off fat before cooking. Cut out are cold cuts. Chicken is to be cooked without skin. Skim milk will be used and fruit dishes will be the dessert.

sugar aids dieter to lose weight, that candy or soft drinks reduce your appetite.

It was a year ago that the Federal Trade Commission cited two sugar trade associations with false advertising in magazines and were ordered to run disclaimer advertisements. The FTC found objectionable their claims that

Earlier, Ralph Nader and his investigators accused the FDA of aiding the food industry in putting a chemical feast on American dinner tables. America can get along fine without the more than 3,000 additives commonly used. The report stated that additives increase the profits of the industry.

JUNIOR NEWS

CONVENTIONSHIP PROGRAM DEADLINE NEARS

By now, all interested Juniors should have received applications for the 1974 National Convention Award from their Junior Counselor or District officer. If you have not received this information, or your Council requires additional forms, please contact your District 1st Vice President, or:

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Richmond Hill, New York 11418

A very important part of your application will be the status of your Council. Please be sure that your Council has submitted its annual dues of \$5.00 to National Financial Secretary, Irene Ozalis. It is very important that all active Councils pay their dues each year, and that a list of active members, as well as enrollment cards for all new members, be filed with the First Vice President. This is the only way a Council can receive its membership cards for the K of L year.

C-96 JUNIORS - DAYTON, OHIO

The Juniors had an election dinner in December at the Ponderosa Steak House. Afterwards, all gathered at Eleanor Sluzas' house where the following officers were elected for the 1974 term: Pres. - Michael Petkus, Vice-Pres. - Linda Petkus, Secy. - Mary Petkus, Treas. - Kym Blosser, Advisors -

Sara Petkus and Eloise Berczelly, Spiritual Advisor - Rev. W. Katarskis.

We also have a newly-formed Lithuanian Dance Group which some of the Juniors have joined. We have already performed several times, in several places. The group consists of the following

dancers: Rita and Ray Gecas, Kathy Sinkwitz, Julie Prasmantas, Mary and Elaine Mikalauskas, Mike Petkus, Tom Rastikas, Irene and Vida Gecas, Annmarie and Ed Sluzas, and Marilyn, Walter and Mike Lastoskie.

Rita Gecas

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS TAKE NOTE

The Knights of Lithuania is a family organization, and, as in every family, everyone would like to know how the other members are doing. This section of Junior News is for YOU. Please let us know who your officers are, what your plans are, and tell us of your activities and your interests. Your information will help make the K of L a better organization for all of us. Any Junior News can be sent to Marian Skabeikis. Photographs of your activities are most welcome, and will be returned.

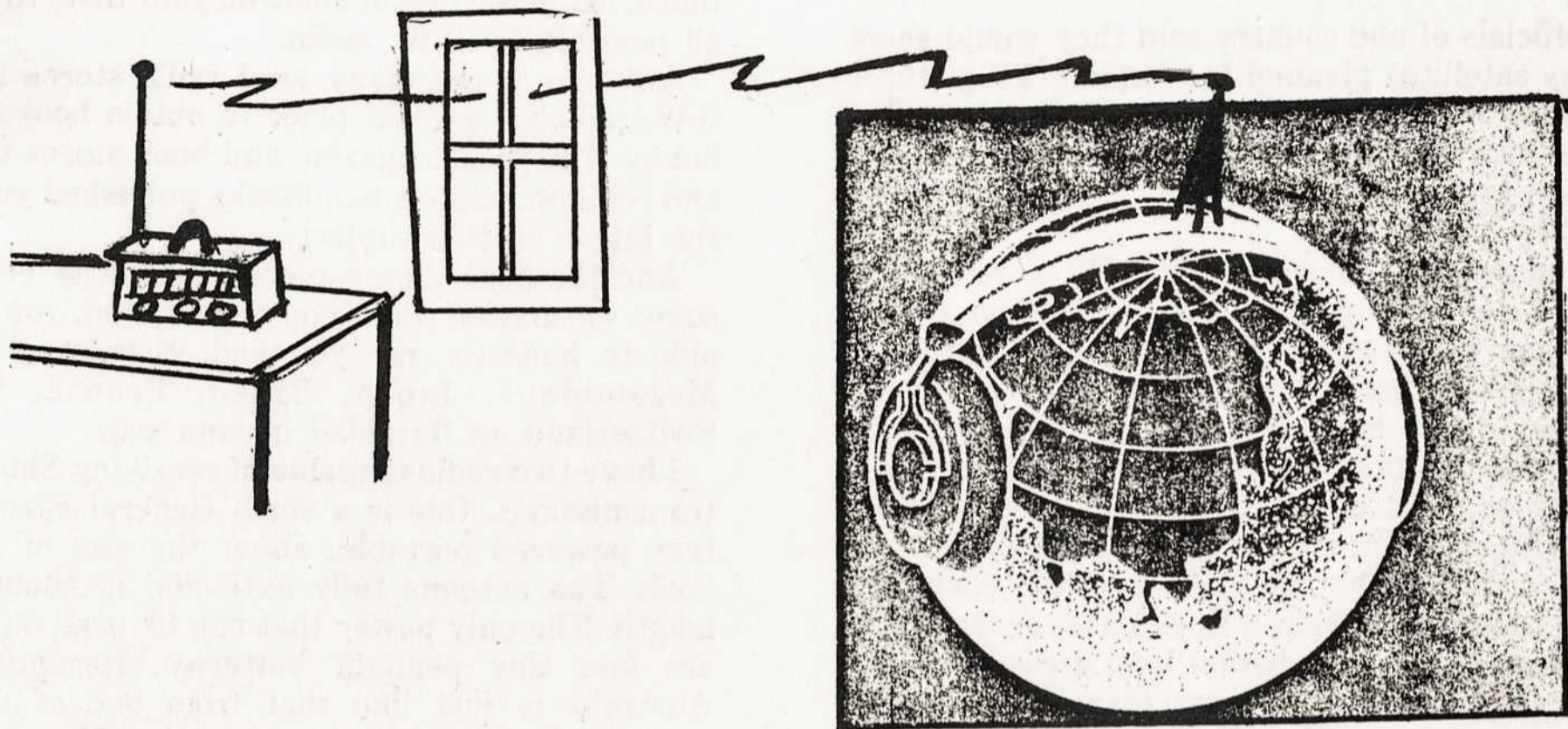
MORE SCHOLARSHIPS...

The Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Chicago announces their Scholarship Competition. Annual scholarships are given for either undergraduate or graduate work. Anyone of Lithuanian descent may apply. Applications are available from:

MR. BRUNO GRAMONT
6640 S. Fairfield
Chicago, Illinois 60629

If you are interested, please hurry, as the deadline for the RETURN of applications is May 1, 1974.

FOR A "WINDOW TO THE WORLD" -



"TRY SWL OR DX'ING"

by Leonard Davidonis

Travel to all corners of the world, travel with the speed of sound, faster than the astronauts in a space capsule as they circle the world in outer space. It is all possible thru the medium of short wave radio.

SWL and DX'ing are abbreviations for the name of a fascinating hobby - Short Wave Listening and Long Distance Listening.

How many of you still have an old tube type radio in the attic or in the cellar with a short wave band? For something exciting and different, try attaching an antenna and ground wire, then explore the S.W. band. It is possible that you may have a late model transistor radio with the International S.W. bands, or one that covers the entire AM Broadcast band, your local radio stations plus all or portions of the Aircraft, Marine, Amateur, and foreign country broadcasts.

More and more S.W. transmitters are being erected every year. Many of those now in operation have plans to increase their power for greater coverage. Chances are what you may hear on the S.W. receiver will never be heard on any of the local radio stations, or even be seen or heard on the TV set.

Even inexpensive radios under fifty dollars can give you a start, and with favorable conditions it is possible to hear broadcasts from South Africa, or Australia once you find where to tune and the proper time. To become a participant in this hobby you will find there is no age limit, sex type, or regards as to your political or religious beliefs.

From somewhere on the Short Wave dial you may hear emergency or disaster calls as the events take place, aviation and marine weather reports, time check signals, amateurs discussing radio construction, or just talk like that over the back yard fence, possibly a couple housewives swapping recipes, one in New Foundland, the other in some European country. And if you would like literature, picture postcards, stamps, maps, program schedules, etc., just write to the station broadcasting a language you understand, and quite often you will find interesting material is obtainable for only the cost of an International Reply Coupon or two, obtainable at your post office. If you will send a fairly good description, word for word, of what you heard of a broadcast covering some 15 minute length or more, you will receive a QSL card from most any country, provided you included the date, time in GMT, and your evaluation of how well you could hear the transmission.

For information on broadcasts in Lithuanian from transmitters in Tangiers, Morocco, write to Voice of America, Washington, D.C. You may be able to hear Lithuanian from Vatican Radio, in Vatican City, from Trans World Radio, Monte Carlo, Monaco, or directly from Vilnius, Lithuania. Many of the S.W. transmitters sending programs to Lithuania are low power and beam their signals and therefore cannot be heard in the States. (U.S.).

If you find time, drop a few words of thanks to

V.O.A., Vatican Radio, Trans World Radio, and other stations carrying the Lithuanian broadcasts. I'm sure they would be glad to hear that their efforts are appreciated, for not many of us know how many radios are tuned in to their broadcasts from behind the Iron Curtain.

The officials of one country said they would shoot down any satellites planned for sending TV pictures to people under their rule. But, they have yet to find a way to shoot down radio waves. Some jamming has been tried from time to time, but it has not proven completely foolproof.

Give yourself a break, and the TV a rest some evening. Try scanning one of the Short Wave bands. If you should hear a language quite unfamiliar to you, don't despair, as many stations broadcast in several languages. If you have the patience to listen long enough, you may find that a portion of the days programming will include some English. You may even find radio courses in various languages to assist you in understanding the peoples of other countries. Don't be surprised to hear a Rock band, or learn that many young people in a distant land dress much like those in your city or home town. Many stations have give-away contests with valuable prizes to the winners. Only by listening to these stations will one hear the contest rules and the prizes to be awarded. Many have found S.W. listening an education in itself. Others have made friends or pen pals, from foreign countries by way of DX, or SWL radio clubs. Many of these clubs answer questions about this radio hobby on week-end programs. You may even request a

favorite tune to be played by a transmitter in Germany or Quito, Ecuador, or one even more distant. If you plan to travel to a distant land, why not hear what is in store for you by radio, or send to the radio station for literature. Once you arrive there, listen to news of home on your S.W. radio. It is all possible by S.W. radio.

Any one of the many local radio stores that sell S.W. radios is a great place to obtain books on this hobby. Try your magazine and book stores for radio and communications handbooks published yearly for the latest on this subject.

And the next time someone asks why you didn't come, or answer when you were called, you may be able to honestly say you had, Sweden, Portugal, Mozambique, Japan, Brazil, France, Mexico, Switzerland, or Trinidad in your ear.

I have two radios capable of receiving Short Wave transmissions. One is a small General Electric battery powered portable, about the size of a school book. The antenna fully extended is about 24" in length. The only power that can be used on this set are four tiny penlight batteries. Reception from Australia is just like that from one of the local stations. It is an amazing receiver. The other is a Radio Shack Realistic DX-120, a more sophisticated set. This radio uses A.C. electric power and is capable of receiving almost the complete AM wave spectrum. Only some of the amateur bands are not receivable. A ground connection plus an outside antenna are required for the operation of this receiver.

So, all I can say is "Try it, you may like it".



LITHUANIAN IN ACTION

Did you ever get stuck on a word in Lithuanian? Well, if you did then this newly established mini course of Lithuanian language is for you. You will be learning simple little things that would overjoy an old Lithuanian person's heart if you said to them in our native language:

Hello - Labas (lahbus)
 Goodbye - Sudieu (su-dyaiu)
 Mr. - Ponas (po-nus)
 Mrs. - Ponia (po-nya)
 Yes - taip (teyp)
 No - ne (ne-the "e" is sounded as in yes)
 Sorry - excuse me, pardon me - atsiprašau (us-see-pra-shaw)
 Please - prašau (pru-shuw)
 Thank you - ačiū (ah-chew)

Do you speak English - ar jūs kalbat angliškai (ar joos cul-but un-english-kay)
 I don't understand - aš nesuprantu (ush neh-soo-prun-tou)
 Good - gerai (geh-ray)

Where is the rest room - Kur yra išeinama (koor eera ysh-erj-nuh-muh)
 Where is the nearest bar - Kur yra arčiausias baras (Koor eera ar-chyau-syas bah-rus)
 Give me money - Duok man pinigų (Dwok mahn pe-nia-goo)
 Good health - a toast - į sveikatą (ee svay-kah-tah)

from "KARDAS"

MŪSŲ JAUNIMO KLAUSIMU

Daug metų dirbdamas su Lietuvos Vyčiais, matau, kad mūsų eilės retėja. Kas pasidarė, kad lietuviškas, katalikiškas jaunimas mažai besidomi lietuviška veikla: nelanko pamaldų, neprisideda prie chorų, ar veikiančių organizacijų. Toks jaunimo atšalimas kelia mums didelį rūpestį. Kas paliks iš visos lietuviškos veiklos be organizacijų, parapijų, vienuolynų, įstaigų?

Man atrodo, jaunimą žaloja šie keli faktai: 1. Išmetimas maldos iš mokyklų. 2. Be jokios religijos ir dorovės auklėjamas jaunimas mokyklose. 3. Per daug išpučiama lytinė problema mokyklose. 4. Mažai kovojama su narkotikais ir pornografija.

Nors mažiau lietuviško jaunimo yra palietusios šios negerovės, bet negalime užmerkti akių ir nesirūpinti. Yra lietuviško jaunimo, kuris nuoširdžiai mokosi, kuria liet. šeimas, bet negalime nusišėpti faktų, kad jau net Chicagoje keli jaunuoliai žuvo nuo narkotikų. Kiek jaunų šeimų iširo, kiek mažai jaunimas besidomi religija, ypač pašauki-

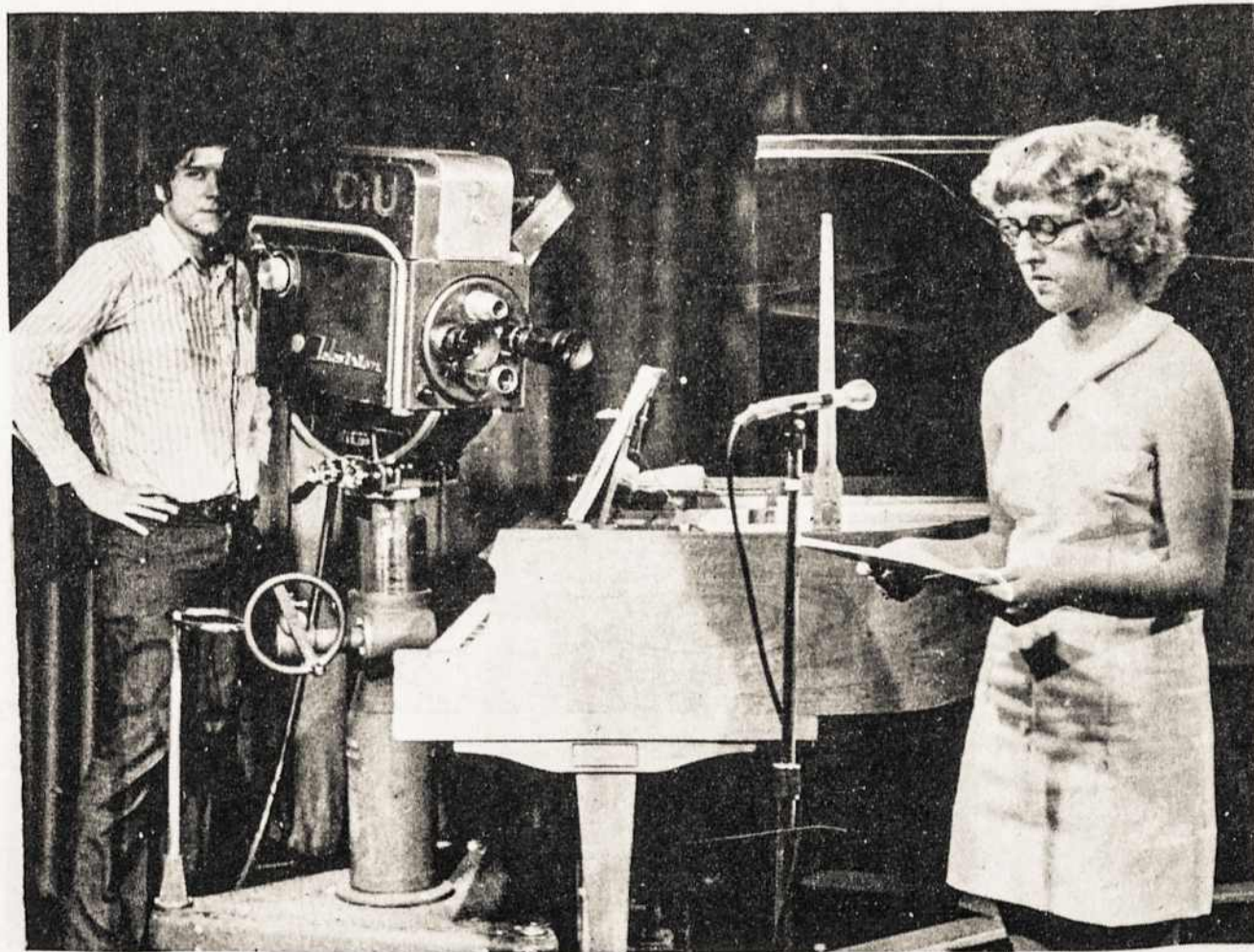


Chicago Jaunieji Vyčiai dalyvauja Kūčių programoje.

mais? Be naujų pašaukimų tarnauti Dievui ir žmonijai, mūsų sukurtos mokyklos, vienuolynai atiteks svetimiams, kaip jau šiuo metu su keliomis parapijomis atsitiko.

Yra Chicagoje LV jaunimo šokėjų grupė. Buvo ir mažų vaikų grupė, kuri iširo. Jaunimo grupė taip pat nepastovi. Vieni išvyksta į tolimesnius universitetus ir nebe grįžta. Grupės šokėjus reikėtų įtraukti į vyčių kuopas nariais, nes išsiskirsčius sunkiau besugaudyti. Tėvai ir vadovai raginkite jaunimą stoti į šokių grupes, chorus, kuopas. Jų nuotaikas turime suprasti ir nuosekliai įtraukti į veiklą. Tegu jaunimas dirba, dalyvauja, atstovauja. Tada atsiras noras, ūpa jungtis į vyčius. Parapijose daug katalikiško-lietuviško jaunimo. Todėl klebonai ir kunigai, seselės ir mokytojai, turėtų raginti mokinius susidomėti vyčiais. Nesvarbu, kad lietuviškai mažai kalba, bet svarbu, kad jaučiasi lietuviais. Susirūpinkime!

Bal. Brazdžionis



Vytė 112-kuopos Kazė Brazdžionytė daug dalyvauja Lietuvių T.V. programoje Chicagoje.

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 12, 1974

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council met on Saturday, Jan. 12, 1974, at 1:50 p.m. in the Clubrooms of St. Casimir's Church, 4th & Wharton Streets, Philadelphia. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Fr. Pituris, pastor of the Church. Father also welcomed the Supreme Council to Philadelphia and offered best wishes for the success of the meeting. Walter Svekla, Secretary of host C-3, welcomed the Supreme Council and guests on behalf of C-3. The minutes of the Oct. 20, 1973, meeting were read by the Secretary.

In the absence of the President, First Vice-President Marian Skabeikis conducted the meeting. She relayed the following report from President Boroskas:

The President, in the name of the national organization, regrets the passing of our members John Kilkus and Albert Kassel of Chicago, C-36 and extends sympathy to Genevieve Gobis on the passing of her mother, John Stoskus, on the loss of his sister, and to the family and parishioners of Fr. Totoraitis, assistant at Holy Trinity Parish and Spiritual Advisor of C-29, Newark.

President Boroskas received correspondence from the Taryba asking the K of L to cooperate with them in their Lithuanian Affairs program, as well as to encourage members of the K of L to become actively involved in commemorating the anniversary of Lithuania's independence on February 16. She received no reply from the Priests' League regarding her inquiry on the status of Lithuanian liturgy in Pennsylvania.

First Vice-President Marian C. Skabeikis reported that mailins have been made to District Vice-Presidents in charge of Juniors of forms for the Conventionship program. An article on this topic will appear in the February "Vytis". Dues for Juniors are due in January. This is very important for it may affect the eligibility of a council member for a Conventionship award. To date, only C-110 Maspeth has registered a Junior Council.

Second Vice-President Albert Ozalis reported that the Membership Drive is in full swing. A rough draft of the Membership Brochure has been completed and estimates on cost of printing are being sought. Also, a re-organizational packet was mailed to C-103 Providence and a Charter was mailed to President Boroskas for presentation to C-103.

Third Vice-President Longinas Svelnis voiced the need for leadership programs so that officers could more effectively carry out their duties.

Financial Secretary Irene Ozalis reported that she has sent in dues to the Treasurer and that we have 40 councils in 5 Districts.

No report was received from the Treasurer.

Trustee Mary Kober reported that she had reviewed the K of L manual and that she had written to various chairmen asking them to update the section concerning their area. She also wrote to Fr. Contons asking him to review the Religious Program contained in the manual.

As it is the duty of the Trustees to audit the books of the K of L the following motion was passed at this meeting:

"All real and financial property of the Knights of Lithuania should be made available for inspection, at any time, by prior request of the Trustees".



Fr. Batutis, Pastor of St. Casimir's greets guests at Supreme Council Meeting.



Eva Kazokas and Joe Zubavich of newly-reorganized C-74, Scranton greeted by Irene Ozalis and Lillian Sasnauskas of C-3 at S.C. Meeting.



A pause for supper.

Dr. Stukas' Lithuanian Affairs Committee report indicated that the first of two five month summaries of articles and items received will be ready in February with the second due in June. Dr. Stukas has asked Mr. Fred Hirst, Chairman for the New England District to serve as Assistant Chairman of the committee. Dr. Stukas also suggested the selection of a tripartite leadership for this committee as the necessary work is too great for one person.

Dr. Stukas' report initiated some discussion as to roles of District Chairmen on this committee and on other standing committees in the Knights of Lithuania. It is the District Chairman's responsibility to co-ordinate activities in his District. It is then the responsibility of the national chairman to follow up on the work of the District chairman. The Supreme Council requests that the President write to each District President and remind them of the importance of having a District Chairman for all national standing committees.

Cultural Chairman Philip Skabeikis reported that Kent State University would microfilm our records at cost. However, the material must be edited first. The Supreme Council requests that the President write letters to Mrs. Adele Gabalas and to Mr. Gediminas Janula of the Archives Committee requesting that they provide an inventory of materials at the archives for the National Convention. A copy of this letter should also be sent to Leon Pauksta, Illinois - Indiana District President.

The January Cultural Bulletin was also mailed to District Cultural Chairmen.

Scholarship Chairman Anthony Miner reported receipt of various forms from Dr. Stukas and a Treasury report from Anthony Mazeika. Forms will be mailed to councils shortly to provide time for this year's applicants to file their applications.

Ritual Committee members Rita Pinkus and Lillian Sasnauskas reported their committee is at work and an article will appear in "Vytis".

Public Relations Chairwoman Helen Kulber reported that she has sent articles and photos to "Vytis", "Darbininkas", and to Mr. & Mrs. Radziva-

nas. She is continuing with her work in promoting the Knights of Lithuania at every opportunity. Mrs. Skabeikis thanked Helen for her untiring efforts.

"Vytis" editor Loretta Stukas reported that the Christmas ad campaign was most successful. All councils are encouraged to participate in this annual opportunity to greet fellow Knights. Council Correspondents have been very cooperative in keeping their council news within the two page limit set at the last meeting. As yet, there have been no Lithuanian Language lessons available for publication. Even though there will be a price increase, the editor recommends that we continue having "Vytis" printed by Vi Vi Printing Co. Sincere thanks go to the entire staff and also to Phil and Marian Skabeikis, John Stokus, Helen Kulber and others who provided material for publication.

The report from John Stokus, co-ordinator for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid will appear in "Vytis".

Longinas Svelnis reported that the New England District Convention will be on April 28, in South Boston, sponsored by C-17 Srs.

Marian Skabeikis, on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic District, reported that the next quarterly meeting of the District will be on January 20, hosted by C-90, Harrison-Kearney. District membership includes thirteen councils and 464 members. The Annual Easter Ad Campaign will be starting shortly to provide funds for maintenance of the District Bulletin. The District is also sponsoring a K of L information mailing campaign under the direction of membership vice-president Phil Skabeikis.

Mid-Central District President Peter Luiza reported that District elections were postponed until the next convention which will be held in Dayton, May 18-20. The prospects are not too hopeful concerning Junior activities in the District. Only Dayton has a Junior council. The major work of the District has been to find a location and sponsor for the 61st



Some S.C. members attending at the meeting.

National Convention. Council 79 of Detroit has agreed to host the Convention.

On a motion made by Helen Shields and seconded by Rita Pinkus, the Supreme Council has accepted the bid of C-79 Detroit to host the 61st National Convention with projected dates during the second full week in August. The major agenda item at the next Supreme Council meeting will be subject matter for the Convention sessions. It is also very important to plan activities for Juniors. Publicity and firm dates should be made available immediately.

A motion was made by Longinas Svelnis and seconded by Helen Kulber that a half-page ad be placed in the program book for the opening of the Franciscan Fathers Cultural Center. The motion passed and the \$40. will be sent to Loretta Stukas who will place the ad.

A motion was made by Al Ozalis and seconded by Mary Kober that the President arrange for the next Supreme Council meeting to take place in Detroit sometime in April.

With sincere thanks to the members of C-3 for their very warm welcome to Philadelphia, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Longinas Svėlnis at 4:50 p.m.

Irene M. Adamaitis,
S.C. Secretary

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A reminder... when wishing to express sympathy to the bereaved family of a deceased K of L-er, what better way than to support the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee, making a donation in the name of the deceased. The card shown below is sent to the family by the Scholarship Committee Treasurer upon receipt of your donation.

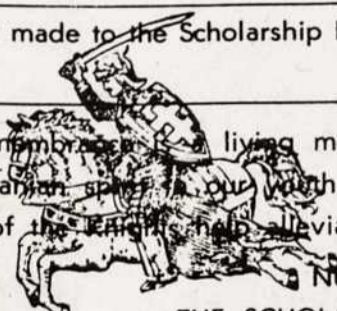
Donations should be sent to

MR. ANTHONY J. MAZEIKA
149-31 120th St.
So. Ozone Park, New York

In memory of your recently deceased loved one,

a donation has been made to the Scholarship Fund of the Knights of Lithuania by _____

This remembrance is a living memorial devoted to extending the Lithuanian spirit to our youth. May this thought and the sympathy of the Knights help alleviate your grief.



Nuosirdziai
THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
of the
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

At the October Supreme Council Meeting in Chicago, it was decided to allocate \$100 per district from the Cultural Fund, for the express purpose of purchasing books, records and music on Lithuania for donation to local public or private libraries. These "grants" are intended to assist individual Districts in their programs of cultural dissemination, making information on Lithuania, her people and culture, available to the general public.

Each District's Cultural Chairman is the coordinator for his area. Requests for reimbursements should be sent to the National Treasurer and the National Cultural Chairman by the District Chairman, and should be accompanied by detailed accounts of items purchased and to what institutions they were donated.

The following persons have received information regarding this program:

ILL-IND District - Leon Pauksta (Pending selection of a District Chrmn.)

Mid-Central - Mary Lucas (Pending election of District Chrmn.)

New England - Brone Wisnauskas, Cultural Chairwoman

Mid-Atlantic - Joseph Boley, Cultural Chairman

Please take this opportunity to reestablish the Cultural Chairman as an important member of every District Executive Board.

P.S.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LIST

National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Jack Stukas invites all members interested in Lithuanian Affairs work to become members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. The mailing list for the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin is being revised and updated. Anyone wishing to receive the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin regularly must send his or her address IMMEDIATELY to the Chairman, DR. JACK J. STUKAS, 1467 Force Drive, Mountainside, N.J., 07092. Even those presently on the list should write if they are still interested. Anyone not responding to this request will be removed from the Bulletin Mailing list.

LIETUVIŲ TAUTINIŲ ŠOKIŲ INSTITUTAS
prašo visas, aktyviai veikiančias, tautinių šokių grupes bei ansamblius ir lituanistines mokyklas prisiųsti savo adresus. Rašyti:

Jadvyga Matulaitienė
188 Logan Str.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11208



**Today you have to
run harder just
to stand still.**

MEMBERSHIP

Unless we recruit new members and pass on to them the marvelous heritage of the K. of L., it will be difficult for us to grow. However, if we do bring these people into our organization, but lose you we are gaining nothing - we are JUST STANDING STILL. We need TEAMWORK - if you don't sign up a new member in this drive, the very least you can do is to pay your own dues and possibly help your Financial Secretary get after the other late payers.

In the last two years of my office, our Membership has increased by 209. I feel it could have been better, if we had only held on to the members once we signed them up. So our problem is not only recruiting new members, but making certain that they continue as members from year to year. You can do your part by getting into the routine of sending your dues in promptly in the beginning of the year without being

pressured into it. This in turn will give us more time to concentrate on recruiting new members.

As of Jan. 31st, here are the winning councils in the 100% Paid-Up Drive:

1st Category (1-49 members) - Council 30
Westfield, Mass. with 35 members.

2nd Category (50-99) - Council 100 Amsterdam,
N.Y. with 70 members.

3rd Category (100 or more) - ???????????

Congratulations to these two councils, who not only achieved the 100% paid-up status, but have also managed to increase their membership. Keep up the good work.

If only their enthusiasm would rub off on the rest of us, we could grow into a bigger and better K. of L. We must remember that no one else will promote the Knights of Lithuania unless we stress loyal membership among ourselves.

Albert Ozalis,
Membership Vice President



AH-H-H SPRING

K of L Calendar

MARCH

- 3 – IID ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Immaculate Conception Church & K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill – Chicago Srs. Hosts
- 3 – C-29, Newark, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY BREAKFAST, Holy Trinity Church, and Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 3 – C-17 & C-17 Srs., So. Boston, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST, St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass.
- 3 – ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION - Various Councils

APRIL

- 19-20-21 PHILADELPHIA FOLK FAIR, including Lithuanian Exhibit by C-3, Philadelphia Civic Center
- 28 – NED SPRING CONVENTION, C-17 Srs. Hosts, So. Boston, Mass.

MAY

- 18 C-103, SPRING DANCE, Lithuanian Hall, Providence, R.I.
- 18-20 Mid-Central District Convention, Dayton, Ohio
- 18–20 – MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Dayton, Ohio, C-96, Hosts
- 11 – SCHOLARSHIP DINNER-DANCE, C-17 and C-17 Srs., Lithuanian Citizens Club, So. Boston
- 26 – NED ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE for Lithuanian Freedom Fighters, Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N.H.

MAY 30–JUNE 1–2

INTERNATIONAL A'FAIR – Dayton Convention Center, Dayton, Ohio

JUNE

- 21–23 NED RETREAT, Franciscan Monaster, Kennebunkport, Maine

JUNE 28–JULY 12

K of L PILGRIMAGE/EXCURSION to Europe

JULY

- 28 – NED FAMILY PICNIC, Lake Congomond, Mass.

AUGUST

- 8-11 61st NATIONAL CONVENTION, Mercy College, Detroit, Michigan – C-79 Hosts.

SEPTEMBER

- 15 – NED CULTURAL PICNIC
- 29 – NED FALL CONVENTION, C-116, Worcester, Mass.

NOVEMBER

- 23 – C-17 & C-17 Srs., NOVEMBER-FEST, Lithuanian Citizens' Club, So. Boston, Mass.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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

NEW

ENGLAND

DISTRICT



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The N.E.D. held an Executive Board meeting Jan. 20 in their club rooms at South Boston chaired by Pres. Albert Jaritis. The following were present:

C-1 - Susan Boroskas, Sylvia Shukis, Andrew Bizinkauskas.

C-17 - Rev. Albin Janiunas, Albert Jaritis, John Olevitz, Fred Hirst.

C-17S - Longinas Svelnis, Alexander Akule, Virginia Markuns, John Norinkavich, Joseph White, Frank Markuns, Edmund Rudis, Patricia Akule.

C-78 - Mary Neveresky.

C-103 - Bertha Stoskus, Helen Seraichekas.

A wide range of subjects were discussed, starting with publicity for Lithuanian Independence Day on Feb. 11, to our N.E.D. Fall Convention Sept. 29 at So. Worcester.

Last year our District conjunction with Peter Bizinkauskas and family, held a highly successful Amber Dedication at the Cathedral in the Pines, Rindge, N.H., for the Lithuanian Freedom Fighters, in spite of deplorable weather. The District has reserved the facilities for this year on May 26 at 5 P.M. It is an extremely beautiful spot with an outdoor altar set amidst a pine grove. There is ample parking and facilities for a sizeable crowd. We ask all members and friends to set

aside this date; we are sure it will be an inspiring event.

A disastrous fire leveled the suburb facilities at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. We have high hopes that come Sept. 15, things will be put together so that we can continue the highly successful N.E.D. Cultural Picnics at that same location.

A word of praise to the District's 2nd V.P., Andrew Bizinkauskas, for the fine work on the Youth Rally held in Brockton and attended by 78 young folks from Brockton, Boston and vicinity. Other councils could profit from the expertise of this able youth; why not inquire and get your youth involved in K of L activities.

Scholarship funding was discussed and a resolution will be presented at the next Dist. Convention.

Our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Fred Hirst, will edit a District Newsletter. If you have some newsworthy items, please forward them to Fred.

There has been discussion for some time to honor members in the district with over 25 years service with a testimonial dinner. This matter has been assigned to a committee to determine if it is feasible.

The District will have its fourth TV Mass on Dec. 15 at 9 A.M. on Channel 7, WNAC Boston, Government Center.

The District will sponsor another retreat at the Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine during June 21-23. This is a beautiful spot to spend a weekend in spiritual contemplation. Food and lodging are provided at the Monastery, and the surrounding countryside borders the beautiful Maine coast with many fine eating places close by.

There are efforts afoot to reorganize six councils.

The meeting closed with prayer led by Fr. Albin Janiunas.

Joseph White

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Our 1973-74 Council Officers are as follows: Moderator, the Rev. Vaclovas Martinkus; Pres. Bertha R. Stoskus; Vice-Pres. John Walaska; Exec. Secy. Irene Landanski; Fin. Secy. and Treas. Beatrice Mathieu. May their service to the K of L and C-103 be most fruitful.

On May 18; our council will sponsor a Spring Dance at the Lithuanian Hall in Providence. This will be our first dance sponsored in over ten years. We shall be looking forward to seeing K of L'ers from all parts of the globe in attendance.

The Feast of Saint Casimir was celebrated on Mar. 3 with a high Mass celebrated by our moderator, Father Martinkus, for the living and deceased members of our organization. Breakfast was served immediately after Mass in the parish rectory. Susan Boroskas, our National President presented C-103 with a Charter.

Ritual: The First and Second Degree of the Knights of Lithuania was bestowed on this day, also. The candidate for the 2nd degree was Alexander Vaitkunas. The candidates for the 1st degree were: Father Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C., Helen Seraichekas, Mildred Seraichekas, Grace Vaitkunas, Irene Walaska, Bette Ciuryla, Ruth Savage, Lillian Savage, Regina Krecioch, and Paul Stoskus. The Ritual Team consisted of: Father Martinkus, Susan Boroskas, Bertha Stoskus,

Beatrice Mathieu, and Ritual Chairman, John A. Stoskus.

The N.E. Dist. Board of Director's meeting was held in Providence, R.I., on Mar. 3 at 3 p.m.

BALF sponsored a dinner in our parish hall on Jan. 20. Our Moderator, Father V. Martinkus, is President of Providence's Chapter of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund, Inc. Proceeds from BALF affairs go to help the needy Lithuanians in various parts of the world.

Helen Seraichekas and Bertha Stoskus attended the NED Board meeting held in Boston on Jan. 20. They enjoyed the trip in Helen's new Toyota.

Father V. Martinkus enjoyed a well-earned vacation in Florida.

We are most pleased to hear that Mrs. Marcella Savickis, the mother of Beatrice Mathieu, Bertha Stoskus and Ruth Kreicioch, has recovered from a recent back injury.

Alex Vaitkunas' stay at the local VA hospital has been extended. His wife Grace has been his most faithful visitor at the hospital. We pray he recovers soon, and will be able to participate in council activities.

J.A.S.

C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

The K of L elected new officers. They are President Mary Minkus, Vice President William Waiwat, Secretary Marica Rogers, Treasurer Benedict Coach, Scribe Louise Renaud, Cultural Eugenia Duda, Ritual Mary Minkus, Spiritual Advisor Father Vincent Puidokas, Pastor of St. Casimir Church. Mrs. Stella Jutkus replaced Marica Rogers as Secretary of the K of L C-30.

We were all pleased to hear of the recent promotion of Benedict Coach to Lieutenant, Westfield Police Dept. Benedict is our treasurer of the K of L.

L.R.

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Our executive board may be short on experience for the 1974 term of office, but please read on: they are long on potential and enthusiasm. Our president, Joe Sakaitis, called a board meeting on Jan. 29 to prepare the agenda for the year. Our members are missing a bet if they fail to attend the monthly meetings to learn what's going on. For example:

A pre-Lenten, pre-meeting pancake supper was planned for Feb. 12. Bill Karas, Alex Kardokas, Donna and Mike Murphy, assured us that there would be plenty. Members arrived between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. at their convenience, and were served. We well remembered last year's blynų vakariene and so everyone knew just what to expect. It was perfect! Su smetona, dar!

Joseph Zalieckas has been appointed C-26's representative for the year to the N.E.D. Scholarship Committee.

Alex Kardokas, our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, reminds us that we must write notes of appreciation to anyone who publicly stated their sympathy for Lithuania's cause during the Feb. 16 commemoration period. Many of our public figures are quite loyal. They must be thanked. Those who are not, must know of our disappointment in them as well. We cannot remain the silent majority. The 10 A.M. Mass on Feb. 17 at our church, St. Casimir's was offered for Lithuania's intention, with our pastor and spiritual advisor, Father Anthony J. Miciūnas, M.I.C., and his assistant, Father Joseph Budzeika, M.I.C., celebrant and preacher. Singing and music was provided by K. of L.'ers Steve and Anne Walinsky, Adele and Francis Degutis, Walter Grimala and Olga Kersis.

It's a joy to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Nancy Gorden. Nancy hadn't finished unpacking (she's recently moved to Worcester from New York) before her niece, Mildred

Lapinskas, took her by the hand and brought her to a meeting. Result: a new member, Karas/Lapinskas style!

Donna and Mike Murphy were co-chairmen for our annual St. Casimir's Day celebration. Members attended the 10 A.M. Mass on Mar. 3 at St. Casimir's Church, received Holy Communion in corpore, and enjoyed a full breakfast in the parish hall following Mass.

Prayers and best wishes to the following sick patients: Peg Kazlauskas, Nell Thompson, Charlie Lapinskas, and Alex's wife, Frances Kardokas. Donna Murphy is looking just fine after her hospital confinement. Sveikų metų linkim Jums!

Sincere sympathy from us all to Diane Drumstas of Philadelphia whose father passed away in December. While Diane lived in Worcester for a very short time, she will always be remembered as an outstanding member of our council then. What vitality and ambition! It's always a joy to greet her when she comes to Worcester for a visit now and then.

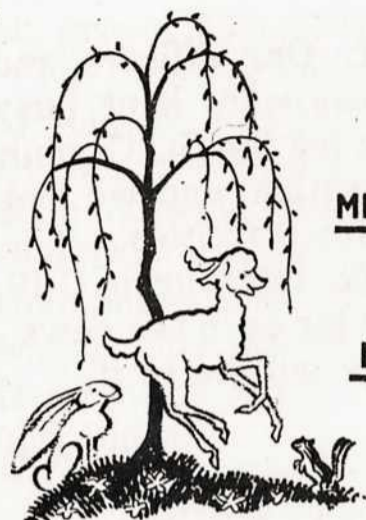
Rita Pinkus and Ann Bender are co-chairmen on the Ritual Committee and are engrossed in the task of adding up points for possible eligible members. They would certainly appreciate a word from any member who considers himself among the eligible.

And, last but not least, March is the month of greet all our Casimir's, - the Messrs. Adomavicius, Busky, Glodis, Lapinskas, Tagman, and Witkus.

Iki sekančio numerio!

"Dzūkelė"





MID-CENTRAL

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The Mid-Central District Convention was held Oct. 13-14 hosted by C-139 in Detroit, Mich.

Some changes in the program for the following year will be tried out to see if different times of year for the featured events will draw a few more members from councils other than the host council.

The same officers will remain this year and into May 1974 when the Bowling Tournament and the Mid-Central District Convention will be scheduled for the same weekend, May 17-19. It will be hosted by C-96 in Dayton.

The annual pilgrimage is being planned for September in Cleveland.

Julia Aleshunas, Stella Zoog, Joan Fetter and Andy Rozger traveled from Pittsburgh. Among the Dayton crowd were Mary Lucas, Stan Vaitkus, Charles and Sarah Petkus, Rita Ambrose and Mr. and Mrs. Joe August. Among the Clevelanders were Pete Luiza, Joe Sadauskas, and Stella Sankal and her mother. Adding the members of the three Detroit councils made up quite a nice group attending the convention and its activities.

The Friday nite get-together at Royal Ascot Hotel and the Saturday nite smorgasbord and dance at the Thunderbird were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The food was scrumptious at all the events, from all reports.

The Sunday Mass took place at St. Peter's and the Banquet was held immediately after in St. Peter's Church Hall.

We're sorry we couldn't all go to this convention, especially after our members came back and couldn't say enough about the wonderful time they had. We hope we'll all come out in full force come May!

Mildred Chinik

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Despite the cold, warmth filled our meeting room with 34 members turning out for the Jan. 7 meeting. It was great to see Eileen Wilemaitis, Albert and Albina Wallis in attendance. These past two meetings were a first for Eileen, and it's been a while for the Wallis'. Hope this becomes a habit! A warm welcome to our newest members, Larry and Elaine Pacovsky, Walter and Mary Lou Lastauskas. "Graduating" from our Juniors into the council are Edward Sluzas, Christine Mantz and Jane Ann Petkus. Many active and creative years ahead for all of you! Walter and Ed have already started to work for the council by volunteering on our Bowling Tournament Committee.

At the January meeting Sarunas Lazdinis gave us a capsized report of his participation at the Second Lithuanian Symposium of Science



C-96—Lithuanian Tree Display at the Dayton Convention Center — Joan Kavalauskas and Mary Mikalauskas.

and Creativity that was held in Chicago in November. Sarunas is again planning to have cultural classes with a variety touch this year.

Congratulations to Tina Kavy and her committee for a most successful Snowflake Dance on Jan. 12 at the Lithuanian Hall. In spite of icy roads and very cold weather, we had a good turnout. Spotted Elinor Sluzas, Helen Vaitkus and Pat Zelinskas with their heads together talking up a storm, - like three "senos bobos". Hope everyone read the Jan. 23 article in the Dayton Daily News on the Lithuanian background of Tina and her parents, Stan and Ida Kavy. Nice!

Joe and Aldona Ryan are determined to keep our dance group on the "move". The dancers performed for the Dayton Engineer's Club International Dinner-Dance on Jan. 19. The dancers were invited for the dinner hour, and with Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacovsky doing the catering, they were more than pleased. Rumor has it that our group is really doing well!

The first official Mid-West Bowling - District Convention Committee meeting was held on the 21st of Jan. With chairmen John A. Berczelly and Dennis



C-96—Dance group at Dayton Convention Center: Standing: Aldona Ryan, Ed Sluzas, Ray Gecas, Charles & Fran Vanagas, Michael Petkus, Kneeling: Mary Mikalauskas, Joan Kavalauskas, Laime Rastikas and Pat Zelinskas.

Noreikas calling the meeting to order, plans for the weekend were just about tied up. The final layout was made at our Feb. 11 committee meeting. So... all you knights out there planning to attend... keep the weekend of May 17-19 open!

Working with Ida Kavy on the Telephone Squad this year are Helen Vaitkus, Veronica Omlor, Alice Petkus, Lauretta Pant and Ann Kondrotas. This committee has been a vital one in times of emergency. Aldona Ryan, because of all she is doing for the council, the parish, and the city of Dayton, has been added to our Cultural Committee. Congratulations!

We are pleased to note Mary Miller is doing well after her recent fall; Janina Bucmys is doing well after her recent hospital stay; Ada Sinkwitz is coming along fine from her recent surgery, as is Frank Ambrose. With an active year ahead of us, you all better mend in a hurry! Congratulations to Josephine Rimkus on her engagement to Walter Wenclewicz. Happiness ahead for both of you.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Poly Pietrzak and family on the sudden loss of her husband, Alex. Alex had been with our council for years and shall be missed by many. Alex had been most active the past few years with our annual Men's Retreat group. We pray his soul is at peace.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Annamarie Kassel, her family, Loretta Stukas, and the Kassel family on the loss of Al Kassel. Al was known to many of us through our years of inter-council activities. We pray his soul is at peace, also.

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C-19 - PITTSBURGH, PA.

The officers of C-19 for 1974 are: Anne Aleliunas - Pres., Sr. M. Francesca and Margaret Papeaka - Vice Pres's., Andy Rozger - Treas., Mildred Chinik - Rec. Secy., Alice Potts - Corres. Secy., Sam Aleliunas - Fin. Secy. Congratulations

and sincerest wishes for a successful year from all the members of the council.

We have been a busy council during the past few months. Early in December a Communion Breakfast was held at the home of Vyto and Lorraine Yucius, and our new officers for 1974 were elected. Attendance at our meetings and special outings has been very encouraging and we urge more of our members to "GET WITH IT". During Christmas week the council, together with members of the Bowling Team, held a Christmas Dinner-Dance. A delicious meal, an exchange of gifts, and good music made for a festive evening: everyone attending had a fun time.

In January the new officers were installed prior to Mass at St. Casimir's Church. Fr. W. Karavckas officiated. After Mass a continental breakfast was served at the Parish Hall. Hostess was Eleanor Aleliunas, past Recording Secretary of our council.

As everyone knows, many money-raising projects are a must of any organization. President, Anne Aleliunas, together with her committee, sponsored a very successful Bake-Sale in January and enriched our treasury by a good sum. Thanks to Anne and all the busy bakers.

Our council has been having their monthly meetings at homes of members. In January, Mrs. Vera Kolicius was hostess of our meeting. We thank Mrs. Kolicius, lifetime K of L member, for her hospitality.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Laura Senulis whose daughter Laura died recently.

K of L members seem always to be the most active in anything "Lithuanian". Sr. M. Francesca, our new VP, and Vito Yucius have been helping to teach in the Lithuanian language classes held every Saturday morning at St. Casimir's Parish Hall.

Well, the old year is gone and in our own way we feel it was a good year for our council. There is a feeling of anticipation of bigger and better things awaiting us in

this new year. Our officers and their committees were kept busy finalizing plans for the St. Casimir Day commemoration, and we look forward to other activities.

Su Diev from Pittsburgh C-19. Keep watching for us in the news - you can bet we will be in it.

VIRGO

C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

Our annual family Kūčios party seems to be getting better every year. It could be that practice is making us more perfect. This time we met at Bob Boris' home. His really great decorations, including the enormous Bethlehem scene with imported figurines, set the mood for a most delightful evening in spite of the inclement weather. We began on a spiritual note with all seated around one long table while Rev. Walter Stanievich said Mass, a very personal Mass in which we all participated. Communion was unleavened bread baked by Vince Boris, similar to what the early Christians may have partaken. Even the singing was good, as long as Father did the leading. Following Mass we had the traditional Kūčios meal, beginning with the breaking of plotkeles. The ladies contributed a repast of silkės, sližikai, aguonų pienas, compotas, fish and a few other goodies not quite so traditional but very good eating. Can't decide whether the most delightful surprise was Edna Klucens' kugele or the torte made by Grace Vaskeles' mother. The greatest pleasure of all was visiting with some of our scattered members who are not able to attend monthly meetings. Particularly nice to see Bill and Maryann Yuodwalkis, who have been pretty busy with their six very attractive little ones, also Gus and Gena Baibak, Tony and Helen Smolek, Terry and Ray Medonis, Bill Klucens, Vitalis Vaskelis and George Kayganich. Prize for coming the farthest distance goes to Vince Boris of Silver Springs, Md. Booby prize goes to Ann Uznis, whose beautiful Puerto

Rican tan made the rest of us just a bit green with envy.

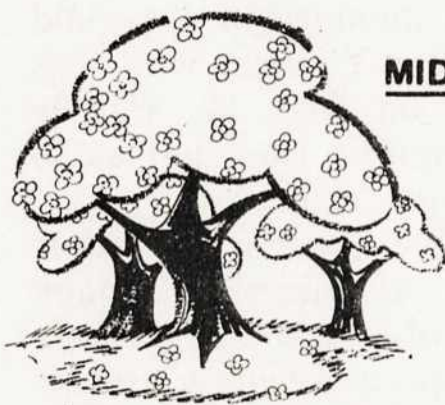
The topic of conversation (next to politics) was Bob's wine cellar. He has really become quite the little old wine maker. Shelves and shelves of various types, including champagne, line his fruit cellar walls, plus barrels and 20 gal. fermenting bottles hidden here and there.

Just as we predicted a couple of months ago, C-102's bowling team is now in First Place in the K of L League and fighting hard to stay there. This team with the "mostest" includes Maryann and Joe Guerriero, Gus Baibak, George Kayganich and Rose sawnick.

On Mar. 3, St. Casimir's Day was celebrated at St. Anthony's.

Our sincere condolences are extended to the John Stanievich family upon the recent loss of their son Robert.

Donna Bunikis



**MID-ATLANTIC
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C-90 KEARNY, N.J.

C-90 of Kearny has elected new officers for the coming year. They are: Pres. - Genevieve Mazur, V. Pres. - Walter Staskus, Sec. - Diane Bachanas, Fin. Sec. - Eleanor Rokas, Treasurer - Ellie Nakrosis, Sgt-at-Arms - Bill Shergalis, Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Dominick Pocus.

We have been busy reorganizing our group. In January, we hosted the M.A.D. Convention, and we were sorry our honorary member Ann Klem wasn't present, but Ann was ill in the hospital. We hope she is now on the road to recovery, and can get back into the swing of things.

On Jan. 5, some of our members attended the wedding of Marianne

Staskus and Joe Svirnelis. Marianne is the daughter of our members Dotty and Walter Staskus. It was a wonderful Lithuanian wedding, and quite a sentimental evening with much laughter and tears of joy. Many of our Jr K of L's were there and joined in the dancing of the traditional Lithuanian folk dances. A good time was had by all!

On Jan. 26th we had a family bowling day with hot dogs and beer afterwards. Our beloved Spiritual Advisor Father Dominick Pocus joined us and good fun was had by all. Another bowling Sunday is being planned. Our chairmen for this event were El Rokas and Walter Staskus with help from all.

Ellie Nakrosis and Gen Mazur attended the Hudson County Bi-Centennial Meeting in Jersey City, representing C-90 of the K of L. Our council will participate in the Ethnic functions, the first being in April at J.C. State College. Lithuanian costumes will be shown.

We are happy to introduce two new couples that joined our council - Dot and Walter Songile and Joe and Helen Mitchell.

Our parish supper is coming up in March and you can be sure C-90 will help to make this affair a success.

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C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Stepping into a new lifestyle of retirement in September, this Reporter from C-12 wishes to thank the K of L people who extended their best wishes and participated at the major event in my life.

In October attended C-29's Annual Dinner-Dance as a C-12 representative to honor a fellow Reporter of that council, Honorary member Frank Vaskas. As a birthday surprise to Frank, brought Elizabeth Foley of the Jersey Journal newspaper in Jersey City, with whom Frank had dealings for many years on K of L Publicity. Naturally we "reporters" talked



C-12—Mrs. M. Rodell (M. York's mother, Frank Vaskas and E. Foley, Reporter of Jersey Journal News in Jersey City at C-29 Dinner honoring Frank Vaskas.

"shop". Miss Foley enjoyed meeting the Lithuanian people and commented favorably about the delicious food and entertainment.

Much to our sorrow but with great expectations, a fond farewell party occurred on Oct. 19 to offer best wishes to Ann and John Yorkus as they left the Metropolitan New York Area to permanently reside in Sioux City, Iowa. C-12 members shall miss them as we remember their devoted services to the council and the church. John, a Past President of our council, retired from the business world recently and both



C-12—Farewell Party given to Ann and John Yorkus.

decided to spend their future years at the family homestead in Sioux City, where Ann was born. This past year, Ann served our council as Lithuanian Culture Chairman. We say with great expectations, because knowing their genuine interest for the K of L, after settling in, their enthusiasm will attract the Lithuanian people in Sioux City to form a new K of L Council. When this auspicious occasion takes place, unquestionably, a delegation from their former council will travel to Sioux City to attend the ceremony. We wish Ann and John good health, contentment and happiness for their new life in the heart of America. Remember their birthdays, Ann 4/22 - John 11/9.

We trimmed the Christmas Tree on Dec. 9, recalling a legend that St. Boniface in the 8th century Christianized the evergreen, and with the Spirit of Christmas within us, gathered together for the Christmas Party. It is always a joy to see the ladies of the council arrive with homestyle food and create a bountiful buffet table. Thanks to Chairman Betty Waskiewicz and her committee, we renewed our circle of K of L friendship during this Holy Season. As usual, we remembered Our Lady of Vilnius Church by contributing a fuel donation to Pastor Gurinkas.

The 4th Annual Christmas Eve Community Endeavor of providing free coffee and homemade cookies to parishioners and guests attending Our Lady of Vilnius Midnight Mass is becoming a tradition in C-12 and thoroughly appreciated by the people who now look forward to joining us. This year's committee of helping hands were Matthew Yatkaukas, Joseph Kscenaitis, Millie Pietz, Mary York, Bobbie Waskiewicz and Albert Yatkaukas. Mary York was pleasantly surprised on this occasion with a beautiful Bible given by Pastor Gurinkas, for her retirement reading of the Good Word.

Our heartfelt sympathy to member Jim Sabal and his sister,



C-12—Presentation by Rev. Gurinkas of Holy Bible to Mary York as a Retirement gift.

Ann Beard, on the loss of their mother in September. Also, to former K of L members Ann and Peter Garbincius on the tragic loss of their son Paul in November. May they rest in eternal peace.

Election of Officers and Chairmen were held at the December meeting. Pres. Matthew Yatkaukas - Vice Pres. Mrs. Helen Cuperwicz - Rec. Secy Mrs. Helen Yurkus - Treas. & Fin. Secy. Miss Helen Matthews - Sgts-at-Arms Al Monkawitch and Walter Yurkus - Trustees, Past Presidents Joseph Sleder, Leon Waskewicz and Albert Yatkaukas - Lith. Affairs, Jim Sabal - Lith. Culture Mrs. Ann Zindzius - Public Relations and Vytiš Corr. Mrs. Mary York - Ritual, Mrs. Helen Cuperwicz - Spiritual Adviser, Rev. George Gurinkas. Congratulations! To the outgoing Officers and Chairmen, our profound thanks.

Liberty Lady



C-12—4th Annual Christmas Eve Community Endeavor with Joe Kscenaitis, Mary York, Bobby Waskiewicz and C-12 President, Matthew Yatkaukas.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Our November meeting took place in the New Social Rooms of St. Casimir's. Edna Stokna was aided by Ann Radzevich and Sadie Karbus to set up the food. No sooner did Edna join the group for the business meeting than she was called out. REASON... a large fire was blazing next door to her place of business. Due to the efficient work of the firemen, Edna's store received only smoke damage.

Rev. Anthony Grigaitis brought us a treat - candy from Lithuania.

Virginia Miciulis is in charge of selling Lithuanian cook books. Anyone desiring one, may contact Ginny at her home.

Tony Radzevich gave an account of his trip to Chicago.

Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis prepared the refreshments for the January meeting. President Anthony Radzevich asked everyone to remain standing for one minute of silence in memory of our good member, Anna Yunker, who was laid to rest on Dec. 26. Father Anthony Grigaitis then led us in prayer for our Anna.

Sophie Olbie presented Father Baltch with a purse of money which the K of L raised in the sale of 50/50 tickets and from a project run by Mildred Thomas. This money is to be used to help defray the cost of remodeling the Social Center.

Definite plans were introduced regarding the 56th anniversary of Lithuania's independence. A dinner and program was held on Feb. 16 at 6 P.M. at the St. Casimir's Social Center.

After the members enjoyed the snacks, Father Baltch showed us slides, which included a group of early American churches from the surrounding areas.

Let us not forget to congratulate Regina Kot and her helpers Polly Ziausys and Helen Druziak in arranging an excellent Christmas banquet and program held on Dec. 9 at the Chelsea House. Thanks, Father Bernie, for being toastmaster.

AMŽINAJI ATILSI - to our member Anna Yunker who was buried on 12/26/73. Anna Stasaitis Yunker was one of the original members of C-100. A number of years after our council reorganized, Anna rejoined. She was a faithful member who attended the monthly meetings. She cared for people and did many works of charity by visiting the sick, etc. Our deepest sympathies to her daughter, Connie Hauer and family.

Death has taken its toll on other K of L'ers. Mrs. Katherine Temkevich, mother of Vera Shatas, grandmother of Joe Shatas, and aunt of Jean Maldutis has gone to her rest in November. Mrs. Stefania (Stella) Gobis, beloved mother of Gene Gobis, has found her peace with God on Nov. 26.

AMŽINAJI ATILSI DUOK MIRUSIEMS, VIEŠPATIE! IR AMŽINOJI ŠVIESA TEGUL JIEMS ŠVIEČIA! TEGUL ILSISI RAMYBĖJE. AMEN.

Get well quick, Joe Valikonis! We miss you. Poor Joe is laid up with a fractured ankle, - a freak accident in attempting to get into his auto. What a way to end up after spending two weeks in sunny Florida!

Ronnie and Peter Urba missed our Xmas doings... they were vacationing in Aruba and Caracas, Venezuela. Ed and Mirga Bablin missed the banquet also. They went on an ocean cruise (Farwind liner) stopping at many of the islands, including the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas.

Welcome to our new members - Joan and Al (Algirdas) Bagdonas, Danny Kabasin our young organist, and Bernice Sherbunt. Danny has already been put to work. He was on the program for the Feb. 16th commemoration.

Happy belated anniversary to Paul and Aldona Abeling (Feb. 2 - ground hog day)!

As of Jan. 2, Gene Gobis was appointed the new City Clerk. The newspapers reported they believe this is the first time the position was given to a woman in the City

of Amsterdam. Congratulations!

Our St. Casimir's Ladies' Auxiliary sold many state lottery tickets and on Jan. 27 they had a \$50,000 winner sold to Mrs. Patricia Sudolsky by our own president's wife, Ann Radzevich. Tony is still wondering why Ann didn't sell him THAT TICKET!

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

On Jan. 12 C-3 hosted the Supreme Council meeting. It was so nice to renew old friendships. Al Ozalis, with his trusty Volkswagon bus, transported those coming in by train, while Alena Burch and her mom, Rita Pinkus, did airport duty. Two members of the new Scranton Council bussed in to Philly to sit in on the meeting also. It was a real pleasure to have them.

Many thanks to Irene Ozalis and Lillian Sasnauskas who took charge of the kitchen duties, and thanks to all the rest of C-3 ladies - Irene Svekla, Alberta Weigand, Leonora Balten, Agnes Mickunas, Dianne Drumstas and Alena Burch for their culinary contributions to the supper and assistance on the clean-up detail. The fellas did their part, too, in getting things squared away. C-3 may not be big in number but we are very big in cooperation.

C-3 held a Smorgasbord Buffet and Dance on March 9. Chairlady Agnes Mickunas with her able Committee - Dianne Drumstas, Alberta Weigand, Irene Ozalis, Lillian Sasnauskas, Joe Yanulaitis, Al Ozalis and Tony Burch - were very busy making preparations for this affair. The rest of the Council gave their best to making this an enjoyable and successful evening.

Dianne Drumstas and Joe Yanulaitis have been spending their spare time making plans for C-3's exhibit at the Folk Fair to be held at the Civic Center on April 19-20-21.

A hearty "Welcome Back" to Margie Petronis who recently re-

joined our Council. We're glad to have you aboard, Margie.

Julian Greymas makes it a point to attend our meetings whenever he is in town. We always enjoy his company.

Joe and Dianne Drumstas spent a few days in Worcester visiting their relatives and friends. John and Agnes Mickunas took a brief vacation in the Poconos. Joe Petkunus carries a heavy social schedule, but he always manages to attend our meetings and get-togethers.

Belated February Birthday wishes to Leonora Balten, Walter Svekla, John Mickunas, and Dianne Drumstas.

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C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

We start another year. Here's hoping 1974 brings much success and happiness to all the councils.

This year C-36 is going to try something new in their news column. Each issue will not only tell what's happening, but it will give a little insight about our (YOUR) new officers and members; so keep watching - you might be next!

The officers for 1974 are: Pres. - Christine Stachyra, 1st VP - Helen Pius, 2nd VP - Irene Norushis, 3rd VP - Casimera Petrulis, Treas. - Vince Samaska, Secy. - Sally Chernius, Fin. Secy. - Virginia Kentra, Trustees - Tony Wallunas and Sophie Zukas, Sgts.-at-Arms - Jerome Jankus and Napoleonas Sapkus. Congratulations to all.

Our "Lithuanian Christmas" Party was a big success. It started off with the inauguration of officers, which was very memorable at

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this happy time of year. The menu was delicious with sausage and sauerkraut, kugele and sour cream, macaroni salad, Hawaiian salad, rye bread, crullers, carrot cake, and much more (mmmm...). Vince Samaska brought films of his trip to Lithuania and blessings with the Pope. The door prize was happily won by Tony Wallunas, - a bottle of Mogan David Wine.

January's meeting brought news of K of L activities ahead. Irene Norushis, our vibrant VP, consented to be our Program Chairwoman, and she has quite a line-up for the coming meetings. Illinois Bell, with "Calling on America", was scheduled for February. March's meeting will bring us to Balzekas Museum via slides from Ray and Virg Kentra. Irene has a pocketful of miracles, so come on down every fourth Tuesday of the month and enjoy.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: May I extend my thanks to all the members who brought goodies for our Christmas party, and to their friends for joining us. This is the year C-36 is going to make the top, but it will only happen with ALL its members supporting it. So far, the officers have seen what can be done if we all get together, so let's have more in '74. We now have a "50-50" pot where you may win half the money in the pot just by coming to the meetings. Also, if you haven't returned your "INFORMATION PLEASE" letter, please do so as soon as possible. We need it for our records. Thank you. Keep watching this column for more information on our plans.

You can help right now by sending us any trading stamp books you may not want or can't redeem any longer. They could bring money to our club. Mail them to Sally Cheraius, 5208 W. 88th St., Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453. Premium seals from Kimberly Clark Pro-

ducts can help, also. They can be sent to Christine Stachyra, 7424 W. 170th St., Tinley Park, Ill. 60477. Thank you! S.C.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Our council's Annual Christmas Party held at the K of L Bldg. was a grand success due to the efforts of Prexy Harry Petraitis and the entire Board. Proceeds of the night's raffle were donated to the K of L Bldg. Among the prize donors were: Rich Shlaustas of the Diamondhead Restaurant, Al Brazis of Al's Hilltop Inn, and Paul Sakalauskas of the Knights Inn. The lucky winners were: Al Raubiskis, Emily Petraitis (this charming lady won two prizes), Helen Gudauskas, Stephanie Mlodzik, Napoleon Sapkus and Al Brazis.

K of L Choir President Estelle Rogers, her officers and co-chairmen John Auksciunas and Juozas Juska, are to be commended for their efforts in making their Annual Benefit Dinner-Dance, held at Pakstas Hall, a success.

Edward Krivickas, chairman of our Bowling Social held at Wood-Mac Lanes (owned by members Bruno and Lucille Shotas), was assisted by Julie and Al Zakarka. Honorary Member Albin Manst awarded cash prizes to the winners: Dolores Wainauskas/Bill Simmons, Barbara Klevinsky/Al Kachinskis, Lorraine Williams/Al Zakarka, Gerry Mack/Ed Krivickas. Special prize winners were Julie Zakarka/Marty Gramont and Mary Truesdale/Tony Butkus. Pot game winners were Vince Samaska and Al Kachinskis. Next bowling socials will be hosted by the District and by C-36.

On a snowy evening the January Board meeting was hosted at the home of Julie and Al Zakarka (we all had fun cleaning the snow off

the cars, especially Al with his big broom), and the February Board meeting, at the home of Dolores Wainauskas.

Former IID and C-112 president John Evans was a host of special events recently - his 57th birthday, the birth of another grandchild to son Whitey and his wife, Cindy, and the engagement of his youngest son, Stanley.

Other birthday celebrants were: Gerry Mack, Estelle Rogers, Al Raubiskis, Al Brazis and Prudencija Bickus. Congratulations are also in order to Tony and Cheryl Rudis on the arrival of their first child - Christina Marie. Proud grandparents are Anthony and Mary Rudis.

The Award Banquet of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture was held in the Gold Coast Room of the Drake Hotel and honored George W. Dunne, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Dunne is known as a Honorary Lithuanian for his frequent appearances at Lithuanian functions. 112'ers on the banquet committee were: Al Brazis, Al Kerelis, Steve Lack, Stan Molis, Casey Oksas, Don Petkus, Harry Petraitis, Senator Frank Savickas.

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Remember in your prayers...

ALEX PIETRZAK
 Member, C-96, Dayton, Ohio

Died January, 1974