



Photo by Kisielius

V
Y
T
I
S



THE
KNIGHTS
OF
LITHUANIA

SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS

Rev. Albert Contons, Spir. Adv.
672 Hale St.
Beverly Farms, Mass. 01915

Susan Boroskas, Pres.
34 Arthur St.
Brockton, Mass. 02402

Marian Skabeikis, 1st V.P.
87-36 111th St.
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418

Albert Ozalis, 2nd V.P.
6148 Erdrick St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19135

Longinas Svelnis, 3rd V.P.
43 Gage St.
Needham, Mass. 02192

Irene Adomaitis, Rec. Sec'y.
4 Whitney St.
Worcester, Mas. 01607

Irene Ozalis, Fin. Sec'y.
6148 Erdrick St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19135

Irene K. Sankus, Treas.
2520 W. 68th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60629

Mary Kober, Trustee
2 Bayview
Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. 11050

Anthony Radzevich, Trustee
R.D. 5
Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010

Anthony Young, Trustee
315 East Str.
Boston, Mass. 02127

COMMITTEES

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

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

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL

Phillip Skabeikis, Chairman
87-36 111th St.
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418

RITUAL

Frank Zager
32116 Red Clover
Farmington, Mich.

Rita Pinkus,
76 Providence St.
Worcester, Mass. 01604

Lillian Sasnauskas
2557 E. Ontario St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19134

SCHOLARSHIP

Anthony Miner, Chairman
49 Bruce St.
Grafton, Mass. 01519

Anthony Mazeika, Secy-Treas.
149-31 120th St.
So. Ozone Park, N.Y. 11417

Jack J. Stukas
Rev. A. Valancius
Paul Kuzmickas
Irene Adomaitis

Leonard Simutis, Chairman
228 Nauvoo
Park Forest, Ill. 60466

Eleanore Laurin, Sec.
6800 S. Rockwell St.
Chicago, Ill. 60629

Prof. Alexander Aleksis
Antanas Mazeika, Sr.
Ignas Sakalas

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Helen Kulber, Chairman
317 84th St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209

Juozas Sadauskas [MCD]
1513 Larchmont Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44110

Vincent Samaska [IID]
2415 S. Sawyer Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60623

Antanas Skirius [Calif.]
949 E. Amherst Dr.
Burbank, Calif. 91504

Peter A. Bizinkauskas [NED]
424 North Cary St.
Brockton, Mass. 02402

Frank Vaskas [MAD]
24 E. Park St.
Newark, N.J. 07102

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

IID
Leon Pauksta
6942 S. Artesian Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60629

MCD
Peter Luiza
19193 Lakeshore Blvd.
Euclid, Ohio 44119

NED
Albert Jaritis
75 Gates St.
So. Boston, Mass.

MAD
Larry Janonis
2124 Ellis Ave.
Bronx, N.Y.

the KNIGHT VYTIS

PUBLISHED BY THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

CONTENTS - TURINYS

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 3. An Easter Reverie | Rev. J. Tomalionis |
| 4. Official News | |
| 5. Velykos Zemaitijoje | E. Pakalniskiene |
| 6. Linksma Diena | arr. J. Naujalis |
| 7. An Easter Long Ago | A. M. Wackell |
| 10. Convention - What the Cardinal Said | A. Dainus |
| 11. Aleliuja | |
| 12. In the Vytis - 10 & 20 Years Ago | |
| 13. Cathedral of the Pines (NED) | J. White |
| 14. Lietuvos Prisiminimai | J. Dausvardiene |
| 15. IID - At Salute to Lithuania | |
| 16. Midwest Bowling Tournament | |
| 16. Prince D. Gallitzin | W. Markalonis |
| 17. Sventasis Jurgis | P. Dirkis |
| 18. Membership | A. Ozalis |
| 19. K of L Calendar | |
| 20. Vyciai Veikia - Council News | ed. J. Zukas |
| 27. In Memoriam | |
| 28. National Convention Schedule | |

“VYTIS” STAFF

Loretta I. Stukas, Editor
1467 Force Drive
Mountainside, N. J. 07092

Josephine Zukas,
Council News Editor
9 Charles Street
Port Washington, N.Y.

Anthony Yuknis, Asst. Ed.
Mary Kober, Asst. C. News Ed.
Rita Ochs, Layout Ed.
Balys Vyliaudas, Lithuanian Ed.
Marilyn Kareiva, Mailing
Irene K. Sankus, Advisory

VYTIS is published monthly Oct. through May, bi-monthly June-July and Aug-Sept. by the Knights of Lithuania. Second class postage paid at Chicago, Ill. Subscription - \$4.00/yr. All correspondence should reach the editors by the 5th of the month preceding the next issue. The editor assumes no obligation to return any material not solicited.

SCHOLARSHIP

Anthony Miner, Chairman
49 Bruce St.
Grafton, Mass. 01519

Anthony Mazeika, Secy-Treas.
149-31 120th St.
So. Ozone Park, N.Y. 11417

Jack J. Stukas
Rev. A. Valancius
Paul Kuzmickas
Irene Adomaitis

Leonard Simutis, Chairman
228 Nauvoo
Park Forest, Ill. 60466

Eleanore Laurin, Sec.
6800 S. Rockwell St.
Chicago, Ill. 60629

Prof. Alexander Aleksis
Antanas Mazeika, Sr.
Ignas Sakalas

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Helen Kulber, Chairman
317 84th St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209

Juozas Sadauskas [MCD]
1513 Larchmont Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44110

Vincent Samaska [IID]
2415 S. Sawyer Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60623

Antanas Skirius [Calif.]
949 E. Amherst Dr.
Burbank, Calif. 91504

Peter A. Bizinkauskas [NED]
424 North Cary St.
Brockton, Mass. 02402

Frank Vaskas [MAD]
24 E. Park St.
Newark, N.J. 07102

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

IID
Leon Pauksta
6942 S. Artesian Ave.
Chicago, Ill. 60629

MCD
Peter Luiza
19193 Lakeshore Blvd.
Euclid, Ohio 44119

NED
Albert Jaritis
75 Gates St.
So. Boston, Mass.

MAD
Larry Janonis
2124 Ellis Ave.
Bronx, N.Y.

AN EASTER REVERIE

by Rev. John J. Tomalonis



HE
IS
RISEN

O, Gloriously Risen Divine Saviour,
Conqueror of Satan, Death and Sin!
Sinful Man has ever cried aloud:
"O Death, Where is Thy Sting?"

O, wretched Man's sinful behaviour,
Heaven without You could never win!
The noisy din of the worldly crowd
At Calvary's hill makes this history,
When the lust of Passions did ring!

The Cross once symbolized great shame,
The reward of hardened hearts in sin!
Truly, an undying stigma to all akin,
Who deny God's message of His Holiness--
Wantonly killing their souls without duress!

The sign of shame is now of fame:
A glorious emblem of signal victory!
It soothes all pains, heals the lame,
Strengthens the weak ever universally;
Joyously crowns our hopes in immortality!

The silent tomb shouts out so clear:
With rumbling roars of Mother Earth--
Comes A right A Unique Heavenly Birth,
When Angels stood by Earth's open womb,
Exclaimed: "HE IS RISEN. HE IS NOT HERE!"

AMEN



OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

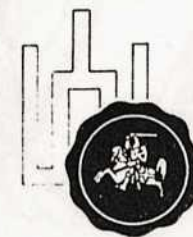
OFFICIAL NEWS

A SPECIAL BENEFACTOR



This issue comes to you with the sincere wishes... and the wonderful generosity... of a K of L member, of the Mid-Atlantic District. Said member donated \$200.00, to cover approximately half of the expenses incurred in publishing one issue of VYTIS. He asked to remain anonymous, but he accompanied his donation with the comment that he enjoys reading the VYTIS every month... and appreciates what a thankless task is the job of preparing all phases of each issue. His donation, he said, is "one member's way of expressing thanks for the work involved".

We're truly grateful for such a generous gesture... and are truly sorry that we cannot divulge the donor's name. However, he will remain a very special friend of VYTIS always. A most sincere Lithuanian "Ačiū" to our newest benefactor!



A NEW LIFETIME MEMBER

A very hearty welcome is extended to REV. CASIMIR PUGEVICIUS, of Baltimore, Md., who recently joined the Knights of Lithuania AND began by becoming a lifetime member immediately, with the payment of \$100.00 dues. This brings the number of members in this special "club" to 8.

In the absence of a council in Baltimore, Father Pugevicius joined Newark's (N.J.) Council 29, after delivering a most interesting talk during the council's annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast. Father has recently been appointed to a new post, and will be working full time on problems of the Catholic Church in the Lithuanian community. More on this will appear in later issues of VYTIS. The Knights of Lithuania is indeed proud and happy to have Father Pugevicius in their midst, and pledge to assist him in his work in whatever way they can.

JUNIOR NEWS

The New England District Knights of Lithuania will sponsor its second annual "Youth Rally" on April 15 at St. Peter's 7th St. Hall in South Boston. The day's events will include a Continental Breakfast during registration followed by a general session. Next event of the day will be a RED SOX baseball game, after which will be a second session, social hour, and finally a spaghetti supper. Interested participants are urged to contact their junior advisor or the N.E.D. 2nd Vice President. Further details have been sent to all N.E. Councils.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY...

LITHUANIAN-CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

The Joy of Christ's resurrection can be made more meaningful to our brethren suffering religious oppression in Lithuania by the spiritual generosity of their kin in the Knights of Lithuania.

A 1974 - Holy Year Prayer Calendar prepared by the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid has been mailed to all K of L districts and councils by Father Raila. A day of prayer has been assigned to each district and council from April to July of 1974. It contains approved prayers and services for Lithuania's Freedom, and the Persecuted Church in Lithuania.

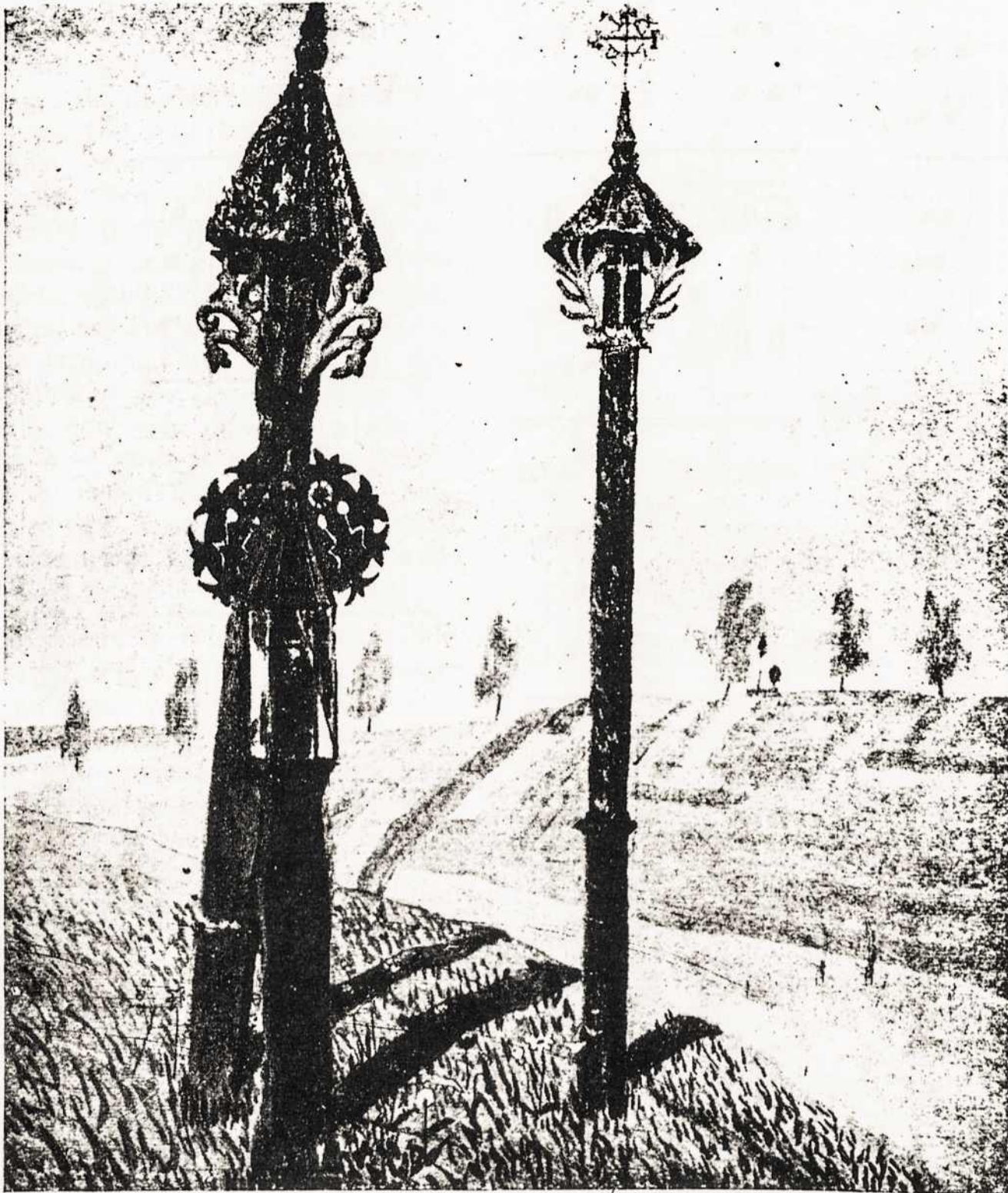
Dedicate your K of L spirit at national, district and council meetings with a prayer for Lithuania's intention. Plan with your pastor or spiritual advisor to have a community prayer service on the date assigned to your district or council; and invite your fellow parishioners to join you in prayer for Lithuania. Your prayerful fervor can set an example for other Lithuanian-Organizations to follow in your foot-steps.

Let, your brethren across the sea know that the K of L have not forgotten them in their prayers, and in their charity. Do this for Christ and the Church in Persecuted Lithuania.

John A. Stoskus
K of L - LCRA Coordinator

VELYKOS ŽEMAITIJOJE

Emilija Pakalniškienė



Zemaičių koplytėlės

Gavėnios metu penktadienių vakarais žmonės pas vieną kuri kaimo ūkininką susirinkę giedodavo kalnus (kryžiaus kelius). Rinkdavosi į juos jauni ir seni. Giedodami stengdavosi kiek galima garsiau šaukti, kad net giedančiųjų veidai paraudonuodavo. Jeigu kartais nuo didelio balso užgesdavo troboje lempa, pasigirti būdavo galima, kad geri giedoriai buvo. Baigus giedoti, susirinkusieji būdavo pavaišinami neluptom bulvėm, silkėm ir kava su pyragu. Namu eidami susitardavo, pas kuri ūkininką sekantį penktadienio vakarą susirinkti.

Didįjį Šeštadienį šventindavo bažnyčioje ugnį ir vandenį. Jau anksti rytmetį vykdavo žmonės į bažnyčią, važiuoti ar pėsti, su savim nešdamiesi išdžiovintas medžio kempines ar storos virvės galus švėstai ugnelei ir kibirus švėstam vandeniui parsinešti. Nenuėjusieji į bažnyčią švėstos ugnelės ateidavo prašyti pas kaimyną. Pasūmdavo rusenancią anglį ir nešdavosi į savo namus.

Naktį iš šeštadienio į sekmadienį bažnyčioje giedodavo kalnus, dūdų orkestrui pritariant. Saulei tekant būdavo Prisikėlimo iškilmės. Apie bažnyčią eidavo procesija. Proce-

sijos centras būdavo keturių vyrų nešamas baldakimas ir po juo kunigas su Švenčiausiu Sakramentu. Baldakimą lydėdavo degančios žvakės, bažnytinių vėliavų miškas, įvairūs altorėliai. Priekyje baldakimo eidavo mažos mergaitės, berdamos ant tako žiedelius, tuo pareikšdamos pagarbą prisikėlusiam Kristui. Choras giedodavo "aleliuja", dūdų orkestras pakartodavo jo aidą, o būgnų dundėjimas bei varpų skambėjimas suliedavo viską į vieną gaudesį, girdimą net už ke-liolikos kilometrų (1 kilometras apie 5/8 mylios).

Varpams ir būgnams pranešus apie prisikėlusį Kristų, likusieji namuose eidavo krapyti su švėstu vandeniu savo sodybos. Krapydavo visus kampelius, gyvulius ir laukus. Iš krapytojo lūpų sklisdavo giesmės žodžiai: "Per Tavo šventą Prisikėlimą..."

Gavėnioje pasninkas būdavo stiprus - nė nepalyginsime su čionykščiu. Bet jau Didžiojo Šeštadienio popietę atgavėdavo: mėsos didžiausias bliūdas atsirasdavo ant stalo. Kai kurie ir susirgdavo per daug užvalgę.

Velykom dažydavo margučius. Su jais per Velykas kuldavosi. Kieno būdavo stipresnis, tas laimėdavo savo draugo sudužusįjį margutį. Taip pat lentą ar kokią skardą padėdavo nuožulniai ir nuo jos leisdavo margučiams riedėti. Jeigu riedėdamas užkliūdavo kita, tai užkliudytasis atitekdavo riedinčio margučio savininkui.

Pasitaikydavo ir apgavikų, kurie eidavo kultis su netikrais margučiais - mediniais ar sākų prileistais.

Gražus tai būdavo laikas. Pava-sario saulė tirpydavo sniegą, darydama iš jo upelius kieme, laukuose ir pievose. Nuo stogų žėžėdavo vanduo. Visais pašaliais katėdavo vištos. Išsiskleisdavo pirmieji karklų pumpurai, ir jais būdavo papuošiamas Velykų stalas. Mažais žiedeliais pražysdavo sniegienos ir be garso sakydavo "Ir mes norime būti gražios Kristaus Prisikėlimo šventei".

Taip būdavo per Velykas Žemaitijoje, ir panašiai būdavo visoje mūsų šventojoje tėvynėje Lietuvoje.

Linksmā diena.

4. m. b. arba: 1 b. su Varg.

Linksmā die -
 na mums
 pra - švi -
 to. Vi -
 si troš -
 kom dziags -
 mo si -
 to,
 Kē - lēs Kris -

tus, smier -
 kri - to.
 Al - lē - liu -
 ja, Al - lē -
 liu - ja,
 Al -
 lē - liu -
 ja.
 ir t.t.

3. l. b.

Linksmā die -
 na mums
 pra - švi -
 to. Vi -
 si troš -
 kom dziags -
 mo si -
 to,
 Kē - lēs Kris -

tus smier -
 kri - to.
 Al - lē - liu -
 ja, Al - lē -
 liu - ja,
 Al -
 le - liu -
 ja.
 ir t.t.

AN EASTER LONG AGO

Antonia M. Wackell

Long ago, on the afternoon of Holy Saturday, or "Didžioji Subata" as the day before Easter is known among the Lithuanian people, I remember trudging with cheerful importance with other children, over zigzagging brick sidewalks, cobbled streets and trolley tracks, careful not to be surprised into tripping and scattering the contents of our Easter baskets. We were now old enough to go to church — unaccompanied by adults — to obtain the holy water and bring the cuttings of food that our mothers had secreted in the baskets for the Easter blessing.

Although it was early when we entered the church, many devout of all ages were praying near the side altar where two men, typifying the ancient Roman soldiers, equipped with helmets, swords and shields, guarded the Tomb or Our Lord. Nearby, also keeping vigil, were as many women, girls and boys on their knees. The lace-covered altar, surrounded by palms and flowers held more flowers and candles shone brightly in their tall candleholders of gleaming brass. It was the most beautiful altar our young eyes had ever seen. A huge crucifix that normally hung on the wall near the vestibule, now reposed at the base of the altar and a long line of kneeling people crept slowly along upon the velvet cushion, each one in turn kissed the crossed feet of the Corpus and dropped pennies into a wooden box close by.

We sat in a pew a short distance from the main altar, readied our baskets to be opened quickly and waited for the priest. When he appeared to bestow his blessing, there arose into view baskets and boxes of all sizes, shapes and colors; and the appetizing aroma of sausages, hams, eggs and freshly baked Easter breads rose too. In Lithuania, we knew that it was



customary for every family to prepare two baskets of food: A small one to be blessed for the family's Easter breakfast, and a large one containing bread, meat, rye or wheat, to be distributed among the poor who waited near the church on Holy Saturday. But, here in the United States, the custom had not been introduced, because there were no unfortunates waiting near the door.

After the blessing, white covers folded over the contents, we joined others in the vestibule crowding each other to fill our bottles with the holy water consecrated by the priest that morning. This holy water we learned had many purposes: It was used in the sick room; sprinkled about the house during electrical storms for protection; poured into wall fountains that hung on the frames of the kitchen doors so that members of the family would dip two fingers into it and bless themselves before they went out. Sips of holy water were taken by some before Easter breakfast as a surety against illness and disease during the current year.

Our pleasant duties fulfilled, the long walk home seemed shorter. Perhaps it was the remembrance that dozens of brown eggs would be nestling among the simmering onion skins in the iron pot on the rear lid of the stove, waiting for us to remove them; the white eggs that were to be designed by someone older and colored by us, and the expected visits of the "lelaunikai" young men singers who went from household to household greeting the family with: "Little father, little mother, shall we gladden your humble home? Which of these two songs shall we sing — 'Christ Our Lord rose from the dead' or 'The joyful day has now begun to shine'?"

This was always exciting, for if the first song was requested then

the singers received three eggs. But if the second tune was sung, then they were the recipients of four eggs, because the hymn had sixteen verses. Still more eggs were lavished upon the singers if they were accompanied by an accordion or violin. We hoped for songs and instruments, while our parents' hopes leaned towards a pair of singers only, so that their Easter egg supply would not be exhausted. Brown eggs were given to the singers since they wanted to eat, not to save them. "Margučiai" de-



corated eggs designed with beeswax were never offered to the singers.

We were too young, of course, to design eggs with beeswax. That art required a mature, steady hand: imagination and color sense was helpful especially if the eggs were to enjoy many colors. Great care was necessary in applying the beeswax, and should mistakes be made in designing they could not be corrected nor eradicated. Considering the time and patience involved in designing, grown-ups began their egg-art weeks or days in advance. In Lithuania, mother had shown us how to rub the surface of bright-colored eggs on sharp, clean sand.

This was generally the children's favorite method and it was an easier substitute for the laborious beeswax drawing that we tried to simulate but could never quite accomplish.

It was long past the lamplighter's appearance in the street on Holy Saturday when we finally fell asleep, to be awakened in the

dark of Easter morning by a whispered "Kelkis, jau Velykos!" and the instruction to creep out from under the cozy feather tick. A sleepy recollection of a white hamburg lace dress, white veil, satin hair ribbon, new button shoes, long stockings and the "crimped" hair that had yet to be unbraided, scrambled us out of the cold room into the warm kitchen where a wood fire crackled, and a basin of hot water waited on the edge of the black iron sove.

Fully awakened with hot cocoa, egg, bread and butter, we all met at our gate. The long trek to church promised to be interesting so early in the morning, but the darkness, shadows and silence in the streets made the church seem further than it had been the day before. To shorten the distance before us, we engaged in guessing what stores in the business section would have flickering gas lamps or bright electric bulbs to focus the housewife's attention on their stock in trade. The policemen making their lonely rounds greeted us with courteous "Happy Easters" and volunteered information that other Lithuanians a block ahead of us were also going to the early Mass.

Now and then a friendly kitten escorted us and then purred away, while a dog's unexpected bark always startled us into quickening our steps. Across the wide, now deserted square and past the horses' watering trough, we went into a narrow street where the smell of pickles and herrings still lingered. The racks of clothing had disappeared, and the chairs where the shoppers had rested their parcels to bargain with the storekeepers the day before — and where we planned to rest a spell — were also gone. When we reached the corner store with the cackling hens scratching away in the window, we braced ourselves with deep, deep breaths before the steep hill that forced us to mount up and up, and up...

Almost out of breath, we crossed the trolley tracks on top of the hill and scurried down the steps into church, squeezed through the crowded aisles to reach the rear,

then forced our way into the children-packed bellroom where worried leaders and partners greeted us with: "Do you kids live a long, long ways off? Couldn't you kids get here any sooner?" We were too busy breathing to answer their questions. Anyhow, we thought, this was no way to start an Easter Day.

The church was chocked with people. As the procession struggled through the crushing aisles, nothing was visible to us but clothes and feet. At last, after three revolutions around the church, we were ushered in through the gate of the Communion rail and instructed to remain there until the Mass was over, since the pews, originally reserved for the children, were filled with worshippers. What a thrill it was to be so close to the brilliant



altar and to see the pastor's every movement during the solemn service of Christ's Resurrection, and listen to the glorious Easter hymns and alleluia songs with orchestral accompaniment. We were a hardy group of little processioners, but seated on the floor, released from duties and discipline, small heads began to nod, droop, the sag against each other while the pastor's Easter sermon went on and on...

After Mass, as we streamed out through the church door and into the morninglight, we were hailed by the rattle of the trolley car as it clanged down the hill. People hummed and sang the beloved old Lithuanian Easter hymn, "Linksmą diena nušvito..." Singing during Lent was never permitted so now friends greeted each other with joyous songs and wishes for "Linksmą Velykų." This time the

trek home was short. We were so rapt in greetings and outlining the days activities stretching before us, and visualizing all the Easter foods that we reached our gate sooner than we expected.

With the help of mother's company, our table was quickly covered with food, and hungry early risers sat down to wait for the blessed food that had been placed before father. The ham, sausage, bread and eggs had been sliced into smaller portions. Each one blessed himself on receiving the platter, removed a portion of everything, sprinkled a few grains of blessed salt on egg and bread, then passed the dish to the right. We suddenly remembered grandmother and our visit in Lithuania. It was only the previous Easter that grandmother had said; "Sprinkle salt on Easter bread, and there will always be bread on the family table."

During the afternoon, relatives, friends and neighbors came to compare and admire each other's egg designs, to exchange gift eggs, and to wish our household a Happy Easter Holy Day. The highlight of these visits were the egg fights "muštynės" when onion-dyed eggs competed for strengths of shell. With a hard-shelled egg, the winner enjoyed a modest celebrities



reputation during the Easter holiday. His "drūtas kiaušinis" cracked all eggs it came in contact with, and which he appropriated as the winner.

Sometimes, though, after many victories, the egg and its owner were both under suspicion: The egg upon close inspection was found to have been filled with sugar or tar after it had been skillfully pierced at both ends, or it was exposed as a guinea hen's egg which had a harder shell and could earn a crafty owner many eggs to eat and the enviable winner's laurels. But woe befell all tricksters on Easter. (In mother's village, we had heard these sche-

mers were punished — not too gently either — and sometimes driven from the village until swindled tempers simmered down.)

Before this Easter Day came to a close, father was suspected. It was incredible the number of eggs he ate as a winner's right. The havoc he caused among eggs with a beautifully designed egg too. Naturally, we complained. We wondered why he consistently refused to permit anyone to admire, exclaim over, and to hold his egg more closely. We suspected a guinea hen's egg and decided to confirm our suspicious quietly...

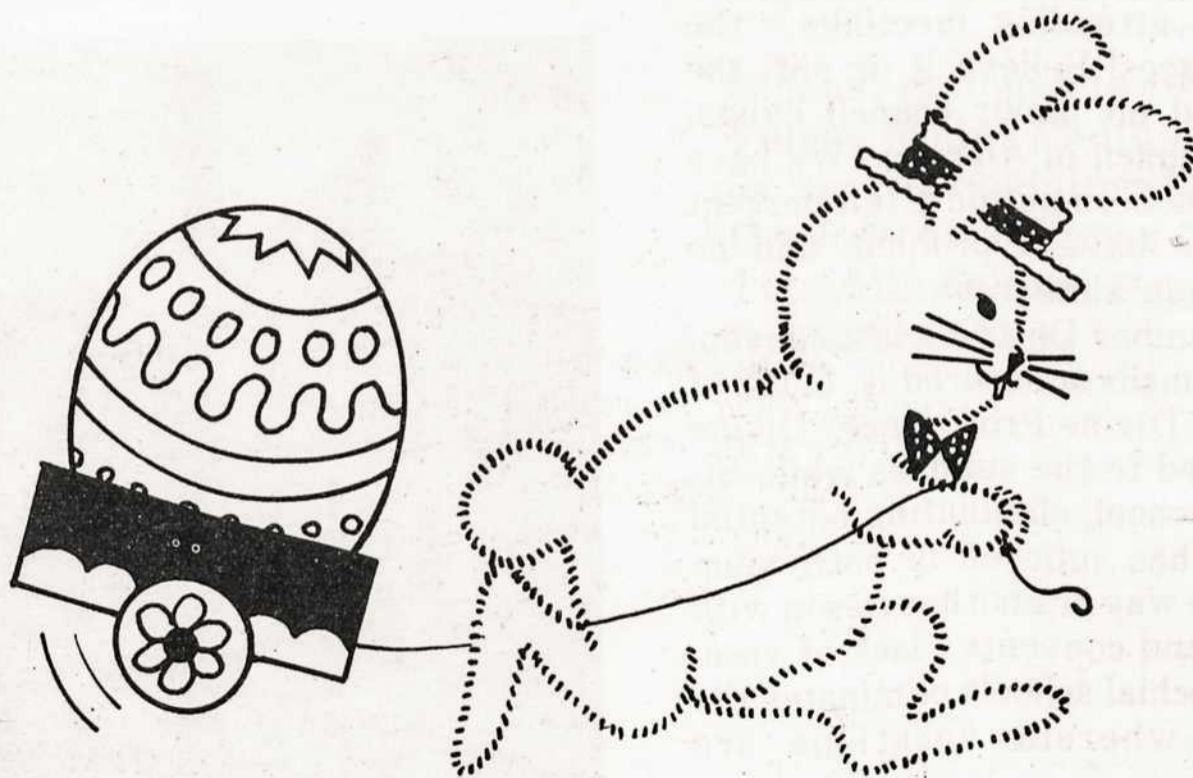
Then woe did fall upon father. When at last we traced the egg to its hiding place, we found it to be — a wooden egg. And father, because of his deceit, found himself eggless and under a cloud for the remainder of a Happy Easter Day. For it is said —

ON EASTER CONDUCT

*That if one is good on Easter Day
Then he will be deserving throughout the year.*

*But if one is bad in any way,
Then he will be bad the rest of the year*

A. M. Wackell



WHAT THE CARDINAL SAID AT DETROIT

By Anthony Dainus

No doubt the accompanying photo of the destruction of a beautiful church, Lithuanian no less, first caught your eye. What a shame! It was romanesque in style, with a huge altar, a high domed ceiling and patterned after a similar Lithuanian church in Chicago. Here was born Detroit's council 79 back in 1916 through the efforts of the renowned organist and staunch K of L'er Alexander Alexis.

Our parish, then called St. George's, had great plans. The size of the church will tell you as much. We had more clubs than you can shake a stick at. Does that sound familiar? We had senior and junior K of L choirs, no less. Just a quarter of a century later the bubble burst; the dream was over. The children grew up, the depression came, the neighborhood changed, freeways were born.

Oh we're not licked yet. We've just completed our third church; very modern, with a huge auditorium-gym combination, rectory, meeting rooms, cafeteria etc. and a lot of enthusiasm. A third Lithuanian church would have been out of the question. I know, because I was the building chairman for four years. Our Cardinal Dearden initially opposed it. I repeat, it would have been out of the question except for the influx of the DP's from other parishes. We had the money and they had the plans! They really jumped on the band wagon. Once again we have great plans. But can we foist Lithuanianism on our youngsters for any more than one or two additional generations? Where does that leave K of L future membership? I took a survey of our members attending meetings - the same people, the same faces! Believe it or not, the average age was 58, and no junior council exists. Sure, we're the largest council in America. We have some 157 dues paying members but only ten percent attend the meetings. We have a problem and no doubt other councils are in similar fix.

How many of you remember Detroit's last convention in 1959 when two councils sponsored it, C-102 of St. Anthony's and C-79 of Divine Providence? Divine Providence has just moved to the suburbs while St. Anthony's has closed its school, eliminating potential candidates. Membership has suffered in both councils, something that in one way or another ties in with the plight of seminaries and convents - lack of vocations. The absence of parochial schools eliminates the religious atmosphere wherein vocations are nurtured.

What future does this portend to the Knights of Lithuania? If we've had rough going while we had a potential source of future members, what a bleak

future awaits us on the horizon. Because of mixed neighborhoods or freeways, centers of Lithuanianism have been wiped out in many major cities, fostering a rush to the suburbs to non-Lithuanian parishes.

This poses the greatest threat yet to our organization. In earlier years memberships were more or less automatic, gotten right in the parish, but now we are fortunate if one half of our council members are members of a Lithuanian parish.

With the influx of the immigrants we thought we could draw on them to carry our torch, but this was not to be had. They have their Ateitininkai, from the cradle to the grave, not to mention the Bendruome. They have the right idea to carry on Lithuaniaism. Their enthusiasm puts one to shame; they stick together but few find their way into the Knights of Lithuania.

Unless we solve our membership problem among the youth or the immigrants, unless this convention has on its agenda ways and means of solving this threat, I fear the hand-writing on the wall.

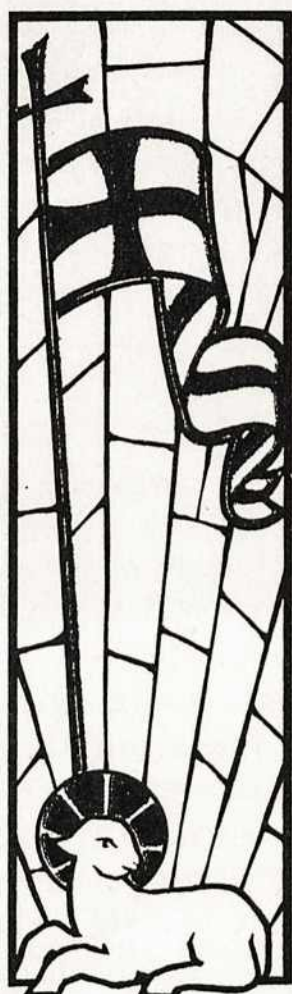
At our last convention Detroit's Cardinal John F. Dearden said, very much a propos, "Preserve your Catholic Lithuanian traditions, for they are good for the family and the church".

Attend the 61st National Convention in Detroit - and do your part to show "we're not licked"!



Destruction of St. George Church, Detroit, for construction of a Freeway. Photo by A. Dainus, 2/66.

Aleliuja



*For He is the true Lamb,
Who has taken away the sins
of the world, Who, by dying,
has overcome our death, and
by rising has restored our life.*

From the Easter Preface

Taisykite balsus! Pradėsme
Nū velykinę šaunią giesmę!
Kasmet, nor jie būtų sunkiausi
Ji iš mažens mum guodžia ausį.

Kasmet širdy ji mumiem kelia
Pasiryžimą, drąsą, galią
Ir užmiršti verčia gėlą,
Nor da tik vakar sieloj šėlo...

Ir, nor tai dienai, lauk ją guja
Šaunus Velykų Aleliūja!
Ir ligi būsime - tas žodis
Ramins ir guos vis mus, kaip guodžs.

Nes tuo žodžiu kapų tyloj
Patsai Dangus į mus byloja.
Nes skelbia jis mum žinią gerą:
Tiesa ir karstą atidaro!
Nes skelbia jis viltingą mintį:
Tiesos varu nebumarinti!

Šaunus, galingas iš tikrųjų -
Velykų šūkis: Aleliūja!
Su tuo pasveikinimu Kristui
Gyvybės džiaugsmas žemėj sklįsta!
Taisykite balsus! Pradėsime
Ir šiomet šaunią tą mes giesmę!

TWENTY YEARS AGO... APRIL, 1954

IN THE VYTIS

Father Contons wrote about Lithuania's Pilgrim Virgin... a statue of Our Lady constructed under the auspices of the Lithuanian Section of the Blue Army, intended to be brought in pilgrimage to all Lithuanian parishes in the USA and Canada. The statue was blessed Jan. 5, 1954 by Pope Pius XII. Father Contons encouraged all Knights to join in welcoming the Pilgrim Virgin to their parishes and asking the Immaculate Heart of Mary to break the Iron Curtain over Lithuania...

The New York-New Jersey District sponsored the entire issue of VYTIS in April 1954. As a result, the councils of the district were featured in story and photo... and contributed ads to offset the cost of the issue...

Ignas Sakalas presented historical highlights of Councils 21, 22 and 23... An announcement of the blessing of the monument on the grave of MYKOLAS NORKUNAS, founder of the Knights of Lithuania included a request for donations for the Memorial Stone... Inspiring Easter messages were presented in English and Lithuanian...



TEN YEARS AGO... APRIL, 1964



The K of L Choir at the NY World's Fair
Lithuanian Song & Dance Festival.

Loretta Kassel described the Lithuanian participation planned for the NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR, of 1964 and 1965. A Lithuanian cross to be erected on the Fair grounds was being financed in part by the K of L... a gigantic Lithuanian song and dance festival was planned and would be attended by the K of L Choir of Chicago, the K of L Junior Dance Group of Newark, and other K of L-ers, and numerous K of L-ers were on the planning committee, headed by Dr. Jack J. Stukas...

Juniors National Vice-President Bernice Kavadaras reported on her visits to various Lithuanian parishes in Connecticut in an attempt to reorganize regular and junior councils in that area... National President Helen Shields urged members to prepare for the coming National Convention by reviewing the K of L Constitution, collecting new ideas, considering candidates for National office, etc. ...

Cultural enthusiasts were treated to descriptions of the "Mosaics by Valeska" and of St. George's Day customs...

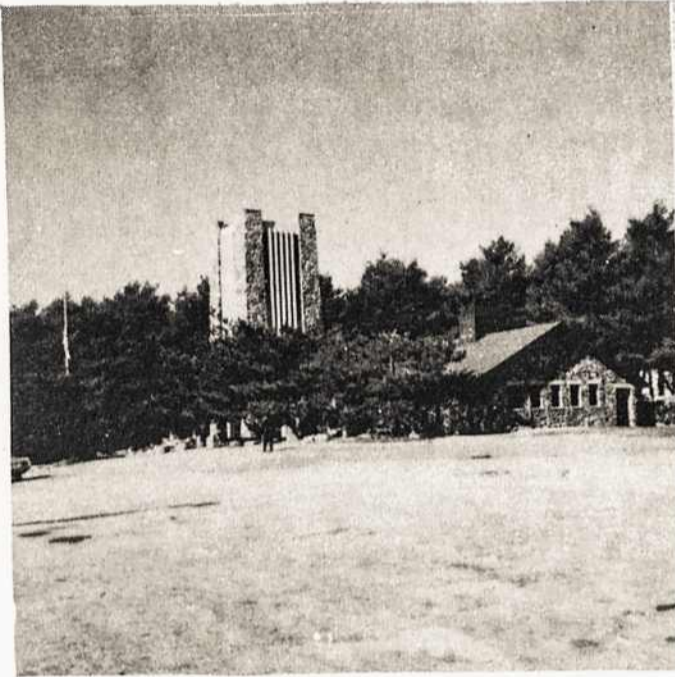
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

The New England District of the Knights of Lithuania for the second year will hold memorial services for the Freedom Fighters and Martyrs of Lithuania at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire, on May 26 at 5:00 P.M.

Last year the N.E.D., in conjunction with Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas and family, dedicated an amber stone with appropriate plaque at the Cathedral. An impressive group of Lithuanians and their friends attended, but due to inclement weather, the full ceremony could not be achieved. The officers of the affair felt that another service would result in an event that would dramatize to the public the plight of Lithuanians under the Soviet yoke.

Just a few words about this unusual and lovely Memorial set in the rolling hills of southwestern New Hampshire. The site formerly called Interlakes is circled by three lakes with majestic Mt. Monadnock in the background.



Cathedral of the Pines — Building on right holds the Amber Stone — Building on left is the Womens Tower.

The founders were Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Sloane who originally purchased this farm for their children as a summer home. One of their sons, Lieutenant Sloane, an aviator, was killed in action over Germany during World War II. They changed their original plan, and made an outdoor shrine for their son and for all the war dead.

The first Mass was said in August 1945, but the original dedication did not take place until July 4, 1946.

Cathedral of the Pines is an international shrine. The Congress of the United States unanimously voted recognition of the Altar of the Nations as a memorial for all the American war dead. Governors of every state contributed to the fund to build the Memorial Bell Tower honoring the American

Women who sacrificed their lives in the wars of our country. However, the national and state authorities have no jurisdiction nor has any church, except at times of their services.

The Cathedral of the Pines Trust is administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of outstanding lay people of different faiths and origins, and is for the benefit of all people in accordance with the Laws and the Commandments: "Thou shall love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor as thy self" and our Pledge of Allegiance "One nation, under God, Indivisible".

It is the hope of N.E.D. President Albert Jaritis that each council in the district will send representatives to this service so that this event can project a show of solidarity and strength for our cause.

Plans are under way in the Boston area for bus transportation. If interested, contact any officers of the K of L Council 17 and 17-Seniors. COME ONE - COME ALL.

Joseph White



Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N.H.



Pulpit at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, N.H.

"LIETUVOS PRISIMINIMAI"



LIETUVOS GENERALINĖS KONSULĖS J. DAUŽVARDIENĖS ŽODIS ILL-IND. LIET. VYČIŲ APSK. "LIETUVOS PRISIMINIMŲ" BANKETE VYČIŲ SALĖJE, CHICAGO, 1974 M. VASARIO 10 D.

Lietuvos Prisiminimai - prasmingas pavadinimas ir minėjimas skirtas Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Šventei atžymėti. Šiame tradiciniame Lietuvos Vyčių vakare prisimenama visa, kas lietuviui miela, ir tai, kas skaudu, būtent: Lietuvos didinga praeitis, Lietuvos valstybės atstatymas po 123 metų rusų okupacijos, laisvos Lietuvos klestėjimas, ir vėl - gyvybingosios laisvės netekimas.

Lietuvos Vyčiai pergyveno ir išgyveno į tuos džiaugsmus ir skausmus. Šviesiuose nepriklausomybės metuose vyčiai, palaikydami glaudžius ryšius su tėvyne, ypatingai su jos jaunimo organiza-

cijomis, rėmė Lietuvos atsikūrimo pastangas moraliai ir finansiniai.

Kuomet sovietinės jėgos klasta ir smurtu okupavo Lietuvą, Lietuvos Vyčiai nepasidavė bevilčiai, bet, sukūrę Lietuvos Reikalų Komitetą, stojo kovon žodžiu ir plunksna - laisvojo pasaulio spaudoje ir radio bei televizijos programose kėlė aikštėn Lietuvai daromas skriaudas, surado Lietuvai vertingų prietelių-užtarėjų, ir įsijungė į Lietuvos laisvinimo veiksmus.

Lietuva tebėra okupuota, bet žinios iš ten liudija, kad lietuvių tauta kovoja dėl asmens, sąžinės, religijos, ir kitų laisvių. Persekiojimai nesiliauja. Smarkiai nukenčia tikintieji ir dvasiškiai. Tik šiomis dienomis skaitėm žinias, kad dėl tikinčiųjų nepalaužiamo ryžto ir neatlaidžios kovos už religinę lais-

vę, visoje Lietuvoje daromos masinės kratos, tikintieji areštuojami, kalinami, grūdami į psichiatrines ligonines, išstremiami į sunkių darbų stovyklas.

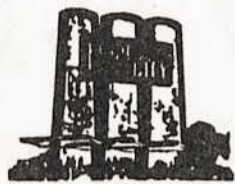
"New World" savaitraščio vasario 1-os laidoje tilpo ilgas straipsnis nusakęs liūdną Lietuvą padėti. Lietuvos Reikalų Komitetas privalėtų atitinkamai reaguoti - rašyti padėkos laiškus redakcijai, pateikti naujų davinių. Kažkodėl, pastaruoju laiku, pasigendama Komiteto aktyvumo.

Minėdami Vasario 16-tąją, išjauškime į jos reikšmę, ir į dabartinę skaudžią Lietuvos būklę. Išėikime į platesnę veiklą ir kovą prieš Lietuvos okupantą. Visur ir visuomet priminkime ir reikalaukim, kad Lietuva būtų vėl laisva. Turėkime viltį - Lietuva vėl bus laisva.



J. Daužvardienė (dešinėje), su Marija Rudiene, I-I Apskrities pagerbta per "L-os Prisiminimų" Banketą, 1974 m.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA KNIGHTS JOIN IN A...



at Ford City Auditorium Chicago, Ill.

SALUTE TO LITHUANIA

FEB. 13, 14, 15

WED. FEB. 13

ZILVITIS DANCERS
& LITHUANIAN YOUTH CHORUS

THURS. FEB. 14

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA DANCERS
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CHORUS

FRI. FEB. 15

NEO-LITHUANIA FOLK DANCERS
LITHUANIAN STUDENT VOCAL ENSEMBLE

CENTER MALL 6:30 P.M.



A display of Lithuanian art.



Knights of Lithuania Choir, with Faustas Strolia, director, performed...



... and so did the Knights of Lithuania Junior Dancers.

MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

MAY 17-18-19, 1974

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 17, 1974

8:30 P.M. Early Bird Get-Together (Holiday Inn)

Saturday, May 18, 1974

9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Continuous Breakfast & Registration (Holiday Inn)

11:00 - 2:30 P.M. Mid-Central District Convention (Holy Cross Church Hall)

2:30 P.M. Bowling Tournament (Marian Lanes)

9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. Gala Dance

Four Piece Orchestra

B.Y.O.B. (Bring your own bottle) - set-ups & snacks furnished (Holiday Inn)

Sunday, May 19, 1974

10:00 A.M. Mass (Holy Cross Church). A coffee klotch will be held at the Lithuanian Club immediately after Mass.

1:00 P.M. Awards Banquet (Holy Cross Church Hall)

DAYTON, OHIO

ATTENTION: MID-WEST BOWLERS AND MCD CONVENTION GOERS

The Annual Knights of Lithuania Midwest Bowling Tournament in conjunction with the Mid Central District Convention will be held in Dayton, Ohio the weekend of May 17, 18, & 19, 1974. Hosts for this fabulous event will be Council 96.

Tournament headquarters for the weekend will be the Holiday Inn Motel in downtown Dayton, located at I-75 and West First Street.

Council 96 would like to extend a cordial welcome to your YOUNG ADULTS to participate in this eventful weekend!

The cost of this fun-filled weekend will be \$16.00 for bowlers and \$12.00 for non-bowlers.

The schedule of events, which will be taking place during these exciting three days, follows.

Hope to see you on May 17-18-19 in Dayton.

The Committee
John A. Berczelly
Chairman



PRINCE DEMETRIUS AUGUSTINE GALLITZIN

On the beautiful Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania in Loretto, near Ebensburg and about 59 miles south of DuBois rest the remains of Prince Gallitzin in a tomb donated by the late steel magnate Charles Schwab. Above the tomb is a bronze statue of the Prince. Nearby is his rustic chapel on a hill side containing some of his relics. Among the relics is his coat of arms with the "Vytis".

Prince Gallitzin was a saintly priest of Lithuanian heritage who became the Apostle of the Alleghenies with a 1000 square mile parish in Western Pennsylvania. He was the first U.S. educated priest ordained in this country. He was ordained in Baltimore by Bishop Carroll a brother of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

There is a town named after the Prince. In the early summer of 1965 the Prince Gallitzin State Park of 6000 acres was dedicated to the memory and

achievements of Prince Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin. Soil from Lithuania was used to plant a tree in his memory at this state park. Joseph Kajeckas, Charge D'Affaires of Lithuania attended the tree planting ceremony, and spoke on the occasion.

A study of this man and his achievements should be undertaken by some Lithuanian historian or biographer or even a writer for periodicals. There is much material about him in Loretto which is the home of St. Francis College and the Sacred Heart Province of the Franciscan T.O.R. Loretto is also the birth place of Charles Schwab, a great name in the Steel Industry.

We will gladly assist any one or party in starting a study of this great man and his non-selfish contribution to the greatness of this country.

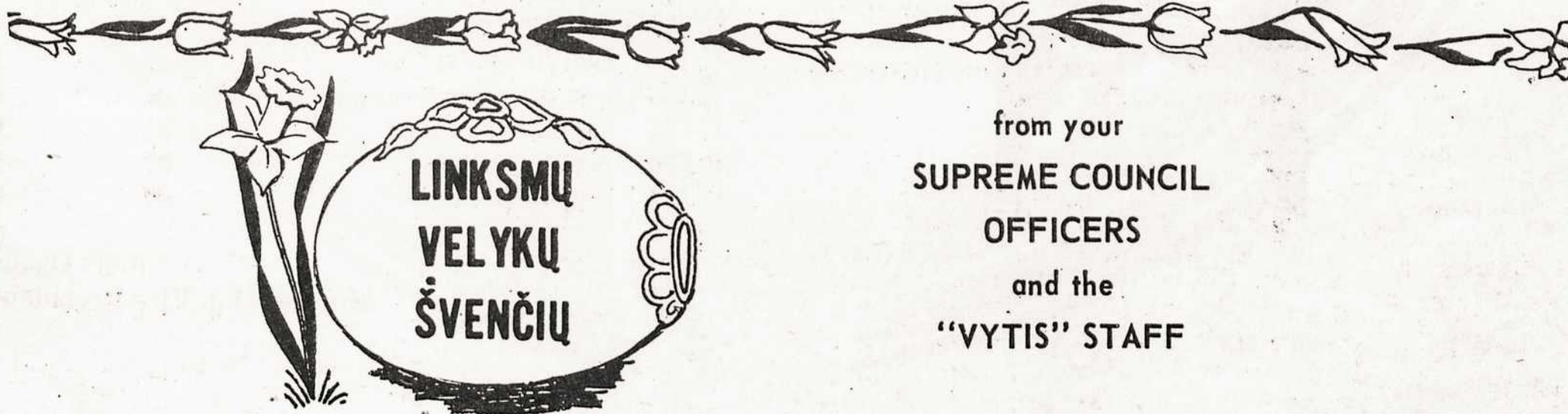
Wm. J. Markalonis, P.D. 3, Box 38, Reynolds-ville, Pennsylvania 15851.

ŠVENTASIS JURGIS

Povilas Dirkis

Čia kurį laiką buvo pasklidę gandai lietuvių spaudoje, kad Šv. Jurgis, labai mėgiamas šventasis Lietuvoje, yra išbrauktas drauge su kitais iš šventųjų tarpo. Jis esąs paliekamas tik kaip tradicinis šventasis. Tačiau tai neatitinka tiesos, nes Šv. Jurgis kaip buvo taip ir pasilieka šventuoju. Atseit, mes, lietuviai vyčiai, jį balandžio 23 dieną prisiminsime ir pagerbsime, nes jis tos pagarbos yra vertas.

Ketvirtojo šimtmečio pradžioje, Kristui gimus, Romos imperija valdė cesorius Dioklecijonas. Jis buvo nuožmus krikščionių persekiotojas. Jo kariuomenėje tarnavo ir turėjo aukštą vietą narsus, o drauge ir doras jaunikaitis Jurgis. Už jo narsumą ir dorybes cesorius labai jį gerbė. Jurgis išpažino Kristaus tikėjimą. Dioklecijonas, sužinojęs, kad Jurgis yra krikščionis, pasiryžo būtinai jį prikaltinti, kad liautųsi tikėjęs į Kristų. Liepė atvesti jį pas save. Nuoširdžiai ir draugiškai jį kalbino. Žadėjo net išūnyti, jeigu jis pagarbins dievaičius. Todėl Šv. Jurgį visur ir visuomet piešia kaip apsišarvavusį karžygį ant žirgo ragotinė duriantį slibiną. Tai ženklas krikščioniškojo tvirtumo. Kiekvienas, gindamas tikėjimą, nugali pragaro slibiną, melą ir klaidas. Ir tu, Vyti, turi būti toks tyirtas, kad nepasiduo- tum piktos dvasios gundytojams.



capture the feeling of *Spring!*

MEMBERSHIP

Spring is in the air - let's capture the freshness and enthusiasm of the new season and put it to work for us in the Membership Drive. Don't just look at Membership Recruitment as someone else's problem - assume the responsibility enthusiastically. It is up to every K of L'er to not only keep our organization strong but to strive towards new heights of accomplishment.

Where to you stand? Are you partly responsible for holding us back? How, you ask? Well, have you paid your dues? If the answer is NO, then you are responsible for keeping us from growing, for if we enthusiastically recruit new members but lose you, we have gained nothing.

Keeping this in mind - check the Membership Standings. WHERE DO YOU STAND? When will your Council be on the 100 Percent Paid-Up list? If you are the one responsible for holding your Council back, don't make it necessary for your Financial Secretary to hound you for your dues. Send them now, without delay; perhaps if we all make a sincere effort, we can set a record by achieving a complete 100% paid-up membership.



MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

COUNCIL	1973	2-28-74
C-1 Brockton, Mass.	36	0
C-3 Philadelphia, Pa.	32	26
C-5 Chicago, Ill.	7	6
C-7 Waterbury, Conn.	118	3
C-10 Athol, Mass.	28	27
C-12 New York, N.Y.	55	3
C-17 So. Boston, Mass.	40	17
C-17S So. Boston Seniors	62	43
C-18 Cambridge, Mass.	5	4
C-19 Pittsburgh, Pa.	36	17
C-25 Cleveland, Ohio	32	32
Cleveland Seniors	43	26
C-26 Worcester, Mass.	133	50
C-29 Newark, N.J.	120	40
C-30 Westfield, Mass.	26	35
C-36 Chicago, Ill.	61	21
Chicago Seniors	30	5
C-41 New York, N.Y.	31	26
C-52 Elizabeth, N.J.	26	2
C-61 Paterson, N.J.	10	4
C-67 Bayonne, N.J.	7	0
C-74 Scranton, Pa.	REORGANIZED	27
C-78 Lawrence, Mass.	15	1
C-79 Detroit, Mich.	161	131
C-90 Kearny, N.J.	38	40
C-96 Dayton, Ohio	134	85
C-100 Amsterdam, N.Y.	66	71
C-102 Detroit, Mich.	41	13
C-103 Providence, R.I.	11	16
C-109 Great Neck, N.Y.	35	0
C-110 Maspeth, N.Y.	11	5
C-111S Youngstown, Ohio Srs.	16	0
C-112 Chicago, Ill.	154	108
C-113 Linden, N.J.	2	1
C-116 So. Worcester, Mass.	41	44
C-133 Los Angeles, Calif.	7	1
C-133S Los Angeles Seniors	52	0
C-134 Cincinnati, Ohio	21	0
C-135 Ansonia, Conn.	57	0
C-139 Detroit, Mich.	27	0

Albert Ozalis
Membership Vice President

K of L Calendar

APRIL

- 15 – NED JUNIOR RALLY, St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass.
 21 – C-25, Cleveland, CARD PARTY, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall,
 to benefit parish and council
 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.
 24-25-26 PITTSBURGH FOLK FESTIVAL (18th Season). Lithuanian Cultural
 Booth manned by C-19 members.

MAY 30-JUNE 1-2

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

JUNE

- 16 – "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" RADIO PICNIC (Dr. J. Stukas, Director)
 "Priedaine" Latvian Park, Jerseyville, N.J.
 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.

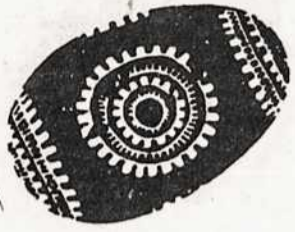
OCTOBER

- 6 – C-90, Kearny, 2nd ANNUAL AMBER BALL, Lithuanian Catholic
 Community Center, Kearny, N.J.
 12 – C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish Hall,
 Newark, N.J.
 13 – M.A.D. FALL CONVENTION, Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100, Hosts.

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

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

Our council held their annual Communion-Breakfast on Mar. 3, the event commemorating the feast of their patron St. Casimir.

Members marched into Holy Trinity Church behind the color guard of the Lithuanian-American Veterans Post. Many thanks to the color guard for their participation in our commemoration.

Before Mass there was the singing of the Lithuanian national anthem. Mass was offered by Msgr. John J. Scharnus, pastor and spiritual director of C-29. The St. Cecilia Choir, under the direction of Clement Bagdonavicius, sang during the Mass. A hymn to St. Casimir was sung at the offertory and at the conclusion, the K of L Hymn. Gifts of the Mass were carried to the altar by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Ellis. The pastor extended greetings on behalf of the parish and congratulated the Knights on their fine showing.

Breakfast followed in the parish hall where council president Kazys Sipaila acted as toastmaster. Invocation was given by Msgr. Scharnus. Guest speaker was the Rev. Casimir Pugevicius of Baltimore, Md., who chose as his theme: "The Lithuanian Parish in this country today and what of its future". The subject was one of interest and very timely as regards conditions in our Lithuanian parishes at this time. It gave one plenty to think about. Also present was Rev. Joseph Barkus OSB.

Two former Supreme Council Presidents were on hand - Dr. Jack J. Stukas and Helen Shields. Miss

Shields spoke briefly. Honorary Member, Frank Vaskas, on behalf of the council, presented to Mr. & Mrs. Ben Ellis a Three Lithuanian Presidents Medal in honor of their many endeavors on behalf of C-29 and our Holy Trinity Parish.

Co-chairmen Eva Sharon and Kazys Sipaila were in charge of arrangements for the day. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Brazaitis were in charge of the kitchen and prepared a most excellent breakfast. Our thanks to all.

We received very good publicity on our Communion-Breakfast in both the Advocate and the Jersey City Journal.

One never knows when a K of L member will come across another council member from another distance. For example, while our council was having their Breakfast in the lower parish hall, there was a 50th Anniversary celebration in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lebelunas taking place in the main hall. Frank Vaskas "took a look" and spotted Helen Gillis of Worcester C-26 among those in the group commemorating the jubilee. Adele Urbonas of our C-29 was at the same party, and in comparing notes, it was found that both girls came from Scranton, Pa. "It's a small world!"

We hope that past president and treasurer, Peter Podgalsky, is well on the road to recovery after recent confinement in the hospital.

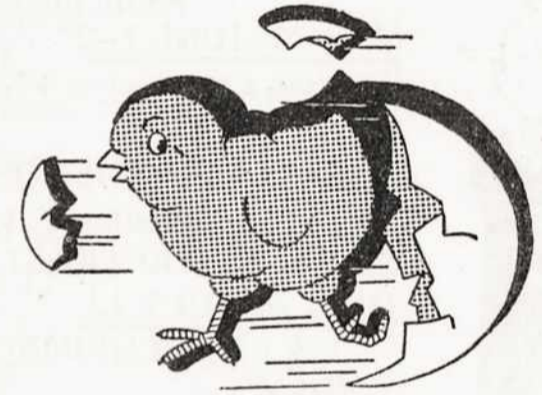
To honor the memory of our late and beloved spiritual advisor, the Rev. Peter Totoraitis, a fund, under the direction of President Kazys Sipaila and Treasurer Eva Sharon, is being raised. Donations have been received, and the Rev. Peter Totoraitis Memorial Fund has been established.

Our condolences and sympathy is extended to Kazys Sipaila in the loss of his beloved sister, Antanina Vizgardis, who passed away in Lithuania this past January. May she rest in peace.

Our council will sponsor on May 7 in Holy Trinity Church, a 7 P.M. Mass which will be offered in behalf of suffering Lithuania.

Don't forget to mark Oct. 12 in your social events calendar; it is the eve of our Annual Dinner-Dance.

The Wanderer



C-74 - SCRANTON, PA.

Our Council 74 was reactivated in September and we're proud to say our numbers are increasing.

The newly elected officers are: Pres. - Eve Kazokas; Vice-Pres. - Marian Manko; Sec. - Helen Cravath; Treas. - Joe Zubavich; Trustees - Viola Norkaitis and Marge Simpson; Spr. Adv. - Rev. Michael Ozalas.

To commemorate St. Casimir's Feast Day all members assisted at Mass and received Holy Communion on March 3rd at St. Joseph's Church and then March 6th all gathered for a delicious meal at Stirna's Restaurant. John, a staunch Lithuanian, did give us a royal reception and went out of his way to make this day a memorable one. A good time was enjoyed by all and the evening closed with a

Lithuanian sing-a-long. Our guests were Prof. and Mrs. J. Narbutas and their daughter Michele and Mr. and Mrs. L. Dovydenas. A big "Ačiū" to our cochairman Betty Hanas and Evelyn Zewecki for the splendid work they did to make our first get-together a tremendous success.

March 17th we'll take a bus trip to Our Lady of Vilnius Parish in New York to attend the Mid-Atlantic District meeting. We are looking forward to meeting and becoming acquainted with other K of L members. Hope that some day in the near future we'll be able to have all of you come to Scranton.

Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cravath who celebrated their 25 Wedding Anniversary, and we wish them many more anniversaries.

John J. Skeras was at Mercy Hospital for surgery and is now at home recuperating nicely.

Condolences to Ann Yotautas and her family on the death of their father.

By the way our treasurer, Joe Zubavich, is seen in a new car. Lots of luck and hope you can always keep the tank filled.



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

C-25 has been very busy. The annual Christmas party was held at Fant's Steak House, followed by our December meeting at the home of Ursula & Gene Kunsitis. Outgoing president, Charles Machutas, welcomed the 1974 officers as follows: Pres. - Vic August, Vice Pres. - Ruth Guzauskas, Secy. - Alice Karklius, Treas. - Ben Karklius, Sunshine - Betty August. We offer our congratulations and best wishes for a successful year. We also give our thanks for a job well done to the outgoing officers.

The highlight of our February meeting, held at the home of John & Evelyn Andrulis, was movies

from inside Lithuania. Mr. Paul Chalko has recently returned from a visit behind the Iron Curtain. He spent some time in Lithuania and graciously consented to show us his films and give us first-hand information. It was a most interesting and informative evening. We Lithuanian-Americans have quite a lot to be thankful for, and we are again reminded that our fellow countrymen left in Lithuania need our continued support and prayers.

It is good to see Nellie Arunski back in the swing of things. Nellie tried to extend her vacation in Florida by checking into the hospital. Glad it wasn't for too long. Joanna, what kind of nurse are you anyway?



Nellie Arunski, C-25 Member and Ruta Lee backstage after performance of "Guys and Dolls" at Kenley Playhouse, Warren, Ohio. Joanna Shigo and Adele Svet also greeted Miss Lee.

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated in conjunction with the Cleveland Seniors. Mass was held at St. George's Lithuanian Church followed by lunch at the Hofbrau Haus. It was nice to see Fr. Ivan's smiling face with us again. We hope to see more of him in the future, now that he is on his way to complete recovery. We want to thank Pittsburgh who was to host this event, - for their understanding. The energy crisis cut our travel arrangements, but we hope to be together next year.

A card party is planned for April 21st. This will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and will benefit both the parish and the council. Get busy with those tickets.

Recent visitors from Dayton were Charlie Petkus, and George and Frances Mikalauskas. The gas shortage doesn't seem to have stopped the flow of traffic between these two cities.

The Ritual Committee reports they are busy adding the points for degrees. We understand that 3 of our members are up for 4th degrees. Good Luck!

Latest flash has it that Mark Machutas just won a 2nd place trophy in the St. Richard's Science Fair. Mark did a project with a fellow classmate, Tony Lima, on the recent Measles epidemic suffered in North Olmsted. Congratulations to Mark and his proud parents, Charles and Nelda Machutas, members of our council.

Sam

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

February was a busy month with our involvement in the annual Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Day celebration. This year was a most successful one. Many are to be thanked for the work they put into making it so. Judy Petrokas went "all out" and had coverage for the occasion in both local newspapers and in the Catholic-Telegraph Register. Frank Ambrose and Šarūnas Lazdinis were the MC's, greetings and resolutions committee. Elinor Sluzas, our council president, spoke a few words at the program's closing. She also had charge of the covered-dish supper held in the church hall for the entertainers, their families and the committee. Mary Lucas handled the snacks and refreshments that were served following the program at the Lithuanian Club. Mary was General Chairman for the day.

The day began with celebration of Mass at 2 P.M. at Holy Cross Church. Assisting Father Walter Katarskis was Father Gabriel Rus

and Father Marian Zalecki, both associated with the University of Dayton. We were most honored to have the Cleveland Men's Octet sing during the Mass. We were later entertained at the Lithuanian Hall by the Octet and soloist Irena Grigaliūnaitė, who were accompanied by Rytas Babickas on the piano. Our local dance group "Vėjeliai" also performed. Guest speaker was Horace Žibas who resides in Cincinnati. He used "Lithuanian Independence Day and its Meaning to the Exiled" as his subject. Mr. Žibas left Lithuania in 1944, and has an excellent background in Lithuanian history. The day had a well-rounded program and was most enjoyable.

It was fun for some of the Daytonians to renew acquaintance with Rytas Babickas. Mr. Babickas lived in Dayton briefly after he left Lithuania in 1949. We also learned two members of the Octet, Mindaugas and Gytis Motiejūnas, were altar boys for Father Walter 25 years ago!

Joe & Eugenia Gecas, Joe & Aldona Ryan, and Mary Lucas went to Columbus, Ohio, on Feb. 16 to participate with Lithuanians in that city on the occasion of their commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day anniversary. Besides guest speakers, a movie on Lithuania was shown. Dinner was served later. A most enjoyable evening!

At the request of the University of Dayton, a return engagement for a special program consisting of Lithuanian music, culture, history, etc. was held on a Sunday, Feb. 24 at 6 to 9 A.M. on WVUD-FM. Listeners were asked to call in and ask questions or discuss matters pertaining to Lithuania. Representing our Lithuanian community were Šarūnas & Maria Lazdinis, Mary Lucas, Elinor Sluzas, Frank Ambrose and Stan Vaitkus.

Congratulations to Junior Advisors Eloise Berczelly and Sarah Petkus for a most successful Junior Bake Sale on Feb. 23-24. Congratulations to Kitty Prasmantas for winning the Jr. 50/50 raffle. A

special thank-you to Kitty's mother, Mrs. Catherine Zubrick, for the beautiful hand-crocheted afghan she donated to the Juniors. Winner of that prize will be announced later as chances will continue to be sold.

Congratulations to Jerry and Teri Scott on the birth of their first baby, a girl! Jerry is now well recovered from a recent sprained ankle he suffered at work. Congratulations, too, to John and Ann Scott, the lucky grandparents! A first for them.

Our regular weekly bowling league had its last night on Feb. 22. Winners will be announced at a dinner shortly. Our chairman, John A. Berczelly, announced we shall now have open bowling for the next few weeks, - to keep us in shape for the tournament! This will also give members who do not bowl in a league an opportunity to work up an average.

With John Berczelly's retirement, we hope to see more of him. Son, John A. Berczelly, is sporting a new 1974 Camaro. Safe driving, John! We now have a duet accordion team for our dance group; Judy Petrokas has joined Fran Vangas to bring volume to the music for our dancers.

FBP



C-19 - PITTSBURGH, PA.

Hi Everyone! It's great to report that C-19 continues on its way at a busy pace, and everyone here seems to enjoy it all.

Due to the gasoline shortage, our St. Casimir's Day Communion-Breakfast was celebrated by only our own members. Our plans which included Cleveland Councils and Youngstown did not materialize. But we hope that by next year, things may be back to normal, and we can resume making this a bigger celebration. After Mass at

St. Casimir's Church, we enjoyed a continental breakfast at the Parish Hall. We thank Sister Francesca for her favors of "grybai" cookies. Preceding Mass, four members were awarded 2nd Degree medals: Sr. M. Francesca, Stella Zoog, Alice Potts and Joanne Fetter. We congratulate these members.

Lithuanian Independence Day was celebrated in Pittsburgh on Feb. 24. Members of the council, together with a few others, under the direction of Sr. M. Francesca sang some songs during the program, and members of the audience participated in a sing-along, which everyone enjoyed. Fr. Karaveckas was awarded a beautiful plaque in recognition of his work among the Lithuanians in Lithuanian causes by the American Lithuanian Council. We congratulate you, Fr. Walter. We all know how deserving you are to receive this honor. Vito Yucius has also received this award. We congratulate him, also. C-19 has its share of members working consistently in behalf of Lithuania and her people. We are very proud of you.

Lithuanians of the Pittsburgh area were invited to present a program of dances, music and a panel of speakers for one of the local TV stations presenting a series of ethnic programs. Vito Yucius, Fr. Karaveckas, Bill Kolicius and John Kedzow participated. The Neris dance group also performed. Airing of this program was Mar. 18.

Members of our council and friends enjoyed a class in Lithuanian egg decorating prior to the Easter Holiday. Sr. Francesca (is there anything she can't do?) instructed the class. At our April meeting we're having a decorated egg contest. We expect the competition to be keen and to see some beautiful examples, especially after instructions. Don't fail us, group!

On our agenda for forthcoming months will be a viewing of slides of Lithuania presented by John Cadzow, taken during his stay in Lithuania this past summer while

attending classes there.

Soon facing us will be the Pittsburgh Folk Festival. The annual festival - well known throughout the Tri-State Area - is in its 18th season. And the Lithuanians are ONE among only 4 nationality groups that have participated in each of the preceding 17 years. The Cultural Booth, manned in past years by council members Eleonor and Anne Aleliunas, has always had a most unusual display of Lithuanian artifacts. The amber and weavings are beautiful, - so is the Christmas tree. A lot of people have Christmas in July, but here in Pittsburgh, we beat them all by a month or more. The Festival is held on May 24-25-26, with different nationalities appearing nightly.

Mr. & Mrs. Bronius Marculaitis, parents of Ed Marculaitis, were the honored guests at a dinner commemorating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Ed and his brother, Bill of Delaware, hosted the dinner party on Mar. 24 held at the Lithuanian Country Club. Our congratulations to Bronius and Clara.

Virgo

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

A Snow Howl was the Diet of the Day for our meeting on Feb. 6 - which was cancelled. However, "labai ačiū" to Adele Vale and Ann Zilvitis for their efforts in their extra "special" preparations in hostessing a social for that evening. They planned to round out the event for the March meeting.

The Lithuanian Cultural Center was the focal point of its first observance of the 56th anniversary of Lithuania's Republic on Feb. 17, following Masses at all three Lithuanian churches. At Divine Providence, a large group attended. Under the leadership of Social Chairlady, Marie Kase, there were culinary talents laden on trays of sweets, bagels and homemade pastries that weakened the will of the most careful dieter. The program consisted of principal

speakers, David Green of the Detroit News, and Valdas Adamkus, followed by a Silaine Dance group, and other entertainment. Helpers were Julie Belickas, R. Grasha, M. Smailis, H. Mykolaitis, V. Panavas and daughters Kathy and Karen, V. Chepelonis, E. Mickey, V. Morazas, S. Zager and P. Pajaujis (although not a council member, he helped a great deal in the kitchen detail). A big "Ačiū" for all their services.

There was a nostalgic aroma into the repast as we honored Father Michael Kundrat's elevation to pastorship with a Dinner on Mar. 2. The Lithuanian Cultural Center was the scene of a sumptuous fare. Many of Father Kundrat's priest-friends, parishioners and other guests attended the event, sponsored by the Parish Council and chaired by Marie Kase and her excellent committee. While Sophia Dryza stood over her pots and kettles days before, supervising a delicious menu, guests themselves got into the gala mood, visiting with many ole-time parishioners "from way back when". Marie Kase gave a nice summary of Father's education and background, while Algis Rugenius did a fine job as M.C. Father was presented with a gift, as well as many greetings from various organizations and individuals. May our Lord extend His blessings and guidance "among his flock" at Divine Providence.

This occasion also called for the celebration of Father Mike's "39th" birthday. (More like 60th). We don't think Father minds admitting it, as he is much too youthful. Ilgiausiu Metų, Father!

On Mar. 3 we joined our sister council to attend Mass at St. Anthony's Church to commemorate our patron Saint Casimir's feast day. Afterwards, we were treated to a delicious brunch by C-102, this year's hosts. This is an annual cooperative event in Detroit which we always enjoy.

Plans for our council's hosting the National Convention in Detroit Aug. 7-11 are going strong, - some

surprises, a little mystery, and here and there other activities to look forward to, about which you will be reading in the Vytis. Please plan on coming. Chairing the event is Pres. Ruth Grasha and Maggie Smailis, co-chairlady.

Congratulations to Adele and Mike Vale who celebrated their 32 years of married bliss in January, and to Phyllis and Emil Byville on their 29th anniversary, Feb. 10... Adele Vale continues a gallant fight against her serious illness and taking periodic treatments for therapy. Rose Miknis has her "ups and downs" as a result of a coronary condition. We wish them both a full and speedy recovery... Gerry Zager and wife, Carol, trotted off to Toronto the weekend of Mar. 8 to celebrate his birthday. They were joined by another couple... Joseph Kazlauskas, who was in a Toledo hospital for a serious heart seizure before the holidays, was able to come to Detroit to attend a concert at the Lith. Cultural Center on Feb. 23. With wife, Mary, they were joined by Ann and Ralph Valatka. We hope that Joseph continues to do nicely... George Kase sure knows all he needs to know to deal with those "madam" motorists getting out of a tight parking area during the Lith. Independence ceremonies, - when he "schlepped" Eleanor Mickey and Sophie Zager out of their dilemma without much difficulty. Thanks, George!.. We hear there was a nice turnout at the Veteran's Party on Feb. 23. To top it off, the weather cooperated beautifully... Mary Vinciunas received the sad news that her close relative Anna Kukowski, passed away in Amsterdam, N.Y., on Feb. 23, following a lingering illness... Frank Zager received sad notice, by phone; that his Aunt Helen Kuczynski died suddenly in Haganan, N.Y. (suburb of Amsterdam). May they rest in peace... Pat Medionis and Monica Salas celebrated birthdays on St. Casimir's Day, Mar. 4. Daug sėkmės, and may you be blessed with many more.

Soffi

**NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT**



C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

St. Casimir is the patron of our church. Our pastor, Father Miciunas, and his assistant, Father Budzeika, are Marian Fathers of the St. Casimir Province. The Sisters of St. Casimir staff our St. Casimir Parish School. AND... St. Casimir is the patron of our Knights of Lithuania! It's no wonder, then, that each year great results develop from honest efforts to honor this great saint. On Mar 3, Knights and Ladies in great number attended Mass, received Holy Communion, and enjoyed a full breakfast of "ham and eggs plus" in the parish hall. Our thanks to the pastor and his assistant who made the spiritual portion especially beautiful. Our thanks to the committee whose diligence resulted in a very successful affair. Serving on the committee with our co-chairmen, Donna and Mike Murphy, were Ann Bender, Rita Pinkus, Anne Bucinkas, Bill Grigas and Francis Degutis. This was, indeed, a happy occasion for us all, as well as all the "Casimirs" who participated.

Creativity and cooperation: that's what we get from the newer members, and that's why we eagerly put in our congratulations to the recipients of the First Degree, awarded at the breakfast: Arthur Racicot, Sue Roland, Frank Roland, Nancy Gorden, Patricia Kardokas, Beatrice Anton, Anthony Anton, Tillie Shilale, Michael Murphy and William Karas.

We applaud all who made our special "Campaign of the Month" a success. By emphasizing the fact that February was "Catholic Press Month", we are pleased to announce that "The Marian" now has 15 new readers: Tillie Shilale, Emily Gudzevich, Alex Kardokas,

Anne Bucinkas, Charles Tagman, Sr., Stephen Walinsky, Jr., Stephen Walinsky, Sr., Helen Gillus, John Kazlauskas, Rita Pinkus, Nancy Gorden, Valentinas Baziliauskas, Bertha Gircys, Mrs. Vyto Morkunas, and Ann Bender.

Sincere condolences to Eleanor Valinski and her family on the death of her dad, Mr. Vincent Greska, who passed away in February, and to Dana Hurley and John Pauliukonis and their family on the death of their dad, Mr. Jonas Pauliukonis, who passed away in March. We hope that council participation in the recitation of the rosary will show these families that we do sympathize deeply and express profound sorrow in their loss.

Congratulations to Mr. Charles Tagman on his election as president of the court officers at the Court House in Worcester. We had to scan the newspaper to find this news item!

Steve Walinsky has been appointed by the pastor to be this year's Parish Chairman for the Bishop's Fund. Steve has many K of L's on his list of prospective workers, and since he really needs every assistance available, urges you to "hop on the parish bandwagon". See you all in the merry month of May! (Or sooner, says Steve!)

Our Spiritual Director, Father Miciunas, has said more than once that there are times in our lifetime when we just have to go out on a limb and take a stand. We're proud of Carol Tagman Grigas who did just that. She's a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Citizens for the Right to Life Committee.

Now that Feb. 16 has passed, let's not forget our dedication to Lithuania's cause by tucking those ideals away for another year. Let's live and love our heritage each day. We'll be better Americans for the effort.

Su Diev iki sekančio numerio! And, very best wishes to all for a Happy Easter!

"Dzūkelė"

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Best wishes to Lionel and Olga (Savitskas) Gray. The marriage of these two nice people has increased our ranks by one more member. Welcome, Lee.

A warm welcome is extended to George and Dorothy Martin, two more new members to increase our roster. Dot is Stan Twerian's sister. The Martins are the owners of the D & G Shoe Store in Oxford.

Our Mardi Gras this year did not materialize, because of lack of interest, and the short time available to complete all arrangements. The committee worked hard, but time ran out.

Eva, we miss you at our meetings. We understand the nature of your illness, and are sure we will see you at our next meeting. Keep fighting; don't give up. We are all praying for your good health.

One more member of St. Anthony's Parish is in Ansonia's City Hall, bringing the total to seven from our parish. Donald Zemaitis, treasurer of St. Anthony's Men's Club, has been hired as Financial Administrator for the city of Ansonia. Good luck, Don.

A map of Lithuania, purchased by the C.M.C., was presented to the church by Casey Svelnys, who was their representative. The map will be displayed in our church hall for all to see. A picture of the presentation was published in the Evening Sentinel stating that Lithuanian Independence Day was observed Feb. 16. It showed Casey presenting the map to Father Paul P. Sabulis. Also in the picture was Donna Svelnys, dressed in the native costume of Lithuania, representing our council and the K of L. A special Mass was held marking the occasion. The K of L accepted monetary offerings after all



Masses, to be sent to National Headquarters, whose purpose is to call for the liberation of Lithuania from Soviet domination.

Mayor Michael J. Adanti issued a Proclamation declaring Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day. The Sentinel, however, failed to publish it. Donald Poehailos, our City Treasurer, arrived with the Mayor to the Parish Council meeting, which was in session that Sunday. He introduced the Mayor, who explained the situation, and then read the Proclamation to the Parish Council. The Council thanked the Mayor, who then left with Don. The Proclamation was posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

INO

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Lithuania's Independence Day, Feb. 16, 1918, was remembered by our K of L C-10 of the Athol & Gardner area in a program on Feb. 10 in St. Francis Church. In addition to guest speakers, the "Svajone" Sextet, under the direction of Jonas Beinoris from New Britain, Conn., was featured.

M.C. Paul Kuzmeskas, our council president, introduced the Mayor of Gardner, Steven J. Erickson, the second youngest mayor in the states. Mayor Erickson extended the best wishes from the City of Gardner. The main speaker was Petras Molis of



C-10 — Paul Kuzmeskas, Pres.; Peter Molis, Pres. Lith. World Scouts, and Steven Erickson, City of Gardner Mass. Mayor.



"Svajone" (Daydreams) Sextet from New Britain, Conn.

Worcester, President of the Lithuanian Boy Scouts. Mr. Molis spoke of the past history of the Lithuanian nation, and of the present time, - in which Lithuania is under the yoke of Russian occupation and no longer a free country.

The "Svajone" Sextet rendered many old folk songs of Lithuania and some popular American vocals. They were attired in native dress, with the seldom seen amber beads worn by their group.

The Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Pastor, led the group in a prayer for Lithuania, followed by the singing of the national anthem of the United States and Lithuania. Following the program, the Knights and invited guests enjoyed a covered-dish supper in the rectory.

Howard Beaudette was general chairman of the highly successful affair. Both the Athol and Gardner press carried nice write-ups with pictures.

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Perekslis, owners of Stan's Super Market, have joined our council. In past years Stan and Alice were active members, - Stan in C-10 and Alice in Norwood. They met at a National Convention in Jersey, later were married, and lived their married life in Athol. Welcome, Stan and Alice.

Debbie Kuzmeskas has been appointed Art Supervisor in the Athol School system.

We were all so happy to see Mr. & Mrs. Paul Shatos at our Feb. 16 program. In years past the couple was active in our council, and they have promised to become active again. Welcome back, Paul and Tina.

Vincukas

C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

Our St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast was the most important item on the agenda for March. It was held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Chairman Wally Blinn and Co-Chairman Nell Diggles made arrangements for Rev. George Vilciauskas to be our guest speaker, and Doctor William Shukaitis the Master of Ceremonies. An invitation was extended to all parish organizations, as usual.

Mr. Aleksis almost did not make it this year for St. Casimir's. He cut short his vacation in Florida because of illness and came back to Waterbury to be admitted to the hospital; but as usual, his "strong Lithuanian constitution" won out, and he again directed the Musical Program for St. Casimir's. He is also celebrating his 50th year in St. Joseph's Parish this year. Congratulations "Prof" and best wishes for many more years to come, from all your many K of L friends everywhere!

Our fishing enthusiasts must be envious, but agree that the latest

"Izaak Walton" trophy should be awarded to our V.P. Ron Shortell, who recently had his picture in the paper as a result of the 21 inch, 6-1/2 pound catfish he caught through the ice this winter. This earns Ron a Trophy Fish Award from the State of Conn. by a wide margin. Bigger and better "bites", Ron; all you other guys - keep trying!

On a somber note - Joe Gudonis recently lost his father and we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to him and his family at the time of their sorrow.

Our travelers are not deterred by the gas shortage! Dot and Al Alanskas were off again, this time to Florida for a month. Hope you had no trouble getting home!

Ron Shortell and his hard-working co-workers sponsored another "Nite At The Races", this time in conjunction with St. Joseph's Parish. The evening is a popular one, and everyone has a fine time socializing between races.

Spring and Summer are not too far away. It will be Convention Time before you know it; how time flies! It will give us another chance to get together again.

"Lelija"



ILLINOIS-

INDIANA

DISTRICT

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The 14th Annual Memories of Lithuania Day was held at the K of L Building on Feb. 10 with over 200 people in attendance.

Mary Rudis was presented the Award of the Year and received a gold embossed portrait of a Lithuanian dancing couple. We were sad that her husband Anthony, due to illness, could not share this happy occasion with her. He was represented by his son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Cheryl.



IID "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner. Former "M of L" award recipients with awardee John Evans, Rev. Peter Cinikas, Al

Brazis, Jos. Dauzvardis, Mary Rudis, Aldona Daukus, Joseph Jerome, Leonas Kriauciunas



Committee Members - Stan Molis, Canon V. Zakarauskas, Consul General Jos. Dauzvardis, Cheryl and Anthony Rudis, Jr., Mary Rudis, Irene Sankus, Algerd and Aldona Brazis, Leon Pauksta.

Photos - Jonas Kuprys

At the head table were Consul General Josephine Dauzvardienė, Rev. P. Cinikas of Draugas, Canon V. Zakarauskas, Rev. P. Juknevičius, Leon Pauksta, Irene Sankus and Stanley Molis, M.C.

The entertainment was presented by Prudencija Bičkienė and Algerd Brazis who were accompanied by Aldona Brazis.

Champagne bubbles were the gift of Dan Kuraitis. Gay's Floral Shop donated the lovely centerpiece and corsages and boutonnières were received from Baltic Blossoms.



Guests at "Memories" Dinner.

Committee members were John Evans, Estelle Rogers, Joseph Kulys, Eleanore Laurin, Edward Krivickas, Adeline Jasaitis, and Vince Samaska. Also to be mentioned are those who worked that evening: Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, Peter Jasaitis, Bruno Gramont, Gediminas Janula, Helen Gudauskas and Sophie Naminski. A very big "Ačiū" to all who helped make this day a wonderful success.

We were happy to see Aldona Daukus - Sophie Barcus Radio Hour, Petras Petrutis - Margutis, Theodore Kuzas - Sandara and A. Puzauskas - Naujienos.

Belated birthday greetings to Kazimiera Petrulienė of C-36, active in her council and the district, who celebrated her 70th birthday in January.

Congratulations to Vince Samaska C-36, who recently was elected president of Immaculate Conception Holy Name Society.

May the Risen Christ smile on you and yours.

Hoosier

C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Sylvia Wade - Who you say? Can't recall the name? Ms. Wade has been a loyal member of C-36 for a good many years, and although she no longer lives in Chicago, her heart is still here. You can always depend on a card or letter on club affairs from her. If you would like to correspond with Sylvia and rekindle old memories, write her at: 23 So. Griffith St., New Buffalo, Mich. 49117.

May God bless Fr. Paul for his generous donation to be used toward refreshments at each meeting.



Algis Skudra with 7 mo. old daughter, Paula, youngest Vytis reader. Paula's mom is the former Helen Zimmer.

Our thanks to Mr. Moran of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company for that very informative program, "When Trouble Comes Calling". And to Scotty Zukas for serving the refreshments after. If Kay Wallunas looks a little "richer", it's because she won the "50-50 Pot" at the February meeting. Congratulations, Kay.

March's meeting was held at the Balzekas Museum in cooperation with the program, "A Visit to Lithuania". Slides of Lithuania were furnished by Ray & Virginia Kentra. Cheeses and wine were served as refreshments.

Congratulations to our members who received their 1st and 2nd degrees on Mar. 19, and to those who have earned their 3rd degrees and received same on March 3.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER - My thanks to those who have returned their "Information Please" letters. Those of you who haven't, please

do so as soon as possible. Do add your comments at the bottom of the letter, whether good or bad; that's what it's there for. Also, don't be afraid to let us know your interests and your abilities. This does not commit you; you always have a second chance to say "no".

Don't forget your dues. Time is running short. Dues are to be mailed to our Fin. Secy., Virginia Kentra, or brought to the meeting.

Do you have stamps from a department store that is no longer in business; or how about a gas station that no longer accepts them? We'll take them off your hands. Just mail them to Sally Chernius, 5208 W. 88th St., Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453.

Is there a female or a baby in your household? Has the flu or a cold come to your home? If you've answered in the affirmative, then you must have some products to take care of them. Look at the following packages for the trademark seal. For every two Kimberly-Clark premium seals from Kleenex tissues, Kotex feminine napkins, Baby-Shaped Kimbies diapers, Kleenex Boutique Bathroom tissues, Delsey bathroom tissues, and Kleenex towels, Kimberly-Clark will donate five cents to Muscular Dystrophy in our name. Seals may be sent to me: Christine Stachyra, 7424 W. 170th St., Tinley Park, Ill. 60477. Please look at those boxes before you throw them out. There are a lot of innocent little kids waiting, - for us, - for you. Thank you.

SC

DO YOU GET YOUR VYTIS?

Are you having problems with your VYTIS - not getting it, getting too many, getting it at the wrong address, or having to share your copy with your neighbor because HE'S not getting his?

If so, PLEASE tell your troubles to National Financial Secretary Irene Ozalis, 6148 Erdrick St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19135, immediately, so that she can properly update the mailing list.

IN MEMORIAM

Remember in your prayers...

KAZIMIERAS EIDUKAITIS

Cleveland Seniors

Died Mar. 17, 1974

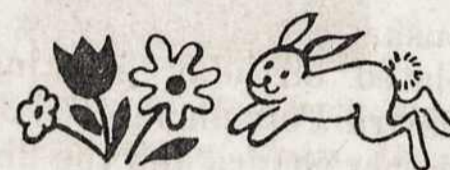
Draugas
4545 W. 63rd St.
Chicago, Ill. 60629



NATIONAL CONVENTION



HOST: COUNCIL 79
(DIVINE PROVIDENCE) - DETROIT
AUGUST 7 - 11, 1974



Wednesday, August 7th — "Sip n' Dip"

Thursday, August 8th — Breakfast
Registration (Mercy College)
Supreme Council Meeting
Opening Mass - Divine Providence Church

Lunch
Opening Session

Friday, August 9th — Breakfast
Session
Mass
Lunch
Session
Supper
Cultural Night

Saturday, August 10th — Breakfast
Session
Mass
Lunch
Session
Banquet and Dance

Sunday, August 11th — Breakfast
Solemn High Mass - Divine Providence Church
Brunch

