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By Birutė Pūkelevičiūtė

Translated from the Lithuanian by Jack J. Stukas

Slender, my mother, like the bird-cherry.

Laden with me, she ripens her misfortune.

Wide vessels choke with forest flowers. Closed,

The yellow shutters. She awaits a holiday.

I come with Consecration, all the roads
Empty, the organ still. At night my cradle
Fills with sharp, fallen August stars. Mournful,
My mother weeps. Now for the first time.
For I am separated now, like boulder
From cliff, and will roll down. Without her.

And it's true:

My hand slides from her clasp.
In fall the orchards burn, flash red with fire.
Wild drakes turn south, sheen of their wings bronzen.
And I go.

In rushes, the path narrows. Sedges are sharp as knives. Toothless, the hollow tree-trunks yawn. I tremble In every joint. But I do not turn back.



KRISTUS IR MOTINA

Pov. Dirkis

Prieš Kristaus atėjimą į pasaulį, motinos ir vaiko padėtis šeimoje buvo labai, labai sunki, nes viskas priklausė nuo tėvo ūpo, noro ir valios. Kūdikis buvo bevertė gyvybė, su kuria tėvas galėjo daryti ką tik norėjo. Vaikui gimus, jei jis kuo nors nepatikdavo tėvui, tėvas jį žudydavo.

Motina buvo vyro vergė ir šeimoje valios neturėjo. Vyras galėjo ją atstumti, parduoti, kitam atiduoti ir net nužudyti. Ir už tai prieš nieką jokios atsakomybės nejautė. Kristus atėjęs į pasaulį motinos ir vaiko bei šeimos padėtį pakeitė iš pagrindų. Motina tapo žmogumi ir lygi vyrui. O Kristus, iškeldamas savo motiną Mariją ir pa-



darydamas ją Dievo motina, iškėlė tuo pačiu ir visas motinas. Užtat po Kristaus atėjimo į pasaulį visų motinų pareigos tapo šventos ir sudievintos. Jeigu tik pati motina savęs neniekina, nežemina, niekas jos neturi teisės niekinti. Kristus savo motiną Mariją iškėlė į moters išlaisvintojos idealą. Tat visos moterys, mergaitės turi paskęsti Marijoje, kopijuoti jos gyvenimą ir sielos grožį. Ir ta, kuri bus panašesnė į Mariją, labiau atatiks ir savo pačios idealą.

Vaikas, kuris iki tol buvo bevertis daiktas, juo tapo pats Kristus, priimdamas žmogaus prigimtį, vaiku atėjo į pasaulį, kad tą pasaulį nuo visų ne-

gerovių pagydytų.

A LITHUANIAN SHRINE IN WEST VIRGINIA

Other shrines have been constructed to honor individuals of great stature and such was the inspiration of Mr. Milkint of Horse Shoe Run, West Virginia. This individual grew up during difficult times in a coal mining area, but had his Lithuanian immigrant parents to set an example of the type of life he should lead. This example to say the least was profound. In honor and love of his parents Mr. Milkint built a shrine: Our Lady of the Pines.

The church, which seats only twelve worshippers, is the second smallest in the United States. The altar cloth was woven by Mr. Milkint's grandmother in Lithuania almost one hundred years ago, and in front of the altar is a cross hand carved by another devout Lithuanian. The entire area is set in the peaceful hills of West Virginia approximately ninety miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

The shrine was originally built



by Mr. Milkint simply out of love and devotion for his parents. Since its construction, its magnetism has continually attracted visitors, until this last year they numbered over thirty thousand. Perhaps no other memorial is so timely as this effort by a man compelled to honor his parents, who were persecuted in their native Lithuania, and forced to move to a country where freedom was guaranteed.

THE LITHUANIAN SATURDAY CLASSES OF PITTSBURGH

On March 16 the second session of the Lithuanian Saturday Classes of Pittsburgh was initiated. Fifty students registered for this session, which will run for ten weeks. The program includes the teaching of the Lithuanian language, singing, dancing, history and culture.

Thirty people completed the first session of classes, which were organized last fall. The students were and remain extremely interested in their cultural roots, and are very enthusiastic to learn more about their ancestorial home.

Dr. John F. Cadzow directs the program with Sister Mary Francesca and Mrs. M. Ritenour instructing. Sister Mary Francesca has served the Lithuanian community of Pittsburgh for over forty years and remains a very active patriot. Mrs. M. Ritenour, who has also freely donated her time to foster Lithuanian culture, had received her education in Lithuania and taught in the refugee camps of

Germany. In addition Jurate Fredrickson has volunteered her services for the second session.

A number of other individuals deserve credit for the success of the classes. These include Rev. W. Karaveckas, who allowed the classes to use St. Casimir's school, Mr. Paul Dargis and Mr. Vyto Yučius both of whom advertised the classes on their radio programs, and a number of students such as Mrs. Margaret Turner, Mr. Joseph Yonick, and Mr. William Strater, all of whom worked to keep the classes moving smoothly.

The classes also have proven beneficial in providing new members for the Neris folk dance group which is directed by Ms. Marleen Aglinskas. As a final gesture to the preservation of Lithuanian culture, the first class donated sixty slides of Lithuania to the Carnegie-Mellon Library, which up to this time had only two slides of Lithuania out of thousands on the various countries of the world.

THOUGHTS FOR MAY...

GEGUŽĖ

by Joseph Yanulaitis





"Gegutė" is a cuckoo bird in Lithuanian, and he has such a fond place in the hearts of the Lithuanian peasant that the month of May was named after him. There are no cuckoos in America. The cuckoo is characteristically a European species of migratory bird known for its peculiar call. It is the most widely known of all bird calls mostly because of the widespread distribution of the famous cuckoo clocks of Southern Germany. The monotonous repetition of the call is probably why, in our American slang, the expression cuckoo has the conotation of being silly, foolish, or crazy. My Lithuanian grandfather tells me that the cuckoo did appear in America, but the children here twirled their index fingers around their ears and repeated the call

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until the cuckoo fled in despair!

However, to the Lithuanian peasant, the cuckoo's song is one of sadness, which is well-attested to in Lithuanian folksongs. He's forever lamenting the fate of the soldier away at war who grieves for his loved ones, or more often sings of the plight of the young maiden who has lost her lover. The cuckoo is the bearer of sad news.

In the folk-song "Gražių Dainelių Daug Girdėjau" we find the lyricist lamenting a lost melody, just as Sir Arthur Sullivan was in search for his great Amen in the "Lost Chord". In the third stanza of "Gražių Dainelių", he says of his song "Gaili ji buvo, kaip gegutės graudingos raudos tylumoj..." "Sad it was, like the cuckoo's sad laments in the distance..."

In "Subatos Vakarėlį", the lyricist converses with the cuckoo... "toje žalioj girelėj, kukuoj raiba gegelė..." "Gegutėle raiboji ko taip gailiai kukuoji..." "Ko taip gailiai kukuoji, ar vargelius rokuoji..."

"In that green forest, the speckled cuckoo cuckoos... O, speckled cuckoo, why do you cuckoo so sadly?... Why do you cuckoo so sadly, are you counting your troubles?"...

In another example... "Tris dienas, tris naktis, keleliu ėjau, ketvirtą naktelę girioj nakvojau. Išgirdau, girdėjau girioj balselį, mislinau, dūmojau, motulė šaukia. Nei šaukia, nei laukia manęs motulė, tik gailiai kukuoja girioj gegutė"...

"Three days, three nights I followed the path, the fourth night I stayed in the forest. I heard a voice in the forest... I thought it was my mother calling. It wasn't my mother calling or waiting, only the cuckoo singing her sad song"...

You most likely know a Lithuanian family that has the surname Gegutis. They probably got the name because some ancestor was constantly lamenting his lot in life and the moniker took. We do this today when we assign nicknames to people. The American Indian is another fine example for the use of animal characteristics to describe his neighbors, viz. Big Bear, Laughing Deer, Little Snow Goose... all epithets to describe a person.

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KRAŽIU, SKERDYNĖS

Povilas Dirkis



Kai pavartai lietuvių istorijos lapus, tučtuojau išvysti daugybę tautai padarytų skaudžių nuostolių ir nepamirštamų skriaudų, kurių ir po daugelio metų negali pamiršti. Viena jų yra garsiosios Kražių skerdynės, įvykusios prieš 75 metus. Daugumas vyčių žino, kad Kražiai yra Žemaitijos bažnytkaimis žinomas nuo 1253 metų. Čia pirmoji katalikų bažnyčia buvo pastatyta Žemaitijos krikšto metais 1416, o 1766 metais jos vietoje benediktinai pastatė mūro bažnyčią dėl kurios ir įvyko skerdynės 1893 metais.

Lietuvą tuo metu valdė Rusija. Lietuvoje plito reformacija - kalvinizmas. Katalikai kovojo su reformatoriais. Be to, tuo pačiu metu vyko du ginkluoti sukilimai prieš Rusijos valdžią (1831 ir 1863 m.). Prie tu sukilimų daug prisidėjo ir katalikų kunigų. Kai kurie net vadovavo sukilėlių daliniams. Pav. kunigas Antanas Mackevičius, kuris po sukilimo buvo pagautas ir Muravjovo įsakymu Vilniuje pakartas. Rusai ėmė persekioti katalikus. Uždarė vienuolynus, bažnyčias atiminėjo ir vertė cerkvėmis. Katalikai tam labai priešinosi Tytuvėnuose, Kęstaičiuose ir Žemaitkiemyje. Tačiau didžiausią pasipriešinimą rusai sutiko Kražiuose 1893 metais, lapkričio 22 dieną. Beveik tris

menesius vyrų ir moterų simtai pakaitomis budėjo ir saugojo bažnyčią. Juk Kražiai tada buvo kultūrinis centras: čia veikė kolegija su 400 mokinių. Nežiūrint lietuvių didelio pasipriešinimo, pagaliau rusai ryžosi žūt-būt Kražių bažnyčią iš katalikų jėga atimti. Šiam tikslui atsiuntė 300 rusų kazokų ir kita tiek policininkų, žandarų, šnipų ir įvairių valdininkų. Žemaičiai, nepaisant rusų persvaros, ryžosi bažnyčią ginti jėga, nes visi anksčiau paduoti prašymai buvo atmesti. Jie stojo į kovą prieš rusų ginklus ir durtuvus nuogomis krūtinėmis ir tuščiomis rankomis, tačiau su nepaprasta drąsa, energija ir atkaklumu. Apie tą kruviną kovą yra daug parašyta knygų, tačiau nėra reikalo viską pakartoti. Rusai dėlto apkaltino ir suėmė 70 asmenų: 53 vyrus ir 17 moterų.

Kražių byla sujaudino ne tik Žemaičius ir visą Lietuvą, bet ir Lenkiją, Rusiją ir kai kuriuos vakarų kraštus. Teisiamuosius nemokamai gynė 8 garsūs advokatai: rusai ir lenkai. Vis dėl to teismas daugelį nubaudė kalėti po 10 metų, po to ištremti į Sibirą. 32 nubaudė lengviau, o 34 išteisino. Pats teismas prašė caro šį sprendimą pakeisti, bet Aleksandras III prašyma atmotė

šymą atmetė.



Lithuanians in The News

MUSEUM ART EXHIBIT...

The Women's Guild of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture recently featured an exhibit of Contemporary Tapestries and Fiber Sculpture by Janina Marks, Janina Kinka and Raminta Lapsys, at the Museum Gallery.

Janina Marks studied art in Europe and in the United States with many prominent teachers. She works in many media - oil, collages, print making and weaving. She is a member of Artists Equity Association, Chicago Society of Artists and Lithuanian-American Women Artists Association. She has won over 30 awards for her oils, prints and tapestries. Her works are owned by many schools, businesses, institutions and private collectors. Says Mrs. Marks... "my tapestries are extensions of my painting in yarn".

Janina Kinka was born in Germany. She started to study art approximately ten years ago. She is currently a student in the fiber department of the School of the Art Institute. Her work has been exhibited in the Evanston Art Fair, Ciurlionis Gallery, Talman Savings and Loan, Beverly Art Center and the Lithuanian Cultural Center in New York. Janina says, "I think whimsical fantasy is an important element in my work, images drawn mostly from childhood dreams and T.V. commercials".

Raminta Lapsys graduated from the School of the Art Institute with a BFA majoring in textile design and weaving. She recently won third prize during the 2nd Lithuanian Youth Congress art competition. She has exhibited at Ciurlionis Gallery, Elmhurst College, Hyde Park Art Center and the Beverly Art Center... "I enjoy the direct contact with my media; the weaving, twisting, tying, wrapping, warping, folding, knotting of fibers, I am happy there" quotes Raminta.

AND A MEETING

On March 26th, K of L - C-36 sponsored a meeting and program at the Balzekas Museum. The program "A Visit to Lithuania" included a tour of the Museum and slides of Lithuania by Ray and Virginia Kentra. Cheese, wine and refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Stachyra were Chairmen of the affair.



(Photo - J. Kasakaitis)

Pictured from left, Janina Marks, Raminta Lapsys, Janina Kinka, Christine Stachyra, Rudy Stachyra, and Stanley Balzekas, Jr.



At the BALZEKAS MUSEUM'S Annual Awards Banquet held recently, Chicago's Commissioner GEORGE W. DUNNE was presented with the Museum's American of the Year award for his constant support of the Lithuanian community. Pictured during the Banquet at the Drake Hotel are, l. to r., Philomena Pakel, Awards Chairman and President of the Chicago Savings and Loan Assn., Frank Zapolis, Banquet Chairman and member of C-36, Knights of Lithuania, and Commissioner Dunne.

Commissioner Dunne, who is actually President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, called himself "an Irishman who has become an adopted Lithuanian" when he accepted the award. The fifth Chicagoan to be honored by the Museum for contributions to the city's ethnic cultural revival, Mr. Dunne has been involved with the Lithuanian community by his endorsement of its programs, and by his participation in activities in activities sponsored by numerous Lithuanian organizations, the Knights of Lithuania included.



With Governor Malcolm Wilson as he issued the Proclamati a designating February 16, 1974 as Lithuanian Independence Day are: Peter Wytenus, C-41 and Executive Member of the Lithuanian American Council of New York, Msgr. John Balkunas, P.A., Miss Ann Balko, Executive Assistant to the Governor, and Senator Martin J. Knorr, sponsor of the Lithuanian Independence Day Resolution adopted by the Senate. Since Governor Wilson succeeded Governor Rockefeller when he resigned, Miss Balko has been featured in many news articles in which mention was made that she was born in Pennsylvania of Lithuanian parents.



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A few Knights of Lithuania members are pictured with New York State Legislators at the 56th Anniversary of Lithuania's Reconstituted Independence, commemorated at the Lithuanian Cultural Center (L. to R.) Assemblyman John T. Flack; Helen V. Kulber, C-41, National Chairman - Public Relations; Anthony Mazeika, K of L Honorary Member and President C-41; former Assemblyman Frederick Schmitt; Eugenia Karpus, C-41; Bishop Vincent Brizgys, Bishop-in-Exile of Kaunas, now Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, and K of L Honorary Member; Emilija Sandanavicius, Membership Chairman C-41; Rev. Frank Bulovas, Pastor of Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, and Spiritual Adviser - Mid-Atlantic District; Senator Martin J. Knorr, a featured speaker at the commemoration; and Rev. Anthony Kardas, Holy Cross Church, C-12. The Lithuanian-American Council of New York sponsored the event.



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West Point Cadet Arvidas Jarasius, of Lansing, Illinois, and guest of Mr. and Mrs. Romualdas of Woodhaven, N.Y., is greeted by members of Jadvyga Matulaitiene's Lithuanian Folk Dancers following their performance at the Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration (L. to R.) Angelica Menciunaite, Gina Simonaityte, Onute Matulaityte, Dalia Jury te, Audrone Bruzaite.



EASTER EGGS AT HALLMARK

Some of the 350 eggs from 33 countries from the collection of John A. Wilber displayed at the Easter exhibit at Hallmark Gallery, Fifth Avenue at W. 56th Street, N.Y.

photo credit - Charles Binkins



Pictured at the press preview of the exhibit of the famous John A. Wilbert Collection of Eggs at the Hallmark Gallery are (L. to R.) Ryan and Shelby Decker: Anne Klem, C-90; Regina Ruta Zymantas, President of the Baltic Women's Council; Edward J. Decker, Manager of the Gallery and father of the two charming children; and Basia Kulpa, of Philadelphia. with her Polish Easter egg display. Miss Ruta and Miss Kulpa appeared on the ABC-TV Eyewitness News, and Lithuanian eggs, with other segments of the exhibit, were shown and described on NBC-TV. also in the press and radio broadcasts. Miss Klem demonstrated her skillful etching and wax-batik techniques of Easter egg decoration at the preview and on another day. She presented an example of her handiwork to Mr. Wilbert for his collection. Some of her eggs and a ruta plant were in the exhibit from March 26th to April 27th. Lithuanian Week, April 1st. to 6th was cosponsored by the Knights of Lithuania and the Federation Of Lithuanian Women's Clubs of New York, coordinated by Helen V. Kulber, K of L National Chairman - Public Relations. Members of the Federation who demonstrated how to decorate eggs with typical Lithuanian motifs were Jadvyga Kregzde, Helen Kulber, Elena Ruzgas, Astra Ruzgas, Valerie Sileikis and Dr. Marija Zukauskas, also, Helen Venis, President of Moteru Vienybė. Many of the observers had seen the Knights of Lithuania Chapel and Christmas trees trimmed with straw ornaments that were in the Hallmark Gallery during 1972 Christmas season.



Letters . . .

We Get Letters .

... Congratulations on your very fine publication. Keep up the great work.

Joseph P. Dorris East St. Louis, Ill.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is my check... for a one year subscription to your most interesting magazine.

I became acquainted with the magazine through our pastor, Rev. Vyto J. Zemaitis of Sts. Peter and Paul Church of Sugar Notch, Pa. It makes me very happy to read of all the Lithuanian activities carried on around the other parts of the country.

I will await with much anticipation the first of my subscription.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Elvina Slavoski



By Tony Yuknis

AMERICANS CHEW TIRES

Americans are the biggest gum chewing nation in the world and bring huge profits to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Houston, Texas. There, the Chicago Tribune's financial pages reported, Goodyear manufactures about 11 million pounds of chewing gum rubber. This is enough synthetic rubber to make more than one million auto tires.

The Mayas discovered chicle, the American Indians the chewable spruce tree resin, and the ancient Greeks used the resin from the mastic tree. However, the steady growth of the gum industry has demanded a more convenient source of supply. So Americans are forever blowing bubbles on 275,000 tons of rubber gum spending \$275 millions yearly to relieve their tensions.

PRESERVATIVES MAIM BRAINS

Brain damage resulted after lab animals were fed preservatives BHA (butylated hydroxyanisoile) and BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene) by a group of Loyola University (Chicago) researchers. The latter has been banned in Great Britain but is at large in the U.S.A. Experimental mice were fed 5 to 15 times the dose put in processed foods resulting in pathological brain damage as well as behavioral peculiarities. "Our results indicate that there does not appear to be too great a difference between BHA and BHT. The

safe use of these additives must be reevaluated on the basis of their ability to produce abnormalities", stated John Stokes of Loyola's Institute for Mind, Drugs and Behavior.

These preservatives are used in the processed food industry to prevent bad odors from the rancidity of fats. They are found in pork sausage, instant dehydrated potatoes, dry cereals, pie fillings and low-caloried salad dressings. Do you ever read the ingredients on the food you buy?

VITAMINS BECOME "DRUGS"

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has banned the sale of vitamins A and D above the recommended daily allowances (RDA). Vitamin A is restricted to 10,000 international units and-vitamin D to one pill doses of 400 I.U. without prescription. The FDA claims that the excessive uses of these vitamins (which are stored in the body) are dangerous. They now classify as drugs any food, vitamins or food supplements containing more than three times the RDA. When classified as "drug" they come under the rule of the FDA. Yet aspirin, alcoholic drinks, refined sugar and salt do not require a doctor's prescription. Will we need a doctor's prescription to buy steaks, pork chops, eggs, liver and other foods in the future? Therefore vitamin users as well as the health food industry have blown up a storm about it.

FOR VITAMIN FREEDOM

The FDA's edict to restrict the potencies of vitamins has resulted in a number of House and Senate bills to remove the controls from the FDA. Senator William Proxmire has introduced S. 2801 (Food Supplement Amendment) to do just that. Nobel Prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling, for example, has recommended the taking of one gram of water soluable vitamin C to retard colds, daily (which is not stored). Senator Proxmire stated, "There has never been a death from taking large doses of vitamin A. Yet for aspirin, which is called a safe drug (and can cause internal bleeding), the estimate is about 200 deaths are caused yearly by its excessive use". He says neither vitamins nor aspirin should require a doctor's prescription. The senator is backed by Sens. H. H. Humphrey, Barry Goldwater, George McGovern and many others.

EAT NATURAL CEREALS

Harvard's nutritionist, Dr. Jean Mayer, recommends that more people eat a cooked breakfast foods you lose the nutrients. He also warns that the heavily sugared cold cereals, soft drinks and starchy snacks means dental disaster to kids and may later

cause diabetes in susceptible persons.

"Rotting teeth is the most prevalent nutritional problem in the U.S.A. today", observed Dr. A. E. Nizel of Tufts University. He suggested that every pack of sugared goodies such as candy, chewing gum, soda pop and cough drops should be labeled "Excessive use can produce dental plaque and dental decay". About 25 million people have lost all of their teeth and about the same number have lost half of their teeth.

PLASTICS EMIT CYANIDE FUMES

Last year's plane crash near Chicago's Midway Airport, the Chief Toxicologist for the Cook County Coroner's office reported, found lethal levels of cyanide in the pilot's as well as six other passengers. It was highly suspicious the deadly fumes came from the plastic materials in the plane. The Coroner stated that similar results were found in other airline crashes. Yet advertisers urge people to cook their foods in plastic bags. Isocynates emit hydrogen cyanide when burning. The gas becomes more deadly when combined with smoke inhalation. Immediate evacuation from the plane could have saved some lives.



A CHILD SPEAKS TO HIS PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Give me God's word to nourish me; give me warm and comforting security in His love and in yours. Sometimes things change so quickly and appear so strange... so I need you to interpret them for me.

Let me enjoy my five senses: give me plenty of things to handle, to feel, to smell, to touch, to hear, and some to break

and some to break.

Let me try out my new powers as my body and mind develop... to pray, to read, to answer, to question, and to grasp the meaning when I am ready. Don't make me experience too much, too many, too long.

Speak to me with your heart and your hands; I do

not always understand your words.

Give me my share of attention and consideration. Let me question; give me as honest and as simple an answer as you know how.

Let me experience, let me find out things for myself. Help me to be sensitive to beauty... wherever it is found. Teach me to pray every day.

. Let me have fun out of little things, no matter how foolish they may seem to you. Encourage my efforts to do things, even when I do not do them well.

Let me share responsibilities; but measure them out according to my size. When you tell me to do this and that tell me why

this... and that... tell me why.

Let me feel that I am wanted, that I am important to God and to you. Be friendly and loyal to me, so that I may learn that God is friendly and loyal, and so that I may be loyal to others, too. Prove to me that a promise is a promise. Please don't keep me a baby when I want to feel grown up.

Don't make me afraid of losing God's love or yours. Don't implant your own fears in me! My own are difficult enough to handle.

Help me not to act when I am angry; but don't make me so afraid of being angry that I lose my

capacity to feel strongly.

Let me learn, bit by bit, to bear pain as Christ did. And let me learn to look forward to pleasures that are coming as He promised.

Teach me that God loves me, and show me how to love Him by living according to His way, and by loving Him in all the people that I meet... whoever, they are.

GOD OUR FATHER, you have given us these children and entrusted them to our care. Help us to accept this trust always. Teach us what to give and what to withhold, when to reprove, and when to forbear. Help us to be gentle, yet firm... and help us always to bring truth and beauty and goodness into the lives of these children. For in bringing these qualities into their lives, we truly show them who You are. Be with us always, in the name of Jesus and through the power of your Spirit who is working in each of us individually and in all of us together.



Photo by R. Kisielius

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Žieduotos pavasario rankos vėl palietė šaką ir diegą, išsiskleidė gėlės prie kelio išlindę pro tirpstantį sniegą...

Auksinės saulėtekio strėlės į žemę vėl smigdamos lūžta, o medyje čiulba varnėnas sugrįžęs į gimtąją gūžtą.

Per lauką žiema nusiminus link rudenio tyliai nueina, o vėjai žiedais apsikaišę dainuoja pavasario dainą...

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

LITHUANIAN-CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Our plea for prayers, and financial assistance to the Lithuanian-Catholic Religious Aid, in the "VYTIS", and by personal mail solicitation have been received very well. It is with personal pride, that I submit my second listing of donations to LCRA from the Knights of Lithuania as follows:

1.	Alex Levanavitch, donation via C-103	\$1.00
2.	John, Bertha, & Paul Stoskus, C-103	15.00
3.	Longinas Svelnis, C-17 Srs., & SC	5.00
	Rev. A. Contons, C-17 Srs., & SC	10.00
5.	C-103, Providence (2nd donation)	10.00
6.	C-26, Worcester, Mass.	25.00
7.	C-3, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
	C-90, Harrison, N.J.	10.00
9.	C-25, Cleveland, Ohio	25.00
10.	C-96, Dayton, Ohio	20.00

11. Mary Kober, SC; & Anthony Kober	C-109 10.00			
12. Albert and Irene Ozalis, both SC & (5.00			
13. Edward and Irene Tamulevich, C-11	6 10.00			
14. Mary R. Duggan, C-116	5.00			
15. Dr. Jack J. & Loretta Stukas, SC - C	-29 5.00			
16. Vera Konis, (Munhall, Pa.)	5.00			
17. Mildred Chinik, C-19	10.00			
Total	\$176.00			
Donations previously acknowledged				
in the "VYTIS"	\$248.50			
Grand Total	\$424.50			
God love and bless you.				
SC-Supreme Council Officer John A. Stoskus				

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A DONATION... IN MEMORY OF FATHER JOHN JUTT

The Supreme Council and the VYTIS Staff express a most sincere "Ačiū" to the family of REV. JOHN C. JUTT, for their continuing generosity to the Knights of Lithuania. Most recently, they contributed the sum of \$100.00 to VYTIS, in memory of their son and brother, Father John, who died in June, 1971. Father John, an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania, was organizer of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee and served as its chairman and moving force for 25 years. Father also served as National Spiritual Adviser for many years and was a regular contributor to VYTIS. This latest contribution in his memory indeed helps greatly to offset VYTIS expenses and to strengthen the magazine which meant so much to Father John.



NEEDED... EXTRA COPIES OF VYTIS

The editor has received numerous requests for extra back copies of VYTIS, for use by various universities and other organizations. If you have any or all of the following issues and are willing to part with them, please send them to the Editor, Loretta I. Stukas, 1467 Force Drive, Mountainside, N.J. 07092. The copies needed are as follows:

1951 - November and December (Vol. 37, #11 & 12)

1952 - April (Vol. 38, #4)

1956 - December (Vol. 42 - #12)

1959 - May (Vol. 49 - #5)

1960 - February and June (Vol. 46 - #2 & 6)

1961 - January (Vol. 47 - #1)

1963 - April (Vol. 49 - #4)

1966 - January (Vol. 52 - #1)

K OF L PINS FOR SALE

National Treasurer Irene Sankus announces that there are still many K of L Pins available for sale. Anyone interested should send \$1.00 per pin desired to: Miss Irene K. Sankus, 2520 W. 68th St., Chicago, Ill. 60629.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

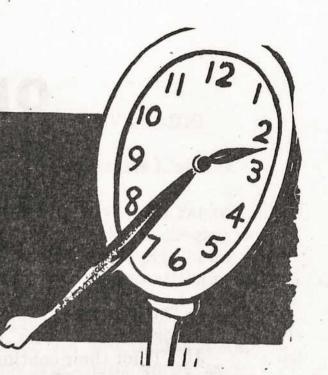
Two more Lifetime Members have joined the ranks of this very exclusive club, by paying \$100.00 to cover dues for the rest of their lives. A most hearty welcome to CHARLES J. KRAUSS, a newly-joined member of C-12, New York, and to MRS. RUTH ZUBRITSKY, a member of C-41, Brooklyn. This brings the number of Lifetime Members to 10.

C-90 - KEARNY, N.J.

Members of the Junior Knights of C-90 are selling an attractive 4" square Lithuanian decal, printed in the bright yellow, green, and red colors of the national flag, - which can be applied to the bumper of a car, applied to suitcases, notebooks, etc.

The decal costs \$1.00 each, and may be obtained by writing to the council's Decal Chairman: Bernie Kohanski, 157 Ivy Street, Kearny, New Jersey 07032. Order now, while the quantity lasts.

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Now's the time to take pride in the K of L and in your council. This is a living and growing organization and this fact should be reflected in the membership count. When the final report is given at the National Convention in Detroit, make sure your council is 100% paid up or better.

Membership is a full-time occupation and we should never stop in our endeavors. For an organization to grow, flourish, expand, the interest and cooperation of all and not just a few is needed. It is only through your efforts, that our number will increase and our organization will expand and remain vibrant.

Every member counts, so whatever happens de pends on you. In these next two months that are left you still have time to get out and do some work Don't let these months slip by. And if you have no already done so, PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

We should follow the good example set by our two re-organized councils; C-103, Providence, who had 8 members when reorganized and now have 19, and C-74, Scranton, who when reorganized in September had 20 members and now have 39. Both have doubled their membership so far. Why can't your council do the same?

Maybe one reason is that you do not do all in your power to keep these members once you have signed them up. So remember, it is important to keep after delinquents.

At last count, we were short 389 members compared to last year's enrollment. It has been quite a long time since our Membership has reached the 2000 makr, SO LET'S TRY A LITTLE HARDER. Last year our membership reached 1827 - so it should not be too difficult, if all stragglers would just make it a point to pay their dues now. To date we have enrolled 159 new members, so actually there are 548 members who are still delinquent. If you are one, send your dues in now; or if you know of someone whose dues are in arrears, please get after them, so we can achieve our goal of 2000 or better. NOW'S THE TIME - DON'T DELAY A MINUTE LONGER.

Albert Ozalis, Membership Vice President

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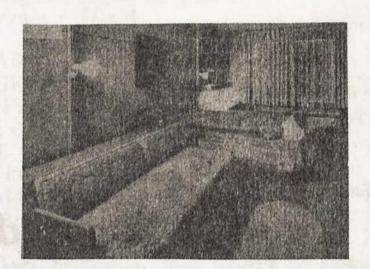
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CONVENTION HOUSING

Mercy College of Detroit, cordially welcomes you to stay at their attractively furnished Manning Hall, which has single, double and triple occupancy rooms. Each room is furnished with convenient and comfortable sleeping, and large storage facilities. Each of the four floors has a kitchenette-lounge for group sessions and late night snacks. Recreational facilities include billiards, ping-pong and television. Meals are served cafeteria style in the spacious air-conditioned dining room in the Student Center. The arrangements for all this lodging has been made for \$8.00 per person per day. This does not include Registration Fee.

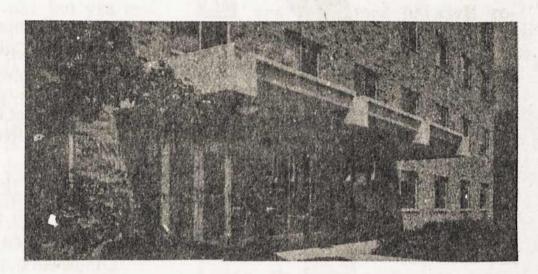


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Our business sessions will be held in the air-conditioned Student Center. There are 18 carpeted Conference Rooms, and other attractive facilities. The residence hall is within a two-minute walk of the Student Center and the dining rooms. Our social and cultural events will be held at our new Lithuanian Cultural Center in Southfield. Therefore, plan NOW to return to the city that will be long remembered as in the past. Remember August 7-11.

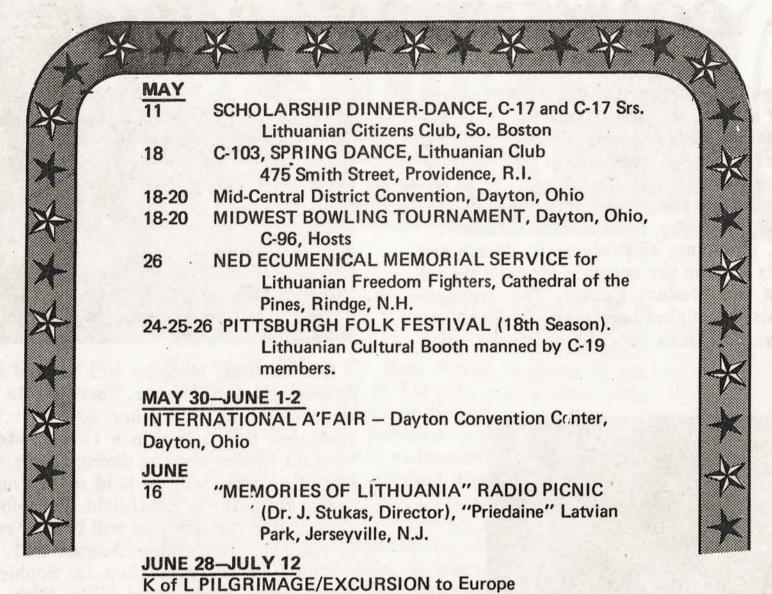
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Respectfully,

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AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

29 NED FALL CONVENTION, C-116, Worcester, Mass.

OCTOBER

- 6 NED CULTURAL PICNIC, Ramuva Park, Brockton, Mass.
- 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. MAD FALL CONVENTION, Amsterdam, N.Y., C-100 Hosts.

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

NED TV Mass, 9 a.m.—Channel 7, WNAC TV in Government Center, Boston, Mass.

Calendar

NAUJI SPAUDOS LEIDINIAI

PAKELIUI Į EMMAUS, Danguolė Sadūnaitė. 95 puslapių lyrinių eilėraščių rinkinys. Išleido šiais metais N.P. Šv. Marijos Seserų Kongregacija, Putnam, Conn. 06260. Kaina \$2.50. Tai naujausia Sadūnaitės lyrika, kuri šiltai dvelkia nuoširdžiais jausmais, išreikštais gyvenamosios aplinkos ir supančios gamtos fone. Šiuo ir kitais anksčiau išleistais poezijos kūrinių rinkiniais Danguolė Sadūnaitė pasireiškė kaip simpatinga, subrendusi ir originali poetė, išaugusi už savo tėvynės ribų.

TĖVAS BONAVENTURA PAULIUKAS, O.P. Trumpa biografija. Parašė Tėvas Kazimieras Žvirblis, O.P. Išleido Tėvai Domininkonai. Kaina nepažymėta. Čia pateikta kukli 1956 m. mirusio tėvo Bonaventuros Pauliuko, Lietuvos Domininkonų Angelo Sargo Provincijos atnaujintojo ir pirmojo provincijolo, biografija. Šios biografijos autorius tėvas Kazimieras Žvirblis, artimas tėvo Pauliuko

bendradarbis, taip pat jau yra miręs 1972 m. Todėl tėvas Tomas Žiūraitis ir apie jį pateikia kai kurias biografines žinias.

Be biografinių žinių apie minėtus domininkonus, čia randame ir kitų informacijų ne tik iš Domininkonų veiklos Lietuvoje, bet ir apie bolševikinę okupaciją anglų kalba. Tai gali būti naudinga ir tiems, kurie kalba angliškai.

LAIŠKAI ANDROMACHAI, Juozas Tininis. Išleido Lietuvių Dienos, Los Angeles, Calif. Kaina nepažymėta. Autorius, Juozas Tininis, žuvęs auto nelaimėje 1971 m., jau anksčiau išleistomis novelėmis "Nuskandintas Žiedas" ir romanu "Dailininko Žmona" pasirodė kaip gabus dailiosios literatūros kūrėjas-rašytojas. Dabar čia išleisti jo "Laiškai Andromachai" patraukia skaitytoją natūraliu jausmingumu ir aprašomų vietovių įvairumu. Tai, kaip B. Brazdžionis

sako, yra bandymas parašyti romaną nauja laiškų forma. Beto, į šį leidinį yra sudėti kai kurių pasaulinio masto autorių poezijos ir prozos vertimai, J. Tininio meniškai atlikti.

PUPUČIO PASAULIUKAS, Ona Mikailaitė. Išleido Nekaltai Pradėtosios Marijos Seserų Kongregacija, Putnam, Conn. 06260. Knygos kaina \$4.50. Gaunama pas leidėją. Spaudė Immaculata spaustuvė.

Ona Mikailaitė, pasirinkusi pelytės, tikriau sakant, peliuko Pupučio personažą, sukūrė įdomią ir intriguojančią pasaką vaikams. Čia ji stilingai aprašo Pupučio gyvenimą ir jo nuotykius, patirtus pavasarį, vasarą, rudenį ir žiemą. Leidinys skoningai iliustruotas pačios autorės piešiniais. Pasigėrėtinai puiki spauda ir geras popieris daro leidinį labai patrauklų. Tėvai turėtų nepraleisti progos ir tuojau užsakyti Pupučio Pasauliuką savo vaikams.



DETROITO ŽINUTĖS

ŠV. KAZIMIERO PAMINĖJIMAS

čia vasario 3 dieną 3 L. Vyčių kuopos (79, 139 ir 102) bendrai paminėjo Šv. Kazimierą iškilmingomis pamaldomis ir po to suruoštomis vaišėmis. Pamaldas atlaikė ir tinkamą pamokslą pasakė kun. K. Simaitis. Bendram giedojimui sklandžiai vadovavo Pranas Zaranka. Beveik visi pamaldose dalyvavę priėmė Šv. Komuniją.

Parapijos kavinėje šeimininkės paruošė bendrus pietus. Maldą atkalbėjo kun. K. Simaitis. L. Vyčių Garbės Narys Robert Boris pristatė garbės svečius: kun. J. W. Stanevičių, kun. M. Kundrotą, kun. K. Simaitį ir kun. V. Kriščiunevičių. Programos vedėjas Robert Boris padėkojo svečiams už atsilankymą ir pranešė, kad šiemet L. Vyčių Šventė įvyks rugp. 7-11 dienomis Mercy College. Baigdami visi dalyviai sugiedojo kun. K. Simaičiui ir kun. Kundrotui "Ilgiausių Metų" ir "Happy Birthday".

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RENGIAMAS KUN. KRIŠČIUNEVIČIAUS PAGERBIMAS

Kun. Kriščiunevičiaus sidabriniam kunigystės jubiliejui atžymėti rengiamas iškilmingas pokylis birželio 30 d. Tam tikslui jau yra sudarytas komitetas, į kurį įeina visų organizacijų atstovai. Komiteto pirm. Lilia Petravičienė, vice pirm. Petravičius ir sekr. Br. Beržanskienė.

Tą dieną įvyks iškilmingos par maldos šv. Petro bažnyčioje, o iškilmingas pokylis - Dievo Apvaizdos Kultūros Centre su pritaikyta programa.

Smulkesnių žinių gali suteikti pirm. L. Petravičienė, 4031 Harlow, Allen Park, Mich. 48122.

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

NEW ENGLAND

DISTRICT



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The N.E. Dist. held an executive board meeting at St. Casimir's rectory in Providence, R.I., on Mar. 3 at 3:30 P.M. chaired by Pres. Albert Jaritis.

The following were present:

C-1, Brockton - Susan Boroskas C-17, So. Boston - Rev. Albin Janiunas, Albert Jaritis, Frederick Hirst

C-17S, So. Boston - Longinas Svelnis, Alexander Akule, Joseph White

C-26, Worcester -Joseph Sakaitis

C-103S, Providence - Helen Sereicikas

Guests - Rev. Budreckis, Ann Bender, Ann Bucinskus, Patricia Akule, John Stoskus.

Although the agenda of these meetings seem repetitive, the ironing out of problems both major and minor result in a smoother

running of events.

On Apr. 28, the NED Spring Convention was held at St. Peter's Church hall at 1:30 P.M. hosted by C-17S. We were fortunate to have two fine speakers, Dr. Yuri Glasov and Atty. Anthony Young. Dr. Glasov is an individual who is intimately involved in the human rights problems of the Soviet Union and a friend of many

Russian intellectuals in the forefront of the fight for relaxing the paralyzing grip of suppression by Soviet authorities. He is a professor of Slavic languages at Boston College. Expelled from Russia for championing the cause for human rights, he also lived in Lithuania for 7 years and became familiar with the small nation's fight for national survival under the suppressive yoke of the Soviets. He has appeared on many T.V. shows. such as the TODAY Show, and has had numerous articles published in prominent newspapers and magazines. His speach dealt with three themes: Persecution of Catholics, Attitude towards Russians, and the Youth Movement. Our second speaker, Atty. Anthony Young is an Honorary Member of the organization and prominent in Lithuanian affairs in the Boston area. After the speaches and a short break, the business session of the district commenced.

On May 26 at 5 P.M. at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.J., the NED will sponsor an Ecumenical Memorial Service for Lithuanian Freedom Fighters and Martyrs. The exact format of the Service is not settled, but it is hoped that all Baltic people will attend and present a solid front in their fight for human rights for all suppressed people under Soviet domination. The choir from New Britain, Conn., will be invited to sing. Bus transportation is planned from the Boston area. Please inquire of any officer of the local C's-17 and 17S.

The energy problem has reared its ugly head, and as a result the date of June 21-23 for the NED

Retreat has been deleted from the calendar. The Kennebunkport site is ideal in all respects but location, so it was suggested that a site more central to all councils be selected. A suggestion of Marionapolis, Conn., was received, however, they were unable to addommodate us on these dates.

The Juniors presented a program for a Second Youth Rally, but due to the late filing of the plan relative to the Board Meeting, the various problems arising could not be settled at this meeting.

We received word that Maironis Park, site of the Annual NED Cultural Picnic, will not be ready this year on the dates requested. It was the scene of a disastrous fire in late December. Romuva Park in Brockton was suggested as a possible site, and Pres. Al Jaritis has confirmed the date of Oct. 6. Since the Cultural Picnic is the main money raiser for the district, the question of monies for Scholarship was raised. One suggestion was a drawing and another was for a dance. If our Picnic at Romuva Park is a successful one, our fears will be allayed.

A Leadership Course continues to be discussed, but to this time nothing has been done to implement it.

A Dist. Bulletin has been initiated by Pres. Albert Jaritis. He would welcome any newsworthy items from the district.

Rev. Albin Janiunas is Chairman of the committee for the Dist. T.V. Mass to be held Dec. 15 at 9 A.M. on Channel 7 WNAC T.V. in the Government Center in Boston.

The meeting closed at 6 P.M.

with a prayer led by Rev. Janiunas.

After the meeting, the Executive Board and guests were invited by Mr. & Mrs. John Stoskus of C-103S to their home for refreshments and a delicious meal which was enjoyed by all. A sincere "širdingai ačiū" to John and Bertha, a truly hospitable couple.

Joseph White

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

We cordially invite our neighboring Knights to our May Dance. Our first dance in over ten years will be held on May 18 at the American-Lithuanian Club, 475 Smith Street in Providence.

Helen (Avizinis) Vaitkus of C-96 in Dayton, Ohio spent some time visiting her convalescing mother in our city. In December Mrs. Avizinis fell and injured herself on her

way to church.

We are most pleased to welcome back into our ranks, Biruta (Ciocys) Cunningham. Biruta received her Third Degree in 1950, when she was serving as Supreme Council Trustee. C-103's newest member is Biruta's spouse, Dr. John Cunningham. They bring with them a wealth of organizational experience to the K of L.

Birthday greetings are extended to Father Martinkus who recently celebrated his 65th birthday.

Grace Vaitkunas received her 1st Degree on Mar. 3, and surprisingly, underwent surgery on Mar. 5. Her husband Alex was bestowed the 2nd Degree at our local VA Hospital by Susan Boroskas, National President, Father Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C., gave

Alex a blessing.

Saint Casimir was well remembered by C-103 members on Mar. 3. Father Martinkus was celebrant of the High Mass, preached an eloquent sermon on the occasion, and was also our principal speaker at the Communion Breakfast. We are grateful to the members who donated the breakfast, and to Mrs. Kaste Augaitiene for her preparation of the meal.

We congratulate those members who received First and Second Degrees. Father Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C., spoke in behalf of the Degree recipients at the conclusion of the ritual.

C-103, Providence, R.I., St. Casimir's Day, March 3, 1974

National President Susan Boroskas presenting charter to Council . 103 President B. Stoskus.

The NED Board meeting at St. Casimir's rectory was well attended. Father A. Janiunas opened the meeting with a prayer, and Father Budrecki, M.I.C., concluded the meeting with a prayer. Before returning to their homes, the Board members were invited to the home of C-103's President. Bertha Stoskus, for a repast and some relaxing conversation.

Father Jurgelaitis visits his mother regularly at the nursing home operated by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton, Mass. We are gratified to learn that her

condition has improved.

A special word of appreciation to National President, Susan Boroskas, for gracing us with her presence on St. Casimir's Day.





March 3rd: 1st degree recipients with Nat'l President Susan Boroskas, Rev. V. Martinkus and Rev. E. Budrecki, MIC.



National President Susan Borosk as presenting 2nd. degree to Alex Vaitkunas at the Veterans Hospi tal, Providence. Wife Grace looking on.

Father Anthony Miciunas, M.I.C., pastor of St. Casimir's parish in Worcester, Mass., gave the lenten retreat at our parish.

Helen Seraichekas and Bertha Stoskus are toying with the idea of visiting Thailand this fall. This would be Helen's second trip to the Orient. Bert's son, Paul, has just received military permission to remain in Thailand until his enlistment is over in February of 1975.

John Walaska, Jr., son of John and Irene Walaska, will begin working in the Data Processing section of Uniroyal in Providence, upon graduation this June.

JONAS

C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

A Mass was held in St. Casimir's Church on Feb. 16 at 6:30 P.M. which was sponsored by the K of L in recognition of Lithuanian independence Day, 1918-1974. The Mass ended with everyone singing the Lithuanian Anthem with the choir.

A social hour followed, for K of L members only, in the church parlors. Slides were shown by some of the members. We really didn't know just how much hidden talent our members have!

Helen Alexis, Cookie Coach, and Fred Jarvis made the evening a success with games and delicious refreshments.

Louise Renaud

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Honors to "Vytis" Editor, Loretta Stukas, and her editorial staff, whose monthly editions of excellent material, true to Catholic-Lithuanian ideals, we can all too easily begin to take for granted. Few organizations can boast of a publication such as ours, and let us never forget it. Compiling material, writing articles, meeting deadlines, and facing various and sundry problems related to preparing a magazine for press, is one huge task! Late arrival of a "Vytis"

may sometime bring forth a human complaint of, "How come it's late?", but this is the greatest tribute of all to the "Vytis" staff! We impatiently await each issue's arrival. Sincere appreciation from C-26 to the dedicated "Vytis" staff and for the endless wealth of beautiful material they offer us month after month!

Donna Jankowski Murphy expects to have her leg in a full cast right through May. Donna is a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital here in Worcester and had completed the night shift one early March morning, was nearly home, when she was involved in an automobile accident. A few days in the hospital, a cast, and crutches, are the requirements for her recovery, which we hope will come about faster than her doctor expects!

Adele Degutis couldn't help us sing Easter Alleliua's this year! An acute case of laryngitis has forced her doctor to insist on complete rest of her vocal cords. Poor Adele! She never shouts, has a mild speaking voice, is a non-smoker, yet this strange virus has taken hold. She's better now, and speaks in a whisper. A little more time will have her back-to normal.

The Walinsky Four made up the March social committee and, as usual, it's the women of a family to put on the niceties. It was no surprise, therefore, to see what Ann and Elly put on for us to enjoy. There were leprechauns and shillelaghs and shamrocks decorating the table which was covered with delicious green goodies to suit every palate. Candles, cakes, candies and napkins were in every shade of green, from emerald to mint, all adding to the attractiveness of this social. Ann had to leave before the meeting (she's the accompanist for a choral group) and Elly couldn't attend either, because she's involved with Bluebird Campfire Girls. Just a simple, "Would you, please?" to Ann Bender provided us with the hostess for the evening. Ann very willingly served, poured and

cleaned up afterward, providing a lovely evening for all. Just another example of K of L creative thinking and instant cooperation!

When an individual is committed to a cause, she's really committed. Susan Boroskas is Supreme Council President, yet she finds time to work in so many other areas, serving the Lithuanian cause. For example, Olga Kersis was surprised to learn that Susan is First Vice President of the Brockton, Mass. Bendruomenė! Olga accompanied the "Penketukas" in March and upon entering the hall, was amazed to see Susan busily at work with arrangements! Other K of L friends present were Father Wolkovich (Chaplain at the Sisters of Jesus Crucified Motherhouse in Brockton), Sylvia Shukis of Brockton's C-1, and Tony Miner and Stanley Grigas of Worcester's C-116. A most pleasant evening with Brockton friends!

Father Joseph Vaskas, M.I.C., conducted the annual Lenten Mission at our St. Casimir's parish. Father is an old friend of our parish and all of us at C-26 were happy to see him again.

Our council presently is in the midst of planning "specials" for our Prayer Day for Lithuania, for Mother's Day, and attendance at the Cathedral of the Pines, so May will be a busy month, indeed. A Memorial Mass for our late pastor, Father John C. Jutt, one of the greatest all-time advocates of the K of L, will be held in June. Announcements of these social and spiritual meetings will be forthcoming.

We hope that the Easter season has been joyous for all, and that Spring will have everything "coming up roses" for the Knights of Lithuania!

"Dzūkelė"

C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

At our March meeting we had a very important event - "The Burning of the Bonds". This program was instituted to raise money for the extensive club renovations made three years ago, and we now have redeemed all Bonds and our debts are paid! We thank all who helped financially or legally in our time of need.

The Energy Crisis has not deterred some people from traveling. Our "young" couples "sailed into the Bahama Sunset" recently Ron and Pam Shortell to celebrate their first anniversary and Ed and Antoinette White their 25th. Best wishes, and many more anniversaries to come!

The April meeting was brief in order that we could have a delicious Shrimp Dinner and honor Joe Boley, our K of L "Basketball Great" who recently received the Olympian Award for sports in Conn. (as mentioned in our "Lithuanians In The News" page). He was given a K of L Plaque from C-7 in recognition of his many years of activity in playing basketball or coaching K of L teams and St. Joseph School Teams to many victories. A fine dinner was enjoyed while reminiscing of many past activities.

Our "Prayer For Lithuania" Day was held April 16. Notices in the local paper and on the radio brought out many K of L members and parishioners of St. Joseph's to participate in Mass and "coffee and" at the clubrooms. The feeling

of everyone there was that this is an opportunity for all to get together and show that our hopes for Lithuania's freedom are burning as bright as ever, and maybe in the near future, our prayers will be answered.

One of our members, Mary Undraitis, had an unfortunate accident recently. She stepped off the curb and broke her ankle and will be on crutches for many weeks. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Mary.

People are planning vacations - a safe and happy one to those planning to attend the National Convention in Detroit. Till then - stay well!

"Lelija"

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Council members celebrated the Feast of our K of L patron, St. Casimir, on Mar. 2 by attending the 5:30 P.M. Mass in St. Francis Church, Athol. Our Spiritual Director, Fr. Justin Steponaitis, led the group into church in a procession along with acolytes. Color bearers were Charles Genaitis and Howard Beaudette. The altar was decorated with beautiful flowers in Lithuanian colors. This year, along



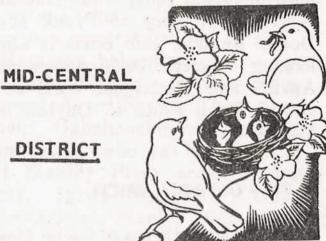
C-7: Burning of the Bonds. Seated: Pres. James Valaitis, Standing: Wally Blinn, Dr. W. Shukaitis, Lillian Paul-

auskas, Pam & Ron Shortell, John Alanskas & Rev. G. Vilciauskas.

with the organ music, Father Stepie's friends played the flute during the Mass, which was really inspiring to all. The group received Communion, and after Mass enjoyed dinner at the McGregar Lodge. William Wisnauskas was general chairman of the annual event. This year's celebration was one of the largest ever remembered.

The Lithuanian Outing Club Hall in Gardner, a familiar spot to many area K of L'ers (many belong to the Club), has been remodeled and enlarged to almost twice the original size. The grand opening will be in May.

Vincukas



C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

The annual celebration of St. Casimir's Day hosted by our council was well attended, and aside from a few minor problems (i.e. the caterers were an hour late), everything went quite smoothly. How could it be otherwise with Bob Boris doing the honors as Master of Ceremonies. The Committee, Edna Klucens and Donna Bunikis, were most grateful for the help they received from all our members and also from the ladies of C-79 who happened to come early and pitched in with a helping hand. Sorry we don't have their names, but we do thank them a great deal. That's known as being true Knights.

Winner of the day was Albina Kurpowic, who took the 50-50 raffle prize. We also took advantage of the occasion to present a cake to Rev. Casimir Simaitis with namesday greetings. Rev. W. Stanievich, still nursing a nose injury received in Baja, did a fine job

of leading us in singing "Ilgiausių Metų" and "Happy Birthday" to Father Kundrot. It was a real treat to see our charter member Pete Podalskis attend with his family, and also Mr. & Mrs. Matt Simonis who never miss the occasion.

We wondered why Carl Gobis wasn't around for the brunch, only to find out later he was skiing up north and running into several other Lithuanians on the slopes. It's a small world. Other members headed south to get away from our miserable winter. Grace Vaskelis and Vitalia, just back from Miami, and Ann Uznis from Fort Lauderdale, are doing their best to hang onto beautiful tans, while Nassau is just a memory to Frank and Donna Bunikis. Bob Boris is still looking forward to Acapulco in April - aah Vacations! We'll see you-all down south in Dayton in May!

D.B.

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

Despite the threat of fog on Mar. 6, we had one of the nicest turnouts of membership for our council meeting. A new member was welcomed - Alice DeVine. It was great to see Walter Hotra in attendance, whom we haven't seen too often, due to his work.

Most of the meeting centered around plans for the National Convention in Detroit. Now is the time to re-evaluate your skills. As you know "it's getting later than you think", and we need many workers, co-ordinators and others in the Help media. However, you needn't be skilled; "willingness" will be sufficient ingredients to apply with our Convention Committee. Do not wait to be asked or begged. We have room for anyone who desires to help. If interested, contact Ruth Grasha, 476-8993, or Maggie Smailis, BR 3-5818.

Devotions to St. Anne de Beaupre, earmarked by Ann Valatka, was held at Divine Providence on Mar. 9. Rev. Eugene Lefebvre of Quebec held Mass and Novena devotions. Coming in for the event were Mary



C-102: Ann Uznis & Edna Klucens assisting Maryann Guerriero during annual Kucios at Bob Boris' home.

and Joseph Kazlauskas from Toledo. We were glad to see Joe looking so hearty.

Many thanks to Marie Kase, Social Chairman of our Parish Council; and to her committee, who took charge of a successful Bake Sale, Mar. 30-31; also to all others for their culinary contributions to the event and the assistance on the clean-up detail. The fellas did their part, too, in getting things squared away.

We had a slight interruption of affairs during our Convention Committee meeting on Mar. 13, when we were overpowered by a "bugging" incident. Maggie Smailis opened her purse for a note pad and was greeted by ants inside her handbag. How they congregated inside the bag is a "Watergate" mystery.

Jody and Charlie Step had a "surprise" meeting while waiting for a plane at St. Thomas to return home from a sailing vacation at the Virgin Islands, when they were spotted by Nancy and Cliff Angelwicz, daughter and son-in-law of Bertha Janus. The Angelwicz' were also awaiting their plane following a combined businesspleasure trip to Jamaica. In moments it was "Hi" and all heads were together whipping up a chatting storm. The highlight of the trip was Cliff Angelwicz' receiving first award as top salesman in the U.S. Congratulations, Cliff; hope this habit remains with you.



C-102: Raymond Klucens standing behind Maryann & Bill Juodwalkis and Gena Baibak at Kucios.

We have several members who were on the sick list. Mrs. Phil Dalton underwent a serious operation at Mt. Carmel Hospital. Mrs. Julia Medinis is recovering from eye surgery at Henry Ford Hospital. Giliai atjaučiame susirgusias nares ir kad Dievas suteikų jums stiprybės.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Annamarie Kassel, her family, Loretta Stukas, and the Kassel family on the loss of Al Kassel. Al was greatly admired and was known to many of us through various K of L activities. May he rest in eternal peace!

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Mar. 3 was the date set aside for our annual celebration to our patron, St. Casimir. Members attended the 8 o'clock Mass in a body; the turnout was excellent. Our Juniors participated with us and were the Offering Bearers.

What started out to be a 'light breakfast' ended in a feast! Mary Lucas, St. Casimir Breakfast chairman, after reading the pancake recipe in the March edition of the Vytis, rounded up her committee, Ada Sinkwitz and Elaine Pacovsky, changed her menu and cooked up a storm. After the delicious meal, our president, Elinor Sluzas, 'invited' all the members in attendance and Juniors to be Mary's clean-up crew.

To Mary, Ada and Elaine a great 'ačiū labai'.

At the St. Casimir's breakfast, Ritual chairman, Fran Petkus, added 20 members to our list of First Degree Knights. All members in attendance were asked to renew their oath to the Knights. A 'large thanks' goes to Jr Advisors, Eloise Berczelly and Sarah Petkus. They had the Juniors prepared to read writings that they, the Jrs, wrote on "What Lithuania Means To Me". It was truly a memorable day honoring our patron saint.

Social chairman, Mary Lucas, and her committee of Sarah and Charles Petkus, Mary Ann Blum, Ada Sinkwitz, Mike P. Petkus, Mike J. Petkus, Joe Gecas, Elinor Sluzas, Joe and Aldona Ryan had a delicious St. Patrick's Day party for the members at the church hall on Mar. 16. Food was great, turnout good, and much to do. Door prizes were all in the theme of green! Joe and Aldona Ryan made arrangements with local Irish dancers to perform for us. Joe was Grand Marshal for the 'Irish Walk'. Fun was the name of the evening.

Forty Hours devotions were held in our parish, Holy Cross, on Mar. 22-24. We were most pleased to have Father Pius Šarpnickas, OFM, from Brooklyn, N.Y., conduct the Eucharistic Devotions in both languages. Our pastor, Fr. Walter Katarskis, experimented with a new idea for the parish with a covered dish supper at the end of the Forty Hours. Helping Father with the arrangements was Fran Petkus and her committee.

April 1 saw our "Vėjeliai" dance group perform for the American Legion in Fairborn, O. at their Youth Night. It was good to see so many of our Knights attend the Bingo Parties sponsored by our parish's St. Peter's Society on Mar. 10, and our Siminary Scholarship Fund Committee on Mar. 31.

The University of Dayton International Activities Newsletter "UDIAN" congratulates Miss Laima Rastikis on being a complete student. Her name appears consistently on the Dean's list. Con-

gratulations from the council also, Laima.

A very warm welcome-back to Gus and Mary Ann Blum. They have rejoined the council, much to our pleasure. A warm welcome to our newest member, Steve Mikalas. Happy years ahead! Four more First Degrees were bestowed to members at the monthly meeting: Joe, Christina and Sue Mantz and Steve Mikalas. Our own Eileen Wilemaitis was on Station WONE recently in conjunction with the Women's League of Voters. Stan Kavy was on Station WING in conjunction with 'Policewomen on the Force'. Stan is a sergeant with the Dayton Police Force and a Fourth Degree Knight.

We are pleased to note Joe Noreikas, Ann Kondrotas and Judy Petrokas are recuperating at home after their recent hospital stays. To John Kavy, get well wishes are sent to Columbus, where he has been hospitalized while attending school at Ohio State University. Congratulations to Joe and Aldona Ryan on the birth of their second grandchild. This makes Mrs. Isabel Latos, a member, a great-grandmother for the eighth time!

From the whole council our deepest sympathies are extended to Frank and Karolyn Ambrose on the sudden death of their son, Christopher. We know he is with God's angels.

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St. Casimir's Day Commemoration Mass was held on Mar. 3 at the Nativity B.V.M. Church. Bishop Vincent Brizgys, Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas and Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas concelebrated High Mass. A most inspiring sermon was given by Bishop Brizgys.

Our Seniors were nosts for the day. After Mass, all proceeded to the K of L Bldg. for brunch.

Seated at the head table were Harry Petraitis, Leon Pauksta, Christine Stachyra, Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Stanley Pieza, Bishop Brizgys, Rev. Peter Cinikas, Ignas Sakalas, Irene Sankus, Ruth Dagis and Gediminas Janula.

District Ritual Chairwoman, Ruth Dagis, with the assistance of Irene Sankus and Leon Pauksta, presented the 4th Degree to Dolores Wainauskas C-112. Recipients of the 3rd Degree were Christine Stachyra C-36, John Auksciunas C-112, Albina Gaides C-112, Harry Petraitis C-112 and Povilas Dirkis, Chgo. Srs. Our heartiest congratulations to all.

Members belonging to the organization 50 years or more were presented certificates. They were Adele Gabaliauskiene, Leonard Simutis, Sr. (who was hospitalized, but Stanley Pieza accepted for him), Ignas Sakalas, Albin Manstavicius, Stanley Pieza, Ann Pieza, Dr. Peter Atkociunas, Adam Banys, Emilija Karlaviciene, Nick Karlavicius, Tekle Norbutiene, Joseph Ramanauskas, Casimir Rubinas, Tekle Strogiene (and Rev. A. Valancius who received his certificate at the National Convention). This is a well deserved honor for those who have been the backbone and inspiration of our organization.

Stanley Pieza, retired Religious Editor of the "Chicago-American" newspaper was a very interesting guest speaker. He brought to our attention that 1976 will be the 100 Year Anniversary of Lithuanians immigrating to the U.S. and that this occasion should be remembered in a very special way. His thought is that the K of L organization undertake the task of obtaining from the government a Commemorative Postage Stamp.

Our thanks to the members of the Don-Varnas A.L. Post who took part in the color guard.

The delicious brunch was prepared by Kazimiera Petruliene, Vince Samoska and Kazimiera Jankute. Širdingai Ačiū to the cooks and their many helpers.

After C-112's March meeting the District presented First and Second Degrees. On this committee were Canon Zakaraūskas, Ruth Dagis, Al Zakarka, Leon Pauksta and Gediminas Janula. The Second Degree was presented to Sophie Naminski of C-112 and Sally Chernius C-36. First Degree was received by Frances Kasminskis C-36 and Rudy Stachyra C-36.

Congratulations.

The IID Quarterly Business Meeting was held on Mar. 27 at the K of L Bldg. with an excellent attendance. Final reports were submitted on the "Memories of Lithuania" banquet and St. Casimir's Day, and plans were made for the upcoming IID July 4th Pienic. Main topic of those assembled was the problems of the K of L Bldg. finances. A committee of Al Brazis, Leon Pauksta, Irene Sankus, Stan Molis, Frank Zapolis, Vince Samaska, Al Zakarka, Gediminas Janula, Estelle Rogers, and Harry Petraitis volunteered to work on special money-making activities for the building. The next business meeting will be held in June.

IID ST. CASIMIRS' DAY.

Condolences to the family of Petras Srubas, formerly of C-5, North Side, and recently residing in Fontana, Wisc. Although Petras was far removed from the K of L area, he was always interested in the organization and especially the "Vytis".

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

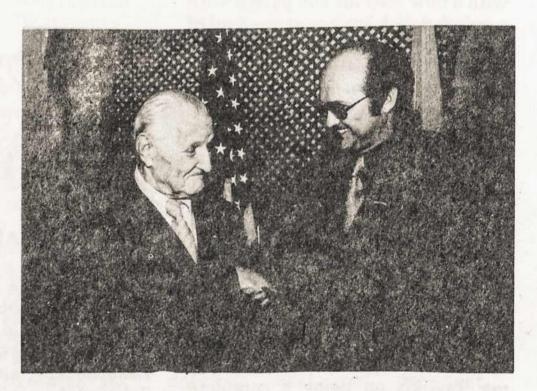
Julie Zakarka, our business meeting hostess, plans a most varied refreshment and entertainment program each month. Following the Feb. meeting, Vince Samaska of C-36 showed slides from his recent trip to Lithuania, and following the March meeting, the District Ritual Team, headed



IID 50-Year members receive certificates. Seated: Ann Pieza, Tekla Norbut, Adele Gabalas. Standing: Nick Karalvich, Chicago Srs. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Peter Cinikas, Joseph Ramanauskas, Dr. Peter Atkociunas, Albin Manst, IID President Leon Pauksta. Top Row: Stanley Pieza, Ignas Sakalas.



3rd Degree Ritual Presentation: Nat'l Treasurer Irene Sankus, John Auksciunas, Christine Stachyra, Harry Petraitis, Albina Gaides, IID Pres. Leon Pauksta.



Chicago Senior Povilas Dirkis receives his 3rd Degree from Leon Pauksta.

by Ruth Dagis, presented 1st and 2nd Degrees to qualified members of the District. Ruth was assisted by Al Zakarka, Leon Pauksta and Gediminas Janula. Canon V. Zakarauskas gave a most inspiring talk to the newly-degreed members. It was a pleasure to have C-36 President Christine Stachyra and other members of her council present for the ceremony. And as always, it was most pleasant to have our pastor, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, visit with us during the meeting and social following.

Spring must be in the air as our March Board meeting, hosted by Monica Kasper, was the first one in many months that was not held on a snowy, blizzardy night, and therefore our prexy, Harry Petraitis, was able to participate. Harry works with the Chicago

Snow Operation.

The IID "Memories of Lithuania" dinner was most successful, and we congratulate all who worked on the endeavor. Council members on the committee were Leon Pauksta, Al Brazis, Irene Sankus, Stan Molis, John Evans, Estelle Rogers, Ed Krivickas, Joe Kulys. Other council participants were Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, Sophie Nieminski, Al Zakarka and Gediminas Janula.

The Chicago Seniors are to be commended for the excellent arrangements and attendance at the IID St. Casimir's Day Commemoration. The smiling and pleased faces of our 50-Year members were a joy to see. Most of them are still active participants in K of L activities, and it was truly a pleasure to see them receive a small token of appreciation from our organization.

Congratulations to those who received their degrees. On St. Casimir's Day, Dolores Wainauskas received her 4th Degree and Harry Petraitis, Albina Gaides and John Auksciunas received their 3rd Degree; following our March meeting, Sophie Nieminski received her 2nd Degree.

Condolences to members who recently lost a beloved member of

their family - to Estelle Rogers and Julie Zakarka on the loss of their mother; to Edward and John Pocius, Judge Alfonse Wells, and Zenonas Zukys on the loss of their fathers.

Speedy recovery wishes to Louis Rogers, and to Honorary Members Leonard Simutis, Sr. and Ignas Sakalas.

Best wishes for a successful year to James Lack who was recently elected president of the Palos Hills Chamber of Commerce. Jim, his dad Steve, and brother are the directors of the Lack Funeral Homes, and all are members of our council.

C-36 hosted a Candlelight bowling party at Wood-Mac Lanes, and several of our members emerged the money winners - Alice and Rita Tomczak, and Al Raubiskis. Mike Lawrence was a door prize winner. Everyone is preparing for participation in the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, hosted by C-96 in Dayton.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT



C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

The 56th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence was commemorated by Amsterdam's American-Lithuanian community on Feb. 16 at St. Casimir's Church at 5 P.M. with a Mass celebrated by Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch. St. Casimir's Choir sang. Immediately following Mass, C-100 sponsored a dinner and program at the new St. Casimir's Social Center. About 100 persons attended. Master of Ceremonies was Leonard Hartvigas.

In attendance were Mayor and Mrs. John P. Gomulka. The Mayor expressed his hopes that Lithuania would soon be able to free herself from communistic oppression. He



C-100: Mayor John P. Gomulka announcing: "Today my name is Gomulkas".

also was cheered when he stated, "Today, my name is Jonas Gomulkas!"

Proclamations by Mayor Gomulka and by Gov. Malcolm Wilson declaring Lithuanian Independence Day both in the City of Amsterdam and in N.Y. State were read by Gene Gobis.

Leonard Hartvigas introduced the guest speaker, Prof. Edmund Padvaiskas of Siena College. His talk dealt mainly with Lithuania today. He touched on Simas Kudirka, his imprisonment, and the position of the Catholic Church in today's Lithuania. Only one seminary remains open in all of Lithuania where a total of five priests can be ordained in one year. Prof. Padvaiskas received a standing ovation for his excellent speech.



C-100: Leonard & Regina Hartvigas, Mayor & Mrs. John P. Gomulka and Very Rev. R. K. Baltch.

C-100: Edward Baranauskas, Chairman of Lith. Affairs Comm. & Mrs. Polly Ziausys, Co-Chairman, Cultural Comm.



A Lithuanian Cookbook being presented to Mrs. Edmund Padvaiskas by Virginia Miciulis. Looking on: Ann

Radzevich, Betty Liberis, Nellie Liberis

Edward Baranauskas, Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs, spoke of other young Lithuanian youths, in addition to Simas Kudirka, who attempted to seek asylum in different countries, touching on the case of a young man by the last name of Strikolis and his plight in Italy.

"Ave Maria" and "Tykiai, Tykiai" were rendered by violin soloist Daniel Kabasin. Very Rev. R. K. Baltch, baritone, delighted the audience with songs from Lithuania.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Nancy Greco, Mrs. Charlotte Sargalis, and Mr. Joseph Valikonis. Father Baltch was presented a birthday gift from the council.

For the finale, Father Baltch showed some films from Lithuania.

An excellent cultural display was presented by Polly Ziausys. Paintings by Matthew Orante and Jonas Hartvigas decorated the hall. Jonas Hartvigas made the program cover. Ed and Eleanor Baranauskas were busy with the prizes. Ginny Miciulis sold Lithuanian Cook Books. Stereo music was provided through the courtesy of Milda and Joe Zemaitis. Our thanks to the entire committee and their assistants.

A bit of commotion was stirred up by an unexpected guest at the time of the showing of the films... a bat! Between Bill Liberis and Leonard Hartvigas, the bat was caught. Thanks to Sister Angela for all the help she gave the committee in setting up the chairs and tables. Also, thanks to Don Holleran.

Dennis DiLorenzo appeared with a huge patch on his one eye! Again, a freak accident! Denny slipped and his face hit the edge of an open car door. Betty Kuzmich's husband, Vic, was rushed to the hospital. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

Friends of the Joseph's and Josephine's got together at the A.L.C. hall on Mar. 16 to help them celebrate their namesday. Not only was it St. Joseph's Day, but for one couple, Joe and Milda Zemaitis, it was their 35th Wedding Anniversary and Joe's birthday. The big surprise of the evening was the arrival of Congressman Samuel S. Stratton who came especially to congratulate Joe and Milda. Sam spoke of the couple's escape from Lithuania and his sincere hope for Lithuania's freedom. Congressman Stratton has always been a strong advocate for Lithuania's freedom. He may also be the next Governor of N.Y. State. As of now, he hasn't definitely committed himself as to whether he will run for the Democratic nomination.

Ginny Miciulis, in her excitement to greet Sam Stratton, twisted a ligament in her leg and was on crutches for approximately a week.

Smile & Sparkle



IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers ...

PETER SRUBAS

Member, C-5, Chicago, Ill. Died March 27, 1974

TEKLE NORBUT

Member C-36 and Chicago Seniors Died April 27, 1974

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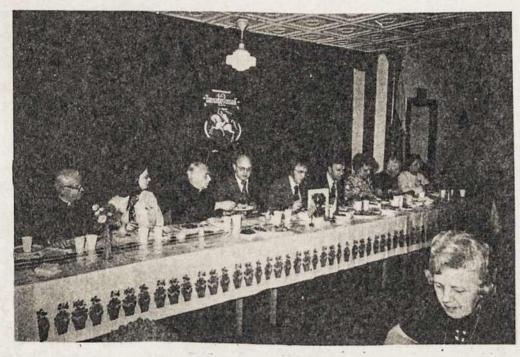


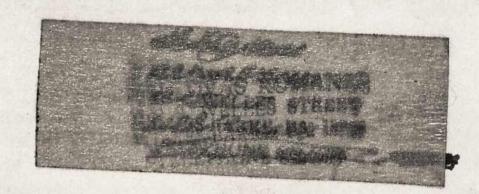
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Friday, August 9th

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Cultural Night

Saturday, August 10th - Breakfast

Session Mass Lunch Session

Banquet and Dance

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