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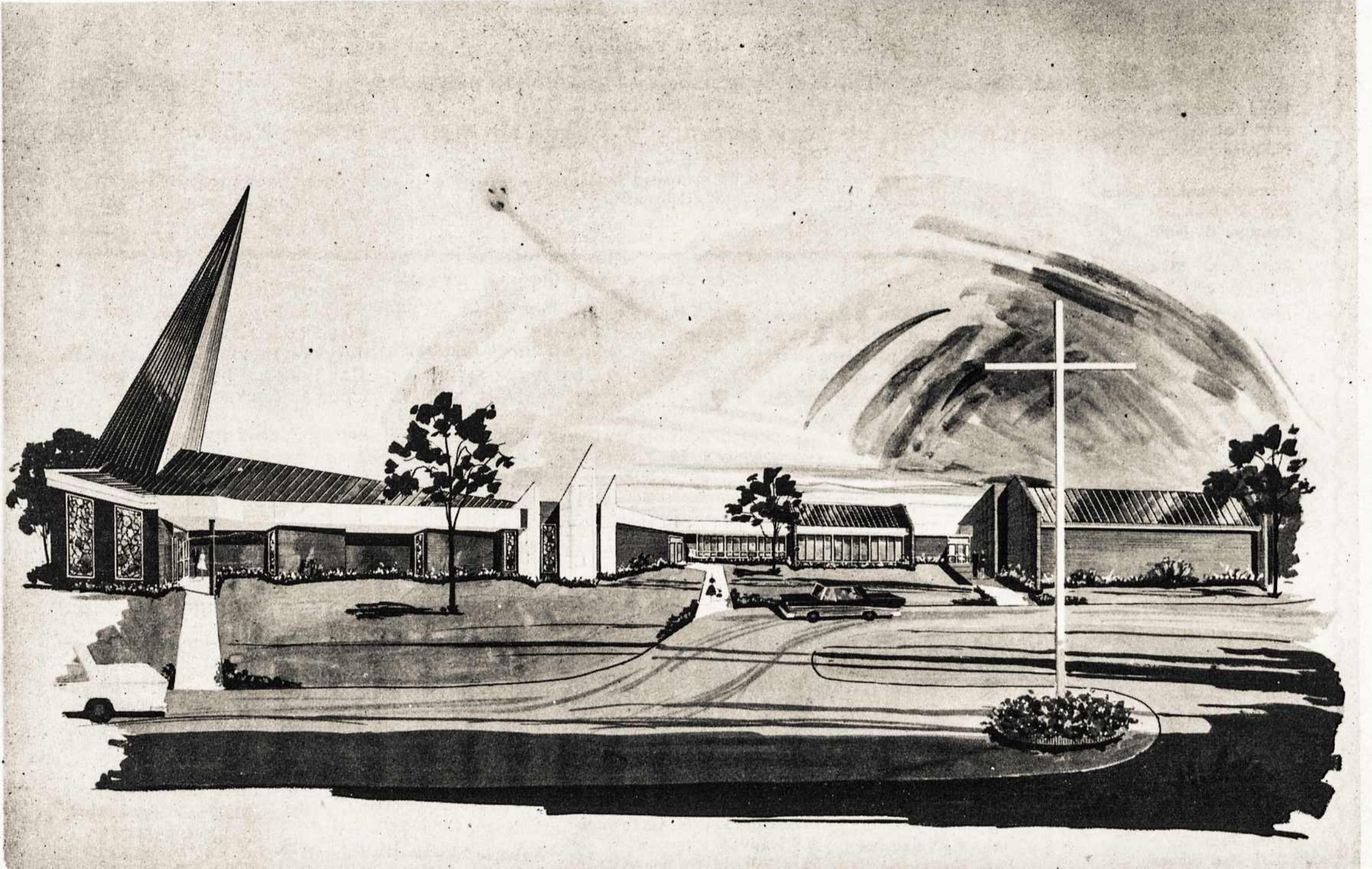
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DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND AND OTHER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR BETTER COMFORT OF DELEGATES AND GUESTS, THE **HEADQUARTERS** FOR THE **61st NATIONAL CONVENTION** HAVE BEEN **CHANGED** TO THE FOLLOWING:

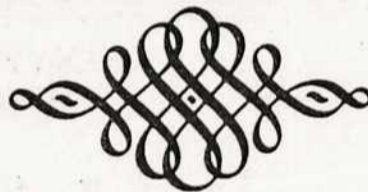
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Do you want to get away from it all? Tired of being cooped up? Come see how other Lithuanians live. Visit some friends. Here is your chance to enjoy a nice vacation at a very nominal fee! I refer to this year's **KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION IN DETROIT.**

First of all, we members of Divine Providence Church Council, the largest council in America, want you to see the fruits of our labors. Not too long ago our city parish saw the handwriting on the wall, and I don't mean graffiti. Non-Lithuanians were outnumbering the Lithuanians, clubs were disbanding. The only reminder of the "old sod" was the reading of the Sunday gospel in Lithuanian and that too might have ended in a decade or so.

We, that is the second generation of Lithuanians, knew we had to do something about it, and quickly. We revived the defunct (35 years) Knights of Lithuania C-79, and even the juniors. We had meetings, we Lithuanianized the choir, we sponsored various get-togethers, card parties, New Year's parties, bowling teams, Kiddies Christmas parties, Christmas baskets, Lithuanian motifs around the premises, supported BALF, Altas, Lithuanian Independence day, books for the public library, organized a Lithuanian Golden Agers Club that met every

# HURRY... HURRY... TO THE 61ST NATIONAL CONVENTION

Anthony Dainus

week in the church hall. We helped sponsor Siluva and Mindaugas observances. When we heard that our church was to be torn down for progress and new expressways, the K of L was the driving force to rally the parishioners and get permission from Detroit's Cardinal Dearden to relocate our parish.

Later because of our dwindling numbers, we enlisted the support of the more recent Lithuanian immigrants, or "D-P's" as they were then known. We invited them into our committee and they brought along some one hundred and fifty families.

It was an uphill climb that took seven years to be able to move into new quarters. But the blood, sweat and tears was worth it.

We old timers wanted a beautiful church and we had the funds for it. To accomodate the youngsters we used some of the funds to erect classrooms, a combination gymna-

sium and auditorium, cafeteria and everything that goes with these.

So come and see the fruits of our sacrifice and preserve Lithuanianism 'For God and Country'. Tell us, did we do right?

When you do come, you will be able to relax at the beautiful Ramada Inn, enjoy cultural programs in our auditorium, skip across the river into Canada for a little shopping, swim and relax at the two hundred acres at Camp Dainava, visit one of the finest city parks in America, Belle Isle, right in the middle of the Detroit River, attend Detroit's Ethnic Festival on the river front sampling kugeli, shishkabob, pastrami or chop suey downed with foamy amber of beaujolais. Perhaps you'll get to shake the hand of Henry Ford at the largest automotive plant in the world. Come on out, we're ready!



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# TĖVELIS - FATHER

by Laima Rastikis, C-96



I am Juozas Ažuolaitis of Poderiškiai, a small village in Lithuania. I was born in 1924 on my father's farm. My father was Juozas Ažuolaitis also.

I remember my father. He was an honest, hard-working man. Every day he rose with the sun and went to his fields. He loved his land; I think he loved it almost as much as he loved my mother, or me, or my sisters Angelė and Marija. He said it was the only thing that lasts, the only thing that stays the same, the only thing that never betrays the owner who cares for it. He loved his land so much, that in the evening, after supper, he would go outside and watch as the night enclosed it in darkness. And when he would come back in the house, he would be calm and peaceful and content. And he would tell us stories that made us laugh.

Every year at harvest time, my father was the proudest man in the village because his wheat was the best. No one was as good as my father at raising wheat.

But I remember something that happened right after my sixteenth birthday. The Russians came and took my father's farm away from him. They said things would be better, that he would have a better life if his land belonged to the government. My father resisted, but it happened anyway. The land that he labored and sweated over and loved was suddenly no longer his. And when harvest time came, I no longer saw pride in my father's face. The wheat he raised was not his.

In the years that followed, my father was rarely happy. He never

had that smug look that come along with being content. And he never told us stories. As I grew older, I realized why he had changed. And I hated the Communists for it.

I remember when my father's friend, Petras Lapinskas would come to our house on Sunday afternoons and he and my father would talk about "gerus laikus" (the good times). And I would see my father's eyes well up with tears. But I never saw him cry. He was a strong man.

I married Birutė Poderytė in 1948. A few years later, my mother died. My father lived only a year and a half longer. A few weeks before his death, I talked to my father. We talked about life and freedom. He asked me never to forget how it was when our country was free and each man could live his life and work to make things better for himself and his family. He told me never to give up hope that our country would once again be free of the Communists. I gave a solemn promise to my beloved father that I would. He sighed a weary sigh and told me God would be with me.

Birutė and I now live in Kaunas, an industrial city about fifteen kilometers away from where my father's farm used to be. We have five beautiful children: Juozas, Jonas, Marija, Irena, and Tomas. I work at the factory where electrical equipment is produced. I





earn eighty rubles a month. Life is not easy for us; it is difficult to make ends meet. A kilogram of beef costs two rubles. A kilogram of cheese is a ruble and a half. And Birutė needs a new coat and Tomas needs a new pair of shoes. They suffer, but they do not complain. A new coat for Birutė and a pair of shoes for Tomas would cost 140 rubles. It may be a long time before they can have these things.

I love my family very much.

Last week, the leader of the Communist Party in my town came to the factory where I work. He called ten of us aside and asked if we would join the Party. He promised us new jobs with better salaries. He told us to let him know by letter within a month.

What will I do?

I must be rational about this situation. If I join the Party, I will receive more money. Then I can buy a coat for Birutė and new shoes for Tomas. That would make them happy. We could eat beef once a week instead of once every two months. Birutė could buy some material and make new dresses for Marija, Irena, and herself - a red one for Marija, a yellow one for Irena, and a blue one for herself. My Birutė is so beautiful in blue. Maybe after a few years, we could

move to a nice home, one with four bedrooms instead of two. And maybe Tomas will be a candidate for the university. He is very good in math and designing. He could be an architect.

And how could my joining the Party hurt my country? I loved my Lithuania, but Lithuania no longer exists. My country is a mere extension of the Soviet Union.

I only want the best for my family. They are such a wonderful family and they never complain. My heart aches when I see they need things that I cannot afford to buy for them. And all I would have to do is join the Party. Is that a crime?

What about the promise to my father? That does not matter, my father is no longer alive. I promised my father to keep hoping for the freedom of my native land. My country will never be free again and neither will my people. Besides, how can I worry about the whole country when I have my own family to worry about? They are my main concern.

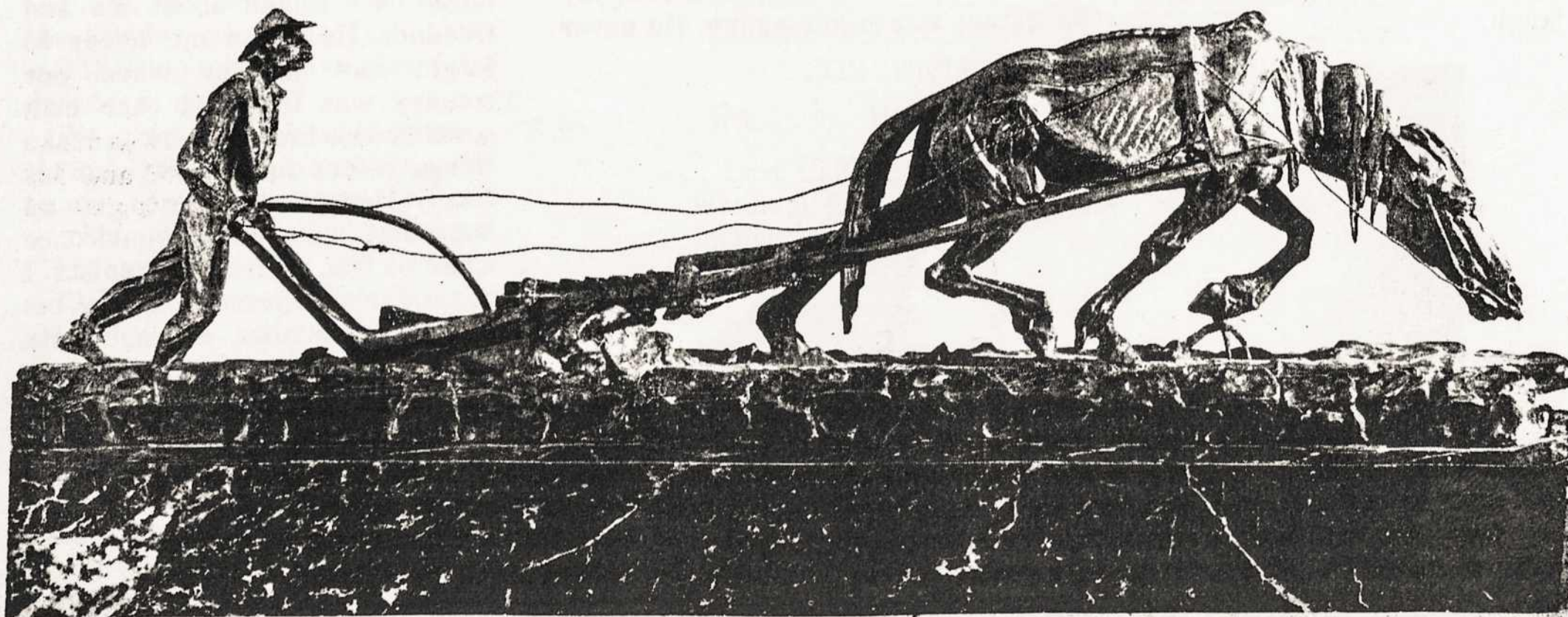
God, why can't I get my father out of my mind? Why can't I forget his pride in his wheat at harvest? Why can't I forget the defeated look in his eyes when I made him the promise? God! I still love my

father, even if he is dead. If I join the Party, I will betray him, I will betray myself. I hate the Communists for what they did to my father. They took his land and they slowly took his life along with it. I promised him I would not forget the freedom of my country. Why did I have to promise? Why?

If I join the Party, I am doing the best for my family. What kind of man am I if I cannot provide my family with the things they need? They would be so much more happy if only we had a little more. My father would understand. I'm sure he would.

God! I can't do it. It was a promise - a solemn promise. My life would not be worth living if I betrayed something so sacred as a promise to my father. I could not face myself. I could have no pride.

My family will understand. Birutė loved my father too. We have managed so far; we will manage in the future. Maybe Tomas will go to the university anyway. He is a very bright young man. My country has suffered the chains of oppression before, and she has broken those chains. My people are proud people, and they love freedom. They will not be overcome. So help me, I cannot turn my back on that man, my father. God, give me his strength.



*A sculpture by P. Rimša.*





### LIETUVOS TREMTINIŲ MALDA

Viešpatie Dieve visagalis! Šau-  
nios tautos vaikai šaukiasi Tavęs iš  
visų pasaulio kraštų. Šaukiasi iš  
Sibiro kasyklų gelmių ir iš Kam-  
čatkos sniegu, ir iš Amerikos - lais-  
vojo krašto. O mūsų tėvynėje Lie-  
tuvoje, visada Tau ištikimoje, už-  
drausta maldauti Tave maldomis.  
Mūsų broliai ir seserys meldžiasi  
Tau slapta, mintimis ir ašaromis.  
Dieve! pasigailėk mūsų tėvynės ir  
mūs. Leisk mums vėl Tau melstis,  
pagal mūsų tėvų papročius, ir leisk  
mūsų žmonėms prašyti Tavęs  
mūsų miestų ir kaimų bažnyčiose, -  
leisk mūsų vaikams laisvai melstis  
ant tėvų kapų. Ir vis dėlto, tebūnie,  
ne mūsų, bet Tavo valia. Amen.

Per visų kovose dėl tikybos ir  
laisvės žuvusių karių kraują, gel-  
bėk mus, Viešpatie!

F. Hirst, "Lietuvos Vyčių  
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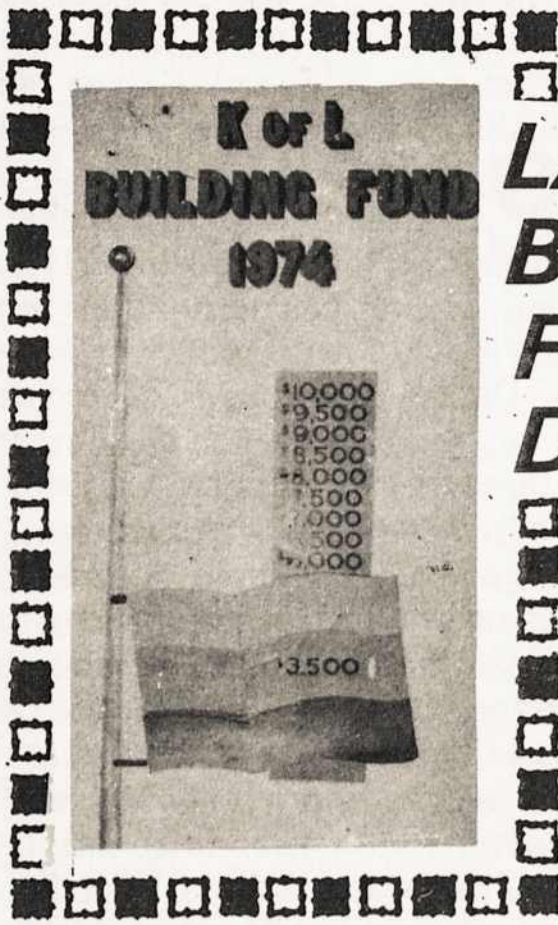
## BIRŽELIO MĖNUO

Povilas Dirkis

Šis mėnuo Vyčių gyvenime nėra pasižymėjęs jo-  
kais istoriniais įvykiais, bet mūsų tautos gyvenime  
jis yra atžymėtas kaip kraujo ir ašarų mėnuo. Ši mė-  
nesį Lietuva neteko nepriklausomybės, kurią smurtu  
išplėšė rusai-bolševikai. Birželyje okupantas įvykdė  
masines nekaltų žmonių deportacijas į Sibiro taigas  
lėtai mirčiai. Tai mėnuo kada lietuvis kovojo ir mirė,  
tvankiuose kalėjimo rūsiuose, traukinių vagonuose  
pakeliui į Sibirą. Nuo enkavedisto durtuvo mirė išti-  
kimiausi tautos sūnūs, o kiti neberadę išeities, bėgo į  
nežinomą tremtį. Laisvę pamilęs jaunuolis, su ginklu  
pasiliko miško tankumynuose žūti, bet nepasiduoti  
priešui. Liūdna buvo žiūrėti, kai prinokę javai krito į  
žemę, nes nebuvo gyvo žmogaus gimtiniėje jiems su-  
valyti. Komunistinio siaubo padarytos žaizdos dar  
neužgijo ir šiandien, tebekelia didelį siaubą ir nerimą  
likusiems tėvynėje. Šių tragiškų įvykių prisiminimas  
sukelia mummyse šiurpų vaizdą. Rainiai, Proveniškiai,  
Panevėžys ir kitos vietovės byloja kančia ir teroru.







## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT LAUNCHES BUILDING FUND DRIVE

The IID Building Fund Drive for the benefit of the K of L Building in Chicago was initiated with a cocktail reception held at the K of L Bldg., on Wednesday, May 15, 1974. Honorary Chairman of the committee is Lithuanian Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis and the Honorary Committee consists of His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys and the former recipients of the "Memories of Lithuania" awards. The Fund Committee: Chairman - Algerd Brazis, Secretary - Irene Sankus, Treasurer - Leon Pauksta, John Evans, Gediminas Janula, Adeline Jasaitis, Alexander Mockus, Stanley Molis, Harry Petraitis, Estelle Rogers, Vincent Samaska, Albert Zakarka, and Frank Zapolis.

A list of contributors will be published next month.

### AT THE RECEPTION



Al Brazis, Anthony Rudis, Dan Kuraitis, Leon Pauksta.



John Evans, Estelle Rogers, Mr. Leonas, Algerd Brazis, Leon Pauksta, Irene Sankus, Dr. F. Kaunas.



Charles Stephens, Norm Burstein, Mrs. Stephens, (standing) Dr. Leonas, Josephine Miller and Walter Rask.



Al Brazis, Leon Pauksta, Andy Yuknis, Frank Zapolis sampling Vince Samaska's special recipe.

Photos - Z. Degutis



# TO THE EAST

Antonia M. Wackell  
(translation)

Rumble and rumble the wheels of the train,  
They roll on and roll on these black coach cars.  
There is no need of the sun, the sun does not see  
What the black cars are conveying to the East.

No light illuminates the railroad cars,  
Just darkness, darkness and darkness is fearful,  
Gun barrels only glitter on the platforms.  
Always rolling to the East these black coach cars...

Puffing, puffing, the smoke of the engine,  
Together with the smoke goes my destiny.  
The idea of Freedom in the train car dies,  
For Freedom to rise from the mud is hard...

Conveying and conveying. No one can see,  
What the black cars are conveying to the East.  
Rumble and rumble the wheels of the train,  
And in the rolling wheels bodies die young.

Siberia, 1952 (From collections "Ore and Lament") -  
Partizan's Song



# PRISIMINKIM VYČIŲ HIMNO AUTORIU

Povilas Dirkis

Jau daugiau nei 50 metų praėjo kaip Vyčių organizacija gieda savo himną. Jį parašė kun. dr. Matas Gustaitis 1915 metais, viešėdamas Amerikoje. Tai buvo lyg dovanėlė mums. Muziką sukūrė muzikas A. Aleksis. Jau per 40 metų kaip gyvųjų tarpe to garbingo autoriaus nėra. Jis mirė 1927 metais gruodžio mėn. 23 dieną Lazdijuose. Dr. M. Gustaitis gimė 1870 metais Rokų kaime, netoli Garliavos. Mokėsi Marijampolės gimnazijoje ir Seinų dvasinėje seminarijoje. Aukštus mokslus ėjo Friburge, Šveicarijoje ir Romoje. Ratisbonoje baigė muzikos mokyklą. Po to buvo kapelionu Marijampolės vidurinėje mokykloje. Per I Pasaulinį Karą buvo pasitraukęs į Rusiją. Iš ten grįžęs, ėjo Žiburio gimnazijos di-

rektorius pareigas Lazdijuose. Tokia trumpa Dr. M. Gustaičio gyvenimo istorija nepasako, ko mes šiandien prie jo kapo liūdime, kodėl jis mūsų širdžiai brangus. Velionis kun. dr. M. Gustaitis lietuviams labiau žinomas kaip literatas, poetas, o mums vyčiams kaip Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos Himno autorius.

Jis išvarė platų literatūros barą, ir tai beveik vienas. Savo pasekėjų kaip ir neturėjo. Jis parašė aštuoneta ilgesnių kūrinių, be kitų smulkesniųjų. Nemažos vertės dr. M. Gustaičio darbai yra ir mokslo srityje. Čia jis davė keletą žymesniųjų mūsų vyrų gyvenimo aprašymų, literatūros studijų ir kitų.

Be to, noriu priminti kun. Dr. M. Gustaičio tylų, ne visiems žinomą

kasdieninį darbą, jo visuomeninę bei kultūrinę veiklą. Šiame darbe kun. dr. M. Gustaitis buvo jau žinomas, dar man būnant Kauno gimnazistu, t.y. prieš I-jį Karą. Žmonės jau tada jį žinojo kaip "Žiburio" draugijos ir "Žagrės" pirminką. Visuomeninį darbą jis jau tada dirbo kone visose lietuviškose, katalikiškose organizacijose. Visose jose paliko malonių, kilnių atsiminimų. Pirmasis Pasaulinis Karas kun. dr. M. Gustaitį skaudžiai palietė. Už tai su labai skaidriu džiaugsmu jis sutiko naujus laikus, kai sušvito pavergtoms tautoms, jų tarpe ir tėvynei Lietuvai, laisvė ir sušuko: "Mes žmonės, mes lygūs, mes broliai akyvaizdoje žemės ir dangaus".



## NEPAMIRŠKIME SAVO MIRUSIŲJŲ DRAUGŲ

1970 m. gruodžio 9 d. lietuviai palydėjo į šv. Kazimiero kapines Chicagoje, didįjį tautos vyrą, prelatą Mykolą Krupavičių. Kiek didžiųjų darbų šis patrijotas lietuvis atliko, gali mums pasakyti kiekvienas nors kiek pažįstas Lietuvos valstybės kūrimasi, jos nepriklausomo gyvenimo tarpą ir šių dienų pasaulio lietuvių kovą prieš rusų terorą Lietuvoje. Jo vardas ir darbai yra įamžinti tautos istorijoje.

Jo kapas svetimoje žemelėje reikalingas garbingo ženklo, kuris liudytų jo likusių tautiečių pagarbą, meilę, dėkingumą. Vertas jis imponuojančio paminklo, kurs primintų ateities kartoms jo atliktus žygius ir nemirštamą lietuvių

kurią jis bandė įdiegti visų savo tautiečių širdyse.

Šio paminklo planai jau paskelbti. Specialus komitetas rūpinasi surinkti reikalingas lėšas.

Į Garbės Komitetą įeina Lietuvos Vyčių pirmininkė S. Barauskienė, Lietuvos atstovai Washingtone, Londone, Paryžiuje ir Romoje, vienuolių ir organizacijų atstovai ir vyskupai Brizgys ir Deksnys.

Ar Vyčiams verta prisidėti prie šio paminklo statymo? Kitaip tariant, ar Vyčiai gali pamiršti savo didįjį draugą, kurs juos taip mylėjo, kurs dar gyvendamas kaip tremtinys Vokietijoje sveikino juos, susirinkusius į seimą, siuntė jiems įkvėpimo žodžius, ir, sudėjęs

Vyčiuose savo giliausias viltis, gaivino juos savo karšta lietuviška dvasia? Be abejo, visi, kurie jį nors kiek pažinojome, norėsime prisidėti savo didesne ar mažesne auka paminklui pastatyti. Neatsilikime nuo kitų lietuvių, kurie organizuoja šį istorinį paminklą. Nepamirškime savo brangaus draugo. Pagerbkime jį. Pagerbkime Vyčių vardą, kurį prelatas Krupavičius iki pat mirties nuoširdžiai gerbė.

Pasiųskime savo auką per Lietuvos Vyčių centro išdininką. Čekius rašyti MSGR. KRUPAVIČIUS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE vardu.

Juozas Bulevičius



# LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



K OF L-ER GREETES THE PRESIDENT

CECILIA MATUL, in her capacity as Manager of the Conrad Hilton Towers, Chicago, is shown greeting President Richard M. Nixon during the President's overnight visit to Chicago in March in connection with his appearance before the Executives' Club of Chicago. Cis Matul is a member of C-36 and is coordinator for the Ill.-Ind. District Juniors.



IID - Participants in the American Legion 4th District Blood Donor drive. Albert Kerelis, C-112, E. Lornowicz, Stanley Molis, former C-112 president J. L. Pauksta, Drive Chairman; George W. Dunne, President Cook County Board of Commissioners, State Senator Don Swinarski, L. Graves, Stanley Balzekas, Jr., C-36, and R. Sarka. President Dunne proclaimed Sat., Dec. 1 and Sun. Dec. 2, 1973 as Veterans Blood Donor Drive days in Cook County.

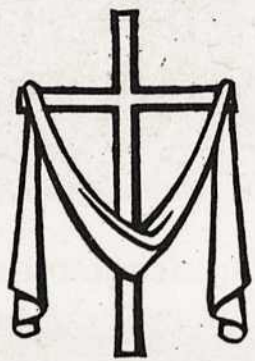


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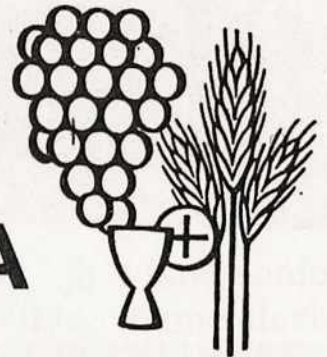
## LUCKY WINNERS

SOPHIE OLBIE and ANN RADZEVICH of C-100, Amsterdam, recently "made the news", in the Amsterdam Recorder. Pictured is Chris Pope, area representative for the New York State Lottery, presenting Sophie, who handles distribution of Lottery Tickets for St. Casimir Auxiliary, with a check for \$500 for the Auxiliary. Ann Radzevich, right, who sold a recent \$50,000 ticket for the Auxiliary, holds state citation.





# AMERIKOS LIETUVIAMS KATALIKAMS INFORMACIJA



Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų gyvenimui gyvinti ir stiprinti suorganizuotas branduolys, pavadintas Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Tarnyba.

Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Federacija ir Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Kunigų Vienybė, jausdamos mūsų laiko dvasios neigiamą įtaką ir lietuvių religiniam gyvenimui, lietuvių katalikų veiklos apsilpimą, jau prieš kelis metus pradėjo ieškoti būdų lietuvių katalikų gyvenimą atgaivinti ir sustiprinti. Po eilės pasitarimų, bendradarbiaujant su vyskupu Vincentu Brizgiu, 1972 m. Lietuvių Kunigų Vienybės seime Marianapolyje buvo sudaryta komisija, kurion įėjo prof. kun. Stasys Yla, kun. Gediminas Kijauskas, S.J., kun. Kazimieras Pugevičius. Tai komisijai buvo paskirta užduotis paruošti konkretų veiklos projektą. Komisija savo užduotį įvykdė ir 1973 m. rugpiūčio 22 d. Lietuvių Kunigų Vienybės Seime New York savo planą patiekė. Kunigų Vienybės seimas, dalyvaujant vysk. Vincentui Brizgiui, planą priėmė ir pavedė tai pačiai komisijai netrukus sušaukti platesnį pasitarimą šiuo reikalu besidominčių kunigų, vienuolių ir pasauliečių, kad išgirdus platesnės visuomenės nuomones ir naujų pasiūlymų. Pasitarimas įvyko Dainavoje 1973 m. spalio 27-28 d. Pasitarimo dalyviai nebuvo oficialūs parapijų, vienuolių ar organizacijų atstovai, tačiau jie visi buvo kurios nors lietuvių parapijos, vienuolijos ar organizacijos nariai.

Kaip Kunigų Vienybės seimuose, taip ir šiame pasitarime buvo konstatuotas reikalas intensyvesnės katalikų doktrinos pažinimo, pastangų visus lietuvius suburti į lietuvių parapijas, sustiprinti religinių pašaukimų auklėjimą ir kt. Pasitarime prieita išvados, kad šių ir kitų uždavinių planavimui, kartu su vysk. V. Brizgiu, L. K. Federacija, L. Kunigų Vienybe, reiktų suorganizuoti dinamišką vieneta, pavadinant jį Lietuvių Katalikų Tarnyba. Sutarta, kad reiktų turėti bent vieną kunigą, kuris visas jėgas ir visą laiką norėtų ir galėtų pašvęsti tik šiam tikslui. Sutarta prašyti kunigą Kazimierą Pugevičių, kad jis sutiktų būti tuo asmeniu. Buvo taip pat sutarta, kad prie jo reiktų suburti reikiamą skaičių asmenų - iš kunigų,

vienuolių, pasauliečių katalikų, kurie šiems užsimojimams pritartų ir norėtų nuoširdžiai bei aktyviai prisidėti jų vykdymui. Vysk. V. Brizgys, L. K. Federacijos ir L. Kunigų Vienybės Valdybos šiems minėto pasitarimo pasiūlytiems planams pritarė ir nutarė juos vykdyti.

Kunigui Kazimierui Pugevičiui sutikus, vyskupas V. Brizgys savo, L.K. Federacijos ir L.K. Kunigų Vienybės vardu, 1974 m. sausio 9 d. parašė J.E. kardinolui Lawrence Shehan, Baltimore arkivyskupui formalų prašymą, kad kun. K. Pugevičius būtų atleistas iš dabar jo einamų pareigų, kad visą savo laiką jis galėtų pašvęsti šios Amerikos Lietuvių Tarnybos tikslams.

Į šį prašymą J.E. kardinolo Lawrence Shehan atsakymas, 1974 m. vasario 25 d., buvo teigiamas, o kovo 26 d. kunigas K. Pugevičius tapo atleistas iš Baltimorės arkivyskupijoje eitu pareigų ir nuo balandžio 1 dienos jam leista pradėti visą laiką skirti darbui Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Tarnyboje.

Pasitarime įvykusiame Dainavoje buvo aptartas ir lėšų klausimas, būtinų kunigo K. Pugevičiaus pragyvenimui, raštinei, pagelbininkams, kelionėms, biuleteniui ir kt. Pramatyta, kad kelių pirmųjų metų išlaidos gali pasiekti apie \$30,000 metams. Žinant katalikų mokėjimą suprasti reikalus ir jų dosnumą juos remti, reikia pasitikėti, kad ir šis reikalas bus įvertintas ir paremtas.

J.E. vysk. V. Brizgys kovo 26 d. asmeniai atsilankė pas JAV Katalikų Konferencijos pirmininką J.E. Kardinolą John Krol, Philadelphijos arkivyskupą ir pas JAV Apaštališką Delegatą arkivyskupą Jean Jadot, Washington, D.C., ir juos painformavo apie organizuojamą Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Tarnybą ir jos tikslus. Raštu bus painformuoti ir šie paminėti asmenys ir kiti JAV katalikų vyskupai.

Vysk. Vincentas Brizgys,  
Lietuvių Kat. Tarnyboje už Europos,  
Dr. J. B. Jerom  
Lietuvių Kat. Federacijos pirmininkas,  
Prel. J. Balkūnas, A.P.  
Lietuvių Kunigų Vienybės pirmininkas



# GET YOUR CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia continue to be the unheeded victims of World War II, long after war-time rubble has been cleared away and bombed ruins have been rebuilt. All were annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940, and continue to suffer under the yoke of Communism to this day.

In Lithuania, the Catholic Church has been the special target of Communist pressure, but the Faith remains rooted in the hearts of Lithuanians in spite of the pressures. To attest to this fact, Lithuania's underground has produced the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA. The Chronicle continues to be published in Lithuania, in spite of efforts of secret police to stifle it. Several issues have reached the Western world and have been widely distributed. Recently, the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests' League of America pub-



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lished Numbers 4, 5, and 6 in English, in an effort to send the "message" to the non-Lithuanian public.

The Foreword of No. 5 states of the original Chronicles, "Painstakingly documenting the abuse of human rights by the Soviet regime, and clandestinely published at the risk of imprisonment and worse, the Chronicle can truly be said to be written blood, sweat and tears".

Copies of the Chronicle truly belong in every K of L-ers' home... and perhaps in his public library as well. Write today for your copies to...

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# ALEKSANDRAS VASILIAUSKAS - WESEY KANDIDATAS Į GARBĖS NARYSTĘ



Lietuvos Vyčių 60-tame Seime, Brockton, Mass. rugpiūčio mėn., Aleksandras Vasiliauskas-Wesey buvo išrinktas kandidatu į garbės narystę. Apie šį Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai užsitarnavusį narį suglaustai duodame šias biografines žinias ir nuopelnus:

Istojo į Liet. Vyčių Organizaciją 1934 metais ir tų metų birželio 4 d. suorganizavo L. Vyčių 109-tą kuopą, Great Neck, N.Y. Nuo pat kuopos įkūrimo iki šiol, beveik be pertraukos, jis užėmė svarbias vadovaujančias savo kuopoje, N.Y. ir N.J. apskrityje, Centro Valdyboje bei komisijose vietas, butent:

(a) 109-toje kuopoje išbuvo pirminku, su pertraukomis, 22 metus, vice-pirminku 4 metus, izdininku 3 metus, finansu sekretorium 1 metus ir pirmininkavo ar nuolat buvo veikliu nariu įvairių komisijų nuo pat kuopos įsikūrimo iki šiol. Atstovavo kuopą beveik nuolat Lietuvos Vyčių seimuose, apskrities suvažiavimuose, Amerikos Liet. R.K. Federacijos seimeliuose, ir t.t.

(b) Lietuvos Vyčių N.Y. ir N.J. Apskričiai pirmininkavo 10 metų nuo

1949 iki 1954 ir nuo 1964 iki 1967 metų, ir taip pat tuo laiku beveik nuolatos buvo apskrities komisijų nariu ar joms pirmininkavo.

(c) Tačiau labiausiai jis atsižymėjo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoje kaip Centro Valdybos pirmininkas, sėkmingai ir garbingai vadovavo trimis atvejais, viso 8 metus, butent: 1950-1953, 1954-1956, ir 1965-1968. (Tai 2½ metų ilgiau negu bent kuris kitas ilgametis L. Vyčių organizacijos Centro Valdybos pirmininkas, nuo pat organizacijos įsikūrimo iki šiol).

Be to L.V. Centro Valdyboje ėjo pusę metų vice-pirmininko pareigas, pirmininkavo keturiems L.V. Seimams ir daugelį kartų pirmininkavo ar buvo įvairių Seimo ar L.V. Centro komisijų nariu. C.V. pirmininkavimo laikotarpiuose netik neapleido nei vieno Centro Valdybos posėdžio, bet dar kas metas apkeliaavo Ameriką aplankyti visus L.V. apskričius ir daugeli kuopų, paaukodamas tam tikslui daug laiko ir savo lėšomis padengdamas visas išlaidas surištas su kelionėmis į C. Valdybos posėdžius, Seimus bei lankymu apskričių.

(d) Einant L.V. Centro, N.Y. ir N.J. Apskrities bei kuopos pirmininkų pareigas garbingai atstovavo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija kituose Lietuvai

vaduoti ar išlaisvinti kongresuose, suvažiavimuose, konferencijose, Lietuvos nepriklausomybes paskelbimo minėjimuose ar demonstracijose ir visur, reikalui esant, Liet. Vyčių vardu prisidejo netik savo darbu bet ir stambiomis asmeninėmis aukomis, gi įvairias kitas su veikla ir kelione suristas išlaidas padengė savo lėšomis.

Jis daug veikė ir dar veikia kitose Lietuvių vietinėse patrojotinėse organizacijose: 1933 metais pagelbėjo suorganizuoti Lietuvos R.K. Federacijos skyrių, Great Necke, N.Y., kur be pertraukos per 30 metų išbuvo finansų sekretorium ir jau 10 metų tam skyriui pirminkauja.

1945 metais pagelbėjo suorganizuoti BALFO 20-tąją Great Necke, N.Y. kuopą kuriai nuo įkūrimo iki šiol pirmininkauja.

✓ Sv. Pranciškaus Pašelpinėje draugijoje išbuvo raštininku 20 metų; Amerikos Lietuvių Klubu narys 20 metų, Lietuvos Sūnų ir Dukrų Pašelpinėje Draugijoje raštininkauja 20 metų, ir "Lithuanian Cultural Night", Great Neck, N.Y. Komisijoje pirmininkauja nuo 1964 m.





# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS



### EDUCATION FOR K OF L MEMBERS

A number of years ago, the K of L undertook a most worthy project, a Scholarship Committee, for the benefit of K of L members. This project has been very successful, and has helped many members further their education. It is especially important to attain a high level of education now more than ever, due to the ever increasing demands of industry, commerce, and government, and great competition for positions.

Therefore, I urge, indeed, BESEECH all members, councils, and districts to donate to the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund existence depends on the generosity of our members. There is no other source of income, and at the present time, there is a dire need of funds. I would like to remind all councils that our K of L Constitution requires all councils to support the Scholarship Fund. Use whatever method most appeals to you - special profit-making social affairs, raffles, assessments, etc. but please contribute your share.

The New England District has set a fine example by donating \$100.00 to the fund. We would be most appreciative if other districts would also contribute to the Scholarship Fund.

Any member wishing to apply for a scholarship, can receive the necessary forms by writing to the Scholarship Committee Chairman at the address below. If you are interested, apply without delay. All applicants will be given fair and equal consideration.

Ačiū širdingai to everyone who has contributed, and to everyone who shall.

ANTHONY M. MINER, CHAIRMAN  
K of L Scholarship Committee  
49 Bruce Street  
Grafton, Massachusetts 01519

### ANOTHER LIFETIME MEMBER

A very warm welcome is extended to JANE GAUBAS, a long-time member of C-29, Newark, N.J., who recently became K of L Lifetime Member No. 11. By paying \$100.00 dues, Jane joined that ever-increasing "exclusive" group. Welcome, and thanks from the Supreme Council.



### K OF L SCHOLARSHIP FUND STATUS:

#### DONATIONS RECEIVED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1974:

C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass.	\$28.00
Dorothy Dutkus, C-61, Paterson, N.J. (In memory Albert A. Kassel)	10.00
Nellie Arunski, C-25, Cleveland, Ohio	5.00
C-102, Detroit, Michigan	10.00
Albert Ozalis, C-3, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
New England District	100.00
C-26, Worcester, Mass.	25.00
C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.	10.00
C-41 (formerly N.Y. Seniors), Brooklyn, N.Y.:	
Mr. & Mrs. John Yankauskas	8.00
Stasys Balsys	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Mazeika	5.00
Misc. - C-41 Donors	7.00
C-74, Scranton, Pa.	10.00
Previous Net Balance Including Bank Interest	<u>306.86</u>
Total Current Amount	\$535.86

Signed: Anthony J. Mazeika,  
Treasurer

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švenčių dalyviai). Šioms grupėms bus pritaikytas ir  
atitinkamas šokių repertuaras.

Šventėje galės dalyvauti tik tie šokių vienetai, ku-  
rie turės bent dviejų metų darbo patirtį. Vadovai,  
kurie mano organizuoti naujus, arba atgaivinti nu-  
stojusius veikti, šokių vienetus, darbą turi pradėti  
dar šiais metais.

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# LITHUANIAN-CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Donations received for Lithuanian-Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., from: March 20, 1974 to April 29, 1974 are as follows:

Irene Sankus: member of C-112; Chicago, Ill., personal donation	\$ 5.00
C-79 (Michigan) donation	10.00
Cleveland Senior's donation	15.00
C-1 (Brockton, Mass.) second donation	25.00
Rita Pinkus: member of C-26; Worcester, Mass. personal donation	5.00
Attorney Anthony Young: member of C-17 Srs., Boston, Mass., personal donation	16.00
John and Irene Walaska: members of C-103, Providence, R.I., personal donation	10.00
Total	\$86.00

Total monies received from K of L - Councils and members from 10-22-73 to 4-29-74 - \$510.50.

All further donations to LCRA received after 4-29-74 will be contained in my annual report to the National Convention, and published in a fall issue of the "Vytis".

I am personally grateful to Loretta Stukas, Editor of the "Vytis", and to her entire Staff for aiding me in my assignment.

The prayers and financial sacrifices are deeply appreciated by: me, the LCRA-Staff, and your own suffering brethren in Lithuania.

JOHN A. STOSKUS  
K of L - LCRA Coordinator

## "HERE AND THERE"

By Helen Kulber,  
National Chairman - Public Relations

Mrs. Ruth Zubritsky, C-41's new Life Member, has kept me supplied with many good materials. Her Lithuanian, Baltic and Captive Nations commemorative cachets, stickers and postcards are valuable additions to my collection. I purchased some too at the Philatelic Exhibit at the Jesuit Youth Center in Chicago while attending the 650th Anniversary of the Founding of Vilnius Commemoration - and was thrilled to personally meet Antanas Beleska, who produces much of this material, and Kazys Rozanskas, another philatelist. From the April 1974 Bulletin of the Lithuanian Philatelic Society of N.Y.\*\* - .."LPS member Raimundas Lapas of Melrose Park, Ill., with photographer Algimantas Kezys, S.J., and student Jurgis Bradunas researched and photographed "old" Pennsylvania's Lithuania in the coal mining communities, visiting 21 parishes during the past two summers..."

Also at that Vilnius Commemoration, I chatted with Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis; Prof. Puzinas, featured speaker who showed slides of Vilnius; Mrs. Rudis; Romas Sakadolskis, chairman of the 1972 Youth Congress, now with Voice of America; Faustas Strolia, who conducted the K of L and combined choral groups; Al Brazis, who sang in excellent voice, and many others at the impressive, standing-room-only, event. Earlier, with the Supreme Council, which met that weekend, I visited Gifts International and met its owner, soloist Jonas Vaznelis, and the Balzekas Museum, whose director Stanley Balzekas, Jr. also extended his usual fine hospitality.

Thanks to all in Chicago for their hospitality and an enjoyable time.

Other musical notes: Council presidents who are organists - Genevieve Mazur - President of C-90, at Our Lady of Sorrows Lithuanian Church in Kearney (I commended Rev. Pocus, pastor, for including Lithuanian in church name) also sings with the Žibuoklės Women's Sextet - and Matthew Yatkaukas - President C-12, at Our Lady of Vilnius in Manhattan... Genevieve, Ellie Nakrosis - C-90, Mary York - C-12, and Loretta Stukas - C-29 are on the U.S. Bicentennial Committees in their New Jersey Counties. It is amazing how many Lithuanians I had never seen came to see our egg decorating demonstrations at the Easter exhibit at the Hallmark Gallery after viewing it on TV or via radio and press. Joe Sable - C-113, traded in his two white hardboiled eggs for two Lithuanian decorated eggs to show to his coworkers across the street at Bonwit Teller. On short notice, Regina Ruta Zymantas taxied to the Gallery in Lithuanian costume for the press preview. In behalf of the K of L, I made a speech and presented an album of photos to Miss Zymantas, outgoing President of the Baltic Women's Council, at its 27th Anniversary event... The January 1974 issue of "VILTIS (HOPE)" \*published by Vyts Beliajus, contains a photo of C-41's participation in the Bay Ridge Library Folk Heritage Festival. I have had some correspondence via VILTIS, with Patricia Parmelee of Los Angeles, an old friend and fellow "folk project" worker from "way back".

I've had many inquiries about where medals like my Third Degree K of L medal may be purchased when I wore it at certain events (even though "white tie and decorations" was not indicated). I suggest others do so, too - makes good opening for talks re: K



of L... Saw K of Lers Ann and Anthony Shovelkis, Birute and Vyts Radzivanas, Juozas Laucka at the Lithuanian Independence Day reception, Carnegie International Center, hosted by the Consul General of New York and the Committee for a Free Lithuania... With the Committee of the Captive Nations Women's Organizations in the U.S.A., I distributed bulletins re: violations of Human Rights at a UN demonstration. Two members and I were received by Philip E. Hoffman and Guy Wiggins at the U.S. Mission to the UN. A few days later, I delivered the book "Day of Shame" to Mr. Hoffman as per my promise to him. Also left one for Barry Farber at WOR-radio. A member of the League of Women Voters took up my offer to lend the book to anyone interested at a symposium on "Law of the Sea". After reading it, she asked for a paper-back edition to send to Greece. I sent her one of my hard cover books, gratis. Upon hearing about this, Zenonas Jurys insisted on paying me for the costs. The borrowed book is being circulated among LWV members. A Latvian woman ordered two more books after reading the one she had bought. My sister, Aldona, wrote... "It was well written, most interesting and upsetting. A couple of my friends have also read it with horror! Such things can happen!?"

Mr. Jurys designed the "Lithuanian Genocide by Soviet Russia" stickers that we posted around the Metropolitan Museum of Art during the USSR exhibit... Bernie Kohanski - C-90 Jrs. deserves outstanding response to his letter campaign to sell 4" x 4" stickers with "Lithuania" printed in gold over the tricolor...\*\*\* I sent advance notices about C-3's participation in the Philadelphia Folk Fair, Anne Klem's - C-90 demonstrations of Lithuanian egg decorating on Crafts Day at the Bay Ridge Arts Festival and at the Museum of Immigration, Statue of Liberty, for the VYTIS page in Darbininkas... Still under doctor's orders to take it easy, Stella Willworth - C-41 writes letters. Her anti-abortion letter appeared in her parish bulletin, St. Patrick's, Brooklyn... I attended the Religious Intolerance sessions of the Human Rights Commission at the UN... Sent news releases to Lithuanian papers and radio programs. With other BATUN members, had advance meetings by appointment with certain Delegations at their Missions or the UN Delegates Lounge, pre-

senting relevant material - memoranda, copies of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, books... Attended the 3-day United Nations Association program on Human Rights and the cocktail reception at the UN, had discussions with many there... Mixed feelings about results of contest sponsored by United Baltic Appeal - BATUN - happy and proud that a Lithuanian, Victor Nakas of Bloomington (near Detroit) won it... and disappointed that Peter A. Bizinkauskas, NED-PR Chairman, did not - but he was a close contender. All 22 entries were worthy. A Latvian, Mrs. Albert Hirss, donated \$1,000 for the stipend. If more funds were available, BATUN would have accepted a few more youths - male/female - for this 1974 summer experience at the UN. I had sent information on this BATUN project to many K of L officers... Anthony Miner sent a donation from the Worcester Area Council of Lithuanian Organizations (he is V.P.) to be forwarded to BATUN... Took time out from writing this report to call Gene Francis at WWDJ (970 AM) to say, "Apropos of the suggestion by an earlier caller that the Irish/English problem be settled by the UN... I am a first generation of Lithuanian descent and in working with organizations seeking to regain freedom and independence for Lithuania, the other Baltic States - Latvia and Estonia - and all Captive Nations, I often attend sessions at the UN. Every time certain violations of human rights are brought up, the Soviet/Communist Delegates object to 'interference in internal affairs' so even if the Irish question is taken up, the same objection might be made by the United Kingdom Delegation". Mr. Francis said something should be done to stop bloodshed... hasn't been at UN much but thinks it was doing some good things. He graciously wished me well... Some UN literature was enclosed in my memos to K of Lers. Comments and news from members would be appreciated... For interesting past and present material re: Lithuania and other ethnic groups, suggest subscribing to: \*VILTIS, 6 issues per yr. \$5.00, payable to Vyts Beliajus, P. O. Box 1226, Denver, Col. 80201; \*\*Lithuanian Philatelic Society, 5 issues per yr. \$3.00, payable to John A. Norton, 143 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, N.Y. 11563; \*\*\*for decals/stickers at \$1.00 each, payable to Bernie Kohanski, 157 Ivy Street, Kearny, N.J. 07032. Mention K of L.

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO VYTIS CORRESPONDENTS

Summer is upon us, and VYTIS has gone bi-monthly for the summer. The next issue will be the August-September issue, and its deadline is JULY 5, 1974. The October issue will be devoted entirely to the National Conven-

tion, and therefore, will contain NO Council News. Subsequent issues will be published A MONTH EARLIER THAN WAS DONE IN THE PAST, to allow for delays in mailing, etc. Therefore, the following deadlines will be in effect:

for November issue - Sept. 5  
December issue - Oct. 5  
January issue - Nov. 5

and so on. In other words, the correspondence deadline will now be the 5th of the SECOND MONTH before the issue date.

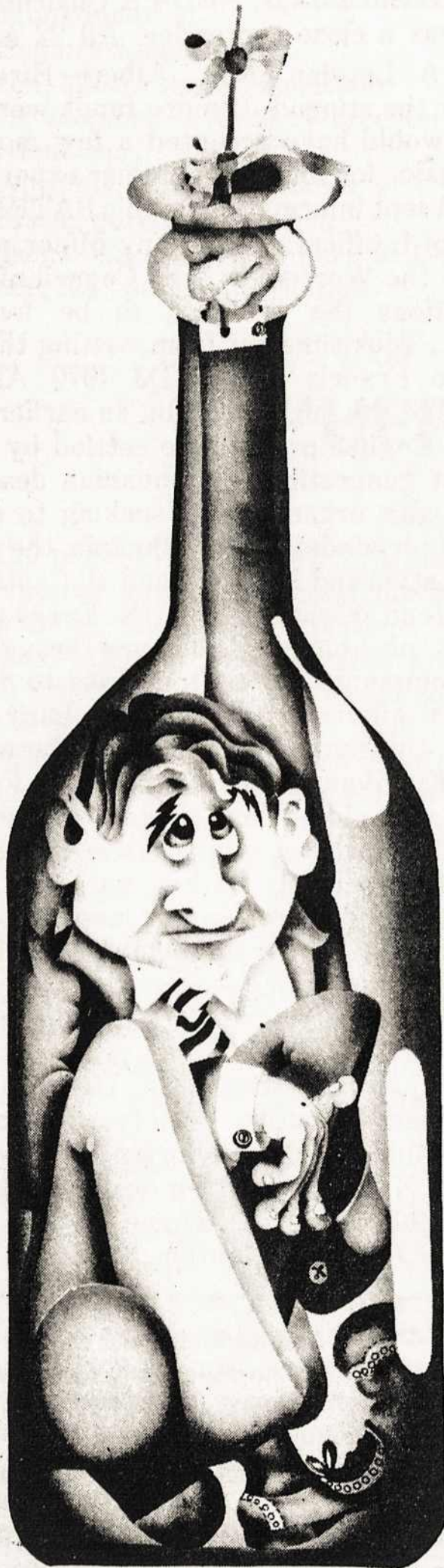
Please cooperate, so that we may bring each month's issue to your mailboxes by the FIRST WEEK of each month.

The Editors



## MEMBERSHIP...

## ARE YOU THE BOTTLENECK?



Although the official Membership Drive is over, this does not mean that our work is done. Membership is a full-time occupation and we should never stop in our endeavors. So I would like to make one last plea. It may be too late to win your Council an award, but **PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES** if you have not already done so. Otherwise our Membership Drive cannot be considered a Success, because if we enrolled new members but lost you, our membership has not increased. As a matter of fact it may have decreased.

Don't be the one responsible for holding us back from **PROGRESS-ING**, mail your dues in **NOW**, so when the official report is made at the Convention, your council will be 100 percent paid up and the new members enrolled will be truly an overall increase to membership not a replenishment for delinquents.

At this time, I would like to express my thanks to every Knight who enrolled a new member. We just couldn't have done it without your help. My thanks also to the Council Financial Secretaries, who worked so hard collecting dues, and for the assistance given me by Loretta Stukas, VYTIS Editor.

The final results of the Membership Drive must still be checked and an official report will be made at the National Convention in August hosted by Detroit C-79.

Once again, thanks to all who helped in any way to make this Drive a success. But, please do not let up now. Keep on the lookout for new members at all times for you never know when or where they will appear.

Albert Ozalis,  
Membership Vice President



# JUNIORS CORNER

Edited by Mrs. Marian Skabeikis

## BY-LAWS OF JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

By resolution of the 60th National Convention, it was decided that a Junior Constitution and Ritual, with a point system be prepared for discussion and adoption at the next National Convention. The Constitution offered here for study is the one traditionally followed by K of L Junior Councils. The articles appearing with an asterisk (\*) should be especially considered. It is hoped that delegates to the 61st National Convention will come prepared with the opinions of their Council members, as well as that of their Junior Councils.

The point system being proposed is modeled after that followed by Regular and Senior members, as well as by our Associate members. Full point value has been reduced, as Juniors generally act with the guidance and assistance of their Junior Counselors. The rate at which a Junior can progress to a higher Degree will be naturally limited by the number of activities available to Juniors. They can hold no position beyond their Council. This proposal also suggests that Degrees, when earned by a Junior member, be administered according to the established Knights of Lithuania Ritual.



### Article I Name, Patron, Motto, Insignia

1. The name of the organization is Knights of Lithuania Juniors.
2. The patron is St. Casimir.
3. The motto is "For God and Country".
4. The K. of L. Jrs. have as their emblem the Lithuanian Knight on a white horse with a cross on a shield.

### Article II Purpose

1. The K. of L. Jrs. strive to unite American youth of Lithuanian descent and to develop in them qualities of leadership and prepare them for eventual membership in the K. of L.

(a) The K. of L. Jrs. adhere to Catholic philosophy and precepts, furthering among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic Faith, and by appropriate means safeguard their moral conduct.

(b) The K. of L. Jrs. educate their members to become good American citizens.

(c) The K. of L. Jrs. encourage among its members an attachment for the land of their forefathers and an affection and respect for the Lithuanian language and customs.

(d) The K. of L. Jrs. strive to encourage its members to higher education.

(e) The K. of L. Jrs. strive to establish wholesome sports groups for the physical development of members.

### Article III Membership

1. Membership is open to all Catholic youth of Lithuanian descent.
2. Anyone belonging to a group whose purposes conflict with the Catholic Religion, or which is subversive to the American government or which encourages disrespect for Lithuanian tradition may not become or remain a member of the Knights of Lithuania Juniors.
3. Those who have not reached the age of sixteen are eligible to join a Junior Council.

### Article IV Organization

1. A Junior Council may be organized with a minimum of five members.
2. The establishment of a Jr. Council must have been approved by a majority vote of the sponsoring adult council.
3. Each Junior Council will be the number of the sponsoring council, under which organized.
4. The sponsoring council must appoint a counselor whose responsibility it will be to advise the Junior Council when necessary and to supervise the activities of the Junior Council in compliance with its



institution. The counselor maintains contact between the Junior Council and the Sponsoring Council, as well as the Supreme Council Officer in charge of Juniors.

#### Article V Dues

1. Each member pays an initiation fee of 25 cents.
- \* 2. Regular dues are 10 cents a month.
3. Each Junior Council pays an annual fee of \$5.00 to the Supreme Council. Each Jr. Council will receive 1 to 5 copies of the "Vytis" depending on the size of the council.
4. A Junior transferring to another council does not pay the initiation fee.
- \* 5. A member who has not paid his dues for three months is considered a member not in good standing, and loses his right to vote and other council privileges.

#### Article VI Officers

1. Officers for Juniors shall be:

- A. President
- B. Secretary
- C. Treasurer

(in larger groups additional officers may be: -

- D. Vice-President
- E. Corresponding, Recording or Financial Secretaries
- F. Sargeant-at-arms

2. Elections will be held annually.
3. Duties of Officers:

#### DUTIES OF JUNIOR K. OF L. OFFICERS

1. President

(a) Calls meetings on the day designated by the club.

(b) Conducts the meeting in a proper and orderly manner.

(c) Sets a good example to other members by conducting himself in a manner fitting a Catholic youth.

(d) Appoints committees and chairmen when necessary.

(e) Acts as honorary member of all committees.

2. Vice President

(a) Is always ready to take over and conduct the meeting when the President is unable to attend.

(b) Helps the President in any way possible.

(c) Helps to recruit new members.

#### 3. Recording Secretary

(a) Keeps an accurate record of the minutes of all meetings.

(b) Informs members of the dates of meetings and social events.

(c) Reads all communications addressed to the club.

#### 4. Treasurer

(a) Keeps an accurate account of all money received and paid out of the club.

(b) Pays all bills promptly.

(c) Sends club dues to Supreme Council Treasurer on time.

#### 5. Sargeant-at-arms

(a) Sees that order is maintained at the meetings.

(b) Acts as usher in the Church by reserving pews for members on K. of L. Communion days.

#### 6. Correspondent to "Vytis"

(a) Prepares articles of interest for the Jr. page in Vytis.

(b) Contacts members for ideas and suggestions.

#### Article VII Meetings

1. Meetings must be held at least once a month. Special meetings may be called when the President deems it necessary.

2. Suggested order of business meeting.

1. Opening of meeting
2. Roll Call
- \* 3. Payment of dues
4. Reading of minutes
5. Treasurer's report
6. Admission of new members by solemn oath
7. Unfinished business
8. Reading of Bills
9. Various committee reports
10. Reading of communications
11. New business
12. Announcements
13. Program (if any)
14. Motion for adjournment
15. Closing prayer





**ACTIVITIES AND CREDIT POINTS TO BE GIVEN TO JUNIOR MEMBERS FOR K OF L DEGREES**

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| <p><b>a. COUNCIL OFFICER:</b><br/>                 President, Secretary - per year      2½ points<br/>                 Vice President, Treasurer - per year      1½ points<br/>                 Trustee, others      1 point</p>                  | <p><b>d. ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER</b><br/>                 Council      1 point</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>b. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:</b><br/>                 Lithuanian Affairs, Cultural, Ritual/<br/>                 Public Relations      2 points</p>                                                                                               | <p><b>e. Member of K of L choir, chorus,<br/>                 dance group, drama group or other<br/>                 Lithuanian performing group      1 point</b></p>                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>c. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:</b><br/>                 Temporary affairs appropriate to<br/>                 Juniors, such as Raffle, Cake Sales,<br/>                 Rummage Sales, Fund Raisers,<br/>                 Rallies      1½ point</p> | <p><b>f. For enrolling new members      ½ point</b><br/> <b>g. For each news item in VYTIS      ¼ point</b><br/> <b>h. For each article or editorial<br/>                 published in VYTIS      2 points</b><br/> <b>i. Extra Credit - For K of L<br/>                 membership per year      ½ point</b></p> |

**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT**

At the New England District Juniors Rally last fall, 46 new members were enrolled into C-1, Brockton, Mass. Hopefully, these new K of Lers will become a vital part of the organization. Elections recently held have given the positions of Council officers to the following C-1 Juniors:

- President - Theresa Dillis
- Vice Pres. - Ann Marie Stetkus
- Secretary - Valerie Dillis
- Treasurer - James Crowley
- Sargeants-at-Arms - Martin Dillis,  
 John Crowley

Congratulations to these new officers, and best wishes for a rewarding K of L year. If their plans for the future are any indication, the coming year will be an exciting one. Included are plans for a box-lunch hike, a cake sale, a family cookout and splash party, a trip to a baseball game, and a day camp for members during the summer vacation. The Brockton youngsters are fortunate to have enthusiastic adults who have volunteered to donate their time and skills to these events.

An important part of any K of L Juniors program is the use of the

Lithuanian language, and language as well as Lithuanian songs are becoming part of their activities.

A special thank you also goes to C-17 Juniors, South Boston, Mass., for renewing their membership in the Knights of Lithuania. We hope to hear more about their activities in coming issues of VYTIS.

**ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT**

A special mention is also in order for the Chicago Juniors who have renewed their membership in the Knights of Lithuania. This active group represents the organization wherever they go, particularly with their very excellent dance group. It is hoped that all of our Junior Councils will try to expand their performing activities in the future, in an effort to share our very rich cultural heritage with others, as well as our own members.

**MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT**

C-90 Juniors (Kearny) VYTIS Correspondent, Adam Matus, has shared his Council's activities with his fellow Knights:

On March 22, 1974, Ann Klem

demonstrated to us how to decorate Lithuanian Easter Eggs. We had a contest. Audrey Kohanski won a prize for the prettiest egg, Greg McBride for the most decorative, and Scott McBride won the Booby Prize.

We had two bowling matches which were a lot of fun. We are formulating a camping trip.

We are also selling "Lithuania" stickers which have the Lithuanian colors marked "Lithuania" on top in black. The whole sticker is in gold trimming. If anyone wishes to buy one (donation \$1.00) write to:

Bernie Kohanski  
 (Chairman of the Sale)  
 157 Ivy Street  
 Kearny, New Jersey 07032

More next month.

Adam Matus

K of Lers are encouraged to support C-90 Juniors in their sticker sale. The emblems are attractive, and will serve to tell the community who you are. Order several to place on your automobiles, book covers or store windows.



C-110 Juniors, Maspeth, New York made their radio debut on Easter Sunday over WHBI, FM. Copies of the tape are available to other Councils interested in trying their own programs over local radio networks. Reporting on the activity is Leon Stungurys, Cultural Chairman for the C-110 Juniors.

The F of L C-110 Juniors were on a radio show, "Laisves Ziburiai" on Easter Sunday. We discussed the Knights of Lithuania and Lithuanian Easter customs. The day inspired our talks. We told who and where to contact if others wanted to join. Those who participated were Leon Stungurys,

Arunas Stungurys, Marija Stungurys, Jonas Stungurys, Robert Zebler, William Sidtis, Frank Vasalka and Linas Vebeliunas. We thought it was fun.

Leon Stungurys

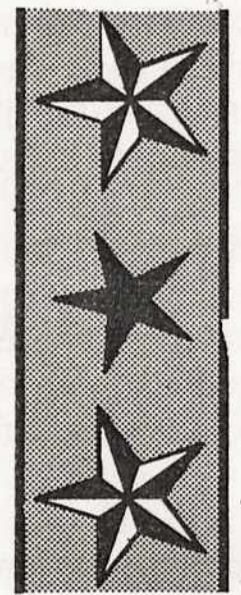
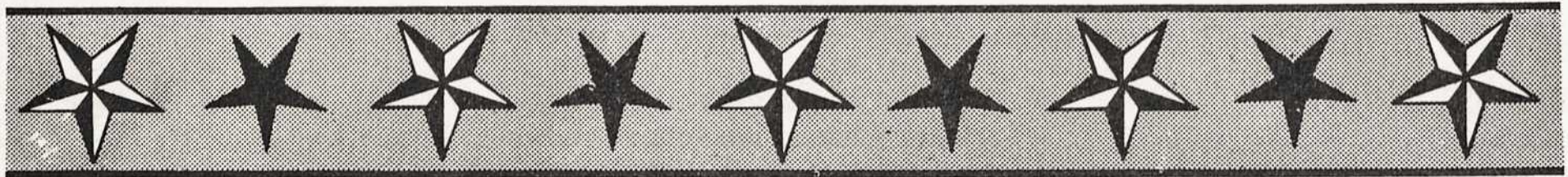
The program, done in the English language, was completely carried out by the Juniors, who provided their own master of ceremonies, Jonas Stungurys. Special thanks for the availability of air time should go to Romas and Daiva Kezys, Directors of the Program.

Winners have also been selected

for the Knights of Lithuania Conventionship Awards from the Mid-Atlantic District for the 61st National Convention in Detroit. The winners, all from C-110 Juniors were:

William Sidtis  
Leon Stungurys  
Marija Stungurys  
Frank Vasalka

These members will receive special recognition from the District at the June 9 District Convention to be held in Great Neck, New York. Congratulations to the winners, and we hope that they will inspire other Juniors to apply for such awards in the future.



## *Independence Day...A Time to Remember*

The Fourth of July is a day to remember all we possess . . . a great country, liberty, a way of life. Part of that way of life and one of our many freedoms is the opportunity for endeavor and achievement, the opportunity to set and to attain personal goals.



# K OF L CALENDAR

## JUNE

- 9 MAD Convention, Great Neck, N.Y., C-109,  
Great Neck, Hosts
- 16 "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" RADIO PICNIC  
(Dr. J. Stukas, Director), "Priedaine" Latvian  
Park, Jerseyville, N.J.
- 22 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Detroit, Mich.,  
C-79 Hosts.

## JUNE 28-JULY 12

K of L PILGRIMAGE/EXCURSION to Europe

## JULY

- 4 IID PICNIC
- 28 NED FAMILY PICNIC, Lake Congomond, Mass.

## AUGUST

- 8-11 61st NATIONAL CONVENTION, Ramada Inn,  
Southfield, Michigan

## SEPTEMBER

- 15 C-110 - 50th ANNIVERSARY, Mass & Communion  
Brunch, Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 29 NED FALL CONVENTION, C-116, Worcester, Mass.

## OCTOBER

- 6 NED CULTURAL PICNIC, Ramuva Park, Brocton,  
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

- 16 C-12, New York, 60th ANNIVERSARY THANKS-  
GIVING MASS & DINNER-DANCE, 5:00 P.M., Our  
Lady of Vilnius Church & Hall, New York, N.Y.
- 23 C-17 & C-17 Srs., NOVEMBER-FEST, Lithuanian  
Citizens' Club, So. Boston, Mass.

## DECEMBER

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



# Vyčiai Veikia



## Council Activities

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### MID-CENTRAL

### DISTRICT

#### C-19 - PITTSBURGH, PA.

Congratulations to the Best Easter Egg Decorators, Albina Ewalt who won 1st Prize and Julia Aleshunas who walked away with the 2nd Prize at the recent contest held by our Council.

At our April meeting we viewed slides and movies of Lithuania taken by John Cadzow during his recent stay, and by MaryAnne Rowsick when she, her mother and Aunt visited there about a year ago. We thank you for sharing these with us.

Vito Yucius, Director of our local "Echoes of Lithuania" Radio Program, was honored at a Testimonial Banquet on Apr. 28 in recognition of his many years of work in Lithuanian affairs both locally and nationally. The committee did a wonderful job and it was a very happy, heart-warming day for Vito and his family. Our good Lithuanian cooks outdid themselves and prepared a delicious buffet including some Lithuanian dishes. It seems every one of the over 200 people attending enjoyed honoring Vito on this occasion. A most handsome gold watch was presented to him by Fr. Walter Karaveckas, chairman of the committee. Ann Aleliunas, President of C-19, presented him with an attache case in behalf of the Council. Al Onaitis was the

toastmaster and Wm. "Bill" Kolicus one of our guest speakers. Congratulations were sent by many out-of-towners who were unable to attend the festivities. Guest soloists from Cleveland presented a program of songs, and J. Sadauskas of Cleveland was another of the speakers. Congratulations, Vito!

With the Bowling Tournament already come and gone, it's ever onward. Now, all the buzzing sounds like "Convention... National... Detroit... Convention... August". Needn't say more about that, do we? So, se ya' at the Convention. You can sure bet we'll be there...

VIRGO

#### C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

A BIG WELCOME to new members Larry and Lorretta Gillock, and a welcome-back to Peter Buksnis who rejoined our council. We hope to see a lot of you in the future.

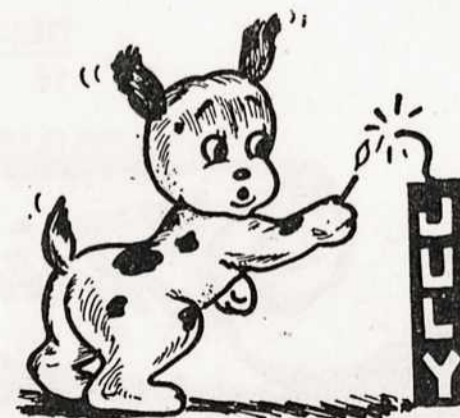
Our very own bowling team took first place in the K of L Bowling League this year. The champions are Boe and Maryanne Guerriero, Gus Baibak, George Kayganich and Rose Sawnick. Congratulations Team - we're proud of you! And good luck in the bowling tournament in Dayton!

Our council may be small, but our members sure do get around. Among our globe trotters this summer will be "Travelin' Grace" who will join the K of L tour to Europe in June. Also touring the continent at the same time, but taking a different route, is Bob Klucens. Later in the summer,

Vitalia (Sam) Valkelis and her mother are planning a trip to Lithuania. Outdoing everyone is Jo Jonulate, who after much legwork to straighten out her birth records, will leave with her cousin for Lithuania on June 16. Her itinerary includes Iceland, Norway, Moscow, Vilnius, back to Moscow, and then on to the continent, including Rome and Paris. Vince Boris (our most distant member) will also leave for Europe soon but with a slightly different purpose. He is being transferred to Germany and will reside and work there for about a year and a half. Guess we'll have to find someone else to bake bread for us on Kūčios. Seriously, we will miss Vince's periodic visits and wish him the very best in his new endeavor.

Donna and Bill Pluto elected to make this the year they put in that fabulous swimming pool, a beautifully designed and landscaped free form. Our council has been invited to initiate it about the end of June, and needless to say, we are all anticipating the event.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Charles Nausedas, the father of Donna Bunikis, who at 88 years young, is recuperating from a broken leg.





## C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

With weather bulleting shrieking severe thunderstorms to a changing TORNADO WATCH on Apr. 3, eleven members braved the stormy conditions to attend our meeting. Our new member, Alice DeVine, was hostess, assisted by Helen Tucker and Vicki Chepelonis.

Lucky Thirteen - that was the number of candidates initiated and the First and Second Degrees were bestowed on Apr. 27, following the 5 p.m. Mass at Divine Providence. The candidates were: M/M B. Adams, Alice Burt (Savickas), Sophie Bitner, Helen & John Kerutis, Mary Margaret Panavas, Stella & Tony Sokoloski, Mary Vinciunas, Carol & Gerry Zager and Antoinette Zilvitis. The Ritual Team consisted of Father A. Babonas, Sp. Adv., Frank Zager, Nat'l Ritual Committee member, and Bertha Janus, Ritual Chairlady. Assisting in the initiations were Emil Byville, Tony Dainus, Marge Nashlon, Marianne Newberry, Betty Petroski, Maggie Smailis and Sophie Zager. After the Degrees' ceremony, appetites were treated with plump cupcakes, strudels, German cakes and other homemade goodies that gave our taste buds a treat to remember. Ačiū Bertha, and congratulations to all the Degree recipients. It was nice seeing and "kibitzing" with a



*C-79 Detroit: Getting ready for the Convention: E. Paurazas, V. Marozas, H. Mykolaitis and J. Medinis.*

number of our stay-away members. We hope to see more of you around in the future.

Amazing Betsy - amazing job! Betty Petroski hired a bus, filled it up, and we traveled to Dayton, Ohio, May 17, for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. From all evidence, everyone had a great time. As usual, our Dayton friends of C-96 laid out the Red Carpet treatment. Širdingai Ačiū. In conjunction, the Mid-Central Dist. Convention was held during the same weekend.

We enjoyed a surprised visitor - Charlie Petkus from Dayton, who stayed over at the Frank Petroskis' home on his way to Saginaw on business. He stopped in during our Convention Committee meeting on Apr. 23 with F.P., then took off on a tour "of their own" while Pres.

Ruth Grasha conducted the business session. Glad you stopped by, Charlie.

Adele and Mike Vale were visited by her brother and sister-in-law M/M Barstis of Buffalo... George and Marie Kase vacationed in Conn., visiting their son and his family. Both have been working hard in church activities, and it was a break to get away.

One of our new members, Mary Vinciunas, is saying farewell to Detroit. She will be moving to Atlanta, Ga., to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Marge Vincunas, due to a job transfer. She desires to continue being a member of C-79. We wish her "Daug Sėkmės", - the same to her family in their new surroundings.

Maggie Smailis was all smiles and wearing a lovely corsage while attending Holy Saturday Vigil Services. The occasion was her birthday, and she tells us that she was actually born on Easter Sunday, Apr. 13. She participated in carrying the Offertory Gifts, accompanied by her daughters, Marge Nashlon and Marianne Newberry. Her grandson, Chip Newberry, who was serving his role as altar boy, proudly stood and watched. We wish Maggie many more Happy Birthdays.

A hearty note and a lovely Lithuanian Easter card was received from Jurgis and Zofija Les-



*C-79 Detroit: Rummage Sale Committee.*



*C-79 Detroit: Rummage Chairmen Vickie Chepelonis and Bertha Janus.*



kauskas, better known as George and Sophie Leskosky, from their headquarters in sunny Winter Haven, Fla. George was honored by his K of C Council 4726 as "Knight of the Month" - March 1974. Congratulations, George.

Celebrating their wedding anniversaries were Estelle and Kazys Gogelis - May 5; Alice and Tony Repshas - May 7 (their 25th) and Marge and Chester Nashlon - June 2. To all - *Ilgiausiu Metu!*

Betty and Frank Petroski reached their 34th year of wedded bliss on May 4, and celebrated it at the K of L Bowling Banquet. Congratulations to a fine couple.

First item of business at our council meeting on May 1 was a report on the upcoming Nat'l Convention. Pres. Ruth Grasha reported that all is going smoothly. All major plans have been completed, with a few small minor ones which present no difficulty. Now, we await you. Please send your reservations early.

Hope you all have a happy and safe summer. *Su Dievu - iki Rudens.*

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### C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

To Mary Lucas and her committee, Eugenia Gečas, Elena Zukaitis, Stephanie Rastikis, Elaine Pacovsky and Ada Sinkwitz, a round of applause for a most successful Bake Sale on Apr. 6-7. Thanks, also, to the members who contributed cakes, etc. and patronized the sale. Charles and Fran Vangas donated a basket of goodies for a raffle; Mike and Donna Jean Dailey's son Kevin was the winner.

The VĖJELIAI dance group performed on TV Channel #22 on Apr. 11. Aside from the exposure the dance group received, it made Malcom, the host, more aware of Lithuanians in Dayton. On Apr. 30 the dance group taped for a show that was seen by Daytonians on May 5, TV Channel #7. Our thanks to Aldona Ryan for making the arrangements and to Fran Vangas

for supplying the music. Dance instructor, Charles Vangas, went along, as did Joe Ryan, now official photographer for the group. Our youth, Ed Sluzas, Ray Gecas, Michael Petkus, Rita Gecas, Kathy Sinkwitz, Julie Prasmantas, Jane and Linda Petkus and Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, are gaining much from these exposures. Congratulations!

Parish committee chairman for the Easter Resurrection Mass Procession and Egg Hunt for the children, Eugenia Gecas, had her hands full for awhile. All went well for Eugenia and her committee, Mike and Fran Petkus, Michael Petkus, Ray Gecas and Ed Sluzas.

The weekend of Apr. 19 saw Elinor Sluzas, her children, Ed and Annamarie, Rita Ambrose, Frank and Karolyn Ambrose and Frank, Jr. heading to Chicago for a spending spree. Items on the agenda were Lithuanian articles to be sold at the International L'Affair May 30, June 1-2. Elinor, chairman for the Lithuanian display, had the monumental task of arranging ten booths at the Dayton Convention Center for that weekend. George Mikalauskas hand-crafted a fenced-in Wayside Cross and a replica of a Lithuanian home, thatched roof and all, for the show!

Retreatants from the council, so far this year, were Pat Zelinskas, George Mikalauskas and Mike P. Petkus. We are pleased to report that Joe and Aldona Ryan's daughter, Karen Bedrowsky and her family, were among the residents of Xenia to survive the tragedy that hit the town in April. Xenia is approximately 15 miles from the Dayton area, so we all have much to be thankful for!

Congratulations to John A. Berczelly upon his engagement to Joyce Boston. Joyce, although not as yet a Knight, has been active with us in many of our activities. Happiness to both of you. Good to know Sally Miller is doing fine after a recent automobile accident.

Congratulations to three of our members who recently graduated from Wright State University:

Maria Lazdinis with a B.A. in History; Julius Rastikis, Jr. with a B.S. in Education, and Dennis Noreikas with a B.S. in Business Administration, majoring in Marketing/Advertising.

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### CLEVELAND SENIORS, CLEVELAND, OHIO



*92 Lithuanians in two buses arrive from Pittsburgh for their one day excursion to Cleveland.*



*PROF. JOHN CADZOW and his Lithuanian Language Class visiting the Lithuanian Cultural Garden in Cleveland.*



*STELLA SANKAL, Cleveland Srs. President, welcomes Prof. Cadzow and visitors from St. Casimir's Parish, Pittsburgh, during their one-day excursion to Cleveland.*





### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The N.E.D. Spring Convention was held Apr. 28 at St. Peter's Church in So. Boston, Mass. hosted by C-17-S.

The day's activities started with a 11:30 A.M. Mass held in memory of all deceased members of the District.

President Albert Jaritis chaired the Convention which started at 2 P.M. The featured speaker, Dr. Yuri Glasov, was introduced by Fredrick Hirst, Dist. Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs. Dr. Glasov, a professor of Slavic languages at Boston College, was expelled from Russia for championing the cause for human rights, and had lived in Lithuania. He gave his impressions of modern Lithuania, its villages and people.

He characterized the Lithuanians as industrious, orderly people. He stressed the need for moral support by the peoples of the free world for the suppressed clerics and populace, but to keep our aid low-key, so as not to antagonize the Soviet authorities. This is a war of spirit and ideas, - send them books and cultural material that expose them to Western ideas.

Dr. Glasov considered Simas Kudirka a hero. He blames the downfall of religion not on the people of Lithuania, but on the diabolical ideas of the Russians to separate religion from the people, especially the youth. The youth thirst for religion, in spite of the atheistic teachings of the Marxist government. It is his hope that the Lithuanian people will be free before the end of this century.

Atty. Anthony Young, prominent in Lithuanian Affairs and an honorary member of the K of L,

spoke about Mykolas Norckunas, founder of our organization, whom he knew personally. Mr. Norckunas was a truly dedicated man who worked for the good of Lithuania and Lithuanism.

After a short break and a question-and-answer period, the business of the Convention continued. The Mandate Committee reported 10 councils, 41 delegates, 4 clergy, and 4 honorary members, with a total attendance of 80.

A delicious brunch and supper was prepared by a combined group of kitchen helpers from C-17 and 17-S. Many thanks to them.

J. White

### **C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.**

The historic listlessness that accompanies springtime hasn't yet been felt by our council. If anything, it is more active.

C-26 was assigned May 6 as "Prayer Day for Lithuania". Our spiritual director and pastor, Father Anthony micunas, M.I.C., planned a beautiful spiritual program and all that was needed was super-participation. The intention of the day alone brought many to join in prayer for Lithuania's freedom.

Stephen Walinsky, Jr. is parish chairman for this year's Diocesan Bishop's Fund. Needless to say, he and his workers (many of them are K of L'ers) are very occupied these days.

Our parish, St. Casimir's had a Mass - celebration of Mother's Day with each parish organization participating. Again, our council was in charge of the breakfast which followed in the parish hall. Some of our members sang in the choir, some cooked the breakfast, others served, while still others marched in the grand procession for Mass and reception of Holy Communion.

Our parish boasts a new rectory (at long, long last!) and another Mass - participation event took place on May 19, when "open house" was held. Again, our K of L'ers were involved.

The annual bowling banquet,

took place on May 11 and Judy Ginkus, chairman, presented the award-winners: Judy Ginkus' team was in first place, Richard Desautel's in second, Alex Pridotkas' in third, and Alex Kardokas' in fourth. Alex Pridotkas captured all the men's awards which include high average, high triple, and high single. Wow! For the women, Helen Gillus took high average, Claire Grigaitis high triple, and Judy Ginkus high single. Congratulations to all!

We reached the Cathedral of the Pines on May 26 by bus, and a bus trip always provides a lot of enjoyment. Ann Bender made the preliminary arrangements for the Ecumenical Memorial Service for the intention of the Freedom Fighters of Lithuania, Estonia and

Latvia, and other enslaved nations.

Edwina Ginkus and daughter, Janet, sang in the chorus of the Worcester Chorus and Orchestra's performance of St. John Passion by J. S. Bach on Apr. 21. It was truly beautiful, as attested by Ann and Steve Walinsky, Sr., Olga Kersis and her mother, Mrs. Anna Kersis, Claire Grigaitis and Edwina's husband, Francis. There may have been other K of L'ers present but these are the ones who were spotted.

Joe Sakaitis, Ted and Rita Pinkus, Ann Buciskas and Olga Kersis attended the Spring Convention hosted by C-17, So. Boston. It was an excellent Convention, conducted by Al Jaritis, president. The guest speaker was Dr. Yuri Glazov of Boston College, formerly of Russia, who was forced to leave his native land, simply because he questioned the philosophies of the present leadership. Marvelous!

That same weekend, Ann Bender, Helen Gillus, Adele Ulevich, Adele Tagman, Anna Bacys, Ann Ridick, Beatrice Anton, Anne Walinsky and Nell Thompson, traveled to Newtown, Pa., (Villa Joseph Marie) where they participated in the Annual Convention of the Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliaries.

Nancy Gorden was badly shaken



up in an automobile accident recently, but we were thankful nothing worse occurred. It was a narrow escape for her, and much damage to her car. Rita Brazauskas has been discharged from Hahnemann Hospital (in Worcester) and is convalescing following surgery and coming along very well. Tony Morkunas is at the U.S. Veterans Hospital in West Roxbury; we wish him a successful operation and speedy recovery. These are nice people... too nice to be sick!

Unforeseen circumstances forced Eleanor and Ronnie Valinski to prepare the April social by themselves. They did an excellent job, and the coffee seemed to taste even better, and the homemade goodies more delicious. They saved the evening!

Our spiritual director participates in all our activities and so it's easy to remember to wish Father Anthony Miciunas a belated Happy Feast Day celebrated on June 13. And the same to all our members - Anthonys!

"Dzūkelė"

### C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Members of C-135 received Communion in a body at a special Mass on Mar. 3 at 8:30 A.M. Breakfast was served immediately after in the church hall. Jack Tyson, our smiling chef, received a round of applause for a job well done. Violet Brazitis, co-chairman with Jack, also did a fine job acting as hostess and worker. Assisting were Fran Barsevich, Millie Driznus, Lil Chaplik, Olga Gray and Donna Svelnys. Others at the breakfast were George and Dorothy Martin, John Barsevich, Casey Svelnys, Lil and Don Poehailos, Anthony Poehailos, Gloria and Floyd Trapkauskas, Rosemarie and Walter Tabaka, Ann and Howard Gyba, Al Barauskas, Ann and John Sabulis, Lil and Stan Twerian and Father Paul Sabulis.

Lithuanian classes are being conducted at St. Anthony's Church

hall every Tuesday night. Casey Svelnys, who was the organizer, along with Lillian Twerian and Carol Starkey (all three comprise the Educational Committee of the Parish Council) were present to welcome the first class. Father Paul expressed his delight to see so many of all ages present. Mrs. Gintare Ivaska, the instructress, who lives in Monroe, and who teaches Lithuanian Language classes in New York and New Haven, stated that to her knowledge this was the largest class (30) of people in the United States who have very little knowledge or none at all of the Lithuanian language. She stated that most people who have studied under her tutorage speak Lithuanian and attend classes just to improve themselves. Some people who are not parishioners or Lithuanian expressed interest in the classes, and there is a possibility that enrollment could reach forty students. The Catholic Men's Club has agreed to pay for the instructor till the end of June. An investigation is being conducted to explore the possibility of having the classes included in the Adult Education Program this fall, whereby the State will provide rooms and pay for the instructor.

Donald Poehailos, our City Treasurer, was co-chairman and acted as toast-master at a testimonial banquet at St. Anthony's Church Hall on Apr. 20 honoring Anthony Baranauskas, one of the founders of the church who has been active in many church and civic affairs. The banquet was sponsored by the Lithuanian Political Club and St. Anthony's Society. Mr. Baranauskas served as the Club's Treasurer for forty years. Donald handled the toast-master role like an old pro. The banquet was a huge success. Anyone attending will verify this fact.

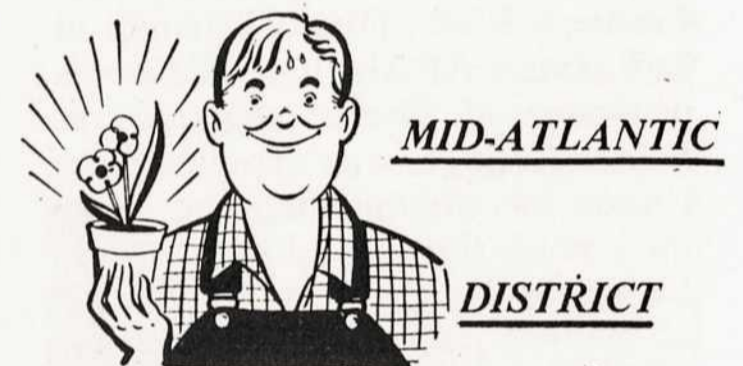
St. Anthony's honored its Patron Saint, St. Anthony of Padua, with a picnic on June 9, from Noon to 9 P.M. on the church grounds. Stan Twerian was chairman again this year. Ann Gyba and

Lil Chaplik agreed to represent the K of L, as last year, by conducting a white elephant booth. They asked all members to donate goods that were used but not abused. Through their efforts last year, these two go-getters increased the picnic proceeds by \$66.75. We're certain they did even better this year.

The Proclamation issued by Mayor Michael J. Adanti, declaring Feb. 16 Lithuanian Independence Day, was posted on the Bulletin Board in the church vestibule. He urged the people to join in the observance of the Day, and to offer their prayers for the liberation of the Lithuanian people from Communist rule.

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### FATHER'S DAY



The M.A.D. Communion and Breakfast took place in New York on Mar. 17.

Mass was offered in Our Lady of Vilna Church; the celebrant was the Rev. B. Mikalauskas, OFM of Brooklyn, who also gave a sermon befitting the occasion. Before Mass, greetings were extended to the Knights on behalf of the parish by Rev. George Gurinkas, pastor, and a Hymn to St. Casimir was sung by the entire congregation. The K of L Hymn closed the Services.

Breakfast followed in the parish hall where Phillip Skabeikis acted as toastmaster. First and Third Degree rituals were given to a large number of candidates. In charge of the ceremonies were Loretta Stukas and Anthony Mazeika. An award was given to Eva Kazokas, President of the newly-organized C-74 of Scranton, Pa. The guest speaker was our former Nat'l. Pres. Dr. Jack J. Stukas. His





M.A.D. Ist Degree Recipients introduced by L. Stukas of Ritual Committee



M.A.D. President L. Janonis makes a point

theme dwelt mainly on the endeavor to give solid support to all of our Lithuanian parishes. This is especially important at this time when we note the struggles of the Lithuanian churches. Everyone should make an honest effort to attend Mass there at least once a month to help towards their goal of existence. It was indeed an excellent talk, one that all should remember. "Let's put our shoulders to the wheel" in this phase of endeavor.

In the afternoon, the meeting was called to order by Pres. Larry Janonis. Invocation was offered by the Dist. Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Frank Bulovas, pastor of Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, N.Y. Father also gave a short discourse. Minutes of the December meeting held in Kearny, N.J., were read by Ann Mitchell and accepted. Phillip Skabeikis presented a Charter to the newly-organized C-74 of Scranton, Pa., which was accepted by their President, Eva Kazokas. Helen Kulber, Public Relations Chairman, gave an excellent report on her phase of activities.

Notes on the cuff: The turnout for this day was one of the best in some time... Congratulations to C-74 members who turned out in fine numbers, traveling via a chartered bus... Mary York, a member of the Hudson County, N.J. Bicentennial group, gave an excellent talk regarding the Bicentennial of the U.S. which will be commemorated in 1976. She urged one and all to make plans now for this event and not to wait until the last minute to do so. She suggested having some sort of events now to

tie in with this celebration... The following clergy were also present at some time during the day: the Rev.'s S. Raila, B. Gasiunas, OFM and J. Budreckis... A. Masionis, a member of the Ateitininkas group who is on the teaching staff of the New Milford, N.J. H.S. and in charge of their Language Dept., gave an excellent discourse on our heritage. It was indeed a timely and interesting topic... The idea of having a bus chartered for a trip to the National Convention in Detroit this coming August was discussed. If enough interest is displayed by the members, the possibility will be looked into... The District is to be congratulated for taking over the day's program. It marked the first time they undertook such a step. Our thanks, too, to those members of New York C-12 who assisted. Labai ačiū!

F.V.

#### C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

LABAS VISIEMS! NAUJIE-NOS IŠ AMSTERDAMO KUOPOS...

The Liberis family, Ed, Nellie, Bill and Betty, hosted the Amsterdam Council for the Apr. 9 meeting. Vera Shatas and son, Joe, assisted.

New business discussed was the summer outing. The date of June 16 was picked when Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar once again welcomed the K of L'ers to their summer spot on Lake Galway.

President Radzevich notified those present that the M.A.D. Convention will be hosted by our Council on Oct. 13.

On June 8, our tremendous Spiritual Advisor, Father Baltch, celebrated his 25th jubilee in the priesthood. This was an outstanding event. First, Father celebrated the Mass at which Bishop Edwin Broderick was present. Second, the church services were televised; and third, the religious services were followed with a reception in the new St. Casimir's Social Center.

Frances Bobines, sponsored by Helen Radzevich, was welcomed as our newest member. We now total 72 members. Let's work hard and get 18 more to make it 100 solid!

Dessert, with a taste of the Orient, was served and then came a huge sheet cake. As the cake was cut, Ann Radzevich (4/8) and Ann Sweet (4/11) were surprised with the melodious voices singing the familiar birthday song.

NEWS BITS: Since Father Gusts was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Schenectady, we have missed seeing his smiling face at our doings. We miss you Father Bernie!

The American Lithuanian Club had their annual elections and four K of L'ers are the new officers. Bill Liberis is Vice-Pres., Ed Liberis on the Board of Directors, Tony Radzevich the Recording Secy. and Don Nikstenas the Sgt-at-Arms.

Pete Urba now represents the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations in your new position. Regina and John Kot are expecting the blessed event the latter part of June. Sophie Olbie traveled to sunny Hollywood, Fla. in May for a two-week vacation. Father Baltch and Gene



Gobis are among a group of tourists scheduled to visit Finland, Estonia and Lithuania for a period of two weeks in July. On Apr. 26 Pauline Urban was wearing a lovely corsage while cashiering at work at Lou's Super Market... WHY?... Someone remembered it was her birthday! The big day for Richard Alexander and Linda Petrosino is August 4. A special HELLO and WE'RE THINKING ABOUT YOU to Matthew and Nancy Kazlauskas, and Anthony and Ann Beleckas.

It is interesting to note that all officers of St. Casimir's Church Choir are K of L'ers. They are... Organist - Daniel Kabasin; Pres. - Don Nikstenas; Vice-Pres. - Gene Gobis; Secy. - Ann Sweet; Treas. - Regina Kot. How about that?

Our Cultural Committee Co-Chairman, Matthew Orante, is no longer in the Men's Clothing Business. He is primarily involved in art work now. We've missed the Sherbunt's lately. It seems that sickness and minor accidents have beset Norbert's wife. Let's hope that "Joe Raincloud" will leave their surroundings and we get to see them at our next meeting.

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### C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Members of C-3 spent the weekend of Apr. 19-20-21 at the Folk Fair at Philadelphia's Civic Center. This is the first time that we participated in this event, but you can be sure it's not the last. It was most exciting being involved. We ourselves learned a lot, and we hope the general public learned a lot about Lithuania - her culture, traditions and history. Dianne Drumstas was Chairman of this endeavor and Joe Yanulaitis, Co-Chairman. A special thanks to Leonora Balten who procured authentic Lithuanian costumes for both the men and the women which were worn during the "Parade of Nations". And "thank you" to Joe Drumstas for building the unique and beautiful backdrop for our booth. Thanks to all who participated in this important cultural event.

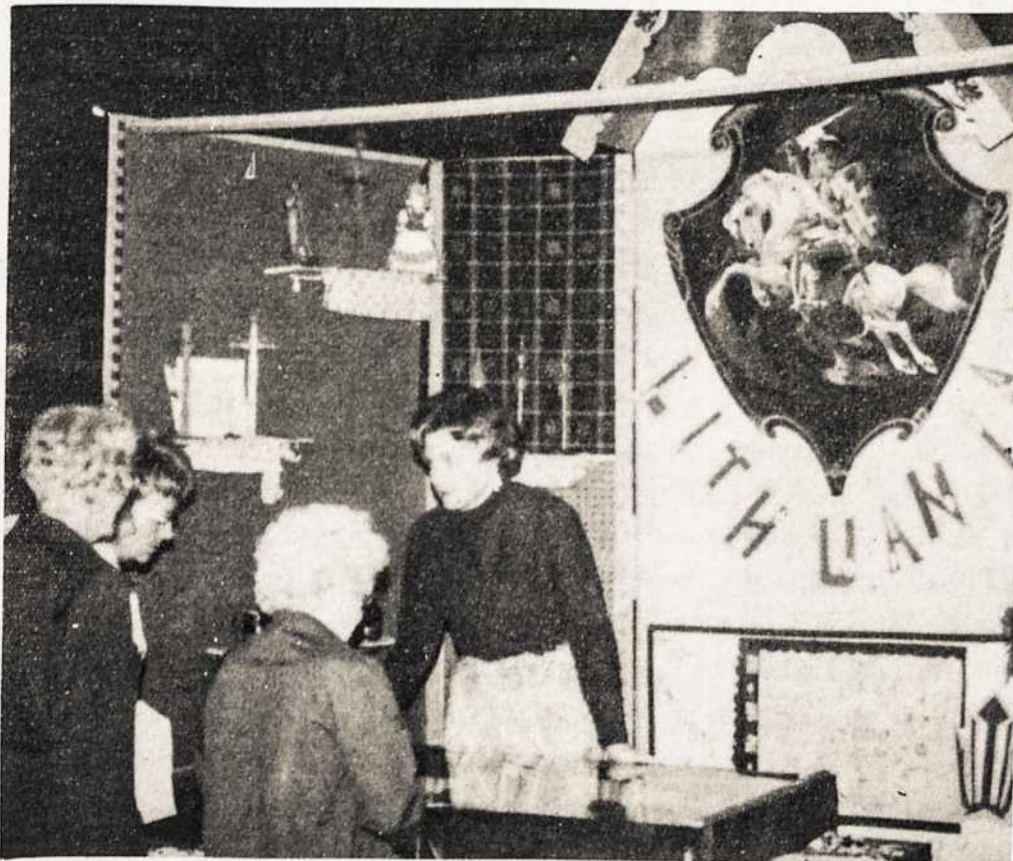
A big welcome to new members Jim and Stan Gapsis, and to Charlie Petronis who rejoined the Council.

We are pleased to announce the birth of Carol Ann Drumstas on Apr. 16. Congratulations to her daddy and mommy, Joe and Dianne.

Helen Shields came into town to help man our booth at the Folk Fair. It was nice to have her with us. Our new members, Jim and Stan Gapsis also pitched right in to help. Jim enjoyed being decked out in his Lithuanian costume. He proved to everyone that our Lithuanian men are the handsomest!

At the April meeting held at the Weigand's home, John Mickunas presented to Albert Ozalis a beautiful Vytis ring in honor of Al's Fourth Degree. All of C-3 extend warmest congratulations.

Walt and Irene Svekla vaca-



*C-3 Philadelphia: Alberta Weigand performing public relations duties at the Folk Fair.*



*C-3 Philadelphia: Jim Gapsis and sister Maureen in Lithuanian costume at the Folk Fair.*



tioned in Los Angeles and San Francisco in May, and now Lillian Sasnauskas is packing her bags for the K of L trip to Europe. Lucky people!

Father Sakalauskas is well-liked by all the members of our council. We are so pleased to have him in our midst. We enjoy his spiritual topics at our meetings, and his company.

We hope that little Joey, Alana and Tony Burch's son, is feeling better now. We've missed seeing all of them.

Our May meeting was held at the home of Vic and Leonora Balten. Thank you so much for your hospitality.

Coming Events - a picnic at the summer home of John and Agnes Mickunas on June 22. Fun, food and refreshments are the order of the day.

Walt and Irene Svekla will host the July meeting at their home, after which they will add a bit of spice to our lives by entertaining with a Cocktail Party. Sounds like fun and a good way to get good attendance!

Happy vacationing to all!

Gabbigail

### C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

At its April meeting in Transfiguration Parish Hall following the 11 A.M. Lithuanian Mass, C-110 members planned the commemoration of their council's 50th Anniversary. The date projected is Sept. 15, beginning with Mass and followed by a catered brunch in the church hall. This event will try to give present members a sense of history, as well as try to attract old members back to the K of L.

Our members have also rallied to their parish, by donating hand-made articles to the Country Store booth at the Transfiguration Church Bazaar, and by vowing to help preserve the Lithuanian Mass by attending together at least once a month.

At the M.A.D. March Convention and St. Casimir Communion

Breakfast, members Ann & John Sidtis and Nellie & Tony Skabeikis received their First Degrees, while President Phil Skabeikis was presented with his Third Degree Medal. Rimas Vebeliunas served as Lithuanian lector during the Convention Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church.

We have cause to be proud of two of our members. Rimas Vebeliunas is graduating from N.Y.U. with a Degree in Engineering and has secured an excellent position with the Exxon Corporation. Marian Skabeikis has been named an "Outstanding Secondary Educator of America", an honor accorded to few. Marian serves as Chairman of the Science Dept. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help HS in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

We happily welcome to our ranks, famous Lithuanian painter Natalie Jones-Jasiukynaite. Ms. Jones will have a one-woman show at the Pen and Brush Club in New York's Greenwich Village in the Fall.

C-110 Jrs. continue their regular schedule of activities which include Lithuanian language lessons. Primary readers were donated by Ann Sidtis. Seven Jrs. also presented 15 minutes in English on Lithuanian Easter customs and the K of L on WHBI radio program "Laisvės Žiburys". Thanks to Ms. Daiva Kezys for affording them this opportunity.

### C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

After by-passing a January meeting, we managed to get together in February to start pre-planning a St. Casimir Feast Day observance for Mar. 3. Thanks to Mrs. Ann Zindzius who served as Chairman of the event, and to Helen Cuperwich, her able assistant, our Council commemorated the event with a Communion-Breakfast.

On Mar. 17, the big event for the Council was its participation at the M.A.D. Convention held in Our Lady of Vilnius Church auditorium. It's a pleasure to report the

cooperation and active assistance given the District by Agnes Krauss, Millie Pietz and Helen Matthews towards the preparation of the breakfast. Our council members, Joseph Kscenaitis, Ann Montvidas, Jovita Sleder, Joseph Sleder and Mary York had the honor of being elevated to the status of 3rd Degree Knights by the Dist. Ritual Committee, Loretta Stukas and Anthony Mazeika.

President Matthew Yatkauskas has announced a C-12 By-Laws study review to update our council's practices for the future.

We extend our deepest sympathy to member Irene Senken on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Petronelle Lenk, who passed away on Dec. 5. We have missed seeing the Senkens at meetings, however with a busy home schedule and Edward Senken attending St. Francis College several nights a week, we can understand their absence. Hope before too long we will have the pleasure of their company again.

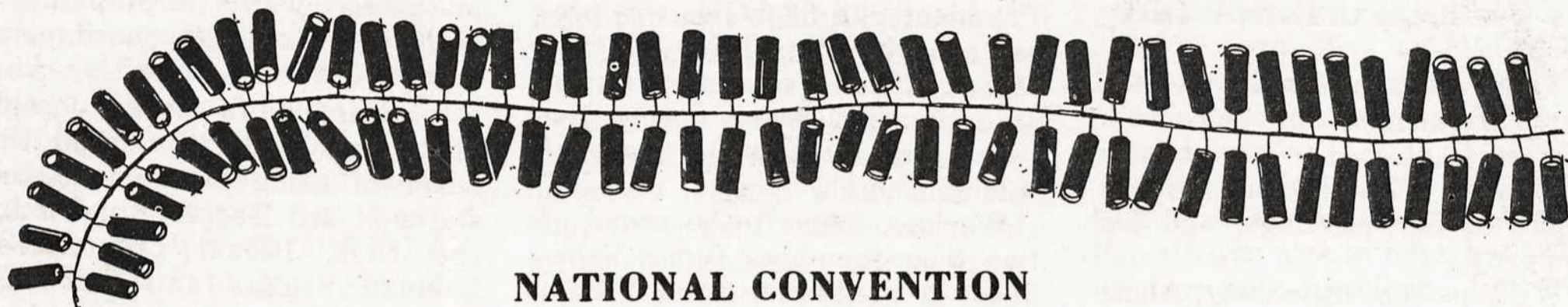
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## NATIONAL CONVENTION

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

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 P.M. - "Sip and Dip" (Poolside Party) at the  
home of Chester and Margaret Nashlon  
26006 Cherry Hill  
Dearborn Heights, Michigan

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

A.M. - Opening Mass, Divine Providence Church  
Registration, RAMADA INN  
Supreme Council Meeting  
P.M. - opening Session  
"Night at the Races" (Dinner included)

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

A.M. - Registration  
Session  
Holy Mass  
P.M. - Awards Luncheon  
Session  
Culture Night, Divine Providence Hall

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

A.M. - Session  
Mass  
P.M. - Closing Session  
Closing Banquet and Dance

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

A.M. - Closing Mass, Divine Providence Church  
Convention Picture  
Brunch  
Farewell

