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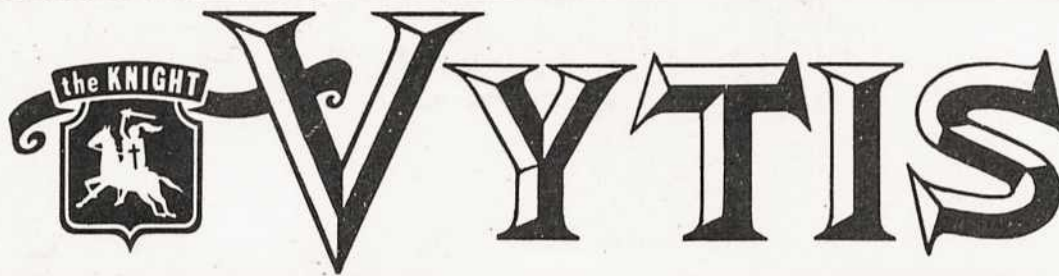
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KŪČIOS

W by Gordon Kopulos

We've seen the smiling Western Star,
serene star of the Holy Call,
and now it's time to summon...
.....and celebrate.

From the warm, resting earth
We call
the souls of the flesh of our blood of the first blood,
the most golden stalks of the first crackling suns.

We call them to breathe with us
the glory of Christ's birth,
to taste again the fire grains
of endless life.

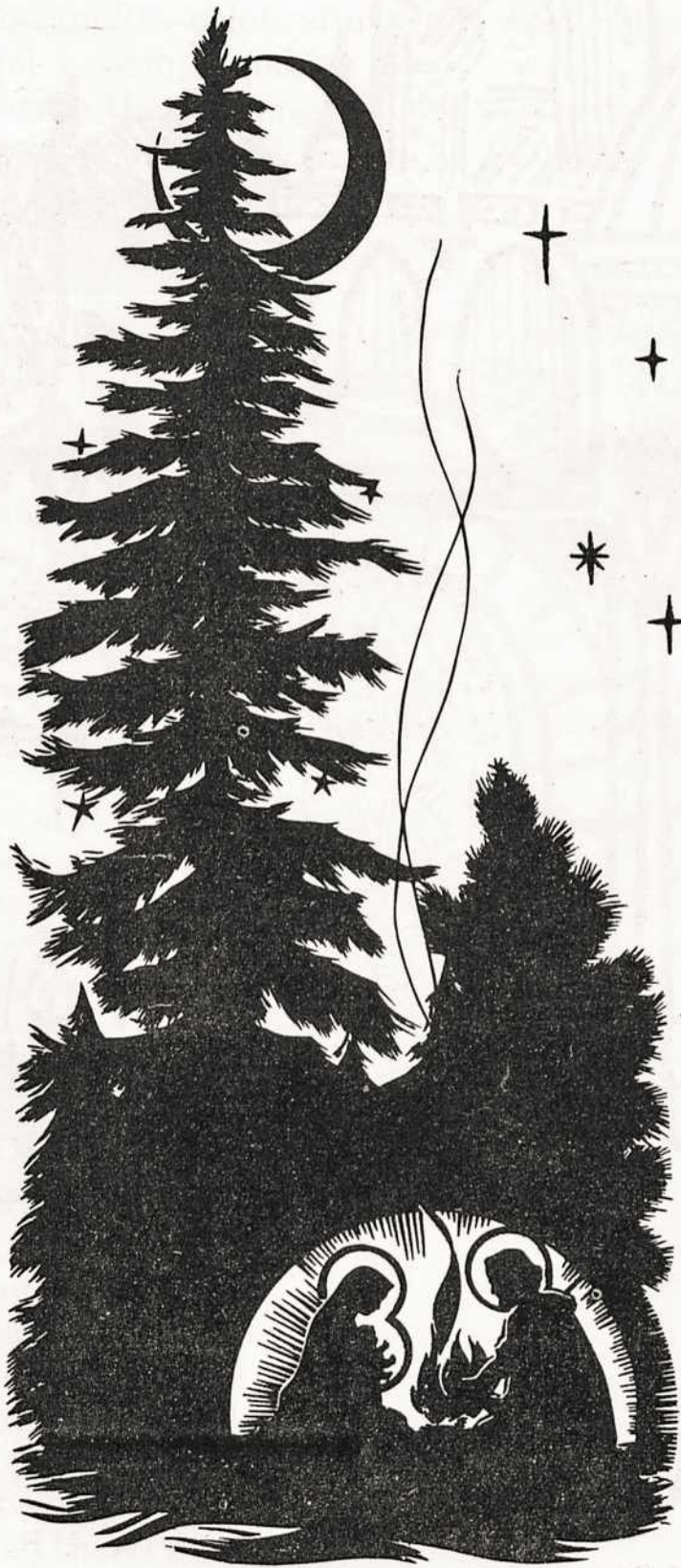
This night of charmed poppy
We honor the givers of our blood,
honor them with life,
the light that sparks all the fires;
the fires that love the sunny stalks
and warm the resting earth
for our waiting blood.

And the sun-loved grains we are about to taste
are the salvation
of shadowed silence.

And when they are consumated, the grains,
by our blood,
We'll leave the mute, waiting beasts
to speak in human tongues
but only to themselves
and to the Lighter of every star...
to spare us the flaming pains of unshielded light.

The silent fleshes of our blood
will share the brilliance
the serene star showed us
in grown up drabbish seeds...
while we pray
and wait the freshest birth of Light.

We'll wait again, when these grains are blood,
with all our ages, all our light,
for the Holy Call singing
"Life".





*Christmas
Blessings*

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KŪČIOS THROUGH JUNIORS EYES

In keeping with this Christmas issue's central theme - the celebration of Kucios, the traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve Supper - several members of K of L Junior Councils were asked to comment on what they like best about their families' celebrations of this special evening, and/or how they celebrate the evening. Their responses follow:



Christmas Eve is a very busy day at our house. My sisters, brothers and I clean the house, while my father bakes all kinds of pastries, such as šližikai, gruzdai, and many other good things to eat. My mother prepares dinner for our very special meal that night, KŪČIOS. This meal consists of 12 courses, to commemorate Jesus' 12 Apostles.

When everything is completed, we sit down at the table, and my father passes out the "plotkeles" or holy wafers, one for each member of the family. Starting with my father because he is the oldest, each member passes his wafer to everyone at the table, letting each person break off a little piece for himself. This continues until the youngest, Patricia, has passed her wafer around the table.

Everyone must be very nice to everyone else this night, because it is said that what you do on Christmas Eve you will do all year. We then start with our second course, herring and then rye bread, mushroom soup, fish, saurkraut, kugelis, a vegetable, milk and for dessert, aguonų pienas (poppseed milk) with šližikai and fruit compote. At the end, we all thank God for another good year.

Chris Giedraitis
Chicago K of L Junior

KŪČIOS is a tradition in our home. It brings out family together to prepare for the coming Christmas holiday. It is a time I can enjoy helping my mother prepare special treats, which include pyragas, kugelis, ausukes and others. I particularly enjoy breaking of the wafers (plotkeles) and exchanging greetings among members of the family.

Sandy Staskus
Jr. C-90, Kearny, N.J.

Kūčios is a Christmas Eve Celebration, and what I look forward to each year during this special holiday is the herring salad my mother makes. The salad is delicious and it is everybody's favorite. There are also many other specialties which are enjoyed by each family member such as: babka, ausukes, breaded fish, shrimp salad and other homemade delicacies. These foods and the exchanging of gifts are all part of our annual celebration of Kūčios.

Audrey Kohanski
Jr. C-90, Kearny, N.J.

For me, Kūčios means going to my grandmother's house for a traditional Christmas Eve Supper. The aroma of baked cookies, ausukes, shrimp and kaldunai fill the air. We all sit down to eat the traditional foods and to enjoy each other's company. We celebrate the fact that everyone is back at my grandmother's house again for another Kūčias celebration. At midnight, the adults go to Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. On Christmas Day, we open the presents we received from one another, and go to my aunt's house for dinner.

Joyce Mazur
Jr. C-90, Kearny, N.J.

What I like best about Kūčios or Christmas Eve is the tradition of the family gathering together to commemorate the birth of the Christ Child. The evening begins with a meatless dinner consisting of twelve dishes in order to represent the twelve Apostles. This is followed by the distribution of gifts. The evening comes to an end with the attendance at Midnight Mass.

Cathy Rokas
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Kūčios at the Giedraitis home.

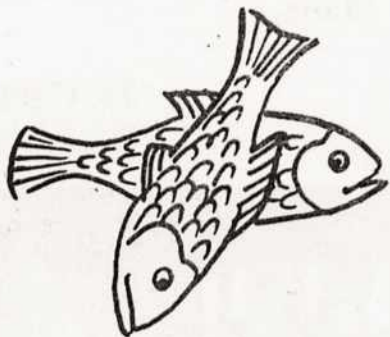
KŪČIU VALGIAI

MALTA ŽUVIS DREBUČIUOSE

1 sv. maltos žuvies (neužšaldytos), 1-2 kiaušiniai, 2 dideli svogūnai, 1 riekė mirkyto pyrago, 2 šaukštai džiovėsių, kapotų petražolių, pipirų, muškato druskos.

Svogūnus smulkiai sukapti, dalį pakepinti svieste arba alyvoj, o likusius sudėti žalius. Visa, kas nurodyta, sudėti į maltą žuvį (nepagailėti prieskonių), gerai suminkyti, suvolioti žuvies formos volelius arba ant viršaus uždėti žuvies odele (lydekos) ir uždėti ant aliuminijaus popierio. Užvirinti vandenį su prieskoniais, įdėti žuvį ir virti 15-20 min. Išimti, atšaldyti, supiaustyti ir gražiai išdėstyti ant lėkštės, papuošiant citrina ir virtomis morkomis.

Drebučiai: paimti 1½ puodelio perkošto sultinio, kur virė žuvis, įdėti 2 arb. šaukštelius želatinos, pakaitinti kol ištirps. Atšaldžius užpilti ant žuvies.



KEPTI ŽUVIES KUKULIAI

1 sv. maltos žuvies, 1 kiaušinis, 1 riekė mirkyto pyrago, 2 svogūnai pakepti alyvoj ar svieste, 1 šaukštas miltų, 1 šaukštas bulvių košės arba virtų ryžių, druskos, pipirų, muškato.

Viską gerai sumaišyti ir suminkyti, suvolioti valakiško riešuto dydžio kukulius, pavolioti plaktame kiaušiny ir džiovėsieliuose. Apkepinti alyvoj, sudėti į užkepimo indą, užpilti ½ puod. vandens, uždengti ir troškinti krosnyje ½ val. Kai atšals ant kiekvieno kukulio uždėti po kilkos gabaliuką ir papuošti raugintais agurkais.

Kepti žuvies kukuliai galima paduoti kaip šiltą patiekalą, tuo atveju užpilti bet koku padažu.



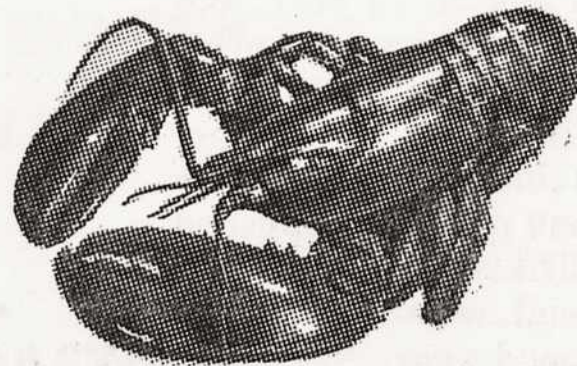
SILKĖS SU DŽIOVINTAIS GRYBAIS

Išmirkytas silkes išvalyti, supiaustyti ir gražiai sudėti į pailgą indelį. Apdėti paruoštais grybais. Grybus išvirti, supiaustyti pailgais ruožiukais, pakepinti alyvoj kartu su svogūnais. Į grybus daug prieskonių nereikia dėti, nes grybai turi užtektinai stiprų aromatą.

MIŠRAINĖ SU VĖŽIŲ KAKLELIAIS

Pagaminti bent kokią baltą mišrainę.

Didelės lėkštės centre sudėti mišrainę, o aplink apdėti vėžių kakleliais. Tam reikalui naudoti mažus vėžius. Vėžius išvirti, nuimti kaklelių lukštą ir tą lukštą prikimšti tokiu įdaru: sukapti vėžio mėsą, svogūną pakepinti svieste, įdėti virtą kapotą kiaušini, druskos, pipirų, svogūno laiškų, viską sumaišyti, jei per tiršta, pridėti grietinės ar majonezo.



MARINUOTA ŽUVIS

1 sv. žuvies fillet. Supiaustyti, pasūdyti, pavolioti į miltus, iškepti alyvoj. 2 svogūnus supiaustyti griežinėliais, pakepinti alyvoj, uždėti ant žuvies. Išvirti marinatą su svogūnu, morka, pipirais, lapeliais, gvazdikėliais, cukrum, druska. Baigiant - ipilti actą ir kai atšals, perkošti ir užpilti ant žuvies.

BULVIŲ MILTINIAI SU GRYBŲ PADAŽU

Virtas bulves sumalti arba sugrūsti. Įdėti druskos, kiaušinių, miltų ir suminkyti. Padaryti pailgus maltinius, pabarstyti pyrago džiovėseliais, kepti alyvoj.

Grybų padažas: virtus džiovintus grybus supiaustyti ruožiukais, paspurginti alyvoj kartu su svogūnais. Šaukštą miltų pakepinti alyvoj, atsiskiesti grybų nuoviromis, paviryti, sudėti grybus. Galima užbaltinti grietine.

KISIELIUS

Kisielių galima gaminti ne tik iš spanguolių, bet iš įvairių vaisių ar uogų sunkos. 1 pint. sunkos atskiestos su vandeniu, cinamono, gvazdikėlių, cukraus, citrinos sunkos, viską užvirinti. 2 šaukštus krakmolo išleisti vandeny ir gerai maišant supilti į sunką. Virti 2-3 min. Supilti į indą ir užbarstyti cukraus, kad plėvė neužsidėtų.

PRIESKUČIAI SU AGUONŲ PIENU

1 puod. miltų su kėlimo milteliais, 2 puod. paprastų miltų, 2 šaukštai cukraus pudros, 2 šaukštai aguonų, 1 kiaušinis, 1/2 sv. margarino arba alyvos, 1 puod. vandens (apytikriai). Viską suminkyti, tešlą atšaldyti (2-3 val.). Suvoliot piršto storumo volelius, supiaustyti ir kepti karštoje krosnyje.

Aguonų pienas: Skirtas pienui aguonas nuplikyti, nusausinti, sumalti, Užpilti pasaldintu vandeniu arba pienu. Pridėti migdolų esencijos.



*Merry
Christmas*

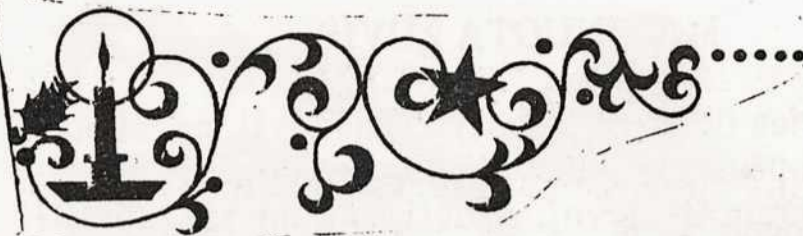


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A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

In this first message in the VYTIS as your new Spiritual Adviser, I want to thank you for your compliment and your trust in choosing me for this position.

At the same time, I am aware that the important work of the Knights of Lithuania is done at the local level; this applies to the work of spiritual moderators.

Some of the best priests I know are involved with the K of L, and some of the best people I know are members. It is a privilege to be one of you.

As Lithuanians, as Americans, and as Catholics today we find ourselves at an important cross-roads in history. The K of L has done great things in the past; we are being challenged to do great things today.

Our brothers and sisters remind us in every issue of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania that the struggle over there still goes on.

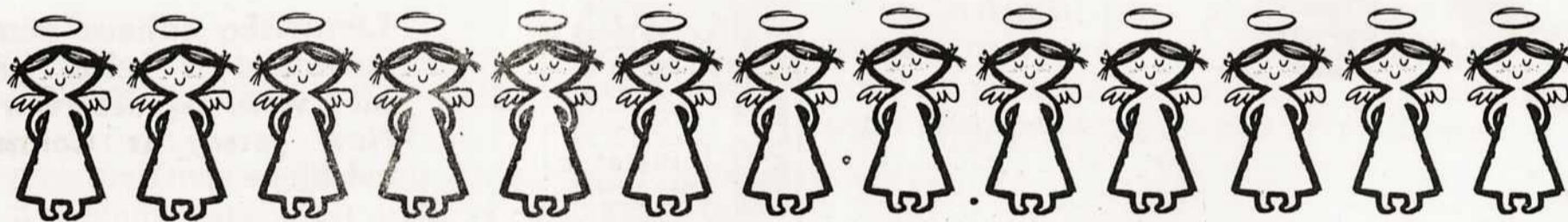
In this country the rise of the New Ethnicity makes the K of L more important than ever.

Our individual and cooperative efforts during the coming year will tell whether the future of the K of L and of Lithuanians in this country will be one of growth or decline.

My prayer for all of us at this Christmas-time is that in our personal and family lives, and in the work of the Knights of Lithuania, God would bless our efforts.

Vytiškai,

Fr. Casimir Pugevičius



WISHING YOU ALL THE SPECIAL JOY OF THIS HOLY SEASON

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JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

“About this time Caesar Augustus, the Roman Emperor, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the nation. (This census was taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Everyone was required to return to his ancestral home for this registration. And because Joseph was a member of the royal line, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, King David’s ancient home—journeying there from the Galilean village of Nazareth. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was obviously pregnant by this time.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn.” (Luke 2:1-7)

—From *The Living Bible*

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WELCOME JESUS · NEWLY-BORN

Welcome Jesus newly-born
Heavenly Father's only Son
Priceless day we celebrate
Holy Birth of Christ the King
Let's delight in and rejoice in,
Giving honor to our Lord
Joyfully we sing.

On our harps come let us play
Altogether let us sing
Priceless day we celebrate
Holy birth of Christ the King
Let's delight in and rejoice in,
Giving honor to our Lord
Joyfully we sing.

Heaven now is close to us
Here on earth we will rejoice
Priceless day we celebrate
Holy birth of Christ the King
Let's delight in and rejoice in,
Giving honor to our Lord
Joyfully we sing.

— Lithuanian Folk Song
translation by Antonia M. Wackell

Christmas

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To you
we send our
wishes warm,
and greetings
most sincere, at
this happy time of year.

CHRISTMAS SCENES

Karolis Vairas

translated by
Antonia M. Wackell

And again another Christmas has come.

How many have there been? Many and not many. Many of them have been survived, much has been suffered, but in numbers there were not many.

Christmas! Christmas! - shout the released students homeward bound for the holidays. Skipping, hopping, running out of school, having joyously awaited the rest. As one looks, the city empties. All the grey-smocked high-schoolers abandoned the city and rode away; some to parents, some to clergy/uncles, some to relatives. Shrieking, singing they rode home, bidding farewell to the gymnasium (high-school) for two weeks.

Only Francis remained in the city. He has no one to whom he can go, altho he has someone who would happily await him, who would embrace and kiss him. That one was his mother. His father had died when he was yet unborn. The mother - poor thing, works at the manor-house over at the stone-master's and with her last cent she lets Francis study.

He is her only comfort and hope. She cannot take him to her during the holidays - not wishing to be a burden to her masters. As it is they hear and are helpful: permitting Francis to be with his mother during vacations and to sleep during the summer in the orchard arbour. And for the high-school they provided the boy with a scholarship, so it was not necessary to pay for the education.

"Spend your holidays at Mrs. Putramentas", wrote his mother. "Be good, study, so that after Christmas you will not remain behind your friends. I am sending you eleven roubles; give ten to Mrs. Putramentas for last month, and for one half buy whatever you want for yourself, only don't be naughty, don't buy unnecessary things. The other half, keep for school needs. Perhaps something will be necessary after the holiday. Study, dear son, you know that mama loves you and wants to see you become a good person".

In such a manner his mother wrote to him.

Francis was not any different than his friends. His young heart wanted to rejoice, the same as his friends rejoiced at Christmas. He would have liked to slide, and to be caressed by his mother; and ride over the white snowy roads in the sleigh. And other things he would like. But all that young Francis did not have.

Returning from school, he read mother's letter, and became sad and pensive. In his young head a great storm arose; thru it rushed strange and completely childish unusual thoughts and questions: why is it so? why do his friends have homes, relatives, mothers, fathers? why can they be happy at Christmas, and enjoy themselves in the summertime? are they any different than Francis? And other similar thoughts plagued the youth.

From habit, deeply implanted in his heart by his mother, he knelt down to say his prayers before going to bed. And he could not. He had been taught to thank God for all the day's graces, but those graces he did not experience today. He only recognized the pain, the disappointment, the sadness. Complain to God... accept annoyances as a grace... offering prayers only with empty lips because of an empty formality. Francis did not know how and





could not; there was not a shred of hypocrisy in him, yet there was nothing to have poisoned his young soul. He knelt down from habit, he bent to the brimstoned ground, crossed himself as if to say his prayers, only to feel that something stopped in his throat as though someone had forced a ball or fist. He grasped his face in his hands, fell down on the bed and began to cry. Grief was in his heart and melancholy. He wept a long time, he cried and never felt when he fell asleep.

... And so Christmas passed for Francis. Mama, more than once, would tell him about love for ones neighbor, about love for all the people in the world. He did not understand that love and its necessity. Up to now, he loved those particular people, excluding no one. But since this Christmas, when he, being a child, saw that something unknown had hurt him, he did not know how to seek reasons and did not seek them. He only felt the hurt and saw too the inconcievable difference between himself and all his friends. That unfortunate "why" having stirred up a storm in his heart, remained there and tormented him. Now he will always repeat that "why" until he will learn what that "something" is that torments him.

Water, over many years dropping upon a stone, will hew out a hole; such an art, that is to say, even the best of artistic hands cannot hew out in the same way... And so that "why" made, in the soul of Francis, a deep hole, in which one may say, the leaves lay down and compacted, dissatisfied with life, distrustful of friends, constant injured feelings. For those leaves, long-lying, changed into fertilizer, and from them sprouted a peculiar plant, and out of it developed a blossom. Quite ordinary: a seed, fertilizer, plant and blossom. It could not have been otherwise...

And so approached another Christmas.

Francis now attends the sixth class. This year for Christmas he rode to his mother to be with her and her master's son who also studies at the same high-school. Francis had journeyed there last year also. This year he did not want to go, but mother invited him so earnestly, that he could not refuse her; he went unwillingly, however, because last time, he felt the hurt more between him and his friend's indifference, which last year aroused in his innocent heart - that cursed "why".

He went only because of his mother.

"Come", she wrote, "I want to talk about many things with you... you, my only comfort and hope". His mother kissed him, caressed him, and fed him in her small room seating him before all the delicacies she brought. Both were happy. Francis did not have nor did he know any other love, - mother was his all. To the mother, her son was all to her...

This Christmas brought a great blow to mother and turned Francis' life in such tracks that instantly thrust him out of Life's wide highway into a ravine. Mother, up to this time, said nothing to Francis, what she desired for herself and for him. Now she spoke. Her only dream was to see Francis as a priest, the people's pastor and benefactor.

Often she innocently found joy and wept, visualizing her son holding in his hands God Himself! Her Francis. What happiness for an aging woman's heart. She is now growing older, her strength has weakened, in a few years she would be unable to work hard to provide for herself and her son's education. At that time, she will rest after all the heavy burdens. Her son will be that, which she chose for him, he will be, herewith, her dreamed-up mankind's salvation, God loving, benefactor...

A great unexpected blow struck the mother's heart. When she had set forth everything to Francis, he became startled and, hands compressed, reflecting like an old, beaten by life and experienced man. Finally he spoke to his mother: "No, mama, I cannot. I will not go there where you want to send me". He told his mother in detail of his views and life, in everything, that had been understood and clear to him. No not she, not mother has to take that path, but he. Happiness is not there, that, giving of oneself without a genuine desire, to be of service to others. Love of mankind is not there, that they kiss hands... He talked a great deal to her and said he will make it so, that it will not be necessary for her to suffer hardship in her old age, that he, is not being a priest, would, in a year or so, be able to give her a completely suitable home, food and rest.

Mother wept and wiped tears from her face. So suddenly, in one evening her dreams toppled and all her son's future crystal room fell apart. Oh, how hard it is for man to part from ones life's dreams!



Another three-four years elapsed...

Can you return a song that has been sung? Can you find the dawn in the dying sun's light? Can you raise last night's day out of the dead? No! So neither can you return again the time that passed by. It flew or rushed, with thunder and lightening; or slipped calmly and monotonously, torturing the spirit. Not the same tyrant. But, always one passed, ran by and only in the heart and on the face its marks were carved...

And again Christmas came.

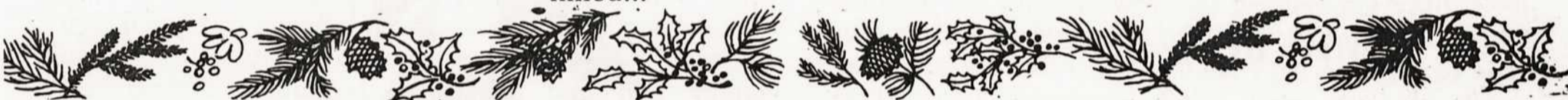
Such a Christmas no one living in Lithuania could recall. And Francis' little mother could not remember such a Christmas. And here is the kind of Christmas it was.

It was still summer, as in Lithuania, so it was in that same city where Francis lived with his mother - he was now assistant to a certified druggist - that a most

terrible thunder-storm arose - War arose. Through Lithuania's land military forces were drawn: cavalry forces, infantry-men, cannons, all kinds of machines designated to kill people and spill their blood. All that power went, swept everything, whatever chanced to be in their way, home - not a home, man - not a man, cattle - not cattle... Everywhere, where they passed, ruins were left, ruins by fire, corpses...

That was a summer. Francis has not been home for a long time; he had gone to war. He went ignorant himself of why or where. He was told to go. His spirit objected, his heart fainted from pain in the separation from his mother. But he had to go. Where? Why? For what?..

This Christmas day mother received a letter - Francis was killed...



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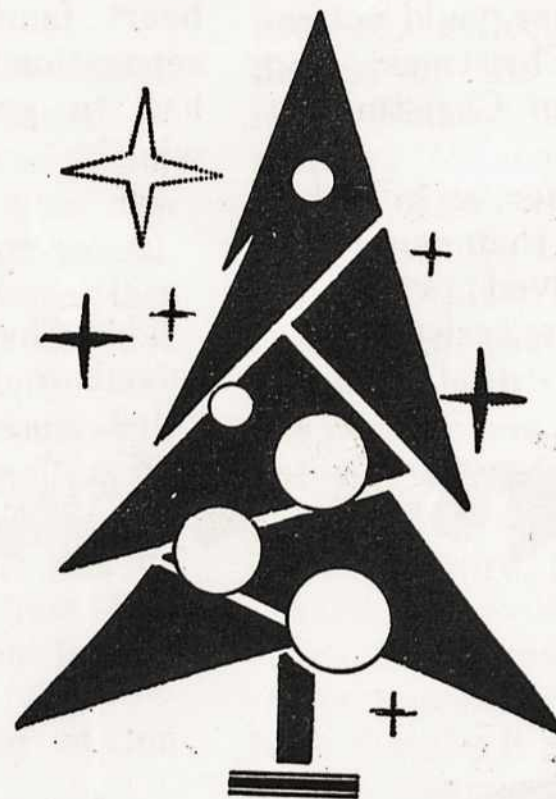
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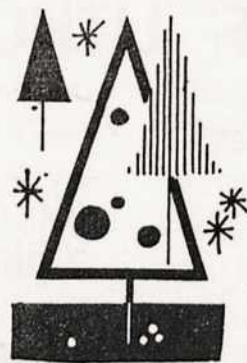
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of friendship and the
spirit of love

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Lietuvos Vyčių įvairi veikla prasmingai pasireiškia gelbėjant persekiojamus tikinčiuosius Lietuvoje. Kaip? Pirmiausia vyčiai supranta ir vertina **MALDOS GALYBĘ**. Todėl vyčių kuopos, apskritys ir centras metų bėgyje praveda maldos vaju pagal Maldos Kalendorių. Didžiai pasigėrėti reikia, kaip vyčiai įvairiai suorganizuoja sau skirtas maldos valandėles. Jie turi savo pamaldas, gieda, daro procesijas, priima Komuniją. Tai daro pavieniai vyčiai asmeniškai ir grupėje. Tik Dievas žino, kaip daug vilties ir stiprybės suteikia nešantiems žiaurią persekiojimo našta pavergtoji Lietuvoj. Vyčiai giliai tiki, kad Dangaus pagalba labiausiai gali padėti mūsų tautiečiams išsilaikyti - nepalūžti religiniai ir tautiniai. Šalia dvasinės paguodos tiesiog iš Dievo, vyčių pastangos ir pagalba tikintiesiems yra teikiama tiesioginiai - perduodant per radiją vyčių rūpestį, stiprinimo žodį ir papasakojant, kaip vyčiai sielojasi savo broliukų ir sesučių nelaimė. Jau tas tik vienas vyčių žygis yra didžiai svarbus persekiojamųjų dvasiai stiprinti, vilčiai didinti.

Finansinė parama per Lietuvių Katalikų Religinę Šalpa yra antroji reikšminga vytiška pagalba komunistų nubaustiems ir skurde esantiems tikėjimo ir tautiškumo mylėtojams. Taip nuoširdus vyčių įsijungimas į gelbėjimo darbą yra nepaprastai reikšmingas, naudingas ir pavyzdį rodąs kitiems. Vyčiai yra vienintelė katalikiška organizacija, kur renka kasmet savo seime koordinatorių sutartinai veikti su L.K. Religine Šalpa, sukelti fondą, taip reikalingai paramai. Šiemet išrinkta koordinatore buvusi vyčių pirmininkė p. Susan Boroskas. Ji planuoja plačiai praveisti aukų telkimo vaju per visas kuopas. L.K.R. Šalpos Valdyba yra didžiai dėkinga pirmiesiems koordinatoriams vyčiams A. Miner, J. Stoškui, V. Yuciui. Jų visų pastangomis vyčiai yra sutelkę \$1,249.81.

Vysk. Vincentas Brizgys, LKRŠ pirmininkas ir valdyba yra giliai dėkingi už pravedamą vaju. Sveikina vyčius su šiu metų pradėtu vaju, linki Dievo palaimos, sėkmės ir ištvermės. Ypatingai prašo visus vyčius tęsti šį paramos darbą, kuris yra taip platus. Persekiojami Bažnyčia Lietuvoje jaučia Jūsų gailingumą ir nuolat meldžiasi, nors negali to Jums pasakyti. Todėl mes jų vardu dėkojame ir prašome šiais šventaisiais metais dar daugiau melstis ir aukoti Lietuvos ir Persekiojamos Bažnyčios Lietuvoje intencija. Gyvuokite!

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SUSAN K. BOROSKAS
K of L Coordinator - LCRA

AN INSPIRATION FOR THIS
"SEASON OF GIVING"...

THE GIFT OF MARTIN RADTKE



On June 19, 1973, The New York Public Library learned it had been named a prime beneficiary in the will of Martin Radtke, who had died at eighty-nine the previous March. The news arrived in a letter from Mr. Radtke's lawyer to Library President Richard Couper, and it came as a complete surprise. Accompanying the letter was a copy of Radtke's will. The will provided for several relatives and one dear friend but left the bulk of the estate to the Library, a sum in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. No one in the Library administration had ever heard of Martin Radtke.

Library officials were delighted but mystified. Though the Library receives bequests from time to time, sizable ones such as this are usually left by people who are known to the Library over a long period.

Then who was Martin Radtke? Why had he emerged from nowhere to leave the major portion of his considerable estate to the Library? Radtke himself set out to explain in his will:

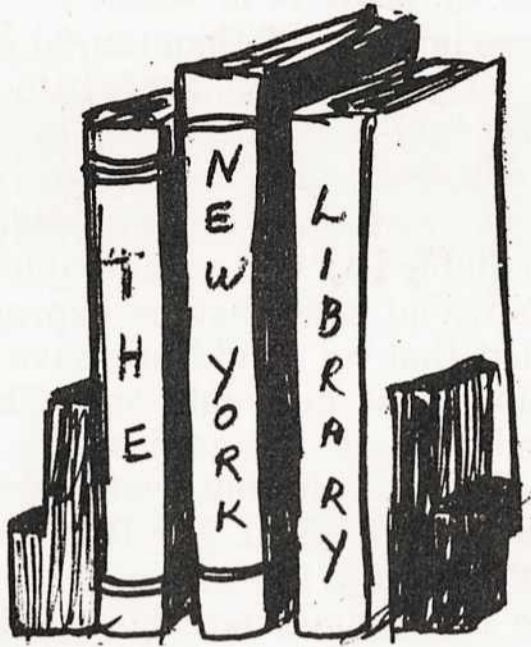
"...I have been a frequent visitor to The New York Public Library for more than fifty years. Before

coming to the United States, I had little opportunity for formal education and I am deeply indebted to the Library for the opportunity it has afforded me to learn and to derive many hours of enjoyment and satisfaction through the use of its books and services. It is in appreciation for this that I have given my residuary estate to the Library, and it is my wish that the property so given will be used for the general purposes of the Library so that others will be given the same opportunity as was made available to me".

Perhaps he felt he had told here all that anyone would be interested to know, but instead the language of the bequest only deepened the mystery. It utilitated rather than satisfied, sharpening the desire to fill in the dim outline it provided. More than ever, the question remained: Who was Martin Radtke?

It has not been easy to piece together his story and, having done so, much of the question still remains. Radtke was an elusive man. He spoke little and kept mostly to himself; he never married and had but one close friend. Most of what we know of him was told us by this dear friend of more than forty years, who has asked that her name not be disclosed. The Library is grateful for the light she has so helpfully shed.

Here, then, complete, or incomplete, with many gaps and vaguenesses, is the sum of our knowledge about Martin Radtke. He was born in Lithuania, in 1883, the son of an impoverished peasant. His mother died when he was three and he was raised, along with his brother and sister, by his grandmother. Radtke went to school until he was fourteen, and for many of those years did some sort of work for the local pastor - gardening, perhaps, as he was to do later on in this country - sending his scanty wages to his father for safekeeping, in an early display of the thriftiness that would one day help him grow rich. After dropping out of school, Radtke continued full time with the pastor for several years, before moving on to Germany and a better paying job in the Krupp steel mills. Maybe it was a yearning to come to America, and the need of money for the trip, that took him to Germany. We only know that he worked there for many years, steadily sending money home to his father to save for him.



In 1913, Martin Radtke came to the United States and, though unable to speak or read English, found a job in New Jersey as a gardener. A short time later, World War I erupted and wiped out the savings Radtke's father had accumulated for him over the years. It may have been this loss which convinced him that a nest egg in Lithuania was too perilous a hedge against the future and that he must do something more constructive than salt his money away in the old country, a little at a time. In short, he determined to make his fortune. Presumably, he had learned to speak and read English, for now, after two years, he quit his job as a gardener, moved into a room in Manhattan, and began to educate himself about business and finance in the Library's Economics Division.

This was the beginning of Radtke's association with the Library, which was to be a dominant factor in his life. He spent all his waking hours there. He read and studied and thought. As he mastered the intricacies of stocks and bonds, of marketing, accounting, and balance sheets, his confidence grew. We do not know when it happened, but one day Radtke felt ready. Certain of his acumen, he made his first investments in the stock market, using money he had saved from his job in New Jersey and whatever he had managed to bring with him from Europe.

In the coming years, he would divide his days between his brokers' offices and the Library, keeping his eye alternately on his burgeoning portfolio and on the books he had come to love. As his fortune grew, his intellectual interests widened. He no longer confined his reading to the practical subjects of the Economics Division but became interested in art, literature, science, and history, reading widely in all of them. He was becoming, became, an educated man. "No matter what you ask Martin, he knows", is the way his old friend sums up his learning, and adds that he attributed it all to the Library.

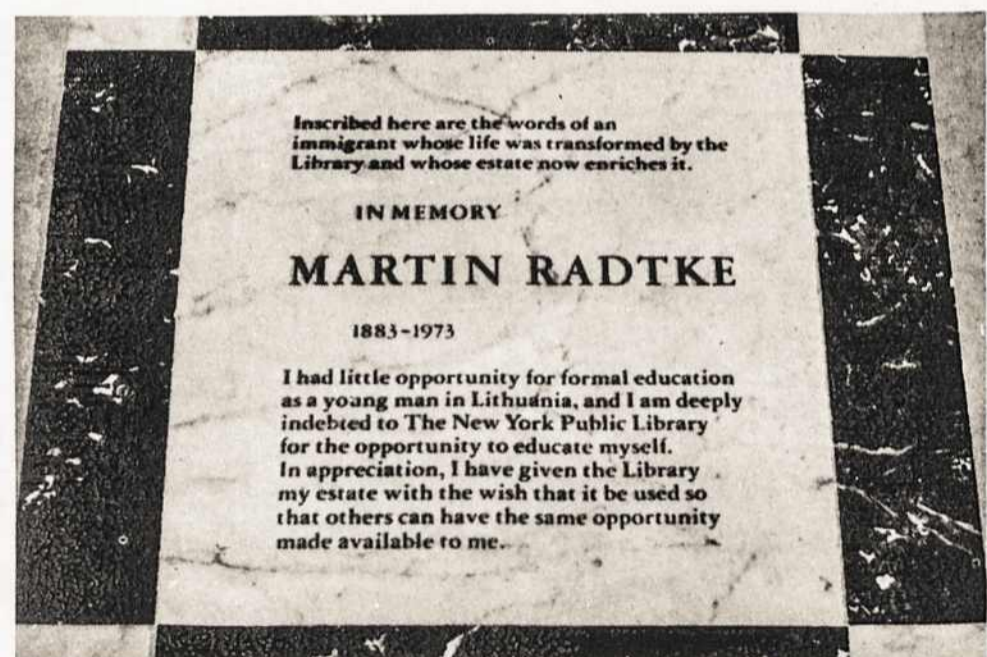
During the nineteen twenties, the Library and the stock market were Radtke's whole life. If there were other activities they were few, judging from what his friend has told us of his character. He lived very

simply, dressed well but otherwise never showed off his wealth. He was quiet, independent, and proud, a man who would not let anyone do anything for him, though he did things for others. (He sent money to support his father, until the old man died, in 1936, and to his brother, who had moved to Germany, and to his sister in Lithuania. When Lithuania later dropped behind the Iron Curtain and he could no longer send money, he sent her huge packages of food). He loved his life in the stock market and at the Library, and he needed little else.

In 1929, things changed suddenly for Radtke. The crash caught him heavily margined. His investments had been shrewd enough to prevent his being wiped out completely, but his losses were heavy. His lifestyle changed radically and he was forced to find a job for the first time in sixteen years.

Once again, he found work as a gardener, this time in charge of a large greenhouse on the estate of a wealthy family in Rye, New York. The job demanded that he work seven days a week, with no days off, at a salary of \$100 a month. Nevertheless, he patiently set about rebuilding his shattered fortune. His work schedule hardly made it easy for him to get into the city, but he managed somehow to take one day every month and come to New York, using the day to see his broker and to visit the Library. If necessary, he could have justified these excursions on horticultural grounds, as his employer was an exotic-flower buff who insisted that he grow weird specimens in the greenhouse, and Radtke actually had to spend many hours reading up on them in the Library.

Slowly but surely, by investing his meagre wages astutely and by skillfully managing the remnants of his former holdings, Radtke recouped his fortune. In 1946, he left gardening forever and returned to the city to resume his old way of life. From then until his



Marble Plaque inscribed to memory of Martin Radtke, at New York Library.

death, he once more parcelled out his days between brokerage offices and the Library, gradually devoting more and more of his hours to the Library, as time went on.

George A. Garjian, of Merrill Lynch, who was one of Radtke's brokers during those years, describes him as "a nice gentleman of the old school", who would always stand when Garjian's secretary came to the desk. He was unfailingly courteous but had no desire to initiate social relationships, and apparently he never spoke to the other "regulars" who came to the brokerage house to watch the tape. Nor had he any desire to spend money on himself. "I guess he wouldn't buy anything unless he really needed it", says Garjian. As far as we know, a few trips to Europe to visit relatives were the only substantial expenditures he ever made on his own behalf. The trips each lasted three or four months and were

always made by boat. It is unlikely that he ever travelled more luxuriously than tourist class, though his fortune in the years following 1946 rose to new highs. It is thought that his net worth far exceeded one million dollars, before the adverse market that began in the late sixties reduced his holdings. Radtke was deeply troubled by this unfavorable market, we are told. His friend says that he expressed sorrow before he died that he would not have as much to leave the Library as he would have liked.

Martin Radtke's gift is significant to the Library not only for its generosity but even more for what it symbolizes as an individual. For Radtke was in fact the idealized version of the Library user, deriving in full measure the endless possibilities for learning, growth, and pleasure that the Library offers, without charge, to everyone. In doing as he did, he represents the ultimate fulfillment of the Library's purpose.

RADTKE PLAQUE PRESENTATION

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Deputy Mayor James A. Cavanaugh (left), representing New York City Mayor Abraham Beame, and Richard W. Couper, President of the New York Public Library, unveil a marble plaque inscribed to the memory of Martin Radtke as (L. to R.) Aldona Mackevicius, Birute Radzivanas, Nastute Umbrasas, Regina Ruta Zymantas, Egle Zilionis and Giedre Kumpikas provide a colorful background at the ceremony attended by several hundred persons.



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LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



PR CHAIRMAN CONGRATULATED

Mary Ann Cassai (right) is congratulated by Helen V. Kulber on the wide publicity (including PAGE ONE, New York Times and an editorial in the N.Y. Daily News) achieved by Ms. Cassai and Edward White, Public Relations Staff - New York Public Library, for the ceremony and dedication of a marble plaque inscribed to the memory of Martin Radtke. ...In fulfilling a K of L project earlier this year, the Mid-Atlantic District presented 14 books about Lithuania and Lithuanians in either English or Lithuanian to the Donnell Library, the Bay Ridge Public Library and the New York Public Library. Letters of appreciation have been received. Ms. Cassai also thanked Helen for having sent out NYPL news releases on the Library's 1974 exhibits, "Five Centuries of the Statute of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (16th Century)" and "Dissident Literature of the Soviet Union", to the Baltic press and radio programs.

LITHUANIAN DAY

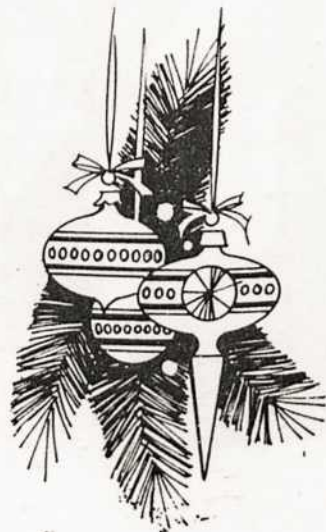


Some of the K of L Mid-Atlantic District members who attended the Annunciation Parish "Lithuanian Day" picnic at Plattdeusche Park, line up for a picture: (L. to R.) Beatrice Hoff, Peter Wytenus, Jean and Larry Janonis - President M-AD, Rev. Francis Ruggles, pastor of Annunciation Church, Loretta - Treasurer, and Jack Stukas, Helen Kulber - Lithuanian Affairs, and Kazys Sipaila, President, C-29.

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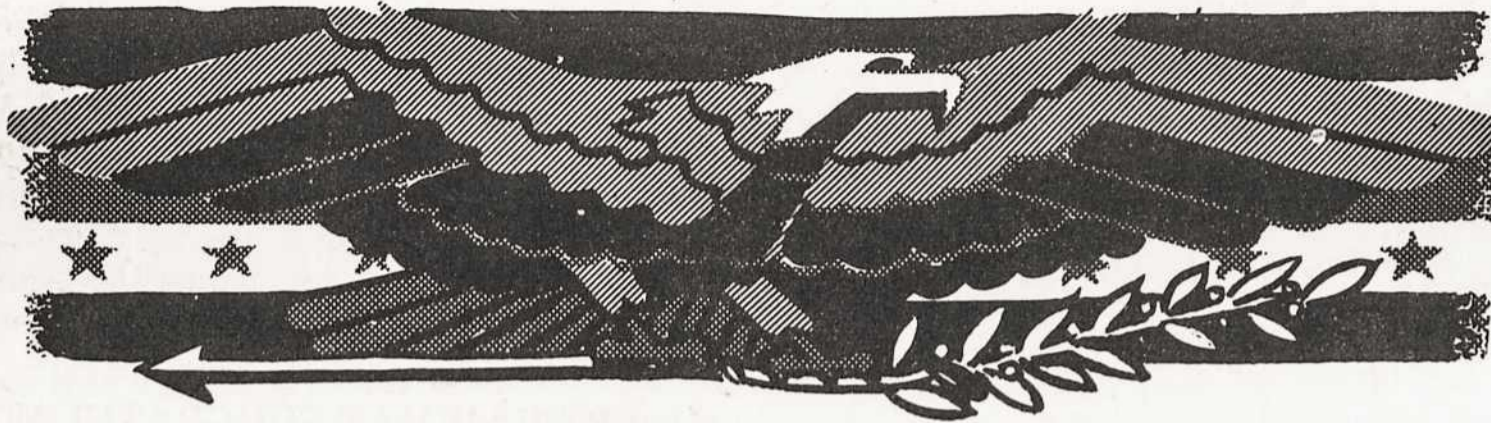
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BICENTENNIAL NEWS

JUNIOR K OF L IN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Junior Knights of Lithuania Lithuanian Folk Dance Group, of C-90, Kearny, directed by Elena Nakrosis, represented the Lithuanian Community of Kearny at a special Ethnic Folk Dance Festival at Jersey City State College, Jersey City, N.J. on Oct. 20. The Festival, sponsored by the Hudson County Bi-Centennial Committee, was intended to accentuate the historical contributions of the various ethnic groups who aided in the development of Hudson County, New Jersey and the United States, and to foster a respect for each other.

Eight girls from the dance group were especially chosen to perform the Lithuanian bridal dance, "Sadute", depicting the farewell offered to the bride on the eve of her wedding day by her bridesmaids and friends. The group members who participated in this festival are pictured: standing l. to r.: Vicki Staskus, Audrey Kohanski, Diane Mazur, Catherine Rokas, Linda McBride; kneeling: Joanne Staskus, Joyce Mazur. Not pictured is Sandy Staskus.

The United States of America will officially celebrate its 200th Birthday in 1976, but since 1973, various commemorations have already been in progress, to bring citizens' attention to all that we as Americans have to be proud of, and to focus on some of the many efforts that went into making the USA what it is today. The Bi-Centennial Celebration is divided into three parts - HERITAGE... to look back at what went into creating our nation, FESTIVAL... to celebrate what we have today, and HORIZON... to look to the future.

Many communities, large and small, have begun celebrating in their own ways, and many K of L-ers have found themselves actively involved in these celebrations. Of particular interest to K of L-ers is the "Heritage" phase, which includes making note of the numerous contributions made by immigrants to this great land, and sharing the cultural heritages of the motherlands of these immigrants.

In an effort to give credit to the K of L-ers and other Liths who are working on the Bi-Centennial projects, and to encourage others to get themselves involved in their local communities, this column is being initiated as a special feature for the remainder of the "Bi-Centennial" period. We strongly urge all readers to send photos, stories, information to the editor on what they are doing to make Lithuanians an active part of the celebration.



MOUNTAINSIDE, N.J.

On Sept. 28, 1974, the Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey, enjoyed a delightful International Folk Festival, presented by the Mountainside Cultural and Heritage Committee as part of their Bi-Centennial Celebration. Lithuanians were also an active part of the celebration. Mountainsiders Loretta Stukas, Alberta Katelus, and Lione Jankauskas, assisted by their husbands Jack, George, and John, resp., and Jerseyites Anne Klem and Lou Stukas, prepared a very interesting table of examples of Lithuanian folk

art and were on hand to answer countless questions about the nation, her history, and the various works of art on display. The day's cultural program included dances by the "Liepsna" Lithuanian Folk Dance ensemble of New Jersey, directed by Birute Vaiciunaite. All who witnessed the dances and viewed the display went away with a better understanding of Lithuania and its contribution to American culture. The many Lithuanians among the over 1000 guests also benefited from seeing the many other beautiful displays, dances, and demonstrations of other nationalities participating in the festival.



MOUNTAINSIDE LITHUANIAN Representation: l. photo - A. Katelus, L. Jankauskas, L. Stukas at Lithuanian tables. r. photo - The "Liepsna" Dancers perform during Festival.

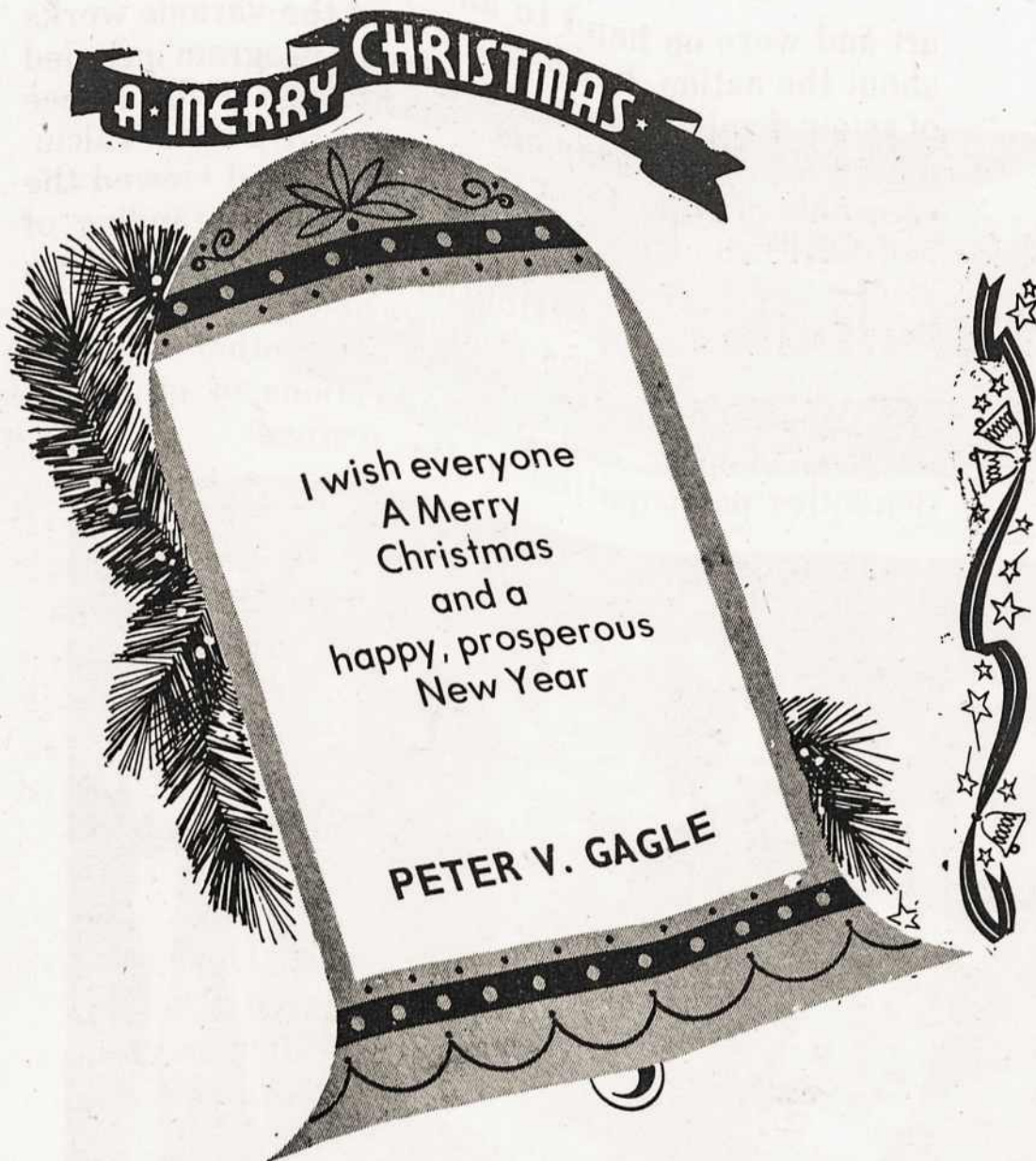


Merry Christmas

We're ringing out our heartiest wishes to all for a holiday bright with warm fellowship, good cheer, good health and high happiness!

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Christmas Greetings



A.A. KUN. PETRA, TOTORAITI PRISIMENANT,

JO MIRTIES METINES MININT

Š.m. spalio mėn. 30 d., suėjo vieneri metai kaip į amžiną iškeliavo visų mylimas ir draugiškas, tauraus būdo, visada linksmai nusiteikęs, patriotas lietuvis Kunigas Petras Totoraitis...

Velionis buvo gimęs 1909 m. birželio mėn. 21 d., gražioje Lietuvoje Bartkų kaime, Sudargo parapijoje, prie gražiosios Šešupės. Mokėsi Jurbarko "Saulės" gimnazijoje, o vėliau įstojo į Vilkaviškio vyskupijos kunigų seminariją. Gižuose buvo išventintas kunigu 1934 m. birželio 17 d. Lietuvoje vikaravo keliose parapijose.

Deja, velioniui neilgai buvo lemta gyventi savo mylimame krašte. Teko nuo komunistinio teroro pasitraukti. Atvykus į J.A.V., teko apsistoti Newark, N.J. Šv. Trejybės lietuvių parapijoje, kur išbuvo 23 metus, kaip vikaras, nešdamas pačią sunkiausią ir svarbiausią sielvartos darbą.



A.a. Kunigas Petras Totoraitis, virš bažnytinių darbų, visur ir visada reikėsi lietuviškoje veikloje. Priklausė Balf'ui, Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai New Jersey, ir buvo Lietuvos Vyčių 29 kuopos dvasios vadu. Taip pat veikė Lietuvių Bendruomenės skyriuje.

Velionis dėl savo tauraus būdo ir savybių buvo visų lietuvių ir net kitataučių gerbiamas. Velionies visas troškimas buvo ir jis dėjo visas pastangas, išlaikyti lietuviškesnę parapiją ir kiekviena organizaciją. Taip pat visa lietuvišką visuomenę burti kartu į vieną šeimą, į gražų sugyvenimą.

A.a. Kun. Petro Totoraičio mirties metinių proga, lapkričio 3 d. Newark'o Šv. Trejybės liet. parapijoje buvo atnašaujamos iškilmingos Mišios, o po Mišių salėje buvo akademija.

A.V.

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A VERY SINCERE WELCOME TO...
A NEW LIFETIME MEMBER

Joseph Kscenaitis of Council 12 is the newest member of that exclusive "society" of Lifetime Members. Joe was treated to this honor by his mother, who paid the \$100.00 dues for Joe as a special surprise. Congratulations, Joe, and welcome to the group.

A NEW COUNCIL

The new K of L year began with another bit of very good news. In September, 1974, Council 141 officially entered the K of L family. C-141 was organized in Bridgeport, Conn. and belongs to the New England District. Mrs. Alphonse Trainis (Teresa) was the principal organizer and was assisted by her husband, the Ivaska family, and others. Mrs. Trainis was also elected to serve as the council's president, and is assisted by a group of able workers. Congratulations... and a very warm welcome to C-141.

A NEW JUNIOR COUNCIL

Amsterdam, N.Y. Council 100 has added a Junior Council to its fold, thus bringing the number of Junior Councils in the Mid-Atlantic District to 3. Welcome, Juniors, and we look forward to hearing much more from you.

NATIONAL CONVENTION SITE SET

The hosts for the 62nd National Convention, the Mid-Atlantic District, have announced that the National Convention will be held on August 20-24, 1975. Headquarters will be the Hotel Taft, located at 50th St. and 7th Avenue, Manhattan, New York. The Hotel Taft, located in mid-Manhattan, just a short walk from the Theater District, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Plaza, Central Park, Carnegie Hall, etc., has promised excellent accommodations at very reasonable (special to the K of L) rates. More information on rates, activities, etc. will be given in the next issue. Plan now to attend... to arrive early, stay late, and ENJOY...

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

A Supreme Council Meeting will be held January 19, 1975, at the Lithuanian Franciscan Cultural Center, Brooklyn, N.Y., hosted by the Mid-Atlantic District. More information will be provided by mail. All members of the Supreme Council and National Committee Chairmen should try to attend.

JUNIORS CORNER

C-90, KEARNY

We closed our yearly series of meetings with a trip to Seaside Heights, N.J. in June, chaperoned and transported by our counselor, Diane Bachanas and parents. Between 15 and 20 Juniors participated in this outing and a wonderful time was had by all.

In September, our Juniors had a picnic outing in Stokes State Forest, in northern New Jersey. We decided to invite the members of Council 90 to also join us, making a total of 35 people enjoying a day in the outdoors, playing football, volleyball, baseball, barbecuing and hiking and fishing. Our day was highlighted by a hike to Sunrise Mountain for a magnificent view of N.Y., N.J. and Penna. Of course, you can guess what happens when the mothers decide to join the Juniors in using the playground equipment. That's right - Mrs. Nakrosis got stuck in the monkey bars - upside-down no less. But, we managed to get her out.

We had two of our new members introduced at the annual Amber Ball held in October. Also, 14 of our members received their First Degrees. We already have new members that will be introduced at the next Amber Ball.

Eight members of our Dance Group danced in Jersey City at the Bi-Centennial Ethnic Group Program, and we are very proud that they were selected to represent the Lithuanian people.

To date we have sold over 600 Lithuanian decals. We still have some left. If you would like one, cost \$1, please write to Bernie Kohanski, 157 Ivy Street, Kearny, N.J. 07032.

We have resumed our meetings and are looking forward to the many activities we will be planning.

AMBER BALL

Council 90, Kearny, N.J. held its second annual Amber Ball on Sunday, October 6 at the Lithuanian Catholic Community Center.

The intent of the Ball is to introduce Jr. K of L'ers to members of the Lithuanian community and to have them participate in the mainstream of social activity.

A total of 14 Juniors received their First Degrees conferred on them in a most impressive ceremony by Mrs. Loretta Stukas of the District Ritual Committee, who was assisted by Rev. Dominic Pocius, Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Lithuanian RC Church, Kearny.

In addition to the Juniors, 25 members of the regular Council received their First Degree award.

This year, presented for the first time as members of Junior Council 90, were Marie Gaglio and John Nakrosis as proud parents and family looked on.

An Amber display of jewelry and odd items was also a focal point of the evening.

Following the ceremonies, dinner and popular and folk dancing was provided. Walter and Dorothy Staskus were co-chairmen of this very pleasant and successful affair and plans are already being made for an expanded Ball to be possibly held in conjunction with Lithuanian Independence Day in February.

JUNIORS RECEIVING 1ST DEGREE

Diane Mazur
Joyce Mazur
Victoria Staskus
Sandra Staskus
Catherine Rokas
Bernard Kohanski
Scott McBride
Audrey Kohanski
Adam Matus
Gregory McBride
John Nakrosis
David Gelcius
Theresa Mitchell
Marie Gaglio



C-90 Juniors and guests admire Amber display at Amber Ball.



First Degrees for C-110 Jrs. l. to r. A. Stungurys, J. Stungurys, Spir. Adv. Fr. J. Pakalniskis, Counsellor M. Skabeikis, W. Sidtis, R. Zebler.



C-110 Jr. members at July Rummage Sale. l. to r.: front M. Stungurys, L. Vebeliunas, A. Stungurys, L. Stungurys, J. Stungurys, Mrs. Ann Sidtis. Back - W. Sidtis, Phil and Marian Skabeikis.

C-110 - MASPETH

Summer saw the Maspeth Juniors involved in a Rummage Sale to help support their activities for the coming K of L year. Part of the proceeds will be contributed to host parish Transfiguration for the support and encouragement the Council has received during the year. Plans for the coming months include a Council outing, preparations for the 1975 Junior activities at the National Convention, and participation in the District Convention at Amsterdam, N.Y. to be hosted by C-100.

Elections were held at the October meeting. The new officers for the coming year are: President, Frank Vasalka; Vice President, Arunas Stungurys; Secretary, William Sidtis; Treasurer, Marija Stungurys, Cultural Chairman, Leon Stungurys; Ritual, Antanas Ambrosini and Jonas Stungurys; Lithuanian Affairs, William Ward and Linas Vebeliunas and VYTIS Correspondent, Robert Zebler. Congratulations to the new officers, and thank you to the officers who served so well during the past year. Congratulations are also in order to Frank Vasalka and Bill Sidtis for their prize-winning essays on Fire Prevention.

A highlight of the K of L year was the admission to the First Degree of four Junior members:

William Sidtis, Arunas Stungurys, Jonas Stungurys and Robert Zebler at the C-110 Fiftieth Anniversary Communion Breakfast on September 15. The Ritual, administered by Spiritual Advisor Fr. John Pakalniskis, was a moving ceremony.

The C-116 Juniors are looking forward to an active Year.

C-1 - BROCKTON

This past summer the C-1 Juniors held a hike and box lunch picnic at Romuva Park. Twenty four Juniors attended along with regular C-1 members Marion and Michael Dillis, C-1 President Sylvia Shukis, and First Vice President Sue Boroskas. First a meeting was held where a report was given on a yard sale previously held. Also a \$5.00 donation was made to St. Casimir's Parish. Discussed were plans for a booth at the New England District Picnic on October 6. Sue Boroskas explained about the Juniors part in the 1975 Convention, and the K of L points system. After the meeting, Marion Dillis read from the VYTIS about Darius and Girenas, the Lithuanian aviator heroes. Then for some fun, a softball game was played in a nearby field.

Theresa Dillis
President, C-1 Juniors

A THANK YOU FROM OUR CONVENTIONSHIP WINNER

Michael Petkus received a 1974 Conventionship Award which enabled him to attend the 61st National Convention. He has been President of C-96, Dayton, Juniors and has been active in his Council's Dance group. We hope that more Juniors will follow Mike's example and apply for the 1975 Conventionship.

Dear Marian Skabeikis,

I would like to thank the K of L for providing me with the grant which made it easy for me to attend the National Convention. I shall complete this year as the President of Dayton's Junior Council and next year I will move up into the regular Council. There I'll continue to be active with the organization as long as circumstances permit me.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Petkus





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Christmas Greetings



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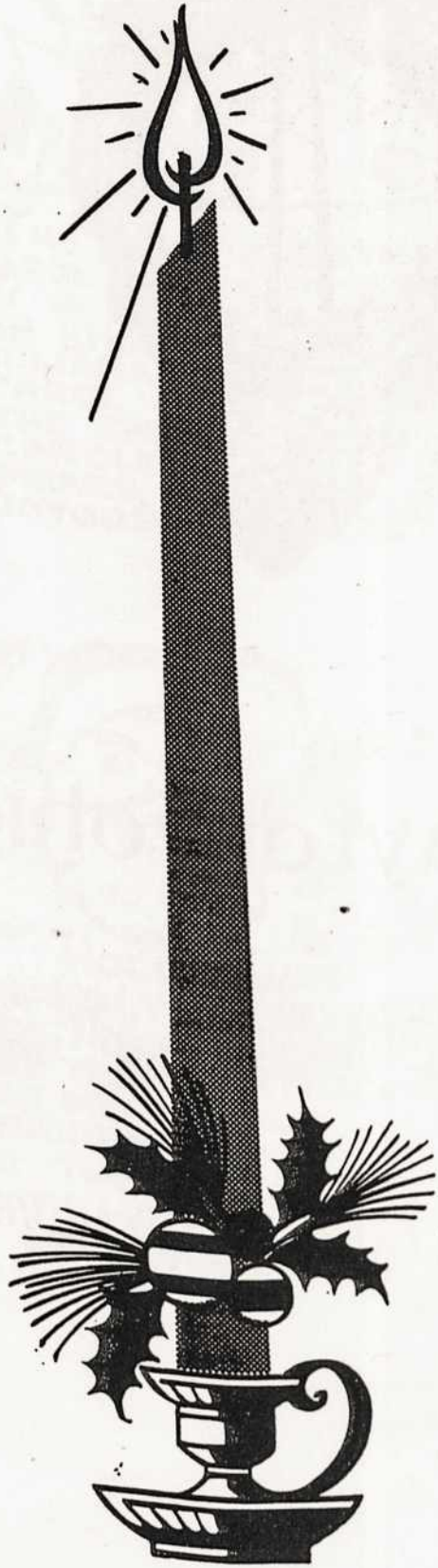
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Rytojaus dieną Ignas Visockas visus surikiavo eisenai į bažnyčią. Viktoras Augustas nešė Amerikos

vėliavą, Onaitis - Lietuvos ir Antanas Mažiokas - L. Vyčių. Vėliavas lydėjo Vyčių Garbės Nariai: Marijona Lukas ir Juozas Sadauskas. Juos sekė trečio ir ketvirto laipsnio nariai bei kiti vyčiai. Bažnyčia buvo pilna žmonių.

Šv. Mišias atlaikė ir gražų pamokslą pasakė kun. Leonas Zaremba. Visi vyčiai priėmė Šv. Komuniją. Tą patį padarė ir skautai-skautės, dalyvavę pamaldose. Įspūdingai giedojo parapijos choras, Reginos Brazaitienės vadovaujamas. Pamaldos baigėsi bendrai visų sugiedotu Vyčių Himnu - Nuženk Galybe iš dangaus...

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Po to šios parapijos klebonas kun. Gediminas Kijauskas atlaikė Šv. Mišparas ir pasakė prasmingą pamokslą. Jis iššaukė kuopų atstovus uždegti didžiasias žvakes. Tai padarė: M. Trainauskaitė, Stasė Sankalaitė, Rūta Graža, Viktoras Augustas, Ona Aleliūnienė, Sally Miller ir J. Sadauskas.

Už šios gražios šventės paruošimą padėka priklauso Marijonai Trainauskaitei ir Stasei Sankalaitėi. Nemaža joms yra padėjęs ir Ignas Visockas.

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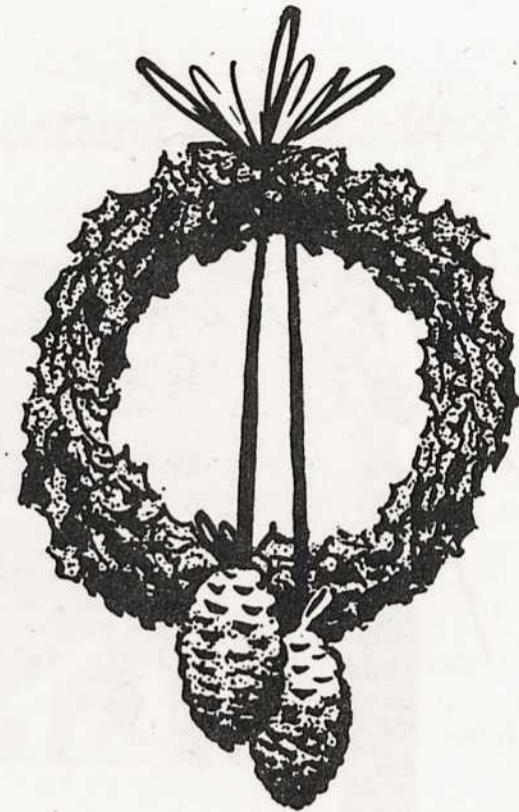
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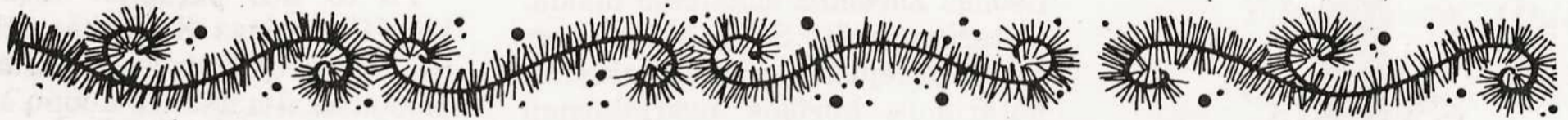
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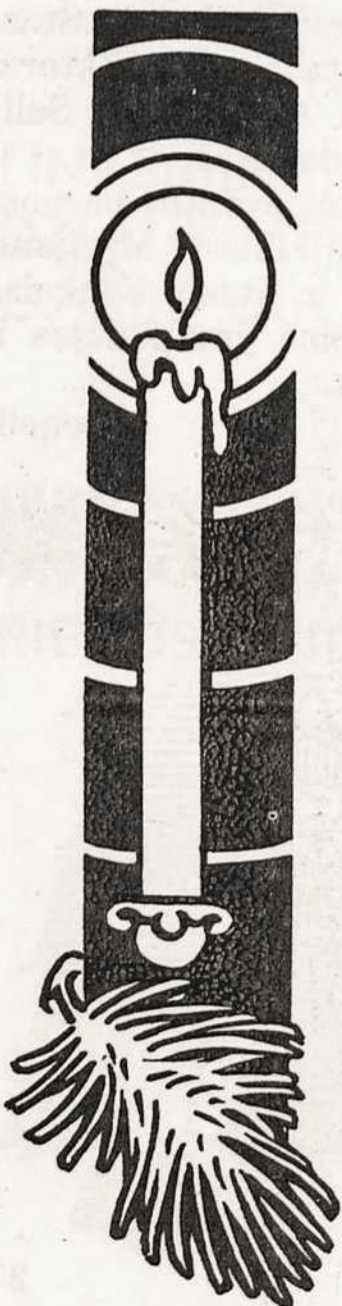


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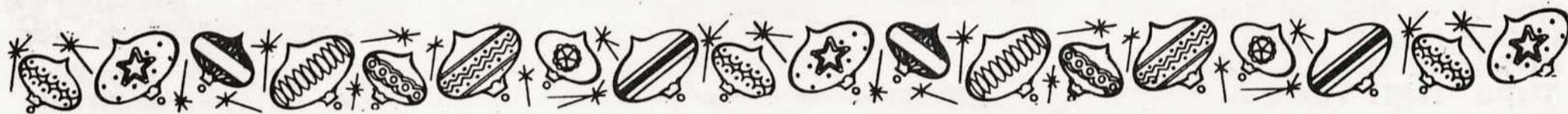


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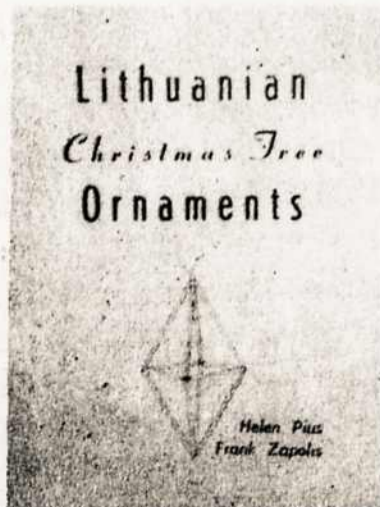
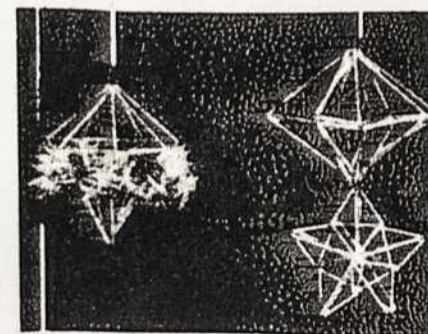
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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

As the lyrics go, "Let's start at the very beginning!" Third Degrees were awarded last June to the following: Ann Morkunas, Donna Murphy, Marion Racicot, Judith Ginkus, Ann Buciskas, Francis Degutis and Joseph Zalieckas. Recipients of the Second Degree, awarded that same evening were: Virginia Lelakis, Pauline Flaherty, Carol Kardokas, Alexander Kardokas and John Kazlauskas.

The third anniversary Mass for our late pastor and staunch K of L'er, Father John C. Jutt, was held on June 27. Mass was concelebrated by Father's twin brothers, Fathers Anthony and Julius, and by our pastor and spiritual director, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC. Most of Father's family from Westfield were present and the members of our council had the opportunity to greet them following Mass at a social in the church hall.

The July meeting was held at the Millbury residence of Stephen

and Ellie Walinsky. The shish-kabob was excellent! The August meeting was held at the summer camp of Rita and Ted Pinkus in Rutland. The cookout featured every possible food.

The July and August meetings seem to hold capacity attendance each year! To the Walinskys and the Pinkus', širdingą lietuvišką ačiū!

We wish our member, Marion Racicot, a successful reign as president of the St. Casimir Mother's Guild. Helen Gillus was our delegate to the Nat'l. Conv. held in Detroit and presented an excellent report to our membership.

A lengthy discussion took place at our August meeting regarding Australia's recognition of the Soviet annexation of Lithuania. Members were urged to write to the Australian Embassy protesting this move. Our spiritual director, Father Miciunas, prepared printed material for insertion in the parish bulletin, urging parishioners to write also, and at the same time, included samples of letters as a guide. Expenses for this project were absorbed by the parish.

Joseph Sakaitis, Adele and Francis Degutis are the bowling chairmen this season and they promise it will be quite competitive. Many good bowlers, they say!

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO LEON PAUKSTA, our new Supreme Council President.

It's an enormous task and responsibility, as those who served before him will attest, but it should be our first priority to cooperate all the time in all matters.

Fifteen delegates attended the Fall NED Convention hosted by C-116 (Our Lady of Vilna Church). Their spiritual director (and pastor), Father Alphonse Volungis, their president, Anthony Miner, and a host of very diligent members, presented an excellent program, from Mass in the morning, well-conducted sessions by N.E.D. Pres. Al Jaritis, movies by Irene and Eddie Tamulevich showing present-day Lithuania, and the excellent food prepared by so many. Thank you sincerely from the fifteen of us: Father Anthony Miciunas, Ann Bender, Joe Sakaitis, Claire Grigaitis, Emily Gudzevich, Adele and Francis Degutis, Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus, Rose Chestnut, Ann Buciskas, Mary Doginikas, Alex Kardokas, Patricia Kardokas and Olga Kersis. Incidentally, Alex won the "good cheer" which C-116 raffled off!

We had a lobster bake on Oct. 11, and a dinner dance is planned for on Nov. 30. There was excellent attendance by council members at Father Michael Tamulevicius' 5th Anniversary Mass held on Sept. 10. Father Mike was our spiritual director for something like 16 or 17 years, during which time his special counseling affected us all for all time.

The following members weren't seen too often this summer be-



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COUNCIL 7
WATERBURY, CONN.



cause of illness. Most of them are completely well, while some are nearly well. They are: Helen Gillus, Eleanor Gadilauskas, Christine Delonis, Charles Lapinskas, Bob Krusas (who was involved in a serious accident with his police motorcycle), Sophie Roland, Nell Thompson, Charles Tagman, and Olga Kersis.

Congratulations to Regina Barisas who will be spending her first Christmas in her new Shrewsbury home!

Merry Christmas to all from our spiritual director, Father Miciunas, and our entire executive board and membership!

"Dzūkelė"

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

LABAS, after a brief absence. Our council has not been dormant; we have kept active. The new Executive Officers for the 74-75

season are: Pres. Anthony Miner; 1st V-Pres. Mrs. Irene Adamaitis; Rec. Sec. Dorothy Sinkavitch; Fin. Sec. Helen Daltwas; Treas. Mrs. Dorothy March. Committee members include: Mary Miner, Ritual; Helen Daltwas, Spiritual; Mrs. Dorothy March, Social; Mrs. Irene Tamulevich, Cultural; Anthony Miner, Lithuanian Affairs; and Ann Miller, Vytis Correspondent.

Our Council hosted the N.E. Dist. Fall Convention on Sept. 29 in Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall. A very large delegation was in attendance. The business sessions were fruitful and well conducted by Dist. Pres. Al Jaritis, who is doing very well after his unfortunate accident. The highlight of the meeting were the movies of Lithuania shown by Ed Tamulevich; there were interesting scenes of the villages and countryside of present-day Lithuania. Fr. Albin Janiunas, NED Spiritual Advisor,

also showed movies of the ceremonies conducted last May at Cathedral-in-the-Pines at Rindge, N.H. The event was a combined one with Latvians, Estonians and Lithuanians participating, in honor of all the martyrs of the Baltic Countries.

The most scrumptious part of the Convention was the spectacular buffet supper prepared by the ladies. It was something to behold, and tasted as good as it looked. The accolades belong to the following: The entire Adamaitis family, John, Irene, Irene, Jr., and Joan; Helen Daltwas, Marion Lukason, Dorothy March, Ann Miller, Tony Miner, Danny Nichols, Dot Sinkavitch and her mother, Irene and Ed Tamulevich, Trudy Zibinskas, and Juniors: Caroline Adamaitis, John March, and Dot's cousin Bobby.

It was a pleasure to meet and welcome into the organization



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COUNCIL 25
CLEVELAND, OHIO



delegates from the newly-formed C-141 from Bridgeport, Conn. They are neighbors and are closely associated with the Ansonia Council. We hope to be seeing much more of them. Valio to C-141!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Irene and Ed Tamulevich. It was Irene's Lithuanian decorations, samovar and Ed's movies that added much to the success of the Convention. Our council is indeed fortunate to have them as members. Mary Duggan of C-26 also supplied a samovar for tea, and even helped to pour. Ačiū, Maryte. The touch of elegance was just what we needed.

Tony Miner and Stanley Grigas, delegates to the Nat'l. Conv., report they not only enjoyed the Convention, but also Niagara Falls, Canada and the entire trip. They are still trying to catch up on lost sleep. Stanley's luck is still holding out; he won \$200 at St. Casimir's Parish picnic... The March's spent the entire summer at their summer home on Cape Cod. Some people have all the luck... Dot Sinkavitch, Claire Grigaitis of C-26, and Ann Miller spent two weeks in September touring the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper National Park, Glacier Fields, the Coast of Washington, Oregon and San Francisco. They had quite a trip and are still ecstatic about it all... Irene Adamaitis, Jr. traveled to Europe, again, no less... Trudy Zibinskas toured Maine and New Hampshire, while the Yurkinas' and the Paluses' fished out all the ponds in the area... We have missed Joe Krasinskas; hope he is fully recovered from his recent illness... Mary (Balukonis) and Vic Mrozinski and Joe and Grace Balukonis flew to Rio in the Spring. The Balukonis' mom and dad recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!..

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...Ann Miller



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Christmas Greetings

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C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Our first fall meeting was held at the Bristol home of Mr. & Mrs. Vic Mathieu. Feast Day greetings were extended to Father V. Martinkus during our October meeting held at the parish rectory.

Alex Vaitkunas was transferred from the VA Hospital in Providence to the VA Hospital located at 150 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Father Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C., spent six weeks at the Point Pleasant, N.J., hospital, and twice as many weeks recuperating at his brother Herbert's home in Manasquan, N.J.

Ruta Krecioch accompanied her spouse on a business trip to Panama.

Delegates and alternates to the Fall NED Conv. were John and Irene Walaska, Helen Seraichekas, John and Bertha Stoskus.

Our second annual Christmas cheer visit will be made to the Matulaitis Nursing home in Putnam, Conn.

Our prexy was pleasantly surprised with a lovely Lithuanian wayside shrine awarded to her at the Detroit Nat'l. Conv. for her membership involvement in C-103.

Spec 4 Paul J. Stoskus was recently promoted to the rank of Specialist 5 at the JcRc command base in Thailand. He and his mom had a most joyful reunion in Bangkok, where Bertha Stoskus spent three wonderful days with her son. On her Oriental trip she also visited Japan, Formosa and Hong Kong.

A Guest Editorial in The Providence Visitor, our Diocesan weekly paper, mentioned Lithuania's oppression behind the Iron Curtain.

Irene Landanski faithfully administers to the daily needs of her ailing father. Mildred Seraichekas continues to be kept busy with her home remodeling, and many extra curricular activities. The Cunningham's - Dr. Jack, Biruta, and their two lovely children, spent a relaxing month in Ireland. Bette Ciuryla was a house guest of her

son Joseph and his spouse on Nantucket Island. Your scribe spent two pleasant weeks in Chicago visiting with his sisters Helen Skocz and Julia Urba. He was pleasantly surprised to find his niece Loretta Anderson and her family who live in California, in Chicago at the same time.

During my reign as President of the Ill.-Ind. District, one of my most ardent co-workers was the late Helen Gudauskas from Cicero. Remember her in your daily prayers.

Linksmų Kalėdų švenčių višiams!

Jonas

C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

A hearty welcome and wishes for success in their endeavors, to the new Bridgeport, Conn. Council! We are happy to have an opportunity to see our friends again as well as new members. Best wishes for a fruitful future!

Everyone hated to see Summer pass by. To prolong it, a few extended their vacations by last-minute cruises - Dr. W. Shukaitis and his wife cruised on the Queen Elizabeth to the Caribbean; Ed and Antoinette White and their daughter Virginia and hubby "Ziggy" took separate cruises, too. Fall brought back some former members - Janice LaPointe and her husband, who were transferred back to Waterbury from Denver by his company. Janice was a former Financial Secretary



C-7 Waterbury, member Joseph Boley, honored for his basketball contributions, locally and statewide and recipient of Olympian Award from Conn. Sports writers. l to r: Rev. G. Vilciauskas, Mr. Boley, and Rev. R. Yuskauskas.



C-7 - Pres. James Valaitis presenting Joe Mazeika a Senior "Oldest Member" award at a party given in his honor.

and both were active in Council affairs. Welcome back to the fold!

Congratulations are in order to a member of the Board of Directors and one of our able Stewards - Wally Blinstrubas. He was promoted to Plant Manager of the Gyro Division of Timex Corp. here in Waterbury. Good luck in your new position, and keep up the good work, Wally!

Tony Alexander and John Alanskas wish to extend their thanks to Worcester for their hospitality at the NED Fall Convention. We hope to be able to reciprocate at the Convention to be held in Waterbury in the Spring. Congrats to the new officers of the NED.

Marcella Andrikis attended the Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba Congress in Chicago as a C-7 Delegate in September. As usual she had a glowing report of the meeting and a get-together with her many friends and co-members.

All the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish miss "Prof" since his retirement, but many people have met Mr. Aleksis during his daily "constitutional" around the Green in downtown Waterbury and have their usual warm reception and chat with him. Hope to see you at the meetings, too, "Prof".

Since the Holiday Season will be soon upon us, we wish to extend to all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Year from C-7 in Waterbury.

"Lelija"



Wishing all our fellow Knights and Ladies

Blessed and Happy Holidays

C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.



Yuletide Joy

We're wrapping up our warmest wishes for a holiday that fulfills your finest expectations. Merry Christmas!



LARRY & JEAN JANONIS
C-12, New York

ILLINOIS-INDIANA**DISTRICT****ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT**

Congratulations to the new officers of the District: Spiritual Advisor Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Board Chairman Leon Pauksta, Pres. Al Brazis, Jrs V.P. Frank Zapolis, Membership V.P. John Narusis, Srs V.P. Gediminas Janula, Dist. Secy. Adeline Jasaitis, Bd. Secy. Irene Sankus, Treas. Emily Petraitis, Trustees Vince Samoska and Albina Gaides, Sgts-at-arms Napoleon Sapkus, Jerome Jankus and Ed Krivickas, and Bldg. Trustee Frank Svelnis.

Newly-elected officers of the Choir are: Pres. Estelle Rogers,

V.P. Antanas Bilitavicius, Secy. Loretta Grigaliunas, Treas. Joe Juska, Trustees John Auksciunas, Vladas Paliulionis and Albert Zakarka. English Correspondent Birute Pumputis, and Lith. Correspondent Emilija Pakalniskis. Congratulations!

The Building Fund Committee planned a successful Cocktail Party held Oct. 23. T'was a fun evening. The Memories of Lithuania Banquet will be held Feb. 9 at the Martinique. We hope you plan to attend.

Congratulations to newly-re-elected C-112 President John Evans.

Happy, happy Holidays to all!
Hoosier

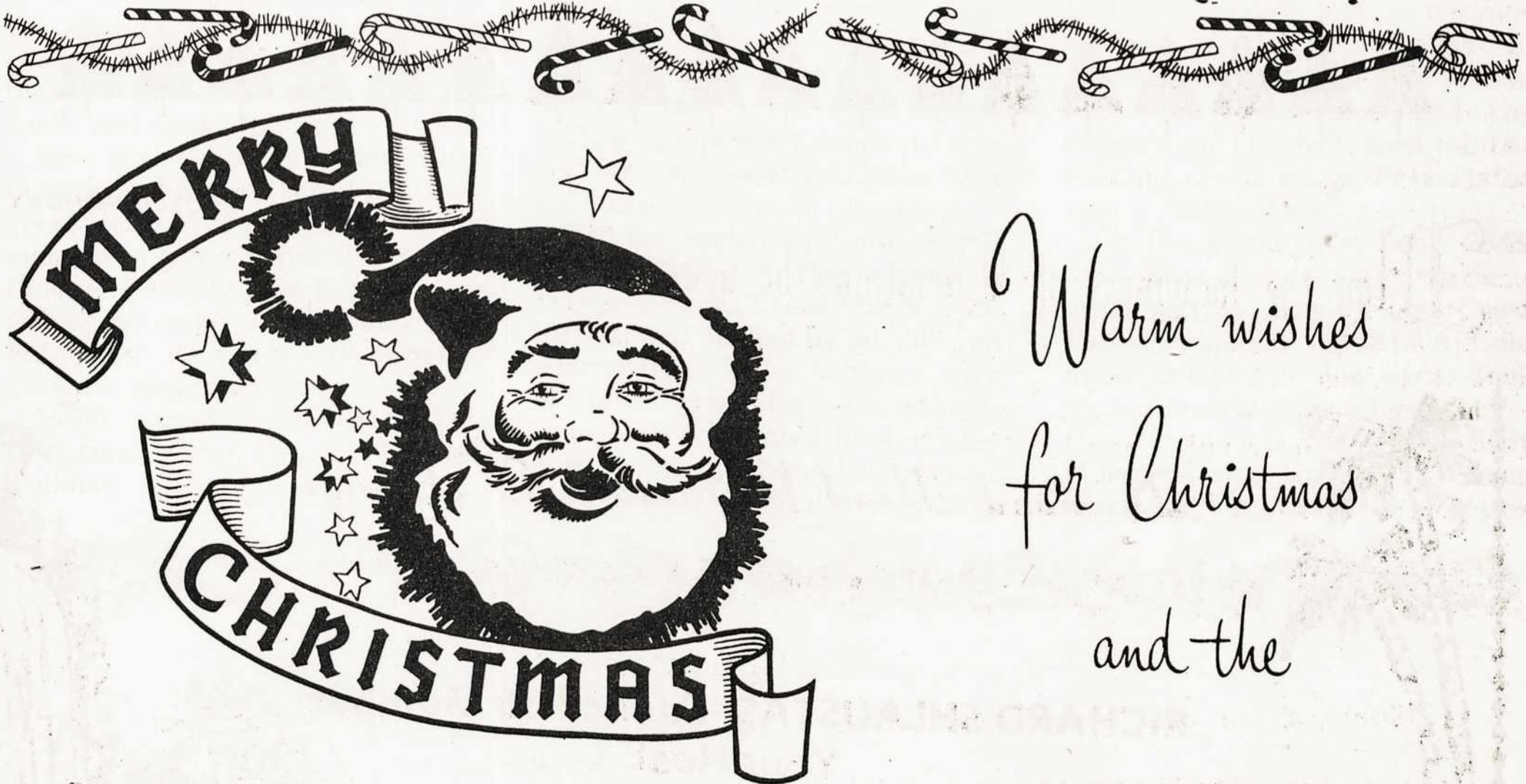
C-112 - CHICAGO, Ill.

Congratulations to outgoing president Harry Petraitis and his corps of officers on a very successful K of L year, and best wishes to the newly-elected officers of C-112:

Pres. John G. Evans, Vice-Pres. Edward S. Krivickas, Rec. Secy. Sophie Nieminski, Corres. Secy. Stephanie Mlodzik, Treas. Monica Kaspar, Fin. Secy. Dolores Wainauskas, Trustees Geraldine Mockus and Irene Sankus, and Sgts-at-Arms Albert Dagis, Louis Rogers, Alexander Shulicke. Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas has graciously agreed to continue as our Spiritual Advisor.

Council Board meetings, during the months of August and September, were held at the homes of Gerrie & Al Mockus and Estelle Rogers, resp. The first meeting of the new K of L year was held at the home of our new prexy, John Evans.

Get-well wishes and some correspondence from fellow K of L'ers would be appreciated by H.M. Albin Manst, 2527 N. Ridge Ave., Arlington Heights, Ill. 60007. Al has been ill for some time and is currently recuperating at the home of his son Steve.



Warm wishes
for Christmas
and the
coming year

Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois



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We are happy to see both Antanas Balcytis and Emilija Pakalniskis back on the active roster after recovery from recent surgery.

Belated 25th Wedding Anniversary wishes to Edward and Anele Pocius who celebrated on Sept. 18.

Our council was most aptly represented at the Nat'l. Conv. in Detroit by Al Brazis, Eddie Krivickas, Estelle Rogers, Aldona Gylys, H.M. Eleanore Laurin, Barbara Klevinsky, Al Raubiskis, John Narusis, Tony Yuknis. Leon Pauksta and Irene Sankus represented the IID and were elected Natl. President and Treasurer, Resp., and John Narusis was elected to the Natl. Scholarship Committee. We wish all of the Supreme Council members a most productive year.

A successful IID Golf Tournament, held in conjunction with the Lith. Chamber of Commerce at the Palos Country Club, saw Dolores Wainauskas and Richard Shlaustas as the K of L victors. We also had an excellent representation at the 1st Annual Golf Outing of the Diamondhead Restaurant. Among the low shooters were Richard Janik and Red Cibulskis.

The 8th Lithuanian-American Congress, held at the Pick-Congress Hotel, was well attended by many K of L members. IID Public Relations lady Estelle Rogers was the super sales lady. Ruta Lee Kilmonis was the delightful mistress-of-ceremonies.

Don't forget - Annual C-112 Christmas Party, Dec. 14, K of L Building.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Our annual visit to the deceased members of the council was held Sept. 8. The day began with members attending the 8 AM Mass in a body for the living and deceased of the council. A continental breakfast was held in the church hall after Mass. Later, with our largest contingent ever, we visited the cemetery. The angels smiled on us over the clouds. Mike P. Petkus prepared beautiful flower arrangements for the 16 graves we visited. Elinor Sluzas gave our Jrs words of encouragement to continue this practice. Our treasurer, Sally Miller, became a little concerned when one member suggested we make a motion for the council to buy new shoes for all... the dew really took a toll on us! Adding a personal touch to our visit was George Mikalauskas with his battery-operated trimmers.

The day ended with our second Family Picnic of the season at Triangle Park. There was a good turnout and fun had by all. Joe and Aldona Ryan had a birthday cake for Joe August. Joe wasn't there, but we all celebrated his birthday anyway. Mary Lucas had goodies for everyone. Council friend, Mike

(Harley) Karns, helped set up things for the day.

A hearty Thank You to the Cleveland council for having the annual MCD Pilgrimage, Sept. 14-15. It was a well planned weekend. Heading up from Dayton were Elinor and Ed Sluzas, Ada Sinkwitz, Mary Lucas and her grandson, Jamie Pacovsky, Ernie and Veronika Omlor, Joe and Aldona Ryan, Sally and Mary Miller, also Jr Knights Chuckie Petkus, Annamarie Sluzas and Kathy Sinkwitz. Charlie and Sarah Petkus "hailed" twelve up in their BUS. A special thanks to John and Evelyn Andruslis, Nellie Arunski, Al and Joanne Shigo for their extra treats. Charlie's group had a special treat on the way home with a stopover at the Kingswood Gardens, Mansfield, O.

Our Jr council's Autumn Frolic Dance on the 21st at the Lithuanian Hall was very much a success. Those of us from the regular council who attended had a good time. Lou Prasmantas had a nervous moment viewing the "antics" of Frank Ambrose and Mary Lou Lastoskas. Mary Lou had the dancers on the ball most of the evening. Fun! Kitty Prasmantas won a "little cheer".

On the weekend of Sept. 28-29 delegates representing various organizations from Holy Cross Parish attended the ALTA Congress in Chicago. Joe Gečas took up seven delegates in his 'bus' - Eugenia and son, Ray Gečas, Sally Miller, Margie Grushas, Joe and Aldona Ryan. Stan Vaitkus repre-



We're sounding off to wish you and yours a Christmas that hits all the high notes of happiness, good cheer and good fellowship.

Jack & Loretta Stukas

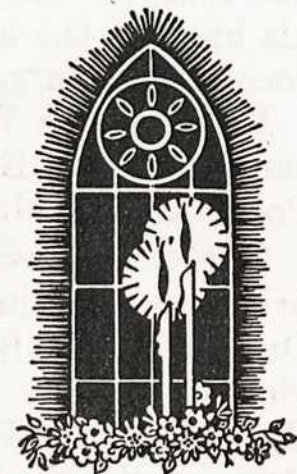


May the
Christmas Spirit
of Peace and
Goodwill remain
with you

C-135
Ansonia, Conn.

Contentment and abiding peace
Be your companions
This Holy Season

COUNCIL 74
Scranton, Pa.



sented the C-96 Knights at the sessions. All thought it was well worth the time to attend. They again had the pleasure of seeing Ruta Lee, who was Mistress of Ceremonies at the banquet.

Good luck to Joan Kavalauskas with the bowling league for the 1974-75 season now under way. Karolyn Ambrose (181) and Mike Dailey (246) have set the pace for us.

Our "Vėjeliai" dancers participated in the Kettering, O. Holiday-at-Home Parada and performed later in the day at the Kettering Civic Center on Sept. 2. Aldona Ryan was MC at the program.

It was good to see Annadel Miller and Charles Vangas at the September meeting. Let's make it a habit! The Sept. meeting had a 'full house'. Ada Sinkwitz treated everyone after the meeting to celebrate her election to the Supreme Board as Financial Secretary. Ačiū, Ada.

Much luck to Ed Sluzas and his newly-formed trio, Mary Agnes Mikalauskas and Dan Sherman. Ed is on drums with Mary and Dan on guitars. Mary Ann Blum has again volunteered to help with the CCD classes at Holy Cross this year.

Good to see Frank Ambrose better after having had battle with a badly-impacted wisdom tooth. Good to know Stephanie Rastikis is doing well after her recent hospital stay.

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C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

With sentiments of the K of L Nat'l. Conv. bygone, and with the Good Lord's blessings, we now embark on new ventures. For instance, we are concluding plans for a K of L Wayside Memorial for the new church as a result of proceeds derived from the Convention. Anthony Dainus, who is in charge, will strive for completion of the Wayside Cross as soon as possible.

Pres. Ruth Grasha submitted a Conv. report at our Sept. 4 meeting. Following the business session, our social hostesses Vicki Chepelonis and Ann Kratage who traveled 25 miles, bringing with her some homemade, yummy goodies, completed the nice evening. Many thanks, Miss Ann, only don't stay away too long in the future. Another long distance traveler to our meetings is Bertha Janus who "picks up" several ladies along the way. Good deed, Bertha!

Soaking up the last rays of the summer sun, over 90 members and guests attended our Family Day Picnic on Sept. 21. Chairman Jos. Chaps and his committee made it a real "Fun Day" at Lola Valley Park. It provided a background in a variety of outdoor games, including a horse-shoe tournament. Frank Petroski won the top trophy. Congratulations, Frank - even though it took 14 years to win. Hope you stay in there pitch-



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AL & IRENE
OZALIS
Council 3

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



"Peace on Earth"

ADA, KATHY & JIM
SINKWITZ



*Let the bells peal out loud and
clear across the land to
proclaim to one and all
our best wishes for a holiday
season filled with joy.*

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ing. Gourmet food vied for honors along with catch-up conversation. Joining us were several members from our sister C-139: Joe and Katherine Kurpovic, and Albena Kurpovic, pres. of C-139, and her hubby. Despite the chilly evening, there was an "after-glow" of singing for those who hated to depart from the picnic. A big Ačiū to all who contributed food and helped in other ways.

'Ole Man winter paid us an early visit at our Oct. 2 meeting. Despite the bitter cold a good number of 79'ers attended. A social followed with hostesses Sophie Bitner and Stella Hotra, assisted by her hubby, Walter, a Halloween motif prevailed. The fresh, lovely flowers which centered the table came from Sophie Bitner's yard, which later were placed at the foot of Our Blessed Mother, honoring October as month of the rosary.

It was nice to see quite a number of our out-of-town members and visitors at the Family Day Picnic. Dorothe Martin, who settled in

Florida, dropped by. Her daughter Phyllis and Charlie Milius came by briefly. Sophia and George Leskosky, now living in Winterhaven, Fla., greeted members and friends. Helen Patocki brought her cousin, Magdalena Kirk, of Waterbury, Conn. And the Frank Zagers were accompanied by their guests, M/M Jos. Golojuch of Schenectady, N.Y. Clem and Helen Patocki were visited with a houseful of guests - the Martins; her brother, Bill Snipas of Erie, Penn., and Magdalena Kirk from Conn. The event coincided with Clem Patocki's birthday on Sept. 21. Best wishes, Clem; let's just say it was 39 plus.

Betty and Frank Petroski were visited by her mother; sister, Goldie, and brother-in-law, Al, of Pensy. The group attended a wedding in Hamilton, Ontario, which Betty described as a real Lithuanian Wedding.

We pray for the following deceased members: Emilia James (sister of Barbara Sackle); Mrs.

Mary Kermath (mother of Irene Petroski); Lon Visockis (brother of Patronella Medonis); Joseph Uzdavinis, Frank Brace and Anthony Machis, stepfather of Carl Janson.

We are in need of volunteer C-79 members in the Kitchen Committee. This Committee is in charge of serving a light breakfast of coffee and baked goodies following Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Each organization of the parish alternates. It seems we have difficulty getting volunteers. Why is it that so few, out of our large council are willing to volunteer their time and effort to perform the essential functions that make the council an active live organization. Kindly call Marie Kase and give her a helping hand, 474-1454.

A New Year's Eve Party is being revived. Call Clem Patocki, 834-3011, for reservations. A happy and blessed Holiday Season from all of us to all of you.

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Honorary Member
C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.



MERRY CHRISTMAS,
AND PEACE AND
HAPPINESS IN THE
NEW YEAR

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Brockton, Ma.

Merry Christmas

May Christmas bring to you
and yours all the happiness
your hearts can hold. Best
wishes!

COUNCIL 90
Kearny, N.J.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL

COUNCIL 116
WORCESTER, MA.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
TO OUR FELLOW
KNIGHTS

Marian & Phil Skabeikis
Nellie & Tony Skabeikis
Ann & John Sidtis
Albert & Helen Kuchinskas
William Sidtis
MEMBERS OF C-110,
Maspeth, N.Y.



*Merry
Christmas*

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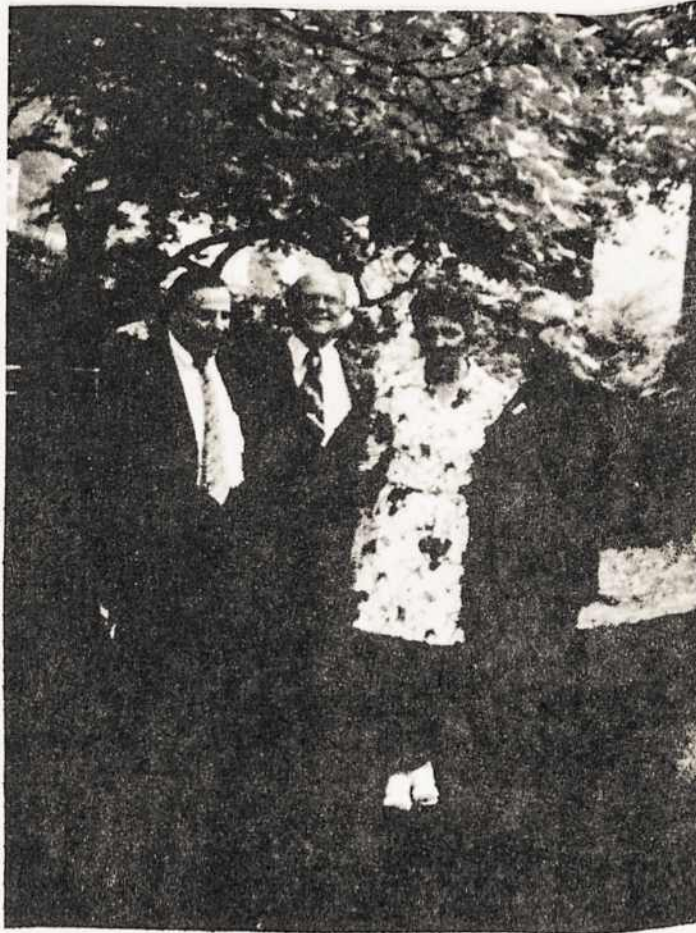


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C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS
ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Jim Sabal participated in the K of L sponsored European journey this past June. It's always a pleasure to report news when a member takes an active interest in a planned endeavor by our organization. Upon interviewing Jim, heard the following remarks of what left a lasting impression upon him. To quote: "The stirring speech by Jack Stukas at the Vasario 16 Mokykla Auditorium in Weinheim, Germany" - "Fond memories of being part of the Rosary and



*K of L Tour at Heidelberg, Germany.
Andy Rodzger, Jack and Loretta
Stukas and Rev. Gillis.*

Candle Procession at the Lourdes Shrine in France" - "The beauty of the Cathedrals at Notre Dame in France and Cologne in Germany" - "The thought-provoking Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal". Of all the countries visited, Spain impressed Jim the most with its scenic beauty and works of art. While in Germany, Jim discovered the 'delicatessens' which produced the best tasting liverwurst and bologna. Upon investigation, found out why - It's against the law to use additives or preservatives.

Brushing up on his knowledge of the Spanish language, John Radonis visited South America during the Winter Month of August with his wife Orfa and their three lovely children, Regina, Jennifer and Katherine. For the first time in ten years, Orfa saw her parents, brothers and sisters in Valparaiso, Chile, and had the emotional experience of introducing John and the children to the entire family.



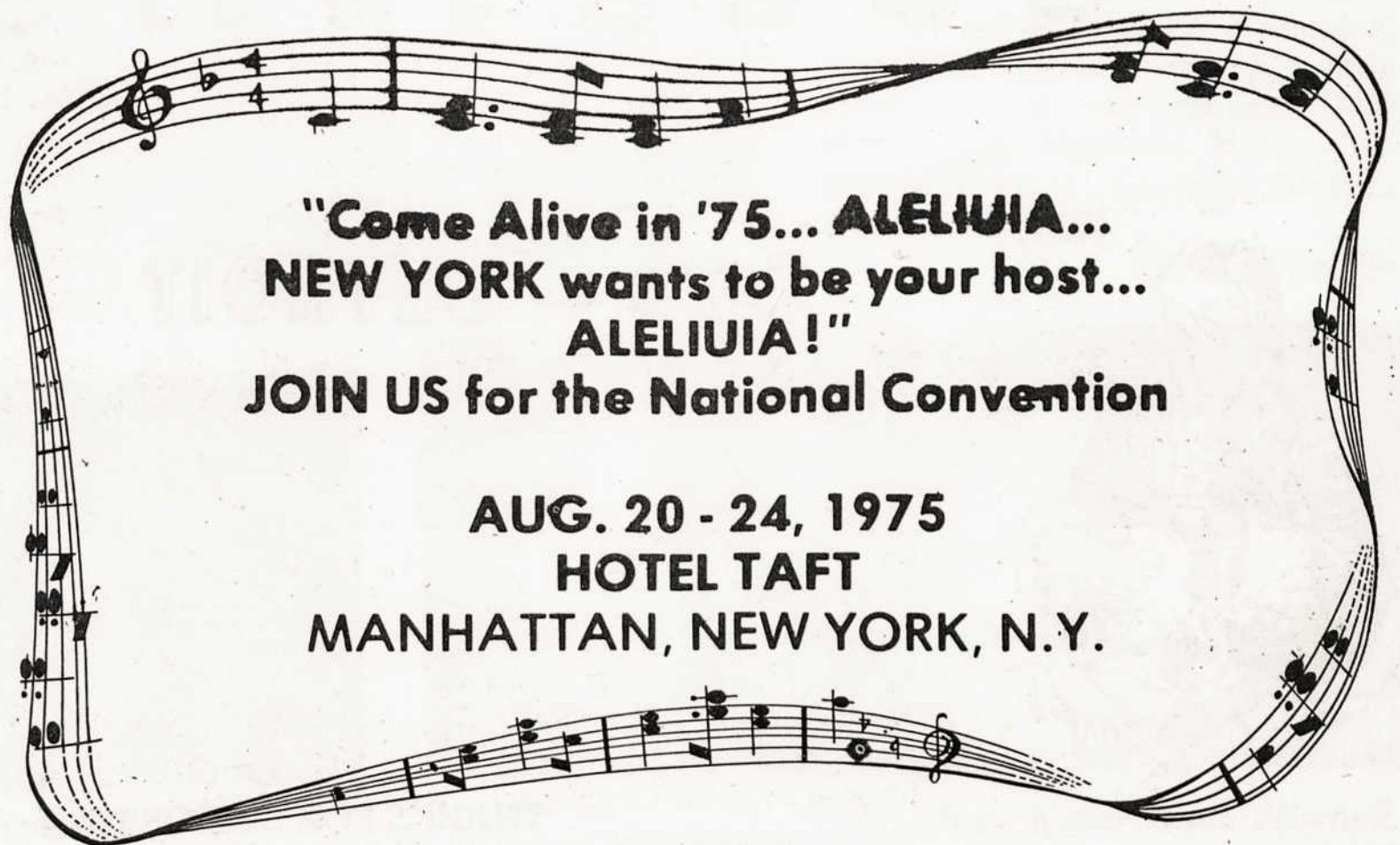
*Greetings for a Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Prosperous New Year*



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While Orfa became re-acquainted with her married brothers and sisters whom she last saw as children, John took this opportunity of visiting Peru and Ecuador. Both had time to visit the resorts and enjoy the bracing air high in the Andes Mountains. Apparently economic conditions are affected by inflation in Chile even more so than in U.S.A. For example, a loaf of bread is 75 cents. We hear from the Radonis family that closeby to Valparaiso is the Capitol City of Santiago which has a Lithuanian colony.

CHRISTMAS IN MANHATTAN - C-12 will hold its 5th Annual Christmas Eve Community Endeavor this year at Our Lady of Vilnius Parish Hall. To show our appreciation to the parishioners and visitors who share their Christmas Eve with us by attending "Bernelių Mišias", we will as usual treat them to free Coffee an'.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

LIBERTY LADY



C-12 — John Radonis meeting family in South America.

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Peter and Charlotte Sargalis hosted the first fall meeting of our council on Sept. 8 at their summer home on beautiful Lake Galway. Thanks a million, Pete and Charlotte, for a marvelous time!

Gene Gobis gave her report as delegate to the Nat'l. Conv. Presi-

dent Tony Radzevich advised the members that the M.A.D. Convention was postponed to Nov. 3, due to a conflict of dates with one of the council's programs. Chairman Joseph Valikonis told the members that plans for the convention were super.

Father Baltch gave a short resume of his trip to Lithuania.

GREETINGS

C-79 — DETROIT



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR CONVENTION



C-100 - Danny Kabasin, recipient of Nat'l Scholarship Award playing the organ at St. Casimir's Church.

A committee composed of Charlotte Sargalis, Evelyn Rimkunas, and Sadie Karbus were appointed for the Christmas Banquet.

Mary Stationis who celebrated her birthday on Sept. 8 and sister Betty Kuzmich served on refreshment committee for the October meeting.

NEWS BITS: Father Grigaitis celebrated his Seventh Anniversary at St. Casimir's Parish on Sept. 7. Sveikiname!

An interesting game was played at the close of the business meeting: JARTS - Clarkson vs Siena. Clarkson was represented by two graduates, Joe Shatas and Don Holleran; Siena - Bill Liberis and Father Balch. The scorekeeper was Nellie Liberis. The winners - Clarkson 3-0. Others participating in the game were Ed Liberis, Regina and John Kot.



Renewing acquaintances at Nat'l Convention, Stan Vaitkus and Gene Gobis.

An excellent supper was enjoyed by all - sausages on Italian rolls, home dilled pickles, fresh cucumbers in sour cream, tossed salad, baked beans, fried peppers, bobka, cakes, and dozens of ears of corn. Thanks to Pete and Charlotte for the good food, and also to all members who added their specialties to make up such a delicious meal.

Polly Ziausys may have some letters from Lithuania which may interest Prof. John Cadzow of Kent University.

Our own Norbert Sherbunt was on the Nov. 5 ballot. His name was on the Republican slate for City Court Judge! His opponent was Judge Michael Raphael - Ginny Miciulis' boss.

The Hartvigas family did a lot of traveling this summer - Cleveland, Ohio and Boston, Mass.

Jean Maldutis' two sisters and



C-100 - Wedding of Richard and Linda (Petrosino) Alexander.

niece were welcomed into the organization - Helen Augun, and Edith and Linda Orante. The Orantes are also Matt Orante's sister-in-law and niece.

On Aug. 4, Richard Alexander took for his bride, Linda Petrosino, during a Nuptial Mass at St. Casimir's Church. It was one of the largest weddings ever witnessed. The church was filled to capacity; a number of K of L's sang the Latin Mass. The bride looked lovely! A reception was held immediately after the ceremony at the Bishop Scully High School where over 700 persons attended. One bachelor has left the ranks to join the group of married couples. We hope Richard can persuade Linda to join our council! Best wishes and Ilgiausiu Metu, Laimingu Metu ir Vaisingu Metu... from all of C-100.

Smile & Sparkle



Getting together at Nat'l Convention in Detroit. Marian Skabeikis, Grazina Vaskelis, Loretta Stukas, Gene Gobis



Mid-Atlantic District Officers at District Meeting held in Great Neck,

- Mary Kober, Annie Mitchell, Larry Janonis, Marian Skabeikis and Phil Skabeikis.

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K of L Calendar

NOVEMBER

30 – C-26, Dinner-Dance, Worcester, Mass.

DECEMBER

1 – C-100, Amsterdam - CHRISTMAS PARTY - Canterbury House, Amsterdam, 6:00 p.m.

14 – C-112 Chicago, Annual Christmas Party, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

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

25 – C-12 New York - Following Berneliu Misiu at Midnight, Coffee An' served to parishioners and visitors - Our Lady of Vilnius Church Hall, New York City.

JANUARY

18 – K of L Choir, ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

FEBRUARY

9 – Annual IID "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner, Martinique, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUST

– 62nd NATIONAL K of L CONVENTION, New York, N.Y. – Mid-Atlantic District, Hosts