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SIMAS KUDIRKA, with (l. to r.) his wife Gene, mother Marija Šulskiene, daughter Lolita greet thrilled Chicago Lithuanians at a reception at Sharko's Restaurant, one of many activities of a welcoming weekend in Chicago. Lithuanian Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis (far right) looks on. The Kudirka son, Evaldas, was not present.

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SIMAS - TU LAISVAS YOU ARE FREE



SIMAS KUDIRKA greets Congressman Robert Hanrahan of Chicago, one of the many Americans who worked for Simas' release.

(Photo - P. Maleta)

"SIMAS, TU LAISVAS... BUS LAISVA IR LIETUVA!"... "Simas, you are free... - Lithuania will be free also". These words, which appeared on a placard in the crowd welcoming Simas Kudirka to Chicago Nov. 16, may well be the new motto of Lithuanians everywhere, since release and arrival of Mr. Kudirka in the United States Nov. 5, 1974.

The Lithuanian sailor Simas Kudirka tried to escape to freedom on Nov. 23, 1970, but was taken by force from US Coast Guard Cutter Vigilant back to the Russian ship, Sovietskaja Litva. The incident sent shock waves through the free world, and instigated countless demonstrations throughout the USA, as well as a most intensive and extensive letter-writing and publicity campaign, to right the tragic wrong done to Mr. Kudirka.

For his attempt to defect, Simas was condemned to 10

years of slave labor in Soviet concentration camps and jails, and all of his and his family's property was confiscated. He served almost four years of his sentence of torture and suffering in Soviet imprisonment.

After documentary proof that Simas Kudirka and his mother were citizens of the United States, with the sincere cooperation of the members of the United States and House of Representatives, after personal intervention by President Gerald R. Ford, under pressure of public opinion, the Soviet Union granted Simas Kudirka and his family exit visas permitting him to travel to his country, the USA.

Simas Kudirka, his wife Gene, his children Lolita and Evaldas and his mother, Marija Sulskiene arrived in New York Nov. 5, 1974.

Lithuanians everywhere are anxiously awaiting the opportu-

nity of meeting their new hero. At this writing, Simas and his family have been received by thousands of admirers in New York, Cleveland, Boston, Philadelphia and perhaps the largest turnout, Chicago, heartland of Lithuanianism in the USA. Mayors Daley and Perk, of Chicago and Cleveland, resp., also presented Mr. Kudirka with keys to their cities. On Nov. 23, the 4th anniversary of his attempt to defect, Simas and his family had lunch aboard the Coast Guard cutter Vigilant as the guest of the Vigilant's new skipper Comdr. William Goetz, while the cutter was in port at New Bedford, Mass.

The Knights of Lithuania, not the least of the workers for Simas Kudirka's release, sincerely welcome the new heroic symbol of Lithuania's fight for freedom, and look forward to greeting him in their midst very soon.



Nov., 1971. N.E. District Knights commemorate the first anniversary of Kudirka's tragedy with a wreath ceremony at the sight of the attempted defection at Martha's Vinyard.



REFLECTIONS... ON MEETING A NEW LITHUANIAN HERO

by Loretta I. Stukas

Listening to the day's news on the car radio while driving home from work is not too exciting - and frequently a monotonous experience. But on Tuesday, Nov. 5, one news item jolted me out of my complacency! With jubilation and disbelief, I listened as the broadcaster reported... "SIMAS KUDIRKA, the Lithuanian seaman who tried unsuccessfully to defect to this country four years ago, arrived in the USA this afternoon... with his wife, children and mother..." At last, the hopes and prayers and efforts of millions of Lithuanians and sympathetic non-Lithuanians throughout the USA and the world were realized, and a terrible wrong was righted. SIMAS KUDIRKA at last was granted the freedom he had sacrificed so much to obtain.

Mr. Kudirka spent his first few days in New York and New Jersey telling his story to representatives of TV, radio and the Press. Since for reasons still unclear, most local Lithuanian press and radio representatives were not invited to take part in the New York interviews and initial press conference, your VYTIS Editor accepted an invitation to participate in the special reception planned for the Kudirka family in Chicago - and found it to be an overwhelming and most satisfying experience!



*Simas Kudirka addresses his admiring public.
(photo - A. Gulbinskas)*

Chicago, it should be noted, is the heartland of Lithuanianism in the USA. It boasts of the largest number of Lithuanians (about 200,000) of any city in the world, and is headquarters of most of the major Lithuanian American organizations which led the campaign for Simas' release. It is also the home of Congressmen R. Hanrahan and J. Derwinski, both of whom played major roles in the release.

The Kudirka family arrived in Chicago Saturday, Nov. 16, 1974 via jet to O'Hare Airport, and was then transported via helicopter to Midway airport. Since Midway is not commercially operative on Saturdays, the Kudirka arrival was its major event on Nov. 16.

Arriving myself at Midway some two hours before the scheduled Kudirka arrival, I found the airport's main corridor already lined with a mass of excited Lithuanians. Lithuanian Saturday School students dressed in Lithuanian costume, their faces aglow with anticipation, were carefully reviewing their prepared greetings. Older students and adults were waving placards of greeting in Lithuanian and English, and holding bouquets of flowers to present to the new celebrities. The crowd was estimated at 5000.



The admiring crowd at Midway Airport shows its approval.

Photo - P. Maleta

As the arrival drew near, one could feel the rising anticipation, as if some famous Head of State was expected. In the din, the words "miracle"... "stebuklas"... "our cause is finally recognized"... "Valio President Ford, Valio Roberts Brieze, Valio Simas"... could be heard. Hearts beat faster as we watched the helicopter descend, and saw a slight, spritely, handsome SIMAS KUDIRKA alight. As the Kudirka family, accompanied by local Lithuanian organization officials, Congressman Hanrahan, Roberts Brieze (the man who initially told the world of Simas' unsuccessful attempt to defect) and others, walked the distance of about a half mile through the cheering, weeping crowd, he must certainly have delighted in this magnificent outpouring of sincere sentiment from his fellow American Lithuanians. Not many eyes were dry - certainly not Simas Kudirka's - as he finally entered the alcove where the members of the Press waited to meet him, and hear his words.

Whatever we expected of this new hero, he proved equal to it - many times over. Simas Kudirka, his piercing, sincere eyes attesting to the suffering he has known, spoke calmly and intelligently. "I've been to hell and back", said Simas, as he answered reporters' questions. He told of his delight at learning of his American citizenship and expressed gratitude to American leaders and fellow Lithuanians for their help in obtaining his release. His immediate concern, he said, was to learn the American language and customs and become self-sufficient and productive in this land of freedom.

After the conference, the Kudirka family greeted the thousands of admirers individually, beaming all the while and treating each greeter as a long-lost cousin.

Later, we had occasion to meet again with the Kudirka family on a more relaxed basis, at a reception and dinner for Lithuanian organization representatives and members of the Lithuanian Press, Radio and TV, at Sharko's Restaurant. After the dinner with its appropriate toasts and formal greeting from various Lithuanian leaders and others, Simas Kudirka again spoke to those gathered. Still looking refreshed and non-flustered, Simas told of his desire to tell the world of the suffering of his fellow Liths still behind the Iron Curtain. He asked that he not be placed on a pedestal, but be allowed to cooperate with those fighting for Lithuania's cause. Showing himself to be astute and well-informed on world problems, he assured his listeners that the fight against Communism is not unrealistic... that the Soviet Union is weakening internally, in spite of its outward appearance of strength.

After the formalities, I had the exciting opportunity to personally greet and chat with Mr. Kudirka and his family, express greetings on behalf of the K of L and the VYTIS readers, and present him with copies of all issues of VYTIS in which he and his plight were mentioned or discussed. He responded with warmest greetings and deepest appreciation to the K of L for their efforts in his behalf and that of Lithuania.

Sunday's activities - a special Mass of Thanksgiving at Nativity BVM Church, a special program at Maria High School, and visits to several other Lithuanian activities - again were marked by overflow crowds. The untiring honored guests again proved equal to whatever activities they attended. On Monday, Mayor Richard Daley declared Simas an Honorary Citizen of Chicago, presented him with a key to the city, and declared the day to be "SIMAS KUDIRKA DAY" in Chicago.

All who attended any or all of the weekend activities to honor this very special person went away with one certainty... All the work of the K of L and other Lithuanian organizations and individuals, as well as the efforts put forth by members of Congress and most of all, President Ford, in Simas Kudirka's behalf, has not been in vain. Simas Kudirka and his family have miraculously reached the USA, from Soviet imprisonment, and they are a most welcome addition. Simas Kudirka has proved to be everything we expected and more! He has shown himself to be warm, sincere, humble, astute, well-versed in world situations, well-spoken and most anxious to sacrifice whatever is necessary to effect Lithuania's freedom from Communism. His family - quiet, unassuming, humble - are very worthy of this great man. Indeed, American Lithuanians can rightfully boast of a new and very deserving hero in their midst and should learn from his example and advice.

VALIO SIMAS - Congratulations on your successful flight to freedom, and welcome to our shores!



Simas' mother and wife express gratitude to the cheering crowd. Mary Rudis (center), BALF President, accompanies them.

(photo - P. Maletos)

TEGU MEILE DEGA MŪSŲ ŠIRDYSE LIETUVAI IR AMERIKAI!

LAISVAS KUDIRKA - LAISVĖS LIETUVAI

Dvi dienas Chicagos lietuviai išgyveno labai jautriai, su pakilia nuotaika sutikdami Simą Kudirką ir jo šeimą. Niekad Midway aerodrome nebuvo tiek susirinkę žmonių, kiek lapkr. 16, d. Visi keliai užsikišo jau po dvyliktos, o jis turėjo atvykti iš O'Hare aerodromo su malūnsparniu apie 1 val. Čia skubėjo ne tik mašinos, bet ir autobusai su moksleiviais iš daugelio mokyklų. Taip per valandą prisirinko apie 5 tūkstančiai. Lyg tyčia lietus pradėjo pilti, kai Simas išlipo iš malūnsparnio su mūsų palydovais. Pasipylė ovacijos "Valio Simas". Daugybė plakatų šaukė - "Simai tu laisvas ir Lietuva bus laisva!". Didelę salę sausakimšai perpildė publika su ašaromis ir džiaugsmu. Policija vos galėjo praskinti kelią, vedantį į spaudos konferenciją. Čia, Simui įeinant, mokinių atstovai įteikė gėles. Sveikinimai vis aidėjo.

Spaudos konferencijoje dalyvavo daugybė televizijos, foto ir spaudos atstovų. Konferenciją atidarė Alto pirm. dr. K. Bobelis ir pristatė kongres. Hanrahan. Jį sutiko didelės ovacijos. Taip pat meras Daley ir apskrities pirm. G. Dune atsiuntė pasveikinimus. Po trumpų PLB pirm. Nainio ir Balfo pirm. M. Rudienės žodžių prabilo Simas Kudirka. Jis išreiškė gilią padėką visiems padėjusiems ir pabrėžė, jog jaučiasis kaip ištrūkęs iš pragaro. Anglų kalbas Simui vertė Kazė Brazdžionytė, o M. Rudienė kalbėjo į publiką. Po kelių klausimų Simas Kudirka su šeima sustojo prie vieno salės lango, kur kiekvienas dalyvis galėjo jam paspausti ranką. Jų tarpe buvo nemaža ir amerikiečių, kurie jam linkėjo laimės atvykus į šį kraštą. Priėmimas užtruko 2 ir pusę val.

Po to Šarkos valgykloje įvyko tik kviestinių svečių ir komiteto vaišės Simui. Čia prabilo ir p. Šulskienė. Susijaudinusi ji dėkojo visiems, kurie Amerikoje ir kitur ilgai kovojo dėl jos sūnaus. Po šių vaišių ji šiltai sutiko Lietuvos Dukterų suruoštoje vakarieneje. Lietuvos Dukterys paruošė gražią programą. Čia sol. Paurienė padainavo keletą dainų. Jaunimo Centro salėje skambėjo džiaugsmas ir ovacijos, sulaukus tokio svarbaus savo brolio.

Sekmadienį, lapkr. 17 d. 10 val. susirinko žmonių minios prie Gimimo bažnyčios. Čia buvo iškeltos Amerikos ir Lietuvos vėliavos. Trispalvę iškėlė pats S. Kudirka, saliuotojant šauliams ir organizacijų vėliavoms ir giedant Lietuvos Himną. Bažnyčioje įvyko labai jaudinančios Simo ir šeimos padėkos Mišios Aukščiausiam ir už kenčiančius bei žuvusius Lietuvos žmones. Baltrušaičio vedamas choras giedojo už Tėvynę ir kitas giesmes. Kudirkai atnešė Komuniją ir Vyną ir įteikė vysk. Brizgiui, kleb. Zakarauskui ir kan. Zakarauskui, kurie laikė šv. Mišias. Pirmą klebonas gražiai pasveikino, o vėliau vysk. Brizgys pasakė jiems skirtą pamokslą. Kudirkai priėmė šv. Komuniją ir po Lietuvos Himno vyko į Jaunimo Centrą, kur jų laukė skautai. Gražiomis ceremonijomis padėjo vainiką prie Nepriklausomybės paminklo.

Tik ten baigus apsilankymą, reikėjo vykti į "Laisvos Lietuvos" redakciją, kur jos vyriausias šeimininkas V. Šimkus įteikė dukrytei ir Genei - Simo žmonai - tautinius rūbus, keletą knygų, o Kazė Brazdžionytė - Lietuvos ir Amerikos stalo vėliavas. Alvudo vardu kalbėjo Kevėža, spaudos - Stravinskas. Po penkių,



SHARKO'S RESTORANE - Nauji draugai sveikinas su Kudirkų šeima.

Photos - A. Gulbinsko



Midway aerodrome Pasaulio Bendruomenės Pirmininkas B. Nainys sveikina atvykusius svečius. ALT-o Pirmininkas Dr. K. Bobelis, Kongresmanas R. Hanrahan ir Vyties Žurnalo Redaktorė L. Stukienė klauso.

(Foto - P. Maletos)



Šarkos Restorane svečiai - Simas Kudirka, Vysk. V. Brizgys, M. Šulskienė, L. Šimutis, Sr., R. Brieze. Vysk. Brizgys ir L. Šimutis yra L.V. Garbės Nariai, R. Brieze buvo įteiktas L.V. "Lietuvos Draugo" Medalis 1971 metais už jo pastangas S. Kudirkos išlaisvinimui.

(Foto - A. Gulbinsko)

jau kitas, Marijos mokyklos salėje, gausingas sutikimas ir meninė programa, pajvairinta sveikintojų. Sveikino kons. Daužvardienė, PLB - Nainys, dr. Razma, o didžiausios ovacijos buvo sukeltos kongres. Dervinski, Ill. sen. F. Savickui, prez. Fordui ir Valsybės departmentui.

Vysk. Brizgys, atkalbėjęs invokaciją, dar kartą pasveikino ir perdavė kardinolo sveikinimą. Meninėje daly sol. Mastienė, deklamatorė Blandytė ir akt. Dikinis gerai nuteikė susirinkusius. Muz. Vasaitis akomponavo solistei. Jaunimo Ansamblis, F. Strolis vadovaujamas, sudainavo himnus ir kitas dainas. Ypačiai gražu buvo išgirsti Maironio "Pabuskim iš miego". Paskutinis kalbėtojas buvo pats S. Kudirka. Jo žodžiai buvo labai svarūs ir iš dalies priminė skausmą kalėjimuose ir konctr. stovyklose likusiųjų. Lietuvos Himnas, dovanos, čekų partizanų pristatymas ir paskutinis sudiev. Visi plojo Kudirkų šeimai. Tai buvo lietuvių triumfo dienos Chicagoje.

Reikia pažymėti, kad komitetas, sudarytas iš Alto, Balfo, LB ir Lietuvių Fondo, atliko svarbų darbą. Per savaitę viską taip sutvarkė, kad šis įvykis praeitų tvarkingai. Lietuviai sudėjo Simui kraitį per 13 tūkstančių dolerių. Pirmadienį meras Daley rotušėje įteikė miesto raktus Simui. Po to jis grįžo į New Jersey. Tiesa, nepamirštinas yra latvis Briežė, kuris Šarkos valgykloje kartu su Simu šiltai kalbėjosi. Jei ne jis, tai niekas Simo likimo nebūtų žinojęs, nes Vigilant laivo kapitonas buvo uždraudęs nieko apie įvykį nekalbėti.

Amerikiečių TV, radijas, laikraščiai mirgėjo Simo ir šeimos nuotraukomis, o ką jau bekalbėti apie mūsų dienraščius. Foto Archyvas, vedamas kun. Kezio, kai ką įamžino. Taip pat LTV padarė filmą, o mūsų fotografai pridarė daugybę nuotraukų. Radijo valandėlės iširašė sutikimo momentus ir dabar transliuoja. Taigi Simą Kudirką pamatė apie 20 tūkstančių lietuvių. Jis yra mūsų šių dienų herojus, visų mūsų didžiausias

laimėjimas, kaip Vliko pirm. Valiūnas pareiškė. Tikėkim, kad Simui nereikės eiti į fabriką duonos ieškoti. Nėra žinių kur jis apsigyvens, bet, matyti, Chicagos gyvenimas ir aplinkuma jam patiko.

Simo Kudirkos pergalė, jo keturių metų kančios ir išgyvenimai tegu mus visus jungia, kaip jis sakė penklitinę rodydamas, - Tautos stiprybė vienybėje. Simas laisvas - Laisvės Lietuvai!

Bal. Brazdžionis



Mieli Lietuviai,

Lapkričio mėn. 5 d. yra didelio džiaugsmo ir moralinio teisingumo laimėjimo diena viso pasaulio lietuviams.

Šią dieną visų lietuvių pastangomis, po beveik ketverių metų nepavargstančio ir užsispyrusio kovojimo - Simas Kudirka ir jo šeima atgavo laisvę ir atskrido į Ameriką. Jis yra simbolis visų lietuvių laisvės troškimo.

Tegul jo pavyzdys dar stipriau sujungia visus lietuvius **VIENINGAI LIETUVOS LAISVINIMKOVAI**.

Sveikiname Simą Kudirką ir jo šeimą Amerikoje kartu džiaugiamės jų laisve.

Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba skelbia lapkričio mėnesį Simo Kudirkos mėnesiu ir prašo visų lietuvių nepailstamos pagalbos mūsų didžiausio tikslo - Lietuvos laisvės - greitesniam atsiekimui.

Jūsų,

Dr. Kazys Bobelis
Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos
Pirmininkas

IT'S A FACT

By Tony Yuknis

SUGAR BINGE IS DANGEROUS

Eating too much of any common foods can be fatal, warned Dr. E. M. Boyd, professor of pharmacology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont. Laboratory animals died on doses of common table sugar equivalent to a one-year-old child's intake of half a pound of sugar containing candy.

Sugar (like hard liquor) is immediately absorbed into the blood stream, thickens the blood, drawing water out of the body cells. The tissue is dehydrated and inflamed causing brain cell damage, convulsions and death.

Refined white sugar is the cause of diabetes which is closely related to heart disease, reported Dr. H. Le Riche of the University of Toronto. He noted that Canadians consume up to 100 pounds of sugar yearly, ten times more than a century ago. U.S. Americans consume over 115 pounds of sugar annually.

In the U.S.A. it may soon cost you 20 cents for a dose of sugared confections. Candy manufacturers use about 1.4 billion pounds of sugar, 886 billion pounds of corn syrup, and the candy business increases every year to the tune of 2.9 per cent. It is a \$2.1 billion-a-year business that allotted 18.7 pounds of candy for every American.



Sugar rather than excessive fat intake is blamed for heart disease because sugar raised the cholesterol and triglycerides in the blood of lab animals stated John Yudkin, M.D., Emeritus Professor of the University of London. He recommended the cutting down on the consumption of ice cream, sugared cereals, pastries, desserts and soft drinks. Try to avoid the sweet cocktail mixes or switch to dry wines.

Advertiser plug the fact that sugar produces instant energy. It really does, but because all the vitamins and minerals were refined out of it you'll get a fast let-down. For longer lasting energy try to eat the natural sugars in fruits and vegetables where you get the whole natural thing.



BEWARE OF SALT

Salt holds about seven times its weight of water and contributes to obesity and high blood pressure. Dr. Boyd warned that only two tablespoons of salt consumed by a one-year-old child can be fatal.

Lethal doses of sugar and salt for adults is considerably more because the bigger body weight can absorb more of these ingredients. Salt, like sugar, also causes internal inflammation.

Americans eat from 8 to 12 grams of salt daily which is excessive according to Dr. T. R. Van Dellen. He advises that people refrain using salt while cooking. High sodium foods are canned meats, canned vegetables and soups, luncheon meats, sauerkraut, tuna, herring, tomato juice, dairy products, condiments and snack foods.

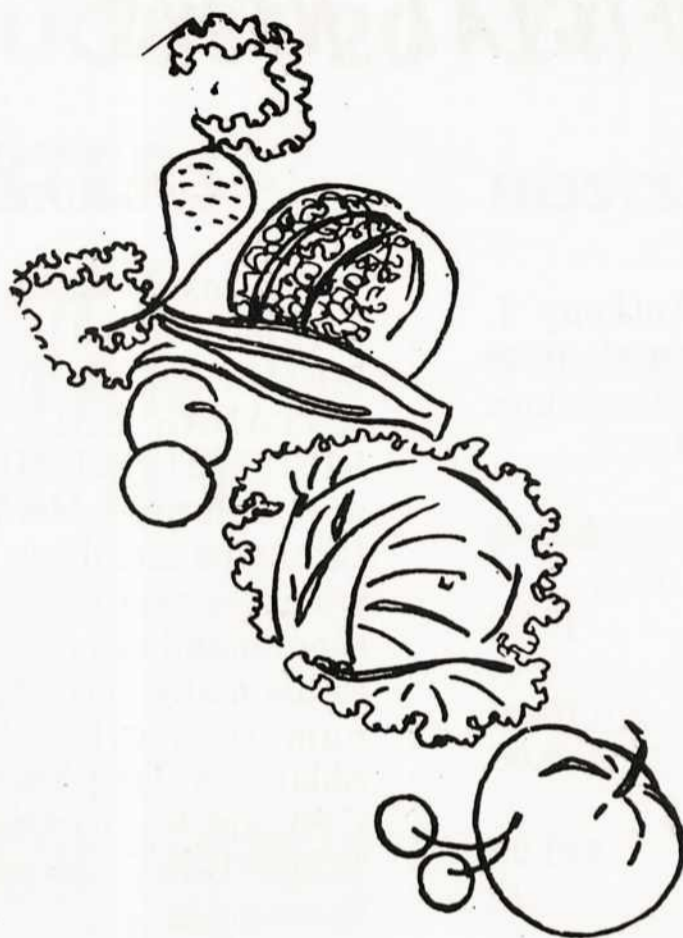
About 23 million Americans have hypertension with about half of them being unaware of it, observed Dr. Berkson of the Chicago Board of Health. It is the silent affliction leading to heart and kidney diseases.



DANGERS IN DRINKS AND AEROSOL

Excessive use of caffeine products like coffee, cola drinks, or tea can bring on nervousness, insomnia, drop in blood pressure, muscle twitching, irritability and irregular heart beat contends Dr. J. P. Greden of Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital in Washington, D.C. Coffee nerves can lead to the use of tranquilizer drugs in vain, or lead you to see a psychiatrist. Merv Griffin, the TV star, developed a case of low blood sugar by drinking a dozen sugared coffee cups per day.

Recently two men engaged in a rum drinking contest at Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. After the toxin took effect they both lapsed into a coma from which they could not be aroused. The deceased joined the



list of a few whiskey drinking contest winners that never lived to collect their bets. Excessive use of alcohol is blamed for ten thousand deaths yearly reported the District of Columbia's Chief Medical Examiner.

A 14-year-old Chicago area Hoffman Estates lad died after inhaling the toxic fumes from a can of foot deodorant spray. This is another casualty attributed to the toxic Freon gas propellant in aerosol spray cans. The public was not even alarmed about it.

The Federal Drug Administration has made no attempts to restrict the potencies or use of these potentially dangerous products. The public has to think for itself. Variety is the spice of life when you think about foods and drink. Believe you me.



MŪSŲ DARBAI IR JŲ NAUDA

Kažkur skaičiau apie praėjusį L. Vyčių kongresą ir ten radau pažymėta, kiek laiškų išsiūsta, kas juos rašė, kokie gauti atsakymai. Laiškų rašymas Lietuvos laisvės reikalu tikrai yra labai naudingas.

Kai buvo to skyriaus vedėju velionis kun. Jutt, jis vis atsiųsdavo prieš kongresą kiekvienam nariui laišką: ką padarei per šiuos metus, kam ir kiek parašei laiškų, kokie jų svarbesni atsakymai. Dabar jau to nebėra. Nežinau, ar tam rinktas pareigūnas nenori tai atlikti, nors gaunu sąrašą, kam siūsti padėkos laiškus. Nekaltinu kongreso rinkto pareigūno šiam darbui. Aš turiu krūvą laiškų iš senatorių, kongresmanų ir prezidento. Iš jų ryškėja jų nuotaikos ir nuomonės. Kai kurie jų prašo ir toliau rašyti. Ypačiai sen. Percy ir kongresm. Hanrahan, Dervinski. Jie verti pagarbos. Ypačiai sen. Percy ir kt., nes jie išreikalavo lėšas Liberty Radio lietuviškoms programoms transliuoti į Lietuvą. O ką mūsų kitas Ill. sen. Stevensonas daro mūsų reikalais? Nieko neatsako. Jis net ragina nutraukti politinę ir karinę pagalbą Amerikos draugams! Vyčiams svarbu ne demokratų ar respublikonų partijos, bet svarbu ką jos daro pavergtų tautų išlaisvinimui ir kiek padeda mūsų tautiečių (Kudirkos, J. Kreivėno ir kt.) bylose. Jiems

verta padėkoti. Mes negalime remti tų, kurie pataikauja Sovietų imperializmui.

Labai norėčiau, kad ir "Vytis" įdėtų kai kurių Amerikos rinktų atstovų laiškus. Būtų gera, kad laiškų rašymo vadovas apklausintų narius, ką jie padarė, ir pateiktų statistiką. Tada galėtume pasidžiaugti ką gera esame padarę. Laiškų rašymą reikėtų pagyvinti, ypačiai dabar, kai kyla naujų pavojų Lietuvos okupacijai įteisinti (Australija, Zelandija). Kas žino, kas bus su Kanada. Ne tik pasilinksminimais rūpinkimės, bet veikime kiek sąlygos leidžia ir kelkime aktualius klausimus mūsų tikslams atsiekti.

Bal. Brazdžionis





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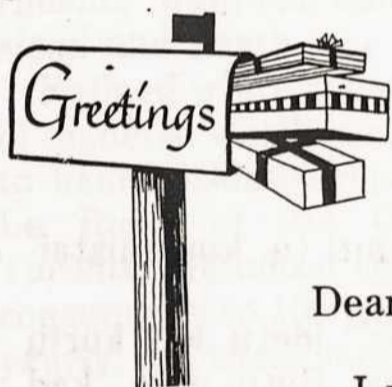
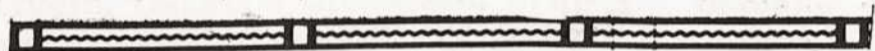
OFFICIAL NEWS



SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

K of L Scholarship Fund Treasurer Anthony J. Mazeika announces that the following donations to the K of L Scholarship Fund have been received since the National Convention in August, 1974.

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| Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa. | \$20.00 |
| Helen V. Kulber, C-41, Brooklyn, N.Y. (in memory of POVILAS DIRKIS) | 10.00 |
| Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (in memory of EVA (JIEVA) TRECIOKAS) | 10.00 |
| Marcella Andrikis, C-7, Waterbury, Conn. | 5.00 |
| Total received | \$45.00 |



We get Letters . . .

Dear Mr. Miner:

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to you and the entire Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee for your selection of me as a recipient of the K of L stipend. It is good to know that our organization realizes the importance of higher education.

I want to thank you for helping me financially in the completion of my undergraduate education at the University of Dayton. I also wish to assure you that as a student of journalism and political science, I will continue in my effort to make the plight of the Lithuanian nation and people known to those who are ignorant of her sadness.

Gratefully,

Laima A. Rastikis

TWO MORE LIFETIME MEMBERS

The roster has again increased... two more members have added their names to the list of LIFETIME MEMBERS. A sincere congratulations to out to ANTANAS BALCYTIS, C-112, Chicago, Ill., and RICHARD SHLAUSTAS, C-36, Chicago, Ill. Both new Lifetime Members are long-time Knights of Lithuania members, but decided they know a barbain when they see one... A payment of \$100.00 each made them members for life. Antanas Balcytis, in addition to his many activities in the K of L, is also active in numerous other Lithuanian projects. Richard Shlaustas, long known for his decorating talents in C-36 and the I-I District, now frequently serves as "Chief Host", as proprietor of the Diamond Head Restaurant.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Mid-Atlantic District reminds all K of L-ers to begin planning now for the 62nd National Convention, Aug. 20-24, 1975. Headquarters will be the Hotel Taft in Manhattan, N.Y. A tentative schedule and hotel prices are given elsewhere in this issue.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in
your prayers ...

ADELE E. VALE
Member, C-79
Detroit, Michigan
Died October 15, 1974

WALTER ANDREWS
C-111 Srs., Treasurer
Youngstown, Ohio
Died November 15, 1974

62ND NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION

AUGUST 20 - 24, 1975

**HEADQUARTERS -
HOTEL TAFT,
MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK, N.Y.**

HOSTS - MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 20

A.M. - Early Bird Registration (All Day)
P.M. - Broadway Theater Party

THURSDAY - AUGUST 21

A.M. - Registration (All Day)
- Supreme Council Meeting
12:00 Noon - Opening Mass
2:00 P.M. - Opening Session
8:30 P.M. - "Nostalgia Night"
Buffet, Refreshments, Music

FRIDAY - AUGUST 22

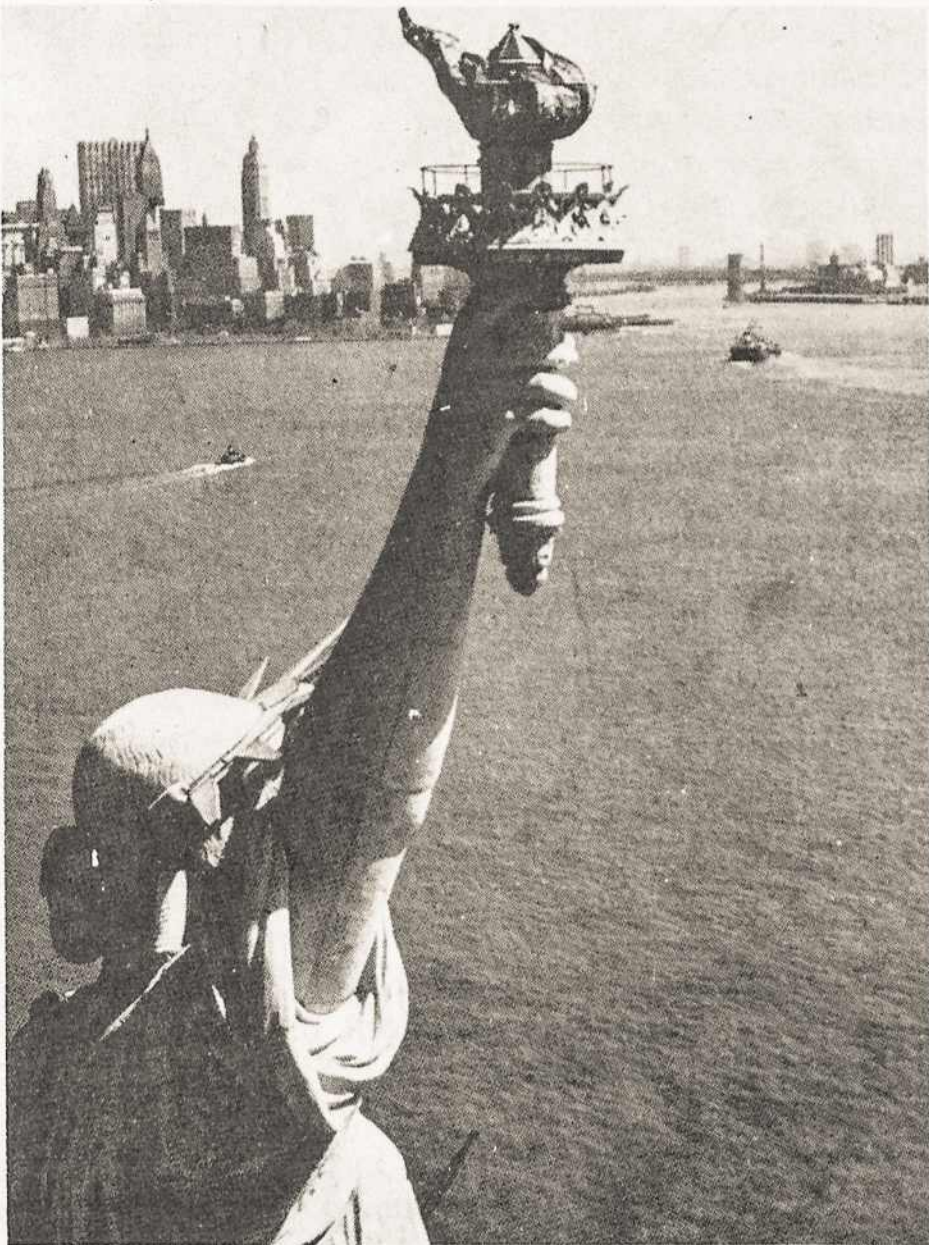
9:30 A.M. - Second Session
12:00 Noon - Lunch Break
2:00 P.M. - Third Session
8:30 P.M. - Lietuviškas "Linksmavakaris"

SATURDAY - AUGUST 23

9:00 A.M. - Fourth Session
12:00 Noon - Lunch Break
1:30 P.M. - Fifth Session
7:30 P.M. - Inaugural Banquet and Ball

SUNDAY - AUGUST 24

11:00 A.M. - Convention Closing Mass and Brunch
- Convention Photo
P.M. - Bicentennial Ceremonies
- Farewell



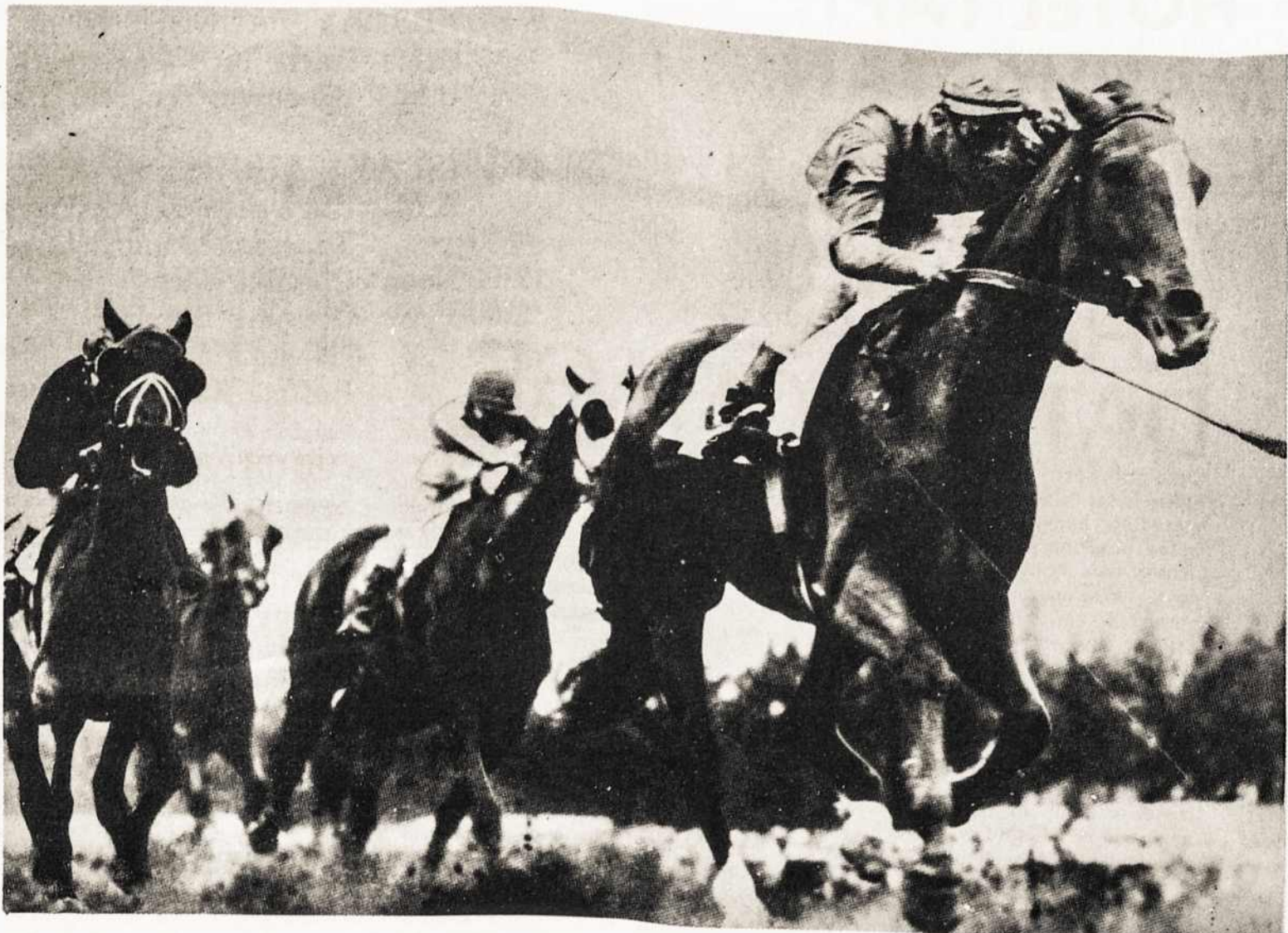
HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

The Hotel Taft, a leading New York Hotel, will provide special rates for K of L-ers and guests attending the National Convention. For those planning to combine vacation with the Convention and will arrive early and/or stay late, the same rates will apply for the duration of their stay. The rates are as follows:

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| Single room | \$20.00 per night |
| Double or Twin room | 25.00 per night |
| Suite (1 bedroom) | 40.00 per night |
| Suite (2 bedrooms) | 75.00 per night |

The above prices do not include New York tax. Those reserving rooms early will get the choicest rooms, so plan now to attend. Reservation cards will be sent to all members shortly.

DON'T STOP NOW!



The Knights of Lithuania have made great strides in the last few years. Our membership has shown a steady increase. Only in the last year - August, 1973 to August, 1974, eighteen councils have increased their membership totals and one council, Scranton, Pa. was reactivated. As a result, in this one year period our membership grew by 168 members to a grand total of 1942. Can you remember how many years it has been since we had so many members? Can you remember how many years it has been since we had a new council formed? This year we have two new councils - Bridgeport, Conn. and Syracuse, N.Y.

At last we are heading in the right direction. Don't stop now! Once again, we have a revived interest in the K of L and, due to the combined efforts of K of L members, we have seen it bear fruit. Let's keep up the momentum. Pay your own dues, and look for new members. Build up your council membership. In every area there are potential members, as well as former members who for various reasons have dropped out of the organization. Let's get to work and recruit these people.

We have a new membership brochure - "GET INVOLVED - JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA". It contains excellent material and awakens interest in potential members. If your council does not have any of these brochures, contact me at the address below and I will forward them to you.

Council financial secretaries should have membership applications on hand. If more are needed, contact the National Financial Secretary, Ada Sinkwitz, and she will send as many forms as are needed.

Rules for the Membership Drive Contest will appear in next month's VYTIS. Now that we are "on the way, DON'T STOP NOW!" Work harder than ever to keep and increase our membership.

ANTHONY M. MINER
 Membership Vice-President
 49 Bruce St.
 Grafton, Ma. 01519

JUNIORS CORNER

Edited by Mrs. Marian Skabeikis

BY-LAWS OF JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

At the 61st National Convention, the following Junior By-laws and Ritual Point System were adopted for use by all Junior Councils of the K of L. Juniors and their Counselors should now be aware that a record of activity points should be kept, as for Regular and Senior members. The same Membership Record cards may be used, substitutioning the Junior point value. Points and Degrees earned by Juniors are officially recognized by the organization, and can be applied to regular records once a Junior has joined a regular Council.



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 Lithuanian 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 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.

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. Reading of minutes

4. Treasurer's report

5. Admission of new members by solemn oath

6. Unfinished business

7. Reading of Bills

8. Various committee reports

9. Reading of communications

10. New business

11. Announcements

12. Program (if any)

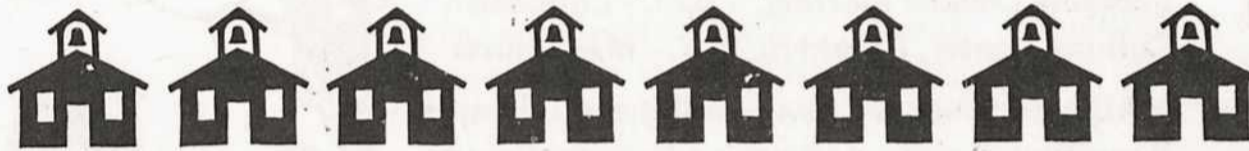
13. Motion for adjournment.

14. Closing prayer



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

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



HOW IS YOUR LITHUANIAN?

(prepared by Joseph Boley)

To test your knowledge of Lithuanian, why not
take a few moments to translate both sets of words.
You may to verify your answers by comparing them
to the answers given on page 23

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| 1. susirinkimas..... | 26. Lithuanian Affairs Committee..... |
| 2. pirmininkas..... | 27. letters..... |
| 3. raštininkas..... | 28. greeting..... |
| 4. raštininkė..... | 29. speech..... |
| 5. išdininkas..... | 30. prayer..... |
| 6. dvasios vadas..... | 31. September..... |
| 7. protokolas..... | 32. I second it..... |
| 8. prašau balso..... | 33. I object..... |
| 9. prašau jūsų dėmesio..... | 34. a report..... |
| 10. spalis..... | 35. a photograph..... |
| 11. lapkritis..... | 36. library..... |
| 12. Kūčios..... | 37. to invite..... |
| 13. pakelkite rankas..... | 38. guest..... |
| 14. garsiau..... | 39. host..... |
| 15. praneškite kitiems..... | 40. program..... |
| 16. užkandis..... | 41. concert..... |
| 17. metinis mokėstis..... | 42. banquet..... |
| 18. narys, narė..... | 43. juniors..... |
| 19. duodu įnešimą..... | 44. all members..... |
| 20. sumanymas priimtas..... | 45. week-end..... |
| 21. šeštadienis..... | 46. election of officers..... |
| 22. sekmadienis..... | 47. parish..... |
| 23. susirinkti..... | 48. pastor..... |
| 24. skelbimas..... | 49. freedom..... |
| 25. sukaktis..... | 50. Happy New Year..... |

K of L Calendar

JANUARY

- 18 K OF L CHOIR, Annual Benefit Dinner, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Illinois
- 18 Supreme Council Meeting, 1 p.m. - Lithuanian Cultural Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. - MAD Hosts
- 18 MAD Lithuanian Cultural Exhibit and Champagne Reception, 8 p.m. - Lithuanian Cultural Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 19 MAD Meeting, Lithuanian Cultural Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.



FEBRUARY

- 9 Annual IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA DINNER", Martinique, Chicago, Illinois

MARCH

- 2 IID St. Casimir Day Celebration, Nativity BVM Church, Chicago, Illinois
- 2 C-29, Newark, N.J., St. Casimirs' Day Celebration, Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J.

AUGUST

- 20-24 62nd NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Hotel Taft, Manhattan, N.Y. - MAD Hosts.



Vyčiai Veikia



Council Activities

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



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

PARISH DINNER - Members of the council extended their helping hands at Our Lady of Vilnius Church fundraising dinner on Oct. 20. Pastor Gurinkas, our Spiritual Advisor, was most grateful for the volunteer services of Mickalina Baltadonis, Josephine Katkus, Anna Lukscha, Barbara & Michael Kartanowicz, Agnes Krauss, Joe

Kscenaitis and Millie Pietz. The combined efforts and support of everyone resulted in a successful dinner which is so necessary in these inflationary days for maintaining our Lithuanian heritage church.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - We all had an opportunity at the church dinner to congratulate Emily and Albert Yatkas on their 25th Silver Wedding Anniversary. Surrounded by family and friends on this happy occasion, we wished them many more years of happy bliss.

U.S.A. BICENTENNIAL - It's a pleasure to report that during October, K of L members who are residents of Hudson County, N.J. participated at a U.S.A. Bicentennial event at the Jersey City State College. An Ethnic Heritage Dance Festival, of fifteen nationality groups, was enjoyed by over a thousand people in the community, honoring the immigrant families

who brought to America the best of their culture. The Junior K of L from Kearny, N.J., wearing authentic costumes, gave a gentle performance of a Lithuanian Bridal Dance. Their able Director, Mrs. Ellie Nakrosis of C-90 should be proud of the young ladies. Mary York of our council served on the Bicentennial Festival Committee securing signatures for a Petition to the U.S. Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the ethnic groups that settled in America and contributed to our multi-cultural heritage.

MID-ATLANTIC CONVENTION - Council delegates who attended the Dist. Convention at Amsterdam, N.Y. were Millie Pietz and Anna Lukscha. Guest members were Mickalina Baltadonis, Agnes Krauss and Millie Paskacinas.

Our best wishes to all the Knights and Ladies for a contented and healthful 1975.

Liberty Lady



Junior K of L Dance Group of Kearny, New Jersey with Director Ellie Nakrosis at U.S.A. Bicentennial Festival.



Family of Junior K of L Dance Group of Kearny, New Jersey at U.S.A. Bicentennial Festival.

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

Our Annual Dinner-Dance held Oct. 12 came off in fine fashion. There was a very fine attendance on hand, and as per usual, a good time was had by one and all. Chairmen for the event were Pres. Kazys Sipaila and Mary Stonis. Others who served on the committee were Helen Radisch, Adele and Stanley Urbonas, Antina and Anele Skudrys, Walter and Eva Sharon, Marge Brazaitis, The Abromaitis', Rose Zukauskas, and Boley Lapinski.

The yearly elections took place on Oct. 27 and saw the present executive board returned to office. We express our thanks to them for a job well done in the past, and wish them the best in the term to come.

The Memorial Fund Drive in memory of our late beloved Spiritual Director, Rev. Peter Totoraitis, saw \$1,324. collected, which was turned over to the parish. We thank all those who donated to this fund, and to Pres. Kazys Sipaila and Eva Sharon for their endeavors in this regard.

A Mass marking the first anniversary of the passing of Rev. Totoraitis was offered in Holy Trinity Church on Nov. 3, and was well attended by our membership.

Coffee and cake is served at all of our monthly meetings, and proceeds are turned over to our parish. We extend our thanks to the members who, thus far, have donated towards this coffee-klatch hour.

Your columnist (Frank Vaskas) wishes to take this means of expressing sincere thanks to all K of L members who have sent him get-well cards during his illness. Although he has to "take it easy", we're happy to report Frank is slowly but surely on the recovery road to good health.

Happy New Year to all!

The Wanderer



Scenes from the Mid-Atlantic District Convention, Nov. 4, 1974, Amsterdam, N.Y. C-100 served as hosts.

Top: Secretary A. Mitchell presents report while L. Stukas, Treasurer; L. Janonis, President and P. Skabeikis, 2nd Vice-President look on.

Center: Delegates listen with interest.

Bottom: Refreshments, courtesy of Host council, are enjoyed by members of regular, senior and junior councils.

Photo - J. Boley

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Our Lady of Vilna Church in Worcester, Mass., was the site of the NED Fall Convention held on Sept. 29. Anthony Miner, C-116 Pres., hosted the affair.

The long and busy day started with 11:30 A.M. Mass celebrated by Rev. Alphonse Volungis, Pastor. The business session commenced at 1:30 P.M. with reports of the various officers and progress reports of events that were upcoming.

The roster of officers for the coming year are: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Albin Janiunas, Pres. Albert Jaritis, 1st V.P. Susan Boroskas, 2nd V.P. John Stoskus, Treas. Dorothy Sinkavich, Corresp. Secy. Virginia Markuns, Rec. Secy. Helen Seraichekas, Ritual Committee Ann Miller, Lithuanian Affairs Fred Hirst and Rev. Albin Janiunas, Public Relations Joseph White, Scholarship Anthony Miner.

\$100. was donated to the Building Fund of Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, Mass., where many successful cultural picnics were held. It was the site of a disastrous fire last year. Donations from the cultural picnic will be used exclusively for the Scholarship Fund, and the difference from the allotted amount of \$500. will be raised from the general fund. The District will continue to present citations to individuals who help the K of L cause. The District will also have an official seal to imprint on its documents.

Longinas Svelnis was appointed a delegate to the Lithuanian-American Fund, with the power of one vote.

A Resolution was passed to send to the appropriate authorities of Australia and New Zealand a protest of their recognition of the Russification of the Baltic States.

At 9 A.M. on Dec. 15, the District sponsored a TV Mass on Channel 7, WNAC-TV in the Government Center in Boston, Mass. Fr. Peter Shakalis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Brockton, Mass. was the celebrant, with participation by his church choir.

The site of the next Convention will be Waterbury, Conn., hosted by C-7.

An additional treat and break in the Convention schedule was supplied by Edward Tamulevich who showed movies of his recent trip to Lithuania, and Fr. Albin Janiunas supplied film and sound of the Dis-

trict's Cathedral of the Pines Service which was held in May.

A most sincere thanks to C-116 for its hospitality, and especially to the ladies who so capably handled the feeding of the Convention members.

On a perfect autumn day, a large crowd from the District attended the Annual NED Cultural Picnic on Oct. 6 in Romuva Park, Brockton, Mass.

The gates opened at noon, and the people were treated to an old-fashioned Lithuanian picnic, with cultural displays under the direction of Mrs. Mary Minkus of Westfield, Mass., hearty native dishes prepared by a representative group of women from various councils led by Mr. Bertha Stoskus, Providence, R.I., and assorted cold drinks and other beverages dispensed by Bernie Minkus of Westfield and Dotty Sinkevich of Worcester.

Prior to a session of Lithuanian dances by a talented group of young dancers under the direction of Mrs. Ivoskus of So. Boston, M.C. John Stoskus introduced NED Pres. Albert Jaritis to present citations to: 1). Mr. & Mrs. Steven Minkus, Lithuanian Radio Corp., 2). Povilas Ziskus, Engineer and Reporter, 3). Peter Viscinis, Laisvės Varpas, and 4). Rev. Vincent Puidokas, Pastor of Westfield's St. Casimir's Church. These people are true friends of the K of L and have rendered many favors to the organization.



**BEST WISHES
FOR A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY 1975**

**Antonia
Wackell**
Worcester, Mass.



Anthony Miner, Chairman of the Dist. Scholarship Comm., presented scholarship awards to twin sisters, Patricia and Paula Tamoshunas of Brockton C-1, who are student nurses at the Mass. Gen'l. Hosp.

It was a perfect day in many respects. The weather was ideal, and people wandered around the grounds socializing, renewing old acquaintances, eating native foods, viewing Lithuanian literature and artifacts, watching folk dances, and honoring individuals who have been outstanding in helping the K of L. Pres. Albert Jaritis and Chairman of the event, Alexander Akule, wish to thank all who attended, and a special thanks to the many helpers from various councils who put in many hours of labor. Širdingai ačiū.

Joseph White

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

Some of our members traveled to Romuva Park in Brockton, Mass. to help out at the NED Annual Fall Picnic which was held Oct. 6. Tony Miner, as usual, had his table of Lithuanian articles for sale. He was assisted by Ruth Ciras, Helen Daltwas, Stanley Grigas and Anna Miller. Incidentally, they turned out to be some of his best customers. Dotty Sinkavitch did her thing, something she does real well, - tending bar. Joan Treinas really enjoyed herself that day with all that kugele, and dancing. She hated to leave. But it was our Dot Glaster who was the recipient of the \$200. First Prize. Congratulations! The picnic held each year for the benefit of the NED Scholarship Fund was a huge success, due to the hard-working committee. Daugelis ačiū visiems.

Why is it we haven't seen Mary Mrozinski or Irene Ostrowski at our meetings lately? We know Irene is busy attending Town meetings since her husband has been re-elected Selectman for the Town of Millbury. Mary & Vic are busy packing for their annual trek to Florida. Dotty Sinkavitch is also heading for the west coast of Florida. Don't you folks ever unpack your suitcases? Mary Miner is off on a real exciting trip to Rome, the Holy Land, and Athens. We hope to hear all about it at our next meeting. That happy look on Marion Lukason's face is due to the wonderful time she had in Las Vegas. Our members are certainly a well-traveled group!

Our Friday Night Candlepin Bowlers, 20 strong, are in full swing. Taking an early lead is the team captained by John Yurkinas. The other captains, John Andruska, Gene Borek and Bob Paluses, swear it's only a temporary thing. The individual leaders are Gene with a 103.5 average and Dot March with 95.5. These two have monopolized all the categories. Oh well, good luck, anyway! Two new additions this year are Carol Hart and Ted Kasper. Welcome! Thanks



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to our Dot's, the cider and doughnuts, cheese and crackers were a delightful trick and treat at the alleys.

We are attempting to reorganize the choir. If any members are interested, rehearsals will be held for an hour or so after 5:30 P.M. Saturday Mass.

Don't forget your dues. Helen Daltwas is looking for them. She is anxious to have our council 100% paid up real soon.

We are passing out this bit of information for what it may be worth: Did you know that one noisy motorcycle or snowmobile in the middle of the night can awaken 200,000 people?

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The Building Trustees sponsored a rummage sale on Oct. 5 which was most successful. The hard working committee members were Al & Gerry Mockus, Ruth Daxis, Adele Gabalas, Adeline Jasaitis, Sophie Nieminski, Barbara Klevinsky, Jean & Gediminas Janula, Loretta Roman, Al & Julie Zakarka and Frank Svelnis. Many

thanks for your efforts.

The Building Trustees, continuing the Building Fund Drive, hosted a cocktail party on Oct. 23 which was very well attended. Our many thanks to all the very generous donors, and especially to Judge Alfonse Wells and State Senator Frank Savickas. It was a pleasure to have Dr. F. V. Kaunas join us that evening.

Fr. Pugevicius was in Chicago attending the Lith. American Aid Congress hosted by Alta. Al Brazis, Leon Pauksta, Irene Sankus, John Evans, Estelle Rogers and Mr. & Mrs. Alex Pakalniskis met with him at the Diamond Head Restaurant. They were later

joined by Dr. Alex Shimkus and Petras Petrutis.

There was K of L representation at the 65th Anniversary celebration of Pirmyn Chorus, the Naujienos Dinner and Lithuanian TV Banquet.

The District's Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members was held on Nov. 10 at Nativity B.V.M. Church. It was gratifying to see so many members attending the Mass.

Don't forget to reserve Feb. 9 for the Memories of Lithuania Banquet to be held at the Martinique Restaurant.

May this New Year bring peace and happiness to all!

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K OF L BUILDING DRIVE CONTINUES with a Reception at the Bldg. on Oct. 23. Pictured are guests at the event:

(Upper left) Buffet table with Al & Aldona Brazis, Pete Gagle, Albina Gaides, Julie Zakarka and Dr. F. V. Kaunas.

(Upper right) Dr. Leonard Simutis, Jr., Christine Austin, Judge Alfonse F. Wells, Estelle Rogers and Dr. Kaunas.

(Lower left) IID Spr. Adv. Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Bldg. Fund Treas. Leon Pauksta, Bldg. Fund. Secy. Irene Sankus, C-112 Pres. John G. Evans, Bldg. Fund Chairman Algerd Brazis and Mrs. Brazis, Dolores Yuknis.

(Lower right) Jean & Gediminas Janula, Bob & Angie Svehla, Sophie Nieminski, Albina Gaides.

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Congratulations to the following council members who were elected to offices in the IID and the K of L Choir: IID - Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakaruskas, Board Chrmn. Leon Pauksta, Pres. Algerd Brazis, Membership V-P John Narusis, Secy. Adeline Jasaitis, Bd. Secy. Irene Sankus, Treas. Emily Petraitis, Trustee Albina Gaides, Sgt-at-Arms Edward S. Krivickas; and Choir - President Estelle Rogers and other officers, Juozas Yuska, Jonas Auksciunas, Al Zakarka and Emilija Pakalniskis.

Again, C-112 members were among the active workers at the Rummage Sale held at the K of L Bldg.

The K of L Building Fund Drive continued with a reception on Oct. 23 at the building. Many of our members were among the committee workers and participants, including our own Judge Alfonse F. Wells. State Senator Frank D. Savickas was unable to attend, but presented the committee with a generous donation. The Drive will be climaxed at the annual IID "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner on Feb. 9 at the Martinique.

Our annual Halloween party held on Oct. 26 at the Zakarka's rathskeller, again, was not only a successful event but a most delightful evening of fun and frolic for those in attendance. Leon Pauksta and Irene Sankus, our national prexy and treas., missed the event as they attended a Supreme Council meeting held at Kent State University. They reported a well-attended and productive meeting.

Our council's quarterly Communion Sunday was held in conjunction with the IID's Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members on Nov. 10 at Nativity B.V.M. Church. Following the Mass, many of the group adjourned to various dining areas, such as the Diamondhead, for brunch.

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Mary Lucas, Honorary Member, Ada Sinkwitz, Nat'l. Fin. Sec., and Elinor Sluzas, MCD Pres. attended the Supreme Council meeting at Kent State Univ. on Oct. 26. Judy Petrokas, Rita Ambrose, Ed Sluzas, and Ray Gecas made the trip as guests with Jr Knights, Kathy Sinkwitz and Annamarie Sluzas. Ada was most impressed with the progress the school and Prof. J. Cadzow, who took them on a tour, are making with their Lithuanian archive collection. Our members spent the night in Cleveland under the 'guidance' of our C-25 friends, Nellie Arunski and Al & Joanne Shigo. Ed and Ray, with the help of Al, attended the Brown's football game. All had a most enjoyable trip.

Illness in the family prevented MCD Secy. Sally Miller from attending the meeting. To all the Miller family our prayers are sent for a speedy recovery for their mother, Mrs. Milaskavitz.

Under the direction of Karolyn Ambrose, Judy Petrokas and Fran Vangas, the parish 'Vėjeliai' dancers performed Oct. 13 at UD's International Tea, Oct. 15 at Bergamo Center for the International Engineers Work Shop, and Oct. 18 at Wittenberg Univ. for their International Festival. The dancers and directors even "squeezed in" a bake sale Oct. 19/20. They are building up a treasury toward costumes and misc

items necessary to make them a more functional group. Most involved in this project are Knights, and we are proud of them.

Ada Sinkwitz and Kathy went to Cincinnati on Oct. 13 to demonstrate Lithuanian Egg Decorating to our 'neighbors'. The Cincinnati Lithuanian community participated in the Annual International Festival at the Cincinnati Convention Center the weekend of Nov. 15-17. George Mikalauskas' Lithuanian home was on display, and a new shrine he had made just for this occasion.

Our prayers go to Joseph Noreikas for a speedy recovery. Joe has been ill for some time and we are all looking forward to his return. We are thankful our Hialeah, Fla. member, Paulette Petkus, was not more seriously hurt, having been knocked down by a car. We pray all goes well for Michael J. Petkus after his hospital stay.

Good to see Mike & Donna Jean Dailey participating in our bowling league. Congratulations to Teri Scott now holding high game for the women with her first 200 game, 201. John A. Berczelly matched Mike Dailey's 246. Rumor has it that Judy Petrokas is going to 'Pizza College'. Seriously, Judy, much luck in your new venture. Annadel Miller's remark at the Oct. meeting to her sister Sally, gave us all a good 'chuckle'. Right on, Sally! Alice Petkus and Margie Grushas have been doing a tremendous job as co-Lithuanian Affairs committee! Keep it up.

Rounding out the month we held our annual Election Night Dinner on Nov. 2. The committee, Mary Lucas, Chrm., Mike/Fran Petkus, Joe/Eleanor Mantz, Charles Petkus, Joe Gecas and Sam Bakanauskas, are to be thanked for a fine job. Joe and Amelia August treated the members to a 'lively' half-gallon of 'cheer'. The dinner was catered by our own Larry and Elaine Pacovsky, and no-one went home hungry. Special guests at the dinner were Harley Karns, Joyce Boston and Patty Dutcher. This was our way of thanking them for

all their work during the past year. At this time we met our newest members, Julius and Rosemary Budelis. May your stay with us be fulfilling. Alex Grushas was the happy winner of the 50/50 club.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Third Degree Medal by Dist. Ritual Chrm. Stan Vaitkus, to George Mikalauskas. Congratulations, George.

After dinner, waving all formal meeting procedures aside, other than necessary items, Pres. Elinor Sluzas turned the election table over to Stan Vaitkus, Charles Petkus and Frank Ambrose, with Joe Ryan reading the Duties of the Office. Officers for 1975 are as follows: Spiritual Adv. Fr. Walter Katarskis; Pres. Judy Petrokas; 1st V.P. Maria Lazdinis and Susan Mantz; 2nd V.P. Eleanor Mantz; Treas. Sally Miller; Fin. Secy. Frances Mikalauskas; Rec. Secy. Rita Ambrose; Sgt-at-Arms Mike P. Petkus and Joseph Ryan; Trustees Jerome Scott and George Mikalauskas.

To our outgoing staff, a very

hearty "Thank You" for keeping an active council. To the incoming officers, our prayers and help to all of you for a successful C-96 in the year ahead.

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C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

After a busy summer, we are heading for what appears to be an even busier winter. In order to attract more members to our meetings, we are going to experiment with different meeting days and times.

Well-formed plans were made for our annual Kūčios, which Bob Boris had very graciously offered to host.

Our thanks to C-79 for hosting a most enjoyable Convention. We came away from the sessions with renewed enthusiasm to work for the organization, from the socials with many new friends, and from the elections with two new board members from our own council. We congratulate Gražina Vaskelis on being elected to the important

post of Rec. Secy. and Donna Bunikis a Trustee.

Our council's globe-hoppers managed to stay put during the summer months, but are all back on the move again. October was a very popular month for traveling. Father Stan returned from Spain at just about the time that Bob Boris was leaving for Germany to visit his brother Vince during Oktoberfest time. A week or two later, the Joe Guerriero's chose to fly to Hawaii to celebrate their 25th Anniversary, while Ann Uznis took off for Spain. Not to be outdone, the Bunikis' went to Chicago for a few days of shopping and some night life.

Congratulations to Gus and Gena Baibak who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary this summer. Gena made it a double celebration by retiring from the Ford Motor Co. We are happy to hear that we will be seeing much more of them now.

We take this opportunity to wish all of our fellow Knights a very happy and prosperous New Year.

ANSWERS - TO "HOW GOOD IS YOUR LITHUANIAN"...

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| 1. meeting | 26. Lietuvių Reikalų Komisija |
| 2. president | 27. laiškai |
| 3. secretary (male) | 28. sveikinimas |
| 4. secretary (female) | 29. kalba (or prakalba) |
| 5. treasurer | 30. malda |
| 6. spiritual adviser | 31. Rugsėjis |
| 7. minutes | 32. paremiu (or pritariu) |
| 8. May I have the floor? | 33. aš priešinga/aš priešingas |
| 9. May I have your attention? | 34. raportas (or pranešimas) |
| 10. October | 35. nuotrauka |
| 11. November | 36. biblioteka |
| 12. Christmas Eve or Christmas Eve supper | 37. pakviesti |
| 13. raise your hands | 38. viešnia, svečias |
| 14. louder | 39. šeiminkas |
| 15. tell the others | 40. programa |
| 16. snack | 41. koncertas |
| 17. annual dues | 42. banketas |
| 18. member (male/female) | 43. jaunamečiai (or juniorai) |
| 19. I make a motion... | 44. visi nariai |
| 20. Motion passed | 45. savaitgalis |
| 21. Saturday | 46. valdybos rinkimas |
| 22. Sunday | 47. parapija |
| 23. gather/meet | 48. klebonas |
| 24. announcement or advertisement | 49. laisvė |
| 25. anniversary | 50. Laimingų Naujų Metų |

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