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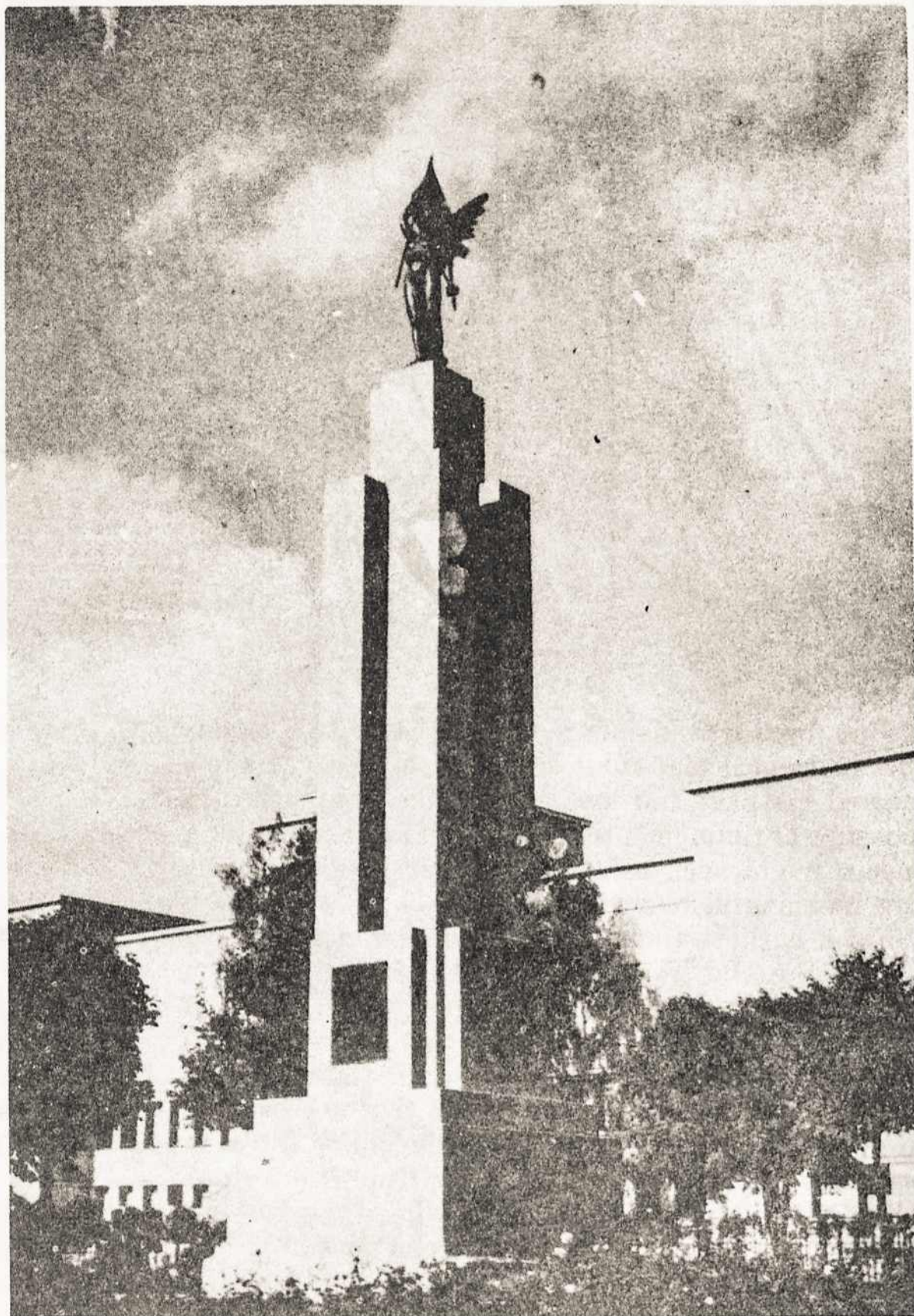
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RECALL FEBRUARY 16 AND... RESPECT FREEDOM

There is nothing in the world more precious than freedom and nothing sweeter than to breathe freely in one's own native land. As Americans we enjoy these blessings and never do we realize them more fully than on February 16th when we solemnly commemorate the Independence Day of Lithuania.

Our dear Lithuania has always fought and suffered for truth, justice, and freedom and is a valorous example on unconquerable heroism. In 1794, 1831, 1863, 1941, and 1944 - 1952 the Lithuanian nation rose up and fought to throw off the yoke of foreign oppression and each time was brutally crushed by despotic Russia. The road to the tragically brief twenty two years of independence in 1918 summoned the Lithuanians to take up arms for faith and freedom in defense of their newly proclaimed sovereignty. In 1920 Vilnius was treacherously seized by an aggressive Poland and Lithuania was deprived of her ancient capitol. The brief era of independence came to an end in 1940 when the Russians returned, this time imbued with the poisonous ideology of godless communism. The following year when Germany attacked the Soviet Union the Lithuanians once again revolted and drove out their alien oppressors only to be denied freedom by the invading Germans. When the advancing Soviet armies reoccupied Lithuania in 1944 the Lithuanian Freedom Army (Lietuvos Laisvės Armija) arose, embodying all the heroic martial virtues inherent in the Lithuanian character, to assert the nation's will to liberty. For eight long years from 1944 to 1952 these heroes waged a gallant but hopeless struggle against overwhelming odds and were finally defeated by the forces of evil.

Frederick Hirst

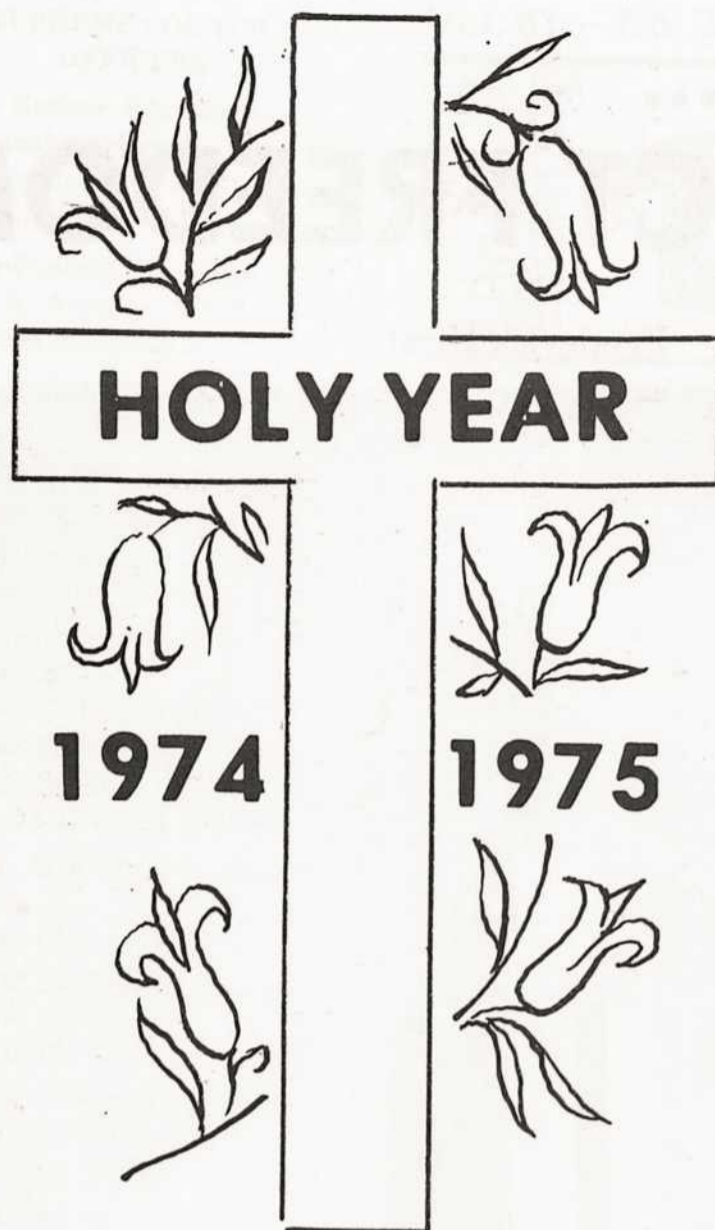


The Liberty Monument in Kaunas, in free Lithuania.

The history of Lithuania is a testament to the courage of a people whose noble sons and daughters have so bravely fought and died for the sacred ideals of personal freedom and national independence!

“Lietuvi, amžiais būk didus, nes tavo kelias kruvina kova...
Ir metai eis, žydės laukai prie kelio,
Ir kelsis vėl iš kraujo tavo Lietuva...”

Iš “Laisvės Kovų Dainų”.



Man measures his life in time. It is by this means that he has calculated his activities, set his goals, reviewed his past and looked into his future. In the measure of time, man turns yearly to a recalling of a special event such as a birth, a marriage, a death - any meaningful historical occasion.

From earliest times we read of the command of God in the Old Testament to celebrate a "Jubilee Year" which is to be a "holy thing to you" (Leviticus). Isaiah saw this "Jubilee Year" as an anticipation of the time of the Messiah "He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken, to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison, to proclaim a year of favor from Yahweh..."

Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 proclaimed the first recorded Holy Year. It was to be a year for contrition, confession, reception of the Eucharist and visiting certain churches. The most recent Holy Year was observed in 1950.

Pope Paul VI in proclaiming this Holy Year calls upon us to examine ourselves to see how well or how poorly we have worked to bring about a renewal in our own individual lives to which we were challenged by the Second Vatican Council. Our times require a real interior conversion on the part of each of us, a true change of heart. When I make right my relationship with God, I am then ready for reconciliation, in the love of Christ and the Holy Spirit, with the world in which I live, with the people of these times, and with the conditions of modern life.

JUBILEE INDULGENCE

- I. The Faithful should take part in a pilgrimage to a designated Church and participate in a solemn community service there. Those physically unable to participate may join in spiritually by offering their prayers and sufferings.
- II. "The gift of the indulgence" must be "merited" by fervent preparations; it is bestowed to strengthen the spirit of renewal and reconciliation that must characterize this holy year.
- III. Prescribed conditions of the indulgence are: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Pope and bishops.
 - A. Sacramental confession may be made 20 days before or after the actual pilgrimage.
 - B. Communion should be made the same day as the pilgrimage.
 - C. Prayer for the intentions of the Pope and bishops should be included in the service.



Vytauto Didžiojo laikų Lietuva.

V. Vijeikio piešinys

SENOVĖS LIETUVOS HIMNAS

Tėvynė mūsų, Lietuva brangiausia
 Myliu aš tave, myliu kokarščiausia;
 Ir kalbą tavo kuoaugščiaus statydam's,
 Ginu nuo priešų, kaip tik išmanydam's.

Turim kaimynus negero troškimo,
 Kurie tik laukia mūs pražuvimo;
 Iš trijų šonų kalbą mūsų spaudžia,
 Kasa jai duobes, o lietuviai snaudžia.

Netiktai snaudžia, bet ir tokių esti,
 Kurie ir duobes da padeda kasti.
 Ar tai yr' šiandien dar tokių lietuvių,
 Kurie sau ieško svetimų liežuvių?

Mums tokie broliai didžią gėdą daro,
 Kurie Lietuvos nenaudai pragaištis varo;
 Bet tie, ką dirba Lietuvos priešams dėl skatiko
 Išnyko, pražuvo, o Lietuva dar gyva liko.

RECOMMENDED READING...

THE FORGOTTEN BALTS



THE FORGOTTEN BALTS is a booklet of only twenty-eight pages, but it outweighs many a volume ten times that size in the amount of historical background material and facts of modern Soviet era of destruction of freedom in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. Written by Prof. Juozas Eretas, this English translation by Dr. Algis Mickunas is a valuable source of information for us and our American friends. The author at once justifies our claim to our ancient homeland by citing archeological findings that the Balts have been residing in their present area since before the birth of Christ. Then he treats of their continuous resistance through the centuries to numerous legal and military pressures to submit to one or another foreign power. This resistance was so strong and uncompromising that they rejected even the Russian alphabet.

After the Lithuanian misadventure with the Poles and the third partition of the Lithuanian-Polish state in 1795, it took the Lithuanians 123 years to re-establish their independence. Colonization of the Estonians and the Latvians made it even more difficult to establish a new, democratically based form of existence. The end to the Balts' long struggle for independence came in 1920, when in a formal treaty the Soviet Union "for all time voluntarily renounces all claims previously possessed by Russians" in the Baltic areas. Two

decades later, however, the Soviet Union abrogated this treaty with all three Baltic republics and entered upon a fiendishly contrived course of dissolution of all democratic processes and denial of the people's basic human rights:

Step 1 - The Molotov-Ribbentrop treaty (1939), putting the Baltic countries in the Soviet sphere of influence.

Step 2 - Occupation of the Baltic countries in June 1940.

Step 3 - Bayonet-controlled "election" of the one-party ticket to the national assembly.

Step 4 - Deportation in June 1941 of tens of thousands to Siberia. "The deportation", the author explains, "was done mostly in cattle cars, with a bill of lading on which frequently was written 'people' as the commodity of the particular transport. Only few would ever return from the labor camps in the Polar circle; the majority lie covered by the vast and white shroud of Siberia".

With facts and events such as these, presented in clear, concise language, the booklet is an invaluable storehouse of useful material for counteracting Soviet propaganda about the existing situation in the Baltic states. The Russians would have the world believe that any suggestion of an improvement in the Baltic situation is meddling in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union. Our arguments for Lithuania's freedom will be more effective if we are well-grounded in solid, documented historical facts such as those provided in Eretas's booklet.

The Knights of Lithuania especially can be proud of their Honorary Member in Basel, Switzerland, who ceaselessly devotes his talents and energies for bringing the Baltic situation to the attention of the free world. Prof. Eretas's THE FORGOTTEN BALTS ought to be on hand for quick reference in the home of every Lithuanian and on the desk of every editor in the country. It should be read by every K of L member and sent wherever the information contained therein might be of assistance to the Lithuanian cause. Bad as the situation is at the moment, Prof. Eretas is optimistic: "Striving is not hopeless; it is obvious that the great powers to not remain eternally great and powerful". He quotes a Chinese saying, "That which grows high, breaks easily".

The author and the publishers of THE FORGOTTEN BALTS have made a valuable contribution for the cause of freedom.

Joseph Boley

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Lithuanians in The News

K OF L-ER RECEIVES THANKS FROM PRESIDENT

CEIL MATUL, member of C-36, Chicago and a counsellor for the Chicago Juniors, recently received the following letter, personally signed by President Ford, for her assistance to the President and his staff, in her position as manager of Chicago's Hilton Towers. Miss Matul is pictured greeting the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 31, 1974



Dear Ms. Matul:

It was a pleasure to visit Chicago on October 24 for the United Republican Fund Dinner. The program could not have been a greater success. I sincerely appreciated your fine assistance in handling room arrangements for the staff. You helped to make this visit a most enjoyable one.

With my thanks and warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ceil Matul
Conrad Hilton Hotel
720 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605

THE LITHUANIAN FUND, created some years ago, has already reached 1 million dollars. Interest from the Fund each year is utilized to support Lithuanian schools, cultural work and various arts.

VALDAS ADAMKUS, vice-director of the U.S. Environment Protection Agency, recently gave a lecture on pollution, and ecology problems at Vilnius University, also the Kaunas Polytechnic Institute in Soviet-occupied Lithuania. CBS radio in Chicago has invited Mr. Adamkus to talk about his trip and ecological problems.

The Lithuanian State String Quartet recently gave a concert tour in ITALY. This was the 16th overseas concert tour for this famous group.

The noted Lithuanian mens' "Varpas" Choir, of Vilnius, has just returned from a successful tour in HUNGARY.



BOSTON K of L-ERS GREET KUDIRKA

On the occasion of the Annual Convention of the Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania (VLIK) a Banquet was held on December 7, 1974 at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, Mass., to honor SIMAS KUDIRKA, recently liberated Lithuanian Seaman. After the Banquet, Simas Kudirka met a group of K of L'ers. Left to right: Stanley Griganavicius, Ona Ivaska, Simas Kudirka, Laima Jasaitis, Felicija Grendal, Janet Panoraz; Dr. Algirdas Budreckis, Longinas Svelnis, Daniel Averka, Fred Hirst, Alexander Chaplik, Vice Chairman of Banquet Committee, Felix Zaleskas, Vytautas Radzivanas (N.Y.), A. Ragavicius, and Jonas Vasys.

(Photo - J. Rentelis)

The Newark, N.J. Star-Ledger, of December 27th, carried a report on the visit to the Trenton State Prison by the Lithuanian seaman, Simas Kudirka, who was accompanied by Senator Harrison Williams. Kudirka, speaking through an interpreter, said he was surprised at how well prisoners in this country were treated. "The steel bars and the brick walls are the same", he said "but everything else is different".

"Radio Liberty" has added LITHUANIAN to its list of 18 languages in which it broadcasts to the oppressed peoples of the Soviet Union. In January began a WEEKLY broadcast, and beginning in March, it will have DAILY broadcasts to Lithuania.

Senator James Buckley of New York, recently informed New York Times correspondent Frank Lynn, that during his recent 6 day visit to the Soviet Union, he had asked the minister of Internal Affairs, Sčelokov, for his assistance in obtaining emigration visas for 15 Lithuanians.

Hedrick Smith, New York Times correspondent, in the Times of Oct. 24, gave a lengthy account from Vilnius, capital city of Lithuania, that the Communist leadership has been engaged for nearly three decades in trying to shift the individualist-minded peasantry in Lithuania from their traditional farmsteads into the villages that are part of collectives. Now broader financial inducements are being offered to speed the process. The collectivization of agriculture, carried out under Stalin's orders after World War II, has long been an emotional issue in Lithuania, which was forcibly incorporated in the Soviet Union in 1940. Mr. Smith writes, that in the early years, thousands of Lithuanians took to the woods and opposed the Soviet Government, which terming them bandits, deported them to Siberia and other distant regions. In more recent years, the controversy has cooled, but resistance smolders.

Professor Antanas Klimas, of the University of Rochester, has alerted the Lithuanian Community to the 100% communist propagandistic account of Soviet-occupied Lithuania, in the current edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, and has asked for assistance in correcting the glaring misinformation concerning Lithuania.



LITHS AT ACTORS' GUILD DINNER

Miss Helen Hayes, First Lady of the Theatre, was the Guest of Honor at the 1974 dinner dance of the Catholic Actors Guild of America. Pictured during the event at the New York Hilton are (l. to r.) Miss Lillian Gish, Cyril Ritchard, President of the Guild, Miss Helen Hayes - famous stars of the cinema, theatre and television - and Helen V. Kulber, representing the Knights of Lithuania.

On double page spread in the souvenir journal congratulating Helen Hayes the "K of L - Founded 1913" letterhead appeared prominently among many celebrity autographs.

VITAS GERULAITIS, 20 year old Lithuanian youth from Woodhaven, New York, has won the world championship in the tennis matches held recently in Vienna, Austria. First prize was \$5,000.

DOCTOR JONAS GENYS, of Washington, chairman of the federation of Lithuanian republicans, has been named to the All-American Republican Nationalities Committee which has 8 members, including congressmen Derwinski and Scherle.

Ruta Nainytė, 21-year-old University of Illinois Lithuanian student, was chosen from a group of 23 beauties representing various nationalities, to be the "Queen of the Chicago Holiday Folk Fair" last November at the Navy Pier, in Chicago, Ill.

Miss Virginia Inkrataitė, 20 year old Lithuanian emigre in Sydney, Australia, won the 1st prize of \$1500. in the music and song contest sponsored by Australian ABC radio and TV.



K of L'er Eugenia Karpus (right), leaving the Catholic Actors Guild dinner early, stops to congratulate the "One to One" dance team, Linda and Nick LeTang, for their beautiful performance.

Photos - C. Binkins

The Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, 57th St. and South Lake Shore Drive, published a special bulletin about Lithuanian participation in its annual "Christmas Around the World" Festival. Lithuanian programs at the museum on December 10th, featured the 20 foot Lithuanian Christmas tree, folk dancing and Lithuanian foods. The Lithuanian consul general in Chicago, the Honorable Josephine Duzvardis, was the chairlady for the programs.

Mrs. Marija Kraučiuonas, of Chicago, demonstrated the preparation of Lithuanian Christmas tree decorations and Christmas eve foods to 44 wives of consuls headquartered in Chicago, at their annual Christmas Party at the John Hancock Restaurant in that city.

The Hot Springs, Arkansas daily, "New Era", on Dec. 14 carried an item concerning the Lithuanian Christmas program presented by the Lithuanian colony of that city in St. John's Parish Hall. Lithuanian Christmas customs, the preparation of Lithuanian Christmas tree ornaments made of straw, and Lithuanian carols were included in the program.



MSGR. JOHN BALKUNAS HONORED

New York City's **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**, signed by Mayor Abraham D. Beame, was presented to Monsignor Jonas Balkunas by Ambassador Angier Biddle Duke, Commissioner of Civic Affairs and Public Events. The news release accompanying the citation gave a brief biography of Monsignor Balkunas stating he was "famed for his worldwide work on behalf of war orphans and displaced persons, ...instrumental in aiding thousands of suffering and helpless people, young and old, ...founder of the United Lithuanian Relief Committee... (which we know as BALF) ...dedication to his community as Pastor of Maspeth's Transfiguration Church". Present at the ceremony at the Department of Civic Affairs to congratulate Msgr. Balkunas were K of L-ers Peter Wytenus, Helen Kulber, and Joseph Boley. At right is Anthony Varnas, N.Y. Chairman of the Lithuanian Division of the Democratic Party.

(Photo - C. Binkins)

The Soviet Exhibit on Industry and Trade which was held recently in Copenhagen, Denmark, featured a Lithuanian section which occupied almost one-fourth of the entire exhibit. The Soviets sought to show participants that Lithuania was benefitting by her membership in the Soviet Union, which, as everyone knows, is certainly to the contrary.

St. Ann's Lithuanian R.C. Church, which had served the faithful in JERSEY CITY, N.J. over 60 years, has been closed, and its former administrator, Rev. Vladas Karalevičius, because of ill health, has retired and will live in the rectory of Holy Trinity Lithuanian R.C. Church, in NEWARK, N.J. The parish records have been turned over to St. Michael's Lithuanian R.C. Church, in BAYONNE, N.J.

City of New York

Know ye by these presents that I
Abraham D. Beame
 Mayor of the City of New York
 do hereby present this
Certificate of Appreciation
 to
Monsignor Jonas Balkunas

*For his dedication to his community as
 Pastor of Maspeth's Transfiguration Church.
 His efforts for American Overseas Aid and
 for orphans have won for him world renown.
 I commend him on behalf of all New Yorkers.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereto
 set my hand and caused the Seal of the
 City of New York to be affixed this
 twenty-second day of November, 1974*

Abraham D. Beame

The Washington Post, in its edition of Nov. 19, carried a story by its Australian correspondent, Christopher Sweeney, in Sydney. The writer criticizes the Australian labor government for recognizing the Soviet forcible absorption of the 3 Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. This recognition brought forth a stiff and active reaction from the large emigre groups from Eastern Europe now living in Australia. Government Advisors now concede, that this decision was a mistake.

In a recent edition of the New York Times, correspondent Hedrick Smith, in a dispatch from Vilnius, Lithuania's capital city, reports that this Lithuanian capital won the Lenin Prize for architecture this year, for its effort to relieve the sameness of Soviet public housing with the design of an apartment house subdivision. Not only in that subdivision but in much of its architecture, Lithuania sets a standard for the rest of the Soviet Union to match. Workmen are now rushing to complete a modernistic glass and brick opera house, the newest architectural prize of Vilnius. Also, the Lazdynai housing subdivision, although less striking and unusual than the opera house, represents one of the best efforts so far in the Soviet Union to eliminate the standardized designs for low-cost housing.

ANOTHER REFUGEE

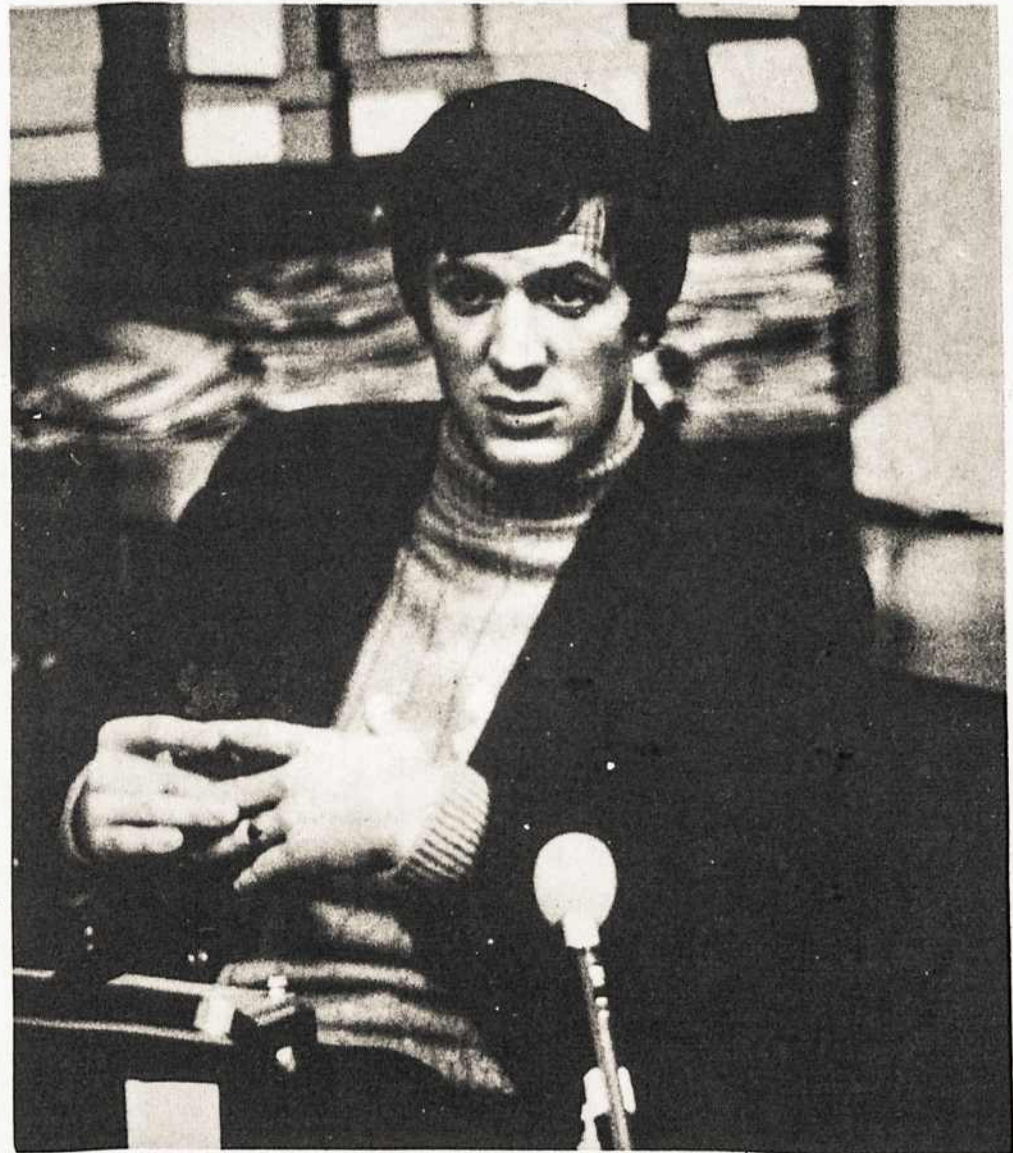
The Lithuanian-Americans of the U.S. have yet another REFUGEE from Soviet-occupied Lithuania! On November 26th, a Lithuanian seaman, JONAS STANKEVIČIUS, 27, who had jumped ship when his Russian trawler was docked in France last August, arrived safe and well in Chicago on November 26th and will be cared for by the Lithuanian Relief Fund of America.

Mr. Stankevičius is pictured at right during an interview on a Chicago radio program.

Photo: P. Maleta

VACLOVAS SEVRUKAS, Soviet dissident, kept a four week hunger strike in New York. It ended on Dec. 10th, Human Rights Day. Atheist and Marxist, he wants to draw attention to the persecution of religion in Lithuania and the violation of human rights in the USSR. Sevrukas, active in Soviet dissident circles, was allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union in May of this year. He arrived in New York via Rome, where he started his hunger strike on November 12th. While teaching Marxism-Leninism in a Leningrad Institute and working as a sociologist in a factory in Vilnius, Lithuania, Sevrukas established contact with the underground press in Lithuania and in Moscow. He also collaborated with Sakharov's Committee for Human Rights in the Soviet Union.

In the Nov. 2 edition of the New York Times, correspondent Christopher Wren writes that a Brooklyn-born woman in Lithuania, Eleanor Iečepienė, who has been seeking to return to the United States for 30 years, has informed the American Embassy in Moscow that the Soviet authorities have at last granted her an exit visa. Last April the American embassy submitted a list to Soviet officials of 790 persons who wanted to join relatives in the United States. So far, about 200 of them have been given permission to leave according to consular officials. At least 17 other persons in the Soviet Union have been recognized by Washington as American citizens by birth, parentage or naturalization. Moscow has been unwilling to let them leave.



In his letter published in the New York Times on Oct. 22, an Estonian, Juhan Kangur, of Bridgeton, N.J., writes that in the Baltic States, the Russians display a lack of consideration to the environment, which by far exceeds the hazards of strip mining in the United States. In the northern part of Estonia, which was famous for its natural beauty, there have been created vast barren landscapes, reminiscent of moonscapes. At the same time, the Russians regard the Baltic Sea as their interior lake, where they can dispose at will their industrial wastes.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in
your prayers ...

HELEN SIRVINSKAS
C-36 &
Chicago Seniors
Died December 1974



IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO



CHICAGO, ILL.

SENDRAUGIŲ VYČIŲ KŪČIOS

Lietuvos Vyčių Chicagos sendraugių kuopos rengiamos tradicinės Kūčios kasmet darosi gražesnės, skoningesnės ir svečiais bei viešniomis gausingesnės. Šių metų Kūčiose, gruodžio 22 d., Vyčių salėje, dalyvavo per 80 svečių.

Pravėrus salės duris į akis krito bendras kalėdinis vaizdas: gražiai sustatyti stalai, baltomis lino staltiesėmis aptiesti, žvakėmis ir eglių kankorėžiais papuošti. Toliau švietė kankorėžių karalienė - eglė. Stalus išdėstė vyčių garbės narė A. Gabalienė, o kankorėžius surinko ir lukštų galus baltai nudažė, žibučiais apibarstydamą, nepaprastos energijos vyte Kazimiera Petrulienė. Tai buvo ne vienos dienos darbas. Lankydamą savo vyro a.a. A. Petrulio kapą Šv. Kazimiero kapinėse ji surinko tą gausybę kankorėžių, kuriais išpuošė stalus. Į kiekvieną lėkštę buvo įdėta kortelė su sveikinimu "Linksmų Kalėdų" ir pusė plotkelės. Kvepėjo šalti patiekalai: įvairūs "apetaizeriai", silkės ir žuvys, kurias paruošė ne iš kulinarijos vadovėlių, bet savo patirtimi Anelė Gerkienė. Toliau karšti valgiai: varškėčiai su grietine, kava, tortai, įvairūs sausainiai, ir spalvoti drebučiai. Valgė kiek kas norėjo. Virtuvės šeimininkė buvo K. Petrulienė, o valgių paruošimui vadovavo B. Strumskienė. Jai talkino Kevežienė, Palukienė, Gabalienė, Jonutienė. Gabi šeimininkė O. Širvinskienė, negalėdama dėl sunkios ligos darbu prisidėti, paaukojo valgomųjų dalykų. Visas virtuvės aparatas veikė taip sutartinai, kad

atrodė lyg būtų išėjusios valgių gaminimo mokyklą.

Kūčių ruošimo komisijoje buvo A. Keveža, J. Laurinaitis, K. Petrulienė. Jiems talkino Kevežienė, Gabalienė ir Jonutienė. Ypatingai daug darbo teko Kevežai, kuriam buvo pavesta bilietų kontrolė. Tą darbą atliko gerai. Net ir pajamų apyskaitą tą patį vakarą įteikė kuopos išdininkui N. Karlavičiui. Gaila tik, kad dėl to didelio darbo jam neteko nė Kūčių valgių paragauti.

Kūčias pradėjo įžangos žodžiu kuopos pirmininkas Ignas Sakalas. Kuopos dvasios vadas, "Draugo" administratorius kun. P. Činikas, MIC., perskaitė gerai paruoštą Kūčių invokaciją, o vėliau pakalbėjo apie Lietuvos Vyčių veikimą. Kadangi vyčiai "Drauge" turi savo skyrių, kvietė neskaitančius to laikraščio užsiprenumeruoti ir geriau susipažinti su senos jaunimo organizacijos veikla.

A. Kevežos trumpas eilėraštis susirinkusius nukėlė į Lietuvą, kur ateistinis okupantas išardė visus lietuvių katalikiškus švenčių papročius.

Kadangi skaidrės iš Fatimos šventovės, kurias rodė ir aiškino Mrs. Anne Fout, truko daugiau nei valandą laiko, tai Ig. Sakalo paskaita apie legendinius Kūčių vakaro papročius buvo praleista.

Kūčios baigtos Kalėdinėmis giesmėmis.

Kūčiose, be sendraugių, dalyvavo ir žymių svečių: Lietuviškos Knygos Klubo pirm. Kun. V. Bagdanavičius, MIC., ateitininkų ir žymus katalikų veikėjas A. Rauckinas su žmona, vyčių veteranas dr. A. Stulga su žmona, vyčių centro išdininkė Irene Sankus, vyčių 112 kp. pirm. Jonas Evans, vyčių choro pirm. Estelle Rogers, finansininkas J. Krisčiūnas su žmona ir daug Chicagos vyčių.

Visiems šios Kūčios labai patiko. Daugumas žadėjo, jei bus gyvi ir sveiki, ir 1975 metais dalyvauti ir savo pažįstamus pasikviesti. Tikimasi, kad toks gražus pobūvis pritrauks ir naujų narių. Tai bus didelis atlyginimas kuopai už jos veikėjų pastangas ir darbą. is

CLEVELAND, OHIO



Cleveland Seniors President S. Sankal and M. Trainy, MCD Pilgrimage Chairman at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.



At MCD Pilgrimage: MCD Pres. E. Sluzas and Senior J. Sadauskas.

62ND NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION

AUGUST 20 - 24, 1975

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
Hotel Taft, N.Y.

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
Lithuanian Cultural Center,
Brooklyn

SUNDAY - AUGUST 24

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

HEADQUARTERS -

HOTEL TAFT,

NEW YORK, N.Y.

A S C I E N T I F I C



Antonia M. Wackell

Two cherubs were busy carving the drifts of snow,
Scooping and spading, their cheeks aglow.
The younger one paused and was heard to say,
"Snow, lots of snow!" eyeing the crystalized pounds of yesterday
"You know what makes it snow?" she asked of him.
(Explanation needed... true and trim.)

" 'Course, I know what makes snow and why it falls down here.
(Oh, a smart one! let us listen and hear.)
See the cloudy-colored stove way up in the sky?
(Who are we to question of deny.)
Well, God said to His angels: 'Clean the stove today!'
(Even the angels have to obey.)

"That stove is cold up there because the fire went out.
(And it is cold down here without a doubt.)
The angels will make a new fire and it will be warm again.
(A weather prophet too, that is plain.)
Next, they will sift the ashes in the sky's big yard;
(She gazed at him with a new regard.)

"Only there's a great big hole in the yard you see...
(Eyes ransacked the flakey sky to see.)
And everytime they sift, the ashes drop down here.
That's how snow is made and that's why it falls down here!"
Scowling at the ashes-from-the-sky-snow,
She asked: "When will it stop? Do you know?"

E X P L A N A T I O N

Vyčiai Veikia



Council Activities

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Our November meeting was held in conjunction with the annual parish supper. This gave the members an opportunity to attend to K of L business, and to support a parish venture.

Father V. Martinkus flew to Chicago to visit his ailing sister. While in Chicago, he had the happy privilege of meeting Simas Kudirka. Father Jurgelaitis, O.P., was in charge of St. Casimir's during our pastor's absence.

On Nov. 22 Christmas cheer came early to the elderly of Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn. C-103 with the help of our parish choir delighted the "senelious" with popular Lithuanian and English songs, and guitar solos were rendered by Father Martinkus.

Eleven Rhode Islanders had a most enjoyable evening at the "Novemberfest" in Boston.

We joined the local Bendruomenė in jointly sponsoring the first Community "Kūčios" ever to be held in Providence.

The Krecioch twins were Confirmed by Bishop Angell. Beatrice Mathieu was sponsor for Marcey, and Ruta Krecioch was sponsor for her daughter Kathey. Bea and Victor Mathieu are the twins' godparents.

East Cranston High School presented a Musical in November, and Regina Krecioch participated in one of the musical skits. Reggie is very active in school affairs.

Get-well cards signed by the members were sent to Alex Vaitkunas, and Father Ed Budrecki, M.I.C. Father Ed returned to Marianapolis after a five month sick leave the first week in December.

C-103 will sponsor a testimonial for Father V. Martinkus on his 40th Sacerdotal Jubilee in April. Our Ordinary, the Most Rev. Louis Gelineau, has accepted an invitation to concelebrate Mass with the jubilarian.

Simas Kudirkas' revisit to New Bedford, Mass., was very well publicized by The Providence Sunday Journal, TV-12, and TV-10 in Providence. A large photo of Simas appeared on the front page of The Sunday-Journal, with an extensive article written by Bob Kerr. We are proud to join the thousands of Lithuanian-Americans in welcoming Simas Kudirka and his family to the United States.

Jonas

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Any organization that has received rave review for years and years deserves some consideration, and so our Executive Board is making an earnest appeal to the membership to resolve NOW to be faithful throughout the New Year in all things K of L - attendance at meetings, participation in programs both spiritual and social, thus making evident our willingness to serve God and Country. Working hand-in-hand for 1975 are: Rev. Anthony J. Miciunas,

Spiritual Director; Joseph Sakaitis, Pres.; Helen Gillus, Vice Pres.; Adele Degutis, Rec. Secy.; Rita Pinkus, Fin. Secy.; Joseph Zaliecikas, Treas.; Francis Degutis and Richard Desautel, Sgts-at-Arms; Alex Kardokas, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman; and Peter Ivaska, Auditor.

And then there was none! The pizza and lobster was that good! Steve and Ellie Walinsky, Bill and Carol Grigas, Janice Abdelnour, Ginny Leleikis, with assistance from a few others, provided us with the annual clambake held at the Lithuanian War Veterans Organization on Oct. 11.

Excellent support from our own members and members of neighboring C-116 (Our Lady of Vilna Parish) and out-of-town K of L's all resulted in a highly successful dinner dance on Nov. 30 held at the LWVO. A grateful committee headed by Pauline Flaherty extends sincere appreciation to all who made this success a reality.

It is a Lithuanian opinion, if not a substantiated fact, that the best thing in the world is to own a part of it! One year ago last Christmas Eve, the relatively new quarters of the Lithuanian Charitable Society, known as Maironis Park, burned, a total loss. One year later, through the concentrated efforts of that organization's membership, the building's dedication took place on Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This was also the Feast Day of the Marian Fathers, and so it seemed especially fitting that Father Anthony J. Miciunas, M.I.C., the Lithuanian Charitable Society's Spiritual Advisor, officiated at the blessing of the new quarters. A good many Council members are active at Maironis

Park. Key members include Kazys Adomavicius, Pres.; Francis (Algis) Glodas and Stephen Walinsky, Sr., officers; Raymond Jakubauskas, fund-raising committee... to name just a few. Sincere congratulations and best wishes to all at Maironis Park!

The out-going executive board hosted the annual family Christmas party on Dec. 29 in St. Casimir's Parish Hall. This is always a fun day because Santa Claus makes his annual appearance and Helen Gillus leads our tiny tots in all the children's games.

Best wishes to Father John Bakanas, always a friend of our council, for a quick return to good health. Father has been discharged from the hospital, and the good word is that he is recovering nicely.

Ann and Sparky Morkunas' little son, Vyto, Jr., had an emergency appendectomy last October. This little nursery-school student was home from the hospital just a few days, when a complication resulted in his being readmitted to the hospital. All's well now! One look at little Vyto's parents will attest that life is indeed beautiful, once more!

Philadelphia visitors provided us with some pleasant reunions over the Thanksgiving holiday. Diane and Joe Drumstas and their children and Alena and Tony Burch and their son were very welcome visitors in our area.

Joe and Pat Zalieckas have a new baby son born in November. We're happy to include our congratulations with all the others they are receiving on the occasion of a truly blessed event.

It is our sincere hope that all of us within the ranks of the K of L organization will enjoy a happy and healthy New Year!

"Dzūkelė"

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Welcome back, Father Paul.

Father Paul Sabulis is back with us again after an extended trip on the road of health. He has arrived healthier, more chipper, and

thinner than he has been in years. Many people who are on the heavier side are a little envious on how trim he looks, and are contemplating to go on a diet. Keep up the good work Father, and we're happy you're back.

Congratulations to Lillian and John Norwid on their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Ann and John Sabulis have returned to the fold after spending a week at Disneyland in Florida, and Violet Brazitis, who will not let a trip to anywhere pass her by, has just returned from a trip to Europe. To Vi it's just like crossing the street, and she truly enjoys traveling!

Millie Driznus came to our last Council meeting with a large bag in her arms. When asked what the bag was for, she answered, "To celebrate my winning a brand new Dodge Dart". We all congratulated her on her good fortune, and drank her wine to show her that what we said was true.

For those of you who missed our last Communion Breakfast, you missed the best one our Council has had in many years. Chaired by Anthony "Chippy" Chepulis, attendance amounted to over 100 Council members and members of

the parish. The guest speaker was Father Raymond Yuskauskas from St. Joseph's Parish in Waterbury. Father Ray is the young priest who was with us during Father Paul's convalescence. Father Ray gave an inspiring talk on "We are what we allow ourselves to be". He commented that he loved Ansonians and was glad to be back even if it was only for a couple of hours. The breakfast ended with a standing ovation for Father Ray.

"Happy-go-lucky" George Martin is progressing rapidly after serious surgery at Yale New Haven Hospital. See you at our meetings soon, George.

"Pot Luck" means Banquet Night preceding our meetings. With the variety and abundance of good food, attendance is up, and good meetings are held. Keep in touch, and attend our next Pot Luck Supper meeting and see for yourself. You won't regret it.

Our officers for 1975 are: Chaplain Father Paul P. Sabulis, Pres. Violet Brazitis, Vice-Pres. Alfonse Barauskas, Secy. Ann Barauskas, Treas. Mildred Driznus, Fin. Secy. Stanley A. Twerian, Ritual Comm. Chairman Alfonse Barauskas, Public Relations Stanley A. Twerian, Sgt-at-Arms Albert Jesulaitis, Historian Ann Sabulis, Trustees: 1 year, Eva Yuravich; 2 years, Lillian Chaplik; 3 years, Ann Gyba.

Congratulations to Anthony Chepulis who was recently elected Vice-Pres. of the Catholic Mens' Club.

Many members were missing, although there was a good turnout of parishioners present Oct. 13 after the 10:30 Mass in the church hall, when through the efforts of Casey Svelnys, a group of Lithuanian dancers from Waterbury performed. Everyone had a good time.

Don't forget, - our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the church hall.

Eva, we miss you.

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MID-CENTRAL**DISTRICT****C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO**

Committee chairmen keeping our council on the go for '75 are as follows: Ritual - Fran Petkus; Cultural - Šarūnas Lazdinis and Aldona Ryan; Vytis Corresp. - Fran Petkus; Social - Mary Lucas and Maxine Bakanauskas; Ways & Means - Elinor Sluzas; Condolence - Eugenia Gečas and Albina Wallis; Sports - John A. Berczelly, Dennis Noreikas, Christina Mantz, Audrey Bakanauskas, Edward Sluzas and Raymond Gečas; Lith. Affairs - Alice Petkus and Margie Grushas; Telephone Squad - Ida Kavy, Chm. assisted by Veronika Omlor, Alice Petkus, Helen Vaitkus, Loretta Pant and Ann Kondrotas; Bulletin Ed. - Jerry and Teri Scott; Religious - Frank Ambrose and Mary-Ann Blum; By-Laws - Joseph Ryan, Eloise Berczelly and Fran Petkus; Sarysis - Joseph Gečas; Historian - Albina Wallis. Good luck to all!

With the 'Vėjeliai' dancers performing in Miamisburg on Nov. 7, Walter and Lou Lastoskis entertained the group in their home after the program. The dancers received a very recent generous donation to boost their treasury. Keep up the good work!

A fun evening was spent on the 23rd at the Lithuanian Hall. The Parish Cultural Committee sponsored a dinner/dance. Many of our members are active on this committee.

Elinor Sluzas hosted the Juniors in her home on the 30th. The Jrs had gone out to dinner for their annual 'dress-up' affair. They then

held election of officers for 1975 at Elinor's home. The Jrs took this opportunity to thank the out-going advisors, Eloise Berczelly and Sarah Petkus, for all the time they gave throughout the year. Their new Advisor, Maria Lazdinis, sat in and took this occasion to meet the members. Sue Mantz, their other Advisor, was unable to attend.

On Dec. 1 the Religious Committee, Pat Zelinskas and Eloise Berczelly, held a surprise party for a special lady at the Dayton State Hospital. Other patients in the ward were also included in the party. Helping Pat and Eloise were Elinor Sluzas, Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas, Adele Kvietys, Joyce Boston and Harley Karns.

Some of us from the Dayton council had the pleasure of meeting Tony Alexander from C-7, Waterbury, Conn., at the Nat'l. Conv. in Detroit. Tony now gave us the pleasure of entertaining him in the 'fun city' of Dayton. It was our pleasure, Tony. You did get out in time... we were under 7 inches of snow and a prediction of 2 more on the way. Come see us again!

Christina Mantz is now leading the women in the Friday night Bowling League with 207. Congratulations!

Our prayers are sent to Father Walter Katarskis vor a very speedy recovery. Father is our council's Spiritual Advisor, as well as for the Mid-Cent. Dist. We extend prayers to Joe Noreikas that



C-102: Aldona Bunikis, Margie Bunikis and Grazina Vaskelis.

all goes well for him. We are thankful Mike J. Petkus, surgery was a success. Congratulations to Casimir and Ruth Walusis on the birth of their last grandson!

A very healthy, prosperous New Year to all!

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C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

Need excitement and fun in your life? Try having a "Friars' Roast" ala K of L style, poolside. The hosts, Donna and Bill Pluto, christened their new heated pool on June 23, last year. Our committee, Donna and Frank Bunikis, Edna Klucens and Donna Pluto coordinated a fantastic dinner complete with kugelis and all. The roasted guest was none other than Joe Guerriero, our non-Lithuanian Lithuanian, a terrific man and tireless worker. Aldona Bunikis even had a "special Vytis medal" made to honor him. Prime roasters were Donna Pluto, Donna Bunikis, Gina Baibak and Bob Boris in his inimitable way - with sign language for emphasis. And to cap it off, Happy Birthday to Donna Pluto! Thanks to all. 'Twas a delightful day.

By the way, we're especially proud of our members on the Supreme Council: Grazina Vaskelis, Nat'l. Secy. and Aldona Bunikis, Trustee. Congratulations and best wishes to them.

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C-102: Ann Uznis, Bob Boris and Joe Guerriero.

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

A Happy 1975, and may God extend His divine blessings to all of you for a healthy and successful New Year.

For most people, a snowfall is either a thing of beauty or a "pain in the neck" when we were belted, Dec. 1, with nearly 20" of the worst snowfall since 1886. However, this bad weather did not detain from a Parish Council meeting at which three of our members were elected or re-elected to the council - Stella Hotra, Maggie Smailis and Mike Vale. Congratulations to all. Afterwards, each was helping the other to push their cars out of the Divine Providence parking lot; and going home, the streets looked like an abandoned Dodge-Em Car ride at the Fair. However, all made it home, safe and sound.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Mike Vale on the death of his dear wife, Adele, who passed away Oct. 15. She is also survived by her daughter, Antoinette Pebbles of California. Addie was employed with Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis for some 30 yrs. before her retirement 3 years ago.

B - for Bravery, fits the late Addie Vale to perfect description. When it was first discovered Addie was stricken with cancer, she fought a courageous battle, never giving up. With her wit and humor she took it all in innumerable stride while undergoing treatment and fought it to the end. Sometimes you can't make people laugh, but Adele Vale did. You would see her laughing, joking and high-spirited, but with hesitation; that if her end was approaching, she did not fear death. "We must go sometime" were her encouraging words. Now the Bopsy Twin (as she was fondly called) is gone. Her other "Twin" was Ann Zilvitis. In any K of L activity, Adele and Ann added their professionalism to whatever C-79 sponsored. Whenever called upon to serve, either at organizational or church level, Addie seldom refused. She will be greatly missed. May she be

eternally rewarded and her soul in Eternal Peace.

Elections were held in our council on Nov. 6, and the following officers were elected: Spiritual Adv. - Fr. A. Babonas; Pres. - Magdalene Smailis; V.P. I - Vicki Chepelonis; V.P. II - Marianne Newberry; Rec. Sec. - Ruth Grasha; Fin. Sec. - Jos. Chaps; Treas. - Frank Zager; Trustees - T. Dainus, H. Patocki, V. Panavas; Board - S. Hotra, S. Zager, E. Mickey, H. Mykolaitis, Mary M. Panavas, Ona Walls; and Sgt-at-Arms - John Belickas. Daug Sēmēs and a Big Ačiū to all outgoing members.

Helen Mykolaitis is the new Sunshine Chairlady. When sick, call her at KE 1-6563. Elizabeth Paurazas remains as Rosary Chairperson. In deaths, call her at UN 2-3298. Vytis correspondent is Sophie Zager. Please call her with news. A special "Ačiū" is expressed to two dedicated people, Marie and George Kase, who every Sunday for the past year or more, arrived early at Div. Providence to prepare bagels and coffee following the 10:30 Lith. Mass. Rain, snow or sunshine, they were there.

There were many travelers: Frank & Betty Petroski hummed their way to the Smokies and visited Cel & Harold Yunck in Ft. Lauderdale. The Petroskis went visiting and sightseeing in other areas of Florida. Stella & Walter Hotra took advantage of the lovely Oct. weather and went touring

thru several states. The Frank Zagers enjoyed a 10-day southern trip viewing the Smokies, touring Rock City and visiting the NASA Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. (very interesting), then on to Atlanta, Ga., for a visit with Sophie's aunt, Mary Vincunas and family. The Underground Atlanta and a cable car ride up Stone Mt. (8th Wonder of the World) were fantastic. Fall colors were at their peak and the weather beautiful. Pete and Bingo Stanulis traveled to New Jersey for a visit with relatives and friends. It was good to see Joe & Mary Kazlauskas come in from Toledo, O., for "Paroda" at the Lith. Center. Gerry Zager flew to N.Y. on a business assignment for IRS. Elizabeth Paurazas combined business (BALF) with pleasure in Chicago, visiting her sister, Ann Paurazas, and others, during the Thanksgiving holiday. Coming in from Georgia were Mary Vincunas, son, Leo, and daughter-in-law, Marge, for visits between M/M K. Gogelis, F. Zagers and others over the Thanksgiving holiday. Included on the Vincunas' agenda were the Great Snow of 1974 on Dec. 1, and vowed "Amen" to Mich. during the winter. Thanksgiving weekend found the F. Petroskis and John Wasses in Pennsy. We wonder if they "encountered" the same snowstorm.

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Mike Kutkauskas, husband of C-79 member, Katherine. After spending a few weeks at the Veteran's Hospital, John "Korky" Laurinaitis is convalescing. A speedy recovery to Walter Dombrowski who was hospitalized, and also to Adeline Vitchus who spent some time at Providence Hospital. Hope you get well soon.

Father Victor Kriščiunevičius was appointed the new pastor of Divine Providence parish. We extend to Fr. Kris our very best wishes, together with God's blessings for the future.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Seeds planted 60 years ago in the Borough of Manhattan, N.Y.C. by a small group of people of Lithuanian heritage was the beginning of C-12. We saw the fruit of their labor of love on Nov. 16 when a reunion took place at the 60th Anniversary Dinner-Dance at Our Lady of Vilnius Auditorium. With former members joining us, one can say it was a night of nostalgia as they caught up on family news. It was delightful to see our friends sharing in the festivities from C-3 of Philadelphia, Pa., C-41 Brooklyn, N.Y., C-52 Elizabeth, N.J., C-67 Bayonne, N.J., C-29 Newark, N.J., C-110 Maspeth, N.Y., C-109 Great Neck, N.Y.

Starting on a serious note, the members attended a Mass of Thanksgiving with Rev. George Gurinkas as celebrant. The Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas honored us with his presence, and we were

privileged to hear during his sermon a historical account of our Patron Saint, St. Casimir.

The guest speaker of the evening, Nat'l. Past Pres. Prof. Jack Stukas spoke about the vitality of the Vyčių organization and its determination to work for God and Country. He congratulated the council on its 60 years of accomplishment.

It was indeed an honor to see Marian Skabeikis, Nat'l. 1st Vice Pres.; Philip Skabeikis, Nat'l. Lithuanian Cultural Chairman; Anthony Mazeika, Nat'l. Scholarship Secy-Treas. and Mary Kober, Asst. Council News Editor.

Mention must be made of Past Officers that kept C-12 alive over the years and were with us that evening to celebrate the reunion. There were former Presidents: Anthony Vanis, Peter Vaicels, Vincent Yatkaukas, Stella Marcinauskas and Albert Yatkaukas, and former Vice Presidents: George Yatkaukas, Joseph Kscenaitis, Vincent Zalis, Stanley Borus and William Kaleda.

As a final touch of the evening, Ellen Muske, the only charter member of the Council, had the honor of cutting the first slice of the Anniversary cake.

As a council, we are uniquely fortunate and most thankful for

the services and help that Helen Shields has given to us. She is a former Nat'l. President and a member of C-3, Phila., Pa. Her tireless efforts for the success of the 60th Anniversary Dinner-Dance is deeply appreciated by Chairman Janonis and C-12. Talk about family cooperation, assisting Helen was her sister Tillie who arrived from Philadelphia and promptly pitched in to help. Ačiū!

Chairman Larry Janonis and his enthusiastic committee worked diligently all Summer to prepare for the Dinner-Dance. Assisting him were Millie Pietz (who incidentally was happy to meet all her old boyfriends), Jovita and Joseph Sleder, Joseph Kscenaitis, Helen and Walter Yurkus, Helen and Vincent Cuperwich, Matthew Yatkaukas, Albert Yatkaukas, Helen Matthews, Albert Monkawitch, Helen Shields and last but not least, Larry's capable helpmate Jeanne Janonis. Responsible for preparing the delicious dinner were our council's two fabulous cooks, Agnes Krauss and Anna Lukscha.

President Matthew Yatkaukas wishes to express his thanks for the participation of past and present council members, clergy and visiting dignitaries, members from other councils, booster sup-



Enjoying the 60th Anniversary Dinner of C-12: Pres. Matthew Yatkaukas, Distinguished Visitor, Dr. Jack Stukas, Rev. George Gurinkas, Rev. Walter Budreckas.



Our C12 "Fabulous Cook", Agnes Krauss and family, Jeanette, Arleen and son, Charles Krauss.



Joining the Festivities at C12: Michael Grigaliunas of C67, Bayonne, N.J. and happy ladies Mrs. Frank Vainis and Mrs. Anthony Vanis.



We at C12 were happy to see Mr. & Mrs. Albert Ozalis of Philadelphia, Pa. - C3.



Greeting Friends at C-12: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kober of C109, Great Neck, N.Y.

porters and the Chairman of the event, Larry Janonis and committee.

The subsequent acknowledgment of our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. G. Gurinkas, aptly describes the event in Lithuanian - "Aušros Vartų Parapijos Vyčiai atšventė 60 metų sukaktį. Reikia pasidžiaugti, kaip gražiai ir tvarkingai buvo paruoštas tasai Minėjimas. Minėjime dalyvavo 200 žmonių ir ta proga Vyčiai paaukojo bažnyčiai \$100.00. Širdingai dėkoju Vyčiams už auką ir kartu linkiu Jums darbuotis dar ilgus metus Dievo ir Tėvynės labui".

At the November regular meeting, the Board of Directors for C-12 were unanimously elected again for the fiscal year 1974-75. Pres. Matthew Yatkauskas - Vice Pres. Helen Cuperwich - Rec. Secy. Helen Yurkus - Treas. & Fin. Secy. Helen Matthews - Sgts-at-Arms: Albert Monkawitch and Walter Yurkus - Trustees: Past Presidents Joseph Sleder, Leon Wasiewicz, Albert Yatkauskas - Lithuanian Affairs, Jim Sabal - Lithuanian Culture, Ann Zindzius - Public Relations & Vytis Corres., Mary York - Ritual, Helen Cuperwich - Spiritual Advisor, Rev. George A. Gurinkas.

Liberty Lady

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Hello from Upstate New York - Amsterdam to be exact!

St. Casimir's Social Center was the meeting place for the council's



Perfect Personification of C12 "Emily" - Wife of Past President, Albert Yatkauskas.

meeting in Oct. Mary Stanionis and Betty Kuzmich were the refreshment committee. The members unanimously voted to keep the same officers for another year. The slate consists of: Pres. - Anthony Radzevich, Vice-Pres. - Gene Gobis, Secy. - Nellie Liberis, Treas. - Sophie Olbie, Sgt-at-Arms - Charles Karbus, Lithuanian Affairs - Edward Baranauskas, Cultural Committee - Polly Ziausys and Matthew Orante, Ritual Committee - Mary Stanionis.

Our guest speaker was Attorney Norbert Sherbunt, the Republican candidate for City Court Judge.

The Mid-Atlantic Dist. Conv. was held in Amsterdam, N.Y. on Nov. 3. Chairman Joe Valikonis was a very busy man, aided by the duo-team of Ginny Miciulis and Gene Gobis. The Reception Committee of Sadie Karbocius and Ann Radzevich prepared a beautiful table of snacks. Ann Sweet was chairman of the kitchen commit-

tee. She had a marvelous group of helpers: Helen Radzevich, Frances Bobines, Eleanore Baranauskas, Helen Augun, Edith and Linda Orante, Edna Stokna, Jean Maldutis, Ann Radzevich, Sadie Karbocius, Bernice Sherbunt, Helen Druziak, Regina Kot. The fellows in charge of the liquid refreshment booth were Bill and Ed Liberis, Joe Shatas and Peter Hayes.

The Cultural display was in charge of Polly and Edward Ziausys. Polly wore the authentic national dress of Lithuania. The collection of amber, linens, wood carvings etc. was most outstanding... and, believe it or not... the entire collection is the property of the Ziausys couple. Philip Skabeikis commented that it was one of the best displays that he has seen.

Matthew Orante and Regina Kot were co-chairmen of the decorations. Ginny Miciulis had Lithuanian Cook Books for sale as well as souvenirs. Bernice Sherbunt won the radio.

The council's delegates were Sophie Olbie, Eleanor Olechowski, Nellie and Betty Liberis, Mary Stanionis, Peter Sargalis and Charles Karbocius.

President Tony Radzevich was busy greeting the guests. Two cars arrived from Philadelphia, one from New Jersey, plus one busload of delegates. Approximately 100 people attended. Jeannie Karbus was one of the first to step off the bus. It was good to see her as well as Phil and Marian Skabeikis, Larry Janonis, Loretta Stukas,

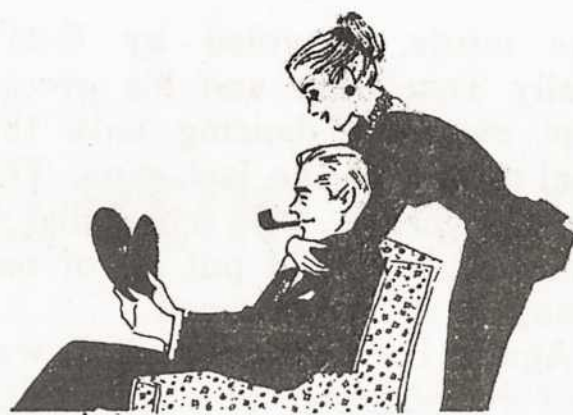
Ann Mitchell, Helen Shields, Joseph Boley, Julian Greymos, Joe Janulaitis, Jean Janonis and many many more. We hope everyone had a pleasant time.

Dan Kabasin got to meet most of the guests. Danny was one of the recipients of the Scholarship award. His parents, Ann and Francis Kabasin, were also present. Mark Druziak was our photographer.

Marian Skabeikis weeded out our newest member Linda Orante and proposed she get into the Junior Council. Due to the efforts of Marian, Gerard Drenzek signed up with the Juniors, and Ed and Mirga Bablin promised their children would also join. Mirga Bablin, Edith Orante and Regina Kot accepted to serve as Junior Advisors. Father Bernard Gustas donated the membership fee for the Junior council. The girls were anxiously awaiting a letter from Marian Skabeikis with information on the planning of activities, etc.

After the business transactions and dinner, Father Baltch entertained with a number of Lithuanian songs. He asked everyone to join in to sing some familiar Lithuanian songs. And, alas, it was time for departure, and the delegates were bid "Sudiev" in song led by Father Baltch.

Smile and Sparkle



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

President John G. Evans appointed the following committee heads to assist him during this K of L year: Membership - Estelle Rogers; Lith. Affairs - Al Zakarka; Ritual - Ruth Dagus; Lith. Cultural - Albina Gaides; Courtesy - Monica Kasper; Publicity - Lithuanian, Emilija Pakalniskis, "Vytis", Irene Sankus and English, Gerrie Mockus; Social - Julie Zakarka and Bernadine Rogers.

Board meetings for the months of November and December were hosted by Emilija Pakalniskis and Irene Sankus, resp. Everyone really enjoyed the Lithuanian buffet at the Pakalniskis home. The after-business meeting socials delight the taste buds with the "goodies" prepared by Julie Z.

Get well wishes to Vyto Bickus who is recovering from heart surgery.

Wedding anniversary wishes to four delightful couples - Al & Julie Zakarka, Alexander & Emilija Pakalniskis, Andy & Dolores Yuknis, and Carl & Sophie Beinoras. Many more years of wedded bliss to them all.

Two active council members are now away at school - Aloysius Pakalniskis at Northwestern Univ. and Kazyte Brazdionis, at Northern Illinois Univ. These two scholars are always tops in all their endeavors and we enjoyed their company during the holiday vacation period.

Belated wedding wishes to: Barbara - daughter of Dr. Joseph and Eva; Karen - daughter of Aleline and Pete; and Stanley - son of John Evans.

Dolores, Wainauskas, our seasoned world traveller, just returned from a trip to the Orient and one of her many unusual experiences was visiting the beautiful Taj Mahal at night and viewing all that splendor by flashlight.

Ed Krivickas' most recent trip to Lansing, Mich., almost had him snow-bound, but Grazina and Vitalia Vaskelis and Ace Byrne sent him on his way back to Chicago before the really heavy snows.

"Lucky Lady" is Albina Gaides' new name - she was a big-big prize winner in the New York State lottery.

AT THE I-ID BUILDING FUND RECEPTION, CHICAGO



J. Slajus, Choir Pres. Estelle Rogers, Gediminas Janula, Natl. Treas. Irene Sankus, Lith. Chamber of Commerce Pres. Peter Vilkelis and Natl. Pres. Leon Pauksta.



B.P. Bendr. Pres. J. Slajus, Angele Cetkauskas, Al Pakalniskis, Emilija Pakalniskis, Aldona Gylys and Al Matulis.

(Photo - V. Noreika)



K of L Choir Director Faustas Strolia meets with Simas Kudirka.

Condolences to State Senator Frank Savickas and the Pagois Family on the death of his brother; and to Emilija Pakalniskis and family on the death of her brother in Germany.

Our council was ably represented at the American Roman Catholic Federation meeting by Emilija and Alexander Pakalniskis.

The tremendous welcome Simas Kudirka received in Chicago was well attended by K of L members from the Midway Airport press conference, the reception at Sharko's East, the Maria Auditorium official reception, the Lithuanian TV banquet and to the special presentation at Chicago's City Council meeting where Mayor Richard Daley made Simas an Honorary Citizen of Chicago.

The Lithuanian Television annual banquet, held at the beautiful Beverly Country Club, was chaired by our prexy John Evans. The many K of L members and other guests in attendance had a truly enjoyable evening, especially personally talking with Simas and his family. Faustas Strolia, our K of L Choir director, enjoyed dancing with Simas' lovely daughter Lolita.

The music, provided by C-36's Wally Tenclinger and his group, kept everyone dancing until the final strains of the last song. The evening began with cocktails at Irene Sankus' and put all of our group in a festive mood.

Again, 112 and the K of L was well represented at the Annual Nativity B.V.M. Thanksgiving dinner held at the appropriately decorated parish hall. Pastor Anthony Zakarauskas spent the evening greeting and chatting with all of the many guests. The pre-

dinner festivities were held at the home of Estelle Rogers.

Congratulations to member Kenneth Jaksy on his selection as the official Democratic candidate for 15th Ward Alderman.

Best wishes for another successful K of L year to our members who were elected to K of L Choir offices, namely, Estelle Rogers as President, and Juozas Juska, John Auksciunas, Al Zakarka and Emilija Pakalniskis.

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C-112 Pres. John G. Evans, Aldona Brazis, Andy Yuknis and IID Pres. Al Brazis at I-ID Bldg. Reception.



Entertainer of the day - George Jonikas.



Chicago's Vince Samaska of C-36' celebrates Mexican Day at Intl. Harv. where he is the "master chef".

VYČIŲ VEIKLA CHICAGOJE

Tikrai yra malonu pažymėti Chicagos vyčių veiklos pažangą. Pažvelgę į praėjusius metus matome, kad daug veiklių narių dalyvavo įvairiose šventėse, paraduose, o F. Strolios vedamas choras atliko keletą viešų koncertų ir pasirodė Lietuvių Televizijoje. Apskrities delegatai dalyvavo LV Seime ir net į valdybą išrinkti L. Paukšta ir Irene Sankus. Kiti nariai įėjo į atskirus komitetus. LV namui išlaikyti sutelkta lėšų. Čia vyčiai rinko aukas ir kaupė lėšas loterijomis, vakarieniėmis. Yra ir jaunų vyčių šokėjų grupė.

Vyčių choras išpildė gražią Kalėdų programą Lietuvių Televizijoje. T. Šlutas įpynė Kalėdinių

vaizdų su atitinkamais muzikos kūriniais. Programą reikia laikyti viena geriausių. Miela buvo nors pusvalandį pagyventi. Kalėdų džiaugsmu ir prisiminti praeitį bei likusius Lietuvoje, kur Kalėdų dieną okupantas suiminėjo tikinčiuosius. Ašara rieda skruostais, kai pamąstai, kokią mes laimę ir laisvę turime Amerikoje. Anapus yra tik baimė ir teroras. Neveltui vedėjas prašė visų lietuvių sutartinos veiklos ir ramybės!

Neatsilieka Chicagos vyčiai ir laiškais bei rašiniiais apie Lietuvą. Jie siunčia žinias į centrą dr. Mažeikai, o jis išleidžia biuletinį ir nurodo kam rašyti laiškus. Dr. Mažeika atlieka puikų darbą.

Vyčių choro tradicinės vakariinės kasmet rengiamos sausio mėn. Pakšto salėje. Šiomet įvykusi sausio 18 d. sutraukė daug svečių. Čia skambėjo dainos, linksma muzika ir viešpatavo tarpusavio draugiškumas. Vakarienės pilnas skiriamas įvairioms choro išlaidoms. Vyrai ir moterys, kurie myli lietuvišką dainą ir giesmę, prašomi stoti į chorą.

Šv. Kazimiero šventė kasmet kuopose gražiai ir iškilmingai minima. Apskritis talkina minint Vasario 16 ir kitas šventes. Kiekvienais metais pagerbia pasižymėjusius lietuvius.

Bal. Brazdžionis



K of L Calendar

FEBRUARY

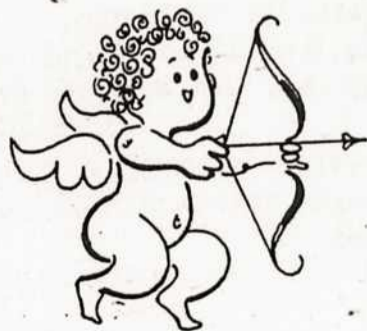
- 9 Annual IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA DINNER", Martinique, Chicago, Illinois

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.



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U.S.A. BICENTENNIAL ERA

GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington - Born in Popes Creek, Virginia on Feb. 22, 1732. During this month of February we salute George Washington, the First President, for his perseverance and courage to win freedom for our great nation.

George Washington, delivering his Farewell Address, said that his invocation would forever be "That your Union and brotherly affection may be perpetual; that the free Constitution which is the work of your hands, may be sacredly maintained; that its administration in every department may be stamped with wisdom and virtue; that, in fine, the happiness of the people of these States, under the auspices of liberty, may be made complete..."



Abraham Lincoln
said:

HONESTY...I have always wanted to deal with everyone I meet candidly and honestly. If I have made any assertion not warranted by facts, and it is pointed out to me, I will withdraw it cheerfully.

COMPASSION...I can only say that I have acted upon my best convictions, without selfishness or malice, and that by the help of God I shall continue to do so.

ACCOMPLISHMENT...He who does something at the head of one regiment will eclipse him who does nothing at the head of a hundred.

LIBERTY...Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father, and to tear that charter of his own and his children's liberty.

SUCCESS...We can succeed only by concert. It is not "can any of us imagine better?" but, "can we all do better?"

MOTIVES...Ready are we all to cry out and ascribe motives when our toes are pinched.

