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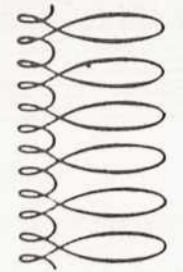
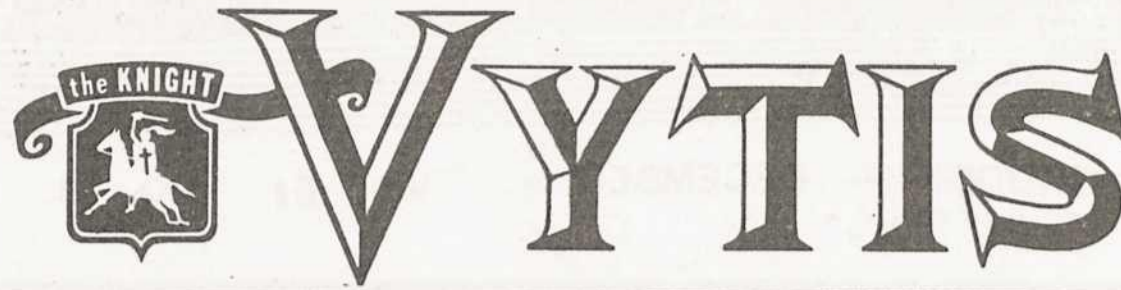
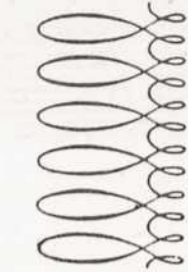
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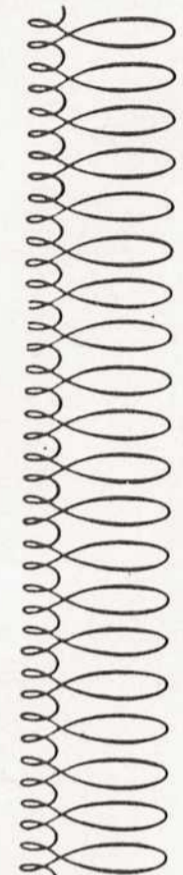
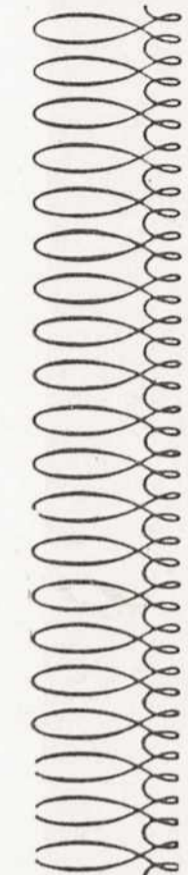
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THANK GOD FOR CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS, the human, historical fact that Mary gave birth to a Son in a sheep-shed in Bethlehem is an event shrouded in mystery. We can be sure of the fact, but many details escape us. Though we celebrate the Birthday of Christ on December 25th, this may not be the exact date of His Birth.

Much, much more mysterious is the theological fact of the Incarnation, whereby the Eternal Word of God assumed humanity, became man by being born of a Virgin Mother in order to save, to redeem, to ransom all mankind.

Each year, as December 25th approaches, we are reminded of the historical fact and called upon by our Catholic Faith to accept and assent to this mystery of Faith. We cannot fully understand how God's Divine Nature and a human nature can be united in a Divine Person. But we firmly believe that the Infant in the manger is Divine, is God, and that Mary, His Mother, is the Mother of God.

A glimmer of understanding flickers forth from the mystery as we realize that on the first Christmas morning God stepped from Eternity into worldly time to continue and terminate the mystery of Salvation begun in promise almost immediately after the sin of Adam and Eve. This "stepping into time" is a Divine gesture of generosity: God, giving Himself to man, with no benefit to Himself, but solely for the purpose of granting us happiness, both here and hereafter. Christmas, the event that divided

time into B.C. and A.D., began the "years of Our Lord" which will continue till the end of time. Thanks to Christmas the years we are given to travel this earth will fall entirely within "the years of Our Lord", dominated by His Presence, enlightened by His teachings, guided by His Church, strengthened by His Sacraments.

Now, coming to the point of this Christmas essay, I can hardly keep myself from exclaiming: "THANK GOD FOR CHRISTMAS!"

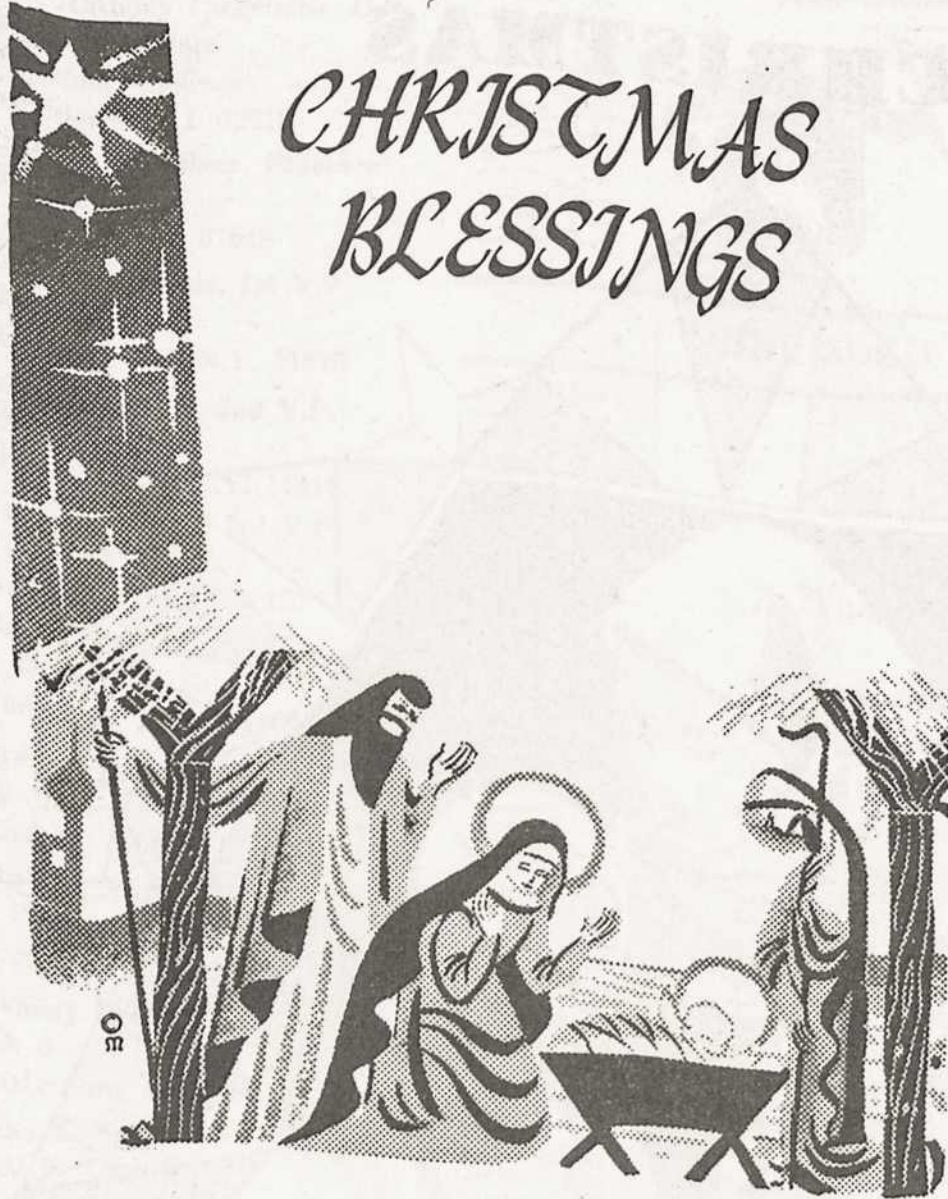
Thank God for His Gift of His Son to us!

Thank God for becoming "Emmanuel" - "God with us".

Yes, Thank God for Christmas, when I can share my joy in Christ with all Knights of Lithuania as your Spiritual Adviser and wish you, every one, a Merry and a Holy Celebration of the Birthday of the Son of Mary, and the Son of God.

Fr. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

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holy, blessed
meaning of
the birth of
our Savior
dwell in your
heart. In
that spirit,
we say thanks.*

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KALĖDŲ EGLUTĖS KILMĖ

Kalėdų eglutė labai gražus kalėdinis paprotys. Jis yra taip plačiai išsigalėjęs, jog krikščioniškame pasaulyje Kalėdų negalima jau išivaizduoti be eglučių. Jos puošia privačius butus, viešuosius pastatus bei gatves. Ypatingai čia Amerikoje prieš Kalėdas puošiamos jau net ir perdėtai. Kai kur jos jau sudaro daugiau kermašišką negu šventišką nuotaiką.

Eglutė suteikia Kalėdoms šventišką nuotaiką, o vaikams didelį džiaugsmą. Po papuošta eglute sukraunamos dovanos, kurios ypatingai vaikų yra labai laukiamos.

Krikščioniškas padavimas, sako, jog Kristui gyvenant žemėje kartą Jį užklupo kelyje lietus. Ieškodamas apsaugos nuo lietaus, Jis atsistojo po lapuočiu medžiu, bet šis praleido vandenį pro savo lapus. Jam pasitraukus po egle, pastaroji suglaudė savo spyglius ir tuo apsaugojo Kristų nuo sušlapimo. Kaip atpildą už tai, Kristus leido spygliuočius žaliuoti visus metus.

Iš kur kilo šis kalėdinis paprotys? Vokiečiai laiko jį kilusiu Vokietijoje ir, atrodo, teisėtai.

Vokietijoje jau prieš daug šimtų metų buvo išsigalėjęs paprotys švenčių eisenose naudoti papuoštus medžius. Nuernbergo senuose metraščiuose jau 1580 m. minima, jog šv. Urbono šventėje, kuris buvo vynuogių augintojų ir vyninių savininkų globėjas, buvo ruošiama eisenai ir nešamas medis, papuoštas spalvotais veidrodėliais.

Apie 1500-sius metus Oberrhein'e (viršutiniame Pareinyje) yra minima, jog Kalėdoms butai ten buvo puošiami eglė šakomis. Todėl vokiečiai ir galvoja, jog ir kalėdinė eglutė yra iš ten kilusi.

Kalėdinė eglutė, tur būt, pirmą kartą metraščiuose yra paminėta 1604-5 metais Elsassėje. Ji vėliau jau randama 1737 metais Wittenberge, o 1780 - Berlyne ir t.t.

Iš Vokietijos eglutė pirmiausia nukeliavo į Švediją, gi vėliau

Anglijos karaliaus Jurgio III-jo žmona vokiekaitė ją įvedė ir Anglijoje.

Kada eglutė atkeliavo į Lietuvą, yra sunku pasakyti. Gal su protestantizmu, o gal mūsų studentai, studijavę Vokietijoje, ši paprotį parsivežė.

Į Ameriką ji atkeliavo su vokiečių emigrantais. Jau 1834 m. New

Jersey du vokiečiai: mokytojas Fridrich Knorr ir gydytojas Konstantin Herin patys miške nusikirto po eglutę ir, gyventojų didžiausiam nustebimui, jomis papuošė Kalėdoms savo butus.

1840 m. Rochester, Ill. vokiečių kunigas vietiniame laikraštyje buvo pagirtas už gražią eglutę, puošusią bažnyčią Kalėdų metu.





Gi, Clevelande vokietis kunigas Henry C. Schwan tais metais už pastatymą bažnyčioje dviejų eglučių, papuolė į parapiečių nemalonę, kurie, tikėdami, jog ten yra pagoniškas paprotys, norėjo jį net iš parapijos išvyti.

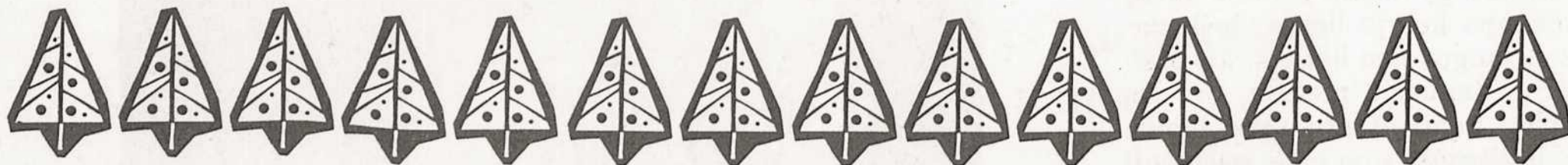
Bet Amerikos istorijoje kalėdinės eglutės tėvu yra laikomas vokietis August Irmgard, kuris 1847 m. atvyko iš rytinės Vokietijos į Wooster, Ohio. Kalėdoms, norėdamas padaryti savo brolio vaikams džiaugsmą, pastatė bute eglutę ir ją papuošė popieriniais dalykėliais, taip pat padarydamas pas vietos kalvį iš žibančio metalo didelę žvaigždę. Vietinių gyventojų vaikai taip buvo sužavėti jo eglute, jog sekančiais metais beveik visi šios vietovės gyventojai Kalėdoms jau turėjo eglutę.

Pradžioje eglutė buvo be papuo-

šalų, tik daug vėliau ji buvo pradėta puošti žaislais ir žvakelėmis. Protestantų padavimuose yra sakoma, jog Martin Luther yra pirmasis, kuris papuošė kalėdinę eglutę žvakėmis. Esą, prieš Kalėdas jis matęs miške eglutes atrauktas ledu, kurios taip gražiai atrodžiusios, jog jis savo bute bandęs kalėdinę eglutę papuošti, žibančią, kaip miške.

Kada tikrai pirmoji kalėdinė eglutė pasirodė, šiandien nieks negali pasakyti. Ji ėjo iš Vokietijos į kitas tautas - vienur sparčiau, kitur lėčiau. Kai kur sutikdama bažnyčių pasipriešinimą, tvirtinant, jog tai yra pagonybės ženklas. Bet šiandien ji yra Kalėdų dalelė, kuri daug kam vis dar atneša tyrą džiaugsmą ir šventišką nuotaiką.

V. Vailionis
("DRAUGAS")



As you and your loved ones share your joy we wish you cheer and good wishes at Christmas.

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THAT NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

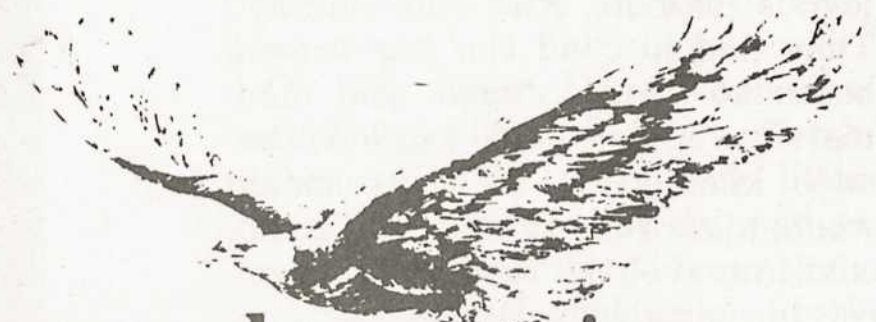
by Romualdas Kisielius

The night was full of many stars
But the brightest one of them
Was one that filled the heart with joy
That night in Bethlehem.

Three Wisemen traveled many miles
To greet the King of Men
And find their King, a little boy
That night in Bethlehem.

And songs of angels filled the air
The whole world sang with them
And celebrated the Birth of Christ
That night in Bethlehem.

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all the joys
of this
holy season*



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“AND THE BEES SHALL ADORE HIM”

A short, short story
by
Aldona Ryan

“Mamyte, why do the candles flicker so?” asked ten year old Zabelle as she squirmed in her best woolens to keep from obviously scratching, “What makes them go ‘dzip dzip, dzip dzip, dzip dzip?’”

“Because they are made of the purest beeswax”, answered her mother as she anxiously looked around to see if all seven of her brood were still together. “Močiutė told me that the beeswax contains the spirit of the bees. The ‘dzip dzip’ is the beat of their wings as the spirit of the bees leaves the was and flickers its way to heaven to adore God”.

Zabelle turned and looked up into the face of her oldest brother, Bronis, to see how he reacted to this wonderful story. He patted her yellow curls in reply.

The year was 1903 and it was Christmas Day and they were all together again. Bronis had gone to America for a visit and had returned in time to celebrate this joyous season with his family. They had hitched the big brown horse to their wagon and had merrily jiggled and joggled the two kilometers to the small wooden church. It was much too cold to travel the long distance to the big church in Panevėžys.

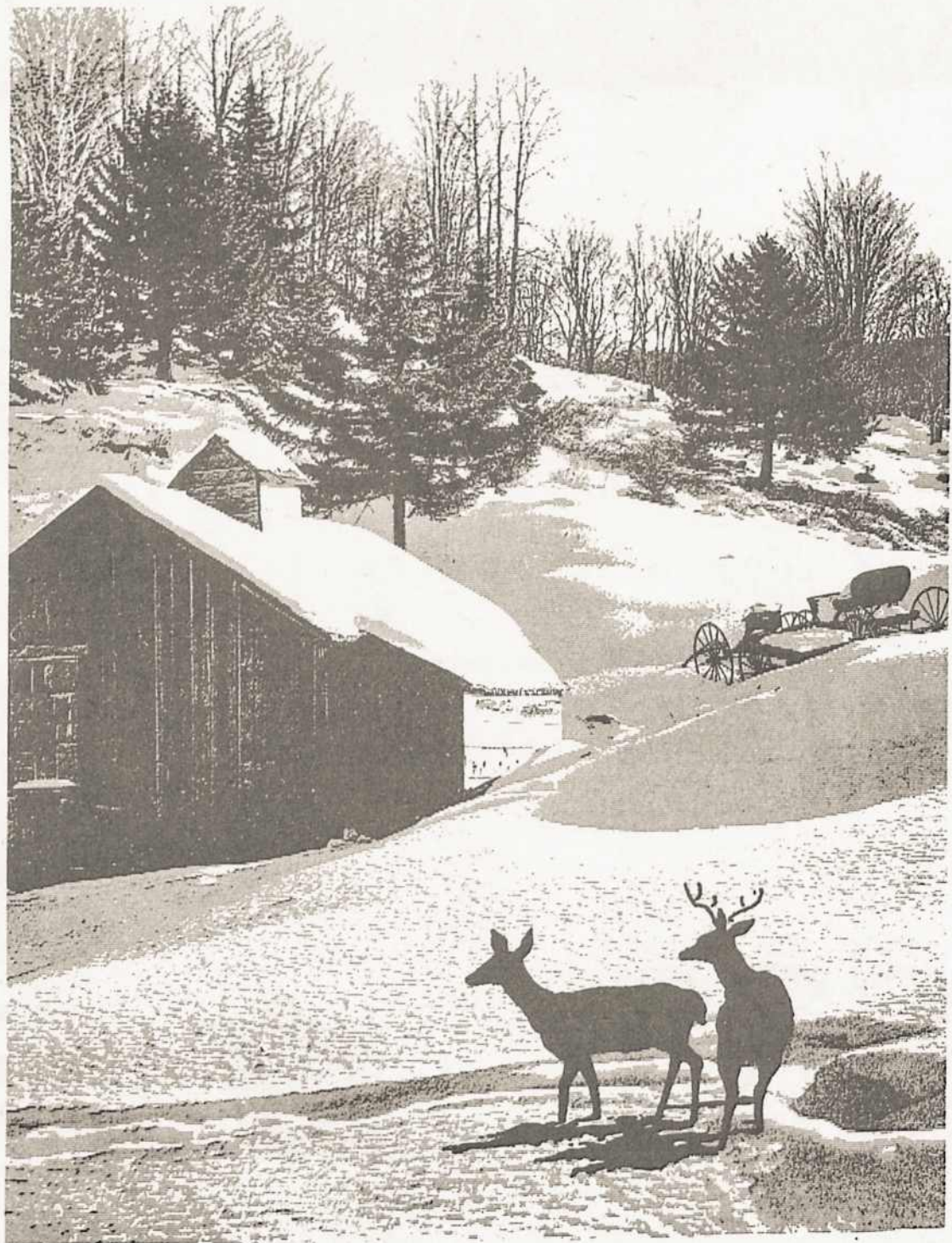
The Mass had begun at 10:00 o'clock and had lasted an hour and a half. While the priest had quietly intoned the lengthy Latin prayers, the choir had sung every Christmas carol they knew. Zabelle especially liked the “Gul' šiandieną”. It was a little tiresome in the cold church with no seats but time seemed to pass quickly with so many things to be seen and the singing of the beloved hymns to be heard. There were fir and pine boughs everywhere. The aromatic smell of the freshly cut branches

filled every corner. Mamytė had told her that the spirit of the trees had been brought indoors so that he could adore the little Jesus.

Zabelle had looked up at the little Jesus “floating” in his manger high in the corner next to the altar. Each year the wood-carvers made a new scene and this year's Bethlehem set seemed to be the prettiest she had ever seen. Jesus, Māry, and Joseph were dressed in the palest of blues and there were four cows and six sheep. In her ten year old mind, she marveled at the way they had

been placed on the narrow boards “halfway to heaven” in the west corner so that the first sunbeams from the east window would shine on them. She wondered if the spirit of the sun was adoring Him too. His little hands were bare, she thought, and He certainly could use the warm sunshine.

She had watched the flicker of the eight big candles on the altar almost continuously. She would ask Mamyte about them during the time when everyone went outside between Mass and the sermons. It was obvious that the spirit of the



fire in the red, oil lamp hanging over the altar did not flicker. What was different about the candles?

Well, now she knew. It was the spirit of the bees in the wax. After telling the story of the bees, Mamyte left to go home to cook the Christmas feast and Bronius was told to see that the children behaved during the rest of the Christmas rites.

During the long sermons, Zabelle found her mind wandering back to three days ago when this same priest had entered their home to bless the Christmas food. Every year he had come silently into the house with his sacristan behind him and had gone through the ritual of praying the Latin prayers and sprinkling holy water over the Kūčios (Christmas Eve) food: silkes (herring), žuvis (fish),

Plotkeles (Christmas Wafers), sližikai (Christmas Eve biscuits), etc. as well as Christmas day foods: kumpis (ham), dešros (sausages), žasinas (goose), duona (bread), and spanguolinė (cranberry wine). This time a new food had been added, corn from America, and the priest raised his eyebrows as he gave the corn an extra dose of the holy water. Actually, they didn't intend to eat this corn this year. It was for planting. They would give a few kernels to each of their neighbors as a Christmas gift and plant the rest themselves in the Spring. Bronis had told everyone how easily the corn grew, how the pigs loved it, and how quickly they would grow fat from eating it.

After the sermons were over, they all trudged back outdoors to exercise their cramped legs and

soothe their aching knees. At this time, Bronis solemnly handed out a few kernels of the corn to each of the men in the parish. There was much laughter when Bronis insisted that people could eat the corn, too. One would have to be very hungry indeed to eat pig food!

During the singing of the Vespers, everyone stood up and then knelt down during Benediction. With four layers of woollens and the heavy fur shoes catching the hems of her skirts, Zabelle found it difficult getting up and down. She looked up and saw that Tėvelis had returned now after taking Mamyte home. It was after 2:00 o'clock and there were many sore bones by this time. Zabelle knew that Tėvelis had a bad leg that still bothered him. A few weeks ago, during the picking of cranberries, he had slipped into a bog hole and had made a large gash over his shin bone that did not want to heal even though he had put the best brandy made of honey as a medicine on it.

The spirit of the bees must be very powerful, thought Zabelle. It was used for so many things. When anyone became ill, it was the honey brandy that made them go to sleep and feel much better the next day. The spirit of the bees must be God's angels, she thought! Yes. That was it!

On Christmas Day, when the candles were lit, they all went back to heaven to be with their little Jesus! No wonder they dizzied so gayly. They were freed from their long summer of working on earth for the people and were allowed to go home to spend Christmas Day where they belonged.

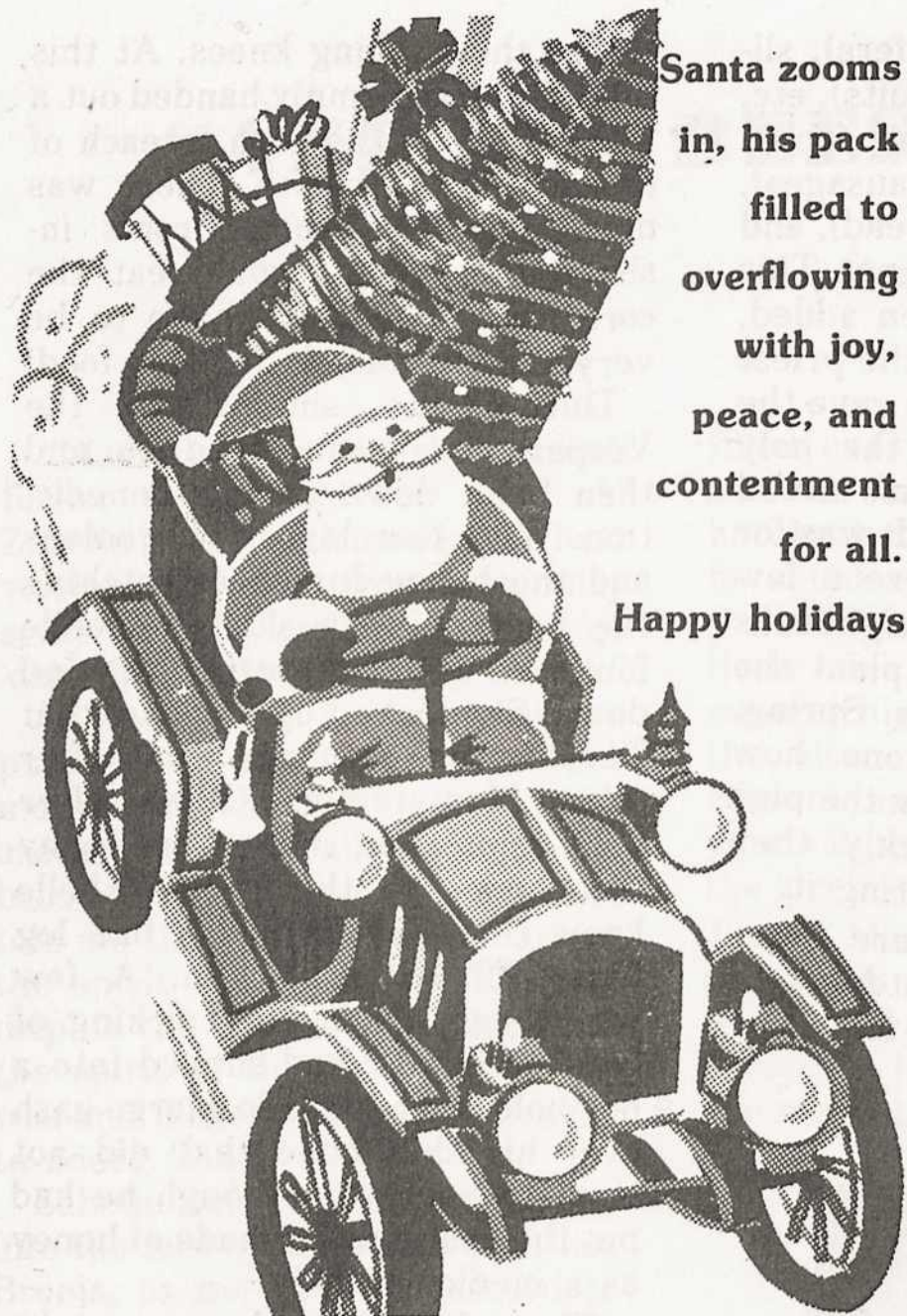
Zabelle tightly squeezed her big brother's hand as he helped her into the creaky wagon for the short, but happy, journey home. Bronius was her favorite brother and he also had come home for this day. Everyone was on the way home today, even the bees.

"Linksmų Kalėdų", she shouted to the bright blue sky filled with the bee-angels that she knew were there. "Mes irgi einam namo".



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THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN BICENTENNIAL AMERICA

THE BEGINNING — On December 25, 1492, the history of Christmas started in the New World, when Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria, was abandoned off the coast of Haiti.

In Virginia in the year 1613 a record by an expedition of Captain John Smith reads:

The extreame winde, rayne, frost and snow caused us to keepe Christmas among the salvages where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of good Oysters, Fish, Flesh, Wilde fowl and good bread, nor never had better fires in England.

Settlers in Virginia brought many customs from England, the burning of the Yule log, ringing bells, lavish dining, dancing, games and Christmas carols. Churches and homes were decorated colorfully, and parties and balls were memorable.

The Pilgrim Fathers arrived in Plymouth some 7 years later, bringing with them their strong distaste for Christmas. Thanksgiving day, with its feasting and neighborly celebrations with friendly Indians, was more like Christmas.

In 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts enacted the law by which "anyone who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such days as Christmas day, shall pay for every such offense 5 shillings." However, the Puritans did not have their way for long and the anti-Christmas law was repealed in 1681.

HAPPIER CHRISTMASSES — The chief winter celebration of the jolly Dutch in New Amsterdam was on December 6, St. Nicholas' Day. Significantly enough, it was a figurehead of this very saint that graced their ship, the Goede Vrouw, that brought them to America in 1630.

On St. Nicholas feast day the Dutch carried his statue down the street, with children joining in . . . the promise of presents bright in their eyes.

Gradually, however, the increasing number of English in this area brought about the adaptation of many of the old customs; with the arrival of the first German dissenters in 1700, we find a tremendous increase in the observance of Christmas. It is with the Germans that the universal customs of Kriss Kringle or Santa Claus, and the Christmas tree originate.

The rapid growth of our country brought about less religious antagonism. The intermingling of people of different religious and national backgrounds also helped.

One of the more important historical events that took place on Christmas was the crossing of the Delaware by George Washington and his troops, in 1776, when they defeated the Hessians at Trenton, New Jersey. The Americans routed the redcoats who were sleeping off the effects of the holiday!

Sunday Schools, which had their beginning in the first half of the nineteenth century, helped to promote the acceptance of many folk customs, most importantly, Santa Claus and the use of the Christmas tree. Charles Dickens, in his beautiful classics, did much to popularize this colorful holiday,



"MERRY OLD SANTA." Illustration from Christmas Drawings for the Human Race by Thomas Nast, 1890. Courtesy of The New-York Historical Society, New York.

but it was some time before Christmas came to be celebrated as we know it now.

THE HOLIDAY ON THE MOVING FRONTIER —

The advancing of the frontier westward took with it this welcome holiday. Turkey shoots, which provided fowl for the table, were very popular. Festivities were often wild and noisy.

Traditional Christmases were celebrated in the west, and in 1846, a German visitor to Texas writes about seeing a richly decorated and illuminated Christmas tree, in a territory held by Indians a short time before.

Firecrackers and the shooting of guns were a part of the southern Christmas that traveled as far north as southwest Pennsylvania. National groups who settled outside the thirteen colonies carried with them the old customs of their former homes. In New Orleans, the wanderings of the Three Kings was symbolized by the French réveillons, gifts were for New Year's day.

In the southwest, Christmas celebrations were greatly influenced by the Spanish. Los Pastores, an old miracle play, with the eternal struggle of Good and

Evil as its theme, was staged and has been revived on and off, through more recent years.

Christmas was recognized legally, first in Alabama in 1836, and by 1890 all states and territories acknowledged it as well. Christmas is the only annual religious holiday to receive this secular and official sanction.

ENTER SANTA CLAUS—

In America, Santa Claus is known by three names—St. Nicholas, Kriss Kringle, and Santa Claus. St. Nicholas first appeared in the first half of the fourth century in Asia Minor, as Bishop of Myra. Many miracles are attributed to him and there are many legends that attest to his generosity. He was the protector of sailors aboard Dutch ships, as well as the patron saint of young people. The first Dutch church built in New York City was named for him.

Sinterklaas, as he was known to the Dutch, eventually became Santa Claus...his original red and white vestments became our modern red and white Santa costume.

The Germans and Swiss who settled in Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century

believed in the Christ child, who brought gifts to children on Christmas eve. English speaking settlers in neighboring areas transformed Christkindl into Kriss Kringle.

POEMS AND PICTURES

Clement Clarke Moore is credited with creating the current Santa Claus image and story in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The poem, originally written for his children in 1822, has been published an endless number of times and is one of the most popular American poems.

The fat, rosy-cheeked Santa we recognize today evolved from a series of cartoons by Thomas Nast, nineteenth century artist. His series of Christmas drawings showed too, how Santa spends his spare time through the year.

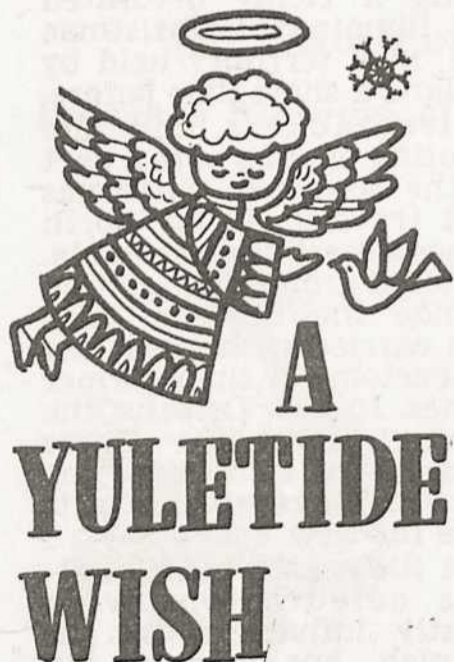
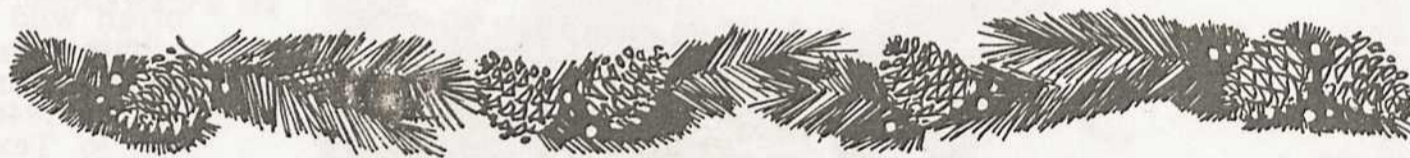
AMERICA TODAY —

Americans today celebrate the Christmas holiday in many colorful ways. The tradition of this beautiful season is strong in America...north, south, east, west. Its warmth, which unites one and all in peace and brotherhood, has been and will be a unifying force for all time.



HOME INTERIOR SCENE, Loomis, California. Christmas about 1919. Possibly the home of the photographer. Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum, Oakland, Calif.

*Let us all celebrate
Christmas in America!*



**Saint
Anthony
Savings**

May the
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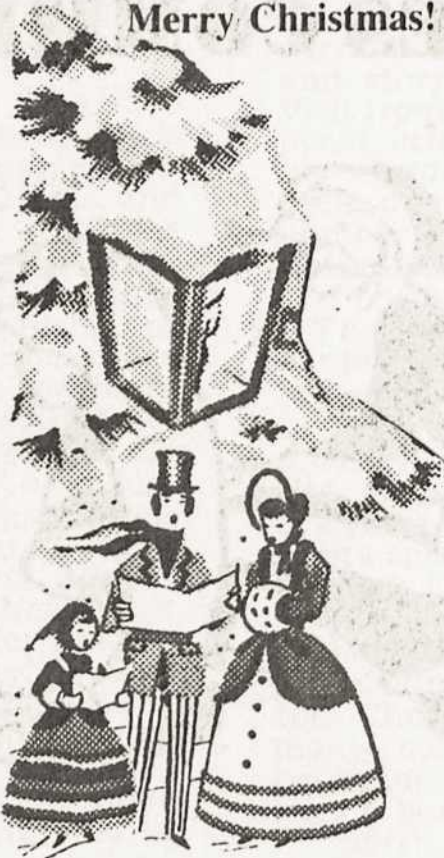
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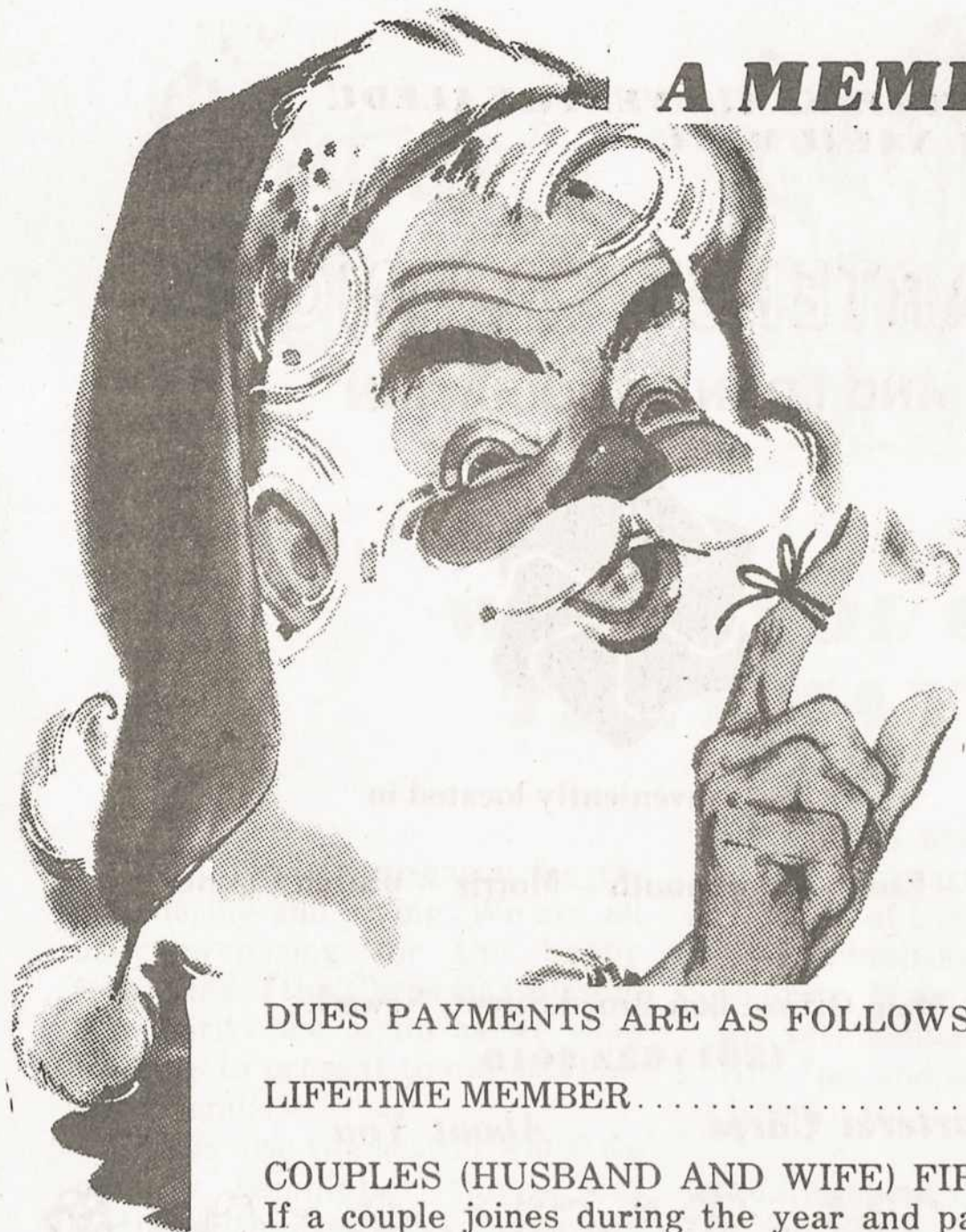
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A MEMBERSHIP REMINDER



December is the month that the officers complete their records and look forward to a promising new year.

January is the beginning of the new year and the new Supreme Council Financial Secretary, Mrs. Alphonse Trainis, looks forward to working with all the councils now in operation and hopefully with many new councils this year.

It would make her tasks easier if all the councils would do their very best to collect all the dues in January 1976 and submit them to her together with the properly completed "Membership Dues Payment" form.

She has on hand and will send upon request new application forms, a necessary requirement for each new member to be enrolled. Also available are the membership dues payment forms and record keeping forms. Her home address is 215 Jefferson Street, Fairfield, Connecticut 06432.

Philip Skabeikis, 2nd V.P.
National Membership Chairman

DUES PAYMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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If a couple joins during the year and payment of dues received:

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| January through March considered as 12 months dues..... | 10.50 |
| April through June..... 9 months dues..... | 8.00 |
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then thereafter (per year)..... 7.00

SINGLES (16 AND OVER)

| | |
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| January through March..... 12 months dues..... | 7.00 |
| April through June..... 9 months dues..... | 5.25 |
| July through September..... 6 months dues..... | 3.50 |
| October through December..... 3 months dues..... | 1.75 |

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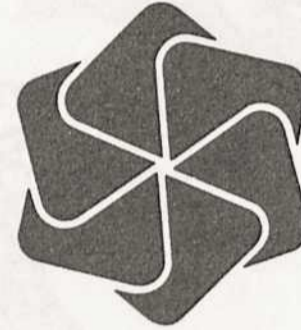
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This is also the season when we usually remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We write a check, or make a donation to our favorite charity. For us, K of L'ers, there is no need to ponder where our gift should be forwarded. The Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid is waiting for your gift which will provide assistance and encouragement to the persecuted faithful of Lithuania to remain faithful to God and their church. Your gift of \$10.00 or more will be invested and

the income used to provide assistance for years to come.

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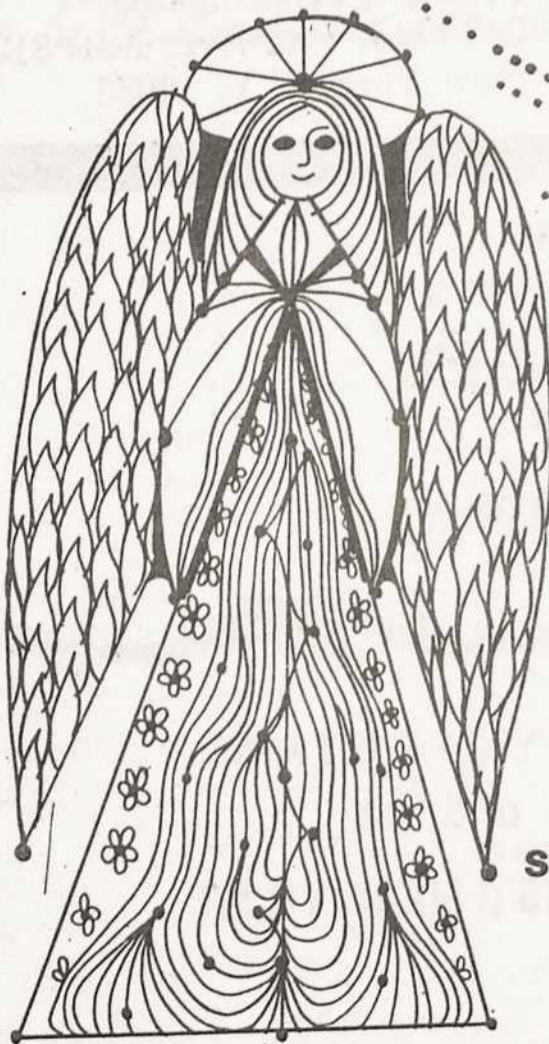


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KALĖDOS

Junior Corner

Christmas time brings a feeling of warmth and joy to the hearts of young and old. Families gather to celebrate Christmas Eve Supper (Kūčios), to trim the tree, and to exchange gifts. Lithuanian Christmas includes a trip to Midnight Mass, where the Stable, commemorating the birth of the Christchild, is on view.

Here are some Christmas vocabulary words to practice during your holiday festivities.

Edited by Marian Skabeikis



AT THE MANGER (ĖDŽIOS)

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Child | - Kūdikis |
| Virgin | - Mergelė |
| Mary | - Marija |
| Joseph | - Juozas |
| straw | - šiaudai |
| stable | - kūtė |
| dove | - karvelis |
| cow | - karvė |
| star | - žvaigždė |
| sheep | - avis |
| shepherd | - piemuo |
| angel | - angelas |
| Three Kings | - Trys Karaliai |
| camel | - kupranugaris |
| donkey | - asilas |



UNDER THE TREE

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| fir tree | - eglė, eglutė |
| ornament | - papuošalas |
| straw ornament | - šiaudinukas |
| candle | - žvakė |
| drum | - būgnas |
| bell | - varpas |
| ribbon | - kaspinas |
| doll | - lėlė |
| toy | - žaislas |
| gift | - dovana |

JUNIOR C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

The Juniors learned at their Sept. meeting that Dayton was to be next year's Convention site, and they are now extending an invitation to members of all Jr. councils to attend. Start now to make plans, as we are looking forward to having a big crowd of Juniors in Dayton.

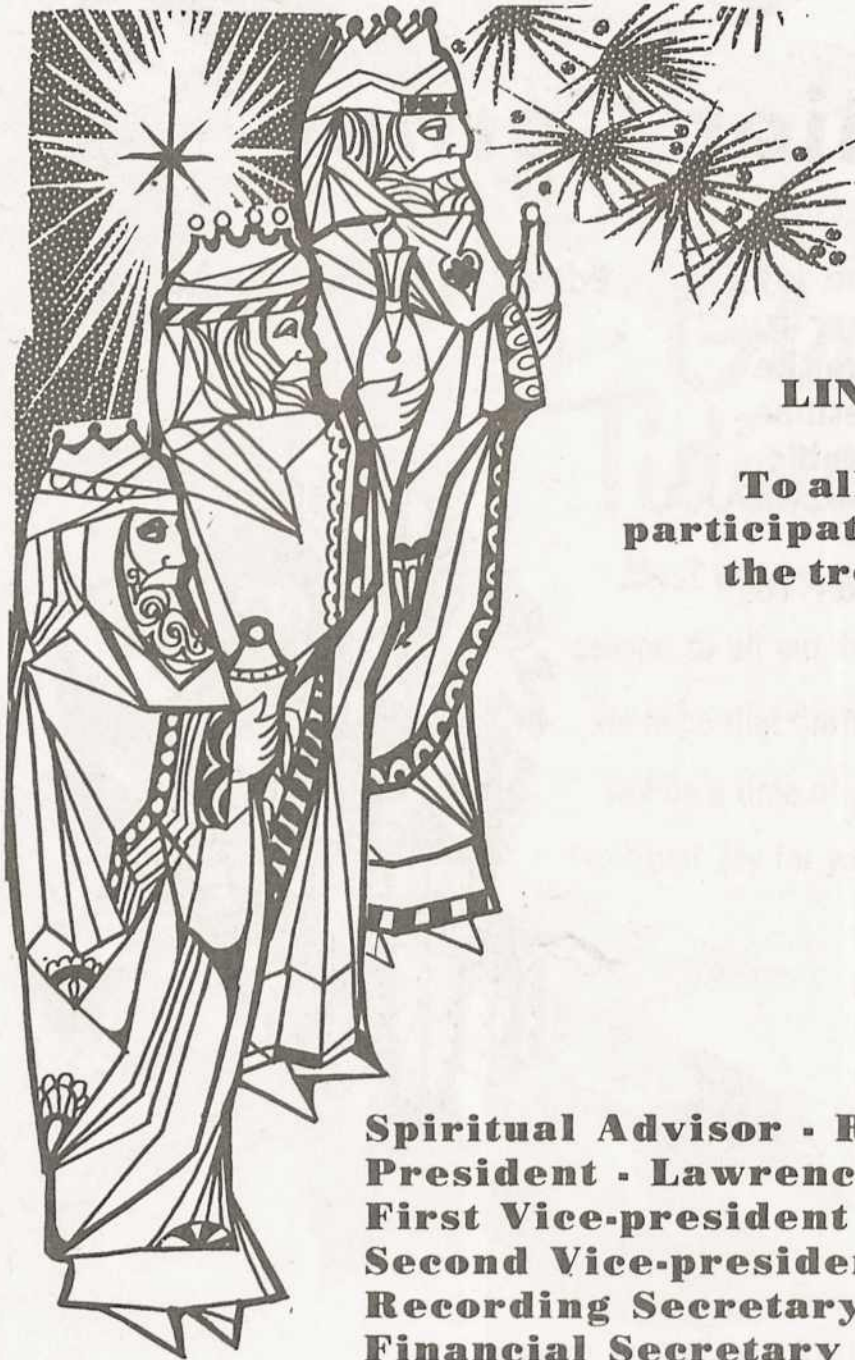
In August, at the N.Y. Nat'l. Conv., Kathy Sinkwitz received a Conventionship Award, and informed our members of the great hospitality shown by the N.Y. Jrs.

Almost all of our members participate in the "Vėjeliai" Dance Group and have been very active performing in Miamisburg, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Fairborn, and at Xenia, Ohio, for the International Festival. They

are very busy practicing for next year's trip to Chicago. A bake sale was held in October to help pay the expenses for this trip.

In September, the Jrs. joined the Seniors at Mass offered for the living and deceased K of L members, and later went to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of the deceased.

A very Merry Christmas to all!
Kathy Sinkwitz



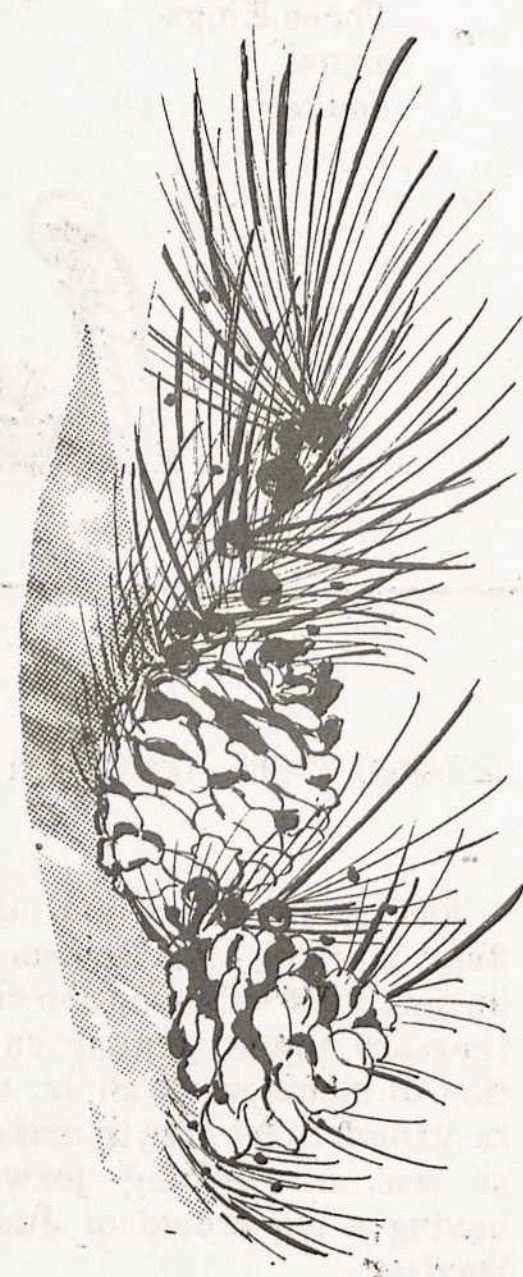
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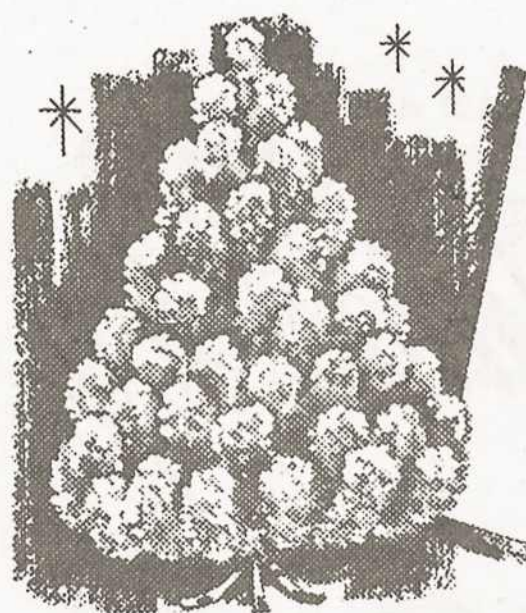
To all of the K of Lers who through their support and participation helped make the 62nd NATIONAL CONVENTION, the tremendous success it was, a sincere and heartfelt LIETUVIŠKAS AČIŲ!!!

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THIS YEAR CELEBRATING IT'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY!
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

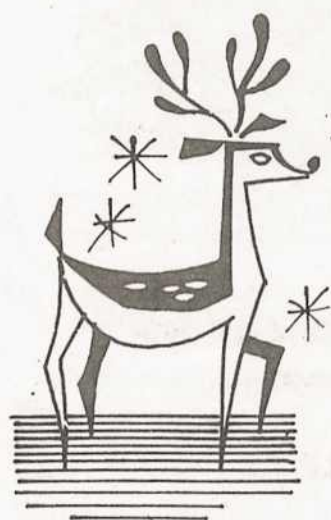




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Council Activities

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



MID-ATLANTIC

DISTRICT

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Our outing was held at the summer home of Dr. & Mrs. Adam Kindar on Father's Day. The day proved to be excellent in all ways. We decided on a hot dog roast (suggested by Fr. Baltch), and the salads and desserts blended well with the main dish. Dr. Kindar served home-made clam chowder prior to the roast. Sophie & Gene Gobis were co-chairmen; Don Holleran handled the refreshment table. Parents came with their children. Danny Kabasin brought his friend Janice. Some played bocci; others enjoyed the sun. Lenny Hartvigas had his job for part of the day, handling the oars for son Paul and the other children. Everyone joined in wishing Father Grigaitis, Charles & Sadie Karbus a bon voyage on their trip to Europe. All too soon we had to say goodbye to our host, Dr. Adam Kindar.

Lithuanian Day at Auriesville was held Aug. 10. St. Casimir's Church Choir sang with Danny

Kabasin at the organ. Fr. Casimir Pugevicius flew in from Baltimore, Md., to give the sermon. Our council's three clergy all participated in the services: Very Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, and Rev. Bernard Gustas. Ed & Eleanor Baranauskas and family were all present. A large contingent of K of L's from the Syracuse council attended, headed by the Frank Petrauskas family. Peter Hayes brought his mom.

Aug. 10 was the last day your reporter and other K of L members had to be with Eleanor Baranauskas. Very unexpectedly on Aug. 13, our dear member, Eleanor, departed from our midst. Our deepest sympathies go out to her husband, Ed, her four children and her mother, Mrs. Sally Svegzda. Our council has suffered a great loss. Please remember Eleanor in your prayers.

Sophie Olbie vacationed for two weeks in Florida. Gene Gobis spent a few days in Spring Lake, N.J. Fr. Grigaitis, Sadie & Charles Karbus returned from their Lithuanian tour of Europe safe and sound. Leonard & Regina Hartvigas rented a cottage on the Great Sacandaga Lake, where many K of L's managed to find their way to pay them a visit.

Joe Valikonis won on the Democratic ticket in the primaries, for

the position of Supervisor of the 3rd Ward. We're glad to have a Lithuanian on the Board of Supervisors!

Jean Maldutis, Ann Radzevich, Sadie Karbus, Helen Augun and Vera Shatas were on the Bicentennial Ball committee which was held on the beautiful lawn and gardens at Amsterdam's City Hall.

Fr. Baltch spent three weeks in Lithuania during September, returning home on Oct. 8. He met Gene Gobis' relatives in Vilnius, also Polly Ziausys' sister.

The refreshment committee at our October meeting surprised Pres. Anthony Radzevich and wife Ann, and Secy. Nellie Liberis and husband Ed with an anniversary cake, punch, and snacks. Both couples celebrated their 30th anniversaries, - Tony & Ann on Sept. 30, and Nellie & Ed on Oct. 21. Much happiness and good health to these two fine couples!

Pauline Urban is on our sick list. We're wishing you a speedy recovery, Pauline. We miss your friendly smile when we cash out at Lou's Super Market. Betty Kuzmich's husband, Victor, has had surgery recently. Please say a prayer for him.

Peter & Ronnie Urba and daughters moved to R.D. #1, Broadalbin, N.Y. We wish them the best in their new home.

Smile & Sparkle



Christmas Joy

Amsterdamo Vyčiai - Kuopa 100

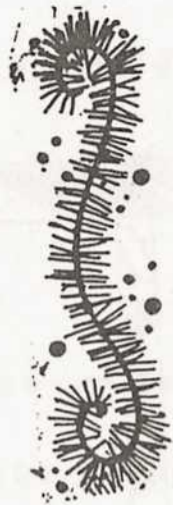
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**Let us live in His Light -
May every day be Christmas
In the spirit of His Love, is
A Blessed Christmas**

**COUNCIL 135
Ansonia, Conn.**



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ir
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**COUNCIL 116
WORCESTER, MA.**



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

After eight days, the dark clouds finally parted, and the sun shone gloriously for the K of L'ers attending the Fall Convention of the N.E. Dist. at St. Casimir's Church in Westfield, Mass. on Sept. 28.

C-30, host for the occasion, had requested as part of the day's program a special K of L Mass during which Ritual Chairman Rita Pinkus escorted recipients Mr. & Mrs. Steve Walinsky and Mrs. William Grigas to the altar where Rev. Vincent Puidokas, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church and Spiritual Advisor for C-30, bestowed the Fourth Degree upon them. An

impressive number of members attended Mass, considering the distance between councils.

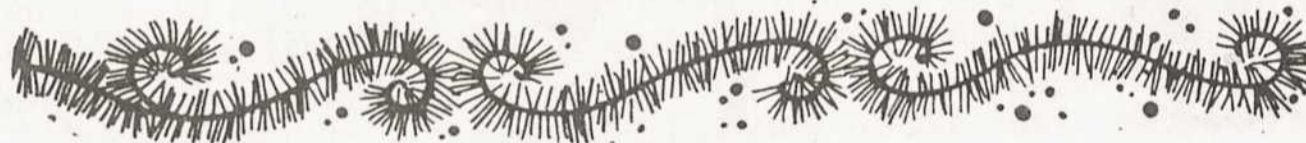
Following the brunch which was held in the church parlours, the business meeting was opened by Pres. Al Jaritis, and Rev. Puidokas led us in opening prayer. Before plunging into the business at hand, delegates and guests were introduced to several of our national officers who established a warm rapport with the delegates, thereby narrowing the distance somewhat between national, district and local categories. Those Supreme Council Officers attending were: Anthony Miner, Marian & Philip Skabeikis, Terry Trainis, Joe White, Rita Pinkus, Ann Bender, Anthony Radzevich, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Helen Shields, Edward Baranauskas, and Anthony Young.

During the course of the meeting, Lithuanian Cultural Chairman Mary Minkus presented Stanley Brigas with his Third Degree.

Members were reminded that the NED Culture Picnic was to be held at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury on Oct. 5. All were urged to attend, since proceeds from this affair were to be contributed to support the scholarship fund.

A comprehensive report on the 62nd Nat'l. Conv. was given by delegates Marian Dillis and Benedict Coach. Trying to live up to the mandate of reviving old councils isn't going to be easy. District delegates report having tried, but "no luck yet!"

One of the more important items on the agenda was the election of officers. Serving for the coming year will be: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Albin Jauniunas, So. Boston;



"Išklausykite, tarsi nakties glūdumoje skambančius Kalėdų varpus, nuostabius žodžius Tautų Apaštalo, kuris ir pats pirma yra buvęs vergas žemų tautinio bei rasinio išdidumo užgaidų, nukritusių žemėn kartu su juo Damasko kelyje".

Pijus XII

**ALDONA LATOVAS RYAN
Kultūros Reikalų Komisijos Pirmininkė**



Seasons Greetings

THE WORCESTERITES

**Ann Bender
Anne Bucinskas
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Helen Gillis**



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Laimingu Naujuju Metu.*

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Detroit, Michigan**



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OF THE CHRIST CHILD
BE WITH YOU
ALL DURING THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND ALL YEAR**

COUNCIL 1

Brockton, Massachusetts



Merry Christmas



As the wise men came to Bethlehem, may the spirit of Christmas come to you and yours . . . filling your hearts with its wonder and warmth and renewing your joy in its message of peace and good will among men!

COUNCIL 12

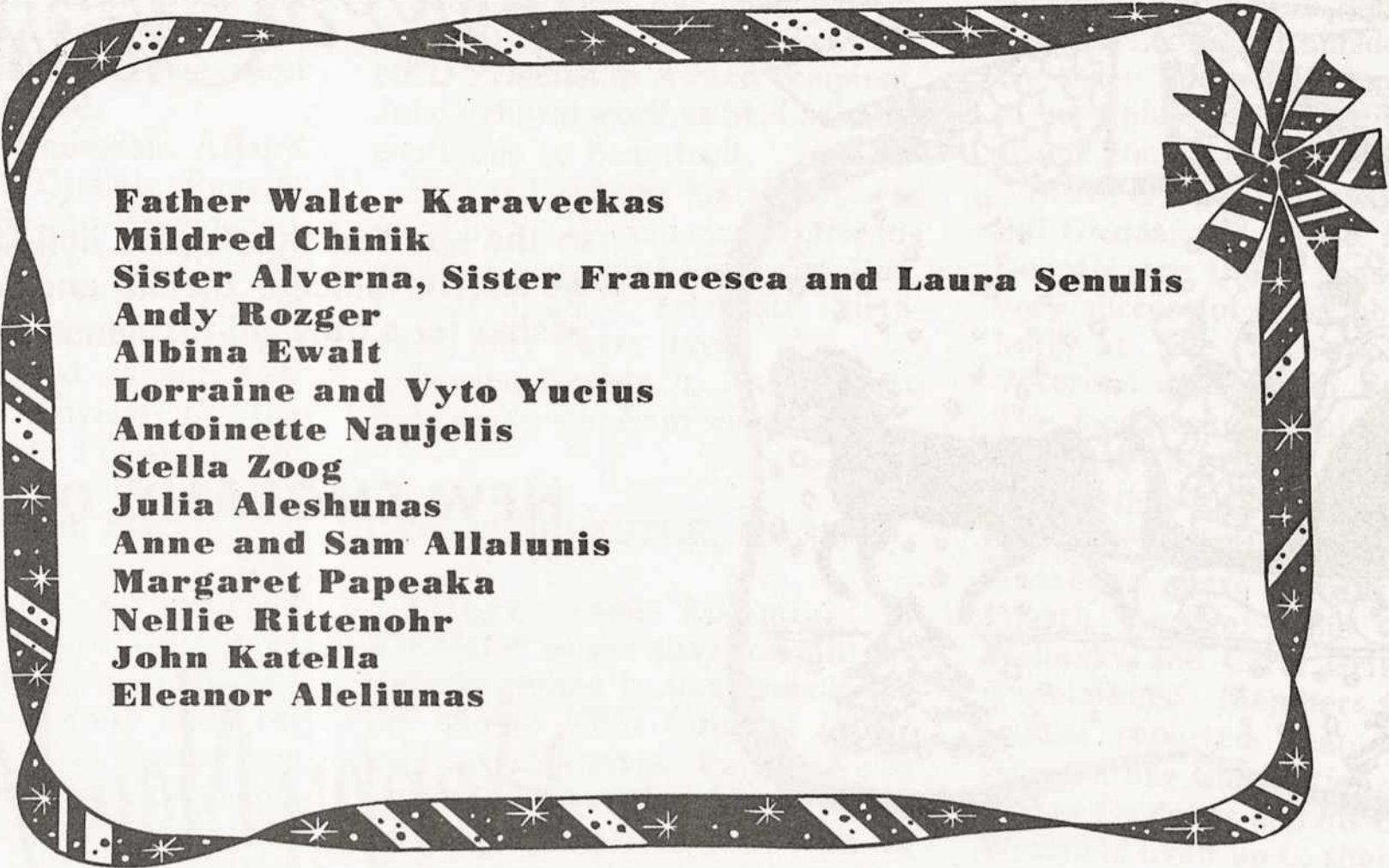
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SENJORAI
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The site of the Spring Convention was designated as Ansonia, Conn. on April 25, 1976.

Providing a bit of diversion during the intermission, Bernie Minkus showed some of the many slides he's been taking of the various gatherings right through

to the 62nd Nat'l. Conv. There were a few surprises!

A unique approach was selected to replace the usual cultural table at this convention. Lithuanian straw decorations (both paper and natural straw with amberlike beads), books by various Lithuanian authors, and the difficult-to-obtain Lithuanian coins were not only on display, but also available for sale. Believe it or not, included was a "Lithuanian Mrs. Beasley" doll!

After the business of the convention the delegates found themselves at the "groaning board" heaping their plates with delicious Lithuanian "soul food!" What more perfect way to end a successful Convention!

Joan Laframboise

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

St. Casimir's parish hall is now known as Father John Vaitekunas hall. Auxiliary Bishop Kenneth Angell of the Providence Diocese

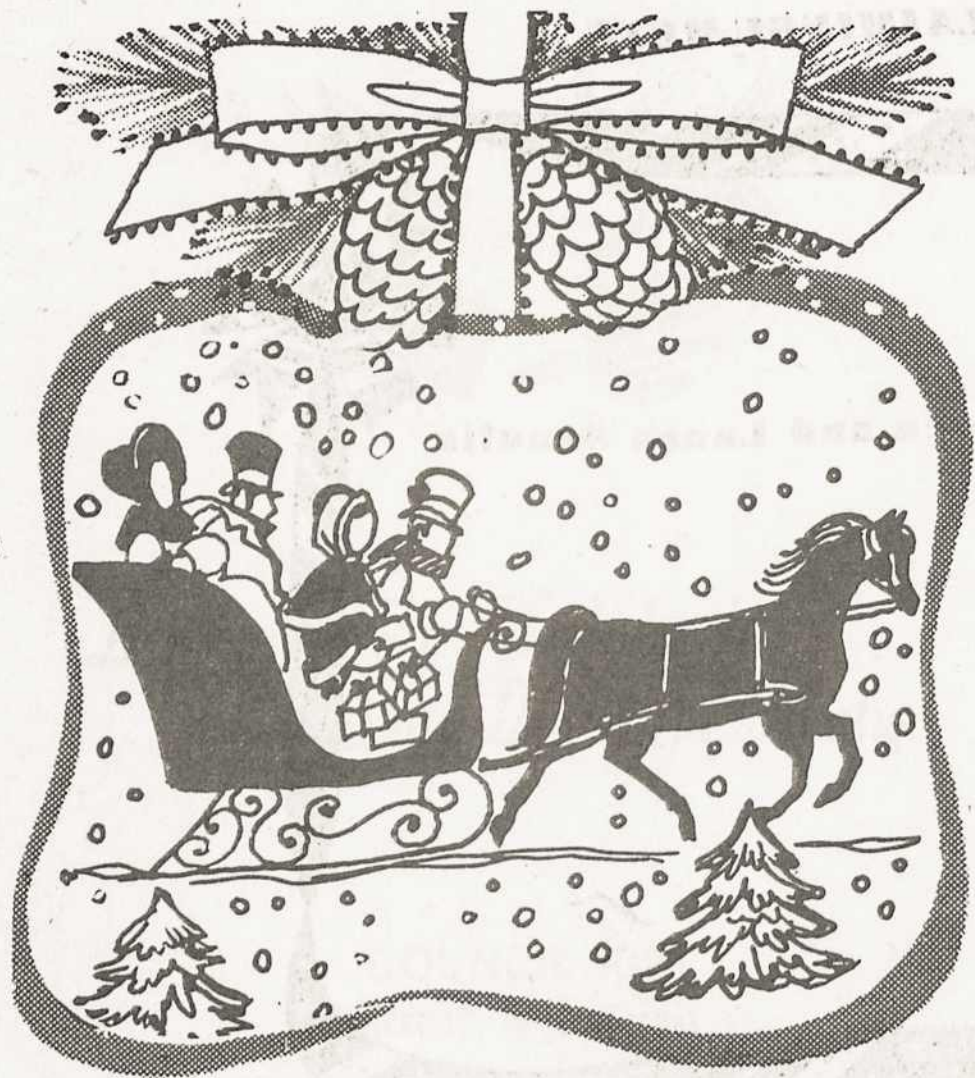
presided at the Dedication Mass and blessing of the hall. The late Father Vaitekunas was an Honorary Member of the K of L, and served as Spiritual Adviser of our council for over thirty years.

Carol Walaska will be graduating from the University of Rhode Island in Jan. 1976.

"Thailand: More Trouble ahead" an article written by Paul J. Stoskus appeared in the Yale Daily News on Sept. 18. Paul is a freshman in Silliman College at Yale University, and served as an interpreter for the Army in Thailand from Aug. 1973 to Jan. 1975.

Grace Vaitkunas enjoyed her Caribbean cruise immensely. Beatrice & Victor Mathieu visited with relatives in Canada.

Hasbro Industries, Inc., of Pawtucket, R.I., donated a carton of childrens' toys, which were used as prizes at the NED Cultural and Scholarship picnic. We are sincerely grateful to Mr. Hassenfeld for making this donation possible.



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wishes for a truly old-fashioned Christmas.

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C-103'd delegates and alternates to the Fall NED Convention in Westfield, Mass., were John & Irene Walaska, Helen Seraichekas, Irene Landanski and John & Bertha Stoskus. Westfield's hospitality and splendid repast shall long be remembered.

Our Nat'l. Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, was a visitor to Providence. Father attended the S.C. meeting in Boston, and the Dist. Conv. in Westfield. Father Anthony Jurgelaitis was approved as our new Nat'l. Spiritual Adviser by the Lithuanian Catholic Priest League of America, and also attended the S.C. meeting held in Boston.

We are pleased to hear that Mildred Seraichekas has returned to work. A prolonged strike gave her an unwanted vacation. Mildred was a half a year away from receiving a degree from Brown, but unfortunately, her course was discontinued by the school. Let's give Brown a nudge, and perhaps they will reinstate the course.

We have missed Bette Ciuryla at our meetings lately. We have heard that she was incapacitated. Hope all is well now.

John Beinoris, our former member and choral director, was the NED Friendship Award recipient. John's choral work at St. Casimir's continues to bear fruit.

Father Vaclovas Martinkus was feted by his lay and clerical friends on the occasion of his Feast Day. Father doesn't celebrate birthdays, only Feast days.

Šventų Kalėdų ir Naujų Metų linkėjimus siunčiam visiems!

Jonas

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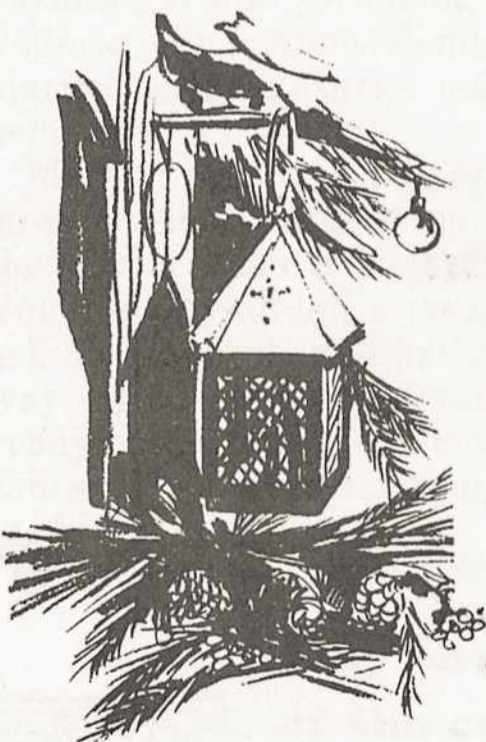
Things were humming in Worcester as our busy committees were attending to final details for the annual NED Cultural Picnic held at Maironis Park. We're happy to report that friend Frank Vaskas of Newark, N.J. was in Worcester, along with other guests, helping us to elevate the

name of the Knights of Lithuania, while spreading New England's fame!

We welcome three new members to our council: Agnes Law and Ruth & Leonard Ramsdell. These are three fine people, and we are so very pleased to have them part of our council.

Steve & Ellie Walinsky, Carol & Bill Grigas, and Adele & Francis Degutis are the 6 reasons for a very successful clam/lobster bake held at the Lithuanian War Veterans quarters in September. The food was absolutely scrumptious, as all present will attest.

The NED Fall Convention was held in Westfield and three of our members were conferred the Fourth Degree: Ellie & Steve Walinsky and Carol Grigas. Congratulations! Members of our council reported that this was indeed a fine Convention, and that Father Puidokas and his Council in Westfield lived up to their reputation of being perfect hosts. We thank them sincerely.



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**COUNCIL 7
WATERBURY, CONN.**

Christmas Greetings

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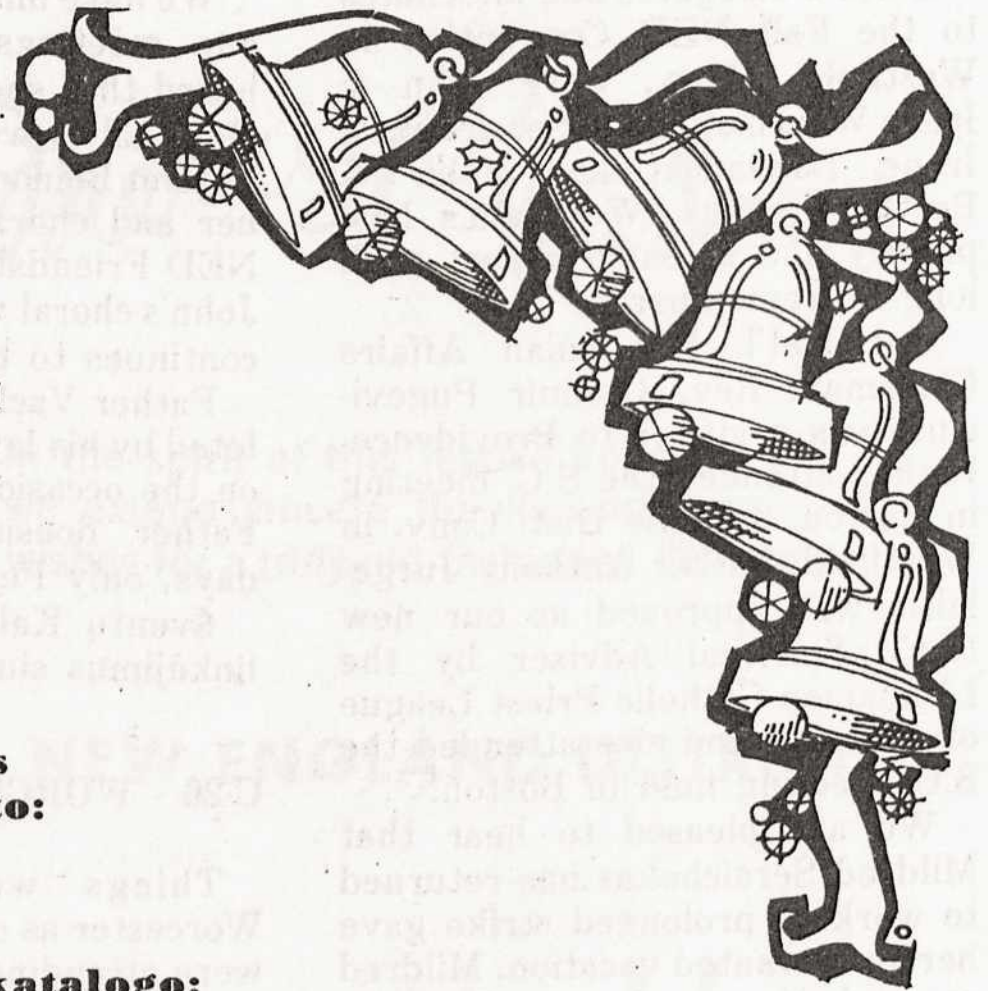
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Father Michael Tamulevicius' anniversary memorial Mass was held in September. Our pastor and spiritual director, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, offered Mass and delivered the homily. There is little to be said except that Father Mike is sorely missed. Several members of C-116 were also present at Mass and joined up, along with Father Michael's family, in a social in the parish hall.

Emily Gudzevich's posters for various K of L events have received much praise. Of course, we all know Emily is an artist, but admittedly, it's nice to hear others praise her fine work.

When Father Miciunas read off (at the worker's banquet) the names of various workers at our annual Parish Picnic, held this year again at Point Rok on Lake Quinsigamond, we were happy that the list included the following members of our council: Steve & Ellie Walinsky, Anne & Steve Walinsky, Fran & Adele Degutis, Ann & Bill Buckley, Frances Grigas, Olga Kersis, Marion & Arthur Racicot, Helen Gillus, Bill & Carol Grigas, Rita Pinkus, Joe Sakaitis, Walter Grimaila, Charlie Tagman, Sr., Anne Bender, and Marion Shapiro (there may have been others!).

Mary Doginikas (Duggan) relates in a most interesting manner the details of her trip to Lithuania. You'll give yourself a treat if you ask her about it. She has a special way of describing details that really holds your attention, and of course, it's always exciting to hear



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Christmas
Greetings

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Hon. Member
Newark, N.J.



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May the Peace
and Joy
of Christmas
fill your heart

COUNCIL 30
Westfield, Mass.



and learn more about Lithuania.

Another K of L'er has joined the ranks of choir members at St. Casimir's Church. (Francis (Algis) Glodas joined just in time to help out with Forty Hours Devotions. And we welcome back Rita Brazauskas who added considerably to the soprano section. Welcome, both! Frannie promises to use his influence in attracting still more members to the choir.

The bowling season is well under way with teams having been selected. Competition is great, and we'll be reporting official standings.

Soon we'll be writing our Christmas greetings, and Christmas shopping will be nearly completed. All of us in C-26, joined by our spiritual director, Father Miciunas, take a moment to wish our K of L friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

We extend a warm welcome to new members, Ed & Betty Bebrin, Patricia Williams, Alice Talmont and Albina Satkunas. We hope to see them often and participating actively in our K of L affairs in the coming years.

Our first meeting of the season was a sad one due to the absence of our Pres. James Valaitis, who died suddenly in June. Our sympathy goes out to his family; we will miss him very much.

Ziggy & Ginny Maciokas had "open house" at their new beautiful home in September. Lots of luck and happiness in your new "abode"!

Tony Alexander took himself off the "bachelors available" list when he and Pat Zelinskas from Dayton, Ohio, were married Oct. 18. They will be "at home" to their friends in a new home in Torrington, Conn. Best wishes to you both. John Alanskas was Tony's best man, traveling to Dayton for the wedding.

Congratulations to Ron & Pam Shortell, the proud parents of a lovely daughter. Ron and Pam run our Vegas Nites so successfully each year. Best wishes to all!

Pat Richards, Ed & Antoinette White and Nell Shaknaitis were away "cruising" again. It's a wonder Ed and Antoinette don't become water-logged from all the cruises they take. By the way, Ed is looking for bowlers. Anyone interested should contact him.

Members of our council attended the NED Cultural Picnic, the 25th Anniversary of Ansonia's Council (Congratulations to them, and may they have many more years of activity in the future!), and Bridgeport's Dinner-Dance. Many things are going on in Conn., but a very important date for C-7, Waterbury, is next year, our 60th Anniversary! Plans aren't formulated as yet for a celebration, but celebrate we will!

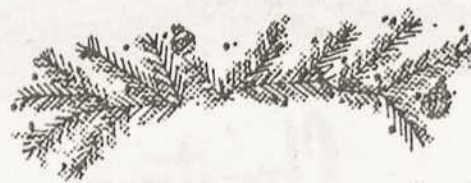
Since St. Joseph's Parish lost their teaching nuns, Rev. Vilciauskas has made arrangements for several refugee Vietnam nuns to reside in the convent. Some of the nuns renewed their vows at the church, and a reception was held for them later in the school hall. They will be here about a year and will move on to another part of New England in the future. Meanwhile, Rev. Vilciauskas is trying to make concrete plans for nuns of another order to come to St. Joseph's School to teach our children.

We wish to extend our thanks to Westfield, Mass. for their gracious

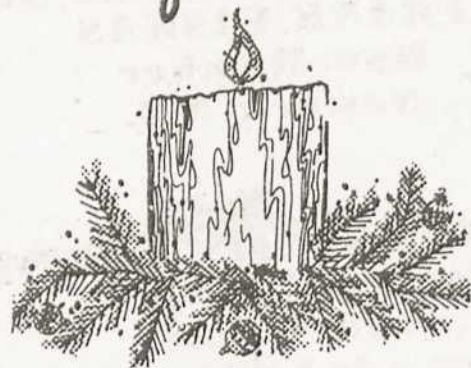


Tebūna man leistina pasveikinti su Šv. Kalėdomis ir laimingais Naujais Metais, L. Vyčiu org. ir josios naująją vadovybę. Beja, bet negalime pamiršti nepasveikine su Šv. Kalėdomis ir saulėtais Naujais Metais ir Tėveli Railą, už jojo parašytą, paskutiniame "Vyties" No. giliai ideališką ir pilną vytiškos dvasios rašini. Tėveli Raila, mes laukiame daugiau tokių raštų.

JUOZAS SADAUSKAS
Garbės Narys



A Bright and Merry Christmas



With every good wish for the holidays.

HELEN SHIELDS
Honorary Member

welcome to the NED Fall Convention in September. It was a successful election meeting, and we congratulate the former and new officers of NED.

We're now making exciting plans for our Children's and Adult's Christmas Party. Where has the year gone? Merry Christmas!

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C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

For our first meeting of the fall season on Sept. 3, it was gratifying to see such a nice turnout of members in a long time. Catholic Action chairlady, Sophie Zager opened the meeting with prayer in absence of our Sp. Advisor. Many important issues were discussed for our council's many upcoming activities. Pres. Maggie Smailis submitted a fine report on the Nat'l. K of L Conv. The hostesses, V. Panavas and her sister, A. Repshas, filled the table with many homemade goodies. Labai Ačiū, Violet and Alice.

We enjoyed seeing Mary Margaret Panavas so active following her open heart surgery and hospitalization.

Lest we forget, C. Nashlon and his nephew, C. Newberry, were "hosts" for our July meeting with refreshments galore! It proves that our menfolk can employ the "art of hosting". Thanks to the team of Chet and Chip.

The strains of happy voices echoed from underneath the large oak trees at Lola Valley Park on July 26. It was our Family Day Picnic with lots of good food on the picnic table. Over 100 members

Season's Greetings

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C-79 - DETROIT

turned out for the event and the weatherman was on our side, a perfect day for picnicking. Games and contests were vigorously pursued; John Eizonas emerged the winner of the trophy in the horseshoe tournament. The council heartily thanks all who had a part in making the picnic the success it was. A big Thank You to chairman Joe Yakstys and his many workers.

People on the go. Early in June, Michael Vale and his sister, Mary, took to the highways and visited sister Ann and family in San Diego, Calif. It was a special visit, - Ann's son graduated high school and entered college in the fall. From there they took in everything worth seeing, including being caught in a terrific sand storm. They proceeded to San Francisco to visit Mike's daughter, Toni.

The first of July found Ona Walls in Fremont, Calif., where

she visited niece Susan, and husband Jeff. He and Mike Vale did some fishing and caught enough for a big dinner party at Sue's house on July 5, which included one of Ona's yummy "kugele". The clan took Ona to Stenger's in Berkely to celebrate her birthday. The following week, Ona made another "kugele" and Mike Vale donned his chef's hat and made a "gourmet" meal to celebrate another birthday, - his daughter Toni's. The following week, Mike took the ladies to Monterey Peninsula, Carmel on the Sea, the 17-Mile Drive, the Big Spur, and to Santa Cruz's Board Walk. Later, Mike and sister, Mary, headed for the Canadian Rockies.

While Ona was in California, Bill Walls' grandson of Arlington, Va. spent several weeks with "Pappa" helping with chores around the house and garden.

Bertha Janus enjoyed the beau-

tiful Islands of Hawaii in October. Stella Kotra and her husband, Walter, took a trip to Minnesota, enjoying all the fall colors. Ruth Grasha and daughter, Eleanore, visited former members, Vic and Eleanor Waskiewicz in Upper Mich., and enjoyed fishing at their resort.

Our sincere sympathy to Walter & Stella Hotra upon the death of Walter's dear father.

Joe Belickas is on the road to recovery following a bout of serious illness and hospitalization. Joseph is back at work (pounds thinner and looking good). Please stay well.

Divine Providence family increased when on Sept. 14, Matthew Gerald Zager was christened. Congratulations to the proud parents, Carol and Gerry Zager.

Ralph and Ann Valatka celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniv.



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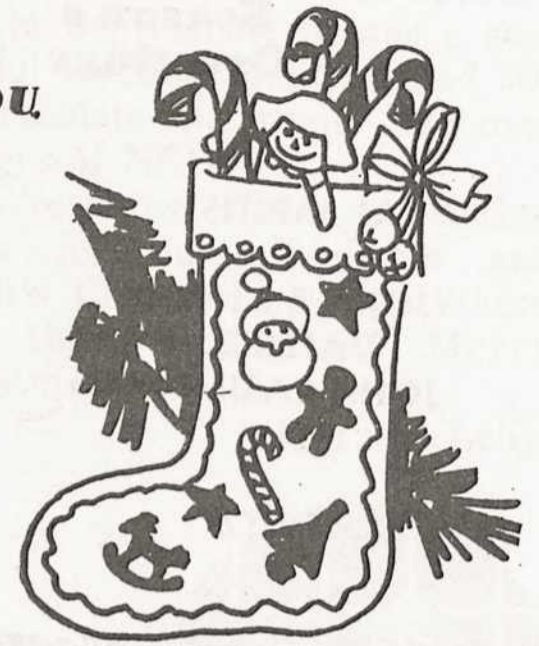




May every happiness be yours at this Christmas season.

Jack & Loretta Stukas

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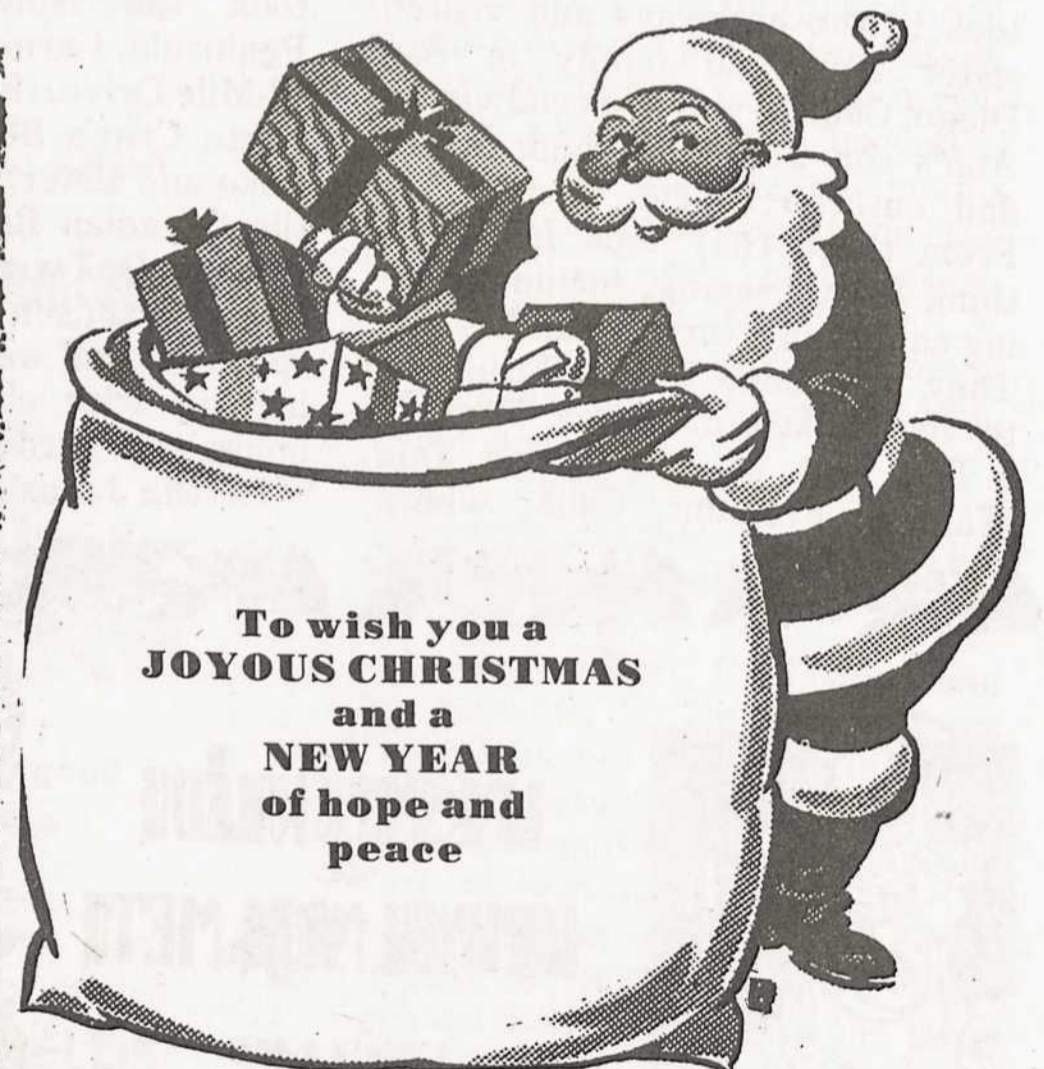


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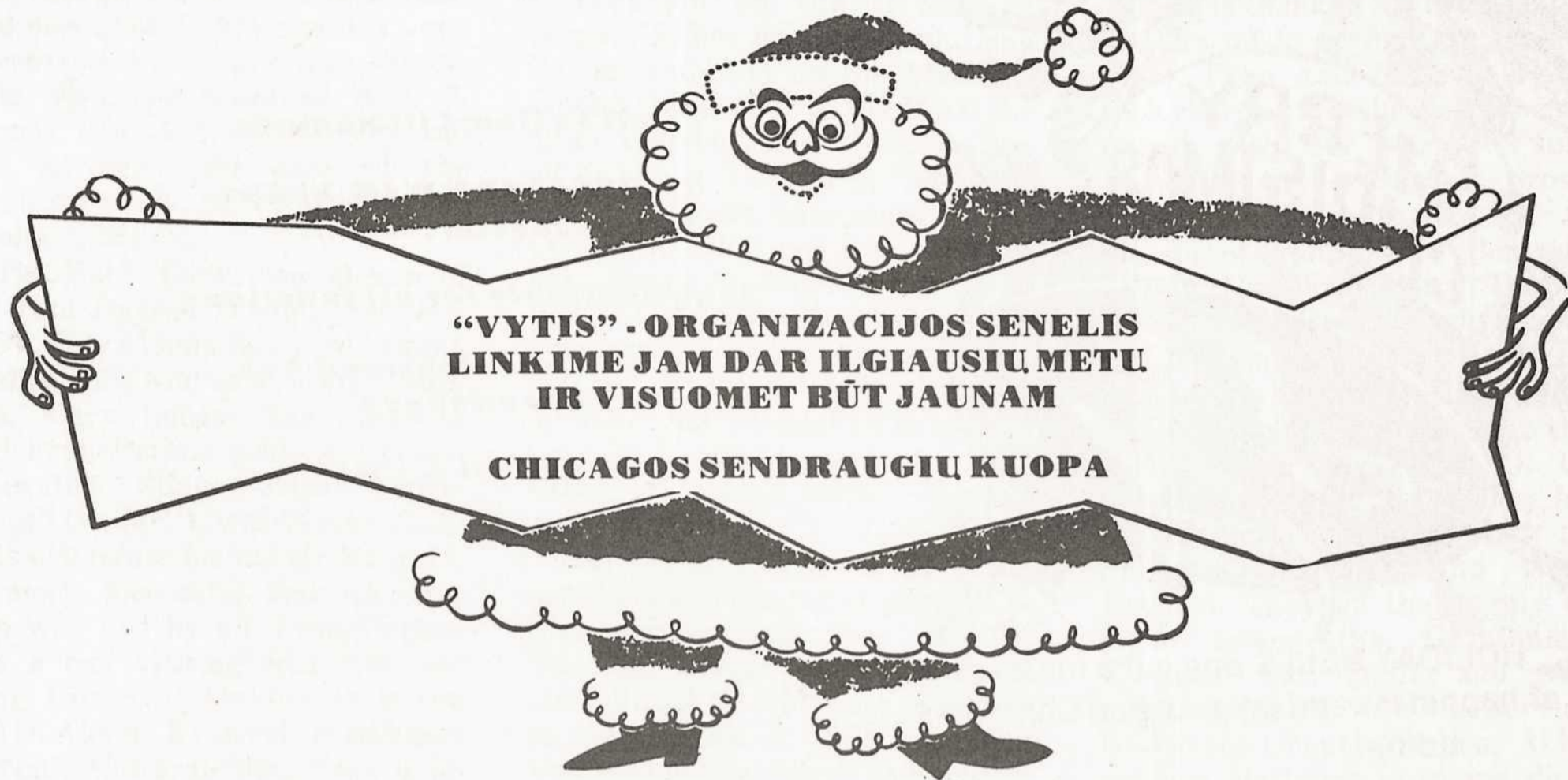
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with a dinner at the "Irish Hills" home of Joe & Mary Kazlauskas. We hope to see them celebrating many more years.

A six-week stay was enjoyed by Mary Vinciunas in Detroit, visiting her nieces, Estelle Gogelis and Sophie Zager, and their families. She is a former Detroiter, now making her home in Georgia. While here, she was kept "on the go" seeing friends and visiting places, despite our cool weather and wet September.

Alice Savickas was visited by son, Tom and his wife Mary, from San Paulo, Argentina, in July.

Michael Kase, son of M/M Geo. Kase, and Yvonne Miney "tied the knot" on Sept. 19. Another son, George Jr., and his family came in from the East to attend the wedding. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Also, congratulations to our member Vicki Chepelonis who was elevated to Honorary Membership

during the Nat'l. Moterų Sąjunga Convention in our town in August.

Recognition is due Julia Medinis whose two grandsons had lovely art entrees at the Huntington Woods Art Fair on Sept. 21. David Medinis' presentation was a metal sculpture, and a charcoal pencil drawing by Craig Medinis. Sveiki-name, David & Craig.

Our condolences to Kazys & Estelle Gogelis upon the untimely death of his sister-in-law, Mary Gogelis, in Sao Paulo, Argentina, Sept. 16. Amžina Ramybė ir širdingai užjaučiame!

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

On July 13 our parish held its annual observance of Captive Nations Week at the Shrine of the Three Crosses. The day began with the 10 AM Mass with Fr. Rus, UD, assisting Fr. Katariskis. Program at the Shrine was MC'd by

Frank Ambrose. Guest speaker was Bob Kwesell an MC on a local radio talk show, WAVI, who is of Lithuanian heritage. Jr. Knights Annamarie Sluzas and Veđa Gečas did readings. Other guests to participate represented Hungary, Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Cuba and Yugoslavia. The US Air Force band (5 pieces) from WPAFB was our musical background during our singing. The band later entertained us with all around good music in the church hall at the coffee social.

Holy Cross' Annual Parish Picnic was held at Eintracht Park on July 20. As in the past many Knights and Jrs did their part as parishioners. Ray Steinbrunner was again co-chairman for the affair. Karolyn Ambrose took charge of the kitchen 'gang' with George Mikalauskas and his crew putting out gallons of George's now famous turtle soup. Fr. Walter was most pleased to an-



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nounce we set a new profit income. With repairs facing the parish this was good news.

Jr. Advisor Sue Mantz, must be congratulated for gathering up the Jrs, making all the arrangements, and seeing that they spent a very successful week at Camp Marydale, Ky., the week of Aug. 3. Money from the Jr treasury and the parents took care of the financial needs. All returned home healthy, happy.

The Nat'l. Conv. saw eleven of us from Dayton heading for New York. Joe/Aldona Ryan, Al/Albina Wallis, Rita Ambrose, Judy Petroskas, Mary Lucas, Ada Sinkwitz and Fran Petkus went as council delegates. Elinor Sluzas represented the MCD, with Kathy Sinkwitz attending for our Jr Knights. A most successful and pleasant trip was had by all. Fran Petkus had a ball visiting with her 'old gang' from C-12 and others in the MAD. Aldona Ryan returned home as Nat'l. Cultural Chr., Fran is on

the Nat'l. Ritual Comm., and Stan Vaitkus has joined the Nat'l. Honorary Membership Comm. Congratulations and success in the year ahead. Aldona worked at the Convention on the Greetings Comm., Elinor on the Resolutions Comm. and Ada on the Mandate Comm. Our thanks to the MAD for a fine Convention. We hope to see all of you in Dayton in '76!

Elinor Sluzas announced at the Convention that our council member, Joseph Gudelis, sent a donation of \$1,000. to the Nat'l. Scholarship Fund in memory of his brother, Frank Gudelis. Joe and his sister Mary Gudelis also made a very generous donation to Holy Cross in Frank's name. We are most thankful!

Our annual visit to our deceased members and placing of wreaths at their graves took place Sept. 7. The day began with members attending the 8 AM Mass in a body at Holy Cross. A light breakfast was held in the church hall preced-

ing the cemetery visit. Forty-four members and Jrs took part in what we think is one of the most beautiful functions our council has. We visited 17 members. Mike P. Petkus is thanked for the beautiful flowers made up for the occasion. Mike, Fran and Michael Petkus took charge of the brunch. The day ended with our second Family Picnic of the season. It proved most successful thanks to the efforts of John/Joyce Berczelly, Denny Noreikas, Patty Dutcher and our dear friend, Harley Karns.

Elinor and Annamarie Sluzas, Gus, Maryann and Greg Blum attended the MCD Pilgrimage that was held in Cleveland, O. the weekend of Sept. 13-14. They had the pleasure of staying with the Shigo's, Al/Joanne and Nellie Arunski. They all thoroughly enjoyed seeing the 'Grandinèlès' Koncerto Sat. night, and were most impressed with the services held at the Chapel. We hear Al has not lost his touch in giving direc-



*Wishing you all the
blessings of a Joyous
Holiday Season.*

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As I count my Christmas blessings,
 And the gains the old year sends.
 I have found my richest treasure,
 Not in money . . . but in friends.
 For the heart and soul of Christmas,
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 The measure of our living . . .
 is the friends we have made.

**ELINOR SLUZAS
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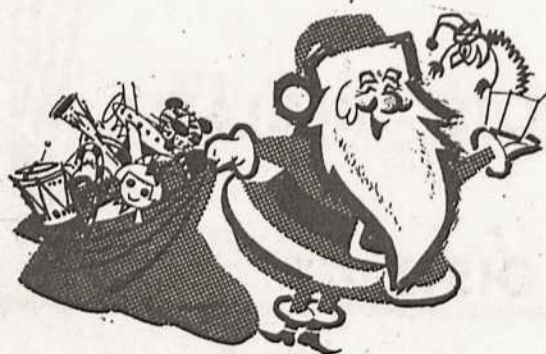
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tions. The Dayton gang found themselves dedicating an undedicated road in Cleveland. Our apologies to the Cleveland members that more of us did not participate. We were home attending Pat Zelinskas' wedding shower!

Sept. 6 saw Mary Lou Lastoskie taking charge of the cooking and arrangements for "Olde Fashion Days" in Miamisburg. Proceeds went to the 'Vėjeliai' dancers. They performed at the celebration and also at WPAFB's "People for People Festival" Sept. 20. Aldona Ryan was in charge of this function for the parish cultural comm. on Sept. 26-27 Mary Lucas took charge of arrangements for our council to participate in an ethnic program that tied in with Xenia, O.'S "Olde Fashion Days". Our parish dancers performed there also.

What a beautiful experience we shared on Sept. 5. Walter and Mary Lou Lastoskie "request the gift of your presence at the Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation of Mary Lou and the consecration of their marriage" at Holy Cross Church. Their sons, Walter and Michael, were the altar boys, and their daughters, Marilyn and Barbara, the Offertory Bearers. What a joyous occasion!

What a great tribute to Joe Noreikas! His entire family are now one hundred percent members of our council. A warm welcome to Joe/Sue Noreikas, Richard Noreikas, and Jim/Carol Dichito. Much happiness to Joe and Sue who became man and wife on July

5. Congratulations to all, for they have also taken their First Degrees in the Knights. Joyce Berczelly also has taken her First Degree. A warm welcome to two other new members, John/Constance Zilinskas.

Congratulations to Mary A. Petkus upon her graduation from the Kettering School of Nursing. The day after graduation Mary entered the hospital for surgery, and is now doing just fine. Our prayers go to Margie Grushas for a speedy recovery.

Mike, Fran and Michael Petkus sponsored a Swim Party for the Jrs. at Cowan Lake July 11. Karolyn Ambrose, Director of the 'Vėjeliai' Dance Group, Maryann Blum, Ed Sluzas and Mary Agnes Mikalauskas had the opportunity the week of Aug. 17 to go to Camp Dainava and participate in the Dance Workshop. They have returned home well prepared to tackle this season's programs. The Dancers had a Family Picnic at Judy Petrokas' home July 27. Those of us who left early missed the "RAID". And this is not a commercial!

Joe and Aldona Ryan hosted many Knights at their home on July 4 for the blessing of their Lithuanian Cross Shrine that has been set out in the woods of their home. It was a beautiful occasion.

Joe Gecas returned home safely after a trip to Lithuania. Joe, his second visit home within three years, spent the time with his mother and family who are still in Lithuania.

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Congratulations to our newly-elected Dist. officers: Pres. Algerd Brazis C-112; 1st V.P. Jrs. Frank Zapolis C-36; 2nd V.P. Membership Sabina Klatt C-36; 3rd V.P. Srs. Gediminas Janula C-112, and Adeline Jasaitis C-112; Bd. Secy. Irene Sankus C-112; Treas. Emily Petraitis C-112; Trustees Vince Samaska C-36 and Juozas Laurinaitis Srs.; Sgt-at-Arms Jerome Jankus C-36, Napoleon Sapkus C-36, and Ed Krivickas C-112.

Congratulations are also in order to the new Choir Officers: Pres. Estelle Rogers; V.P. John Auksciunas; Secy. Loretta Grigaliunas; Treas. Juozas Juska; Trustees Al Zakarka and Al Matulis; Sgt-at-Arms Peter Gagel; Publicity Emilija Pakalniskiene; Music Kay Bertuzia and Rima Utara; Archives Alex Pakalniskis and Stase Ulevicius.

We were sad to hear of the passing of our last year's "Man of the Year" recipient, George Wiltrakis. May he rest in peace.

The Memorial Mass for our deceased members was held on Nov. 2 at the Immaculate Conception Church.

May you all have a blessed and happy Christmas and New Year.
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Christmas

As all herald the birth of Christ in the manger, we extend our wishes for an inspired and blessed holiday.

GREETINGS FROM CHICAGO

Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, C-112
Canon V. Zakarauskas, C-112
Rev. Paul Juknevicus, C-36
Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, C-112
Algerd & Aldona Brazis
Al & Gerrie Mockus, C-112
Hank & Sabina Klatt, C-36
Aldona Gylys, C-112
Al & Ruth Dagis, C-112
Monica Kasper, C-112
Alexander Pakalniskis Jr., C-112
Bob & Angie Svehla, C-112
Stephanie Mlodzik, C-112
Dolores Wainauskas, C-112
Richard & Valeria Jurgaitis, C-112
Al & Julie Zakarka, C-112
Alexander & Emilija Pakalniskis, C-112
Vyto & Prudencija Bickus, C-112
Adelle Zunas, C-112

Estelle Rogers, C-112
Gerry Mack, C-112
Eleanore H. Laurin, H.M., C-112
Sophie Nieminski, C-112
Helen (C-36) & Algis (C-112) Skudra
Lorraine (C-112) & Frank (C-36) Svelnis
Harry & Emily Petraitis, C-112
Adeline & Pete Jasaitis, C-112
Joseph Laurinaitis, Seniors
Jerome Jankus, C-36
Napoleon Sapkus, C-36
Christine & Rudy Stachyra, C-36
Vince Samaska, C-36
Irene Norusis, C-36
Leon Pauksta, C-112
Edward S. Krivickas, C-112
Irene Sankus, C-112
John G. Evans, C-112



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The final Council Board meeting for the 74-75 term was held at the home of Irene Sankus. Old business matters were finalized and many new ideas were presented to the incoming Board.

Our "Rutu Balius" was a great success due to the efforts of Chairlady Julie Zakarka, Co-chairladies Gerrie Mockus and Ruth Dagis and their tireless committee. Adding to the Lithuanian theme of the evening was a "Rutu" arch, handmade by Emilija Pakalniskis. The caterer's menu was enhanced by the council ladies who baked many dessert goodies. The committee also extends a special thank you to our own Prudencija Bickus, who performed spectacularly and entertained those in attendance; to Al Mockus who served as the energetic M.C.; to the many donors of raffle prizes; and to

Aldona Daukus of Sophie Barcus Radio who gave the event many plugs on her programs. Ruth Dagis especially enjoyed the event as she is not only a "Ruta" but also celebrated her birthday that evening.

The IID semi-annual Rummage Sale was most successful because of the hard work of Bldg. Trustees Al Mockus, Al Zakarka, Frank Svelnis and their committee. The profit will be used to repair and maintain the Bldg. Many improvements are being made under the direction of the Trustees and Bldg. Mgr. Joe Laurinaitis.

Council members who will serve on the IID Board for the coming year are: Al Brazis, Pres.; Adeline Jasaitis and Irene Sankus, Secretaries; Emily Petraitis, Treas.; and Ed Krivickas, Sgt-at-Arms. We wish them a successful year!

Estelle Rogers was re-elected K of L Choir President. Other council members that will assist her

throughout the year are: John Auksciunas, Juozas Juska, Al Zakarka, Al Matulis, Peter Gagle, Emilija & Alex Pakalniskis, and Kay Bertuzis (a new C-112 member).

Condolences to the family of Dr. George Wiltrakis. The late Dr. George was the recipient of the IID Man of the Year award last February and a member of our council. Our sincerest condolences, also, to Bernice Laurentan Kudaba on the death of her father.

Out-of-towners and Chicagoans can now enjoy another Sharko's Restaurant. Council member Jerry recently opened a beautiful new restaurant under the name of "Jerry Sharko's" in Lisle, Ill. The food is in the traditional and delicious style of all the Sharko's, the decor is lovely, and the atmosphere is most cordial.

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Del Zunas (left, Lithuanian Cultural Committee Chairman of the Knights of Lithuania Illinois-Indiana District and Irene Sankus, Treasurer, presenting a check to Stanley Balzekas, President of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, to cover the cost of hard covering all the Vytis magazines in the Museum archives.

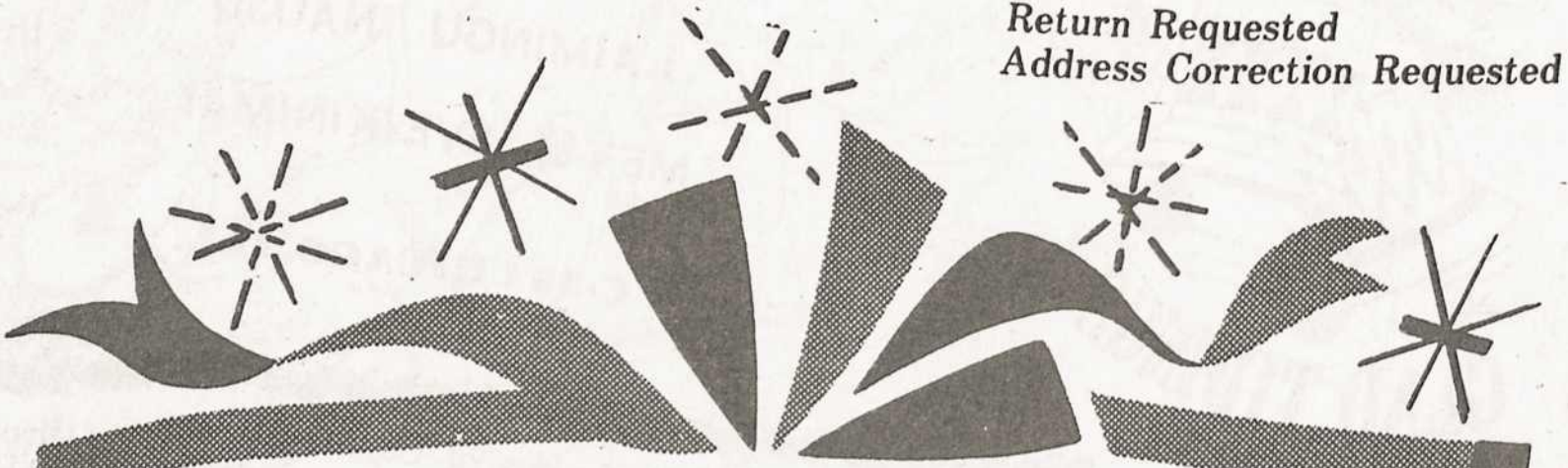


K of L Picnic Chicago: K of L Choir President Estelle Rogers, 15th Ward Alderman Kenneth Jaksy, Irene Sankus, IID Pres. Algerd Brazis, Harry Petraitis.

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K of L Calendar

DECEMBER

14 NED TV MASS, Government Center,
Boston, Mass. Channel 7.

20 C-29, Newark CHRISTMAS PARTY,
Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.

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JANUARY

24 IID K of L Choir BENEFIT DANCE,
Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

FEBRUARY

7 IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA",
K of L Building, Chicago, Ill.

7 C-29, Newark SQUARE DANCE, Holy
Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.

MARCH

7 IID ST. CASIMIR'S DAY, Immaculate
Conception Church and K of L
Building, Chicago, Ill. C-36, Hosts

7 C-29 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY, Holy
Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.

AUGUST

? 63rd NATIONAL CONVENTION
Dayton, Ohio C-96, Dayton Hosts



Wishing you
a joyful Christmas
and a
glad New Year!

Supreme Council Officers

and the "VYTIS" Staff