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Easter can be many things, many different things, to many different people. For some it is Alleluia! Peace! Christ is Risen! - an exclamation point of faith and hope and love. For others Easter is a question mark, a mystery, an impossibility. For still others it is Easter lilies, Easter eggs, Easter bunniesfrills and superficialities. For me Easter is... (three dots, called suspension points to indicate the omission of a word or words that I am called upon to fill in, like an item of a question of an examination). Suspension points are a challenge to think, consider carefully and conscientiously the word or idea that is proposed and then fill in a reaction, a response.

In the religious calendar of the Christian Church Easter is the most solemn of all solemnities, the feast of feasts. The glorious Resurrection of Christ the Lord is the climax of his life and love for us on earth; it is the perfect fulfillment of the Divine Promise of reconciliation between God and man and man and God, a true liberation, granting freedom from sin and death for all mankind.

This holy Sunday reminds us not only of the fact that Jesus Christ through his own power rose up from the tomb, after a cruel and bloody crucifixion and a real, bodily death, but also of the divine truth that the Son of God who became man on earth did this to glorify God, his Father, and to redeem us, free us from the wretchedness of sin and the inescapable finality of death, which would be a neverending separation from the ultimate Vision of God, a sad, sad prospect of never seeing God, face to face.

We believe that when God created man and woman from the very beginning, he determined that the final destiny of his newly created human beings was to be an unending life of union with Himself. This never-ending life with God would mean seeing God, knowing God, loving God, being happy, supremely happy, with an overflowing joy that no one and nothing could ever take away from us.

Easter, the Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord, is the church solemnity that brings together and gloriously manifests all these basic truths of our Faith, all centered around Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Every fundamental question about manwhere he came from, who he is, what is his destiny, how does he attain this destiny - are answered in

Christ and through Christ on Easter. Man is from God and for God through Jesus Christ.

Just as Easter was the climax of Christ's mission among men, so, too, it has become the annual highpoint of our Pilgrim Progress in this life through Faith, which enlightens us on our way to God.

Saint Paul sums up this attitude of Faith in his letter to the Corinthians: "...if Christ be not risen again, then our preaching is vain, and your faith is also vain". (I Cor. 15, 14).



If Christ did not rise from the dead, as he promised, we would find it very difficult, I would say impossible, to accept and believe all the other things he taught. We would not be too sure that he was God, and hence, totally believable as Messiah,

One sent by God.

But Christ did rise from the dead. He appeared to his followers and friends at least ten times, as recorded in the Gospels. Paul's preaching is not "vain". He knew the truth, he told it as it was. As a consequence, our faith is not vain. It is based on solid truth, Divine Truth: Christ died for my sins. He arose from the dead, proving that he was God. We have been freed from our sins through Christ. We, too, will rise from the dead one day. This is the divine promise pledged by the Resurrection of Christ.

The truth, the mystery of the Resurrection should become more glorious, more influential in our lives year after year, as our Faith grows and is deepened by our continual openness to Christ and by our receptiveness to his teachings. Saint Paul is our guide to a greater openness to Christ when he urges: "Therefore, if you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above... Mind the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, shall appear, then you too will appear with him in glory". (Col. 3, 1).

When we seek and mind the things that are above, we open up our minds and hearts to what really matters in our lives: the Wisdom of God. We learn how to live up to and practise our Baptismal Promises that we renewed on the Vigil of Easter. We grasp more clearly that "our life is hidden with Christ in God". We reach the unshakeable hope that "we will appear with him in glory".

PEACE, the Peace of the Risen, Eternal Christ, be

with you all. Alleluia!

Fr. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. Spiritual Adviser, Supreme Council



VERTAI PAMINĖKIME LIETUVOS BAŽNYTINĖS **PROVINCIJOS SUKAKTĮ**



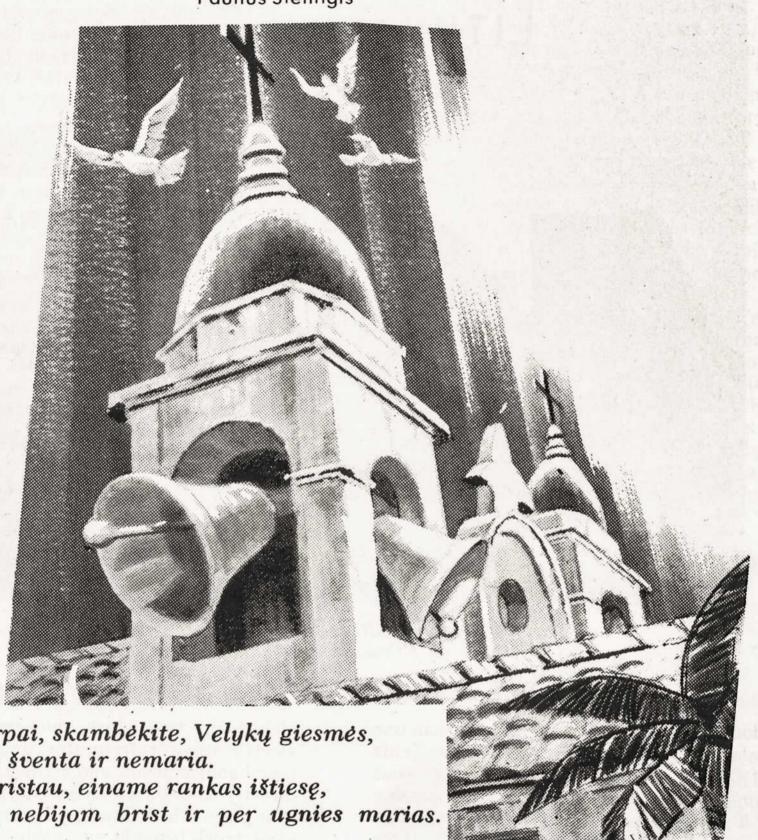
Šiais metais balandžio mėnesio 4 dieną sukanka 50 metų svarbiam Lietuvos istorijos įvykiui - LIETU-VOS BAŽNYTINĖS PROVINCIJOS įsteigimui. Tai didelės reikšmės įvykis kuris turėjo daug įtakos įvairių gyvenimo sričių vystimuisi nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje. Atskiros bažnytinės provincijos buvimas turi daug reikšmės ir šiandien. Katalikų Bažnyčios administravime Lietuvos bažnytinė provincija yra savarankiškas nepriklausomas vienetas ir Šventasis Sostas palaiko su Lietuvos Bažnyčia tiesioginius ryšius, kiek leidžia šio meto sąlygos.

Todėl mes ir kreipiamės į organizuotus laisvojo pasaulio lietuvius katalikus kviesdami imtis iniciatyvos Lietuvos bažnytinės provincijos įsteigimo 50 metų sukaktį tinkamai atžymėti, organizuojant viesas pamaldas, akademijas, paskaitas, koncertus, parašant apie šią sukaktį vietos spaudoje. Mes esameįsitikinę, kad šios sukakties prisiminimas prisidės prie lietuvių katalikų tarpusavio solidarumo, kas teigiamai atsilieps į mūsų parapijas ir organizacijas. Taip pat linkime, kad visa tai paskatintu mus visus būti aktyvesniais ir drausmingesniais Katalikų Bažnyčios nariais, kokiu buvo ir tebėra Lietuvos Bažnytinė Provincija.

PASAULIO LIETUVIŲ KATALIKŲ BENDRIJOS CENTRO VALDYBA

VELYKU VARPAMS SKAMBANT

Paulius Stelingis



Skambekite, varpai, skambekite, Velykų giesmės, Pavasario gaida šventa ir nemaria. Mes į Tave, o Kristau, einame rankas ištiesę, Mes su Tavim nebijom brist ir per ugnies marias.

Tu išnešei tartum mažus vaikus mus iš pavojų Ant savo rankų iš mirties namų. Ir Pats likai budet su mūsų broliais — Ir pervertais delnais dengi tevų sodybas ir namus.

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Tu išnešei tartum mažus vaikus . . . Ir juodą naktį Savo šviesa kaip žiedus gaivini. Ir leidai džiaugtis vėl diena plaštakėms Užkėlęs šalčių ir audrų duris.

O Viešpatie, o Kristau, šiandien prisikėlęs, Velykų giesmėje, skambėjime varpų! Kurs prikeli gyvent drugeli ir mažutę gelę, Prikelk ir mūsų žemę iš kapų!

ETHNICS - BE WARY

by Aldona Ryan



A Lithuanian Cultural Exhibit at the Catholic Conference on Ethnic and Neighborhood Affairs.

When a double tornado devastated more than one half of Xenia, Ohio ir March of 1973, the Xenia Chamber of Commerce busily engaged in numerous money-making projects to help rebuild their missing city. One of these projects was a festival that featured foods and exhibits of the many ethnic groups in the area. The Dayton Lithuanians, anxious to show off their culture, were prime movers of this admission-free project. We were treated most kindly and graciously. The use of tables, chairs, electricity, water, and building space was provided at no cost to them and they were given manual help. The Lithuanian community was happy to make a donation from their small profits to this worthy cause.

When the Human Relations Council of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base had a "People To People Festival", the ethnic groups found that the same principle of consideration existed. Lithuanians were treated as guest performers and the Air Force "put out the red carpet". An Air Force truck, manned by Airmen, arrived at Holy Cross Church Hall and

picked up two glass showcases, sneeze guards, electric stove, refrigerator, and numerous boxes of merchandise, foods, and artifacts and delivered them directly to the area where our 8-table exhibit would take place. The following morning after the show, the same truck brought everything back in perfect condition and the Airmen stayed to carry every box to the spot designated by the chairman in the church hall. We were allowed to keep 100% of the profits of our booths and we received a nice "Thank You Note" for our participation.

In Miamisburg, Ohio we took part in a "Street Festival" and again, we received the same type of treatment. Lucky for us, the Master of Ceremonies was a Lithuanian Talk Master from a local radio station who kept the crowds coming to our booth area. We gave the profits from this affair to our dance group, "The Vejeliai".

Wittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio and the University of Dayton have annual international events and we are welcomed at the door and everything available is placed at our disposal. We are given free time on the University of Dayton's FM radio station every year and we are given space in the new Marian Library on the University of Dayton campus for a two week exhibit every February.

Bergamo, a Retreat House owned by the Order of Marianists, holds annual conferences for Engineers and Scientists from all over the world and pays ethnic performers \$50 to entertain the guests at an

International Program Night.

Our biggest yearly event is an International Festival put on by thirty ethnic groups at our new Convention and Exhibition Center. Originally this was set up by me as a non-profit event with the ethnic groups forming a central committee and being the organizers of the project. We elected to give 10% of the gross ticket sales to a local world affairs organization for the use of their name and office space and to divide a certain portion of profits among the ethnic groups leaving some money in the bank as seed money for the next year's festival.

The huge financial success of the first festival came as a surprise even though most admission tickets were purchased for only \$1.00 by the 35,000 people who attended. Suddenly the "sponsoring 10% ticket profit group" who had paid very little attention to us during the fifteen months of organization and preparation, appeared with greedy eyes and extended hands. Even though numerous arguments and heated

meetings took place, eventually the "sponsor" became the "sponsor and organizer". Expenses escalated to include part payment for their office help, ridiculous sums for postage and use of office machinery and the group moved to new, lovely carpeted offices and expanded their staff.

It has now come to my attention that, in some cities, ethnic groups pay as much as \$200 for "space" to participate in festivals! Admission to some festivals can be \$2.00 to \$4.00! A few moments with a small calculator will tell a surprising story. 40,000 admissions at \$2.00 each is \$80,000.00! "Space" money is also profit-making. Expenses are NEVER that high. Who is receiving this money? If a sponsoring group states that so much of the profit goes to further culture, does anyone bother to ask for a report of how and to whom? Are the ethnic groups receiving audited accounts or correct financial statements? Are they sharing in the profits?

It is very important for ethnic groups - especially groups such as the Lithuanians - to promote the furtherance of their culture - to arouse interest in their ancient language - and to keep their ancient traditions and heritage alive. On the other hand, it is also important that the ethnic groups receive a just share of any profits that ensue from their labors and endeavors. It is not wise to be exploited. Perhaps it is time for the leaders of the ethnic groups to band to-

gether and to become more wary!



HISTORIC LITHUANIAN AWARD

seminarians in the United States and won wide support from Lithuanians in America, Lithuania, and other countries. Through lectures and literature, the Lithuanian section gave the Lithuanians an opportunity to bring into the open the Russian government's total

DIDĒJI DOVANA GAUTA ANT PARYŽIAUS PARODOS 1900 METUOSB.





The medal pictured here was one of twelve awards received for Lithuanian exhibits at the Paris and won International Exposition in 1900. This photo appears in a booklet containing the play DEDE ATVA-ZIAVO, published in Chicago in 1902. The idea for a Lithuanian exhibit originated with three

suppression of printing and even reading of Lithuanian books and newspapers. The ban then had been in effect 36 years. Some visitors at the Exposition expressed disbelief that such a shameful treatment of the people was possible.

UCHARISTIC CONGRESS INVITES "SIDEWALK SAINT" OF CALCUTA

PHILADELPHIA - A diminutive nun from Calcutta, India, who has devoted most of her life to the poor, will be one of the keynote speakers during the 41st International Eucharistic Congress.

She is Mother Teresa, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, who responded to a call nearly 30 years ago to work with the poor in Calcutta. Since that time, church authorities say, she has done more to comfort the poor and suffering in India and a dozen other nations than anyone else in the world.

The Congress is a spiritual assembly of Catholics and other Christians gathering here Aug. 1-8

next year.

John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Chairman of the Congress Board of Governors, recently extended an invitation to Mother Teresa to appear as a speaker.

It appears likely Mother Teresa will speak on Tuesday, August 3, during Suffering People Day. The sub-theme for that day will be "The Eucharist and the Hunger for

Freedom and Justice".

Overall theme for the Congress is "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family". During each of the eight days one of man's basic needs is given attention in liturgical events, workshops and seminars.

Mother Teresa's appearance next year marks her second visit to Philadelphia since June 1974 when she participated in the Holy Year observance of the Inter-Faith Pilgrimage of Hope.

Born in Yugoslavia in 1910 of Albanian parents, she decided to become a nun at age 12. In 1928 she joined the Loreto order in Ireland which had sisters working in India. Shortly after her 19th birthday, she went to Darjeeling.

For the next 17 years, she taught and later served as principal of the order's convent school in Calcutta. However, while traveling to Darjeeling for retreat in 1946, Mother Teresa "heard the call to give up all and follow Him into the slums to serve Him among the poorest of the poor".

Pope Pius XII granted her request to be released from her vow to spend the rest of her life in a convent. She entered the Calcutta slums in her blue-trimmed, white cotton sari that would become the habit of the order she founded in 1950.

First she started a small school for poor children; next a center where the poor could die with dignity. The municipal government of Calcutta wanted to get the dying off the streets and eagerly supported Mother Teresa's work. In 1952 the city gave her a building at the entrance of an ancient Kali temple. Since that time, the facility has provided refuge for more than 31,000 people - about half of whom have died there.

In 25 years, Mother Teresa's work has spread from the teeming capital of West Bengal throughout India and the world. Her order has grown to nearly a thousand sisters who operate 80 homes for the poor in 13 countries. One is located in New York's South Bronx.

"Our work is for people who have forgotten how to smile, forgotten the human touch and have a greater hunger for these than for a plate of rice", she said. "Such a hunger is even greater in the West than in India and Africa, where the problem is material poverty".

Much honored throughout the world, Mother Teresa received the Philippines' Magsaysay Foundation Award in 1962, the first Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971, India's Jawaharlai Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1972 and the American Templeton Prize for progress in religion in 1973. This year, members of the Indian parliament have nominated the 64-year-old humanitarian for the Nobel Peace Prize.

"I'm anxious for people to know the greatness of the poor", she once said. "I once went to a Hindu family which had been starving and brought them rice. Before I knew it, the mother had divided it and given half to the Moslem Family next door. She said, 'They are just as hungry as we are'. I believe we need the poor as much as they need us'. We are the better for being in contact with them".



Mother Teresa

Holiday and Pilgrimage Tour to The Middle East

ITINERARY

JUNE 30 - Wednesday - NEW YORK Gather at New York's J. F. Kennedy International Airport for the overnight transatlantic flight to Zurich on a Swissair Airliner.

JULY 1 - Thursday - CAIRO Early morning arrival in Zurich from where a connecting flight will take you to Cairo. This day will be at your leisure.

JULY 2 - Friday - CAIRO View Olden Cairo and its great mosquest, including the largest one of all, the Mosque of Hassan, then, drive to the Citadel for a panoramic view of the city and a visit to the graceful Alabaster Mosque, and shopping at the Mousky Bazaars.

JULY 3 - Saturday - CAIRO Visit the magnificent Museum of Egyptian Antiquities. Then motor to Giza to see the great Pyramids and the Sphinx. Late afternoon flight to Amman capital of the Kingdom of Jordan.

JULY 4 - Sunday - AMMAN This day will be free.

JULY 5 - Monday - AMMAN-JERUSALEM Leave here and journey through the Dead Sea Valley, cross the Allenby Bridge, and into Israel. Drive up the mountain and there you view Jerusalem.

Cost Per Person - \$1498.50

(Two Persons to Room)

JULY 6 - Tuesday - JERUSALEM
Visit the Dome of the Rock, which is on the site of
Solomon's Temple, El Aksa Mosque, the Rock of the
Sacrifice where, tradition says, Abraham offered
Isaac, the Wailing Wall, Pool of Bethesada,
Damascus Gate, the Tomb of the Kings. Walk from
St. Stephen's Gate to Pilate's Judgment Hall, the
Chapel of Flagellation, the Ecco Homo Arch and
follow the Via Doloroso up to the traditional Calvary
and the Chapel of the Crucifixion. A stop will be
made at Garden Tomb before returning to your hotel.

JULY 7 - Wednesday - JERUSALEM
Drive to Hebron and Abraham's Oak, The Cave of
Machpelah, and the Tombs of Abraham and Sarah.
Then to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity
and the Grotto of the Manger. Next, a drive to the
foot of the Mount of Olives, the Garden of
Gethsemane, the traditional tomb of Mary, the
Basilica of the Agony and the Shrine of the
Ascension.

JULY 8 - Thursday - JERUSALEM-TIBERIAS Drive through the Judean Hills to Biblical Kiriat Yearim, Ramble, Lod, Hedera, Wadi Ara (the historical pass), Megiddo, Nain, and along the shores of Mt. Tabor to Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

JULY 9 - Friday - TIBERIAS-TEL AVIV
As you leave Tiberias you will again pass through
Nazareth, cross the River Kishon and the Plain of
Esdraelon and stop at the Excavations of Solomon's
stables at Megiddo. Continuing on to the coast you
will stop at Caesarea to see the Roman ruins before
arriving at Tel Aviv, modern Israeli City, but Joppa
of Jonah' day.

JULY 10 - Saturday - ATHENS
Drive to Lod Airport for the flight to Athens.

JULY 11 - Sunday - ATHENS City sightseeing.

JULY 12 - Monday - CORINTH EXCURSION

JULY 13 - Tuesday - ATHENS Free for optional cruises

JULY 14 - Wednesday - ATHENS-ZURICH, N.Y. After the flight to Zurich, you will board a Swissair Jet to New York.

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Saster Fraditions

WHERE DID EASTER SUNDAY GET ITS NAME AND ITS TRADITIONS

I know no one knows exactly when the first Easter was - but how did we decide when to celebrate Easter every year? -



Spring has always been the season of new life - when pagan people of Europe and Asia held their spring festivals for their gods to make crops grow and prosper. However, it wasn't until the council of Nicea ruled in 325 A.D. that a date was set. They decided Easter should be on the first Sunday following the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon after the date of the vernal equinox, March 21. (The vernal equinox is the day in spring the sun crosses the equator and day and night everywhere are of equal length. The autumnal equinox is Sept. 23).

Easter can never be earlier than March 22 nor later than April 25.

Why do we call Easter "Easter"? -

There are at least two theories. One says Easter was named after Eastre (or Eostre), an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and dawn. Major celebrations for her were held about the time of the vernal equinox. The Anglo Saxons gave her name to our month April - Easturmonath. However, the historian with that theory (his name was Bebe), has been disputed as interpreting erroneously the name of the month for the name of a goddess.

The other theory (French) says the word comes from "oster" meaning to rise, as Christ rose from death.



Why do so many churches have sunrise services on Easter Sunday? -

Aside from the fact that the Bible says Christ rose Sunday morning and that sunrise symbolizes new life - there is a very old belief in the land of the leprechauns that the sun danced for joy when it rose the morning Christ rose from the grave. And it was believed that those who were

up early enough, could see it - if they climbed to the top of a bluff. Thus, people used to go in droves, as late as the mid 18th century, to see the dance of the sun. And many declared they did see it. Of course science has an explanation for it. They say the sun has a flickering effect when viewed from a high place.

What is the origin of Easter eggs? -

Would you believe Easter eggs are older than Easter? Giving real or gilded eggs is another pagan spring festival custom, which dates way back to the Persians, Greeks and Chinese. Eggs were regarded as symbols of life. To the early Christians eggs were obvious symbols of Christ's resurrection, and considered holy and appropriate gifts during the Easter season. In Pre-Reformation times, eggs were blessed and used in religious ceremonies.



Who first started coloring Easter eggs? -

Coloring eggs dates back to the Middle Ages for sure. There's an item in the listings of the household accounts of England's Edward I, in the year 1290, that 18 pence was spent on 450 eggs to be colored or covered with leaf gold. These he distributed among his royal household. A popular color for eggs then was red - for Christ's blood.

It might interest you to know how eggs were dyed then. If you couldn't afford to gild them, then you boiled them with flowers or leaves - spinach leaves for green, yellow flower blossoms, dogwood for purple, and cochineal for scarlet. Did you know that an egg boiled with the outer skin of an onion wrapped around it comes out a delicately mottled yellow? A variegated effect can be created if you bind it with ribbon or string.

Where did the Easter bunny come from? -

It seems the rabbit was sacred to the spring goddess, Eostre, according to pre-Christian folklore, which affirms what historian Bebe said. Rabbits were the most fertile animals our forefathers knew of. And they were considered symbols of spring and abundant life. The bunny has never had any religious significance. No church we know of has ever bestowed a blessing upon a rabbit.

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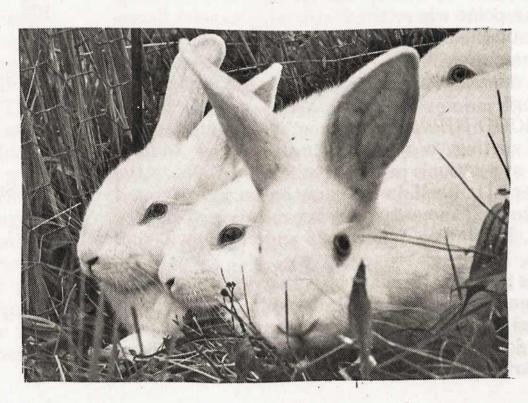


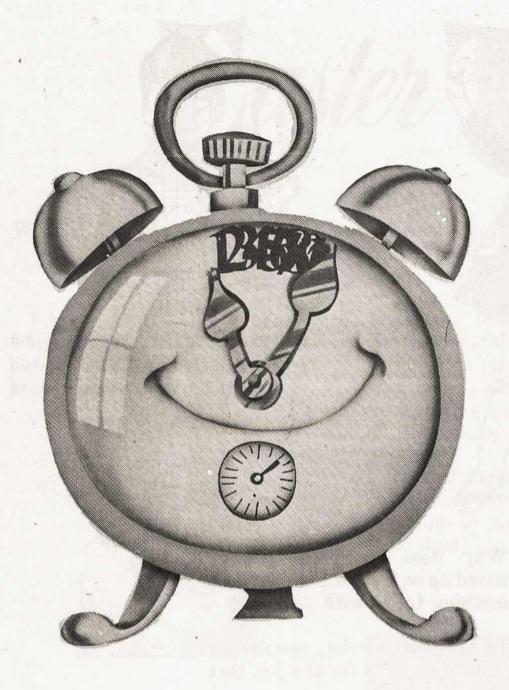
Why does everyone get so dressed up on Easter Sunday? Is it something to do with new life? -

Long before Christ, people put on new garments for the joy that winter had past.

But did you know that it was a custom, not so long ago, for young men to send their sweetheart gloves the day before Easter? The fellas were anxious to see if the gals would wear them the next day. If they did, that meant the romance was doing fine and had a good chance of ending in marriage.







Membership Dues for 1976 are now PAST DUE!! Failure to turn in dues by January of each year can create potential financial stress. As mentioned in previous articles, collection and payment of dues should become every council's first priority on their agenda following a National Convention. In this way, the tiresome process of writing to members is speeded up in time to meet the January due date. Members should not wait for their Council Financial Secretaries to repeatedly ask for dues nor should it reach the point where the National Financial Secretary must issue a final reminder warning of membership termination. The first duty of every member is to pay membership dues timely. But enough of preaching!

The GOOD NEWS in the membership area at the time of writing, is the founding of a new council, C-142 in our nation's capital, a suitable tribute to the Bicentennial in itself. In the same encouraging vein, I am pleased to announce the reorganization of Council 82 Gary, Indiana on January 25 and of Council 86 of Du Bois, Pa. on February 8.

At this point in the year, each District should have an efficiently functioning Membership Committee as mandated by the 62nd National Convention. If your District does not, there is something seriously wrong and District personnel will have to account for it.



As of 2/9/76, the following figures represent the status of dues payment and new member enrollment:

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By the time you read this article, the record should be substantially better, but if in this month, today, YOU are one of the K of Lers that has not renewed his membership, vow to send off your check or money order to your council Financial Secretary, or, where that presents a problem, to the National Financial Secretary, Mrs. Terry Trainis at 215 Jefferson St., Fairfield, Conn. 06432.

Don't forget the award program to the first councils 100% Paid up in one of three size categories, and

to Councils with the greatest percentage of membership increase over last year's totals. Your council must first be 100% Paid up before it can be eligible for the Membership contest. So let's get going!!

Philip Skabeikis II National Vice-President for Membership 1975-76

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Anthony M. Miner





It is always pleasant to be the bearer of good news. I am very happy to announce the good news that C-82, Gary, Indiana has been reactivated. I know that you will all join me in saying, "Welcome back, Gary! It's great to have you with us again!" I am certain that Gary will quickly enter the mainstream of K of L activity on both National and District levels.

We all know that numbers mean strength, and that all members should strive to strengthen their organization. Therefore let's all get to work. There are quite a few councils which are presently inactive. If you know former members of inactive councils, talk to them. Get them interested again. It is not an impossible thing to do. As you can see, it is happening wherever someone takes the initiative.

There are also Lithuanian communities which have never had a K of L council; probably because no one ever seriously tried to start one there. But this too, can be done. In fact, just within the last two years, three new councils were established - Syracuse, Bridgeport, and Washington, D.C. The potential is there. All we need is the contacts and the desire. The Supreme Council is willing and anxious to help in any way, and in every way. Notify either me or the Membership Vice President Phil Skabeikis, and we will supply you with all necessary materials and information. If difficulties are encountered in organizing a council or reorganizing an inactive council, assistance can be obtained from both District and Supreme Council officers. Even a personal visit can be arranged when necessary. In fact, a resolution requiring each District to set up an ad hor committee for the express purpose of helping to reactivate councils,

establish new ones, and assist troubled councils, was passed at the last National Convention. Offer your assistance to your District officers and to the Supreme Council. If you have any inquiries or leads, please follow them up, and at the same time inform your District President, AND the Supreme Council. Give us the names and addresses, so that we could follow up your leads with direct contacts, information, materials, and assistance.

The same request holds true for other special areas, such as Juniors, Cultural, etc. Please contact the Supreme Council officer in charge of that area. They are anxious to help, but they need your names, addresses, and requests in order to do so. They are there to help you; call on them; work with them. Close contact and cooperation among councils, districts, and the Supreme Council is extremely important. Much greater effectiveness can be achieved while developing a unified organization if we all work together and share our projects, achievements, ideas, and problems with each other. We are a NATIONAL organization. Remember that we banded together because we wanted to work together for greater effectiveness, and because we have so much in common. Now, therefore, we should maintain that "togetherness" by having close contact and avoiding isolationism and provincialism.

One more item before closing; April 24th is designated as K of L Founder's Day. We should all observe this special day in some suitable way. If a special program is not feasible, certainly every council and district can at least offer a Mass for the Founders and other deceased K of L members.

CONVENTION CORNER

"VEJELIAI DANCERS" TO PERFORM

Throughout the history of Holy Cross Parish, there have been many Lithuanian Dance Groups. The "Vejeliai Dancers" have been performing for the past three years. The people of Dayton and surrounding cities have had many opportunities to see the dancers. They have presented fifty-two performances throughout the Miami Valley area of Ohio. The group was organized in 1973 by Aldona Ryan with Charles and Frances Vangas as instructors. Frances was also the first to accompany the dancers but after a series of operations and the press of business, Charles and Frances relinquished their responsibility to Karolyn Ambrose and Judy Petrokas. Frank Ambrose has also helped in times past, especially during practice sessions.

The costumes of the senior girl "Vejeliai Dancers" are all authentic. Through the financial sacrifice of parents and friends, the girls have beautiful costumes from Lithuania. Aldona Ryan put her ingenuity to work and made the boys' costumes, copies from an authentic one.

The Junior dancers had the helpful hands of their parents and friends to make the little girls' costumes. Mothers added the trim to complement the boys' outfits. Their ties and sashes are authentic.

The "Veyeliai Dancers" look forward to performing for YOU.



1st row (left to right): Kathy Sinkwitz, Julie Prasmantas, Jeanne Wysinski, Rita Gecas, Kay Strider, Margaret Zotkiewicz.

2nd row, left to right: Annamarie Sluzas, Elena Mikalauskas, Tom Petkus, Jamie Pacovsky, Beth Petrokas, Marilyn Lastoskie, Irene Gecas, Michael Lastoskie, Veda Gecas.

3rd row, left to right: Ed Sluzas, Tom Rastikis, Walter Lastoskie, Jr., Diane Kavalauskas, Laima Rastikis, Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, Raymond Gecas, Michael Petkus, Gregory Blum.

Photo by John E. Moreau

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

We are very excited about our Convention Program Book. It will be set up to be used during the WHOLE convention weekend. We hope our enthusiasm will be shared by you when you read what we have planned.

You will not only find ads, a daily schedule of the convention and greetings, but we also plan to incorporate the hymns you will sing at the Sunday Mass, general group-singing songs, detachable tickets for all the functions, Junior Knight section and an area for you to keep notes.

Please become a part of this innovation by participating in our Convention Program Book.

Full page	35.00
One-half page	20.00
One-quarter page	12.00
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Make checks payable to Knights of Lithuania - C-96. Mail your donation and ad to: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Podoyak, Program Book Chairmen, 5696 Troy Villa Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45424. The deadline is June 15, 1976.

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



MASSACHUSETTS LITHS MEET GOVERNOR

On January 21, 1976 Governor Michael S. Dukakis affixed his signature to a Proclamation designating February 16th as "Lithuanian Independence Day in Massachusetts". Witnessing the promulgation of the Act are (from left to right): Daniel Averka, Ona Ivaska, Alexander J. Chaplik (chairman of ALT Boston Chapter), Stanley Griganavicius, Governor Dukakis, Phyllis Grendal, Andrius Keturakis, Irena Veitas, and Algirdas Budreckis.

"I feel like I'm with my own people", stated Governor Dukakis. "I used to be asked about my name: are you Greek or Lithuanian?"



NEWARK K OF L-ERS JOIN FEB. 16 DELEGATION

Pictured is a delegation of Newark, N.J. Liths., who received a Proclamation of Lithuanian Independence Day from the city of Newark. L. to R.: Frank Vaskas, Msgr. John Scharnus, Mary Stonis, Deputy Mayor Carmine Biase, Dr. Irene Giedrikis, Algis Brazinskas, Zenonas Zapasnikas.



PRESENTATION TO DRAUGAS

Stanley Balzekas, Jr., President of the American Veterans Press Association (center) recently presented to Reverend Peter P. Cinikas, left, and Reverend Joseph Prunskis, both of Draugas Lithuanian newspaper, Chicago, an award from the American Veterans Press Association for promoting events of the Association and participating in their affairs which benefit paralyzed veterans.

IN MEMORIAM

Remember in your prayers...

MARGARET GRUSHAS C-96, Dayton Died Mar. 7, 1976

Ž VAIGŽDĖS DAR ŽYDI

Vasario 8 d. L. Vyčiai Chicagoje surengė Vasario 16 d. paminėjimą banketą.

Per 300 vyčių ir jų svečių susirinko į Martinique viešbutį. Salė puiki, išpuošta Amerikos ir Lietuvos vėliavomis. Garbės stalas skendo papuošimuose. Tvarkingai ir punktualiai prasidėjo iškilioji programos dalis. Dr. L. Šimutis prie pianino, o Al. Brazis galingu balsu užtraukė Amerikos ir Lietuvos himnus. Visa salė giedojo. O kas gi anapus geležinės sienos? Už spausdinamą lietuvišką žodį, proklamaciją ar mokymą tikėjimo tiesu, kemša žmones į kalėjimus, koncentracijos stovyklas, psichiatrines ligonines. Bet okupantas žlugs, Lietuva vėl kelsis laisvam gyvenimui. Tokios mūsų viltys ir kan. Zakarausko žodžiai "Niekas negalės palaužti lietuvio kovos, teisės ir sąžinės; tauta gyva visam pasauly..." Invokaciją baigus, J. Evans, banketo pirmininkas, pakvietė teisėją Al. Wells vadovauti programai. Al Brazis, Illinois-Indiana apskr. pirm., tarė sveikinimo žodžius. Po to prasidėjo šauni vakarienė. Orkestras grojo lietuviškas melodijas, žmonės stiprinosi puikiais patiekalais. Gražios gėlės puošė ne tik garbės stalą, bet ir visą salę, gautos iš City Wide ir Vacha gelininku.

Minėjimo vedėjas Wells pristatė visus garbės stalo ir žymesnius svečius salėje. Gaila, tuo metu nebuvo inž. A. ir M. Rudžių, nes Rudis sūsirgo sunkia sloga. Chicagos ALTO skyriaus pirm. K. Oksas išvyko į Lietuvių Televiziją. Buvo baiminamasi, kad gali neatvykti ir dr. K. Bobelis, neseniai netekęs savo motinos. Negirdėjome sveikinimo ir mūsų žymaus senatoriaus Frank Savicko, nes turėjo išvykti į sostinę rytojaus svarbiam posėdžiui. 15 Wardo aldermanas - seniūnas Ben Jaksys,



Illinois-Indiana District commemorates the anniversary of Lithuania's Independence at their Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet on Feb. 8th at the Martinique Grand Ballroom.

IID President Algerd Brazis greets the guests.



IID Junior Dance Group performing at the Banquet.



On behalf of the IID, Alexander Pakalniskis, Jr. present the Man of the Year award to DR. KAZYS BOBELIS, President of the Lithuanian-American Council.

Photos - G. Janula

dr. Meškauskas, kun. Stašys, kuris turėjo neseniai širdies priepuolį, vis tik atėjo kartu švęsti laisvės dienos. Iš Indianos su kun. Urbonu atvyko 82-ros vyčių kuopos atstovai. Žodžiu, daug tautiečių iš visų kampų. Gen. konsulei J. Daužvardienei pasveikinus susirinkusius, vyskupas V. Brizgys tarė prasmingus žodžius. Pažymėjo, kad vyčiai ir Lietuvos patriotai, yra lyg tie kariai, kurie kovoja už tautą ir tikėjimą. Kard. Chusing Bostone anų metų seime tarė Vyčiams: "žvaigždės visuomet šviečia". Salėje buvo ir du Lietuvos savano-

riai: Plk. K. Ališauskas ir ltn. Ig. Petrauskas. Jie buvo pagerbti, kaip laisvės nešėjai Lietuvai anais 1918 metais. "Melo klasta, kuria skelbia Sovietų Rusija Lietuvos adresu, turi būti atidengta" - pareiškė kongresm. Annuzio, o kongresm. Russo siūlo Lietuvos neprikl. reikalą iškelti JT. Teis. Wells perskaitė Chicagos mero Daley sveikinimo telegramą. Jaunujų vyčių šokių grupė, ved. Prano Zapolio, sušoko kelis tautinius šokius. Nors vidury ir maža vietos buvo, bet jie šoko grakščiai ir visiems patiko. Akordeonu pritarė J. Norbutas.

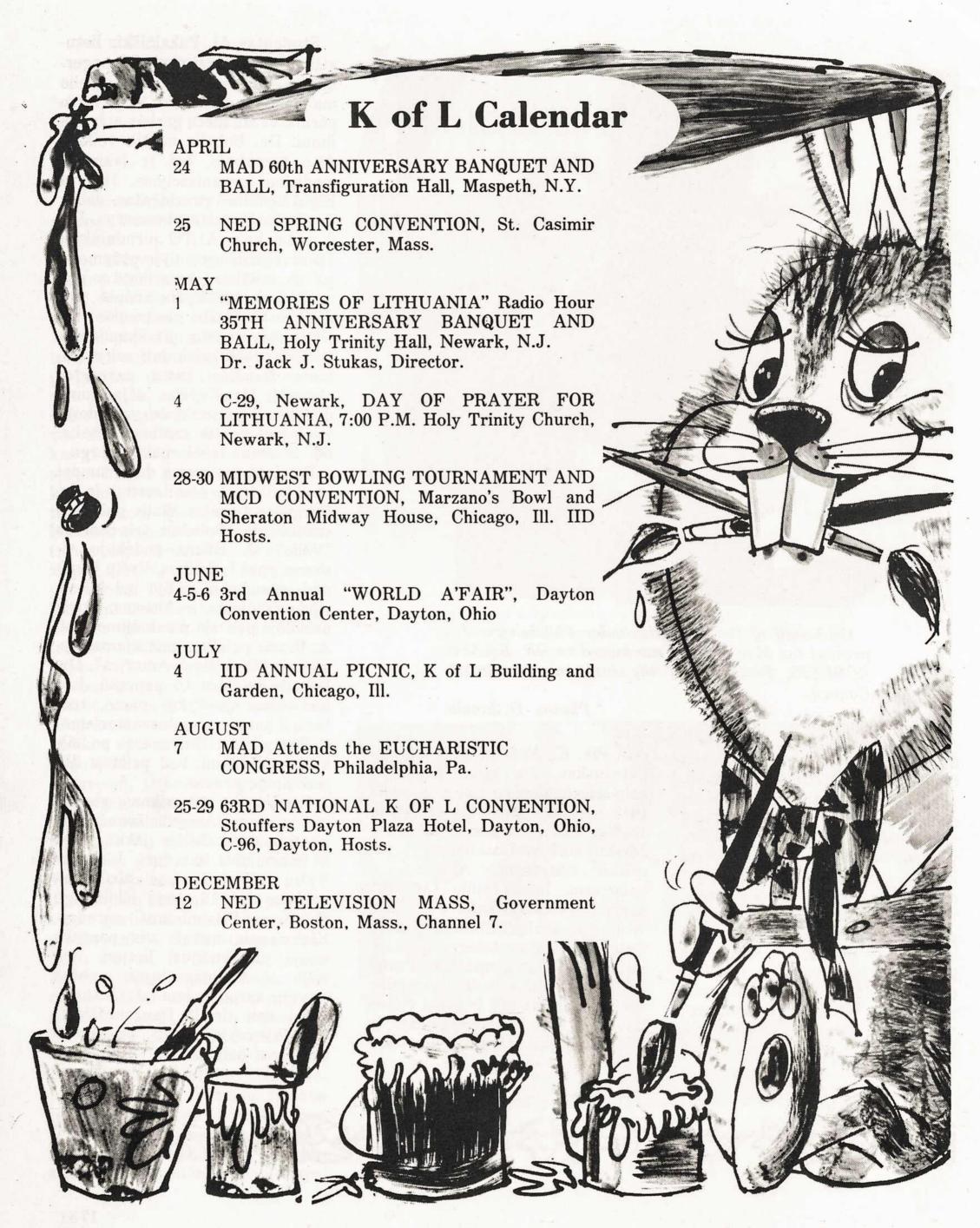
Studentas Al. Pakalniškis lietuviškai ir angliškai paskaitė pagerbiamo Alto pirmininko dr. Bobelio nuopelnus ir darbus, už ką jis buvo parinktas šių metų garbės atžymėjimui. Dr. Bobelis ne tik veiklus Alto tarnyboje, bet ir įvairiose medicinos organizacijose. Jis yra Elgin ligoninės prezidentas, dabar Sveikatos De-to tarybos narys. Jau 6 metai kaip ALTO pirmininkas. Jis savo padėkos žodyje pažymėjo, jog jis, atvykęs į Ameriką, tuo prisirašė prie 112 Vyčių kuopos, bet dėl gausaus darbo pasitraukė. Priėmęs atžymėjimą, jis skaudančia širdimi prašė prisiminti mirusius, kurie šiandien žūsta pavergtoj tėvynėj. Mes, vyčiai, užjaučiame dr. Bobeli jo sunkiose valandose, ypač kad ne tik motinos neteko, bet ir sūnus labai sunkiai serga.

Baigiant programa dar trumpai sveikino dr. Z. Danilevičius ir dr. Dargis, o teisėjas Wells pakvietė sušukti dr. Bobeliui tris kartus "Valio". J. Evans padėkojo visiems, ypač I. Sankus, Vyčių jaunimui, spaudai ir radijo bei televizijos vedėjams ir kitiems, kurie prisidėjo prie šio paminėjimo. Sol. A. Brazis publikos pritariamas sugiedojo "God Bless America". Dr. Bobelis po viso to paprašė, kad kiekvienas parvykęs namo, tuoj imtų ir parašytų savo senatoriams -C. Percy ir Ad. Stevenson - po laiškuti, prašydami, kad priimtų 319 rezoliuciją senate.

Patriotinė Amerikos giesmė labai tiko, nes Amerika švenčia 200 metų sukaktį. Salėje pakilo poros ir linksminosi dar ilgai. Lietuvos Vyčių Illinois-Indiana apskrities valdyba jau 15 tokių iškilmingų "Lietuvos Prisiminimų" surengė. Kiekvienais metais vis parenka naują pasižymėjusį lietuvį. Jau trijų iš tų pagerbtųjų nebėra gyvųjų tarpe - kun. J. Jutkevičiaus, kon. dr. P. Daužvardžio ir dr. Wiltrakio. Ačiū rengėjams taria visi dalyviai.

Bal. Brazdžionis





JUNIOR

JRS. C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Since our Juniors were hesitant to write a "council news" column, Father Jurgelaitis and Bertha Stoskus suggested they put their thoughts in writing. Therefore, in lieu of a column, our Juniors individually report the following:

ANN KRECIOCH - The Junior's K of L C-103 meeting was opened by Pres. Andrew Kairys, and Father Jurgelaitis was a guest speaker for the afternoon.

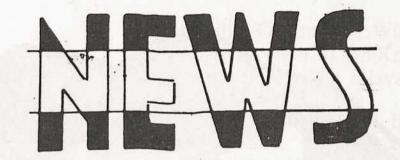
SHELLY GIFFORD - In the K of L, I'm looking forward to going to play volleyball and some of the other activities. I hope it will work out.

FRANCIS KAPISKAS - At Christmastime we went to a nursing home and brought good cheer to the patients. It was really rewarding and made all concerned feel good!

MARCY KRECIOCH - Last weekend I was lucky enough to go on the ski weekend and met many new people. Hopefully, we are going to get teams, like volleyball and softball, and meet others in the Junior K of L.

ANDREW KAIRYS - This week we talked about possibly getting other Junior K of L'ers to come to Providence and have a skating party.

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

A recent activity of the C-110 Juniors involved an afternoon in Mountainside, N.J., helping the VYTIS Editor sort and rearrange her VYTIS Files. The Juniors, in addition to participating in an on-going K of L Activity, also enjoyed scanning old picture files, to

see K of L history in the making... Editor Loretta Stukas is MOST grateful for the outstanding help provided by the youngsters members of the Stungarys and Sidtis families, and their counsellor, Marian Skabeikis, all pictured at the Stukas home during a break in their work.





from your
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Vyčiai Veikia

Council Activities

Edited by

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Our Chicago Seniors held their annual "Kūčių Vakara" at the K of L Bldg. Attendance was very good and all enjoyed the traditional meal. Širdingai ačiū darbininkams A. Laurinaitis, K. Petruliene, K. Braziene. Lai gyvuoja sendraugiai.

Donations are still coming in for the K of L Bldg. Fund. Sincere thanks to Scotty Zukas C-36 for her \$100. donation.

First and Second Degrees were presented on Jan. 27 at the K of L Bldg. Ritual team consisted of Chmn. Al Zakarka and Al Mockus, Canon Žakarauskas, Irene Sankus, Vince Samaska and Ed Krivickas. Congratulations to all Degree recipients.

C-36 held a very successful Bowling Party at Woodmac Lanes on Jan. 17. The group occupied the entire house. A delicious buffet was served with Vince Samaska head chef.

The Annual K of L Choir Dinner-Dance was held at Pakštas Hall on Jan. 24. It was a sellout a week before the affair, and the members were delighted to see this great response.

Congratulations to the hard working committee: John Auksciunas, Chmn.; Loretta Grigaliunas and Monica Kasper, Door; Al Zakarka, Treas.; Alexander Pakalniškis, Jr., Bar; Julie Zakarka, Tickets; Emilija Pakalniškienė, Lith. Publicity. Estelle Rogers, Choir Pres. was seen scurrying about to see that all was going well.

Our thanks to Aldona Daukus of the Sophie Barcus Radio Program and Anatolius Šlutas for their publicity. The Choir is grateful to all who reserved tables and purchased tickets to give their support.

A lovely oil painting was donated by Stase Grigaliunas, her fourth one, and the winner was Adella Užnys. Our thanks to her and the many, many donors. The SLA Men's Lodge #228 donated \$25. and Andrew and Dolores Yuknis, \$10.

The Choir has been in existence for 15 years and we are thankful to Director Faustas Strolia and the members who have given so much of themselves to provide such enjoyment. During these past years they have given 110 performances. They appeared at the First Mass of Fr. Kasputis, Ford City on Feb. 19 and Šokių Šventė.

Algerd Brazis, K of L Choir member and Pres. of Pirmyn Chorus, performed in the "Count of Luxemburg" at Maria H.S. Mar. 13 and 14.

K of L bowlers and non-bowlers, don't forget the dates of May 29-30 when the Ill.-Ind. Dist. will sponsor the Midwest Bowling Tournament.

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C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

The new officers are the following: Pres. Sabina Klatt, Vice Pres. Christine Stachyra, Secy. Irene Norushis, Treas. Vincent Samaska, Fin. Secy. Rosemarie Klatt, Trustees Peggy Zakaras & Tony Wallunas, Jrs. Coordinator Rudy Stachyra, Srs. Coordinator Rudy Stachyra, Srs. Coordinator Kazimiera Petrulis, Sgts-at-Arms Napoleonas Sepkus & Jerome Jankus, Spiritual Advisor Rev. Paul Juknevicius.

Our council hosted one of the largest bowling parties in recent years on Jan. 17 at the Woodmac Lanes with 95 people in Attendance, filling the alleys to capacity.

Approximately half of the bowlers were Sears Roebuck employees from the Sears Tower where Irene is an employee. The proprietors of Woodmac Lanes are Bruno Shotas and Walley Klemka, K of L members. A delightful hot buffet was served after bowling with home made kugelis made by none other then Vince Samaska, our own K of L Chef. Winners of the doubles were: (1) Ray Briedelis & Diane LaPointe, (2) Steve Drzeviecki & Pat Prerost, (3) Joe Burian & Diane Belice, (4) Ray Raskey & Peg Balling, (5) Vince Samaska & Lu Kazunas. Prize winners were: First Prize - half of gallon of V.O., Janice Rekar; Second Prize - 5th of V.O., Jody Martin (Donation from Woodmac Lanes); Third Prize -\$10., Ed Badon (Donation from Richard Janik). The Bowling Party was arranged and supervised by Irene Norushis and Vince Samaska with a helping hand from Sabina Klatt and Chester Soprych, a non K of L member. A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended.

On Jan. 27, our council hosted the First and Second Degree presentations held at the K of L Hall with refreshments served after the ceremonies. The following received their First Degree: Alma Baer, Antanas Brokelicius, Louise Daugird, Sylvia Grazis, Anthony Giedraitis, Alice Kent, Henry G. Klatt, Jr., Sabina Klatt, Rosemarie Klatt, Irene Norushis, Maryann Shebelski, Mike Shebelski, Steve Shebelski, Faustas Strolia, Sylvia Zaniauskas and Robert Zapolis.

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

At the Jan. 5 meeting Aldona Ryan, council and Natl. Cultural Chmn., revived the five minute cultural talk that is suggested in the Natl. Duties of the Cultural Committee. Aldona is calling her present series "The Amber Web". Aldona's first reading was taken from the book "Lithuania 700 Years", and her context and delivery really held our interest.

Our new Lithuanian Affairs Committee has been busy. Maria Preidis has been handling the local articles while Laima Rastikis, a recipient of the K of L Scholarship Fund, has been taking care of national material. Laima will be delving into our participating in adopting a Lithuanian prisoner through the "Prisoner of Conscience Group". They both gave excellent reports at the Jan. meeting. Thanks go to Mary Lucas and Eloise Berczelly for the treats following the meeting.

Through an appeal made from our MCD Pres., our own Elinor Sluzas, - Stan Vaitkus, Charles Petkus and Walter Lastoskie will be representing the Dayton council on a renewed committee, Ad Hoc Membership Committee. With the increase in interest in the Knights, this should become an active committee.

At this time we would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest C-142 in Washington, D.C. We hope to meet you at the National Convention here in Dayton in August.



A WORLD A'FAIR

We are proud to boast again of the talents of Elinor Sluzas. Elinor has designed the LOGO which will be used by the Dayton International Festival - World A'Fair for the first time this year. This design, one of many, won the votes of the 34 countries represented at the A'Fair, and it will be permanently used at future Dayton International Festival events. The LOGO will be used on letterheads, posters, etc. It will be the center theme of this year's poster.

Father Walter Katarskis, who was chairman for a very fine 60th Anniversary Parish Dinner, is to



TO OUR FELLOW KNIGHTS AND FRIENDS FAR AND NEAR -

"HAPPY EASTER AND A VERY PLEASANT SUMMER"

C-25 - Cleveland, Ohio



be congratulated. Ačiū labai, too, to Fran Petkus, Eloise Berczelly, Bea Noreikas, Joyce Berczelly and their staff for the excellent dinner. No one went home hungry. Mary Lucas made a special three-tiered cake for the occasion. Our Juniors did readings on the history of Holy Cross. Father paid tribute to our long standing parishioners. It was a very memorable day that began with Mass in Lithuanian at 2 P.M.

Jan. 31 saw many of us join Lionginas and Catherine Prasmantas at the 6 P.M. Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary at Holy Cross Church. Dinner followed at the Lithuanian Hall with everyone enjoying themselves. Many more years ahead to both of you, Louie and Kitty.

Congratulations to Jerry and Cathy Roberts on the birth of their first baby, Jeffrey Michael. Proud grandparents are Joe and Eleanor Mantz. Grandparents for the 6th time are Mike and Alice Petkus. This makes Mrs. Anele Petkus a great-grandmother for the 15th time!

Get well prayers are sent to Margie Grushas. Good to note that Ada Sinkwitz and Frank Ambrose came through their recent surgeries just fine. We have another busy year ahead, so get well in a hurry.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mary Lou Lastoskie, and Junior Knights, Walter, Michael and Marilyn Lastoskie, on the loss of their father and grandfather, Mr. Jos. Garland. Sympathies are sent to Elynor Matkins on the loss of her brother, Antanas Janculis. Belated sympathies to William (Curly) Leasure on the loss of his sister and a brother-in-law within a short period of each other.

Spreading in the Cincinnati Diocese is a program called "Marriage Encounter". We wish Henry and Lauretta Pant much luck with their work in this project. Congratulations to Tina Kavy on the fine article recently written on her work with retarded

children in the Dayton area. Thanks, Tina, for mentioning Holy Cross Church and your membership in the Knights of Lithuania.

Read our CONVENTION COR-NER for Convention news. We've been busy!

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C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

Super Bowls may take prominence with many devoted football fans. However, a Super Sunday was revealed "under the snow" at Divine Providence when on Jan. 11 our Wayside Cross was dedicated and blessed. Approximately 300 people attended. There were the "good hearts" who turned out from other distances - Donna & Frank Bunikis and Pres. Gražina Vaskelis of C-102, and the Joe Kurpowics of C-139. We especially appreciate Rev. M. Kundrat, our former pastor, who drove some 60 miles from his parish in Memphis, Mich. to help commemorate this special occasion.

The day began with Mass, and it was gratifying to hear our pastor Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius deliver an enlightening coverage of the Wayside Cross. Immediately following Mass, a candlelight ceremony was held in the church in honor of 34 of our deceased members, with Jos. Chaps reading the names and



C-79 Most Rev. J. L. Imesch, D.D. Teads procession following blessing of Memorial Wayside Cross outside Divine Providence, with pastor, Rev. Krisciunevicius.

dates of their eternal departure. This was followed by the blessing of the Cross with Bishop Joseph Imesch presiding. Although it was cold and dismal and everyone had to stand in the slushy snow, the K of L Wayside Cross had a warm introduction to the city of Southfield. Many "Širdingų Ačiū" to all. It took will-power to come with all that snow outside.

A Dedication Dinner followed. Everything glowed pleasantly plenty of good food, dinner music in the background, and a "brief but interesting" program in the Cultural Center. Anthony Dainus compiled significant data on the Wayside Cross and explained to the guests circumstances that led to the chosen project by our council, - which followed upon the death of ex-Pres. Ed Martin. Knowing Tony, he did a lot of "homework" and we fully appreciate his dedication for some 7 yrs. of planning, working and waiting. It is "a dream" come true!

Many thanks to the fine committee under the chairmanship of Maggie Smailis, - Joe & Jean Yakstys, Ed & Barbara Sackle, M/M Chester Nashlon, Helen Tucker, Helen Patocki, Tony Dainus, Betty & Frank Petroski, and Sophie Zager. John Eizonas, Joe Yakstys, Frank Petroski, and Frank Zager took care of the refreshment bar nicely. The table centerpieces were an added attraction, with eye-appealing minisculptures enhancing the Wayside Cross. Thanks to Helen Tucker and committee who gathered at the Nashlon home to make them. Some recognition is due to our handsome mortician, Charlie Step and wife, Jody, for the printing job. Our thanks to the 2 radio programs -Lith. Voice and Lith. Melodies for announcements. numerous Estelle Bukstaitis "labai ačiū" for a nice contribution of \$100. toward the Memorial Cross. Sidney Millard also made a donation. Our gratitude to Helen Mykolaitis, the organist; Edward Skiotys, the hymn leader; Antoinette Webber, the florist; and Frances Balandienei, the incomparable torte maker; and especially to our pastor, Rev. V. Kristy, for co-ordinating everything so well. And last, but not least, a big thank you to Bill Adams, Jos. Chaps, John & Mary Eizonas, and M/M Leo Smilgis for folding away the tables and chairs following the dedication dinner. If anyone was missed, our apologies, and Thanks to one and all!

By now everyone noticed the new vestments our pastor was wearing on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. This vestment was donated to the parish by John & Julie Belickas. Labai Ačiū Jiems!

"Shovel everyday" seemed to be the prime activity for many of our 79'ers. Despite a lot of snow in January, it did not deter a nice attendance for our first meeting of the New Year. A new member, Leona Twomey, was welcomed into our fold. Later, a holiday buffet arrangement with lots of good stuff to eat was provided by hostesses Barbara Sackle and Jean Jakstys. Thanks, gals!

There's never a dull moment in the lives of Bill & Ona Walls. The day before Christmas Eve found them heading for the Metro Airport to catch a flight to visit son, Philip & family, in Washington, D.C. While waiting to board their plane, they spotted a familiar face coming down the aisle in a wheel chair. Lo and behold, it was Sophie Bitner who just moments ago arrived from Mayo Clinic following serious knee surgery. A "roar" of greetings and embraces encountered among the Walls', Sophie Bitner and Sophie's daughter, Peggy and her family, who came to meet her mother. We were glad to hear the operation was a success, and Sophie looked good and feels fine.

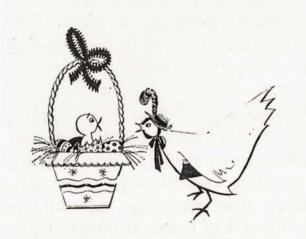
Former Jr. K of L member, Ralph Valatka, has made news with "Puss In Boots" a special live production just for children. Under the direction of Mr. Valatka, Producing Director of Southfield Repertory Theater, the play is the story of the fanciful antics of a clever cat, Minet, who lived many centuries ago in the Kingdom of Champagne. Ralph is the son of members, Ralph & Ann Valatka. We hope their son continues to make "headlines".

Carol Zager who celebrated their 2nd Wedding Anniv. on Nov. 9. Giving an assist to the occasion were their 4-month son, Matthew, and grandparents Ed Yurgo and Frank & Sophie Zager.

Andy & Pat Milius reached a milestone, their 25th, in Nov. We wish them Ilgiausių Metų.

Now that Maggie Smailis has been relieved of her wrist cast, we hope she stays free from any more "accidents". Stay well.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

We wish to congratulate Irene & Ed Tamulevich for the beautiful and extensive exhibit of Lithuanian arts and crafts at the Worcester Public Library during the entire month of February. The



Dottie Sinkavitch, C-116 So. Worcester with Claire Grigaitis, C-26 also Worcester, Mass.

display, so very artistically arranged, filled four display cases. It even surpassed last year's exhibit, something we didn't think possible. But Irene & Ed did it again, and all on behalf of our council. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful, energetic couple as members. Due to their activities, Lithuanians have received a great deal of publicity in the local news media. When it comes to public relations of everything Lithuanian, they are the greatest. C-116 members extend their deep gratitude.

Wedding bells rang out for Dorothy Glaster, who is now Mrs. Favreau. Both she and her husband are school teachers. Barbara Mazeika became Mrs. Paul Clark; the wedding ceremony was performed in Puerto Rico. We extend our best wishes to the newlyweds and wish them much happiness.

We sincerely hope that by this time Mrs. Theresa Balukonis is fully recovered from her illness, and also John Adamaitis, who has been on the sick list for a very long time. Incidentally, we enjoyed the tour of the Adamaitis new home, a countrified atmosphere right smack in the middle of the city. Very, very nice. It always gives us a great deal of pleasure to report that Joan Adamaitis, a recipient of the K of L Scholarship Award, is on the Dean's List at Assumption College. She is doing very well in her Major in Languages. Someday Joan hopes to work for the State Dept., and we have no doubt this young lady will achieve her desires. In addition to being an excellent scholar, she has a warm, appealing personality. Good luck, Joan.

According to John Yurkinas, Bart March, and Bob Paluses, the ice fishing was extremely good this season, with fish being caught about this l-o-o-ng. We suspect it was just another fish story they were telling when we asked.

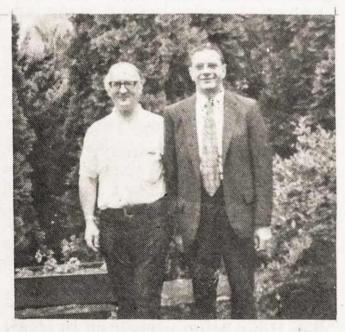
Our member Anute Keblinsky Greeny continues to be an excellent hostess for the Lithuanian Hour being presented to local radio listeners via Station WICN 90.5 FM on Wednesdays at 7 PM and Saturdays at 5 PM. We thoroughly enjoy the program and have learned so much of the history of Lithuania, in particular the present day happenings. We congratulate Onute on the remarkable job she is doing on this program.

Taradaika

C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

An attempt was made to stimulate attendance at meetings with a change of scenery. Mary Martus offered the use of her home, and at the meeting held there, we welcomed three new members, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Kniupis, daughter Heidi, and daughter Laura who joined the Jrs. Al is a member of the Boston Police Dept., and has the title of "Mr. Friendly". His job is to visit the schools to let the children know that policemen are friendly people. Elaine Kniupis is already on the "Novemberfest" Committee. They are interested members.

Our council's annual ski weekend took place, and we can report there were no casualties. Stanley Dzierzeski came down with the 24-hour flu, but after being nursed back to health by wife Brenda (Statsky), Stan was able to head up the slopes on Sunday with son Stanley. We welcomed a group from Providence, R.I., - Bertha Stoskus and her sister Rita



Al Jaritis, C-17, So. Boston, Mass. and Al Trainis, C-141, Bridge-port, Conn.

Krecioch & four daughters, Ann, Kathy, Marcy, and Regina. They had a ball, even forgetting the auto trouble that plagued them while on their way to the ski lodge. Brockton C-1 was represented by Sue Boroskas, Sylvia Shukis, Joe Dube, and Sandy Melish. The prize for the youngest member went to 10-mo. old Charlie Suprin, son of Jane & Frank Suprin, who really enjoyed the slopes. It was amazing to see 5-yr. old Laura and 7-yr. old Christine, daughters of Loretta (Kontrim) & Don Martell come down the slope with their mom and dad. We had the old pro's, Helen Suprin, Vin Kasauskas, Dan Perednia, Mimi Raskauskas, and Al Svilas "showing us how". Ski conditions were truly wonderful and everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously.

Vytautas Jurgela is helping Father Albin to coach the church basketball (male & female) teams, as is Bob Leschinskas. Our Jr., Kathy Norinkavich is on a championship team at Msgr. Ryan H.S., Dorchester.

We thank those who prepared the brunch following the N.E. Dist. TV Mass on Dec. 14, - Adele Martus, Mary Martus, Ann Novinkavich, Adele Janus, Mary Mickevich, John Olevitz, others who helped, including the Jrs. Our congrats go to Rev. Albin Janiunas, Assoc. Pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian Church and N.E.D. Spiritual Advisor, for the beautiful homily he delivered that day. There was much praise for the job well done by Father Albin, and to the N.E.D. Knights for initiating this Mass. The publicity we receive from this broadcast covers some eight states and part of Canada. For those who have never attended the TV Mass, make plans to come on Dec. 12.

Bill & Lil Gorski had to have their mare Noe Noe destroyed due to a contagious disease afflicting the animal. Bill now has a Tennessee Walking horse to ride and groom for the spring months, and then must return it to its owner. Linda & Bill Zaremba have moved from Lynn to the seacoast town of Revere, Mass., just a stone's throw from the cold Atlantic Ocean. Aldona (Jacabauskas) Keaney and daughter Paula have been busy winterizing their summer cottage in Halifax, Mass.

Good to see Dr. Al Kiburis out of the hospital and around the Southie scene once more. Also in the hospital Mrs. Alice is Tarushka, mother of Helen Zemaitis and sister of Helen Zaremba. We hope for a speedy recovery. Glad to see Florence Zaleskas recovered from her broken leg. Perhaps now we'll see more of her. Donna (Grigas) Reina is also on the road to recovery from her illness, and she and husband Bob should be seen in the circle once more.

Helen Zaremba and Helen Zemaitis spent a short but delightful time in Hawaii and on a cruise to Bermuda. Mary, Ann, & Joan Kleponis are busy traveling around the countryside during their vacations. Mary Martus, daughter Adele Nancy, and Auntie Adele Martus went to Washington, D.C., where they were entertained by Frank Yonika, a C-17 member who lives and works in Washington, D.C. Frank still loves Mass., usually heading for the Cape Cod region to go fishing. Bob & Jean (Pasakarnis) Bucanaan traveled to the warm climate of the Caribbean for a short holiday. Leo & Albina Rudziunas are sporting tans having just returned from Ber-



Ona Ulevicius, C-17 Srs., So. Boston and Helen Zaremba, C-17, Boston.

muda. John Daniels is still traversing the world, - Iran, Korea, France, & Germany, in line with company duties. In between trips, John is attending Northeastern University for advanced studies. Our wandering nomad, Vytautas Bruzgys, is traveling

throughout Europe.

We had a visitor from California, Mrs. Robert (Wini Skudris) Reardon of Anaheim, nearby the famous Disneyland. Wini finally received her A.B. Degree from college after many semesters broken up, raising a family. Nancy Flynn, C-17 Jrs., graduated from Boston Latin Academy (girl's Latin school). John Markuns received his diploma from Suffolk Law School, passed the bar exam, and now it's Attorney Markuns. C-17 Pres. John Olevitz, who is a very active, busy individual, was elected to the House Committee of the So. Boston Lithuanian Club. Charlie Karr, C-17 Srs., received his Acolyte vows and in May will be ordained as one of the many married Deacons of the Catholic Church.

For whom the bells toll: the brother of Al Jaritis and John Olevitz who passed away suddenly in California. We have also lost a real worker in the parish, Nellie Grable. She had done so much in her lifetime for the church and other charitable organizations, and will be sorely missed.

Make plans to attend the N.E.D. Spring Convention to be held Apr. 25 at St. Casimir's Church,

Worcester, Mass.

Baugus Siela

C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

Every Tuesday evening during Oct. & Nov., we met at the church parlour to do our own thing, and to help others with theirs. Much was expected of our annual Christmas Boutique, and each year it grows larger and better than the last one. The last weekend in Nov. were to be our two big days. The excellent publicity is credited to Joan Laframboise. Our own radio



C-30, Helen Alexik, her mother Mrs. Minkalas, purchasing afghan ticket from William Waiwat.



Bernie Minkus, C-30, Westfield, Mass., Sue Boroskas and Sylvia Shukis, C-1 Brockton.

personality, Stanley Sileikis, gave us undue radio publicity. We also had newspaper and T.V. announcements, not only locally but in outlying areas, and the response

was rewarding.

People were waiting in line for the doors to open, and when they did, it was frantic. The tables were overflowing with all sorts of goodies. Nellie Lord, Nellie Ruggles, Joan & Albert Laframboise, Margaret & Clement Picard handled the table with books, records, straw ornaments, Lithuanian Christmas cards, fruit cakes, etc. (Two new enrollments for the council are credited here!) Fran Waiwat refreshed many serving coffee - free of charge. A beautiful luscious "Red Velvet" cake was baked by Mary Minkus. Another table contained beautiful knitted and crocheted articles. Working here were Marcia, Kenny, & Gail Rogers, Ann Sibonis, Louise Renaud, Blanche Dunn, and Natalie Masaitis. At the jewelry

table were Helen Alexik and Jean Duda, the par excellence sales ladies. The next generation of merchants were the youthful Brian & Laura Laframboise, selling toys. It was a delight and a pleasure to see their young faces beam with every sale. In charge of the White Elephant table was Anthony Ruggles. Many antique collectors were seen here, and there were many choice articles for sale.

There were two very generous donations, - a beautiful handmade Afghan, created and donated by Ann Krenzel. The other was a large food basket, plus a \$\$ gift certificate, through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Dunn. Happy were the winners! Working at this section were Arthur Lord, assisted by William Waiwat. A most unusual feature of the boutique was a "Silent Auction" for an amber necklace. Lisa Sileikis was the high bidder and is now the new owner of this "Northern Gold". There were juicy apples given by John Tarnauskas, and many thanks to Jimmy Rogers' mother for the crocheted articles she donated.

The constant encouragement given by chairladies Joan Laframboise and Marcia Rogers helped make this affair the huge success that it was. Our thanks to all!

On Dec. 7 in Holyoke, Mass., Lithuania's glorious musical past was brought to light in the beautiful music room of Wisteriahurst the former Skinner mansion. In this room many of the great artists of past years entertained Holyoke first families, and so it was that we, too, were honored to hold our Lithuanian concert here.

Strains of music drew our guests to the music room, where Clement Picard rendered Piano selections at the concert grand, prior to the concert. Many people stopped at the entrance of this room to admire the collection of amber, wood carvings, and other Lithuanian memorabilia that were encased in large lighted wall cases. This exhibit was through the courtesy of Mrs. & Mrs. Anthony Ruggles and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Laframboise. Joan Laframboise welcomed the audience in Lithuanian and English. The narration given by Margaret Picard was to introduce and acquaint many of those present with our heritage and culture of Lithuania.

A Lithuanian Chorus from Hartford began the concert. Ancient Lithuanian dainos once heard through the green forests, and across the beautiful blue lakes, lived once more, captured the audience and held their attention to the close. For more enjoyment and better understanding, a brief explanation was given with each song. The repertoire and presentation of this group is fantastic.

The capacity of the music room is 300, and the overflow had to sit in the solarium. This was one afternoon when we of Lithuanian descent were really proud of our heritage. Following the concert, refreshments were served. Displayed in the adjacent library room were Lithuanian books, records, and on the walls, Lithuanian paintings. The straw decorations made the Christmas tree outstanding and everyone was fascinated by the unusual designs. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ruggles, assisted by Nellie Lord, graciously received visitors to this room. While we served at Wisteriahurst, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Sileikis hosted the chorus at their store, for the return trip home for them was long one.

The program and exhibit was organized by Mrs. Joan Laframboise.

Margaret Picard

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau, Bishop of Providence, has appointed John Stoskus Lay Trustee of St. Casimir's parish succeeding Mr. Edward Ciocys, who has served the parish faithfully for many years. Mr. Ciocys is the father of Biruta Cunningham.

Father Martinkus underwent

surgery at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital. Our Natl. Spiritual Adviser Father Jurgelaitis, O.P. administered to the spiritual needs of the parish during the pastor's hospitalization and recuperation period. Father Jurgelaitis was also the guest speaker at C-29's St. Casimir's Day commemoration in Newark, N.J.

Heather Marie Ciuryla was christened on Feb. 15 at the University of R.I. chapel. Proud paternal grandparents are Bette & Vinny Ciuryla. We extend a hearty welcome to our new members, Stanley Vaicaitis, and Vyto & Dorothy Kapiskas. Regina Krecioch and Carol Walaska are counselors for our Juniors.

Algird Straznickas is constructing a Lithuanian Wayside Cross for the Lithuanian Bicentennial Heritage Committee, of which C-103 is a most active participant. He is donating his labor, and the American - Lithuanian Citizen's Beneficial Club is paying for the material.

Bertha Stoskus and Ruta Krecioch with her four daughters, Regina, Ann, Kathy, & Marcy, attended C-17's ski weekend at King Pine Ski Lodge in New Hampshire. Car problems on the way made them switch to Avis. They had a most enjoyable weekend.

N.E.D. Board meeting was hosted by our council's President. Involuntary retirement has given our Vice Pres. John Walaska hours of free time. John is busy with chores around the house. Spouse Irene is planning a California trip this summer, to visit her brother.

Helen Seraichekas read "The Amber Web" edited by Aldona Ryan, Natl. Cultural Chmn., at our meeting. Enthusiastic and spontaneous exchange of Lithuanian history and culture resulted from the reading. We compliment Aldona Ryan for a job well done.

Father Ed Budreckis, MIC is permitted limited duties at Marianapolis by his physician.

During the winter months we haven't seen much of Ruth &

Lillian Savage, as they live in West Roxbury, Mass. However, they do keep in touch with C-103 via the mails.

JONAS



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

The first meeting of the year was held Jan. 5 at St. Casimir's Social Center. Father Grigaitis led us in prayer and Pres. Tony Radzevich conducted the business session. Minutes were read by Secy. Nellie Liberis and this was followed by a monetary report by Treas. Sophie Olbie.

Chairman for the 58th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence was Gene Gobis with Rev. Robert K. Baltch, co-chairman. Serving on the committee was Polly Ziausys, Regina Kot, Anthony Radzevich, Peter Hayes, Bill Liberis and Joe Shatas.

March 7 was chosen for our observance of St. Casimir's feast day together with our council's annual Communion and brunch.

The meeting over, the refreshment committee of Polly Ziausys, Sophie Olbie, Regina Kot and Gene Gobis passed out glasses of champagne, and a toast was made to Edward Ziausys who celebrated



Convention Delegates: Gene Gobis, Peter Hayes & Sophie Olbie

his "gimtadieni" on Jan. 10. The familiar song, "Ilgiausių Metų" rang out in full volume!

Our deepest sympathies go out to Betty Kuzmich in her recent loss of her beloved husband, Victor. Also, Anna Degutis, mother of our member Helen Druziak, was called to rest by our Lord on Jan. 20. To Helen, her family, her brother Tony and family, we wish to express our condolences. Our council suffered another loss by the sudden passing on Jan. 22 of Frances Drzewicki. Many of us were with her for the last time at the January meeting. We will miss her very much.

On our convalescent list we have Matthew Kazlauskas, Tony Beleckas, and Pauline Urban.

Our member Peter Urba, former executive manager of the Amsterdam Area Chamber of Commerce, has resigned as executive Vice-Pres. of the Fulton County Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Peter will be moving to Florida's Palm Beach - West Palm Beach area where he is negotiating the purchase of a manufacturing company. We wish Peter, wife Ronnie and their two daughters, much success in their new enterprise.

On Christmas Eve, a beautiful diamond ring was presented to Ann Sweet by Leo Czerw. Congratulations Leo!

SMILE & SPARKLE



Regina Kot & Polly Ziausy with part of Polly's collection of amber, etc. Regina's Vytis hanging

in background at Festival of Nations held in Syracuse on Nov. 1 and 2.



Tony Radzevich, Fr. Baltch, Ann. Radzevich, Sophie Olbie.





Sept. Meeting at Peter & Char lotte's Summer Residence at Lake Galway.

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C-90 - KEARNY, NEW JERSEY

VYČIU 90 KUOPOS GINTARO VAKARAS

Š.m. vasario mėn. 15 d., sekmadienį, ryšium su Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atstatymo minėjimu, Vyčių 90 kuopa Lietuvių Katalikų Bendruomenės Centro salėje surengė Gintaro vakarą. Programa buvo įvairi, ištisai parinkta Vasario

Šešioliktajai paminėti.

Sopulingosios Dievo Motinos lietuvių bažnyčios vargonininkei Genevieve Mazur sugiedojus Amerikos ir Lietuvos himnus, atidarymo žodį tarė tos bažnyčios klebonas Domininkas Pocius, kuris buvo ir to vakaro vedėjas. Invokaciją sukalbėjo Newarko Šv. Trejybės lietuvių parapijos klebonas prel. Jonas Scharnus.

Pristatyti ir priimti į jaunuosius vyčius: Linda McBride, Lisa Mitchell, Daniel Nakrosis, Joanne Staskus.

Iš svečių tarpo kalbėjo Juozas Mėlynis. Išryškino, kas yra laisvė ir kokią skaudžią ir pražūtingą dalią kenčia lietuvis, būdamas pavergtas. Kitą savo kalbos dalį prelegentas nukreipė į Lietuvos so džių, iš kurio dauguma esame kilę, kur beržynėlyje švelniu balseliu gegutėlė kukuoja, kur lakštingalėlė suokia ir aukštai padangėje vyturėlis truliuoja.

Vakaro vedėjas klebonas Domininkas Pocius angliškai nušvietė Lietuvos istoriją nuo Mindaugo laikų ligi dabar. Iškėlė aikštėn Lietuvos galybę, karus, spaudos draudima, atgautaja laisve ir dabartine lietuvių priespaudą. Priminė taip pat gražiasias lietuvių tradicijas, kurios dabar naiki-

namos.

vz rgomninkė G. Mazur gražiai ir ispūdingai sudainavo keletą lietuvišku ir keleta angliškų "Bicentennia!" dainų. Ypač visiems patiko ir jaudinančiai nuteikė didžiojo mūsų dainiaus Maironio "Lietuva brangi, mano tevyne..."

Jaunujų vyčių šokėjų grupė, vadovaujama kuopos pirmininkės Elenos Nakrošienės, grakščiai ir suderintai pašoko: "Vakaruškas", "Lenciūgėlį", "Jonkelį" ir "Kalveli". E. Nakrošienė, kurios 3 sūnūs ir dvi dukrelės dalyvauja jaunesniųjų tautinių šokių grupėje, nesigaili savo laiko grupei mokyti ir jai paruošti kitiems šioje apylinkėje vykstantiems renginiams.

Buvo ir gintaro dirbinių parodėlė, kuriai vadovavo Ann Klem, žinoma kalėdinių eglučių šiaudinių papuošalų gamintoja ir velykinių kiaušinių tautiniais ornamentais margintoja.

I Gintaro vakarą atsilankė per 200 žmonių. Jų tarpe buvo aukš-

tieji miesto pareigūnai - tarybininkai ir kiti. Tarybininkas J. Burns perskaitė miesto mero dvi proklamacijas Vasario Šešioliktosios proga. Dalyvavo svečių ir iš New Yorko: Vidur.-Atlanto distrikto pirmininkas Larry Janonis, M. ir P. Skabeikiai, Vyčių Centro Valdybos vicepirmininkai.

Vakaras buvo įdomus, patrauklus ir savo turiniu tiko Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės minėjimui. Vakaro rengimo komiteta sudarė: Elena Nakrosis - pirmininkė, Walter Staskus - vicepirmininkas, nariai - Diane Bacenas, Stephanie Gelcius, Ruth Hryszko, Ann Klem, Genevieve Mazur, John Nakrosis, Dorothy Staskus ir Eleanor Rokas.

J. Mėlynis



Kearny, N.J., Juniorų Vyčių tautinių šokių grupė, vad. Elenos Nakrošienės.