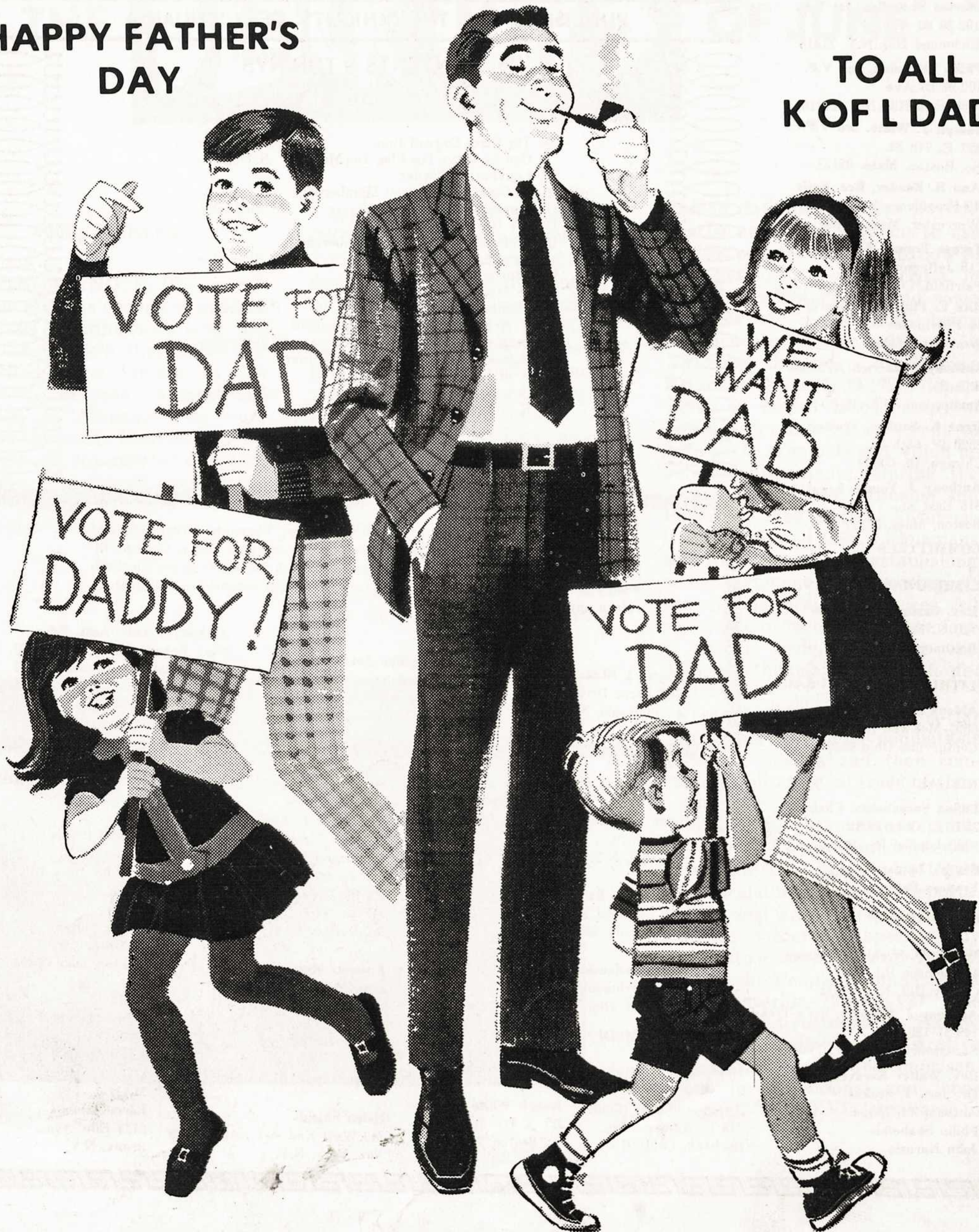


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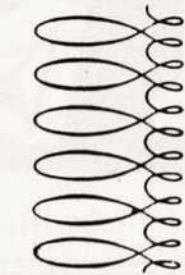
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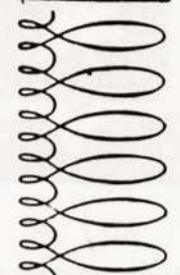
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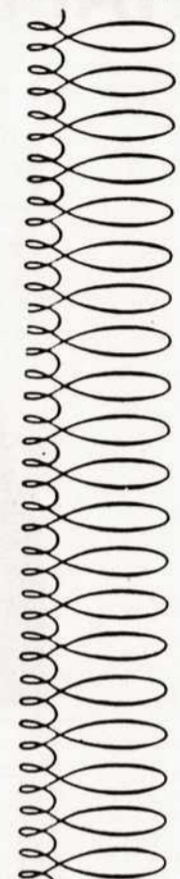
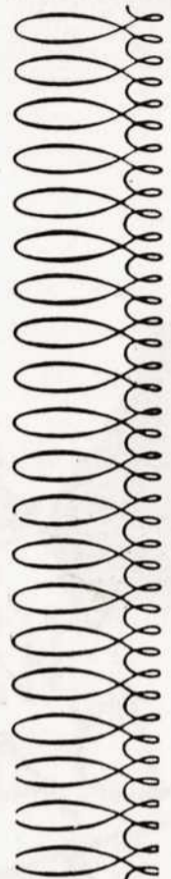
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# BLACK DAYS

OF JUNE

Philip Skabeikis

**AUTHOR'S NOTE:** The month of June remains one of the saddest in annals of Lithuania's long history. The article that follows is presented as a tribute to the thousands of men, women and children of Lithuania who were herded like cattle from their beds, into railroad box cars for shipment to a frozen wasteland, never to see their homeland again, on the mid-June nights of 1941.

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WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY defines DEPORTATION as "the removal of an undesirable alien from the country". In looking at the same word in a more significant light, the ENCYCLOPEDIA LITUANICA defines it as "a system of punishment involving the removal of criminals to a penal settlement outside their own country... expulsion of an alien considered inimical to the public welfare... mass deportation is the removal of social groups or entire nationalities to compulsory settlement and forced labor camps outside their own country".

Deportations, along with press bans and literary censorship, re-

mained favorites in the Soviet/Tsarist arsenal of weapons to use against peoples unwilling to bow to subjugation. At every crisis in Lithuania's history we find some evidence of "deportation" being employed to restore order.

During the reign of Russia's Peter the Great (1689-1725) deportation to forced labor camps of Siberia served as a deterrent to both petty criminals and would be political discontents. During the second partition of Lithuania and Poland of 1793 and the Insurrections of 1831 and 1863, Lithuanians saw some chance of reestablishing self-government and throwing off the stifling foreign influences. All resistance proved futile in the face of terrific odds, and over one million Lithuanians met with deportation.

Tsarist authorities went so far as to deport the entire populations of some villages and then completely obliterate all trace of their existence.

While the Lithuanian republic revelled in its new found freedom from 1918-1940, the Soviet Union was escalating the use of deportation to deal with dissidents within its own borders. A special body came into existence in July 1934 as part of the People's Commissariat of the Interior, the NKVD. This body was entrusted with "issuing orders regarding administrative deportation, exile, and imprisonment in correctional and labor camps..." The NKVD later came to



wield complete control of the vast network of labor camps and means to populate them... deportation. As the last few breaths of freedom left Lithuania, the NKVD already had a master plan on the books.

June 15, 1940 the Russian armed entrance into Lithuania, marked her forcible incorporation into the Soviet Union. Weeks later, deportation orders were released by the NKVD for certain Lithuanian Government Officials. In August, vast inventories of souls were committed to paper in preparation for the "purging of Lithuania". The accounting included "all those persons who by reason of their social or political past, national chauvinistic opinions, religious convictions, moral and political inconstancy, are opposed to the socialist order and thus might be

used by the intelligence services of foreign countries and by the counter revolutionary centers for anti-soviet purposes". These included priests, students, teachers, officers of political or national organizations, the press, influential businessmen and professionals and persons known to have refused to join or been expelled from the Lithuanian Communist Party.

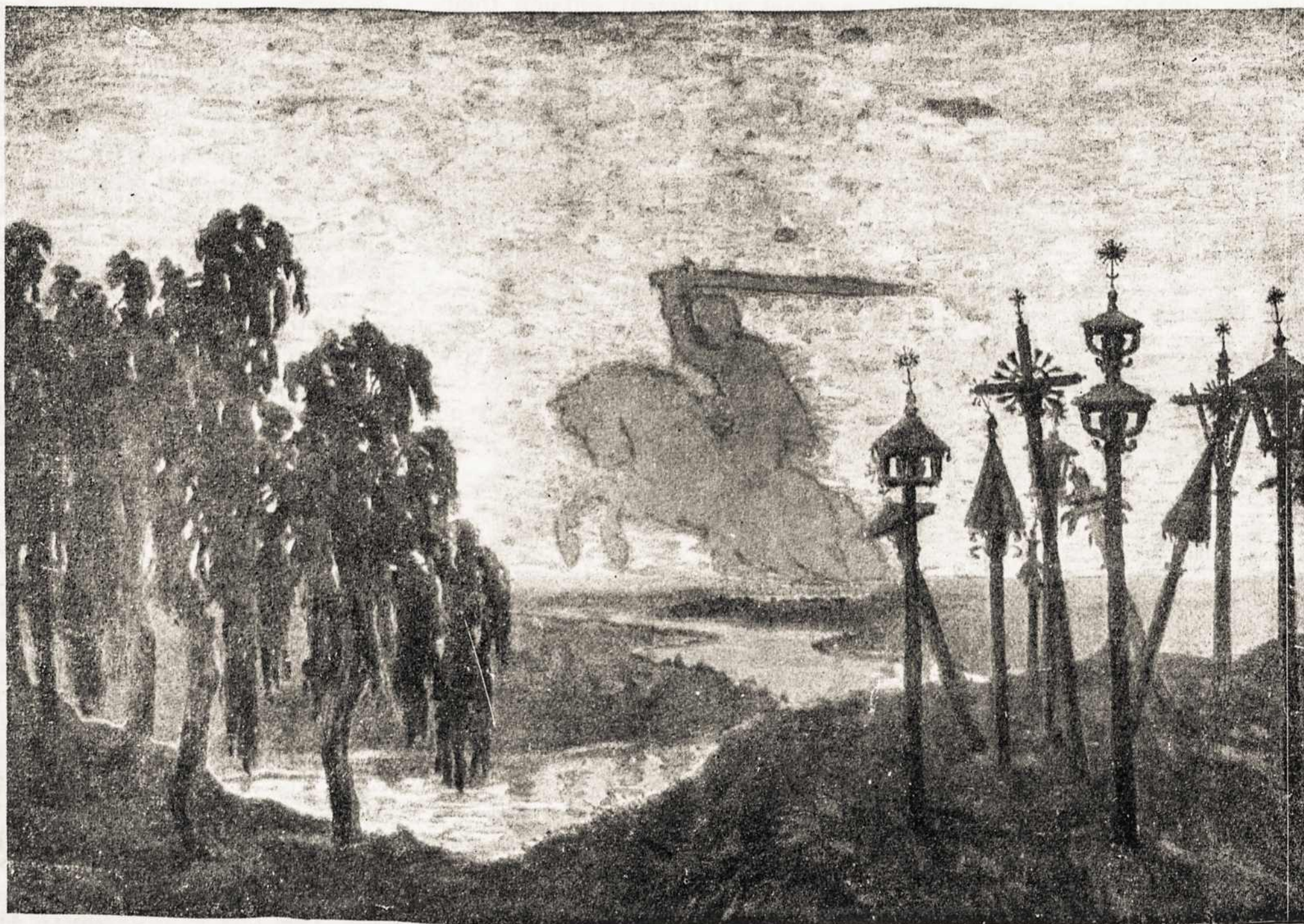
The Secret Security Organization the NKGB also became involved for "the purge".

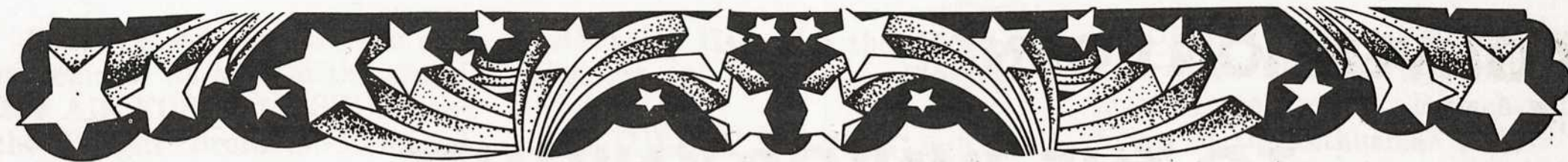
The mass arrests started on June 14-15, 1941. Under cover of darkness and between the hours of 1 AM - 4 AM, Soviet agents and the military roused the victims from their beds. One-half hour to pack some belongings was all the time the terrified people had to

contemplate their fate. All age and career groups were represented. The plan went smoothly and Lithuania met the dawn in terror.

Bidding farewell to their homes, families, many separated from each other, were transported to railway stations and loaded like animals into the windowless freight cars. Although there was barely room for twenty bodies, the cars were packed with 50-60 persons. No food nor water was provided. Hundreds did not survive the long journey into the depths of Russia.

These first Deportations in 1941 must remain before the conscience of the world as the first premeditated crime against the Lithuanian nation by the Soviets. This Act has gone down in history as the Terrible June Days.





## CAN WE WAVE THE FLAG TOO MUCH?

By SIDNEY L. DeLOVE

★ Is it possible to wave the flag too much? Provided, of course, that you wave it with integrity? Is it possible to study Lincoln or Shakespeare too much? Is it possible to read the Bible too much?

★ The great, the good, the true, are inexhaustible for inspiration, example and strength. I believe that we are not waving our flag enough, not nearly enough.

★ It seems to me that we are developing a tendency to be timid or even apologetic about waving the Stars and Stripes. Walk up and down the streets on July 4 and count the flags. It is our nation's birthday, a sacred day in world history, the most important day of America. Why isn't the flag flying on every rooftop and from every home and building? This complacent attitude is strong evidence of cancerous patriotic decay. The flag is a symbol of our national unity. It is the spirit of our undying devotion to our country. It stands for the best that is in us . . . for loyalty, character, and faith in democracy.

★ Isn't our flag a synonym of the United States of America? Does it not represent man's greatest, noblest, most sublime dream? Is it not the zenith of achievement, the



★ *The reply of S. L. DeLove on the Know Your History Hour, December 30, 1956, to a listener who wrote as follows: "Your programs are wonderful—but you are waving the flag too much." His reply, presented on this page, is reprinted and narrated annually in hundreds of national magazines, newspapers and radio stations, and is a part of the Congressional Record. Dr. DeLove is the author of The Quiet Betrayal and president of Independence Hall of Chicago.*

goal to which generations have aspired?

★ I believe it is time for us . . . for the mad, rushing Twentieth Century American . . . to stop for a moment and think. Let us arrest our near reverential admiration of material success and return to the spiritual and ethical values. Let us imbue and rekindle in ourselves and our children the so-called old-fashioned way of patriotism, a burning devo-

tion to the principles and ideals upon which our country was founded.

★ Should not every home own and proudly display the colors on holidays and other such occasions? Isn't the flag Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Nathan Hale, Gettysburg and Valley Forge, Paul Revere, Jackson and other great men and women who have given us our heritage. When you look at the flag can't you see the Alamo, Corregidor, Pearl Harbor, The Monitor and The Merrimac? Lest we forget, isn't the flag Flanders Field, Bataan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Babe Ruth and Davy Crockett? The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag.

★ It is a symbol of this blessed nation, a giant in industry, education and commerce. Millions of fertile square miles, wheatlands, coal mines, steel plants. Our great republic, the chosen infant destined to be man's last remaining hope for suffering humanity, a shining beacon of light, noble and glorious, the haven for the oppressed and persecuted and truly God's gift to mankind.

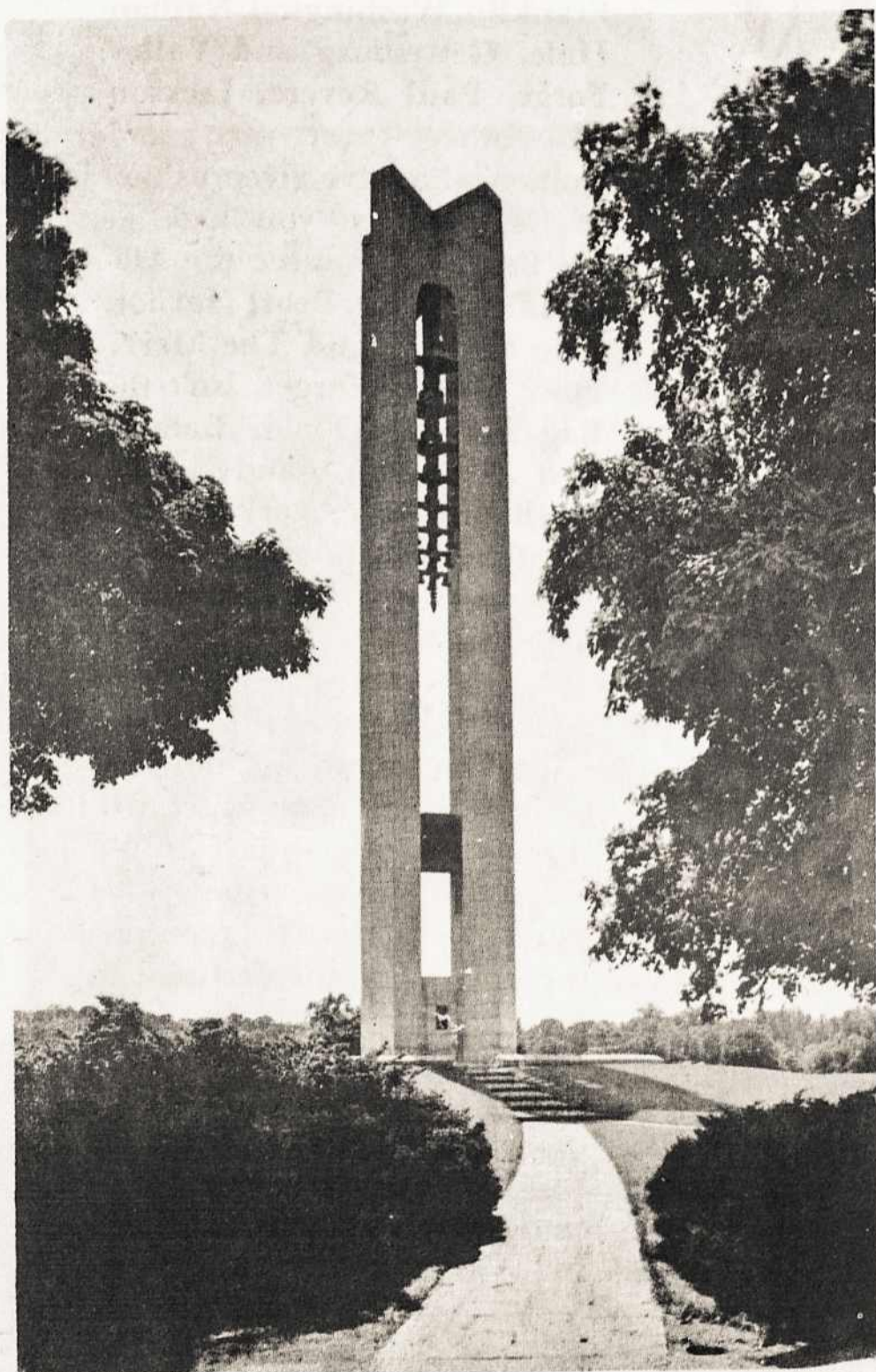
★ That is what the flag means to me. Can we wave it too much? I don't think so.

## CONVENTION CORNER

# TO THE JUNIOR KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Just a "Thumb Nail Sketch" of the plans we have formulated for you!..

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, August 25th, for you 'Early Birds' we've planned an informal "get-to-know-each-other" Sock Party to be held at the home of Mrs. Ada Sinkwitz. We are planning to have 'live' music for you. Come and share a fun evening with us!



*Carillon Park*

THURSDAY, August 26th, meet early and head out to MacDonald's for a guided tour by C-96's co-Junior Advisor, Jerry Podoyak. At the end of the tour, compliments of MacDonald's, a free lunch. From there a short jaunt to Carillon Park where we will step back into the past when Dayton was young. You will see one of the first log homes in Dayton, A Grist Mill, and an early time Fire Wagon. We'll go through an original covered bridge, see all the parts that go into a cash register, and much more.

If time allows we'll stop at the Dayton Convention Center to see the Aviation Hall of Fame. This is across the street from the hotel.

THURSDAY EVENING will be spent at the Eintracht Park. You will be joining ALL the Knights for 'Pioneer Night'. Music, food, fun and surprise! Informality is the name of the day. If you have any old-fashioned clothes, they would be fun to wear for "Pioneer Night".



*The Pioneer Home*

**FRIDAY** we'll explore the only museum of its kind in the world, The AIR FORCE MUSEUM, and the Wright Brothers Memorial. Lunch will be a cook-out at beautiful Huffman Dam. (In case of rain - we'll party at Holy Cross Church Hall). While the food is being set up there will be sports activities planned, not for competition but for all of you to become better acquainted. Those who don't care for sports, can sit and visit! Informal wear is right in line for this part of the day.

The evening will be spent at the

Lithuanian Hall with the conventioners at Dayton's Cultural Night.

**SATURDAY MORNING** will be YOUR formal meeting at the hotel. Mrs. Albert Drukteinis will be your guest speaker at the meeting. You will be on your own for lunch. For the afternoon you are asked to attend the regular convention session or spend it as free time.

You will be attending the semi-formal Grand Banquet and Ball at the Hotel Saturday evening. There will be tables set aside for the Junior Knights.

**SUNDAY** - Mass at Holy Cross Church at 10 A.M. We shall all march in as one unit. Brunch will follow at the Lithuanian Hall.

Our Junior Knights of C-96 are very anxious to meet all of you. Most of their plans for the year are thinking of ways to make all of you feel at home in Dayton. Things to keep in mind - plan to participate in every thing... this is how many of us became friends with your parents - bring ideas with you on what makes your council 'Tick'. Share ideas! Questions? Write Junior Committee chairmen - or Junior council committeemen.



*United States Air Force Museum*

## OUR JUNIORS GREET YOU...



Front Row: Irene Gečas, Ann August, Michael Lastoskis.

Second Row: Marilyn Lastoskis, Elena Mikalauskas, Annamarie Sluzas, Tom Petkus, Veda Gečas.

Back Row: Walter Lastoskis, Jr., Rita Gečas, Kathy Sinkwitz, Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, Tom Rastikis.



Officers of the Juniors: Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, President; Kathy Sinkwitz, "Vytis" Correspondent: (They are working directly with the regular council committee in preparing the Junior Knights activities for the convention); Rita Gečas, Vice-President; Tom Rastikis, Sgt-at-Arms; Veda Gečas, Secretary.

## AND SO DO OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Other Committee members...

Left to right across: Raymond Steinbrunner and his wife, Mildred: This is their first opportunity to be a part of a national convention committee and they aim to please. Aldona Ryan, a very hard working Cultural Chairman not only for the council but on a national scope also. Joe Ryan a most enthused Knight and Aldona's best support in her many projects.



Up and down left: Frank and Karolyn Ambrose. They are the co-chairmen of the Grand Banquet and Ball. Karolyn is also manager of the parish 'Vėjeliai Dancers'. You all know Frank.

Up and down right: Jerry and Teri Scott. They are also on the Saturday night Semi-Formal committee and anxious to have plans go well for you.



Left to right: Diane and Joan Kavalauskas. Joan is chairman of our 75-76 council bowling league with Diane her best helper. Many of you know Joan and now will have the opportunity to meet her daughter, Diane. Diane is one of our 'singles' and looking forward to her first national convention. Joan is one of our best women bowlers. Donna Jean Scott and behind her, her husband Mike.





Left to right: Sally Miller, known to many of you and a long time Knight. Sally, council treasurer, volunteered to take on the very responsible job of treasurer for the convention. This will be a first national convention for Connie and Jack Zilinkas and they are looking forward to meeting all of you.

Old hands at working on convention committees are Bea Noreikas and Eloise Berczelly. In the back is John J. Berczelly, Eloise's best backer upper.



Bottom row: Stephanie Rastikis, Elena Zukaitis, Janina Bucmys. They will be helping during the sessions.

Back row: Joseph Gečas and Ildephonsas Bucmys. A first convention committee for all.



More of our 'Jet Set' and 'singles' - Chris Mantz, Richard Noreikas and Susan Mantz. Chris and Sue will do double duty helping with the Juniors and seeing that everything is running smoothly at the hotel. Richard will be busy on the Pioneer Night committee.



Front row: Joyce Berczelly, Patty Dutcher Noreikas, John A. Berczelly, our dear friend, Mike Harley Karns, Eleanor Mantz, Dennis Noreikas. This is a first for all except Eleanor to be a part of a national convention. Eleanor is on the Pioneer Night committee while our 'jet set' is on the Saturday night committee. Harley has also volunteered to help us with some of our Junior programs. Harley a staunch K of L supporter, has been busy reading all he can on Lithuania and its people so he can get to know us better.



Eugenia Gečas and Eileen Wilemaitis. They are ready and willing to help you with any problem that may arise.



**REMEMBER THE DATES**  
**AUGUST 26 - 27 - 28 - 29**

**MEET****LORETTA STUKAS****CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

Only rarely does the Knights of Lithuania experience the impact of a member as vital and dedicated as Loretta Kassel Stukas, candidate for Honorary Membership. As Loretta Kassel, she devoted her many talents to Council 36, the Illinois-Indiana District and the Supreme Council from 1952 to 1964. In 1964, as Loretta Stukas, she transferred her membership and creative energies to C-29 Newark, and the then New York-New Jersey District (Now the Mid-Atlantic District).

After joining the organization in 1952, it was but six short years before Loretta Kassel made her first commitment to the National level. Elected as National Recording Secretary in 1958, she held that post until 1961. From 1961 to 1964, Loretta served the K of L Scholarship Committee as its Secretary. During this first K of L period of her life, she also served on the National Constitution Committee from 1959-1961 and on the Golden Jubilee Committee from 1959 to 1963.

One of the most important aspects of National participation is involvement in the annual National Convention. As part of her continuing commitment to the growth of the K of L, Loretta served as a member of the Convention Greetings Committee in 1957, as Convention Secretary in 1958, as part of the Convention Host Committee in 1956 and 1964, as her council delegate for five years, and as a Supreme Council delegate for three years.

Apart from her outstanding service to the National Organization during these years, Loretta is probably most closely associated with the responsibility which



brought her monthly into the hands and homes of each member. It was in 1961, along with her other duties, that Loretta Kassel was appointed VYTIS editor for the first time. The job of Editor, involving the complex skills of layout, copy editing, writing and management, was carried out skillfully, bringing the work, policies and growth of the organization into the lives of each individual member. In 1963, Loretta resigned her position as Editor-in-Chief and assumed the position of Associate Editor for one year, up until the time of her marriage and move to New Jersey.

In addition to her National duties during her Chicago years, Loretta also found herself an active member of the Illinois-Indiana District. As District Membership Vice-president in 1963 and 1964, she helped to reorganize Councils 13 and 14. In addition Loretta served on countless committees including the Registration Committee for the

1956 National Convention and as committee member for many District Picnics as well as for several Mid-West Bowling Tournaments. Loretta was also active as a member of the District Juniors Committee, and as Ill.-Ind. VYTIS Correspondent.

Loretta has always welcomed responsibility as part of her on-going commitment to the K of L, and as a result, she served as chairman for varied District activities such as "Lithuania' 1960", the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet in 1961 and 1964, and as Cultural Chairman for the 1964 National Convention. As part of her regard for the importance of Lithuanian Culture, Loretta also helped re-organize the Illinois-Indiana District Choir and participated as an active member for four years. Part of this participation included the chairmanship of the District Choir record in 1962.

A major activity of the Illinois-Indiana District has been its bowling socials, several of which were chaired by Loretta. During this time, she remained an active member of the District bowling league. In addition, Loretta Kassel served her District as K of L Building Trustee for one year.

Loretta's Chicago years also reflect a deep devotion to the activities of Council 36, which she helped to reorganize. As a council member, she was Recording Secretary for four years, Financial Secretary for three years and Chairman of both the Lithuanian Affairs and Lithuanian Cultural Committees. It was as a member of Council 36 that Loretta received her Fourth Degree in 1962, at the 49th National Convention in Newark.

Loretta's varied talents also contributed to her successful chairmanship of a variety of dance committees, the Parish Memorial Committee, and St. Casimir's Day activities. She was also active as the C-36 VYTIS correspondent, and as a part of the council's Lithuanian classes committee.

An impressive enough record for any K of L member, Loretta was just about to begin her second K of L lifetime as Loretta Stukas.

Since she transferred her membership to C-29, Newark, Loretta has remained active in Council, District and National activities.

From 1964 to 1970, Loretta Stukas was an active member of the VYTIS staff. In 1970, she was once again called upon to resume her editorship of VYTIS, a position she has retained to the present time.

In helping to expand the horizon of the organization, Loretta Stukas helped to organize and attend K of L excursions to Itali in 1970, South America in 1972, and Europe in 1974.

Her ongoing concern for the effectiveness of National Conventions has also seen her continuing her participation as a member of the Convention Resolutions Committee for the last six years, as a member of the Mid-Atlantic District Host Committee in 1969 and 1975, as District Delegate for four years and as Council Delegate for five years.

In addition, Loretta has served as a member of the National AD HOC Committee for Membership in Pennsylvania, and as a result, assisted in the re-organization of C-74, Scranton, Pa. As part of this work, Loretta was also the motivating force behind the publication of the current Membership Brochure.

Loretta's adopted District has also been the beneficiary of her devotion to the K of L. She served as District Treasurer from 1969 to 1974, and acted as a member of the District By-Laws Committee. Loretta has also assisted in the work of the Mid-Atlantic District

Cultural Committee and served on the District Ritual Committee.

The geography of the District often requires bus trips to bring members together, and Loretta has organized trips to Amsterdam NY and Philadelphia, Pa. She was also part of the MAD Communion Breakfast Committee in 1973.

Two recent District sponsored National Conventions have felt the influence of Loretta's talent and hard work. In 1969, the National Convention saw Loretta Stukas as Press Secretary, Ad Book Chairman, Cultural Evening Chairman, and General Arrangements Committee member. In 1975, Loretta was a member of the Host Committee, Cultural Night Committee, Banquet Committee, Public Relations Committee, General Planning Committee and Ad Book Chairman.

As part of C-29, Loretta has been Assistant Lithuanian Affairs Chairman from 1971 to 1974, and has been Chairman or Committee member for numerous other activities. She worked as Ad book chairman for C-29's 50th Anniversary in 1965, worked in sponsoring the PERKŪNAS Choir Concert, and has been part of the Dinner-Dance Committee as well as other Reception Committees.

Apart from her active life in the K of L, Loretta is a well-known member of the Lithuanian-American Community both in Chicago and in the New York - New Jersey Metropolitan area. Loretta has worked on publicity committees for the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago, as well as for the Dainų and Šokių Šventė activities. Chicago years saw Loretta Kassel as an active member of the Alice Stephens Singers.

In New Jersey, Loretta resumed her musical activities as member and president of the "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble, as a member of the "Žibuoklės" Women's set and as member and organizer of the "Vilija" Quartet.

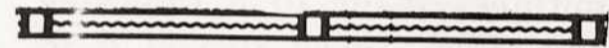
Loretta has also participated in numerous parish activities, serves as English Editor of MUZIČIOS

ŽINIOS and as an active committee member for "Memories of Lithuania" Radio activities.

Professionally, Loretta Stukas is a mathematician, employed as a computer programmer on the technical staff of Bell Laboratories. In her private life, she is the wife of Dr. Jack Stukas, Seton Hall Professor and director of the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour in New York.

Indeed, the K of L should count itself fortunate to have in its ranks such a dynamic and multifaceted member as Loretta Stukas. Few can equal her outstanding continuing record reflecting her two remarkable K of L lifetimes.

M. Skabeikis



## We get Letters . . .

Dear Mrs. Stukas:

I have read the March issue of VYTIS, and wish to thank you for the treatment you gave my story. I like its layout, and the illustrations are powerfully meaningful and go very, very well, enhancing my work - and I appreciate all six of them. Thank you, also, for the note at the end, which is exactly how the story came to be written. I am very happy with everything about the story in VYTIS.

I read all the articles, of course, and again congratulate you on a fine magazine. It is not only informative, but significant in its literary quality and content, inspirational, and extremely successful in the importance it conveys about Lithuania and the Lithuanian heritage. For all these reasons, I am proud to be in VYTIS, and I hope my story contributes by helping your readers "feel" our little country across the sea.

Keep up the good work, with your usual high standards.

Sincerely,  
"Žalia Rūta"

# MEET

## RITA PINKUS

### CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

At the heart and soul of the Knights of Lithuania are members on every level who live its motto, "For God and Country". For these true sons and daughters of Lithuania, no job is too tedious, too difficult or too impossible to handle. Whether at the level of local council activity, or as part of a commitment made to a Supreme Council office, these special K of L's can be found devoting their time, energy and talents. Just such a member is Rita Pinkus; candidate for Honorary Membership.

After joining Council 26 in 1950, her ensuing years marked her rapid rise from First Degree in 1951 to Fourth Degree, awarded in 1960 at the 49th National Convention held in Worcester, Mass. From her days as a new member until the present, her personal K of L history records a deep and often simultaneous commitment to the Council, District and National levels.

Rita Pinkus has never avoided the hard work involved in a National office and its attendant responsibilities. In her twenty-six years of membership, she has served eight terms as National Financial Secretary, one term as Public Relations Chairman, and eight years as a member of the Supreme Ritual Committee, serving as its Chairman three times. Rita currently holds office as National Treasurer, a post she has held for three terms in the past.

This outstanding record of continuing National service did not prevent her from engaging in activities outside the scope of her office. In 1966, Rita Pinkus was awarded a Commendation for long and devoted service in the cause of



Lithuania's fight for freedom at the 53rd National Convention in Worcester. Previously, Rita had been recognized for her contributions to the work of Lithuanian Affairs Committee by being awarded membership in the Hundred Letter Club in 1959.

While serving as a National Officer, Rita somehow found opportunities to actively participate in the affairs of the New England District, again proving she is a woman of many talents. Rita has served the NED as its Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Sports Co-chairman, and is currently Membership Vice President for the District. As part of her commitment to membership in her District, Rita participated in the reorganization of the Lawrence, Massachusetts council.

A major part of our organization's effectiveness is brought about in fostering cooperation and communication between District and National levels. In upholding this commitment, Rita has served as District Delegate to National Conventions in Pittsburgh, Pa., Los Angeles, Calif. and Chicago,

Ill. In addition, Rita has served as Registration Chairman for the NED-sponsored 58th National Convention in Kennebunkport, Maine in 1971.

To show her support of District-wide activities, Rita has worked as an integral part of the NED Cultural Picnic for the last four years. She served as Picnic Treasurer in 1973.

The truest test of any member's dedication, however is the commitment made to the working unit of the K of L, the council. While many members have been content to let their National and District activities supersede their contact with their local councils, Rita Pinkus has contributed her apparently limitless time and energy to Council 26 - Worcester.

Since joining the council in 1950, Rita served as its Treasurer from 1953 to 1961, resuming that office again from 1967 to 1970. During this time, she also served a term as Council 1st Vice-president in 1967. Again reflecting her national service, Rita has served as a member of her council Ritual Committee from 1955-1959, and as Financial Secretary in 1971 and from 1974 to the present date. In addition to this extraordinary record, Rita also participated as a member of the C-26 Lithuanian Affairs Committee from 1959 to 1974 serving as its Chairman in 1966. Recognizing the importance of culture, Rita has been Chairman of the Drama Library.

Significantly, a characteristic of her multilevel commitment can again be seen by reviewing the council records. For more than fifteen years, Rita has served as Council delegate to NED Conventions.

When Worcester accepted the National Convention in 1960 and again in 1966, Rita Pinkus again evidenced the support. As Treasurer and Banquet Co-Chairman in 1960, and as Co-Chairman of Registration in 1966, Rita showed her commitment to cooperation between Council and National levels.

On a different note, Rita has been involved in many of the religious and social activities which are the lifeblood of any council. From 1952 to the present, Rita has been active on committees for Communion breakfasts, St. Ca-

simir's Day celebrations and Mother's Day Masses. Rita has been part of innumerable committees for picnics, testimonials, clam bakes, Christmas parties and whist parties. During this period of activity, Rita also found time to serve as Junior Counselor.

Beyond her K of L activities, Rita has also found time to devote to her parish, St. Casimir's, as a member and president of the Mothers' Guild, as a Girl Scout leader, as a member of the Sisters' Auxiliary and as a choir member for more than twenty years. Amazingly, Rita has also found the

opportunity to work for the Lithuanian Charitable Society, Inc., and the Lithuanian War Veterans Auxiliary.

Indeed, one would be hard pressed to find an aspect of the Knights of Lithuania which has not felt the influence of the many talents of Rita Pinkus. By conferring upon her the status of Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania, we are but seconding the honor she has given all of us by her devoted and continued loyalty to God and Country.

M. Skabeikis



## OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

### OFFICIAL NEWS



#### CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were approved by the Supreme Council to be presented to the National Convention. Please discuss them in your council and send your delegates to the convention prepared to vote on them according to your council's will.

1. WHEREAS the needs and activities of Junior Councils in different Districts vary greatly in their scope,

BE IT RESOLVED that the age limit to which a Junior member of the Knights of Lithuania may remain a member of a Junior Council be extended to eighteen years of age. The option to join or transfer membership to a regular council at the age of sixteen will continue to be reserved to the judgement of the individual Junior. This resolution would effectively change the constitution in Article V, section 3.a. to read "...not yet reached 18 years of age".

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the spouse of a subscribing member remain exempt from dues, except in the following instances:

1. The spouse of an Honorary Member will be considered as a non-subscribing member and pay half dues.

2. The spouse of a Lifetime Member will also be considered a non-subscribing member and pay half dues.

Other family members living in the household will continue to be considered non-subscribing members and pay half dues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, Article VI be amended to

reflect this clarification, and that references to "husband" and "wife" in VI 3. and VI 4. be changed to "subscribing member - spouse" and "spouse", resp.

#### K OF L SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The following donations to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund were received since Dec. 1, 1975:

Mid-Atlantic District	\$50.00
Stasys Balsys, C-41	3.00
Juozas B. Laucka, C-41	3.00
Council 25, Cleveland	50.00
Helen V. Kulber, C-41	
(in memory of Dr. Vaclovas Paprockas)	10.00

A. J. Mazeika, Treas.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in  
your prayers ...

**MICHAEL PETKUS**  
Member C-96  
Dayton, Ohio  
died Apr. 25, 1976

# MEMBERSHIP...



June 30th marks the end of the 1976 K of L Membership Drive. Winners will be selected and announced at the National Convention in Dayton. The Awards again will be for: 100% Paid up Status, largest percentage of increase in membership over last year's total per council, and for individuals who have accumulated the most points through enrolling new members to the K of L. In this last category, the three highest totals will be the winners. 10 points are earned for each new K of L enrolled and 5 points for each rejoined member.

At this time, let me remind you all that even after the deadline has passed, your council can still show an increase in membership totals when the annual report is published for the National Convention from the Financial Secretary's records. Therefore there should be no letup in your membership campaigns after June 30.

The organization as a whole extends its appreciation to all who have worked in the area of membership whether on the Council or District levels.

**IMPORTANT:** All District Ad Hoc Membership Committees for 1976 which were mandated by Resolution at the 62nd National Convention should submit their reports to the II National Vice President by mid-July at the latest so that they can be included in the report to the membership at the National Convention.

Philip Skabeikis  
2nd Vice President,  
Membership

# K OF L CONVENTION PROJECT

# FLASH FLASH

## 1976

At the April Supreme Council Meeting at Dayton, Ohio, it was decided to set up a SELF-EVALUATION PROJECT for the 63rd Annual Convention, in order to take a hard, sharp look at Knights of Lithuania activities. The main ingredient would be INPUT from individual K of L members. The Supreme Council would be a funnel to channel this input to the Convention, where the official delegates would discuss, make plans and vote on the most pressing matters presented.

Just think what this means!

You, the individual member, is given an opportunity to have your say in Convention discussions and planning.

"How?", you say.

I thought you would never ask.

Simple. By your thoughtful participation in the opinion survey on the three following pages.

Here's how:

1. Carefully remove the insert from the middle of your "Vytis". Familiarize yourself with the topics.
2. Think about each one for no more than three minutes. Of course, you may take an hour, if you like.
3. Begin your statement for each topic with one of these STARTERS: A. My comment is... or B. My question is... or C. My suggestion is...
4. Then, legibly, write down YOUR INPUT. You may use all three STARTERS for three statements or use just one. But, please, limit YOUR INPUT to the spaces provided. If you have no reaction to any particular topic, simply pass on to the next one. You do not have to sign the survey sheet.
5. When you have finished giving an hour (or even 36 minutes) of your time: (three minutes times twelve items), you will have submitted to the Convention up to 3 dozen comments, and/or questions and/or suggestions. Your generous effort in time and thought will not have cost you one thin dime.

Ooops, sorry about that.

It will cost you thirteen cents, because your INPUT will do no good lying on your desk; you will have to mail the survey to:

Convention Project - 1976  
 c/c Mr. Anthony Miner  
 49 Bruce Street  
 Grafton, Mass. 01519

All members are urged to participate in CONVENTION PROJECT - 1976, especially those who are in any way "officials", such as officers and committee chairpersons on national, district and local council levels. We would like to receive a reply from each and every K of L member.

The deadline for returning your INPUT is JULY 15, 1976.



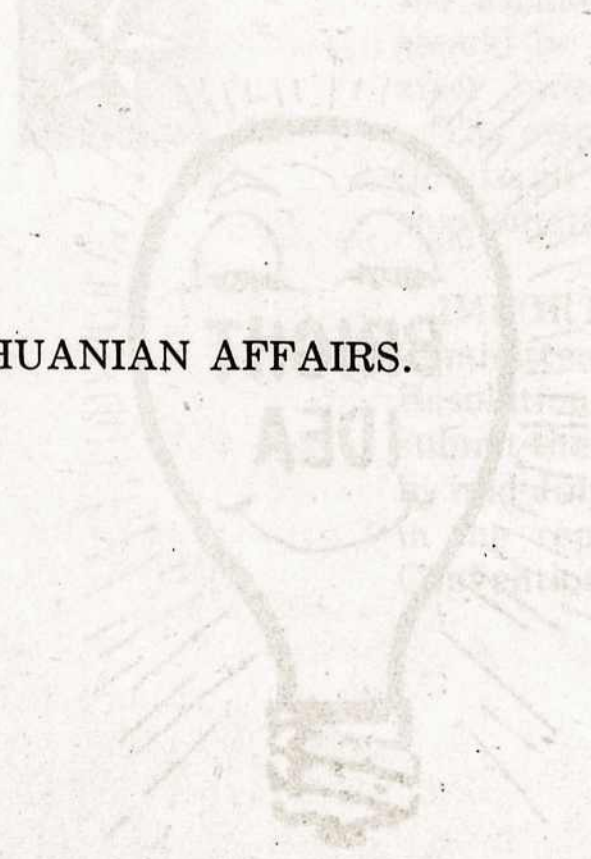
# K OF L CONVENTION PROJECT - 1976

## 1. MEMBERSHIP. (Junior, Regular, Senior, Honorary)

## 2. FINANCES. (Dues, income, expenditures)

## 3. RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

## 4. LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS.





5. LITHUANIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS. (especially, Lietuivybė: learning, speaking Lithuanian)

1911 m. vasarį... Lietuvių kultūrai... Lietuvių kalbos mokymas... Lietuvių literatūros studijos... Lietuvių teatro istorija...

6. RITUAL.

1911 m. vasarį... Lietuvių kultūrai... Lietuvių kalbos mokymas... Lietuvių literatūros studijos... Lietuvių teatro istorija...

7. SCHOLARSHIPS.

1911 m. vasarį... Lietuvių kultūrai... Lietuvių kalbos mokymas... Lietuvių literatūros studijos... Lietuvių teatro istorija...

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS.

1911 m. vasarį... Lietuvių kultūrai... Lietuvių kalbos mokymas... Lietuvių literatūros studijos... Lietuvių teatro istorija...

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ACT... (mirrored text at the bottom of the page)

9. THE "VYTIS"

10. NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

11. LOCAL COUNCILS.

12. TOP PRIORITY. (Your final and most important comment, question or suggestion)

**ACT NOW!**

(Please mail in YOUR INPUT, as soon as you can.)

# STASIO PILKOS ATMINIMUI...

1976 m. vasario mėn. 5 d. Central Community ligoninėje, Čikagoje, mirė Stasys PILKA, Lietuvos Valstybinio Dramos Teatro veteranas - aktorius, režisierius, teatrologas.

Stasys Pilka gimė 1898 m. gegužės 8 d. Petrapily - Rusijoje. Tenai, baigęs šv. Kotrynos gimnaziją sidabro medaliu ir išlaikęs konkursinius egzaminus, buvo priimtas į Imperatorišką Karo Medicinos Akademiją. Bet medicinos nebaigė, o išstojo į Akademinių teatrų dramos mokyklą, J. Jurjevo klasę. Būdamas dramos mokykloje dalyvavo vaidinimuose ir su keliais kitais mokiniais įsteigė "studijinių pastatymų teatrą", pasikviesdami vadovauti režisierių N. V. Petrovą. Po kelių gerų spektaklių visa ši jaunų aktorių grupė buvo priklausta Valstybinio Didžiojo Dramos Teatro. Be to, St. Pilka buvo priimtas aktorium į Mažąjį Dramos teatrą, bet dėl susidėjusių aplinkybių jam ten dirbti neteko.

1920 metais Meno kūrėjų draugija, Kaune, pakvietė Pilką atvykti Lietuvon į organizuojamą dramos teatrą. Atvyko 1921 m. ir pradėjo savo teatrinę karjerą lietuviškam teatre: vaidindamas, režisuodamas ar organizuodamas spektaklius.

1926 m. atvyko Amerikon. Bostone, Clevelande, Brooklyne ir Čikagoje organizavo vaidintojų grupes, režisavo spektaklius, vienu metu dalyvavo Dzimdzi-Drimdzi trupėje. Jis Amerikoje pakėlė to meto vaidintojų meninį, teatrinį supratimą ir paskatino tolimesniems darbams. Pilka per 3 metus surežisavo apie 15 spektaklių.

1929 m. grįžo Lietuvon į Valstybinį Dramos Teatrą ir jame pasiliko iki pasitraukimo Vokietijon 1944 metais.

Valstybiniam Dramos Teatre ne tik vaidino, bet ir režisavo keletą spektaklių. Nesitenkino tik tiesioginėm pareigom, bet dirbo teatrinį darbą plačiau. Nemažai laiko pašventė jaunimui. Režisavo Komercinėje mokykloje, Aušros

gimnazijoje, Kaišiadorių gimnazijoje, Kauno Liaudies ir Šiaulių teatruose.

St. Pilka buvo Dramos Teatro muziejaus steigėjas, vienas iš Ukmergės miesto teatro steigėjų, Valst. Teatro dramos studijos lektorius ir rašė spaudoje teatro klausimais.

Vokietijoje pradėjo lietuvių poetų kūrinių rečitalius ir aplankė nemažą DP stovyklą. Surežisavo Hanau stovyklos vaidintojams "Princesė Turandot".

Amerikon antru kart atvyko 1948 m. ir apsigyveno Čikagoje. Čia suorganizavo Lietuvių Teatrą, pastatė keletą spektaklių, režisavo vaikams spektaklį, lankė lietuvių kolonijas su literatūriniais rečitaliais.

lais, rinko teatrinę medžiagą Teatro Almanachui, plačiai bendradarbiavo spaudoje, rašydamas spektaklių kritikas, apie teatrą ar teatro žmones. Pasirašinėdavo St. Meringis ar St. Aukštaitis.

Per savo šakotą ir įvairią teatrinio gyvenimo karjerą yra suvaidinęs per 200 vaidmenų, surežisavęs apie 50 spektaklių ir atlikęs apie 60 rečitalių, neminint daugybės idomių ir vertingų straipsnių mūsų periodikoje Lietuvoje ir už jos ribų. Poezija jam nebuvo svetima - patsai yra rašęs ir vertęs iš svetimų kalbų eilėraščius.

St. Pilkos asmenyje lietuvių visuomenė nustojo didelio teatro-kultūrininko.

Vitalis P. Žukauskas



STASYS PILKA - BARONAS MONRIŠARDAS  
POLICIJOS PREFEKTA, SCRIBE KOMEDIJA  
"MOTERŲ DVIKOVA"  
ST. PILKOS REŽISŪRA KAUNO TEATRE  
1944 METAIS

## CELEBRATE BALZEKAS MUSEUM 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT RITZ CARLTON

Ethnic flavor was added to a Bicentennial celebration when Chicago's Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture held its annual awards banquet at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

The banquet, which honored Daniel M. MacMaster, President of the Museum of Science and Industry, as the museum's "American of the Year", combined a salute to the Bicentennial with a pre-birthday party for the museum itself.

The museum has been helping visitors understand Lithuanian literature, history, language, fine and folk art, music, costumes and customs ever since June, 1966. This year attendance is expected to reach 300,000.

The honoree has been director of the Science Museum since 1951 and president since 1968. The museum award was presented to MacMaster by Josephine J. Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania. In introducing him, Stanley Balzekas Jr., museum founder, spoke of the "valuable assistance, advice and help" MacMaster gave in the early days of organization.

"When we started planning the museum, ethnic activities were talked about but not much was really accomplished", said Balzekas. "However, there were a number of far-sighted Chicago leaders who were willing to help. Among them were Daniel MacMaster, Mrs. Dauzvardis, Clement Silvestro (Chicago Historical Society), Commissioner George Dunne (President Cook County Board), Ralph Newman (President of Chicago Public Library Board), and Frank Zapolis (Director of the Knights of Lithuania Dance Group).

"Since then, many people... have worked continuously to give Chicago one of the best ethnic museums in the country".

Today, said Balzekas, the museum has 24 departments with extensive collections of amber and armor, a library, archives, workshops and traveling exhibits. It offers classes in everything from needlepoint to Easter Egg decoration, has a constantly changing schedule of art exhibits, educational and cultural programs, and social events such as picnics, dinner dances and receptions.

It has an active women's guild, headed by Margi Mankus, which visits other museums and works with other ethnic groups.

Photos in the banquet's souvenir program book depicted the wide variety of assignments handled by

the museum's many volunteers. The program's handsome blue and silver cover, designed by Ed Mankus, was a photo art reproduction of one of a series of postage stamps issued during the final days of Lithuania's independence. It showed a Liberty Bell, similar to the Famed American bell, which Lithuanian Americans had presented to their fatherland.

In a wire to Balzekas, read during the banquet program, Mayor Daley called the Balzekas Museum "one of the great cultural assets of Chicago".

"It is most appropriate that on the occasion of the museum's tenth anniversary its friends are honoring Daniel MacMaster who heads another great institution, the world-famous Museum of Science and Industry.

"I join with you in saluting Dan MacMaster. You and everyone who supports the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture have my highest admiration and best wishes for the future".



Pictured from left, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Mrs. Daniel M. MacMaster, Daniel MacMaster, the Honorable Josephine J. Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, Chicago, and unidentified guest. They are shown with the beautiful silver tray presented to Mr. MacMaster who was named "American of the Year".

## K OF L CALENDAR

### JUNE

4-5-6 3rd Annual "WORLD A'FAIR", Dayton Convention Center  
Dayton, Ohio

17 Supreme Council DAY OF PRAYER FOR LITHUANIA  
(to be celebrated in your own church, wherever you are)

26-27-28 NED RETREAT, Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me.

### JULY

4 IID ANNUAL PICNIC, K of L Building and Garden, Chicago, Ill.

### AUGUST

1 NED FAMILY "PICKNICK", Hind's Pond, Lithuanian Grove,  
Gardner, Mass.

7 MAD Attends the EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, Philadelphia, Pa.

25-29 63rd NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Stouffers Dayton Plaza  
Hotel, Dayton, Ohio, C-96, Dayton, Hosts.

### SEPTEMBER

26 NED FALL CONVENTION, St. Anthony Church, Ansonia, Conn.,  
C-135, Ansonia, Hosts

### OCTOBER

3 NED "FESTIVAL" (formerly called the Cultural Picnic)  
Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

9 C-29, Newark DINNER-DANCE,  
Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.

### NOVEMBER

20 C-17, So. Boston, "NOVEMBERFEST", So. Boston Lithuanian  
Citizens' Club, South Boston, Mass.

### DECEMBER

12 NED TELEVISION MASS, Channel 7, WNAC, RKO Gen. Bldg.,  
Boston, Mass.

# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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## ILLINOIS-INDIANA

### DISTRICT



## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The St. Casimir's Day celebration was held Mar. 7 at the Immaculate Conception Church, hosted by C-36 members. Mass concelebrants were Bishop V. Brizgys, Fr. P. Juknevicius, and Fr. Kereilis. Communion gifts were offered by C-36 Pres. Sabina Klatt and C-112 Pres. Al Mockus. The Cardinal Mundelein Council of the K of C presented the color guard.

Brunch was served at the K of L Bldg. with over 150 people in attendance. Seated at the head table were Dave Gaides, Fr. Juknevicius, Sabina Klatt, Al Mockus, C-82 Pres. Millie Jagiella, Ruth Dagis (Dist. Rituals), Sr.'s Pres. Ignas Sakalas, Speaker for the program - Alexander Pakalniskis, Sr., Chairperson Irene Norushis, and Vince Samaska.

Award recipients were two very deserving gentlemen, Jerome Jankus and Napoleon Sapkus, who received cuff links and a tie bar with the K of L emblem.

Fourth Degrees were presented to Emilija & Alexander Pakalniskis and Gediminas Janula. Recipients of the Third Degree were

Alexander Pakalniskis, Jr., Adeline Jasaitis, and Sally Chernius.

The audience enjoyed the recitation of the poem on St. Casimir and the K of L written by Antanas Kevezas. Our thanks to all who worked so hard to make this day a memorable occasion.

Our very dear Consul Josephine Dauzvardiene was honored Apr. 4 by the Federation of Lith. Women's Club, Chicago Chapter, as the "Outstanding Lithuanian Person of the Year". The Lietuviu Fondas presented her with a check for \$1,000. Many K of L's attended the banquet held at the Tautiniai Namai. Our sincerest congratulations to a most deserving Person.

Congratulations to the Don Varnas Post which recently celebrated their 30th Anniversary.

Hoosier

C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Sunday March 7, 1976, St. Casimir's Day Commemoration was hosted by the Brighton Park Council 36. A 10:00 Mass was held at the Immaculate Conception Church. Most Reverend Bishop Brizgys was the celebrant of the Mass, assisted by Fr. Paul Juknevicius and Fr. Fabian Kireilis. The Brighton Park Lithuanian choir and Cardinal Mundelein Knights of Columbus were participants.

A banquet style buffet luncheon was held at the K of L Bldg. following the Mass. Dave Gaidas, proprietor of the Gaidas Daimid Funeral Homes, was the Master of Ceremonies. The flowers that made the hall look beautiful were donated by Walter Tenclinger. The buffet table was decorated with the Lithuanian colors of candles and flowers while the head table had the Bicentennial colors. The kugelis was made by Vincent

Samaska which put the finishing touch to the lovely buffet table of a variety of hot and cold food. The buffet table and kitchen help was received from Vincent Samaska, Irene Norushis, Kay Wallunas, Lillian Kodis, Albina Kodis and Inga Blazek. Tony Wallunas was the all around handy-man. Christine and Rudy Stachyra handled the tickets and helped clean up the hall along with the above listed people.

Sabina Klatt presented the award of the year to two wonderful men who never said no to anything asked of them. The two men are Jerome Jankus and Napoleonas Sapkus, who are K of L members and flag carriers for many years. Jerome and Napoleonas also helped clean up the hall. Alex Pakalniskis, Sr. was the guest speaker. Fr. John Plankus took it upon himself to have the pamphlets printed, "St. Casimir The Joyful Light" which were distributed during the 10:00 Mass. Al Dagis was Sgt-At-Arms. This St. Casimir's Day Commemoration was one of the most beautiful and food-filled held in the Illinois-Indiana District. The chairmen was Irene Norushis, co-chairman Vincent Samaska.

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Congratulations to C-36 and Chairlady Irene Norushis on hosting a most successful IID St. Casimir's Day commemoration. Mass was held at the Immaculate Conception Church with His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys concelebrating the Mass and delivering the sermon; and the brunch and program, at the K of L Bldg.

Deserving C-112 members received degrees at the commemo-

ration: 4th degree - Alexander Pakalniskis Sr., Emilija Pakalniskis, and Gediminas Janula; 3rd degree - Adeline Jasaitis and Alexander Pakalniskis Jr. Congratulations to all recipients.

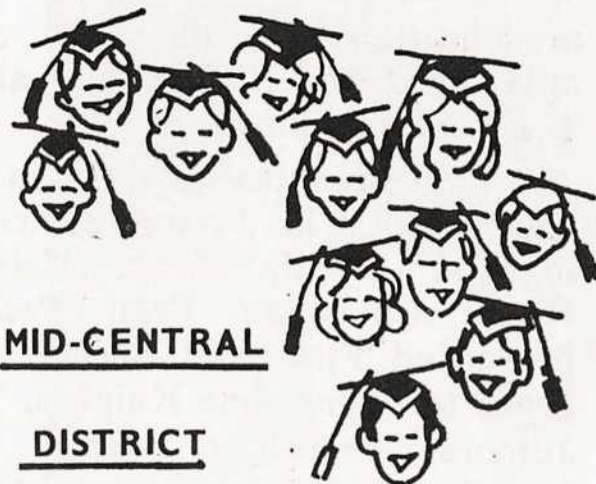
Due to the efforts of IID P.R. lady, Estelle Rogers, our members attend many Lithuanian functions and banquets. Most recently they participated in the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Anniversary Banquet at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel; Holy Cross Hospital's Candlelight Ball; Don Varnas A.L. Post's 30th Anniversary Banquet; and the special dinner honoring our own council member, Josephine Dauzvardis, the Lithuanian Consul General of Chicago, by the Federation of Lithuanian Women's Club. We also attended the premiere performance of the PIRMYN Chorus' recent operetta and enjoyed the festivities following at Sharko's West Restaurant. Hostesses for the pre-cocktail parties were Estelle Rogers and Irene Sankus, resp.

John Evans Jr. and Joan Oksas were Chairmen for the Candlelight Ball and among the committee members were Stanley Molis and Tony Rudis, Jr; Adele Zunas was a committee member for the Balzekas Dinner; and John G. Evans was M.C. for the Don Varnas dinner. All are members of our council.

Chicago Radio station WAIT honored John "Whitey" Evans as their Man of the Day for his work with the Holy Cross Hospital Guild and his participation in community activities such as pres. of the Marquette Manor Chamber of Commerce, past-pres. Lith. Alliance of America's Men's Lodge 228, vice-pres. Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce, and 4th degree member of the K.C.

Condolences to Angie Svehla and her family on the death of her father, John Pacaliunas.

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### C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

We are happy to welcome two new members to our council - Joan & Jim Thompson. Joan is Alvina Luiza's cousin.

Due to conditions beyond his control, Al Shigo is relinquishing his office of "Sunshine Boy" and Ruth Guzauskas will take over this post.

What do the Karklius' and the Garnis' have in common? Intrusion by the light-fingered! While shopping in one of our large downtown department stores, Helen Garnis had her purse picked ever so lightly while her husband John was standing close by. Alice & Ben Karklius had just left their home for a quick bite to eat, and upon their return, surprised a burglar in their home. As they came in the side door, he went out the front door!

Committee members Betty August and Helen Jakubs did their usual fine work for our Annual Christmas Dinner & Party held at the Lithuanian Hall. We especially enjoyed the Christmas Carol Singing Contest by groups, which were taped unbeknown to the participants, and later played back. Sheer hysteria!

Evelyn & John Andrulis look tanned and happy after their February vacation. They spent two lovely weeks dancing the polka through Hawaii and adjoining Islands while on tour with the Richie Vadna Polka Band. We understand they even did the

polka at the airport during their layover in Chicago.

Hawaii must be THE PLACE. Helen & Bill Jakubs departed on Apr. 10 for their three weeks holiday to the Islands. This was Helen's second trip and Bill's first. ALOHA Mr. & Mrs. Jakubs!

We are happy to report that our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, is well on the road to recovery after his sudden illness on his return flight home from South America. Stay well, Father.

Lady Knights Ruth, Nelda, Alice, Helen, Adele, and Ursula enjoyed themselves immensely at the wedding shower given for Deborah Bias who became the bride of William Bartkus, son of Agnes & Bruno, on Mar. 28. A number of our Knights missed the services due to that NASTY DETOUR, but all made it to the reception and had a great time. It was fun to dance to the music of Eddie Platt again. Congratulations, parents of the groom!

Our council joined forces with the Cleveland Seniors for the Annual St. Casimir's Day Celebration on Mar. 7. The Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was offered for the living and deceased Cleveland Knights. Dinner followed at the Lithuanian Hall. We were happy to have Joe Sadauskas join us. Joe is recovering nicely after his recent illness.

Our Annual Card Party held at OLPH Hall on Mar. 14 was a great success due to the hard work of Chairmen Joanne Shigo and Ruth Guzauskas, and their committee consisting of Alvina & Peter Luiza, Elaine Stempuzis, Al Shigo, Adele Svet, Helen Jakubs, and all the working members of C-25.

Nellie & Al Samas are not only the parents of three lovely daughters, Kathy, Kristy and Lorrie, but in addition to their own beagle Tipper, are the guardians of their daughters' dogs, Sugarbear and Buckwheat. When the doorbell rings, it's a wild, wild place. Oh, the joys of parenthood!

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## C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Aldona Ryan's third cultural reading "The Amber Web" was taken from "The Forest of Anyksiai" by Antanas Baranauskas. Aldona informed us of the success of the Lithuanian exhibit on display at the University of Dayton's Marion Library. These articles were then transferred to the main branch of the Dayton library for a two weeks display in March. Materials for both viewings were contributed by Fr. Walter Katarskis, Mary Lucas, Elinor Sluzas, Joe Gečas, and Aldona's own collection.

Marie Preidis gave us another excellent Lithuanian Affairs report at the March meeting. Laima Rastikis shared with us the reply she received from her letter to Australia's prime minister.

We had a truly memorable St. Casimir's Day weekend celebration on Mar. 6-7. Dr. Jack & Loretta Stukas, C-29 Newark, were our honored guests for the occasion. Aldona Ryan, chairman for the weekend celebration, must be congratulated for the excellent planning which made everything move very smoothly. Aldona, her husband, Joe, and Mary Lucas were Jack and Loretta's escorts and hosts for the two days.

We began with a cocktail reception Saturday evening in the church hall. The gathering was open to Holy Cross Parish and the public. Loretta gave a very inspiring talk encouraging us to let other Lithuanians know of the work we do in the Knights and are continuing to do for the preservation of Lithuania. Jack's talk was enlightening with reminders of Lithuania's history. All who attended the St. Casimir Mass at 10 A.M. Sunday at Holy Cross were very impressed with Jack's homily on the greatness of St. Casimir and a perfect example for all of us to continue to follow. The Mass was truly memorable with the many songs sung to St. Casimir. Our Junior Knight's

presentation of flowers and prayers at the St. Casimir altar was very touching.

A light breakfast followed in the church hall. The Juniors did readings on the life of St. Casimir. Ritual Chairman Fran Petkus presented First and Second Degrees to twenty-one Knights. The Juniors presented Jack and Loretta with gifts to remember us by. With so many of us knowing Jack and Loretta, we can say it was a very relaxing and most enjoyable occasion. Ačiū labai to Aldona and her committee!

The weekend of Mar. 20-21 saw many of us participating in the annual Eucharistic Devotions formerly called the Forty Hours Devotion.

A very warm welcome to our two newest members, Teri Vaitkus and Rick Conrady. We hope they have many active years ahead with the council. Congratulations to Ed Sluzas for his fine performance in "The Crucible", in which he had the lead part in his school play. Many of us had the pleasure of seeing Ed.

Speedy recovery wishes are sent

to Joe Gudelis after he ran into a few health problems. Good to see Polly Pietrzak is doing well after foot surgery. Ada Sinkwitz is also mending after recent surgery. We hope for a speedy recovery for Mike P. Petkus after his operation. To our dear friend in Cleveland, Al Shigo, please hurry and get well. August is not too far off, and we plan to see you then!

Muck luck and happiness to Joe & Sue Noreikas in their new home.

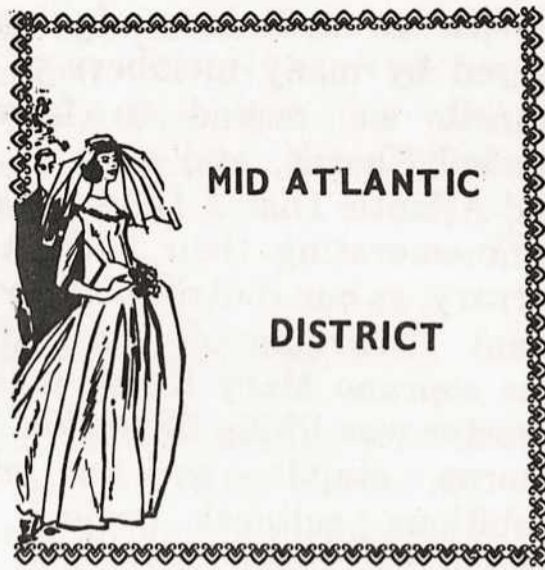
Our deepest sympathies are extended to Al Grushas and his family on the loss of his dear wife, Margie, who was truly an inspiration during her time of illness. Margie had only been a Knight for three years, but in that short time, she did more than her share. She truly loved everything she took part in and enjoyed life. When Margie took on the chore of Lithuanian Affairs with her co-chairman, Alice Petkus, she became dedicated to the project. Her illness forced her to give up the work sooner than she planned. Our prayers are with Margie; we thank her for being a part of us.

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*C-96 Dayton present offering at St. Casimir's altar.*





MID ATLANTIC

DISTRICT

## C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Our council commemorated St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 7 at Our Lady of Vilnius Church with 11 A.M. Mass followed by a delicious brunch in the church hall. Approximately 43 people attended, including our Pastor Emeritus and Spiritual Advisor, Rev. George Gurinkas; the Pastor of Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Rev. Peter Kmita; and the ladies of the Rosary Society. Ellen Muske, one of our oldest members, brought her friend, Julia Gomas, who signed up as our latest, newest member during the brunch. We are happy to welcome Julia into our council. A very enjoyable day was spent by all.

On Mar. 14, Jovita & Joe Sleder, Millie Pietz, Ellen Muske, Julia Gomas, Jim Sabal, Kazimiera & Anthony Yacavonis, and Dist. Officers Jeanne & Larry Janonis, attended the Mid-Atlantic Dist.'s Annual Communion Reception at Mass in honor of St. Casimir at Annunciation Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., with breakfast immediately following. C-41 members hosted about 90 persons at the breakfast, which included Mr. & Mrs. Simas Kudirka. Elena Vaisniene from New Haven, Conn., was the guest speaker, who gave a very interesting talk on the importance of being a "community" and working together for the betterment of all Lithuanians both here and in Lithuania, of helping our senior citizens, our youth, and most of all, communicating with each other.

We were glad to see the delegation from Amsterdam, N.Y., who



*C-12 - Christmas Party - Anna Zindzius, Ellen Muske (oldest C-12 member) and Julia Gomas (newest member)*



*A few of C-12's members attending their annual communion breakfast.*



*C-12 Communion Breakfast - Helen Yorkus, Sec., Heln Matthews, Pres., Millie Pietz, Treas.*

started out at 6 A.M. to get to Brooklyn on time. A business meeting was held in the afternoon, and included a very interesting and comprehensive report with slides by Birute & Vyto Radzivas on the Youth Congress held in South America in Dec. 1975, in which they participated, representing the K of L. Refreshments were served after the meeting, and thanks to the hospitality of C-41, we enjoyed a well planned and meaningful day.

We journeyed to Maspeth en masse for the celebration of the District's 60th Anniversary on Apr. 24. Mass at 6:30 P.M. was celebrated at Transfiguration Church for our intention, followed by a banquet and ball. Loretta Stukas was Mistress of Ceremonies (watch out, Jack!) adding another facet to her many talents. The program included the newly-formed Maspeth C-110 Chorus, and dancing was to the music of Joe Kazlas and his Orchestra. Joe, if you will remember, is the son of a former member of C-12. It was nice to see so many of our friends from the District. We should try to get together more often. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

On June 13 we will be commemorating Rev. George Gurinkas' 50 Golden Jubilee years in our



*C-110, Maspeth - Jr. Marija Stungurys and Jrs. Advisor, Marian Skabeikis offering gifts at Mass in Nat'l costume.*

(Photo J.J. Sidtis)

Lord's service, and his recent retirement as pastor of Our Lady of Vilnius Church. Council members are working together with the Parish Council and the Rosary Society on this affair, - a dinner to be held at the parish hall. Plans are progressing nicely, and hopefully, this will be a day that Father George will always cherish. J.J.

C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

Our council's first (and to become annual) traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve or Kūčios was an unqualified success and an unprecedented event for Transfiguration Parish. Not only did it bring an unusually large attendance at the 11 A.M. Lithuanian Mass, but it brought some 75 Lithuanians together for the recapturing of an authentic Lithuanian Kūčios experience.

Traditional dishes were prepared by our members under the chairmanship of Helen Yocis. Mary Kulis led a sing-along of traditional hymns to the accompaniment of Phil Skabeikis. Our Jrs. presented their three-year-old play-narrative "Christmas Eve in Lithuania" to the delight of all who attended.

Our thanks to our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Jonas Pakalniskis, for his help in getting the event underway.

With an avid love of singing shared by many members of the council, we moved to form a Council Chorus, and sang at the Mid-Atlantic Dist.'s Dinner-Dance commemorating their 60th Anniversary, as our contribution to this event. Chairman of this activity was soprano Mary Kulis; musical director was Philip Skabeikis. The Chorus stands as the most ambitious cultural project our council has undertaken, and will hopefully attract further members to the K of L in Maspeth. At present it holds semi-monthly rehearsals. After the event on Apr. 24, the Chorus may grow in any number of directions.

On Feb. 15, our membership attended the 11 A.M. Lithuanian Mass in observance of Lithuanian Independence Day. On Mar. 7 members observed St. Casimir's Day with united attendance at Mass and Communion with our Juniors. A breakfast followed in the church hall. A brief portrait of St. Casimir was presented by Council Cultural Chmn. Phil Skabeikis.

Sympathy and prayers are extended to Theresa Thomann on the death of her mother, and to Helen Yocis on the recent loss of her sister. Our prayers for a quick recovery go to Kazimieras Straz-



*C-110 Jrs. & Regulars attend Mass.*

(Photo J.J. Sidtis)

das who is now convalescing after his second stroke. Best wishes are extended to S.C. Vice-Pres.'s Marian & Phil Skabeikis who are expecting their first child in August.

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#### C-140 - SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Our March meeting was held at the home of Betty Carnevale with a good turnout of members. It was nice to see Angela Shuman attend her first meeting. She enjoyed herself and I'm sure we'll see much more of Angela. We also had two guests, Helen and Carmella Tellone, mother and daughter, from East Brunswick, N.J. Helen is the sister of Veronica Sutkus and they spent the weekend in Syracuse. They also enjoyed our meeting and the social afterwards.

Our council is an active one, so there was much business transacted at the meeting. Reports were given on the Festival, the Independence Mass and Program, and the St. Casimir Mass held in conjunction with the Polish. On new business, we discussed a Symposium to be held at LeMoyne College titled "Search for Freedom; East European Nations of 1976". This was sponsored jointly by LeMoyne College and the Captive Nation's Council of Onondaga County. One of the six speakers was Professor Algirdas T. Landsbergis from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Frank Petrauskas is co-chairman of the Captive Nation's Council.

We set the dates for our summer picnics, July 11 and Sept. 12, with the handsome Johnson brothers, John and Victor, as chairmen. We hope to have a Lithuanian Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in September or October if we can locate a priest. The 1976 Festival was discussed, and it looks like it will be an adventure in good eating at the Lithuanian booth.

It indeed was good eating when we dug into Betty's homecooking after the meeting. She treated us

well and also had some fine stories to tell about her trip to California. It was a pleasant evening for all who attended. Labai ačiū, Betty!

Our committee chairmen are becoming more familiar with their jobs now that they have more experience. We are beginning to work together as a team. One member who is doing an outstanding job is our Lithuanian Affairs Chmn, Katherine Cravetts. She is deeply involved and it shows.

From our "better late than never" department: Al & Eleanor Gudas spent a few weeks in England last August and they reported having a grand time.

We would like to leave you with this thought: There is no brotherhood of man without the fatherhood of God.

Pusbrolis

#### C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

A crowd of 100 attended the 58th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence at St. Casimir's Social Center on Feb. 16.

M.C. Joseph Valikonis introduced Congressman Samuel S. Stratton before the dinner was served, due to his tight schedule. Mr. Stratton stressed the shortcomings of detente. He said, "This detente means that we're giving everything, and we're getting nothing". That the concessions given by the U.S. at Helsinki in recognizing the status quo in Eastern Europe - including the "capture" status of countries like Lithuania - were temporary, Stratton said, "has turned out to be another distortion. We're beginning to recognize that where we've given in, we are not accomplishing anything". He ended his speech with the Lithuanian phrase, "Kas bus, kas nebus, o Lietuva nepražus". He received a standing ovation.

Father Baltch gave the invocation. A roast beef dinner was served. Benediction was said by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, who also spoke in Lithuanian. His message

was on Lithuania's plight, and as he talked, tears came to his eyes.

Pres. Radzevich welcomed all the guests who came to observe the solemn occasion. He advised that the Lithuanian flag would be flying over City Hall on Feb. 16.

We also heard from the Lithuanian seaman, Jonas Stankevičius, who spoke of his decision to escape and seek asylum at the U.S. embassy in Paris. Later in the evening, Jonas was busy conversing with two lovely girls, Betty Liberis and Daiva Petrus... also with Ed & Mirga Bablin, Bob Karutis and others.

The soloist for the evening was baritone Rev. R. K. Baltch. Original proclamations by Gov. Hugh L. Carey and Mayor John P. Gomulka were read, proclaiming Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the State of N.Y. and the City of Amsterdam.

Mr. Valikonis then introduced our main speaker, Dr. Jack J. Stukas. By way of introduction, Joe evaluated Jack's innumerable accomplishments. Dr. Stukas spoke both in English and Lithuanian. His electric personality kept the audience spellbound. He emphasized that all American-Lithuanians should be proud of their Lithuanian heritage. He said, "A good Lithuanian makes a better American". He related facts of his recent visit to Lithuania. He was fortunate to be in Vilnius during the festivities of the "Dainų Šventės". However, the seats which they supposedly had for the performance were occupied, and they had to watch the show on T.V. in their hotel.

He also told us of an incident where he met some young fellows and went with them to a local pub for liquid refreshments... of discovering their yearning for freedom... of how one young man wrote a poem which he presented to Jack. Dr. Stukas managed to bring it back with him and he read it to us. He reiterated the statement that we should go to visit our relatives in Lithuania as often as we can. Upon concluding his

speech, Dr. Stukas received a thunderous amount of applause and he, too, was given a standing ovation.

Jack Stukas was surrounded by many admirers. It seems that all 100 people shook his hand. Many purchased Jack's book, "Awakening Lithuania", which he autographed. Frances Bobines, an employee of the Amsterdam Free Library, was presented with a copy of the book for the library. Steve Talbott, a reporter on the staff of the Amsterdam Evening Recorder, also received a copy. Mr. Talbott interviewed Jack and Jonas. We received excellent coverage in the newspaper - the front page, to be exact.

The cultural exhibit, arranged by Polly Ziausys, contained the collection of Fr. Baltch. Copies of the works of Čiurlionis were also on display. Father showed the slides of his Sept. trip to Lithuania to Jack and Jonas and to some of the committee members.

Breakfast was enjoyed at the Holiday Inn on Feb. 16 by Jack Stukas, Jonas Stankevičius, Tony & Ann Radzevich and Gene Gobis. Annacetta Guzielek joined the group for a few minutes. Father

Baltch, together with his guests Jonas & Aldona Adamonis of Boston, stopped at the Inn to bid Jack and Jonas a safe trip back to the Big City.

Our council is most thankful to Dr. Stukas for taking the time from his busy schedule to come to Amsterdam to help us celebrate Feb. 16.

Smile & Sparkle

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

Our council celebrated the feast of St. Casimir on Mar. 7. The membership marched into Holy Trinity Church behind the color guard of the Lithuanian-American Veteran's Post. We thank them for their participation in this event. Before Mass, there was the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Mass was offered by Natl. Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. of Providence College. The offertory gifts were carried by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Chapulis. Father Jurgelaitis delivered an excellent sermon befitting the day. The members gave an edifying display of Catholicity in their march to the altar rail at Communion time. A hymn in honor of our

patron saint was sung by St. Cecilia's Choir under the direction of organist, Clement Bagdonavičius. At the conclusion of Mass, the Lithuanian National Anthem was sung.

Breakfast followed in the parish hall. Our capable chefs, Marge & Walter Brazaitis, as usual, prepared an excellent repast. Our council president opened proceedings by calling upon our council's spiritual advisor and pastor of Holy Trinity Church to offer the invocation. Frank Vaskas felt highly honored by being called on to introduce as guest speaker of the day, our Natl. Spiritual Director, Rev. Jurgelaitis. Father did more than live up to our expectations in giving his discourse on the state of the Church today. His talk held the attention of one and all, especially during the question & answer period following the discourse, that almost amounted to a mini-mission. Many of the questions asked dealt with matters that puzzle the faithful in these times of stress.

Vice-Pres. Rose Zukauskas presented the Three Lithuanian Presidents medal to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sharon for their many efforts on behalf of the council.



*M.A.D. St. Casimir's Day Mass, Annunciation Church. Revs. A. Račkauskas, F. Ruggles, S. Raila.*



*Simas Kudirka addresses guests at M.A.D. St. Casimir's Day Breakfast, Mar. 14, Transfiguration Hall, Brooklyn.*

a buffet supper. Irene Tamulevich prepared a beautiful salad bar and hors d'oeuvres, the most popular being the homemade farmer's cheese made by Irene and her mom. After all that, Dot March served us a spaghetti & Meatball buffet, including the wine. We really had a treat and enjoyed it all. Many thanks to Irene and Dot and the many others who contributed to this very popular buffet.

Since most of our members were present, Tony Miner proceeded to conduct our monthly meeting. Ed Tamulevich did a Houdini act, first he was here, and then we heard him broadcasting over the Lithuanian Hour on WICN-FM. Ed made a plea for financial support, and it behooves us all to support OUR Lithuanian Radio Program.

On Mar. 7 we joined the N.E.D. councils at the Sisters of Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam, Conn., for an observance at the district level. The turnout was overwhelming. We had an opportunity to view the many artifacts of our culture that are on exhibit at the ALKA Museum. We are indebted to Msgr. Juras for his many years of laborious and painstaking efforts to collect and amass this great wealth of items of every aspect of our heritage. What a great man of vision! It is truly a beautiful memorial for future generations to enjoy. We understand that someday there will be a more beautiful and larger museum erected to house all this priceless art. Valio to Msgr. Juras! Lai jis ilgai gyvuoja.

While waiting for the official ceremonies to begin, Ruth Ciras, Helen Daltwas, Dot Sinkavitch, her young cousin Bob, Trudy Zibinskas and Anna Miller visited some of our parishioners who are residing at the Matulaitis Nursing Home. In particular, they visited our former pastor of many years, Msgr. Constantine Vasys. Needless to say, he was glad to see such a large delegation. In spite of his long illness, he really looked great.

**A 4 PM Mass** was celebrated,

after which a very bountiful dinner was served by the Sisters. The chicken was really "finger-lickin good". Al Jaritis introduced John Stoskus of Providence as M.C., and the program got under way. It was a great tribute to the women's liberation movement. The two guest speakers, Sister Alphonsine and Dr. Elona M. Vaisnys, were a tremendous success. All were impressed by the tremendous amount of charisma projected by these remarkable women, whose credentials were also impressive. We thank all those who were responsible for this beautiful day.

Tony Miner was seated at the head table representing S.C. and C-116. Ed & Irene Tamulevich, Mary Duggan and her mom and guest, and Stanley Grigas, whom we haven't seen in a long time, were all spotted among the happy throng.

The traveling bug struck our members early in the Spring season. Winging to Austria for an early vacation were Ed & Irene Tamulevich. Mary Jo Koblinski jaunted to Jamaica for some fun and sun. We are hopeful that by now, Mrs. Balukonis will be fully recovered from her illness that required surgery. A speedy recovery, also, is wished to Irene Tamulevich's mom who was hospitalized in March. Dot Sinkavitch, whose birthday is Mar. 17, St. Patrick's Day, seems to be blessed with the luck of the Irish. She attended the Fashion Show held by the Lithuanian Women's Social Club, and won 2nd prize in a drawing. We haven't been seeing Mary Miner at our meetings; we want you to know you're being missed.

Labas, iki pasimatymo.

Taradaika

C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

As the crocus breaks through the ground after a long winter's rest, so come the councils coming to the front and out of hibernation.

The combined C-17 members of the regular, Sr.'s, and Jr.'s enjoyed the annual St. Casimir's Com-

munion Day breakfast. We were fortunate in having an overflowing crowd. Our speaker was Lt. Fred Hirst USMC, a member of our council. Fred spoke both in English and Lithuanian, relating St. Casimir's life with present times. It's back to the Marine Corps and the K of L's loss, while Fred is serving his country. He went back to take over his first command and was really eager for the adventure. Our thanks, also, to Joe White who was M.C. for the first time and did a commendable job.

Recovering from a long period of illness was Rita Venis. It was good to see her up and around again.

Leo & Albina Rudziunas presented a slide lecture on their trips to Lithuania. It was a very interesting show and all those in attendance were thrilled with their stories. Leo & Albina are planning to vacation in Alaska on their anniversary, and we look forward to more interesting lectures. Al Jaritis traveled to Dayton, Ohio, for a S.C. Exec. Bd. Meeting. John Olevitz spent some time in Charleston, S.C. on business. We don't see much of Stanley & Brenda Dzierzeski these days because Stanley is still going to school and has Natl. Guard duty, and Brenda is busy with the P.T.A.

Congratulations to Bob Gendreau upon his first term as a hockey coach, bringing his Bantams home with a playoff championship. Bob is also assistant coach of the Squirts. Bob & Phyllis have their three sons playing hockey. John & Alice Olevitz watch their son John play in the local rink, and one on the road in Wilmington, Mass. Jerry & Rita Venis root for their son Larry who is a very good goalie. And Buddy & Mary Zaremba are found cheering their son Joey on to victory. Quite a dedicated group of parents with energetic, athletic sons!

Our Juniors are busy raising funds to send some of their own to the Natl. Convention in Dayton as delegates. They are having cake sales, saving aluminum cans, and contemplating other projects for

The event was brought to a close with prayer by Fr. Jurgelaitis and the singing of the K of L Hymn.

Our annual Barn Dance came off in fine fashion, though the attendance was a bit below par due mainly to the weather and the flu bug.

At the February meeting, we had as our guest, the Rev. Tomas Zuraitis, O.P. of Washington, D.C. He extended greetings on behalf of the newly-organized council in that city.

Our council gave a sizeable donation to the parish church as their Easter gift. The cake sale on Palm Sunday under the chairmanship of Adele Urban saw a very good return financially. The affair was for the benefit of Holy Trinity Parish. Adele and her many assistants deserve a round of applause for the grand success of this event. Sometime in the fall, our council plans to have a Sunday luncheon for the benefit of the parish.

We welcome back Eva Coll after her recent stay in the hospital. Regina Schmidt has taken over the post as chairman of the Sunshine Committee for the council. Frank Vaskas took off on his annual spring trek to Daytona Beach, Fla. If all went well, he planned to take in the testimonial dinner which was to be given at the St. Petersburg Lithuanian Club to mark the 50th Anniversary in priesthood of Msgr. John Balkunas on Apr. 21.

Don't forget to put a circle around Oct. 9, the night of our Annual Dinner-Dance in the Holy Trinity Parish hall. Mary Stonis is chairlady for this event, and promises an excellent evening for all.

The Wanderer



NEW ENGLAND

DISTRICT

#### C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

On Mar. 8 our council celebrated the annual feast of our patron, St. Casimir, by attending the 10:30 A.M. Mass in St. Francis Church and receiving Communion in a body.

Pastor and Spiritual Advisor Father Steponaitis led the group into church along with the acolytes and altar boys. Father delivered an inspiring sermon on patriotism, and the love one should have for his ancestry and culture. As a special treat, a trumpeter played along with the organ. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and the flags of the USA and Lithuania.

After Mass, dinner was enjoyed at Joseph's New Englander in East Templeton. The Gardner News

carried a nice article on the event.

It was good to have Alice Perekslis with us. We would like to see more old-time members; please do not be members on the roster only.

Fr. Steponaitis hosted the N.E. Lithuanian Priest's League Annual Conference on Mar. 4 at St. Francis Parish. Along with the regular agenda, a Holy Hour was held in the church which was open to the parishioners.

The State Colony in East Gardner is scheduled to close on June 30, putting many persons out of work. Howie Beaudette is forced to look for another position after more than 20 years of employment in the main kitchen as a head cook.

Bill Wisnauskas has left his job at Gem after many years of service and has begun a new career at Digital along with his wife, Bernice.

Al Rodski's job at the Post Office is also shaky because of the recent trend in the Postal Dept. to cut back positions and close smaller offices. We all wish that Al does not have to relocate in another area.

Charles Genaitis, a long time school teacher in the Gardner School system, is retiring at the end of the school year. We all wish Charlie many years of health and retirement.

Dick Genaitis is owner of a ceramic school and workshop in Westboro. Good luck, Dick!

Vincukas

#### C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

St. Casimir must have beamed with pride as he looked down at all K of L'ers on the weekend of Mar. 6-7, when all districts commemorated His Feast Day. We observed the Feast on a council level Mar. 6, when we gathered at Our Lady of Vilna Parish hall and marched into church for the 4 PM Mass. The Mass was celebrated by our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Alphonse Volungis; the sermon was preached by Rev. Andrew Naudziunas, MIC, who was in our parish for a week of recollection. After Mass there was



C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass. members at the St. Casimir's Feast Communion Breakfast.

the near future. Among the busy Jrs are Kathy Norinkavich, Doris Balaconis, Adele Martus, Claire Yuskauskas, and Paula Keaney.

Now that the buds are on the trees and the tulips are bursting through the ground and the Canadian geese are heading north, we are trying to reactivate our Marching and Hiking Society again. The coming hikes are in the drafting stage, and what better time than now to go out and get some exercise to stay in good shape. Come on along.

We are looking to our regular and senior members for help with the Jrs. We have a need for more Jr. Counsellors. They meet only once a month when a short meeting is held. Enroll your children and grandchildren if they are of age. It's your job as a member to continue to recruit other members for the K of L, in all categories. Let's help our organization grow, - we need your help.

Stuck-with-the-job

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Easter egg coloring was enjoyed by the Jrs. and Srs. at their April meeting.

A Lithuanian Cultural Exhibit sponsored by the R.I. Lithuanian Bicentennial Committee will be held at the Warwick Mall, located off Rt. I-95 in Warwick, R.I., on June 5 from 10 AM to 10 PM. The Lithuanian Bicentennial concelebrated Mass at the R.I. State House will be held on June 13 at 4 PM. St. Casimir's Lithuanian Parish Choir from Brockton, Mass., will sing during and after the Mass. Ona Ivaskiene's folk-dance group from Boston will perform after the Mass. Our neighboring K of L's are also invited to attend these Bicentennial events.

Helen and Mildred Seraichekas, co-chairpersons of the Lithuanian Bicentennial Ball, are negotiating with the R.I. School of Design for an open fall date.

Paul Stoskus spent a few of his spring vacation days in N.Y.C. Our

annual parish retreat was conducted by Father Zakaras, Chaplain at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn. Biruta Cunningham's father, Edward Ciocys, is in residence at the Matulaitis Nursing Home.

We extend our sympathy to Matthew Kairys and his family upon the loss of his beloved father. Matthew's three children are active members of our Jr. council.

John Stoskus reminisces when he and Tony Yuknis of C-112 spent Thanksgiving Day of 1948 with the Miller family in Dayton, Ohio. It was the Miller family that introduced him to Mary Lucas, Stan Vaitkus, Pat Zelinskas, Mike and Charles Petkus, and a host of other wonderful people from C-96. John will never forget the Miller hospitality, or the Dayton-Lithuanian "rytmetine". His fervent prayers are extended to the entire Miller family upon the loss of their dear sister.

Hope to see you ALL at the Dayton Convention in August!

Jonas



# JUNIOR NEWS

## C-96 - JUNIORS - DAYTON, OHIO

The Junior's participated in the Saint Casimir's Day program held on March 7th. Some of the Junior's did readings on the life of Saint Casimir, while others presented a gift to Doctor Jack and Mrs. Loretta Stukas. Doctor Stukas came to Dayton, to give a talk on the book he wrote about Lithuania.

At monthly meeting, the Junior's have been making plans for the National Convention. There will be a great program held for the out-of-town Junior's, and all are welcome to attend.

Kathy Sinkwitz



Sing during your Lithuanian devotions...

### REIKALINGOS GIESMĖS

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The book is a MUST for all Lithuanian organists, but essential also for K of L councils not fortunate enough to be associated with a Lithuanian parish, for use during special Lithuanian services held in other churches.

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