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PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Archbishop John Carroll - 1880

WE PRAY THEE, O Almighty and eternal God, Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of Thy name.

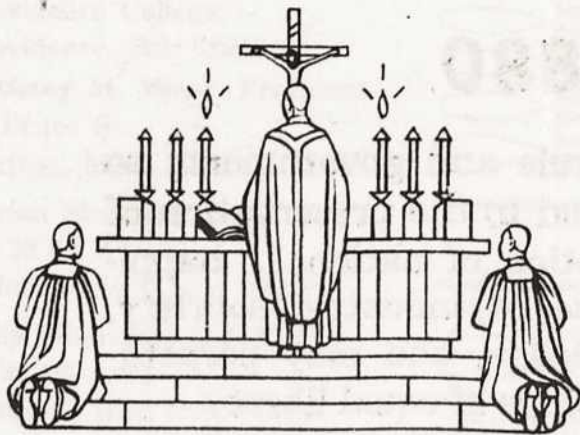
We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; **AND BY RESTRAINING VICE AND IMMORALITY.** Let the light of Thy Divine wisdom direct the deliberations of the Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws

framed for our rule and government; so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for his Excellency the Governor of this State, for the members of the Assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare; that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise to Thy unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow-citizens, throughout the United States, that they may be preserved in union and in that peace which the world cannot give; and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. Amen!





LITHUANIAN AMERICANS PLAN SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 41ST EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

A National Heritage Mass concelebrated by four Lithuanian bishops will highlight Lithuanian participation in Philadelphia during the 41st International Eucharistic Congress, Aug. 1-8.

Main celebrant for the Mass on Saturday, Aug. 7, will be the Most Rev. Bishop Vincentas Brizgys of Chicago, in the service of immigrant Lithuanians outside of Europe since 1951. Concelebrants include Bishop Antanas Deksnys, vicar for Lithuanians in Western Europe; Bishop Paul Marcinkus, president of the Institute for Works of Religion, the Vatican; and Bishop Charles Salatka of Marquette, Mich.

A symposium on the theme, "The Hungers of Mankind in Eastern Europe", will be held at Philadelphia's Civic Center, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 3-5:00 p.m. It will include reports by Professor Vytautas Vardys of the University of Oklahoma on "The State of the Church in Lithuania", and by Bishop Basil Losten, auxiliary for the Eparchy of Philadelphia, on "The Church in the Ukraine". Other clerics will report on the status of the Church in Byelorussia, Solvenia and other areas behind the Iron Curtain.

An exhibition of religious carvings by Lithuanian artist Victor Veselka will be on view at the Civic Center, July 30 through Aug. 7.

The program is one of 27 national heritage celebrations sponsored by the Congress. The Lithuanian participation will dramatize contributions by Lithuanians to Catholicism and demonstrate the universality of the Church. It will be open to all Congress visitors.

The Eucharistic Congress is a worldwide spiritual gathering of Catholics and other Christians meeting for the first time in 50 years in the United States.

During the opening day Parade of Nations on Sunday, Aug. 1, the Lithuanians will join other heritage groups in native costumes marching from Independence Hall to the Art Museum.

On "Suffering People Day", Tuesday, Aug. 3, they will participate in a Eucharistic Celebration for the Fullness of Freedom and Justice. Poland's Karl Cardinal Wojtyla will be the principal celebrant and homilist at this 8 p.m. Mass at Veterans Stadium.

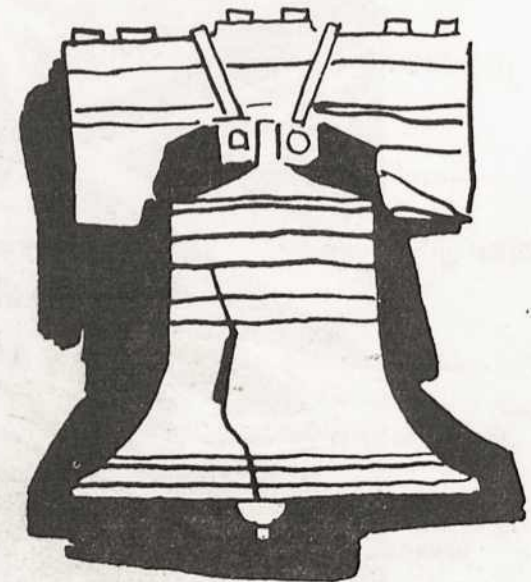
Saturday, Aug. 7, is "Peoples of the World Day". More than 20 National Heritage Masses are scheduled throughout the churches, stadiums and meeting halls of Philadelphia. Each of these Liturgies will reflect the solidarity and universality of Christian personal commitment to the Eucharist. The Lithuanian Liturgy celebrated in the native language takes place at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. Both the congregation and Lithuanian choir, the Ciurlionis Ensemble from Cleveland, will participate in national costume.

On Saturday evening Congress participants of each nation will dress again in native costumes for a special Eucharistic procession preceding Nocturnal Adoration in the Spectrum.

The most picturesque display of native dress will be on view during the closing Mass or Statio Orbis on Sunday, Aug. 8.

Statio Orbis will begin with a Procession of Nations and States. Some 300,000 persons will be assembled in John F. Kennedy Stadium to hear heralds announce in languages of all nations: "The Church of Jesus Christ is assembled for worship". A choir of 1,200 will lead the congregational singing. Five hundred cardinals, bishops and priests will concelebrate this closing Mass.

This Christian witness to the world will terminate a week of more than 40 liturgies, hundreds of exhibits and conferences, and specially prepared performing arts programs.





I AM THE **N**ATION

I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I AM THE NATION.

I am 165 million living souls - and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hals and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys, and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant, and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders, Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, and on the bleak slopes of Korea.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas, and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 3 million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages - and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of Auld Lang Syne as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 169,000 schools and colleges, and 250,000 churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper, and a letter to a Congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers, and the Wright brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Thomas Paine.

Yes, I am the nation, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my wish, my goal, my prayer on July 4, 1976, - two hundred years after I was born.



THE LITHUANIANS:

THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICA

BY STANLEY PIEZA

In the Bicentennial of the United States, observed in 1976, stands out the sweeping saga of America's immigrants, who came from many distant lands and built the greatest nation in the world - the United States of America.

A vanguard in the army of the immigrants are the Lithuanians who arrived from the amber shores of the Baltic. Although some came here as early as the Colonial period, the mass immigration of the Lithuanians to the United States began in 1876. Thus as the United States celebrates its bicentennial, the Americans of Lithuanian ancestry are proudly marking the centennial of Lithuanian immigration to the land of Uncle Sam.

In the chronicle of America's immigrants, the Lithuanians have added a most impressive chapter. Imbued with deep Christian faith, dedicated to the principles of freedom, humble in spirit, the Lithuanians bestowed upon the altar of America's democracy their talents, their work, their art, their traditions, their life.

They came from Lithuania's cities, villages and farms and from all walks of life: the educated which included church and national leaders; and peasants with rudimentary learning, and the illiterate.

They suffered weeks of travel by ship at sea and came to an alien land where they soon discovered that America's streets were not "lined with gold", as they had heard, but instead years of arduous labor lay before them. These people were not adventurers, but seekers of work and peace; they came here to build a



home. They were fugitives from political injustice, poverty and serfdom. Some of them escaped to avoid conscription into the Czarist army.

•They worked at the lowest jobs upon arrival in America, receiving a barely life-sustaining wage. (See Upton Sinclair's *THE JUNGLE*). They congregated in neighborhoods and set up Lithuanian Catholic parishes and named them after their favorite patron saints, such as St. Casimir, SS. Peter and Paul, St. Anne, etc.

The Lithuanian immigrants, however, marked a quality that they had in common - their determination to rise from their impoverishment; to take the fullest advantage of the opportunities America had to offer.

Although unable to speak the language of the country they came to, they soon learned English and at the same time made great efforts to preserve the ancient language of their motherland, Lithuanian, a language akin to Sanscrit and acclaimed by philologists as the mother tongue of all Indo-European people. The great philologist, Schleicher, wrote: "If the value of a nation in the whole of humanity were to be measured by the beauty of the language, the Lithuanians should rank first among the inhabitants of Europe".

The Lithuanians joined their fellow immigrants of all nations to help pave the way for the future cultural, economic, religious and social development of the new and growing United States. They worked in order to maintain their families in good society. They soon found jobs in the mines, steel mills, stock yards, tailor shops, in the woods clearing away forests for farms and cities, and in the professions.

Meanwhile, the Lithuanians, deeply religious people, built here churches, convents, monasteries, schools, public places, and established businesses, such as shoe repair shops, bakeries, meat markets, taverns, building and loan associations, banks and print shops. They also established newspapers, among them the Lithuanian Daily *Draugas* which continues as an intellectual haven of American Lithuanians since 1909.

They also added to the music culture of their new country by their music organizations and their choirs which produced sacred concerts, operettas and operas.

They also became soldiers fighting for their adopted country... and making the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle.

Also outstanding is the Lithuanian contribution to sports, with stars in baseball, football, basketball, golf, boxing and bowling.

It is recorded that Lithuanians ventured to the shores of America as early as 1608, when some daring ones landed in Jamestown, Virginia. They made the treacherous voyage from England with a group of Poles. Historians report that some Lithuanians arrived in America with the Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam.

One of the earliest recorded Lithuanians to arrive on American shores was Dr. Alexander Karolis Kurczius. He came with the Dutch to New Amsterdam in 1659, and founded an academy, the first institution of higher learning in now New York. In the history of American education he is known as Dr. Alexander Curtius.

An early American patriot was Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko (1746-1817). Of Lithuanian birth, he was a hero of both Poland and America.

Among the great early missionaries of America was Prince Demetrius Gallitzin, a descendant of the royal Lithuanian Gediminas family, who was ordained a Catholic priest at Baltimore in 1795 - the first to be ordained in the United States. This frontier missionary was known as "Father Smith". Gallitzin, Pennsylvania, is named after him. Above his burial tomb is an escutcheon with a traditional Lithuanian knight.

All Russian documents pertaining to the purchase of Alaska in 1867 were translated for the American government by Henry Kalusauskas of Ukmerge, Lithuania. He was born in 1806 and died in 1895.

There is also mention of some Lithuanians who fought in the Civil War for President Abraham Lincoln's principles to emancipate the Negroes and to help sustain the unity of the north and south thus preserving the United States.

Following the unsuccessful revolution of 1863 to free Lithuania from Czarist Russia, some Lithuanian political leaders escaped to the United States. One such was Prince Dzialinskis, the great flag bearer of Lithuania, who is buried in Chicago's Oak Woods cemetery.

By the end of 1876, it is estimated that there were some 50,000 Lithuanians in the United States. They worked in shoe factories, railroads, textile mills, foundries, tailor shops and mines. They and those who came after them in this century became an integral part of American life yet maintaining their customs and language, thus adding to the colorful heritage of America.

During the Spanish-American war and World Wars I and II, many Lithuanians joined the U.S. military forces, and those remaining home joined in nationwide sales of U.S. War bonds which exceeded millions of dollars.

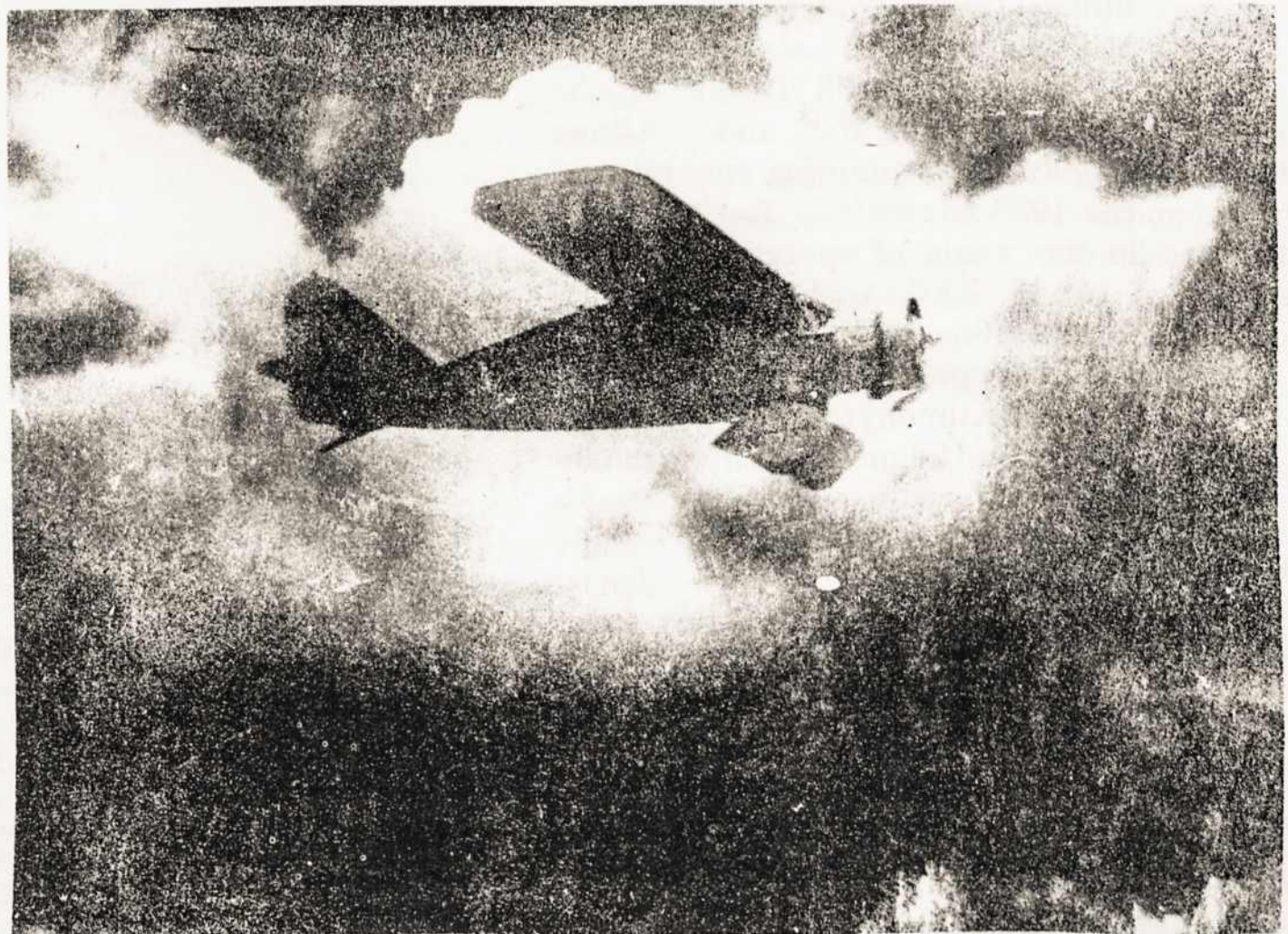
Presently contributing to the life of America are the new Lithuanian immigrants - the displaced persons from Lithuania which was forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union. The displaced persons have been admitted to the United States

under the Displaced Persons Law. The new Lithuanians of this country are carrying on the traditions of the earlier Lithuanian immigrants in America.

In Chicago, the largest Lithuanian city outside of Lithuania, is the Lithuanian Plaza, named officially by the City Council, which dramatizes the patriotic, religious and cultural contributions of Lithuanians to their adopted country. The monument in stone of a broken wing of a plane, situated in the plaza's Marquette Park, is dedicated to two intrepid Lithuanians, Darius and Girenas, who crashed in a transatlantic flight only 400 miles from their goal, Kaunas, July 17, 1933. Also, in the plaza are the Holy Cross hospital, the Nativity B.V.M. church, the Maria high school, and the St. Casimir convent and infirmary - all erected by Lithuanians. Today the plaza is a mecca for Lithuanians world over.

A few miles away from the plaza is the Marian Father's center, at 63rd and Kilbourn streets, with the Draugas Lithuanian Daily publishing house, chapel and monastery.

In the panorama of American



Darius and Girenas Flying Over New York.



Bishop C. Salatka (left) witnesses "Friend of Lithuania" Award made to Congr. R. Madden by the late Rev. J. Jutt.

life, prominent are such greats of Lithuanian ancestry as:

Jack Sharkey, world's boxing champion 1932-33; Johnny Unitas, Dick Butkus, Ed "Moose" Krause of Notre Dame, and Bill Osanski, now a Chicago dentist, an all-American halfback of football fame; Johnny Podres and Eddie Miksis, baseball stars; Johnny Goodman and Bill Burke of the world of golf, and Albina Osipavitch, swimming champion of the 1928 Olympic in Amsterdam - in the world of sports.

Anna Kaskas, Polyna Stoska, Lilian Sukis and Algerd Brazis of the Metropolitan Opera - in music.

Ruta (Kilmonyte) Lee, described as "one of the most talented movie stars and richest in Hollywood"; Kaz Garas, Jacques Sernas, Joanna Shimkus, and Terry Murphy (Chellis), co-anchor-person of ABC's Chicago channel 7 - in cinema and TV.

Bishop Charles Salatka of Marquette, first Lithuanian in the United States to be elevated to the hierarchy; Bishop Paul Marcinkus of Cicero, Ill., high Vatican official; Bishop Vincent Brizgys, who spearheaded the financial drive in

the American Lithuanian community to erect Lithuanian chapels in the Immaculate Conception National Shrine, Washington, D.C., and in St. Peter's basilica, Vatican City; Mother Maria (Kaupas), first mother-general of the Sisters of St. Casimir and after whom Maria high school is named, and Father Richard T. Saudis of Chicago, apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska - in the church.

Judges John T. Zuris and Alfonse Wells, John Brenza, Frank Mast-Mastauskas, and Anthony Olis, whose name appears on the cornerstone of the Metropolitan Sanitary District building, Chicago, in politics.

Dr. Peter Dauzvardis and his wife Josephine of the consulate-



The Lithuanian Shrine of Our Lady of Šiluva, Washington.

general of Lithuania in Chicago, and Povilas Zadeikis and Juozas Kajeckas of the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, D.C. - in the diplomatic corps.

Vytas Valaitis, famed photographer of NEWSWEEK; Jurate Kazickas of the Associated Press; Peter Kumpa, director of the Washington Bureau of the Baltimore Sun; Bob Kudzma, TV weatherman of Pittsburg, and Dr. Jack J. Stukas, the first to introduce Lithuanian programs on TV in New York - in the communications media.

Birute Galdikas-Brindamour, zoologist, who appears on the October, 1975, front cover of the National Geographic and writes a personal scientific study of orangutans - in the field of science.

Anthony Rudis of Chicago and others - in the field of industry and manufacturing.

Dr. George Wiltrakis, who served as chief surgeon of U.S. military hospitals; Lieutenant Ann Bernatitus, heroic nurse of Bataan and Corregidor, who received both the Legion of Merit, and a Presidential unit citation; Bernadette Pieza-Shaner, a Peace Corps nurse, who helped to introduce modern methods of patient care to Tunisian nurses, and whose picture with a Tunisian mother and child was selected by President Johnson for promoting the Peace Corps and which appears in the 1966 World Topics Year Book and as a cover for geography books of the Pennsylvania school system, and Stanley Bender of Chicago's Brighton Park, acclaimed as a "One-Man-Army", who is the first Lithuanian to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor and after whom is named a bridge on a West Virginia superhighway - in U.S. service.

Famous marriages: Patrick John Nugent of Waukegan, Ill., became the husband of Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Johnson, married in 1966 by Father John Kuzinskas, presently pastor of St. Bartholomew's parish, of which Patrick's Lithua-



A Lithuanian Dance Festival in Chicago, Ill.

Photo V. Juknevičius

nian mother was a parishioner, and Jievute Paulekiute (Miss Lithuania of 1933) became the wife of Winthrop Rockefeller on Feb. 14, 1948... their son Winthrop Rockefeller Jr. is the great grandson of John D. Rockefeller, one of the world's greatest businessmen and philanthropists.

You'll find Lithuanians today in all fields of endeavor in this country: communications media, science, invention, research centers, libraries, universities, automotive engineering, bridge building and house construction, architecture, plastics, banks, computer systems, air pilots, foundries, aviation, the church, education, politics and agriculture.

Lithuanians are a race whose struggle for freedom has never been quenched. The struggle has been dimmed many times, since the days when proud Lithuania ruled its Eastern European empire from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Independence, hard won again after World War I, was lost when Soviet legions took over the country in the aftermath of World War II.

The Lithuanians will not rest until freedom and independence are restored to their motherland - Lithuania.

The Lithuanians of America bless America and they are proud of their American citizenship and their integral part in the life of the United States!

(Mr. Pieza has been reporter, editor, Vatican correspondent of The Chicago American and Chicago Today and International News Service correspondent from 1934 to 1970).

(Reprinted from the program book for the special Lithuanian American Bicentennial Exhibit prepared this spring by DRAUGAS, in Chicago.)



LITHUANIAN ROADSIDE CROSS ERECTED AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN SCRANTON, PA.

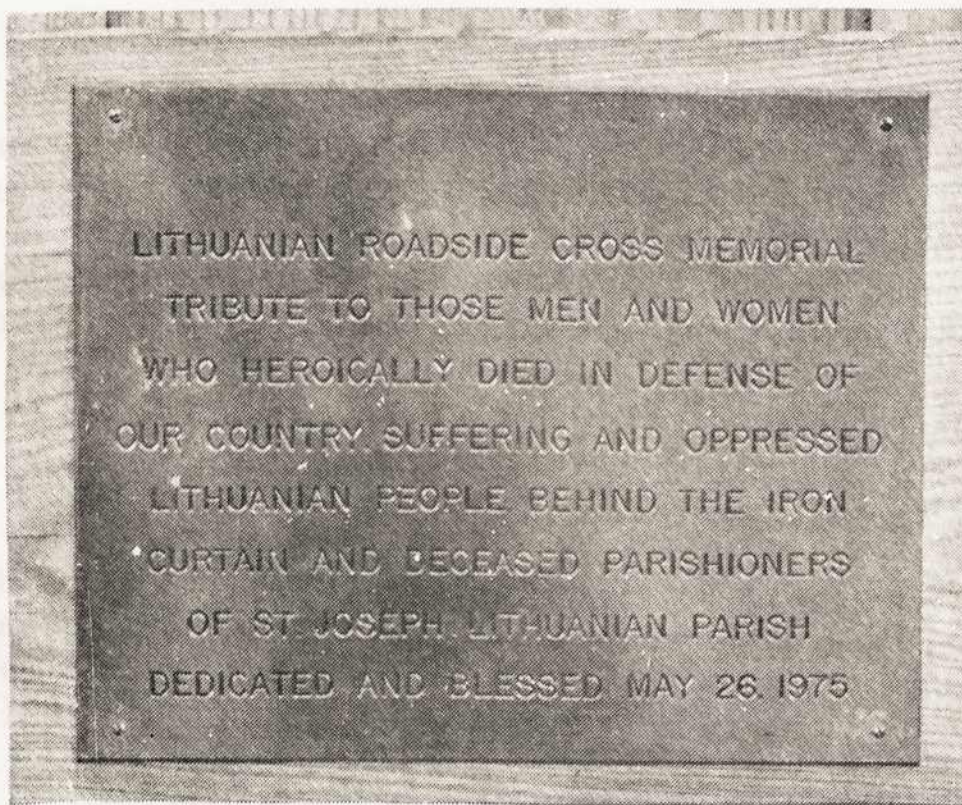
Another Lithuanian Cross has been erected at St. Joseph's Parish in Scranton, Pa., after almost a year of planning and work. It is believed to be the first of its kind in the State of Pennsylvania. This unique and beautiful shrine was blessed and dedicated Memorial Day with an impressive ceremony attended by a few hundred parishioners. Rev. Michael Ozalas pastor, blessed the Lithuanian Cross and dedicated it to the men and women who heroically died for the U.S.A., the oppressed and suffering Lithuanian people behind the Iron Curtain, and the deceased members of St. Joseph's Lithuanian parish.

Rev. Michael Ozalas and Brother George Petcavage, a Lithuanian Franciscan Friar of Kennebunkport, Me., and a former member of St. Joseph's were instrumental in its implementation. Mr. Joseph Ambrozaitis of Middlebury, Conn. was the builder and contractor. Mr. Mindaugas Jankauskas of Ozone Park, N.Y. carved copies of 17 Century Lithuanian Folk art statues of the Blessed Virgin, Sts. Joseph, Casimir and St. George, which are mounted on four sides of the upper part of the cross.

The New Jersey Councils of the Knights of Lithuania could be proud of being one of the first ones to contribute \$30.00 towards the Roadside Cross.



*Rev. Michael Ozalas, Pastor
Bro. George Petcavage, O.F.M.*



Memorial Plaque



St. Joseph



Blessed Mother



St. George



St. Casimir

35 YEARS OF SATURDAYS

by L. I. Stukas

For 35 years, thousands of Lithuanian Americans in the Greater New York - New Jersey Metropolitan Area have paused for an hour every Saturday afternoon for a "journey" of memories back to Lithuania, via her melodic songs and her beautiful language. This "journey", coming over the radio waves of New York's station WEVD is the weekly Lithuanian radio hour "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" directed and produced by Dr. Jack J. Stukas, who this year marks the completion of 35 years of broadcasting. The love of his ancestors' land and the desire to keep its culture and language alive brought J. Stukas, at the age of 16, to initiate the program on August 2, 1941, over New York's station WBNX, and to seek and find the moral, physical and financial support needed to continue this work.

Almost since its start, the radio hour has been closely associated with some choir and/or dance group. Dr. Stukas himself organized the "Lithuanian Echoes" Choral Ensemble in 1941, and later the "Rūta" Women's Ensemble which he directed. In 1950, the latter became the "Rūta Mixed Chorus".

To bring an appreciation of Lithuanian culture to non-Lithuanians Dr. Stukas has also conducted several series of English language radio programs featuring Lithuanian culture and music. The first such series was broadcast weekly in 1948 and 1949, on New York's WGYN-FM. Currently, he directs a weekly program called "Music of Lithuania" on



At the 35 Anniv. Banquet - Holy Trinity Hall Newark, N.J.



At the 35 Anniv. Banquet: l. to r. S. Kudirka, A. Petrutis (M.C.), J. & L. Stukas, Mayor B. Yarasavage (Clark, N.Y.), Mrs. J. Delhan (Seton Hall).

WSOU-FM, Seton Hall University's station, heard Monday nights, at 7:30 PM (89.5 meg.) since 1964.

Jack Stukas was first to bring Lithuanians into TV, when he produced a series of Lithuanian Television programs, over New York's WATV, Channel 13. Starting in Feb. 1956, the programs were given once every 3 months, for two years, and commemorated various events of historical or religious significance and featured numerous actors, singers, dance and choral groups.

Besides his radio work, Dr. Stukas has served as an officer and active member of almost every major Lithuanian-American organization in existence. He was National President of the Knights of Lithuania for four years.

Jack Stukas holds a BS degree from New York University, an MS degree from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. degree also from N.Y.U. He also studied European Economic Problems on a special scholarship at Oxford University, England. His doctoral dissertation served as a basis for his book, entitled "Awakening Lithuania", published in 1966.

Among his other positions, Jack served on the broadcasting staff of the Voice of America, and later was International Manager of National Sales Executives-International, in which position he circumnavigated the world twice, visiting 42 countries, including Soviet-occupied Lithuania. Currently, Dr. Stukas is a Professor at Seton Hall University and serves as Director of the Institute of International Business.

To bring "Memories of Lithuania" to his many listeners, Jack Stukas has sacrificed one day of every weekend... for 35 years! But the appreciation shown by his listeners and the knowledge that he has helped keep Lithuanian culture alive makes the sacrifice seem not in vain, and worthy of continuation!

TURIME SAVO HIMNĄ...

BET JO NEMOKAME

Vyčių Himnas

A. ALEKSIS

M. GUSTAITIS

Alla Marcia

Nu - žengk, Ga - ly - be, iš Dan - gaus, Su - sti - prink jau - ną

Ateinančiais metais sueis 40 metų, kai Chicagos vyčiai (apskritis) pradėjo minėti tradicinę jaunimo globėjo Šv. Kazimiero dieną. Laikantis nustatytos tradicijos, minėjimus ruošia kuopos iš eilės pagal Centre įregistruotus numerius. Šiuo metu Chicagoj veikia tik trys vyčių kuopos: dvi jaunių ir viena sendraugių. Pagal numerių eilę, šiemet minėjimą ruošė 36-ji kuopa Nekalto Prasidėjimo Šv. Panos Marijos parapijoj, Brighton Parke. Garbė kuopos veikėjams už gražias pamaldas bažnyčioje ir šaunias vaišes bei akademiją Vyčių salėje.

Parapijos klebonas prelatas D. Mozeris šventės proga vyčiams parodė išskirtinį prielankumą. Gražų tos savaitės parapijos biuletinį, praleidęs visus prekybininkų skelbimus, kurie apmoka biuletinio paruošimo ir spaudos darbą, pašventė vyčiams. Pirmas biuletinio puslapis buvo papuoštas gražiu nepažymėto menininko piešiniu: "St. Casimir - the joyful light; Šv. Kazimieras - Lietuvos globėjas".

Kituose puslapiuose įdėti: Vyčių himnas (žodžiai) ir du straipsniai - vienas lietuvių, antras anglų kalbomis apie Šv. Kazimierą, jo kilmę ir gyvenimą. Straipsniai papuošti tautos emblema - Vyčių - ir senosios, dar komunistų nesudarkytos, Vilniaus katedros vaizdu. Paskutinis puslapis papuoštas nepažymėto menininko piešta Laisvės statula (New York'e) Šv. Mergelės Marijos rožinio globoje. Šis biuletinis turėtų rasti garbingą vietą vyčių centro archyve, nes tai pirmas toks iš vyčių organizuoto Šv. Kazimiero minėjimų Chicagoj. Garbė ir padėka mielam prelatui D. Mozeriui.

Kadangi tą pačią dieną ir vietos moterų draugija suruošė Šv. Kazimiero minėjimą, tad žmonių buvo pilna bažnyčia. Įspūdi padidino dar vyčių pakviesta Kolumbo vyčių 4-to laipsnio uniformotų narių grupė ir ateitininkai moksleiviai su savo vėliava.

Po Mišių, kurias laikė vyčių garbės narys J.E. vyskupas V. Brizgys ir turiningo jo pamokslo,

dauguma vyčių tikėjosi, kad pamaldos bus baigtos vyčių himnu - "Nuženk, Galybe, iš dangaus". Deja, nusivilta. Pamaldos baigtos tautos himnu. Čia nieko bloga, tik tai keista, kad per 40 metų pirmą kartą bažnytinės iškilmės globėjui pagerbti buvo baigtos ne vyčių, bet tautos himnu.

Gal vyčių himnas, kuriame sakoma "o plieno kardas priešą draus" arba "Mums viską davė Lietuva, vaduosim ją galva sava", šio laiko jaunimui nėra prie širdies, nes ką gi jam davė Lietuva, arba "plieno kardas priešą draus". Gal reiktų himną taisyti, išimti čia kalbamus sakinius, o gal naują parašyti, nes, kaip gyvenimas rodo, keičiasi laikai, keičiasi ir žmonės. Kol vyčių seimas tuo klausimu nėra vienaip ar kitaip pasisakęs, himną turime visi mokėti ir giedoti. Himnui giedoti ne būtina reikalingas dirigentas. Ir Lietuva, tėvynė mūsų visuomet giedama be dirigento mosikavimo.

Ignas Sakalas

SIS IR TAS

Every once in a while, I get out my shovel and a bushel basket and I clean my house. Because my desk is beginning to look like it needs the same treatment, here goes with some odds and ends that need to be said - on culture - of course!

First of all, a big HURRAH to Albert Jaritis of Council #17 for being the "quickest" to answer correspondence and to Leonard Davidonas of Council #10 for being the first to send in a Cultural Report this year. More "Rah Rah's" to all of the dedicated Cultural Chairmen and Council Presidents who write regularly. The Knights of Lithuania are ALIVE with cultural happenings.

Perhaps it is my imagination but it seems to me that the "Veikia" column in the VYTIS is filled more and more with talk of exhibits, fairs, festivals, concerts, and other cultural activities. How wonderful!

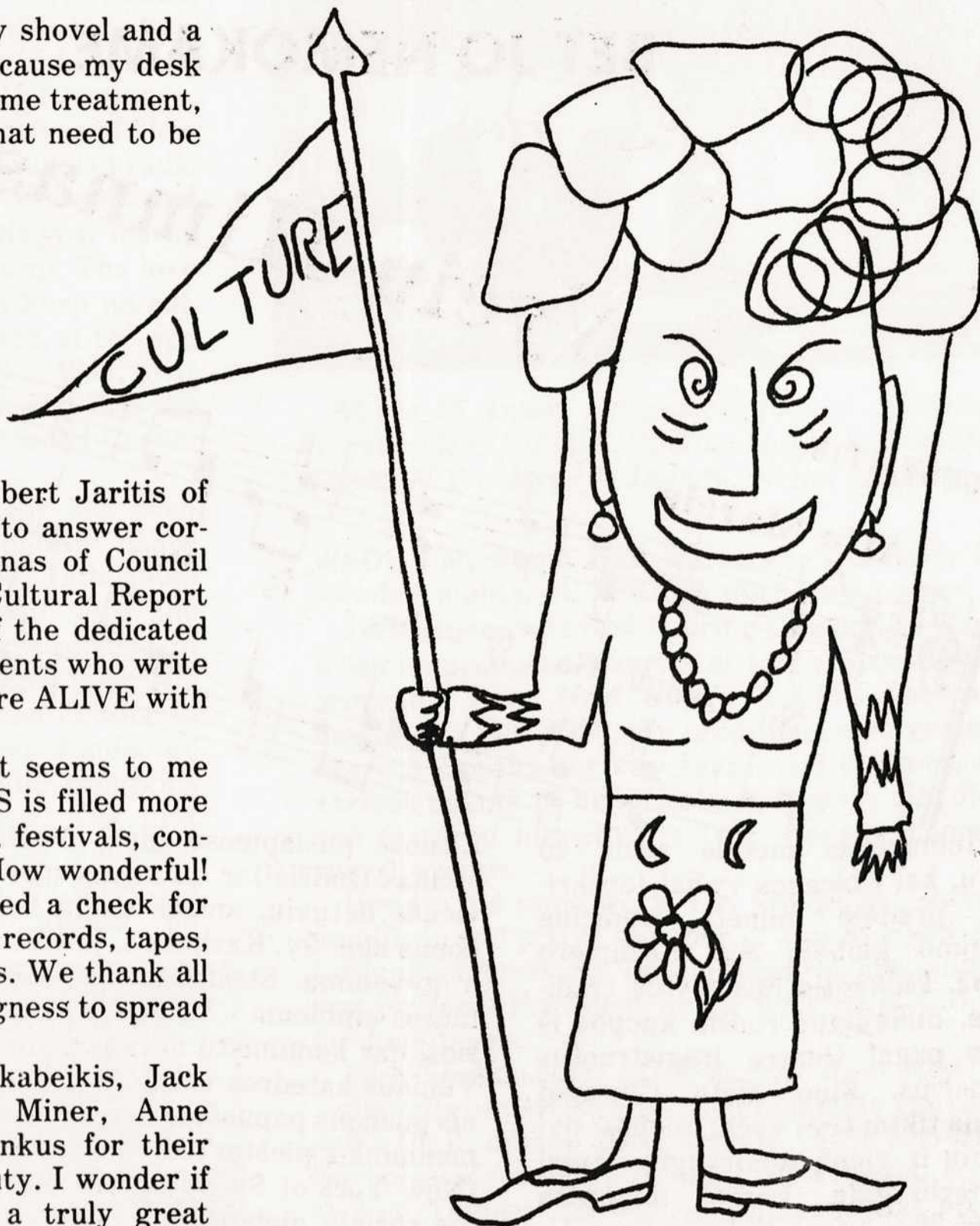
All four Districts have now received a check for \$100 for the purpose of placing books, records, tapes, maps, etc. in libraries and universities. We thank all of the District Officers for their willingness to spread the word about Lithuania.

A special thanks goes to Phil Skabeikis, Jack Stukas, Loretta Stukas, Anthony Miner, Anne Bender, Teresa Trainis and Rita Pinkus for their help - above and beyond the call of duty. I wonder if the members-at-large realize what a truly great Supreme Council they have this year!

A public thanks goes to Mr. John Yeck - expert on Public Relations - who will be one of the speakers at the 63rd National Convention. It was Mr. Yeck who stepped in to help solve the differences between the Dayton Ethnic Groups and their sponsoring organization when arguments arose over finances at the International Festival last year. We are all looking forward to Mr. Yeck's participation this August.

My appreciation and gratitude is offered to the many Councils who take five minutes of their precious time for cultural readings at meetings each month. Labai aciū!

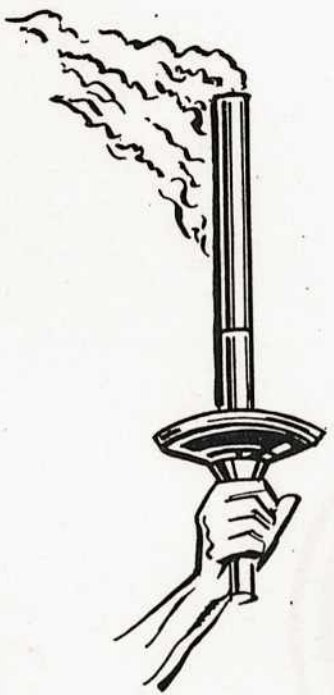
Also, we still have some records made by the Knights of Lithuania Choir called "Vai, Lėkite Dainos" for sale. These records are \$5.00 for one record -



or \$4.00 each if you buy a box of 25 records. Make a check or money order payable to "The Supreme Council" and mail it to Aldona Ryan, 6591 McEwen Road, Centerville, Ohio 45459. You will enjoy these fine Lithuanian folk songs for many years.

Lastly, I will be most happy to work with anyone who has a question pertaining to Lithuanian culture. Try me - I'm available! See you at the Barstukių Iškilmės!

Aldona Ryan
National Cultural Chairman



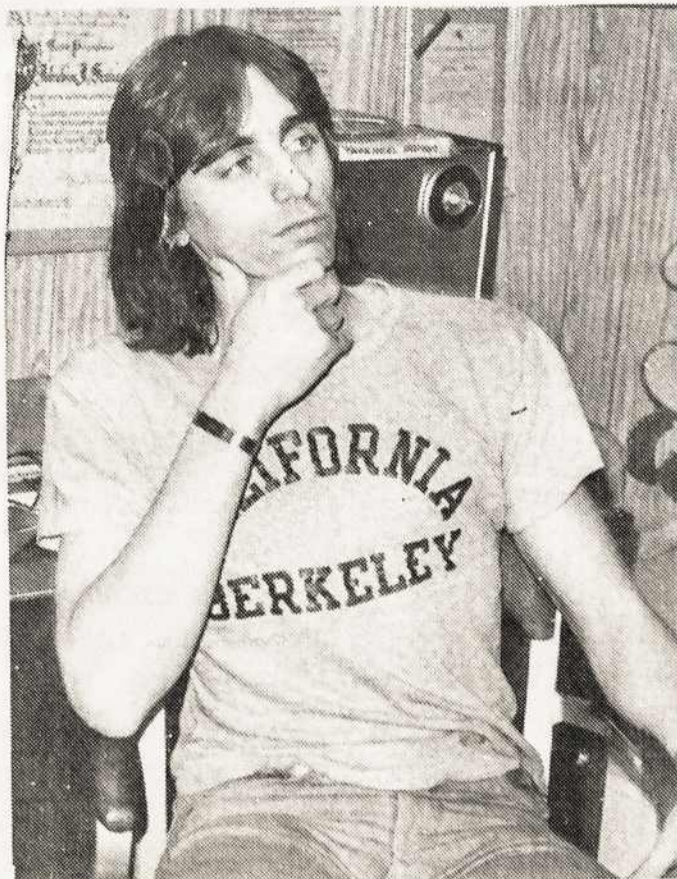
MEET BILL JANKUNIS OUR MAN IN THE 1976 SUMMER OLYMPICS



by Loretta I. Stukas

When the Summer 1976 Olympics open in Montreal in late July, American Lithuanians will be paying special attention to the High Jump Competition - and cheering on one of "their own", 21-year-old, 6'2" BILL JANKUNIS, of Staten Island, N.Y. Considered one of the premier high-jumpers of the world, Bill finished an exciting first in the US Olympic qualifying trials in late June in Oregon, clearing 7'5 3/4". As he took his winning jump, Bill also showed his pride in his Lithuanian heritage by wearing a Lithuanian VYTIS attached to his jersey. The VYTIS was presented him by Dr. Jack and Loretta Stukas during a recent visit to their home.

The Olympic Games have loomed before Bill's eyes for many years, but especially since his coach at New Dorp High School, Bill Walsh, brought out his natural abilities in jumping and convinced him that he had definite Olympic potential. Jankunis switched from a straddle jumper to a flopper between his junior and senior years in high school, and immediately moved from clearing 6'6" to 6'10". Before he finished high school, he was clearing 7 feet and became a regular winner in competitions. Last year, he won the Big Eight meet at Oklahoma



City with a jump of 7'4" while competing for the University of Colorado. Now that he's definitely headed for the Olympics, he hopes to break Dwight Stone's world record of 7'6 5/8", set in Munich in 1973.

Bill has a strange training regimen. He seldom practices jumping alone, preferring to improve his performance by occasional competition in meets. To keep in shape, he rises each morning at 6:00 A.M. and runs three miles on the beaches of Staten Island before heading for his job in Manhattan. He also works out twice a week weightlifting.

Since the US Olympic athletes are not subsidized, they must depend on personal finances - or find jobs that do not require great responsibility or mental strain - to subsist during training. For Bill Jankunis, who dropped out of the University of Colorado after his second year because of his father's

illness, subsistence means a 9 to 5 job as a clerk and messenger for a New York brokerage firm.

He is fortunate to be part of a closely knit, loving family. His father, a second-generation Lithuanian-American originally from Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Elizabeth, N.J., his mother, of Irish-German descent, and his 3 sisters and 2 brothers all stand proudly behind the only athlete in the family, and assist him morally and financially whenever they can. He has their encouragement to thank for his knack of always looking to the future rather than worrying about the present.

Though a Gold Medal in Montreal is Bill's all encompassing, immediate goal and dream, his future hopes include a career in the Fine Arts. After the Olympic Games, he plans to enroll at an Eastern college with a good Fine Arts department and use his one remaining year of eligibility in track and field. Then he hopes to try his hand at painting.

BILL JANKUNIS - tall, gentle, intelligent, humble and athletically competent - is indeed a credit to the US Olympic Team - and to Americans everywhere. And no one can blame those of us who share Bill's Lithuanian ancestry, for being just a bit prouder than the rest, as we watch "one of our own" carry the torch to - we sincerely wish - an Olympic Gold Medal for the USA in this Bicentennial year.

CONVENTION CORNER

**AUGUST
25 - 29,
1976**

The Convention Package is wrapped and all that is needed is the ribbon and bow.

Inside this package is an exciting and fun-filled convention.

The beautiful and new Stouffee's Dayton Plaza Hotel will be the headquarters for the 63rd National Convention, August 25th - 29th.

You'll find the sessions to be extremely interesting and informative. Three panels are scheduled and will include Political Action, Religion - The Church Today, and Public Relations with John Yeck as speaker. Mr. Yeck's credentials are quite impressive in the field of Public Relations and Advertising. He has given Seminars throughout the United States and Europe. He has been sympathetic to the Lithuanians in their plight for freedom.



The Convention officially opens with Mass at noon on Thursday, followed by the opening session. There will be morning and afternoon sessions on Friday and Saturday. Each day Mass will be said around noon, at the hotel.

The social events begin on Wednesday evening for the early birds. A theatre - dinner party is planned at Memorial Hall. The Kenley Players have been providing Dayton with top Broadway entertainment, including well known artists, for many years.

Thursday evening Pioneer Night will take place at a nearby picnic area complete with appropriate food and entertainment. Come prepared to dress for the occasion. If Mother Nature frowns that night the inside facilities will be used. Many surprises await you that evening.



Barsukių iškilmės (festivalis) 8/27/76
Photo - Joseph Ryan

The traditional cultural theme is the Friday evening event. But here again "Barstukių Iškilmės (Festivalis)" will be a new and different experience for you. Beautiful artifacts will be on display along with more surprises and a festival atmosphere. At the Lithuanian Club Hall, "Vėjeliai" Dance Group will



Holy Cross Church

perform for your enjoyment.

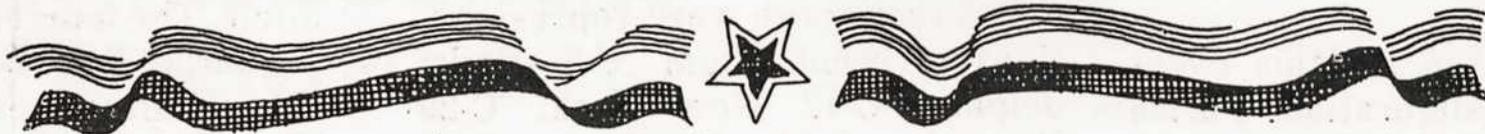
The Banquet and Ball on Saturday evening will be held at the hotel. Guest speaker will be Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, Archbishop of Cincinnati. According to a poll conducted by "U.S. News & World Report", Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati, President of National Conference of Catholic Bishops, was chosen as the most influential religious leader by his peers.

The "Friend of Lithuania" Award will also be presented that evening. Rounding out the evening will be music by the Music Jesters from Cleveland, Ohio. No-one will be able to keep from dancing or tapping their foot when the music begins.

Mass on Sunday will be at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Cross Church. This beautiful church will captivate your hearts with its Lithuanian design and motif. You'll have time to visit the Shrine of the Three Crosses before proceeding to the Lithuanian Club Hall for a fantastic "Feast" with your favorite Lithuanian foods.

A complete Juniors program is designed to hold the interest of all Juniors from 8 to 16. We encourage you to bring them along and when they experience the activities we have planned, they won't want to miss another Convention.

The package awaits your arrival and its loaded with informative, exciting and fun-filled events.



JUNIOR NEWS

JRS. C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

In a past edition, this reporter had Nancy Flynn graduating from the Boston Latin Academy, but it was just a year too early. Nancy graduated this June, and we are sorry that we added that year onto her young life. Nancy, we hope this apology will be accepted.

Our two former presidents, Patty Mitchell was the Salutatorian at the Newman Preparatory School commencement exercises, and Joan Ronukaitis received her diploma from So. Boston H.S. and has been accepted by Bunker Hill Community College.

Nan Balaconis graduated from So. Boston H.S., and was elected to the National Honor Society. She

works as a cashier at the local supermarket to raise money for her further education. Nan just returned from a short vacation in Florida.

Doris Balaconis, our current president, is busy with her job in the So. Boston Library, and as a sailing instructor on the Charles River. She has returned from an educational trip to Montreal, Canada.

Adele Martus is graduating from Jr. H.S. and will be heading for Sr. H.S.

Former Jr., Judy Ruseckas, graduated from Newman Preparatory School.

A "Student Government Day" was held Apr. 2 at the State House, Boston; led by student-Senate President Kathryn Norin-

kavich of Dorchester. Kathryn is in her Jr. year at Msgr. Ryan H.S., a member of the varsity basketball team and National Honor Society.

Laura Januskevich, daughter of proud parents Adele and Joe, took the high award in the Archdiocesan Sr. H.S. Art Award.

The Juniors are busy making plans trying to raise money to send its members to the Dayton, Ohio, Natl. Conv. Many thanks to Ann & John Norinkavich, Mary Kleponis, and Charlie Mikalonis for their support in collecting their share of aluminum cans. (This is one of the projects the Jrs. are using to raise funds for the Convention.) If anyone has any ideas on how to help, kindly contact their counsellor, Al Jaritis.

MARKING A MILESTONE

Philip Skabeikis

The confederation of K of L councils formed in 1916 and christened the New York - New Jersey District, is now sixty years old, a venerable age for any organization. Its name was changed a few years back to Mid-Atlantic District in a brazen forward-looking vision of growth. Although the membership figures that once stood at over 1,000 now waver each year around half that number, a guest at MAD's 60th Birthday Party April 24, 1976 would have seen that despite its age, a great deal of vitality yet remains.

In commemorating MAD's 60th Anniversary, 200 K of Lers and friends attended Holy Mass and received Communion in corpore. A Banquet and Ball followed featuring appropriately commemorative words, both forward and backward looking, and a program of Lithuanian song.

The site chosen for this event was the Transfiguration Parish Church and Hall, familiar to delegates at the 1975 New York National Convention. The program began with the singing of the two national anthems and the Vyčiu Himnas followed by Pastor Frank Bulovas' Invocation. The Mistress of Ceremonies who expertly guided those attending thru the



l. to r.: J. Stukas, S. Kudirka, A. Wesey, L. Stukas, Rev. J. Pakalniskis, Rev. F. Bulovas.

evening was VYTIS Editor and Candidate for Honorary Membership Loretta Stukas.

MAD President Larry Janonis, who has served the District in that capacity for a sum total of 17 years, extended an official welcome. He noted that there were representatives present from C-3 Philadelphia, C-12 New York, C-29 Newark, C-41 Brooklyn, C-61 Paterson, C-67 Bayonne, C-90 Kearny, C-100 Amsterdam, C-109 Great Neck, C-110 Maspeth and C-113 Linden.

The District was further honored by the telegraphed greeting from National President Anthony Miner who lauded its past and

present record in the work of the K of L.

The musical program featured the debut of the C-110 Chorale, founded early in the year as Maspeth's contribution to this affair. The fourteen member group rendered Kur Bėga Šešupė, Kur Giria Žaliuoja and Šėriau Žirgelį. The Chorale is chaired by Mary Kulis with Philip Skabeikis as musical director.

Keynote Speaker was past District President and National President HM Alexander Wesey-Vasilauskas of C-109. Mr. Wesey presented a brief look at what transpired in the District's sixty year life, highlighting its sports activities, the difficult war years and the leaders that sparked District life. Along with Mr. Wesey, two other former District Presidents were present and recognized, Ann Klem and Joseph Augustinas.

Other dais personages who greeted the Banquet guests were HM and Mrs. Simas Kudirka and Dr. Jack Stukas.

Closing Benediction was offered by Transfiguration Curate and C-110 Spiritual Advisor Rev. Jonas Pakalniskis.

The meal itself was prepared by Vytautas Beleckas of 1975 National Convention Sunday Brunch fame.



The C-110 Chorale

The dancing music was provided by Joe Kazlas and his orchestra.

An attractive program journal served as an appropriate souvenir. Compliments to Jeanne Janonis and Mary Kober for this accomplishment.

Supreme Council Officers in attendance were Vice Presidents Marian and Philip Skabeikis, Trustee Anthony Radzevich, Public Relations Co-Chairman Edward Baranauskas, and Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Coordinator for the K of L Helen Shields.

Credit for the evening's success is due Chairman Larry Janonis, Jeanne Janonis, Helen Shields, John and Ann Sidtis, Bill Sidtis and members of C-12 who manned the bar.

The MAD is now looking to the 75th Anniversary and continuation of its past record as an integral part of the K of L organization.

Photo Credit for pictures accompanying this article to John J. Sidtis C-110.

SOME OF THE COUNCILS REPRESENTED...



MAD President L. Janonis and C-110 Juniors President W. Sidtis.



C-100, Amsterdam



C-12, New York



C-41, Brooklyn - Queens



C-109, Great Neck



C-29, Newark



K OF L CALENDAR

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

5 USA & CANADA LITHUANIAN "ŠOKIŲ ŠVENTĖ" (DANCE FESTIVAL), International Amphitheater, Chicago, Ill.

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



Symbol of the Nation, 19th Century.

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

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The Building Trustees held a very successful Rummage Sale on Mar. 27. Our thanks to them and their many workers for all their efforts.

The Lithuanian Bicentennial Celebration was held Apr. 25 at McCormick Place and was well attended. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra played the music of Prof. Vladas Jakubenas; Algerd Brazis and Prudencija Bickiene were soloists. Estelle Rogers, Prudencija Bickiene, and Algerd Brazis received Bicentennial Awards for their Lithuanian cultural activities.

The District hosted the Mid-West Bowling Tournament on May 29-30. We were pleased to entertain visitors from near and far.

K of L's attended the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Dinner on May 16 at the Martinique Restaurant. Vince Samaska was chairman of the affair.

District and council members participated in Chicago's Bicentennial Pageant. On June 12 a "Salute to the Flags" was held on Chicago's beautiful State Street. On June 13 the Pageant took place at Soldier Field, and all who attended enjoyed the most impressive occasion.

Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Dist. Spiritual Advisor, recently celebrated his 35th anniversary in the priesthood. Our heartiest congratulations to Father.

Hoosier

COUNCIL 36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Council 36 hosted St. Casimir Day - March 7th at Immaculate Conception Parish Church - 44th and California - Irene Norushis,

Chairman. It was a beautiful and successful event. The Fourth degrees were given to Mr. & Mrs. A. Pakalniskis of C-112 and Mr. Gediminas Janula of Seniors by Bishop Brizgys. The Mass was participated by many of the members and Rev. P. Juknevicus (Spiritual Advisor of C-36) and Rev. Kireilis assisted the bishop. The pastor Monsignor D. Mozeris gave the reading and spoke about the Sisters of St. Casimir and of the Knights of Lithuania organization. The wine and water offerings were brought up to the altar by Sabina Klatt and 112 council president Al Mockus. After the Mass a beautiful breakfast, dinner was served at the K of L building. David Gaidas was the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Aleksander Pakalniskis of C-112 gave a speech about our beloved patron - St. Casimir. Then Ruth Dagis - Ritual Committee asked Bishop Brizgys to present the 3rd Degree medals to Sally Chernius of C-36 and Adele Jasaitis of C-112,

and Al Pakalniskis, Jr. C-112. Jerome Jankus and Napoleon Sapkus were presented the special award, which is given out on St. Casimir's celebration.

Our council has been selling the decals "We are Proud Lithuanian-American Spirit of 1976"...

In March, Sabina Klatt, displayed a Lithuanian Cultural Exhibit in honor of the Knights of Lithuania at St. Joseph & St. Anne's school Hall for their Bicentennial Dinner Dance. Thanks to Rev. Paul Juknevicius - the display was awed by everyone as his articles from Lithuania were also shown. It was the most elaborate exhibit and the Women's Ladies Sodality thanked her by a beautiful thank you note for taking the time to show the exhibit.

At our meeting, Vince Samoska brought up that July 1st to July 18th - The World's Fair will take place at Navy Pier. The Lithuanians are having a beautiful booth and the K of L members will be helping out too.

April 25th, Jerome Jankus and Napoleon Sapkus proudly carried the flags at Arie Crown Theatre - McCormick Place - for Lithuanian Bicentennial Salute.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

In honor of America's 200 birthday, the council presented "Bi-Centennial Minutes - Or - How It Really Was!" following the regular council meeting in May. Multi-talented Gerrie Mockus wrote the script, directed and produced the entire production. Leading actors Al Shulicke, Albie Samoska and Alex Pakalniskis Jr. were ably aided by Sophie Nieminski, Lorraine Svelnis and Estelle Rogers. For the added enjoyment of the audience, between the scenes, The Bi-Centennial Cuties (Ruth Dagis, Irene Rakaitis and Julie Zakarka) performed. Narrator was council prexy Al Mockus and the behind-the-scenes men were Al Dagsis and Al Zakarka. The audience enjoyed the skits and "getting the true Lithuanian facts" about George Washington and the

Cherry Tree and Silver Dollar, the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, Betty Ross and the American Flag, Ben Franklin's experiment with the kite, the signing of the Declaration of Independence and inventors - Thomas Edison, Alexander Bell and the Wright Bros. first flight. We also enjoyed having C-36 members join us for the event. The after-social festivities were supervised by Stephanie Mlodzik and Monica Kasper and prepared by the council ladies.

At the recent Lithuanian Bi-Centennial commemoration held at the Arie Crown Theater in McCormick Place, those in attendance enjoyed the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's presentation of the music of Prof. Vladas Jakubenas, with soloists Algerd Brazis and Prudencija Bickus. We were proud that council members Al and Prudy along with K of L Choir Pres. Estelle Rogers were awarded special mementos from the committee for their efforts in furthering Lithuanian culture.

The Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Lithuanian Pavilion at the Bi-Centennial celebration of the Chicago International Trade Exposition which was held at Navy Pier. Council member Josephine Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, served as the Honorary Chairperson. The Chamber also held their Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Martinique and many K of L members were in attendance.

In June, honoring Flag Day, the City of Chicago hosted two spectacular events - the tremendous "Salute to the Flag Parade", and the gala pageant in Soldier Field. The ethnic groups were out in force and, of course, the K of L was well represented.

Council Board members continue to meet monthly to plan the business and social schedule of the council. The April and May meetings were hosted by Sophie Nieminski and Monica Kasper, resp., and chaired by V.P. Al Zakarka.

C-82 - GARY, IND.

The parish of St. Casimir's in Gary is proud to announce the re-organization of the K of L council.

Many seemed eager to join as Mrs. Jagilla, our elected president, explained what the organization's purpose was. We have already participated in other activities of different area organizations, and also have planned various activities of our own. We hope to have a growing active council, not only including adults, but also the younger people of the parish.

Rita Tavaraitė

MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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TEAM STANDINGS

Series	Council/City	Captain
2885	36 Chicago	Samaska
2881	36 Chicago	Svelnis
2851	139 Detroit & 25 Cleveland	Bridgevaitis
2820	102 Detroit	Galinas
2805	112 Chicago	Skudra
2774	25 Cleveland	Andrulis
2774	96 Dayton	Tokarsky
2773	36 Chicago	Klatt
2753	96 Dayton	Petkus
2742	79 Detroit	Vale
2725	102 Detroit	Kayganich
2720	36 Chicago	Wallunas
2711	19 Pittsburgh	Rozger
2704	96 Dayton	Sierkerka
2690	96 Dayton	Ambrose
2626	112 Chicago	Kachinski
2608	79 Detroit	Yakstys
2582	139 Detroit	Kurpowic
2558	96 Dayton	Fletcher
2550	96 Dayton	Berczelly
2494	25 Cleveland	Lucas
2378	82 Gary	Degutis

MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MAY 29, 1976

CHICAGO, ILL.

TEAM WINNERS

1st Place - 36 Chicago

Wally Zengulis, Irene Norushis
Sophie Zukas, Fred Stahulak
Vince Samaska, Captain

2nd Place - 36 Chicago

AnnMarie Kassel, Helen Skudra
Bernice Pupinek, Carol Tenclinger
Frank Svelnis, Captain

3rd Place - 139 Detroit and 25 Cleveland

Norman Hein, Charles Milius,
Betty August, Adele Svet
Julius Bridgevaitis, Captain

Last Place - 82 Gary

Diane Jagiella, Rasa Raudonis
Linda Tarvaras, Wally Primer
Vytautas Degutis, Captain

INDIVIDUAL TROPHY WINNERS

High Scratch Series -

Fred Stahulak, 36 Chicago
Teri Scott, 96 Dayton

High W/Hdcp. Series -

Frank Svelnis, 36 Chicago
Adele Sve, 25 Cleveland

High Scratch Game -

Clem Galinas, 102 Detroit
Judy Petrokas, 96 Dayton

High W/Hdcp. Game

Walter Zengulis, 36 Chicago
Kathy Sinkwitz, 96 Dayton

Low Scratch Series -

Len Salas, 79 Detroit
Diana Jagiella, 82 Gary

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MID-CENTRAL

DISTRICT



CINCINNATI, OHIO

Our council honored the Feast Day of St. Casimir with a commemoration dinner on Mar. 8. The program began with an historical account of the life of St. Casimir, Mrs. Stase Kaselis played a series of folk songs on the kankles, and Mr. Horace Žibas discussed the early Lithuanian settlers in Cincinnati.

We thank all who participated, and those who planned the day.

Asta Vitenas

C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

Somehow we survived the pranks of Mother Nature this winter who clobbered us with snow, ice, and tornadoes. Our former members, Millie & John Dargis, were very fortunate to escape that brutal tornado that struck their West Bloomfield area on Mar. 20, which then took off for warmer climates.

It was with much pleasure Pres. Maggie Smailis announced a new member, Esther Pace, at our April meeting. Welcome to our council!

Our Cultural Chairlady, Stella Hotra, read a folklore, The Amber Web, and asked members for ideas to present at future meetings. Members found a lot of enjoyment, a bit of humor, and much interest in the reading. Ačiū, Stella.

Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus scheduled installation of First & Second Degrees on May 15. Con-

gratulations to all the recipients. A social and refreshments followed.

A nice report came from Pres. Maggie Smailis and Bertha Janus who attended the Supreme Council meeting held in Dayton, Ohio, on Apr. 3-4. Just to say "thank you" to hosts C-96 would be an understatement. Their warmth and hospitality made everyone feel very comfortable. We know the Nat'l. Conv. will be a great success.

Following the April meeting, there was a lot of good eating going on, when Jean & Joe Jakstys served as hosts for the evening. Many thanks!

The two members we don't see much of these days, Ann & Ralph Valatka, dropped in on us recently. They were staying in Florida over the winter months and surprised us by coming to the Sajunga Parish Dinner on Apr. 4. Both looked very well and nicely tanned from the Florida sun. Let's see you more often! It was also a pleasure to see our former pastor, Rev. Michael Kundrat, who drove in from Memphis, Mich., for the Parish Dinner. We hope you'll come back more often, Fr. Mike. To all the Sajungietes, who received some assistance from our council members, a Big Ačiū for the success of the pre-Easter Parish Dinner.

Marie & George Kase have become "cruise freaks". It was another one of those "all aboard and ship ahoy" trips when the Kases enjoyed a Caribbean cruise for a 10-day sail before Easter.

Not the western wagons, but the Chevys, Gremlins, and a Cadillac, here and there, winded their way to Chicago as a number of our 79'ers motored to the Mid-West Bowling Tournament and the Mid-Central Dist. Meeting during Memorial Day weekend. The Windy City clan of the Ill.-Ind. Dist. deserve much credit for their untiring efforts in nicely arranging the two events.

Get well wishes go to Frank Petroski who was hospitalized before Easter. After an extended rest period at home, Frank is to return for surgery. Our prayers

are with Frank for a complete recovery.

Just about the time this column appears in print, we will be knee-deep in our Bicentennial activities to celebrate the 200th birthday of our country. Parades, festivals, and other varied programs are among many featured events in the Detroit area.

The first ethnic festival held last year at the Farmington Community Center was so successful, that a second one was held May 21-23 carrying a bicentennial theme. Presentations were given by the Lithuanian dance group. Arts and crafts from Lithuania, a bicentennial booth, as well as novelties from many other countries, were on display.

We were very sorry to learn that after a lingering illness, Mike Petkus passed away on Apr. 25. He was a hard-working, vigorous member of Dayton, Ohio C-96, and will be greatly missed. Our deep sympathy to his beloved wife, Fran, and his family, and hope the good Lord sustains them during their time of grief.

As summer approaches, let's remember others in some meaningful way, - visiting a nursing home, bringing a jar of two of your garden items to a shut-in, or sending a card to a sick member or friend.

We extend to all our wishes for a pleasant summer. Stay well and may your days be filled with friendship, love and joy. See you in Dayton!

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

We had the pleasure of hosting the Supreme Council Board the weekend of Apr. 3-4. The meeting lasted eight hours (there was a break to 'refuel'); much was discussed. Council Pres. Judy Petrokas and Cultural Chmn. Aldona Ryan were co-ordinators for the occasion. Taking charge of the social end and seeing that things fell into place were our Social Chairladies, Mary Lou Lastoskie and Karolyn Ambrose.

All council members who helped are thanked for pitching in and doing their part to make the weekend a success. An extra "Ačiū Labai" is extended to Holy Cross parishioner Mrs. Masilionis and her family. They hosted the parish "coffee gathering" and made sure there was enough for our out-of-town Knights and guests.

Congratulations for a very successful Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale to Chairladies Chris and Eleanor Mantz. They were backed up by the rest of their family, Joe, Sue and Jr. Knight Joey, to round out the committee. Council members came through for them with baked items and various other forms of donations. The committee thanks all!

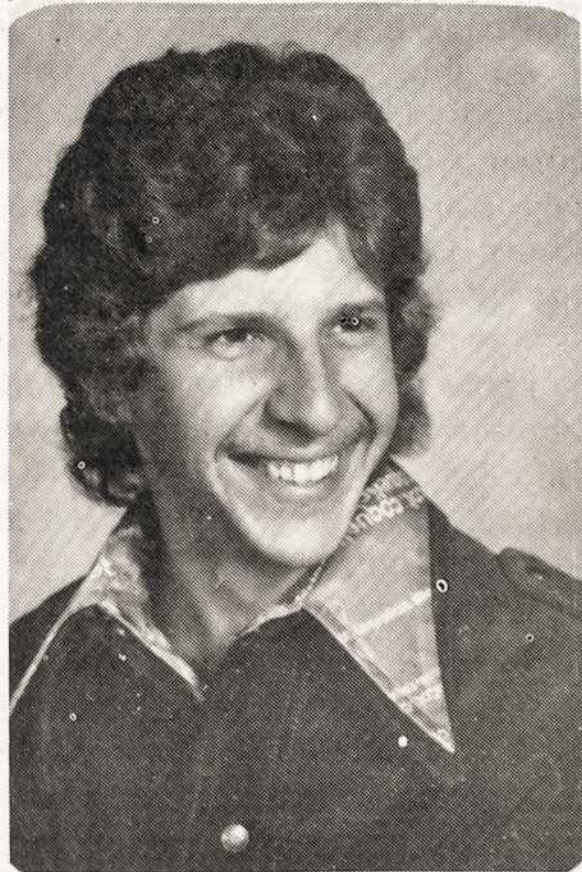
Eugenia Gečas and her helpers are thanked for their fine job in taking care of the Easter Sunday Breakfast and Egg Hunt for the parish children. This has become a tradition for the children of Holy Cross.

We convey speedy recovery wishes to Eloise Berczelly who has had back problems, and to Julius Rastikis, Sr. who underwent surgery. To our dear friends, Frank Petroski from Detroit C-79, and to Joe Sadauskas, C-25 Cleveland Srs., we are sending "please hurry and get well" wishes. Congratulations to Mr. Sadauskas on the occasion of his 79th birthday and 60 working years in the K of L organization.

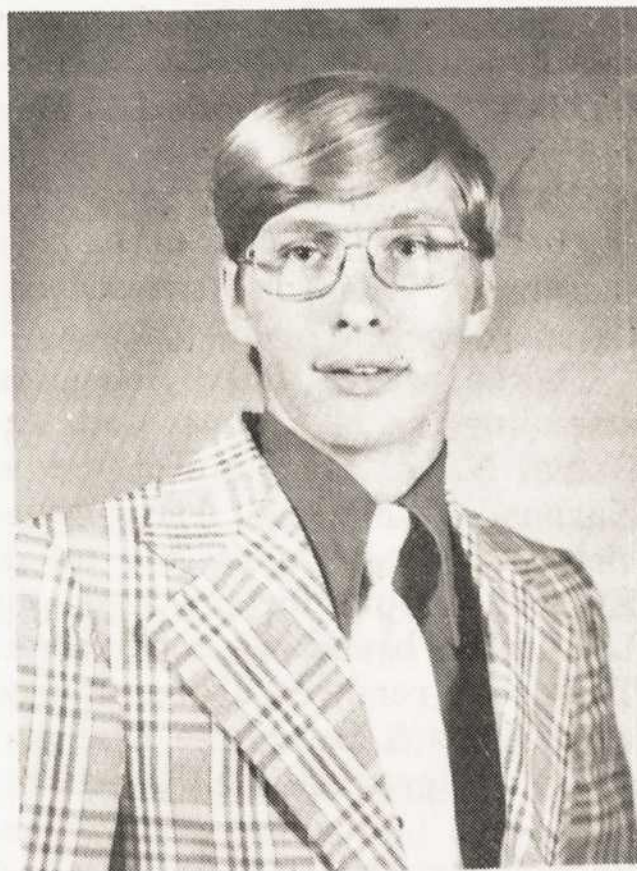
Through the efforts of Aldona Ryan, Nat'l & local Cultural Chmn., and Mary Lucas, MCD Cultural Chmn., six books have been donated to the Main Library in Dayton, - 4 editions of the Lithuanian Encyclopedia, "The Balts" by Dr. Maria Gimbutas, and "Lithuania 700 Years" by Albert Gerutis. We thank the Nat'l Cultural Fund for making this possible.

Our best wishes to Henry Pant who was received into the Catholic Church and made his First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Mary Help of Christians on Apr. 10. Welcome, Henry! Much happi-

ness to Joe & Sue Noreikas in their new home. Congratulations to Audrey Banner who won the afghan donated to the council by Harley Karn's mother.



Dayton C-96 — Edward Sluzas



Dayton C-96 — Michael Petkus

Graduation congratulations to two active Knights, Edward Sluzas and Michael F. Petkus. They have maintained continuous council membership since joining the Juniors at the early age of nine. Both young men are a part of the parish Vėjeliai Dancers. Ed gave

an excellent performance in his H.S. play "The Crucible". He will be graduating from Chaminade-Julienne H.S. and plans to continue his education at Wright State Univ. majoring in Theater. Michael graduates from Walter E. Stebbins H.S. He has received an Alumni Scholarship Award and Freshman Grant from Wittenberg Univ. in Springfield, O., and will be majoring in Business/Science.

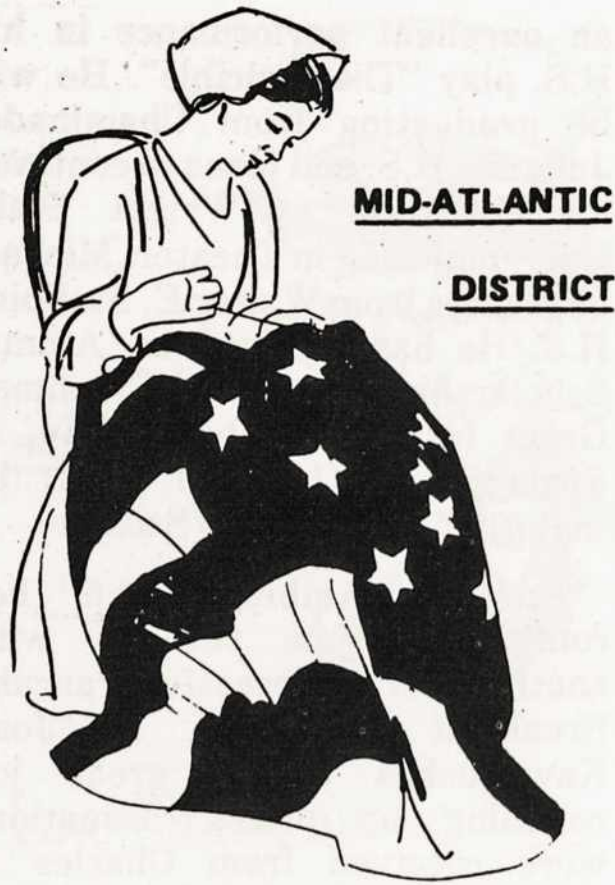
Karolyn Ambrose and her committee came through with another very successful Pancake Breakfast on May 2. Joan Kavalauskas did a great job rounding up prizes. Donations were received from Charles & Fran Vangas, a case of Lambrosco wine; homemade wine from Jim Kavalauskas; and friends of the council, the Sierkerka Family, donated a case of beer and a cooler. Knights to win were Frank Ambrose and Ernest Omlor.

Our council was saddened on Apr. 25 with the sudden loss of Fourth Degree Knight, Mike P. Petkus. Our very deepest sympathies are extended to his family - his wife, Fran; children, Michael and Tom; brothers, Peter, Hialeah, Fla., Charles, Dayton; sister, Eleanor Mantz; nieces, Cathy (Mantz) Roberts, Homestead, Fla., Sue, Chris and nephew, Joey Mantz; niece, Jane A. Petkus; to all Mike's nieces, nephews, family and many, many friends. Because of his gentleness, and the charitable works Mike has done, we know he is at peace with God.

As a tribute to Mike, along with his brother-in-law, Joe Mantz, who were co-chairmen of the Apr. 25 Bingo, Frank Ambrose pulled everything together, along with many council members, and held one of the most successful evenings ever. We are truly a united council!

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C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Hosting the Apr. 12 meeting was the Liberis family with an assist by Vera Shatas & son Joe, and Ann Love. We were happy to have Father Grigaitis with us because a few weeks ago, Father had an accident and broke his wrist. Prayers were offered for our departed member, Pauline Urban, who was laid to rest that morning. Pres. Tony Radzevich outlined activities at the M.A. Dist. Conv. held in Bklyn, N.Y., and gave a rundown on the S.C. Meeting held in Dayton, Ohio, on Apr. 10. Father Baltch, Tony Radzevich and Regina Kot volunteered for the Lith. Ethnic Group's Bicentennial Heritage Night program scheduled for June 2. Polly Ziausys was in charge of the cultural exhibit of Lithuanian artifacts displayed on May 30 at St. Casimir's Social Center. Polly made an interesting comment - that Martha Washington's amber necklace was recently purchased by the Smithsonian Institute.

We welcomed new members, Agnes Rokit who was sponsored by her cousin Nellie Liberis, Josephine Redding, and Edna & Albert Luzinas.

Edna Stokna, Jean Maldutis and Annacette Guzielek did an excellent job organizing our Brunch.

held Mar. 7 at the Tower Inn following Mass at St. Casimir's Church. Fr. Baltch spoke on interesting facts on the life of St. Casimir, as did Father Grigaitis, who spoke in Lithuanian.

Ritual degrees were presented to eligible members by Ritual Chairlady Mary Stanionis and Rev. Baltch. Recipients of 1st degree were Annacetta Guzielek, Edna & Albert Luzinas, Josephine Redding, Evelyn & Stanley Rimkunas. Members qualified to receive 2nd degree were Betty Kuzmich, Edmund Liberis, Anna Love, Jean Maldutis, Joseph Shatas, Vera Shatas, Virginia Valikonis and Edward Ziausys.

Ed Baranauskas, who fell on the ice in February and broke both wrists, is back in circulation. He visited Lithuania in July. Annacetta Guzielek just returned from a trip to Switzerland.

Congratulations to Ann Sweet and Leo Czerw who tied the knot in June. Helen & Leo Druziak celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 12. Anniversary greetings to Lenny & Eleanor Olechowski who celebrated on May 7. May 30 was a big day in the life of Father Anthony Grigaitis. He celebrated his 45th year in the holy sacrament of the priesthood. *Ilgiausių metų Tėveli!*

There were five delegates attending the M.A. Dist. Conv. in Bklyn, N.Y. - Regina Kot, Sadie Karbus, Anthony & Ann Radzevich and Gene Gobis. We thank Eugenia Karpus for the loaves of Lithuanian bread we took home. The group renewed acquaintances with Simas & Genovaite Kudirka, and it was great to see the Stukas, Skabeikis, Janonis, Mazeikas, Radzivanas, Helen Shields, and others.

Many of our members participated in the Bicentennial Lithuanian Ethnic Week in Amsterdam May 30 thru June 5. Joe Valikonis headed the Lith. Ethnic Group in the city wide planning, and he and Mary Sabutis cochaired the Lith. Committee which was made up of members representing all Lith.

organizations in Amsterdam.

Quite a few of our members attended the M.A. Dist.'s 60th Anniversary Dinner held in Maspeth, N.Y., - Tony & Ann Radzevich, Frances Bobines, Helen Radzevich, John & Regina Kot, Gene Gobis, Peter Hayes and Ed Baranauskas. A beautiful time was had by all. The following morning, the group heard Mass at the Annunciation Church in Brooklyn, where they listened to the choir under the direction of Organist A. Kacanauskas, as well as the Perkunas Men's Choir. They then traveled to Kearny, N.J., to see the Grandinele Dance Group of Cleveland, Ohio, perform. There were approximately 1,500 persons in attendance.

At our May 5 meeting, our council decided to donate \$35. to the Scholarship Fund. Regina Kot read about the life and works of Bishop Antanas Baranauskas, and Fr. Baltch showed the members many new books he had recently received from Lithuania. He reminded the council that the Folk Dance Festival would be held in Chicago on Labor Day weekend. The council chose June 27 for the outing at the summer residence of Dr. & Mrs. Adam Kindar at Galway, N.Y.

Joe Valikonis received his diploma having completed the Legislative Powers and Duties Course at Fulton Montgomery Community College, Johnstown, N.Y.

Two cars from Amsterdam traveled to Waterbury, Conn. on May 8 to help celebrate their council's 60th Anniversary. Twas an eventful day!

Sadness has befallen the families of two of our council members. Alger Bagdonas lost his beloved mother Antanina Bagdonas. Anthony Urba, father of Peter Urba, made his peace with God on May 31, Memorial Day. Our sympathies are with them. May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

Smile & Sparkle





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C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Senk of New Britain, Conn., members of our council, were guests of honor at a party held at the River Boat Restaurant in So. Hadley on Apr. 24. Close friends and relatives honored them on the occasion of their 32nd wedding anniversary. Guests were present from So. Hadley, Wakefield, Reading, Orange and Athol. Mrs. Senk is the former Margaret Davidonis of Athol. At the same time, Len Davidonis, Marg's brother and C-10 president, received birthday greetings from those present, as this was also the date of his 39th (?) birthday.

Mrs. Alice Perekslis is now convalescing at her home after undergoing surgery at the Athol Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Pauline Rogers, the former Pauline Tamasiunas, has rejoined our council after many years of absence. We are happy to have Pauline and her talents among our group.

St. Francis Parish, in conjunction with Our Lady Immaculate Parish, sponsored a Bicentennial Celebration on June 27 at the Athol Fair Grounds. A field Mass was celebrated on the grounds, and St. Francis Parish asked Mrs. Ivaska's dance group of So. Boston to perform. Council members helped on the committee. Father Stepie is always full of ideas.

Fr. Albin Yankauskas, son of Mr. Paul Yankauskas of Upsala St., Worcester, was honored at a testimonial on the occasion of his

25th anniversary in the priesthood. A concelebrated Mass was offered in his home parish of Our Lady of Vilna, and a banquet was held at Maironis Park attended by more than 200 parishioners and friends. Fr. Al is well remembered by our members as the former pastor of St. Francis, and our council's Spiritual Advisor. A good group of our members attended the festivities and wished Father many more fruitful years in the ministry.

Howie Beaudette began his new duties at the V.A. Hospital in Rutland as a head cook. Howie worked at the Gardner State Hospital for many years but was forced to leave after the State closed down the facilities.

We congratulate and wish our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Justin Steponaitis, a happy Name's Day which he celebrated on June 1.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

On June 27, Charles Genaitis of 3 Maple St., Gardner, Mass., was honored at a retirement testimonial banquet at Paul's Restaurant in Holden sponsored by the Gardner Teacher's Assoc. Charlie was presented with a set of luggage. Both he and his wife Blanche are ardent travelers and will put the luggage to good use.

Charlie was graduated in 1925 from Gardner H.S., earned his B.S. Degree in Education from Bridgewater Teacher's College in 1930, and obtained his Master's Education in 1961 from Fitchburg State College.

Charlie entered the teaching field after what he calls free-lancing barbering, bell hopping, and enjoying life in general, until he settled down and married Blanche Jonaitis in 1940. He felt a teacher's salary at the time was not enough to support a family, so he waited until he was more financially secure.

Turning 70 in June, the mandatory retirement age for teachers, Charlie left the Gardner School System at the end of the academic 1975-76 school year, after

18 years of service. Looking a lot younger than his years, he states his secret is to be active. This will be a problem now to Charlie, for his doctor has ordered him to "slow down".

Charles has served as Treas. of the Gardner Teacher's Assoc., Secy of our K of L council, a Red Cross First Aid instructor, a 35-year member of the Sacred Heart Choir, singing in the parish music shows, a member of the Lithuanian Outing Assoc., and a former chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He is the proud father of 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

A photo of Charles and a long featured article appeared on the June 4 front page of The Gardner News, paying tribute to a teacher who was more than a teacher to his students at the Coleman St. Grammar School, but a councilor, guidance director, and friend to countless of hundreds of students.

We of C-10 congratulate our most active, best liked member, and wish him good health and many happy active years of retirement. Lai Dievas tave laimina.

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C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

Though there has been no news of our activities for quite a while, council members have been busy.

To recap events, we had a Valentine's Party, chaired by Antoinette & Ed White, daughter Ginny Maciokas and her committee, where the food was superb, the people very congenial, and a good time had by all.

On Mar. 4, the St. Casimir's Day Committee of Patricia Richards and Lillian Paulauskas, with the help of other council members, planned a supper at St. Joseph's School Hall with about 100 people attending. Rev. Raymond Yuskas, the new Pastor of Ansonia, gave an interesting, timely speech. We thank all who helped make this annual event a success.

Our 60th Anniversary was

observed in May at a Buffet Supper & Dance held in St. Joseph's Hall. It was good to see guests present from Ansonia, Gene Gobis and other members from the Amsterdam, N.Y. council, Anthony Miner and Dot Sinkevitch from Mass., and Terry Trainis and her husband from the Bridgeport council. Honorary Members Mr. & Mrs. A. Aleksis were seated at the head table, and were later observed "tripping the light fantastic" many times. The young Lithuanian dancing group entertained with ethnic dances before the orchestra arrived. Chairman of the event, Tom Kaukas, and his very able committee are to be congratulated. Everyone had a good time!

Pat Richards, Amelia Kripaitis and Lillian Paulauskas traveled to Ansonia on May 22 to help C-7 celebrate their 26th Anniversary. Congratulations and many more active years is wished them from our council.

The K of L Bowling Banquet was held May 22. We congratulate the top team, captain of which was Janice LaPointe. She led her team to a K of L bowling first, - the same team won both rounds. Team mates Dr. William Shukaitis, Virginia Maciokas and Jerry Calca were awarded top prize.

Dot & Al Alankas returned after 3 months in Florida, looking very tanned and healthy. Al is actively engaged with the Waterbury Dodgers, a locally sponsored baseball team which plays against Conn. and Mass. teams all summer, - and doing pretty well, too.

We have many fishermen in our midst. Our "fishing club" consisting of Al Alankas, Otto Shatas, John Alankas, Dr. W. Shukaitis, Wally Blinn and Tom Kaukas, made their annual trip to Cape Cod and had a rewarding trip and good time. The Blinn brothers, - Lou, Joe, John, Wally & Peter, were at Lake Champlain for their annual family fishing trip. Tom Kaukas and his son, who lives in Missouri, also spent some time fishing at Moosehead Lake in Maine.

Best wishes to Father Al Yankauskas on his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood. Lillian Paulauskas and John Alankas attended the celebration in his honor at Maironis Park which was attended by 250 people. That should prove how well liked Father is.

Tom Herbert, one of our most helpful Board of Director members, spent several months traveling through California, Washington, Oregon and points west, with his daughter-in-law and her family. Tom's wife, Anne, couldn't travel too far, so she covered the east coast with her family.

Rev. George Vilciauskas, our council's Spiritual Advisor and Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Waterbury, celebrated his 35th Anniversary in the priesthood in May. All members of our council congratulated Father and wished him a long and healthy future, and many more productive and fruitful years in the service of our Lord.

Mary Fortier, one of our newest members, and her husband celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Much happiness to you both.

Dr. Shukaitis and wife Doris traveled to Aruba in May. They reported having a fine time and had good weather, but the winds were a little too much for that time of year.

Who said Weight Watchers doesn't work? Wally "Slim" Blinn lost 19 lbs. and wife Doris lost 24. Ed White lost 34 lbs. They look wonderful! Keep up the will power.

Our last meeting was held in June before the summer season started. We hope everyone has a happy, safe summer, and we'll be back in the fall. Best wishes for a productive National Convention in Dayton, and we'll see some of you at the NED Picnic at Maironis Park in October.

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C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

February was the month of hearts and flowers, and Lithuania's Independence Day. To commemo-

rate this occasion, the 10:30 A.M. Mass on Feb. 15 was especially reserved by our council. William Waiwat and Bernard Minkus, carrying the American and Lithuanian Flags, led our members into church.

In his sermon, Father Puidokas rekindled the flame of freedom. So adeptly, he recalled the hardships past and present that Lithuania has endured, and inspired many parishioners with the goals we should strive to achieve - that Lithuania, and the Lithuanians within, be free once more.

This Mass will always be remembered by Joseph Sabonis, - his first occasion to assist Fr. Puidokas with communicants, as an extraordinary minister. Another member, Frank Bernadicius, also serves in this capacity.

After Mass we returned to the church hall for coffee and cake and were joined by St. Cecilia's choir. Perhaps next year we could invite all attending Mass to join us for a social hour.

In our endeavor to promote Lithuanianism, our council decided this would be a suitable time to donate the book "Lithuanians in America" by Dr. Antanas Kucas to the Holyoke Public Library. Top and center of the page for our photo and write-up in the local newspaper was choice coverage and excellent publicity. A week later, Father Puidokas, our Pastor and Spiritual Advisor, donated another copy of the same book to the Athenaeum in Westfield.

"E Pluribus Unum" from Many One - the many nationalities that converged to these shores, was the text of Dr. Isadorus Alis' speech at our St. Casimir's Day Brunch. The powerful emotion of joy must have been tremendous in leaving behind the Old World. Descriptively he portrayed the role Lithuanians contributed in the "budding of our great nation". Here was the land of milk and honey - their hope of salvation. But ironically, the exploitations that awaited them were tragic. With little or no money, and the language barrier, their only assets were their strength and the



To commemorate the 58th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Declaration, Westfield C-30 members donate a copy of the book "Lithuanians in America" by Antanas Kucas to the Holyoke Public Library.

From left: Ray Tellier, Library Director; Margaret Picard, VYTIS correspondent; Stanley Sileikis, Lith. Culture Chairman; Anthony Ruggles, Lith. Affairs Chairman; and Nell Ruggles, N.E. Dist Culture Chairman.

capacity for endurance. They sacrificed and carried their heavy burdens with dignity. However difficult, they soon realized that the U.S. was a flourishing country and the land of the free. Regardless of the bitter struggle, they took the time to love, encourage and educate us, their children. But now, as living memorials, how do we begin to repay those unselfish acts, - to show reverence to our forebears? Perhaps a fitting tribute should be the continuance and preservation of the Lithuanian language, - by speaking, reading and writing it.

Aside from his profession, Dr. Alis is a champion advocate in perpetuating Lithuanianism.

Because Degrees had not been awarded since 1969, it was decided to note the merits of our members at this gathering. Mrs. Rita Pinkus, Supreme Council officer, honored us with her presence for this occasion. Together, our council chairwoman, Helen Alexik, assisted by Kunigunda Coach,

ceremoniously inducted the following with First Degree: Adeline Kwapec, Mr. & Mrs. J. Leo Laferriere of So. Hadley, Mr. & Mrs. John Rigalis, Mrs. Helen Suzor of Longmeadow, Mrs. Ann Zakrezewski, and Mr. & Mrs. James Adamites of Hatfield.

First and Second Degrees were bestowed upon: Mr. & Mrs. Mamert Cvirka, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Krenzel, Mrs. Eugenia Duda, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Laframboise, Mrs. Nellie Lord, Mr. Arthur Lord, Mr. & Mrs. Clement Picard, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ruggles, Mr. Wilfred Renaud, Mrs. Edna Bernadicius of W. Springfield and Mrs. William Alexik.

Margaret Picard

C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Al Jaritis presented the scholarship awards to several St. Peter's Lithuanian Parochial School students. We congratulate these youngsters: Joseph Balaonis, Larry Venis, Janet Ruseckas, and

Wm. Zuzavich. Our two councils are making plans to change the scholarship award program next year. This is now in the hands of the committee.

Heidi Kniupis has accepted the position of Rec. Secy. in the N.E. Dist., to complete the term of Marjorie Dillis who has resigned. Marjorie has joined the U.S.A.F. Nurse Corps and in July left for training at Lackland A.F. Base, San Antonio, Texas. We all wish the best to Marjorie in her new vocation. Heidi, also, is a member of the A.F. Reserve and will spend 6 weeks in training at the same Base. Heidi's a busy girl, - she also represented the council at the Spring Conv. held in Worcester.

Albert Kniupis is now in the new department of the Boston Police, - on the Patrolmen Information Committee of the Police Commissioner. Al dispenses news releases over the radio. Fred Hirst advises he is enjoying his first command in the U.S. Marine Corps and sends regards to all. Fred is also being sent to communication school along with his command, which makes for a tough assignment. Vytautas Jurgela has been busy with the Lithuanian children's dance group; his son is a member of the group. Anita Daniels, who is exec. secy. to the pres., was made one of the incorporators of the So. Boston Savings Bank. John Daniels is still traversing the continent with his job. Alice Olevitz is doing a favor for a friend, and is temporarily back to work for the Boston School Committee.

Congratulations to Adele & Joseph Januskevich on the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gaillus on their 27th anniversary. Much happiness to Lorraine Harris who became the bride of William Condon. We offer our congratulations to the Silver Jubilarian, Sister M. Kleponis of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified. The entire Kleponis family have always been active K of L members. Belated felicitations to Rev. Joseph Svirskis and Rev. Anthony

Kneizys on their 25th anniversaries in the priesthood. Ad Multos Annos!

It's good to see Lillian Bazzinoti on the road to recovery. Our best, too, to Eddie Gaillus of the Srs., who was hospitalized after a sudden accident.

Fr. Albin Janiunas spent his vacation close to home, taking his mother for short rides. Atty. John Markuns, interested in Labor Law, is planning to work for Uncle Sam in Washington, D.C. John's dad, Frank, spent a weekend at Grossingers, N.Y., attending a Credit Union Manager's Seminar. Helen Suprin, our skier, visited in Lithuania for a short time. Mary & daughter Adele Martus, and aunt Adele Martus, spent 3 weeks in England, France, Switzerland, and Italy. Mary visited with her relatives in Italy. Though she is of Italian extraction, Mary is a very willing worker of our council; we could use more of the same! Joe Januskavich is busy painting and repairing his boat and getting his fishing rods in shape for the season. Vytautas Bruzgys is singing with the So. Boston Men's Octet. They are very much in demand.

For whom the bells toll... Remember in your prayers - Alphonse Grigalunas, brother of John, Vic, Frank Grigas and Helen Sabiski; Blanche Kapochy, Sr. member and wife of the late Dr. Anthony Kapochy; Adolph Dabriskas, father of Julie; and Peggy's dad, Edward "Ed" O'Donohue, who wasn't a Lithuanian, but was a true friend of the K of L.

Congratulations to Joseph White and Larry Svelnis for their hard work in putting together the Lithuanian Bicentennial Exhibition that was held for a week in April at the State House in Boston. This was a tremendous chore, and the entire committee is to be commended.

There were some members attending Brockton's C-1 Spring Dance, but it was a disappointment not to see more familiar faces. We

must remember that if support is expected from other councils for our activities, we must also support them in their endeavors.

Our thanks to Rev. Wm. Wolkovich, Administrator of St. Matthias Church, Marlboro, for celebrating the N.E. Dist. Holy Hour. It was truly a Lithuanian affair, and we thank the parishioners of Father's parish for their help with the refreshments after the Service.

Mišinys Naujienu Rinkėjas

SRS. C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Roy Baliconis, son of members Elizabeth & Joseph Baliconis, won the light-weight boxing championship of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. He graduated in June, and after a short course and

training in San Diego, Cal., he will be stationed at the Academy as a sailing instructor. Congratulations to Roy and his family. We wish him a successful career in the Navy.

The Baliconis family is slated for a busy year. The parents are celebrating their 25th anniversary. Daughter Nan is completing So. Boston H.S. Roy and brothers George, of the N.Y. Maritime Academy, and Joe of N.E. Univ., are all competing against each other in the Intercollegiate Regatta. May the best man win!

One of Frank Markuns' admirers brought a delicious cake to our March meeting to help Frank celebrate his birthday. Felix Zaletskas, our Lith. Affairs council officer, celebrated his 83rd birthday Apr. 24. Ilgiausių metų to both!



C-17 Srs. - So. Boston - The Lithuanian-American Bicentennial held in State House, Boston, Mass. April 26-30. (l to r): Sister David, C.J.C., State Auditor Thaddeus Buczko, Longinas Svelnis and children from St. Casimir's School in Brockton.

Both Dr. Albert Kiburis and Stanley Griganavicius are now on the mend and convalescing at home after recent surgery. We have missed Ona Uleviciene at our meetings, and hear she was ill. Hope all is well now.

Mrs. Florence Casper, Pres. of the Jos. Casper & Sons Funeral Home, has been elected corporator at the annual meeting of the So. Boston Savings Bank. She has been active in our council, and also in community affairs.

The council sponsored a Whist Party on Apr. 4 with all proceeds for the benefit of the church.

Ann Narkevich retired from Gillette Safety Razor Co. after 32 years of service. A retirement party was held at Nick's Restaurant in Boston. A good time was had by all. Ann plans to take life easy and to do some traveling.

Rev. Joseph Svirskas, Rev. Anthony Kneizys, and Rev. Edmund Sviokla celebrated their 25th anniversary of ordination. We congratulate them on their Silver Jubilee and wish them many more happy years of service in the vineyard of the Lord.

Two of our members, Atty. Anthony Young and Joseph White, attended the Supreme Council meeting in Dayton, Ohio, on Apr. 3.

We are saddened by the passing of Mrs. Blanche Kapochy on Apr. 23, after the death of her husband, Dr. Anthony Kapochy, in October. She was sick for a short time. Both the deceased were very active workers in the community and will



C-17 Srs. — Adele and Frank Judiekis celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary

be greatly missed. We extend our condolences to their daughter, Mrs. Bradbury and family. May they rest in peace.

The lucky travelers to Lithuania were Veronica Ivanauskas and daughter Veronica, - also, Adele Judeikis. Mrs. Robert Seymour visited Russia.

A hearty welcome to our new members, Dr. Joseph Mikalonis and wife Gladys.

Our Sr. council donated \$25. to the Lithuanian-American Bicentennial Committee which held an exhibit in the State House in Boston, Apr. 26-30. Exhibits included artifacts, amber, maps, and pictures of historical and cultural value from Msgr. Juras ALKA Museum. Chairmen of the committee, the majority of which were

K of L members, were Longinas Svelnis and Michael Drunga of Chicago. The opening day speaker was Rev. Anthony Baltrushunas, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, So. Boston. Music was furnished by violin soloist Izidorius Vasiliunas. On Tuesday, Rev. Wm. Wolkovich spoke on the early immigrants, and chamber music was furnished by Mr. Jeronimas Kacinskas. Wednesday, Mr. Svelnis introduced Joseph White who spoke on community leaders. Sister David presented the St. Casimir's Children Choir from Brockton, 5th thru 7th grades, who performed dances and presented songs in Lithuanian and American. Lithuanian history and folklore was also presented. Thursday's speaker was Alexander Chaplik who spoke on the early residents of Massachusetts. The highlight of the week was on Friday with the Lithuanian flag waving in the breeze along with the American stars and stripes in front of the State House. Gov. Michael Dukakis, who was guest for the day, extended greetings. Rev. Albert Contons spoke, which was followed by songs by Mrs. Elena Balchunas. Refreshments were served after the noon day program. This is the second such display in Boston. The first, sponsored by the City, was held in Boston City Hall. This second, sponsored by the State, was held in the State House. Congratulations to all on a job magnificently done!

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Please remember in your prayers...

REV. JOSEPH BARKUS, O.B.
Member, C-29, Newark
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PAULINE URBAN
Member, C-100, Amsterdam
died April 9, 1976

PATRICIA MEDONIS
Member, C-79, Detroit
died May 9, 1976

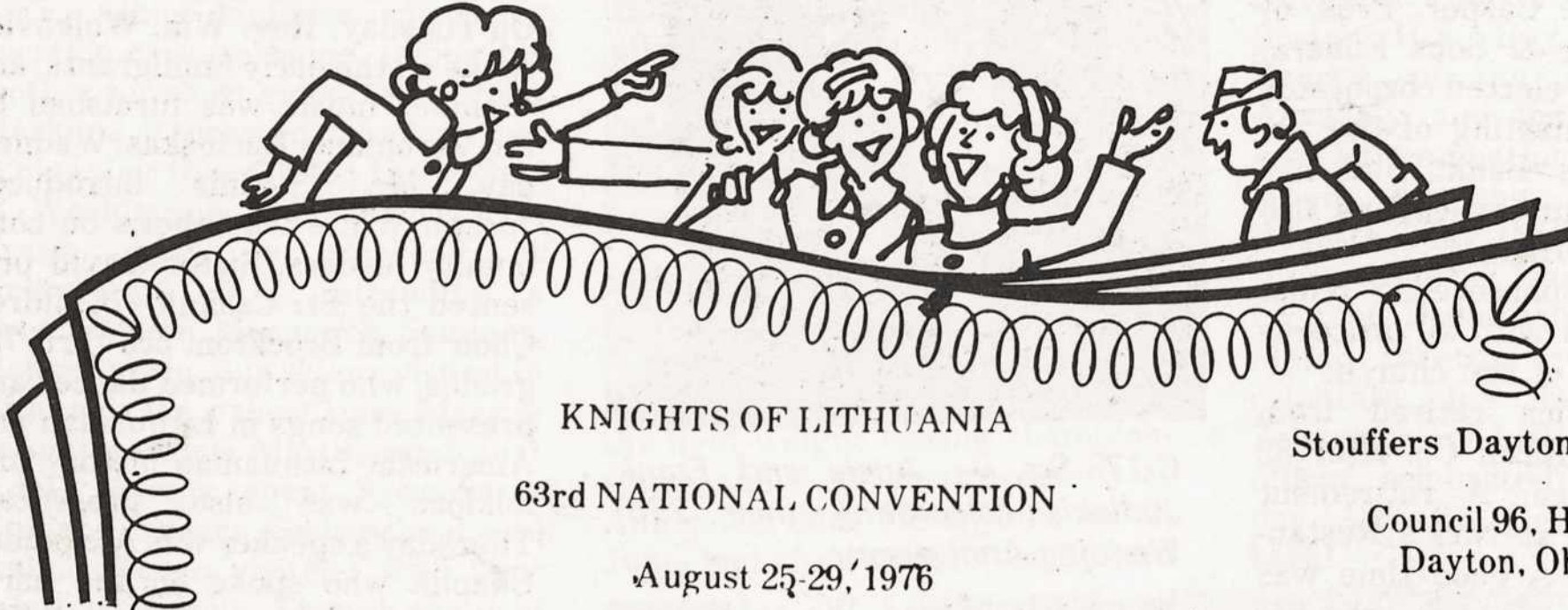
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died April 23, 1976

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A.M. Supreme Council Meeting
2:00 P.M. Opening Session
P.M. "PIONEER NIGHT"
- FRIDAY - August 27
9:30 A.M. Second Session and Panel
12:00 Noon Holy Mass
2:00 P.M. Third Session and Panel
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- SATURDAY - August 28
9:30 A.M. Fourth Session and Panel
12:00 Noon Holy Mass
2:00 P.M. Closing Session, Election of Officers,
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P.M. CLOSING BANQUET AND BALL
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- SUNDAY - August 29
10:00 A.M. Closing Mass
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