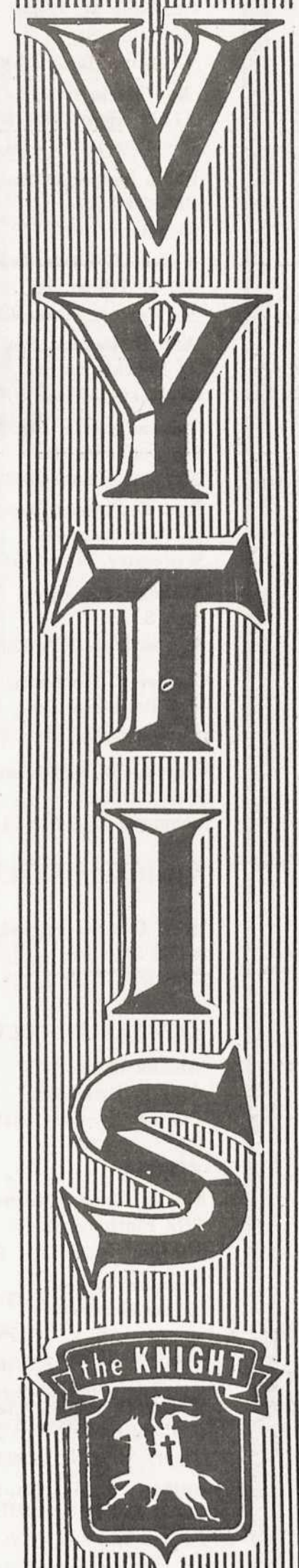


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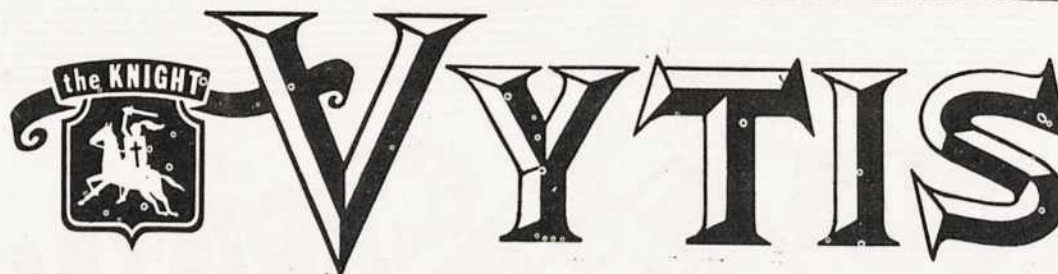
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Tam Karaliui savo valią,
Visą širdį dėkime;
Visa mes Jam paaukokim
Ir su angelais giedokim:
Tau garbė aukštybėse!

Mes, vargdieniai, meldžiam
viena

Duoki meilės mums šventos
Teikis gimti nūn mumyse,
Vienas karaliauk širdyse,
Vesk į laimę amžiną!

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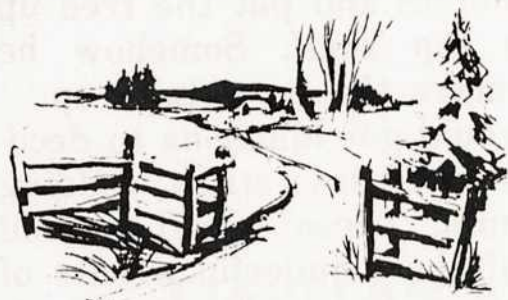


THE 1908 CHRISTMAS

A Short, short story

by

Aldona Ryan



Jonas leaned on the creaky gate and stared pensively at the meadows. He ran his fingers through his thick, grey-tinged blonde hair and bit his tongue. The snow lay around him like a carpet of white goose feathers, he thought. It was the day of Kūčios and he was most unhappy.

He had many reasons for rejoicing but Christmas needed a cheerful wife and mother in the home and his Anna would not be cheered.

If only Aušra had been able to come home. The quick marriage of his eldest daughter to an American had left a great void in the cottage. Had it all happened just three months ago?

It seemed like everyone was going to America. Already his second daughter and his youngest son were making plans to follow Aušra. In a few years, the cottage would be empty.

It was no wonder Anna wept.

Maybe they would go to America too, someday. But how about today? How could he help his family this Christmas? He would like to have his children remember

a happy home in Lithuania. He was not poor like some of his neighbors. His cottage had mirrors, clocks, carpets, and soft furniture. His farm was large and he could afford many extras.

He had made some shelves for books as a Christmas surprise for Anna. It was just a few years ago that Lithuanian books had been allowed in the home again after some forty years of secret reading. Anna loved to read. It was she who had taught him how to read and all of the children, also.

He had worked on the book shelves for many weeks. He had copied a design he had found in one of the books. Some of the carvings had been quite small for his calloused hands but he had managed.



The wedding plans had kept Anna busy and she had not noticed his many hours in the garden house. The marriage had seemed so right at the time. They had been so worried that Aušra who was almost nineteen would marry one of the resident Russian soldiers. That was a common problem in their neighborhood.

Surprisingly, one bright August day, their neighbor Matthew returned from America. He could stay but a month and he would take Aušra back with him as his bride!

When Matthew had left five years ago, Aušra had been barely fourteen but he had not forgotten her. Unlike most of the travelers who had merely sent money for passage to their sweethearts, Matthew had arrived in person to marry Aušra properly in her own church.

Oh, the excitement of it! Gone were the sleepless nights of worrying about the handsome Sergei. Big, blonde Matthew with his American suit and stiff, white collar, had re-captured the imagination and love of the once shy Aušra.

It had taken Anna and five of her friends to make the wedding gown alone! Marijona, their other daughter, had quickly assembled her sixteen-year-old girlfriends and the weaving of the straw

wedding basket with the intricate ornaments had become their chore.

Jonas and his sons had labored long hours to get the end of the summer work done and to beautify the lawn and garden for the expected guests. Since everybody in their "kaimas" was a member of the parish, all were invited to the wedding feast.

Then followed the cooking and the baking and the weaving of the "rūta" wreaths. The clip-clop of horses coming and going mingled with the brighter sounds of the musicians and the shouting. The merriment had lasted for three days. They had danced and sung and eaten until they were weary to the very marrow of their bones.

To satisfy the crowd, Jonas had to slaughter every one of his geese except the big white one he had saved for Christmas.

"No wonder the snow reminds me of goose feathers", he thought, as the memories of a happy time came crowding in. Now the big white goose had already been blessed by the priest and lay in the larder. The book shelves were done and needed to be brought out of their hiding place. Jonas wondered if this would be enough to put a smile on Anna's face. Probably not. The Christmas bread would be baked with tears and eaten with tears this year, no doubt.

What else was there to do?

Jonas sighed heavily and dismally headed for the stable. He would hitch his brown mare to the wagon and ride into town. Maybe he would buy a new book for Anna to go with the shelves.

Half way to town, he was stopped by the letter carrier.



"How glad I am to see you here, Jonas", said the letter carrier. "On such a cold, busy day I should be at home helping my family but here I am riding the country roads instead. I have a letter for you from America. Take it and save me the journey to your farm".

A letter from America? Jonas had never received a letter from America before. It had to be from Aušra and Matthew. He could not wait to ride all the way home to open it. Quickly, he ran a worn thumb nail under the flap and peered inside. He suddenly realized his hands were shaking so much that he could barely pry the stiff note from its cover.

What a strange, magnificent letter it was! More like a picture card. It was a picture of a fir tree of some kind. Almost like the old wedding trees that used to hang over the heads of brides and grooms. Such a wedding tree had hung over Anna and himself more than twenty years ago. It had been covered with cookies and sweets and little woven things made of straw. Now, in these times, the wedding tree had been replaced by the wedding basket like the one that Marijona had made and used for Aušra's wedding. The guests had eaten the goodies and only the little straw decorations remained in the chest behind the bed where his wife had stored them.

He stared intently at the card in his hand. The fir tree had shiny balls and stars and other odd shaped things on it. It was all green and red and gold. There were candles on the tree, too, and long strings of some kind of puffy things.

He turned the card over and recognized the neat, straight writing as belonging to Aušra.

"Beloved family", it said. "We are very happy here in America. Matthew is working in a printing office. We are living in a very large house close to many other large houses that are built side by side in rows. There are other Lithuanians here and we have many friends. This is a picture of a Christmas

tree like the one that Matthew and I will have in our sitting room this year. It is put together the day before Christmas and taken down after the Feast of the Three Kings. We miss all of you and the farm very much. We will save our money and visit you someday when we can. Merry Christmas and love to all. Aušra and Matthew".

Jonas read the card three times. Each time he would turn the card over and look at the tree again.

Like a miracle, he now knew what he had to do! He would give Anna an American Christmas tree. There were many small firs in the back forest. He would set up the book shelves and put the tree up on the top shelf. Somehow he would make the tree stand up.

He would get Marijona to decorate it with Aušra's straw wedding ornaments. These would remind Anna of the wonderful events of last summer. He would put Aušra's card on the tree and the family would know that she was with them in spirit. If he had time, he would poke some cranberries or some ash tree berries out of the hay in the garden house where the vegetables had been stored for the winter. Maybe Marijona could thread them like the puffy things on the tree in the picture.





He would put the carved Bethlehem with Mary and Jesus

and Joseph and all of the little animals under the tree. He would place the angels from the set on the tree limbs with the largest one on the very top.

What a glorious tree it will be! Anna will stop weeping. The children will be proud to show it to their friends. There would be laughter in the house again.

Jonas felt a rush of warmth creep through his body. He picked up the reins and turned the wagon around. No need to go to town now. Everything he needed for a Merry Christmas was at home. Softly he began to sing to the

rythm of the mare's gait.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
And all ye angels,
Sing allelujah
The Prince of Peace is born this day.
O heavenly choirs rejoice.
The Prince of Love will show the way.

Author's note: According to the Encyclopedia Lituanica - the first Christmas tree appeared in Lithuania in 1908. They did not become popular until after World War I.

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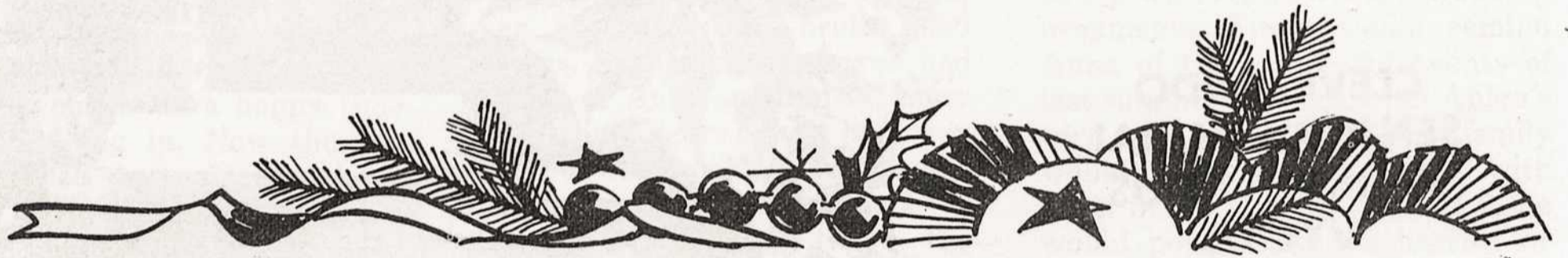




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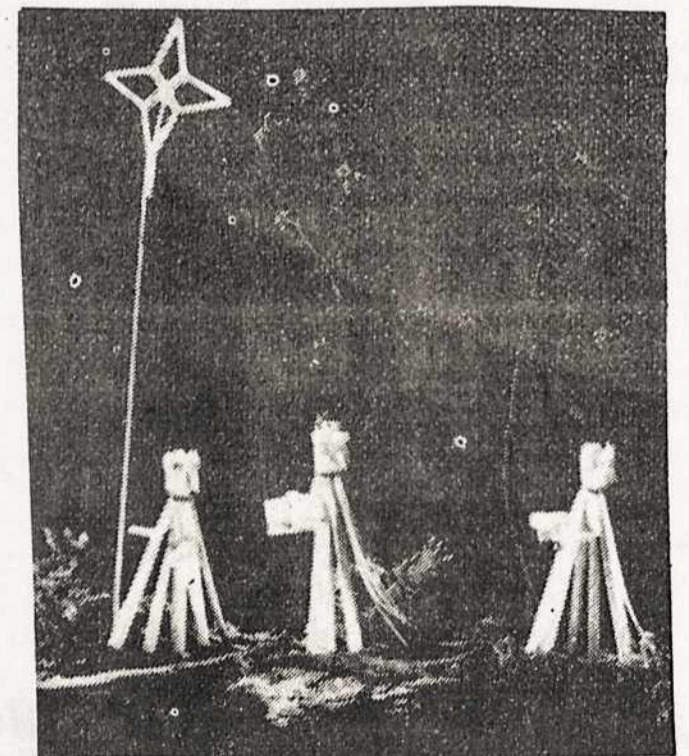
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Pasauliui busti dar anksti -
Jo pilyse tamsu.
Tiktai viena žvaigždė skaisti
Žėruoja bokšte debesų.

Jos mirksniai dreba ant šalnų
Ir spindi ant vandens...
Šešėliai slenka nuo uolos
Slėnin karaliaus ir piemens.

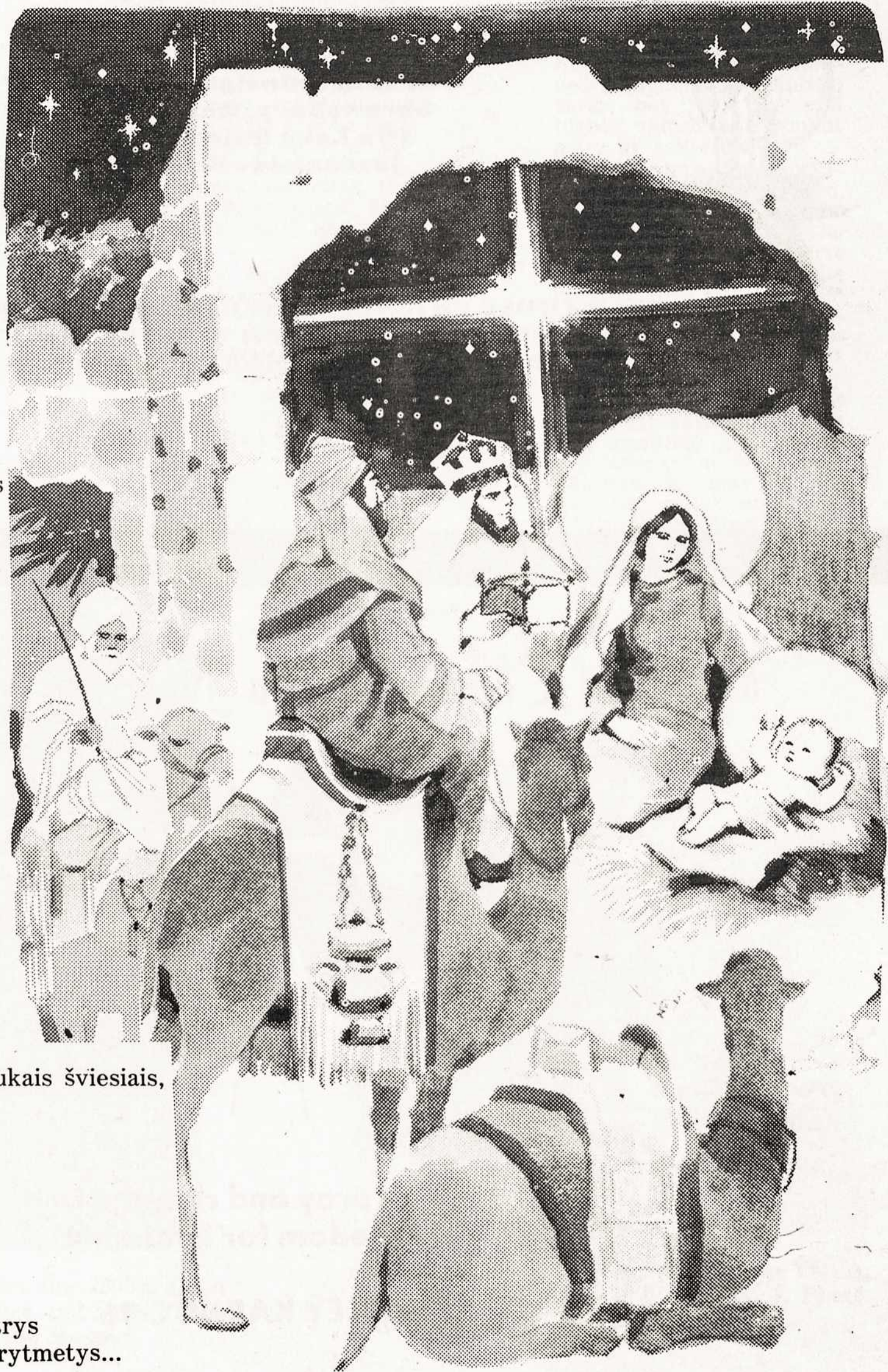
Ryškėja trys balti žirgai,
Kupranugarių eilės trys...
Priešais dykynės ir miškai.
Kietai įmigęs rytmetys.

Sapnuoja tolimus laikus.
Gerai matyt iš tamsumos,
Apsėmusios kelius, laukus,
Į kur nauja žvaigždė pamos!

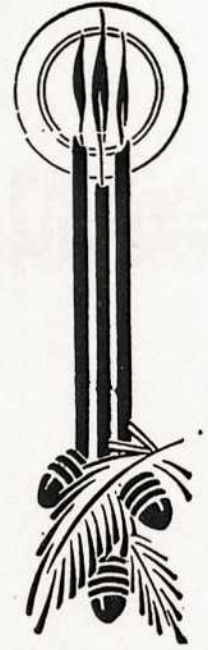
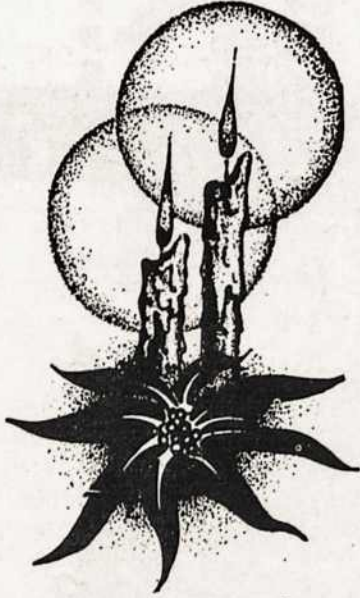
Šviesa jos, lygiai sklisdama,
Nauju žodžiu, legendomis senom,
Keliaujančius naktų panorama,
Klaidina karalius su dovanom...

Jie beldžiasi į Erodo rūmus.
Ir tai turės nulemti,
Kad moteris, spindėdama plaukais šviesiais,
Palaiminus tėvų namus,
Išeis su kūdikiais į tremtį,
Kitos žvaigždės keliais...

Stebės ilgų naktų sroves
Nuo Obės, Nemuno ir... Nylo...
O ta, kuri galiūnus suklaidino,
Uolų atlaužomis namo parves...
Balti žirgai, kupranugarių eilės trys
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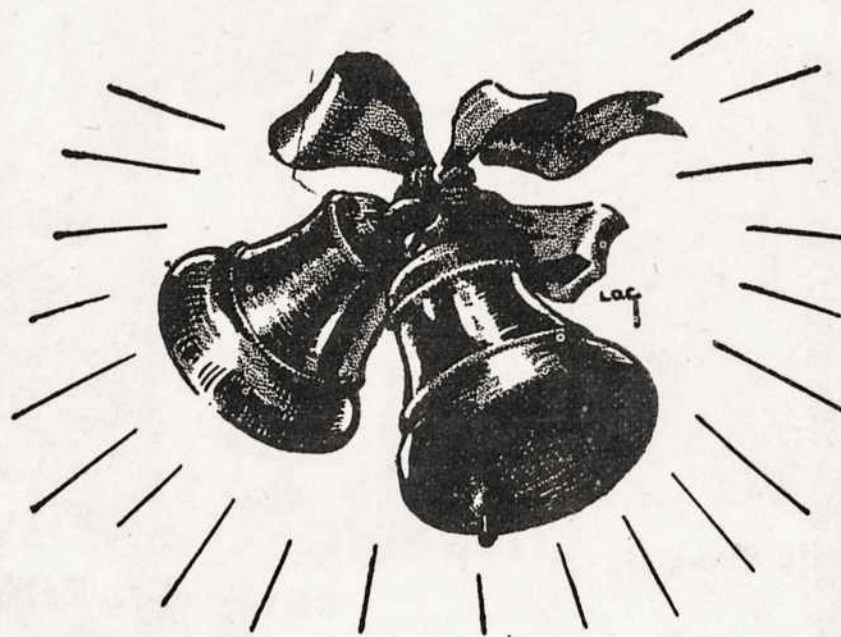


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**Let's all pray and ring the bell
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THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN AMERICA

Would you believe that about four billion Christmas cards are sent every Christmas? No wonder the post office hires extra help each year! It does sound like an insurmountable job! But what a lovely way to wish friends and family well and to renew old friendships. But do you know that exchanging Christmas cards is a comparatively recent custom?

Although there are several claims as to who originated the sending of Christmas cards, there is evidence this lovely custom began in England in the early 1800's. It is generally acknowledged that Louis Prang, a native German who settled in Boston, introduced them in America in about 1875.

His early cards, produced by a process of color lithog-

raphy, were models of expert craftsmanship. They featured flower designs such as daisies and roses, and were quite unlike Christmas cards of today. By 1881, Prang was turning out about 5 million cards a year, and as time went by he offered more typical Christmas scenes, including the visit of Santa Claus, Madonna and Child, and blazing fires.

In 1880 or 1881 Prang sponsored an open competition for Christmas card designs, offering prizes that came to about \$3,000. More than 600 entries were received and were exhibited in galleries. Noted personalities of that time acted as judges.

The superior quality and workmanship of the Prang cards added to their popularity. However, with an in-

creasing demand for cards, inferior, inartistic, cheaper cards came flooding in from Europe, and Prang found it hard to compete. He stopped producing his beautiful cards, but they are still highly valued and sought after by collectors.

Now we have cards available to fit our every mood, and one would be hard pressed to imagine the number of artists and verse writers who make up the creative forces of this vast industry. Sending and receiving Christmas cards is one of the delights of the holiday.

There is no doubt that this heartwarming custom will continue and so we say "thanks" to Mr. Prang, wherever he may be, for adding great spirit to Christmas in America!



CHRISTMAS CARD from about the 1800's. Color lithography by Raphael Ruck and Sons. Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum.



CHRISTMAS CARD printed in France by the YMCA, about 1917. The theme is World War I. Photograph courtesy of The Oakland Museum.

LITHUANIANS IN AMERICA — SURE!

BUT WHERE DO YOU FIND INFORMATION?

Until a few years ago it was impossible to find any written material in English about the Lithuanian history in the United States. Happily the scene is changing at least slightly. I have felt this dearth of references when in the past five years students of college level have come asking for help, and I found myself photocopying articles from my files. Seminars are being conducted on ethnic studies in sociology programs, and more collegians are giving thought to topics relating to their own Lithuanian background. A few are selecting a "Lithuanian" theme for their master's degree or doctoral work. But what is available right now?

If you have saved back issues of the MARIAN, you can find some good information in a popular style since occasionally this publication of the Marian Fathers touched on themes about the immigrants. Lacking an index though you have to inspect each issue unless you were wise enough to clip and save. An easily overlooked source is the

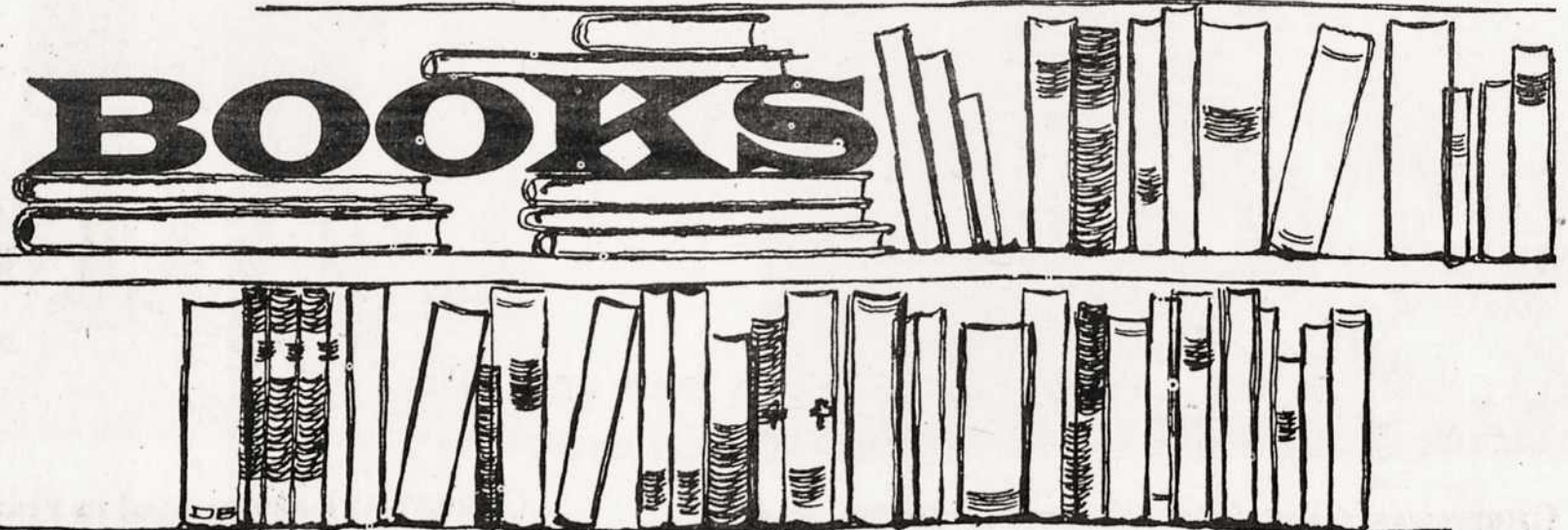
NEW CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA with its short but helpful article on "Lithuanians in the United States" by Prof. Antanas Kučas. He is best known to K. of L'ers for his abridged English version of his longer Lithuanian history. Less known but of value are his separate histories of the parishes in South Boston and Shenandoah, each of which is bilingual.

Surely few are unaware of the ENCYCLOPEDIA LITUANICA now available in four of the projected six volumes. The final book will have a supplementary segment to include material omitted in earlier articles. Historian Simas Sužiedėlis of Brockton, Massachusetts is the editor-in-chief.

An enterprising young writer of the Boston area is Algirdas Budreckis, author of several articles and larger works including his latest endeavor called THE LITHUANIANS IN AMERICA 1651-1975 with the subtitle "Chronology & Fact Book". This is a collection of translated documents

pertinent to the immigrant as well as contemporary era. The timetable includes important dates with explanatory paragraphs in parallel columns. The appendices give some fascinating data on numbers of Lithuanians entering by years, their distribution by state regions, and especially the various occupations. If inquiring at your library for this title, it was published by Oceana Publications, Dobbs Ferry, New York. Be careful to distinguish it from Kučas' LITHUANIANS IN AMERICA, a title of the Lithuanian Encyclopedia Press of South Boston, Massachusetts.

Of some interest to law students is the curious and rare trial of a communist in Brockton, Massachusetts in 1926 on charges of blasphemy and sedition. The work of this writer is called BAY STATE "BLUE" LAWS AND BIMBA. Out of print is this same writer's essay on the Lithuanians of his hometown (Hudson, Mass.) called FROM THE NEMUNAS TO THE ASSABET.



Beyond these sources, one has to play detective and sift through general histories of different communities hoping to find a paragraph here and there about Lithuanians. Sometimes a history of a diocese includes such material, although one cannot always be certain of accuracy since the non-Lithuanian investigator would normally be unable to examine Lithuanian sources themselves, and have to rely on testimony and advice of others. An example is the centennial history of Scranton, a diocese in which large numbers of

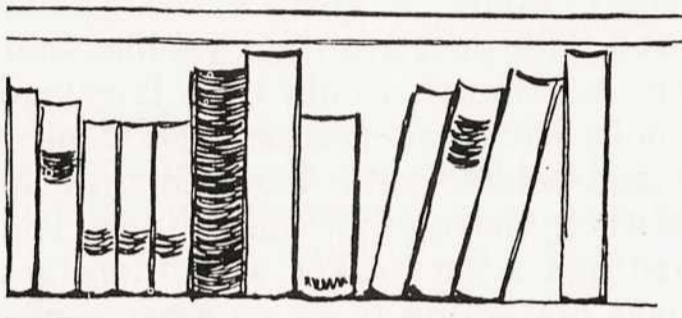
immigrants began life in America. The only material presented relates to the schismatic rumblings in the days of Father Kuras at Scranton, and some unfair comments on Father Burba. A look at the extensive bibliography of the author shows a few meager titles in English pertinent to Lithuanians, i.e. a few souvenir albums.

Any readers who are college or university students are earnestly urged to select some topic relating to Lithuanians in this country. You will contribute not only to your own ethnic heritage, but also add

to the growing literature of ethnic genre which is part of the history of our land.

Rev. William Wolkovich
(Valkavičius)
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Note: Father Bill is completing a study on the origins of Lithuanians in Connecticut and their heroic pioneer Rev. Joseph Žebriš, Apostle of New England who was slain at the rectory of St. Andrew, New Britain February, 1915.



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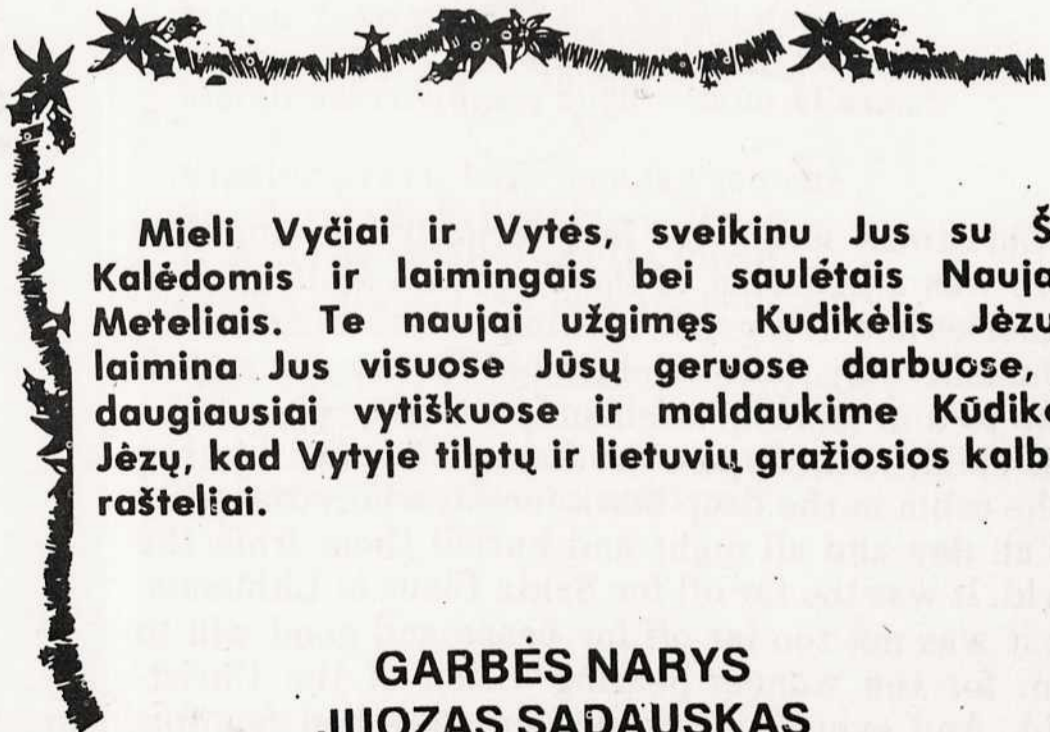
LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS...

Are described in an interesting "how-to" article, in the "Lady's Circle HOME CRAFTS", No. 11, 1976, published by Lopez Publications. The article features several pages of history of the ornaments, with pictures, and more pages on a description of exactly how to make the basic ornament, with hints on how to elaborate on it. The author, Loretta Holz, has written several articles on Lithuanian crafts and those of other nationalities. The magazine is available at newstands for \$1.25, and can be obtained also directly from LOPEZ Publications, Inc., 21 West 26th

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St., New York, N.Y. 10010. The issue has many other excellent how-to articles, including several more by Mrs. Holz, that should be most useful for K of L Junior arts-and-crafts projects. Write for your copy today.

"LITHUANIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY", by Algirdas J. Kasulaitis is another Lithuanian historical document, published in English, for the scholar of the development of the Lithuanian nation. This book tells of the accomplishments and contributions to the Lithuanian nation by one of its foremost movements, the Lithuanian Christian Democratic Movement. This should be an excellent document to add to your appreciation of the struggles and accomplishments of the Lithuanian nation. Published by the Leo XIII Fund, an affiliate of the Lithuanian Christian Democratic Union, it is available from DRAUGAS PRESS, 4545 W. 63rd St., Chicago, Ill. 60629.



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GARBĖS NARYS
JUOZAS SADAUSKAS

AN IMMIGRANT'S MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS...

In the world famous and historically significant novel *THE JUNGLE* by Upton Sinclair, the author did more than present an intelligent argument in favor of socialism. He left to Lithuanian Americans a graphic and emotionally gripping account of the early Lithuanian immigrants to the US struggling to build a life for themselves around the Chicago stockyards.

By way of increasing our own appreciation of our privilege to be able to stop and celebrate the Christmas holiday, there follows a passage from *THE JUNGLE*. The protagonist Jurgis Rudkus lies in a prison cell.

"In the distance there was a church-tower bell that tolled the hours one by one. When it came to midnight Jurgis was lying upon the floor with his head in his arms, listening. Instead of falling silent at the end, the bell broke into a sudden clangor. Jurgis raised his head; what could that mean - a fire? God! Suppose there were to be a fire in this jail! But then he made out a melody in the ringing; there were chimes. And they seemed to waken the city - all around, far and near, there were bells, ringing wild music; for fully a minute Jurgis lay lost in wonder, before, all at once, the meaning of it broke over him - that this was Christmas Eve!"



"Christmas Eve - he had forgotten it entirely! there was a breaking of flood-gates, a whirl of new memories and new griefs rushing into his mind. In far Lithuania they had celebrated Christmas; and it came to him as if it had been yesterday - himself a little child, with his lost brother and his dead father in the cabin in the deep black forest, where the snow fell all day and all night and buried them from the world. It was too far off for Santa Claus in Lithuania, but it was not too far off for peace and good will to men, for the wonder-bearing vision of the Christ-child. And even in Packingtown they had not for-

gotten it - some gleam of it had never failed to break their darkness. Last Christmas Eve and all Christmas Day Jurgis had toiled on the killing beds, and Ona at wrapping Hams, and still they had found strength enough to take the children for a walk upon the avenue, to see the store windows all decorated with Christmas trees and ablaze with electric lights. In one window there would be live geese, in another marvels in sugar - pink and white canes big enough for ogres, and cakes with cherubs upon them; in a third there would be rows of fat yellow turkeys, decorated with rosettes, and rabbits and squirrels hanging; in a fourth would be a fairyland of toys - lovely dolls with pink dresses, and wooly sheep and drums and soldier hats. Nor did they have to go without their share of all this, either. The last time they had had a big basket with them and all their Christmas marketing to do - a roast pork and a cabbage and some rye bread, and a pair of mittens for Ona, and a rubber doll that squeaked, and a little green cornucopia full of candy to be hung from the gas jet and gazed at by half a dozen pairs of longing eyes".

"Even half a year of the sausage machines and the fertilizer mill had not been able to kill the thought of Christmas in them; there was a choking in Jurgis' throat as he recalled that the very night Ona had not come home Teta Elzbieta had taken him aside and shown him an old Valentine that she had picked up in the paper store for three cents - dingy and shop-worn, but with bright colors, and figures of angels and doves. She had wiped all the specks off this, and was going to set it on the mantel, where the children could see it. Great sobs shook Jurgis at this memory - they would spend their Christmas in misery and despair, with him in prison and Ona ill and their home in desolation. Ah, it was too cruel! Why at least had they not left him alone - why, after they had shut him in jail, must they be ringing Christmas chimes in his ears".



Christmas Greetings

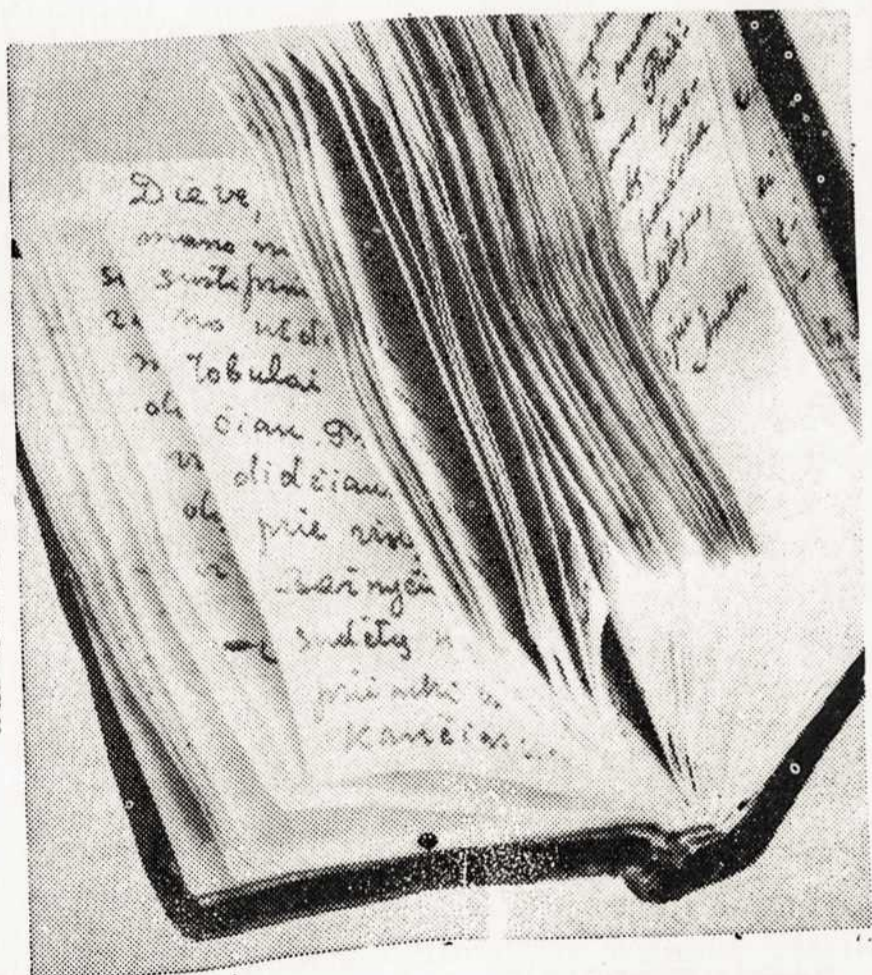
KALĖDŲ NAKTIS TAIGOJE

Ir vėl naktis juoda, naktis Kalėdų,
Aplink taiga sustingusi, rūsti.
Sniege ir vėl giliai įmintos pėdos
Takai, kurių siaurys neužpustys.

O, Tėviške, kokia graži Tu!
Matau tamsias Tavų naktų skaras,
Saulėtekis Tavuosius auksu nudažytus
Ir gęstančias saulėlydžių žaras.

Ir vieškeliai balti, ir baltos eglių šakos.
Ir apsnigti žirgeliai ant stogų,
Ir į pakalnę prie šulinio takas,
Ir baltos gėlės ant langų.

Gražesnė Tu, kaip visos karalystės,
Kaip karalaitė užkeiktoji pily,
Kaip pasakoj, mamos, girdėtoje vaikystėj,
Bet ko šiandien be šypsenos tyli?



(Iš lietuviškos tremtinės Sibire eilėraščių)

Ir vėl man prieš akis Tu atsistoji ryškiai -
Matau Tave per naktį, per rūkus,
Matau, kaip Tu nuvargus ir išblyškus,
Matau sukruvintus, supurvintus šilkus.

Visvien graži, kaip nuotaka jaunutė,
Su ašarom bežvilgančiom akyse,
Ir šiaurės vėjai, viesulai įnirtę
Mums kelio į Tave sugrižt neužpustys.

Mes einame, klampojame sniegynais,
Artyn, artyn, vis skubam klupdami,
Ir gaudžia vėl varpai toli tėvynėj,
Ramybę, taiką žemei nešdami! . . .

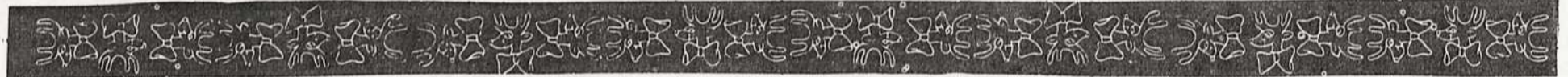
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**May the spiritual
peace and joy of
Christmas abide with
you and your loved
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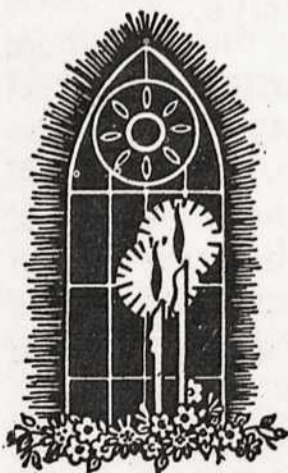
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ELECTIONS

District and Council officer elections MUST take place either in the months of September or October, as per the constitutional change made at the 1964 National Convention.

Immediately after the election of new officers, PLEASE send the names and addresses of ALL the officers to National Recording Secretary,

Mrs. Ann H. Bender
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The Supreme Council and the National Committee Chairmen cannot operate efficiently without YOUR cooperation. As shown in the reports of the officers, there is a great need for better communication.

FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT... A THANK YOU!

I take this opportunity to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the K of L members who remembered me when I was sick with pneumonia.

The beautiful flowers sent by the National Convention reached me when I was both extremely ill and very disappointed that I could not attend the Convention. The knowledge that I was remembered even during the busy Convention days of work and pleasure produced such a wonderful feeling that it cannot be expressed in words.

I am also very, very grateful for the Masses and prayers which contributed to my recovery, and for the good wishes expressed in numerous cards, letters, and phone calls.

To all of the considerate K of L members, I say a heartfelt, Vytiška "AČIŪ".

May God bless you and keep you.

TONY MINER
National President

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

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K of L Historian Past VYTIS Editor
and constant contributor
died Oct. 19, 1976

WALTER I. TABAKA,
Member C-135, Ansonia, Conn.
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Convention postscript

The three special plenary sessions held during the 62nd National Convention involved outstanding speakers, interesting discussions and good food for thought. The ideas discussed will be shared with all of you over the next few issues of VYTIS. "Public Relations" will appear in the January issue, "Lithuanian Political Action" will appear in the February issue.

The third of the plenary sessions, "The Catholic Church Today", was attended by George M. Barmann, Editor of the CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH of Dayton and recipient of the Knights of Lithuania "Friend of Lithuania" Award in 1966. Mr. Barmann covered the session in the TELEGRAPH on Sept. 10, 1976. We present his article here, as an outstanding example of a guest's view of our convention religious session.

MINOR IRRITANTS TEST OF FAITH, LITHUANIANS TOLD

By George M. Barmann

The priest was telling his audience "what has happened to the Church" since Vatican II.

The Church, he was saying, has become "more of a servant", more ecumenical, and by adopting the vernacular "more national" and thus better able to express the message of Christ.

Today, there is more emphasis on Christ, the Mass and Scripture and perhaps less on the saints...

The audience was somewhat startled when a woman in the audience interrupted to give another side of the story of the Church since the Council.

Thousands have left the priesthood and religious life, Mass attendance and Confessions have dropped sharply, seminaries and novitiates have closed or are half-empty, and "not once in my CCD books do we refer specifically to the Ten Commandments", she said.

"Let him finish", some members of the audience, now on the edge of their chairs, spoke out.

'SCENARIO'

But the priest, Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., of Providence college in Rhode Island, invited the woman, Mrs. Mary Ann Blum of Dayton, to share the platform.

It was a pre-planned scenario - a "conspiracy", they called it - effectively designed to enliven a session of the national convention of the Knights of Lithuania at Stouffer's Dayton Plaza hotel.

Father Jurgelaitis is the national Catholic organization's spiritual adviser. As such he is a leader in the nation's Lithuanian-American community, known not only for its ties to the Soviet-occupied Baltic country of Lithuania, but for its deep loyalty to the Church.

Mrs. Blum, a CCD teacher, called for - among other things - a renewal of respect for the priesthood. This, she indicated, will require a reevaluation of personal relationships between priests and the laity by priests themselves.

When priests want to be called by "Charley" or by any other first name and "want to be buddies" among the young something of value has been lost, she contended.

"Priests must tell and show us the way", she said. "They must tell us not simply what we may want to hear, but what is right". It is also difficult to restore priestly leadership if one is able to "shop around" among priests for a pre-conceived "easy" answer to a moral problem, she indicated.

CRISIS

It is impossible to develop leadership if a priest wants to be regarded as a peer among "buddies", she said.

The Church is in a period of crisis, Father Jurgelaitis said, but her essential message hasn't changed. The Church's "inner message" is Divine, Christ's own, and it remains the same. "Outward manifestations" can and do change, he said.

Then the Dominican asked the question:

"What would it take for you to stand up in a huff and leave the Church?"

The question has been asked of a group of "alienated" Catholics, he said. Invariably, the reasons given were "a personal turn-off" by a priest or Religious, a sense of betrayal of the adoption of new practices, a certain policy with which the "alienated" disagreed, or a teaching related to marriage and family.

The reasons were always "secondary" misunderstandings or disagreements, Father Jurgelaitis noted. No one rejected the essence of Catholic faith, he stressed. No one of the group left the Church for a reason that could be called "primary".

There are divine and human elements in the Church of Christ, he observed. But Christ Himself is central to everything.



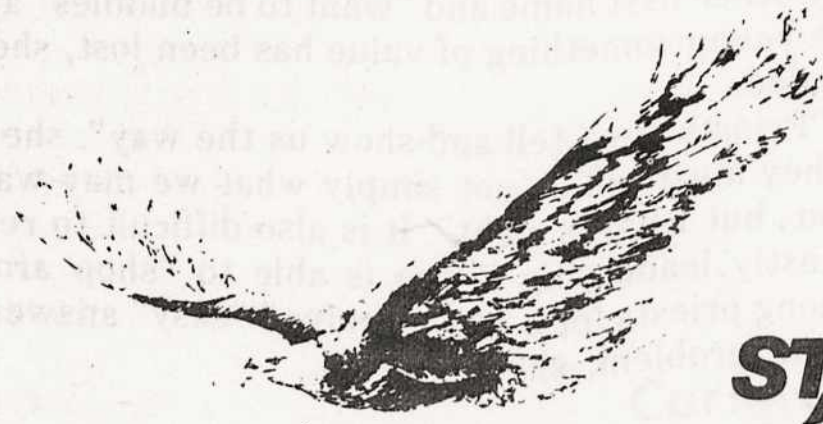
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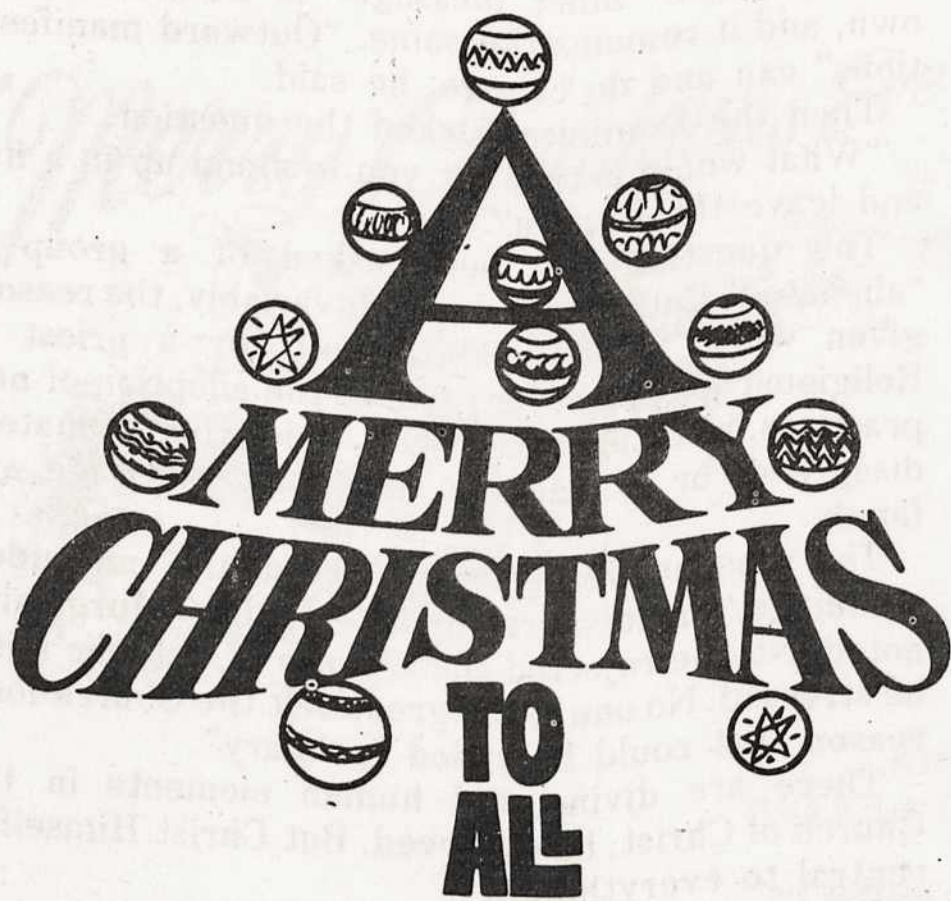
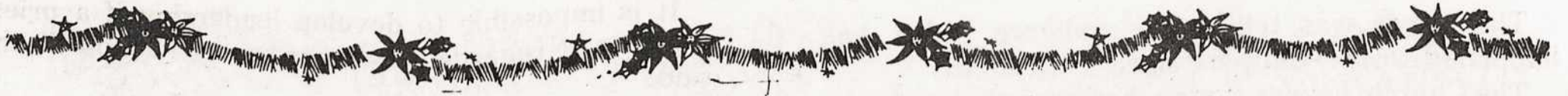
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Editorial

AN ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

As most members know, (or do they?), the K of L is structured along the following organizational lines: Supreme Council, District Executive Board and local Council. Certain standard specialized officers and committees are or should be duplicated on each of the aforementioned levels. Each Supreme Council Officer and Committee Chairman should act as a coordinator of either membership, juniors, ritual, Lithuanian Affairs et al, for all Districts. Each should have a counterpart on the District Level, that in turn coordinates the particular activity in each of his District's Councils. Finally, every council should have a counterpart who reports to the District officer/chairman. The District Officer in turn compiles the information and passes it along to his Supreme Council counterpart.



When these vital lines of communication are NOT established, there is a vacuum created around the affected programs. Councils or Districts are negatively affected. The breakdown can occur on any of the three levels.

I've been talking about the coordinating aspect of the jobs. The other task is for each officer/chairman to act as an initiator. While insuring local adherence to national programs, the local council can adjust and create new methods to handle the same tasks and share it with the District and National level. Ideas and methods that work need to be shared. An idea develops in the local council, the District level or the Supreme Council. Through the normal line of contact between these levels, (which should be regular), information can be easily disseminated.

Without communication, each level becomes an island, existing in a void. The Supreme Council should not exist for its own sake, the District Boards should not exist for their own sake, nor should an individual K of L council be satisfied with being just

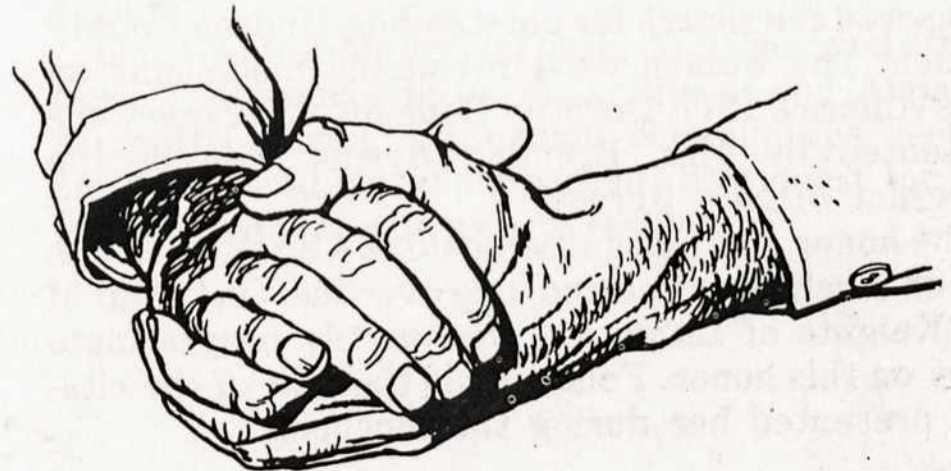


another parish club. These levels were created to work in harmony. When they do not, they simply succeed in draining the organization of its vital energies.

Making this network of communication work and thereby vitalizing all national programs and coordinating all councils is no easy chore. The K of L has not successfully tackled the problem in recent years. New councils find themselves discouraged when confronted with a lack in their Districts. Supreme Council officers attest to having their jobs made more difficult when mail is not answered nor cooperation received.

In spite of this we continue to grow, both in numbers and geographic area. As we multiply and grow further apart, the need for effective communication grows greater. This is the challenge that we will face in the next decade. How we handle it will determine whether we become a loose confederation of church clubs with only a publication in common, or whether we strive to meet our potential as a nationwide organization with a free flow of ideas between District-Council-Supreme Council which maintain both our creativity and the effectiveness of our national programs for juniors, culture, Lithuanian Affairs, etc. Only when the latter is achieved will we all really belong to the same organization and grow through our combined talents as well as our regional differences.

Philip Skabeikis



Lithuanians in The

NEWS



Lois Fegan, right, women's editor of the Jersey Journal, displays framed citation to MARY YORK, left, and Elaine Davis, two of this year's "WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT" of Hudson County.

K OF L-ER MARY YORK HONORED AS "WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT"

K of L member MARY YORK of C-12, New York, and resident of Jersey City, N.J., was recently honored as a "Woman of Achievement" of Hudson County, N.J., by the JERSEY JOURNAL of Jersey City, N.J. Mary and 11 other women of the County were selected by a secret panel to receive the Journal's medallions and citations for their outstanding public service. They were honored at a luncheon Oct. 25, 1976, at the Hi Hat, Bayonne, N.J. Among the many guests attending the luncheon to honor the women were several K of L members... Helen Matthews, C-12 President, Millie Pietz, C-12, Honorary Members Frank Vaskas (C-29, Newark), Ann Klem (C-90, Kearny), and Loretta Stukas (C-29, Newark), VYTIS Editor.

This is the fourteenth year this newspaper has sponsored the search for outstanding Hudson County women. The women were presented medallions by Miss America 1977, Dorothy Benham. Citations were presented by Mrs. Brendan Byrne, wife of the Governor of New Jersey.

The honor and recognition paid MARY YORK was indeed much deserved and long overdue. On behalf of the Knights of Lithuania, we heartily congratulate Mary on this honor. Following is the text of the citation presented her during the luncheon.

"Mary York of Jersey City learned at an early age what freedom means in the United States. Born of Lithuanian immigrant parents, Mrs. York has devoted much of her life to promotion of freedom and its symbols.

Nearest to her heart is the Statue of Liberty, the American Museum of Immigration at the statue's base on Liberty Island, and Liberty State Park in Jersey City, the area from which Mary York has hoped to see a causeway opened to Liberty Island. She devotes many hours as hostess at the museum.

Mary York learned about upward mobility in America with her own promotions during 46 years with the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. Starting as a telephone operator, she was chief service advisor for Hudson and Bergen Counties upon her retirement. In this time she garnered many awards from the company for the community service. At retirement she was presented with the "Outstanding Community Service Award", the first of its kind to be given by New Jersey Bell.

As a president of the Jersey City Business and Professional Women's Club, she labored tirelessly to establish BPW clubs in other Hudson communities. She made the realization of "Liberty Park" one of the club's community affairs projects. Her resolution promoting development of the park was presented to the BPW's State and National Federations and sent to state and national officials. Her remarks were also written into the Congressional Record.

A proud moment for Mary York was the elevation of 13 flags mounted on 50-foot poles, depicting the 13 original colonies, a gift of the Jersey City BPW Club to Liberty State Park".

LITHUANIAN MUSIC AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

For the first time at any political party convention, Elena Aldona Jurgėla, a third American generation soloist, sang American and Lithuanian music - with accordeon accompaniment by Tony Carachi of the Italian Combo, at the 1976 Republican National Convention.

A native New Yorker, Elena graduated from the Maryland University where she sang with the Madrigals. Her performance included two solo appearances at the White House at President Johnson's receptions to Chancellor Erhard of West Germany, and President Alfredo Stroessner of Paraguay, and with the university opera theater. For several years she sang with the Civic Opera of Boulder, Colorado, at the Sheraton Dinner Theater, and the Theater in the Park. She is back in Washington, D.C., working at the National Republican Heritage Groups Council. In the past, while studying, she worked as a summer interne for Congressman Edward Derwinski and Congressman William T. Murphy, both from Chicago - a Republican and a Democrat.

The surprise guests at the Century Club reception at the Republican National Convention were Susan Ford and Jack Ford, and TV star Tony Orlando. They all heard the Lithuanian singing and talked with Miss Jurgėla, the campaign staffer. The audience at the Kansas City reception included Algis Zaparackas of Detroit, Dr. Kazys Bobelis and Jonas Talandis of Chicago, and attorney Tony Novasitis from Philadelphia.

U.V.



Elena Aldona Jurgėla with Jack Ford (at the Century Club reception at the Republican National Convention at Kansas City, Mo., where she sang Lithuanian and American music).

PRANAS AND ALGIS BRAZINSKAS SEEK US ASYLUM

Pranas Brazinskas and his son Algis, the two Lithuanians who, in 1970, successfully diverted a Soviet plane from the Soviet Union to Turkey arrived in the USA last September. After a 6 year odyssey of prison and then amnesty in Turkey, constant evasion of the Soviet attempts to have them returned, and temporary asylum in other countries, the Brazinskases came to the USA in search of ultimate freedom. They are currently awaiting the State Dept. answer to their request for political asylum.

Shortly after his arrival here, Algis married after a three year courtship by mail. Pranas and Algis are currently touring Lithuanian communities seeking assistance and moral support in their quest for permanent legal status as US residents.



The Brazinskas are pictured with Simas Kudirka (left) and the young Mrs. Brazinskas during a press conference at the home of Dr. Valiunas, VLIKAS President.

Junior Corner

by Ann Marie Kassel



PLAN AHEAD

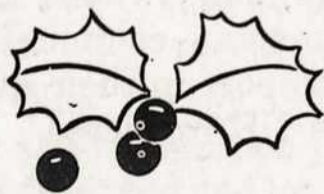
Now is the time for all of us to start thinking about Lithuanian Christmas tree ornaments - for next year.

We all put off doing things until too late. Plan several of your meetings for next year to include time for making ornaments. The "Ladies Circle Arts and Crafts", Number eleven has a great article explaining the art of Lithuanian ornaments. Write to me for more information to help you.

February 16th will be here soon. Most of our councils plan commemorative programs. Learn a new song or dance and participate in the Lithuanian Independence Day program. Also remember to practice the Vyčių Himnas to sing at the programs and also at the March 4th, St. Casimir's Day, programs.

Mrs. Aldona Ryan is putting out an excellent cultural program that can be used at your monthly meetings. If you haven't received any of the "Amber Webs", be sure to write to Mrs. Ryan or to me and we'll be sure to get them to you.

Don't forget that something cultural should be part of your meeting. The new C-36 & 112 Junior members are acting out the "Amber Webs". For example, at their October meeting, they had a red-bearded "Perkūnas" "smiting" rocks and trees.



Here are a few more words to add to your vocabulary - to help you at Christmas (Kalėdos).

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

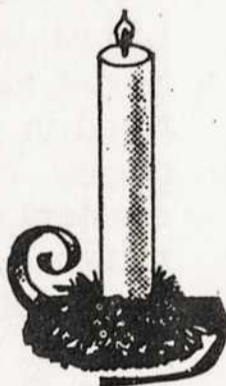
LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ -
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kalėdos
kūdikis
gimtadienis
motina
žvaigždė
angelas
trimitas
žvakė
karalius
bažnyčia
kryžius

Christmas
baby
birthday
mother
star
angel
trumpet
candle
king
church
cross

Kalėdų eglutė
Kalėdų senelis
kaminas
židinys
kojinės
maišas
bugienis
vainikas
papuošalai
lemputės
dovana

Christmas tree
Santa Claus
chimney
fireplace
stockings
bag
holly
wreath
ornaments
tree lights
present



REMINDER

Junior dues are due in January. Send five dollars per council to Teresa Trainis, Supreme Council Financial Secretary, to insure your council's continuity, and to get your 5 copies of VYTIS each month.

JRS. C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Our September meeting was held at the home of Honorary Member Mary Lucas. In addition to being served delicious Hawaiian food, we were entertained with a luau and scavenger hunt.

With good memories of the National Convention behind us, we hope the other Juniors who attended the Convention in Dayton had a nice time and got to meet some new friends. Hope to see all of you in Rhode Island next year.

Kathy Sinkwitz

NEWS... and VIEWS



Dear Mr. Miner,

I would like to thank you for the Supreme Council contribution to the K of L Jrs. convention fund. It made it possible for me to attend the K of L Convention in Dayton together with four other delegates. I loved the opportunity to attend. It also was an experience to see the delegates in action.

Thank you,

Adele Martus
C-17 Jrs.

WELCOME...
to New Junior
Council 36 - 112,
Chicago, Ill.

WHO IS NEXT?

NEWS, NEWS...
Where are your
Junior Council
News Items???

Send them to
Editor L. Stukas



Peace....



May you, our dear friends, be blessed with a joyous Christmas filled with peace and happiness. Warm thanks.

Supreme Council Officers

and the "VYTIS" Staff

K of L Calendar

DECEMBER

- 12 NED TELEVISION MASS, Channel 7, WNAC, RKO Gen. Bldg., Boston, Mass.
 24 C-12, Manhattan, 7th ANNUAL COMMUNION ENDEAVOR of Lithuanian Hospitality. After 8:00 P.M. Christmas Vigil Service, Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Manhattan, N.Y.

JANUARY

- 22 IID Annual CHOIR DANCE, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.
 28, 29, 30 - C-17, So. Boston, SKI WEEKEND, King Pine Ski Lodge, E. Madison N.H.

FEBRUARY

- 6 IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" Banquet, Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.
 5 C-29, Newark, SQUARE DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.

MARCH

- 5 C-29, Newark, St. Casimir Communion Mass and Breakfast, Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J.
 5 C-10, Athol-Gardner, St. Casimir Day Celebration.
 13 MAD St. Casimir Day Communion Breakfast and District Convention, Our Lady of Vilnius Church and Hall, Manhattan, N.Y.

APRIL

- 24 NED SPRING CONVENTION, Athol, Mass. C-10, Hosts.

MAY

- 21 MAD TESTIMONIAL for LORETTA STUKAS, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
 22 MAD SPRING CONVENTION, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J., C-90, Hosts.

AUGUST

- 17-21 64TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Marrott Inn Providence, Providence, R.I., C-103, Providence, Hosts.

Edited by: Mrs. J. Zukas,



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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Congratulations to the newly-elected (mostly re-elected) officers for the coming K of L year: Pres. Algerd Brazis (C-112), Jrs. V.P. Frank Zopolis (C-36), Membership V.P. Sabina Klatt (C-36), Srs. V.P. Juozas Laurinaitis, Secy. Irene Sankus (C-112), Board Secy. Adeline Jasaitis (C-112), Treas. Emily Petraitis (C-112), Trustees Vincent Samaska (C-36) & Harry Petraitis (C-112), Sgts-at-Arms Jerome Jankus & Napoleon Sapkus (both of C-36) and Edward Krivickas & Antanas Sereika (both of C-112).

Under the leadership of Al Brazis and his officers, the IID has made great gains - from monetary and social successes of the annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquets and K of L Day Picnics to upholding and improving the K of L image in the Chicagoland area.

Committee chairmen will be appointed at the next board meeting when a new chairman will also be selected.

Building Trustees Pres. Al Mockus reported that the "Burn the Mortgage" campaign is well on the way due to the efforts and contributions of IID members and friends.

A most successful Building Picnic was held in September under the chairmanship of Juozas Laurinaitis. In a one-week period, the event was arranged and advertised (thanks to the help of people like Aldona Daukus of the "Sophie Barcus Radio Family") by K of L workers who gave up a lovely Sunday of relaxation. The event was well attended and a substantial profit was realized for the benefit of the mortgage campaign.

The Bldg. Trustees and their crew of workers also held another profitable Rummage Sale in the early part of October. The monies made were turned over to the mortgage campaign.

K of L members have been regularly attending the various

Lithuanian functions, of which the most recent was the successful Banquet of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Society which was held at the Jesuit Center, under the direction of Fr. Kazimier Kuzminskas.

AnnMarie Kassel, the Natl. Jrs. Vice-Pres. and our representative on the S.C. Board, attended the September meeting of the Supreme Council in Boston and had the opportunity to visit with friends and relatives in the Worcester area.

We are all happy to see our lovely Lithuanian Lady of Lore, Consul General Josephine Dausvardis, on the road to recovery following an accident during the week-end of the "Šokių Šventė" activities.

DATE TO REMEMBER! Feb. 6 - "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet, Martinique Restaurant, Chicago. A very special person will be honored and all K of L members and friends are invited to attend this event!

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

The final Council Board Meeting was held at the home of Louis & Bernadine Rogers for the 1975-76 term. Old business matters were finalized, and many new ideas were discussed and presented to the new Board, which met for their first meeting at the home of our Vice-Pres. Al & Julie Zakarka.

Congratulations to outgoing Pres. Alexander Mockus and his corps of officers on a successful K of L year.

New Council Officers: Pres. Donald Petkus, Vice Pres. Albert Zakarka, Rec. Secy. Sophie Nieminski, Fin. Secy. Alice Cekanor, Corres. Secy. Bernadine Rogers, Treas. Monica Kasper,

Christmas

GREETINGS

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KUOPA 100

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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 100, AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK
WISH YOU ALL THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS
AND EVERY HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

Trustees Kenneth Jaksy & Al Mockus, and Sgt-at-Arms Louis Rogers & Antanas Sereika. We know that C-112 will have a successful and profitable year under such fine leadership.

Council members were most pleased that the Rev. Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas graciously agreed to continue as our Spiritual Advisor. We all truly enjoy, and are informed about, current Lithuanian activities by his monthly reports at our meetings.

The IID semi-annual Rummage Sale again was most successful due to the efforts of the hard-working Building Trustees and their committee members. Many 112ers were among the work crew. The entire profit from the sale went to the "Burn the Mortgage" campaign for the K of L Bldg.

Council members who were elected to serve on the IID Board for the coming year are: Algerd Brazis, Pres.; Irene Sankus & Adeline Jasaitis, Secy's.; Emily

Petraitis, Treas.; Harry Petraitis, Trustee; and Edward Krivickas & Antanas Sereika, Sgts-at-Arms.

We wish them an eventful and profitable year.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-142 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

Activities of Council 142 for the first 9 months of 1976 included observation of the National Feast Day of St. Casimir, the patron saint of Lithuania and the Knights (March 4) with the offering a Mass at the Lady of Siluva Chapel, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, with Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis as Celebrant, on Satur-

day, March 6, at 4:00 p.m. Chairman of the St. Casimir Day Mass was Mrs. Bertha Stann. About 75 Lithuanians attended, many remaining afterwards for dinner at the National Shrine cafeteria.

On April 25th, for Organization Day, C-142 had a Latin Mass with the sermon and songs in Lithuanian, at St. Dominic's Church, 6th & D Sts., S.W., with Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis as Celebrant. Since he was our newly-appointed Spiritual Advisor, a reception in his honor was held in the Church Conference Room. In charge of the reception were Mrs. Bertha Stann and Mrs. Julia Consuegra.

On the Fourth of July, C-142 participated in the Ethnic Communities Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception which was the Bicentennial celebration at 1:30 p.m. Concelebrants at the Mass were Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis, of Washington, D.C.; and Rev. Anthony S. Dranginis of Baltimore; with Rev.



I L L I N O I S - I N D I A N A
D I S T R I C T



*Linksmu,
Šv. Kalėdu,
ir
Laimingu,
Naujuju Metu!*

Council 36, - Chicago, Illinois



Merry Christmas

**Jingle bells echo through this
special night, pealing wishes
of merriment and joy to all,
from Senta and us.**

Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois



"Mes Jam garbė,
šlovę duokim ir linksmai
giedokim"

per Kalėdas ir sutikę
Naujuosius Metus

ALDONA LATOVAITE RYAN
Kultūros Reikalų Komisijos
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**HELLO and MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!**

**ADA, KATHY & JIM
SINKWITZ**
C-96



William Wolkovich of the Archdiocese of Boston, from Marlboro, Mass. leading the prayers at the Marian Celebration at Our Lady of Siluva Chapel at 2:45 p.m. Celebrant at the Mass was Bishop Charles a. Salatka, Bishop of Marquette, and Honorary Member of the K of L. President Eva Migonis participated with the Shrine planning committee for the Ethnic Communities Mass. During the Mass, Petitions were lead by Mr. Dambrunas, and the gift of an amber cross, which was donated by Anastasia Stanley, a member of C-142, was presented by Virgil Viliamas, Ruta Genys, Vicky Genys, and Mark Zalubus.

C-142 met for a Lithuanian Mass with Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis as Celebrant at the Chapel in St. Dominic's Church, 630 E Street, S.W., on Sunday, June 20, at 2:00 p.m. The two daughters of Dr. & Mrs. John Genys, Ruta and Vicky

Genys, received their First Communion at this Mass.

On August 6-7, the following members participated in the activities of the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia: Bertha Stann, Eva Migonis, Emily Pauksitis, and Anastasia Stanley attended the performance of the Čiurlionis Ensemble on Friday evening and the Lithuanian Mass at St. Peter & Paul Cathedral on Saturday morning. Ladislaus Esunas attended the Lithuanian Mass at the Stadium Saturday afternoon.

September 12th was the 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Celebrant at the Mass at 2 p.m. was Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, with Msgr. Audrys Backis of Vatican City, and Rev. Stasys Yla of Putnam, Conn. as Con-

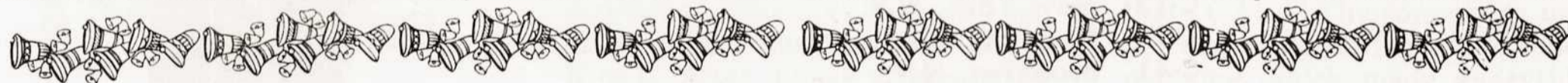
celebrants. Following the Mass was the showing of the film made 10 years ago at the Dedication of the Chapel. K of L members attended from as far away as Pittsburgh.

Sept. 26 found Mary Semel, Eva Migonis, Ladislaus Esunas and Antanas Blazys at the Testimonial Dinner for Rev. Msgr. Louis Joseph Mendelis, in recognition of his 48 years of service to St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore and commemorating the 49th anniversary of his Ordination. Mass was at St. Alphonsus Church and dinner followed at the Hilton Hotel at 2 p.m. in Baltimore.

An Adult Lithuanian Language class was organized and met every 2 weeks, using MODERN LITHUANIAN textbook. Mrs. Angela Bailey instructed the class.

Bertha Stann visited relatives in Lithuania this past summer.

Labor Day weekend Dr. & Mrs.



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO THE K of L
FAMILY**

MARY YORK

C-12

May all of our K of L Friends
throughout the nation
have a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
filled with health,
wealth, and love.

C-116, So. Worcester



Christmas Joy

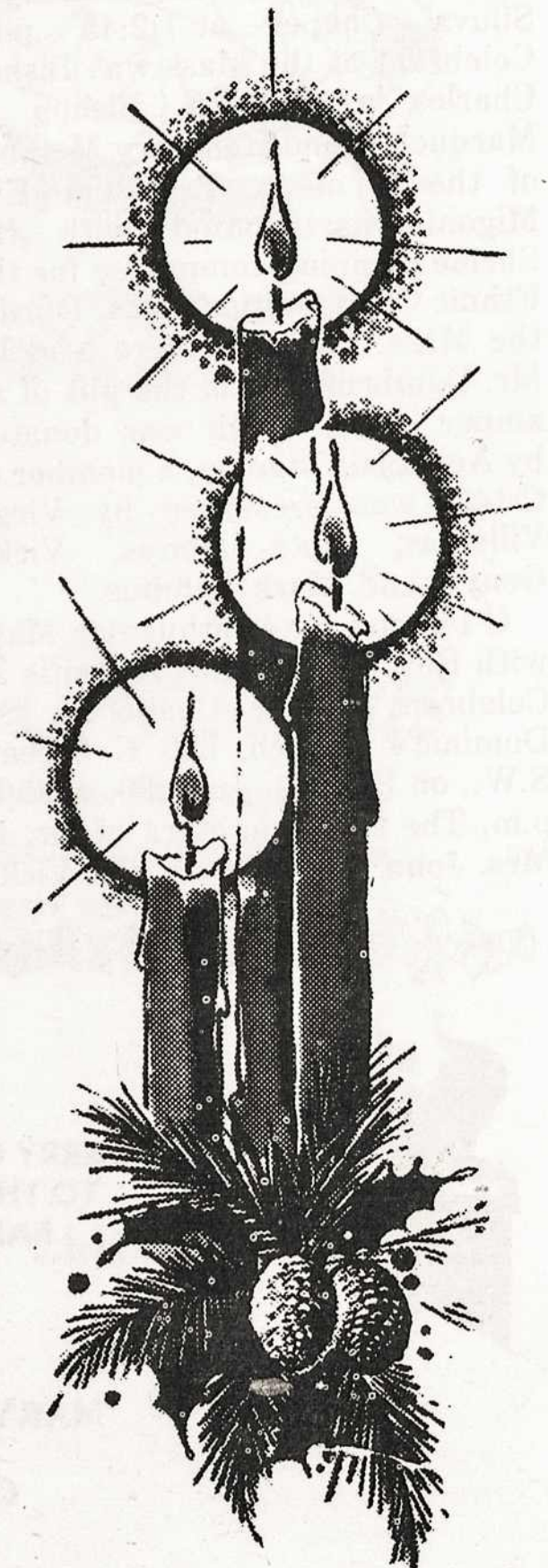
Memories of an old fashioned Christmas fill all our hearts with joy... the joy of giving and sharing. We want to share warm wishes for all good things with you, our dear friends.

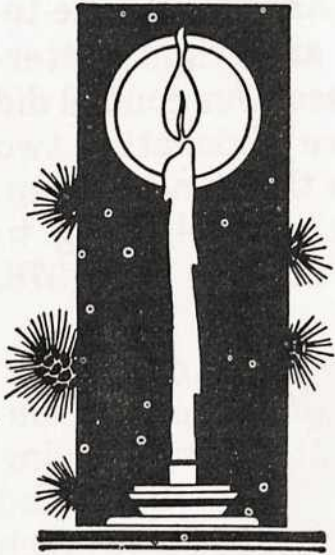
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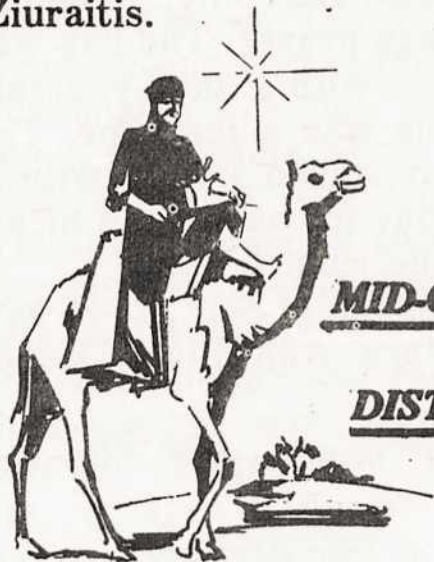
GREETINGS AND BEST
WISHES TO ALL
OF OUR FELLOW
KNIGHTS

Officers & Members
C-110 & C-110 Jrs
Maspeth, N.Y.



Genys and Eva Migonis attended the International Dance Festival at Chicago. Lithuanian dancers from five countries presented the program.

Now doubled in size, Council 142 welcomes the following additional members: Dr. & Mrs. John Genys, Miss Joan Keefe, Mr. Carl Iskow, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dana, Mr. Ladislaus Esunas, Mr. Pranas Paliokas, Miss Donna Stein, Mr. Antanas Blazys, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Cizauskas, Mr. Anthony Chessick, Miss Catherine Karpick, and Mrs. Emily Paukstis, and our Spiritual Advisor Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis.



MID-CENTRAL

DISTRICT

C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

A nice turnout of members took part in our first fall meeting on Sept. 8, despite the hottest day in Detroit's history - "only" 98 degrees. Although it was hot, things were on the move. Most of the meeting centered on glowing reports from our various delegates to the Nat'l Conv. in Dayton. Our delegates were Pres. Maggie Smailis, Frank & Sophie Zager,

Ona Walls, Helen Tucker, Elizabeth Paurazas, Violet & Joe Panavas and daughter Mary Margaret, Chester & Marge Nashlon, Bertha Janus, Vicki Chepelonis and guest Ms. Ann Kratage. Ruth Grasha represented the M.C. Dist.

At the opening gavel of the Conv., to the ending of "Gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai" of the Vyčių Himnas, there was something to do, something to see, somewhere to go for the delegates as well as the Juniors. Loads of thanks to the Jr. leaders for a marvelous program. Among our young people who attended were Eleanore Grasha, Vida Gogelis and Chip Newberry.

Following Opening Mass and first session we attended the Dinner Theater party Wed. eve. Featured attraction at each table setting were name plaques found in authentic color, under glaze, depicting Lithuanian costumes and other architectural subjects of the K of L. After dinner a thundering musical show captured the audience; then marching upstairs to the Kenley Players for an enjoyable two-act comedy "George Washington Slept Here".

Thurs. eve, the smell of fresh corn, roast beef and other delectables filled the air over Eintracht Park for Pioneer Night. Depicting "Wagon Days", our 3 colonial gals, Bertha Janus, Helen Tucker and Sophie Zager, provided a colorful offset in handmade originals. Others were Vicki Chepelonis, and Ruth Grasha who sashayed in an

heirloom gown over 100 years old. Chester Nashlon and wife Marge, and Maggie Smailis transformed into Yankee-Indian-Squaw types. Betty & Frank Petroski in whatever-you-would-call-it garbs made a surprise appearance for the Pioneer Eve. The event was highlighted with a memorable flag lowering ceremony at sundown. During the evening we were kept "refreshed" with Lith.-Amer. Bicentennial liquids served in theme glasses.

The Cultural Night became another fascinating attraction at the Lithuanian Hall. Beautiful artifacts were on display, and our gals gave Sally Miller a "Sold Out" of the straw ornaments that were lovely and unique. We also enjoyed the entertainment by the Vejeliai Dancers, and their beautiful Lith. costumes.

Sat. night's gala Ball was just that - GALA! The committee must be congratulated for the excellent planning which made everything move very smoothly. The dinner was fabulous, prefaced by a cozy cocktail hour. Presentation of awards went smoothly, and especially noteworthy was Archbishop Joseph Bernadin, of Cincinnati, the main speaker, on the self-importance of Human Rights. A large monumental copper U.S. penny was opulently placed at each diner's setting "for keeps" with a biographical story of Victor Baranauskas, the designer of the Lincoln penny, the incredible, even touching, ach:

ments, and his Lithuanian contributions to our American culture.

Mr. John Yeck delighted the delegates at one of the sessions of his long and storied career in Advertising, Communications and Public Relations. We were also greatly moved by the late Father John C. Jutt's commemorative documentary by Joseph Boley upon the occasion of the 5th anniversary of Fr. Jutt's untimely death.

The Farewell Brunch with Dayton's "Perle Mesta", Mary Lucas, was super. Skaniai pavalgëm, viskas labai patiko ir vykom į namus.

Two of our members were elected to the Natl. Supreme Council. Bertha Janus stepped up to chairmanship of the Ritual Comm., and Mary Margaret Panavas will serve on the Youth Congress. Congratulations, gals. Ruth Grasha served dutifully on the Greetings Comm., and were we "surprised" to receive greetings from presidential candidate Jimmy Carter.

Special thanks to Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, Spiritual Director, for keeping things "in tow".

To sum it all up, it was a Convention where the C-96 people still believe that life is made up of a "little of this and that" - hard work and honest fun - to be taken with liberal amounts of joy and love for their ancestry.

Hardly unpacked from the

Dayton Conv., Bertha Janus and Mary Margaret Panavas flew to Boston where they attended the Natl. K of L Supreme Council meeting on Sept. 25.

Estelle & Kazys Gogelis were visited by his brother Vitas from Argentina for 3 weeks in September.

Congratulations to George Leskosky, Jr. upon his marriage on Aug. 28. He is the son of George & Sophia who now reside in Winter Haven, Fla.

A Blessed Holiday to all, with best wishes for a happy and healthy '77.

Sophie

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Through work and planning during the past year by Judy Petrokas, some of us went to Chicago for the weekend of Sept. 3-6. The Vejeliai Dancers performed there, along with 2000 other dancers, at the 5th Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival at Chicago's Stockyard Amphitheatre. It was a first for the Dayton dancers and many of us. It was really something to see. With Mrs. Ford opening the festivities, our attention was never lost. It was heartwarming to see all those lovely young people so coordinated and blending into the various patterns. We thank the Lith. Cultural Comm. of Holy Cross Parish for sponsoring our young dancers from Dayton. The Vejeliai

Dancers performed also on Sept. 18 at the 2nd Annual People-to-People Festival at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Our council did have the pleasure of donating two girl costumes to the dance group. The dancers are now planning to participate in Toronto in 1978, hopefully.

The bowling season is now under way. We are shaping up for competition in the Mid-West Bowling Tournament of which Cleveland C-25 will be the host in May. Much luck to our league secy. Mike Dailey, and his helper, his wife Donna Jean.

Mary Lucas hosted the Jr. Knights on Sept. 11 at her home with a LUAU. Not only did the Jrs. enjoy themselves but also their advisor, Marianne Podoyak and Mary's helpers.

On Sept. 12 members attended our annual Mass for deceased members at Holy Cross at 8 A.M. A light breakfast was served in the church hall after Mass by Jerry & Marianne Podoyak. Then 50 members and the Jrs. made our annual visit to Calvary Cemetery. Fran & Michael Petkus took charge of the flowers that were placed at each grave. Eloise Berczelly, Religious Ch., led us in prayer. The day was rounded out with a 'do-it-yourself' picnic. This was a fun time. The Good Lord smiled on us with a beautiful day for one of the nicest projects the council has.

The weekend of Sept. 25-26 saw Gus & Mary Ann Blum, Elinor



THE JOY OF
CHRIST TO ALL!

COUNCIL 26

WORCESTER

LINKSMŪ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ

Council 142
Washington, D.C.





**LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ VYČIAMŠ
NUO
PHILIP, MARIAN and MATTHEW
SKABEIKAI
C-110 Maspeth, N.Y.**



Sluzas, Bea Noreikas, Eloise Berczelly, Chris Mantz, Fran Petkus, and Jr. Knights Annamarie Sluzas and Tom Petkus head for Cleveland for the MCD Annual Pilgrimage. The day of the 26th began with Mass at St. George's Church at 10:30 A.M. During Mass tribute was paid to the deceased members of the District and all deceased Knights. Following dinner, Benediction and recitation of the Rosary was held at the Lourdes Shrine. Rev. G. Kijauskas, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, gave a homily in both languages. Due to inclement weather we could not travel the way of the Stations of the Cross outside. In spite of the bad weather and poor driving conditions, the Dayton members made it home safe and sound. We want to thank the Seniors C-25 for taking on this Dist. project and for having us! It was good to see Mr. Joseph Sadauskas up and about. Continued good health to you! A special

thanks to our dear friends in Cleveland, Nellie Arunski and Al & Joanne Shigo. They braved it and housed all of us for the weekend. We all returned home five pounds heavier and all talked out!

This is very belated, but we would like to extend our deepest



C-96 - 40th Wedding Anniversary celebrated by Ernest & Veronica Omlar on May 23, 1976.

sympathies to the family of Joe Kazlauskas of Detroit. Many of us and former Jr. Knights remember Joe from the days he was in charge of our children at Camp Dainava. We pray his soul is at peace.

Celebrating their 4th year of wedded bliss on May 30 was Ernest & Veronica Omlor. A delicious wedding cake was baked for the party on May 23 by Veronica's sister, Mary Lucas, C-96's Perle Mesta. Congratulations, also, to Julius & Stephanie Rastikis who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25.

A warm welcome-back into the council to Helen & Josephine Zilinkas, and a warm welcome to our newest member, Michael Blum. Many active years ahead. First Degree recipients Mike Dailey, Terry Vaitkus and Josephine Zilinkas must be congratulated. Taking their Second Degree Ritual were Cathy Roberts and Donna Jean Dailey. Congratulations.

We have much to be thankful



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS**

KEARNY COUNCIL - 90



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ONE AND ALL**

**COUNCIL 79
Southfield, Michigan**



*Merry
Christmas*

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PETER KAZANAUSKAS, PRESIDENT



for. Four of our "Jet Set" members were involved in vehicle accidents. Tina Kavy was a hit-run victim while riding her ten-speed bicycle. John & Joyce Berczelly and Harly Karns were hit broadside while waiting to get out into traffic. Harley's car was totaled. All are doing fine, now recuperating. Get well wishes also to Albina Wallis, Jim Kavalauskas and Annadel Miller.

A very Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you!

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

SRS. C-17 -
SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

Sadness has befallen the families of two of our council members. Al Akule lost his beloved mother, Mary Akule. Larry Svelnis lost his nephew by accident. May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

Mrs. Ona Ulevich is now convalescing at the home of her daughter after serious illness at Carney Hospital. A speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Dayton C-96 members for the productive Natl. Convention, - a job well done! Attending the Convention were Natl. 3rd Vice-Pres. Joseph White, Natl. Archive Chmn. Larry Svelnis, and Natl. Attorney Anthony Young. Delegates were Al Jaritis, Mary Martus, Anna White, Ann Narkevich, Roberta Seymour, and Ann Voveris. A most successful and pleasant trip was had by all. Joseph White returned home re-elected Natl. 3rd Vice-Pres.; Larry Svelnis, Natl. Archive Chmn.; and Daniel Averka, Natl. Cultural Comm.

A very pleasant trip to Poland and Lithuania was had by Ann Voveris and her daughter, Mary Ann Doherty. After the Natl. Conv., Ann flew on to Wisconsin to visit friends. Wisconsin is a beautiful state with many lakes, and noted for its fine cheese and sausage.

A Supreme Council Meeting was held Sept. 25 at St. Peter's Church hall. Joseph White and Larry Svelnis were on the committee. A dinner was served by Mrs. Anna White assisted by Mrs. Ann Antanelis.

Onyte

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Helen & Mildred Seraichekas co-chaired a superlative evening; the Lithuanian Heritage Dinner-Dance was a tremendous success. Dr. Patrick Conley, the R.I. Bicentennial Commissioner, paid tribute to the Lithuanian sub-committee

and their chairperson, Bertha Stoskus.

Anthony & Helen Gudasczauskas have rejoined our ranks. We are most pleased to have them back in the K of L family. Phil Carter has promised to rejoin in the near future. Most welcomed guests at our September meeting were Ed & Rita Wilkins. They are our ardent supporters.

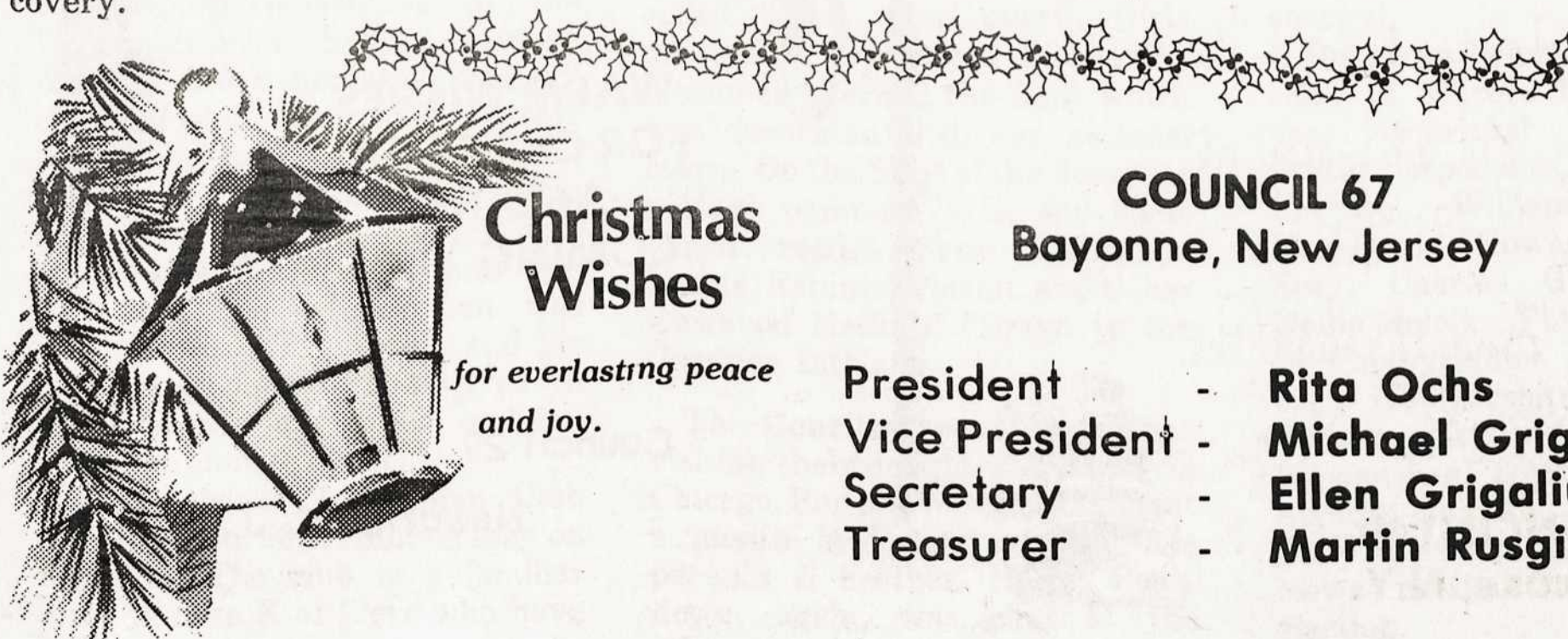
Father Martinkus was host to the NED Lithuanian Priests League's fall meeting. Among the participants were Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, Father Anthony Micunas, Father Casimir Pugevicius, and Father Zuromskis. The event took place on Father Martinkus' Feast-Day.

Ruta & Eugene Krecioch spent a delightful week-end in Vermont. Ruta was the decorations chairperson for the Heritage Gala.

Our council members voted to accept the 1977 National Convention invitation. The 64th Natl. Conv. Committee will be co-chaired by Father Jurgelaitis, Biruta & John Stoskus. The various committees will be appointed from its enthusiastic membership roster. Preliminary work on the Convention has begun, hotels are being visited, and tentative dates of Aug. 17-20, 1977 have been set. "Little Rhody" may be the smallest state, and C-103 one of the smaller councils, but we shall do everything to ensure a successful Convention in PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Linksmų Kalėdų from the 1977 Convention City!

Jonas



Christmas Wishes

for everlasting peace
and joy.

COUNCIL 67 Bayonne, New Jersey

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May the Blessings of
the Infant Jesus Inspire
the Lithuanian Spirit in every
Knight

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO
VYTIS MEMBERS



May good health and
happiness,
Joy and good cheer
Be with you at
Christmas
And through the
New Year

COUNCIL 140
Syracuse, N.Y.



WARM WISHES
FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE
COMING YEAR

Council 29

Newark, N. J.



LET OUR VOICES FILL THE AIR
WITH CAROLS, GREETINGS EVERYWHERE...
JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY, HOLY NEW YEAR!

LINKSMŪ, KALĖDU, IR LAIMINGŲ ŠVENTŲ NAUJU METU

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT



C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

On Sept. 26, St. Francis Parish, under the direction of Father Justin Steponaitis, sponsored a religious concert. A brass quartet presented tower music prior to the church concert. Lithuanians who participated were Rev. William Valkavicius of Marlboro, a violinist; Albin Tamasiunas of the Worcester School System, bassoon & flute; and Benediktas Povilavicius of Boston, soloist. The concert was followed by Benediction; coffee and goodies were served in the parish hall. The church was adorned with flowers, and the American flag arrangement was just beautiful. Fr. Stepie and his committee outdid themselves in the presentation, which has become an annual event.

The Gardner Lithuanian Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Sept. 18. The club is a familiar place to area K of L'ers who have

attended summer picnics, - the latest being the NED sponsored Family Picnic and Executive Board Meeting held in July. We wish the club many more years.

The following day, the club entered a float in the Gardner Bicentennial Parade, - the first time for the local Lith's. We were the only ethnic group in the city to participate. The float was preceded by a color guard. Girls dressed in traditional Lithuanian costumes adorned the float which was decorated with our national colors. On the front of the float was a large painted Vytis, and signs which read, "Free Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, and Other Enslaved Nations". Bravo to the Gardner Lith's.

The Genaitis' spent some time visiting their daughter & family in Chicago. Bernice Wisnauskas spent a month in Poland visiting her parents & brother. Howie Beaudette, again, was chef at the

Lithuanian Scout Camp in Balton. A contingent of our members attended and helped at the NED Festival held at Maironis Park on Oct. 3. Father Steponaitis attended the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia. Father really loves beautiful flowers and plants; the church property is the work of an expert landscaper and botanist. We wonder where he gets all his energy!

Our council elected the following slate of officers for the coming year: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Pres. & Vytis Corresp. William Wisnauskas, Vice-Pres. Howard Beaudette, Secy. Charles Genaitis, Treas. Nellie Melaika, Fin. Secy. & Council Photographer Lennie Davidonis, Membership Ch. Pauline Rogers, Cultural Ch. Bernice Wisnauskas, Telephone Chairman Blanche Genaitis. Both the Athol Daily News and The Gardner News carried articles on the election.

WE'LL BE THINKING OF YOU WHEN WE
LIGHT OUR K OF L CHRISTMAS TREE
AT MIDNIGHT MASS...



MERRY CHRISTMAS- happy new year



C 96 - Dayton, Ohio

Miss Alice Harasimowiczus was admitted as a new member. Welcome!

It was voted to hold a Pot Luck Christmas Party and Altar Boy Party on Dec. 5. The Knights will sponsor the Parish Lithuanian Independence Day Program, on a date to be announced. The council will celebrate the Feast of St. Casimir on Mar. 5, and will host the NED Convention on Apr. 24.

It is good to see the Perekslis' and Mary Gauronsky attending our meetings again. We sure miss Doc Henry Gailiunas, the Rodski's, the Mueller's, and the Kuzmeskus' families, both Alec & Paul. Please join us again; we miss you all.

The following poem, written by the Supt. of the Gardner City School System, Dr. David Russell, was read to all attending Charlie Genaitis' retirement party held in June. (A write-up of this occasion appeared in the July Vytis). We think this poem aptly describes our good friend:

Strange blend of shyness, pride
and conceit
And stubborn refusal to bow in
defeat.
He's willing and ready to argue for
right,
Yet the smile of a child fills his soul
with delight.
His eyes are the quickest to well
up in tears,
Yet his strength is the strongest to
banish your fears.
His faith is as fierce as his devotion
is grand,
And there's no middle ground on
which he will stand.
He's lively and he's gentle,
He's good and never really bad,
He's proud and he's humble,
He's happy and sometimes sad.
He's in love with the ocean, the
earth, and the skies,
He's enamoured with beauty
wherever it lies.
He's teacher and husband, father
and grandfather,
He's Lithuanian, he's American
But mostly, he's a kind man.

Tegul Dievas Palaimina!

Vincukas



May the Peace
and Joy
of Christmas
abide with you
throughout
the coming year.

**ANTHONY & SUE
MAZEIKA**
Hon. Member
C-41

HELEN SHIELDS
Hon. Member
C-3

FRANK VASKAS
Hon. Member
C-29

K OF L COUNCIL 52
Elizabeth, N.J.

**WISHING YOU
WELL...**

**BERTHA JANUS
SUSAN BOROSKAS**

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

Our new officers for the 76-77 season, elected by acclamation, are: Pres. Anthony Miner, Srs. V.P. Irene Adamaitis, Rec. Secy. Dorothy Sinkavitch, Fin. Secy. Helen Daltwas, Treas. Dorothy March. The following members are heading up the very important committees: Cultural, Irene Tamulevich, to whom we present our Summa Cum Laude Award for her past perfect achievements; Spiritual, Helen Daltwas; Social, Dorothy March; Lith. Affairs, Mrs. Irene Adamaitis; Vytis Corresp., Anna Miller.

We extend our congratulations to Anthony Miner, Anne Bender and Rita Pinkus for their re-election to the Supreme Council. This is a hard working trio, and we know we will get the same efforts that they have expended in the past.

Sincere congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Wackell on the recently-celebrated 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Antonia Wackell is a frequent contributor to the Vytis with her many original poems and articles. Their many friends and relatives were on hand to help celebrate this happy occasion with a reception at Maironis Park.

Several of our members, as well as those of C-26, were involved in the Ethnic Wedding Festival that was held outdoors at a local park sponsored by the Worcester Co. Organization for Ethnic Affairs. It featured a band concert and parade of nations in their native costumes, the wedding customs and food of several different cultures. It was well attended by the local people and very enthusiastically received. Rev. Anthony Miciunas, Pastor of St. Casimir's Parish, and Irene Tamulevich were the steering committee. We cannot overlook Ed Tamulevich who also worked like a beaver on this very interesting affair. The end result, of course, was a wonderful performance of our wedding ritual. Father Miciunas officiated, Anne (Kebinsky) Grenney was the



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Rev. Paul Juknevicius C-36
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Ann Marie Kassel C-36
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Napoleon Sapkus C-36
Adele Zunas C-112
Harry/Emily Petraitis C-112
Adeline/Pete Jasaitis C-112
Sabina/Henry Klatt C-36
Peggy Zakaras Chgo. Srs.
Irene Norushis C-36
Gediminas/Jean Janula C-112
Vince Samaska C-36
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Al/Gerrie Mockus C-112
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Terry/Faustas Strolia C-36
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Bernadine/Louis Rogers C-112
Monica Kasper C-112
Al/Julie Zakarka C-112
Estelle Rogers C-112
Ruth/Al Dagus C-112
Angie/Bob Svehla C-112
Dolores Wainauskis C-112
Frank (C-36) & Lorraine (C-112) Svelnis
Sophie Nieminski C-112
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Kazimiera Petrulis Chgo. Srs.
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BEST WISHES AT



AND ALWAYS

COUNCIL 25

CLEVELAND, OHIO



bride, Mary Jo Keblinsky was maid of honor, and Danny Nichols looked real handsome as an attendant. Many accolades are extended to the many other participants, and especially to the ladies who baked the traditional Lith. goodies. Mary Duggan of C-26 was kept busy all afternoon selling the baked goods. A handsome profit was made. Part of the proceeds went to the Lith. Catholic Relief Fund, and two Lith. cookbooks will be donated to the Worcester Public Library. As you can see, our Cultural chairperson, Irene Tamulevich, takes her job seriously. As a result, the Lithuanians have received much publicity in the local newspapers.

This season a course in Lith. Conversation is being presented in the public school system as part of the Evening Adult Education Classes, with Raminta Molis as the

instructress. Two of our members, Dot Sinkavitch and Trudy Zibinskas, are availing themselves of this opportunity to increase their Lith. vocabulary. We must say both are doing very well and are quite enthusiastic about the course. Rita Skamarock and Ruth Cibas are taking courses in Holiday Decorations. Anna Miller is in the Slim & Trim Exercise Classes, and so far they have not done her any good, due to the snacks after classes.

Our members still continue to travel far and wide. Anne Grenney, who hosts the local Lith. Radio Hour, is off to Lithuania and Istanbul, Turkey. We are anxiously awaiting to hear all about the trip. The suitcase of Dot Sinkavitch has not had an opportunity to gather dust this year. First she and Claire Grigaitis of C-26 had a marvelous trip thru the Colonial America which took them

to Wash. D.C., Williamsburg, the Smokey Mountains, and all the way down to Atlanta. Shortly afterwards, Dot took off for Chicago for a visit with relatives, and then after that, she and Rita Skamarock took off for a week's stay in Florida. Seems we are constantly wishing Dot "Bon Voyage"!

For the first time in many, many years, our council is not featuring a Bowling Night. We truly miss our Friday night camaraderie. Due to the change in working hours and other circumstances, we lost many of our bowlers. Hopefully, we can get back together next season.

We extend to all K of L'ers, their families and friends, a very Merry Christmas holiday and a healthy and happy New Year!

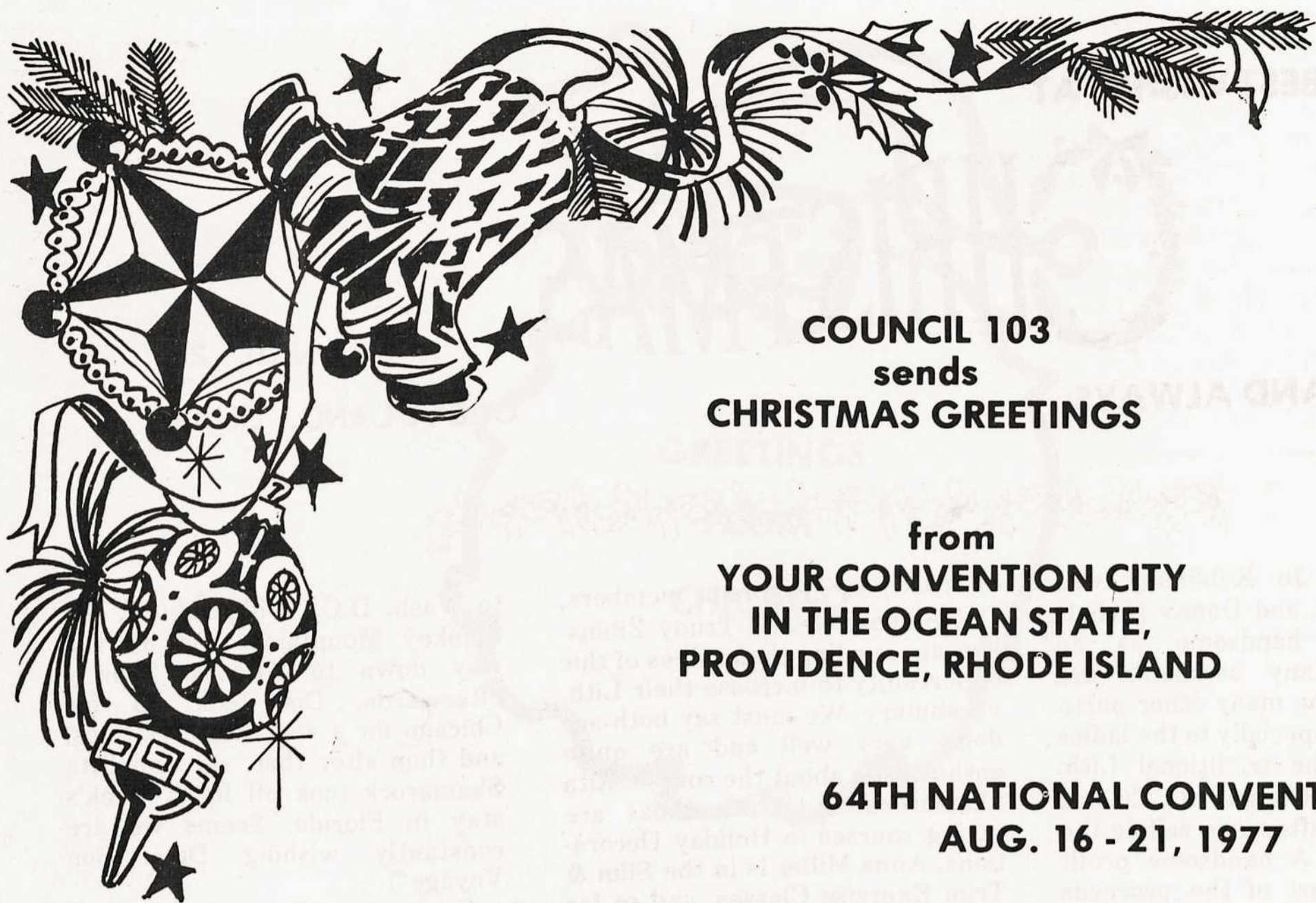
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**Wish all our friends a very
Merry Christmas and the
Happiest New Year**

**Tegul užgimęs Kūdikėlis suteikia
jums daug malonių Kalėdų Švenčių
proga ir atneša daug laimės
Naujuose Metuose**





**COUNCIL 103
sends
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**from
YOUR CONVENTION CITY
IN THE OCEAN STATE,
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**64TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
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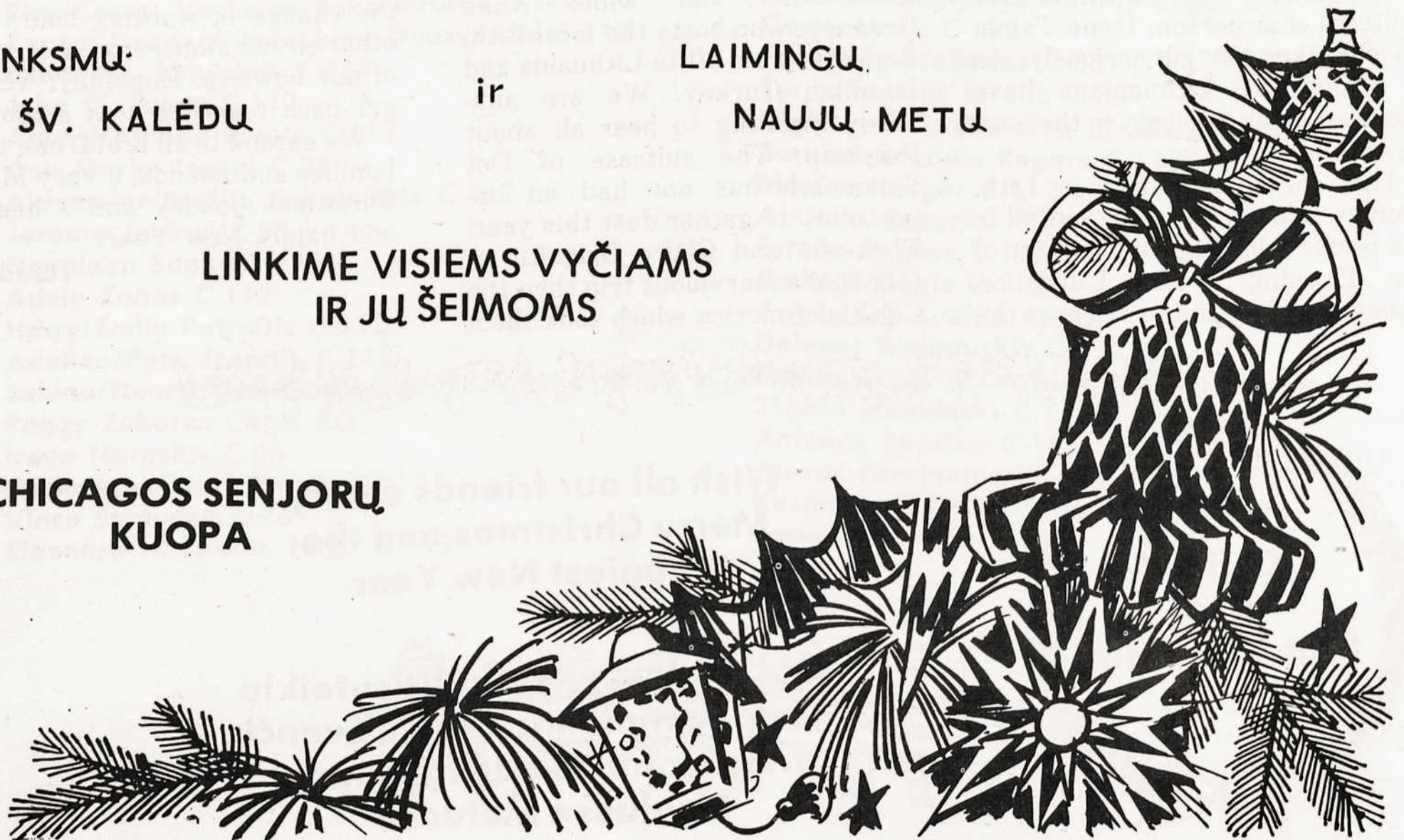
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C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Our council hosted the NED Convention at St. Anthony's Church hall on Sept. 26. Father Ray opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed the delegates to Ansonia. All the delegates were wearing their hearts on the outside. The meeting was well conducted; the reports were excellent. The meal following the meeting, served by Chmn Helen Chepulis and her committee, was delicious, with more than enough to please everyone.

Anthony Chepulis, our council Pres., was elected 1st Vice-Pres. for the NED, and Leon Barauskas was elected Trustee.

The beautiful American and Lithuanian flags in our church are the result of Kestutis Svelnys' efforts. He also made the stands in which the flags are set.

One of the highlights of the Conv. was the awarding of Third Degree to Donna Svelnys, Kestutis Svelnys, Judge Joseph Chernauskas, Donald Poehailos, Rose Marie Tabaka, and Al Jesulaitis. Congratulations to all.

Council elections were held at our October meeting: Pres. Anthony Chepulis, Vice-Pres. & Ritual Chmn. Alfonse Barauskas, Secy. Ann Barauskas, Treas. Mildred Driznus, Fin. Secy. & Public Relations Stanley A. Twerian, Sgt-at-Arms & Cultural Chmn. Lillian Twerian, and

Historian Ann Sabulis. Trustees were elected as follows: Dorothy Martin, 1 yr.; Lillian Chaplik, 2 yrs.; and Ruth Tyson, 3 yrs.

It's all in the family now, - Ann & Susan Chepulis, daughters of Helen and our Pres. Anthony, have joined our council. Welcome, girls. We wonder how many other councils can boast of having an entire family of four as members in their council. We're proud of the Chepulis family!

Fin. Secy. Stan Twerian reminds us that it is never too early to send in your 1977 membership dues. He would like all members to be paid up by Jan. 1st. Let's all pitch in and do our part.

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C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

At summer's end, we reminisce and evaluate events of the past months.

First to take advantage of the warm balmy days of summer were Kunigunda & Benedict Coach, who drove to Bar Harbor, Me., boarding the "Bluenose" for an unexpected thrilling 10 hour ocean voyage on rough and stormy seas to Nova Scotia. Upon arrival, the Scottish Kiltie band in traditional pageantry fashion welcomed all aboard to Yarmouth. Traveling along the narrow roads, they absorbed the quaint beauty of the countryside, rustic fishing villages, the shipbuilding center at Shel-

burne, and Peggy's Cove, where they stopped to admire artists at work, before returning home.

For unusual diversification, Joan Laframboise, Nell Ruggles, and Margaret Picard browsed thru old dusty bookstores in Boston and Harvard Square in Cambridge, searching for obsolete Lithuanian books, or books containing passages pertaining to the history of Lithuania. One of their purchases referred to our ancestors as "savages". (Were not all people savages at some point of civilization?)

Council members turned out "en masse" to contribute their support of St. Casimir's parish picnic, generously offering their time, donations, and labor. With vigor, Rita & James Adamitis of Amherst took charge of the 50/50 raffle. Leo Laferriere beckoned potential customers to his table laden with sweet delights. A sellout within a short time, Leo worked the grab bag and marshmallow people table with Laura & Brian Laframboise. These confectionary dolls, created by Laura, related very nicely with the younger set. Nell & Art Lord, Adele Laferriere, along with Nell & Tony Ruggles, tirelessly operated the clown bean bag toss, while Sis Campbell dispensed the prizes. Al Laframboise was ready for anyone willing to try their skill at the pool table game. After a highly successful day, and our mission accomplished, it felt good to sit back and rest a while.

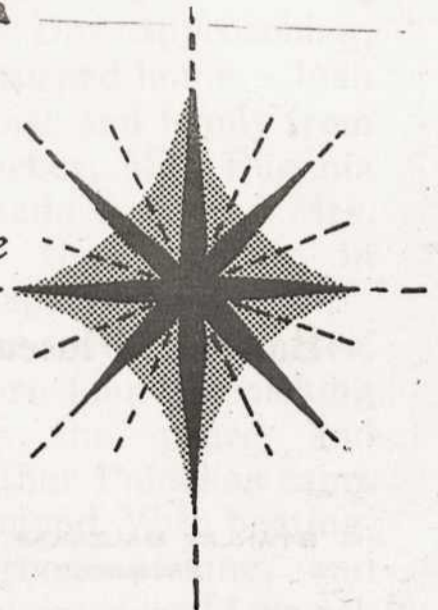


**May the peace
and joy of
Christmas
last through the
year ahead**

**COUNCIL 1
BROCKTON, MASS.**

*Contentment and abiding peace
Be your companions
This Holy Season*

**COUNCIL 102
DETROIT, MICH.**





GREETINGS
full of
Christmastime Cheer
Wishes for the
happiest kind
of a year!

God's richest
blessings,
His truest joys,
and His most tender
guidance
be yours, at Christmas
and always



COUNCIL 30
WESTFIELD, MA.



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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



*Our rosy
cheeked caroler
brings thanks,
and wishes for a
Merry Christmas
from us to you!*



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A feeling of exhilaration had Mary Minkus in high spirits, with the realization that her long awaited dream had come true. Here she was in the land of tall pines, beautiful linden and graceful white birch trees. "Lietuva Tėvyne Mūsų" instantly flashed through her mind and brought tears to her eyes. Later, dining at the Palanga Restaurant in Vilnius, a succulent pork dish named "carbonadas" was served to this traveler. The Lithuanian cuisine was excellent and highly recommended for future visits. Allowed one day in Vilnius and one day in Kaunas, she had to ingest as much as possible by observation, - the style of architecture, and the manner of dress and expressionless faces of these courageous wonderful people. Shopping in Moscow was quite traumatic, for Mary found her purse had been picked. However, having fallen in love with Lithuania, she returned home inspired and determined to do anything and



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA - Bridgeport, Conn. C-141. AMBER BALL - May 22, 1976, St. George Parish.

L-R - Mrs. Antanas Ivaska - Vice President, Joseph Janiunas - Treasurer, Mrs. Alphonse Trainis - President, Edward Yokstas - Financial Sec'y.

everything possible for a future free Lithuania!

The board of trustees were proud to announce the elevation of

James Rogers to the presidency of the Woronoco Savings Bank.

Jimmy has been affiliated with the bank since 1948 working his way up from branch manager in Southwick to treasurer, and from vice-pres. to his current position. A graduate of Western N.E. College, he also studied savings bank management at Brown Univ. James and his wife Marsha are 3rd Degree K of L'ers, who also participate in active civic affairs. Our best wishes, Jim, on your success.

Most of the summer found Adele & Leo Laferriere of So. Hadley touring the wild, wild West, Pacific coast, and up into Canada. At a future council meeting, Leo promised to give us a pictorial travelogue of this trip.

With Labor Day approaching, vacationers returned home, - Joan & Al Laframboise and family from Booth Bay Harbor, Me., Eugenia Duda from Canada, and Mr. & Mrs. Krenzul from their cottage in Chatham at Cape Cod.

To mark the end of summer, most of us were found picnicking and enjoying the peace and serenity of Father Puidokas camp at Lake Congamond. With boating, fishing, mushroom picking, and good food, what more could we ask



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jack & Loretta Stukas

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for! "Dekojame" Benny & Cookie Coach, Helen Alexik, and Fran & William Waiwat for their proficiency in making this day most pleasurable.

We have had a fruitful, productive, and invigorating summer. Hopefully, the coming seasons will be equally beneficial.
Margaret Picard

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Is it possible our characteristics were predestined when God bestowed the gifts of patience, courage, honor and good leadership upon Lithuania? Was the route already charted in our direction when Thaddeus Kosciuszko sailed for America, brimming with determination to fight for freedom, which we now all enjoy? Fulfilling his commitment, "Tadas" yearning for his homeland, hastened to return to the peace and tranquility of his estate in Lithuania. Possibly this identical cherished feeling for Lithuania motivated representatives from nine councils to assemble at St. Anthony's Church in Ansonia, Conn., for our NED Convention on Sept. 26.

Promptly at 1 P.M., Albert

Jaritis called the meeting to order. Father Yuskauskas led the convocation in prayer. Following the introduction of our new Rec. Secy. Heidi Kniupis, Al announced his decision to withdraw from the candidacy as Pres. of the NED. Instantly, a long round of applause marked commendation for his expertise of 10 years of administrative service that led us to new heights.

In keeping with the agenda, the Mandate and Resolutions Committee convened at the rear of the hall to conduct their business. Third Degrees were awarded to six members. A report of the 63rd Natl. Conv. was given by Ann Bender, followed by an account of the social aspects of the assemblage by Sue Boroskas.

Father Pugevicius spoke of various interesting issues, one of which was the support the Irish nuns in Dublin, Ireland, gave for the fight of human rights in Lithuania, at the Russian Embassy in their city.

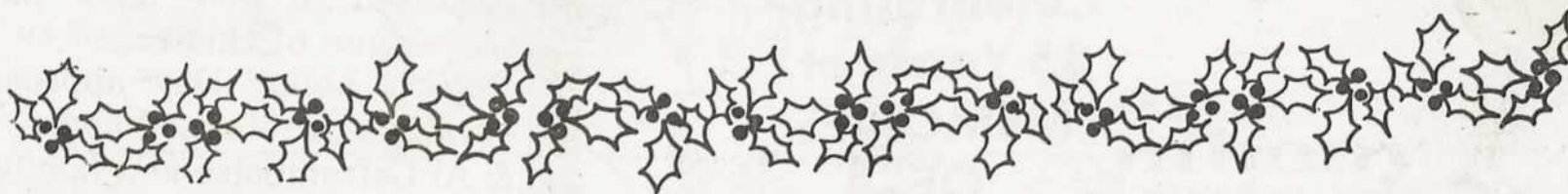
Election of officers produced a new governing board for the coming year. Inducted were Spiritual Advisor Rev. Albin Janiunas; Pres. Joan Laframboise,

Holyoke, Mass.; 1st V.P. Anthony Chepulis, Seymour, Conn.; 2nd V.P. Susan Boroskas, Brockton, Mass.; 3rd V.P. George Radzwillas, Bridgeport, Conn.; Treas. Dorothy Sinkavich, Worcester, Mass.; Rec. Secy. Heidi Kniupis, W. Roxbury, Mass., Corresp. Secy. Nell Ruggles, Holyoke, Mass.; and Trustees Aldona Marcage, Milford, Conn., and Leon Boroskas, New Haven, Conn. Public Relations will be handled by Margaret Picard from Holyoke, Mass.

Keep in mind that our new leaders will be only as good as the support we give them, and how well we sail will be determined by our motivations. The decision is ours to decide whether we float like flotsam, cause little rivulets, - or shall we create waves!

The warm congeniality shown by Ansonia host C-135 members was tremendous, and the smorgasbord was a gastronomic delight. With such an abundance of delectables, the word "calories" was scratched from our vocabulary for the day. Most of us loosened our belts a notch and returned for seconds. A round of applause to this council for hosting this event.

Margaret Picard



Be joyful and happy as
you herald the birth of our Saviour.

COUNCIL 12

MANHATTAN, NEW YORK