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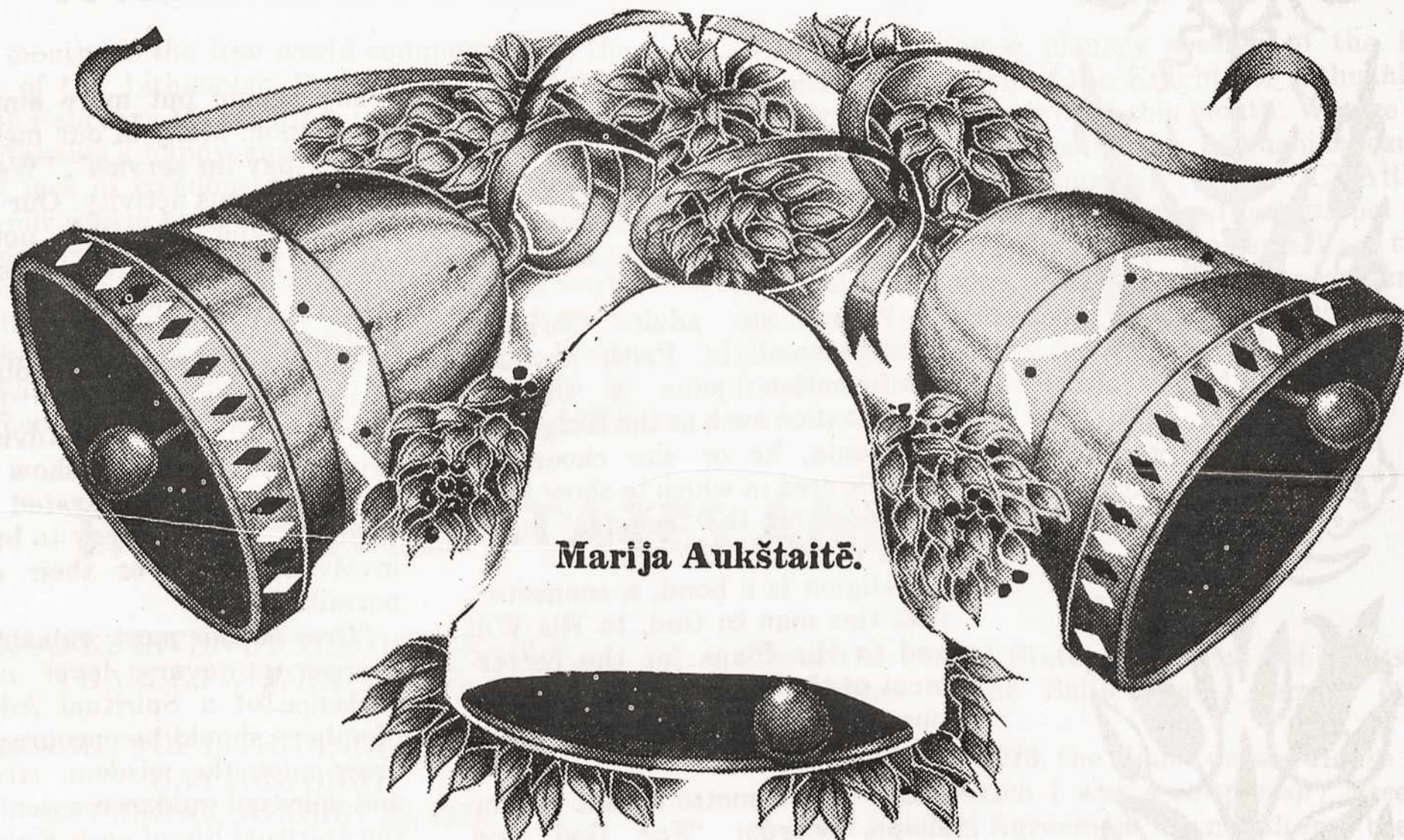
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LAISVĒS VARPAI



Užgaus varpai Lietūvos laisvēs,
Skambēs jū širdys, oi skambēs.
Sukvies mūs brolius iš nelaisvēs,
Nuo žingsnių žemē sudrebēs.

Paržengs, sugriš, pulkų pulkai,
Per vieškelius, per kalnus...
Parves keliai, parves takai —
Sukvies varpai taip švelnūs...

Iškils trispalvė bokštų bokštuos,
Vaivorykstēms ji sužydēs.
Skrajos Vytis mūs plačioms aikštēms,
Karžygių gretos sudundēs.

Švytēs šalmai, sutrenks būgnai,
Valio! Valio! Mes šauksim.
Skambēs varpai, paplys himnai,
Procesijomis trauksim.

Ir nešim šūkius iškilmingus,
Šventovēs laimins mūs žygius.
Pagerbsim tuos kapus garbingus,
Apklosim laurais didvyrius.

Kalnai prašneks, sielas uždegs;
Pirmyn! Prie idealų!
Varpai lydēs, "Valio!" skambēs;
Girdēs mus už Uralų.

Girdēs mūs dainą, jaus mūs dvasią;
Arai nutukę mūs krauju.
Iškelsim kardo jėgą drąsą;
Rubežium juosimēs nauju.

Vyčių Vyčiai užims gretas,
Ateitininkai Kristaus.
Lietuva bus nauja, šventa,
Šaukta varpų psalmistų.

RELIGION — THE PRIMARY INGREDIENT



For all Catholics religion ought to be the primary ingredient of their lives. The Catholic Faith received at the moment of Baptism leaves such an impression on the soul that no human decision in later years can eradicate the sacramental imprint - "child of God" "redeemed by Christ", even if the Catholic may leave the Church and deny the Faith.

The Sacrament of Confirmation reaffirms the Faith and makes another indelible imprint upon the soul, namely "adult Christian" "sealed by the Holy Spirit".

These Sacraments and all the

others received by Catholics serve to make Catholics more responsive to God by making their goals in life clearer and by developing attitudes that are God-centered and by inspiring actions that are Christ-like.

When an adult Christian strengthened in Faith through Confirmation joins a Catholic organization such as the Knights of Lithuania, he or she chooses a specific area in which to show forth and work out the "religion" ingredient of his or her life.

Religion is a bond, a connector, that ties man to God, to His Will and to His Plans for the betterment of the entire world. Religion ties together all man's activities - personal, family, social to God.

Our K of L motto says it in four simple words: "For God and Country", which is simply an abbreviation for: our K of L activities - religious, cultural, social, educational and athletic are to flow from God and lead to God, not because we are K of L's, but because we are Catholics. Our organization is meant to be a FACILITATOR of religion, one that makes it easier to be faithful and active in God to man and man to God relationships.

A few months ago K of L members were asked to send in comments concerning Religious Affairs in our organization as part of the Convention "INPUT" Project. These comments, of course, came to me. You may look over my shoulder as I flip through them.

"There are enough Religious Affairs in Council..."

It is very pleasing to have a monthly religion article in "Vytis". --"and a religion Panel during the Convention".

Other comments seemed to suggest that we could be doing more in the area of religion: "We

really should put more emphasis on religion. Many of our members simply pay lip service". "We need more religious activity. Our motto is "God and Country", not just country and fun". (Notice the word "God" was underlined three times.)

Three comments were directed to us Spiritual Advisers: "This is the field of Spiritual Advisers - priests. They should show more initiative". "A concentrated effort to encourage our clergy to become involved, whenever their duties permit..."

"One of the most valuable resources at every level is the presence of a Spiritual Adviser. Members should be encouraged to draw upon the wisdom, strength and spiritual guidance essential to the spiritual life of each Knight of Lithuania".

Among the interesting and worthwhile proposals submitted were: "...we should set up a person to receive working ideas from all the councils which have an active religion committee. These ideas should be published and shared". "LCRA (Lithuanian Catholic Relief Agency) needs more support. The \$10,000 fund with its interest going to LCRA is a good idea".

I was greatly encouraged by your response to the Convention "INPUT" Project and am truly grateful.

Having received your "INPUT", I shall do my best to implement the proposals and ideas. The monthly religion articles will continue.

Our K of L will grow stronger and prosper, as long as we cling tenaciously to those ties that bind us to God and join us together "Dievui ir Tėvynei". Religion IS the prime ingredient of all K of L activity.

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

Convention postscript

This month, as the free world commemorates the signing of the Lithuanian Declaration of Independence on February 16, 1918, it is fitting to ponder not only Lithuania's happy and free past, but also her present lack of freedom and self-determination, as well as our role in bringing back that freedom she so richly deserves, but which she enjoyed so briefly.

Perhaps one of the most influential forces in working for the restoration of Lithuania's Independence is the Lithuanian-American Council. It is fitting, therefore, that the remarks about the Council and its work, made by the Council's President, DR. KAZYS

BOBELIS, during a plenary session of the 63rd National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania in August, 1976, be presented this month. We are also presenting the remarks of the Lithuanian cause's dear friend in Congress, HON. CHARLES WHALEN, JR., also made during the National Convention. We sincerely hope that the remarks of these two men will serve to encourage all our readers to continue the necessary work involved in bringing about freedom for the Baltic States... and KEEPING freedom alive in the USA.

THE UNITED STATES AND LITHUANIA

REMARKS GIVEN BY THE HONORABLE
CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.

63RD KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION,
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The United States recognized the independent Lithuanian government on July 27, 1922, and it has never recognized Lithuania's incorporation into the Soviet Union. The U.S. continues to maintain diplomatic relations with two representatives of the former independent government which has a legation in Washington, D.C. The two man legation consists of Joseph Kajeckas, charge d'affaires, and Dr. Backis, deputy. (Dr. Backis is the principle representative now that Mr. Kajeckas is ill.) The legation is financed by funds on deposit in U.S. banks which were technically frozen at the time of the Soviet take-over.

The United States does not advocate the use of military power to liberate Lithuania and the other Baltic States. U.S. policy toward Lithuania ensures that we have not forgotten its people and their struggle for freedom.

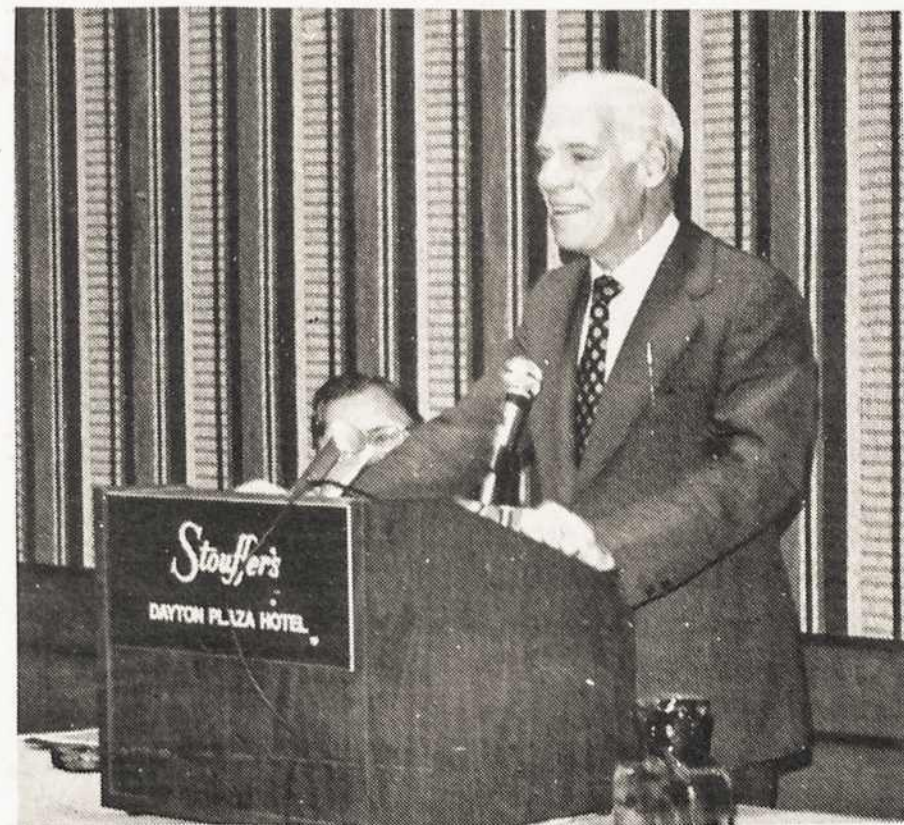
Since President Roosevelt, all succeeding Presidents have advocated the restoration of the sovereign rights of the people of Lithuania and the Baltic States.

In July, 1975, the United States, the Soviet Union, and all of the European nations except Albania met in Helsinki to confirm the end of World War II. Included in the Helsinki Agreement are provisions that the frontiers of all parties are inviolable and subject to change only "in accord with international law and peaceful means". This decree provoked questions

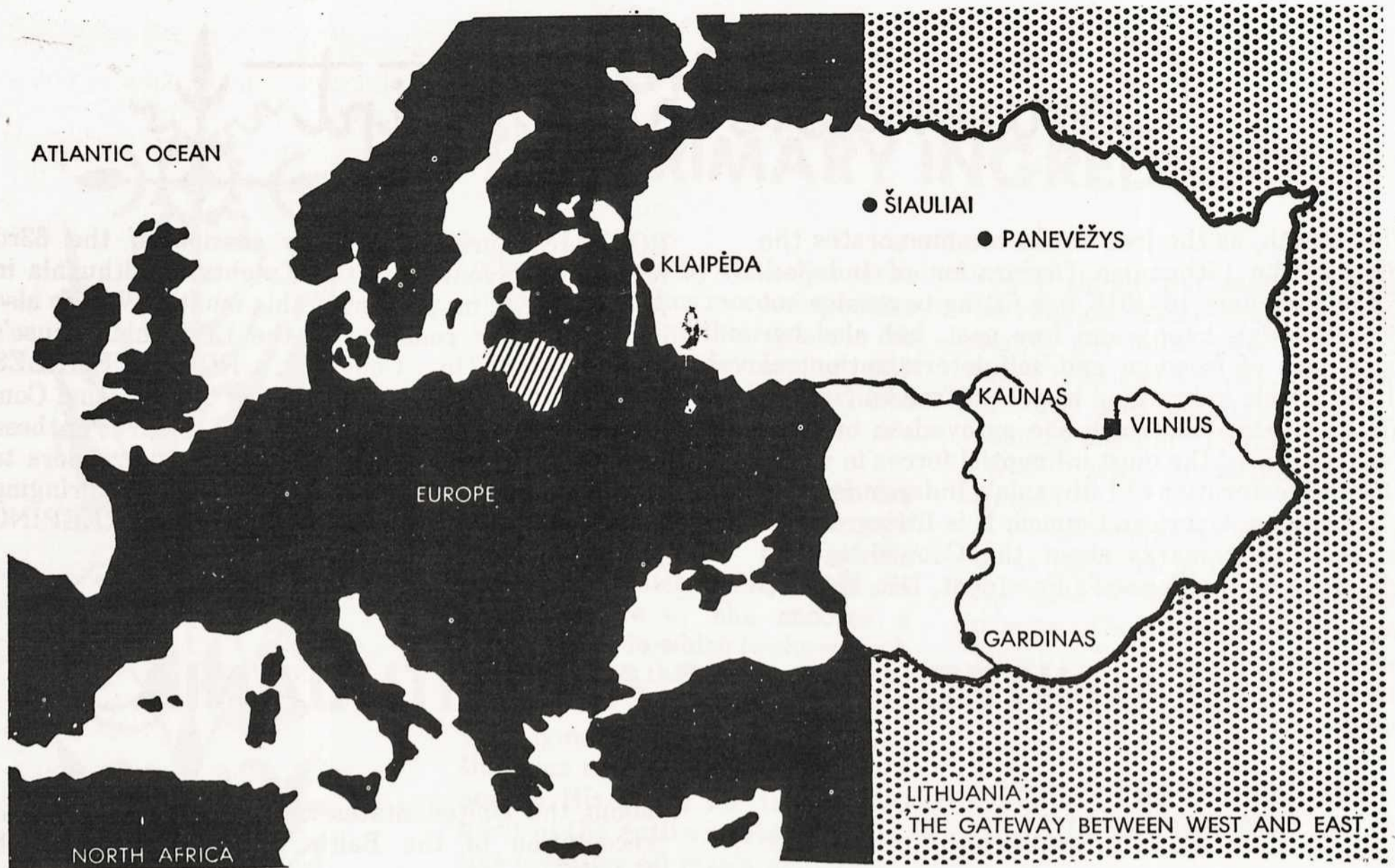
about the United States conviction behind its non-recognition of the Baltic States seizure by the U.S.S.R.

In November, 1975, the House passed House Resolution 864 (of which I was a co-sponsor), asserting that the Helsinki Agreement has not altered the U.S. policy of nonrecognition of the Soviet seizure and annexation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. The Senate also passed Senate Resolution 319, which was similar to the House of Representatives resolution.

President Ford stated on July 25, of this year that the "official policy of nonrecognition is not affected by the Helsinki Agreement".



Congressman Whalen addresses 63rd National Convention of the K of L.



LITHUANIAN POLITICAL LIFE AND THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL

Presented at the Knights of Lithuania 63rd
National Convention

by DR. KAZYS BOBELIS

36 years ago, in June, 1940, three independent Baltic states - Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia were brutally occupied by the Red Army and subsequently forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union. This act was a direct, flagrant violation of the international law and the non-aggression pacts between the Soviet Union and the Baltic States.

Immediately following this occupation, Lithuanian-Americans, under the leadership of L. Simutis, A. Olis, Dr. P. Grigaitis and M. Vaidyla, representing different ideological and political groups, organized all Lithuanian-American organizations into one supreme unit - the Lithuanian-American Council - to lead and coordinate a fight for the restoration of Lithuania's independence. Appeals were made to the President of the USA, government officials, and

members of Congress, to denounce the illegal act of the Soviet Union.

On July 23, 1940, Acting Secretary of State Summer Wills condemned the Soviet actions against the Baltic States as "devious processes" and "predatory activities", and indicated that the principles of international law dictate non-recognition of such actions, by further stating:

"The United States will continue to stand by these principles because of the convictions of the American people that unless the doctrine in which these principles are inherent once again governs the relations between nations, the rule of reason, of justice, and of international law - in other words, the basis of modern civilization in itself - cannot be preserved".



Dr. K. Bobelis addresses 63rd National K of L Convention.

In October of 1940, President Roosevelt met with leaders of the Lithuanian-American Council and issued an historic declaration, denouncing and condemning the illegal occupation of the Baltic States as a non-recognizable act of open aggression against a neighboring state. This policy has been maintained by every president since that time.

Ever since its formation, the Lithuanian-American Council, of which the Knights of Lithuania is also a member, has persistently fought, with convincing evidence, for the restoration of Lithuania's Independence.

The Council has been attempting to inform government officials, our representatives in Congress, the press media and the academic world about the true conditions in Lithuania, and the desire of the Lithuanian people to be free and choose their own form of government.

The vigorous action of the Lithuanian American Council has produced favorable results, for example:

The illegal seizure of the Baltic States by the Soviet Union had been thoroughly investigated by a select Committee of the House of Representatives of the 83rd Congress in 1953 and 1954 and the committee came to the basic finding that:

"The Soviet Union, without provocation, did in June 1940, invade and take military and political control over Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, thus committing an act of unprovoked aggression".

Again, on June 21, 1965, the House of Representatives had unanimously passed the house concurrent Resolution 416 urging the President of the United States:

*"(a) to direct the attention of the world opinion at the United Nations and at other appropriate international forums and by such means as he deems appropriate to the denial of the right of self-determination for the people of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and
(b) to bring the force of world opinion to bear on behalf of the restoration of these rights to the Baltic People".*

Conversely, the Soviet communists, angered over the persistent attempts of the Lithuanian people in Lithuania and those of Lithuanian ancestry in the free world to preserve Lithuanian culture, heritage, religion, and national identity, moved to increase the operation of genocide in Lithuania. Almost a million Baltic people were deported like animals to slave labor camps in Siberia, where many perished in the mines and forests. Many more were annihilated by the cold, diseases and starvation. A few of them survived and even reached the United States, where they had an opportunity to testify before congressional committees about the inhumane conditions of life under the Soviets.

The communists murdered or deported over 400,000 people from Lithuania alone. Aleksander Solzenizen in his book, "Gulag Archipelago" described how the Baltic people were tortured and forced to live under the most atrocious conditions in Siberia. Even today, oppression, terror and genocide together with extensive rusification is going on in Lithuania.

But the determination of the Lithuanian people to be free and to choose their own destiny is so strong that despite all these abnormal conditions, despite the consistent terrorism, persecution and fear of being arrested, deported or locked up in mental institutions, they cannot be stopped from resisting and fighting this powerful tyrant.

This is so well demonstrated by the self-immolation of a young student Romas Kalanta, escapes by Simas Kudirka, Pranas and Algis Brazinskas, A. Jurgutis and especially by the underground publication, the Lithuanian Catholic Church Chronicle.

The people of the oppressed, embattled Lithuania know that they are not alone in their fight for self-





ALTAS organized rally in Chicago, protesting the refusal of asylum to Lithuanian Seaman Simas Kudirka.

determination, because everyone of Lithuanian ancestry throughout the free world and especially in the United States, with the help of very good friends, are constantly speaking for those who are not able to speak for themselves.

No one in the free world, with the exception of a few procommunist sympathizers, consider the wartime occupation of the Baltic States to be a permanent one. Just the opposite is true. The Baltic States are in a similar position as for example Norway and Holland were under the Germans during the Second World War. The only difference is that the occupation has, as far as the Baltic States are concerned, become longer and more brutal.

The Baltic States have been able to retain their diplomatic missions in the United States, Great Britain, France, the Vatican and elsewhere. They also have non-diplomatic recognized representation in Western Germany, Brazil, Uruguay, and Spain. Many other countries in the world are taking neutral, wait-and-see positions - and it is of great importance that we supply the representatives of those countries with proper and true information about communist aggression and expansion so that these nations would not be victims of Soviet international advances, as we saw recently in the case of Portugal.

A very important phase of our work, especially in the United States, where over 40 million people of Eastern European origin live (about 1 million of them are of Lithuanian descent) is to influence political leaders to continue the non-recognition of the illegal occupation of the Baltic States and to oppose the persistent advances of international communism.

Numerous Congressional resolutions and Presi-

dential statements are good evidence of this action, putting the United States on record that there has been no change in the longstanding policy of the United States on non-recognition of the illegal seizure and annexation by the Soviets of the three Baltic Nations, and that it will continue to be the policy of the US not to recognize in any way this annexation.

President Gerald Ford met at the White House with leaders of the Baltic States on February 27, 1975 and again with leaders of the Eastern European organizations in the United States and 5 members of the Congress on July 25, 1975, on the eve of the Helsinki Conference and issued a statement, which he himself called an interpretation of the Helsinki agreement by the United States and himself. In it he emphatically denounced any possibility of recognizing Eastern European and Baltic countries as the territory of the Soviet Union. He stated:

"I would like to read our interpretation of the Helsinki European Security and Cooperation document myself, so that there wouldn't be any misunderstanding as the United States position as far as Eastern European and Baltic countries are concerned".

The other important quote is:

"I can assure you as one who has long been interested in this question that the United States has never recognized the Soviet incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia and is not doing so now. Our official policy of non-recognition is not affected by the results of the European Security Conference".



The Presidium, at a Convention of the Lithuanian American Council.

It is our great disappointment that no other action was ever undertaken to promote or pursue these highly humanistic resolutions and statements.

Our foreign policy, as (was) conducted by Dr. Kissinger appeared to be in the state of degradation and even contradicted statements by the President and positions taken by Congress. At no time did Dr. Kissinger, in any international forum or at the United Nations use the illegal occupation of the Baltic States as an example of persistent violation of international law by the Soviet Union. The Baltic States are an effective tool to reject the constant Soviet attacks and accusations on the United States. When Communist block countries insisted that representatives of the PLO be given an opportunity to present their case, Dr. Kissinger should have requested that if so, then the Baltic States representatives should also have an opportunity to present their case. But this was not done. Why?

Leaders of all segments of our society voiced their concerns and objections to the philosophy of defeatism of Dr. Kissinger, as to his secret machinations and his appeasement of Communist Russia under the guise of detente.

George Meany, President of AFL-CIO on Dec. 8, 1975, denounced the American policy of detente with the Soviets. Senator Adlai Stevenson, on Sept. 26, 1975, in his statement calling for a more rational foreign policy, condemned Kissinger's "personalizations of our foreign policy, where once foreign policy was carefully formulated and articulated, it now consists of summit journeys and shuttle diplomacy, with no long lasting results".

It is interesting to note, that since World War II many new nations have received their freedom and formed free and independent countries. All of these

countries were born from previous colonies of the Western World, such as England, France, Portugal and the United States. But there is not a single country which received its freedom or independence from once colonized Soviet territories. Even the attempts of Czechoslovakia and Hungary for a minimal amount of freedom were quickly destroyed by the Soviet Union. There is no hope of freedom for anyone where communist tyranny is in power and has control of the people.

Thus, the Baltic question remains an unsolved international problem. One can freely and loudly say that the Baltic question is not an internal matter of the Soviet Union, but an international dispute causing attention everywhere in this world, a test by which the free world will prove how highly it values the right of national self-determination.

The peoples of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania desire a political and peaceful solution of the Baltic question. The Baltic countries expect an awakening of the public conscience of the free world.

I would like to conclude with these, what I believe are immortal words of the late President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, when he spoke of the dangers of international communism:

"And we have said from the very beginning that all of us believed that Hitler's aggressions almost destroyed the world. ...And we believe (now) that communist aggressions will destroy it, if somebody doesn't stand up to it".

I sincerely believe that we are the ones who can and should stand up against this international communist aggressions, not only because of the tragedy of the Baltic States, but also in the interests of the United States and of all humanity.

PROFILE: RALPH VALATKA, "LITHUANIAN MELODIES" MAN

Sophie Zager

Nostalgia played a prominent role when a Testimonial Dinner, honoring Ralph Valatka, was held at the Divine Providence Cultural Center, on Oct. 10, 1976.

Ralph Valatka and the Lithuanian Melodies Radio program have been going together 30 years. All that ended on May 1, 1976, when Ralph put down his earphones and gathered his tapes at radio station WMZK-FM and left to "take up" his retirement.

Ralph was born in Elco, Penn., on May 9, 1916, to Vladas Valatka and his wife Marcella (Matukoniute). In 1935, he graduated from Cass Technical High School where he studied music. He also attended Wayne State University. In the following years, a lovely New York born young lady, Ona Semryte, caught Ralph's eye and they were married in 1940.

From 1943 to 1945, Ralph served with the U.S. Navy. While in service during WW II, Ralph always dreamed of being near the water. So upon his retirement, after 30 years as a Wayne County Insurance Benefit Supervisor, the Valatkas settled in Michigan's north country, near lovely Lake Michigan.

However, one could not visualize Ralph "gracing" the rocking chair. He has always been a participant. He was active in the political arena. Not only was he an active Democrat, but he also was a candidate for the State Legislature in 1966.

Ralph's organizational work has been endless, serving as president, vice-president, secretary and in other capacities among some of the following organizations: Am. Lith. Roman Catholic Federation, LRKSA, Lith. Catholic War Veterans, DLOC, United Relief Fund, Am. Lithuanian Journalists as well as serving on numerous

church committees both at old St. George's and Divine Providence. His dedication on the Planning & Building Committee of the new Divine Providence church was among his many contributions. He lended necessary sponsorship in bringing the Lithuanian refugees to the U.S. following WW-II. Ralph and his wife, Ona, were among the organizers who reactivated C-79 in 1958. Starting with just a handful of members, C-79 later "blossomed" to the largest council in the Knights of Lithuania.

Ralph's greatest love, though, was music which he contributed through the choir and the radio. Thirty years ago, Ralph started the Radio Club as its announcer and director. After 3 years, with the Radio Club, Ralph founded and directed the Lithuanian Melodies Radio Hour, first broadcasted from Ann Arbor, Mich. Later he established the program at WJLB, in Detroit.

On Jan. 1, 1971 the Molodies program matured to three weekly hours - every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, serving all segments and all groups of the Lithuanian community. Often he would be heard humming or singing to the lovely tune of "Elenos" (or Elenutes) polka, whose lyrics he composed. Listeners would enjoy his wit and humor, and deep love for his Lithuanian heritage via her songs and her beautiful language.

Both artistically and philosophically, Ralph brought much pleasure with the Lithuanian Melodies - to the shut-ins; the sick; the lonely, and just those who enjoyed his program. Thus, he culminated a total of 10,000 unselfish hours in 30 years of radio.

Admiration for Ralph hit a crescendo when approximately 300 people gathered at the testimonial

dinner to pay tribute to him. Among those attending were the former pastor of Divine Providence, Father Michael Kundrat, from Memphis, Mich., and Fr. J. Walter Stanievich, former pastor of St. Anthony's church. Greetings were received from Pittsburgh, Windsor and other Canadian neighbors, as well as from friends, organizations and church groups.

Ralph and Onute had one child - Ralph, Jr., and are grandparents of two - Danielle and Brandon Michael, with whom they will be able to spend more time. He will also spend some time fishing and, of course, picking mushrooms.

Meanwhile, the Melodies Radio Program continues under the direction of the Zaparackas group. And, may Ralph Valatka enjoy his well-earned retirement, along with Onute who worked, and assisted Ralph in his radio program. Ona deserves a big hand in also being very active in organizational and church activities. Now, in "relaxation" they enjoy the north country and the lovely water in fulfillment of Ralph's long-ago dream. *Ilgiausiu Metu!*



Ralph Valatka (right) receives distinguished award from A. Zaparackas - Testimonial Dinner honoring Ralph.

VASARIO 16

Šiuo Vasario 16 dienos aktu Lietuva išreiškė savo vieningą laisvą politinę valią, ir atstatė pertrauktą valstybinę nepriklausomybę. Vasario 16 dienos aktas, kaip vienas svarbiausių mūsų laikų dokumentų, yra ir pasiliks mūsų tautos nepakeičiamas amžinasis credo, kovojančios tautos idealas. Nei okupacija, nei bet kokia jėgos prievarta jo negalės pakeisti iki tauta bus gyva. Tik tautą sunaikinant, galima sunaikinti ir šį aktą, jos idealą.

Tik Vasario 16 dienos aktas pateisino ir įprasmino tautos pasi-

šventimą ir aukas kovoje dėl laisvės. Jis ir dabartinėje, žūtbutinėje kovoje dėl laisvės ir tautinės egzistencijos, sudaro pagrindą ir prasmę. Jis įkvėpė mūsų tautos kovotojus savanorius, partizanus, sukilėlius ir ugnies kančia savo gyvybes paaukojusius jaunuolius. Tai mūsų tautos naujųjų laikų didvyriai, kankiniai.

Vasario 16 dieną švenčia išblaškyta ir pavergta tauta su skaudančia širdimi, bet nepalaužta valia. Dar niekad Lietuva savo istorijoje nebuvo patyrusi tiek skriaudos ir kančios iš savo rytų kaimyno kiek

šioje nežmoniškoje okupacijoje. Tauta pakėlė milžiniškus nuostolius, bet nesuklupo prieš baisų okupantą. Tautos kraujo ir gyvybės milžiniškos aukos suteikia stiprybę ištvermei ir gimdo didvyrius naujose kartose.

Su džiaugsmu tenka konstatuoti faktą, kad šią sunkią ir nelygią kovą su tėvynės okupantu pradeda perimti naujoji mūsų karta - jaunimas ir ryžtasi ją tęsti iki galutinės pergalės. Tai mūsų didžioji viltis ir laidas, kad Vasario 16 dienos aktas vėl bus pakartotas Vilniuje.

VASARIO ŠEŠIOLIKTOSIOS AKTAS

NUTARIMAS

Lietuvos Taryba savo posėdyje vasario 16 d., 1918 m. vienu balsu nutarė kreiptis: į Rusijos, Vokietijos ir kitų valstybių vyriausybes šiuo pareiškimu:

Lietuvos Taryba, kaip vienintelė lietuvių tautos atstovybė, remdamos pripažintą tautų apsisprendimo teisę ir lietuvių Vilniaus konferencijos nutarimu rugsėjo mėn. 18-23 d. 1917 metais, skelbia atstatanti nepriklausomą demokratinius pamatais sutvarkytą Lietuvos valstybę su sostine Vilniuje ir tą valstybę atskirianti nuo visų valstybinių ryšių, kurie yra buvę su kitomis tautomis.

Drauge Lietuvos Taryba pareiškia, kad Lietuvos valstybės pamatus ir jos santykius su kitomis valstybėmis privalo galutinai nustatyti kiek galima greičiau sušauktas steigiamasis seimas, demokratiniu būdu visų jos gyventojų išrinktas.

Lietuvos Taryba pranešdama apie tai vyriausybei, prašo pripažinti nepriklausomą Lietuvos valstybę.

Vilniuje, vasario 16 d. 1918 m.

Dr. J. Basanavičius
S. Banaitis
M. Biržiška
K. Bizauskas
Pr. Dovydaitis
S. Kairys
P. Klimas
Donatas Malinauskas
Vl. Mironas
S. Narutavičius
Alfonsas Petrusis
K. Šaulys

Dr. J. Šaulys
J. Šernas
A. Smetona
J. Smilgevičius
J. Staugaitis
A. Stulginskis
J. Vailokaitis
J. Vileišis

THE TRUTH...

ABOUT HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDACY PROCEDURES:

- 1) Before proposing a member for Honorary Membership Candidacy, work up a detailed history of activities and accomplishments with the Council, District and Supreme Council. Add other activities and participation with Parish, Religious, Civic or other organizations, if any, which have resulted in recognition of the K of L or Lithuanian Causes.
 - 2) Considering that the Honorary Membership is NOT a Degree - and that there are probably several hundred members who have also been awarded the Fourth Degree - The Distinguished Order of St. Casimir - for their years of dedicated, untiring service in the K of L - pick out and make a separate list of those accomplishments which are extra-ordinary.
 - 3) Review with several fellow officers and members, and if you feel that the Honorary Membership Committee and National Convention Delegates will agree that this member has distinguished himself or herself by intensive, sustained, outstanding services for the K of L and the Lithuanian causes, then prepare and present a resolution at your Council or District meeting.
 - 4) Upon approval by the members, send the history and the resolution to the Honorary Membership Secretary with a copy of the cover letter to the Committee President. The resolution must be signed by the President, Secretary and Spiritual Advisor. If one of these signatories is the candidate, the officer next in line of authority is to sign.
- The resolution must be recorded in the meeting minutes.
- 5) The Honorary Membership Committee will review the history and ask for more data if necessary. If the Committee sees that the candidate still has not reached the standards, the Council or District presenting the resolution will be so advised.
 - 6) If the candidate is found acceptable by the majority of the Committee, the originating resolution body will be advised of the possible date of presentation of the resolution to the National Convention delegates for final approval.
 - 7) If several approved candidates are pending, order of precedence will be weighed not only on the basis of date the resolution was received but also on the basis of qualification.
 - 8) If there are two candidates a Council or District wants to propose, it is urged that they be submitted in separate years, so as not to detract from the distinctiveness of this honor, for rarely is their eligibility so completely equal.
 - 9) Members on the Honorary Membership Committee are selected to represent the various active District areas and are members who are aware of the performances of the more active members. It is not often, but where the candidate's accomplishments are not known as extensively by the other committee members they are accordingly appraised by the area representative.

REQUISITES:

- 1) The candidate must be a Fourth Degree member.
- 2) The Honorary Membership Committee must present the resolution for Honorary Membership to the National Convention for approval by the Convention Delegates.
- 3) The history of the recipient must be published in the "VYTIS" prior to the Convention when the Honorary Membership is conferred.

QUALIFICATION EXAMPLES:

- 1) Though not an absolute prerequisite, most of the present Honorary Members have held office in the Supreme Council.
- 2) Though not an absolute prerequisite, most of the present Honorary Members were continuously active for at least twenty years.
- 3) There are and have been great numbers of great presidents and vice-presidents. These higher offices were justly earned and were acknowledgements of the trust in these leaders to keep the K of L activities and goals alive and growing.

Then there have been the extra-ordinary ones whose dynamic leadership and fervor reached out, electrified and inspired officers at all levels and members to greater heights of intensive work, membership enrollments, establishment and re-organization of Councils and Junior groups.

- 4) There are many committees; each one an integral part of the K of L. There are those committed to maintaining and furthering the cultural and the Lithuanian political causes. Most members who have assumed the responsibility of these committee offices did so because they felt that personal belief in its importance.

Then there are those who brought that importance to the foreground and attention of all K of L's by imagination. They made culture and customs interesting with exciting presentations. They made it living through choral and drama groups. They made every active member an ardent participant in the data gathering and letter writing, resulting in tremendous impact and impressions on journalists and political leaders.

- 5) There is no doubt that those rare special people who have assumed the gigantic responsibility as

Editors of the "VYTIS" deserve preferred recognition.

- 6) Many have been secretaries and financial secretaries and treasurers and members of various committees.

Then there are those who brought efficiency and economical procedural innovations to these offices. There are those who have enhanced the K of L image by successfully promoting the K of L role in the Religious or Scholarship fields.

- 7) The capabilities and scopes of each K of L activity are without limitation. The extra-ordinary member finds and uses his or her talents and potential to its fullest to expel complacency and inject attention, enthusiasm and participation to spurn everybody to their maximum capabilities and performance.

EXCEPTIONS:

Occasionally a very special person is proposed for Honorary Membership, calling for special procedures. Some of the previous special people included two Bishops and an internationally renowned freedom seeking defector.

In such cases, the basic requirements of the Fourth Degree and publication of a history of accomplishments in the "VYTIS" prior to the National Convention are suspended.

The Honorary Membership Committee and the Supreme Council Board must both approve the suspension and the National Convention delegates must approve the suspension as well as the resolution to confer the Honorary Membership.

The publication of the Honorary Member's history must then be included in the "VYTIS" as soon as possible.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

JONAS J. BIELSKIS
 Honorary Consul of Lithuania
 at Los Angeles
 died Dec. 26, 1976

ROSE H. BERNATOVICH
 Member, C-109, Great Neck, N.Y.
 died Dec. 4, 1976

GEORGE W. MARTIN
 Member, C-135, Ansonia, Conn.
 died Nov. 28, 1976

MARIJA RAMANAUSKAS
 Member, Chicago Seniors
 died Nov., 1976

THE PLUNGE INTO LITHUANIAN

Joseph Boley



KALBĖKIME LIETUVIŠKAI - LET'S SPEAK LITHUANIAN

To the convention assembly, the Language Committee presented its views on the furtherance of the use of Lithuanian in our daily life as well as in K of L circles. The convention had already disposed of dozens of greetings, reports, and resolutions at this and previous sessions and now the committee's language suggestions were also given quick approval. The delegates seemed to understand the need and the appropriateness of wider employment of the ancient and beautiful language, brought to the American continent by our forbears from the Baltic homeland in the past century. The delegates returned home from the convention secure in the knowledge that the committee they selected would institute whatever action was necessary to nurture and propagate the fading transplant which we call "lietuvių kalba". What more could they do?

If the delegates' well-intentioned approval was insufficient, what is still missing? Missing is the delegates' follow-through back home, the stirring up of our membership in a real, cultural K of L crusade. Evidently, since the convention recommended it, the constitution requires it, our pride in our heritage demands it, and our common sense suggests it. The time to get involved in the revival - and survival - of our sadly-neglected language is now. Tomorrow may be too late.

But how to begin, and where? One thing is certain: a matter that concerns every single one of us cannot be relegated to another committee, this time on a local level, and then forgotten. How we cope with the problem, collectively and individually, will vary according to circumstances and the means at our disposal. The methods we employ, the size and scope of our efforts, will depend on our understanding of the meaning and importance of the work that we assume, the intensity of our love for the language, our historical perception, and our appreciation of the beauty and cultural value of the language.

But whether we are fluent in the language or know a mere dozen words, the responsibility for revival of Lithuanian among us is shared by all of us.

We must see to it that our council provides an opportunity and encouragement to speak it and hear it spoken. The language must not be dispossessed of its right to accompany us wherever we go, especially in the family atmosphere of our council meeting. It should be given official and formal recognition, as, for instance, in the opening and closing prayer. How sadly remiss in our knightly duties we become when we fail to use this small, symbolic gesture even at some of our national convention sessions!

Likewise, is there no room for the Lithuanian word in our reports and discussions? A routine resolution or report and a few, however humble and limping, Lithuanian words spoken in its behalf can weave a magic link with our historic past and, what is very important, offer inspiration to our newer members. But this has to be done consciously and deliberately until it becomes a habit.

The net result, however, will depend on our INDIVIDUAL contribution. Every member should bring a



Kūdikis miega - Baby is sleeping

little Lithuanian luster. Obviously, we are not all equally adept in the use of Lithuanian - or of any other language - and we needn't be. In many cases, circumstances beyond our control may have deprived us of the opportunity and pleasure to become better acquainted with the sounds and ancient intricacies of Lithuanian. After years of neglect and indifference, some of us may have taken the line of least resistance and given up any concern for the Lithuanian word. Is that a worthy attitude for anyone belonging to an organization which professes "an affection for the Lithuanian language and customs"?

Instead of merely paying lip service to our ideals, why not resolve to increase our Lithuanian capabilities? Remember that doing is learning. Reading aloud, say, for ten minutes a day, a Lithuanian newspaper or magazine, will cause surprising advance in our grasp of the language. Listening more will help too - to speeches, sermons, radio programs. A Lithuanian dictionary should be at hand - not for looking up every new word; that is tedious and not very productive. But think what adding only a word or two a day would mean at the end of one year - good, usable words collected in a special notebook and reviewed frequently.

INTRODUCTION TO MODERN LITHUANIAN, a book of fundamental rules and exercises explained in English by three language scholars, Dambriūnas, Klimas, and Schmalstieg, is an invaluable aid either for self-instruction or group study under the guidance of one who is more proficient in the language. But singly or in a group, we must set aside a regular period of time, to make adequate progress. The study period may be comparatively brief, but it must be regular.

There is hardly a council that does not have members who desire some additional exposure to Lithua-



Gėlės - Flowers



nian. Even where a group guide or instructor is unobtainable, such members ought to assemble for weekly sessions of reading and conversation. The resulting increase in one's vocabulary and greater facility in expression will be a stimulating experience. This little language club, dedicated to propagation and improvement of our spoken and written language, will be a substantive achievement that will be a credit to the council and bring lasting benefit to every participant in the program.

Anybody can find an excuse for procrastination, whether it be in giving up a bad habit, going on a diet, or learning one's own language, but it takes a good mind and strong will to take the initial and irrevocable plunge. Our Lithuanian language is not too far gone yet. Most of us still understand it. But there is always room for improvement. To pass it on to our younger members and those who come after us, the language should be spoken with love and reverence for its beauty and historical value and for the price our parents paid to hand it down to us.

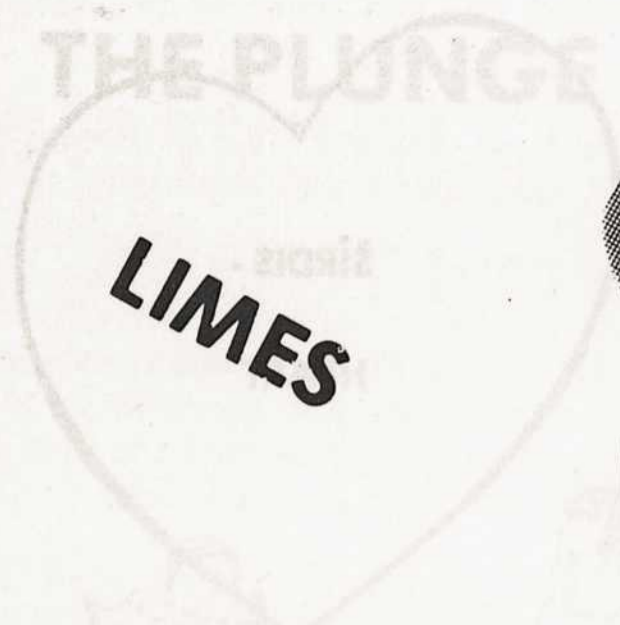
Is it too much to act then for a small investment in time and effort in the cause of preservation of our heritage? Is this too much to ask of any true Lithuanian, especially of a fellow Knight?

At home, at the meeting, at every Lithuanian gathering, let's put Lithuanian on the agenda.

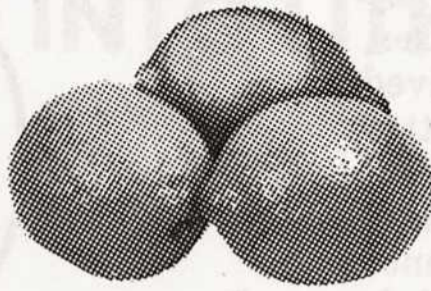
As Daukša expressed it over 350 years ago, destroy a nation's language and you take away its life and its glory.



Juosta - Lithuanian Sash



LIMES



LEMONS

and LIMEYS

by Tony Yuknis

Long, long ago, long sea voyages, war, and famine brought an affliction known as scurvy. The ill had pale skin, and bruised easily, their gums bled and their teeth came loose as in pyorrhea. There was loss of weight, some anemia and decreased resistance to infections.

Ancient mariners blamed scurvy on the consumption of salt pork, salty sea air, cold weather, or on spoiled meat and fish consumed while at sea.

A Scot, Dr. James Lind, in the 1750's discovered that the feeding of lemons, a variety that was called limes, cured the sick of scurvy. Captain James Cook sailed around the world (1772-1775) and kept his crew healthy by giving his sailors fresh fruits or their extracts. It was 50 years later that the royal navy made it mandatory for the ships to carry fresh lemons. Naval ships therefore were called "lime juicers" and their sailors as "limeys". It gave the British navy domination over the seas. It took 50 years to recognize a good thing. Progress is sometimes ridiculed, scorned and rejected by contemporary society.

A number of scientists began researching on what nutrient prevented scurvy. A Hungarian, Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgi, succeeded in isolating a substance from cabbage and beef adrenal glands, in 1933, which was anti-scorbutic. He named it ascorbic acid while others called it vitamin C. This eventually earned him the Nobel Prize.

Present day research showed that ascorbic acid (vitamin C) is

essential in the building of connective tissue which holds the body cells together. This cement, major protein component, is vital to blood vessels and heart tissues. Due to biological individuality and differences in metabolism the needs for this vitamin varies for each person.

Water soluble vitamin C is not stored in the body and needs to be resupplied daily. Humans, apes and guinea pigs have lost their abilities to produce it when they migrated into a vitamin C environment. When deprived of this nutrient they soon develop artery and heart disease.

Dr. Alton Ochsner, internationally known surgeon and leader in medical progress, has used vitamin C for the healing of wounds and fighting infections for 30 years. He explained that all infections cause tissue damage and need nutrients to promote healing.

Yavorsky's autopsies of sudden deaths showed almost a complete deficiency of ascorbic acid in what were believed to be well-nourished hospital patients. There were changes in the walls of the arteries. Advanced age was accompanied by a decrease in the vitamin C content in the blood.

Hardening of the arteries occurs during the aging process and is linked with increased cholesterol fats in the blood. Sedov decreased blood fats by giving patients from 500 milligrams (mgs.) to one gram of vitamin C. Ganza noted likewise, in 96 subjects, in whom diet alone did not reduce fat levels, that

doses of vitamin C caused 30 to 40 percent decreases.

Water soluble vitamin C can be given in large amounts harmlessly because excessive amounts are expelled. Doses in excess of four grams may be harmful because of greater oxalic acid loss. Massive doses may cause kidney stone formations.

This "Youth and Beauty" vitamin decreases in both men and women with advancing age. Men have lower levels than women. Smokers have less stores than non-smokers. One smoke uses up 25 mgs. of ascorbic acid in the system. Heart disease prone persons had lower levels than normal persons.

Dr. Constance Spittle explained that vitamin C clears blood fats from the arteries and sends it to the liver. There it is converted into bile acids and is excreted from the system.

The National Research Council set the minimum daily requirements of vitamin c at 60 mgs. Dr. Jean Mayer, Harvard's nutritionist, stated that 100 to 200 mgs. can be taken safely every day. Then one can step it up to 500 mgs. daily to fight off a cold. Nobel Laureate Dr. Linus Pauling recommends the intake of one gram or more to fight off infections.

Good sources of vitamin C are fresh citrus fruits, parsley, green peppers, kale, broccoli and others. They are most beneficial when eaten raw. Cooking, chopping, wilting and canning causes loss of nutrients. A raw lemon or orange a day will certainly keep scurvy away.

CONVENTION RAP '77

Rhode Island "The Ocean State" awaits you for the 64th National K of L Convention August 17-21.

Plan now to spend your summer vacation during August 1977 to coincide with K of L Convention. Send for the Rhode Island brochure. We will help you in every way.

Lithuanians - K of L Delegates, Alternates and Guests will feel right at home in Providence, where Roger Williams, its Founder, sought refuge from religious persecution.

Did You know that...

The U.S. Navy was born in Rhode Island during the American revolution...

The U.S. Naval War College is located in Newport, R.I. ...

Rhode Island was the First of the original colonies to declare it's independence from Britain.

Come to Providence, R.I., at the Convention and Renew Your faith in America.

Let's increase the Guests attendance at our conventions.



Lithuanian Exhibit during a Press Conference, Providence, R.I.



Lithuanian Mass at the Rhode Island State House.



Lithuanian Float, R.I. Bicentennial Parade.

Lithuanians in The



NEW EDITORS

We are happy to announce the appointment of two new VYTIS Staff Members - PHIL and MARIAN SKABEIKIS. Beginning with this issue, Phil and Marian will prepare and edit the "Lithuanians in the News" Column.

The duo, activists in the Lithuanian-American Community of greater New York, are not strangers to the national K of L scene. Phil is serving his third

The American Broadcasting System has announced signing Lithuanian - American actor CHARLES BRONSON to a major role in the upcoming made for TV movie "Ordeal at Entebbe". The three hour feature will enact the daring Israeli commando raid at Uganda's Entebbe airport to free passengers of a hijacked airliner.

Lithuanian soprano LILLIAN SUKIS maintains a busy schedule during the present European Opera season. Her engagements include Munich, Vienna, Salzburg and Teheran. In Munich she will appear in a new production of Richard Strauss' DAFNE.

The VILNIUS STRING QUARTET gave two concerts in the National Theatre of Kenya Africa during September 1976. The concert program included the String Quartet #3 of contemporary Lithuanian composer J. Juzelaitis.

The quartet is composed of Audrone Vainiunas - first violin, Petras Kunca - second violin, Donatas Katkus - viola and Augustinas Vasilauskas - cello.

NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

term as National 2nd Vice President (Membership), and is a past Cultural Committee Chairman. Marian is immediate past National 1st Vice President (Juniors). Both are also active in the Mid-Atlantic District and C-110, Maspeth.

We welcome Phil and Marian to the staff. Members are urged to contribute items of interest to the Skabeikises regularly.

Olympic veteran High-Jumper BILL JANKUNIS is widely acclaimed as the best American High Jumper on the scene today. Although not a medal winner at the '76 Montreal Olympics, he did win the hearts of Lithuanians everywhere. During most of the competition, he wore a Vytis on his uniform.

Bill was honored by the New York Lithuanian Athletic Club on Nov. 6 with a special medal. Now on to the 1980 Moscow Olympics!

Lithuanian American Tennis professional VITAS GERULAITIS has enjoyed several victories at the Spanish International Tennis Championships held this past autumn in Barcelona, Spain.

Noted Lithuanian photographer REV. ALGI-MANTAS KEZYS, SJ has collaborated as Illustrations Co-Editor of a new book "The Search for Jimmy Carter". In total, 48 of Rev. Kezys' photo illustrations are included to embellish the text by Tom Collins.

In a recent privately-published book "If Men were Angels" by Republican-Conservative Senator from New York, James Buckley, designed to enhance his reelection campaign, Mr. Buckley devotes several pages to his experiences with Lithuanian Americans regarding the Simas Kudirka incident. Mr. Buckley also praises the courage and character of Simas, and the determination with which Lithuanians sought his release from the Soviet Union.

LITHUANIAN THESPIAN STARS IN SOVIET SCI - FI FLICK

SOLARIS, a Russian made Science Fiction movie recently released in New York to rave reviews, features the acting talents of Lithuanian DONATIS BANIONIS. Directed by acclaimed film-maker Andrei Tarkovsky, Winner of the Grand Jury Cannes Film Festival Award, the film has been called "a parable on the nature of mankind" and "the best Sci/Fi Film ever made". The theme developed in the film, is that mankind with its aggressive expansionism, intellectual as well as material, destroys more than it finds. The face of Donatis Banionis as hero Chris Kelvin is called by NYTimes critic Richard Eder, "One of the film's great metaphors".

SOLARIS is shown with English subtitles and is based on a Polish novella.

The Associated Press recently circulated a photo to national papers, showing a bizzare accident, a light single engine plane balanced precariously on its nose, that had crashed next to St. Casimir's Lithuanian Cemetery in South Chicago after its takeoff from Midway Airport. The pilot and passenger both walked away from the crash.



In October, the NEW YORK TIMES printed a "Letter to the Editor" asking the US Congress and the President to intercede on behalf of the life of Soviet pilot Valentin Zaslavov who had escaped to Iran seeking political asylum and freedom and was being returned to Soviet authorities by the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The authors of the letter were HM Simas Kudirka and Viktor Krasin.

Page Two of the Wednesday October 20th Edition of the NEW YORK TIMES carried a special article to the TIMES by correspondent Christopher Wren, entitled "Lithuanian Architects Displaying Innovative Design in Vilna Suburb". Mr. Wren describes developing trends in Lithuanian architecture as epitomized by the housing developments outside of Vilnius, in the suburb Lazdynai, which won the 1973 Lenin Prize for architectural innovation. Mr. Wren says Lithuania is leading the rest of the Soviet Union in imaginative housing design and attributes this to the nation's flourishing modern art and sculpture. He quotes two prominent architects, Vytautas Balciunas and Vytautas Cekanauskas and draws sharp contrast between the modernistic housing developments and the grandeur of 14th Century old Vilnius.

LITHUANIAN BOOK DONATION

As part of the continuing K of L Cultural Committee project, the Illinois-Indiana District recently presented Lithuanian books to four local libraries... three in Chicago and one in Indiana. The money for the books was allotted the district by the K of L Supreme Council, under the auspices of the National Lithuanian Cultural Committee. The books donated were: HISTORY OF LITHUANIA, by Dr. Joseph B. Koncius, LITHUANIAN BIBLIOGRAPHY, by Adam & Filomena Kantautas, ENCYCLOPEDIA of LITHUANIAN NUMISMATICS, by Dr. Rackus, and PALIKE TEVISKES NAMUS.

Pictured (at left) are members of the Ill.-Ind. District Cultural Committee and Chicago Public Library officials, who participated in one of the presentations. L. to r. - Mrs. D. Sved, Librarian of the Chicago Lawn Public Library, Mrs. Val Jurgaitis, IID Cultural Co-Chairman, Del Zunas, IID Cultural Chairman, Miss E. Woods, Head Librarian, Algerd Brazis, IID President, Stanley Balzekas, Jr., President of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture and member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library.

EARLY LITHUANIAN IMMIGRANTS CONTRIBUTIONS SHOWN

One of the most ambitious attempts to portray the vast historical panorama of the history of the early Lithuanian immigrants in the US, was a special exhibit in the Fall of our Bicentennial year.

The place was Annunciation Parish Hall in Brooklyn, N.Y. The exhibit was a graphic display of some 3000 items from photographs, newspaper clippings, medals and books, to posters, magazine covers and personal mementos of notable individuals. Tastefully displayed, these items traced the movement of the late 19th Century Lithuanian arrivals to these shores, and highlighted their social, cultural and political accomplishments and the prominent personages that initiated them.

It is interesting to note that the single most prominent organization whose birth and development was projected in loving detail, was the Knights of Lithuania. Included in a special K of L section of the exhibit, were early Convention photos, medals and insignias, the first VYTIS, the K of L columns that appear in DRAUGAS and DARBININKAS, District Bulletins, Convention journals, etc. In other parts of the exhibit one could find that many if not all of the prominent Lithuanian Americans of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries were K of Lers, many being Honorary Members.

The exhibit was visited during its month long run, by several hundred persons.



Dr. Jonas Lenkaitis, the Display's Mentor, and K of L Honorary Member Anthony Mazeika.



K of L visitors to the Display - Helen Kulber, and Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Senken.



Scenes from the K of L part of the Lithuanian Immigrants' Display.



More K of L Historical items at the Display.



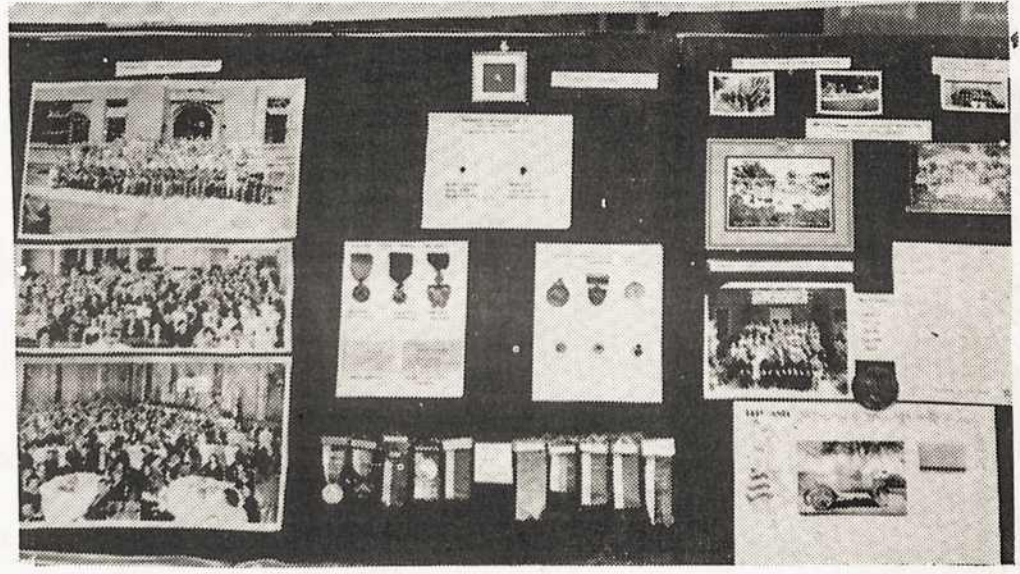
More of the Lithuanian Immigrant Display.

LITHUANIAN EXHIBIT AT MOUNTAINSIDE, N.J.

The closing Bicentennial Festival of the Mountain-side Cultural and Heritage Committee (N.J.) featured ethnic as well as other displays, with special emphasis on what the particular groups contributed to make America great. Lithuanians were very visible, in a display prepared by K of L-er Loretta Stukas, and fellow Mountainsiders George and



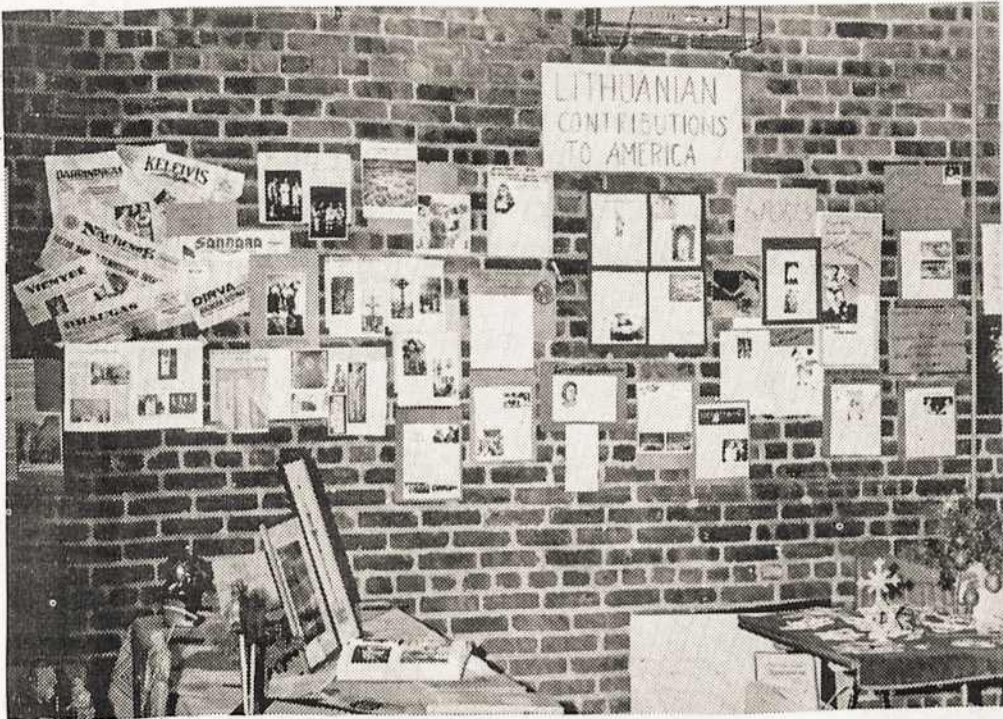
L. Stukas at Mountainside Lithuanian Exhibit.



Alberta Katelus and Aldona Karwoski. Ann Klem of Nutley, N.J. also contributed to the exhibit with a display of her exquisite handiwork... Lithuanian Easter Eggs and Christmas Ornaments, plus several other interesting items, and on-the-spot demonstrations for passers-by. The Lithuanian booth featured a variety of Lithuanian cultural items and a "wall-ful" of interesting items about Lithuanian contributions to the US, and stories about sports, political, cultural, personalities, etc.



Ann Klem displays her egg and ornament collection in Mountainside.



Part of "Lithuanian Contributions" Display.



Rev. C. Urnick chats with Alberta Katelus and Loretta Stukas at Mountainside Display.

K of L Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 6 IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" Banquet, Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.
- 5 C-29, Newark, SQUARE DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 13 C-90, Kearny, AMBER BALL, Lithuanian Catholic Community Center, Kearny, N.J.
- 26 C-36, Chicago HEART OF MY HEART DANCE Darius-Girenas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

MARCH

- 6 C-29, Newark, St. Casimir Communion Mass and Breakfast, Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 6 C-10, Athol-Gardner, St. Casimir Day Celebration.
- 6 IID St. Casimir Day Celebration, St. Casimir Church, Gary, Ind. C-82, Gary - Hosts.
- 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

- 20-22 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, C-25, Cleveland, Hosts.
Hotel - Holiday Inn, 28500 Euclid Ave., Wickliff, Ohio
- 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.

NOVEMBER

- 12 C-12, New York, TESTIMONIAL DINNER for Albert Monckawitch
- 13 C-79, Southfield, FALL FESTIVAL



JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

Extra!

GREAT NEWS

We have two new Junior Councils! Council 36-112 is fully established in Chicago, Illinois, Council 142 has been organized in Washington, D.C.

We are happy to welcome them. Our sincere gratitude to Marian Skabeikis, Mid-Atlantic District Vice-President, for her help in organizing Council 142 in Washington.

We hope that every council will get to work and send in contributions to the Juniors' News to give our new Councils ideas about activities and to help us to keep in close contact with them.

To all the Junior Knights of both Councils, welcome! We hope that you'll be members of the Knights of Lithuania for many years to come.

PLAN AHEAD

March 4th is the Feast Day of St. Casimir, the patron of the Knights of Lithuania organization. No Junior Knights should let the feast pass without having some special observance. Become acquainted with his life. Remember to pray to him often, not only at your meetings, but when praying for special favors.

Attend your council's celebration of St. Casimir's Day. Receive Holy Communion and participate at the Communion Breakfast.

Have a Lenten get-together during which you decorate some Easter eggs the Lithuanian way, with wax.

KODĖL NE?? [WHY NOT??]

SOME VERBS



skaityti - read



sėdėti - sit

valgyti - eat

gerti - drink



bėgti - run

eiti	walk
bėgti	run
stovėti	stand
sėdėti	sit
skaityti	read
žiūrėti	watch
kalbėti	talk
klausyti	listen
rėkti	shout
šaukti	shout
šnibždėti	whisper
valgyti	eat
verkti	cry
gerti	drink
miegoti	sleep
atsibusti	awaken
kasti	dig
statyti	build
laužti	break
traukti	pull
stumti	push
spirti	kick
peršokti	jump over
pralįsti	crawl under
nukristi	fall down
užlipti	go up
nulipti	go down
įeiti	go in
išeiti	come out
pūsti	blow
pažvelgti	peek
juoktis	laugh
šypsotis	smile

NEWS

JRS. C-110 MASPETH

C-110, Maspeth Juniors, had their yearly Election of Officers. All of the following have been faithfully attending the bi-weekly meetings, and were chosen for their outstanding abilities. Our small but effective group of officers is as follows: Leo Stungurys - President, William Sidtis - Vice President & Cultural Chairman, Marija Stungurys - Secretary & Treasurer, Anthony F. Ambrosini - Ritual Chairman & Vytis Correspondent.

All of our new officers will definitely do their jobs to the best of their ability. They will provide a suitable atmosphere for our meetings and much work will be accomplished.

We also assisted the Regulars in a Traditional Kūčios Supper for December 12, after the 11 o'clock Lithuanian Mass at Transfiguration Church. We presented an interesting program and helped serve the traditional Kūčios food.

Anthony F. Ambrosini

JRS. C-100 AMSTERDAM

Election of officers took place at the October meeting, and Lisa Saikal was selected President. The other officers are Vice-Pres. Michael Mikolaitis, Treas. Alan Drenzek, Secy. Rima Hartvigas, Sgts-at-Arms Gerard Drenzek & Stanley Rimkunas, and Corresp. Mary Margaret Rimkunas.

Counselor Regina Kot read Aldona Ryan's article on the God of Thunder, Perkūnas. She then introduced Edna Luzinas who gave a demonstration on making straw

ornaments. The Jrs. had brought their straws, thread and needles, and attempted to make them, also. Aiding Mrs. Luzinas with the teaching were Regina Kot, Gene Gobis and Sadie Mikolaitis. Gene offered prizes for the most original ornaments that the Jrs. would make at home. These were to be brought in to the November meeting where they would be judged.

Michael Mikolaitis' mother brought cider and cookies for refreshments.

The Amsterdam Juniors

JRS. C-96 DAYTON

Special acknowledgement is given to the four Dayton Juniors who were recipients of the Junior Awards presented at the National Convention by the Supreme Council. Those who received the gifts this year were Walter Lastoskie, Kathy Sinkwitz, Mary Agnes Mikalauskas and Rita Gečas. They turned their gifts over to the Jr. Council's treasury. This then enabled all the Juniors in C-96 to take part actively in the Convention. To the four of you, Ačiū Labai!

Junior Advisor Marianne Podoyak is congratulated for supervising the very successful Holiday Bazaar held Nov. 27-28. Marianne had the Juniors busy beforehand with craft classes and making items at home. She received 100% cooperation from all the Juniors and is most proud of this fact. Annamari Sluzas, a persistent salesperson, made Vytenis Čyvas a very lucky winner. Kitty Prasmantas was second place winner. She will be seeing the TAMBURITZENS perform at Memorial Hall. This gift was donated by Fr. Walter Katarskis.

Two Jr. Knights, Tom Rastikis and Joey Mantz, are regular

bowlers in the council league, and are not afraid to challenge the "older" bowlers on the teams. Bravo!

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JRS. C-36-112 CHICAGO

Ann Marie Kassel, Supreme Council 1st Vice-President organized a new Junior council in Chicago. (C-36-112 Juniors). There are fifteen members ranging in ages from 7 to 12. The first council meeting, held at the K of L Hall, on Oct. 12th began with a prayer, followed by introductions of all the members and parents present.

The K of L Juniors By-laws were explained.

The new officers are: President - Paul Strolia, Vice-President - Maria Klatt, Recording Secretary - Georgianna Kassel, Corresponding Secretary - Rita Zakarka, Treasurer - John-Paul Kilkus, Sergeant-at-arms - Tom Strolia and John Strolia, Vytis Correspondents - Jackie and Gigi Maluška.



Counselors - Genevieve Maluska (left), Ann Marie Kassel and Terri Strolia (far right) with Juniors - Paul Strolia, Maria Klatt and Georgi Kassel.

After the second meeting, held on Nov. 9, the Juniors, dressed in a variety of costumes, had a sacred Halloween party like the traditional kind held in Lithuania. Candles were lit and holy prayers and hymns were sung. This was followed by eating, drinking and singing. Mr. Strolia played music as the Juniors merrily sang Halloween songs.

They also rehearsed the dance and song to be performed at the museum.

A lesson of Lithuanian culture was given and a new Lithuanian cultural lesson will be given at each meeting.

The Juniors have already participated in a Lithuanian television film with the District choir. They performed a dance that was taught by Mr. Strolia.

A bowling party on Nov. 28th help pay for the council's annual dues.

We all had a great time at our bowling party and so did our parents. First place winners in the adult group were Vince Samaška and Irene Norushis. First place winners of the Juniors were John-Paul Kilkus and Gigi Maluška.

After bowling we went to Darius-Girėnas Hall for a delicious meal. Winners of our raffle were: Irene Norushis, first prize, dinner-for-two at Diamondhead, donated by Richard Shlaustas, and Brian Masterson, second prize, a \$25. savings-bond donated by John Evans. Other prizes were donated by Walter Tenclinger, Sabina Klatt, Lucille Kilkus and Ann Marie Kassel.

On Dec. 2nd they participated with the Chicago K of L Dancers in the Museum of Science and Industry's annual "Around The World" Christmas Festival.

Many thanks to Father Juknevičius and C-36 for their generous donations to the Junior Council. Thanks to all who are so enthused about it.

We would like to hear from the other councils. Keep us informed.



(Standing) Cheryl Block, Cindy Ganch, Gigi Maluska, Krista Kaliebe, Ken Ganch, Donna Juraitis; (Kneeling) Tom Strolia, Jackie Maluska, John Strolia, David Baer and Matt Strolia.



(Standing) Denise Baer, Annie Maluska, Michelle Rogers, Brian Tenclinger; (Kneeling) Kurt Kaliebe, Elisa Block and Karen Tenclinger.



Donna Juraitis, Elisa and Cheryl Bloch, Cindy Ganch, Ann Marie Kassel, Georgi Kassel and Ken Ganch.

JR. COUNCIL 103 - PROVIDENCE

Though we're one of the newer additions we haven't been idle. Meeting monthly after the late Mass, we have discussed the past convention and are looking forward to the upcoming one in Providence. To encourage new members we held a sports outing at a nearby Davis Park meeting back at the rectory for hot chocolate and a discussion of the upcoming Bicentennial Church Banquet. The Banquet was a success with the Juniors lending a hand serving tables and just helping out. Our services were greatly appreciated with the result being we now have a treasury at our disposal!

A meeting and Pot Luck Dinner with the Seniors was held in December with the Juniors meeting slightly beforehand for a cultural workshop with Ramute Plioplys.

In January we installed new officers for the New Year since the present is only on temporary standing. Hope to keep you informed of any upcoming activities.
RAUDONA VISTA



WE GET LETTERS...

To the Supreme Council,

I'd like to thank you very much for the award which I received at the Convention in Ohio. I was very honored to have received the money. The Convention was very interesting and it was informative to learn the position held by the Knights of Lithuania on matters of today. I have hopes of possibly attending next years Convention. Thank you very much for all you've done.

Yours truly,

Kathryn Norinkavich
Council 17 Jrs.



Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA

DISTRICT

The District and councils annually remember deceased K of L members with a Memorial Mass. This year, the Mass was held at Nativity B.V.M. Church with C-112 Spiritual Advisor Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas as celebrant. An impromptu brunch was enjoyed by all at Jerry Sharko's new restaurant in Lisle, Ill.

Condolences to the Sakalas family on the death of Honorary Member Ignas Sakalas, and to Juozas Ramanauskas of the Seniors on the death of his wife, Marija.

The Chicago Srs. held their annual meeting at the K of L Building. Congratulations to newly-elected President Juozas Laurinaitis and his corps of officers. They have already made plans for various activities during the year.

The Pirmyn Chorus presented a memorial performance for the late Charles Stephens at the Maria Auditorium. Following a very entertaining performance directed by Darius Lapinskas, the group presented Ale Stephens with a bouquet of roses. A most poignant moment was when Ale laid a single rose at the footlights in remembrance of her husband.

K of L representatives to the national board of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation will be Dr. Joseph Jerome, who will serve as Vice President, and Alex Pakalniskis, Jr., who will serve as one of the secretaries. Congratulations to both men for taking on a difficult task.

Many K of L's attended the recent conferences of the American-Lithuanian Council (ALTAS) which was held in Chicago. Ann Marie Kassel, Irene Sankus and Alexander Pakalniskis Sr. are the K of L representatives, while Alex Pakalniskis Jr. served as presidium secretary, and Emilija Pakalniskis and Adele Gabalas represented other organizations.

The young newly formed Junior group (C-36-112) has gotten off to a great start due to the efforts of Jr. Coordinator Ann Marie Kassel and her coworkers. They have had several successful and instructive meetings, hosted a Bowling Social at Bruno Shotas' Woodmac Lanes, appeared with the Choir on Lithuanian T.V., and performed with the regular K of L Junior Dance Group at the Museum of Science and Industry's Christmas-Around-the-World Pageant.

Congratulations and wishes for another successful K of L year to K of L Choir officers: Pres. Estelle Rogers; V.P. John Auksciunas; Secy. Loretta Grigaliunas; Treas. Juozas Yuska; Trustees Al Zakarka & Theresa Strolia; Sgts-at-Arms Pete Gagle & Tom Narvaičius; Lith. Publicity Emilija Pakalniskis; Music Librarian Theresa Strolia; Archives Stase Ulevicius. The multi-talented Faustas Strolia remains as the group's director.

Chicago's world famous Museum

of Science and Industry held their 35th Annual "Christmas Around the World" Pageant which included a record number of ethnic groups participating. Lithuanian Day was on Dec. 2 and the Christmas Play (written many years ago by Our Lithuanian Lady of Lore, Josephine Dauzvardis, Lith. Consul General in Chicago) was presented by the Junior K of L Dance Group. They were joined by Joseph Kwain, who portrayed the father, Alvina Giedraitis, who played the role of the mother and sang a beautiful Christmas song composed by Faustas Strolia, and the young Junior group who sang and danced under the direction of Faustas and a talented 4-year-old violinist. The talents and enthusiasm of the entire ensemble made the evening most rewarding for those in attendance. Again, IID Jrs. Vice President and the dancers' director Frank Zapolis and his coworkers are to be complimented for a job well done. It made all in attendance proud to be Lithuanians. The Museum's Christmas tree exhibit was an eye-catching display.

Dates to Remember! Feb. 6 - "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet in the Martinique Grand Ballroom. Mar. 6 - Annual IID St. Casimir's Day commemoration hosted by C-82 of Gary, Ind.

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Due to many pressing commitments, Don Petkus resigned as Council President and former President Alexander Mockus again took over the leadership of the council.

President Mockus made the following committee appointments: Membership - Estelle Rogers; Lithuanian Affairs - Albert Zakarka; Ritual - Ruth Dagus; Social - Julie Zakarka; Courtesy - Monica Kasper; Publicity: Lithuanian - Emilija Pakalniškis; "Vytis" - Irene Sankus; English - Geraldine Mockus.

A successful council dinner-dance was held in November at the K of L Building under the direction of Chairlady Angie Svehla and her crew of workers, which included husband Bob and her family. Wally Tenclinger provided the music, and everyone enjoyed the special performance of Albie Samaska and the dancing of Richard & Val Jurgaitis, Chicago Park District dance instructors. Their performance inspired many in attendance, namely Dolores & Andy Yuknis and Eleanor & Frank Zapolis, to show us their dancing talents.

During the past year, many of our members enjoyed vacation trips to various states and countries. Dolores & Andy Yuknis enjoyed a European trip, Leonard & Zita Simutis traveled to Germany on a combined business and pleasure trip, and Alice & Albert Cekanor enjoyed a well deserved trip to Hawaii.

A Turkey raffle was held following the November business meeting and Irene Sankus was the lucky winner. She also won a two-foot high Lithuanian torte at the "Sandara" picnic and the main prize at C-36' picnic.

Congratulations and wishes for another successful K of L year to Choir President Estelle Rogers. Other 112'ers who are officers are: John Auksciunas, Juozas, Yuska, Al Zakarka, Pete Gagle and Emilija Pakalniškis.



MID-CENTRAL

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Our annual Election Night Dinner was held at Holy Cross Church hall on Oct. 30. It was fairly well attended, and everyone certainly had plenty to eat and drink. We give a round of applause to Chairlady Sue Mantz, aided by co-chairladies Eleanor & Chris Mantz. They were assisted by John A. Berczelly, Harley Karns, Ed Sluzas, Joe Mantz and Michael F. Petkus. Handling the duties of presiding over the election of officers were John A. Berczelly and Michael Petkus. Sgts-at-Arms Joe Ryan and Joe Mantz did a fine job counting up the closed votes. Joe Ryan, who is also chairman of the By-Laws Committee, read the duties of the officers.

The following members will have the tremendous job of keeping the council active for 1977: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis; Pres. Mary Lucas; 1st V.P. (Jrs.) Marianne Podoyak; 2nd V.P. (Members) Elinor Sluzas; Treas. Sally Miller; Fin. Secy. Frances Mikalauskas; Rec. Secy. Christine Mantz; Sgts-at-Arms Joseph Ryan & Joseph Mantz; Trustees George Mikalauskas & John A. Berczelly; Religious Chmn. Eloise Berczelly; Lith. Affairs Laima Rastikis & Marie Preidis; Cultural Chmn. Aldona Ryan; Ritual Chmn. & Vytis Corresp. Fran Petkus; Bulletin Editor Elaine Pacovsky; Historian Harley Karns; Social Activities Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas & Joyce Berczelly; Ways & Means Eleanor & Susan Mantz; Sports

Chmn. Michael Blum; Condolence Chmn. Mary Ann Blum; By-Laws Joseph Ryan, Alex Grushas & Stanley Kavy; Telephone Squad Chmn. Ida Kavy; Sąryšis Joseph Gečas, Stanley Vaitkus & Anthony Preidis. To the new officers, much luck and success in '77. To our outgoing officers, our sincere thanks for "keeping us on the ball" and very active in '76.

Mike & Donna Jean Dailey now have the bowling league in full swing. They held a Thanksgiving Day Cheer Night on Nov. 19. The lucky winners were Jim Eckert, Bob Bowman & Frank Ambrose for the men, - and Joan Kavalauskas, Fran Petkus & Rita Ambrose for the women. Congratulations.

Through human error, members who diligently helped Fran Petkus with Junior activities during the National Convention were never publicly acknowledged. Though a little late, we would like to share their names with you. Because of these people, Fran's planning for Jr. activities was more fun than work. The Junior Activities Committee was comprised of the following: Joe, Eleanor, Sue & Chris Mantz, Frances Mikalauskas, Michael F. Petkus, Harley Karns, Jerry & Marianne Podoyak, Aldona Drukteinis, and Jr. Knights Mary Agnes Mikalauskas and Kathy Sinkwitz.

Through "Auisis", we heard that Al & Albina Wallis and Steponas Bučmys attended the Annual Cincinnati International Festival on Nov. 21. While there, they visited with some of the Cincinnati Knights. Alex Grushas spent Thanksgiving with his mother in Hartford, Conn. While in the area, he visited with Tony & Pat (Zelinskas) Alexander in Torrington. Alex brought back greetings from Pat to her many friends in Dayton.

Ed Sluzas, making theatre his major at Wright State University, received good reviews in one of the Dayton newspapers on his performance in the University's first play of the season. Those of us having the pleasure of watching Ed per-

form as Carlo in "Scapino" thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Joyce Berczely will not be planning another birthday surprise for John for a long time. John, coming home from work and knowing that Joyce was not at home at the time (so he thought), saw an unmarked van in his driveway, went to his neighbor's house and called the police. Four cruisers surrounded the block! It turned out to be a friend delivering John's birthday gift - a ping-pong table.

Congratulations to great-grandmother Mrs. Isabel Latos and to grandparents Joe & Aldona Ryan on their newest addition, Edward Bedrowsky.

Get well wishes are sent to Ildephonsas Bučmys and Harley Karns. We hear that Elizabeth Scott is doing well after surgery. Ada Sinkwitz and Veronica Omlor are recuperating from recent falls.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Joan Kavalauskas on the loss of her father, Robert F. Dill. Sympathies are also extended to the family of Mr. Stanley Green, who was a charter member of Holy Cross Church. Mr. Green was a member of the K of L when Dayton had a council from 1919-26, and was part of the council's band at that time. May their souls rest in peace.

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C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

With visions of snowflakes bouncing around our heads, the Divine Providence Cultural Center was the setting of our first Fall Festival on Nov. 14. Chairlady Maggie Smailis and her committee came "bright and early" to set up tables, chairs and other preparations for the occasion. Bertha Janus decorated and set up "the largest of 'em all", the Straw Game which featured over 400 prizes. Helen Tucker was seen busily setting up the Baked Goods dept.



C-79 - Southfield, Mich. A happy winner of a large puppet at the council's Festival-Holiday Boutique.

At the other end of the hall, Tony Dainus prepared the Dart Game; Barbara Sackle, the Lollipop booth; Chip Newberry, Throw Ball game; Jean Yakstys, Flea Market; and Sophie Zager, the Holiday Boutique.

We were all put to ease when the first flow of folks were carried away by games, prizes, Christmas ornaments, and other artifacts, billing the festival a real success.

There was plenty of good food. Contrary to that old adage, "too many cooks", B. Petroski, J. Medinis, A. Kulikauskas, I. Pavlichek, M. Smailis, M. Nashlon, M. Newberry and the Millard trio did not spoil the spread that came out of the Kitchen Korner. It all went smoothly. Guests hovered three-deep to an array of mouth-watering dishes - kugelis, dešros, kopūstai, hot-dogs, and fried chicken made by our own members. Much credit is due to the Nashlon-Smailis crew who were there at 6 A.M., peeling and grating the potatoes, with assist from Chip Newberry and Joe Chaps, to an output of 6 delicious pans of kugelis.

Then, in a "Big Daddy" apron and a tall, white chef's hat, Frank Zager, who coordinated the pizza meal, capably marshalled the "troops" at the stove. A big Ačiū to



C-79 - Southfield, Mich. - Bertha Janus (2nd from r.) and her workers at Straw Booth Game during Council's Festival.



C-79 - Southfield, Mich. - Helen Tucker, J. Medinis & J. Janson at the Baked Goods booth.

a fine kitchen crew. Also, many thanks to Social chairman, Joe Yakstys, who manned the bar along with C. Nashlon, J. Chaps and Frank Petroski. Our sincere gratitude to all the wonderful workers who helped wherever needed, plus many thanks to those who brought baked goods, - especially Mrs. Balandis, fondly known as the Torte Lady, and also Estelle Gogelis of our council. Many thanks to those who gave donations or made many lovely items - Carol Zager, Ona Walls, Bertha Janus, Barbara Sackle, Helen Tucker, Carol Kaminskas, Gerri Walsh, Jackie Wojtowicz, Marge Nashlon, and Sophie Zager.

There were other "angels". Walter & Stella Hotra picked up the tab for the printing. A Širdingas Ačiū to the two Radio Programs, Lithuanian Melodies and Lithuanian Voice, and especially a BIG thank-you to the many nice people who came, including our sister councils 102 and 139, and made our Festival a worthwhile venture.

Congratulations to Marge Nashlon who was one of the best salesladies. A. Bagdon was a lucky winner, and Charlie Step, our handsome funeral director, won the big torte.

At the door selling tickets for various booths and food were Violet Panavas and her sister Alice Repshas, while Ruth Grasha and V. Chepelonis handled other areas. A job well done, gals!

Everyone worked terribly hard (sorry if I missed some). At the end of the day there were plenty of ole tired soles. But it was worth a mighty "Good Night". And now we are looking forward to next year's Festival which already has been set for Nov. 13. So, hear ye ALL you 79'ers, get started early. We need lots of help and loads of prizes. There must be SOMETHING that each member can do.

Getting back to our other activities, Frank Zager gave the members a pre-festival sample of his pizza at the Nov. 4 meeting. No time was wasted in the sampling.

Hostesses were Helen Tucker and Sophie Zager, and everyone enjoyed Helen's pumpkin pie delight. Among those present were our pastor, Father V. Kriščiunevičius, who closed the meeting with a prayer.

On Nov. 20, Father Kris presided at the Installation of Officers, following the 5 P.M. Mass at Divine Providence Church. The ceremony was inspiring at the altar with Father blessing everyone, extending his congratulations to the officers, followed by a "neat" social in the church's meeting room.

The new officers for '77 are: Pres. Maggie Smailis, 1st V.P. Ona Walls; 2nd V.P. Violet Panavas; Rec. Sec. Ruth Grasha; Fin. Sec. Joe Chaps; Treas. Frank Zager; Trustees A. Dainus, H. Tucker & V. Chepelonis; Sgt-at-Arms John Belickas, Vytis Corresp. Sophie Zager, and Board Members J. Yakstys, B. Janus, C. Nashlon, B. Sackle, M. Nashlon and J. Panavas. Our best wishes for a successful reign in the New Year of '77. It is hoped that the members give our officers their complete cooperation and support. Remember, it is not THEIR organization, it is YOURS.

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MID-ATLANTIC
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C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

November came upon us rapidly and once again our council met in the church's Social Center on Nov. 6. As the members arrived, they carried in packages of groceries, etc. No doubt the question was... What's going on? Well, our parish held a Pre-Holiday Fair for the benefit of the Organ Fund. Our members were bringing in their contributions for the Country Booth, chaired by Nellie Liberis, and the Penny Sale Booth with

Gene Gobis and Regina Kot in charge. However, Nellie and husband Ed were out of town on that day, so son Bill came to the rescue. He was assisted by our Jrs. President, Lisa Saikal. Joe Shatas headed one of the money-making booths. The members were most generous in their donations.

Once everyone settled down, President Radzevich banged the gavel and the meeting was opened with a prayer led by Father Gri-gaitis. Nellie Liberis read the minutes of the last meeting, and a report was given by Treas. Sophie Olbie.

Ed Baranauskas brought a petition, addressed to Secretary of State Kissinger, seeking aid in permitting Pranas Brazinskas and son, Algirdas, who escaped from the Soviet Union, to stay in the USA. All present signed the form. Tony Radzevich spoke of the father's and son's escape.

Chairlady Sadie Karbus informed members that the annual Christmas Banquet was to be held at the Holiday Inn on Dec. 12. Serving on the committee with Sadie were Annacetta Guzielek, Helen Druziak, Helen Augun, Mildred Whelly, Frances DiBart, Helen Radzevich, Charlotte Sargalis and Frances Bobines.

Father Baltch brought to the meeting a newly published book by Rev. Algimantas Kezys on St. Casimir's Cemetery in Chicago. It is one of the oldest Lithuanian cemeteries, and the book contains many photographs. Just recently, a plane crashed in this cemetery, which made headline news. This same author, Father Kezys, was invited by President-elect Jimmy Carter to fly to Plains, Georgia, to take photos of the Carter family.

Slides were shown by Father Baltch of his trip through the country of France.

Agnes Rokit, Helen Augun, Sadie Karbus, Regina Kot and Edith Orante comprised the refreshment committee.

Father Baltch and the members wished birthday greetings to Virginia Valikonis (Nov. 9), Ed

Baranauskas (Nov. 8), Regina Kot (Nov. 16), and happiness and good health to Mildred & John Whelley (Nov. 12) on their wedding anniversary.

A number of the Amsterdam council members traveled to Syracuse, N.Y. on Nov. 6-7 to participate at the Festival of Nations at the War Memorial Building. The Syracuse council sponsored the Lithuanian booth. Ann Klem, of C-90, Harrison-Kearny, N.J., had her display of eggs, straw ornaments, and amber. She put on a demonstration on the art of dyeing the eggs and making the straw Christmas decorations. John Stanley's home was a busy place, as it was here that wife, Cassie, and sister-in-law, Ruth Hare, were preparing the dešras and kopūstai for the crowds at the Festival. Irene & Frank Petrauskas' home had many of the K of L's peeling and grating potatoes for the bulviniai blynai. Business was booming! Seven and one-half bushels were grated! Peter Hayes, Don Holleran, Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis spent the weekend there. Ann & Tony Radzevich and Frances Bobines came on Saturday. Sophie, Ann, Gene and Tony joined the Syracuse Choir on stage and they sang four Lithuanian folk songs. On Sunday, Edna & Al Luzina's family took in the sights of the Festival.

Missed at the November meeting were Helen Radzevich and Louise Kerbelis. Where were they? Why, they were enjoying beautiful Hawaii!

Helen & Leo Druziak spent a weekend in Canton, N.Y., where their son, Mark, is attending college.

Smile & Sparkle

C-74 - SCRANTON, PA.

Following are the officers of our council: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Michael Ozalas, Pres. Eva Kazokas, Vice-Pres. & Vytis Corresp. Andrew B. Leonard, Treas. Joseph

Zubavich, Fin. Secy. John Skeras, Rec. Secy. Helen Cravath.

Our council of St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church hosted the National Supreme Council Meeting which was held in the Lithuanian Taurus Club, 112 W. Market St., Scranton, Pa., on Dec. 4.

Prior to the meeting, at 1 P.M., snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and coffee were served.

The meeting was chaired by the 1st National Vice-Pres., Ann Marie Kassel of Chicago, Ill., due to the illness of President Anthony M. Miner of Grafton, Mass.

Various aspects of national K of L business were discussed and passed. The prime suggestions were to revise the National Constitution and update the K of L Manual and Cultural Handbook at the National Convention to be held in Providence, R.I., in August.

During intermission at 4:30 P.M., a buffet dinner was served. After dinner, the meeting continued, and a questions-and-answers period followed.

The following National Officers participated:

Ann Marie Kassel, Chicago, Ill.
Philip Skabeikis, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., of Providence College, Spiritual Advisor of C-103, Providence, R.I.

Rev. Casimir Pugevičius, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Maspeth, N.Y.

Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Trainis, Fairfield, Conn.

Vytautas B. Radzivanas, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

Helen Shields, New York, N.Y.
Ann Bender & Helen Gillus, Worcester, Mass.

Larry Janonis, Bronx, N.Y.

Attorney Anthony Young & Mr. Joseph White, So. Boston, Mass.

Matas Zujus, Editor of Lithuanian newspaper "Garsas", Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Peter Menchinsky & Nellie Bayoras, C-143, Pittston, Pa.

John Morris & Anthony Yavorosky, C-46, Forest City, Pa.

The following members of our council also participated: Eva Kazokas, Andrew B. Leonard, Helen Cravath, Ann Kvietkus, Helen Romeika, Elizabeth Tomasaitis, Agatha Sveta, and Mary Kazokas.

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C-140 - SYRACUSE, N.Y.

The first Lithuanian Mass to be celebrated in Syracuse took place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sept. 12. The Mass was arranged by our council, and the celebrant was Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, K of L National Spiritual Advisor. He was assisted by Msgr. John Balkunas who came over with our very welcome Amsterdam gang.

We all marched into church singing "Pulkim Ant Kelių". Father Jurgelaitis then presented the First Degree to all K of L members present. The Mass was a very joyous occasion for those of us living in Syracuse, as it has been many years since most of us attended a Lithuanian Mass.

Father Jurgelaitis gave a beautiful and inspiring homily on Lithuania which received a big spread in the Monday morning issue of the Post Standard. However, the picture and credit for the homily was given to Msgr. Balkunas. Frank Petrauskas wrote a letter to the editor and made the necessary corrections.

After Mass a reception was held with the serving of Lithuanian food and drink by Marge Migonis and her associates.

In midafternoon we all indulged in the Baltic States Picnic. There was a large turnout and a good time was had by all, even the mosquitoes.

All in all it was a beautiful day for the Syracuse Lithuanians. Many ačiūs go to Father Jurgelaitis, Msgr. Balkunas, our good friends from Amsterdam, and also those from Utica.

Our September meeting was held at the home of Frank & Irene Petrauskas and the October meet-

ing at the home of Katherine Cravetts and Jack & Catherine Brandt. Both meetings were devoted almost entirely to our participation in the Festival of Nations. Our big push this year will be the making and selling of potato pancakes.

Our council delegates to the Dayton Convention, who were Cassie Stanley, Helen Mikelonis and Ruth Hare, reported having a marvelous time. "That's to be expected", said Frank Petrauskas,

"when you're in Dayton". Frank, who was an alternate, is a former member of C-96. He was in his glory at the Convention. Many ačiūs to our Dayton hosts.

We are sorry to see our fine member, Ona Dailide, move to Cleveland. She was loved by all members and was an inspiration to us. Some of our members gave her a nice send-off party and we hope she remembers Syracuse with pleasant memories. Ona's husband, the late Pranas Dailide, was a

diplomat with the Lithuanian Government back in the 1920's and 30's.

We would like to welcome the following new members into our Council: Antoinette Dzwonskas, Joe & Della Marcaitis, and John & Isabel Cazonis. They are fine people and we know they will be an asset.

A thought as we depart: Faith is the root of all good works; a root that produces nothing is dead.

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We extend our prayers and condolences to Mrs. Stanley Vaicaitis and her family on the loss of her beloved mother.

Sister M. Palmira of Putnam, Conn. conducted a very interesting seminar on how to prepare "Kūčios", at the Sprague Mansion in Cranston, R.I. The seminar was sponsored by the Lithuanian Heritage Committee of R.I. Helen Seraichekas was in charge of the reservations.

Father Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C., is tired of being a hospital patient. He misses being active and able to do things. Our prayers can make his hopes come true.

St. Casimir's annual parish supper was a success. Father V. Martinkus was an excellent host. Our Junior members served on tables, and their treasury was increased by the generosity of the participants' tips.



C-10 - Athol-Gardner, Mass. - Christmas Party sponsored by council for Altar Boys of Parish. Santa Claus was Charlie Genaitis.



C-10 - Athol-Gardner, Mass. - Christmas Party held Dec. 4 in St. Francis Church Rectory. (First row, l to r) - Pauline Rogers, Rev. Steponaitis, Nellie Melaika, Charles Genaitis, Tina Shatis. Second row: Lennie Davidonis, Bill & Brone Wisnauskas, Blanche Genaitis, Albert & Frances Mueller, Clara Zetkauskas, Frank Anoris.

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Father A. Jurgelaitis attended the Supreme Council meeting in Scranton, Pa.

The 64th National Convention Ad Book Committee had its first meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Phil Carter.

Ramutė Pliplytė demonstrated the art of making Lithuanian orna-

ments to our Council Srs. and Jrs. A pot luck supper was held after the December meeting.

Our council was well represented at the NED Television Mass in Boston.

Letters were mailed to the youth of our parish inviting them to organize a regular K of L

council.

The K of L family has lost one of its elder statesman. Mr. Ignas Sakalas of the Chicago Srs. will be missed by all of us.

Remember your Lithuanian Heritage on Feb. 16, 1977.

Jonas

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