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ŠV. KAZIMIERAS

Kovo mėn. 4 dieną, lietuvių tauta ir katalikų bažnyčia mini Lietuvos karaliačio Šv. Kazimiero šventę. Ši diena mus nukelia į senosios Lietuvos laikus, kada karaliaus Kazimiero Jogailaičio šeimoje 1458 m. gimė sūnus, pakrikštytas tėvo vardu. Mažojo Kazimiero gyslose, iš tėvo pusės tekėjo gryniasias lietuvių giminės - Kazimiero, Jogailos, Algirdo ir Gedimino - kraujas. Jo motina buvo habsburgaitė. Tai buvo karaliaus Kazimiero trečias vaikas. Keturi jo broliai vėliau sėdo į Vengrijos, Čekijos, Lenkijos ir Lietuvos sostus, o penktasis pasiekė kardinolo garbę. Keturi seserys ištekėjo už vokiečių kunigaikščių. Vienas tik Kazimieras savo galvos nepapuošė jokių žemiškuoju vainiku.

Karaliačio Kazimiero mokytojas, garsusis kronikininkas Jonas Dugoša, pripasakojo daug smulkmenų iš Lietuvos ir Lenkijos praeities. Jis galėjo suteikti gausių žinių ir apie valdymo meną. Tačiau Kazimierui daugiausia rūpėjo artimo meilės pamokymai. Kazimiero būde spindėjo užuojauta vargdieniams, paslauga nelaimingiems, rūpestis studentais, dosni ranka vienuolynams ir bažnyčioms.

Iš pat mažens Kazimierą buvo stengiamasi įtraukti į politiką. Jo broliui Vladislavui sėdus į Bohemijos sostą, jis liko namie vyriausias sūnus ir sosto įpėdinis. Jis labiau turėjo įsijungti į valstybės administravimą, padėti savo tėvui ir kartais net jį pavaduoti. Kazimieras, su savo tėvu, karaliumi, ne kartą priiminėjo užsienio pasiuntinius, svečius, delegacijas ir patarėjus. Kai kada dalyvaudavo ir seimuose, karaliaus taryboje ir iškilmėse. Taip jis buvo ruošiamas į Lietuvos ir Lenkijos valdovų sostą. Jaunajam Kazimierui rūpėjo rimtis ir tvarka, drausmė namuose ir krašte, teisingumas ir nuosaiku-

mas papročiuose. Reikia dar pažymėti, kad jis, vos trylikos metų buvo nesėkmingai bandomas išodinti į Vengrijos sostą. Bet tuo laiku vis labiau išryškėjo kitas jo būdo bruožas - maldingumas. Nuilsęs po dienos rūpesčių ir darbų poilsio jis ieškojo maldoje.

Paskutinius savo trumpo gyvenimo metus Kazimieras praleido savo senelių mieste - Lietuvos sostinėje Vilniuje. Ten jis atstovavo savo tėvą karalių ir dirbo valstybės kanceliarijoje. Bet jį traukė kita karalystė - dangiškoji. Jį pažino ir mylėjo vargdieniai ir beturčiai, alkani ir palieję, nukriausti ir apleisti. Jie džiaugėsi Kazimieru, vadino jį vargdienių tėvu ir globėju. Artimo meilė ir užuojauta švietė pro jo karališką rūbą.

Bet deja, dar pačiame jaunystės žydėjime, Kazimiero sveikata vis labiau silpo. Eidamas vos dvidešimt šeštus metus, mirė 1484 metų kovo mėn. 4 dieną. Jo palaikus priglaudė Vilniaus Katedra, prie

kurios buvo pristatyta koplyčia. Praslinkus 37 metams po Kazimiero mirties jis buvo paskelbtas palaimintuoju, o 1602 metais - šventuoju.

Šv. Kazimieras laikomas Lietuvos globėju. Daugelyje Lietuvos bažnyčių didįjį altorių puošė Šv. Kazimiero paveikslai. Net tik Lietuvoje, bet ir kituose kraštuose galima rasti šio šventojo paveikslų. Štai Liudviko II-jo pastatytoje Hohenschwangau pilyje, Bavarijoje, sosto salę puošia Švento Kazimiero paveikslas. Šv. Kazimieras nėra jau toks svetimas bavarams. Viena jo sesuo, Jadvyga, buvo ištekėjusi už Bavarijos kunigaikščio ir Landshutą ši vestuvių šventė net ir dabar prisimenama: kiekvienais metais rengiami specialūs vaidinimai.

Jadvyga, kaip ir kitos Šv. Kazimiero seserys, ištekėjusios į svetimą šalį, sugebėjo išplėsti pagarbą ir kultą savo anksti mirusiam broliui. Taip Bavarijoje ne tik minėtoje Hohenschwangau pilyje,



bet ir kitose senose pilyse ir senose koplyčiose galima rasti lietuvišką vyti ir Šv. Kazimierą.

Lietuviai Šv. Kazimiero globos šaukėsi sunkiose savo valandose, gaisrų, bado ir karų metais. Senosiose knygos, kur aprašomi šventojo stebuklai, minimi bent keli Šv. Kazimiero pasirodymai Lietuvos kariuomenei, kai ji kovojo su rusais. Labiausiai yra žinomas Šv. Kazimiero pasirodymas ties Polocku, prie Dauguvos upės. Polocko miestą lietuviai valdė nuo Mindaugo laikų. Ir štai 1518 metais prie Dauguvos buvo susitelkusi didelė rusų kariuomenė, kuri grėšė Polocko miestui. Miestą ir pilį ginti atskubėjo negausūs lietuvių būriai.

Kad galėtų apgulta pilį išlaisvinti, lietuviai turėjo persikelti per patvinusią Dauguvos upę. Tada ant balto žirgo su baltu apsiaustu pasirodęs jaunikaitis. Jis padrašinęs lietuvius kovoti ir pirmas įjojęs į upę. Tuo būdu lietuviai perėjo upę ir apgynė miestą nuo priešų. Rusų kariuomenė buvo sumušta.

O kai 1654 metais Lietuvon brovėsi Šermetjevo vadovaujama Maskvos kariuomenė, lietuviai šaukėsi Šv. Kazimiero užtarimo. Apie tai liudija populiari senovės giesmė, kurią parašė Šrubauskas. Giesmėje sakoma:

Kazimieras šventas iš dangaus atėjo,
Kurį žalnieriai ant oro regėjo,

Paskui eidami, maskolių patrėmė,
Verkiančius žmones iš nevalios ėmė...

Deja, šiais metais sustiprėjusi antireliginė veikla Lietuvoj palietė ir Šv. Kazimierą. Jo paveikslai išimti iš jo vardo bažnyčių. Panaikinta ir jo karsto koplyčia Vilniaus Katedroje, šventojo palaikai iškelti į Šv. Petro ir Povilo bažnyčią Antakalnyje, o pati katedra pavesta muziejumi.

Praeitame amžiuje iš lietuviškų giesmynų rusai braukė Šv. Kazimiero giesmes ir naikino pėdsakus, kad jis yra Lietuvos globėjas, o šiandien aziatiški atėjūnai dar žiauresniais būdais tęsia caristinių rusų pradėtą kovą prieš mūsų šventąjį.

SKUNDAS ŠV. KAZIMIERUI

Juozė Augustaitytė-Vaičiūnienė (Iš a.a. poetės knygos "RŪPESTIS")

Išeiki nors dabar iš aukšto tėvo dvaro,
Kai žemė klaidžioja, sapnuodama baises sapnus:
Prieš tave juodos angos atsidaro,
Girdi, kaip verkia tamsoj palenktas žmogus.

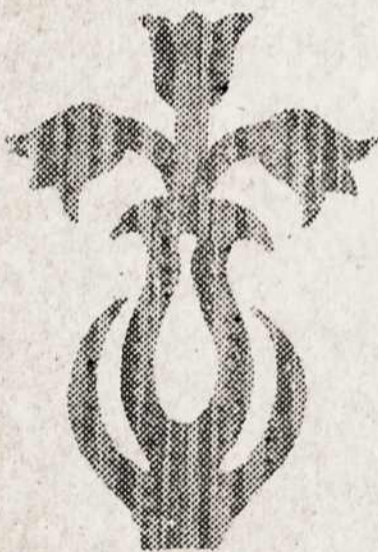
Ne duonos verkia, klaikumą apsikabinęs;
Šviesos jis verkia, pavogtų, kaip deimantai, akių.
Sugniaužę kumščius, trankiai žengia minios,
Sumindamos lizdus dirvonų vyturių.

Kaip akmenys be sparno, jie tau neša skundą,
Į drobę įrašytą tau pažįstamos spalvos;
Be laiko vaisiai rausta, lapai runda
Nuo šaldančiojo riksmo saulės negyvos.

O mes apakę, tarsi Izaokas rašto švento,
Savo teises perduodam nepažįstamos genties vaikam,
Kurie ant Nemuno, Šešupės kranto
Žeberklus tiesia pasimetusiems laikam.

Mūs rankos surištos negal pakilt į aukštį —
Klausyki skundo pilkarubių vyturių.
Sparnais bespalviais jie neliauja skliausti
Padanges tarp laisvųjų vėjų keturių.

Tai atlankyki mus plačiu karaliaus mostu!
Pažaisk šaligatvy karūnos perlais su vaikais:
Kai pamotė jų galvytes paglosto,
Jie miršta, kaip drugiai, suvynioti šilkais.



A SINGULAR MAN: IGNAS SAKALAS

BY STANLEY PIEZA

"Who does the best his circumstance allows does well, acts nobly; angels could do no more".-
Edward Young

It was a cold night on Jan. 7th, 1918, in Cleveland, Ohio, when the members of the local Knights of Lithuania assembled to elect new officers.

After a brief discussion, the attention of the members was turned to a young man with blond hair and blue eyes... they elected Ignas Sakalas (Sakalauskas) as their president. A news item of the election of Sakalas appeared in *The VYTIS* of Jan. 30th, 1918: "ypač tikimės daug iš pirmininko Igno Sakalo". ("We expect a lot from president Ignas Sakalas".)

No one whose life was touched by the late Ignas Sakalas, ever will forget this remarkable man who became a pillar of the Knights of Lithuania, a writer and a poet, editor and a philatelist, producer of dramas, choir singer, staunch Catholic, a good American citizen, fighter for Lithuania's independence, and a family man with a deep love.

Ignas died Oct. 19, 1976, in Chicago and the death of this warm person leaves a tremendous void in the American Lithuanian community, felt deeply by his family and by his numerous friends.

He had a special devotion for his wife Sophia, and his two children, Aldona, a computer programmer for the Prudential Life Insurance Co., and Richard, an employe of the U.S. Postal Service.

In a beautiful reflection of her father, Aldona told this writer: "My father was the only happy person I ever knew".

Aldona revealed that her father

kept his troubles packed in his own little bag and solved them by himself without worrying his loved ones.

While this writer was visiting in the Sakalas' home at Christmas time, Aldona was decorating a Christmas tree, and tears welling in her eyes, she explained: "This is the first time I'm decorating our family tree... my dear father always decorated our Christmas tree. He had a Santa Claus shop in our basement, besides his library desk and stamp collections".

At Easter time Ignas colored eggs in a brown dye made by boiling onion skins; during Lent he fasted strictly.

One of his greatest boasts was his home, purchased by the family in 1954, located in the Marquette

Park area of Chicago. Ignas taught himself to do all house chores, such as electrical wiring, plumbing, etc. He virtually adorned the brick bungalow with roses that he planted and tended in the garden and in the plot surrounding the house. His home was his kingdom, according to Aldona, but every one was welcome in it.

His secret ambition was to be an excellent cook... and he once ran a restaurant in Chicago's west side. A typical Lithuanian, he loved soured milk and potatoes, košelienu, beet soup, rye bread, and from a simple schmaltz he prepared a most succulent herring that went well with his home-made beer and friends. His outdoor hobby was mushrooming. He rose at dawn and was the first in the



Ignas Sakalas as associate editor of the Lithuanian Daily Draugas in the early days when it was published at 2334 S. Oakley St. Chicago.

woods searching for "grybas", or perhaps a baravykas.

Ignas loved to travel and he spent several vacations at Acapulco, Mexico, with his family and his close friend, Father Peter P. Cinikas, M.I.C., administrator of the Lithuanian Daily Draugas. Aldona pointed out, "if my father had money he would have traveled across the world".

Despite his many varied occupations, Ignas found time to be close to his church. He was an usher at the Our Lady of Vilna Church in Chicago, and during the depression he helped to call on parishioners in a house-to-house campaign to collect money to keep the church and school going. He was a choir member and during the forty-hour devotions he sang with the organists and assisted them in singing the obsequies at funeral services. Up to his death he served

as publicity chairman for the Holy Name Society of the Nativity B.V.M. Church of Marquette Park, located in the Lithuanian Plaza.

Ignas was a sharp card player and few could beat him at "Mauš-kis". But he found little time for cards or other games as he was a pioneer in promoting baseball teams among the K. of L. councils, and for recreation he engaged in wrestling. Smilingly, the 165-pound Ignas once told this writer: "But I know better not to challenge Champion Wladyslaw Zbyszko".

Another great love of Ignas was to produce and direct plays, such great Lithuanian drama and comedy spectacles as "Sibiro Žvaigždė", "Verpėja po Kryžium", and "Kurčias Žentas". No matter how hot, how cold or stormy, his troupe traveled to present plays in Lithuanian communities across Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana,

according to Mrs. Ona Rezgaitė-Piežienė, a member of the acting group. In some of the productions Ignas and his wife Sophia were co-stars.

Attesting to his authority as a philatelist - it is acclaimed that he had the outstanding collection of Lithuanian stamps - are the trophies that adorned his room. His first award was from the Chicago Philatelic Society which honored Ignas for his foreign airmails at the third American Philatelic Congress Exhibition in 1937. He also was honored by the Lithuanian Philatelic Society with a grand award by public opinion in 1960, and in that year he was presented with an award by the Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York.

In 1952, Pope Pius XII bestowed upon Ignas the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal in recognition of



A typical day in the life of Ignas Sakalas - a guest speaker at K. of L. Day in Waukegan, Ill. on July 4, 1931. Sakalas is seated in the front row fourth from the left.



Ignas Sakalas receiving Pontifical Medal of Pro Ecclesis at Pontifice from the late Cardinal Stritch at Chicago in 1952.

his services to the Church and the Lithuanian people as an associate editor of the Lithuanian Daily Draugas. At the same time his close friend, the late Leonard Šimutis, editor of the Draugas, received a similar papal honor.

Ignas came to Draugas in 1918 and worked until 1971 in all phases of writing, editing, make-up and promoting. He also wrote a scintillating column for Draugas, "Professor Kampininkas", which attracted widely readers by its originality, humor and home-spun philosophy. During this time he received a certificate in journalism in foreign newspaper reporting and editorial writing.

Between 1921-26 and 1942-45, Ignas was editor of the VYTIS, and later edited the "Muzikos Žinias", a magazine published by the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Organists League. In 1946 Ignas was elevated to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania in recognition of his life-long efforts for the Lithuanian Catholic youth organization. In the annals of the Knights of Lithuania the name of Ignas Sakalas is emblazoned on countless pages as a member, officer, president of the Chicago district of the Knights of Lithuania, organizer of the Chicago K. of L. Seniors, speaker, debater, playwright, and author of a history of the Knights of Lithuania.

His final public appearance was at a K. of L. Chicago Seniors event held on July 4th of 1976 in the Chicago K. of L. hall, which he helped to purchase and of which he was manager. He also served as president of the Seniors.

And Ignas found his love among the Knights of Lithuania - the pretty Sofija Bagdžiūnaitė, a member of K. of L. council No. 25 of Cleveland, Ohio. Ignas romanced Sofija with poetry and close loving attention. They both acted together in the same plays and they both attended K. of L. meetings and conventions. Once Ignas was in such a great hurry to see his Sofija, while crossing a busy Cleveland street, that a car side-swiped him landing him in a hospital. For weeks he walked with crutches. Love blossomed and Ignas and Sofija were married June 18, 1918.



Sophia Sakalas and Ignas Sakalas in 1965.

A grieving widow, Mrs. Sakalas is known for her writings and her editorial contributions to Santaika, Vytis, Darbininkas and Draugas. From 1923 to 1951 she edited the "Moterų Dirva", the official publication of the Lithuanian Catholic Women's Alliance, of which she became an Honorary Member in 1927.

Ignas Sakalas never forgot that he was a son of Lithuania, where he was born and where he helped his parents on a farm as a shepherd boy and where he received his early education. His native village is Knizlaukis of Ukmergė district, where his birth date is recorded as

of November 17, 1892. He came to the United States in 1913.

He expressed his love for his motherland in poems under his own name and under such pseudonyms as Aras, Aukštaitis, and Skardupis. In his poetry he called on youth to come to the aid of Lithuania, as in a poem written in 1916 and entitled JAUNIMUI:

"Ei, jaunime, prie idėju
Mintimis kilkim vis aukštyn,
Nepaisykim niekadėju,
Darbais ženkime pirmyn!

Širdys meile dėl tėvynės
Tegaruoja visados,
Pinkim jai dainas auksines
Ir darbuokime dėl jos.

Nebeužilgo gal rytuose
Laisvės saulė užtekės,
Nebėsim mes varguose,
Priešų pančiai sutrupės!"

In the final days of his illness Ignas suffered with dignity hoping he could live on with his beloved family and his friends.

On his tomb in St. Casimir Cemetery is expressed the faith of Ignas Sakalas in his Changeless Friend:

"Te ateinie Karalystė Tavo..."

("Thy kingdom come...")



Ignas Sakalas receiving philatelic award in 1952.

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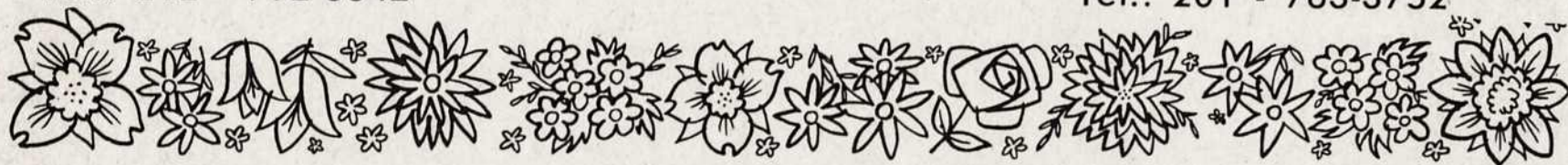
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A TESTIMONIAL FOR JUOZAS SADAUSKAS

by Ursula Kunsitis

The night of June 19, 1976 was truly a memorable evening in Cleveland. It was a night when fellow Knights, friends and family (totaling over a 100 in number) came to honor a wonderful man and friend - Joseph Sadauskas. On this evening we belatedly celebrated Joe's 79th birthday and his 60 years in the Knights of Lithuania. It was a good night - a night long overdue. It was a night for nostalgia. You could just feel the good fellowship and happiness in the air.

So many wonderful people worked together to make this a happy event.

Mrs. Nora Braziuliene and Mr. Julius Kazenas who were accompanied by Mrs. Genovaite Karsokiene presented a lovely musical program. Mrs. Braziuliene was especially touching in her rendition of "Mano Rožė" as was Mr. Kazenas in his Aria from "South Pacific" which he did so well.



Mr. Joseph Stempuzis, Director of the Lithuanian Melodies Program - Station WXEN, our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, proposed a toast to Joe... to a true Lithuanian - a real Knight - a good friend which was followed by everyone singing Ilgiausiu Metu! - tears and laughter were mixed at this moment.

Seated at the Speakers Table were Vyto Yucius, President, C-19 Pittsburgh, and long-time friend, who was accompanied by fellow Knight, Andy Rozger; Vic and Betty August, C-25; Mary Trainy, Cleveland Seniors; Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, Pastor - Our Lady of Perpetual Church and Spiritual Advisor of the Cleveland Councils,

who wished Joe many more good years and thanked him for all his unselfish years of work and devotion to the Parish; Ursula Kunsitis C-25; Joseph Stempuzis, Master of Ceremonies; Rose Ann and Walter Welsh (daughter and son-in-law of Joe's); Stella Sankal - Cleveland Seniors and Fr. Alexander Golikovskis (former Spiritual Advisor of the Cleveland Seniors).

During the course of the evening, greetings were read from our National President, Anthony Miner and our National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis.

In a more humorous vein, Mary Trainy gave the highlights of Joe's life from birth to the present day.

A display set up by Gene and Ursula Kunsitis enabled guests to marvel at all of Joe's memorabilia (awards received for his many articles - family and theatrical photos, gifts, etc.).

Victor August, C-25 President,



Andy Rozger, C-19, Joe Sadauskas, V. Yucius, C-19.



N. Braziuliene, J. Kazenas and Genovaite Karsokiene - Duet from Don Juan.

presented Joe with a beautiful wood Vytis Plaque from the Cleveland Knights with the following inscription:

JUOZUI SADAUSKUI
ŠIRDINGAI AČIŪ UŽ 60 METŲ
DARBAVIMOSI DIEVUI,
TĖVYNEI IR VYČIŲ LABUI

Peter Luiza, C-25 reminisced about Joe's early theatrical days and led the group in a Lithuanian Sing-Along of familiar Lithuanian tunes which reminded many former Knights who attended of their happy youth in the K of L.

Mr. Z. Ducmanas presented Joe with Life-Membership in the Lithuanian Club. Joe received so many greetings, gifts and flowers - just too numerous to mention, but each and every one was most humbly and sincerely appreciated. So many old friends and family attended.

Even though Joe was still weak and frail from his illness, he thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart for attending and showing such love. He spoke softly of his love for the Knights of Lithuania, her language and culture.

Before the evening came to an end, the lights were dimmed and Nellie Arunski (C-25) brought out a huge birthday cake, sparklers and all, and everyone burst into "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" with a lot of fortissimo!

So, a wonderful love-filled evening drew to a close, one that would never have been possible but for this truly dedicated man himself - Joseph Sadauskas - and the splendid Committee composed of Nellie Arunski, Victor and Betty August, Ruth Guzauskas, Gene Kunsitis, Peter Luiza, Anthony Maciokas, Stella Sankal, Frank and Elaine Stempuzis and Co-Chairladies, Ursula Kunsitis and Mary Trainy.

Ilgiausių Metų
Juozai



Presentation of K of L Plaque.



Birthday Cake Presentation: J. Stempuzis, J. Sadauskas, R. Welsh, Nellie Arunski.



Committee: L. to R. - Ruth Guzauskas, Peter Luiza, Elaine Stempuzis, Stella Sankal, Joe, Ursula Kunsitis, Anthony Maciokas, Victor August, Betty August, Nellie Arunski, Mary Trainy.

Pavasario Žinia

Aš ieškojau pavasario žemėj,
Aš ieškojau keliuos debesų,
O kaip buvo ten liūdna, sutemę,
O taip buvo sunku ir tamsu.

Ir pragydo praskrisdamas paukštis
Pro laukus, pro miškus, pro mane:
Aš nešu tavo šaukiamą džiaugsmą,
Aš pavasario tavo žinia.

Ir prašneko upelis prie kelio,
Ir pabudo gėlė pakely,
Ir pražydo žilvičio šakelė
Kovo saulės šiltam spinduly.

Ir širdis ėmė džiaugtis kaip vaikas,
Šypsant samanai miško žaliai, —
Ak, neįau tai pavasario laikas,
Ar, daina, ne anksti pakilai?..

Ir pragydo praskrisdamas paukštis
Pro laukus, pro miškus, pro mane:
Aš nešu tavo šaukiamą džiaugsmą,
Aš pavasario tavo žinia.

Ir gegužyje sninga ir šąla,
Ir gegužyje krinta ledai,
Bet nevys, radę saulėta salą,
Tavo šviesūs svajonių žiedai.

Jie tėvų žemės švies atminimais
Ir lelijom ir tulpėm žydės,
Ir širdis ves tave, nenurimus,
Lig pirmosios tėvynės žvaigždės.



Photo - R. Kisielius

Lithuanians in The

NEWS

The Spring semester of New York University's School of Continuing Education will include a course in Lithuanian, stressing the basic elements of grammar, pronunciation and conversation, with some instruction in reading and writing skills. The class has scheduled meeting times on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:50 P.M. There is a nominal charge for tuition, and no prior college credit is required. The instructor for the course is noted Lithuanian actor VITALIS ZUKAUSKAS remembered by K of Lers for his appearance at the 1975 National Convention in New York.

A subsequent course offering in the Fall of 1977 will be Lithuanian II. For further information write to the New York University School of Continuing Education, Registrars Office, P. O. Box 1206, Stuyvesant Station, New York, NY 10009.

A familiar name in the independent film movement was on hand for the opening of the Collective for Living Cinema's winter season in New York.

Lithuanian film maker JONAS MEKAS opened the season with a showing of his REMINISCENCES OF A JOURNEY TO LITHUANIA. This film was made in 1971, when Mekas visited his native homeland. He describes the film as "seeing Lithuania through the memories of a Displaced Person".

At its Annual Communion Breakfast at Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, New York, the parish Holy Name Society named JOHN SIDTIS as its Outstanding member of the Year. John, immediate past-President of C-110, Maspeth, New York, has devoted many years of self-sacrificing effort to this organization. On hand to witness the presentation was John's son, Bill, Vice-President of C-110's Junior Council.

The Lithuanian Foundation, a non-profit organization established to aid various cultural institutions in the United States, has surpassed its first million mark and has 300 thousand dollars toward its goal of two million dollars. Lithuanian-Americans are encouraged to aid this Foundation with donations and bequests.

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

JONAS J. BIELSKIS, Lithuanian General Consul of Los Angeles, California, died on December 26 at the age of 85.

Consul Bielskis entered the diplomatic service in 1916. His long and honorable record includes directing the information bureau in Washington, D.C., serving as President of the Lithuanian Taryba, National President of the Knights of Lithuania, and organizing the first Lithuanian Consulate in the United States in 1923.

The JERSEY JOURNAL recently carried a column honoring some of Bayonne, New Jersey's outstanding students. At Holy Family High School, Student of the Month was ELLEN GRIGALUNAS of C-67, Bayonne, who had donated some 1400 hours of volunteer service at the Bayonne Hospital. Seventeen year old Miss Grigalunas has also been inducted into the Holy Family High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Her remaining spare time is devoted to music, specifically the violin. She has recently been accepted into one of her state's most prestigious music groups, the Jersey City State College Community Orchestra.

Ellen has been active in the K of L for some time and can frequently be seen at Council and District affairs.

Bishop Vincentas Brizgys of Chicago, recently received a lengthy letter from the secretary of the Vatican, Cardinal Villot, extending Pope Paul's greetings to all Lithuanians throughout the world and asking God's Blessings for them in the New Year.

NEW BOOK FEATURES CHICAGO'S MUSEUMS

"Visit Chicago... and tour the world", begins a new 40-page soft-cover book on the city's finest museums and parks.

Titled MUSEUMS OF CHICAGO, the book contains more than 125 photographs, most of which are unique to this book, having never before appeared in print.

The narrative describes the wonders of the world to be found right here in Chicago's museums and parks. Also included is information on museum admission fees (if any), directions on how to get there, and short summaries of items for sale in the museums' stores.

The book also contains a section on the noted BALZEKAS MUSEUM OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE. The Museum's Director, K of L-er Stanley Balzekas, Jr., assisted in the preparation of the book, which was over one and one-half years in the making. It is unique that no publisher has been involved in its publication. Rather, it is the brainchild of two Chicagoans, Warren Swanson, a Loop attorney and former writer for daytime TV, and Steve Babecki, president of Studio 5, a Loop graphic arts studio.



Messrs Swanson and Babecki are pictured presenting a copy of MUSEUMS OF CHICAGO to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. L. to r.: Steve Babecki, the book's editor and writer, Vaclovas Tallat-Kelpsa and Ona Pankiene, Balzekas Museum Trustees, Warren Swanson, the book's designer and producer, and Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Museum president.

"The Denver Post" recently published an interesting interview with VYTAUTAS BELIAJUS, noted Lithuanian-American folk dance authority, and editor of "Viltis" Magazine, on the occasion of that magazine's 35th anniversary.

In the January 9 edition of the NEW YORK TIMES, reporter Kathleen Teltsch in a special to the TIMES reviewed the recent efforts of the United Nations toward providing a greater degree of protection for those seeking political asylum. The efforts initiated by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and supported by Austria, Germany, and the Scandinavian Nations, culminated in a four week conference in Geneva in January and February, attended by representatives of some forty nations.

The conference is expected to result in a treaty imposing a moral obligation on the part of ratifying nations to provide asylum to those who have "well founded fear of persecution by reason of race, religion, nationality or political opinion.

Ms. Teltsch began her report with a summary of the Simas Kudirka incident which in her words "caused an uproar, led to an inquiry and resulted in improved procedures for dealing with those seeking haven in the US".

Similar incidents would hopefully be avoided in the future by a treaty drafted at the UN conference.

Twenty-one year old Lithuanian pianist VYTAUTAS SMETONA recently made his New York concert debut at Town Hall, with a program of works by Beethoven, Chopin, Prokofiev and Čiurlionis.

Noted New York author, radio personality and music critic Robert Sherman gave his favorable impressions in the following day's edition of the NEW YORK TIMES. It is interesting to note that "Mr. Smetona was at his best in the engaging Čiurlionis pieces - fine preludes and a tiny portrait of 'The Nightingale' nicely capturing their unpretentious lyric warmth".

Canada's public television show, "Here To Stay", which seeks to acquaint viewers with various ethnic groups, on December 12th utilized a LITHUANIAN family as its theme.

The Pro'Ecclesia religious television program, on New York City's cable television channel C, gave a special 30-minute feature on religious oppression and the violation of human rights in Soviet occupied Lithuania, on JANUARY 22nd and again on JANUARY 28th.

CONVENTION RAP-'77



64th National Convention Co-ordinators: Rev. Vaclovas Martinkus; Bertha R. Stoskus; John Stoskus; and Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

Irene Landanski and Ruta Krecioch will co-hostess the early arrivals Wednesday evening August 17th. Their final plans will be unveiled in the near future.

On Thursday, August 18th, a Concelebrated Mass at 12 noon will be said in St. Casimir's Church, 350 Smith St. A complimentary brunch will be served in the church hall at 1:00 p.m., courtesy of Father Martinkus, our pastor and spiritual director of C-103. Formal convention opening is at 2:00 p.m. in the Sessions Street and College Street rooms of the Marriott Inn.

Cultural Night may be held Thursday evening. Co-hostesses for the cultural evening will be Helen and Mildred Seraichekas. This will be an interesting and unusual evening.

Narragansett Bay, the parish hall or the Marriott Inn could be the scene of our Specialty, which is co-hosted by John and Irene Walaska. If the USS K of L is available we may wind up sailing on Narragansett Bay, Friday night.

Noon day Masses will be celebrated at the Marriott Inn on Friday and Saturday in the Angell Street room.

The Sessions St., College St., Canal St., Angell St., and Benevolent St. rooms will become one for the Saturday night Banquet and Ball. Victor and Beatrice Mathieu will be your co-hosts for the gala event.

On Sunday, August 21st, the Convention will close with a 10:30 a.m. concelebrated Mass at St. Casimir's Church, followed by brunch. Co-hosts are Vyto and Dorothy Kapiskas.

Phil Carter is our ad book chairman. Working with Phil will be Stanley Vaicaitis and Bertha Cunningham.

The Juniors haven't been forgotten. Providence Juniors have expressed their ideas as to how they would like to entertain their guests.

K of L Calendar

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.
- 21 Supreme Council Meeting, Providence, R.I.

APRIL

- 3 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL CAKE SALE, Benefit - Holy Trinity Church.
- 30 C-135, Ansonia, SPRING DANCE, St. Anthony Hall, Ansonia, Conn.

MAY

- 1 NED SPRING CONVENTION, Athol, Mass. C-10, Hosts.
- 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)

Conventionship

The '77 National Convention will be held in Providence. All Junior members are invited to participate.

Conventionships will be awarded to four Juniors in each District who have been active in their Council activities. This means that YOU can be a recipient of a \$50. grant to help you to attend the convention!

Any Juniors or counselors interested in receiving applications, please write to:

Ann Marie Kassel
11129 High Ridge Ave.
Westchester, Ill. 60153

LEARNING LITHUANIAN - FOR... SPRING - PAVASARIS

margutis	- Easter Egg
Velykos	- Easter
Velykų kiškėlis	- Easter bunny
liūtis	- rain shower
vaivorykštė	- rainbow
pumpurai	- buds
medis	- tree
raudongužis	- robin
lizdas	- nest
krūmas	- bush
papartis	- fern
žibuoklės	- violets
krokas	- crocus
geltonasis narcizas	- daffodil
saulė	- sun
žaibas	- lightning
debesis	- cloud
daigai	- seedlings
šaknys	- roots
tulpė	- tulip

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

St. Casimir's Church of Amsterdam, N.Y., has begun a Junior's Knight of Lithuania council. The leaders of our group are Mrs. Regina Kot and Miss Gene Gobis. Father Baltch, the pastor of St. Casimir's, also assists our leaders.

At the first monthly meeting, officers were chosen accordingly: Pres. Lisa Saikal, Vice Pres. Michael Mikolaitis, Secy. Rima Hartvigas, Sgts-at-Arms Stanley Rimkunas and Gerry Drenzek, - but the group wouldn't be complete without the help of Mary Rimkunas, Joseph Rimkunas, Billy Saikal, Allen Drenzek, and Linda Orante. We also learned some of the Lithuanian culture and some of the sayings.

For our second meeting, Mrs.

Edna Luzinas showed us how to make straw Christmas ornaments.

The third meeting took place Nov. 16 at 7 P.M. We were all fascinated to see Father Baltch's movies on Lithuania, when he visited there in 1972.

We also planned a Christmas party which took place Dec. 7. Rima Hartvigas, Mary Rimkunas, and Michael Mikolaitis won prizes for making the most original straw ornaments. During the party we had pizza, soda, and sweets. Besides the refreshments, we also exchanged grab-bag gifts and listened to records. Father Baltch spoke to us about some of the Lithuanian Christmas culture. We then broke Christmas wafers (plotkeles).

That's all for now; we'll be back.

Mary Rimkunas



Jr. C-36-112, Chicago, new officers:

Front: Jackie Maluska, Vytis Corres.; Georgi Kassel, Rec. Sect.; John Strolia, Sgt. at Arms; Rita Zakarka, Corres. Sect. Center: Paul Strolia, Pres. Back: Gigi Maluska, Vytis Corres.; Tom Strolia, Sgt. at Arms; John Paul Kilkus, Treas.; Maria Klatt, Vice Pres.

Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-143 - PITTSTON, PA.

ĮSTEIGTA NAUJA LIETUVOS VYČIŲ KUOPA

PITTSTON, PA. 1976 m. spalio 25 d. Liet. Šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje įvyko Lietuvos Vyčių steigiamasis susirinkimas. Scrantono, Pa., Vyčių 74 kp. narėms organizatorėms, Evai Kazokas ir Gertrudai Rameikas, nušvietus Vyčių organizacijos reikšmę bei tikslą, įsteigta Pittston'e nauja Vyčių kp. Valdybon išrinkta: Pirm. P. Menchinsky, Vicepirm. Ch. Dajnowski, Sekretorė Dorothy A. Banos, Finansų sekr. N. T. Bayoras, Išd. John Wisnasky, Dvasios vadovas kleb. kun. P. J. Ališauskas.

Naujai įsteigtos 143 kp. pirmas susirinkimas įvyko 1976 m. lapkričio 8 d. Šiame susirinkime pirmininkas P. Menchinsky pateikė jo išgautą (1976 lapkričio 6 d.) naujai įsteigtos Pittston'e Vyčių 143 kp. Charterį.

1977 m. sausio 11 d. susirinko 24 kp. nariai ir nutarė iškilmingai švęsti Šv. Kazimiero, Pittstono R.K. parap. patrono, šventę, kuri yra nukelta į kovo 6 d. Naujai įsteigtos kp. nariai duos iškilmingą priesaiką pamaldų metu 9 val. ryto.

Po iškilmingų Šv. Mišių parap.

salėje bus bendri pusryčiai.

Komisijon išrinkti: dvasios vad. kleb. kun. P. J. Ališauskas, pirm. Rozalija Kizis, vicepirm. Anna Challan, papuošimams (stalo ir kit.) Anna Walatkas, Anofrio Orlando ir Ch. Dajanowski - programai, pirmininkas P. Menchinsky - vaišėms, Ann M. Moniak ir Nellie T. Bayoras - rezervacijoms, N. T. Bayoras - liet. spaudai, Dorothy Banas - anglų spaudai.

Maloniai yra laukiami vietos ir tolimesniųjų vietovių draugai ir svečiai.

Susirinkimų dalyviai buvo pavaišinti skaniais valgiais, kuriuos pagamino Anne Challan, Rosalie Kizis ir Adele Menchinsky.

Finansų sekr.
Nellie T. Bayoras

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

The annual Christmas Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn on Dec. 12. A large group (14) attended from Syracuse. Our new members, Algis & Anele Dzekorius, came down from So. Bethlehem. Peter Sargalis acted as toastmaster. Rev. Baltch, prior to the meal, told the story of the Lithuanian Christmas Eve Kūčios - the breaking of the plotkelės, the serving of the twelve meatless dishes, the various lores, such as the pulling of the straws from underneath the tablecloth, the animals talking at midnight, the water in the well turning into wine at midnight, etc. The guests then began breaking the wafers and wishing each other "Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų".

Pres. Anthony Radzevich presented Christmas gifts to Rev. Baltch, Rev. Grigaitis and our newest member, Rev. Vacys Sirka, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital.

Our committee, with Sadie Karbus at the helm, presented a skit on the twelve months of the year. Helen Augun, Helen Radzevich, Charlotte Sargalis, Helen Druziak, Annacetta Guzielek (who forgot her lines), Mildred Whelly, and Fran DiBart (as jolly Santa Claus), and Sadie were the cast. Missing was Frances Bobines who was unable to participate due to illness. The skit was a very novel idea; the audience really enjoyed it. Santa DiBart led the group in singing Christmas carols. Then Santa came around with her bag of goodies and each person pulled out a gift.

Frank Petrauskas of Syracuse was a guest speaker. He told the group of the possibility of re-organizing the K of L in Rochester, of organizing a new council in Utica, and a few more. This is welcome news.

The committee put in much time and effort getting together beautiful table decorations and games. Many, many thanks for a job well done.

It was good to see Louise Kerbelis present with her daughter Mirga and son-in-law Ed Bablin. Mirga & Ed's daughter, Diane Elizabeth, a graduate of Iowa State University and employed as a microbiologist for General Mills Inc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, became engaged to Martin Lauterbauer of Osaga, Iowa. A summer wedding is planned.

Wedding bells will be ringing on July 2nd for Al & Edna Luzinas' son, Peter (Gene Gobis' godson) and Martha (Marty) Kaszuba.

Our organist, Danny Kabasin, gave a lovely engagement ring to his girlfriend, Janice Rugar.

Polly & Ed Ziausys, Regina & John Kot renewed acquaintances with the Syracuse crowd as did

Tony & Ann Radzevich, Peter Hayes, Sophie Olbie, Don Holleran and Gene Gobis. It was brought out that one of the Syracuse couples is very friendly with Leo Druziak's relatives who are residents of Syracuse. Small world! Ruth Hare, John & Cassie Stanley, Helen Mikelonis and Frank & Irene Petrauskas have attended so many of our functions that we feel they are part of our council. We are very happy that such a large group was able to attend.

Our sympathies are extended to Alger & Joan Bagdon in the recent loss of Al's dad. May he rest in peace.

K of L member Attorney Norbert Sherbunt and Michael D. Kerbelis, son of member Louise and the late Michael Kerbelis, have been appointed to the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's Hospital as of 12/29/76. Congratulations to both from our council members.

Smile & Sparkle

C-140 - SYRACUSE, N.Y.

The Lithuanian nation was very well represented at the Festival of Nations on Nov. 6-7. Our booth was a beehive of activity with Anne Klem displaying and demonstrating her eggs and ornaments, and the kitchen crew busy with the potato pancakes, the Lithuanian sausage and sauerkraut, the mushroom cookies, and other cakes and cookies.

Anne always had a group of people observing her demonstration of egg etching. Many people

had never seen it done before and were truly amazed at Anne's skill. She also had a nice display of straw ornaments and amber.

The potato pancakes were a good seller. We used 4 and 5 frying pans steady and still could not keep up with the demand. We sold over 2,000 pancakes which came from 7 bushels of potatoes.

The sausage was a good seller also. John Stanley was responsible for this department and he promoted and moved a lot of it.

Our mushroom cookies still create a lot of curiosity which results in a very good selling item. We could sell many times more than we make.

This year we organized a local group of voices who called themselves "The K of L Singers". They

C-140 - Syracuse Our K of L Lithuanian Booth at Festival of Nations



C-140 - Frying Potato Pancakes - Jack Brandt, Walt Salis & Dave Peterson.

were directed by Helen Mikelonis and the accompanist was Josie Subach. They sang 4 folk songs for the Saturday evening program and were well received by the audience. A few of the voices were from Amsterdam, for which we were grateful.

All of our people who participated in the Festival worked very hard. This is the first year that we had such beautiful harmony. We are anxiously awaiting the next Festival.

Some of our members, John & Cassie Stanley, Helen Mikelonis and Ruth Hare attended the K of L dance in Amsterdam on Nov. 13. They reported having a nice time.

Our Christmas Party and meeting was held at the home of John & Cassie Stanley. We had an excellent turnout of members and guests. The food and drink was delicious and plentiful thanks to our wonderful hosts.

The next day a group of our members went to Amsterdam for their Christmas Party. We ate, drank, and sang carols in good fashion and had one heck-of-a good time. It was a beautiful party.

The following are our officers for 1977: Pres. Frank Petrauskas, Vice Pres. John Johnson, Secy. Marge Migonis, Fin. Secy. & Treas. Albert Gudas, and Trustees John & Cassie Stanley.

We wish to welcome our newest members who are George Rosys, Jim & Chris Czyz and Tom Sadauskas.

Pusbrolis



C-140 - Anne Klem's Exhibit - Della Marcaitis, Helen Mikelonis, Helen Mikelonis & Anne Klem.



C-140 - Crowd of people waiting to be served.

C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

The regular council and Juniors sponsored our 2nd Annual traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve Kūčios on Dec. 12 in Transfiguration's Parish Hall.

Our guests attended the 11 A.M. Lithuanian Mass celebrated by Fr. John Pakalniskis and served by the Jrs.

Pres. Nellie Skabeikis greeted the guests, and explained that Kūčios was a family service to be celebrated at the Christmas Eve meal.

M.C. Marian Skabeikis introduced guests from Great Neck C-109, Bayonne C-67, Brooklyn C-41, Kearny C-90, and also leaders of parish organizations such as the Golden Age, St. Anne Sodality, Holy Name, Catholic War Veterans, Ladies Auxiliary of the Lith. Citizens Club, and the Choir.

Fr. Pakalniskis led us in the blessing, and all joined hands around the tables, reciting "Tėve Mūsų". Plotkelės were broken, and our guests were ready for the traditional Kūčios consisting of 12 (in honor of the Apostles) delicacies, prepared by council members. When straw was discovered under the tablecloth, many fortunes were told. The



C-110 - Kucios - Juniors Nativity Scene

menu consisted of fruit salad, sardines, hard boiled eggs, cottage cheese, vinaigrette, cucumber salad, sauerkraut & herrings, tomato and also creamed herrings, fish fillets, kugelis, beet salad, cole slaw, babka, cake and coffee.

The Christmas Story was presented by the Juniors. Our very youngest Jr., Matthew Skabeikis, was the "kūdikelis".

Lithuanian Christmas ornaments

were displayed by Anne Klem from C-90 Kearny. The interest was overwhelming, and Anne was asked to come back next year.

Everyone joined in the community singing led by Mary Kulis and accompanied by Philip Skabeikis. These songs included the favorite Christmas hymns in Lithuanian and English.

The afternoon was a warm, religious and unforgettable experience. Our guests are anxiously looking forward to next year.

The committee consisted of Moderator Fr. John Pakalniskis, Pres. Nellie Skabeikis, Chairman Tony Skabeikis with his able assistants, Dan Skabeikis, Marian & Philip Skabeikis, Mary Kulis, Mary Kuchinskas, Helen Yocis, Theresa & John Thomann, Ann & John Sidtis. On the Juniors committee were Pres. Leon Stungurys, Narrator Bill Sidtis. The Blessed Mother was portrayed by Marija Sungurys, and the Three Wise Men by Antanas Ambrosini, Linus Verbeliunas, and Raymond Balconis.

We wish to thank Fr. Frank Bulovas, Pastor of Transfiguration Church, and Moderator of the Mid-Atlantic District, for his generosity in allowing us to use the hall and all its facilities.

Močiutė, Ann Sidtis



C-110 - Kucios - Anne Klem of C-90 with Christmas Ornaments Display.



C-110 - Kucios - Juniors announcing prize winners.

C-41 - BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Congratulations to life members Stella Willworth and Aldona Zau-nius to whom certificates were presented at our 10/31/76 and 12/12/76 meetings.

We were happy to welcome Simas & Genovaite Kudirka to our 12/12 meeting. At the meeting it was announced that there will be a Communion Breakfast at the District meeting on March 13 at Our Lady of Vilnius in Manhattan.

A rosary was said after the 11 o'clock (high) Mass at Annunciation for the mother of our member Aldona Zaunius. We express our sympathy to you, Aldona and give you our support.

Dennis Mažeika reported on his recent trip to Lithuania. He noted the beauty of the green countryside, the numerous lakes, and reminded us of the physical beauty of our homeland. Proudly he noted that the Lithuanian language is indeed spoken there, not only by native Lithuanians, but also by most of the Russians who live there.

In spite of social and economic prohibitions against Church membership, he noted that the Churches are filled, and many young are there. They do take care not to make their presence officially noted, however, as they could lose their jobs. Russian officials tend to schedule work days on religious holidays.

Shortage problems exist, particularly for such items as meat, spices and quality clothing. Such items are available in "dollar stores", but these stores are for tourists, and Lithuanians rarely get to shop there.

Dennis noted that peoples' expressions tended to be grim. Were they afraid to talk? Dennis noted being followed during his visit, an uncomfortable thought, to say the least. Soldiers were at the ports of entry and exit. Pictures of anything which could be related to military installations were forbidden.

Food is the same everywhere

and different restaurants, as they're run by the state, have the same menu.

Congratulations to Peter Sandanavičius for directing and acting in his play, presented in Lithuanian to a large audience at the Lithuanian Cultural Center Nov. 13. The native costumes and dances were much enjoyed by all of us. The play, "Rugiapiūtis", was performed by the Malūnas Dancers of Baltimore in a program sponsored by the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Hour of New York.

Elaine Nicola

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

The following now compose the executive board of C-29: Pres. Kazys Sipaila; Vice Pres. Rose Zukauskas; Secy's Marge Brazaitis, Mary Stonis & Ann Abromaitis; Treas. Eva Sharon.

At our Oct. 17 meeting, our Spiritual Director, Msgr. John J. Scharnus, gave a very interesting discourse on the value of a retreat. As per our custom, the council presented their usual Christmas donation to the Holy Trinity Parish.

Our annual Communion Reception & Breakfast, in conjunction with the observance of the feast of our patron, St. Casimir, will take place Mar. 6. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M. in the Holy Trinity Church. Breakfast will follow in the parish hall. Guest speaker will be Betty Foley, Editor of the religious page of the Jersey Journal in Jersey City, N.J.

The Christmas Party on Dec. 12 came off in excellent style. A very good attendance was on hand for the festivities. In charge of arrangements were Rose Zukauskas and Kazys Sipaila, and their capable assistants.

Our annual cake sale for the benefit of the Parish will take place on Palm Sunday, Apr. 3.

Belated wedding anniversary congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. H. Schmidt who celebrated their 41st in October, to Mr. & Mrs. C. Balchiunas on their 41st in

November, and to Mr. & Mrs. J. Chapulis on their 25th in November.

Our council had their annual Dinner-Dance in the parish hall on Oct. 9. A very fine attendance was on hand for the event, and all had a very enjoyable time. During the evening's program, entertainment was furnished by accordionist Ruta Raudyte, and the Lithuanian Dance Group, Liepsna. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Marge Brazaitis, our recording secretary. Mary Stonis was chairlady of the affair.

Death has taken away another one of our members, Joseph Yewaisis, who went to his eternal reward on Nov. 19. We offer our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to his wife and family. May he rest in peace. A Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul.

The Wanderer

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

A Christmas Spiritual Renewal was conducted the weekend of Dec. 10-12 by Holy Cross Parish. Nat'l. K of L Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. was guest moderator. A small gathering was held for Fr. Jurgelaitis by our members following the Friday evening services. Saturday services were followed with the Parish Lith. Cultural Committee sponsoring "A Night of Fun, Comedy and Satire" featuring Mr. Vitalis Žukauskas of NYC. Father closed the weekend services at Sunday's 10 A.M. Mass. Those participating were very inspired by the good thoughts Father gave us during this special time.

The woman of the council held their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 13 at the Yankee Tavern. Thirty-two participated in what turned out to be a fun evening. Our thanks to Fran Petkus for making the arrangements and to Marianne Podoyak for the beautiful Christmas favors she had made and set at each place. The evening ended as we joined in celebrating Walter Lastoskie's birthday on the 14th, thanks to arrangements by his wife, Mary Lou.

Congratulations to Eleanor & Sue Mantz for their fine job in planning another successful Holiday Bazaar at the Winters Tower in downtown Dayton. Their committee and helpers are also thanked.

A tradition held true to form was Elinor Sluzas hosting the Jrs at her home on Dec. 17 for their annual election of officers and Christmas gift exchange. The evening was preceded with the Jrs having their "dress-up dinner" at the Cassano Pub. Frances Mikalauskas, Fran Petkus and Mary Lou Lastoskie supplied the transportation. As always, the Jrs really enjoyed themselves. Arrangements were made by their Advisor, Marianne Podoyak.

On Dec. 19 council members and Jrs made their annual Christmas caroling visit to the shut-ins and older members of Holy Cross Parish. We visited 22 homes and had live music to accompany us this year, thanks to Cecelia Lisankas. Those parishioners who are in nursing homes or are too far away for us to travel to, received their gift through members of their family. As in the past the carolers were treated royally along the way. Thanks to Ada Sinkwitz, we had a special 'side-stop'. At the request of Mrs. Monica Petrokas and Mrs. Antoinette Seskevics, we saved their visit for last; they had prepared a warm supper for us on a cold day! Eloise Berczelly, Harley Karns, Fran Petkus, Tony & Pat Alexander visited two parishioners at the State Hospital on Dec. 26. All in all we had the pleasure of

distributing 30 gifts. As in the past, the carolers felt they received more than they gave. The warmth we received at each home gave each of us the true meaning of the Christmas season. Special thanks goes to Religious Chairlady Eloise Berczelly for putting it all together for us.

Joining Telephone Squad Chmn. Ida Kavy for 1977's committee will be Joyce Berczelly, Ann Kondrotas, Bea Noreikas, Veronica Omlor, Lauretta Pant and Helen Vaitkus. Eloise Berczelly and Fr. Walter Katarskis will be helping Fran Petkus with Ritual preparations for the council.

Congratulations to John & Jane Petkus on the birth of their daughter, Amy Marie. This makes Mike & Alice Petkus grandparents for the 7th time and Mrs. Anele Petkus great-grandmother for the 16th time. To our newly engaged members, Jon Prasmantas to Mary Ann Bracket, Susan Mantz to Patrick Smiley, Michael Blum to Audrey Banner, our heartiest congratulations and much luck.

Get well wishes are sent to John



C-90 members and Juniors getting set to visit parishioners for their annual Christmas Caroling.

Scott recovering from a heart problem, and to Tom Scott and John J. Berczelly recovering from hernia surgery. We are also sending our get well wishes to one of our dear friends in Cleveland C-25, Joanne Shigo.

Out-of-town members in for the holidays were Joe & Ann Boeke from Grand Rapids, Mich., Pat (Zelinskas) Alexander and Tony from Waterbury C-7, and Jerry & Cathy (Mantz) Roberts formerly of Homestead, Fla. now living in Goldsboro, N.C.

Winners of "cheer" in the Christmas Bowling Night were Michael Blum, Joey Mantz, Frank Ambrose for the men, and Joan Kavalauskas, Sue Mantz and Lou Smiley for the women. Joan Kavalauskas has set a high for the women in all the years we have had leagues - a 248!

On Dec. 20 Aldona Ryan, Nat'l. and C-96 Cultural Chmn. was guest speaker at the Rotary Club Luncheon in Sidney, Ohio. Dr. Kiselis of Sidney made the arrangements, and Aldona gave a 48 minute talk on Lithuanian History before 100 men. In return, Aldona was presented a paperweight with the Rotary Club Emblem.

Mary Ann Blum stepped in to help the CCD classes with their annual Christmas program for the children of the parish. Good job!

C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

Our council meeting was held Dec. 1 and there was only one word to describe that day, "Siberia", when abrupt freezing weather moved into Detroit. Fifteen hardy souls braved the frosty night, and after opening prayer led by Catholic Action's Chairlady, Helen Tucker got us going to business matters.

It was hard to believe the enthusiasm we had following the Fall Festival report by chairlady Maggie Smailis. First thing you know, Joe Yakstys has a "Millionaire's Party" off and running in the wings.

The evening was filled with

nostalgia when Pres. Smailis showed movies of the Nat'l. K of L Convention in Dayton, climaxing with a social hosted by Joe & Jean Yakstys who treated members to a large Christmas cake and other goodies. Everyone enjoyed themselves and didn't seem to mind the frosty weather outside.

Thirty-five years ago, on Dec. 7, people were preparing to go to Mass, others felt like sleeping in, and there were those who never woke up, as in the perils of Pearl Harbor. This year, one of those who never woke up during the '76 Memorial Commemoration was our member, Antoinette Zilvitis. She had every faith, hope and determination to conquer her illness, but cancer had finally stilled her voice on Dec. 7. She was a bright, well-liked person with a keen perception of human emotions. When her late husband, Dr. Bruno, became ill and needed much care following several major surgeries, Ann postponed much-needed medical attention on herself to devote full time to her husband. Unfortunately, when he passed away, she sought that medical attention, but it was too late.

Being endowed with many talents, Ann devoted lots of her time to charitable and organizational work, among which included the K of L, Moterų Sajunga, St. Joseph's Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the medical auxiliary of her late husband's profession. During our '74 Nat'l. K of L Conv., when her professional help would have been most adequate, she was compelled to resign from active service to devote full time to her ailing husband. Ann leaves behind her a legacy of compassion, achievement, and a reputation for integrity that earned her the respect and admiration of all her friends and K of L members. She is survived by daughter, Joan, and mother, Antoinette Zajauskas & brother, of Chicago. May Ann rest in Eternal Peace.

Although a little late, our sincere sympathy to Boles & Ona Walls on the death of their 17 year-

old grandson, Mark Sprowl.

Some members "pampered" themselves with a summer vacation during the winter. Helen Tucker enjoyed plenty of sunshine and beachside promenade in Hawaii, shows and "gambling" in Nevada, and beautiful colors and shopping in Mexico.

George & Marie Kase took in a holiday visit for a week with their son and family in Conn. Congratulations to Marie who was elected to the Parish Council at the General Parish meeting on Dec. 12. May all their endeavors help them work for the good of the parish.

The 79'ers joined in the seasonal spirit of giving. A donation was made at our December meeting to the Capuchin Fathers for the needy during the Christmas season. Some personal donations were made; Jean Yakstys, Ona Walls, S. & F. Zager, Ruth Grasha, Jos. & Pauline Belickas, B. Janus and J. & G. Chaps, were among those whose hearts went out to charity during the holiday's. There were also other members who gave, and may God bless them for their kind help.

Another member who devotes much time and contributes to various organizations is Elizabeth Paurazas. For many years she has been very active, and chairlady of United Lith. Relief Fund (BALF) whose drive was conducted during Oct. '76. She attended the annual directors' meeting of BALF in Philadelphia, Pa., and was re-elected a member of the Nat'l. Executive Board of the Catholic Federation at its meeting in Chicago on Oct. 22-24. Also, in Chicago, during the American Lith. Council meeting on Nov. 13, Elizabeth was re-elected to serve on its Nat'l. Board. Our congratulations to her, and we sincerely hope she is blessed for all her endeavors.

Pres. Smailis with her grandson, Chip Newberry, and Marge & Chester Nashlon attended a Holiday Festival in Memphis, Mich., where our former pastor, Fr. Michael Kundrat, is now Pastor of All Saint's Church.

New Year's Eve found the whole clan attending a gala party at the Divine Providence Cultural Center.

As for your correspondent, she and her family had a nice Christmas, but a day after the holiday, she landed in a doctor's office with a banged-up toe, only to find out following x-rays, that a "nice" fracture was on tap. This put an end to a planned New Year's party and "grounded" other activities. But as the ole saying goes - "we can't have everything". We should be grateful for what we have. Bless you all in the New Year!

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CLEVELANDO VYČIAI SENIORAI

Neseniai aplankiau žymiausia Clevelando Vyčių veikėją Juozą Sadauską - Senelį. Pirmiausia tariu jam: "O tu, Seneli, nesi toks senas; esi tvirtas kaip lietuviškas ąžuolas, sumanus, veiklus"! Jo kambaryje pilna lietuviškų knygų, laikraščių ir plokštelių. Skaitydama knygas ar laikraščius, jis klauso ir muzikos.

Iš pasikalbėjimo su Sadausku supratau, kad jis buvo vienas pirmųjų Clevelando Vyčių organizatorių. Nors kai kuriuose dokumentuose rašoma, kad Clevelando Vyčiai įsisteigė 1915 m., bet, Sadausko liudijimu, jie pradėjo organizuotis 1913 m. 1915 m., kai klebonas J. Halaburda pradėjo vadovauti, jų veikla pagyvėjo. Kitaip



Cleveland Cultural Garden 50th Anniversary. M. Trainy & Stella Sankal with "Miss World, USA", 1975, Annelise Ilshenko.

sakant, kun. J. Halaburda Vyčius pakrikštijo. Kuopai teko eilinis 25 numeris. Nors Clevelande tuo metu buvo tik 23 nariai, tačiau pirmavo įvairiose srityse. Vyčiai sutraukė iškiliausią Clevelando lietuvišką jaunimą. Atsirado vaidintojų, solistų; išdygo mišrus choras, vyrų kvartetas. Nenuostabu, kad toks Vyčių veiklumas patraukė visų Clevelando organizacijų dėmesį, kaip rašo "Clevelando lietuviškų draugysčių istoriška peržvalga 1917 m." Jie buvo kviečiami daug kur atlikti programas.

1915 m. pradžioje kuopoje buvo 38 nariai; po 9 mėnesių pakilo iki 200, o 1918 m. jau buvo 360 narių.

Nors Clevelando Vyčiai pasižymėjo gražiu sutarimu ir tolerancija, bet, kaip sakoma, nėra namų be dūmų. 1948 m. Vyčiai ėmė skalytis, kai jų dalis nenorėjo lietuviškai kalbėti susirinkimuose. Nealbantieji lietuviškai sudarė 25 kuopą, o kalbantieji lietuviškai pasivadino Vyčių Seniorų vardu.

Šiuo laiku Vyčiai Seniorai turi 30 narių, o Vyčių 25 kuopa - 44 narius.

Vyčių Seniorų valdybą sudaro šie asmenys: pirm. M. Trainauskaitė, vicepirm. A. Buknis, sekr. K. Titienė, išd. A. Mačiokas, fin. rašt. Stasė Sankalaitė, išdo glob. K. Petkūnienė, tvarkd. A. Bujokas.



Cleveland Srs., October Birthdays - 1976. Felix Juras and Rožė Sankalienė.

Paskutinis Vyčių Seniorų susirinkimas įvyko š.m. sausio 9 d. Dėl blogo oro maža narių dalis tedalyvavo. O mūsų miela pirmininkė Marytė Trainauskaitė, susižeidusi koją, atsidūrė Clevelando poliklinikoje. Linkime jai greitai pasveikti. Jos pareigas laikinai eina Stasė Sankalaitė. Kaip paprastai, susirinkimas pradėtas malda, kurią sukalbėjo garbės narys J. Sadauskas.

Nors mūsų Vyčiai vadinasi Seniorais, tačiau jų susirinkimai praeina jaunatviškai. Nariai, kaip J. Sadauskas, M. Trainauskaitė, K. Titienė, R. Sankalienė, kurie pasižymi sąmojumi, vis iškelia nauju



Cleveland Srs. - 1977 Officers.

Front - l. to r.: Stella Sankal, Fin. Secy.; Mary Trainy, Pres.; Antanas Buknis, V.P.

2nd row - Antanas Bujokas, Sgt-at-Arms; Kazimiera Sadauskienė, Trustee; Salomeja Nastopka, Ways & Means Chrmn.; Ursula Gaizutis, Trustee.

Back - Ignas Ursochas, Prop. Chrmn.; Antanas Maciokas, Treas.

pasiūlymų. Jų pasiūlymus dar pataiso R. Sankalienės dukra savo jaunomis mintimis. Pvz., ji pasiūlė po susirinkimo giedoti Vyčių himną. Jos pasiūlymas buvo priimtas, ir susirinkimas baigtas himnu. Ji papildė susirinkimo pabaigą plokštelių muzika, pritaikyta kiekvieno amžiaus skoniui.

Baigiantis susirinkimui atsilankė Maestro A. Mikulskis su ponia. Jie pasigėrėjo mūsų Vyčių gražia veikla.

Linkėtina Clevelando Vyčiams gaivintis šv. Kazimiero dvasia ir himno žodžiais "Nuženk Galybe iš Dangaus, sustiprink jauną Vyčių dvasią" dirbti Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Vytis P. Zigmantas



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The desire of the Knights to attend the Channel 7 T.V. Mass on Dec. 12 could not be suppressed by snow, sleet, or gloom of night. With foresight, some traveled the day before from Bridgeport, Conn. and Holyoke, Mass. to spend the night at a motel. Others, by dawn's early light, pointed the front of their cars, and with hearts pulsating so vigorously, never felt the pressure of the "Guiding Hand" as they carefully skimmed on ice to rendezvous at the appointed hour of 9:15 A.M. in the metropolis known as the Hub.

Gospel truth - every seat in the studio was occupied. The spark of nationalistic spirit was injected by the thoughtful ladies who proudly wore their colorful attire. Once Mass began, forgotten were premises, lights and cameras. The

aura of sanctity and concentration prevailed during the Mass celebrated by Fr. MacFarland. However, the camera "closed in" on each individual receiving the Body and Blood of Christ and transmitted this communion with God to the rest of the New England area. With the eyes and ears of the world upon us, no-one, but no-one, dared whisper or blink an eyelash.

From the studio, out-of-towners were provided with a C-17 member guide, and historic landmarks were noted on the short trip to St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in So. Boston. A warm reception and a hearty breakfast served by the gracious ladies of this council fortified members of the executive board for their NED meeting. With Pres. Joan Laframboise presiding, the association of ideas and plans for coming events were discussed, formulated, and scheduled. Fr. Janiunas led the gathering in closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Stepping outside, a blessing had transcended; the sun was shining, and gone were the affects of winter, allowing a comfortable drive home.

Margaret Picard

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

The house echoed with the gaiety and exuberance of our members as we met to usher in the holiday season. It was elegantly decorated with holiday greenery, there was a warm glow from two fireplaces, and a myriad of lights shone brightly, almost as bright as Bob Paluses blue shirt, a gift from his daughter Diane. We especially admired the tree with the straw decorations, all made by our hostess. There was an attempt by Mary (Balukonis) Mrozinski and Rita Paluses to lead us in caroling, all very unsuccessful, due to the antics of Rita herself. The air was filled with great expectations as we opened our gifts and beheld the gourmet food that was to be served. The trek of our smokers, en masse, added to our merriment.

It was a very happy way to start off the season. We are eternally grateful to our hosts, Irene & Ed Tamulevich, for opening their hearts and home to us for this gala occasion. Ačiū širdingai.

We are so proud of Mary Jo Koblinsky who has been chosen one of two delegates from Massachusetts to the U.S. Senate Youth Program to be held in Washington, D.C. The Program is sponsored by the Wm. Randolph Hearst Foundation which will also present a \$1,500 scholarship to be awarded while Mary Jo is in Washington. Congratulations, Mary Jo, we shall follow your progress and wish you much success in all your endeavors.

We were very much saddened at the untimely death of Peter Greaney. We extend our sympathy to his widow, Onute.

Well, it's not exactly mid-Manhattan, but at times Maironis Park is a beehive of Lith. social activities. Recently we attended a concert performed by the Hamilton Girl's Choir "Aidas" under the direction of composer-soloist Vaclovas Verikaitis. We can't say enough about this delightful program that would do it justice. We were regaled by their beautiful renditions of our Lith. folk songs and left us clamoring for more. The solos of baritone Vaclovas Verikaitis, and his duets with tenor Rimas Strimaitis, under the accompaniment of Jonas Govedas, all added up to make for a very enjoyable evening.

Another event held at Maironis Park was dinner reception for the father and son escapees, Brazinskas, who have settled in Worcester. We wish them welcome.

Another unforgettable concert was given by Kazys Yakutis. Kazys who is an Amer.-Lith. opera & concert baritone, is a native of Worcester and a truly accomplished artist. He has performed opera in English with the San Francisco Opera Guild, and has been engaged by the Goldovsky Opera Theatre, the Lyric Theatre of New York, the Amato Opera,

and at the Seattle Opera House. The Lithuanians should be real proud of Kazys. His beautiful rich baritone voice lifted our spirits to great emotional heights as he sang his repertoire of Lith. songs. We are looking forward to hearing him again in recital. The concert was held at St. Casimir's Parish hall for the benefit of restoration of one of the oldest concert halls in the U.S., the Mechanics Hall of Worcester.

Last, but by no means least, we wish to welcome into our organization two of our newest members, Mrs. Aldona Lozoraitis and Mrs. Raminta Molis. It is with great pleasure that we welcome these two distinguished women. Aldona is proprietress of a soft beverage firm, and Raminta is our Lith. class teacher in the Evening Adult Education system, and a former Math teacher at a local college.

Taradaika

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Our council, with Rev. Justin Steponaitis, hosted the annual Christmas Party for the 28 altar boys of the parish on Dec. 5. After a nice lunch, and games, Charlie Genaitis acted as Santa and presented to all the boys gifts which were donated by council members. Everyone then adjourned to the rectory and enjoyed a covered dish supper, which began with a prayer and the breaking of plotkelės. Frances & Albert Mueller traveled in from Nashua to be with us. Charlie Genaitis "got high" on Pauline Rogers' rum balls. The Athol Daily News carried a large photo of the group.

Nine of our members set out to attend the T.V. Mass on Dec. 12, but had to turn back because of the icy road conditions. Everyone had coffee at the Genaitis' and watched the Mass there, only to find out that Fr. Miciunas and the Worcester Choir also did not show up because of the dangerous road conditions.

The Genaitis' traveled to Chicago over the Christmas holiday to visit with their daughter and family. The Wisnauskas' were

busy this past summer with weddings, showers, and stag parties. A nephew and niece were married within 3 months. Mary Gauronsky spent the month of December on jury duty at the Worcester District Court.

The Mt. Grace Business & Professional Women's Club celebrated their tenth anniversary recently. Among chartered members are Nellie Melaika and Lily Kuzmeskus, both members of our council. Nellie is also a past president of the group, and was presented with a corsage.

Member of the Month: I would like to introduce this month a member who needs no introduction to the older crew, but I would like the younger and newer members to meet. He is an old stalwart, Frank Anoris. Frank was born and raised in Athol, attended local schools, served in the U.S. Army during the second World War, and has been a responsible employee of the Starett Co. since his release from the Service. His camp is the scene of all our local summer events and is known throughout the district. In addition, he is a terrific host. Frank has held just about every position in our local council. He is a kind man, a devoted worker, and is known for his witty personality. Best of luck for the future, Frank.

Our council sponsored the St. Francis Parish Lithuanian Independence Day Program on Feb. 13, beginning with the 10:30 A.M. Mass, and a 2:30 P.M. program in the parish hall.

We're wishing the Vytis staff and all its readers a happy and successful New Year. May it be fruitful in all our ideals.

Vincukas

C-141 - BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

All who were in attendance experienced the rare privilege of seeing and hearing Simas Kudirka, the indomitable Lithuanian seaman who was one of the guest



C-141 - Rev. F. Pranckus, Spir. Advisor, and G. Ivaska, 1st V.P., sharing Plotkele at Bridgeport "Bendros Kūčios".



C-141 - A. Ivaska and his children Gailutė & Paulius, sharing Plotkeles at C-141, Bridgeport, Kūčios.



Aldona and George Radzwilles (C-141 Pres.) at C-141 Kūčios.

speakers for the Human Rights Day program on December 9, 1976 - at the Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport. Our council was proud to be one of the sponsors of this program. Mrs. Gintarė Ivaška, 1st Vice President, renowned authoress, and the new principal of the Maironis Lithuanian School in New York, was chairperson for this occasion. From the depths of his being, Mr. Kudirka spoke, in excellent English, of the oppression still very much in existence in Lithuania and other captive nations. He spoke of the cruel, inhuman denial of basic human liberties in the Soviet Union, and of unreal atrocities as part of their daily life. After the program, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Trainis opened their lovely home for a reception in his honor.

Six of our people traveled to Boston to participate in the T.V. Mass. A very pleasant week-end was enjoyed by Aldona and George Radzwillas (C-141 President), Terry and Alphonse Trainis, and Aldona and Bob Marcavage. What a cordial welcome we received from the Pastor of St. Peter's church, and from the South Boston people. A real "Vytiškas" welcome!

Fifty American Lithuanians representing our council members and their friends savored the traditional menu of Kūčios, as in the days of yore - in place of our December meeting. In full view of the Nativity scene, the Plotkelės and red eternal candle glow, our spiritual advisor, Father Francis Pranckus commenced the program with a reading from the holy scriptures. Lithuanian Christmas Carols were sung in a solemn blending of spiritual unity. Many thanks to Gintarė Ivaška, chairman of Cultural and Lithuanian affairs, who planned this evening - with the help of many good-hearted women, who so expertly prepared the varied hot and cold delicacies. C-141's very impressive first "bendros Kūčios" will never be forgotten by those who participated. This may be the beginning of a new annual event.

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Father A. Jurgelaitis conducted a three-day mission at Holy Cross Parish in Dayton, Ohio. Father Katariskis and members of C-96 plied him with sūris, a lovely tort, and books. Father Jurgelaitis returned to Boston with the sūris and tort, but his luggage containing his religious habit and books were lost.

Ann Krecioch was feted on her 18th birthday at the Great House by the Krecioch-Savickis-Mathieu and Stoskus Clan.

Paul Stoskus wrote a term paper "One Woman's Immigration" for his Social-History class at Yale. The principle source of his material was his 82-year-old grandmother, Marcella Savickis.

Anne Grenney of C-116 and host of the Worcester Lithuanian Radio Program recently lost her spouse in a tragic auto accident. We extend to her our sincerest sympathy and prayers for her lost Love.

Council Pres. Bertha Stoskus attended the Inauguration Ceremonies for Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy and other General Officers of the State of Rhode Island at the State House. In the evening she joined ten of our Juniors in Lithuanian costume, and members of the Lithuanian Ethnic Heritage Committee, at the Inaugural Ball in the State Armory.

Our senior Senator from R.I., the Hon. John O. Pastore, has retired from the U.S. Senate after 26 years of dedicated service. The many kindnesses he has shown the Lithuanian Community, as Senator and Governor of R.I., shall not be forgotten. "Ilgiausių metų" in retirement. The State's new Senator is a former Governor of R.I. and former U.S. Secretary of the Navy, John H. Chafee.

The Efros Family of No. Providence shares the glowing candles of Hannukah and the solemn Christmas Eve dinner of Lithuania every year. Mrs. Joyce Efros' mother's maiden name was Vasilauskas, from whom she learned the Lithuanian Kūčios tradition.

J.A.S.

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

"Turned-on Tuesday" is what we'll be calling the second Tuesday of each month from now on. The new Executive Board's first full meeting took place in December and what a meeting! A Christmas supper preceded the business meeting and was prepared by Rita Pinkus, Marion & Arthur Racicot, Marion & Bart March, Eleanor Carmody, Eleanor Walinsky, Helen Gillus and Ann Bender. When this magnificent feast was over and the meeting adjourned, we played military whist, led by Steve Walinsky, Sr. Commendable charity was displayed by Ted Pinkus, Sr. who paired up with the only non-player present. Gallantry of this nature is seldom seen these days and they didn't win the booby prize, either. Some experts won that! Our spiritual director, Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, in his Christmas message wished us Peace, Happiness and Joy and reminded us that the peace each of us craves must begin with the individual. Our pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, after a serious reflection, added, "And if you don't get your two front teeth, don't be disappointed. The Lord will give you something better - later". An extra bonus at this Christmas meeting was in the form of three new members; welcome to Sister M. Ignata, SSC, Sister M. Laurence, SSC, and Paul Jarosewicz. Incidentally, Francis Degutis is the Sgt-at-Arms and Nancy Gorden is Cultural chairman for the current year.

Vite Ivaska chose New Year's Day Mass as his very first social venture following November open heart surgery. He is convalescing beautifully and his wife, Ginny, and son, Peter, comment that their Christmas present arrived early this year. Marion Shapiro's mishap resulted in a fractured leg and a cast up to her hip. We wish her, too, an early recovery.

Charles & Mildred Lapinskas, sports co-chairmen, tell us that Helen Gillus and Paul Roland hold

high single bowling scores and Alex Pridotkas' team is in first place and Peter Ivaska's is second. Competition runs high here!

Condolences to Vyto and Tony Morkunas whose mother died last spring and to Edwina Ginkus whose mother died just at the year's end. Our member, John Pauliukonis, died suddenly last November, to the great sorrow of his family and friends. He was but 34 years old.

Things Anne Walinsky didn't know till now: not only did her driver - companion forget her wallet, the two gals travelled to a Messiah concert some 15 miles each way sans a driver's license and automobile registration. Add another loyal family unit to the list, - Leonard & Ruth Ramsdell and their son, Lenny, who support everything we do and are always willing to lend a hand. Anne Bucinkas reminds her friends that while she still lives on Providence Street, she's moved up the hill and now resides at #76.

While we started out at 7 A.M. Dec. 12 intending to participate in the NED Television Mass, none of us made it. Disheartened and utterly disappointed were we! Extremely hazardous road conditions, glare ice, no sanding vehicles, made it possible to advance an inch at a time! Our pastor, Father Miciunas, was to be celebrant and our parish choir was to provide the singing. Father, at least, got to Natick for 9 o'clock by taking one route. The choir got to the Southboro edge of Farmingham at 8:55 via another route. Sincere in our efforts, we nonetheless recognized our defeat and turned back to attend Mass in our own St. Casimir's Church. Thank God, all returned without incident. Rita Pinkus' group ultimately made it to St. Peter's for Mass, while Walter Grimala reached St. James in downtown Boston.

At this writing, plans are being discussed for the commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day in February, St. Casimir's Day in March, and the annual pre-Lenten

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"blynų vakarienė". Our members literally raved about the fine time they had in Ansonia last fall at the NED Convention and are now planning with pleasant anticipation attendance at the Spring Convention to be held in Athol.

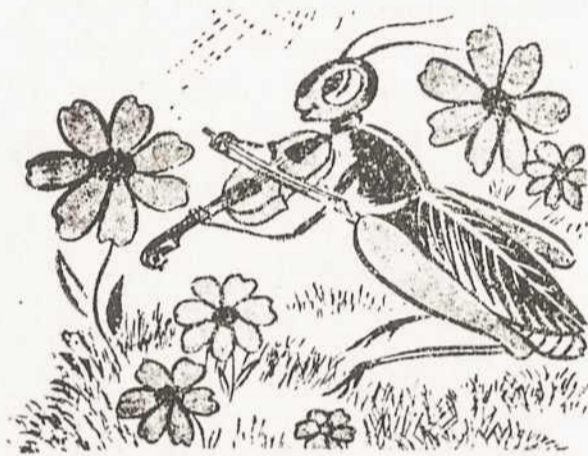
Grateful thanks from "Dzūkelė" for the lovely pendant given her by Santa at the Council Christmas party. It's most attractive and even more appreciated!

GET INVOLVED: Some members on our roster hold themselves back because they fear of becoming involved. They fear that if they attend too many meetings, too many functions, some sort of demands will be imposed upon them. This is nonsense! You're supposed to be involved. That's what the K of L is all about - for God and Country. If you are one of those who keeps arm's distance from the "busy" ones, try getting closer and observe the result. For one thing, you'll enjoy some meaningful relationships. For an-

other, you don't have to be the leader. There's much to be said for the supporting role. What's salt without pepper, paper without an envelope, skates without ice, a beverage without the container? Sounds silly? Perhaps, but give it a try! We KNOW you'll like it!

Sudiev iki sekančio numerio!

Dzūkelė



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

C-82 - GARY, IND.

We would like to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Antanas Pakalniskis, a new

addition to our council.

Mrs. W. Ruzga has presented a set of Lithuanian history books to the Central Lake County Reference Public Library, which was made possible by the donation from the Ill.-Ind. District.

Our folk dancers group, youngsters who have graduated from Lithuanian school in the last few years, is being reorganized to perform at the Gary Lithuanian Jubilee festivities. Mrs. Peckaitis will be teaching the group the dances.

Preparations are in progress for hosting the commemoration of St. Casimir's Day.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Joanna Rudzevičius on the death of her father. Get-well prayers are sent to Mrs. Charlotte Primer.

Council members are still continuing to serve coffee and rolls after the 10 A.M. Mass every Sunday at our St. Casimir's Parish.

Rita Tavaraitė



Members of C-82, Gary, Indiana.