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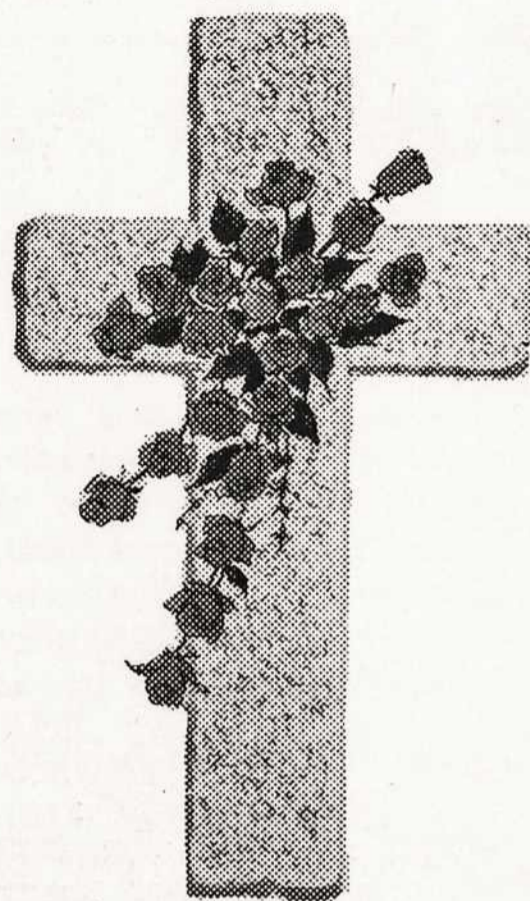
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# Marijos poezija

Mano Viešpatie ir mano naujagimi, mano Dieve  
ir mano kūdiki,  
aš esu nustebinta ir net baimės apsupta...

Norėčiau likti be žado, bet džiaugsmas iš mano-  
sios širdies liejasi...

Kas aš esu?

Esu tiktai Tavo menkas tvarynys, o Tu panorai  
būti mano sūnum.

Tu man įkvėpei dievišką gyvybę ir leidai man  
Tau duoti žmogiškąją.

Norėjai betarpiu prabilti į žmones be pranašų  
balso ir prašei, kad aš Tav duočiau burną.

Norėjai, kad žmonės pajustų Tavo dievišką širdį  
plakančią jiems meile ir jos reikalavai iš manęs.

Tu troškai vyti ap'leisto, paniekinto, nusikaltusio  
žmogaus ir prašei iš manęs kojų.

Norėjai savo žvilgsniu uždegti pasaulį ir Tau  
daviau akis.

Tu norėjai savo rankomis žarstyti žmonėms  
dovanas ir rankas paėmei iš manęs.

Tu žinėjai, kad iš Tavo kūno tekės kraujo srovės  
nuodėmėms nuplauti. Ir kūną, ir kraują ėmei iš manęs.

Tu norėjai savo žodžiu žemę su dangum sutaisyti,  
o juk pirmus žodžius Tave mokiau aš, Tavoji motina.

Tavo atpirktiesiems Tu ieškojai motinos ir  
norėjai, kad aš ją būčiau.

Mano sūnau ir mano Dieve, Tu dar prašei savo  
motinos būti varguole, kaip Tu ir stovėti po Tavo  
kryžiumi, motinai po sūnaus kryžium...

Ar drįščiau sakyti ne savo sūnui, kuris yra ir  
mano Dievas?

Tebūnie Tavo valia dabar ir per amžius!

Viešpatie, būk pašlovintas už tokią meilę!

O sūnau, degārbina Tave visi ir už tą garbės  
sostą, kuri davei savo motinai!

Taip vargšai žmonės, Tavo broliai ir mano vaikai,  
turės danguje žvaigždę, kuri jiems rodys kelią.

Leon Bedrone

## WILL PRAYER REALLY HELP?

Recently, I received a letter in Lithuanian from Father Albert Contons, former Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor:

Since this letter was addressed to me and to all Knights of Lithuania, and in Lithuanian, I decided to translate it. Please read the translation in the adjoining column to see if I brought out the real meaning.

"Brangusis Vyčių Dvasios Vade,

Lietuva dar tebėra pavergta. Tūkstančiai lietuvių Lietuvoje aukojasi ir dirba už savo tautos ir tikėjimo laisvę, nebijodami nei areštų, nei trėmimų į Sibiro koncentracijos lagerius. Šimtai jų miršta ten už savo įsitikinimus. Jų pralietas kraujas ir kančios kviečia ir mus į darbą. Tat, į Tėvynės gelbėjimo darbą junkimės visi, kur tik mes bebūtumėm. Tikiu, kad mūsų tarpe nėra abejojančių ir nieko nedarančių Lietuvos laisvinimo reikalui.

Maloniai prašau Jus sekmadienį, gegužės 15 dieną, per Mišias prisiminti mūsų tėvų žemę LIETUVĄ - ir per visą gegužės mėnesį prašyti Marijos Nekalčiausia Širdį, kad Ji užtartų pas savo Sūnų mūsų Tautą, kad Jis suteiktų Lietuvai religinę ir tautinę laisvę, o visam pasauliui teisingą taiką.

Kun. Albertas Kontautas

Mėlynosios Armijos Lietuvių Sąjūdžio  
Dvasios Vadas"

### SOME COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE:

I heartily approve of this prayer crusade for Lithuania and for genuine peace in the world. Letters, proclamations, protests, influencing public opinion, living and spreading our Lithuanian culture, though good and necessary, are the results of only human ingenuity and power. What suffering Lithuania needs, more than anything else, is divine assistance.

Furthermore, in dedicating ourselves and our persevering prayer through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are, in a real way, hastening the fulfillment of the promises of Mary made at Fatima sixty years

Dear Knights' of Lithuania Spiritual Advisor,

Lithuania still remains enslaved. Thousands of Lithuanians in Lithuania are sacrificing themselves and laboring for the freedom of their country and of their Faith, neither fearing arrest nor deportation to the concentration camps in Siberia, where hundreds are dying for their convictions. Their blood-shed and sacrifices are urging us, also, to the struggle. Therefore, wherever we may be, let us join our efforts to their labors for the liberation of Lithuania. I believe that among us there are none who would hesitate, none who are do-nothings, in the cause of Lithuanian freedom.

I kindly request that on Sunday, May 15th, during Mass you remember the needs of Lithuania, the land of our forefathers - and during the entire month of May you would pray that Mary, through her Immaculate Heart would intercede with her Son for Lithuania's freedom and for peace with justice for the whole world.

Fr. Albert Contons

Spiritual Advisor  
Lithuanian Blue Army Movement

ago. Mary promised that IF PEOPLE PRAYED:  
1. many souls would be saved from the fires of Hell;  
2. the FAITH would flourish strongly again; 3. RUS-  
SIA WOULD BE CONVERTED.

Can't you see? THE CONVERSION OF RUSSIA  
WOULD MOST CERTAINLY END RELIGIOUS  
PERSECUTION IN LITHUANIA AND RESTORE  
ITS NATIONAL FREEDOM.

If we pray, we hasten that day.  
VYČIAI - VYTĖS, let us pray.

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.  
Sup. Council Spiritual Advisor

# MOTHER

Heroes and heroines have attained renown and distinction in their respective countries, but they are usually confined within national boundaries. However, there is one name among all heroes or heroines, a name extending from beyond the musty past into the living present - a name not subject to the limited confines of national boundaries. It is the name of MOTHER, an endearing name signifying undying love, constant devotion and unswerving fidelity.

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson, then President of the United States, with the beaming approval of Congress, issued a proclamation directing that the second Sunday of May be set aside as the day reserved for a public expression of our love and reverence to the Mothers of our country. Pope Pius XIth also gave the official approval of the Catholic Church to this very wholesome practice. And almost every nation in the world has reserved a day to honor and revere Motherhood.

When the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and addressed her: "Behold, thou shall conceive in thy womb, and thou shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call Him Jesus", Motherhood at that solemn moment took on a more noble and exalted meaning. When Christ was hanging on the cross, subjected to the excruciating sufferings of the Passion and exposed to the scorn of the rabble and the taunts of the Godless, He beheld his sorrowing Mother at the foot of the Cross, faithful unto the end. There, too, was John, trying to console and strengthen Mary during the moments of her supreme anguish. At that solemn moment, under the most awe-inspiring circumstances, Christ said to John "Behold, thy mother". Christ during his dire torments could not forget His grief-stricken mother, and appealed to the faithful John, His disciple, to take care of His Blessed Mother. Yes, even during those moments when He was dying for the redemption of

mankind, Christ, with filial consideration, did not forget His mother.

What finer tribute can we express to our Mother than that of showing more love, more affection, more consideration for her? After all, there is no other person who has been as instrumental in helping to mold our characters, so much as our Mother. Was it not her watchful eye, her sympathetic bearing, her bright, encouraging smile which strengthened us in our childhood resolve, to live in accordance with the Commandments of God? She spent a lifetime expending herself, wearing herself out, so to say, for us, her children. There is no other person on this earth, no statesman, no soldier, no inventive genius, who can claim greater honor and affection than our MOTHER.



## MOTINOS REIKSMĖ



Mama arba motina, tai pirmas kūdikio tariamas žodis. Tas pats žodis daugiausia kartojamas per visą gyvenimą. Jį ištariame būdami nelaimėje, kartojame jausdami laimingi. Net ir narsiausias karys, sužeistas kovos lauke, šaukiasi motinos. Poetai, rašytojai yra prirašę ištisus tomus apie motiną, bet staiga užklaustas, kas yra motina, ne kiekvienas atsakys į šį klausimą.

Sena romėnų pasakėčia sako, kaip du broliai, stebėdami savo motiną, kalbančią su gražia, brangenybėmis pasipuošusia ponia, stebėjosi jos papuošalais ir grožiu. Jaunesnysis paklausė:

— Ar tu kada nors esi matęs tokią gražią ponia? Ji atrodo kaip tikra karalienė.

— Bet ji nėra tokia graži, kaip mūsų motina! — Atkirto vyresnysis.

— Nors mūsų motina ir neturi tokių brangių papuošalų, bet jos

veidas toks malonus, toks švelnus... Ji daugiau panaši į karalienę, negu kuri nors kita ponia.

Šiandien, kada žmogaus jausmai arba prigimtas kilnumas nebespėja lenktyniauti su techniniais išradimais ir žmogus tampa daugiau ar mažiau įvertinamas ne sulig savo prigimtu ir išstobulintu kilnumu, bet sulig einamuoju techniniu standartu, yra labai svarbu, kad šios trumpos romėnų pasakėčios reikšmė liktų gyva jaunuolių sąmonėje.

Sekdami toliau šios pasakėčios eigą, rasime, kad ta turtingoji ponia paklausė berniukų motinos, ar tai teisybė, kad ji yra neturtinga ir neturinti papuošalų. Berniukų motina nusišypsojo, pašaukė savo sūnus ir, uždėjusi rankas ant jų pečių, pasakė:

— Netiesa. Aš esu turtinga. Štai mano papuošalai, kurių nekeisčiau į viso pasaulio turtus.

Vėliau, kada sūnūs užaugo, jie

tapo garsūs Romos valdovai, bet šio motinos pasikalbėjimo su turtinga ponia nepamiršo. O ir šiaudien visame pasaulyje žmonės mėgsta klausytis šios pasakėčios.

Taigi, kiekvieno kūdikio vaizduotėje motina yra gražiausia ir turtingiausia. Kūdikio vaizduotėje materialiniai turtai užima labai mažą vietą. Motinos žodis giliai įsminga į vaiko širdį ir lieka nepamirštamas.

Motinai lieka tik tobulinti šią kūdikio prigimtą kilnią dovaną.

Kaip tik čia ir pasirodo motinos reikšmė, ne tik individualiai, bet ir visai sekančiai kartai. Jeigu motina skiepins savo kūdikį materialiais augliais, tai iš jo ir gaus tik materialinius vaisius. Jeigu skiepins dvasiniais turtais, tai užaugęs jaunuolis ar jaunuolė taps aukštos moralės asmuo, o tuo pačiu bus didelis įnašas žmogaus kilniai prigimčiai.

Aišku kiekviena motina visa tai supranta ir žino, bet kada prieiname prie realybės, kada kūdikis silpnai supranta motinos gimtąją kalbą, kad pilnai ir aiškiai galėtų atsakyti į jai statomus klausimus, tuomet nepatenkintas kūdikis, arba jau paaugęs jaunuolis ar jaunuolė stengiasi nesvarbu iš kur gauti pilną atsakymą. Daugiausia jis arba ji suranda klaidingą atsakymą, kuris jau iš jaunų dienų pradeda nuodyti bręstančią vaizduotę.

Kadangi motina yra vaiko dvasios lobynas, tai kiekvienos motinos pareiga yra leisti vaikui pasisemti kuo daugiau dvasinių turtų iš jos. O tas igyvendinama tik tuomet, kada vaikas pilnai supranta motinos gimtąją kalbą.

E. Šidlauskas

## "LITHUANIA: THE OUTPOST OF FREEDOM" PRESENTED IN THE CAPITOL

Council 142 was the first to present a revealing new volume on the Russian-Lithuanian relations recently published by the Lithuanian National Guard veterans and written by a K of L oldtimer. The event took place at the Washington Room of the Army & Navy Club in Washington, D.C. on January 15th.

Council President Eva Migonis, dressed in a Lithuanian National costume, highlighted the biography of the author, Dr. Constantine R. Jurgela, and introduced Congressman Edward Derwinski from Illinois.

The Congressman agreed with the chairperson that "every possible emphasis be made to maintain the unique culture, the language and the traditions of Lithuania", because of the russification being pursued by the occupying power in that country. He urged "especially those of you who are of Lithuanian descent, to preserve that unique cultural heritage" and help the cause of freedom. He urged his audience "to support such organizations, as the Knights of Lithuania, and various programs for preserving the Lithuanian culture in the free world... and the day shall come when you will help to restore a free Lithuania". The labors of Dr. Jurgela are "a clear example of guidelines and determination, in the face of great difficulties". Congressman Derwinski believes that this work will help the cause of the captive nations.

Dr. Stasys A. Backis, Charge d'affaires of Lithuania, noted that the date itself is historic, since on January 15, 1923 "Klaipeda was liberated by Lithuanians, and Dr. Jurgela was wounded in that

struggle. It is a historic date, and we have a historic person in our midst who has dedicated his efforts, his talents, his life to Lithuania".

Dr. Alexander Plateris briefly reviewed the book which helps to understand the Lithuanian relations with the Russians, and "charts and describes the Lithuanian struggles for freedom and their heavy sacrifices for the cause of freedom".

K of L National President Anthony Miner noted that this book was written "by a former and present Knight of Lithuania". He

urged the K of L membership to provide this volume to college and other libraries, political institutions and officials, as well as to enrich their own private libraries. "This book is an important weapon or means in our activities in behalf of the cause of freedom and independence for Lithuania".

Dr. Jurgela thanked the mixed audience of 60 people who braved the snowstorm - he called them "friends of the freedom for Lithuania". He had been requested by the Lithuanian National Guard veterans to write the story of that country's quest for freedom. A



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committee of guardsmen in Detroit, headed by Jonas Svoba, a historian was named. They received the drafts of chapters and offered their criticism and suggestions. The manuscript was also read by Dr. Plateris, Joseph B. Laucka and Kestutis Ciziunas, and it was set in print early in 1976. He had been active in the K of L in the days when membership was limited to persons under 32. He had chaired the N.Y. & N.J. District for years and promoted its bowling and basketball leagues, and track meets. Freedom needs alert defenders at all times, and the activities of the K of L deserve our support at all times. He is grateful for the chance to return to the fold.

President Miner and Council President Migonis presented to the author an artistic shield with the Lithuanian Knight etched in wood by Mrs. Regina Petrutis.

Elena Aldona Jurgela, the author's daughter, with Christine Hagan at the piano, beautifully sang some Lithuanian songs and an aria in Italian.

Miss Migonis finally announced that Charles Laukaitis mailed in a check for \$25.00 to help finance the book donations to libraries. Twenty books were sold and autographed at the Army & Navy Club.

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

**LITHUANIA: THE OUTPOST OF FREEDOM** is the story of a brave and worthy Baltic country striving, against heavy odds, to assert and maintain its own unique civilization and its independence. It has anything but an easy struggle.

Dr. Constantine R. Jurgela, the author of this book, was born in the United States, but his ancestry and his interests are strongly



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Lithuanian, and he is an acknowledged authority on that country. With commendable pride he traces the history and describes the civilization of Lithuania, from the time of its emergence during the Middle Ages; tells of the desperate struggles to remain independent among such predatory neighbors as Russia, Poland, and Germany; and makes clear to us the present unhappiness of the Lithuanians as conquered subjects of the Soviet Union. At the end, it is clear to us, as it so evidently is to Dr. Jurgela, that at least one more chapter of history remains to be enacted if the story of Lithuania is to have a happy ending.

One may safely say that average Americans know little about

Lithuania, its history and civilization, its hopes and possibilities for the future. After reading this book however, one can say with equal certainty that their knowledge of the country will be vastly increased, their interest greatly stimulated, and their sympathy for the Lithuanians, their country and cause, tremendously increased.

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# Lithuanians in The

# NEWS

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Frank Petrauskas, President of Council 140, Syracuse, has been elected to the Executive Board of the Onandaga County Cooperative Extension Association. He is one of two agricultural representatives. The board controls a large operation which has a one million dollar per year budget.

Frank also sits on the Boards of the New York State Nurserymen's Association, the Eastern Regional Nurserymen's Association, and the Garden Living Industries of Eastern United States.

Garden Living Industries is responsible for a trade show and convention, each January, at the Concord Hotel in the Catskill mountains, with an attendance of about 5000 people.

Frank is also the Nurserymen's representative to the New York State Agricultural Council.

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The February 21 edition of the LONG ISLAND PRESS featured a photograph of Ligija Birutis, Juozas Juskas and Rita Cepulis in native Lithuanian costume in commemoration of the 59th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. The young people are members of the TRYPTINIS Folk Dance Ensemble, directed by Mrs. Jadvyga Matulaitis. The group was part of the program in honor of the anniversary of Lithuanian Independence held at the Lithuanian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, New York, on February 20.

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Former Knights of Lithuania President, Dr. Jack J. Stukas addressed the Woman's Club of Chatham, New Jersey on "The Tragedy of the Baltic States", on February 18. Well known to our members for his outstanding work in Lithuanian-American organizations, Jack continues to direct the "Memories of Lithuania" radio hour, which has continued to enrich the Greater New York listening area for 35 years. An authority on the Baltic States, Dr. Stukas, who recently visited Lithuania, holds a professorship at Seton Hall University, and serves as the Director of the Institute of International Business in the School of Business Administration.

Joseph J. Samoska was an awards recipient at a recent Olympian gathering in Waterbury, Connecticut. A sports and civic-minded member of the community, Joe has numerous sports affiliations to his credit. He has been commissioner of the Waterbury Babe Ruth League for fifteen years, and President of the Waterbury Boys' Baseball League for twenty.

Joe served as a part time scout for the Brooklyn Dodgers for a decade, and has been present at nearly every World Series since 1933. As Chairman of the Red Cross Blood Program and Director of the Waterbury Chapter of the National Polio Foundation, Joseph Samoska has been responsible for untold good in the community.

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THE WASHINGTONIAN, in a December 1976 feature, "77 People to Watch in '77", presented a group of people most likely to emerge in 1977. Selections were made from all areas of Washington life, for contributions made in various fields. The nominees were considered to be those individuals in a variety of areas who showed the greatest promise of more good things to come. One of the individuals featured was Eva M. Migonis, President of K of L C-142, Washington. Eva was selected for her work with her own business, Academe Executive Services. She holds shows to promote artists and musicians, and plans to expand her executive services with multilingual personnel and modern communications to assist travelers and international businessmen.

Eva's expertise is well known to the Lithuanian American community in the Washington area. She is the organizer and charter President of Council 142, and as Mid-Atlantic District membership Vice President, is working on the development of Councils in the Baltimore and Virginia areas.

St. John's Catholic Church at St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, was the site of a special Mass marking the 37th Anniversary of the occupation of Lithuania by the Soviet Union. According to an article in the St. Petersburg Times, written by Religion Editor Jeanne Pugh, the February 12 observance focused on the spiritual plight of the Lithuanians, 85% of whom were Catholics at the time of the takeover.

The occasion was underscored by the presence of a large delegation of Lithuanian-Americans, including a forty member women's chorus which appeared in Lithuanian Costume. The chorus led the congregation in the singing of several Lithuanian hymns.

The homily was offered by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas, President of the Lithuanian Priests League of the World. In his sermon, Msgr. Balkunas offered a plea for the support of Christians oppressed by the Communist hierarchy. Monsignor asked that Lithuanians end their silence, and offered a plan of action which would include individual prayer, a National Prayer Day for Lithuania, and a letter writing campaign to local and religious newspapers. In addition, the congregation was reminded to bring pressure to bear on U.S. political leaders to demand human rights for Lithuanians.

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The GRAFTON NEWS reported that Mary Jo Keblinsky of North Grafton was chosen one of two delegates from Massachusetts to the United States Senate Youth Program in Washington, D.C. Mary Jo was notified of her appointment by Senator Edward Kennedy, and spent a day interning as a staff member in his office.

The program, which ran from January 29 to February 5, 1977, is sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to acquaint high school students with the US Senate, and the federal government.

A member of Council 116, Worcester, Mary Jo is a senior at Worcester Academy, serves as a member of the Student - Faculty Senate, and is a member of the Ski and Theater Clubs. In addition, she is a member of the City Manager's Youth Advisory Board, the Worcester Area Council for Ethnic Affairs, the Lithuanian Women's Alliance and the ŽAIBAS folk Dancers. Mary Jo, who plans to major in Political Science in college, has also participated in the Model United Nations Program in New York, and has been presented with a \$1500 scholarship from the Hearst Foundation.

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Lithuanian American actress Audra Lindley is being featured in ABC TV's new situation comedy, "Three's Company".

Mrs. Clarence I. (Marie Totoraitis) Cohn of the Garden Club of Mamaroneck, New York, received the Kincaid Memorial Trophy for the best-in-show entry in the 28th Annual Flower Show sponsored by Barclay's Bank of New York in New Rochell. This is the second time that Marie Cohn has won this award in three years. Her prize dahlias have won numerous awards during this past season.

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Sister Virginia of the Congregation of the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified addressed a group of Knights of Lithuania at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Scranton in November. St. Joseph's is home parish to Council 74. Sister welcomed the group, which included many new Knights, to the organization, and spoke eloquently on the aims of the K of L, the growth of ethnicity in the United States, and the will to survive of the Lithuanian people and their religious and cultural heritage. Sister Virginia is the author of a recent book, PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YOU NATIONS, which treats the history of Lithuania, the rise of political movements in Eastern Europe, and some historical background on the Lithuanians of the Scranton Diocese.

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Lithuanian Independence Day was observed by Wilkes-Barre, Pa. radio station WYZZ FM with two broadcasts. Each featured the station director, D. Evans, who spoke about the tragic series of events brought to mind by February 16. The commemorative broadcasts were financed by J. S. Lopattas, Jr., of Plymouth, Pa.

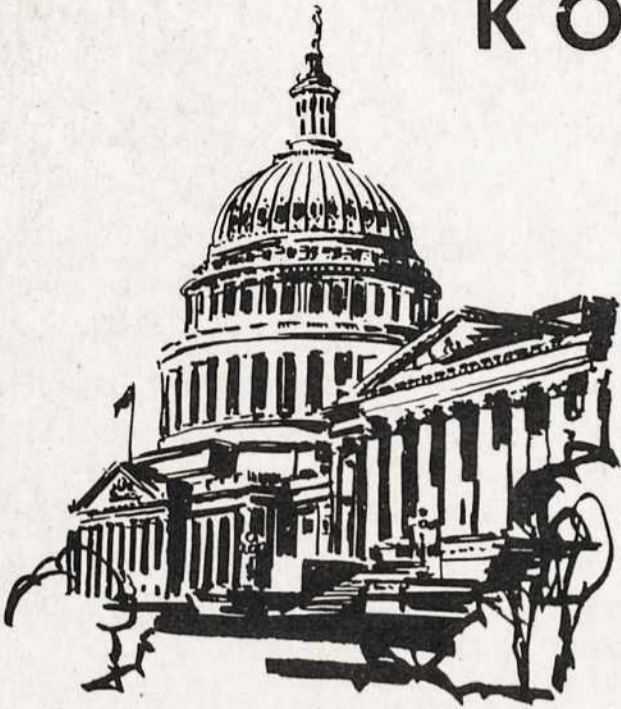
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Editor of the well-known journal, NEWS DIGEST INTERNATIONAL, Lithuanian Petras Kedys visited the United States recently from Australia to lecture on Far East politics.

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## K OF L-ERS VISIT STATE DEPARTMENT



On December 20, 1976, two representatives of the Knights of Lithuania, Washington Council 142, Eva Migonis (President) and Joseph G. Simanis (Vice President and Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman) visited the State Department to review the import of the international agreement reached at the Helsinki Conference in August 1975, particularly with respect to its meaning for Lithuania. State Department spokesmen were T. Gerth of the Baltic Desk and J. Henderson of the Soviet Desk. Following is a brief summary of topics discussed.

The Knights of Lithuania representatives wish to emphasize that, in their opinion, chances for liberalization of Soviet treatment of the Lithuanians and other repressed people will be greatly enhanced by a forceful presentation by the United States at Belgrade starting in June. All Knights of Lithuania members are urged to consider that their personal letters to Congress, the White House, and other government officials will help to assure an adequate effort on the part of our government.

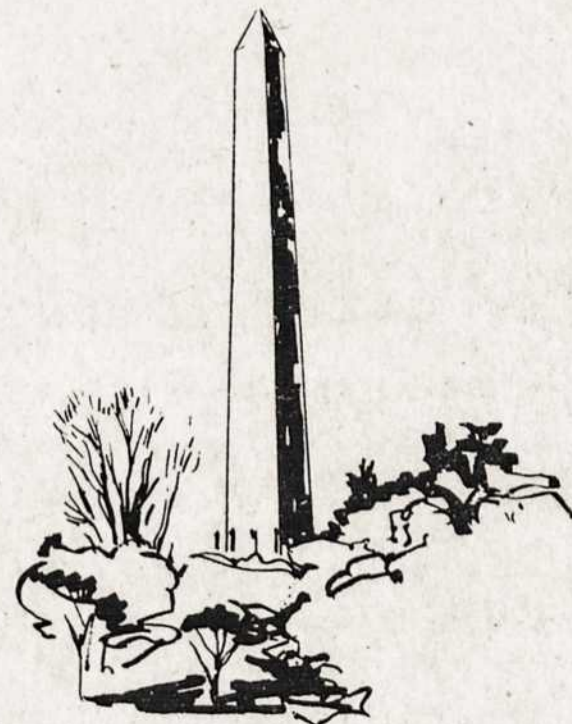
A brief explanation of what is meant by the "Sonnenfeldt Doctrine" is perhaps in order. Helmut Sonnenfeldt, a high State Department official, made a series of remarks to a meeting of U.S. ambassadors accredited to European governments at the end of 1975. These remarks implied, in the opinion of a number of critics, that the U.S. should abandon its concern for the welfare of the peoples of Eastern Europe. There is, of course, no unanimity on this interpretation. The official State Department summary of Sonnenfeldt's remarks, as printed in the *NEW YORK TIMES* of April 5, 1976, did include the following statement attributed to Sonnenfeldt: "The Soviets' inability to acquire loyalty in Eastern Europe is an unfortunate historical failure because Eastern Europe is within their scope and area of natural interest".

State Department representatives made the following points at the meeting in December: (1) the Helsinki Agreement did not prejudice the position of Lithuania or erode continued non-recognition by the United States of Soviet annexation. (2) Press allega-

tions to the contrary notwithstanding, State Department is monitoring cases of Soviet infringement of human rights in violation of Helsinki's "Basket Three" clauses. Pertinent representations on individual cases are being made to the Soviet Union and appropriate statements will be made at the follow-up conference in Belgrade this summer. (3) Encouraging progress has been made in the field of cultural exchanges as a result of Helsinki, particularly in Eastern Europe. Continued progress is expected.

The Knights of Lithuania representatives expressed their misgivings on a number of related issues. Specifically with regard to point (1) above, they noted that the traditional U.S. position seems to have been wavering if one considers the Sonnenfeldt Doctrine and the omission from the Secretary of State's message to the Lithuanian Legation, on the occasion of the last national day, of the customary reference to U.S. non-recognition of Soviet incorporation of the Baltic States. They also emphasized that the persecution of religion by the Soviets in Lithuania was of great concern to Lithuanian Americans, especially since the situation seems to be deteriorating. The State Department's spokesmen agreed that the position of the Church in Lithuania was indeed cause for anxiety.

As agreed, the Knights of Lithuania planned to contact Mr. Gerth again in March 1977 to determine if the new Administration's position has solidified enough to allow for a meaningful public presentation before the Knights of Lithuania detailing the Helsinki agreement and preparation for the review of the "Basket Three" clauses in Belgrade. All agreed that the State Department should do more in the near future to explain the import of "Basket Three" to the public at large, so that non-governmental groups could register a more informed reaction to developments in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and more effectively articulate their objections to continued Soviet recalcitrance regarding human rights.



# CONVENTION RAP-'77

## DO YOU KNOW?

...The Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau, the Bishop of Providence has informed us, that he "will be pleased to join us for the Convention Banquet".

...We have invited our Auxiliary-Bishop the Most Rev. Kenneth Angell to participate in the Concelebrated Mass on Sunday, August 21st.

The MARRIOTT INN is located at Charles and Orms Streets, Providence, R.I., 02904. Their Providence phone number is: (401) 272-2400.

You may call toll free from anywhere in the United States - (800) 228-9290 for reservations.

Children under 12 no charge with parents, at the MARRIOTT INN.

MARRIOTT INN has free parking.

You must register as a K of L - delegate - alternate or guest to receive the Special Convention rate.

If you need more hotel reservation cards, write to:

C-103 Knights of Lithuania; 350 Smith St., Providence, R.I. 02908.

Since the deadline for the Convention Program Greetings and Ads is already upon us, do not delay in submitting your personal greetings. Your cooperation will make your Convention a success.

It is not too late to convince your friends to attend the Convention, or some of its activities with you.

For Convention particulars feel free to write to any of the three Convention Co-Hosts:

The Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P.  
Providence College  
Providence, R.I. 02918

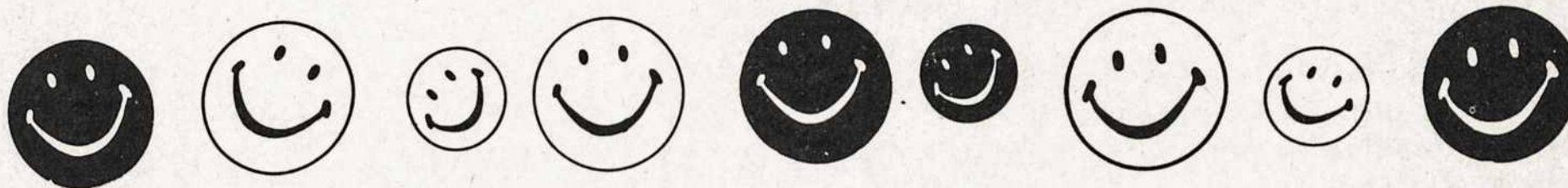
John or Bertha Stoskus  
165 Holden Street  
Providence, R.I. 02908  
(401) 331-2605



### C-103 Officers:

*Front Row: Irene Walaska, Secretary; Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, Religious Coordinator; Bertha Stoskus, President; Rev. Vaclovas Martinkus, Spiritual Director; John Walaska, Vice-President; Beatrice Mathieu, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.*

*Second Row: John A. Stoskus, Ritual Chairman; Vyto Kapiskas, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman.*



## CONVENTION CHIT-CHAT LIETUVIŠKAI



I can see it now!

On August 16 or 17 and all through August 21 Knights of Lithuania - Lietuvos Vyčiai ir Vytės - will come swarming into the Providence, Rhode Island's Marriott Inn...

Labas! (Hello!)

Labadien! (Good Day!)

Kaip tau? (How are you?)

Gerai. (Fine.)

Kas naujo? (What's new?)

Daug kas naujo. (A lot is new.)

Ilgai nematytas. (Long time no see...)

Ilgai nematyta. (Long time no see...)

Have you noticed? Mes Vyčiai - we Knights kalbame lietuviškai - we're speaking Lithuanian.

And why not? (Kodėl ne?) Give me nine good reasons, well, give me only two good reasons, why we should not make an effort to keep up with our beautiful language during our Conventions.

I knew it: Some one is saying: first reason, we don't know the language, second reason, we don't know the language, and so on seven more times.

"AHA, AHA!", as Ungar of TV Odd Couple fame would say. "And WHY don't you know it? I'll tell you why: because you don't practise, THAT'S WHY".

So...

The Editors of "Vytis" are including in this issue a boastful promise (pardon us, Berlitz Language Schools): YOU WILL BE SPEAKING LITHUANIAN BY AUGUST 17!

Yes, we say, YOU will be talking Lithuanian by the time our National Convention starts, if you read on and if you stash away in memory the list of the words and expressions to be given below.

Kalbėsime lietuviškai - WE SHALL speak Lithuanian or, at least, bandysime - We'll try.

Now, please, do not misunderstand us. This will not be an all Lithuanian Convention. That would be impossible. Then how about a ten per cent Lithuanian Convention? Just for the heck, I mean fun of it?

I can hear it now - on the Convention Floor:

May I have the floor? Prašau balsu.

I move the following. Aš pasiūlau štai ką: as the delegate goes on in English: "that the Convention delegates be served breakfast in bed each morning during the Convention".

The above looks to me like about 10% Lithuanian.

Get the picture?

I second the motion. Aš patvirtinu tą pasiūlymą.

I wish to amend the motion. Siūlau pataisymą "that the Convention delegates and alternates and guests be served breakfast in bed each morning during the Convention.

Enough discussion, let's vote. Gana diskusijų, balsuokim.



I agree. Sutinku.

I disagree. Nesutinku.

Louder, please. Prašau balsiau.

Order, please. Prašau tvarkos.

I have a question. Aš turiu klausymą: "Who is going to serve the breakfast in bed each morning?"

We need more information. Mums reikia daugiau žinių.

I move we elect a committee. Siūlau išrinkti komitetą.

I move we accept the proposal. Siūlau priimti pasiūlymą.

I move to reject the motion. Siūlau atmesti pasiūlymą.

I move to table the resolution. **Siūlau atidėti rezoliuciją.**

I nominate Peter Pepper for President. **Išstatau Petrą Pipiraitį pirmininko pareigoms.**

For vice-president I nominate: **Vice-pirmininko pareigoms išstatau...**

For secretary **Protokolų raštininko pareigoms**

For treasurer **Iždininko pareigoms**

For sweeper **Šlaviko pareigoms**

I ask unanimous consent. **Prašau vienbalsiai priimti...** "that delegates, alternates and guests be served breakfast in bed with champagne over fresh strawberries for dessert".

It's a good idea. **Tai gera mintis.**

It's a very good idea. **Labai gera mintis.**

It's not a very good idea. **Tai ne labai gera mintis.**

I don't agree, no way. **Nesutinku, jokių būdu.**

Do we have a quorum? **Ar turime kvorumą?**

I beg your pardon. **Atsiprašau.**

Please repeat. **Prašau pakartoti.**

Please let me finish. **Prašau, leiskite man užbaigti.**

Please let me say a word. **Prašau, leiskite man žodį tarti:** "Ar Jūs iš **proto išėjote? Kas braškes ar žemuoges valgo pusryčiams? Dar šampane plūduriuojančias. Tai nesąmonė!**" (Wow, this delegate must know her stuff!") Translation: "Are you nuts? Who eats strawberries floating in champagne for breakfast? What a wild idea!"



This should be enough to start the Lithuanian language ball a-rollin'. We hope you noticed that some of the words were printed in **bold face**. The bold face syllables are those that are stressed in conversation, that is, they are pronounced a bit more strongly than the rest.

WE shall try to persuade the Host Council Convention Committee to provide each delegate with a complete list of the above expressions, so that they could take a quick glance at the list and come up with the appropriate expression as needed.

**Kalbėsime lietuviškai, nors tik 10%. Ar ne?**  
'Till we meet at the Convention.

**Iki pasimatymo per Seimą.**

A.A.J



## OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

### OFFICIAL NEWS

#### CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS

The Constitutional Revisions Committee has finished its task.

At the Supreme Council meeting in March an AD HOC committee evaluated the contributions submitted by members and awarded Ritual Points for service on this important K of L Committee. The following members were notified by mail of the number of points awarded (four, three or two). This list is arranged according to the order in which communications were received.

Bertha Janus  
Fr. Činikas  
Felicija Grendal  
Vytautas Radzivanas  
Joseph White  
Longinas Švelnis  
Fr. Albinas Janiunas

Fr. Thomas Žiuraitis, O.P.  
Fr. Paul Juknevičius  
Juožas Bolevičius  
Anthony Miner  
Aldona Ryan  
Loretta Stukas

Constitutional Revisions Committee  
Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.  
Chairman

# K OF L CONSTITUTION REVISION PROJECT

A long-overdue project was initiated during the last National Convention, continued during the year, and, hopefully, will be completed during the coming National Convention in Providence, R.I. The project is the overall revision of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution. Through the efforts of Rev. A. Jurgelaitis and a host of members who came to his aid with suggestions, ideas for revisions, a set of proposed changes to the constitution was prepared and presented to the Supreme Council at their Mar. 24, 1977 meeting in Providence, R.I.

On the following pages, we present the changes as proposed by the committee and modified and/or approved by the Supreme Council. These revisions

must be approved by the National Convention to take effect. We ask each prospective delegate to the convention to read the proposed revisions carefully, consult with his or her council as to their thoughts on the revisions, and come to the convention ready to discuss them.

To help you in this important work, we suggest you begin by following your Knights of Lithuania Constitution, as amended at the 1968 Convention. Further, the additional Constitutional Amendments approved since the 1968 printing are listed in the next section. Suggested changes and revisions are listed with references to the existing articles of the constitution.

REMEMBER... use your 1968 Constitution PLUS the list of approved changes as your guide to understand the proposed changes.



## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS APPROVED SINCE THE 1968 CONVENTION.

(In instances where only a few words or phrases were changed, those words or phrases are printed in **bold**).

ARTICLE V. 3. a) Junior members may be those who have not yet reached **18** years of age.

ARTICLE V. 3. .... e] **Associate**

e) An Associate, Non-Lithuanian, Practicing Catholic Spouse can hold office only in a council, upto but not including vice-president, will not be a delegate or alternate to the District or National Conventions, and will not hold any office on the District or Supreme Council Boards.

ARTICLE VI. 3. When a member weds another member, **one spouse** is exempt from dues, although both remain members.

ARTICLE VI. 4. If a member marries a non-member, the **non-member** joining the organization pays full individual membership dues for one year. There-

after, the **spouse** is exempt from dues, retaining membership as long as the **subscribing-member spouse's** membership is in good standing.

The spouse of a subscribing member remains exempt from dues except in the following instances:

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

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

ARTICLE XIV. 1. An active council **shall consist of at least five [5] members, including an elected President and Secretary, holding at least four [4] meetings a year, thereby, having one vote at the annual convention.** Annual election of council officers takes place at the September or October meeting.

# KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONSTITUTION PROPOSED REVISIONS

(To be presented to 1977 National Convention)

In general, the changes proposed are printed in **bold** print. Sections not mentioned are to be kept intact.

## ARTICLE I

### ORGANIZATION'S NAME AND INSIGNIA

3. The Knights of Lithuania operates under a **charter granted by the State of Illinois.**

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. ....and by appropriate means **encourages Catholic moral attitudes.**

2. The Knights of Lithuania **urges its members to practise responsible American citizenship, to participate in public affairs at all levels and to exercise their rights of citizenship at election time; likewise, it fosters growth in Lithuanian ethnic community awareness and encourages active participation in Lithuanian community affairs.**

3. The Knights of Lithuania **endeavors to instill in its members an attachment to Lithuania, the land of their ancestors and a knowledge, appreciation and love of the Lithuanian language, customs and culture.**

5. The Knights of Lithuania organizes and maintains sports activities in councils and districts.  
(eds. note - "wholesome" omitted.)

## ARTICLE III

1. The Knights of Lithuania organizes councils, and **groups** councils into districts.

3. It arranges **suitable** lectures, plays, concerts [music, song, dance], excursions and other **educational endeavors**, especially the study of the Lithuanian language and its history; **it encourages the development of appropriate Lithuanian cultural hobbies.**

6. **It encourages its members to further their education and to improve their occupational positions and economic levels.**

7. It offers moral and financial support to **the Catholic press and Lithuanian Catholic institutions.**

8. It helps its more talented members to obtain an education **by awarding scholarships.**

9. To those arriving from other areas, the local Knights offer their hospitality and assistance in finding suitable lodging if necessary.

## ARTICLE IV

1. The Knights of Lithuania maintains relations with Lithuanian **and any appropriate** non-Lithuanian institutions and organizations whose aims **do not oppose** those of the Knights.

2. (DELETE)

3. (DELETE)

4. The Knights of Lithuania organization is a member of the Lithuanian **American Roman Catholic Federation and the Lithuanian American Council.**

## ARTICLE V

1. To be eligible to Knights of Lithuania membership one must be a practicing Catholic and **be** of Lithuanian **extraction.**

2. Those who belong to organizations whose **purposes, constitutions or activities oppose the Catholic Church or the aspirations of the Knights of Lithuania cannot be** members of the Knights of Lithuania.

NOTE: Members who renounce their Catholic faith



or Lithuanian nationality **shall be requested to resign** from the organization.

3. b) Regular members may be individuals 16 years of age and upward.

c) **Seniors may be members who have reached the age of 30. They may form Senior Councils which function according to the K of L Constitution.**

d) Honorary Members are **those individuals designated by the National Convention for their outstanding accomplishments for the welfare of the organization and its ideals.**

Honorary Members may also be outstanding Catholic Lithuanians, whose achievements for God and Country have been preeminently outstanding and exemplary of the ideals of the organization.

e) **Associate members may be non-Lithuanian Catholics married to Lithuanians.** They may hold office only on the local Council level up to but not including vice-president, may not be delegate or alternate to District or National Conventions and may not hold office in the District or Supreme Councils.

(ed. note - the above is not new... merely a rewording of existing changes).

4. Honorary Membership can be conferred only by the National Convention **upon presentation by the Honorary Membership Committee.**

5. There are four membership degrees: First, Second, Third and Fourth. They are tendered according to the Ritual and under the supervision of the Ritual Committee.

(ed. note: The above sections 4 and 5 are sections 5 and 4 in the published constitution. This change merely interchanges them.)

#### ARTICLE VI

5. Membership dues are computed from the date of admission to the organization and therefore, should be forwarded to the Supreme Council **Financial Secretary** immediately.

7. Junior members pay their **Council** nominal monthly dues, as determined by the organization. Every **Council** of the Juniors pays to the Supreme Council an annual fee of \$5.00. Each Junior **Council** receives one to five copies of VYTIS, depending on the size of the group.

8. A member shall be known as a Lifetime Member upon dues payment of \$100.00. **A special certificate shall be presented to recognize this distinction.**

#### ARTICLE VII

2. Members must strive to **improve their knowledge** of the Catholic faith and obey its precepts.

4. Members should be concerned about the organization's reputation and, therefore, should avoid circumstances which may bring it dishonor, and should strive to engage in activities which may bring it honor.

6. (NEW) **Members who willfully violate Catholic standards of moral behavior or who consistently fail to observe the regulations of the organization shall be requested to resign from the organization upon recommendation of the Council Spiritual Adviser and the unanimous vote of the local Council officers.**

#### ARTICLE VIII

6. Upon joining the organization a member receives, without charge, a copy of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution.

#### ARTICLE IX

3. The Convention date is fixed by the **host Council and announced by the Supreme Council President** six months in advance.

12 a. **All delegates must sign in individually for each session to receive their voting cards and must surrender them at the end of each session or when they leave during the session. A notation of the time is made by the Mandate Committee.**

#### ARTICLE X

4. (NEW) **A member who is not present at the National Convention may be elected to the Supreme Council or to a Supreme Council Committee Chairmanship only if he or she has presented written notification of his or her candidacy for a particular position to the Supreme Council before the elections begin.**

(Ed. note: The above proposed section is not to replace the previous section 4, but rather be inserted after section 3. The remaining sections, beginning with the present section 4, would be renumbered accordingly, beginning with "5".)

## ARTICLE XI

SUPREME COUNCIL  
OFFICERS DUTIES

1. The Supreme Council Spiritual Adviser shall be concerned with the religious development of the members, shall contribute religious articles to the VYTIS. He opens and concludes with prayer the National Conventions and Supreme Council meetings.

10. (NEW) All outgoing National officers shall hand over all necessary records and materials pertaining to their office held, to the incoming officers within 30 days. The outgoing officers will provide instructions and guidance, so that the new officers can execute their duties efficiently.

## ARTICLE XII

SUPREME COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES

1. Supreme Council committees are elected at the National Convention.

2. The Ritual Committee consists of three members, who are chosen one at each convention, for a three-year term. This is a rotating committee, hence the committee member with longest seniority assumes the chairman's position.

The Ritual Committee determines the form and the rules for all Degrees and the ceremonial, after consultation with the Supreme Council and approval of the National Convention.

5. DELETE "of three members".

7. (NEW) Public Relations Committee shall consist of five members, one from each District plus a chairperson elected by the National Convention for a one year term.

This committee shall publicize the activities of the Knights of Lithuania on a nation-wide basis and handle the National Convention publicity in conjunction with the host council.

8. (NEW) The National Convention shall create additional permanent and ad hoc committees as needed.

## ARTICLE XIII

1. The Spiritual Adviser is the parish pastor or his appointed assistant. He serves the Council members in fulfilling their religious duties and cooperates with the Supreme Council Spiritual Adviser in spiritual and religious programs. He acts as arbitrator in cases of misunderstandings. He supervises the work of the Council's Spiritual Committee.

5. The Financial Secretary fills out membership applications, submits to the Financial Secretary of the Supreme Council the names of new, suspended and dropped members and punctually forwards all membership dues.

## ARTICLE XIV

5. The council considers its greatest obligation to organize Junior Knights Councils in accordance with the Junior Knights by-laws.

9. Through their activities and by their support, local councils implement the decisions of the National Convention and assist the Supreme Council financially in executing the programs of the organization.

## ARTICLE XV

2. District officers are chosen at district conventions by the councils' appointed delegates.

4. District conventions are conducted along the lines of the National Convention. Districts shall hold at least two meetings a year, one of which shall be held in September or October at which elections of officers shall take place.

5. District activities give support to its councils, the VYTIS, and the organization. Districts give very high priority to the obligation of establishing and maintaining Junior councils.

## ARTICLE XVII

## THE OATH

...uphold my religion, the Constitution of the United States of...



# JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

## JUNIOR CONVENTION NEWS

Would you like to know YOUR schedule for the '77 Convention?

**WEDNESDAY NITE** - for the Early Birds - there will be a Splash Party at the Marriott's Indoor-Outdoor Pool.

- Hope to see you there!

**THURSDAY** - The Convention will begin officially with a Mass at 12 noon followed by a brunch given by Father Martinkus, Spiritual Advisor of Council 103, Providence, Rhode Island, your Host Council.

Afterwards, a historical tour is planned to the State House and several historical places for the Juniors.

**THURSDAY NITE** - We will participate with the Convention at the Cultural Evening at St. Casimir's Church. There will be a Lithuanian Wedding - the kind your grandparents had many years ago, along with slides and other cultural exhibits.

**FRIDAY** will be terrific - Swimming in the ocean at Narragansett Pier with a box lunch. I can hardly

wait, can you?

**FRIDAY NITE** is the "Fiesta Cruise" - a boat-load of music, dancing, snacks, etc.

**SATURDAY MORNING** is YOUR OWN Junior Convention session - if you have any ideas to make it more interesting, please send them to A. M. Kassel as soon as possible.

**SATURDAY NITE** is the Banquet and Dance and **SUNDAY** is the Convention Mass at St. Casimir's Church followed by the Farewell Brunch.

I don't think any of us could have planned a better program, do you? AND, don't forget, everything above can be covered by the Convention Award. The Junior Convention registration is \$25.

So, see to it that your conventionship application is sent in as soon as possible.

Ann Marie Kassel  
First Vice-President



*Council 103 Juniors - Spiritual Advisor Rev. Martinkus & Rev. Jurgelaitis*

## IMPORTANT



This is your last chance to mail applications for "Conventionship Awards" to the First Vice-President, Ann Marie Kassel. Each national award will be in the form of a \$50. Grant. Four awards are given to each district, to the four Juniors who have been most active and interested in the Knights of Lithuania.

You will need recommendations from your Spiritual Advisor, your Junior Counsellor, and an officer of your regular parent Council, and also your parents' consent.

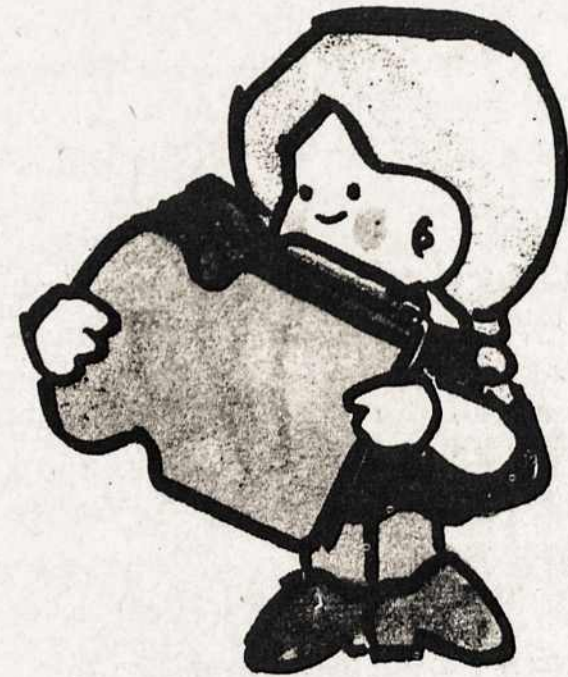
EVERYONE who is a member of the Junior Knights of Lithuania should apply. Informations will be sent to you regarding the events at the convention. Now is the time to become involved in YOUR organization, the Knights of Lithuania.

### NAUJOJI DIENA (A New Day)

Move the užuolaidos (curtains), look out the langas (windows) and - Labas rytas! (good morning!)

Pirmiausia, nusiplauk rankas ir veidą (First, wash your hands and face), paskui išsivalyk dantis (then clean your teeth), susišukuok plaukus (comb your hair), ir pasiklok lovą (and fix your bed). Apsirenk (Dress up), užsidėk marškinius ir kelnes (put on your shirt and slacks).

Dabar laikas pusryčių (Now it's time for breakfast).



### PUSRYČIŲ VALGIAI — Breakfast food

šalta vaisių sunka	-	cold fruit juice
šilti javainiai	-	warm cereal
gruzdinta duona	-	toast
marmeladas, uogienė	-	jam
kepti kiaušiniai	-	fried eggs
klevo sirupas	-	syrup
vafelis	-	waffle
šaltas pienas	-	cold milk
grietinė	-	cream
gruzdintuvas	-	toaster
sviestas	-	butter
lašiniai	-	bacon
blynai	-	pancakes
medus	-	honey
karšta kakava	-	hot cocoa



## JRS. C-110 MASPETH

On March 6, 1977, the C-110 Juniors celebrated the Feast of Saint Casimir. After the 11 o'clock Mass, the Juniors participated with the C-110 Regulars at their annual breakfast.

A play on the life of Saint Casimir was presented. Shown in the picture left to right are: Marija Stungurys, Raymond Balconis, Antanas Ambrosini, William Sidtis and Leon Stungurys.

On March 13, the Juniors presented this same play before the Mid-Atlantic District delegates and guests. The Juniors served the Mass.

Our Council was four years old this February. At the February meeting, we made plans to attend the MAD bus ride to Washington, D.C. and to visit with C-142 Regulars and Juniors. Some of our Juniors will attend the Convention in Providence this August. Our small but effective group hopes to become even more active on the District and National level.

William Sidtis



*St. Casimir Players - C-110 Jrs.*

## JRS. C-100 AMSTERDAM

In the absence of our president Lisa Saikal, vice-president Michael Mikolaitis took charge of the March 15 meeting. Father Baltch was unable to attend because of 40-Hours at St. Stanislaus Church. This was the case with some of our members also. Since Mr. and Mrs. A. Radzevich joined us for the meeting, we asked Mr. Radzevich to lead us in prayer.

Since the secretary, Rima Hartvigas, had to be at the 40-Hours services, Michael Mikolaitis with the aid of Gerry and Alan Drenzek told us of the highlights of last month's meeting.

We had a most interesting evening. Junior Counselor Mrs. Regina Kot, read about St. Casimir after which everyone added bits of knowledge on St. Casimir's life.

Miss Gene Gobis read an article on Nijolė Sadūnaitė, a young Lithuanian woman of exceptional courage who is now serving a prison term in Siberia for her involvement with the Chronicle of the Catholic Church. She asked everyone to send her a card.

Mr. Radzevich brought a way-side cross which he is making. We were told and shown the techniques of how he was making it.

Mrs. Kot next read about egg dyeing. We were each given an egg which Mrs. Kot had dyed in onion skins and we tried our luck in decorating them. Mrs. Kot had a few samples and also she gave us advise as to how we should make the designs. Time went fast and we decided to finish our eggs at home.

Michael Mikolaitis' mother, Mrs. Sadie Mikolaitis served dessert and everything was in the green family in honor of St. Patrick.

## JRS. C-96 DAYTON

We started a new year with a total of 13 members. Our new officers are: President - Annamarie Sluzas, Vice-President - Walter Lastoskie, Secretary - Vida Gecas, Treasurer - Shannon Iranthom, Sgt-at-Arms - Mike Lastoskie.

Our St. Casimir's Day program turned out very well. Each junior read something about his life. And Annamarie Sluzas received a First degree. Already we are getting down to work on our Mothers Day Program. We are in need of an idea for a money making project! If you have an idea, write to:

Annamarie Sluzas  
55 Brandt St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45404

Annamarie Sluzas



## K OF L CALENDAR

### MAY

- 20-22 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, C-25, Cleveland, Hosts. Holiday Inn,  
28500 Euclid Ave., Wickliff, Ohio
- 21 MAD TESTIMONIAL DINNER-DANCE for LORETTA STUKAS,  
Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 22 MAD SPRING CONVENTION, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 22 NED ANNUAL HOLY HOUR, 3:00 P.M., St. Michael's Church, Beverly Farms,  
Mass., Rev. A. Contons, Homilist
- 22 Nativity BVM Parish GOLDEN JUBILEE, Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.

### JUNE

- 5 C-26 Worcester, PICNIC, Maironis Park
- 5 IID "BURN THE MORTGAGE" PICNIC, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 24-26 NED ANNUAL RETREAT, Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me.

### JULY

- 4 IID ANNUAL PICNIC, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 17 NED FAMILY PICNIC, Lithuanian Grove, Hinds Pond, Gardner, Mass.

### AUGUST

- 14 63rd ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LITHUANIAN DAY, Lakewood Park, Pa.,  
Hosts - Anthracite Council 144
- 17-21 64th NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Marriott Inn Providence,  
Providence, R.I., C-103, Providence, Hosts

### SEPTEMBER

- 25 NED FALL CONVENTION, Bridgeport, Conn., C-141 Hosts

### OCTOBER

- 16 NED CULTURE FESTIVAL, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

### NOVEMBER

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

# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities



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**MID-CENTRAL**

**DISTRICT**

## C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our Council's Valentine Dance held Feb. 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was a big success and the committee consisting of John & Evelyn Andrulis, Vic & Betty August, Connie Burns, Grace Derus, Ruth Guzauskas, Doris & Joe Laukiavich, Pete Luiza, Chairlady Alvina Luiza, and Jim & Joan Thompson deserve a big hand. The hall was decorated beautifully and it was a fun evening.

Bill Jakubs, Cleveland's Lithuanian Funeral Director, has now been joined by son Bill, Jr. who received his license in October. Daughter Barbara is now serving her apprenticeship at the Jakubs and Son Funeral Home and will be licensed this Fall. This is truly a "Family" Affair. Good luck to all.

Congratulations to Peter Luiza who was honored on Feb. 27 during a Program at the Rosemary Home for Crippled Children and was awarded a Certificate for his volunteer work. Over the past 5 years, Pete has spent one evening each week in addition to helping out at special events, working with the children. We're very proud of you, Mr. Luiza.

Getting in tune for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Cleveland

May 20-22, our council's 2nd Bowling Party on Feb. 27 had the following results: High Game Actual Joe Laukiavich 172 and Ursula Kunsitis 166; High Series Actual Bruno Bartkus 479 and Doris Laukiavich 478. A delightful time was had afterwards at the Jakubs' where we wine and dined to our hearts content. Thank you, Helen and Bill. Many members shuddered at the new addition to the Jakubs' residence, a beautifully colored IGUANA owned by daughter Barbara. Brrrr!

Get Well Wishes are sent to Joe Laukiavich who was rushed suddenly to the hospital. Get well soon Joe!

Our newly elected Vice Pres. Ben Derus knows how to get out from under the Winter Blahs - he spent the last week of February in sunny Acapulco.

April Birthday Felicitations are wished for Bruno Bartkus, Charlie Machutas, Bill Jakubs and John Garnis. May Birthday Wishes are sent to Nellie Samas, Alice Karklius, Gene Kunsitis, Helen Jakubs and Elaine Stempuzis. Laimingū Metų!

Fellow Knights, don't forget to COME-ON-DOWN TO CLEVELAND TOWN MAY 20-22 for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Detailed information was forwarded to councils.

Urs

## C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

There was no respite from the wind's savage blast of January when Detroit and suburbs tried to dig their cars out from under blankets of snow, high winds and numbing temperatures. But it was different on Feb. 2; a heat wave, 27 degrees, hit our area. It was also

our K of L meeting night. We had a nice turnout of members, followed by a social, hosted by Marge Nashlon & Jean Yakstys. Bless those gals, they always come through, not only volunteering but spreading a nice array of goodies.

St. Casimir's Day was the main concern of the meeting. Our council hosted the observance with a Brunch on Mar. 6 in the Cultural Center followed by Mass in Divine Providence Church, with our 2 Detroit councils 102 & 139 partaking in the event. Third Degree was issued by our Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus to Marianne Newberry. Congratulations! Son, Chip, was proud to see his mother receive the award.

There were a few birthdays celebrated that day - Mar. 6, Fr. M. Kundrat, former pastor of Div. Providence; and Mar. 7 - Gerry Zager, ex-pres. of C-79. Also, sveikiname visus Kazimierus and Kazimieras. Monica Salas' special day was Mar. 4, and Jean Yakstys & Ray Lukas on Mar. 5. A Happy Birthday to all!

The highlight of our St. Casimir's event was the blessing of a new, and first, Vyčių flag of our council. After many years of planning and promises, Helen Tucker shouldered the responsibility of having the flag made by Nellie Jakary who did all the classic monogramming during our Fall Festival. Much time and talent has been put in to carry out the beautifully-sewn flag project, and a richly deserved thank-you go both to Helen and her friend, Nellie.

Expressions of gratitude to Pres. Maggie Smailis and her committee who formulated plans and practically "on last-minute-basis" worked with determination to make St. Casimir's a memorable

occasion. Catholic Action's Chairlady, Helen Tucker, flew back in time from a vacation in Hawaii, "rolled up her sleeves" and committed a good deal of effort and time to the observance. Our appreciation to Social Chairman Joe Yakstys and his menfolk who set up tables and chairs, and to all others who helped "in every little way". Most of all, our appreciation goes to those who attended the event. Thanks to all!

Another special occasion was the 59th Observance of Lithuania's Republic which took place on Feb. 13. Various organizations including our own council took part in the Mass, followed by a program in the Cultural Center. A Big Ačiū to Marie Kase who "steered in" the participation. There was a capacity crowd with prominent officials attending, a break for a "snack" time, and climaxed by a delightful musical performance.

Bertha Janus has become a fashion plate making over some of those custom-designed clothes "emancipated" from her daughter's into a Paris couturiere collection to fit herself. Carol Zager, who has been taking cake-decorating classes, has been putting her art "to good practice" among members of her family, with mother-in-law S. Zager, her hubby Gerry, several nieces, and others who've celebrated recent birthdays. Ona Walls is getting an early start for our next Fall Festival, making various handcraft items. Ačiū, Ona. This is a "hint" for all others to "get going" making their various projects. We will be in need of lot of articles, so p-l-e-a-s-e DON'T look the other way.

We'd like to thank our Mar. 2 hostesses, Marge Nashlon & Jean Yakstys, for a nice spread of goodies following the business meeting. Our pastor Fr. V. Kriščiunevičius joined us later for the meeting.

Our sympathy to Valerija Kundrat upon the death of her mother, Rozalija Kurmauskiene. Prašome, kad Viešpats suteiktų Amžiną Ramybę.

George & Marie Kase "took a break" enjoying their third Caribbean cruise during the latter part of February. Valentina (Hotra) and husband Ray Bulota celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary on Feb. 19. It was the 34th for the F. Zagers (Feb. 20), and Joe & Gerri Chaps (Mar. 6). Ilgiausiu Metu!

Through human oversight, some members who diligently helped during our Council's Festival were not publicly acknowledged. Though "better late than never" we would like to share their names with you: John & Julie Belickas, Elenore Grasha, Christine Janus, Julia Janson, Virginia Kirsh, Elinor Mickey, Helen Mykolaitis, M. M. Panavas, the Patockis, and Adeline Vitichus.

Get well wishes to Adeline Vitichus, Pete Stanulis and John Belickas.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of George Sinkus who passed away on Mar. 2. He is survived by his father George, Sr., and four brothers. May he rest in Eternal Peace.

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#### C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

The energy crunch for Dayton is being eased up, but our regular Monday night monthly meeting was held on a Sunday since the church hall facilities are opened for the parishioners. With our faithful telephone squad being put to work, turnout for the meeting was excellent. With much business at hand, Pres. Mary Lucas appreciated the members' cooperation in the last minute change.

In spite of the hall being limitedly heated, members voted to go ahead with plans to hold a social on Feb. 19. It proved to be a success! Guess everyone was tired of being cooped up. Co-chairladies Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas, and Joyce Berczelly put a scrumptious supper together with a typical New Orleans Mardi Gras menu. After indulging, members were content to spend the rest of the evening gabbing. Special thanks go

to committee members John A. Berczelly, Harley Karns, Eloise Berczelly and Elinor Sluzas. Clean-up crew was made up of Pat Smiley, Fran Petkus, Mary Lou Lastoskie and Eugenia Gečas. Special thanks to Mrs. Anna Ambrose who was clean-up crew at home. Mrs. Ambrose allowed the committee to prepare the food at her home and we sincerely thank her. Thanks, too, to Mrs. Monica Petrokas for preparing the delicious Bread Pudding. We also had a guest worker in the presence of Edmund Vytenis Čyvas, called affectionately Čyvai by all of us. Čyvai is attending Wright State Medical School but home base is Cleveland. He did perform with the Grandinėlė Dancers and has been a great help with the Dayton Vėjeliai Dancers.

The 59th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Lithuania's Independence was celebrated by Holy Cross parishioners and friends on Feb. 20. The program for the day was sponsored by the Lithuanian Cultural Council of Dayton. The day began with a Lithuanian Mass at 2 P.M. at Holy Cross. The program continued at the Lithuanian Hall. Guest speaker was U.S. District Court Judge Carl B. Rubin. The "Nerija" Girls Ensemble from Cleveland rounded out the program with many songs from their repertoire. Knights Edward Sluzas read the many greetings received for this special day, and Jack Zilinskas prepared the delicious beef for the buffet supper. With plenty to eat, no one went home hungry. We thank the committee for preparing this special commemoration of the anniversary of Lithuania.

In the Jan. '76 issue of the Vytis, Aldona Ryan had a poem published "No Visa to Panevėžys". The poem expressed Aldona's wish to know where her grandmother's grave was, - a grandmother she had never met. The power of the Vytis! Someone, unknown to Aldona, sent this on to someone in Lithuania. A year later, Aldona received a letter from an uncle whom the family



thought had passed away. Enclosed was a picture of Aldona's grandmother's grave. This proves the Vytis is a very valuable piece of property of the Knights.

It was good to see Steponas Bučmys at the Sunday meeting. Working nights, Steponas is unable to attend meetings regularly. Congratulations to Richard Noreikas who fulfilled his obligations to receive the Second Degree. Frank Ambrose and Joe & Eleanor Mantz finalized their obligations to receive the Third Degree award. This will take place at the MCD Convention in May.

Congratulations to Jim & Joan Kavalauskas on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Some of us had the pleasure of celebrating the occasion with them by attending the 6 P.M. Mass on Feb. 26 and then proceeding to the Lithuanian Club where Joan's mother, Mrs. Mary Snyder, had dinner prepared for the happy couple and their friends.

It is good to know that Kitty Prasmantas is doing just fine after being rushed to the hospital. With Spring just around the corner, that good warm sun should perk you up in a hurry, Kitty.

Jr. Advisor Marianne Podoyak entertained the Juniors at her home for their February meeting. After the business was over she served them a special Valentine lunch. Elaine Pacovsky and Mary Lou Lastoskie helped with the driving.

Our Sgts-at-arms have done it! Joe Ryan and Joe Mantz compiled a complete list of council supplies. Committee members will now be able to check with the Joe's on any items they may need. Good work on a tedious project.

Congratulations to Aldona Ryan, Dennis Noreikas and Michael F. Petkus for the special award they received from the city of Dayton for their work in making Dayton's first International Olympiad a success.

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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Most trademarks and emblems command instant recognition. How many lives have been saved because of a siren and flashing blue light? How many phonographs have been sold because of a photograph of a little dog listening to his "Master's Voice?" In these modern times, a white Roman collar still identifies a Catholic priest. Trademarks and emblems stand for something. They stand for quality and dependability. And we should be laboring unceasingly to earn the same instant recognition for our emblem, the "Vytis", not just among the Lithuanian people, but throughout the world, and not just for Feb. 16, but all year long!

The membership committee is doing a fine job, indeed, in attracting the following new members: Withold & Ginny Ivaska, Jeffrey Burl, Joseph Staney, Jr., Christine Gadilaukas and her brother David, and Patrick Gorden. A cordial welcome to all!

We had our own Mardi Gras at the February meeting. A fine supper of potato pancakes and sour cream preceded the meeting. Adele Degutis prepared the pancakes, Bill Buckley did all the shopping and set up the tables, Francis Degutis and Alex Kardokas grated the potatoes, while the rest of us delighted in eating the sumptuous fare!

Happy note: Mrs. Nell Thompson is feeling much better following her mishap, and Kazys Adomavicius is looking better each day following his hospitalization.

Pres. Rita Pinkus promised us an interesting speaker for the Mar. 6 Communion Breakfast following

The week of Apr. 11 was dedicated to things Lithuanian at the Auburn Mall. A military whist party chaired by Stephen Walinsky, Sr., was held on Apr. 16 in our parish hall.

Previews of things to come: Peter Ivaska is chairman for the Council Picnic to be held at Maironis Park on June 5, and will be assisted by co-chairpersons Dorothy Seilius and Helen Gillus. Reservations are now being taken for the NED annual retreat in Kennebunkport, Me., to be held June 24-26.

Our sympathy to Chas. Tagman and Anne Buckley whose sister died in February. We also extend our sympathy to our friend Ann Miller of neighboring C-116 whose brother died suddenly that same month.

Whether we wear a white or a pink carnation on Mother's Day, each of us in his own heart knows that his mother was the world's best. Congratulations to all mothers!

Kudos to our Editor, Loretta Stukas, and her editorial staff and writers. There has never been an issue that has been disappointing. Each has provided direction, inspiration and information vital to our Lithuanian Catholic life.

Each of us in C-26 join together in congratulating our two Marian Fathers on their ordination anniversaries: Father Anthony Micunas, our pastor, on May 26, and Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, our spiritual director, on May 18. Ilgiausių, sveikiausių, ir džiaugsmingų metų linkim mūsų gerbiams Tėveliams!

Closing thought: too many members stay away from the monthly meetings to make much of a success of the council's endeavors, - Dinner meetings, entertainment following the meet-

Mass and Communion at the 10 AM Mass at St. Casimir's Church. After our council's commemoration of our patron saint's feast, we joined the NED in Westfield for still another tribute to St. Casimir.

ings, all geared to making the second Tuesday of each month a real "fun night". Come on down, we guarantee you'll be glad you did!

Dzūkelė

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

It is a special occasion when a council has a couple who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary, but our council has had the extra special honor of having two couples celebrate this anniversary within a period of three months. Monica & Casimir Plevock celebrated on Oct. 17, and Ann & Joseph Petchell on Jan. 9. These fine people are well known and loved by the Lithuanian community. We wish them good health and happiness.

The second annual Kūčios sponsored by our council was held in St. Peter's Church Hall on Dec. 18. About 80 people gathered to a magnificent array of Lithuanian traditional dishes, including grybus brought from Lithuania by Veronica Ivanauskas, who was the chief cook and organizer. She was ably assisted by many people of the council. This event has become a parish custom which was initiated by our deceased member, Ona Ulevičius, who was a marvelous cook and a dedicated worker for any event involving the



C-17 Srs. Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Casimir Plevock of Dorchester and members of So. Boston Seniors.

Lithuanian community. We hope the Kūčios will continue as a tribute to her dedicated labors.

Our combined councils held their annual Christmas party at the Seventh Street Hall. Considering the fact that old man winter had us in his grip, a good-sized crowd enjoyed a fun-filled evening, capped by the singing of Lithuanian songs.

Pres. John Norinkavich swore in two new members at our February meeting. We congratulate Eleanor Wassel and Povilas Zićkus to the K of L family. By the diligent work of our members, we continue to see our council grow in spite of attrition by various causes.

Lillian & Lou Bazzinotti vacationed in Florida, seeking the sun



C-17 Srs. Golden Wedding Anniversary - Joseph & Ann Petchel



C-17 Srs. Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Casimir

and heat which we sorely missed in this northeastern corner of the country.

Some of our members have been hospitalized the past few months, but are now home and on the road to recovery. Speedy get well wishes go to Dr. Kiburis, Daniel Averka and Ann Carroll.

Lt. Fredrick Hirst, USMC has been promoted to First Lieutenant. Fred is one of our bright young K of L members who will no doubt contribute much to the organization after he serves his term in the Corp. He served as NED Cultural Chairman and contributed many articles to the Vytis. Fred is a member of C-17.

It is a sad task to report deaths of members or members of their families. John Glineckas, father of Reggie Alexander, passed away on Jan. 3 at the age of 92. One of our most dedicated K of L members, Ona Ulevičius, succumbed to illness on Dec. 30. She was deeply involved in events relating to the Lithuanian community. For many years Ona was our chief cook for many K of L events, and her unselfish works will be long remembered.

Alex Chaplik, a member of our council and local ALTAS President, set up a schedule of events commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day. Our council had flag bearers at Mass, and the ceremony was held at the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club.

Raštingas Žmogus



Plevock with their children and grandchildren.

## C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The local Cerebral Palsy Telethon received a helping hand from Willy Walaska, who took pledges over the phone. He is the nephew of John & Irene Walaska.

Our National Convention Cultural Evening co-chairpersons, Helen & Mildred Seraichekas, hosted a special meeting at Helen's home in Narragansett. Ed & Irene Tamulevich from Worcester are helping us with the cultural program. Father Jurgelaitis, Bertha Stoskus, and Mary Duggan from Worcester were in attendance.

When a member can't come to a council meeting, bring the meeting to the member's house. That's just what C-103 did in the case of Grace Vaitkunas, who was recuperating from a recent operation. The meeting was very well attended.

A heavy snowstorm prevented some of our members from attending the dance sponsored by the Brockton council.



C-103, Silver Jubilarians, Bertha & John Stoskus, and their son, Paul

June 21 is the silver wedding anniversary of Bertha & John Stoskus. A 10:30 A.M. concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated for them on June 19 in our parish church. Their son

Paul is honoring them with a reception following the Mass at the Lithuanian Club in Providence.

St. Casimir's Feast Day was commemorated with a Mass at our parish church celebrated by Father Martinkus. Following Mass, the Second Degree was conferred upon the following: Father Budrecki, Helen & Mildred Seraichekas, Irene Walaska, Grace Vaitkunas, Regina Krecioch, Helen Gudzauskas, Ruth & Lillian Savage, Paul Stoskus, and Bette Ciuryla.

Joe Boley has caught our eye in the "Birdseye" TV commercial. Tikras lietuviskas ūkininkas.

May all of our K of L mothers have a blessed month in May!

Jonas



MID-ATLANTIC

DISTRICT

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

A special Mass with our National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. as homilist, was held at St. Casimir's Church on Feb. 12 at 5 P.M. Member Danny Kabasin, now residing in Rochester, returned to direct the choir for the Lithuanian songs. At the offertory the gifts were presented at the altar by Pres. Anthony Radzevich, Vice-Pres. Gene Gobis and Junior Counselor Regina Kot.

A dinner and program followed in the Social Center with 200 people attending. Guests were present from Syracuse, Rochester,

Albany, Menands, Schenectady, Jersey City, and Boston.

Rev. Robert K. Baltch gave the invocation and Pres. Anthony Radzevich welcomed the guests. Donald Nikstenas served as M.C. Following the dinner, benediction was given by Rev. Anthony Gri-gaitis.

Poetry has always been very popular with the Lithuanians. Polly Ziausys, co-chairlady of our council's Cultural Committee, has written over 200 poems. The audience listened to Polly read several of her compositions. Two of the poems included "Kryžiai" and "Dvi Tėvynės".

Original proclamations by Gov. Hugh L. Carey and Mayor John P. Gomulka were read by Gene Gobis proclaiming Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the State of New York and the City of Amsterdam. In addition, a special delivery letter from Congressman Samuel S. Stratton was read. He was unable to attend in person due to a long standing commitment. He wrote, "I am pleased to see that the Carter Administration has made a special point of speaking out strongly on questions of human rights, and I hope they will do so again with reference to the people in Lithuania and in other Soviet dominated countries". He ended with "Long live Lithuania!"

The main speaker was Rev. A. Jurgelaitis. "Lithuania is a nation undergoing martyrdom in her defense of basic human rights by atheistic communist rulers in Moscow", declared Father Jurgelaitis. "Russian-occupied Lithuania is a living witness to the sacredness of human rights; perhaps, it is more realistic to say 'a dying witness'," he continued. "One day the free world will be grateful for the sacrifices of the Lithuanian people who gave their lives resisting the anti-human advances of totalitarian Communism"... "War will not undo the evils of Communism, but the truth concerning the goals and methods of Communism known and possessed by the free world can put a stop to

Russian oppression of human rights". The foregoing are a few of the excerpts from his speech. He received a standing ovation.

Don Nikstenas introduced Mrs. Jadvyga Regina, director of the Lazdynas dance group from Rochester, N.Y. She announced and described the dances. Accordionist Mrs. Regina Urban provided the music for the dancers. Their rhythm and movement were excellent and they were a delight to the audience. The applause was lengthy and this merited an encore from the dance group. It has been a number of years since the Amsterdamians have seen Lithuanian folk dancers perform in the city.

Frank Petrauskas, president of the Syracuse council, was recognized by toastmaster Nikstenas. He extended an invitation to the Amsterdamians to attend a few of their forthcoming events.

General chairlady Gene Gobis thanked everyone for participating on this occasion. She acknowledged the fine work of the artists, John & Regina Kot, in preparing the program cover; program arrangement chairman, Rev. Baltch; the ticket committee of Sophie Olbie and Ann Czerw; the hors d'oeuvres committee, Ginny Valikonis; the welcoming committee, Fran Di Bart, Annacetta Guzielek, Regina Kot, Regina Hartvigas, Polly Ziausys; and Refreshments Comm., Bill Liberis and Joseph Shatas. Others recognized for their contributions were Peter & Charlotte Sargalis, Don Holleran, Tony & Ann Radzevich, Al & Edna Luzinas, Nellie Liberis, Leo Czerw, and John Whelly.

Prizes were presented to Mrs. Rose Ligmal (the beautiful centerpiece in the colors of the Lithuanian flag) and to Mrs. Mary Sweet (a hand carved wayside cross donated by Ed & Polly Ziausys).

The program was concluded with the singing of the Vyčiu Himnas.

Peter & Charlotte Sargalis celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on Feb. 12. Don Nikstenas

congratulated them on behalf of all present at the program. Our Syracuse friends John & Cass Stanley celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Feb. 16. Many, many happy years to all! Ilgiausiu metų jums visiems!

It was good to see George & Aldona Gravrogkas! Since they moved to Menands, it has been difficult for them to attend our doings.

The Lithuanian flag flew over City Hall on Feb. 16. Council Pres. Tony Radzevich visited Mayor J. P. Gomulka and permission was granted.

Stan & Evelyn Rimkunas and children, Mary, Stanley & Joseph, (all Jr. K of L'ers) spent a few weeks vacationing in sunny Florida.

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-140 - SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Our first meeting in 1977 was held on Jan. 22 at the home of John & Veronica Sutkus. Activities for the new year were discussed and voted upon. It looks like we'll be busy again, just as we were in 1976. After the meeting, Veronica served a fine assortment of goodies and we all wined and dined in good fashion.

On Feb. 12, George & Millie Vaikness, John & Veronica Sutkus, John & Cassie Stanley, Helen Mikelonis, Ruth Hare, Agnes & Sue Salis, and Frank & Irene Petrauskas took in the Amsterdam Independence Mass, Dinner and Program. They reported having a wonderful time. It was good to see Father Jurgelaitis, who came over from Providence again.

Feb. 20 was a big day for the Syracuse Lithuanians. We began the day with a beautiful Mass at St. Stephen's Church. The celebrant was Father Bernard Garstka, Pastor. Josie Subach was the organist who did a good job in leading us in the singing of four Lithuanian hymns and the National Anthem.

After Mass, we all went to the home of Katherine Cravetts for a

delicious covered dish dinner. All the ladies prepared a dish, and when everything was put together, it was a meal fit for kings and queens.

Many ačiūs go to Katherine, her daughter Catherine, and son-in-law Jack Brandt for being such wonderful people. They really had a house full of people.

At our meeting which followed the dinner, we came upon some good fortune. Father Garstka agreed to become our Spiritual Advisor and is allowing us to use his Church hall to conduct our meetings. We are most grateful to the good Father.

Birthday celebrants for February were Catherine Brandt on the 8th and John Stanley, the 9th. March celebrants were Cassie Stanley (4), Katherine Cravetts (6), Jack Zutant (10), Frank Petrauskas (14), Dave Peterson (15), Vic Johnson (18), and Irene Petrauskas (22).

Our council has made arrangements for a 10:30 A.M. Mass and reception in St. George's Lithuanian Church in Utica, N.Y. on May 1. Two of our members, Anne Guentert and Della Marcaitis, who are residents of that area, are co-chairmen.

A fond welcome to the fold to our talented organist Josie Subach, who enjoys our group so much that she decided to become a K of L member.

Our closing thought for this month is: "Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones".

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## C-142 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

The chapel at St. Dominic's Church, 630 E Street, S.W., was filled to capacity as Lithuanians and members of Council 142 gathered to celebrate St. Casimir's Feast Day, at a Lithuanian Mass officiated by Rev. Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P. This service was followed by refreshments and an egg dyeing demonstration by Miss Ann Klem of Nutley, N.J., in the Conference Room. Ann's demonstration of the Lithuanian art of dyeing Easter eggs attracted the young as well as many non-Lithuanians.

Ann utilized two methods in decorating the eggs. The first, widely practiced throughout Eastern Europe, sometimes called the "batch" method, involved applying wax in varied designs to produce a multi-colored work of art. She said she particularly favors the second method which consists of etching an intricate design with a sharp instrument on a single-colored egg.

Her collection of eggs was so interesting. The variety and beauty of color and design showed the tremendous amount of creativity that Ann possesses, and a talent for recording personal experiences and interesting designs observed during the day. Particularly interesting was her story of a ladybug which used to greet her when she came home after work - she captured this ladybug as a beautiful black and red design on a white egg. Equally impressive were the eggs in her collection which she had designed 40 years ago.

Ann imparted other useful bits of information to those gathered around her, such as how to tell whether an egg was fresh or hard boiled.

Also of great interest to the group was Ann's exhibition of amber and her explanation of the origin of the various items, especially one large unfinished piece of amber, in her display. Everyone remarked that they had never seen such a large uncut piece



*Ann Klem demonstrates her Lithuanian folk art for C-142.*



*C-142 President Eva Migonis displays prizes donated by Ann Klem as winners look on.*

of amber. Her amber tree attracted everyone's curiosity as they admired her use of amber beads to decorate a small bonsai tree. Another item admired in her collection was the vase of reconstituted amber.

Three hours later, everyone was still reluctant to leave, until Ann Klem promised to come back again for an additional demonstration of egg dyeing and etching, as well as a demonstration on making straw decorations for Christmas.



**ILLINOIS-INDIANA**

**DISTRICT**

## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

All of the members of the committee for our 17th Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet are to be congratulated for a splendid job. Our award recipient, Lithuanian Consul General in Chicago - the Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis (who is also a 4th Degree K of L Member) was truly delighted and most appreciative of the honor. IID Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas was a most capable and entertaining Master-of-Ceremonies.

Among the honored guests were the Dean of the Consular Corps in Chicago, the Hon. Hugh O'Young of the Republic of China and many other consular friends of Mrs. Dauzvardis; Michael Bilandic, Mayor of Chicago; Chicago Aldermen Kenneth Jaksy (C-112 Member) and Roman Pucinski; former IID award recipients: Dr. Jokubas Stukas and his wife Loretta ("Vytis" Editor) from New Jersey, Stanley Balzekas Jr. (President of the Museum of Lith. Culture), Aldona Daukus of the S. Barcus Radio Family, Dr. Joseph Jerome, former Pres. of the L.R.C.F., Philomena Pakel, Pres. of Chicago Savings, Mary Rudis, Natl. Pres. of B.A.L.F., and Dr. Kazys Bobelis, Natl. Pres. of ALTAS; members of the Lithuanian press, radio and television along with many professional people, organizational representatives, K of L regular and social members, and friends of the Knights of Lithuania. This was truly an international group!

In her remarks, Mrs. Dauzvardis

remembered the origin of the "Memories" Banquet and how pleased she was to have the event become so popular and well-received from a small group meeting at her home with the late Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, the Rev. Peter Cinikas, Loretta Kassel Stukas, Irene Sankus, and Eleanore Laurin.

Everyone truly enjoyed the evening, especially the performance of the K of L Choir under the direction of Faustas Strolia, the dancing of the K of L Dancers under the direction of Frank Zapolis, and the music of Wally Tenclinger (C-36) and his Casuals. Choir Pres. Estelle Rogers was hospitalized and missed the event, and we all missed her sparkling presence.

IID Pres. Algerd Brazis and Banquet Chairmen John G. Evans and Irene Sankus extend their appreciation to all who attended, to the Lithuanian media for their

publicity and cooperation, and to their committee: Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Emilija, Alexander, and Alex Pakalniskis, Vince Samaska, Irene Norushis, Sabina Klatt, Estelle Rogers, Wally Tenclinger, Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, Ann Marie Kassel, Lucille Kilkus, Eleanore Laurin, and John (Whitey) Evans.

Everyone who participated helped to make the banquet successful and left us all with delight memories.

The District awarded 1st and 2nd Degrees to deserving members following the February meeting of C-112. District Ritual Chairlady Ruth Dagis was assisted by Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas, Al Zakarka, Irene Sankus, Al Mockus and Al Dagis. First Degrees were presented to Stanley Gimbut and Peter Bieliunas of C-36, Elizabeth Cibas C-112, and Vytautas Vasiukevicius of the Chgo. Seniors. Second Degrees went to Rudy



*IID Degree Recipients with Canon V. Zakarauskas, Sp. Advisor of C-112, Chicago. (Seated) Irene Norushis, C-36, Alice Cekanor, C-112, Kaze Brazas, Chicago Srs., Elizabeth Cibas, C-112. (Standing) Peter Bieliunas, C36, Vytautas Vasiukevicius, Chicago Srs., Sabina & Henry Klatt, C-36, V. Brazas, Chicago Srs., Rudolph Stachyra, C-36, Clements Vidzius, Chicago Srs., Rosemary Klatt, C-36 and Stanley Gimbut, C-36.*

*(Photo - Jean Janula)*

Stachyra, Irene Norushis, Henry, Sabina and Rosemary Klatt, all of C-36; Alice Cekanor C-112; and Vecislovas and Kaze Brazas of the Chgo. Seniors. It was very nice to see many of our hard-working Associate members being awarded degrees.

Several bowling socials are being held in preparation for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament which will be held in May and hosted by Cleveland C-25.

Date To Remember: Annual K of L Day Picnic - July 4th - K of L Bldg. & Garden.

#### C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Council board meetings are now being held on a quarterly basis and the March meeting was held at the home of Alice & Albert Cekanor.

Alice is our new and most efficient financial secretary while Al is serving as the president of a Marquette Park Senior Citizen's Group.

Belated congratulations to Aloysius Pakalniškis who has been writing for the "Ateitis" magazine and recently received a prize for one of his articles. The Pakalniškis family are well-known for their many articles regarding K of L life and other topics. Emilija Pakalniškis is the Editor of our "Vyčiu Veikla" column in "Draugas".

112'ers and many other K of L members were in attendance at the Chicago Anglijos-Britanijos Lithuanian Club Banquet held at the Jesuit Center. Our own Vladas Paliulionis is the current president of this most active group.

Many 112 members were seen at C-36's "Heart of My Heart" Dance

held at the Darius-Girenas Hall. Music was furnished by Wally Tencinger and His Casuals. The hard-working committee is to be congratulated for a most successful and enjoyable event.

Congratulations to recent council degree recipients: 4th Degree was awarded to Balys Brazdzionis, 3rd to Emily Petraitis, 2nd to Alice Cekanor, and 1st to Elizabeth Cibas. The 1st and 2nd Degree Ceremony was held at our Parish Hall following our February business meeting, and the 3rd and 4th Degrees were presented at the St. Casimir's Day Commemoration held in Gary, Ind.

A Date To Remember - Nativity B.V.M. 50th Anniversary Parish Dinner at the Martinique Grand Ball Room on May 22 with Fritz Bentler and His Violins.

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## COUNCIL NEWS DEADLINES

Please note that the VYTIS schedule differs from the norm during the next few months. The schedule for VYTIS and the associated deadlines for the remainder of the year are as follows:

June-July issue -	deadline May 5
Aug.-Sept. issue -	deadline June 5
October issue -	exclusively Convention (no Council News)
November issue -	deadline Sept. 5
December issue -	deadline Oct. 5

## INVENTORY OF K of L PROPERTY

Note to all members and Councils.

It is urgent that we obtain an accurate list of all K of L, Supreme Council, property, such as typewriters, mimeograph machines, books, records, supplies, etc. that is held by officers and other members.

If you or your Council have any such material, please list all of it, give an approximate value, and send the list

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### IN MEMORIAM

please remember in  
your prayers...

ONA ULEVICIUS  
C-17 Seniors  
So. Boston, Mass.  
died Dec. 30, 1976

GEORGE SINKUS  
C-79  
Southfield, Mich.  
died Mar. 2, 1977

Remember  
also all members  
of the Armed Forces,  
who died in the service  
of our Country

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CHICAGO, ILL. 60629**64TH NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION****AUGUST 17 - 21, 1977****MARRIOTT INN, PROVIDENCE, R.I.****C-103, PROVIDENCE, HOSTS****WEDNESDAY - August 17, 1977**

- 2:00 P.M. Registration in the Hotel Lobby
- 2:00 P.M. Sight-Seeing trip by bus to Newport, R.I. (Optional)
- 8:00 P.M. Pool-Party Marriott Inn

**THURSDAY - August 18, 1977**

- 10:00 A.M. Supreme Council Meeting
- 12:00 Noon Opening Mass - St. Casimir's Church in Providence
- 1 -2 P.M. Luncheon - St. Casimir's Church hall
- 2:30 P.M. Opening Session - Sessions Street and College Street Rooms at the Marriot Inn
- 8-12 Midnight - Cultural Evening at St. Casimir's Church hall

**FRIDAY - August 19, 1977**

- 9:00 A.M. Registration (Continuing all day)
- 9:00 A.M. General Session
- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass at Marriott Inn
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 2:00 P.M. General Session
- 8:00 P.M. Fiesta Cruise on Narragansett Bay - SS - K of L  
(Dancing - Music - Sing-Along - Snacks - Bar Refreshments (Optional))

**SATURDAY - August 20, 1977**

- 9:00 A.M. General Sessions
- 12:00 Noon Holy Mass at Marriott Inn
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 2:00 P.M. General Sessions
- 5:00 P.M. Supreme Council Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 P.M. Preprandials - Happy Hour
- 8:00 P.M. Banquet and Dance

**SUNDAY - August 21, 1977**

- 10:30 A.M. Concelebrated Convention Mass - St. Casimir's Church
- 12:00 Noon Convention Photo
- 12:30 P.M. Farewell Luncheon

Adult Registration Fee - \$40.00  
 Junior Registration Fee - \$25.00

