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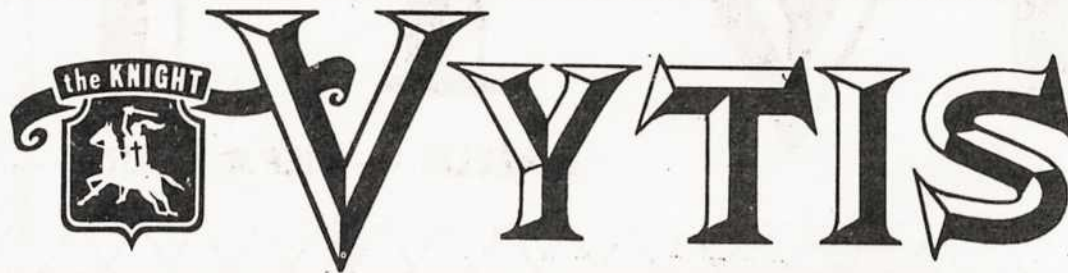
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Prieš 180 metų paskelbta JAV konstitucija simbolizuoja žmonių teisę patiems valdytis. Konstitucija, kuria remiasi šio krašto valdžia nebuvo sukurta vienu įkvėpimu. Tai buvo už laisvę, teisingumą, lygybę ir žmogaus vertingumo pripažinimą ilgų kovų padaras.

JAV konstitucija pasirašyta 1787 m. rugsėjo 17. Tai diena paminėti ir pilietinėm pareigom bei teisėm įsisamontinti 1952 m. vasario 29 d. kongresas bendra rezoliucija rugsėjo 17 pavadino pilietybės diena. 1956 m. rugpiūčio 2 d. rezoliucija kongresas pageidavo, kad kiekvienais metais JAV prezidentas ta diena prasidedančią savaitę paskelbtų konstitucijos sąvaite.

Konstitucija ir jos teisingumo, laisvės ir bendros gerovės idealai toje proklamacijoje primenama, kad privaloma rasti palankaus atgarsio visuose piliečiuose, nežiūrint jų etnografinės kilmės. Šių idealų puoselėjimas ir gynimas prieš bendrą priešą ypatingai naujesiems piliečiams gali tapti egdėl tautinės ar religinės laisvės persekiojamų prieglobsčiu. Ji taip pat patraukė ir prigludė žmones, kurie bėgo nuo vargo ir ieškojo geresnio ir saugesnio gyvenimo.

Panašių motyvų skatinami, šiame krašte susitelkė ir tie žmones, kurie kūrė šios šalies konstituciją. Susitelkė iš įvairių kraštų,

buvo ir praktiškai patyrę, kaip yra negera, kai nesi saugus dėl savo gyvybės, neesi laisvas, neturi bent trupinėlio tos laimės, kurią ir šiame pasaulyje dar galima pasiekti.

JAV tuo keliu ėjo nuo pat pradžios ir toliau tebeina. Nors ir čia randasi trukumų, (o kur jų nepasitaiko?), bet patenkintų žmonių čia randasi daugiausia.

Mat konstitucija apsaugoja asmens ir įsitikinimų laisvę. Šiame krašte pilniausiai užtikrintos tikėjimo, žodžio, spaudos, kritikos ir veikimo laisvės. Tačiau JAV neapsiriboja tų laisvių vykdymu tik savo viduje. Šiandieną JAV yra su

visu pasauliu tampriai susijusios, nes visų kraštų butis dabar yra susisukusi į vieną kamuolį izoliacija nebeimanoma. JAV jau nebegali išsaugoti savo laisvę, nesirūpindama kitų kraštų laisve ar net jų išsilaisvinimu.

Tat visiems turi būti suprantama, kad JAV suplaukusių ir jų pilietybę turinčių žmonių dvejoja pareiga: lojaliai vykdyti konstitucijos numatytas pareigas šiam kraštui; aktyviai prisidėti, kad šioje konstitucijoje minimom žmogaus teisėm bei laisvėm galėtų naudotis žmonės ir kituose kraštuose, rūpintis pirmiausia tais kraštais iš kurių jie ar jų tėvai yra kilę.

Ta veikiančioji JAV konstitucija yra nuopelnas pirmojo JAV karo vado ir prezidento gen. Jurgio Washingtono, apie kurį biografai rašydami pastebi, kad jisai buvo aukštas ir fiziškai stiprus vyras. Jo elgsena, kalba, manieros buvo tikro aristokrato ir tikro vado.

Jei šiandieną Jurgis Washingtonas būtų JAV prezidento poste, netenka abejoti, kad jis dar gal grieščiau stovėtų už žmonių teises, už jų visokeriopą gerovę, kad jis visų griežtumu kovotų prieš sovietinį ir kitokį kolonializmą ir taip pat ryžtingai stovėtų už bolševikų ir kitų pavergtų tautų išlaisvinimą.

Jurgis Washingtonas buvo gimęs 1732 m. vasario 22 d. Bridges Creek Westmoreland, Virginijoje. Mirė 1799 metais.



## CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP LAWRENCE JANONIS

by Loretta I. Stukas

On the National Knights of Lithuania scene, he is perhaps best known as one who ably "wields" the gavel at Conventions, and keeps sessions moving at an orderly pace while allowing ample time for needed discussions and business. Locally, in the New York area, he is known as an able, enthusiastic and hard-working chairman or member of numerous committees and/or boards of the Mid-Atlantic District or Council 12.

For his many achievements and his commitment to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania, LAWRENCE (LARRY) JANONIS was proposed for Honorary Membership by his council, Council 12, Manhattan, N.Y. His application was accepted by the Honorary Membership Committee and approved by the 63rd National Convention. Larry will be awarded this coveted honor of HONORARY MEMBERSHIP in the Knights of Lithuania during the 64th National Convention, in Providence, R.I. on August 20, 1977.

Larry Janonis began his K of L career in 1937, when he joined the newly - organized Council 130, Bronx, N.Y., and maintained his membership there until the council was dissolved in 143 because of WW II. He received his First Degree in C-130, and was active with the Council's sports committee. In 1944, he transferred his membership to New York Council 12, and since then, not only his membership but also his activity and contribution to the Knights of Lithuania on the council, district and national levels has been continuous and devoted.

Larry led C-12 as president for 7 consecutive terms, from 1949 to 1955. At the same time, believing that a sound body makes for a sound mind, he encouraged his fellow members to engage in his favorite activity, sports. As C-12 Sports Chairman for 9 years, he planned and participated in nu-

merous basketball, softball and bowling leagues and socials. He also served as NY-NJ District Sports Chairman from 1949-1950, and was president, secretary, and participating bowler of the District Bowling League from 1950 to 1962.



During his Council presidency and afterward, Larry's talents extended in many directions, as he served as chairman or member of countless social, religious, cultural and organizational activities of C-12, including dances, Communion breakfasts, and membership drives, providing him with excellent training for his future District and National responsibilities.

His demonstrated leadership abilities plummeted Larry into the National and District K of L scene in 1950, when he served as Chairman of the 37th National Convention, sponsored by C-12. In 1951, the NY-NJ District selected Larry Janonis as its 2nd Vice-President, and in 1952, its President. Larry served as District President imaginatively and faithfully from 1952 to 1962, 1967 to 1969, and 1971 to the present... an im-

pressive record to be sure! He also has the distinction of being the last president of the NY-NJ District and the first of the re-named Mid-Atlantic District. Under his able leadership, the District has grown and prospered, and now includes councils in Washington, D.C., various parts of the coal-mining district of Pennsylvania, up-state New York, as well as in most of the Lithuanian communities of the New York - New Jersey area.

In the NY-NJ District, Larry helped organize and lead a most effective K of L Regional Conference on Leadership in 1958.

Grateful for Larry's many achievements, the NY-NJ District presented him with a special award in 1956 and in 1961, honored him at a Testimonial Dinner in his behalf. At that time, he also received the Third Degree Membership. Larry is also quick to recognize other members' achievements and served as chairman of District sponsored Testimonial Dinners for Frank Vaskas in 1957, and for VYTIS Editor Loretta Stukas in 1977.

In 1969, when the NY-NJ District agreed to host the 56th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, it looked to Larry Janonis to again apply his knowledge and experience to serve as General Chairman of the Convention.

In 1958, the Knights of Lithuania entrusted Larry Janonis with the important position of National Second Vice-President, in charge of membership. Besides conducting the National Membership Drive during his three terms of office, Larry also joined in several other National activities, serving on the Constitution Revision Committee, the Golden Jubilee Planning Committee, and others. He also served as National Trustee for 3 terms.

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The attitude of children toward their fathers passes, as a general rule, through three phases.

In early childhood, Dad is a symbol of strength, wisdom and security. He is friend and protector, hero and model. He knows the answers to all questions; he is not afraid of the dark; he is the generous supplier of all good things, such as nickels for candy and ice cream. When Dad is around, we feel safe and secure; we know that everything is all right.

This is a glorious time for a father. The little sons and daughters know no more compelling joy than to sit on his lap while he tells them the stories he loved when he was their age. They are content just to be near him, and fall asleep more contentedly when they are clinging to his hand. When he comes home from work, they run happily to meet him, and gurgle excitedly as he swings them high in his strong arms.

For a brief period, he is not only father and provider, but high priest of the family hearth, genius beyond compare, beneficent dispenser of lollipops and wisdom, guardian angel and defender against enemies, almanac, entertainer and repository of the world's choicest knowledge.

But soon the picture changes. Teenage sons and daughters discover that Dad is not the all-over genius that they had supposed. They have new idols, and in comparison Dad cuts a rather sorry figure.

Of course, he is useful for some things, like writing checks or loaning the car for the evening. But he is old-fashioned! Positively Victorian! All he knows about is

business and history and classical music and other dull things like that. He tells the same old long-winded jokes over and over and keeps talking about how things were when he was young. What's practically impossible to get on the same wave length with him.

However, sooner or later, in the lives of almost every man and woman, there arrives a time when Dad comes back into his own. This time he does not receive the unreasoning adoration of childhood. What his mature children give him is a sober, grateful tribute that bespeaks the realization of what their father has meant in their lives. They may be filled with deep sorrow for the little gratitude and respect he received from them, the children he loved and protected. They make a belated admission that Dad was one of the really grand people who influenced their lives, one of the really powerful forces that helped shape their maturity.

They begin to realize how hard their father worked for them, how unselfishly he shared the fruit of his toil, how little he asked for himself. Looking back, they marvel at the tolerance with which father treated their bad manners, their selfishness, their disregard for the peace and comfort of the family, their greed for privileges, their duty of family responsibility.

For many children this final period of truth and understanding comes too late. Often Dad has gone to his Eternal Reward by the time a true sense of values has balanced his children's appreciation of him.

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To a national organization, an annual convention is a most important part of its life-line. Delegates from all parts of the country gather to take stock of past achievements and to map future plans. With the limited time available, expert direction of time and ideas is of utmost importance. Frequently, on the person behind the Presidium gavel depends the success of the entire Convention. It is no wonder therefore, that once Larry Janonis demonstrated his ability as Presidium Chairman at the 47th National Convention in 1960, he was selected to serve again as Presidium Chairman 8 times and as Vice-Chairman once during the next 14 years.

Larry Janonis was awarded the 4th Degree in the Knights of Lithuania in 1967, during the 54th National Convention at Dayton, Ohio, an honor he truly earned.

Throughout his association with the Knights of Lithuania, Larry Janonis has been steadfast and sincere in his devotion to the Knights, imaginative and productive in his many offices and undertakings, and helpful and considerate to his fellow members and committee people. Larry and his lovely wife Jeanne, who has been more than a special helpmate to Larry in all his K of L activities, are truly an asset to the organization. On behalf of the membership, we extend to Larry Janonis sincerest congratulations on his imminent elevation to Honorary Membership. On behalf of all the Honorary Members, we say welcome, to a most deserving member!



## PRANO NAUJOKAIČIO LIETUVIŲ LITERATŪROS ISTORIJA

Darbštusis literatas, poetas ir literatūros kritikas Pranas Naujokaitis per penkeris metus kruopščiai paruošė imponantišką keturių tomų LIETUVIŲ LITERATŪROS ISTORIJA, kokios iki šiol dar neturėjome. Išleido Lietuvių Bendruomenės Kultūros Taryba.

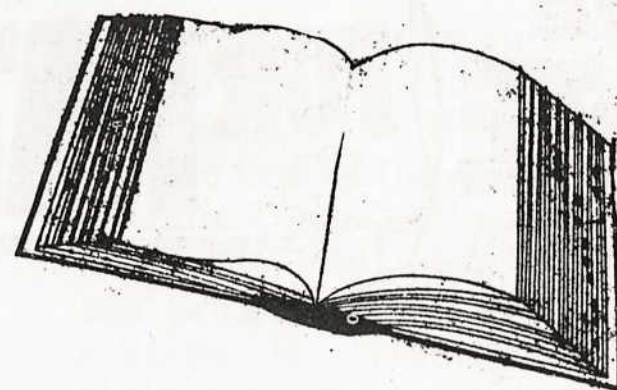
Šiomis dienomis iš spaudos išėjo paskutinis, t.y. ketvirtasis, šios LIETUVIŲ LITERATŪROS ISTORIJOS tomas. Pirmasis 606 puslapių tomas pasirodė 1973 m., kuriame sudėta senoji 16-tojo šimtmečio ir vėlesnių amžių lietuvių literatūra. Tomas baigiamas lietuvių tautinio atgimimo sąjūdžiu. Antrasis, 582 puslapių, išėjo 1975 m., apimamas laikotarpį nuo Maironio iki pirmojo nepriklausomos Lietuvos 10-mečio pabaigos. Trečiasis ir ketvirtasis tomai iš spaudos išėjo šiais, 1976, metais. Jų pirmasis, 542 puslapių, išsemtinai apžvelgia nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje išaugusią rašytojų kartą ir jų kūrybą, o ketvirtasis, paskutinis, 679 puslapių supažindina skaitytojus su tremties, arba už Lietuvos ribų gyvenančiais, laisvais rašytojais bei su tais, likusiais

tėvynėje, ir kuriančiais nelaisvės sąlygose.

Visą šį keturių tomų LIETUVIŲ LITERATŪROS ISTORIJOS veikalą sudaro 2,409 puslapiai. Kiekvieno tomo tiražas 1000 egzempliorių. Gražiai išleistų ir kietais viršeliais įrištų leidinių kaina \$10 už tomą.

Taigi dabar turime pilną lietuvių literatūros istoriją viename veikalke, kuris apima beletristiką, poeziją, dramą ir publicistiką iki šių dienų. Kiek buvo išpopuliarinta senoji ir nepriklausomos Lietuvos laikotarpio literatūra, tiek mūsų jaunajai kartai truko autentiškų žinių apie dabartinę okupuotosios Lietuvos ir tremtyje gimusią literatūrą. Autorius pragmatiškai ir objektyviai apibūdina rašytojus, kūrinius ir tuos laikotarpius, kuriuose jie gyveno ir kūrė. Jis paaiškina kaip vystėsi lietuviško genijaus kuriamoji galia ir kokiomis formomis kūrėjas bylojo į mūsų tautos žmogų.

Ši LIETUVIŲ LITERATŪROS ISTORIJA, kaip ir Lietuvių Enciklopedija, yra nepaprastai svarbus



veikalas, kuris niekais pavers okupuotosios Lietuvos rusofilų pastangas su propagandine literatūros interpretacija išskverbti į užsienio lietuvių tarpą, kad pozityviasias pažiūras pakeistų neigiamosiomis ir tuo imtų dominuoti visoje lietuviškoje literatūroje. Pačiu laiku autorius pateikė dabartinės Lietuvos literatūros apžvalgą ir objektyviai apibūdino pasireiškusius rašytojus, kad iš ten pilama propaganda neklaidentų nei mūsų, nei mūsų jaunosios kartos.

Reikia tikėti, kad lietuviškoji visuomenė su džiaugsmu sutiks šį didžios reikšmės veikalą ir juo praturtins ne tik savo asmenines bet ir mokyklų bei organizacijų bibliotekas. Išleistoji LIETUVIŲ LITERATŪROS ISTORIJA ilgam laikui pasiliks pagrindiniu lietuvių literatūros pažinimo šaltiniu visiems tiems, kurie tiesiogiai ar netiesiogiai domėsis mūsų tautos kūryba.

## JUODASIS BIRŽELIS

J. Jarosunaitė

Ir vėl prisiminimai juodojo birželio  
Skverbiasi širdin!

O skaudūs jie: aplaistyti krauju!

Atnaujina žaizdas galias...

Kurių jau niekad neišgydys

nė laikas nė malda karšta

Ir dėl kurių šiandieną

Tu ir aš liūdžiu!

Štai, mato akys vėl ilgiausius ešalonus

Mūs tremiamų brolių, mylimų tėvų!...

Tenai, kur mylios tundros,

Ir šalto Sibiro viešnagė laukia jų!

O aimanos nekaltų kūdikių,

Mažų vaikų

Išsiplečia iki dangaus skliautų!...

Tiktai tam skausmui nebylys žmogus - žvėris.

Norėčiau paklausti -

Žvaigždžių šviesių!

Gal, žino jos, gal, pasakys!...

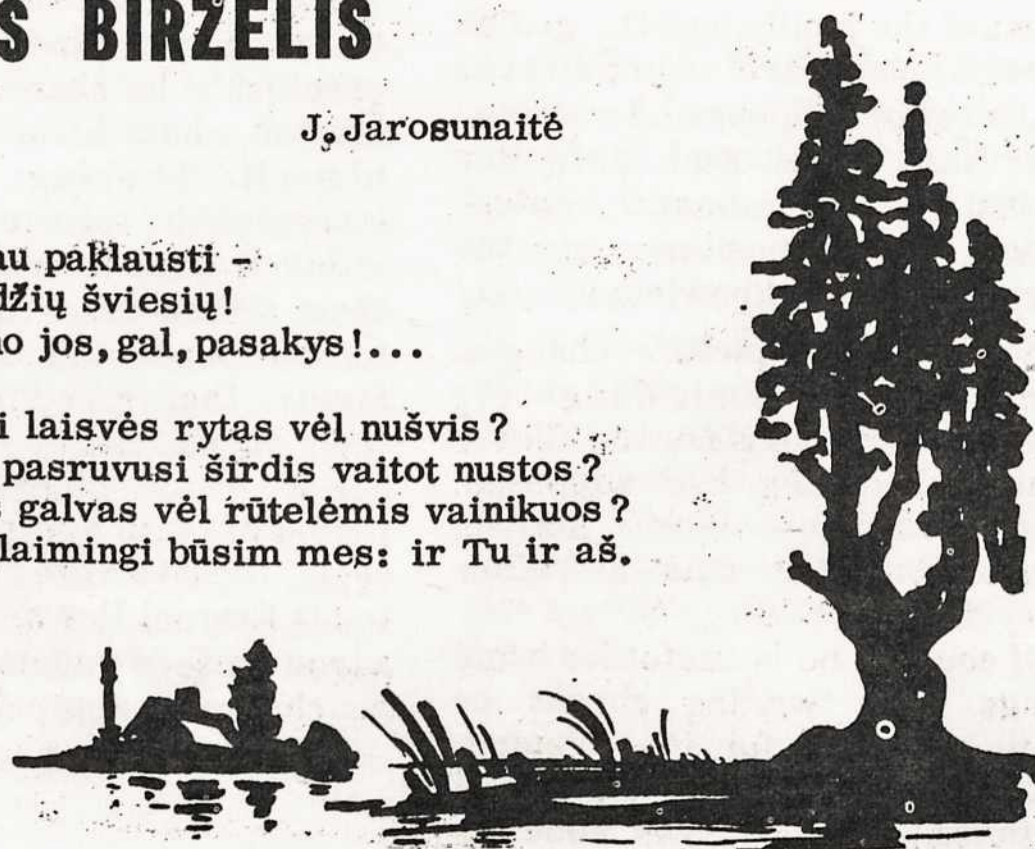
Kada -

Tėvynei laisvės rytas vėl nušvis?

Krauju pasrūvusi širdis vaitot nustos?

Sesutės galvas vėl rūtelėmis vainikuos?

Ir taip laimingi būsim mes: ir Tu ir aš.



## A TIME FOR ROOSTERS

A Story of St. John's Eve

by

Aldona Ryan

Jonukas wriggled his bare toes, feeling the warmth of the spots of sun that shimmered down on him through the tree tops of the Forest of the Green Frogs. He would be thirteen years old tomorrow and he was hiding in the forest because it was St. John's Eve. Trouble always befell him on that day somehow and he was worried.

Of Course, there was nothing wrong with the day itself. In Lithuania, St. John's Day, June 24th, was almost always very bright and quite warm. At this time of the year, long beautiful days were followed by short, cool invigorating nights. It appeared tonight would be one of these.

Most of the heavy planting had been finished and sturdy stalks

were already raising their heads to the sun. The fields and meadows were filled with rows and rows of toy soldier plants that would flourish into an army of full grown healthy food supplies. Some were ready for reaping even now.

By this time, the new baby chicks, ducks and geese were quite large and the little pigs and lambs were growing well. Neighbors were beginning to dicker over the trading of young cows and horses.

The forest itself was green and

thick and velvety. Jonukas had stretched out his thin, lanky, six-foot-tall frame over a little rise in the ground next to a patch of wild primroses. The roses bloomed so profusely at this time that some Lithuanians called these days "Rose Days".

It was apparent that Jonukas would grow to be a young giant - like his father and grandfather had been before him. He was an exceptionally bright boy but circumstances had made him shy and reserved. Here in the forest, he was comfortable and at ease.

While most families in the village could boast of five or even seven children, his parents had only two children. There was seventeen year-old Gelminė and Jonukas, four years younger.

"My son was born on St. John's Day", was one of the first things that Tėvelis said when meeting a stranger. His massive chest would expand to dirigible size and he would proudly add, "He is one of the chosen few".

Therein lay the problem.

On this day, the squawking of the stork on the chimney had awakened Jonukas early. He departed for the woods to ponder his problems. He loved the bustle and turmoil of the woods creatures who scurried for food so early in the morning. The scolding of a cuckoo bird nearby was sop to his melancholy state of mind. How he wished he had the nerve to scold the world.

From the most ancient of times, the Lithuanians had celebrated the summer solstice with a huge festival. There had been thousands of festivals to the great sun goddess, Saulė, with much feasting, singing and dancing. The fire goddess, Gabija, had been honored with huge bonfires. When the great



Photo - R. Kisielius

high priest, Krivaitis, had roamed the earth and the vestal virgins had been pure and holy, great festivals were held that lasted for weeks and were still remembered. In these times, June 24th had been set aside for Lithuanians to mingle with nature, to savor the greenness and beauty of the replenished earth, and to hope for long life and fertility in all growing things.

It had been easy for the newly Christianized Lithuanians to slip into celebrating the feast of St. John which fell on that day in the way that they had been accustomed to doing. These traditions had survived through the years.

Except that everyone whose name was John became an instant personage on that day. That was their name day and a very important day in their lives every year.

As a tiny baby, Jonukas had been forced into the circle of other merry making Johns. He was passed around and cooed at. The tiny blue eyes and golden curls were irresistible to the affectionate gathering and everyone had to hold him and love him. Too frightened by all of the strange faces to even cry, Jonukas had stared from face to face searching for Mamytė.

Where was Mamytė? Because the custom of the festival was that the families of the Johns were the hosts for the feasting, Mamytė was at home tending to the baking and cooking and preparing for guests. Jonukas had been left in the care of his sister, Gelminė, practically a baby herself and no match for the jovial crowds.

Gelminė loved Jonukas with a fervor. He was her doll, her toy, her very own special little human. Gelminė overwhelmed Jonukas with her never-ending washing, combing, dressing, and care of him. Her constant attention and games left him exhausted and he retreated into himself.

On the eve of his fourth birthday, it had been arranged that Jonukas would help light the great bonfire. The bonfire would purify

the earth, it would chase away any evil spirits lurking about, it would protect the crops from hailstones and insects, it would insure plenty of rainfall, and it would give fresh vitality to all living things.

For this occasion, Mamytė had woven a special tunic for him. She had bleached it the purest white and embroidered it beautifully. The seneles whispered, "Little Krivaitis" as he approached the mound of timber. At the very last moment, the terrified little boy had tripped, dirtied his tunic, burst into tears, and bounded for the woods like a tiny elk. Oh, the shame of it!

There had been a dry spell that year after the festival and some blamed Jonukas.

Because of that dry spell, the men decided to raise the fire higher the following year by burning tar in a barrel sitting atop a thirty foot pole. They also lit torches and burned small fires in the rye fields. There were no chores given to Jonukas. This was the year he discovered Visvaldis, a chubby boy, two years older, and most mischievous.

After the ritual of the lighting of the fire was over and while the fire dances were going on, great barrels of freshly brewed, green ale were brought out. While the celebration continued, Visvaldis lured Jonukas into the garden house. They had been running away from Gelminė who had at-

tached herself to her little brother in her usual manner. There were many things to do in the garden house for two little boys and that night, Jonukas received his first spanking.

When Jonukas was eight, Gelminė was now twelve and old enough to join the dancers. Being tall and blonde, she fell into place with the older girls in the kaimas. An integral part of the ceremony was the dance of the young maidens around the bonfire. The rite had survived from the time of the "Vaidilutės". The young girls in the villages all looked forward to St. John's Eve when, dressed in flowing, colorful robes and wearing garlands of flowers in their hair, they were given the opportunity to take the limelight. Since most of the girls were a little older and each had her eye on some village youth, it was a chance to gain his favor, each girl hoped.

Gelminė, with the help of Mamytė, had spent months making her garments. She had practiced the steps of the dances with the girls for many afternoons. After the dances of the maidens, there would be couples dances in which young twosomes would leap over hot coals to find out if they would get married soon by not letting go of their clasped hands. Gelminė already knew these dances too although she did not have a special boy and would not join in with them.





She had been trained since babyhood by Mamytė in the art of weaving flowers into garlands and wreaths. Now she listened in rapture to the stories the girls told her about the magic of St. John's wreaths.



She would need seven or nine different kinds of flowers picked from seven or nine meadows. She must keep perfect silence while making her wreath. If she would turn her back on a tree and toss her wreath over her shoulder at the tree, the number of tosses it would take for her wreath to land on a branch would be the number of years it would be before she got married.

Or she could toss her wreath into her bedroom through the window and then sleep on it that night and she would dream of her future husband.

When she got older and perhaps had more than one boyfriend, she could make a wreath for each boyfriend and toss them into the water (any river, pool or well would do) along with her own. As the wreaths floated, the one that touched her wreath would indicate that that wreath's "owner" would be her true love.

On this day, all flowers and plants that bloomed, even the lowliest weeds, were considered to be St. John's flowers and symbols of fertility. Some, such as St. John's wort, chamomile, and roses (all known as "kupoles" named after the spirit of blossoms) had special healing and good fortune powers. She could predict the future of her family by picking some of these and putting them on a rafter of her home - one for each member of the family. Their degree of withering would tell the future. The St. John's flowers kept on the rafters would also protect the home from mice.

Gelminė listened carefully to these stories and followed the directions of the girls. She intertwined sprigs of seven different flowers with roses being the most prominent onto a crocheted lace cap with streamers flowing down her slender back. She did not intend to throw her wreath into water or sleep on it as she was not interested in any boy as yet.

As was the custom since the times of the great festivals to Saulė and Gabija, all living things were bedecked with flowers and branches. Since men were thought to get their strength from oak trees, most of the men wore a wreath of oak leaves. Some wore flowered wreaths made by their girlfriends. Every woman wore a wreath - some quite elaborate. The cows, pigs, horses, and other animals were also strung with garlands of flowers, even all of the chickens that could be caught. The houses, wagons, and beehives all carried the fertility symbol although some were of nettle, or branches of the rowan or aspen tree - to give protection from the evil spirits.

It was thought that the evil spirits got together on the shortest night of the year to have a feast with the devil and they would roam the fields and meadows at that time so extra protection was needed.

With the help of Jonukas, Gel-



minė decorated everything she could reach. She even tied bunches of "kupoles" to all of the posts or the fences around the rye fields.

That year, Mamytė had gazed at her lovely daughter and had known, deep in her heart, that there would be many troubled nights ahead with such a beauty in the home. She had invited her widowed sister to stay with the family for the St. John's Eve celebration. Now she found she would have time to see her only female offspring make her debut.

The pole that held the fire was a living flower garden with streamers floating from the top. As usual Jonukas and Visvaldis had started the evening properly attired with their little tunics now covering trousers and slightly rakish oak leaf garlands around their tousled heads. Hoping that they would finally be rid of Gelminė's constant overlording, and with Mamytė watching, they stood, quiet and pious, through the fire ritual.

Visvaldis, standing next to Gelminė, noticed a bee buzzing around her headdress. With a hard smack of a sturdy 10-year-old hand aimed at the bee, he knocked the headdress from her head. In the rush of the moment, as Gelminė squealed and Jonukas dashed over to pick up the headdress, Mamytė turned to look as Visvaldis bent over. Poor Gelminė, caught in the middle, fell and crushed the lacy flowered cap.

Gelminė was furious. She lashed out at Visvaldis with two long thin arms waving at his astonished face.

"You little pig!" she screamed. "How dare you hit me! Look at my flowers! Look what you have done! I am ruined!"

Visvaldis stepped back and Mamytė held on to Gelminė. Sadly for Jonukas, in his anxiety and nervousness, he found humour in the scene and he laughed loudly. Some of the crowd laughed also.

As it turned out, Gelminė became the heroine of the evening with all of her girlfriends striving to console her and the senelės clucking their disapproval of bad

little boys who would surely perish if they could not behave. It was unthinkable for Visvaldis to hit a holy bee. For Jonukas to laugh at his fallen, humiliated sister, this was unforgiveable.

Already in disgrace, the two boys left the wrong gate open later in the evening and the farm animals began to roam. It was customary to walk them through the ashes to warrant their well being and good growth. This night, the men who wanted to get going with the feasting had to chase these creatures around to catch them for this purpose. Jonukas and Visvaldis, afraid to go home for the punishment they knew they would get, stayed in the forest all night.

When Jonukas was ten and Visvaldis was twelve, they discovered a new pastime.

Following the order of the celebration, first came the fire ritual and then the special dances of the maidens and young couples, after which newly made, green beer and fresh, un-aged sūris were passed around. After this repast, the gathering would disperse in groups to visit all of the homes in the kaimas which belonged to a John. At each of these, there would be eating, drinking, dancing and much singing. Since there were nine Johns in the village, the merrymakers soon became logged and vociferous. A few older, less hardy souls took to their beds and fell into exhausted sleep.

The young people would begin the ancient custom of searching for the "papartis" blossom. This fern which did not carry blooms, grew in masses in the forest and around the meadows. The ancient legend was that it would miraculously bloom on St. John's Eve in one place only at midnight. It would bring great luck and power and fertility to those who gazed at it. Although thousands of loving young couples had searched, none had been so lucky to find the elusive papartis blossom in these times.

However, it was a wonderful excuse to depart for and be in the

glorious, aromatic atmosphere of a June night with the one you loved. Many youths, bedecked with oak leaf circlets, would lead young, flowered maidens into the woods looking like young gods and goddesses on exotic pages of old history books.

Now Jonukas and Visvaldis were skeptical of this whole procedure. Mostly because they did not like girls. Their experiences with older sisters had not led to any favorable male-female relationships. They could not understand why the older boys were interested in being with these creatures. All of this holding, hugging, and even kissing was silly.

And so, the two boys became the village pests on St. John's Eve. Lying in wait for an unsuspecting couple, they, who knew every tree and hillock, were the cause of many a scream and some youthful swearing.

Even though Jonukas was a foot taller than Visvaldis, his shyness led him to be the follower of the stocky boy with the head full of naughty ideas. They had practiced owl hoots, wolf howls, snake hisses, and eerie ghost sounds until they were quite convincing. Tossing a pebble at the back of some love-stricken cousin was a pastime. They had fallen to the depths of sneaking up on seated couples and pinching. Or, worst of all, they simply followed a couple

around and walked them to exhaustion.

It was believed that all rivers, streams, lakes, and pools had very special healing and cleansing powers on this night. Before sunrise, everyone went bathing, especially the elderly and the sick. At this time the water games would start and the girls would float their wreaths. Here, too, the boys were the scourge of the village. Strong and swift, they dived and pinched and pulled. They dragged the floating wreaths around and were chased by squealing girls. There seemed to be no end to the mischief of Jonukas and Visvaldis.

To adolescent boys, this was great fun. Complaints were few to Mamytė and Jonukas was beginning to enjoy and look forward to this night.

Now, on this, the eve of his thirteenth birthday, Jonukas was stricken with a great sadness. Visvaldis, going on sixteen, had fallen in love. Things had been different for many months. He had already informed his tall friend not to count on him for any childish pranks this year. He had even suggested that Jonukas find a girl and take a walk in the woods with her. Such nonsense!

So, thinking of these days of the past, Jonukas stared at his bare toes and the changing patches of sunlight around him and sighed



deeply. The cuckoo bird had stopped scolding and was now busily hopping through the branches above him. One of the problems was his name, he thought. It was certainly not right for a young man of his size to be called "Jonukas" like he was some gosling. He would ask his parents to call him "Jonas" from now on.

"Jonas. Jonas". said Jonukas to himself softly. That did not sound half bad. He felt the raising of his upper teeth on the "Jo" and the squeezing together of his jaws on the "nas" and he grotesquely moved his mouth up and down repeating Jonas, Jonas, Jonas, Jonas, a dozen times.

"Are you ill?" said a quiet voice above him.

Startled by the sudden sound and embarrassed by the thought of someone watching his facial antics while alone in the woods, he looked up into the face of Visvaldis' little sister, Mortukė.

"Why are you here?" scowled Jonukas-Jonas. He felt his face growing red and hot as he pulled himself up to a sitting position.

Mortukė was very short like her brother, Visvaldis, but she was not built on the same stocky form. She was elf-size and often mistaken for a seven-year-old even though she was now more than twelve years of age. Her eyes were green instead of the usual blue in the community



and her hair was a golden copper color.

As Jonukas-Jonas looked up at her, he could see that her face was wet and her eyes swollen as from weeping. Her tiny nose speckled with little freckles was quite red. He suddenly remembered hearing Gelmine telling Mamyte that Mortukė was much too small to dance with the other girls even though she was old enough. Gelminė had said that Mortukė had come to practice but had to take two steps to the other girls one and it had ruined the rythm of the dance. They had told her to grow up a little more and come back in a couple of years.

"I'm here because I hate St. John's Eve", said Mortukė. "I do not belong anywhere except maybe here in the woods. I have no one. I am too little for my friends and I do not like being treated like a baby. If you are going to laugh at me, go ahead. I shall stay here in the woods for ever and ever and never come out again so what does it matter. I am tired of Visvaldis' tricks and the snobby nose of your sister, Gelminė, and all of her stuffy friends. Go ahead. Laugh!" she sobbed.

But Jonukas-Jonas did not feel like laughing right now. He had been lying here feeling utterly lonely and abandoned. He had also felt like staying in the forest for ever and ever and never coming out. His world had become a dreary place filled with trouble and misunderstandings. Although he had been reserved and basically a very good son, he remembered being in disgrace most of the time. Not wishing harm to any creature, he had been the center of attention that always ended in grief.

He looked at Mortukė and suddenly realized that she was also a quiet, shy little person. Raised in the proximity of vivacious Visvaldis, she probably often had been in trouble in the same way that he had been.

Amazingly, Jonukas-Jonas found himself pouring his heart out to this little companion in sorrow. He

had never talked to anyone like this before. In trying to chase away her tears, he had agreed with her in the unpleasantness that was facing them in the coming festivities of the evening.

As he talked, he suddenly felt very big and strong and powerful. He was already taller than any man in the village except his father. He received good marks in school and knew that he was not dumb. Mortukė also received high marks in school, he remembered. The two of them had a common problem. Perhaps they could solve it together.

He had the urge to protect this small child-woman with his very soul. His strength and size would be enough for both of them. He would face up to Visvaldis and Gelminė and tell them to leave him alone and to keep away from Mortukė. With his bare hands he would choke the first person who ever made her cry again. Or got either of them into trouble again.

From now on, St. John's Eve would be happy and carefree. He, Jonas, would take his rightful place with the men on this day. There would be no more hiding and running away. Visvaldis was right. It was time to put away childish pranks and silliness.

"If you will help me catch the chickens and put on their flowers", he said in this thirteen-year-old simplicity, "Perhaps I will dance with you tonight in the couples dances".

Mortukė stared at him in silence.

"It is already late and we will have to do some fast running if we are to finish. I may even catch our big rooster this year", he added boastfully in his newly-found unseen armor of great strength and vitality.

He pulled himself up to his full stature and, expanding his chest to small dirigible size, he remarked, "It is time he joined us in the celebration and wore his flowers proudly like the rest of us Lithuanians on St. John's Eve".

*Photos by R. Kisielius*



Since August 15, 1914, the Lithuanians of Western Pennsylvania have celebrated Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park in Barnesville, Penna. The first Lithuanian settlers started this celebration to get together with friends and relatives from their homeland.

There has never been a year missed since that first celebration 63 years ago. Even during the war years, there was always a Lithuanian Day and the boys home on leave came right to Lakewood Park.

In the beginning, it was only Pennsylvanians that came to this great day. Today, they come from all over North and Middle Eastern U.S.A. Many prominent Lithuanians were guests throughout the years: Ruta Lee, Jack Stukas, Simas Kudirka and many others.

Since the end of World War 2, Lithuanian Day is always the Sunday closest to August 15. Proceeds have always gone to some Lithuanian Catholic organization, i.e., the Sisters of St. Casimir, the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Relief.

In the past it was sponsored by the Lithuanian Catholic Priests League of Schuylkill County. This year, for the first time in its 63 year history, it will be sponsored by Anthracite Council 144, Knights of Lithuania. It is with great pride the Knights continue this glorious day, started by our immigrant forefathers so their homeland would never be forgotten. This is the oldest continuous ethnic day in Penna.

## A BIT OF LITHUANIA IN PENNSYLVANIA

### MEMORIES OF LITHUANIAN DAY

Anna Klizas Wargo, Chairman

When I was a child, many years ago, there were three important holidays in my year - Christmas, Easter and August 15, Lithuanian Day. Christmas and Easter were the layers on the cake, and Lithuanian Day was the icing. With what great anticipation we waited for this glorious day.

A week before the big day, my mother started preparing the food for the picnic - what food it was! Breaded pork chops, bandukės, mėsinė dešra, barščiai, dill pickles, and all the other good Lithuanian foods - home made bread and cakes - baskets, and baskets of goodies. There was home made root beer and for the men beer, šnapps and "Viritas".

My brothers and their friends all went to the park the day before the 15th to obtain a table, and there they stayed overnight so no one else would take it.

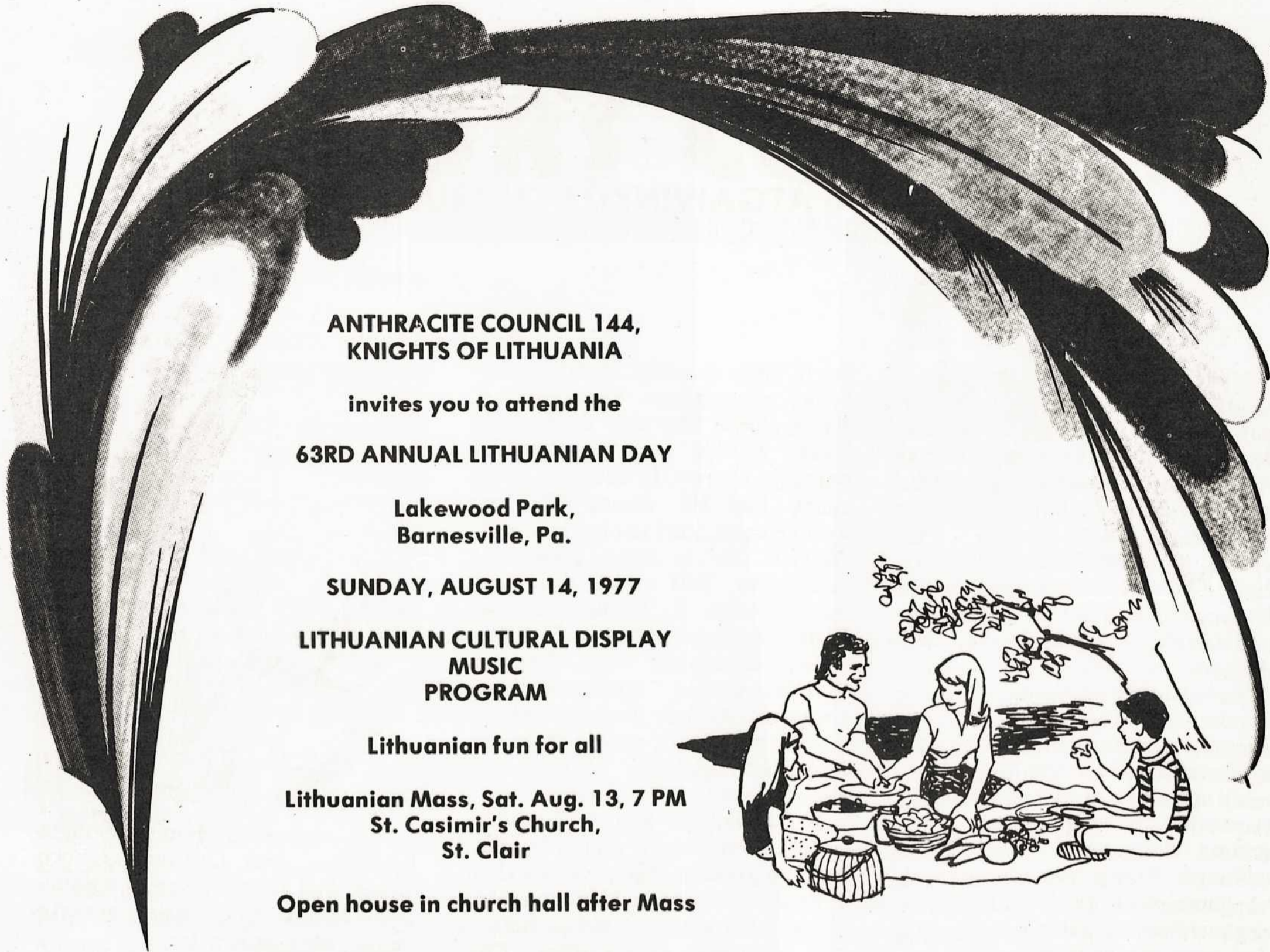
Finally the big day arrived. Early in the morning all the relatives gathered together in a hired truck and started to Lakewood. On the way to the park everyone, even we young ones, sang the lovely Lithuanian folk songs, "Mudu du broliukai", "Trys sesutės", etc. How joyful we all were -

After the baskets were all unpacked in the park, and our parents greeted old "parapijonis", we all went to Mass at the ballroom. How the heavens resounded with "Pulkim ant Kelių" and "Marija, Marija".

In the afternoon there was always a program, and in the evening, a dance for the young folks. During the day, the children went on the rides, the grown-ups all got happy. The music and laughter of thousands of Lithuanians was heard throughout the park. When the day was over, we packed into our truck, tired but happy, singing all the way home and looking forward to another year. My mother always told us "Vaikai, nepamirškite lietuvybės".

This year as chairman of Lithuanian Day, I look back to those early years, and the many years before I was a youngster when Lithuanian Day first began - For 63 years, our day has been the icing on the cake for thousands of our people, and as the spirits of those early Lithuanian immigrants look down upon us, their children and grandchildren, I say to my mother with great pride, "Nepamiršom lietuvybės".





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**63RD ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY**

**Lakewood Park,  
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1977**

**LITHUANIAN CULTURAL DISPLAY  
MUSIC  
PROGRAM**

**Lithuanian fun for all**

**Lithuanian Mass, Sat. Aug. 13, 7 PM  
St. Casimir's Church,  
St. Clair**

**Open house in church hall after Mass**

**Lithuanian Mass, Sunday Aug. 14, 11 AM  
St. George's Church  
Shenandoah**



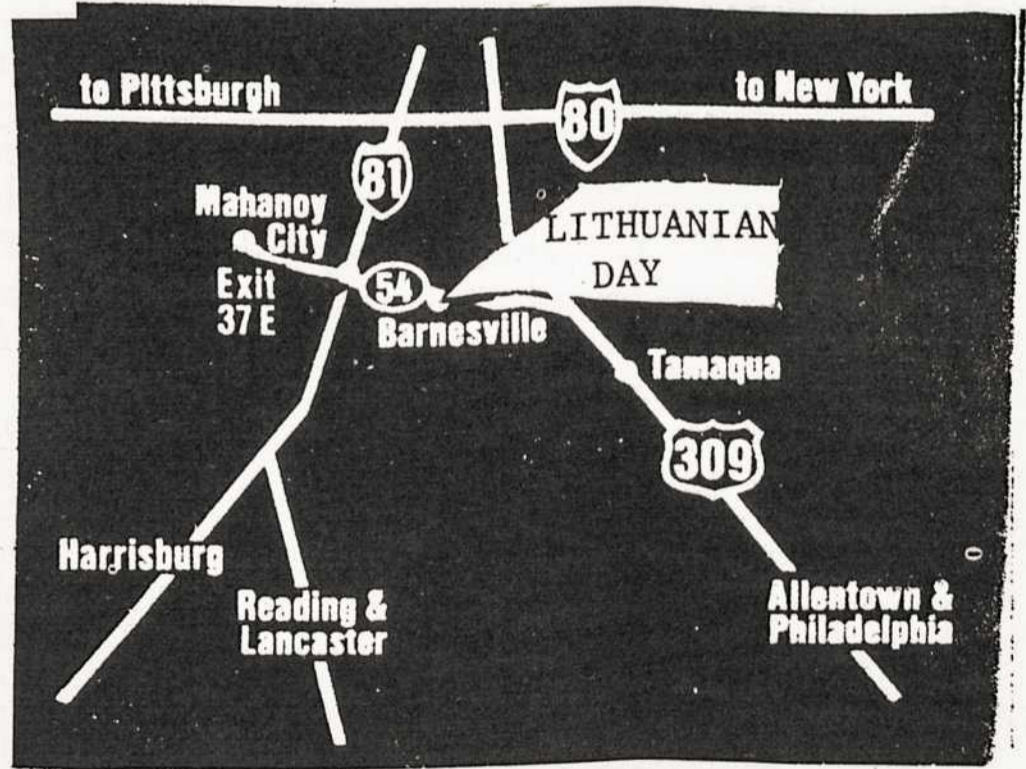
**Program Lakewood Park**

**Singalong at 1:30  
followed by a program at 2:30**

**Featuring:**

**"VILIJA" WOMEN'S QUARTET  
dir. by Louis Stukas**

**"AUSRINE" LITHUANIAN DANCERS  
dir. by M. Radikas**



## VYČIAI ATGAIVINKITE CHORUS

Mykolas Norkūnas pirmasis pradėjo organizuoti vyčius Amerikoje. Daug kas tai idėjai pritarė. Jaunas ir darbštus kompozitorius A. Aleksis (Aleksandravičius) skubotai parašė vyčių himną mišriems balsams. Gustaičio žodžiai - "Ei, vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai", - sužavėjo visus girdėjusius. Kompozitorių sveikino lietuviai ir nelietuviai; Congratulations Mr. Aleksis.

Tuo metu parapijose vyravo jaunimas, Lietuvoje gimęs. Lietuvos vyčių vardas jiems labai patiko ir noriai stojo į organizaciją. Pirmieji organizatoriai buvo kunigai, studentai ir vargonininkai. 1917 metais daugiausia vyčių kuopų įsisteigė. Komp. A. Aleksis, kaip vargonininkas, geras kalbėtojas ir organizatorius, patraukė jaunimą. Jis pirmasis sudarė vyčių chorą giedoti bažnyčioje ir dainuoti parangimuose. Jis kūrė - harmonizavo giesmes ir dainas chorams, mokykloms ir solistams-tėms. Tai buvo liaudies dainos ir originalūs kūriniai. Pats kompozitorius savo lėšomis juos ir išleido. Prezidentas Antanas Smetona pirmas pripažino komp. A. Aleksio nuopelnus mūsų tautai, suteikdamas jam didžiojo Lietuvos kunigaikščio Gedimino ordiną. Varg. Sąjungos seime komp. A. Aleksis buvo pakeltas į garbės narius.

Vyčių chorai kūrėsi ten, kur veikė vyčių kuopos. Giedojo bažnyčiose, dainavo svetainėse. Daug padėjo jiems studentai ir vargonininkai.

Vyčių organizacija didėjo nariais, čia gimusiais, kurie labiau buvo linkę į sportą. Atsirado talentingų žaidėjų. Ruošė sporto varžytines, važinėdami po koloni-

jas ir kitus miestus. Sporto rungtynės sutraukdavo daug žiūrovų. Vyčių chorai liko kaip ir užmiršti. Jiems reikėjo persiorganizuoti į parapijų chorus. Iš daugelio vyčių chorų liko tik vienas Chicagos vyčių choras, kurį įsteigė komp. A. Aleksis. Jis ir buvo pirmas jo mokytojas. Kiti choro dirigentai buvo: komp. A. Pocius, muz. J. Sauris, S. Rakauskas, dr. L. Simutis ir dabartinis muz. Faustas Strolia. Dabar mūsų mylimas komp. A. Aleksis ilsisi, peržengęs 90-ties metų ribą, geroje žmonelės Marcelės globoje, Waterbury, Conn.

Atėjo laikas, kad ir bažnyčia atjaunėjo su nauja maldų tvarka. Vietoje giedotų Mišių įvestos skaitytinės. Lietuviškų Mišių vadovėliuose nėra giesmių, nei jų žodžių. Tai giedama nesklaidžiai. Chicagoje švč. M. Marijos Gimimo bažnyčioje choras Mišių metu sugieda giesmes gražiai. Žmonėms geriau patinka klausytis giedančio choro. Šv. Kryžiaus parapija iškilmingoms šventėms pasikviečia Dainavos ansamblį. Cicero šv. Antano parapija turi nuolatinį vargonininką ir parapijos chorą, kuris gieda bažnyčioje. Chicagoje su apylinke yra 10 parapijų. Seniau visose buvo vargonininkai ir parapijų chorai. Kur dabar jie yra?

1917 metais Lietuva dar nebuvo laisva, bet pas vyčius tėvynės meilė buvo gyva. Jie šaukė stoti į kovą atgauti Lietuvai laisvę. Jau tada vėl iškilo chorai galingais balsais, pasiekdami net Dangų. Dievo malonė suteikė Lietuvai laisvę. Brangūs vyčiai, mes turime politikų, muzikų, sportininkų, dramos ir operos artistų, kunigų, daktarų, teisėjų, advokatų.



Tad visi jungtinėmis jėgomis kovokime, kad Lietuva atgautų laisvę, kad laisvi linksmai dainuotume komp. A. Aleksio parašytą dainą "Mes grįšim ten"...

Nikodemus Kulys

### IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in  
your prayers ...

**ALGIRDAS KAČANAUSKAS**

**Member, C-29, Newark  
President,  
Lith. Organists' League  
Organist  
Annunciation Church,  
Brooklyn**

**died May 9, 1977**

# JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

## SOME PHRASES TO USE AT THE CONVENTION

Sveikas — Welcome!

Džiaugiuos su tamsta susipažinęs — pleased to make your acquaintance

Prašau bilietą į Providence — I want a ticket to Providence

Kuris kelias į Providence? — Which is the way to Providence?

Atvykome pagaliau — We arrived at last

Kaip vadinasi ta bažnyčia? — What is the name of that church?

Ar galėčiau gauti kambarį? — May I have a room?

Kaip ilgai ketinat čia pasilikti? — How long do you intend to stay here?

Iki rugsėjo mėnesio — Until September

Pažadinkit mane ryt rytą 6 valandą — Call me tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock

Kada prasideda? — What time does it begin?

Tamsta pavėlavai — You are late

Ar verta pamatyti? — Is it worth seeing?

Taip, nevertėtų praleisti — Yes, you should not miss it

Aš ten būsiu — I will be there

Kaip ilgai tas truks? — How long will it take?

Malonėkit man atvirutę — Please give me a postcard

Kiek kainuoja vienas? — What is the cost of one?

Reikia kiek nuleisti kainą — You have to reduce the price

Man labai gaila — I am very sorry

Laikas eiti — It is time to go

Su Diev — Good bye



## NEWS ABOUT YOUR JUNIOR CONVENTION SESSION

On Saturday morning, at our National Convention, Juniors will have their own session or meeting. We're trying to make this year's session the most interesting yet.

The cultural portion will be presented by Faustas Strolia, who is the director of the Illinois-Indiana District Choir. He is a graduate of the Chicago Conservatory College and also holds the degree of Master of Music from that school. He is well-known throughout the Lithuanian-American community, particularly in the Midwest, for his untiring work in promoting Lithuanian culture. In addition to his work with the Knights of Lithuania, Mr. Strolia has assisted in the direction of several Lithuanian choruses in Chicago. He also teaches music in school. He is most loved and appreciated for his work with Lithuanian-American children.

He will speak to us on the art of Lithuanian song and dance. If you have any ideas regarding this subject, and what you'd enjoy hearing about, please write to us soon.

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

Our January meeting was opened, as usual, with the prayer "Our Father". Six members attended the meeting. The following officers were elected: Pres. Doris Balaconis, Vice Pres. Mary Ann Hurley, Secy. Pamela Zaremba, Treas. Kathy Norinkavich, Sgt-at-arms Maryann Manning, and Vytis Corresp. William Luzaitis.

Your Vytis Correspondent celebrated his birthday on Feb. 12.

Lithuanian Independence Day was observed on Feb. 16.

We have just learned about Ritual Degrees. There are four Degrees, starting from the First and working up to the Fourth.

On Mar. 6 St. Casimir's Day was commemorated at the 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Peter's Church, with breakfast immediately following.

We congratulate those 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Mar. 7.

The N.E. Dist. celebrated St. Casimir's Feast Day on Mar. 20 in Westfield, Mass. The program began at 2 p.m. and dinner at 4 p.m.

The meeting ended, as usual, with the prayer "Hail Mary".

William Luzaitis

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

**CONVENTION RAP 1977**

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**ANNOUNCING TWO SPECIAL PRE-CONVENTION TOURS**

The Breakers was built in 1895 for Cornelius Vanderbilt. It was designed by Richard Morris Hunt and resembles 16th century north Italian palaces. The "Cottage" was used as a children's playhouse. The grounds overlook the Atlantic Ocean and Cliff Walk.

**TOUR "A"**

A personally conducted tour of delightful Newport, R.I., especially arranged for the K. of L.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1977

2:00 P.M. Leave from Marriot Hotel, Providence, via tour bus with guide, for Newport 35 scenic miles away.

A complete 22 mile tour of Newport covering 150 points of interest. Tour the colonial section with its many historical buildings, the world-famous Ten Mile Ocean Drive, renowned for its rugged beauty and spectacular coastline, the mansion area where society's millionaires built their fabulous "summer cottages" in the style of sumptuous Italian and French palaces, the most magnificent collection of homes in the country. See Rosecliff (scene of the filming of "The Great Gatsby"). Admission and a guided tour through the opulent mansion, "The Breakers" is included.

Following the tour, dinner at the historic "White Horse Tavern", Newport - in a private dining room.

After dinner, return to Marriot.

TOUR PRICE: \$9.75 (Price of dinner NOT included.)

**TOUR "B"**

A guided 3 hour tour of historic and modern Providence and environs.

See one of the oldest cities in America (1636), with its "Mile of History", restored Benefit Street; the very first Baptist Meeting House in America; the restored Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul; Brown University; Providence College; the white marble R.I. State House, one of the grandest in the U.S., and many other unique buildings and sights.

DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1977.

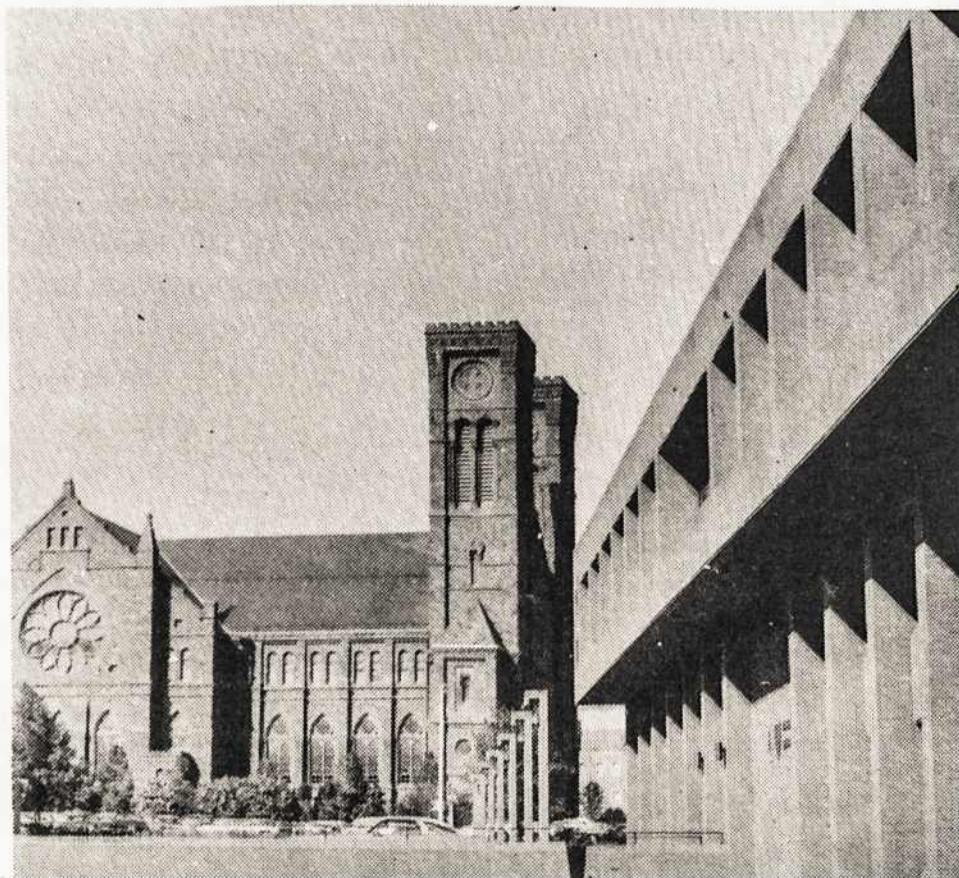
9:00 A.M. Leave Marriot Hotel by bus for tour as above.

12 Noon Arrive at St. Casimir's Church in time for opening Mass. (or be returned to Marriot, if desired.)

Tour price: \$4.75

Special price for Juniors \$2.50

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*Cathedral of St. Peter & Paul, Providence*





*Restored houses on Benefit St. Providence, dating from 1680.*

Early registration for tours is earnestly requested. The summer resort season in Rhode Island is quite busy and arrangements need to be made well in advance.

Join your friends for these tours. We know the marvelous things to be seen will be a memorable and exciting part of your stay in the "Ocean State"!

#### TO REGISTER FOR TOUR(S):

Send your NAME, ADDRESS and a deposit or full amount (to hold you a place) to:

K. OF L. TOURS  
350 SMITH STREET  
PROVIDENCE, R.I. 02908.

(Checks payable to "K. of L., C-103".)

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### 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

# Lithuanians in The

# NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS



At only seven and one half years of age, Dana Ann Milius is making her mark in the St. Petersburg, Florida area. Her skill as a majorette has earned her numerous awards and trophies, and appearances in dozens of parades, including the Orange Bowl. This talented miss has also been a contestant and winner of six beauty contests, including the Halloween Carnival in St. Petersburg. A FIFTH generation Lithuanian-American, Dana is the daughter of Charles and Phyllis Milius, members of Council 79.

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A recent edition of the BERGEN RECORD, "Lifestyle 77", featured an article on the art of Easter egg dying, as practiced by the Slavic and Baltic people. Accompanying the article was a photograph of Ann Klem, member of Council 90, Kearney. Ann is well known for her many talents in rendering Lithuanian Folk Art. In an interview with the RECORD, she explained the techniques used by Lithuanians to produce works of art from eggs.

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Lithuanian dancers were among the first to perform at the Second International Folk Fair at the Bayfront Center in St. Petersburg, Florida. An article in the St. Petersburg EVENING INDEPENDENT commemorating the event featured a full color photograph of the Lithuanian Dancers in their native costumes.

Bowdoin College of Brunswick, Maine grants a scholarship each year to a student of Lithuanian descent. The Antanina Kunigonis - Marcinkevicius - Bachulus Fund was established by Dr. Bachulus in 1966 in honor of his mother and her brother. Dr. Bachulus was a Navy doctor who retired in 1955. This year's scholarship went to J. Brozovski of Concord, Mass.

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The University of Wisconsin at Madison is holding a display of Lithuanian books entitled "430 years of Lithuanian books: The Development of a National Culture". Most of the books were donated by Prof. Alfred Senn, who taught linguistics at the University from 1931-38. The exhibit will run from January 27 to June 30.

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The National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs is developing a Resource Center which aims to provide a wide range of sources and materials on neighborhoods and ethnicity. Violeta Kuncaitis is the director of the center, which will cover a multitude of subjects which will include such areas as housing, urban planning, drug abuse, social class, demographics, women's issues, health employment, education and neighborhood newspapers.

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Victor Cizanckas was recently designated Stamford chief of police. Born in Buffalo, NY, this Marine Corps veteran began his law enforcement career in Menlo Park, California. His international reputation as an innovator in police procedures drew the attention of the Connecticut city faced with the need for police reform.



American-Lithuanian Council Delegation with Speaker of the House Thomas (Tip) O'Neill Jr. in

Washington during a commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day this past March.

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The Lithuanian-American musical community was saddened by the death of one of its most outstanding members, Algirdas Kačanauskas, on May 9. Born in Petrograd, Russia in 1917, he lived in Kaunas until 1944. A student at the Conservatory of Kaunas, he furthered his studies in Stuttgart, Germany. A United States resident since 1950, he worked as organist in Lithuanian parish churches in Kearney, Harrison and Annunciation Church in Brooklyn, this last until the time of his death. Mr. Kačanauskas also directed the Lithuanian chorus RŪTA. An active participant in musical events in the Greater New York - New Jersey area, and member of the Executive Board of the Lithuanian - American Organists League, Mr. Kačanauskas was a member of Knights of Lithuania Council 29, Newark, New Jersey.

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The Baltic Scientific Institute in Scandinavia, established in 1970, is a joint study center for scientists working in the research field of the Baltic area. Some 120 scholars are attached to the institute to study history, geography, political structure, languages and culture of the Baltic nations and to spread knowledge of them by means of courses and lectures. Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors is Lithuanian Juozas Lingis, a lecturer at the University of Stockholm. Information on the work of the Institute, and on the Fourth Annual Conference on Baltic Studies can be obtained by writing to the Institute at Box 16 273, 103 25 Stockholm 16.

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Mr. Juozas Kajeckas resigned from the post of Charge d' Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania due to reasons of health. He was replaced by the former First Secretary of the Lithuanian Legation, Dr. Stasys Bačkis.

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The American Lithuanian Community, Inc. (Lietuvių Bendruomenė) has published the first edition of its English language Newsletter, "Bridges" in April. Its purpose, "to familiarize Lithuanian-Americans who have forgotten their native tongue or who have moved away from the old ethnic neighborhood, with up-to-date, condensed information about group activities, accomplishments of former neighbors and friends and timely tips on upcoming cultural events". For subscription information contact Managing Editor, Algirdas Budreckis, P. O. Box 9061, Boston, MA 02114. Dr. Budreckis was the first recipient of the Knights of Lithuania scholarship.

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In a poll conducted by SPORTAS magazine to determine the best Lithuanian athletes of 1976, basketball player Angelė Rupšys was recognized as athlete of the year. Mrs. Rupšys won a Gold Medal during the Montreal Olympics. Another star was the swimmer Arvydas Juozaitis who received a Bronze Medal. The best team was the women's Žalgiris rowing team.

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Members of the Lithuanian-American Democratic Organization for the State of Illinois endorsed Chicago's Acting Mayor, Michael Bilandic, for Mayor. Pictured from left, Anne Paprota, John Galminas, Charlotte Brazdzionis, Paul M. Smith, Jr., Norman Burstein, John Drevin, Charles A. Beacham, Tom

Petraitis, Harry Petraitis, John Paukstis, Mr. Bilandic, Christine Austin, Stanley Balzekas, Jr., President of the Organization, Bruno Gramont, Sue Cowan, Mae Miller, Hilde Kuzas, Lorraine Williams, and Casimir Baltramaitis.

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### PLEASE PROTEST

The National Geographic Society is preparing a new book called "JOURNEY ACROSS RUSSIA — the Soviet Union Today" which will be released in August 1977. Their advertising talks about a chapter entitled "Shores of the Baltic". In the midst of a paragraph describing Russian cities, they talk about Riga. They do not say that Riga is the capital of Latvia. Their advertising carries a lovely picture of amber beads and anyone not familiar with them immediately assumes that they are Russian. The title of the book does not say "AND" the Soviet Union Today. We feel that the title of this book should be changed or any mention of Lithuania deleted. A book about Russia should not be about Lithuania. It is the duty of the National Cultural Committee to correct misinformation in books and all of the Cultural Chairmen have been asked to see that their Council sends a letter of protest.

Even this seems like such a small showing. We are asking EVERYONE to try to write a short letter to the Secretary about this subject. You might remind him that the Government of the United States has never recognized the occupation of the Baltic States and that there are numerous Congressional Bills on file attesting to that fact. You could tell him that you are not Russian and that amber beads belong to the

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Balts — not the Russians. You might also tell him that Riga is in Latvia and that the Shores of the Baltic do not belong to Russia. The address is as follows:

Mr. Owen Anderson, Secretary  
National Geographic Society  
17th and M Streets  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Aldona Ryan, National Cultural Chairman

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations received for Scholarship Fund from Nov. 22, 1976 to May 3, 1977 were as follows:

Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (in Mem. of Ona Žilinskas, Ald. Zaunius Mother).....	\$10.00
Council 29, Newark, N.J.....	50.00
Helen V. Kulber, C-41 (in Mem. of Paul Rusas, Father of Mrs. J. Žukas & M. Kober).....	10.00
Anna M. Matulevich-Mitchell, Hon. Mbr. C-52, Elizabeth, N.J.....	10.00
Helen V. Kulber, C-41, Brooklyn, N.Y. (in Mem. of Anthony Shovelki).....	10.00

Anthony J. Mažeika, Treas.



#### 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.
- 17 "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" RADIO HOUR PICNIC, Estonian Park, Lakewood - Jackson, N.J.

#### 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-ATLANTIC  
DISTRICT**

## C-74 - SCRANTON, PA.

Our Pres. Eva Kazokas has finally had the cast taken off her broken wrist. She's now getting therapy and whirlpool baths to get her hand back to normal.

A big event took place on Feb. 10 at the main branch of the Scranton Public Library. Sister Virginia Marie of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified, St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, Pa., was honored on the occasion of publication of her book on the history of Lithuania, "Praise the Lord, All You Nations". Council Pres. Eva Kazokas presented Sister with a subscription to the Vytis. In her talk, Eva congratulated Sister on the publication of her book, and added, "The K of L feels great pride in your achievement, for the aim of our organization is to further ethnic awareness, along with preservation of our Lithuanian language, culture, and traditions. Your book gives us the historical background necessary for achieving all these goals". The library was filled to capacity on this very important occasion. A large number of our council members attended, which included Pres. Eva Kazokas and Vice Pres. Andrew B. Leonard. Sister

Virginia Vytell (Vaitulevičius) was a neighbor and friend of Andy's when they were growing up as teenagers in Scranton, Pa. Also in the audience was the Lithuanian historian, Bronius Kaslas, a professor at Wilkes College, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; the noted writer, Liudas Dovydėnas; and other noted scholars. For interesting reading, we urge everyone to obtain a copy of Sister's book.

Our council celebrated St. Casimir's Day with Mass and a Communion Breakfast with C-43 at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Parish, Pittston, Pa. Rev. Peter Ališauskas, Pastor and Spiritual Advisor of C-43, offered the Mass and delivered a sermon on the life of St. Casimir. During the Mass, 54 new members of our council took the First Degree oath from Fr. Ališauskas.

After Mass, all members marched in a body to the parish hall for breakfast. A hearty home-style breakfast was served. The guest speaker was the well-known Professor Bronius Kaslas. He spoke on and stressed the life and history of St. Casimir.

The following members of our council were in attendance: Andrew Leonard, Agatha Sueta, Helen Cravath, John J. Skeras Sr., Gertrude & Frank Romeika, Jean Kveragas, Betty & Frank Hanas, and Eva & Mary Kazokas. Forest City, Pa. C-46 was also represented. Our member, Frank Romeika, was elected Sgt-at-Arms.

Andy Leonard is doing a great job publicizing Lithuanians. He had several hundred copies made and distributed of "A Tiny Copper Monument", the history of Victor (Baranauskas) Brenner, creator and designer of the copper penny. At the bottom of the sheet was printed, "Knights of Lithuania".

He also mailed a copy to the Copper Penny Lounge in Scranton because of the similarity of name. A friend of Andy's who works in a bank in Mt. Pocono, Pa., had stacks of this article put on the teller's window counters, and the customers picked them all up. We are pleased that more individuals now know that a Lithuanian designed the copper penny.

Andrew B. Leonard

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

The council celebrated the feast of their patron, St. Casimir, on Mar. 6. Mass was offered in the Holy Trinity Church. Our membership was led into church by the local Lith.-American Veterans Post Color Guard. Rev. Vytautas Balčiūnas, OFM of Brooklyn, N.Y. celebrated the Mass and delivered a sermon befitting the day. Before Mass there was the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, and at its conclusion, the K of L Hymn. The St. Cecilia Choir, under the direction of Clement Bagdonavičius sang during the Mass. Our members made an excellent showing in their approach to the altar rail during the Eucharist. Gifts of the Mass were presented by Mr. & Mrs. Albinas Zukauskas.

Mrs. Zukauskas served as M.C. during the breakfast, which followed in the parish hall. Frank Vaskas had the honor of introducing the guest speaker, Betty Foley, who made a decided hit in her discourse, stating that she felt right at home among us, had heard of and known Lithuanians, having lived among them in Mt. Carmel, Pa. Ms. Foley received a tremendous ovation both at the conclusion of her talk and when she left the hall.

Invocation was offered by our Pastor and Spiritual Advisor,

Msgr. John J. Scharnus. He extended greetings on behalf of the parish. Council Pres. Kazys Sipaila called on former Council Pres. Kazys Strolis for a bow, and also Mary York of New York C-12. Our thanks to Mary for arranging for our guest speaker of the day. On behalf of the members, Albinas Zukauskas presented the Three Lithuanian Presidents Medal to Helen Radisch. The citation was given to Helen for her many endeavors on behalf of the council.

Our annual Square Dance came off in fine fashion. A good attendance was on hand despite the weather. The council made their usual Easter donation to the Holy Trinity Church. The annual cake sale on behalf of the parish also saw a good turnout of people who purchased the goodies baked by our members. We offer a deep bow in the direction of those individuals who had charge of both events.

On Feb. 27 as part of the 75th Anniversary of the parish, there was a blessing and dedication of a bronze plaque in memory of all priests who served our parish during that time. Assisting at the ceremony was Rev. Vladas Karalevičius. At the same time, a special blessing was received from Pope Paul VI.

Frank Vaskas took off in April on his annual trek to Florida. He had been busy this past year covering parish activities both for the American and Lithuanian press.

Put a circle around Oct. 8, the night of our Annual Dinner-Dance in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Hoping to see one and all at the coming Seimas.

The Wanderer

#### C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

On Mar. 6, our council members observed St. Casimir's Feast Day at the 11 a.m. Mass in Transfiguration Church, celebrated by Fr. John Pakalniskis, Moderator. A breakfast was served in the hall. Fr. Frank Bulovas, M.A. Dist. Moderator, greeted the members



*C-110 Maspeth, N.Y. members attending Parish Communion Breakfast. Seated l. to r. - Treas. Helen Yocis, Pres. Nellie Skabeikis, V.P. John Sidtis. Standing l. to r. Ann Sidtis, Phil Skabeikis, Mary Kulis, Theresa Thomann, John Thomann, Marian Skabeikis, Ed Kuchinskas.*

and encouraged them to greater things.

A short play on the sainthood of Casimir, written by Philip Skabeikis, was presented by Juniors Antanas Ambrosini, Raymond Balconis, William Sidtis, Leon Stungurys, and Marija Stungurys.

At the MAD Annual Communion Breakfast, our council members sang Shukis' Mass, under the direction of Philip Skabeikis. Dan Skabeikis played Bach's Ariosa on the violin accompanied by Philip Skabeikis on the organ.

At the breakfast the St. Casimir play was performed by C-110 Juniors.

The annual award for the most active member on the District level was presented for the first time to a husband & wife "team", Marian & Philip Skabeikis. Valio! Močiutė

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

Our council sponsored its annual St. Casimir's Day Communion luncheon on Mar. 6. The day's events began with the holy sacri-

fice of the Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Casimir's Church.

Leader of worship for the Mass was Third Ward Supervisor and K of L member Joseph Valikonis. The offertory gifts were presented to Rev. Robert K. Baltch, celebrant of the Mass, by Junior members Rima Hartvigas and Mary Margaret Rimkunas.

Following the Mass, a luncheon was served at the Tower Inn. Arrangements were made by the committee of Mrs. Edna Stokna, chairman; Mrs. Helen Augun and Mrs. Jean Maldutis.

Pres. Anthony J. Radzevich was the toastmaster and Fr. Baltch gave the invocation.

One of the highlights of the day was the attendance of State Senator Hugh T. Farley, who extended an invitation to the members to visit him at his office in the Capitol and also to see the new South Mall.

Fr. Baltch and Rev. Anthony Grigaitis spoke briefly.

The keynote speaker was Rev. Vacys Sirka, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital. The topic of his conversation was the life of St.

Casimir and his canonization. St. Casimir is the patron saint of our organization and also of the Lithuanian nation. His father was Casimir IV, grand prince of Lithuania and king of Poland; his mother, Elizabeth of Austria, was the daughter of Emperor Albrecht II of Hapsburg. St. Casimir came from a large family, six boys and five girls. He was described by his scholars as an excellent youth of rare talents and remarkable knowledge. One scholar remembered him as a holy youth. He was in ill health in 1483 and died Mar. 4, 1484 in Gardinas, Lithuania at the age of 24.

Ritual chāirlady Miss Mary Stanionis announced that 13 members would receive their First Degree and that 8 members qualified for the Second Degree. Spiritual Advisor Fr. Baltch conferred the First Degree on Leo & Susan Dansevitch, Ben & Mildred Botaitis, Anthony & Jane Karbocus, Sadie Allen, Frances Di Bart, Agnes Rokit, Charlotte Sargalis, Rev. Vacys Sirka, and John & Mildred Whelley.

He conferred the Second Degree to Helen Augun, Edward Bara-

nauskas, Annacetta Guzielek, Edna Luzinas, Edith Orante, Josephine Redding, Peter Sargalis and Leona Zakarka.

The regular business meeting followed with Secy. Nellie Liberis reading the minutes, followed with Treas. Sophie Olbie's financial report.

A report on the Dinner and Program commemorating the 59th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence was made by Gene Gobis, chairman.

The singing of the national anthems concluded the program.

Ed & Nellie Liberis invited the members to hold the April meeting at their residence.

Smile & Sparkle

C-143 - PITTSTON, PA.

Naujai susitvėrusi Pittston, Pa. Vyčių 143 kp. prie Šv. Kazimiero liet. parapijos Gerb. klebono Kun. P. J. Ališausko ir Vyčių kp. valdybos pastangomis minėtos bažnyčios ir Vyčių globėjo šventę minint š.m. kovo 6 d. suruošta puošnios iškilmės.

Vyčių kp. 143-čios 42 nariai prieš 9 val. ryto susirinko parapijos sveitainėn, kuri iš anksto buvo gražiai

išpuošta lietuviškom spalvom, šūkais, vėliavomis, Vyties emblemom. Iš salės Vyčių 143 kp. nariai organizuotai, procesijos tvarka nužygiavo bažnyčion iškiliom 9 v.r. pamaldom.

Pamaldų pradžioj naujai susitvėrusios kp. 42 nariai Šv. Kazimiero parap. klebono Kun. P. J. Ališausko, šios kuopos dvasios vadovo buvo prisiekdinti. Klebono rūpesčiu bažnyčios vidus, altoriai buvo išpuošti gėlėmis, lietuviškais kaspinais, ir t.t.

Iškilmingas Šv. Mišias atnašavo ir pamokslą pritaikintą šioms iškilmėms, apie Šv. Kazimierą parapijos ir Vyčių globėją, pasakė klebonas Kun. P. J. Ališauskas.

Ne tik vyčių nariai, svečiai, bet ir gausus būrys parapijiečių dalyvavo pamaldose, kurios užsibaigė parapijos choro ir visų maldininkų pakilia nuotaika sugiedotu Lietuvos himnu, vargonais palydint.

Po pamaldų Pittston'o Vyčių kp. nariai ir svečiai: Vyčių 74 kp. Scranton, Pa., nariai Andrew Leonard, Agatha Sueta, Helen Cravath, John J. Skeras Sr., Gertrude & Frank Romeika, Jean Kveragas, Betty & Frank Hanas, Eve & Mary Kazokas; Vyčių kp. 43



*C-143 Pittston, Pa. Seated l to r - Adele Menchinsky, Anne Challan, Casimir Kizis, Rosalie Kizis, Rev. P.J. Alisauskas, Dr. Bronis Kaslas, Frances Kaslas, Onofrio "Pep" Orlando, Frances Orlando. Standing l. to r. - Peter Menchinsky, Charles Moniak, Ann Marie Moniak, Anna Walatkas, Genevieve Dajnowski, Charles Dajnowski, Helen Wisnosky, John Wisnosky, Dorothy Banos, Nellie Bayoras.*



Forest City, Pa. nariai Frances & Anthony Yavorosky, Mary Prezelski, Ann Zalinski, John Morris; bei parapijiečiai sugrižo parapijos svetainėn kur prie išpuoštų su lietuviškom spalvom, bei gėlėm stalų, susėdo pusryčiams.

Invokaciją atkalbėjo Klebonas Kun. P. J. Ališauskas. Vyčių 143 kp. pirmininkas Peter Menchinsky pasveikino visus susirinkusius ir supažindino su iškilmių dienos pirmininke Rosalie Kizis, kuri tarusi keletą žodžių, pristatė programos pirm. Pep Orlando, kuris supažindino visus atsilankiusius svečius.

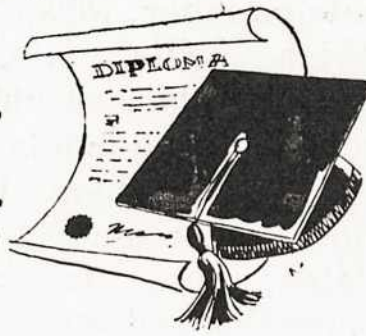
Pagrindinis kalbėtojas, naujai įsirašęs Pittston'o Vyčių 143 kp. narys buvo Dr. Br. Kaslas, kuris savo turiningoj kalboj kaip ir Kleb. Kun. P. J. Ališauskas pamoksle nušvietė Šv. Kazimiero reikšmę Lietuvai ir lietuvių tautai. Ir čia dar žodį tarė mūsų kp. dvasios vadovas Kleb. Kun. Ališauskas. Abu kalbėtojai vaizdžiai nusakė ir Vyčių garbingos organizacijos tikslą, paskirtį, bei reikšmę lietuvių tautai bei Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymo, jos laisvės atgavimo susijusios su LIETUVOS VYČIŲ veikla prasmę.

Prieš užbaigos maldą Kleb. Kun. Ališauskas padėkojo visiems už atsilankymą Šv. Mišioms, pusryčiams ir komisijai už pasidarbavimą šioms iškilmėms. Išskirtina padėka dėl Rosalie Kizis, Anne Challan, Anna Walatkas už stalų papuošimą; Pep Orlando, Charles Dajnoski programos pravedimą; Peter Menchinsky valgių parūpinimą; Dorothy Banos už painformavimą angl. spaudoj ir dovaną Pittston'o Vyčių 143 kp. emblemą; Ann Marie Moniak ir Nellie T. Bayoras už rezervacijas; N. T. Bayoras už pagaminimą šūkių ir Lietuvos vėliavos dovaną; Dr. B. Kaslui, Mary Krutulis ir Dorothy Banos už Vyties emblemas; Ann Marie Sewatsky ir Klebonui Kun. P. J. Ališauskui už atspausdinimą, parūpinimą, programų.

Lai gyvuoja Pittston'o Vyčių 143-ji kuopa!

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C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

Annual exercises honoring St. Casimir, Prince and Patron Saint of Lithuania and our K of L organization were held Mar. 4 with a Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 7 P.M. followed by a supper in St. Joseph's Hall. The Rev. George Vilčiauskas, pastor, celebrated the Liturgy and gave the homily relating to St. Casimir, the venerable Archbishop George Matulaitis, and to holiness of life and character in general. A special musical program directed by organist and choirmaster John Beinoris featured the Knights of Lithuania anthem sung by the entire congregation.

Dr. William Shukaitis was master of ceremonies for the supper program. Main speaker was Joseph Samoska, prominent church, civic, business and sports activist. Prof. Alexander Aleksis, dean of honorary members and composer of the K of L anthem stressed his traditional theme, urging his listeners to best identify with St. Casimir, America and Lithuania by witnessing to the motto of the Knights of Lithuania "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY". Teresa Trainis, National Fin. Secy. extended greetings from Bridgeport C-141. A large delegation from Ansonia C-135 also attended.

A resolution prepared and presented by Marcella Aleksis, Lithuanian Affairs chairlady, was passed and will be sent to President Carter and other government functionaries. The observance was concluded with a stirring rendition of "GOD BLESS AMERICA" and the Lithuanian national anthem,

sung by the entire assemblage led by Prof. Aleksis - "kad būtų girdėti pačiame Vilniuje!"

In charge of arrangements for the festivities were Co-chmn. Walter Blinstrubas and Edmund White, and also, Lillian Paulauskas, Patricia Richards, Doris Blinstrubas, Nell Diggles.

In addition, we are happy to state that our council fittingly marked this year's two outstanding Lithuanian anniversaries - the 50th death anniversaries of the venerable Archbishop Jurgis Matulaitis, candidate for sainthood, and Lithuania's patriarch, Jonas Basanavičius. A symbolic \$50 donation was sent to the Marian Fathers to further the beatification process of Archbishop Matulaitis, and \$25 to the Lithuanian American Council, Inc. for its continuing Lithuania's liberation activities.

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C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Gone from our midst, but not forgotten in our prayers, are Walter Tabaka who died Oct. 11, and George Martin who died Nov. 28. Mrs. Helen Parish, mother of Helen Gumbulevich, died after a long illness.

Lil Poehailos is back with us again after her operation at Yale New Haven Hosp. and is Chairlady of "A Night at the Races" sponsored by the Parish Council of St. Anthony's Church. Nothing keeps Lil down for long. Put your money on Lil, as she will win every race she enters.

Congratulations to Don Poehailos and Stan Twerian. Father Ray appointed Don as one of our new Trustees. This position became vacant when Father appointed Stan to be one of the special Parish Consultors. John Sabulis did not run for re-election as Pres. of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen so that he may now make motions and may participate pro or con on controversial issues that may arise.

Our council donated \$400. to the Parish Improvement Fund.

We lost two members in Ann & Walter Arbachouskas, but gained three go-getters in Walter Trella and Helen & Stanley Uskevich.

St. Anthony's Parish Fair which was held on June 4-5 has grown to such proportions that four chairmen conducted the operations this year. Two of the chairmen were members of our council, Jack Tyson, Parish Council Pres., and Stan Twerian, Genl. Chairman for the last four years. John Ellis was our representative at the Parish Council meetings for the Fair. Walter Stachowicz, with his wife Millie assisting, operated a Clam Bar at the Fair where everyone enjoyed clams on the half shell.

Our annual Cake & Perogi Sale was held Apr. 2 after the 5 & 7 p.m. Masses, and on Apr. 3 after the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses. Every member was required to bring a cake for the sale, or they would be assessed \$3. Lil Twerian and Dot Martin, co-chairladies of the affair, had a workshop for making the perogi's. We thank the following members who volunteered their assistance: Violet Brazitis, Rose Marie Tabaka, Lil Chaplik, Helen Chepulis, Ruth Tyson, Ella Ellis, Millie Stachowicz, Rose DeGenaro, Olga Gray, Mary Slavin, and Lil Norwid.

Our annual Communion Breakfast was held Mar. 6 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Jack Tyson, "our smiling chef", (works hard, but keeps smiling), did a superb job assisted by John Barsevich. Violet Brazitis, co-chairlady, who also worked hard was one reason Jack kept smiling. Violet can tell some funny stories. Not to be outdone was the cooperation of members Dorothy Martin, Lil Norwid, Ella Ellis, Fran Barsevich, Lil Twerian, Lil Chaplik, and Susan Chepulis, who helped serve, wash dishes, and put everything away in ship-shape order. All the coffee you could drink, and second helpings of everything was available. We have nothing but praise for a job well done.

Highlighting the evening was the First Degree awarded to

Joseph Akelaitis, who was unavailable until this event, and to a new member, Mrs. Nellie Gumbulevich. Nellie's joining completes one of the largest number of members from one family in our council. Let's count them: there's Nellie, mother; her son Peter and his wife Helen; her daughter Frances Barsevich and son-in-law John; and another daughter, Ruth Tyson and her husband Jack. It could grow larger, as all of Nellie's children have children.

The highest honor went to Mrs. Rose Marie Tabaka, who received her Third Degree. Rose Marie was absent at the NED Convention when the degrees were issued. Al Barauskas, our Ritual Chairman, was the presiding officer. Congratulations to all.

It's togetherness more than ever. Ann & Al Barauskas are now a man and wife at leisure.

Fin. Secy. Stan Twerian wishes to thank everyone for getting their dues in early this year. It makes everyone's job easier, and a full, paid-up membership is something to be proud of.

Pres. Anthony Chepulis wishes to remind everyone that our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Eva, we love you.

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#### C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Our council was well represented at the annual St. Casimir's NED celebration held in Westfield on Mar. 20. Guest speakers included Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor and faculty member at Providence College in R.I., who spoke on St. Casimir, and also celebrated the Mass, and Dr. Algirdas Budreckis of Boston who spoke on Lithuanians who actively participated in the history of America. An excellent buffet followed the speaking program and the performance of the Ratelis Dance Group. Well done, Westfield.

Our newest member, Alice Harasimowich, has been really busy helping our group, knitting an afghan, booties, and other articles that will be drawn at the Spring Convention in Athol. Ačiū labai Alexandra!

Alice & Stan Perekslis, owner of Stan's Super Market, enjoyed a trip to England in April where they visited the House of Commons. They returned home in time for the Spring sessions in town.

The Athol-Gardner area will long remember the winter of '77, storm after storm with arctic temperatures. The last storm, on the second day of Spring, dumped 18 inches of wet snow on the area. Perhaps it's expected for those of us living in the North Country & Snow Belt.

The Rodski's are modernizing their home with a new kitchen, bathroom, rugs, "and the whole bit". Good luck with your renovation!

It is good to see Tina Satas attending meetings and all our activities. Tina made the muffins for our Lithuanian Independence Day Brunch. We hear she was up at 4 a.m. that morning! Thanks, Tina.

**MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** We introduce to the readers of the VYTIS this month, Bernice Wisnauskas, a member for the past 7 years, who came to us as a result of her marriage to Bill. Brone came into the limelight recently because of her skill with the margutis. Born in Linbaras, Lithuania, Brone was taken at an early age to Poland by her parents who fled the onslaught of the Russians into Lithuania. Years later she arrived in the States and settled in Worcester and finally in Gardner. A quiet unassuming person, Brone has many artistic talents. She paints, is a seamstress, a flower enthusiast, a specialist in the art of waxing the margutis, and a maker of beautiful Lithuanian dolls. Bernice demonstrated the Old World Egg Art at a recent meeting of the Polish American Social League in Gard-

ner, and also at the quarterly meeting of the Area Co-operative Bank Assoc. held in Bernadson. The Gardner News carried a large picture of her and the committee chairwoman. Later, a featured article appeared that gave Lithuania a lot of publicity. Brone has had beautiful cultural displays at local picnics. Well done, Brone!

**A WORD FROM LENNIE DAVIDONIS:** Tune in on Radio Vaticana! Did you know that the Vatican Radio beams daily short-wave broadcasts to the U.S.? Try some short-wave listening. Did you hear the Pope's greetings in your native tongue at Eastertime? Radio Vaticana broadcasts in many languages to the world. To hear the English language broadcasts, tune your short-wave radio to 5995, 6015, or 9605 KHZ at 0100 hours G.M.T. or 8 p.m. E.S.T. (Winter) and 9 p.m. E.D.T. (Spring). 11700 KHZ is also used from time to time at the same 0100 to 0115 hours G.M.T. schedule. A broadcast in English has also been heard on Sundays at 1700 hours G.M.T. (noon) E.S.T. on 15420 KHZ. It is recommended that persons seeking to hear the broadcasts tune in about 5 minutes early to hear the station's identifying signal. Listen for the bells of St. Peter's in the Vatican, and you will know you have the right spot on the dial. All programs average about 15 minutes. Broadcasts are beamed to Lithuania daily on 7155, 9630, 11740 KHZ at 1830 hours G.M.T. and Sundays on 9645, 11740 KHZ at 0630 hours G.M.T., but are not heard statewide. If you wish a schedule of the broadcasts, the languages, where the programs are beamed, write to: Radio Vaticana, Short-Wave Broadcasts, English Language Div., Vatican City. You might enclose a postal International reply coupon to speed up delivery. Listen for the words, "Laudetur Jesus Christus" (Praised be Jesus Christ) and you are listening to Radio Vaticana.

Lennie Davidonis is the council's Fin. Secy., the council photographer, and through his efforts

and talents, the Athol Daily News carries many pictures of our activities. He is a member of SPEEDX (Society to preserve the engrossing enjoyment of DX'ing), a worldwide short-wave radio listener's organization. He is also a citizen's band radio operator with the handle "Web Foot" as he enjoys snowshoeing and using swim fins. Call KFM-0177 on your C.B. Radio on Channel 19 if you happen to be up Athol way, and Len Davidonis will be glad to talk with you, or help you find your way through town.

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### C-30 - HOLYOKE, MASS.

Lithuanians in Holyoke, Mass. have scored again by leaving their mark for posterity. In a follow-up of their Lithuanian Christmas program, Wistariahurst Museum was endowed with a painting by artist Anthony Petrikonis of Chicago, Ill., titled "Winter Tricks". Mr.

Petrikonis recently had a one-man show at the Museum in conjunction with a program presented by our council.

The painting portrays hickory bushes enveloped with flakes of white snow. The fundamental method of inception in executing this beautiful painting was unusual, in that glass was employed to capture the fleeting effect of snowflakes blanketing the subject.

Mr. Victor Vaitkus of Waterbury, Conn., acting in behalf of Mr. Petrikonis, and Mrs. Albert Laframboise, NED President, presented this painting to Mrs. Marie Quirk, director of the museum. Also present at the ceremony were Mrs. Anthony Ruggles, NED Culture Chair'lady; Mr. Anthony Ruggles, our council's Lithuanian Affairs Chairman; and Mrs. Clement Picard, NED Public Relations Chairlady.

Now, upon entering the Dr. Bagg Memorial Library room, one's attention is directly focused on the pictorial watercolor which is



*C-30 Holyoke, Mass. A painting "Winter Tricks" by artist Anthony Petrikonis being presented to Wistariahurst Museum for its permanent collection. L to r - Mrs. Albert Laframboise, NED President, Mrs. Marie Quirk, museum director who accepted the painting for Wistariahurst; and Mrs. Anthony Ruggles, NED Cultural Chairlady.*

hung on the wall facing the doorway.

Lithuanians are the first ethnic group to present a painting to the Wistariahurst Museum, thereby contributing a token of their culture to this community.

M.P.

#### C-1 - BROCKTON, MASS.

"We came back" - after a long absence, in the Vytis. There is quite a bit to tell.

Our combined Christmas party & meeting was held in January at the home of Anne & John Statkus, a gracious host and hostess. Delicious Lithuanian food adorned the table, and weight watching was out that evening!

Snowflake Ball time rolled around again on Feb. 20, and despite real snowflakes outside that totaled from 4-6 inches, Joe Pasiaka's Orchestra and the dancing crowd was never better! A good time was enjoyed by all, even Marilyn Yuskaitis, who ended up dancing barefoot when the new "red slippers" couldn't keep up with the polkas. Many thanks to our committee members who helped make the dance the success

was - Honorary Chmn. Rev. Peter Shakalis; Co-Chmn. Herb Fralick & Joe Piscitelli; Decorations by the Statkus and Bumila families; Pat Achorn, Patrons; John Tamoshunas, Program Design; Susan Boroskas, Publicity; Marion Dillis & Anne Statkus, Refreshments; and Doris Fralick & Joyce Piscitelli, Reservations.

In honor of St. Casimir's Day, our Parish held a concert and supper on Mar. 6 at 5 p.m. in the church hall. This brought about a feeling of unity among the parishioners, and our council helped spearhead this wonderful supper. Members who gave their time and support were Marion Dillis, Pat Achorn, Joyce Piscitelli, Doris Fralick, Theresa Dillis, Sylvia Shukis, Marilyn Yuskaitis, and Valerie Dillis. Our St. Casimir's Choir performed at the supper, a choir of which the Parish is very

proud. The Choir has released their first album of Lithuanian Folk Songs. If any of the K of L members across the country would be interested in purchasing this album, please write to Mrs. Patricia E. Achorn, 26 Lawton Ave., Brockton, Mass. 02402. Its cost is \$5.98.

If you're wondering what has happened to some of our members, we have some news. Marion Dillis, a scholarship winner, is attending Stonehill College majoring in Law Enforcement. ("Police Woman" doesn't have a chance with Marion!) Al & Dorothy (Kaseta) Skirius are the proud parents of two sons. Frank Bukunt is still discovering Europe. Sylvia Shukis looks absolutely fantastic! Last, but definitely not least, Susan Boroskas has been under the weather for quite a while. Please remember Sue in your prayers so that she will return to good health very soon.

C-1 will be back with more membership happenings and Council News. See you soon!

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#### C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

During Holy Week each of us was busy in his own way preparing for Easter. There had been regular Lenten devotions, choir rehearsals, and our annual parish mission at St. Casimir's (this year conducted by Father Anastasius Valancius of Chicago, Ill. and Elizabeth, N.J.). Immediately following Easter, a military whist was held on Apr. 16 co-chaired by Steve Walinsky, Sr. and his son, Steve, Jr. Also in April, Ann Walinsky was chairperson for the meeting's pot luck supper. The highlight of this evening was a double contest, - Easter egg competition for the men and Easter bonnet competition for the women, which provided a few chuckles. Peter Ivaska, Hlen Gillus and Dorothy Seilius are the arrangements committee for the annual council picnic to be held at Maironis Park on June 5. Helen Gillus is chairman for the

NED Annual Retreat to be held June 24-26 at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Me.

Apologies to Sister M. Laurine, SSC, whose name was inadvertently misspelled in the last VYTIS (Sister's name is Laurine, not Laurence).

The annual St. Casimir's Day commemoration continues to be one of the highlights of the K of L Year. Our pastor, Father A. Miciunas, MIC, celebrated Mass and delivered the homily, while our spiritual director, Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, addressed us at the Communion breakfast. Arrangements were planned and executed by Ann Bender, Rita Pinkus, Francis & Adele Degutis, Marion Racicot, and Steve & Ann Walinsky.

Very sincere congratulations from us all to Bert & Marion March who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in March.

Did you know that Ann Bender and Joseph Sakaitis this year mark their Ruby (40 years) Anniversary in the Knights of Lithuania? These "gems" hold beautiful records and so it's no wonder that Honorary Memberships have been bestowed upon them. Our council boasts a total of five honorary members. The other three are Rita Pinkus, who is our present council president, the late Mary Thompson Jankowski, and the late Edward Daniels. Congratulations to Ann and Joe on their 40th anniversary in working for God and Country!

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

Parishioners and friends congratulated Father Martinkus on his 68th birthday.

Father A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., celebrated the St. Casimir's Feast Day Mass sponsored by the New England District. Westfield Council was host for the special occasion. Grace Vaitkunas, Ruta Krecioch, Bertha Stoskus, Ruth & Lillian Savage, with Fr. Jurgelai-

tis, represented our council at this annual NED affair.

Joan Laframboise, NED Pres., conducted a very fruitful district executive board meeting at the home of Bertha Stoskus in Providence.

A Florida mid-winter vacation was enjoyed by Dr. & Mrs. John Cunningham. The local Lithuanian Heritage Committee Chairperson, Jean Coughlin, vacationed with her spouse in Arizona.

Our Convention Committee held a business meeting at the home of Mildred Seraichekas in Cranston.

Francis Kapiskas graduated from La Salle Academy and will enter the University of R.I. this fall. Regina Krecioch was graduated from R.I. Junior College. Donna Kairys graduated from Birchwood Jr. High and will enter North Providence H.S. in September.

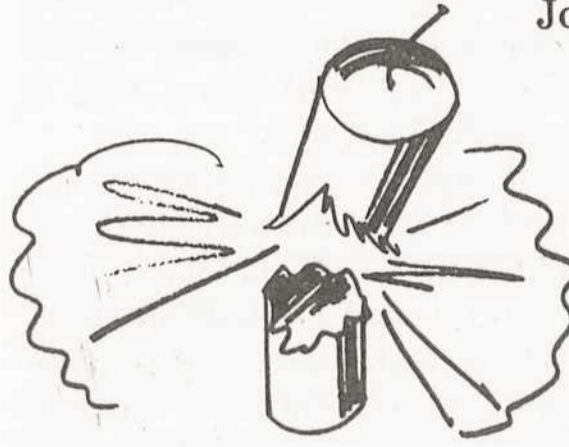
In mid-March, Father Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C., phoned us from his hospital room in New Jersey. Father underwent two operations since January of this year, and hopes to be well enough to attend the National Convention. Prayers were offered by our members for ailing Father Puidokas of Westfield and for Fr. Budrecki.

Supreme Council officers held an

executive meeting in Providence on Mar. 26. It was a most productive session.

C-103 awaits your arrival at the National Convention in Providence.

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### MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

#### C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

The council set aside Mar. 6 to honor their patron, St. Casimir. Members and Junior Knights attended the 8 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Church and received Holy Communion in a body. Following the Mass, Elinor Sluzas and Mary Ann Blum co-chaired a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham and all the trimmings, including homemade jam by Mary Ann. After breakfast the Junior Knights did readings on the life of St. Casimir. Then, formal awards were presented to the members who com-

pleted their First or Second Degree obligations for the past year.

Special thanks go to Elinor, Mary Ann and their committee. This includes August, Michael & Greg Blum, Audrey Banner, Rita Ambrose and Judy Petrokas. Clean-up crew was Joe, Chris & Joey Mantz, Fran Petkus, Ed Sluzas and Aldona Ryan. Special thanks also to Mrs. Ann Ambrose and Mrs. Monica Petrokas for the delicious coffee cakes they made and donated to our breakfast. The council members must be congratulated for the very fine turnout for this special day for Knights all over the country. To all Ačiū Labai!

Mar. 25 was the final night of our council's bowling league for the season. Jack Pot winners that night were Frank Ambrose, Diane Kavalasuskas, Chris & Joey Mantz. Joey, a Jr Knight, is congratulated for the fine 215 he rolled the last night and his first 200 in league competition. Our thanks to the bowling league secy., Mike Dailey, for all his work in making the season a success. To his co-helper, his wife, Donna Jean, we also extend a large Thank You. Now on to the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Cleveland!

Elinor Sluzas, Joe & Aldona



*C-96 Dayton, Ohio, 1st Degree Recipients: Josephine Zilinskas & Anna Marie Sluzas with Council Ritual Comm. Member Eloise Berczelly.*



*C-96 Dayton, Ohio, 2nd Degree Recipients: Richard Noreikas, Anella Petkus, Isabel Latos, Joyce Berczelly with S.C. Ritual Member & Council Ritual Chairman Fran Petkus.*

Ryan came home with nothing but praise for the fine weekend in Providence, Mar. 26-27, attending the Supreme Council meeting. They all felt it was most productive. The hospitality of the Providence members was generously felt and displayed. Special thanks to John & Bertha Stoskus for Elinor's tour. It was most enlightening.

This same weekend Dayton members were attending the Eucharistic Devotions at Holy Cross. Father Juozas Bacevičius, OFM from Kennebunkport, Me. was our guest moderator for the weekend services. Father Joe left us with many inspiring thoughts and ideas.

With our diocesan's annual Archbishop's Fund Drive now a thing of the past, we would like to thank the Knights who helped Father Walter Katarskis with our parish's obligation in this tremendous project. A special acknowledgement goes to the council members who were on the official committee: August Blum, Ray & Mildred Steinbrunner.

Much luck to Josephine Zilinkas who has replaced Bea Noreikas on the telephone squad. A warm welcome to our newest members. Up from the Juniors are Kathy Sinkwitz, Rita Gečas and Mary Agnes Mikalauskas. We also welcome Barbara Goecke who belonged to our Youth Group when we had the group formed as a sub to the regular council. Many active years ahead for all of you.

Congratulations to the members who at the Mar. 7 meeting fulfilled their duties for the First Degree - Michael Blum, Joan & Diane Kavalauskas. Second Degree recipients were Aldona Drukteinis, Mary Lou Lastoskie, Anthony & Marie Preidis and Ray Steinbrunner. Kathy Sinkwitz, having received her First Degree as a Junior at the National Convention in Dayton, did take the K of L Oath on the 7th, also.

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Elizabeth Scott and Eugenia Gečas after recent surgery. To our

Hialeah, Fla. member, Peter Petkus, continued good health after your recent problems.

Did you catch Joe & Aldona Ryan recently on Channel 14/16? They were donating time on the station's annual fund drive. This is Dayton's PBS station.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Ray Steinbrunner on the sudden death of his father, Mr. Frank Steinbrunner. Our deepest sympathies to the family of George Sankus of C-102 Detroit. George was well known to many of the 'old gang' from Dayton. Friendship with George had continued throughout these many years. We shall miss his quiet smile. We pray their souls are at peace.

Mary Lucas and Mary Lou Lastoskie with four friends, just returned from a 14-day Caribbean cruise, touching ports in So. America. "Terrific, fantastic, amazing, unbelievable, great" were the comments! They are ready to set sail again.

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#### C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

Dull moments are few and far between with the 79'ers. The winter months found our members going on the double.

Social chairman Joe Yakstys promoted a K of L Social Bowling Tournament, sponsored by C-79, held in February, which turned out to be a success despite fewer bowlers than last year. His wife, Jeanne, who has a background in

accounting, capably handled the "figures" of handicaps and averages. She was assisted by Pres. Maggie Smailis who did the honors of collecting the over-average jackpots. Chester Nashlon and Joe Yakstys assigned lanes, while Marge Nashlon helped with tabulating the final scores.

There were several first-time bowlers. Joe Panavas' family were in full force with Joe and his daughters Margaret Mary and Karen bowling, while his wife Violet cheered them on. Other first-timers were Tony Repshas, cheered by his wife Alice, Gene Biabak of C-102 bowled with her husband Gus, and last but not least, Chip Newberry who is getting his first "taste" of league bowling.

Top prize money and trophies went to 1st place winners - Ruth & Mart Wagster of C-102; 2nd prize - Laura Kurtinaitis of C-139 and Mike Vale of C-79; and 3rd prize - Barbara & Ed Sackle of C-79. Evelyn & Clem Galinas took 4th prize money while Geo. Kayganvich and Norman Hein took the 5th prize. Congratulations to all the winners, and better luck next time to the losers.

In order to offset the cost of the trophies, Jeanne Yakstys had charge of a drawing held during the regular Friday Night Bowling League on Feb. 18. She was assisted by a sister council member Laura Kurtinaitis of C-139, as well as our social chairman, Joe Yakstys. Thanks to all who participated.



*A happy group of trophy winners of a Bowling Day Social sponsored by C-79 Southfield, Mich.*

Following trophy presentations and group pictures which followed the Social Bowling, several couples went to dinner. After everyone had filled up with good food, Chester Nashlon hosted after-dinner refreshments at the Monsignor Hunt Knights of Columbus lounge. Chester transferred to Monsignor Hunts as a 3rd Degree member on Feb. 12, which capped a "roasting" at the K-C lounge by Mr. & Mrs. John Eizonas, the Ed Sackles, Chet & Marge Nashlon, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Yakstys, Joe Chaps and Chip Newberry.

Several members, tired of shovelling and getting stuck in the snow, took off for warmer climates. The Patockis motored to St. Petersburg, Fla. for a visit with the Martin-Milius clan, and to attend the First Communion of Dana Ann Milius on Mar. 20. Bertha Janus enjoyed a weekend of St. Patrick's Day in Las Vegas. A belated, but a happy St. Patty's to Patricia Bandza and Patricia Milius.

A Happy 15th wedding anniversary to Charlie & Estelle Gogelis on May 5; and to Marge & Chester

Nashlon on June 2. May the two couples have many, many more!

For those members who did not attend the March meeting, your Vytis correspondent had a message regarding acknowledgement of names published in the Vytis. Because we have rules and regulations to follow, it is impossible to list names of each and every worker or helper. For instance, there were 19 "helpers" at last Fall's Festival. Their help was greatly appreciated and we DO need them, but if we listed all names in this column there would be no room to print the news. The columnists have their space limited and must abide by rules of the Vytis Editorial staff. Therefore, the membership agreed that it will suffice in the future to list names ONLY of Chairmen and their Committee (or of other significance), and a general acknowledgement extended in the Vytis to say a Thank You to "all the helpers". However, ALL NAMES will be publicly acknowledged during meetings. Gerai?

The council extends sincere sympathy to John Eizonas & family upon the death of his

mother on Mar. 18. May she rest in Eternal Peace.

During St. Casimir's observance, we were glad to see our former pastor Rev. Fr. Michael Kundrat who made the long trip from Memphis, Mich. Also attending was Rev. Fr. J. Walter Stanievich, formerly of St. Anthony's parish. Although both clergy serve pastorship in non-Lithuanian parishes, it's nice to see them share in our K of L festivities. Labai Ačiū for their time and effort. Also sharing the event with us were two Honorary Members - Ann Uznis & Bob Boris of C-102. It was nice seeing many members who were "hibernating" during our Big Freeze.

We hope everyone enjoys the summer. Stay safe and sound!

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#### C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

We were very happy to have the Cleveland Seniors join with our council to commemorate St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and to have Fr. John Kidykas officiate at the Mass. We would



C-79 Southfield, Mich. new K. of L. flag. L. to r - Rev. M. Kundrat, former paster of Divine Providence parish; Chester Nashlon, and "kumai" Helen Tucker & President M. Smailis. (Missing is "kumas" Joe Chaps).



C-79 Southfield, Mich. Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, pastor of Divine Providence Church, bestowing 3rd Degree to M. Newberry on St. Casimir's Day following the blessing of the council's new flag. Standing near - Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus.

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like to thank Fr. Kidykas for his beautiful and most timely homily. The woven banner of St. Casimir at the altar was also most beautiful. Following Mass we had a luncheon at Smith's Restaurant. We would also like to thank Nellie Arunski for baking those delicious Ausiukes!

Congratulations to the following members who received their First Degrees on St. Casimir's Day: Helen Jakubs, Connie Burns, Helen Garnis, Joan Thompson, Joanna Shigo, and John Garnis.

Happy June Birthday Wishes to Evelyn Andrulis, Ben Derus, Ben Karklius, Andrew Palzes, Ruth Guzauskas and Joanna Shigo. Ilgiausiu ir Laimingu Metu!

Ursula

**ILLINOIS-INDIANA****DISTRICT**

A large Chicago delegation joined C-82, hosts for the Annual IID St. Casimir's Day Commemoration in Gary, Ind. Rev. Ignas Urbonas, a great K of L supporter, is the pastor and cordially welcomed all. Bishop Vincentas Brizgys concelebrated the Mass, and at the Brunch, expressed his appreciation at being invited to attend and how happy he was to join the K of L for this event. IID Pres. Algerd Brazis sang during the Mass (how fortunate we are to have such a great and inspiring talent in our midst). Following the Mass in the quaint and beautiful old St. Casimir's Church, all ad-



*C-25, Cleveland, Ohio, First Degree Recipients*

joined to the parish hall for a delicious brunch and program, prepared by the C-82 ladies. Linda Ruzga and Rita Tavaris were delightful entertainers.

Degrees were presented by IID Ritual Chairlady Ruth Dagus, who was assisted by the Bishop. Balys Brazdzionis of C-112 was presented with his 4th Degree and Emily Petraitis (C-112) and Tony and Kay Wallunas (C-36) received their 3rd Degrees.

IID Pres. Al Brazis presented the "K of L'er of the Year" Award to Frank Zapolis of C-36 for all of his efforts for the K of L, primarily in the field of Juniors and the K of L Dancers. IID 1st V.P. Frank received a beautiful set of amber cufflinks as a memento.

Congratulations for a job well done to Council Pres. Mildred Jagiella and her working Committee.

Another super successful Rummage Sale, sponsored by the IID Building Trustees and chairmanship of Frank Svelnis and Al

Mockus, was held in March. The committee was small in number, but very dedicated. Building Trustees expressed their appreciation to them and to all of the many K of L members and friends who donated items to this worthy cause. It proved to be a great way to earn revenue for the many building expenses. The next sale will be held in October.

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture held their annual Banquet at the Guild Hall - Ambassador West, at which they honored W. Clement Stone. The K of L was well represented with many on the working committee and IID Pres. Al Brazis as soloist.

C-36, in conjunction with the I.C. Mens' Club, held a successful and fun-filled bowling social. Among the committee members were Vince Samaska and Irene Norushis.

**DATE TO REMEMBER**  
Annual IID K of L Day Picnic -  
July 4 - K of L Bldg. and Gardens.  
All are invited to attend!