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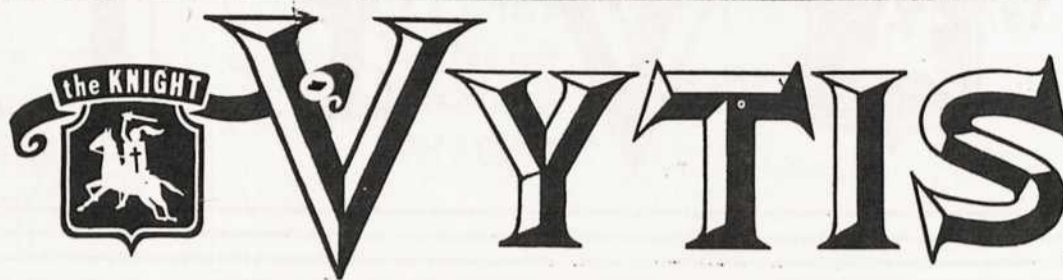
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# THE GOLD OF THE NORTH

A short story

by

Aldona Ryan

Laima gazed in rapture at Mrs. Hipple's pink and blue blouse. As little buds of warmth spread through her small, eight-year old body, she shivered slightly in her excitement. The blouse was made in Japan, it was made of pure silk, and it was very, very old. Most of all, it was A WORLD'S TREASURE! Mrs. Hipple's third grade class was well-versed in world's treasures.

To Laima, Mrs. Hipple was the most wonderful, the most beautiful, the finest, the richest lady on earth. Everyday Mrs. Hipple wore a world's treasure to school and every morning started with describing, reading about, and looking at the treasure of the day.

There had been bracelets made of monkey wood from Africa, turquoise from the Indians of America, opals from Australia, jade from China, porcelain from England, and coffee beans from Brazil. Laima had seen wool suits from Scotland, linen dresses from Germany, and tartans from Ireland. The day-by-day array of countless brooches, earrings, rings and other jewels formed a hypnotic swirl of memories. The thought of the different woods, the silvers, the platinum, the white gold, yellow gold and pink gold settings and the rainbow of gems they contained, overwhelmed the little girl from Lithuania.

Laima stared at Mrs. Hipple's blouse in the same way she had looked at the camel's ring from Iran and the ivory necklace from India. More than anything in the

world, Laima wanted to grow up to be like Mrs. Hipple. The sooner this happened, the better, she thought. Oh, how she wanted a world's treasure for herself!

She looked down at her neatly mended blouse, her skirt made from a dress that the "welfare people" had given her mother, and her brown shoes that constantly pinched her toes. There was no money in her life for world's treasures. Tevelis had been ill for a very long time now. She glanced at her desk and, in dismay, she realized she had forgotten her homework! She missed the entire discussion on silkworms as she remembered that she had also forgotten her lunch ticket. They are at home in my library book, she thought, suddenly reminded of the fact that she was supposed to stop off at the library after school. There were no nickels in Mamyte's pocketbook for overdue library books. She would have to miss her lunch and run home to get the book, even if her feet did hurt and

she had skipped breakfast and was feeling hungry already.

Things did not get any better as the morning wore on. She didn't raise her hand to answer a single question. She was reprimanded by the "recess lady" when she stopped the line to tie her shoe after tripping over the worn laces. She was in tears by the time she reached home during the lunch break.

"Laimute", said her grandmother, meeting her at the door, "Whatever are you doing at home now? Why are you crying and what is the matter? Come in, little one, come to your Grandmama and she will help you".

Where's Mamyte, Grandmama?" sobbed the little girl.

"Your mother had to go to the doctor with Tevelis", said the anxious woman hugging the shaking child, "Can't I help you? You must be hungry. Here, have an ausiuke. I just finished baking them as a surprise for the family. I know I shouldn't have used the



eggs but I only used the yolks and we will have kugelis for dinner and I can use up the whites then. Now, tell me what is wrong?"

"Well, I forgot my library book and it's due today. My lunch ticket was in it and so was my homework. Grandmama, my shoe hurts awful bad and guess what? Mrs. Hipple showed us another treasure today. It was a blouse made of silk but I don't know how to say that in Lithuanian. It is very soft, almost like our curtains, only not lacey", said Laima all in one big spurt as she gobbled up the little cake in two bites and begged for more with her eyes.

"You may have more", said Grandmama knowingly. "And listen, is it not your 'burzday' today?"

Of course, it was! Laima had completely forgotten about her birthday. But birthdays were not very big at her house. There would be another blouse made by Mamyte or a sweater knitted by her grandmother and maybe a carved wooden doll from Tevelis waiting for her at dinner table tonight.

"Look what Grandmama has for you. It is what you call a 'treezure' I think. It is my pin and you may wear it to school if you like. It was given to me by my grandmama many years ago and perhaps it is time I passed it on to you. Now, does that make things better? As for your shoes, maybe you had better wear your gym shoes this afternoon. I know they have a hole in them but it is not raining and not even very cold today so you will be fine, yes?"

Laima watched as the old lady pinned the little yellow bar on her blouse. It was just an old pin that Grandmama had always worn. It was like all of the other jewelry in Grandmama's stocking drawer. Well, maybe it wasn't jade from China but it was something! She would show it to Mrs. Hipple the very first thing.

She quickly changed her shoes and ran the twelve blocks back to school with the library book

clutched under her arm, munching on the crumpled ausiukes she squeezed in her hand.

"Laima Gaizunas, you are late", scolded Mrs. Hipple as the little girl missed the tardy bell by one minute. "And I didn't see you in the lunchroom either. Where have you been?"

"Mrs. Hipple, I am sorry to be late. I had to go home because I forgot my library book and it had my lunch ticket in it. Today is my birthday and look what my grandmother gave me. This pin. See?"

"Why that is very pretty, Laima. Let me see it closer. It almost looks like amber. Did your grandmother buy it for you?"

"No, she got it from her grandmother in Lithuania and it is amber, I guess, because the priest at our church always teases my grandma and calls her his 'amber queen' but everybody knows she is not a queen but just an old lady. She is even older than Mamyte. Grandmama calls this pin 'gintaras' in Lithuanian".

"If it is amber, then it is worth a little, dear. You certainly are young to be trusted with something as valuable as that. I have always wanted to own a piece of amber myself. Perhaps you will let

me visit with your family after school tonight? Meanwhile, why don't you walk slowly around the room and let each girl and boy take a close look at your amber pin while I look it up in my books. I think there is a chapter on amber in our book of fossils. Yes, here it is".

"The chapter is called 'C10H16O'", read Mrs. Hipple. "If you take 10 atoms of Carbon, 16 atoms of Hydrogen and 1 atom of Oxygen and combine them into a molecule, what do you get? Fizz water? Coal? Gas for a dirigible? No, not at all. That is the general chemical formula for a beautiful gem called amber.

Scientists named the pure form of amber 'Succinite' from the Latin word 'sucus' meaning 'sap'. Amber is the life blood (sap) of giant pine trees that grew in the Baltic Sea area 60 million years ago! At that time the climate was warm and humid and perfect for a subtropical amber forest.

Why these mammoth pine trees produced excessive amounts of resin (sap) has not been determined but the resin fell to the ground of the forest and, in the earth movements of the ages, it was compressed and solidified.



Later, glaciers reformed the contours of the land and the Baltic Sea covered the area where the amber forest once grew at 55 degrees North latitude and 19 to 20 degrees East longitude.

Succinite is known as true amber and is of a yellow, honey-like color. It is the most abundant and comes in nodules, drops, grains, and stalactites. The largest lump found weighed 20 kilograms which is about 44 pounds. Succinite can also be found in many shades from pale yellow to dark brown and rare pieces of white amber with a yellow or honey tint exist. There are also reddish, bluish, and greenish tinted pieces. Amber ranges from clear and transparent to cloudy and opaque.

The specific gravity of amber is 1.05-1.095 and its hardness is 2.-2.5 on the Moh's Scale. With the use of friction, (rubbing amber on a wool shirt, for example) amber will become electrically charged. Amber will burn and the smoke gives off a fragrance of pines. Ancient people thought that amber had curative powers and it was worn on the chest area to ward off lung and bronchial diseases.

The Greeks called amber 'elektron' - an electric, shining

substance and they believed it had mystical powers. Lithuanians gathered and admired amber from pre-historic times. Amber artifacts found in Lithuania date back to the Corded Pottery Culture of the Proto-Balts. It was called 'The Gold of the North' and it was used for trading with merchants who travelled the Eastern European rivers. This is proved by numerous artifacts found in graves in Greece and Italy. Amber is washed up on the shores of the Baltic Sea - especially during stormy weather. Fishermen net amber while wading close to shore. Since amber floats, it can be pried up from the seal floor and then gathered in nets.

Scientists can identify the flora and fauna of ancient times by studying the insects and bits of leaves and twigs that became imbedded in the sticky resin and were preserved. Amber which solidified from the sap of other types of coniferous trees besides pine trees, is known as stantienite, beckerite, glessite, and gedanite. Some of these are softer than succinite (true amber) and some are dark brown or black in color. They are younger than succinite and less valuable.

At the time that Lithuania was independent (1918-1939) the commercial amber industry flourished. After a setback during World War I, the industry expanded greatly, only to be almost destroyed during World War II. Lithuania produces about 90% of the world's amber output at this time.

The top 20% of the best amber is made into fine jewelry and artistic items. A product called 'amberoid' is made from fragments and amber dust which is pressed. This is used in making costume jewelry and inexpensive pieces. Chemical factories use up the impure pieces in the production of amber oil, amber acid, amber varnish and other products. Amber yields 3% to 8% succinic acid.

For thousands of years, amber has been considered a treasure by royalty as far away as Egypt and it is still considered to be so in our sophisticated times by gem collectors all over the world".

Laima was stunned by all of this. She did not understand many of the words but she knew that the whole class was looking at her and, in embarrassment, she walked up and down the aisles dazed and trembling. She fumbled for her seat as Mrs. Hipple laid the book down. The rest of the afternoon session passed as a dream.

After school, Mrs. Hipple took Laima by the hand and led her to the shiny, white car that the teacher drove every day. Riding in the car was a great treat. Laima dashed in and out of the library while Mrs. Hipple stopped and waited. Then she received an ice cream cone as a birthday present!

What a wonderful day, thought Laima, as she snuggled up to the elegant woman. Just wait until Mamyte and Tevelis and Grandmama see us. What will they think?

Mrs. Hipple remarked, "This must be the cleanest home in town", as she entered the home of the humble Lithuanians. She patiently explained to them why she had made this visit. She had brought the precious amber home



safely that Laima had worn to school. Furthermore, she had always wanted to own a piece of amber and offered to pay \$100 for the pin!

It took a few moments of fast-talking to convince the amazed Lithuanians that the export of amber had been stopped by the Soviets and that it was worth money - yes - good American dollars!

Mamyte and Grandmama scurried around the house and brought back brooches, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, statuettes, rings, rosaries, and wood carvings with inlaid amber that seemed to be everywhere in this little home.

"After all", said Tevelis in his broken English, "In Lithuania", everybody has some amber. It is our national jewel. But you could not buy a bed with this little pile, maybe a couple of chairs, but not anything big".

Then Grandmama said that the pin now belonged to Laima and therefore, she could not sell it but if Mrs. Hipple would like to pick out something else, she would consider it. Mrs. Hipple gave Grandmama a check for \$75 for a pair of large, intricately carved earrings and told them she would like to have a few more pieces of amber if they ever needed the money and could part with the amber. She also said she had friends who would like to see the "collection".

Mrs. Hipple seemed only slightly shaken when Tevelis kissed her hand and Mamyte kissed her on the cheek. Grandmama's eyes filled with tears as she accepted the check. She had never held a check in her hand before. She had an instant vision of new shoes for Laimute, medicine for Tevelis, and all of the eggs she wanted to use whenever she felt the urge to bake some goodies. Grandmama quickly wrapped some ausiukes in waxed paper for Mrs. Hipple.

As Laima prepared for bed that evening, she gently removed the amber pin from her blouse and held it up to the lamp. Dear Grandmama was right, she

thought. Grandmama had always said that Gintaras was made of the sun. It was the sun that had warmed the earth, grown the pine trees, and melted the glaciers that had brought this precious pin into her hands. Laima could not believe all that had happened on her birthday. Hadn't the doctor told Tevelis that he could go back to work next week? How Mamyte had laughed at the dinner table! The sad look on

Mamyte's face had suddenly disappeared. It seemed as though today - this very day - her family had joined the community and the country of her family had joined the world. How very lucky she was! Now she, Laima, owned one of the world's treasures. She would never be poor again. She was as rich as Cleopatra. She would wear the amber pin proudly everyday for the rest of her life.



*Photos and Amber Collection by Loretta Stukas.*

# POPIEŽIAUS PAULIAUS VI LAIŠKAS VINCENTUI BRIZGIUI

Garbingam Broliui  
Vincentui Brizgiui  
Tituliariniam Bosanos vyskupui

Tavo Kunigystės 50 metų sukakties diena, kuri jau artėja, kurią minėsi birželio 5 dieną, bus tikrai džiaugsmo diena ir tau, Garbingas Broli, ir lietuviams, kurių reikalams savo veiklą skiri jau per daugelį metų. Tą dieną prisiminsi ir minėsi ne kokį nors vieną ar kitą gyvenimo nuotyki, kokis jis bebūtų, bet tavo pašventimą kunigystėn, už ką negali būti didesnės nei prasmingesnės nei kilnesnės žmogui garbės. Visokios pagarbos teikiamos kitų žmonių yra tik paviršutinės, gi Dievo dovanos paliečia vidinį žmogų.

Taip įvyko, Garbingas Broli, ir su tavim. Dievo šaukiamas atsakei panašiai kaip Abraomas, Samuelis, Povilas (Gen. 22. 1: Krl. 3, 5; Ap. Drb. 9, 6) ir per kunigystę Dievas papuošė tave tokia garbe, kad pakeistas į antrą Kristų ir paskirtas šventai tarnybai, tapai ir tarpininku tarpe Dievo ir žmonių, ir šventa Dievui auka, ir Dievo Sūnaus kunigystės dalininku. Prie to dar Bažnyčios vardu ir įgaliojimu skelbei ir skelbi neišsakomą Dievo žodį, žadindamas amžinas viltis; atleidinėjai nuodėmes, kurias atleides žmogus atsinaujina; pašvėdavai Eucharistijos sakramentą tikinčiųjų tvirtybei ir dažnai, atnaujindamas savo brolių tikėjimą, juos sustiprindavai keliaujančius į nemirtingą tėvynę.

Kai per vyskupystę buvo pridėta nauja malonė kunigystės sakramentui, buvo padauginti ir tavos kunigystės vaisiai.

Kadangi Kristaus žodžiai: "Jeigu kviečio grūdas neapmirs, jis pasiliks vienas, o jei apmirs, jis duos gausių vaisių" (Jon. 12, 24), dėl to ir tau teko vienaip ar kitaip apmirti pačiuose brangiausiuose dalykuose: netenkant tėvynės, savo tikinčiųjų, Kauno Bažnyčios, kur buvai paskirtas pagalbininko pareigoms;

dabar tačiau vaisingai darbuojiesi tarpe išblaškytų lietuvių. Jiems netrūksta tavo patriotizmo, išminties, patarimų, paramos ir pagalbos nelaimėse: išsipildo šv. Augustino žodžiai: "Visada turi iš ko duoti tas, kurio širdis pilna meilės" (Psl. 23, Enr. II, 13). Šių dalykų prisiminimas, Garbingasis Broli, taip malonių sielai, teikia ne mažai paguodos. Mes gi panaudodami šią iškilmingą progą, už viską tave ir sveikiname ir užtarnautai dėkojame ir tėviška širdimi skatiname, kiek tai įmanoma, siekti aukščiau, kartu linkėdami, kad nepasigailėtum nė atsidėjimo nė darbo, kad pažadinus jaunų naujų kunigų, išsklaidytų lietuvių tarnybai ir gerui. Pats matai, kaip tai yra reikalinga ir naudinga.

Kad Dievas suteiktų tau daug malonių, mielai teikiame Apaštališką palaiminimą ir tau, Garbingas Broli, ir visai lietuvių visuomenei, visiems tavo mylimiesiems, visiems dalyvaujanties tavo šventėje.

Vatikanas, gegužės 15 d. 1977, mūsų popiežiavimo 14-ais metais.

PAULIUS P P. VI.



*L. Vyčiai nuoširdžiai linki mielam Vysk. Brizgiui  
"AD MULTOS ANNOS"...*

Kardinolo Rezidencija,  
Chicago, Ill.  
birželio 5 d. 1977

Jūsų Ekscelencija

Kai šiandien mini kunigystės šventimų 50 metų sukaktį, esu kartu su tavim padėkos maldoje už penkiasdešimtis auksinių metų, per kuriuos tarnavai Visagaliui Dievui, Bažnyčiai, jūsų tikintiems žmonėms ir kaip kunigas ir kaip vyskupas. Neskaitant daugelio aukų, kokias teko tau prisiimti per šiuos kunigystės metus, aš laikau tave vienu iš tikėjimo didvyrių ir noriu, kad žinotum kaip aš jaučiuosi tau artimas ir kunigystėje ir kad laimingai dalinamės tuo, kas tenka Katalikų Bažnyčios vyskupui šiose kritiškose dienose. Chicagos arkidiecezija, ir kunigai ir vienuoliai ir pasauliečiai, ne tik jūsų garbingos tautos, bet visi kartu yra daug skolingi už visokeriopą pagalbą ir patarnavimus per tuos metus, nuo kada gyveni Chicagoje.

Pirmadienį, kai pareikšime tau mūsų įvertinimą, prieteliškumą, kunigišką pagarbą, prašau priimti mūsų asmeninius iausmus ir įvertinimą už viską, kuo esi man padėjęs per šiuos dvylika metų.

Airio žodžiais: "Visagalis Dievas tepratėsia vis toliau tavo metu šešėli" yra mano malda ir linkėjimai šiandien tau.

Jonas

Čia yra, kiek įmanoma, žodinis laiškų vertimas. Kadangi tie laiškai skirti ne vien man, o gal net daugiau visiems lietuviams, tai drįstu prašyti tai paskelbti Jūsų laikraštyje.

Vysk. V. Brizgys

## SCENES FROM... SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



*l. to r. Eve Migonis, Mrs. Backys, Hon. S. Backys, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius.*



*Supreme Council Officers, l to r. Teresa Trainis, Philip Skabeikis, Ann Marie Kassel, Rita Pinkus, Ann Klem, Tony Miner, Ann Bender, Charles Machutas, Eve Migonis, Aldona Ryan, Mary Lucas.*



*Mass at the Lithuanian Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva.*



*Mass Celebrants  
Rev. Pugevicius,  
Rev. Jurgelaitis,  
Rev. Ziuraitis.*

*The above photos show just a few scenes taken during a Supreme Council "first"... a Supreme Council Gathering in Washington, D.C. After the meeting, the members and guests were feted at the Lithuanian Legation, as guests of Washington C-142 and Lithuanian Charge d'Affaires Stasys Backys and his lovely wife. Before the reception, attendees heard Mass at the Lithuanian Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva in the National Cathedral of Washington. C-142 Spiritual Adviser Rev. T. Ziuraitis, OP joined Supreme Council Spiritual Adviser Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, OP and National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Rev. C. Pugevicius in celebrating the Mass.*



# Lithuanians in The

# NEWS

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The largest obtainable gold coin in the world, valued at over \$100,000 is one dated 1621 with the head of King Sigismund III of the Polish - Lithuanian Commonwealth of 1587-1602 on the obtuse side and the crowned arms of Lithuania and Poland on the reverse. The coin described above appeared in an advertisement in the NEW YORK TIMES of June 7, 1977 by the Rome - Manse Emporium 1065 Bloomfield Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07012. The custodians describe the coin as being nearly one-half inch thick, weighing eleven Troy ounces and 5412 grains and originally from the collection of Count Reventlow, a cousin of King Christian X of Denmark.

When not on display, the coin, which is held in a special bank vault, can be seen by appointment.

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Two K of Lers recently enjoyed continued academic success. STEVEN A. VAITKUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Vaitkus, C-96, Dayton, Ohio, has been awarded an International Fellowship by the University of Toronto, Canada, to pursue his Graduate studies in Sociology. Steven graduated with distinction from Purdue University where he majored in Sociology and Philosophy and received the Machette Award for performance in Philosophy in his Junior year. He has also been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. His brother Mark, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1976, by the Northwestern University Chapter, and is presently pursuing his graduate studies in Sociology at the University of Michigan.

JOHN J. SIDTIS, Jr., C-110 Maspeth, N.Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sidtis, also of Council 110, has been awarded a grant from Sigma XI, the Scientific Research Society of North America.

John's research work has centered on the relationship between Auditory Perception and Brain Organization.

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The Lithuanian Philatelic Society will sponsor an exhibit in Chicago during November. The exhibit will feature a commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the death of Dr. Jonas Basanavičius and is chaired by the Society's President, Kazys Meškoniš.

After thirty-three years of broadcasting and producing the Sunday afternoon LITHUANIAN RADIO PARTY in Waterbury, JOHN D. ADAMS - ADOMAITIS is retiring. With his exit from the scene, the leadership in maintaining Lithuanian Radio in Waterbury passes to VIKTORAS VAITKUS. Mr. Vaitkus is currently the proprietor of SPAUDA book store, a source of Lithuanian books, records and artifacts for Connecticut Lithuanians. Mr. Vaitkus is also the current President of the Waterbury Lietuvių Bendruomenė.

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Alan Arkin, Shirley Knight, Richard Jordan and Donald Pleasance will appear in "The Defection of Simas Kudirka" which deals with Kudirka's attempt to defect to the United States by leaping from his ship to an American Coast Guard Vessel. The made for Television movie will appear on CBS in the Fall.

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GIEDRĖ KAUKAITĖ, a leading lyric soprano of Lithuania's Vilnius Opera, recently made her United States debut at the Carnegie Recital Hall in New York. Peter G. Davis had this to say after her performance: "With an ample sized voice of considerable force and range as well as exceptional physical attractiveness, Miss Kaukaite no doubt creates a striking presence on the operatic stage. Her renditions of familiar arias by Handel, Verdi, Gounod and Puccini displayed a solid idiomatic grasp of stylistic essentials and a quick response to dramatic situations".

Kaukaite's Lithuanian selections included 13th Century Folk Songs and works by Zigaitis, Bajoras and Brundzaite. Her accompanist was Albinas Marius Prizgintas of New York.

Three young Lithuanians can now be found on the roster of the Australian Opera in Sydney. They are, ballerinas ALDONA STUCYTE and BABINSKAITE and vocal soloist PAULIUS RUTENIS.

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The QUEENS LEDGER of May 19, 1977 reported that DR. ROBERT J. WICKS, son of Mae Wicks of Maspeth, New York was selected as "Doctor of Psychology Graduate of 1977" at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. He was also selected as an "Outstanding Young Man of America for 1977" in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability and exceptional service to the community by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Wicks has accepted a full time faculty appointment as an Assistant Professor at Bryn Mawr College.

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In the May 25, 1977 issue of the New York DAILY NEWS, the popular column, "Only Human" featured a story of Gene Manfrini, a blind piano tuner and his partner, a rebuilder of grand pianos, eighty year old Lithuanian CANON KUCHINSKY. The article described Kuchinsky as having "left Lithuania in 1939 ahead of the Nazis. He holds a law degree, but now rebuilds grand pianos with the affection a father lavishes on a favored child".

The partners' clientel include Irving Berlin, Andre Kostelanetz, Cy Coleman and Peter Nero.

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In the May 27, 1977 issue of THE EVENING BULLETIN in Philadelphia, the feature "Focus" presented a look at Lithuanian sculptor, PETRAS VASKYS. Mr. Vaskys, who was trained at the Kaunas Art Academy, has built his reputation on some 108 wax figure sculptures which he created for Philadelphia's American Wax Museum, first opened in 1963. His latest creation is a wax figure of Jimmy Carter, which will join the myriad other figures from America's near and distant past. Another notable achievement was his Death Mask for the body of Bishop John Neumann. Mr. Vaskys is currently a full time professor at the Philadelphia College of Art and concentrating in his favorite medium, ceramics.

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EDVARDAS J. KUBAITIS is the author of the STORY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, published in conjunction with the Bicentennial in that Illinois town. Mr. Kubaitis is a former editor of VYTIS and the religious publications of the Marianhill Fathers.

(BRIDGES)

FRANK WALLEN (Volungevicius) was recently appointed commissioner of Public Works for the city of Brockton, Mass. A native of Brockton, Mr. Wallen was the originator of flag raising ceremonies of the Lithuanian tri-color on Lithuanian Independence Day, February 16, on one of Brockton's main thoroughfares, the American Legion Highway. In commemoration of February 16th, the Parkway was renamed Mindaugas Gatve in honor of Lithuania's first Christian King. City officials participating in the ceremonies included Mayor David Crosby whose mother is Lithuanian. The Mayor keeps a miniature Lithuanian flag and a piece of amber on his desk in city hall.

(BRIDGES)

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The South Boston Tribune recently featured an article on the Lithuanian Folk Dance Group of Boston. Lauded as the oldest such Lithuanian group in the US, it has enjoyed over forty years of active life. Its teacher and directress, Mrs. Ona Ivaska, has taught over 200 Lithuanian young people the art of folk dancing.

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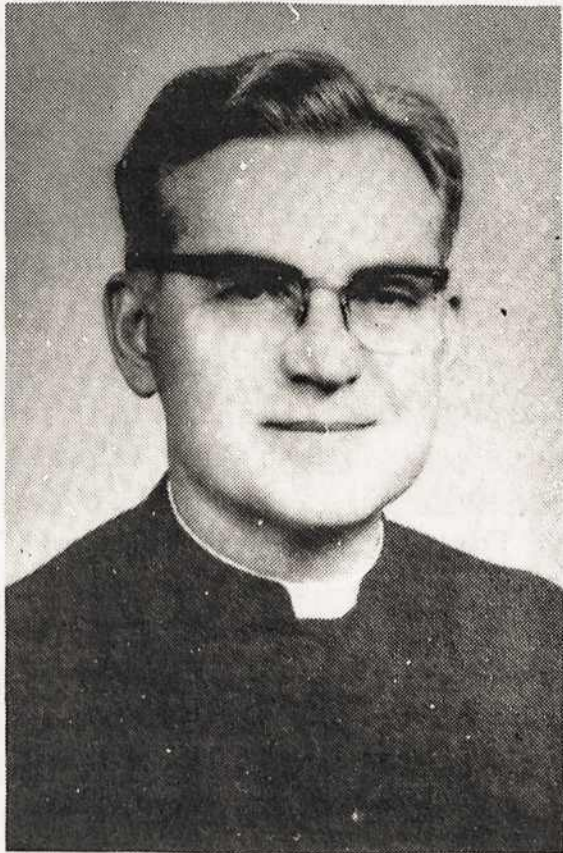
Boston papers have been generous with coverage of the South Boston Lithuanian Club Basketball Team's recent victory. The team under its coach AL SKABEIKIS won its third consecutive basketball championship during competitions in New York against other Lithuanian teams from the US and Canada. This year's victory entitled the team to permanent possession of a large silver trophy of the North American Lithuanian Federation.

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JOHN J. MITKUS, a Lithuanian-American, is the Executive Director of the City Planning Commission of the city of Philadelphia. He recently addressed some 300 members of the North Philadelphia Realty Board at its forum "Philadelphia: Its future and You". In his address, he stressed an optimistic outlook at the city's problems regarding housing, crime and unemployment.

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The National Jewish Book Award for 1976 was given to a three volume anthology, JERUSALEM OF LITHUANIA, an illustrated and annotated picture album and thematic guidebook for 500 years of Jewish life and creativity in Vilnius. Compiled by Leyzer Ran, the three volume contain 3,000 pictures and documents with explanations in English, Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian.



Rev. Joseph Neverauskas, pastor of St. George Church, Shenandoah, Pa. was recently elevated to the rank of Rev. Monsignor, for his faithful and outstanding service to the Church and to his faithful. Father Neverauskas has been active for a long time in the Anthracite region of Pennsylvania, catering especially to the needs of the Lithuanian people there. He is now an active member of C-144, Anthracite Council, of the Knights of Lithuania. Congratulations, Monsignor.

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JÜRATĖ KAZICKAS, an Associated Press reporter, has been assigned since March 1977, to the White House, to cover the activities of the First Lady. Jūratė, who spent several months reporting the Vietnam War, and recently accompanied an expedition to Mt. Everest, just returned from South America, where she covered Mrs. Carter's recent visit.

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The Knights of Lithuania proudly join other Lithuanians in wishing Bishop Vincentas Brizgys health, happiness, and many more fruitful years in the vinyard of Christ, on the occasion of his recently-celebrated 50th Anniversary of Priesthood. Bishop Brizgys is an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania... and has long been a very staunch supporter and faithful member.

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Lithuanians played a prominent role in the Third Annual Multi-Ethnic Festival held in Baltimore's Holy Cross Hall during May. Seven ethnic groups participated in the day-long festivities. Highlighted on the entertainment portion of the program was the Lithuanian National and Folkloric Dancers directed by Algimantas Vilkauskas.

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The month of May also saw the convening of the second of five Regional Conferences on Ethnic Heritage sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith of Boston. The second conference was held at Queens College of the City University of New York and included on its eight hour agenda, a Workshop on being a Lithuanian American. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the positive and negative attitudes that exist among young people in today's society toward the revival of ethnic awareness.

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On March 13, 1977, Georgianna Kassel of C-36/112 Juniors received the Marian Medal, which is the highest award a Catholic Girl Scout can earn. She and her friends worked the special project for one year. There is a special workbook of projects for seventh and eighth grade girls.

The girls had to cook meals and bake cakes and take them to old-peoples' homes or to needy families. Written reports also had to be submitted from Scripture Readings about the life of Mary.

The Marian Award was given by the Catholic Committee on Scouting at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

Georgi received her medal from Bishop Abramovitz.

# MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT HONORS LORETTA STUKAS

Marian C. Skabeikis

The Mid-Atlantic District marked a proud moment in its history as it paused to honor one of its most illustrious members, Loretta I. Stukas. Loretta was Guest of Honor at a Testimonial Dinner on May 21, 1977, which was held at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, New Jersey. Although the event was sponsored by the District, it drew the support of family, friends and councils throughout the organization. Notable among the many guests were Mrs. Vlade Kassel, Loretta's mother, Mrs. Ann Marie Kassel, her sister in law, and current National Vice President, and Ann Marie's daughter Georgianne, who travelled from Chicago to share in the celebration. Anthony Miner, Supreme Council President, and numerous Supreme Council Officers, Committee Chairmen, Honorary Members and members of the VYTIS Staff were in attendance, as were Loretta's husband, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, and many members of the Stukas family who also joined in paying tribute to a most extraordinary K of L'er and friend.



*Msgr. J. Scharnus leads invocation, as, l. to r., Jeanne Janonis, Larry Janonis, Valentinas Melinis, Helen Shields, Loretta Stukas, Tony Miner look on.*



*Guest speaker Helen Shields leads "Ilgiausiu Metu".*

Councils from as far away as Chicago, Detroit, St. Claire, Scranton, Providence, Washington, D.C., Syracuse, Amsterdam and Boston joined with members of all councils in the Metropolitan New York - New Jersey Area to add an especially festive note to the occasion.

The guests, who filled the hall to capacity, were greeted by District President, and Testimonial Chairman, Larry Janonis. Numerous telegrams and personal messages sent to Loretta were shared with the guests during the program ably conducted by Valentinas Melinis, Master of Ceremonies from Council 29. A highlight of the evening was a series of musical selections rendered by Soprano Genevieve Mazur, Council 90, Kearney, who was accompanied by Liudas Stukas, Council 29, Newark.

A moving tribute to Loretta was given by Helen Shields of Council 3, in both the Lithuanian and English languages, detailing the hard work which Loretta has made a labor of love throughout her years in the organization. Following a presentation of a plaque inscribed in her honor, Loretta generously thanked all of the members of her family and her K of L friends who have supported her in her many endeavors.

For those who attended the testimonial, the night remains a very special memory of camaraderie and fellowship, more on the order of a gathering in a private home, rather than a catered dinner.

Complements are due to committee members Larry and Jeanne Janonis, Helen Shields, Mary Stonis, Kazys Sipaila and Marian Skabeikis, the Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Monsignor John Scharnus, and to Loretta's countless K of L friends whose efforts on her behalf stand as the truest testimonial to an outstanding woman, Loretta I. Stukas.



*Loretta says "Thanks".*



## A VERY SPECIAL

## Thank You...

*Lighter moments at the L Stukas Testimonial... Top Left: Grazina Vaskelis and H.M. Joe Boley; Center: Soloist Gen. Mazur; Top Right: front Loretta's Goddaughter Vickie Skripata, C-29 Jr. Member Eddie Skripata, back - Loretta with her nieces Georgi Kassel and Lori Stukas. Lower: J. Stukas, E. Kokalas, Mrs. Kassel, Pete Stukas, Rev. Valancius (H.M.). Lower Right: Loretta, Mrs. Kassel, Jack Stukas, Regina Malakas (VYTIS Layout Ed.), Tony Malakas.*

"Life is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and be loved is the greatest happiness of existence".  
S. Smith.

The Testimonial Dinner prepared in my honor on May 21 was indeed a beautiful expression of friendship. Without a doubt, that evening is one that will live in my memory as a most treasured event in my life. My deepest and most sincere THANK YOU to all my friends and family who helped make it so. I would like to extend very special thanks to...

...The MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT who sponsored the affair and to the committee who arranged it so well,

...To Helen Shields for her very flattering and moving tribute, and to Anthony Miner for his greeting from the Supreme Council,

...To Valentinas Melinis who conducted the program with such grace and efficiency,

...To Genevieve Mazur and Louis Stukas for their beautiful musical program.

...To members of the Kassel and Stukas families, members of the Supreme Council, regular and junior members of various councils in the district and from other far-away districts, and to all other relatives and

friends who attended and by sacrificing their time and money, paid me such a great and much-appreciated honor,

...To the many councils and personal friends who sent greetings and/or presented me with gifts.

The greatest honor paid me was the demonstrated friendship of all the family and friends that attended and/or greeted me on this occasion. Nuoširdus aciū.

The monetary gifts received will be used to purchase VYTIS equipment and supplies needed to better the publication and ease our work. The proceeds of the affair will go to the Mid-Atlantic District, to help with their many projects.

I will cherish your greetings and good wishes always, and they will certainly help in making whatever work I do seem worthwhile, whatever trouble or hardship it may entail.

**NUOŠIRDUS AČIŪ VISIEMS!!!**



Loretta Stukas

# ALBINAS ELSKUS — STAINED GLASS ART

by Margaret Picard

To disregard a local Lithuanian is to sin. However, to overlook an accomplished visiting Lithuanian would be akin to a mortal sin.

Mount Holyoke College in So. Hadley, Mass. was the setting. Here at the John and Norah Warbeke Gallery of the Art building, the exhibit of stained glass and India ink drawings of artist Albinas Elskus were on view. Students of this institution had the privilege to study these arts under the expertise of Mr. Elskus during their Winter Session.

Bright sunlight splashed through the glass wall of the gallery, which featured a resplendent circular stained glass rose. The sun's rays enhanced the soft glow of colors graduating from pale to deep pink one usually associates with a beautiful prize rose.

In his magnificent portrait of the "Blue Madonna", the artist demonstrates the technique of placing sections of the blue stained glass directing the eye of the viewer towards the beauty of the subject's face.

Apples - blushing apples, that Mr. Elskus granted unending life to on glass were beautiful. Some whole, others halved or quartered, all were unique. In the past it has been said that to paint an apple well is to signify that one can paint an excellent portrait. Similarities in shading indentations of the stem at the top and the bud at the bottom of the apple are as important as shading the hollow of the eyes and nose of a person.

Revelations of Mr. Elskus's accomplishments were startling. Most interesting was the fact that one of his earlier works can be viewed right here in our own city of Holyoke, Mass. at the Providence Hospital Chapel. Those portions of the window depicting the Blessed Virgin have been reproduced by Yankee Magazine in a previous Christmas issue.

Prevalent among his major works are the stained glass in the Church of the Epiphany, St. Catherine of Sienna in New York, the elongated 75 ft. window in the St. John the Evangelist Church at

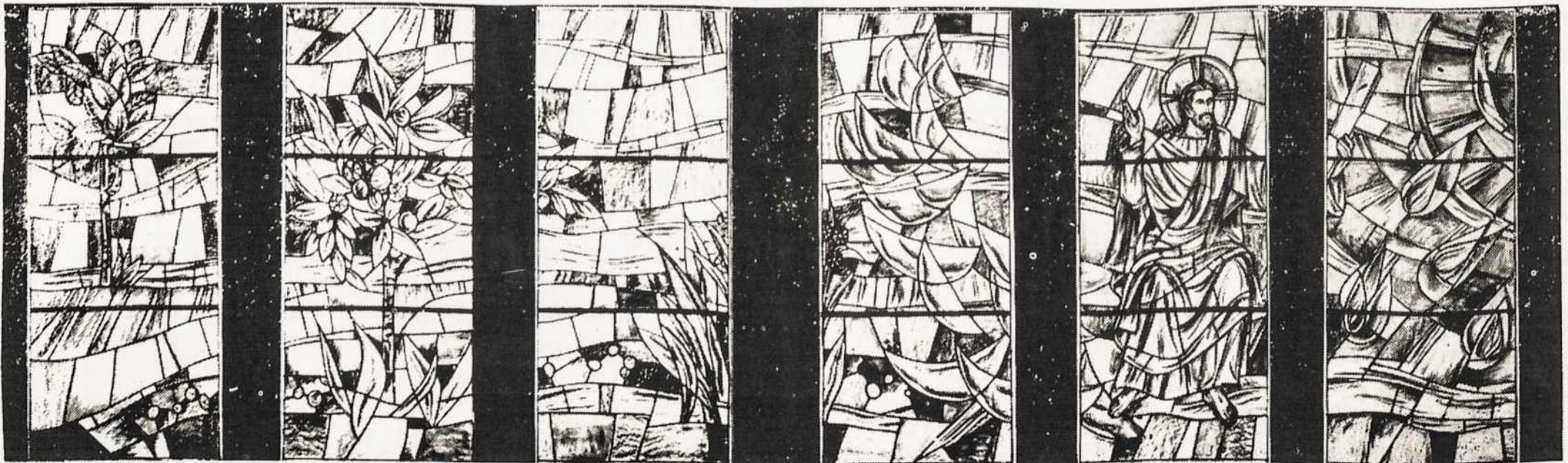
Lake Mahopac and others, including churches in New England and several foreign countries.

Currently he is designing a window for St. Michael's Church in Bayonne, New Jersey.

During this interview Joan Laframboise and I occasionally found our glances drifting to the 15th century tapestries that hung on the walls of the lobby. This, naturally, led to the ethnological question regarding architecture.

Is there any difference between Lithuanian styling and that of other countries in Europe? Not really. Earlier rulers, having an eye to the future of Lithuania imported architects from Italy, we were informed. In return, Lithuanian students were sent to Italy and other countries to study classical structure, so that no significant difference evolved. The architecture of country homes held diversity in that each building stood apart from others. Here in America we have the connecting rambling farmhouses.

Unusual features characteristic



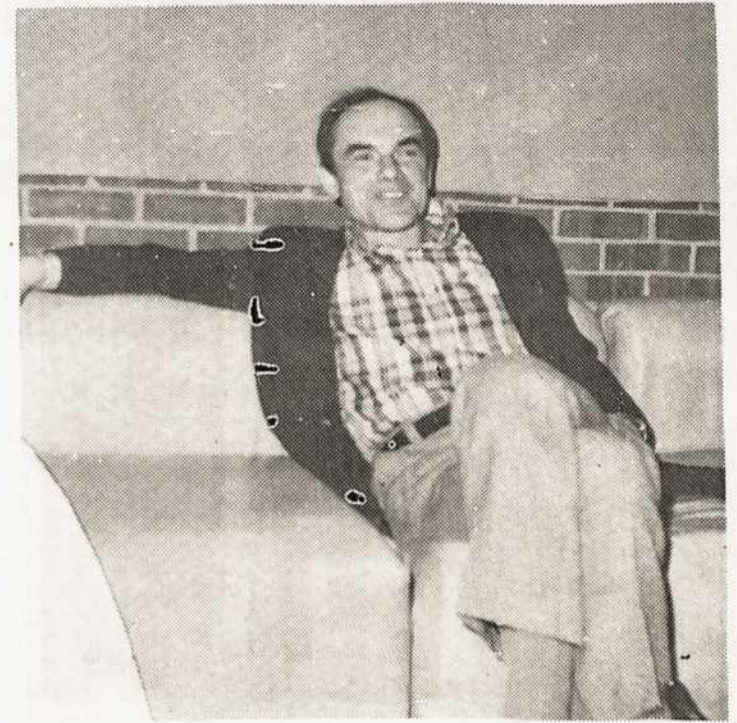
An early work of A. Elskus—stained glass at the Providence Hospital Chapel in Holyoke, Mass.

of Lithuanian country homes are the doorways decorated with such carvings as the heads of two horses or, perhaps, tulips. Another example is the individuality of the three tiered roofs of Jewish Synagogues seen only in Lithuania.

Regarding his educational background, Mr. Elskus disclosed that he received his early art training at the Institute of Decorative Arts in Kaunas, Lithuania and later studied architecture in Darmstadt, Germany. Since coming to the

United States in 1949, he has progressed in his career to the point of being part owner of the Durham Studios in New York. In addition to pursuing his career, the artist endeavors to expose students to the intricacies of this art by serving on the staff of Fordham University.

Having served as president of the Lithuanian Artists league of New York he continues to hold membership in this organization.



## K OF L CALENDAR

### 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

- 11 C-96, Dayton ANNUAL CEMETERY VISIT, followed by FAMILY PICNIC
- 23 C-143, Pittston OLE TYME LITHUANIAN NITE, St. Casimir Hall,  
Pittston, Pa.
- 24 BALTIC HUMAN RIGHTS RALLY, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.
- 24 C-96, Dayton, DANCE, Lithuanian Hall, 922 Valley St., Dayton, OH.
- 24 C-110, Maspeth DINNER-DANCE celebrating 53rd Anniversary of C-110.  
Transfiguration Parish Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 25 NED FALL CONVENTION, Bridgeport, Conn., C-141 Hosts.

### OCTOBER

- 1-2 MCD FALL CONVENTION and ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE, C-96, Dayton,  
Hosts.
- 8 C-29, Newark ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 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



Would you like a magic potion to ward off witches and evil spirits? Do you need a cure for a headache or the plague? How about a panacea against old age? Or an antidote for the poison of mushrooms and toadstools? Try rue.

Ruta Graveolens, an aromatic herb commonly known as rue, is the national flower of Lithuania. An almost-evergreen perennial, it grows to a height of three feet. In late summer, the bushy dark green plant is covered with small blossoms containing tiny bright yellow petals surrounding an emerald center.

Rue is native to central Europe but can now be found all over the world. For centuries, it has been the custom for Lithuanians to carry rue seeds with them when migrating.

Rue has an ancient history and is mentioned in the Bible, in the works of Shakespeare, and in other literature. To be "rue-like" means to have "oil" instead of water in the body and to be invincible. Hippocrates recommended it. In Pliny's day, it was prescribed for eighty-four ailments.

In a recent interview with Albert Wallis of C-96 Dayton, who specializes in growing rue, we learned that English judges kept rue on their benches to protect them from the "gaol fever" of the prisoners. Baltic housewives moth-proofed their closets with it. Sprigs of rue were hung in the kitchen to repel flies and bugs. The

## "RUTA GRAVEOLENS"

by Aldona Ryan

Romans ate the leaves to improve their eyesight. They also claimed it gave them second sight.

Called "ruta" by the Lithuanians, it symbolizes virginity. Countless folk songs tell of maidens caring for their rue, weaving wreaths of rue, and putting aside their rue - by getting married or losing their virginity. Symbolically, brides wear a wreath of rue and take it off during the wedding ceremony - never to wear a rue wreath again.

When Christianity came to Lithuania, brushes of rue were used to sprinkle holy water on the penitents at the beginning of Mass. Hence, it was known as the "Herb of Grace" and the "Herb of Repentance".

It was thought that rue leaves could refresh the mouth, cure hysterical spasms, relieve pain and help with bee stings and spider bites.

In ancient times, it was used in salads, fish sauces, omelets, and to flavor beer. Although a taste for rue can be acquired, its bitterness is unpleasant to most people.

Because a rue plant could live for a hundred years - more or less - it became a symbol of patience and endurance for the peace loving Lithuanians who were oppressed, tortured, and subjugated by their enemies for many years.

The almost indestructible rue is a plus in any garden. Pest-free, its ferny leaves can be used in bouquets and as greenery. Cuttings will last for many months if kept in water. It is a hardy plant and will grow in poor soil. It will thrive in sunshine or in shade. It is not a weed and will not spread easily.

The fragrance of rue does not come from a nectary. It comes from special cells holding the oils that produce the perfume. These

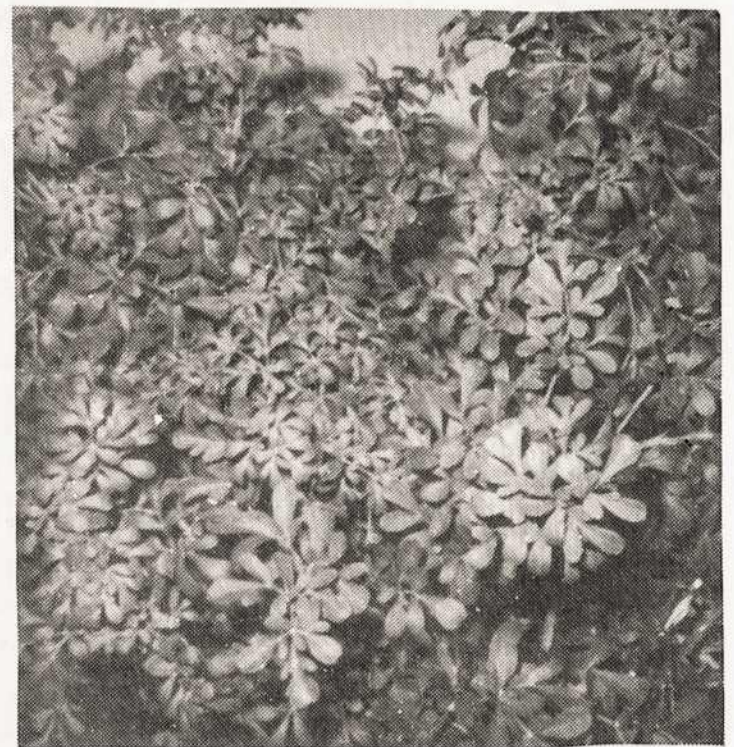
cells lie just beneath the surface of the leaf and are covered with a fine layer that is pierced in the center by a narrow slit. As the rue grows - the cells get bigger and the slit opens wider and forces the oils onto the outside of the leaf.

To propagate rue, the blossoms must be gathered and dried in the autumn. The tiny black seeds they contain can then be planted in the garden the following spring. Each seed will grow into a bush that will last for a lifetime.

Once the bush has been established, it is better to prune it to six inches from the ground in November so that strong, new shoots will grow the following summer.

Rue seedlings are traditionally sold at fairs, festivals, and other ethnic events by Lithuanians. Lithuanian-Americans propagate rue to remind them of their heritage and culture. It is the symbol of the sufferings of their ancestors and relatives.

Ar kiekvienas Vytis turi rūtą darželyje?



The seeds for this rue were brought to Dayton from Panevėžys, Lithuania in 1913 by Mrs. Isabel Latos, C-96 Dayton.

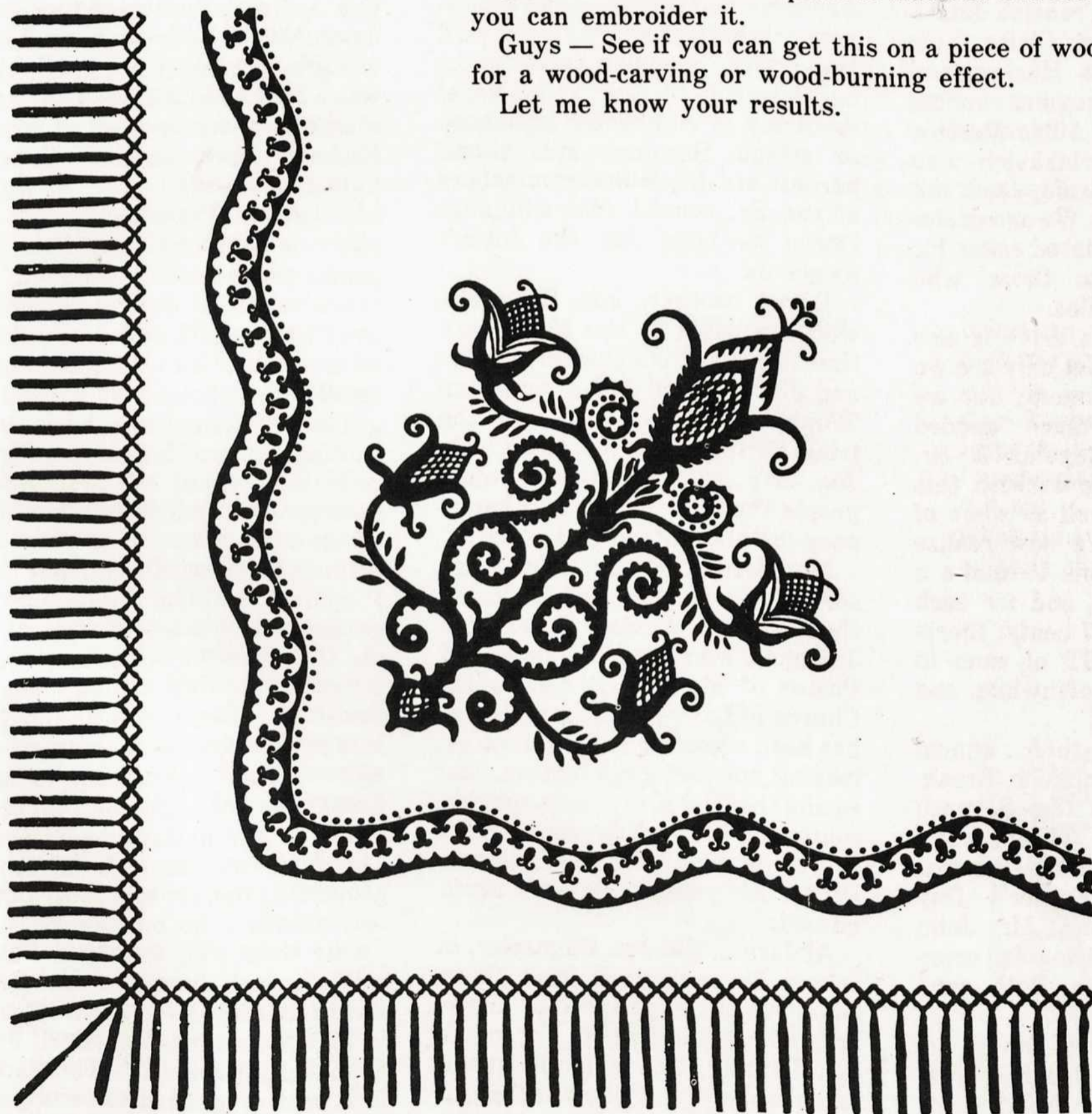


# JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

## A SUMMER PROJECT

Here is a Lithuanian design for you to copy.  
 Girls — Trace this on a piece of material and see if you can embroider it.  
 Guys — See if you can get this on a piece of wood for a wood-carving or wood-burning effect.  
 Let me know your results.



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

Our Jrs. are busy raising funds to enable them to participate in the coming 64th National Convention to be held in Providence, R.I., in August. We hope that we will be able to raise enough to pay the registration fees of all our delegates and guests who wish to attend.

A cake sale was held which proved to be a successful venture, a complete sellout. We thank all our workers - Doris Balaconis, Pammy Zaremba, Regina Venis, Kathy Norinkavich, Adele Martus, Paula Regan, Paula Keaney, Joey Zaremba, Billy & Francine Luzaitis, Valerie Olevitz, Claire Yuskas, Mary Ann Hurley, and also those from the regular council, Mrs. Mary Martus, Adele Martus, and Mrs. Ann Norinkavich who helped with the display and the pricing of the cakes. We are grateful to those who donated cakes for this event, and to those who purchased the goodies.

Our aluminum can drive is also coming along well. Not only are we helping the environment, but we are also raising much needed funds. Both the Regular & Sr. councils are helping us with this can collection, as well as some of the parishioners. We now realize that it takes 23 cans to make a pound of aluminum, and for each pound we receive 17 cents; therefore, it takes a LOT of cans to make the project worthwhile, and we sure are trying!

The Jrs. held their annual Mother's Day Communion Breakfast on May 8 at the Seventh Street Hall. John Norinkavich, Pres. of the Srs., was the principal speaker. At the Father's Day Communion Breakfast, Mr. John Olevitz, Pres. of the Regular council, was the speaker. Both gave excellent talks.

Graduation time is upon us. Kathy Norinkavich, Jrs. Secy., received her diploma from Msgr. Ryan High School and will attend Lowell University School of

Nursing. She was the recipient of four awards. Kathy is the daughter of Ann & John Norinkavich, members of the Sr. council.

Paula Regan and Marie Yankun will enter Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, Mass. Larry Venis is going to Boston College H.S., and Michael Gendreau to Don Bosco H.S. Both boys are on the Honor Roll.

Valerie Olevitz represented the Jackson-Mann School in the City of Boston Olympics at Nickerson Field, Boston University. Valerie was entered in two events - the dash and the running broadjump.

Doris Balaconis, Jrs. Pres., graduated from Girl's Latin Academy and has accepted a four-year scholarship to Harvard University. She also received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, but chose to attend Harvard. Her proud parents are Joe & Betty, members of the Sr. council. We will miss Doris; we hope that she doesn't forget us.

Doris' brother, Joe Balaconis, who is a cadet at the N.Y. Maritime Academy, is a champion sailor and placed third in the American Trophy Cup Race which are the trials for the Nationals. Good luck, Joe. We wish all these young people the best of luck and happiness in their future endeavors.

Members of our Jr. council are sorry to learn they will be losing their Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin Janiunas, who has been appointed Pastor of St. Francis Lithuanian Church in Lawrence, Mass. Father has been a good friend to all of us, looking out for our interests, and seeing that the K of L organization continues. We wish the best of luck to you in your new assignment, Father Al; you will be very much missed.

Al Jaritis, the Jrs. Counselor, is asking for assistance from those who have the experience or know-how with photography, egg coloring, painting, Lithuanian language and history, etc., to help make the Jr. gatherings more meaningful and interesting. The Jrs. get to-

gether twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, and the sessions are short. If there are any members who have children of Jr. age, please send them to the meetings. We need the young in order to have the ideals of our K of L organization continue.

Counselor AGJ

## JRS. C-110 MASPETH

C-110 Maspeth Juniors William Sidtis, Anthony Ambrosini, and Marija Stungurys assisted Fr. Casimir Pugevicius in the production and distribution of the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin. We put a lot of work into this project and feel it was a tremendous success. We also attended a seminar given by Fr. Michael Bordeaux of Kenston College, England. He spoke of Lithuania in respect to slavery and other communistic antics. Our group performed a play on the canonization of Saint Casimir for the District and Council levels. Our own celebration consisted of a small play followed by a brunch.

The Juniors have been busy writing letters to many officials reminding them of the circumstances in Lithuania. We also advised Mr. Owen Anderson that Lithuania is not Russia. Our Vice President William Sidtis put together a Lithuanian Display case at Cathedral Preparatory High School on Lithuanian Easter customs. Many non-Lithuanians commented on the beauty of the egg designs. Secretary Marija Stungurys constructed a term paper on Lithuanians in America. The topic was to pick an ethnic group that has greatly contributed to America.

Our thanks to Fr. John Pakalniskis who donated the book INTRODUCTION TO MODERN LITHUANIA to Cathedral Prep High School's library. This is the first book of its kind to occupy the library's shelves. Fr. John has been the moderator of the Juniors

for four years and has always given his help willingly. Ačiū labai.

Antanas Ambrosini  
Vytis Correspondent

## JRS. C-96 DAYTON

Mother's Day, May 8, was celebrated in the most appropriate way we in the council have become accustomed to, - the Crowning of our Blessed Mother's statue by our Jr. Knights. The youngsters, in procession, marched into Holy Cross Church before the 8 A.M. Mass. Jr. Pres. Annamarie Sluzas had the honor of placing the wreath of flowers on our Blessed Mother's head. Following prayers at our Lady's altar, they then became our children's choir. Their melodious voices were accompanied by Mary Agnes Mikalauskas at the guitar. The Jrs. also took care of the readings, serving, and were the Offertory bearers during the Mass.

Following the Mass, mothers, fathers, and council members in attendance were served, buffet style, a delicious gourmet breakfast prepared by Mary Lucas, Ada Sinkwitz, Elaine Lucas Pacovsky, and Marianne Podoyak. Marianne, who is the Jr. Advisor, was chairman and coordinator for the morning.

Our Juniors then proceeded to present, to the delight of all present, three fables from "A Broken Fortune Cookie". Dressed in costume, surrounded by a unique setting, we were totally impressed with these young people. The lines they had to learn, the time they spent in preparing, seven weeks of steady practice, certainly showed up in their very fine performance. We were all so pleased in how well they all did.

Special acknowledgement goes to Ed Sluzas for the time and dedication he put into bringing out the talent in these young people. Ed, majoring in theatre in college, certainly showed signs of being quite capable of handling people in

the field of directing. Ed can be proud in how well his proteges performed. Ačiū labai to all who began Mother's Day in this very meaningful way.

The Jrs. held a drawing in conjunction with the council's bake sale on Palm Sunday, and we are most pleased to say that it was a success. Lucky winners were Michael Lastoskie and Ildefonsas Bucmys.

We congratulate Joey Mantz who was presented with a special award, as the newest and youngest league bowler, at the end-of-the-season supper held Apr. 29. Watch out for this up and coming dynamo!

Stay well wishes go to Mary Agnes Mikalauskas and her brother, George. We are thankful they were not hurt in a recent automobile accident.

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## NAUDINGI IR REIKALINGI IŠSIREIŠKIMAI

### USEFUL AND NECESSARY EXPRESSIONS

kalbėk su manim  
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palaukit manęs  
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ką jis daro?  
labai gerai  
ką tamsta sakei?  
jo čia nėra

speak to me  
call him  
wait for me  
what for?  
what is he doing?  
very well  
what did you say?  
he is not here

atnešk man tamsta  
duokit man  
pasakykit man  
ar kalbat lietuviškai?  
truputį kalbu  
suprantu  
pasakykit man  
kiek laiko?  
kas tas?

bring me  
give me  
tell me  
do you speak Lithuanian?  
I speak it a little  
I understand  
tell me  
what time is it?  
what is that?



**PALAUKIT MANEŠ!  
WAIT FOR ME!**



**KIEK LAIKO? -  
What time is it?**

# MID CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

by Sophie Zager

Cleveland, Ohio was the setting for approximately 40 delegates and guests who assembled for a Mid-Central District Meeting in conjunction with the Mid-West Bowling tournament on May 21-22, hosted by C-25.

After opening prayer by Honorary Member Mr. Joseph Sadauskas, MC Dist. Pres. Elinor Sluzas proceeded to submit her annual report, and on matters of interest she commented that C-96 celebrated Founders' Day. Ms. Sluzas explained that the event is celebrated on Apr. 24, and urged that each council honor the occasion in some memorable way - showing slides or movies of former K of L activities; exhibiting art objects of interest; engaging on a goodwill project and so forth.

The most fitting tribute one could pay is by contributing "time" in helping to provide care and attention to victims of ill health. So many more of us could help out in the hospitals as well as nursing homes. On Founder's Day, another wonderful tribute we could pay to our beloved dead members whose memory most of us revere only on Memorial Day.

Various reports were given by presidents of each council or a representative which included: C-19 of Pittsburgh; C-25 and Cleveland Seniors; C-79 of Southfield, Mich.; C-102 and 139 of Detroit.

Bertha Janus, Ritual Chairperson of Nat'l. Supreme office reported that 26 First Degrees, 34 - Second, and 12 - Third Degrees were issued.

A review of Honorary Membership ensued on submitted names. Pres. E. Sluzas clarified that names for Honorary degrees were selected primarily on K of L qualifications and there are many others who are qualified that are still on the "waiting list".

High on the list of activities of the M/C Dist. are the annual retreats. Catholic Actions - Mary Lukas extended an invitation to attend the next pilgrimage in Dayton, which the membership gladly accepted. Frank Zager informed that the "little plot" around the Wayside Cross at Divine Providence church should be well-groomed by next summer and C-79 of Southfield will host a pilgrimage in 1978.

Pres. E. Sluzas entertained a motion that an official District meeting be held in conjunction with the pilgrimage (preferably latter part of Sept.) which would be an added attraction for members to attend. The election of officers was postponed and will be held during the retreat. The May meeting will be the second District meeting in conjunction with the Bowling Tournament.

It was suggested that reminders be sent to all councils regarding District dues. A few councils have been delinquent either through oversight or other reasons. But whatever, please be prompt in the future.

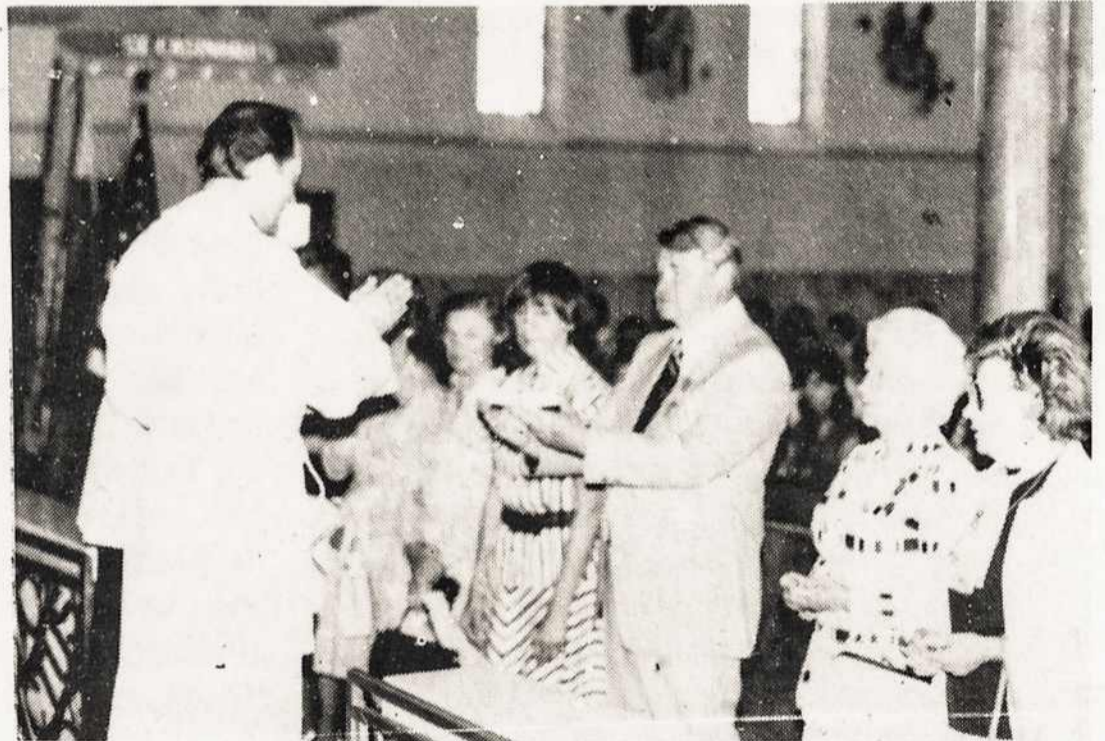
Publicity was the key word. Jos. Sadauskas stressed that more publicity should be activated in the news media, writing to Draugas and other newspapers of our K of L activities.

During discussions, pres. E. Sluzas requested that a right of power be given the M/C District President to purchase a gift in celebration of an anniversary or other prominent occasion of a member in the K of L.

Congratulations were extended to Vytis Editor, Loretta Stukas, who was being honored by the Mid-Atlantic District at a Testimonial Dinner Dance on May 21 in New Jersey. She has provided lot of information, direction and inspirational values that are important in our spiritual and ancestral lives.

Kudos to Zeno Yokshas upon becoming a lifetime member.

Sunday Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.



Blessing and presentation of Third Degree Medals: L.-R.: Fr. G. Kijauskas, N. Samas (C-25), U. Kunsitis (C-25 Ritual Chm.), S. Vaitkus (C-96) M-C District Ritual Chairman, B. Janus - Natl. Ritual Chm., A. Luiza (C-25).

In conclusion, pres. Sluzas bestowed tribute to the two most devoted members - Sister Francesca of Pittsburgh's C-19, and Joseph Sadauskas of Cleveland Seniors. It was good to see Mr. Sadauskas up and about.

Congratulations to Elinor Sluzas too, for her monumental works in the District and her dedication to the K of L on the whole. She has made many sacrifices and through her example more value could be added to our own sense of responsibility for "God and Country".

Presentation of Third Degrees were made prior to Mass at Cleveland's lovely Lithuanian church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This concluded symbolic services for District delegates and bowlers. Those who received their 3rd Degrees were: Frank Ambrose, Elizabeth & Victor August, Alvina Luiza, Eleanor & Joseph Mantz, Judy Petrokas, Nellie Samas and Elinor Sluzas.

Lest we forget the bowling awards - a review of the scores and other results will be printed elsewhere in the Vytis.

Not all business functions can be meaningful without some social implications. Beginning with Friday Night's "Early Bird" party in the Hospitality Suite

had all the markings of a happy time for some 60 gathered guests.

The soaring hot, temperatures that hit the Cleveland area did not put a damper on the Saturday Dance at the Lithuanian Church Hall. The popularity of the Krazy 8's Polka dancing is amazing, and has grown and grown! Following the polka, waltz, and jitterbug contests, Clem and Evelyn Galinas won a dance award for a waltz number. Not in a dance category, but also a winner was Joe Yakstys, who won in the Midnight Drawing.

The Brunch that followed Sunday's Mass was equally delightful. Victor August and his wife, Elizabeth celebrated their 41st Wedding Anniversary. Ilgiausiu Metu!

Before departing for home pres. Elinor Sluzas bid a fond farewell to everyone. Rev. Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas pastor of O.L.P.H. LITH. PARISH bestowed his blessings for a safe trip back home. Although returning home about five pounds heavier and all talked out, everyone is looking forward to the next Mid-Central District meeting.

Širdingai Ačiū - to the Cleveland K of L hosts for the "Red Carpet" treatment. Bless all those wonderful workers!

## OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

### LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS FUND

The following donations were received recently for the Lithuanian Affairs Fund:

Josephine Zukas, Port Washington, N.Y. . . . . \$5.00  
Vytautas Adomaitis, Jamestown, N. Dakota . . . . 2.00

Thank you!

#### IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

**ADELE GRIBASKAS [GREB]**  
Member, Cleveland Srs.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
died May 30, 1977

**RICHARD BARTKUS**  
Member C-25  
Cleveland, Ohio  
died June 1, 1977

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### LIETUVIŲ TAUTINIŲ ŠOKIŲ INSTITŪTAS

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# MID-WEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

CLEVELAND, OHIO

C-25 HOSTS

MAY 20 - 22, 1977

TEAM STANDINGS	COUNCIL	CITY	TEAM CAPTAIN	3-GAME SERIES
20th	C-25	Cleveland	John Garnis	2683
19th	C-25	Cleveland	Nellie Samas	2694
18th	C-96	Dayton	Chas. Petkus	2803
17th	C-79	Detroit	L. Salas	2818
16th	C-79	Detroit	R. Lucas	2844
15th	C-96	Dayton	M. Petkus	2856
14th	C-96	Dayton	M. Dailey	2856
13th	C-19	Pittsburgh	J. Kolicius	2871
12th	C-19	Pittsburgh	A. Rozger	2875
11th	C-25	Cleveland	J. Andrulis	2901
10th	C-102	Detroit	Guerriero	2925
9th	C-25	Cleveland	J. Thompson	2950
8th	C-79	Detroit	Ed Sackle	2970
7th	C-25	Cleveland	C. Machutas	3007
6th	C-79	Detroit	N. Hein	3011
5th	C-96	Dayton	M. Siekierka	3013
4th	C-79	Detroit	R. Laconic	3017
TROPHY WINNERS				
3rd	C-102	Detroit	M. Wagster	3032
2nd	C-96	Dayton	F. Ambrose	3152
1st	C-96	Dayton	J. Berczelly	3247

## INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

### WOMEN

HIGH SINGLE - ACTUAL		
Patty Noreikas (C-96)	-	195
HIGH SINGLE - HDCP.		
Ruth Wagster (C-102)	-	259
HIGH SERIES - ACTUAL		
Christine Kurpowic (C-139)	-	595
HIGH SERIES - HDCP.		
Ursula Kunsitis (C-25)	-	681

### MEN

HIGH SINGLE - ACTUAL		
Ed Sackle (C-79)	-	220
HIGH SINGLE - HDCP.		
Harley Karnes (C-96)	-	246
HIGH SERIES - ACTUAL		
John Berczelly (C-96)	-	593
HIGH SERIES - HDCP.		
Frank Ambrose (C-96)	-	681

## BOOBY PRIZES

MEN - John Garnis (C-25 - Cleveland) - WOMEN - Helen Garnis (C-25 - Cleveland)

**GAMES MEN'S HANDICAP**

1st	F. Ambrose (C-96)	247	-	\$11.00
2nd	J. Berczelly (C-96)	259	-	\$11.00
3rd	G. Kunsitis (C-25)	236	-	\$11.00
Series	J. Berczelly (C-96)	704	-	\$10.00

**GAMES MEN'S ACTUAL**

1st	E. Sackle (C-79)	220	-	\$10.00
2nd	J. Berczelly (C-96)	222	-	\$10.00
3rd	R. Lucas (C-79)	205	-	\$10.00
Series	J. Berczelly (C-96)	593	-	\$11.00

**GAMES WOMEN'S HANDICAP**

1st	C. Kurpowic (C-139)	254	-	\$10.00
2nd	P. Noreikas (C-96)	259	-	\$10.00
3rd	J. Berczelly (C-96)	243	-	\$10.00
Series	C. Kurpowic (C-139)	691	-	\$13.00

**GAMES WOMEN'S ACTUAL**

1st	C. Kurpowic (C-139)	222	-	\$ 8.00
2nd	P. Noreikas (C-96)	195	-	\$ 8.00
3rd	C. Kurpowic (C-139)	186	-	\$ 8.00
Series	C. Kurpowic (C-139)	595	-	\$ 9.00

**JACKPOT STANDINGS**

**1ST PLACE TEAM**

Dayton (C-96) (J. Berczelly - Capt.) - \$100

**2ND PLACE TEAM**

Dayton (C-96) (F. Ambrose - Capt.) - \$ 60

**3RD PLACE TEAM**

Detroit (C-102) (M. Wagster - Capt.) - \$ 30



Bowling Champions - 1st Place Team - C-96 - Dayton: L. to R.: Front - J. Berczelly, D. Noreikas, H. Karnes; Back Row: J. Berczelly and P. Noreikas.



Time-out between games: L-R: S. Petkus, E. Mantz, F. Petkus (C-96) and J. Shigo (C-25).



Waltz Dance Champions: L.-R.: B. Kolicus (C-19) presenting Trophy to Clem and Evelyn Galinas, C-102. Saturday Dance

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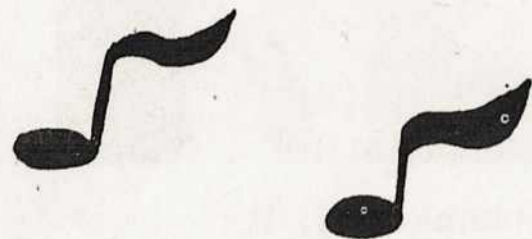
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 PAVASARIS – Maironis / F. Strolia  
 NAKTIS SVAJONĖMS PAPUOŠTA – A. Vanagaitis  
 LAISVO BROLIO ŽODIS – K. Grigaitytė / L. Stukas  
 OI, MOTINĖLĖ – V. Bloze / B. Gorbulskis  
 PUŠYS KALNE – St. Žlibinis / B. Gorbulskis

RID RITO – A. Saulynas / Alg. Raudonikis  
 UŽ MELYNU MARIŲ – A. Dicpetris / L. Stukas  
 SVAJONĖS – V. Kevalaitienė / G. Gudauskiene  
 TYLJ NAKTIS – K. Jonaitis - Žilvytis / J. Stankūnas  
 PIRSLELIAI – Vyt. Blozė / Alg. Bražinskas  
 OI KADA – Maironis / J. Stankūnas  
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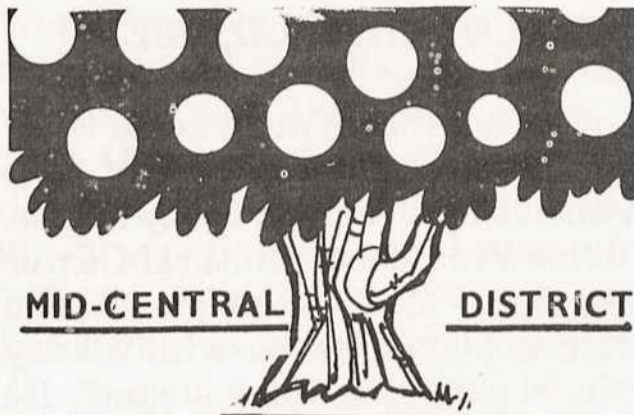
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# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

EDITED BY MRS. JOSEPHINE ZUKAS, 9 CHARLES STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, L.I., N.Y. 11050



## SRS. C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our May meeting was well attended. We observed Mother's Day with a very touching ceremony. Many members shed tears as our president said a prayer for all our mothers.

We are fortunate to have three new members. Mr. & Mrs. Mikulskis are a very talented couple who will truly enrich our council. He is director of the Čiurlionis Choir, and she is director of the musical instrument group called "Kanklės". We also welcome Mrs. Ona Dailida who transferred from Syracuse, N.Y.

A great honor was bestowed on Stella Sankal, our council's Fin. Secy., when she was chosen "Woman of the Year" by the Lake Erie Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Assoc. She also was chosen as a delegate to their National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. She will compete with other finalists for the national title.

We are happy to have our president with us again. Mary Trainy was laid up with a broken ankle, and we wish her well.

We are saddened by the death of one of our oldest and truest members, Adele Gribauskas. She has been a K of L member for most of her life and will be missed greatly.

Happy Birthday greetings to Antanas Maciokas and Ona Dailida

who celebrated in May, and to Stella Sankal and Antoinette Visockas who blew out the candles in June.

Our council members represented the Lithuanians in a One World Day program presented July 31 at the Cultural Gardens. Cleveland is fortunate to be the only city in the USA to have such ethnic gardens. Thirty-two nationalities were represented.

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## C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Congratulations to Christina Mantz who was chairperson for our most successful annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale held Apr. 2-3. Our thanks to her committee and workers, Eleanor & Sue Mantz; Aldona Ryan, Eloise Berczelly, Fran Petkus, Barbara Goecke, and Harley Karns, and to all council members who baked, donated, and patronized the sale. Ačiū labai to Kitty Prasmantas mother, Mrs. Catherine Zubrick, for supporting us with a beautiful handmade afghan in Lithuanian colors, won by Stephanie Rastikis. Aldona Ryan volunteered to be in charge of the drawing and made it very profitable. Thanks goes to Mrs. M. Petrokas, Mrs. A. Seskevics, and Mrs. A. Ambrose for their donations of baked goods. We are a most fortunate council; our parents have always supported us throughout the years. A special thanks, too, to Eloise Berczelly for the delicious breakfast she whipped up for the workers.

Many thanks to Fr. Walter Katarskis for the treats following our Apr. 5 meeting. The reason... Father was celebrating 29 years membership in the Knights!

Apr. 15 was set aside to celebrate Founder's Day of the Knights, with Joe Mantz in charge. He showed slides he had taken from our many activities over the past few years. George Mikalauskas ran movie film which had been taken a while back, taking a lot of us down memory lane. Our thanks to Eleanor, Sue, Chris & Joey Mantz for the supper, and to Harley Karns for managing the refreshment bar. Veronica Omlor was the lucky drawing winner of the evening. A special thanks to Joe Mantz and Harley Karns who donated the entire expense of this day's celebration.

Mike & Donna Jean Dailey held the bowling league wrap-up supper Apr. 29 at the church hall. It was a fun evening with congratulations being handed out to the bowlers. To the winning team, The Banana Splits, Michael Blum, Audrey Banner, Bob Bowman and Debbie Collins, a well deserved win. The men awards: HG went to Harley Karns, HS - Mike Dayley, HGw/Hcp - Pat Smiley, HSw/Hcp - Michael Blum. The women awards: HG - Joan Kavalauskas whose 248 was high for both men and women in the council league, HS - Diane Kavalauskas, HGw/Hcp - Fran Petkus, HSw/Hcp - Eloise Berczelly. A special award went to Jr. Knight bowler, Joey Mantz. Many thanks to Mike & Donna Jean for a job well done in the 76-77 league season.

Congratulations to Walter Lastoskie on fulfilling the Ritual requirements for Second Degree at the April meeting, and to Barbara Goecke on her First Degree.

Stephanie Rastikis will be translating the material we forward to Draugas and Darbininkas

newspapers for our Archive - Historian collection. Much luck! What a delight it was to read an article on Anne Klem and her Easter eggs in the April edition of "Creative Crafts". Elinor Sluzas saw to it that copies were made available to our members. Al & Albina Wallis received a Community Service Award for 1976 for the work they have been doing helping the poor and needy of the Northeast Churches Emergency Center. Congratulations!

Members visiting family here for the Easter season were out-of-towners Tony & Pat (Zelinskas) Alexander from Torrington, Conn., and Joe & Ann Boeke and their family from Grand Rapids, Mich. It was good to see you! Many years of happiness to the new home dwellers, Jerry & Marianne Podoyak and George & Frances Zelinskas.

We thank Cleveland C-25 for the fine hospitality shown us during the Mid-West Bowling Tournament & MCD Convention weekend May 20-22. Under the leadership of Dist. Pres. Elinor Sluzas, the Convention proved most fruitful and many ideas came from the meeting. A formal second MCD Convention has been established to be held annually in conjunction with the Dist's annual pilgrimage. The first one will take place Oct. 1-2, hosted by our council, with Sat. sessions and the pilgrimage on Sun. Prior to the Sunday Mass, Ritual Chairmen Bertha Janus (Natl.), Stan Vaitkus (Dist.), and Ursula Kunsitis (C-25) presented 9 members with their Third Degree medals which were blessed by Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas, S.J., of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Recipients from Dayton were Frank Ambrose, Joe & Eleanor Mantz, Judy Petrokas, and Elinor Sluzas. Valio!

Dayton did come home victorious after two "dry" years. We took First & Second Place with six teams entered. We thank and congratulate all our bowlers for the fine turnout, and especially to the First Place team - John &

Joyce Berczelly, Dennis & Patty Noreikas and Harley Karns; and to our Second Place team - Frank Ambrose, Joan Kavalauskas, Jerry & Teri Scott and Elaine Pacovsky. Good show! Individual awards went as follows: John Berczelly won in the money for HA 2nd game, HS actual, HS/Hcp, 2nd game H/Hcp, a trophy for HS actual. Patty Noreikas won in the money for 2nd game HA, 2nd game HG/Hcp, a trophy for HA game. Frank Ambrose won in the money 1st game H/Hcp and a trophy for series H/Hcp. Joyce Berczelly won in the money 3rd game H/Hcp; Harley Karns won a trophy for single game H/Hcp. The members of the First Place team won individual trophies and had the honor of bringing the traveling trophy to Dayton. In all, Dayton had 39 members and guests attending in addition to Jr. Knight Jamie Pacovsky and future Jrs. Tim Pacovsky and Keith & Tom Dailey.

It was good to see Elena Zukaitis at our May meeting. With her work schedule, attendance is a problem. Aldona Ryan read us a copy of a very strong letter she wrote to the National Geographic Society with regards to an upcoming publication which is misleading as to the territory and customs of Russia. Thanks to Veronica Omlor for the treats following that meeting.

Stay well wishes are sent to Ray Steinbrunner, Jimmy Kavalauskas and Audrey Banner and speedy recovery wishes to Sue Noreikas after recent surgery. We are thankful that Barbara Goecke was not seriously injured recently from a freak accident.

Warm congratulations to Audrey Banner who was received into Communion with the Church by profession of faith and baptism. Special congratulations to John & Eloise Berczelly on the occasion of their 25 wedding anniversary on May 30.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Jim Kavalauskas and his family on the sudden death of

his sister, Ann Geiger, and to Stephanie Rastikis on the loss of her brother, Jonas Poderys, in Detroit. We pray their souls are at peace.

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

All good things must come to an end. And that's the way it was with our Millionaire's Party held at Divine Providence Cultural Center on Apr. 23. Although Mama Nature played havoc with all-day rain showers, a "Las Vegas" let loose with everyone proving to the other that they could win.

We held a "sneak" preview Saturday afternoon. There didn't seem to be any flaws for mistakes. All doors pointed for ACTION. When those doors opened at 7 P.M., a burst of enthusiasm rendered the Cultural Center, and it seems our chairman, Joe Yakstys, thought of everything - organizing the committee, arranging for the games, and acquiring many wonderful prizes.

Properly attired, the committee greeted everyone with a friendly "Hello" and a *lietuviška* "Labas vakaras". All around the hall the committee members ably manned their posts.

"What's a'cookin'?" held everyone's delight when Gerri Chaps answered with a superb kitchen menu which included her delicious homemade *kopūstus*. She was capably assisted by Rita Bagdon. It seems the kitchen was one of the most popular spots! After closing hours, the bar and the prize table were the focal gathering points.

Rounding out the occasion was our pastor, Fr. Victor Kriščiunevičius, and members from our two sister councils 102 and 139. A big Thank You to them and to Rev. Fr. C. Simaitis, too, from St. Anthony's, for coming to the event.

Also, a *Širdingas Ačiū* to the two radio programs, Lithuanian Voice and the Lithuanian Melodies, for numerous announcements of our "Las Vegas" party. Sophie Zager,

who was assisted by Ruth Grasha, handled the publicity.

Chester Nashlon was a BIG help, assisting the chairman in many categories. Thanks, Chet. Thanks to a wonderful committee, and many thanks to all the helpers. But the man who made it work was our super pro, Joe Yakstys. For several months, with little or no breaks except to collapse, Joe set the pace for the Millionaire's Party. Of course, he had a wonderful committee and volunteers who put in amazingly long hours of work on this event. It was a pleasurable evening. This was our first such event, and hopefully next year we will draw a "standing room only" crowd. However, those who came to the party had fun and lots of good food. Those who stayed away missed a good time.

In another part of the country, the "real" Las Vegas was the gathering place for a family reunion of Ona Walls. Nieces, nephews and other members of the clan came from California, Pennsylvania and other areas to visit and catch up on family news.

There has been news that Bill & Ona Walls will have said "auf wiedersehen" when they moved to Plymouth Township. Daug sėkmės in their new home.

At our Apr. 6 meeting, two new members were admitted to our council, Karen Panavas and Douglas Tucker. We welcome them and hope they become active members. A discussion emerged on how to attract others into the K of L membership.

Cultural Chairlady Stella Hotra distributed folders to members on the folklore, the Amber Web, also a latest reading of "History of Lithuanian Literature", from the year 1547 to 1818. She brought to our attention some interesting books, "Fighters for Freedom", "Lithuania - the Outpost for Freedom", and "Pennsylvanijos Angliakasių Lietuva". Stella suggested that some of the books should be presented to and placed in some of the libraries. A discussion followed and the project will be pursued.

Hostesses for the evening were Helen Tucker and Sophie Zager, with Helen providing the goodies and Sophie serving refreshments on a table "topped" by a lilac floral arrangement. We are in need of hostesses. The same members are volunteering all the time, and needless to say they are in need of some relief. Think about it and become involved.

Get well wishes go to our Catholic Actions Chairlady Helen

Tucker who was hospitalized for a serious ailment. We are glad to see John Belickas up and around.

Our sympathy to Peter & Monica Banion and the Banionis family upon the death of their father, Peter Banionis. May he rest in Eternal Peace.

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C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

We examined our closets, cupboards and garages, gathering treasures old and new for the rummage sale held Apr. 23-24. The Baikaks', Guerrieros', Bunikis', Grazina, Vitalia, Ace, Carl Gobis, Klucens' and Medonis' set up the sale to look like Macy's. Everyone worked so hard that occasionally some of us needed a cat nap in Fr. Simaitis' easy chair. Of course, half the proceeds went to St. Anthony's parish.

Our wishes for health go to Clem Galinas who recently underwent eye surgery.

Congratulations to Edna & Bill Klucens who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. May they have another thirty as happy as the first.

After having such a terrific time at the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Cleveland, our bowlers cordially invited everyone to



Time out for a picture! L to R: C-102 Pres. Grazina Vaskelis, Annetta Byrne, Rev. C. Simaitis



C-102 - Looking over Rummage Sale merchandise. L to R: Grazina Vaskelis, Annetta Byrne, Maryann Guerriero, Donna Bunikas, Vitalia Vaskelis.

(Photos by Bob Klucens)

attend the 1978 Tournament in Detroit.

With vacation season lengthening, we note our travelers Marianne & Joe Guerriero returned from Las Vegas tan and tired; Ann Uznis and Vitalia Vaskelis came back from New Orleans with works of art; Vitalia, the real traveler, attended a tennis camp (look out Chrissy); Grazina and Ace enjoyed the MAD Testimonial Dinner for lovely Loretta Stukas; and Donna & Frank Bunikis learned to hula in Hawaii. Bon Voyage to the Klucens family who are going to Florida.

Our council picnic was held at the Medonis home in July which was a fun packed day for everyone.

See you at the National Convention!

#### C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Mid-West Bowling Tournament is over. Cleveland LOST AGAIN (shucks!) but we sure had fun trying. Congratulations to Dayton C-96 who achieved First Place and won the trophy. They bowled a great series - 3247! We had a good turnout and enjoyed playing hosts to such a congenial group. We thank all our fellow Knights for attending and hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did in having you here. We were also honored and pleased to have so many Honorary Members in attendance: Joseph Sadauskas, Mary Lucas, Stan Vaitkus and Anna Mae Uznis. Our Co-Chairmen, Charlie Machutas, Al Shigo, and Jim Thompson and their respective wives, Nelda, Joanna, and Joan did a great job, and we thank them and their working committees for their time and efforts, with all the inevitable trials and tribulations.

We thank Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, Pastor of OLPH and Cleveland's Spiritual Advisor, National Ritual Chairman Bertha Janus, and Mid-Central Dist. Ritual Chairman Stan Vaitkus, for the Blessing and Third Degree Ritual Presentation before the Kegler's



C-102, Detroit, Mich. Rummage Sale.

Mass. This was an impressive ceremony. We congratulate Betty & Vic August, Alvina Luiza, and Nellie Samas who received their Third Degree.

Betty & Vic also celebrated their 41st Wedding Anniversary during the Tournament and are wished many more years of wedded bliss.

Thank you, Elinor Sluzas, Mid-Central Dist. Pres., for a very productive and enlightening Dist. Meeting.

Get well wishes are sent to Joe Reedick who is recovering from leg surgery, and to Marcia Witkowski, daughter of Nellie Arunski, who is also recovering from surgery. Get well soon!

C-25 members would like to express their heartfelt sympathy to Elaine Stempuzis and her son, Steve, whose husband and father passed away suddenly on Apr. 14. Frank was well-known in the Lithuanian community and was always willing to help our council in any way that he could. He will be sincerely missed.

Our deepest condolences are also extended to Bruno & Agnes Bartkus on the sudden and untimely death of their son, Richard, on June 1. Rick was only 29 and leaves a lovely wife, Judy, and two infant daughters.

We were saddened by the death of Senior member, Adele Gribauskas, who died on May 30. She was well-known to our members and always made it a point to attend as many of our functions as she possibly could. We'll miss her very much.

May God have mercy on the souls of Frank, Rick, and Adele, and may they rest in peace.

Early Spring vacations to Florida were enjoyed by our president, Ruth Guzauskas and part of her family, who basked in the sun at Ft. Lauderdale; Joan & Jim Thompson enjoyed the sunsets at Redington Shores; and Johanna & Al Shigo toured the State of Florida in their van for recuperative purposes. The rest of us just plodded along and shoveled, and shoveled! Oh well, our day will come!

June 3 was our last meeting of the summer, and we will not reconvene until September. Your correspondent would like to wish each and every member a beautiful, fun-and-sun-filled, happy and safe summer; and to C-103, Providence, a very successful, fruitful 64th National Convention! We look forward to meeting you in August.

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### DISTRICT

#### ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

A belated but very special congratulations to our own Honorary Member, the Most Reverend Vincentas Brizgys on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of priesthood.

Members of the "Memories of Lithuania" banquet committee and other IID members met with Consul General Josephine Dausvardis and Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas for a "final touch" dinner party at the Diamondhead Restaurant. As usual, host Rich Shlaustas outdid himself with the arrangements and his "kugelis" was superb. Alderman Ken Jakso joined in the festivities and Banquet Chairman John G. Evans was missed by all. It was an opportunity to reminisce and the time for presenting Mrs. Dausvar-

dis with a monetary award from this our most successful "M of L" Dinner.

Capably representing the IID at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament were C-112 members Edward Krivickas and Irene Sankus. They reported a good time was had by all and that they enjoyed Cleveland C-25's hospitality.

That same weekend, many K of L members were in attendance at Nativity B.V.M. Parish's 50th Anniversary Dinner where they danced to the music of Fritz Bentler and His Violins.

Ann Marie Kassel and family journeyed to Newark for the MAD Testimonial Dinner for "Vytis" Editor and former IID member, Loretta Kassel Stukas.

The Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Illinois was also held in May. Group president is Vince Samaska of C-36, who also was the banquet chairman. Assisting him were Dr. Joseph Jerome as M.C., Irene Norushis, and John (Whitey) Evans. Many, many K of L's were in attendance. Ed (Moose) Krause, Athletic Director of Notre Dame University, was the guest speaker.

Chicago Lithuanian Womens Club held their annual Amber Ball in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel in June. Among the beautiful debutantes this year was Diana M. Jagiella, daughter of C-82 Pres. Mildred &

Jim Jagiella of Hebron, Ind.

"Sandara" (Lithuanian newspaper) annual picnic was held at the K of L gardens with Al Brazis and John Evans taking time from their busy schedule to work on the committee.

The Lithuanian-American Democratic Organization for the State of Illinois is busily informing all Lithuanians of their activities. At a recent meeting, President Stanley Balzekas Jr. had a program and speaker from the Office of the Cook County Assessor who attempted to help one understand the workings of property assessment and taxes.

Best wishes for a successful year to the newly elected officers of the Lithuanian American Council of Chicago, which include K of L members Vincent Samaska as Exec. Secy., Irene Sankus, Treas., and Casey Oksas, Vice-Pres.

Condolences to Dr. Leon Kriauceliunas and family on the death of his son, Eugenijus; and to Dr. Kazys Bobelis and family on the death of their son, Julius Vytautas. Both boys were very young and it is a tragic loss to both families. We will remember them in our prayers.

IID prexy Al Brazil announced the appointment of two additional committee chairmen: Lithuanian Affairs, Cecilia Matul (C-36); and Lithuanian Cultural, Monica Kasper (C-112).

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C-112 members at the IID "Burn the Mortgage" cocktail party in Chicago: Estelle Rogers, Leonard Simutis, Gerry Mockus, Ed Krivickas, Gerry Mack & Dolores Wainauskis.

(Photo - Jean Janula)



IID Dinner for Consul General Dausvardis held at Diamondhead Restaurant: Aldona & Al Brazis, Josephine Dausvardis, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas & Irene Sankus.

(Photo - Jean Janula)

## C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Priesthood congratulations to: His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys on his 50th anniversary; Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, 36th; Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas, 41st; and Rev. Tony Puchenski, 6th.

Membership Chairlady Estelle Rogers and all council members extend a hearty welcome to the following who joined C-112 during the past year - Jonas Auskalnis, Frank Brady, Don Dausinas, Paul & Rasa Dirkis, Robert & Richard Jurgaitis, Eleanor Kasputis, Bernice Kudoba, Jonas Plienaitis, Anne Pullan, Isabelle Putrimas, Bernice Raubiskis, Elena Rimkus, Frank Rockaitis, Neris & Aldona Shimkus, Rich Siepak, Dr. Leonard Simutis, Jonas Spackauskas, Leonardas & Jadvyga Surkevicius, Kurt Velius, Elizabeth Zibas, Gintaras Endrijonas, Pranas Povilaitis and Father Tony Puchenski of Nativity B.V.M. Parish.

Congratulations to Bernadine and Louis Rogers, both council officers, on the birth of their second daughter, Janet Ann, on April 15th.

Monica Kasper, a dedicated worker of the Holy Cross Hospital Auxiliary, invited council members to attend an Open House and Art Fair at the Hospital. Those who attended enjoyed a special exhibit of beautifully framed original oil paintings. It was truly a delightful day at which a new group of artists, portraying different and unique subjects and styles were presented.

It's great to see IID Board Secretary Adeline Jasaitis recovering and joining in K of L activities again. She recently was able to enjoy a well-deserved holiday in Hawaii with her husband Pete and Friends.

Belated wedding best wishes to Al and Bernice Raubiskis who recently returned from a belated honeymoon cruise to South America.

Stephanie Mlodzik tells us that David Petraitis, O.S.A., son of Alfonse & Juliane, was made

Deacon on April 16th at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Chicago by Ordaining Bishop Most Reverend Alfred L. Abramowicz, D.C. Aux. Bishop of Chicago.

Council condolences to Joseph Kuizin on the death of his sister.

Hostess for the May Council Board meeting was Secy. Sophie Nieminski; and for the April meeting, Monica Kasper. We always enjoy meetings at their homes as they both are gracious hostesses.

Council Cultural Co-Chairmen Valerie & Richard Jurgaitis, in addition to their many other activities, are currently teaching at several Park Districts. They are most accomplished in the field of social-ballroom dancing.

Readers of the Lithuanian Museum Review enjoy a chatty column entitled, "Dell Tells..." which is written by our member Dell Zunas, a lady of many, many talents.

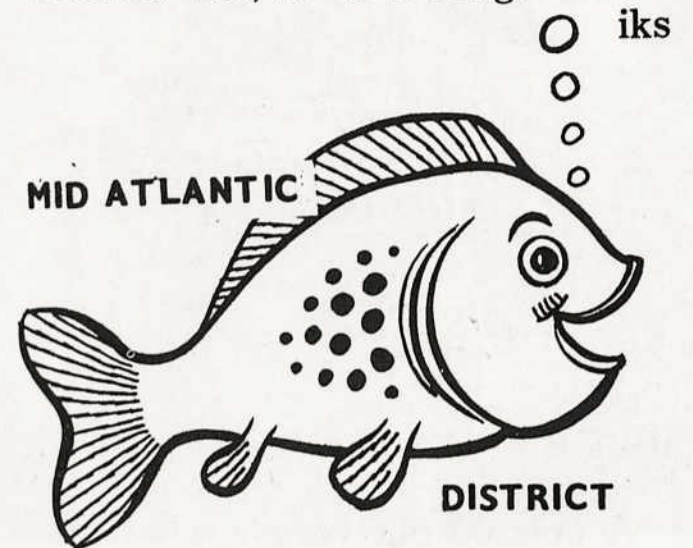
The K of L was well represented at the presentation of Alexander Pakalniskis, Sr's book "Žemaičiai" which was held at the Lithuanian Jesuit Center Coffee House. The reception was hosted by his sons and daughters. The Pakalniskis family are another multi-talented family and assets to our organization.

The Lacks have been in the news. James Lack was recently elected to a 4-year term as Clerk of Palos Hills, and Ronald Lack received a scholarship from the Orland Park Lions Club to further his studies at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Clinic.

What a great way to celebrate a wedding anniversary - Council Pres. Al & Gerrie Mockus celebrated with many K of L'ers at the Diamondhead. Their anniversary pineapple was a most unusual "Cake".

A special drawing will be held in conjunction with the annual council dance. The special feature proceeds will go towards the K of L Bldg Mortgage Redemption Fund. The dance, with an Octoberfest theme, will be held Oct. 1 at the K

of L Building. Chairlady Gerrie Mockus urges everyone to attend this evening of fun and frolic and to participate in the drawing. Bar chairman will be the congenial Eddie Krivickas. Remember - October 1st, K of L Bldg.



## C-143 - PITTSTON, PA.

After the May 3 meeting, refreshments were served by Genevieve Bartashunas, Helen Butsavage, Alberta Walsh, Nellie Bayoras, and our youngest member, Joseph Tuncavage.

On May 22, our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, administered the K of L oath to 11 members at the 10:30 A.M. Mass. Seven of the members were not able to attend the March Mass, the first time the oath was taken. We congratulate the following: Anthony Bartashunas, Mary Burdett, Julia Farrell, Paul Lauck, Alberta Walsh, Mary & Adam Makalusky, and new members Carol & Casimir Kizis Jr., and Patricia & Anthony Casale.

Chairman Nellie Bayoras planned a bus trip to Lakewood on Aug. 14 to celebrate Lithuanian Day.

Sept. 23 is set for Ole Tyme Lithuanian Nite to be held at St. Casimir's Hall, Pittston, Pa. There will be food, refreshments and music for dancing. Chairman for the affair is Anne Challan, Co-chairmen Helen & Jack Piragus, and Honorary Chairman Rev. P. J. Alisauskas.

The following have been appointed to serve on committees:

Food - Chairmen Mary & George Burdett; Co-chairmen Mary Timek

& Rosalie Kizis; assisted by Eleanor Bellanco, Genevieve Dajnowski, Marie Lauck, Agnes Kay, Frances Orlando, Mildred Walsh, Mary Makalusky, Frances Evans, Helen Butsavage, Genevieve Bartashunas, Adele Menchinsky, Helen Wisnosky, Patricia Casale, and Julia Atmonavage.

Refreshments - Chairman Leo Butsavage; Co-chairman Paul Patrick; assisted by Charles Dajnowski, Charles Moniak, Onofrio Orlando, Charles Warkala, Joseph Grableski, Adam Makalusky, John Wisnosky, Anthony Casale.

Reception - Alberta Walsh, Marian Chepalis, Agnes Kishel, Eleanor Stiroh, Mary Ann Grableski, Anna Zarzecki, Frances Kaslas, Julia Farrell, Carol Kizis.

Music - Casimir Kizis Sr. & Jr., Alphonse Chepalis, Michael Timek, Chris Batashunas, Paul Lauck.

Decorations - Anna Walatkas, Annamari Moniak, Anna Challa.

Basket of Cheer - Helen & Jack Piragus.

Refreshment Tickets - Dorothy Banos, Grace Kazacavage.

Door - Joseph Tuncavage.

Signs - Peter Menchinsky.

Tickets - Nellie Bayoras.

Publicity - Dr. Bronis Kaslas, Alena Miskinis.

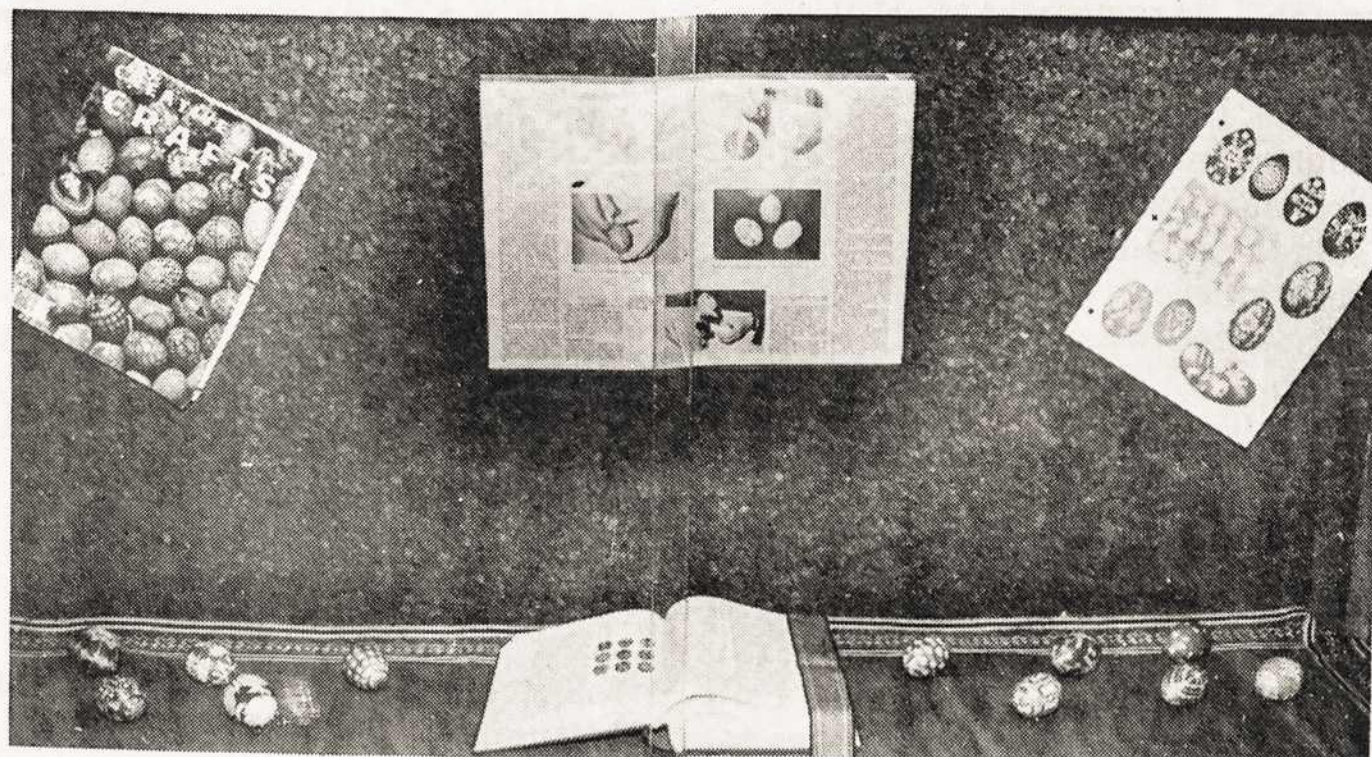
Nellie T. Bayoras

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

We welcome six new members into the council: Ann & John Adamenas, Lottie Ulrich, Jean, Stephen & Ed Kuchinskas.

Robert J. Thomann was graduated from Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y. He will pursue his Masters in Psychology at Madison College, Harrisburg, Va. Stephen V. Kuchinskas was awarded a B.S. from State Univ. of New York, Albany and will continue his studies at St. Johns University, N.Y.

Our council sponsored a Lithuanian Affairs Workshop at the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid headquarters in Brooklyn. Fr. Casimir Pugevicius spoke of Human Rights, religious oppres-



C-110, Maspeth, N.Y. Photo taken by Bill Sidtis of Lithuanian colored eggs exhibition at Cathedral

Prep Seminary, with Ann Klem's published article prominently displayed.

sion in Lithuania, the importance of keeping people informed about the realities of life in Lithuania. Fr. Pugevicius strongly recommended that K of L'ers write letters to Nijole Sadunaite and other prisoners of conscience. Kits may be obtained from the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207, Tel. (212) 637-2434.

Many pamphlets of interest were distributed to the members. A group of our members volunteered to collate, mimeograph and mail the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin, the first issue in several months. Under Marian Skabeikis' direction, Nellie Skabeikis, Mary Kulis, Ann Sidtis and Juniors Bill Sidtis, Antanas Ambrosini and Marija Stungurys completed the first issue.

A Seminar was sponsored by Fr. Pugevicius on the importance of religious freedom in captive nations. The guest speaker, Rev. Michael Bourdeaux, an Anglican priest and Director of Keston College, England, spoke of Nijole Sadunaite who was imprisoned for "her association with the Chronicles of the Catholic Church in Lithuania"; Mindaugas Tamonis, an Engineering expert who was brutally punished for refusing to repair a monument to the Red

Army; and Soviet action intended to intimidate the religious life of the faithful. Our members attended this seminar and posed several interesting questions.

At the closing Mass at Cathedral Prep Seminary for the Mothers and Fathers Clubs, Ann Sidtis recited "Sveika Marija" in Lithuanian. The Mass was an international theme. The other nations represented were Ireland, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, and Poland.

During the Easter season Bill Sidtis exhibited, also at Cathedral Prep Seminary, Lithuanian colored eggs. Ann Klem's article in the "Creative Crafts" Magazine was prominently displayed.

On Sept. 24, in the Transfiguration Parish Hall, Maspeth, N.Y., C-110 will host a dinner and dance celebrating their 53rd anniversary as a council. Everyone is invited; come on down for an evening of fun.

A.S.

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AND BRIEF!**

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

The Liberis family hosted the council members for the April meeting. Father Anthony Grigaitis said the opening prayer. Members read articles - Gene Gobis on Lith. Easter traditions, and Regina Kot on the Lith. language and the first Lith. books that were published. The council voted to donate \$35. to the Scholarship Fund.

The May meeting commenced with prayers said by Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Pres. Anthony Radzevich commented on the number of articles sent in by our members to the Natl. Lith. Affairs Chairman, Rev. C. Pugevicius. He commended the council and asked them to keep up the good work.

Cultural co-chairlady Regina Kot read an article on the early Lithuanian authors, touching on Rapulionis, Milkus, Yaknavičius, and Donelaitis. "The Forests of Anykščiai" is considered to be the most beloved piece of literature of all times. Father Baltch brought in a few copies of the third issue of "Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronika" which were distributed among the group. He also spoke of Loretta Stukas' dedication to the K

of L and the Lithuanian cause. He was pleased to hear that Tony & Ann Radzevich, Josephine Redding, Helen Radzevich, and Ed Baranauskas would be attending the Testimonial Dinner. A poem dedicated to Loretta by Polly Ziausys and artistically printed by Regina Kot was presented to Loretta from C-100 at the Testimonial:

### LORETAI

Kaip gėlė daržely pavasario rytą  
Lietuvių tarpe tu išdygai,  
Naudingu darbu pumpurus vystai,  
Ilgai, težydi gražūs žiedai.

Kaip lakštutės skambų balsą  
Dažnai girdim tarp save  
Kaip saulutės šviesų šypsni  
Matom spindintį veide.

Tave myli visi Vyčiai,  
Garbė Tautai ir Bažnyčiai,  
Dirbk, tam labui dar ilgai,  
Liksim dėkingi amžinai.

Tau, Loreta, mes dėkojam  
Iš pat širdžių gilumos,  
Linkime sveikatos, laimės  
Ir Aukščiausio palaimos.

Tony Radzevich showed us slides from the past ten years of various council activities. It brought back many memories, and in some instances, sad ones, when we viewed some of our departed members. Refreshments were served by Helen Druziak, Regina Kot, Gene Gobis, and Ann Radzevich. Ann took over for Polly who was ill. Polly, though, did make her delicious "lietuviška duonelė" which husband, Ed, delivered to the committee.

Ed Bablin came with his mother-in-law, Louise Kerbelis, and we noted that Ed was using a cane. We learned he had undergone recent surgery. Good to have you back, Ed.

News Bits: John & Mildred Whelly, Annacetta Guzielek, and Frances DiBart left May 1 for Greece. We also wished a "bon voyage" to Father Grigaitis who was on his way to Hamilton, Ontario. A number of our members are planning to visit Lithuania in September. As it stands now, they are Father Grigaitis, Father Baltch, Mary Stanionis and Betty Kuzmich. Tony & Jane Karbocus returned from California where they visited their son who works in Burbank. Joe & Ginny Valikonis vacationed in Georgia where Ginny's daughter, Linda, lives.

Our sincere and deep sympathies go out to Peter & Charlotte Sargalis and family in the unexpected passing of Peter's mother, Filomena, on Mar. 9; and to Ed & Polly Ziausys and family in the loss of Ed's mother, Sophia, on Apr. 27. Both women were deeply religious and their lives centered around their families. Amžina atils!

Michael O'Connor, an Irish traveler from Dublin, Ireland, who is completing a trip by bicycle which took him across three continents, stopped in Amsterdam on Apr. 15 and was the guest of the Liberis family. The Amsterdam Evening Recorder had pictures of Michael with Nellie, Bill and Betty Liberis together with a lengthy interview.



*C-100 members at the Loretta Stukas Testimonial.*



Dan Kabasin received his Master's Degree from Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., and has accepted a position with General Motors in Rochester, N.Y. Dan is a past recipient of the K of L Scholarship Award. We wish our former organist and choir director good luck in his new position.

Smile & Sparkle

#### C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

This year has been a very busy one for our council. We hosted the Mid-Atlantic Dist. annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast and Convention meeting on Mar. 13; on May 15, we participated in the annual Spring Dinner at Our Lady of Vilnius Church, assisting Rev. Peter Kmita; we attended the Testimonial Dinner on May 21 for Loretta Stukas sponsored by the District; attended the Dist. Convention on May 22; and on June 25 several of us took the bus trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the Franciscan Monastery, Lithuanian Legation, Our Lady of Siluva Shrine, and socializing with members of the Washington Council.

In the midst of all this, we are busy making plans for the Testimonial Dinner for Al (Monk) Monckawitch honoring his 40th anniversary as a K of L member. All are cordially invited to attend on Nov. 12 at Our Lady of Vilnius



*C-100 Amsterdam. Pastor Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Daniel Kabasin,*

*Church Hall, New York, N.Y. Monk has many friends not only in the district, but also throughout the K of L organization, and we are certain they will want to join us on this occasion.*

Our meetings have been well attended, having revived our "socials" with food and refreshments following the business sessions. At our May meeting, we were very happy to see Father George Gurinkas, looking very well after his trip to Florida. We were also very surprised and pleased to see Viola & Peter Vaicels, former members of our council. Pete was past Pres., Secy., and Treas., - not all at one time, of course.

*former organist & choir director; and Janice Rugar (Dan's fiancée).*

We would like to welcome two new members who recently joined our council, Beatrice & Joseph Remeika.

Al Yatkauskas, Jr., son of Emily & Al, is a Captain with the U.S. Army and stationed in Germany.

Lee Waskiewicz, son of Betty & Lee, will be taking that long walk down the aisle on Aug. 27. Congratulations!

Jovita & Joe Sleder's daughter, Karen, made them the proud grandparents of a bouncing baby girl on Apr. 22. Best wishes to all, and to little Melissa Rene Grill.

Mary York was in Medical Center, Jersey City, N.J. for a check-up and rest. We all wish her the best of health.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Vinnie & Helen Cuprewich and family on the loss of his father, Paul.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Anthony Shovelski, a former member and past president of our council.

J.J.

#### C-74 - SCRANTON PA.

Elizabeth & Andrew Leonard were selected as the two delegates to represent our council at the Testimonial Dinner for Loretta Stukas held May 21 at the Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J. They also attended the Mid-Atlantic Dist. Meeting the following day.



*Larry Janonis, C-12 member & MAD President addresses guests at Loretta Stukas Testimonial. Others, l. to r. K. Sipaila (C-29), Jeanne Janonis (C-12), Helen Shields (C-3), Val. Melinis (C-29), Loretta Stukas, Tony Miner, Rev. Scharnus, Jack Stukas.*

A large group of our members attended the showing of the Jonas Mekas film, "Reminiscences of a Journey to Lithuania" sponsored by the Scranton Public Library and shown at the Everhart Museum Auditorium in Scranton. The crowd was overflowing.

Vacation time is here! Council Pres. Eve Kazokas vacationed in the Aruba Islands. Vice-Pres. Andrew Leonard traveled to Waukegan, Ill. for his cousin's, Father John Kuzinskas, 25th Anniversary in the Priesthood. Andy's wife, Betty, flew to Phoenix, Arizona, for her grand-niece's wedding. She loved the weather so much, she stayed for a month. Then Andrew went to Brockton, Mass. to attend Sister Thomas Aquinas 50th Anniversary as a Sister of Jesus Crucified. Sister was a Scranton, Pa. girl, Anna Beliauskas, and is Andrew's first cousin.

The council planned a picnic to be held at St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, Pa., the home of Sister Virginia, the author of the book, "Praise the Lord, All You Nations".

Have a safe and healthy summer!

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#### C-144 - ANTHRACITE COUNCIL, PA.

Elsie Kosmisky was hostess for the trip Apr. 30 to Washington and Baltimore in which 46 members participated. After a tour of Washington, the group went to Our Lady of Siluva Shrine at the Cathedral; then on to Baltimore to see a delightful performance by the Malunas Dancers. They were given a lovely reception by all their Baltimore friends.

On May 14 at the American Way Fair in Pottsville, the Lithuanian Booth was the most popular at the fair, attended by several thousands. Anne Sikora was chairman. The group served bulvines dešras, košeliena, kugeli, mėsinės dešras su rugine duona ir kopūstus, ausiukes, lietuvišką tortą. Lithu-

anian artifacts were sold, Jerry Lapinsky displayed his candles, and Annie Morgalis demonstrated her margučius.

There was much preparation for Lithuanian Day held Aug. 14 at Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pa. Anna Klizas Wargo was chairman for this gala event, and everyone enthusiastically worked for a successful day. The Aušrinė Dancers from Philadelphia and the Vilija Quartet from New Jersey performed at the program. There were cultural displays, and a Lithuanian orchestra entertained.

Pres. Bernice Mikatavage supervised the project of members sending letters to Lithuanian prisoners in Siberian Camps. To date 23 letters have been mailed.

Our sincere thanks to Father Al Bartkus and Father Joseph Neverauskas whose support of our efforts has been an inspiration to all our members.

Four members attended the Testimonial Dinner in Newark for Loretta Stukas and the MAD Spring Convention where Anne Klizas Wargo was thrilled at being appointed a delegate to the National Convention. Also attending were Anne Marie Lithkowsky, Anne Panchari, and Flo Kobluskie.

All members of our council were happy to receive the news that Father Neverauskas was made a Monsignor by Pope Paul IV. We are all proud of our author - and guide. Msgr. Neverauskas is the author of a book entitled "The Adventures of Ziggy Zilch".

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#### C-41 - BROOKLYN-QUEENS, N.Y.

Our council member, Anthony J. Shovelski, Esq., beloved husband of Anna, brother of Joseph, died March 31, 1977, at the age of 69.

Anthony was a retired Lieutenant of the New York Police Department, and also a practicing attorney until his recent illness. He was past President of New York C-12 during the years of 1932-35. Upon being appointed to the Police Dept. in 1936, he resigned from

C-12. Anthony was desirous of continuing his studies for advancement to higher rank in the Department. Subsequently he was promoted to Sergeant and later to Lieutenant. He was then assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Central Headquarters. He continued in this assignment until his retirement in 1961 after 25 years of service in the Police Dept.

Anthony continued his studies at St. John's Law School and successfully passed his Bar examinations.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated on April 4 in the Church of the Annunciation, Brooklyn, N.Y. Internment was in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Glendale, N.Y.

C-41 members extend to his family their deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace, and be remembered in your prayers.

Joseph E. Shovelski



#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

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Our kind of people - warm, gracious, quick to extend their hand in friendship; these traits distinctively are inborn with Lithuanians.

Certain that support was awaiting, representatives from seven councils of the District gathered at St. Francis Church in Athol, Mass., on Apr. 24 for their Spring Convention.

The meeting opened with Rev. Steponaitis leading the assembly in prayer, beseeching St. Casimir to alleviate the persecution of our fellow Lithuanians from the hands of the Russians. Also, he appealed to our patron saint for assistance in our sincere endeavor to perpetuate Lithuanianism. Later, as main



*Head table at NED Spring Convention, Athol, Mass. L to R.: Pub. Relations, Margaret Picard (C-30); Cultural Chairlady Nell Ruggles (C-30); Pres. Joan Laframboise (C-30); Treas. Dorothy Sienkewicz (C-116); Trustee Alfonse Barauskas (C-135).*

speaker, he eulogized Bishop Matulaitis, a scholarly and dedicated man who united the Lithuanians, found time to write books, organized a diocese in Žemaitija, and tended to the needs of the sick. This being the 50th anniversary of his death, a petition is being circulated for his canonization and will be presented to the Holy See.

Following procedure, each council president spoke proudly on the accomplishments of his council. Commendations should be given to Al Jaritis for the effectiveness of his continuing work with the So. Boston Juniors.

Comments have often been expressed concerning the absence of young people's participation in Lithuanian affairs. In addition to this, the question has often been asked, if the interest will still be there, to carry on our crusade after we are gone. The assembly voted to take a giant step and the motion was passed to invest in the future. It was decided that each council this year should sponsor a Junior for one session to Camp Neringa in W. Brattleboro, Vt. It is hoped that the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception from Putnam, Conn. will instill these youngsters with the spirit of Lithuanian customs, dances, handicrafts, and, of course, the language. The cost is minimal, and the benefits - priceless!

Adding a touch of "Founder's Day" to this meeting, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Perekslis of Athol displayed old photographs personally

given them by Mykolas Norkunas. All were worth their weight in gold, but super-special was the picture of C-78 of Lawrence, Mass., marching before St. Peter's Band.

After the meeting adjourned, a delicious repast from soup to finger-licking pastries was served. A bouquet of roses to the charming ladies, the chef, and all the gentlemen who worked so hard to make this Convention a success. The general committee from C-10 included Blanche & Charles Genaitis, Nellie Melaika, Pauline Rogers, Tina Satos, Alice & Stanley Perekslis, Lennie Davidonis, Frank Anoris, Bernice & Bill Wisnauskas, Anna & Howie Beaudette, and Honorary Chairman Rev. Justin Steponaitis. To all, our sincere thanks.

Margaret Picard

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

St. Casimir's Day celebration on Mar. 6 was a harbinger of spring for the combined Regular & Sr. councils. Many parishioners also enjoyed the day with us. The hall was beautifully decorated in Lithuanian colors by Anne Antanelis, Ann Carroll, and Florence Casper. At the head table were Rev. Anthony Baltrushunas, Pastor of St. Peter's; Rev. Albin Janiunas, Assoc. Pastor; Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, Natl. Spiritual Director who was the principal speaker; M.C. John Olevitz; and presidents of the various

Lithuanian organizations, two of which are members of our council, John Norinkavich, Srs. C-17 Pres., and Alex Chaplik, Pres. of the So. Boston Lith. Citizen's Club. We were also honored to have Representative Ray Flynn of So. Boston as a guest; Ray was a student of Fr. Jurgelaitis at Providence College. The tasty breakfast was prepared by the hard working kitchen crew of Ann Norinkavich, Mary Mickevich, Anne White, Betty Balaconis, Alice Opanaset, Eleanor Wassell, Adele Martus, Mary Martus, and two Jrs. Kathy Norinkavich and Adele Martus.

The combined councils held their annual Whist Party for the benefit of the church in April. Our thanks to co-chairmen Ann Norinkavich and Al Akule.

On Apr. 16 both councils tried something new - a pot luck supper. There was an abundance of tastefully displayed diversified foods. After a solid meal and a glass of cheer, some serious singing followed led by Fr. Anthony and Fr. Albin. Musical accompaniment was provided by Alice Ruseckas and her brother Arnold Plevock, dual accordianists. Our thanks to the kitchen crew who made the day a success.

The NED Convention was held in Athol, Mass. on Apr. 24, hosted by C-10, Pres. Wm. Wisnauskas. Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Pastor of St. Francis, welcomed the delegates and guests and held Benediction. Delegates and guests from our Sr. council were John & Ann Norinkavich, Alexander & Patricia Akule, Frank & Virginia Markuns and Longinas Svelnis. Joan Laframboise, C-30 Westfield, Mass., NED Pres. chaired the Convention.

Rev. Albert Contons, Pastor of St. Margaret's, Beverly Farms, Mass., and past Natl. Spiritual Director, hosted the annual NED Holy Hour on May 22. It gave many a chance to renew old acquaintances with Father Al and to visit his parish. A prayer book written by three Lithuanian girls called "Mary, Save Us" was the

basis for a series of prayers. Also, three councils - Regular, Srs., Jrs. - each recited a decade of the rosary. Fr. Contons was assisted by a newly ordained Deacon, Rev. Dr. Francis D'Ambrosio. John & Ann Norinkavich, Al & Pat Akule, Dan Averka, and Felix and Florence Zaleskas attended.

The combined councils' annual local Scholarship Awards were presented at the St. Peter's School graduation on June 3. Some new ground rules were set down to enable more applicants to apply for the awards.

Albin Neviera, a 4th Degree member, had been hospitalized but is now on the road to recovery. Best wishes for a speedy return to health.

AnnMarie Markuns received her degree in Nursing from Boston College. She is the former Jrs. Pres., and her mother, Virginia, is the hard working Rec. Secy. of our council. We wish AnnMarie well in her new duties.

Four members of our council traveled to Providence, R.I., on Mar. 26 to attend the Supreme Council Meeting. They were Anthony Young, Daniel Averka, Longinas Svelnis and Joseph White.

A group of Bostonians, Felicija Grendal, Anthony Young, Longinas Svelnis, and Joseph White attended the May 21st Testimonial Dinner sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Dist. for Loretta Stukas at the Holy Trinity Church hall in Newark, N.J. It was a most worthy honor for our esteemed Editor. Many years of fruitful labor and happiness, Loretta!

Due to the generosity of Alex Chaplik, the April meeting was held at his home, specifically in "Chappy's Chapel", Alex's hide-away. We had an extremely good turnout and combined business with pleasure.

We have had our share of busy travelers. Alex Chaplik visited the French and Italian Alps this Spring. This trip was preceded by a trip to Peru earlier this year. Bertha Seymour touched all the

bases in the Mediterranean - Rome, Greece & Israel. Alice Opanaset and her husband, Walter, visited London. Anna Voveris visited Rome in June to witness the canonization of Blessed John Neumann, the first American Bishop to be declared a Saint.

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C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

Al Jaritis represented the council at the Dist.'s Spring Convention. Unfortunately, another event took place the same day, which drew many of our K of L members. Athol C-10 did a great job in setting up the Convention, and the meal served following the meeting was the best. Our newly elected Dist. Pres. needs the support of all councils and members, as she is truly working very hard to get the programs together. It is a difficult task, and everyone should be willing to assist.

Rev. Albin Janiunas has been appointed pastor of St. Francis Lith. Church, Lawrence, Mass., replacing Rev. Alphonse Jansonis who retired because of illness. We wish our former Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Janiunas, much happiness in his new parish and we look to Lawrence to make a resurgence in the K of L organization.

We had our first wine-tasting party in a long time, and the group thoroughly enjoyed themselves. John Olevitz was the wine lecturer and the pourer was Joe Januskevich. Another such party is planned for the future.

Keeping in shape climbing the hills is Helen Suprin and her cousin "Mimi" Raskauskas. The council's "Marching & Hiking Society" is looking for a leader to guide them up the mountain trails and get them back safely again. Any takers?

Strutting around with his chest held high is Pres. John Olevitz because son Johnny Casimir's hockey team was successful in winning the last three tournaments they entered, beating teams from Canada, N.Y., R.I., etc., on to

the championship. Johnny Casimir was also selected to the So. Boston Pee Wee Spartans All Star Team.

Congratulations & good luck to the new baby born to the NED - the newsy newsletter "Troubadour". Plans are for it to be issued every two months, giving us updated news of the district and other K of L activities. Let's all contribute some of our writing talents to this newsletter.

Good luck to Vin Kasauskas who has opened up his own auto repair station in Norwood. Bill Gorski has been promoted and transferred to another position with the Commonwealth of Mass. He still continues his horseback riding in the Blue Hills; Lil uses the bike for her exercise. John Olevitz spent a week working in Norfolk, Va. We are glad to see John Daniels back home from Korea after a long spell. Al & Elaine Kniupis are both attending college nights for that evasive degree, and it's an uphill climb all the way. Congrats to Fred Hirst, stationed in No. Carolina, on his promotion to First Lt. in the Marine Corps. He should be getting out of the Service soon; it will be good to have his valuable assistance in the council. John Markuns, a labor lawyer in Wash. D.C., was home for a short visit. Joanne Markuns has taken a year off from Salve Regina College to earn the money to continue with her education.

Paul & Ginny Neveira have welcomed their 4th addition to their family. Mr. & Mrs. John Norinkavich celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and Ann's birthday, all in the same week. Good health to Felix Zaleskas on his 84th birthday; may he live many more productive years. He surely showed us all the way to secure Souvenir Journal ads for the Providence Natl. Convention. Thanks, Felix!

Leo & Albina Rudzuinas spent some time in Lithuania, but these two have been there many times. They have moved from the city to the suburbs, eliminating commuting to their jobs. Donna (Grigas)

and hubby Bob Reina have moved to the suburbs, Sharon, and have joined the perils of commuters. Al Svilas has been preparing his boat for some deep sea fishing. Getting their summer camps ready are Aldonna Keaney & daughter Paula, and at the other end of the state, Jerry & Rita Venis, and in the State of Vermont, Bob & Phyllis Gendreau. Ann Kleponis, a jogger on the Strandway, and an equestrienne, has been visiting New Hampshire. Anthony & Joanne Shalna spent a fortnight at Cape Cod strictly for rest and recreation.

On the road to recovery is our Treas., Helen Zemaitis, who broke her hand in a fall. Frank Sabiski has recovered from his accident of last winter and is now back to work. Glad to see his wife Helen up and around. Out of the hospital and on the road to recovery is Jerry Venis, Heidi Kniupis, and Dr. Al Kiburis. It sure is good to see them among us once more.

Please remember in your prayers the deceased Ona Ulevičius who will be sorely missed because of her unselfish dedication to all organizations who asked for her help, - and another true supporter of the council, Mrs. Alice Tarushka, mother of Helen Zemaitis and sister of Helen Zarembo, - and also for another good friend of the K of L, Leo O'Mara.

Members are making plans to attend the Providence Natl. Convention because of its closeness to our area, to renew old friendships, and mostly to show that we care and will try to make their efforts a successful one.

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C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Our council hosted the NED Spring Convention on Apr. 24. Activities began with the 10:30 A.M. Mass at St. Francis Church with Father Steponaitis as celebrant. Following Mass the delegates were treated to a nice breakfast of ham & eggs, coffee and rolls prepared by our council ladies.

Sessions began at 2 P.M. with prayer by Father, singing of the hymns, and greetings extended by council Pres. William Wisnauskas. Many resolutions were acted upon, and various reports were given, showing that district councils are not stagnant. Dist. Pres. Joan Laframboise conducted the sessions. Both she and Charles Genaitis were elected delegates to the National Convention.

Fr. Steponaitis, newly appointed by the Lith. Priest's League as promoter to spread devotion to Our Lady of Siluva, spoke at length of the apparition, and advised that Pope Paul has raised the church at Siluva to the rank of basilica. Plans are being formulated to celebrate the Feast Day, possibly in Brockton, on Labor Day. Father has also been named promoter to hasten the cause of Beatification for Servant of God, Archbishop George Matulaitis, whose case has been in progress in Rome for some time. Because of Russian occupation of Lithuania and the lack of cooperation of the regime, his case has reached a slag.

The newly-formed choir under the direction of Pauline Reynolds sang during Benediction. A great supper followed, prepared by Howie Beaudette and his mother, with the help of our council girls.

Prizes were awarded, donated by members Alice Harasimowicz, Richard Genaitis, Stanley Perekulis, Margaret Senk, Mary Gauronsky, and Bernice Wisnauskas. The Athol and Gardner newspapers carried nice write-ups on the sessions.

It was nice to see Pauline & Al Rodski with sons Peter and David at the sessions, having a good time renewing acquaintances with some old friends.

Some of our members attended the Lithuanian Festival held the week of Apr. 11 at the Auburn Mall.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** Let us all say an extra prayer on behalf of Servant of God, Archbishop George Matulaitis, that his Beatification can be hastened.

Lithuania today and in the immediate past has provided the church and the world with many unproclaimed saints.

**MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** Our newest member, Alice Harasimowicz, was born and raised in Gardner and received her formal education at the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Watertown, Ma., having lost her sight in an accident at the age of five. She spent eight years at the Institute learning Braille and was taught how to reach her highest potential of achievement. The workshop teaches students skills that will help them to get jobs and lead productive normal lives.

Alice had to face many tragedies in her life. She lost a brother in a tragic fire, and her dad and other brother died in the infamous flu epidemic in 1918; all three were gone in a space of several months. When her mother, with whom she lived, died, this was another great blow in her life, but she adjusted well.

During the years, Alice was employed at the Heywood Wakefield Co. in the Gov't. Defense Dept. When the job was terminated, she remained with the company as a responsible employee, until her recent retirement after 30 years of service.

Alice owns her own home, is an immaculate housekeeper, and is as busy as a bee. She is forever knitting for service clubs, just recently having made an afghan and three pairs of booties which went to lucky K of L winners at our Spring Convention. She also learned to type and types all her correspondence, Christmas cards, etc.

Alice is active in prayer groups, a member of the Rosary Sodality of St. Joseph's Parish, a blood donor, and is a good, kind neighbor. She is tri-lingual, speaking English, Lithuanian and Polish.

Alice is a perfect model to those persons who are well, refuse to work, and demand aid from the Federal & State Gov'ts. Aleksandra, mes linkime tau visa gera

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR:** Rev. Justin Steponaitis, pastor of St. Francis Church, Athol, and our council's Spiritual Advisor, was feted on June 26, the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

A 10:30 A.M. Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated in the church with Rev. Anthony Micunas of St. Casimir's Parish, Worcester, who was the homilist, and Rev. Charles Squiglia of Orange.

A banquet was held at 6 P.M. in the K of C Hall with more than 200 parishioners and friends present from Athol, Worcester, and Gardner. Rev. Vaclovas Martinkus of Providence was M.C. at the banquet. Many guest priests were in attendance. The various organizations presented Fr. Stepie with tokens of appreciation.

Father was born in the village of Skaisgirai in a family of 10 children. He attended schools in Šakiai and Naumiestis and was ordained by Bishop Karosas of Vilkaviškis in 1937. His first assignment was in the town of Plutiškis; a year later he was re-assigned to the Cathedral in Vilkaviškis.

In 1944 he was evacuated to Germany by the Germans and there was assigned to do pastoral work in Northern Germany. In 1948 he was sent to England by Bishop Vincent Podalskis.

In 1953 he was sent to Dallas, Texas, and was quickly reassigned to Worcester at Our Lady of Vilna Parish where he remained until 1968. He was transferred to St. Casimir's Parish in Worcester, until he was appointed Pastor of St. Francis Church in Athol.

Father is a devoted priest, serving both young and old, and is especially concerned with the youth and their activities. He is an ardent horticulturist; the church grounds are really beautiful, the work and talent of Father. He has an active parish council, along with the Women's Guild, and is truly devoted to the K of L, attending our meetings, allowing us to hold



*Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Pastor of St. Francis Church, Athol, Mass. and C-10's Spiritual Advisor.*

them in the rectory. He is always there to encourage us when things look grim.

Thanks, Father, for your deep concern. May God shower his choicest blessings on you, and we all wish to see your Golden Jubilee. Linkime visa gera, daug sveikatos ir laimės.

Vincukas

#### C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

Our council hosted the third annual NED St. Casimir's observance held in Westfield on March 20.

On that sunny Sunday afternoon, as we hurried to meet this commitment, we found the main thoroughfare in our city had been aligned with barricades and all traffic was rerouted causing delays. Fanfare filled the air and spilled over, as the cymbals clashed and the horns just blazed away. These sounds of frivolity so importantly attached to the paraders that strutted in view were symbolic with the wearing of the green, - but this was not for us. Our royal prince had cast aside these pompous displays preferring a life that was both humble and

contrite in his devotion to God. This special event called for a more dignified approach.

Respectfully, our tribute began with Mass at St. Casimir's Church with Fr. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor and a faculty member of Providence College, R.I., as celebrant and homilist.

"Šv. Kazimierai, melskis už mus", invoked the attending Knights bringing closer a warmer attachment to our patron saint. Following Benediction, the assemblage convened to St. Casimir's Hall for a cultural performance by the Ratelis Folk Dancers directed by Mrs. Antonina Bulota.

The program began with the Blezdingėlė, the oldest Lith. folk dance from the lowlands of Žemaitija. In this, the maidens interpreted the flight of the swallows. Employing white handkerchiefs, the girls gracefully and artistically imitated the small birds in various formations, swooping, fluttering in a cluster and in one stance recalling our childhood, one could visualize birds "going to a wedding".

Joined by their fellow partners, the second dance was the Šustas, a Lithuanian square dance, and this was followed by the Aušrelė, a romantic waltz derived from an old Lithuanian song. Southeastern Lithuania was represented by the gayety expressed in a square dance titled Žekelis.

In the last dance, Audėjėlė, the weavers dance, the girls depict the art of weaving cloth for a beautiful shirt. The simulation of shuttles moving back and forth was lithely reproduced and the pattern of the material took form. In the last moments of the dance, the fellows rejoined the girls to unfold in the finale a beautiful eight pointed star. Throughout each dance the creative and interpretive talents of the group was perceptive, appealing and rewarding.

Guest speakers included Fr. Jurgelaitis who eulogized the virtues of faith, hope and charity practiced by St. Casimir.

Dr. Algirdas Budreckis of

Boston was the main speaker, covering "Lithuanians in America", the title and subject of his recently published book. Chronologically, Dr. Budreckis revealed events that precipitated the five major waves of Lithuanian immigrants to these shores. Categorically, he defined the classes, characteristics and their influences. Philosophically, he indicated that economics dictated the necessity to Americanize, therefore, the pendulum swung in one direction and became riveted. The painful process has now made counter-balance difficult. In stating, "Americans first, Lithuanians always", he inferred that the pendulum should swing freely in both directions. While we pledge allegiance to America, we should also take pride in not forgetting our roots; it is possible to be loyal to both countries.

St. Casimir, speaking as one Lithuanian to another, "Was our observance pleasing to you?" Melskis už mus!

Chairing this event was Mrs. Joan Laframboise, NED Pres. and President of C-30. Also serving on the committee were Mr. & Mrs. Benedict Coach, Mrs. Margaret Picard (NED Public Relations), Mrs. Nell Ruggles (NED Cultural Chairperson) and J. Leo Laferriere (C-30 Treas. and photographer).

Margaret Picard

C-7 - WATERBURY, CONN.

Our council welcomes seven new members: Natalie & Albert Crochet, Gerry & Danny Kumpkevich, Francis Shaknaitis, - and Marie & Ted Thomas, who became parents of a healthy baby boy in January. We hope we will see our new members around the club-rooms often.

John Blinn, our very convincing Santa Claus, again pleased many children at our annual Christmas party. John's "Ho-Ho-Ho" charmed each child and even a few of the adults.

On the vacation scene, Pam & Ron Shortell took a two-week vacation in Hawaii. We were told that Ron was easily coaxed to go

on stage to participate in doing the hula. Ginny & Ziggy Maciokas took their winter break and flew south to Florida, while Pam & Joe Norkus leisurely drove down and back. A "welcome home" to Dottie & Al Alanskas after their three-month Florida vacation.

Our bowling league ended its season with Wally Valunas and his "harem" of Pat Richards, Agnes Veturis and Marianne Chacho in First Place. New officers include Chairman Ed White, Secy. Pat Mannello, and Treas. Ginny Maciokas. Everyone had a swinging time at the Banquet on May 7.

Tradition has been broken; women's lib has finally hit our Board of Directors. Pam Shortell is our first lady Vice-Pres.

Until next time, remember the "Snoop Sisters" will be watching and listening.

The Snoop Sisters  
C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Our Annual Perogi and Cake Sale was held on Saturday and Palm Sunday, after all Masses. As is the custom, every member has to donate his share, so there were plenty of cakes. Perogies were made by advance order only, and 108 dozen were made by the committee in charge. Co-chairmen Lil Twerian and Dot Martin were assisted by Millie Stakowicz, Violet Brazitis, Ann Barauskas, Ruth Tyson, Lil Chaplik, Rose Marie Tabaka, Helen Uskevich, and Mary Slavin; and anywhere muscle was needed, Al Barauskas was there doing his part. Profit was over \$350. With every member doing his part, we have a going organization.

Although John Sabulis gave up the Presidency of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen, his colleagues elected him acting Mayor during Mayor Adanti's vacation. In April, John and his wife, Ann, visited their son, Steven, who is studying in Arizona. Ann led us to believe that "be it ever so humble, there's no place like home - or Arizona".

Pres. Tony Chepulis and Fin. Secy. Stan Twerian have returned

to us after winning the race against the forces that keep us bedridden. Both are doing well and are challenging anyone to a race around the track at Nolan Field. They are asking only one privilege and that is the chance to refuse.

What is success? The Dance held on Apr. 30 at St. Anthony's Hall is a good example. Who made it that way? Waterbury and Bridgeport K of L's, the Slovak Club from Seymour, our own members and their friends, Jack Wojacks Orchestra, and the committee, - Co-chairmen Jack Tyson and Tony Chepulis, assisted by Helen & Susan Chepulis, Ella Ellis, Olga Gray and Violet Brazitis. Every table was filled to capacity, as well as the dance floor, with every selection played. Drinks were plentiful because you brought your own. Old fashioned hot dogs were available, and no limit on free coffee and cake. Everyone looked happy and smiling. If you were looking for a sour puss or grumbler that night you wouldn't find one at our dance. In fact, instead of ending at 1 A.M. as scheduled, the orchestra played until 2 A.M.

We welcome two new members to our midst, Agnes Dillis and Ann Kubilis. We are very happy to have you with us.

K of L's not only have Cake Sales and Dances, but also go to church and receive Communion in a body. A Communion Supper is being planned for sometime in the fall with Millie Stachowicz as chairman.

Our meeting in May was preceded by a Pot-Luck Supper - and what a supper it was! Some of the best foods and goodies were shared by everyone. Thank goodness we have these suppers only once in a while. If we had Pot Luck Suppers every month, every member participating would, by December, require two chairs to sit on.

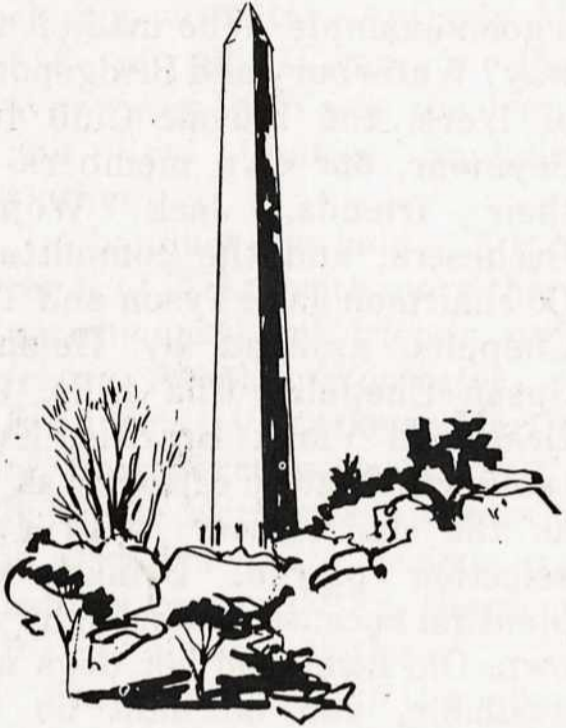
Congratulations to Susan Chepulis who graduated from Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing on May 26.

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**BALTIC HUMAN RIGHTS RALLY**

A Baltic Human Rights Rally (BHRR) will be held on September 24, 1977, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. It is hoped that the event will be attended by several thousand Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian Americans from various parts of the USA.

There two reasons for this rally...

First, to call attention to the fact that human rights are being systematically violated in the Baltic States and that the USSR has made mockery of the Helsinki accords. Not coincidentally, this rally will take place at the same time as the Belgrade Conference, which will review the implementation of the Helsinki agreements;

Second, to vigorously reaffirm the Baltic States' inalienable right to self-determination, which has been denied them by the Soviet Russian regime.

Three key ingredients are needed for the success of the rally... people, money and press. All are equally important. Your help is needed in supplying any or all of these.

The Knights of Lithuania is officially registered as a "grass roots organization" of the rally, and its representatives have been involved in the planning stages. Hopefully, you are also already involved with it. If not, now is the time to make the commitment. Your parish and/or local council should be urged to initiate a trip to the rally, by bus, train, or whatever. Your local press should be alerted to the

plans for such an event, and that you, a local person, are participating.

Financial aid is also most welcome. To learn more of how you can help, or to obtain mor information, contact:

**Anthony Miner**, 33 Bruce St., Grafton, Mass. 01604

**Ann Marie Kassel**, 11129 Highridge, Westchester, Ill.

**Grazina Vaskelis**, 6124 Cronin, Dearborn Hts., Mich, or

**The Baltic Rights Rally Committee**  
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Phone — 313 / 645-5926

The rally is intended to show, in peaceful demonstration, that American Balts truly care about their counterparts behind the Iron Curtain.

We need YOUR active participation to get the message across. Remember the facts:

**WHAT: BALTIC HUMAN RIGHTS RALLY**

**WHEN: SEPTEMBER 24, 1977**  
**12: Noon to 3:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: LINCOLN MEMORIAL**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

See you there!!!

