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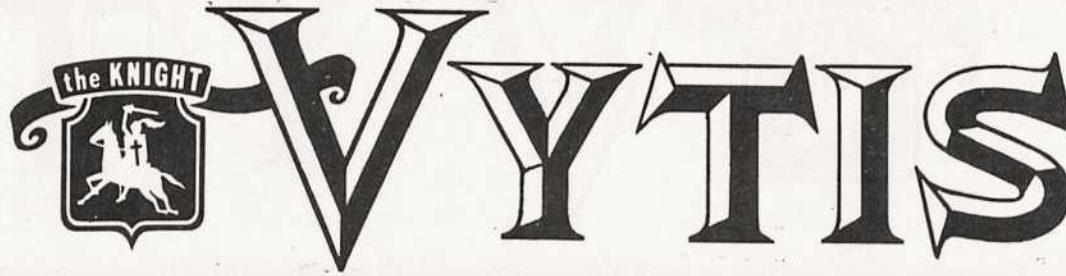
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CELEBRATION THE LITURGICAL WAY

When Governor William Bradford of Plymouth County instituted the first Thanksgiving Day in 1621, there were no Catholics in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, which was, as we know, a Protestant colony. So, Gov. Bradford could not include a celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Thanksgiving in his proclamation setting aside that first American day of thanks to God.

As we commemorate the 356th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving Day and the 36th anniversary of this holiday as a perpetual national holiday, we are more fortunate: we Catholic Americans have the Mass. Not only can we join our fellow citizens of other religious beliefs in civil and religious ceremonies, but we can, also, as Catholics participate in the Mass to thank Almighty God for his favors to our country over the centuries since the first settlers arrived.

We have been taught that the Holy Sacrifice embraces a fourfold prayer: praise, thanksgiving, atonement for sin and petition. Every Mass accomplishes these four purposes. On Thanksgiving Day we emphasize the second purpose — gratitude to God for his favors to our country and to ourselves.

In the renewed liturgy of the Church there is found in the Sacramentary (or Missal, as it used to be called) a Mass "for Thanksgiving Day" proper to the United States. This Mass is a beautiful blend of gratitude and patriotism and prayerful concern for all our fellow citizens of this land of our

birth. Let us see what riches this Mass contains.

The entrance antiphon sets the theme for the celebration inviting us to "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting". We accept this invitation and after the Penitential Rite, we find ourselves joining in the "Glory to God in the highest..." joyfully proclaiming or singing "Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, WE GIVE YOU THANKS, we praise you for your glory".

Strangely, in the opening prayer of the Mass there are no words of thanks, but there is praise, hope and petition: "O God, You have fulfilled our founding fathers' faith in Your Divine Providence by making and keeping us a land rich in the abundance of Your creation. Freedom, justice and universal brotherhood are for us a precious heritage, but for countless men, in our midst and all over the world, they are still only a dream. May we be faithful to share this heritage with the living and transmit it to a people still unborn".

This is truly an American prayer to be said earnestly by American Catholics for America's needs: for faith in Divine Providence, for recognition that "freedom, justice and universal brotherhood" are our "precious heritage" and for a stronger resolve to share that heritage with the whole world.

The first reading in the words of Isaiah: "The favors of the Lord I will receive" not only urges us to be open to God's gifts (which is easy), but also, to review them one by one, favor by favor to arouse a

deep gratitude, so that in the Responsorial Psalm we could lovingly repeat again and again: "I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and truth".

As we approach the reading of the Gospel, the Alleluia response alerts us to the truth that our heritage is Christ given: "May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be praised: God, who has bestowed on us every spiritual blessing in the heavens". In other words, we are now thanking God not only for material blessings, but for spiritual blessings, as well.

The Gospel parable of the rich man who had no place to store his great wealth cautions us on this day when we recall all God's gifts to us "to avoid greed in all its



forms" and shows the folly of growing rich for ourselves alone, instead of growing rich in the sight of God by sharing his gifts with others who are less fortunate.

We notice in the special Preface of the day how the Church links together the Chosen People of Israel whose destiny it was to be freed from bondage through Jesus Christ, and "...our fathers who came to this land, as if out of the desert, into a place of promise and hope". The Preface then continues: "It happens to us still, in our time, as you lead all men through your Church to the blessed vision of peace".

Whether America, as a whole, knows it or not, whether it heeds God's leadership through the Church or not, the fact is that God through His Providence does lead all men to a "new freedom in his Spirit". And for this we and all Americans ought to be thankful.

The Mass continues to the mysterious moment of consecration, the unbloody, sacramental renewal of Christ's sacrifice of his life and love on the Cross for the salvation of all men. This is the moment that the Sacrifice becomes Thanksgiving. Since Jesus Christ was given to us by God the Father, and since Jesus Christ has given Himself to us, He is ours to give back to the Father. We offer Him to God as a sacrificial thank-offering for all God's blessings to America.

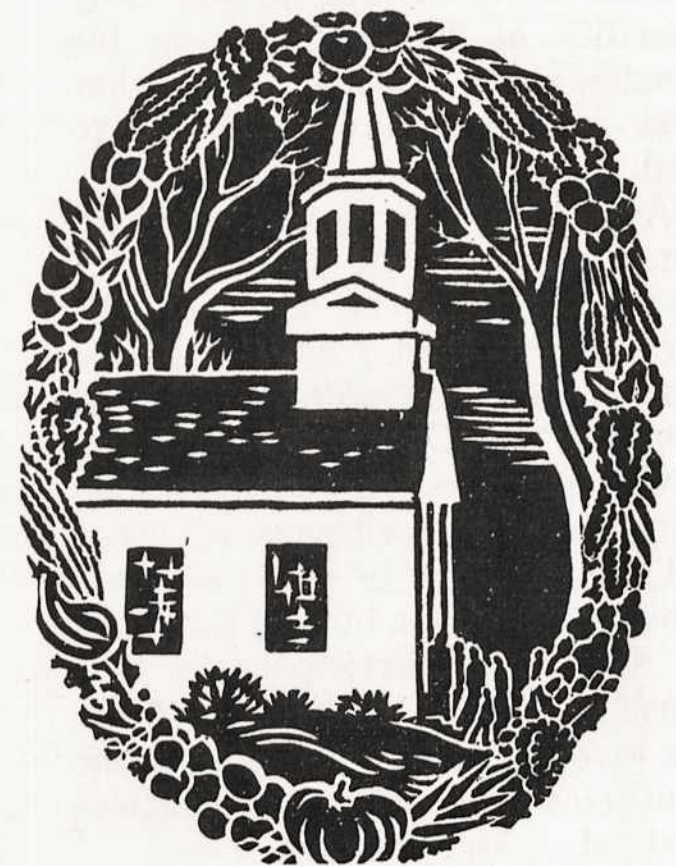
How much more efficacious would the Pilgrims' public thanksgiving have been, if Governor Bradford could have had Holy Mass celebrated in his colony. As it was, all he could do was offer human praise and thanks to the Almighty. Today, Catholics and other Christians who have the Mass can thank God in both a human and a divine way through the Mass, through Christ's sacrifice of thanksgiving in which they participate.

One final thought about "Thanksgiving Day the Liturgical Way" is suggested by the final prayer of the Mass, which mentions a "thanksgiving meal". The prayer begins: "Thinking back on your boundless generosity as we share this thanksgiving meal, O Lord..." Here "thanksgiving meal" means the Bread of Life, the Body and Blood of Christ, the Eucharist. These words bring to mind the Pilgrims' Harvest Feast of Thanksgiving. In comparing their thanksgiving meal with our "thanksgiving meal" we cannot help but be more thankful than ever: their food was fruits of the earth, ours is "the bread come down from heaven". This prayer has a very appealing ending: "Let us share with generous hearts and open hands the fruits of the earth which you have given into our keeping, as we hope to share the fruits of eternal life".

Notice, if you will, the parallel:

"fruits of the earth" — "fruits of eternal life". The connection is easily seen. Thanksgiving Day is a reminder of Thanksgiving Eternity and the Thanksgiving Day meal should be a reminder of the Eternal Thanksgiving Banquet we hope to enjoy with God. Only when we see Thanksgiving Day in the light of faith, will we appreciate how Catholic in spirit was the original Pilgrim Day of Thanks, even though they did not have, as we do, a liturgical way of saying "Thank You, Lord" in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Fr. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.



**A VERY
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THANKSGIVING**

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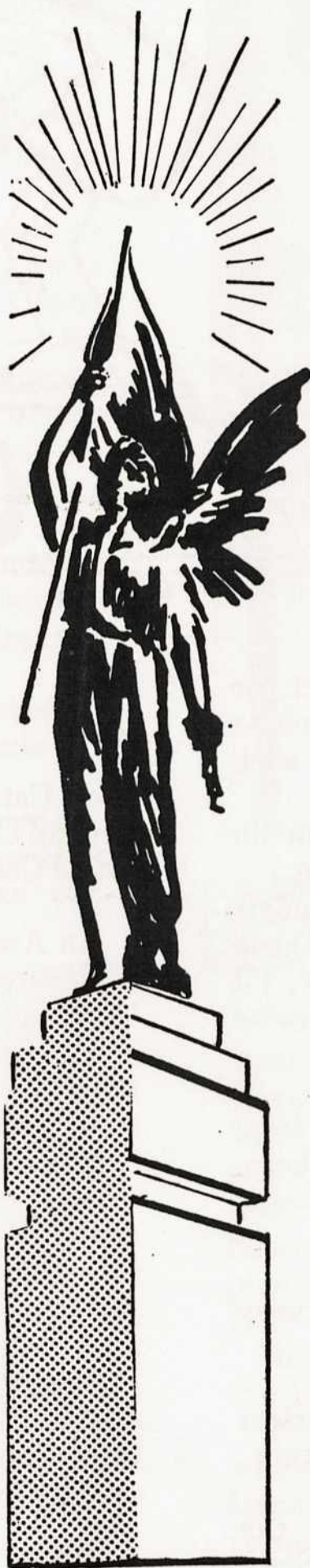
KOVA dėl LAISVĖS

Balys Svalia

Mūsų tautos istoriniai faktai rodo, koki mūsų kunigaikščių herojiški veiksmai atlikti. Kęstutis, Vytautas ir kiti herojiškai skynė pergales, priešų supami. Po dveju šimtų metų vėl kilo laisvės liepsna, Donelaitis, 1863 sukilimas, vysk. M. Valančius, 1905 metų spaudos atgavimas, Aušra, Varpas, Vilniaus Žinios, pagaliau savanoriai ir partizanai, sukilėliai prieš pavergėjus. Įstorija skaudi, kovinga, aplaistyta gyvybių aukomis, kentėjimais ir kovomis už laisvę.

Tarp kūjo ir priekalo kenčia mūsų Lietuva. Mes matome, kaip okupantas ją smaigia ir trypia kruvinu padu. Jei Kalantos ir kitų herojiškas susideginimas pajudino okupantą ir Lietuvą, tai rodo, jog laisvės troškimas savam kraštui labai gyvas. Tai pasireiškia buvusių karžygių dvasia, narsiųjų savanorių ir karių bei partizanų šešėliai. Jei mūsų kraštą pasidalino žiaurusis Stalinas su žiauriuoju Hitleriu, tai kągi maža mūsų kariuomenė galėjo daryti. Kai kas dar kaltina Lietuvos kariuomenę, kad ji nė šūvio nepaleido į sovietinį okupantą. Juk ir galingos valstybės, negaudamos ginkluotos paramos iš užsienio, griūva. Baisi tragedija ištiko Vengriją, Čekoslovakiją. Dabar Vietnamas, nežinia kas nutiks su Portugalija ir Ispanija.

Dabartinis kovų avangardas yra Lietuvoje ir čia, išsivijoj. Simas Kudirka laisvės simboliu tapo. Lietuvoje kankinama Sadūnaitė už "Kronikos" platinimą. Kuo mes galim padėti? Remdami Alta,



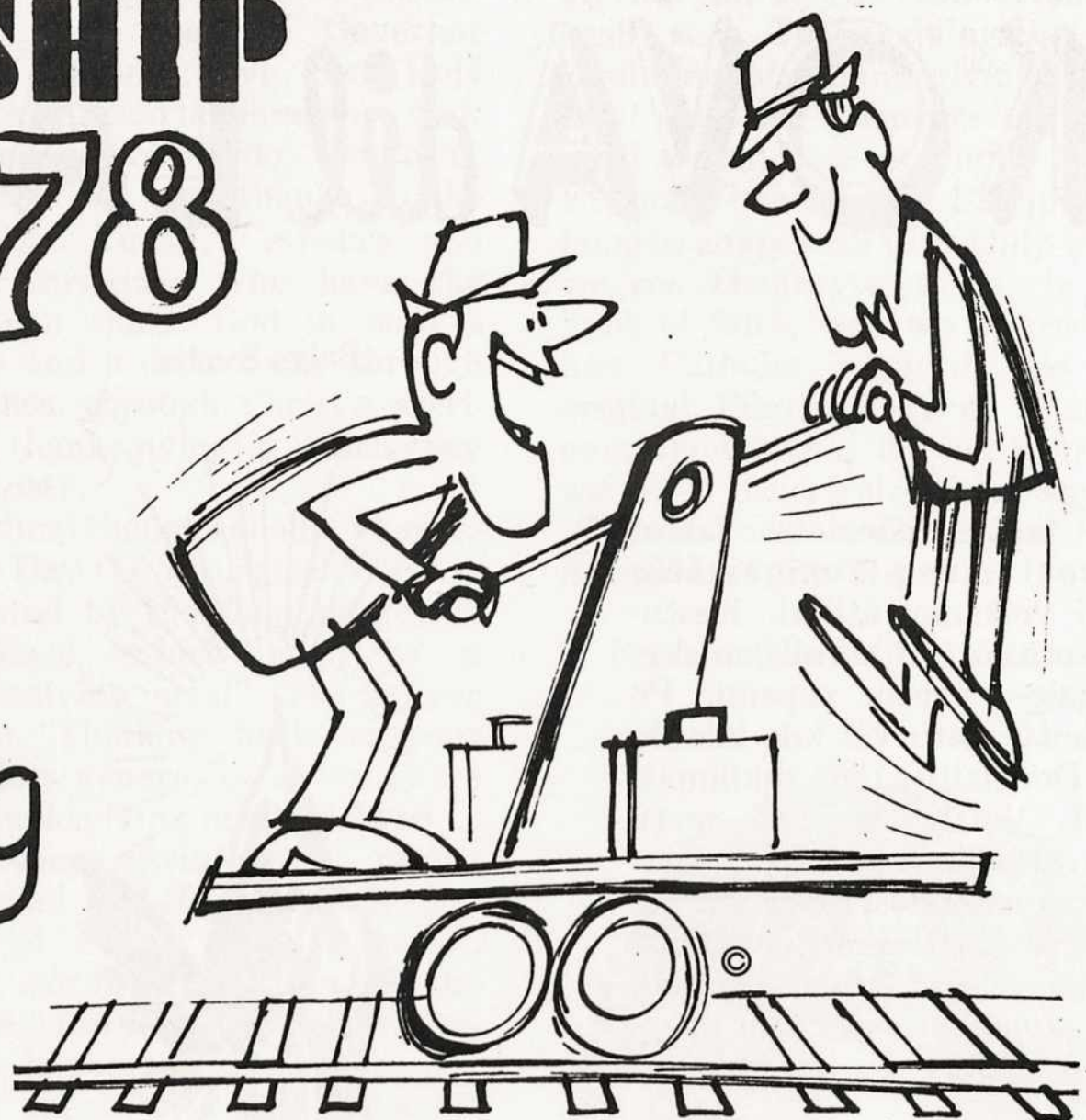
Balfą, Vliką, jau padedame. S. Kudirka sako: nuvažiuok į Lietuvą nebūkit bailiai, kaip avinėliai, o skleiskite laisvės mintį, jauskitės kaip čia Amerikoje, kalbėkit ką norite. Juk okupantas dreba. Rašykim protestus, skelbkime Lietuvos nelaisvę kiekvienoj vietoj, visam laisvam pasauliui, kiekviena proga. Išmeskim raudonas bacilas iš savų organizacijų ir Amerikos. Kovokime su vietos komunistų rėmėjais, kurie net Enciklopedijose, televizijoje, mokslo knygose pataikauja rusiškam imperializmui. Auklėkime vaikus iš mažens būti kovotojais. Saugokim visas tradicijas ir lietuvybę. Juk matome, kad mūsų jaunuoliai, įsijungę į laisvų tautų karines jėgas, gyvena Lietuvos laisvės mintimis. Tai rodo vos prieš keliolika dienų žuvęs aviacijos lakūnas Paulauskas. Velionis pelnė daug garbės ženklų kovose prieš komunizmą. Jis ir frontuose skraidė su trispalve. Tai ryškus Lietuvos laisvės kovos būdas! Buvo ir daugiau tokių.

Minėdami Lietuvos kariuomenės šventę, turime prisiminti ne tik Vasario 16 d. akto gynėjus-savanorius, karius, partizanus, šaulius, bet ir 1941 m. kritusius kovotojus, ištremtuosius karius, partizanus ir dabar kenčiančius bei žūstančius nuo okupanto teroro. Lietuva juk kada kelsis. Tautų teisės į laisvą gyvenimą niekas nepanaikins. Kančios bei gyvybių aukos nenueis užmarštin.

Garbė per amžius tiems, kurie žuvo ir žūsta už Lietuvos laisvę.

MEMBERSHIP 1978

Let's
Get
Mowing



Setting a goal at the beginning of a project, or race, if you will, provides a point toward which to work, to strive, and a kind of built in gauge with which to measure our program.

We find ourselves now at the start of such an effort. Another membership drive is beginning.

This year, I've decided to set some numerical goals toward which we can work. Let's call these objectives. Sometime near the end of the year, I'll report to you on how close to these objectives we've come.

- Objective 1. By the 1978 National Convention, a total membership exceeding 2500 members. Based on trends in recent years, this is realistic.
- Objective 2. One new or revived Council in every District.
- Objective 3. An increase in the number of priest members in our councils, or at-large.
- Objective 4. A net increase, as reported at the National Convention, for all councils.

The 1978 National Membership Drive Rules remain the same as last year, and are reiterated below.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- First Category — Councils with 1 — 49 members
- Second Category — Councils with 50 — 99 members
- Third Category — Councils with over 100 members

An Award will be presented to the first council in each category to achieve 100% paid up membership, the deadline being March 31, 1978.

The council in each of the three categories having the greatest percentage of increase over its 1977 total membership will also receive an award.

Individual members will be eligible for awards for enrolling new members. The three highest totals achieved will be the winners. 10 points are earned for each new K of L'er enrolled, and 5 points for each re-joined member. Deadline for these awards is also June 30.

You can see that there's not much time. So let's get started! Make this year's campaign part of your K of L participation, for you, your council, and the National organization.

Philip Skabeikis
National Membership
Vice-President

D.C. goes M.A.D.

by Phil Skabeikis

featuring photos by John J. Sidtis, Council 110

No, this is not a tale of some infectious virus that invaded our Nation's Capitol, but of the continuance of a tradition. In 1976, the Mid Atlantic District, at one of its quarterly conventions, voted to institute an Annual District Pilgrimage. Its first destination was the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1976.

This year, MAD's Second Annual Excursion was to Washington, D.C. Chairwoman for the day was Honorary Member and District Cultural Chairwoman, Helen T. Shields.

Although the day brought a humid weight accompanied by the occasional shower so typical of the change of seasons, and the chartered bus experienced technical difficulties, K of L spirit proved infectious and carried the day.

The fifty K of Lers who participated included a large number of young people, many of whom were K of L Juniors. Councils 3, 12, 41, 67, 110, 110 Jrs. and 142 were represented.

Upon arrival in the District, we were greeted by C-142 President Eva Migonis, who had made arrangements on the Washington end.

The first stop was the Franciscan Monastery, Mount St. Sepulchre Memorial Church of the Holy Land. The ornate Byzantine structure was con-



C-142 President Eva Migonis greets MAD Pres. Larry Janonis. Chairlady Helen Shields, and Phil and Marian Skabeikis look on.



Tour of Franciscan Monastery

structed in 1899 and contains reproductions of man- sacred shrines of the Holy Land. These include one of Mount Calvary, with a realistic Crucifixion scene, the tomb of Christ, Mount Tabor and the Transfigura- tion, and the Grottos of both the Annunciation in Nazareth and the Nativity in Bethlehem. The ground plan is built on the lines of the Five-fold Cross of the Holy Land.

Beneath the Church proper lies a small replica of the labyrinthine Roman Catacombs.

The purpose of the Monastery and the Franciscans who reside there is to train Missionaries for the Holy Land and to preserve and maintain the Shrines there through scholarly work and financial assistance.

K of L Pilgrims were expertly guided through the monastery by one of the official guides.

The second visit on the itinerary was the Lithua- nian Legation on Washington's "Embassy Row". It

was hard to escape the feeling that we were setting foot in politically "free Lithuania". Its ornate facade yields to two floors of furnishings from another era; rugs and tapestries from Lithuania, amber displays and wood carvings.

We were greeted by our hosts, Charge D'Affairs Dr. and Mrs. Bačkis, who could not have been more gracious in opening their home to a large group of visitors. Council 142 members tendered a cordial reception in the Legation Dining Hall.

Our hosts were especially taken with our young people, with whom they eagerly conversed. The informal reception proved an opportune time for New Yorkers and Jerseyites to meet with members of the Washington Council.

The climax of the day came with a special Lithuanian Mass for the K of L at the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The National Shrine itself is a strikingly beautiful Romanesque edifice on a hilltop, with an obelisk-like bell tower, an enormous enameled dome and a magnificent arched facade.

Upon completion of the National Shrine, many ethnic groups donated chapels and altars in honor of Our Lady. At the initiation of Rev. Joseph Karalius of Shenandoah, Pa., a national fund-raising effort was launched to construct a Lithuanian Shrine commemorating Our Lady's first recorded appearance in Europe, at Siluva in 1651.

At the cost of \$325,000 and through the collaboration of three great Lithuanian artists, V. K. Jonynas, A. Elskus and V. Kasuba, the Chapel was erected and

dedicated with much pomp and ceremony on September 4, 1966.

The altar itself uses the Wayside Shrine motif. Above the altar is a figure of Our Lady holding the Christ Child, surrounded by an aura of gold and blue. On the marble framing this scene are the words, "Mary, Console the Children of a Land Sprinkled with Blood and Tears", a quote from the famous Siberian prayer book, MARY SAVE US. The left and right walls are covered with colorful mosaics depicting St. Casimir, the RŪPINTOJĖLIS (Pensive Christ), Lithuanian Churches, Wayside Shrines and the Baptism of Mindaugas.

The ceiling is devoted to mosaic representations of the four famous Madonnas of Lithuania: Trakai, Pažaislis, Aušros Vartai, and Žemaičių Kalvarija.

It was in this imposing setting that the Rev. Tomas Ziuraitis, OFM, Council 142 Spiritual Advisor, was celebrant at a K of L Mass.

Rarely had those walls heard "Marija, Marija" sung with such urgency and devotion.

Before embarking on our return trip, our group enjoyed a sumptuous farewell dinner at a nearby restaurant, whose owner, it turned out, was half Lithuanian.

Souvenirs, courtesy of the National Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, were recordings and booklets of the Siluva Chapel Dedication.

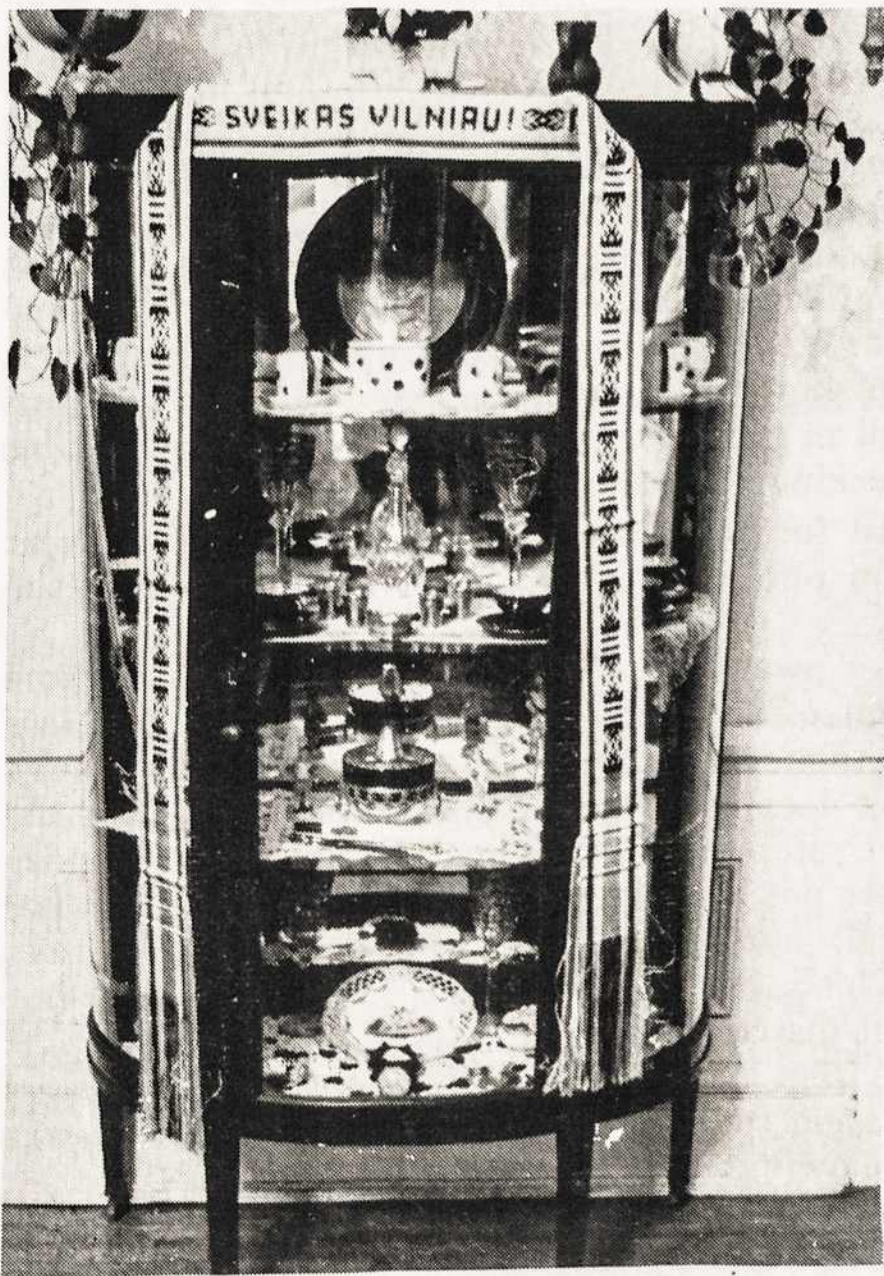
Thanks to Helen Shields and Eva Migonis and their committees for the arrangements and smooth running schedule. Another memorable day!



MAD Pilgrimage to Washington



K of Lers in front of Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D.C.

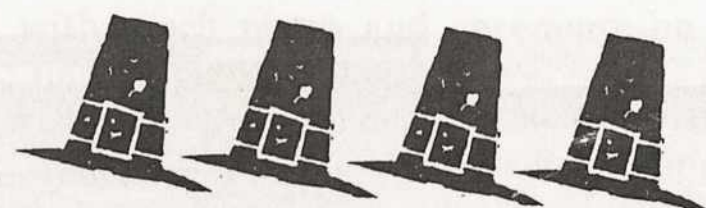
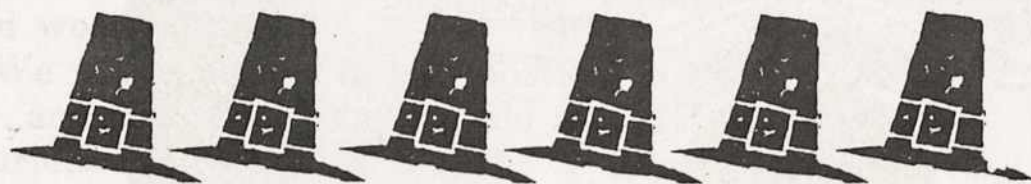


Antiques in the Legation Dining Hall



Front of National Shrine of Immaculate Conception which houses the Šiluva Chapel.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT 64TH CONVENTION IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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Genevieve Gobis, C-100, Amsterdam, N.Y.....	5.00

Since 64th Convention to date, Sept. 22, 1977
received following donation:

Antanas A. Buknis, C-25, Cleveland Seniors.....	160.00
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Respectfully submitted

Anthony J. Mažeika

RITUAL NEWSLETTER

TO ALL RITUAL CHAIRPERSONS, COUNCIL
AND DISTRICT INCLUSIVE:

Your Supreme Council Ritual Committee for the next fiscal year will be striving toward continued improvement in the Ritual System, to make the Ritual a more meaningful part of the Knights. We hope to raise the prestige of this part of the organization.

As a start, we encourage all Ritual Chairpersons to submit all applications using the proper forms. Copies of the various forms for all degrees were sent to all councils last year. If you did not receive any such material or if the material did not get to the proper persons, please contact us. All forms and instructions will be sent upon request. Be sure to keep copies of all submissions in your council/district files.

We encourage all councils to use their council seals when submitting degree applications. The original copy of the application is an official document. Ritual Chairpersons are to use individual forms when applying for the various degrees. This makes the job more efficient for the Supreme Council Ritual Committee. When filing applications for married women, please show their maiden names. List any previous council an applicant had belonged to. This saves time in checking the candidates previous records.

Until further notice we will be using the Point System published in the Jan. 1977 edition of the Vytis.

When awarding points to members, weigh the time element of any project. Don't hesitate to give less credit than suggested. In some cases you may feel a project does not warrant the full credit listed in the Point System. Also, on a yearly position, if the position has not been fulfilled actively then the member does not 'automatically' receive points. Points must be earned. Please discuss the following in your council/district and let us know your wishes:

One item at the National Convention Ritual Panel Discussion that was left with divided opinions was the following:

Some felt giving 1/2 point per year for membership unfair as so many members are just names 'in the book'. Some felt 1/4 point per year for membership was fair for the members as some could not be active

because of working conditions, living out-of-town, etc. As to 1/4 point per meeting attendance - some felt this was way out - others felt this was good. At least you were getting some participation from the member. Let us know how your council/district feels on these two questionable awards. Also, one other controversial item. Members who are PAID for being Secretary of a Sports League DO NOT receive points. The points go to those who do the work on a voluntary basis.

The Supreme Council Ritual Committee will be using the VYTIS to help you in your Ritual work. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with any problems.

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THE CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA

Rev. C. Pugevičius

The name, CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA sounds like an ancient document, or a church magazine. It is neither.

The CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA is an underground newsletter smuggled out of Lithuania, documenting in detail the denial of human rights and religious freedom in Soviet-occupied Lithuania.

Painstakingly produced in carbon copies on secret typewriters by individuals risking imprisonment or worse for their actions, The CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA is secretly passed from one person to another, until it is smuggled out to the free world.

Here it is translated and abstracted for the press of the world. The original Lithuanian-language version is broadcast back into Lithuania via Radio Liberty, Radio Vatican, and Voice of America, to be heard by thousands who listen secretly to these broadcasts in Lithuania.

The CHRONICLE is also published in free-world Lithuanian-language papers and in bound form in Lithuanian. It is also published in English in individual pamphlets, and in German, Italian, French and Spanish.

The CHRONICLE began to appear March 19, 1972. To date, twenty-seven issues have reached the free-world — the latest just about two months ago.

Chronicle No. 1 dated March 19, 1972, carried a brief report of the trial of Father Juozas Zdebskis, who in 1971, was arrested for teaching catechism to children, and sentenced to a year in prison.

The same issue of the Chronicle carries a petition to the Soviet government signed by about 350 parishioners of Prienai, in behalf of Father Zdebskis. This is followed by another petition, this one signed by 2010 parishioners. Another petition, signed by 1190 people of Santaika.

These were some of the first known petitions signed by significant numbers of people in Soviet Lithuania. Needless to say, they evoked more vengeance than cooperation from the Soviet authorities. To this day, the Communists are trying to track down those responsible.

Father Zdebskis, 2nd. complains that the Communist authorities interfere with applications to the sole-surviving Roman Catholic seminary in the U.S.S.R. — located in Kaunas.

He also complains of the lack of prayer books and other religious literature.

The first CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA goes on to describe in some detail the trial of Father Zdebskis.

The priest bases his defense on the demands made of him as a priest by the Gospel of Christ, and by the Law of the Church, and also on the freedom of conscience supposedly guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution.

He further points out the hypocrisy of the Soviet authorities demonstrated in the difference between their words and their actions with regard to religious freedom.

Father Zdebskis says that the priest in Lithuania today has to choose between being on the one hand, a quiet co-worker with the atheists, trying to play both sides of the fence; and, on the other hand, of daring to do one's priestly duty in spite of the cost. Needless to say, he opts for the latter course — and he pays the price: one year in labor camp.

The first issue of the Chronicle also reports the trial in November, 1971, that Father Prosperas Bubnys — on similar charges, and with identical results.

The same issue of the Chronicle reports that on October 4, 1971, Father Algimantas Keina, pastor of Valkininkai, was fined fifty rubles for allowing youngsters to serve Mass.



Structures such as these must now serve as churches in Lithuania.

The first issue of the Chronicle further reports that Father Antanas Šeškevičius, of the Diocese of Kaišiadoriai, after completing a sentence of one year of strict regime labor camp for teaching children catechism, suffered continued harassment for his "crime".

The same issue of the Chronicle further reports that on December 31, 1971, Father Petras Orlickas, pastor of Marginkai, was fined fifty rubles for playing basket-ball with some youngsters.

This report is followed by a report of the petition, dated some time in 1971, and signed by 134 people of the Diocese of Panevėžys, requesting that the Communist authorities allow the return of their bishop, Julijus Steponavičius, who has been prevented by the atheists since 1961 from carrying out his duties, because he refused to cooperate with the Communists against the dictates of his conscience.

The same CHRONICLE reports the sentencing, Jan. 13, 1972, of an old lady, Kleopa Bičučaitė, to one year imprisonment for teaching religion to children.

On Dec. 28, 1971, Father Petras Lygnugaris, of Akmenė, was fined fifty rubles for visiting a seriously ill patient in the hospital.

A kind of brief summary of the complaints of religious believers against the Soviet authorities in Lithuania is provided in this first issue of the CHRONICLE in a petition, dated Christmas Eve, 1971, and signed by forty-three priests of the Archdiocese of Vilnius:

"1. That the seminary in Kaunas be allowed to operate without interference, and to accept all candidates considered suitable by the Church.

"2. To implement in a practical fashion the freedom of the press guaranteed by the Constitution of the U.S.S.R.; i.e., the right to publish prayer books, catechisms, hymnals, the Sacred Scriptures and other religious books, which are lacking, and which such freedom requires.

"3. To allow Bishops Julijonas Steponavičius and

Vincentas Sladkevičius to resume their episcopal duties, and to allow all priests living in our land (among them the Ukrainians) freely and openly to function as priests.

"4. To rescind, as incompatible with the International Convention of Nov. 15, 1961, and with the Constitution of the Soviet Union, the text explaining Paragraph 143 of the Criminal Code of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic: "On the Organizing of Activities in Connection With the Religious Education of Minors, in Contravention of Rules Determined by the Law", which are abused by the People's Courts of our country.

"5. To abrogate all the various secret instructions, unknown to us, dealing with religious activities.

"6. To review the cases of persons sentenced for their religious beliefs, and to acquit them.

"We request that the matters set forth in this petition be decided in Moscow, since earlier petitions by the faithful, forwarded from Moscow to Vilnius, were never really considered, but caused new unpleasantness for the faithful".

"These complaints of ours are supported by many painful facts, of which, if necessary, we can submit more".

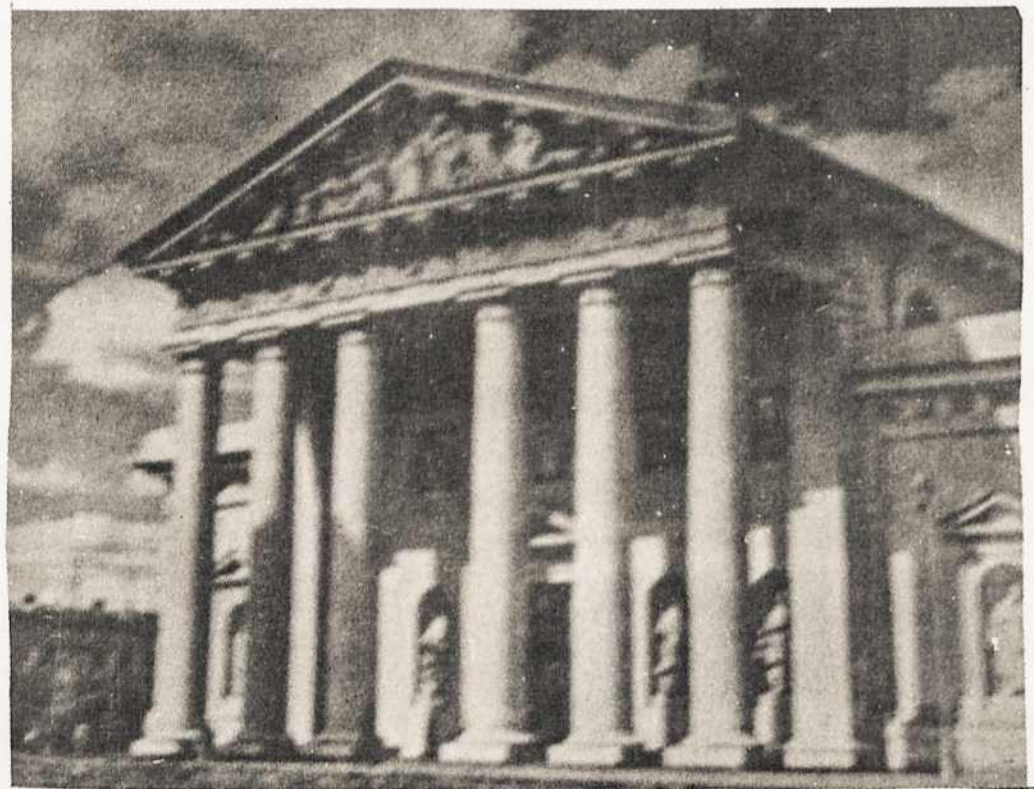
In over five years, nothing much has changed with regard to the infringements upon religious freedom in Soviet-occupied Lithuania.

The average visitor to Lithuania may not sense the struggle which is raging beneath the facade of apparent freedom and prosperity exhibited to the tourist or visiting relative. Even such a knowledgeable leader as the Superior General of the Jesuit Fathers came back from a visit to the Soviet Union telling the press that he thought that pressure by the atheists on religion in the Soviet Union is easing.

How far such a judgment is from the truth will be demonstrated from the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA in further articles of this series.



Vilnius Cathedral then...



...and now.

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ ŠERMENINIS RITUALAS

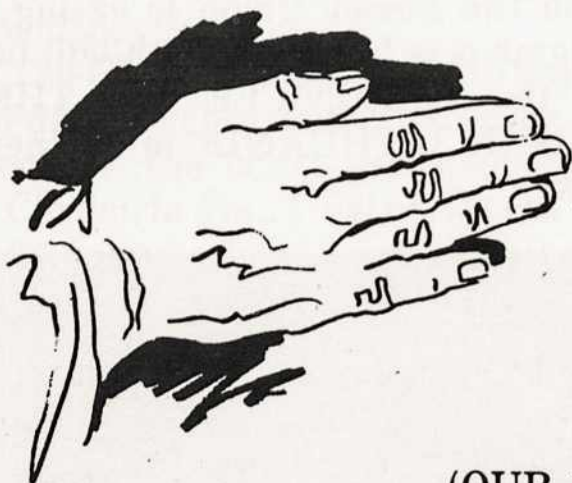
The following is the newly adopted K of L Christian Wake Service composed by Rev. Jurgelaitis, O.P. and approved by the Most Rev. Louis E. Galineau, Bishop of Providence. It may be used during the wake of a deceased member, or during a commemoration of all deceased K of L Members.

Sukalbėjus šventą Rožančių arba kitas pritaikintas maldas, Dvasios Vadas ir kuopos nariai prisiartina prie karsto, jeigu aplinkybės daleidžia.

DVASIOS VADAS: Mes, vietinės Lietuvos Vyčių kuopos nariai susirinkome išreikšti nuoširdžią, paskutinę pagarbą mūsų broliui Ištikimam Vyčiui (mūsų seseriai Ištikimai Vytei) ir maldauti Viešpaties suteikti jam (jai) amžiną ramybę ir atilsį.

KUOPOS PIRMININKAS-Ė: Ištikimas Vytis (Ištikima Vytė) priklausė Vyčių kuopai metų. Dėl jo (jos) uolumo ir ištikimybės jam (jai) buvo suteikta Laipsnis (arba Garbės Narystė). Jo (jos) uoli tarnyba Dievui, Bažnyčiai ir tautai mums pasilieka kilnūs pavyzdys.

DVASIOS VADAS: Melskimės gailestingam Tėvui Danguje Jėzaus Kristaus, Jo Sūnaus, žodžiais: Tėve Mūsų...



(OUR FATHER)

VISI:

Tėve mūsų, kuris esi danguje!
Teesie šventas Tavo vardas,
teateinie Tavo karalystė,
teesie Tavo valia,
kaip danguje, taip ir žemėje.
Kasdienės mūsų duonos duok mums šiandien
ir atleisk mums mūsų kaltes,
kaip ir mes atleidžiame savo kaltininkams.
Ir neleisk mūsų gundyti,
bet gelbėk mus nuo pikto.

DVASIOS VADAS: Ištikimas Vytis (Ištikima Vytė) tikėjo į Tave ir visuomet pasitikėjo Tavimi.

VISI: Priimk jį (ją) į savo Karalystę ir apdovanok jį (ją) savo gailestinga meile.

DVASIOS VADAS: Ištikimas Vytis (Ištikima Vytė) užlaikė Kristaus, Tavo Sūnaus, žodžius savo mintyje ir širdyje tarnaujant Bažnyčiai tikru atsidavimu.

VISI: Priimk jį (ją) į savo Karalystę ir apdovanok jį (ją) savo gailestinga meile.

DVASIOS VADAS: Ištikimas Vytis (Ištikima Vytė) gerbė ir mylėjo savo kraštą ir Lietuvą, jo (jos) protėvių kraštą.

VISI: Priimk jį (ją) į savo Karalystę ir apdovanok jį (ją) savo gailestinga meile.

DVASIOS VADAS: Gailestingas ir meilingas Tėve, nuo Tavęs per Tavo Sūnų mes apturėjome amžino gyvenimo žodžius: "Aš esu prisikėlimas ir gyvenimas. Kas tiki mane, - nors ir numirtų, bus gyvas. Ir kiekvienas, kuris gyvena ir tiki mane, neragaus mirties per amžius". (Šv. Jono Evang.).

Kristus prisikėlė iš numirusių, kad mums suteiktų viltį, kad ir mes vėl prisikelsime kartu su Juomi. Šis yra Bažnyčios tikėjimas, kurį užlaikė mūsų Ištikimas Vytis (Ištikima Vytė). Mes tuo tikėjimu gyvename.

Suteik mūsų broliui Vyčiui (mūsų seseriai Vytei) dangaus ramybę ir nesibaigiantį džiaugsmą, kaipo atlyginimą už jo (jos) krikščionišką katalikišką gyvenimą ant šios žemės.

VISI: Amen.

DVASIOS VADAS: Mes maldaujame, taipgi, kad Tavo tėvišku suraminimu paguostumei ir pastiprintumei mūsų brolio Vyčio (sesers Vytės) artimuosius ir mylimuosius.

VISI: Amen.

GALIMA SUGIEDOTI "MARIJA, MARIJA"

Marija, Marija,
Skaisčiausia lelija!
Tu švieti aukštai ant dangaus.
Palengvink vergiją, pagelbėk žmonijai.
Išgelbėk nuo priešų baisaus.

Mes klystantys žmonės
Maldaujam malonės
Marija, maldų neatmesk!
Tarp verkiančių marių,
Šių žemiškų karių
Parpuolančius stiprink ir vesk!

Balta gėlė padedama ant karsto ir šv. Mišių arba Maldų Kortelė įteikiama mirusio Vyčio (Vytės) šeimynai.

THANKSGIVING

A TIME TO THINK OF FAMILY

by Marian Skabeikis

The American tradition of Thanksgiving brings to mind a variety of images: pumpkins and squash, a table groaning with specialty dishes and crowned with a roasted turkey, a hint of frost in the air, and department store parades ending with the arrival of a premature Santa Claus. But perhaps the strongest identification of the holiday is with the presence of family. The picture of the American family at the holiday table has become synonymous with the idea of Thanksgiving.

At this family time of year, it would be appropriate to consider the nature of the Lithuanian family as it has existed through the years.

Much has been said by present day sociologists about the nature of the family. For the most part, in the United States, and in Lithuania today, the "family" is a nuclear family, made up of a married couple and their children. In Lithuania, this simple family unit is referred to as ŠEIMA. However, the family structure familiar to our parents and grandparents was quite different. Prior to World War II, it was common to find families which included grandparents, parents, and their children, along with uncles and aunts, who lived and worked together as close-knit units in Lithuanian villages.

Even earlier in Lithuanian history, other people, such as the family servants and close friends, lived with, and were treated as part of an extended family unit. This type of extended family is known as ŠEIMYNA.

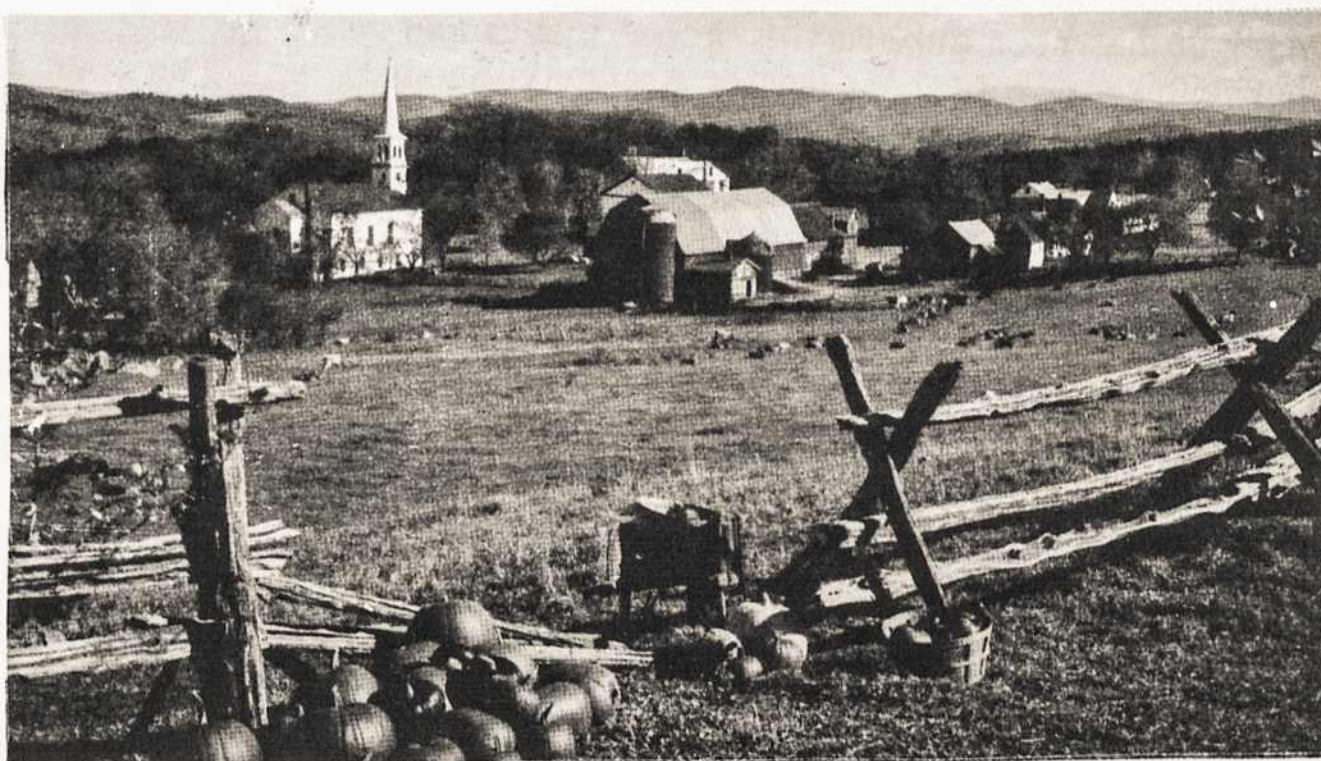
The close-knit nature of the family in Lithuania can be seen by observing some past customs. Grandparents were invited to live with one of their children, who were expected to show their elders respect and devotion. Orphaned children were taken in by relatives who raised them as their own. If a family suffered a personal misfortune, such as a poor harvest, or a fire, relatives would come to their aid. These close relationships were even extended to hired help of many years. Even if a servant went to work at another place and lost the job, the family would welcome the unemployed servant into their home until a new job was found.

As the Lithuanians came to America, the first generation of emigrants still held strongly to the extended family pattern. With trends toward urbanization and industrialization, this began to decline as people tried to adjust to conditions of social mobility and employment. Thus families began

to drift apart, and, as a result, some of the richness and beauty of the traditional Lithuanian family has been lost.

And so, full circle to Thanksgiving, a family holiday. As we prepare our feast for the last Thursday in November, it might be well to stop and think... about an elderly grandparent, aunt or uncle who might be too ill to travel, a family friend with no relatives of his own, a student unable to go home for the holiday, a couple with a new baby who just don't have the resources this year... about the greater family around us.

By broadening our private family holiday, we can experience the riches and blessings of thanksgiving. Sharing the day with an elderly Lithuanian might bring us closer to our own special roots. One of Lithuania's greatest strengths is the love that binds its families together. Reaching out can prove to be an enriching experience which will last far beyond the left-over turkey.



Lithuanians in The

NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

This past September, the city of Dayton, Ohio, observed its 17th annual "Opera Week". Under the auspices of the Women's Guild of the Dayton Opera Association, Opera Week presents opera in performance to a myriad of Daytonians in the business district during lunch time. The program aims to build a future audience for opera. This year's chairman of the Opera Show Wagon, as this venture is affectionately called, is 14 year veteran of the Guild, ALDONA RYAN, C-96 member and National K of L Cultural Committee Chairman. Aldona's task included securing singers, accompanists, stage hands, decorators, and announcers. Part of the daily noon program was a chance to meet local opera personalities.

This year's winners of the Scholarship and "Week in Washington" trip, sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation included MARY JO KEBLINSKY of North Grafton, Mass. Mary Jo was one of 104 High School Seniors who travelled to our nation's capitol to observe government in action. A strong believer in the value of discovering one's ethnic background, Mary Jo went to the White House to meet Jimmy Carter wearing her Lithuanian National dress. Mary Jo asked the President to remain firm in his stand for Human Rights and enforcement of the Helsinki Agreements.

Mary Jo has been dubbed the "lethal Lithuanian" by her fellow students at Worcester Academy. She is a second generation Lithuanian-American and proud of it.

A young Lithuanian from Mahanoy City, Pa., JOHN FRANCIS BURGESS, "Jack", is the director of the Peace Corps in the Mariana Islands. The area of his jurisdiction for the past 2½ years has been the South Pacific, an area larger than that of the continental United States. Jack, a five year veteran of Peace Corps involvement, maintains a home on Sai-Pan.

The Fifth Lithuanian Song Festival "Dainų Šventė" sponsored by the United States and Canada Lithuanian Community, Inc. will take place on July 2, 1978 in Toronto, Canada. The song festival will feature the collective voices of several hundred choristers from throughout the United States and Canada. The repertory will include compositions by Abarius, Andrulis, Banaitis, Budriūnas, Čiurlionis, Dambrauskas, Gaudelis, Gailevičius, Jakubėnas, Jonušas, Karosias, Naujalis, Petrauskas, Sodeika, Šimkus, Zdanius and Žilevičius.

The Fall Edition of "New Voices in American Poetry 1977" will contain seven pages of the works of REV. JOHN J. TOMALONIS, including "Eternal City of Rome", "A Pendulum Wall Clock", and "The Spanish Peaks". The author is currently working at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Newark, New Jersey.

The main speaker at the 48th Annual Commencement of Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Connecticut, was DR. ANTHONY SUŽIEDĖLIS, Chairman of the Department of Psychology at Catholic University, himself a Marianapolis Graduate.

THOMAS BARANAUSKAS, graduate of Linton H.S., Schenectady, N.Y., student of engineering at Cornell University, was the recipient of a \$500 Scholarship from the Local 301 of GE workers. Tom is the son of past National Public Relations Co-Chairman Edward Baranauskas.



"MARIJOS VARPELIAI"

Anthracite Council 144 is very fortunate in having as one of its members talented RITA SHEROKIS of New Philadelphia. Rita, who teaches remedial reading at the Minersville area school district, this summer formed a choral group of 60 youngsters from Minersville and New Phila. and called them "Marijos

Varpeliai". She and friends from New Phila. made the costumes for the children and she introduced them at Lakewood Park at Lithuanian Day where they sang several Lithuanian hymns. Her very able accompanist is her sister, Anne Marie, a college music major. Rita, in the near future, hopes to form a Jr. Council for council 144. We are all proud of Rita and her children.

"...a first rate novelist, witty, humane and adroit". These are the words used to describe ALGIS BUDRYS, noted science-fiction author by NEWSWEEK magazine in their review of his latest opus, MICHAELMAS, published by Berkeley/Putnam Co. This latest novel takes place in 1999, when the world is run by a famous TV newsman, Laurent Michaelmas, with the secret aid of his trusty computer. This dynamic duo are eventually faced with an unexpected challenge that threatens to disrupt their balanced world. The NEWSWEEK review concluded calling MICHAELMAS "a wonderful book".

Mr. Budrys is the son of one time Consul General of Lithuania Jonas Budrys.

The Warehouse Art Gallery in Pittston, Pa. is observing its first birthday in November. Owned and operated by DR. BRONIS KASLAS, former professor of history at Wilkes College, the gallery has given all area artists a chance to display their works free of charge. Dr. Kaslas has also recently published his third book concerning the history and politics of Eastern Europe.

ANATOLE MATULIS, a Lithuanian born University of Wisconsin psychoanalyst, has developed a revolutionary method for working with chronic schizophrenics, through language lessons in German. By teaching patients a new language, Matulis feels that the subject can learn to express himself in a new form. His unique experiment, carried out at the Lafayette Clinic, is outlined in a book, LANGUAGE, A HOPE.

The "oldest art porcelain studio in the United States" was founded by BOLESŁAW CYBIS, who was born in Vilnius, Lithuania in 1895. Cybis completed his studio in Princeton, New Jersey in 1944, and died in 1957. The porcelains produced by the Cybis studio are valued for their quality and attractiveness and as investments. The sculptures are often used as gifts of state. When Queen Elizabeth II visited the United States during its bicentennial, she received a Cybis porcelain bouquet of 13 flowers.

BRIDGE



VINCENT SAMASKA, member of C-36, Chicago, has been elected new president of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce in Illinois.

VALDAS ADAMKUS was appointed Assistant Administrator of the Midwest Region of the US Environmental Protection Agency. The region, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin, contains 25% of the Nation's industries and 20% of the population. Mr. Adamkus is the highest ranking Federal official of Lithuanian descent.

BRIDGES

JOSEPH J. BALACONIS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balaconis of C-17, South Boston, currently in his senior year at the State of New York Maritime College, was selected to be a member of the 1977 Inter-collegiate Yacht Racing Assn. All American Sailing Squad. As a member of this Squad, he will have his name inscribed in the Hall of Fame at the U.S. Naval Academy and will also become a member of the Inter Collegiate Sailing Hall of Fame. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed on any college student that sails.

Joseph's brother ROY BALACONIS, who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis last year also merited Hall of Fame membership in the Lightweight Boxing Matches.

RALPH VALATKA'S dream, the Southfield Repertory Theater, is making headlines. Ralph, son of Ann and Ralph, Sr., is Executive Producer and founder of the company.

The company has concentrated on children's theater, both a subscription series and a touring company to do performances in schools. The first production, the oft-shown ANDROCLES AND THE LION, was performed in a church auditorium.

Over the three seasons, the audience grew, and so did the support from the city, the Michigan Council on the Arts and the general public. The company is presenting a well-balanced mixture of classical and modern plays, musicals, comedies and dramas.

Ralph Valatka was the first Junior President of C-79 Juniors when it was first organized in the 60's. He also served as boy's counselor at Camp Dainava for the K of L Youth Week, sponsored by the Mid-Central District. He and his wife are parents of two children, Danielle and Brandon Michael.



Mrs. Louise Daugird of Chicago, Ill. is pleased to announce the entrance of her son, GEORGE P. DAUGIRD into the Illinois Bar. George will continue his career in International Law by accepting a position, either at the Universities of Stockholm, Amsterdam, or Saskatchewan. Mr. Daugird is the recipient of numerous scholarships and academic awards. George is a second generation Lithuanian-American who has always been proud of his ethnic heritage.

We still have available the Lithuanian language instruction records CHILDRENS PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN. The set consists of 2 records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, together with booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. Price per set is \$2.00 postpaid. Send your orders to

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MUZIKUI NIKODEMUI KULIUI 80 METŲ

Nikodemas, gimęs 1897 m. Jėzno parapijoje, su pussesere Ona 1914 m. atvyko į Ameriką. Apsigyveno Scrantone, Pa., pas Onos vyrą Nececką. Šeštadienį šeiminkas naujai atvažiavusį nusivedė į karčiamą supažindinti su draugais. Jie jį nugirdė ir sergantį parvedė į namus. Sekmadienio rytą Ona nusivedė į bažnyčią, o po pamaldų į svetainę, kur buvo blaivybės draugijos susirinkimas ir čia ji išrašė į draugiją, kad daugiau nebe-gertų.

Scrantonas gražus anglies kasyklų miestas. Daug lietuvių dirbo kasyklose. Graži Šv. Juozapo bažnyčia. Parapijoje veikė keletas draugijų ir puikus choras. Varg. buvo Antanas Sodeika. Jo gražus balsas žavėjo visus. Kasyklų inžinierius Nececkas parūpino Nikodemui darbą kasyklose; pilti anglis į vagonus. Darbas buvo sunkus ir bausis, nes matė kaip užmušė šalia dirbanti. Išsigandęs Nikodemas išvažiavo į Grand Rapids, Mich., pas savo pusbrolių Vincą Yusą, tikėdamas čia gauti lengvesnį darbą. Gavo dirbti sunkų darbą medžio pramonėje. "Kataliko" laikrašty pastebėjo skelbimą: — Chicagoje yra Beethoven Conservatory of Music. Jos vedėjai yra Prof. A. Aleksis ir Prof. A. Pocius. Nikodemas atvažiavo į Chicago. Susirado darbą restorane padavėju ir įstojo į Beethoven vardo konservatoriją. Anglų kalbos mokytiš iširašė į Heaven School. Mokyklose mokslas sekėsi neblogai. Vėliau pateko į Englewood High School.

Chicagoje Bridgeportas tais laikais buvo lietuvių centras. Nikodemas įsijungė į lietuvišką veiklą. Priklausė L. Vyčių 16-tai kuopai. Buvo jos pirmininkas ir raštininkas, pelnęs net kuopos aukso plunksną. Giedojo Šv. Jurgio parap. ir vyčių choruose.

1918 m. gavo Amerikos pilie-tybę. Tada ir pavardę sulietuvino iš Kulyšius į Kulys.

1922 m. Nikodemas, dar nebai-gęs mokyklos, gavo vargonininko vietą Šv. Baltramiejaus parapijoje, Waukegan, Ill., pas kleboną kun. J. Klorį. Šioje parapijoje Nikodemas



A CHURCH ORGANIST for 50 years, Nikodemus Kulys celebrated his golden anniversary Nov. 15 with Mass at St. Bartholomew Church, Waukegan. Kulys, a graduate of Beethoven Conservatory of Music, has served as organist at St. Bartholomew's and St. Michael Church, Chicago.

darbavosi su choru ir su vyčiais 4 metus, nepertraukdamas muzikos pamokų Chicagoje. Čia išmokino chorą giedoti naujas Mišias, lotynų ir lietuvių kalbomis giesmes. Pastatė Miko Petrausko operetę "Adomas ir Jieva" ir operą "Girių Karalius". Atstovavo vietinei L. Vyčių kuopai seime Springfield, Ill. Ten darbavosi komp. A. Aleksis, kuris parašė daug muzikos kūrinų, solo dainų ir operetę "Mes Grįšim į Tėvynę". Šią gražią operetę suvai-

dino per seimą. Delegatams operetė labai patiko ir pakvietė ją į Chicago su visa artistų ir choro grupe.

Nikodemas davė pianino pamokas namuose. Mokinių skaičiui padidėjus, įsteigė Waukegan School of Music. Piano klasei vadovavo N. Kulys ir komp. A. Pocius, smuiko klasei — M. Petrosevičius ir M. Bragg; dainavimo — Justas Kudirka, grįžęs iš Lietuvos, kur dainavo operoje. Su mokiniais rengdavo koncertus syki per metus. Mokykla išsilaikė 8 metus.

1925 metais kun. A. Baltutis pakvietė Nikodemą į Chicago vargonininku Šv. Mykolo parapijoje. Čia jam buvo geresnės sąlygos dirbuotis. 1927 baigė Beethoveno Conservatory of Music, išgydamas mokytojo laipsnį — diplomą. Šv. Mykolo parapijoje Nikodemas dirbo vargonininku 42 m. Turėjo 3 chorus: vaikų, High School berniukų ir didį mišrų chorą. Rengė koncertus. Du kartus bažnyčioje išpildė DuBois kantatą "Septyni Kristaus žodžiai". Su choru pastatė keletą operėčių. Labai patiko operetė "Ekskursija į Lietuvą".

Per 8 metus Nikodemas daug dirbo Varg. sąjungoje, eidamas sekretoriaus pareigas. Kai įsi-steigė "Muzikos Žinių" žurnalas, jis tvarkė jo leidimą rūpindamasis finansais ir redakcija. MŽ bendradarbiavo komp. A. Aleksis, komp. A. Pocius ir prof. J. Žilevičius. N. Kulys spausdino dainas chorams ir gautas pajamas skyrė "Muzikos Žinioms" leisti.

1936 metais Nikodemas vedė Petronelę Vaišnoraite. Užaugino ir išmokslino du sūnus: Juozą ir Vincą.

Šv. Mykolo parapija pradėjo mažėti. N. Kulys, neapleisdamas vargonininko pareigų, gavo naktinį darbą pašte. Taip dirbo 25 metus

iki, sulaukęs 70 metų išėjo į pensiją. Nikodemus pasiliko tik vargonininko pareigose. Po kelių metų bažnyčia užsidarė.

Kartą varg. N. Kulį iš Waukegan, Ill., pakvietė kun. S. Jonelis pagroti 40 valandų mišparus Šv. Baltramiejaus bažnyčioje. N. Kulys tai atliko su chorą gerai. Klebonui ir kitiems kunigams, kurių buvo procesijoje 25, patiko. Po savaitės N. Kulys gavo pakvietimą užimti vargonininko vietą. Taip Nikodemus grįžo į tą pačią para-

piją, kurioje pradėjo vargonininko darbą 1922 metais. Čia dabar rado naują mūro bažnyčią ir chorą su gražiais balsais. Čia N. Kulys su lietuvininko keletą Mišių iš lotynų kalbos. Good Shepherds Mišias paruošė lietuviškai ir angliškai. Išmokė chorą giedoti naujas Mišias "Taikos Karalienės garbei", parašytas kun. G. Šukio. Su chorą surengė religinį koncertą, pasikvietęs Racine par. chorą. Du kartus važiuo su chorą į Chicago giedoti Šv. Mykolo bažnyčioje, minint kun.

A. Valančiaus jubiliejų. Vasario 16-tąją choras dainavo Waukegane ir Racine, Wis. Kenoshoje, Wisconsin Lietuvių Dienoje, choras giedojo koncertines Mišias lotyniškai. Chicagoj choras dainavo Dainų Šventėje. Taigi jis išdirbo Šv. Baltramiejaus parapijoje, Waukegan, Ill., 8 metus, o Chicagoje, Šv. Mykolo parapijoje 42 metus, arba iš viso 50 metų. Dabar N. Kulys, sulaukęs 80 metų, vėl gyvena Chicagoje.

Pusbrolis



CROSSWORD PUZZLE — KRYŽIAŽODIS

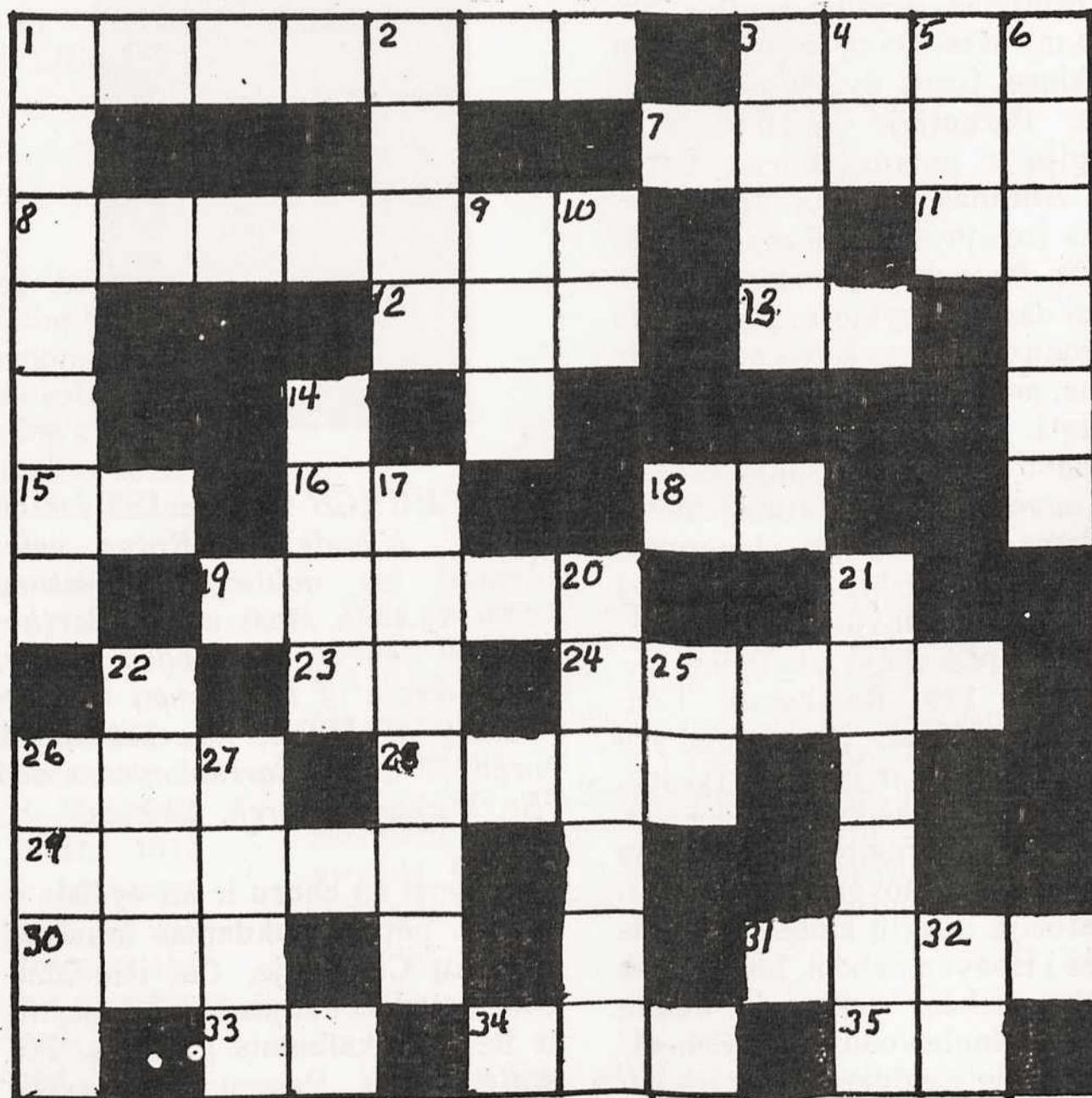
by Adele Gabalas

ACROSS — SKERSAI

- 1 promise
- 3 branch
- 7 24-hour days
- 8 friend
- 11 tone of the diatonic scale
- 12 both (masc.)
- 13 will eat (said of animals)
- 15 eh! hey! int.
- 16 I
- 18 that f.
- 19 pillar of society
- 23 with
- 24 caviar
- 26 bark!
- 28 afraid
- 31 peels, spans
- 30 this m.
- 33 ah! alas! int.
- 34 they f.
- 35 tone of the diatonic scale

DOWN — ŽEMYN

- 1 sauce
- 2 burning
- 3 pitchfork
- 4 interrog. is
- 5 for whom
- 6 donkey
- 9 both (fem.)



- 10 with
- 14 will shoot
- 17 lame
- 20 was sieving
- 21 feast
- 22 to wave

- 25 what
- 26 is dripping
- 27 braid
- 32 under, after

(Answer next month)

JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

TO HELP YOU ON THANKSGIVING DAY [PADĖKOS DIENA]



Breakfast, dinner,
supper
Is breakfast
ready?
will you take an
egg?
these eggs are
hard
give me the salt
pass me the butter
we have finished
breakfast

Pusryčiai, pietūs, vakarienė
Ar pusryčiai paruošti?
gal valgysit kiaušini?
šitie kiaušiniai kieti
duokit man druskos
paduokit man sviestą
mes baigėme pusryčius



give me a cup of coffee

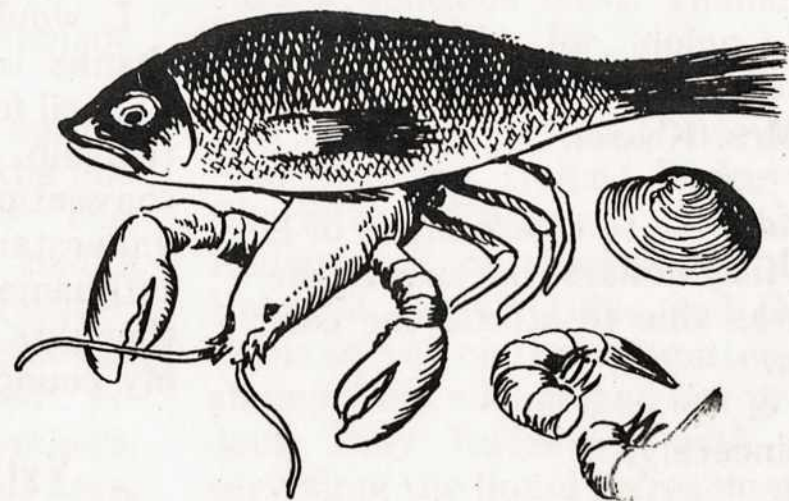
duokit man puodelį kavos

to your health!
give me the
mustard
do you take
pepper?
I want a spoon,
knife, and fork
the tea is very
strong
will you have some
cake?
a small piece
give me the seltzer
water

į jūsų sveikatą
duokit garstyčių
ar vartoji tamsta pipirus?
noriu šaukšto, peilio ir šakutės
labai stipri arbata
gal imsit pyrago?
mažą gabalėlį
duok man tamsta zelcerio

what time is
dinner?
what shall I do to
help you?
show me the menu
what soup will you
have?
I am very thirsty
I want half a bottle
of port
have you any roast
beef?
waiter, quick, the
bill please
I must go
good nite!

kada pietūs?
kuo galiu tamstai patarnauti?
parodykit valgių sąrašą
kokios sriubos norėsit?
esu labai ištroškęs
norėčiau pusę butelio portvynio
ar turite keptos jautienos?
spėriai, kelneri, prašau sąskaitą
turiu eiti
labanaktis!



we have very fine fish

mes turime labai geros žuvies

REMINDERS

Junior dues of \$5.00 per council, must be paid by January to insure that you will continue to receive your council copies of VYTIS uninterrupted. You want to keep your council in good standing by paying your dues promptly to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary, Teresa Trainis.

After your annual elections, send the names of your new officers to Ann Marie Kassel, Supreme Council First Vice-President.

IMPORTANT

On July 2, 1978, a Dainų Šventė (Song Festival) will take place in Toronto, Ont., Canada. Lithuanian singers from many nations will participate. For Juniors, through age 16, seven Lithuanian songs have to be learned.

We would like all Junior councils to attend the Dainų Šventė. Many cities will have bus transportation for the week-end only, so as not to interfere with vacations. To obtain the music and for more information about the Šventė; please write to Ann Marie Kassel.

NEWS and VIEWS

JRS. C-110 MASPETH

Maspeth C-110 Juniors held its annual meeting on Sept. 14. Elections were held and the new officers are: President - Marija Stungurys, Vice Pres. - Diane Kichinski, Treasurer - Tony Ambrosini, Secretary - Leo Stungurys, Lithuanian Affairs - Raymond Balconis.

Our council has been very busy this past year working on the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin with Fr. C. Pugevicius. We were waiters at the C-110 Regulars Dinner & Dance held on Sept. 24 in Transfiguration Hall.

We would like to welcome our new Counselor William Sidtis who recently became a regular. William was one of our first members as well as our first President.

Leo Stungurys

Dear Mrs. Kassel,

I would like to thank the K of L for the fifty dollars. Because of the gift I was able to attend the convention.

Sincerely,

Tom Petkus
C-96, Dayton

Dear Mrs. Kassel,

I just wanted to write and tell you how grateful my council and I are for the conventionships. With prices today, even a short trip to Providence can cost plenty. Receiving those awards has brought our treasury from semi-decimation to semi-affluence. Even though we were almost in the red, I wouldn't have done any differently. All of us agree that it had to be the best convention yet. From all in the council, I send my thanks and appreciation and I remain

Gratefully yours,

Doris M. Balaconis
President - Council 17 Jrs.

Dear Ann Marie,

I would like to express my thanks to you and the Supreme Council for granting me a Conventionship. My attendance at this convention helped better my understanding of the Knights of Lithuania. I will have many new thoughts and ideas to bring back to my council. Again, my thanks.

Vytiškai,

William Sidtis
C-110, Maspeth

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ JAUNUČIAI

Mes visi keturi broliai—Strolis priklausome Vyčiams. Tai yra Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos jaunučių kuopa, kuri įsisteigė praeitą rudenį. Jai priklauso apie 25 vaikai. Mes darome susirinkimus kiekvieną mėnesį. Ten mes išmokstame apie lietuviškus papročius, lietuvišką kultūrą, išmokstame dainų ir šokių. Mes pasirodėme Chicagos Mokslo ir Pramonės muziejuje. Šlutas susuko filmą dėl "Lietuviai Televizijoje" programos. Daugelis kuopos narių nemoka lietuviškai, nes jų tėveliai yra gimę Amerikoje. Taip pat yra ir gerai lietuviškai kalbančių. Susirinkimai vyksta anglų kalba, bet mus moko ir lietuviškų žodžių. Pasibaigus susirinkimui, mūsų tėveliai skaniai mus pavaišina.

Tomas Strolia

Ed. Note: The above, by T. Strolia of C-36-112 Jrs., Chicago, appeared in DRAUGAS on Aug. 31, 1977. We find it is a beautiful summary of K of L Junior activity.



Council Activities

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MID-ATLANTIC
DISTRICT

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

In the absence of Father Baltch, who was in Putnam, Conn., on retreat, Rev. Grigaitis said the opening prayers for our June meeting. Those who attended the testimonial dinner for Loretta Stukas in Newark informed the members about the affair. The regular business part of the meeting took place and last minute details for the council's outing were made by the committee.

The day of our meeting was a very special day for member Joe Valikonis. A small cake with a candle atop it in the form of a question mark was brought to Joe by Sophie Olbie. The members sang Happy Birthday and Ilgiausiu Metų.

Members John & Mildred Whelly, Fran DiBart and Annacetta Guzielek were welcomed back from their trip to Greece. Annacetta, who traveled thousands of miles and returned home safely, met with a mishap over Memorial Day weekend. She and two other friends were on their way to Ottawa, when they were in

an auto accident. Even with bad bruises to her legs, Annacetta made our meeting. This is true K of L spirit!

Father Baltch visited Japan, Hong Kong, and South Korea during his summer vacation.

Leo & Helen Druziak's son, Mark, graduated from Canton College and plans to continue his studies in Rochester. Maybe, while there, he will be able to contact our member Dan Kabasin who now resides in Rochester.

At Memorial Day services held at St. Casimir's Cemetery, Isabelle & Milton McKinley of Ridgefield, N.J., renewed acquaintances with many K of L members who were also present for the services.

Even the few showers did not dampen the spirits of those at Dr. & Mrs. Adam Kindar's Galway summer home in June when our council held its annual outing. The meal was a pot luck affair and the members brought their favorite dishes. It started out to be a "hot dog roast" but ended as a "glorified roast". Our gracious hosts, Dr. & Mrs. Kindar, served homemade turtle soup and coffee.

During the course of the outing, the newest member to join the fold was John Rokit. Welcome! This makes us 97 strong. We had a guest, Ed Palilonis of Worcester, Mass., who came with Edward Baranauskas. Ed renewed acquaintances with many members, as he had once resided in this area.

We had a nice delegation of Jrs. Present, - Lisa, Bill & Timothy

Saikal, Rima Hartvigas, Gerry & Alan Drenzek and Michael Mikolaitis. Through a little pep talk from Gene Gobis, the Jrs. have increased their membership by three. (This also occurred at the outing). Welcome to Irene & Regina Beleckas and Jim Nikstenas.

Fran DiBart and Annacetta Guzielek brought in photos of their trip to Greece. Many members gathered around the trunk of Ed Baranauskas car, where he was showing many beautiful souvenirs which he brought back with him when he visited Lithuania last year. Ed was planning to visit there again in August.

Bocci and horseshoes were enjoyed by many. The Jrs. took a dip in the pond, even though it was before St. John the Baptist's day. Jr. Pres. Lisa Saikal had a slight mishap while running barefoot; she was nursing a badly bruised toe.

Many, many thanks to all who brought their donations to make such a delicious feast. Thanks to Peter Sargalis for doing "his thing". The recipient of the prize was Sue (Karbocius) Dansevitch. Ann Czerw, Helen Radzevich, Charlotte Sargalis, Josephine Redding, Tony Radzevich, Don Holleran, Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis served on the committee. To all members who helped our president Tony Radzevich with the serving of the liquid refreshments, we say "Ačiū labai!"

Smile & Sparkle

C-144 - ST. CLAIR, PA.

Summer went fast for the Anthracite Council.

The family picnic at St. George's Grove at Brandonville in July, chaired by Anne Marie Lithkowsky, was a tremendous success. The grove was delightful and everybody had a grand time. A special cake and tribute were paid to Msgr. Neverauskas on his elevation to that rank. The cake, baked by Flo Kobluskie, was beautifully decorated in yellow, green and red.

August was a busy time with preparations for the 63rd Annual Lithuanian Day. Despite the rain, it was a success, and it was a pleasure to welcome K of L'ers from Pittston and Dubois, Pa., Newark, N.J., and Maspeth, N.Y. Everyone enjoyed the Vilija Quartet, The Aušrinė Dancers, and especially "Marijos Varpeliai", 60 children under the directorship of member Rita Shevokis who did a terrific job with the children. Chairman Anna Klizas Wargo was happy to announce that a check for \$1,000. was sent to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid as a result of Lithuanian Day. Many thanks to a terrific committee.

Then on to the Convention, - our first experience. Everyone who attended, Bernice & Al Mikatavage, Helen Chesko, Alma Linder, Mary Brennan, Anna Lesky, Eleanor Vaicaitis, Anne Marie Lithkowsky, Flo Kobluskie, Anne Panchari and Anne Wargo, enjoyed every minute. We came away enriched not only in the knowledge we obtained but in the friendships we made. Many thanks to the wonderful hosts in Providence, especially to Stanley Vaicaitis who was our own personal tour guide.

September, again, was a busy month. A Lithuanian cultural display was shown at the Fairlane Village Mall in St. Clair on the 15th. Annie Morgalis demonstrated her eggs, Anna Lesky her straw decorations, and Anne Panchari displayed her amber. On



C-144 Lithuanian Day Principals - l. to r.: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas, Commissioner Albert J. Matunas, Dr. Joseph Lobichusky, - M.C. Anna Klyas Wargo - Chairman, Bernice Mikatavage - C-144 Pres., Rev. Casimir Pugevičius, Rev. Al Bartkus, - C-144 Spiritual Advisor.



The "Vilija" Quartet of New Jersey, l. to r. Aldona Pitkunigis, Edna Ryncavage, Louis Stukas - Director, Loretta Stukas, Regina Malakas.

the 23rd, some of the members joined the Pittston group at their Old Tyme Night. On the 24th, Joseph & Pauline Martunas hosted the bus trip to the Baltic Human Rights Rally in Washington. Joseph is our very able and conscientious Lith. Affairs Chairman, and Pauline is his best assistant.

Council members traveled to the Capitol City Mall in Harrisburg on Oct. 15 where, in conjunction with Hess Brothers, one of the largest retail stores in Pennsylvania, we presented a Lithuanian Heritage Day. Evelyn Prep chaired the affair. There were cultural displays, demonstrations, Lithuanian food was sold, and entertainment provided. Assisting the chairman were Anna Butts, Evelyn Vaicaitis, Esther Bartaskus, Margaret Zelonis, Elsie Kosmisky, and all the other members.

Our council has been busy. Bernice Mikatavage is still writing letters to the prisoners. Everyone sent mailgrams to President Carter asking him to keep Pranas Brazinskas and his son here in the U.S., and our able council president has many projects in store for the rest of the year.

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C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

The council resumed its regular monthly meeting schedule on Sept. 11 in the Holy Trinity Parish hall.

We sponsored a bus trip to the 63rd Annual Lithuanian Day Picnic in Lakewood, Pa. Despite the fact that the weather was on the inclement side when we left Newark, there was a nice turnout of members for the trip, and one and all had a great time. We congratulate the Anthracite C-144 for a well arranged event.

That particular week could well have been proclaimed K of L Week, for after the picnic, it was time to get ready for the National Convention in Providence.

The Convention saw a nice turnout of K of L members from various sections of the country. We compliment C-103 and its Conven-

tion Committee for the excellent program they arranged for the 64th Seimas. Our council members who took part in the various proceedings and activities certainly enjoyed their stay. Frank Vaskas, in particular, wishes to express a sincere "thank you" to Bertha & John Stoskus for their kind hospitality during the Convention.

Congratulations to Helen Radisch upon being presented the 4th Degree during the Convention Mass in Providence on Aug. 21. It is well deserved, and goes to a fine person.

Don't forget to put a circle around Feb. 4, 1978. That is the date of our Annual Square Dance that will be held in the Holy Trinity Parish hall.

Congratulations and best wishes to Marge Brazaitis who celebrated her birthday on Oct. 9. Laimingu Metu!

The Wanderer

C-74 - SCRANTON, PA.

It is one of the aims of the K of L to promote among themselves and among others an appreciation of the language and culture of Lithuania. In their attempt to do this, C-74 of Scranton has realized an unbelievable beginning.

It all happened when Dorothy Reddington, a librarian at the Albright Memorial Library in Scranton, convinced Sister Virginia Marie of St. Mary's Villa to publicize the opening of a Lithuanian Language Class at the library for the summer months. Ann Rincavage Kurzweil, a friend of the library and an ardent Lithuanian, volunteered to accept registration and to publicize the plans.

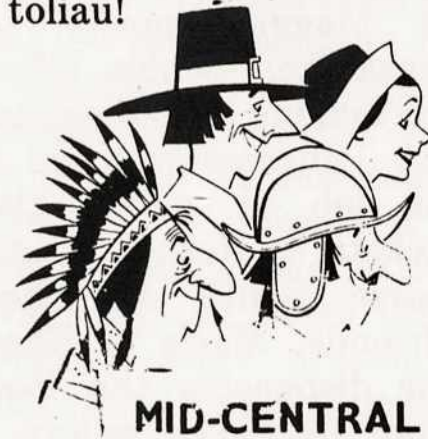
Since registration had taken place at three different areas no one realized the extent of the numbers until July fifth when Sister Virginia Marie received a total of 74 names with three generations among them!

Because of the lack of adequate space the classes were divided into three separate groups: one group came Tuesday evenings from 7 to

8 P.M., another on Thursday evenings, and one for Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 2 P.M. The first President of C-74, Eva Kazokas, volunteered to teach both evening classes. She was an instant success, loved and appreciated by both young and old for her thoroughness and ability to reach them all. Congratulations are due for her fine teaching.

Sister Virginia, who teaches the afternoon class, finds her students both interesting and stimulating. Among them is a retired mathematics professor from the University of Scranton, and Irish women married to Lithuanian husbands. A Passionist Brother and priest from St. Ann's Monastery, and a Lithuanian assistant pastor from near-by Lake Ariel have expressed a desire to join the class. The motto of both teachers is: "Everyone is welcome".

The classes are free to all who come. The textbooks, "An Introduction to Modern Lithuanian", are purchased at a substantial discount from the Franciscan Fathers of Brooklyn. Both instructors and students have plans for "big doings" with which they will keep you posted. Until then, sudiev, iki toliau!



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

One hundred degree heat beat down mercilessly on our city July 6, but the "wilted" members came to attend the last meeting before recessing for the summer.

Honoring us by their presence were Sisters Alvera and Sr. Francesca of Pittsburgh, who said the opening prayer. Sr. Francesca is sister of Bolis Walls, visiting the Walls' family and making rounds of other relatives and friends.

An interesting array of reports were given at the meeting. Our hosts Stella Hotra and her hubby, Walter, provided us with refreshing lemonade and homemade pastry by Stella. Širdingai Ačiū.

During the meeting Walter Hotra received his First Degree by Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus. Other members who fulfilled their duties and received their First Degrees were on May 4 - Fr. A. Babonas, former Sp. Director of C-79; Virginia Kirsh, Barbara Sackle, Michael Salas and Douglas Tucker. Frank Keller and Katherine Kutkauskas received their First Degrees on June 1. Congratulations to all!

Fine and dandy was the weather for our annual Family Day Picnic held at Lola Valley Park. The entire picnic on July 30 had been termed a success, just to prove again what "togetherness" can do. Unless you have worked on a picnic committee, you cannot imagine the work it involves. Hats off to chairman Joe Yakstys and his most hearty committee which consisted of Pres. Maggie Smailis, Jeanne Yakstys, Marge & Chester Nashlon and Jos. Chaps. Thanks to the cooks - Jeanne Yakstys, Marge Nashlon & Maggie Smailis; to Betty Petroski and Sophie (Mrs. Al) Kacy for making the kopūstus; to Elizabeth Paurazas who did a tremendous job in selling the Drawing tickets; to Ruth Grasha's friend Laurie Smith and her neighbor friends, Marie & Rene Kurzija, for dispensing the food and clean-up; to ticket sellers - Ruth Grasha, Violet Panavas & Eliz. Paurazas; and, finally, to the "super master" of games for the kids (young and old) - Anthony Dainus. To all, Ačiū Labai!

Congratulations to John Eizonas who was winner of the horseshoe tournament, and to Karen Panavas who emerged winner of the Ladies Dart Game during the Picnic.

The K of L National Convention is now just a memory, but what a memory! From the time of arrival to the last "Sudiev" our delegates came home with nothing but praise

for the fine weekend attending the Supreme assemblage on Aug. 17-21 in Providence, R.I.

Happy elements that led to a great Convention were the supervisory capacity. The sessions were interesting and professionally conducted. Our delegates were Vicki Chepelonis, Bertha Janus, Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, Helen Tucker, Maggie Smailis and Sophie Zager. Also attending were Marge & Chester Nashlon, and Chip Newberry. Frank Zager represented the M.C. District.

Following Friday's A.M. session, the Noon Day Mass was highlighted when nine priests celebrated the Mass, including our pastor Rev. Victor Kriščiunevičius. It truly was an inspiration and very well attended. It has been a long time since we have seen NINE priests celebrating a Mass at one time. The Memorial Mass on Saturday was also very impressive and a touching memory.

The social events, likewise, generated a lot of action and attracted a "sellout" crowd. The lure of Narragansett Bay and a beautiful evening brought out approx. 350 people to enjoy the Fiesta Cruise on Friday Night.

There was a lot of bounce as the Happy Bachelor's Band kept everyone on their toes dancing the polkas during the Saturday Night's Banquet.

Mr. Alfred Friendly, Deputy Staff Director - The Conference on Security & Cooperation in Europe, who was bestowed with the Friend of Lithuania Award during the banquet made a very moving speech and reflected on the history of Lithuania. And, congratulations to Larry Janonis who was awarded an Honorary Membership that evening. Special expression of gratitude to Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P., who did a beautiful job as master of ceremonies. His wit, super enthusiasm, and congenial hospitality conveys a sense of loyalty and dignity to the Knights of Lithuania.

Fourth Degrees were bestowed during Sunday's Mass by Supreme

Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus to our member Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, pastor of Divine Providence in Southfield, Mich., and Marge Nashlon. Congratulations, and great thanks to Bertha who along with Fran Petkus of C-96 reviewed the point system and improved it. They did a terrific job! And, Helen Tucker was instrumental in making the lovely Supreme Council flag. Labai Ačiū.

Also, a "million" thanks for a mammoth job to John & Bertha Stoskus and the Providence members for the great hospitality that was generously felt and displayed.

Special thanks to Rev. Robert Balch of St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam, N.Y. for "housing" our pastor Fr. Kris during a stop-over to Michigan from the Providence Convention. It was most enjoyable.

Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Julia Belickas and Eleanore Mickey; both have had major surgery this summer.

Condolences to Frank Petroski and his family upon the death of his brother, John, on June 5. Our deepest sympathy to the Zvirblis family on the sudden death of their brother, John Zvirblis, on Aug. 11. He was a member of our council and an usher at Divine Providence Church. We pray their souls have eternal peace.

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Dayton had its 4th Annual World A'Fair the weekend of June 3-5. As in the past it was most successful, with record-attending crowds. It was great to see so many Knights helping the parish's Lithuanian Cultural Committee in this most worthy community project.

That very same weekend, Joe & Aldona Ryan and Mary Lucas attended the Supreme Council meeting held in Washington, D.C. They came home with nothing but praise for the fine hospitality bestowed them. Again, they were most impressed with the business session and all that was accomplished.

Special thanks go to our social committee, Judy Petrokas, Rita Ambrose, Joyce Berczelly and their helpers, John Berczelly and Harley Karns for the very delicious treats at the Wine & Cheese Social on July 9. They really outdid themselves with tables loaded with all kinds of cheese, even goat cheese! There was plenty, and those who could not attend missed a fun evening. Special guests joining in with the festivities were Rev. Antanas Valiuška, Phoenix, Ariz., Rev. Vaclovas Šiliauskas, Tuskin, Calif., Rev. Pranas Kura, Spring Valley, Ill., and Mr. Ed Seibutis, Chicago, Ill.

The Hungarian community of Dayton hosted the annual Captive Nations Week kickoff date on July 17. This is the first time in years that Holy Cross Parish did not host this most important event. It now shows that more countries are doing their part to bring the captive nations to the attention of the country and world. It was good to see that the Knights were represented.

Many Knights participated in the Thanksgiving Mass and reception for Holy Cross' Seminary Scholarship Fund-Burse Completion. We had the honor of having the Most Rev. Bishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati celebrate the Mass. This memorable occasion took place on June 19. It took Holy Cross 16 years to complete a \$25,000 commitment. For the size of our parish, this was quite an accomplishment.

Our council's first Family Picnic of the season was held June 26. With Mother Nature on our side, a good day was had by all. It is sad more members don't participate.

On July 12 George Mikalauskas, Walter Lastoskie and Fran Petkus drove the Juniors to Kings Island Amusement Park for the day. Frances Mikalauskas and Mary Lou Lastoskie went along as chaperones. It was a fun day for all.

Ray Steinbrunner was as busy as ever as chairman for our parish's Annual Festival held July

31. As in the past, many Knights were there to do their part in helping the parish with this tremendous project. Elinor Sluzas, in charge of the kitchen detail, set a new gross income! Thanks to the beautiful weather and the people who came, it was our most successful picnic.

Delegates Eloise Berczelly, Bea Noreikas, Fran Petkus, Joe & Aldona Ryan, Stan Vaitkus, Al & Albina Wallis, MCD Delegate Elinor Sluzas, C-96 guests Pat Zelinkas, Alexander, Gus & Mary Ann Blum, Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas, Kitty Prasmantas, Helen Vaitkus, Jr Knights Annamarie Sluzas & Tom Petkus, and guest Greg Blum, had nothing but praise for the National Convention hosted by C-103 Providence, R.I. Our smallest state had one of the largest turnouts for a Convention and we were pleased for them. We thank all of the committee for making our stay in Providence a warm one. Special thanks to Fr. Martinkus for the delicious luncheon he had for us after the Convention opening Mass. Congratulations to Aldona Ryan as she takes on another term as Nat'l Cultural Chairman, and on the Fourth Degree Award received at the Convention. Much luck to Fran Petkus who takes on the chore of Nat'l. Ritual Chairman.

Congratulations to the newlyweds in the council. Michael Blum and Audrey Banner were married on June 17, and Sue Mantz and Pat Smiley on June 25. For Sue's wedding, her sister Cathy Roberts, husband Jerry, and son Jeff, (our members from Goldsboro, N.C.) and Sue's uncle Pete Petkus, (our Hialeah, Fla. member) were all in Dayton for the wedding. It was good getting together.

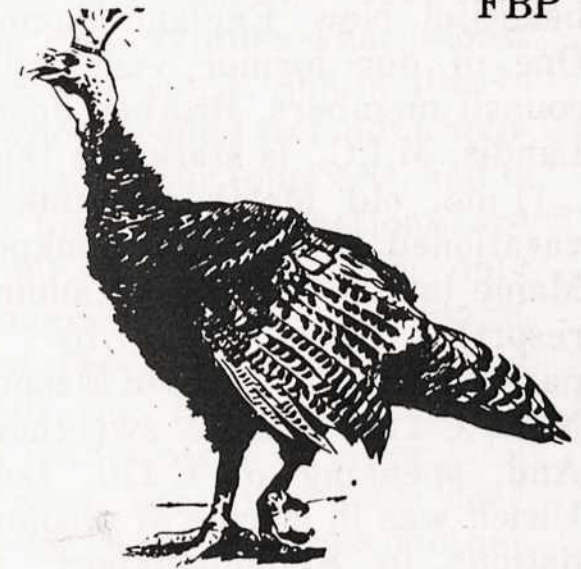
Thanks to Aldona Ryan and Mary Lucas for the treats following the June meeting. Treats after the July meeting were goodies from the Wine & Cheese Social.

Congratulations to Terry Vaitkus who was voted into the Freshman National Honor Society, Ohio University's chapter of the Alpha

Lambda Delta.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Jack Zilinkas on the sudden death of his father, Victor. Mr. Zilinkas was brother to Helen and Josephine Zilinkas. May his soul rest in peace.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Peter Ivaska, Dorothy Seilius and Helen Gillus chaired the successful council picnic held at Maironis Park last June... Ann & John Bender's daughter, Patricia, was married July 1 and was a beautiful bride! Congratulations to the newlyweds!.. A Mass for all deceased Spiritual Advisors of our council will be held this fall. Details will be announced by our council President, Rita Pinkus. Ann Bender will chair the dinner dance to be held at Maironis Park on Nov. 19. Members of her committee will include Al Seilius, Ann Walinsky and Helen Gillus... First Degrees were presented earlier this year to Al & Dorothy Seilius, Lenny & Ruth Ramsdell, Richard Garbus and Father Uzdavinis... Mrs. Anna Bacys and Mrs. Millie Lapinskas were both hospitalized earlier this year and we're happy to report that both are feeling much, much better!.. Each of us join in wishing good health for our very good K of L friend, Father Puidokas of St. Casimir's in Westfield. The July meeting featured shish-ka-bob at the home of Steve (Jr.) & Ellie Walinsky in West Millbury. Rita Pinkus' Rutland summer home was another summer special for the August

meeting... Our Spiritual Director, Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, M.I.C. was guest homilist at the May graduation Mass of Marianapolis Preparatory School. Marianapolis is conducted by the Marian Fathers and is located in Thompson, Conn., situated on a beautiful New England campus. One of our former very active council members, Brother Joseph Landis, M.I.C., is stationed there. ...11-mo. old Matthew Skabeikis vacationed in Kennebunkport, Maine (at the Franciscan summer resort), accompanied by his parents, Phil & Marian of Maspeth, N.Y., C-110. What a sweetheart! And, speaking of C-110, Lottie Ulrich was in charge of accommodations in Kennebunkport, and little Matthew's uncle Billy (a high-schooler) was a member of the kitchen staff for the summer... Special thanks to Mrs. Pakalniskis for taking the initiative and time to translate into Lithuanian one of our recent columns for publication in "Draugas" (a Lithuanian daily newspaper published in Chicago by the Marian Fathers). It was a pleasant surprise and we thank her for publicizing our council!

Heartfelt sympathy is offered to the Jutt family on the death of their beloved mother in May. Sincere condolences, too, from each of us in C-26 to Adele Ceraska and her family on the passing of their lovely mother this past spring; also, to Betty & Dan Shimkus on the passing of Dan's uncle early this summer.

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C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Blanche & Charles Genaitis traveled to Washington State to visit their daughter and family for a month this past summer. They also attended the National Convention in Providence, Charlie as a NED delegate, and Blanche as a local delegate.

Howie Beaudette, again this year, was the chief chef for the Lithuanian Scouts.

Father Steponaitis is an ardent



Mr. Frank Anoris, Member of C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass. for over 30 years.



Miss Nellie Melaika, C-10 Athol-Gardner, Mass.

flower lover, and the grounds of St. Francis Parish prove this fact. Father was also very busy being chairman for the celebration of Our Lady of Siluva held at the mother-house grounds of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton on Labor Day.

Lennie Davidonis and Clara Zetkauskis have attended all the

Lithuanian religious picnics in the area this summer.

Alice Harasimowich was deeply saddened at the loss of her parakeet, which flew out of the window and did not return.

Member of the Month - The girl we would like to introduce to Vytis readers is Nellie Melaika. Nell was born and grew up in that section of Athol known as "Cobble Knoll", attended grade school, and was graduated from Athol High. She has been a loyal employee, as a secretary, of the Cass Toy Co. to this day. Nellie has had her turn at many offices in the K of L and has been our treasurer for the past eight years. In addition to being a staunch K of L'er, Nell is active in the Parish St. Francis Guild and is a past president of the Athol Women's Professional Club. Through the years she has been our kitchen chairman, never refusing to do her part. Thank you, Nellie, for all the years of devotion to our K of L.

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C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

It was a hot summer and our council's activities slowed down to a snail's pace. We are looking forward to the cooler weather to invigorate us into an active council again. We are sorry to see Mrs. Phyllis (Rudis) Gendreau step down from her position as Fin. Secy. Her home and school schedule has been taking up so much of her time, she decided to rest awhile and return when she had more time. Pres. John Olevitz appointed Al Jaritis to this position until the fall election of officers.

Delegates to the National Convention were Mrs. Aldonna (Jakubauskas) Keaney, Frank Yonika and Al Jaritis. Adele Martus and Mary Martus were unable to be delegates due to business commitments, but were able to attend the evening events. Congratulations to two of our Jrs., Kathy Norinkavich and Doris Balaconis, who won

Scholarship Awards. Felix Zaleskas was given an "appreciation award" at the closing banquet. Good luck to Joe White who was reelected 3rd V.P., Danny Averka as Trustee, and Larry Svelnis as Chairman of the Archives Committee. Kudos go to C-103 for the very successful Convention. It was well planned and well attended. Our best wishes to the Syracuse, N.Y. council which will be hosting the '78 National Convention. (Boston should start thinking about hosting a Convention in the near future).

It was good to see Vin & Fran Kasauskas on the boat trip during the Convention. It was also nice to see Joanne (Antanellis) Sweeney and husband Bill at the closing Mass. Joanne & Bill live in Great Barrington, R.I.

In your prayers remember the souls of Carol Ann Wisotsky, age 27, who died suddenly, and for Helen Ruth, former member of C-17 Srs.

Many of our members vacationed during the summer. Bill & Lil Gorski spent some time in Florida where Bill visited his brother Walter. Paul & Ginny Neviera and their family vacationed in New Hampshire and Cape Cod. Joe & Ruth Nauyokas and family also vacationed at Cape Cod. If Helen Zaremba and Helen Zemaitis look a few pounds heavier, it's because they've been cruising in Bermuda. Adele Janskevich visited her parent's homeland, Poland. Husband Joe was a bachelor for three weeks.

Adele Martus of the Jrs. has been busy as one of the guides at the State House in Boston. She finds the job very interesting and meets many people from all over the world. Adele's mother, Mary, is busy volunteering her services to the elderly by driving them to hospitals, clinics, shopping, and just visiting with them and reading. Adele Martus of the regular council is actively working for the St. Peter's Christmas Bazaar.

Roland Martick has moved from the country to the nearby suburbs

of Weymouth. The sounds of the crickets probably kept him awake at night! Buddy & Mary Zaremba have moved and have been busy straightening out their new home. It's quite a chore to get reoriented once more.

John & Alice Olevitz' son, John Casimir, received another award when he was selected the Most Valuable Player for the John Cuniff Hockey School. Billy has also decided he wants to hockey and will enroll in the Mighty Mites Hockey program this fall and winter. Dad John sure will be busy! Vytautas Jurgela will be coaching the St. Peter's CYO team in basketball.

Walking for their health, strolling along the Strandway, are the Kleponis sisters, Mary, Ann & Joan. They wish more members would take part in this activity. Al Jaritis can be seen bicycling, - says he would rather pedal.

After five girls, Edward & Margaret Zaleskas were the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, John. Grandpa Felix is very proud!

Quite a large group of our members attended the NED Family Picnic held at the Lithuanian Picnic Grove, took part in the athletic events, and had a great time. Even though it's early, the ski reservations are already coming in. It would be a good idea to make your reservations now if you are going to join us on the ski weekend.

Plans are underway for the "Novemberfest" to be held Nov. 19. We hope you will attend, and also invite your friends to come along.

The aluminum collection for the Jrs. is still in force. Leave them at 492 E. 7th St., Chapel, So. Boston, Mass. The last collection of 325 lbs. at 17c per lb. totaled \$55.25. This helped to send five Juniors to the National Convention. If we start now and work hard, hopefully, we will earn enough to send more Jrs. to the Syracuse Convention next year.

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C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

We wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to Anne Miller on the recent death of her brother, Joseph. A goodly number of our members attended the wake and funeral. Anne typifies what is best in the K of L spirit. She is always there when needed to lend a helping hand at all our functions, and is always first when donations are asked for. She attends not only local council affairs, but is seen at most of the NED functions and many of the national affairs, - always with a carful of other K of L's with her. We feel very deeply for Anne and her mother and want them to know that the K of L, especially C-116, will ask for God's choicest blessings on them.

Heartiest congratulations to Harold Ostrowski who was again elected to another three-year term as Selectman in the town of Millbury. "Ozzie" is deeply interested in politics and Irene is a great help to him. Mary & Vic Mrozinski will soon run out of places to travel to, as will Dot Sinkavich. Mary and Vic took a trip to Greece and declared it was great for archeologists. Dottie took a trip with Claire Grigaitis to Canada - Toronto and Ontario, and in November plans to go to the Dutch West Indies, Aruba, together with Rita Skamrock. Trips to the Cape are an everyday occurrence for them; they're always there.

Many people were quite astounded to hear strains of Lithuanian music in and around the Auburn Mall - a shopping mall just outside of Worcester. Right after Easter, for a whole week, there were displays of amber, carvings, stamps, coins, costumes, and a different program every night at one of the large department stores there. Scheduled were Lithuanian Folk dances, the ancient arts of egg coloring and belt weaving, a live broadcast on Radio Station WICN, a demonstration of making "kugelis" by Mayor and Mrs. Thomas Early (Mrs. Early is Lithuanian). This was a united

effort by all the Lithuanians in the central Mass. area, - Our Lady of Vilna and St. Casimir's Parishes, and many of the K of L's, all under the direction of Ed Tamulevich. It was a fine example of complete cooperation and effort by many people.

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C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Two of our members were hospitalized while our council hosted the National Convention. Grace Vaitkunas underwent surgery in a Boston hospital, and Father Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C. was re-admitted to a hospital in New Jersey. Regina Krecioch had a knee operation a week before the Convention. With the aid of crutches, she was able to help with registration and attend some of the functions. France will be her home for the next year or two.

Father Vaclovas Martinkus attended the Ateitininku Congress in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., and Rev. V. Martinkus concelebrated the Silver Anniversary Mass for John & Biruta Stoskus. Father John Petrauskas, M.I.C., Headmaster at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Conn., was the third celebrant.

Carol Walaska and John Rush were united in holy matrimony by Father Jurgelaitis at our parish church. Carol's father, John, is our council's V.P., and mother, Irene, is our council's Secy.

Helen Seraichekas had a house-guest from England the week after the Convention.

Monday after the National Convention found Father Jurgelaitis and Tom Holoran sending post-Convention news releases to over forty cities.

Aldona & Phil Carter's Convention guest was Aldona's sister from the State of Washington.

Bette Ciuryla's sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Osmani, spent the summer months in R.I. Bette's brother, Joseph, is an attorney in Chicago, Ill.



Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., C-103, National Spiritual Adviser consults with Anthony Miner, C-116, National President.

Irene Landanski accompanied her brother on a trip to northern Illinois.

The New England Lithuanian Catholic Priest's League held their fall meeting at St. Casimir's Parish in Providence, R.I. Golden Sacerdotal Jubilarian, the Most Rev. Vincent Brizgys, was their honored guest. Bishop Brizgys is an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania. Our Ordinary, the Most Rev. Louis Gelineau, and his Auxiliary Bishop, the Most Rev. Kenneth Angell, joined our Lithuanian clergy in wishing the Jubilarian "Ilgiausiu Metu" and extended feast-day greetings to their host, Father Vaclovas Martinkus.

Our sincerest wishes are extended to Syracuse, the hosts of our Knight's 65th National Convention. A good number of our members have expressed their desire to attend the Convention.

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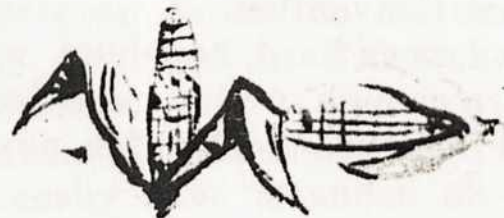


ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Condolences to the family and friends of Dan Kuraitis, who was a true friend and supporter of the Knights of Lithuania. Whenever we had a need of either moral or financial support, Dan was one of the first to come to our aid. His presence will be greatly missed and we will always remember him.

Another death in our group has greatly sadden us all, - Napoleonas Sapkus, one of our stalwart IID Sgts-at-Arms, who worked quietly but was always available for whatever chore needed to be done. The K of L will miss this dedicated member.

Our K of L Choir recently completed another lovely outdoor film for presentation on Lithuanian



Television. Tolius Slutas was the director of the film and those who saw a sneak prevue enjoyed it tremendously. Following the filming on a cool and blustery day, the Choir enjoyed their Annual Picnic. We are looking forward to another successful year from the group.

Congratulations on a job well done to the many K of L members who made the Annual IID K of L Day Picnic held on July 4 most successful. Chairmen Al Brazis and Harry Petraitis and Treas. Irene Sankus extend a grateful "ačiū" to everyone who helped during the day; especially coordinators - Prize Booth, Gerry Mack; Kitchen, Vince Samaska; Raffles, Estelle Rogers; Bake Sale, Emily Petraitis; Horse Game, Al Mockus; to Juozas Laurinaitis, who helped everywhere; and to each and every one who helped make the day financially rewarding. Ann Marie Kassel and her young charges from the C-36-112 Juniors worked hard to make a success of their prize booth. Wally Tenclinger and his Casuals added to the festivities.

As usual, members of the District participated in the Chicago Captive Nations Parade and in the luncheon program following at the Palmer House. Vince Samaska was the Marshall for the Lithuanian groups.

Our IID delegate to the National Convention in Providence was Irene Sankus, who represented the District on the Nominating Committee.

Congratulations to: Maria Zakarka, C-112, who was awarded one of the National Scholarships; Lith. Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, 4th Degree member from C-112, who will be elevated to Honorary Membership at the next Nat'l. Convention; Ann Marie Kassel, C-36, who was reelected to the position of Nat'l. 1st Vice President in charge of Juniors; Terry Strolia, C-36, elected to a 3-year term on the Scholarship Committee; and Faustas Strolia, C-36, who will serve as the Nat'l. Chairman for the Lithuanian Language Preservation Committee.

The delegates accepted the invitation of Syracuse, N.Y. for the 1978 Convention, and the Illinois-Indiana District's bid to host the 1979 Convention in Chicago.

District golfers joined with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce for an Annual Golf Outing at the Old Country Club and although the K of L lady golfers were not in attendance, the men enjoyed a great day.

Under the leadership of Juozas Laurinaitis and his committee, the Chicago Seniors had another well-attended and successful picnic during the Labor Day Sunday at the K of L Bldg. and Garden.

Speedy recovery wishes are sent from us all to a most energetic District worker and Board Secretary Adeline Jasaitis. We miss her smiling face and cheerful comments at our events.

It's not too early to plan to attend the IID's Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner-Dance at the Martinique Grand Ballroom on Feb. 5, 1978!

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Council members were very involved with the IID Annual K of L Day Picnic held on July 4 at the K of L Gardens. With a temperature of almost 100 degrees, everyone, but everyone, really put in a heated day's work. Almost every council officer and many of our members aided the hard-working committee headed by Al Brazis, Irene Sankus and Harry Petraitis.

Officers and chairmen continue to hold Board meetings to preplan the activities of the council. Hostesses for the July and September meetings were Ruth Dagus and Gerrie Mockus, resp.

Our prayers and recovery wishes go to a wonderful C-112 and IID worker - Adeline Jasaitis.



The Don Varnas Post, one of our Lithuanian American Legion groups, has many 112'ers in active positions. Some of the most active are Adam Anderson, Anele & Ed Pocius, and our IID bulletin publishers, Valerie & Joe Stanaitis.

Council delegates to the National Convention held in Providence, R.I., were Sophie Nieminski, Monica Kasper, Ed Krivickas and Irene Rakaitis. They reported a grand time was had by all. A special thank-you to Bertha & John Stoskus, Father Jurgelaitis, and Pastor Rev. Martinkus and all C-103 members for their hospitality.

Serving on the Convention committees were Ed Krivickas as Sgt-At-Arms; Monica Kasper and Sophie Nieminski on the Mandate Committee; and Irene Sankus, representing the IID, on the Nominating Committee. Irene and Eddie, along with Vitalia (Sam) Vaskelis of Detroit, especially enjoyed the special pre-convention activities under the able direction of Al Jaritis of So. Boston.

Congratulations to our own Maria Zakarka, daughter of Al and Julie, who was one of the 1977 National Scholarship winners. Maria is active with the council, the Chicago K of L Dance Group, and assists with the combined C-36-112 young and newly-organized Junior group.

We all were especially pleased to hear that Josephine Dauzvardis, Lithuanian Consul General in Chicago, and a 4th Degree member of our council, will receive Honorary Membership at the 1978 Convention.

Rich Janik was the low net golfer at the IID Golf Outing which was held in conjunction with the outing of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce at Old Oak Country Club. He had to beat out Wally (Red) Cibulskis and Al Brazis for the honors.

Condolences to Edward and John Pocius and their families on the death of their mother, Domincela.

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CHICAGO, ILL. 60629*K of L Calendar***NOVEMBER**

- 5 C-94, Scranton, FALL FROLIC St. Joseph Hall, No. Main St., Scranton, Dinner, Dancing, Open Bar \$8.00..
- 5-6 C-140 Syracuse participation "Festival of Nations"
- 12 C-12, New York, TESTIMONIAL DINNER for Albert Monckawitch
- 13 C-79, Southfield, FALL FESTIVAL, Divine Providence Center, Southfield, Mich.
- 19 C-17, So. Boston "NOVEMBERFEST"

DECEMBER

- 11 C-29, Newark, CHRISTMAS PARTY, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.Y.
- 18 C-110, Maspeth, 3rd ANNUAL "KŪČIOS", Transfiguration Hall, after 11: Mass.

FEBRUARY

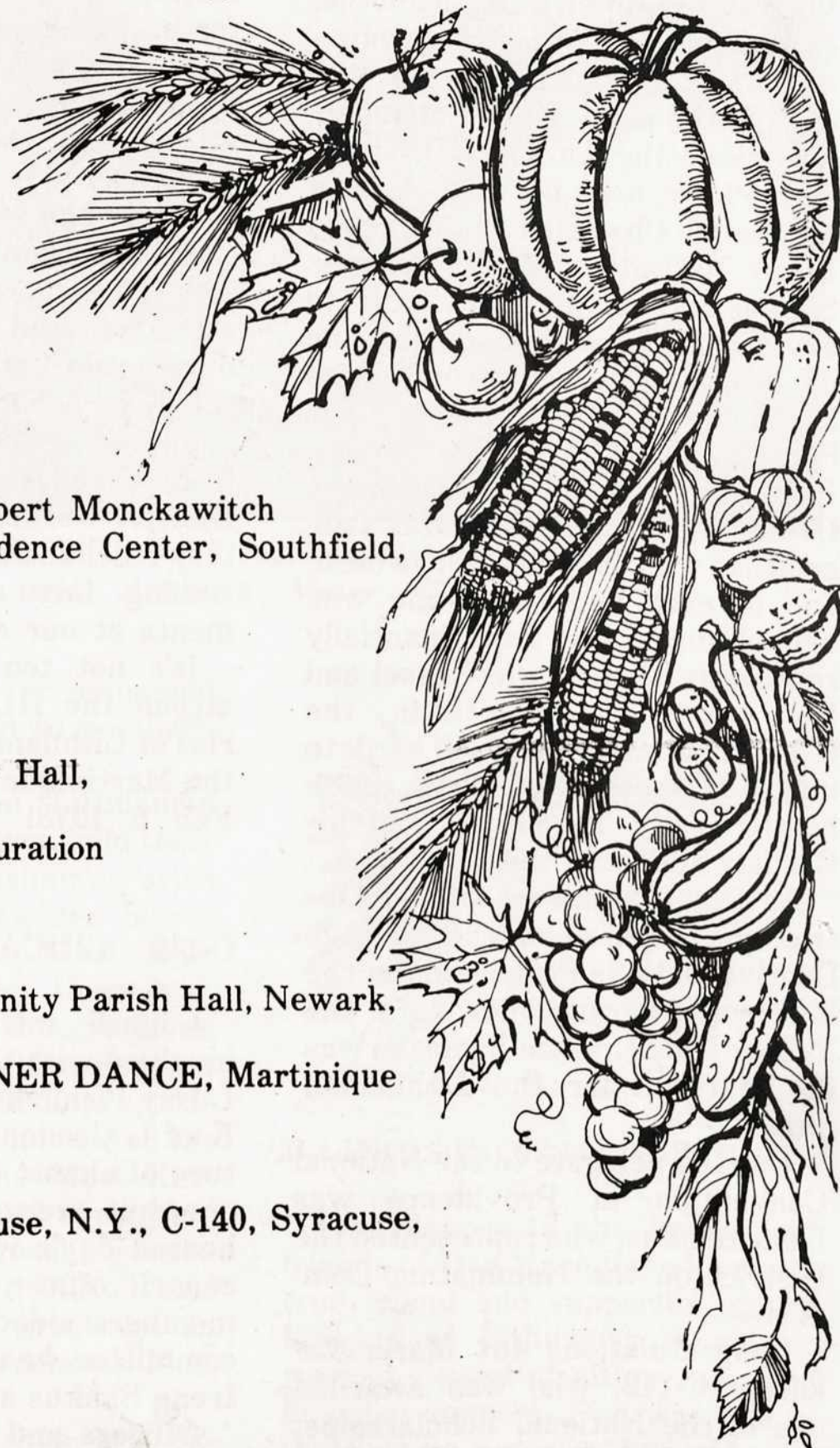
- 4 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 5 IID ANNUAL "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" DINNER DANCE, Martinique Grand Ballroom, Chicago, Ill.

AUGUST

16-21 65TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Syracuse, N.Y., C-140, Syracuse, Hosts.

AUGUST, 1979

66th National K of L Convention, Chicago, Ill.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Please remember in your
prayers...

CAROL ANN WISOTSKY
Member, C-17, So. Boston
died Aug. 1977

JOHN ZVIRBLIS
Member, C-79, Southfield
died Aug. 11, 1977

HELEN RUTH
former Member, C-17 Seniors
So. Boston
died Aug. 1977