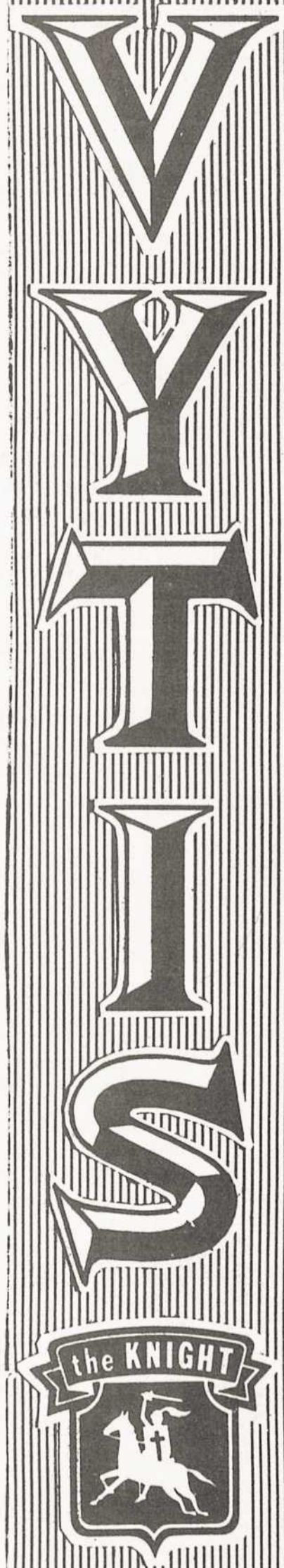


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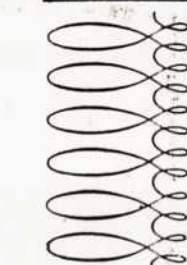
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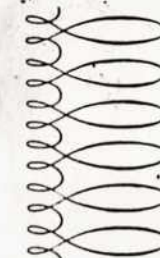
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THE MANY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTMAS

In every Mass after the most sacred moment when the bread and wine have been changed into the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, the celebrant invites the worshippers to proclaim "the mystery of faith" to which they respond **CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.** But this is not the only mystery of our faith. There are many others. Christmas is one of them.

THE WORD

The word itself **CHRISTMAS** (and even **KALÉDOS** in Lithuanian) presents us with a kind of mystery, since it says nothing specifically about the birth of Christ that it is supposed to signify. Check your dictionary: **CHRISTMAS** - (Middle English *Christemasse*, Old English *Christes Maesse*) literally, Christ's Mass. Christ's Mass is not Christ's Birth.

Or take the Lithuanian word **KALÉDOS**. Consultation of the 1972 edition of the "Present Day Dictionary of the Lithuanian Language" reveals that *Kalédos* comes from the word "*kaléda*" - "a gift bestowed upon servants of the church around Christmas time; a year end bonus given servants".

It is puzzling, therefore, not to find any reference to the birth of Christ in the word designating the birthday of the Lord.

THE FACT

The fact of the birth of Jesus to Mary, a virgin from Nazareth, is a major mystery of our Catholic faith: first, because this child was **BORN OF A VIRGIN**, which had never happened before in the entire history of the human race; second, because Mary's Son was "the only Son of God, eternally

begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father", as we confess in our Profession of Faith.

THE PURPOSE

The "why" of this unique birth is a deep mystery: why did God send his Son to become man, to suffer and die on a shameful cross? Theology enlightens us by teaching that the Incarnation of God's only Son took place to give glory to God by freeing all mankind from the grip of sin and teaching the way by which God and sinner can be reconciled. This answer points to a still deeper mystery, namely, that of God's love for us, his children.

CHRISTMAS AND CHRIST'S MASS

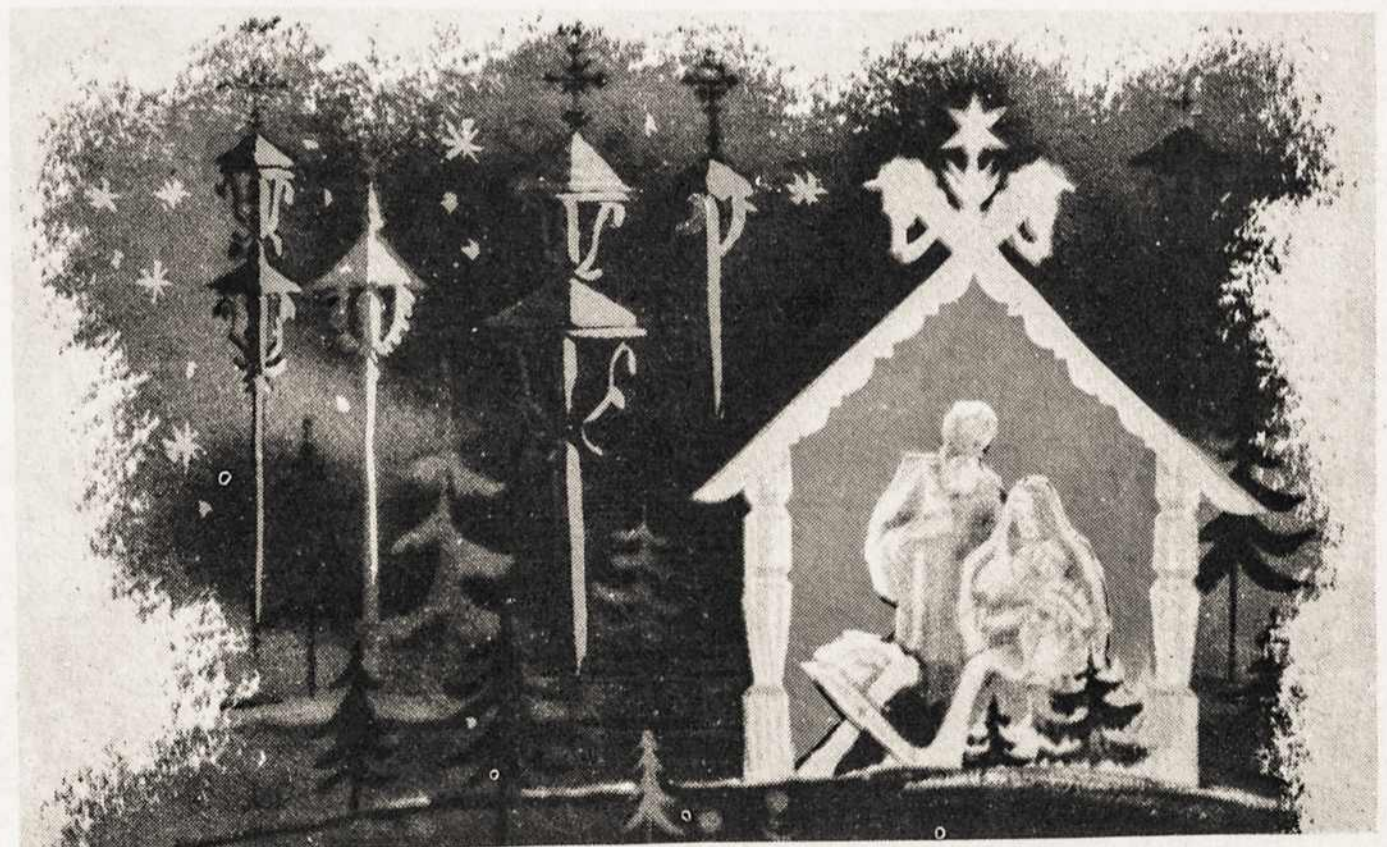
As we continue to probe the many mysteries of Christmas we come upon the question: what is the connection between the birth of Christ and Christ's Mass? Mass

is the Eucharistic Sacrifice and refers to the death of Christ on the Cross, while Christmas refers to the birth of the Lord. This confusion of death and birth on Christmas Day is most mysterious.

We may say that the birth of Christ was the beginning of Christ's Sacrifice, His Mass. And we would be right. We must not limit Christ's Sacrifice only to the three hours on the Cross on Calvary. It is true to say that Christ's mankind redeeming action, his sacrifice, included his birth, his hidden life, his preaching and miracles, his loving and caring, his thirty three years on earth of praise, thanksgiving, atonement for sin (ours, not his) and prayer. So if we grasp this truth, we can better understand the rich meaning of Christmas. In a word there is a deep connection between the two words.

REMEMBRANCE OR PARTICIPATION?

Another question arises as we meditate: Is Christmas just a remembrance of the birth of Jesus,



or is it something more? To answer this question we must seek a clue in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. At the Last Supper, the first liturgy of the Mass, we recall that Christ commanded: "Do this in memory of me". He did not say "Remember this". He said "Do this". In other words, his command was to participate in and share in his action of the Mass. Similarly, the mystery of Christmas, of the Incarnation, is more than a remembrance of Christ's birth; it is a sharing in his life. At Bethlehem Christ began a new life: already possessing a divine life, he assumed a human life style. Christmas reminds us that it is God's Will that we, too, adopt a new life style: already possessing a human life, we are invited to adopt a divine life style by following the teachings of Christ and using the means, the sacraments, he gave us to share and grow in the divine life, and develop within ourselves the gifts

of faith and hope and love through service to God and neighbor.

"CITIZENS OF HEAV'N ABOVE"

One last mystery of Christmas is suggested by the quotation above from the Christmas carol. If we think deeply, we can see a connection with ourselves, as Knights of Lithuania. Our motto DIEVUI IR TĖVYNEI seems to divide what should be kept united. Our dedication FOR GOD is clear enough; our service FOR COUNTRY really includes two goals: to the land of our birth and to the land of our heritage, Lithuania. The mysterious point is this: TĖVYNEI also includes a Christmas related truth, namely, that we are citizens of "Heav'n above", that Heaven is our true TĖVYNĖ. It takes Christmas to remind us that Christ came down from Heaven, that he came to make us citizens of Heaven

through Baptism, that he came to show us the way to our true country, the Kingdom of God. And by sharing with us his divine life, the God-Man makes it truly possible for us to live a life style that is human - divine.

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.
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My Christmas wish and prayer is that all Knights of Lithuania, their families and friends bring to mind the mysteries of Christmas, and that they also share in the joys and hopes that the Christ Child brought into this world on that first mysterious Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas!
Palaimintų Naujų Metų!

Fr. A.A.J.



**LINKIU VISIEMS VYČIAMS
LINKSMŲ ŠV. KALĖDŲ
IR
TURTINGŲ IR SĖKMINGŲ
NAUJŲ METŲ**

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR
TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL
K OF L MEMBERS**

**TONY MINER
National President**



KALĖDŲ PRASMĖ

“Suledėjusiomis lūpomis, ašarotomis akimis, nevilties iškankinti puolame prie Tavo prakartėlės, Šventasis Kūdiki!”

NUO KALENDŲ IKI KALĖDŲ

Kalėdų vardas yra kilęs iš romėnų “Kalendae”. Kalendos reiškė pirmąją mėnesio dieną, kada viešam susirinkime kunigai skelbdavo (“calare” — skelbti, šaukti) įsimintinas mėnesio dienas. Ypačiai buvo svarbios sausio kalendos, kuriomis prasidėdavo naujieji metai ir kada buvo skelbiamos svarbesniosios metų datos. Iš čia ir “kalendoriaus” pavadinimas.

Kristaus gimimas maždaug sutapo su naujųjų metų kalendomis. Kalėdoms ir visam mūsų kalendoriui jis davė naują, krikščionišką prasmę.

KUKLIOJI KALĖDU DIDYBĖ

Dievžmogio gimimas yra didžiausias mūsų istorijos įvykis. Jį supa kuklumo didybė, taip visada būdinga Dievui ir Jo darbams.

Visagalis beribių pasaulių Tėvėjas gimė mažas, bejėgis kūdikis. Tas, kurio yra visi žemės gelmių turtai, kurio yra žvaigždės ir planetos, gimė šaltoj urvinėj oloj. Kristus paniekimo visa, ką pasaulis brangina: prabangą ir patogumus, garbes ir karalystes, dėl kurių vyksta peštynės, karai ir revoliucijos.

Kalėdos mums neša Kristų, kuris nuo Betlėjaus iki Golgotos kelia šviesųjų dvasios primatą prieš tamsią medžiagos naktį. Medžiagoje smygstantiems Rytams ir Vakarams meta Kristus dar niekada negirdėtą liudijimą:

— Palaiminti vargdieniai, bejėgiai, bevardžiai!

— Dalingi, kurie alksta ir trokšta ir verkia!

— Palaiminti nuolankūs, taikingi, gailėstingi!

Taip, pavydėtini, nes jiems pri-

(Iš Sibiro maldaknygės)

klauso atėitis: “Nes jie paveldės žemę” ir “jų yra dangaus karalystė”!

Kalėdos mums padeda suprasti Dievą, kuris iš nieko sutvėrė pasaulį ir neša jį savo apvaizdos delne, bet su tokiu betlėjišku kuklumu, lyg kad Jo visai nebūtų, arba lyg kad Jis neturėtų balso istorijos parlamentuose. Ir todėl pasaulis gyvena ir tvarkosi “be Dievo”; be Jo vardo savo konstitucijose ir savo himnuose, nors tas Dievas judina kiekvieną atomą ir žvaigždes ir nerimu sargdina žmogaus širdį.

KALĖDŲ VILTIS

Rytų ir Vakarų viltys šiandien dar yra tos pačios, kaip kitados nelaimingojo “tūkstantmečio reich” kūrėjo: nauji ir vis baisesni ginklai. Su susirūpinimu visur sekamos ginklavimosi lenktynės, ir kiekvienas naujas ginklas atrodo kaip žingsnis į saugesnį rytojų.

Rytai ir Vakarai nežino kaip džiaugtis, kai ginklavimosi svarstyklės nusvyra jų naudai. Bet koks nusiminimas ir sąmyšis, kai priešui pavyksta išrasti mirštamesnį sprogmenį ir toliau nušauti juo užtaisytą sviedinį!

Kalėdos teprimena mums dvasios ir Dievo pirmumą. Juo mažiau mes galime pasitikėti savim ir kitais, juo daugiau galime ir turime kliautis Dievu. Juk Dievas daugiau už mus supranta laisvės kainą, nes Jis yra beribė laisvė ir visiška nepriklausomybė.

Kristus gimė mums, kad mes galėtume tapti Dievo vaikais. Jis nenori būti vergų Viešpats, bet laisvų, laimingų vaikų Tėvas. Kaip motina labiau myli ir akių nenulei-

džia nuo sergančio kūdikio, taip Dievas stebi mūsų pažeminimą, persekiojimą, skriaudžiamą tautą.

Dievas sutvėrė mus laisvus ir gerbia mūsų laisvę iki visiško, dieviško nuoseklumo. Jis nesikiša, kolei mes pagalbos ieškome visur kitur, tik ne Jame. Kolei mes savo viltį dedame tik į mūsų pačių ir mūsų draugų ginklus, tolei Dievas laukia.

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Kalėdos skelbia taiką ir ramybę geros valios žmonėms.

Rūpinkimės, kad Kristus gimtų ir viešpatautų mūsų širdyse ir kad visa mūsų tauta vis labiau artėtų į Jį savo kančios ir kryžiaus keliu.

Kalėdų Kristus yra mūsų didžioji viltis, į kurią suduž visos priešų gudrybės ir imantriausieji ginklai. Būkime tikri, jeigu Dievas norės, niekuomet iš tų ginklų nebus iššauta. Rytoj tie ginklai gali nukrypti prieš juos pačius ir niekais paversti visą jų galijotišką didybę.

Pranas Brazys, MIC.



Greeting the Holy Season



**GOD'S CHOICEST BLESSINGS OF THIS
HOLY SEASON OF CHRISTMAS TO ALL
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**

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THE GIFT OF PAULINA

A CHRISTMAS STORY

by

Aldona Ryan

Magdalena rubbed her eyes with stubby fingers that had grown crooked after 81 years of tedious work. The tears that rolled down her cheeks were not from weeping. She did not weep easily. It was merely eye-watering of the aged that plagued her everyday life. She picked at the wispy strands of white hair that crept out of her woolen scarf.

How very cold it is, she thought.

She sat huddled on a built-in corner bench next to her hearth. For warmth, she was fully dressed in her heaviest woolens. Although it was mid-afternoon, she had already had to light a candle to keep from stumbling into things. The windows of her cottage were completely covered with snow and frost. It gave the interior a sense of constant twilight. She missed looking out at her little garden and

watching the flutter of the few winter birds that lived there.

It was the day of Kūčios and, in Lithuania, this day - the day before Christmas - was family day.

Magdalena had no family.

Many years ago, she had had two sons. One had gone off to the wars and had been killed at the age of 17. The other had been deported to Siberia thirty years ago and had seemingly vanished. Stasys, her husband, had died in January. This would be her first Christmas alone.

She had never had much. She had never asked for much. On this day she still had six chickens, one rooster, and one cow.

Some of her neighbors brought their animals into their homes when the weather became too severe but Magdalena did not. She was quite strong for her age. She did not mind the frequent trips to the animal shed where the chickens lived happily with the cow. It gave her something to do.

Occasionally, during the winter months, a neighbor would drop by and leave her some flour and perhaps some fish. In exchange for her weavings, she was able to provide herself with oil for her lamp and a few other necessities. These she bartered from the peddler who visited her once a month.

Every Friday morning, the village priest brought communion to her and then he stayed for a bowl of soup. She looked forward to these visits with great anticipation because he brought the news of the village with him. He also told



Photo features Mrs. V. Keltering observing Lithuanian ornaments, from Journal Herald, Dayton, Ohio.

er many new things that were happening in the world.

Oh, how very cold it is, she repeated to herself. Perhaps it would be best to get between her feather covers and forget all about Kūčios.

On her fingers, she counted the foods she would eat to be sure there were twelve. She still had a few bottles of currant wine that Stasys had made about five years ago. She wondered if she should indulge in a little glass of wine with her supper. I must be very careful, she thought. The wine may put me to sleep for too long. If the fire goes out, the cottage can get dangerously cold.

She stared at the fire and watched the orange and blue flames. The wood had been a little damp from lying in the snow so it crackled more than usual. Each crackle produced little, curly puffs of black smoke that would then rise quickly up the chimney.

When she was a little girl, her old grandmother had told her that, when a person died, their soul found its way to heaven by rising up the chimney with the smoke. In those days there had been plenty of family. Her old grandmother had died in the arms of Magdalena's mother. She had never been lonely. Now they are all gone. All gone up the chimney with the smoke, thought Magdalena. If I should die right now, my soul would go to heaven very quickly. The cold air outside draws the

smoke up the chimney faster than a wet herring slipping through the fingers.

The little curls of smoke reminded her of a cousin that lived many miles away. Too far away for visits for Kūčios. Her cousin, Paulina, had dark curly hair - little ringlets - that covered her head like a halo. She had been born to Magdalena's youngest aunt when Magdalena was 15. On a windy day, little puffs of curly hair would rise from Paulina's head and stand up in the air.

At this very moment a noise startled her out of her memories. That must be someone knocking! But who would come on such a cold day!

She struggled out of her bench and plodded to the door. She could see nothing through the thick frost on the pane. She unlatched the heavy chains and opened the door a few inches. A small black dog sat shivering on the porch. The large, dark eyes peered into the warmth of the cottage.

"You are most welcome to come into my home", said Magdalena. She bowed and waved her arm with a flourish as if she were greeting the Bishop himself. The little dog crept inside.

Magdalena had not had any company since Friday, four days ago. She talked to the dog as if it were a person.

"Let me light my lamp", she said. "How happy I am that you came to visit me. Here is an old woolen petticoat that you can lie on by the fire".

The dog seemed to understand every word. Magdalena put out a bowl of water and a finger's length of sausage. The dog ate and drank quietly.

Magdalena settled herself on her bench by the hearth and studied the dog. It was evident the dog was well-cared for and a female.

"Where did you come from, little lady?" she asked. "You do not belong to anyone in our village or Father would have told me about you".

The dog stared back at Magda



lena as if she were listening to her conversation. She scratched at the back of her head lazily with a furry paw. Then she gave her head a good shake. Little ringlets of curls stood around her face like a halo.

How strange, thought Magdalena. She had been thinking of another female with curly ringlets just a little while ago.

"You remind me of my cousin, Paulina", she said out loud.

At this remark, the dog gave out a little yip.

"Is your name Paulina?" asked Magdalena in surprise.

Again, the dog yipped.

Magdalena felt her heart begin to beat more rapidly. Her hands began to shake. She felt frightened. She had been thinking of her old grandmother and her ancient tales of the Lithuanian people. One of these claimed that, when a person died, their soul went into the body of something else. Perhaps a tree or a bird or a dog!

Could it really be possible? Had Paulina died and become this dog? Had she come to visit her on Kūčios because she was the only relative she had?

Oh no! This was wrong! She must not think of such foolish, pagan things. She decided to sing some hymns to get the wicked notions out of her head.

At the sound of the soft singing, the little dog stretched out and closed her eyes contentedly.

As she sang, Magdalena remembered a time long ago when she had sung to a tiny cousin. During



visits to her aunt's home, her mother had said, "Let Magdalena hold Paulina. Her lovely singing will put her to sleep quickly and then we can talk undisturbed". Paulina had been small but she had large, beautiful eyes. The dog had large, beautiful eyes also.

Surely, the little dog was lost. She had probably been shunned by the other villagers because they had dogs of their own.

The floor was very cold. Would it be wrong to set another chair up to the table for the dog? Her eyes began to water again. Had she become so lonesome she would consider eating Kūčios with a dog sitting at the table?

I must be going mad, she thought. Perhaps I had better go out and milk the cow and feed the chickens and bed them all down for the night. The cold air will bring me back to my senses.

The little dog trotted with her to the animal shed.

At sight of the dog, the cow stood motionless. The chickens squawked up to the rafters. The big rooster raised his wings and slowly paced around the little dog.

"Good girl, Paulina", said Magdalena unconsciously. The little

dog sat down and watched quietly. The big rooster backed off and began pecking at the grains Magdalena threw on the dirt floor. The chickens followed his example. As if by request, the cow gave an extra pail of milk.

On the way back to the house, Magdalena stopped and breathed deeply. The air was crisp and bright. The sun was already sinking behind the trees. Magdalena was very hungry. As was the custom, she had fasted all day - this day before Christmas. Kūčios, the ancient ritual feast, could begin as soon as the evening star, Vakarinė, appeared in the eastern sky.

Magdalena searched the sky in vain. It was still too early. She turned at the sound of sleigh bells at her gate. A large man stepped out of the sleigh and rushed toward her with long legs swinging hurriedly.

The little dog raced toward the man.

"Come back here, Paulina", shouted Magdalena.

"Come here, Paulina", shouted the man.

The little dog stopped between the two of them and wagged her tail.

The man looked at Magdalena in amazement.

"Good evening, Senele", said the man softly. He removed his cap and revealed a mass of white hair. "I am a traveler on the road to Vilnius. My little dog escaped this morning from the Inn. I have been searching everywhere for her. I hope she has not caused you any trouble".

"She has been no trouble to me but a comfort. You must be chilled. Please come in. I will make you some chamomile tea with honey in it. It will warm you up for the trip back to the Inn".

If this had happened a few years ago, thought Magdalena, I would have offered Kūčios to him. In these times, it is best not to seem too religious to strangers.

The man noticed the small table set for one diner. An old woolen petticoat lay on the floor next to the chair by the table. The lumps under the tablecloth must be hay.

"Ah, but it is Kūčios", he said. "It has been many years since I celebrated the Christmas days in their proper manner".

Magdalena looked closely at the man. Under his heavy coat, a thin body had been hidden. He did not look like a Soviet trooper. Should she take the chance?

"Old one, I am very puzzled", he said. "It did sound to me like you called my dog 'Paulina'. How could this be? How could you know the name of my dog? I have heard of the strange powers of the Seneles in Lithuania but this seems unbelievable".

"Kind sir, I am just as puzzled as you. It seemed to me you also called the dog 'Paulina'. It would ease my heart to know how she came by this name".

"That is a long tale, good grandmother", he answered. He gazed deeply into her light blue watery eyes. The strain of looking had started the tears rolling again.

"Let me begin by saying that I have just been released from a long sentence in the cold country. I would not harm even the tip of one of your fingers. My dear mother



and father are now dead. I am on the way to friends who will help me start again". He looked around the room carefully.

"On the train coming back to Lithuania, I sat with another returning prisoner. He was showing me a few photographs he had managed to save. One of them was of a lovely lady. The name 'Paulina' was still visible under the picture. At this moment the train stopped. As we got off, this little dog began following us. Somehow the dark curls reminded us of the lady in the picture. We laughingly named the dog 'Paulina'."

O holy Mother, thought Magdalena. The dog was not the soul of her cousin but had come by the name rightfully. If her cousin had died, she would have known it. Even though they lived far apart, they were very close to each other. But what about the picture? Who but her own son would be carrying a picture of her unique cousin Paulina!

"We have traveled many days together. This little dog has been our passport to many good meals and beds by kind people like yourself. Some even gave us money. My companion developed a severe cold. He became feverish last night. I managed to get him to the Inn. At this moment, he is sleeping

from some medicine given to him by your kind village priest. He was most anxious to spend Christmas with his parents if they are still alive. He spent his time in a distant camp where no communication was allowed".

Magdalena clenched her hands in her lap. This news was almost more than she could bear. Would her youngest son - now grown old - be reborn to her on Christmas Day? Would she dare hope? She sat up very straight and held her head high.

"Good brother", she said. "The evening star has now risen. It is time to start our Kūčios. You will stay, of course. We are both

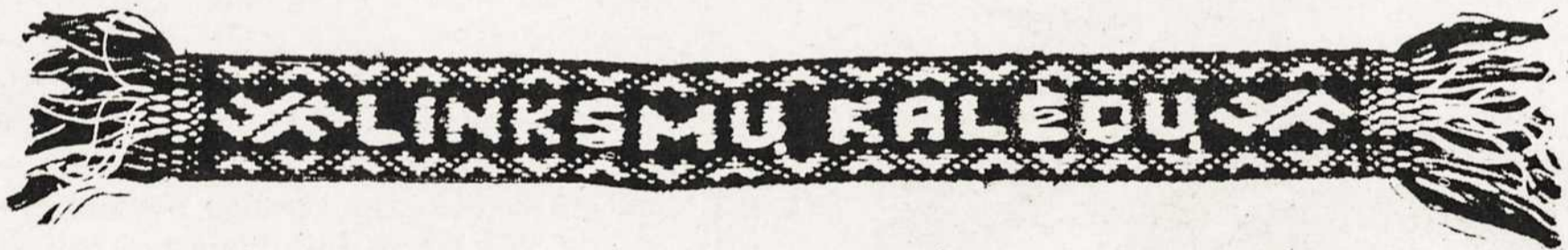
hungry. I shall tell you why I called your dog 'Paulina' after we have eaten. A good glass of currant wine will give us strength and keep us warm this night. If you will stable your horse, I will prepare the table. I would want very much to go to church on Christmas Day. My old legs would not carry me there in this cold. Your horse and sleigh are a blessing to me. After church, we will go to the Inn and take care of your companion. I am well-acquainted with the priest's medicine. Your friend will sleep heavily tonight. In a few days he will be much better. If I am right, his journey has ended".

She bowed her head and rubbed her eyes with work-worn fingers. This time the tears were real.

"It is indeed a joyful, wondrous night", she cried.

Author's Note:

For many years, it was the custom for Lithuanians, who thought very highly of their pets and domestic animals, to name them after saints or favorite relatives or friends. The thought was, "If you love your animal and name it after me, then you must love me also".



May the joys of Christmas
be yours.

Council 29 - Newark, N.J.

MEMBERSHIP...

Doesn't anyone know what it means, when it's said that your membership Dues are due for 1978 by January 1st? Less than 25% of all dues are received by the National Financial Secretary by this due date. As has been said in the past, delays in submitting dues places a strain on organization finances since operating expenses continue to be incurred from the end of the National Convention in August to the year's end. Without the dues income, the Supreme Council must draw on reserves.

Now that it is the Holiday Season, make it a point to include payment of your K of L membership dues on your busy agenda. While your paying for yourself, why not consider a gift membership for a friend or loved one. Give them an experience in Lithuanism, a gift that will last the whole year through. You'll also be making your council Financial Secretary a happier person.

Philip Skabeikis
Membership Vice-President

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CHRISTMAS

Greetings



RT. REV. JOSEPH NEVERAUSKAS C—144

Pastor of St. George Church, Shenandoah, Pa.

and author of

THE ADVENTURES OF ZIGGY ZILCH

THE CHRONICLE LOOKS AT

CHRISTMAS

IN LITHUANIA

By Marian Skabeikis

Advent is the time when we prepare ourselves properly for the coming of Christmas, the feast of the birth of Our Lord. The word Advent means "coming" — the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem almost 2,000 years ago. But in a greater sense, the liturgy of the church refers to the Second Coming of the Lord at the end of the world, and even more personally, the Lord's coming into our hearts and lives by divine grace.

There are many lovely Advent and Christmas customs which are part of Lithuanian tradition. Many of these have been incorporated into our own observances of the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. It is a sad truth, however, that believers in Lithuania are subject to harassment when they attempt to participate in the Liturgical calendar, or observe the customs of Christmas. Perhaps nothing can speak more eloquently of the situation in Lithuania today than these abstracts from the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA, which report some of the events surrounding the attempt to honor in public the joyous season of Christmas.

Near the end of Advent, the Church prays before the gospel:

Allelulia,
Come,
Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom:
free the prisoners of darkness.

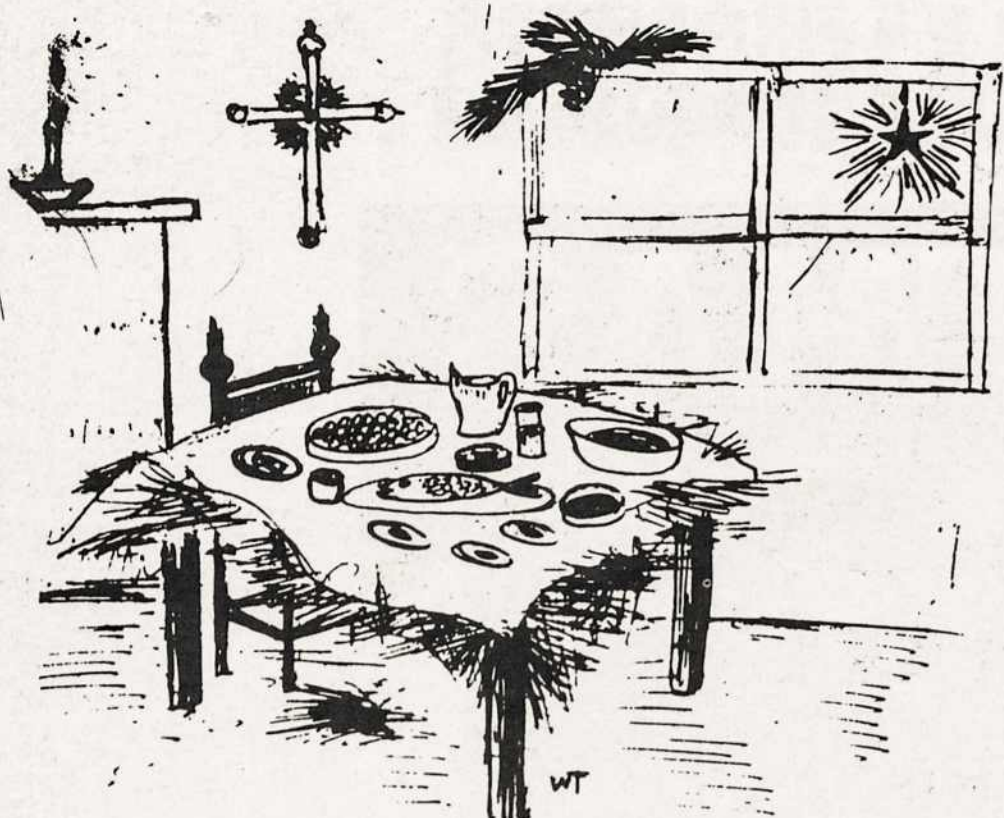
In biblical days, as in the Lithuanian household of old, the person who kept the keys had authority. The antiphon asks Christ to come and unlock the doors for captive mankind, sitting in religious darkness, and in the shadow of death.

CHRONICLE No. 5, published in 1973, reports that in the Diocese of Panevėžys, Vice Chairman Stapulionis of the Regional Executive Committee of Pasvalys, visited Saločiai in December of 1972. The pastor of the church was not at home, so Stapulionis made himself "master" of the church and began removing announcements of the season of Advent from bulletin board.

Rev. Balaišis, the pastor, was later scolded for allegedly frightening the people by predicting that the world would end at the conclusion of this century. The stolen notice contained a statement that the Second Coming of Christ would occur at the end of time.

Stapulionis also ordered Father Balaišis to stop escorting funerals to the cemetery.





Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, is the traditional time for the celebration of KŪČIOS. It is a family observance, when members of the family travel great distances to be together in celebration, to share in the breaking of the PLOTKELĖ, or blessed wafer, and to remember the dead. The Christmas Eve meal in the past was traditionally followed by Midnight Mass.

The Church reminds us that this is a day of joyful anticipation, and that Advent will soon be fulfilled. In the opening prayer for the Mass of Christmas Eve, we pray:

Come Lord Jesus
do not delay;
give new courage to people who trust in your
love.
By your coming, raise us to the joy of your
kingdom.

A report from Varėna in CHRONICLE No. 15, written in 1975, told of a situation which occurred in the second high school before Christmas in 1974. A teacher at the school, Mrs. Jankauskienė, told the students, "Don't you dare take part in the solemn meal on Christmas Eve (KŪČIOS). We will find out. Anyone who dares to eat the blessed wafer (PLOTKELĖ) will have his conduct mark lowered".

At the parents' meeting, Mrs. Jotautienė, also a teacher, spoke: "Don't you dare celebrate KŪČIOS with your children. They don't benefit from it, because they do not understand anything about it anyway".

The people of Varėna ask: "Is it a crime to observe religious traditions, when the Constitution (Note: the Soviet Constitution) guarantees freedom of conscience?"

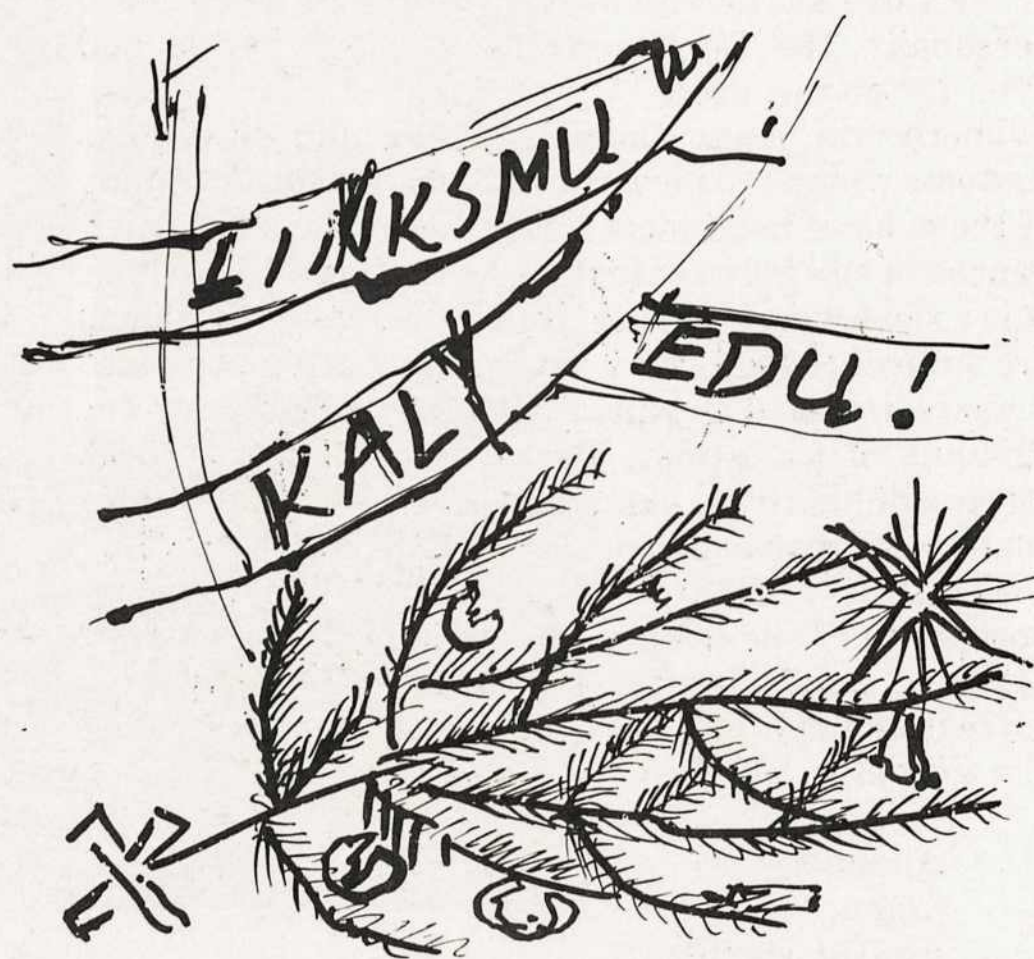
The Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28, recalling the martyrdom of the infants in the Bethlehem area at the time of the birth of Christ, as an attempt by King Herod the Great to remove a threat to his throne.

A common thread running through the CHRONICLE reveals so often that children are the targets of the campaign against God by atheist teachers and officials.

On the feast of the Holy Innocents, we pray over the gifts:

Lord,
you give us your life even before we
understand.
Receive the offerings we bring in love,
And free us from sin.

Another report from the CHRONICLE, No. 15, tells of how the boarding girls of Šilalė High School decorated their room on Dec. 23, 1974. A teacher, Mrs. Auškalnienė, tore everything down, called the girls dreamers, and for a punishment, forbade them to attend the carnival of the New Year tree. The crime — a room decorated for Christmas!



From CHRONICLE No. 22, dated Apr. 18, 1976, comes a similar report of harassment. On Christmas Day, a regular school day in Lithuania, some girls of Class 10 brought a Christmas tree to school, decorated it, and wrote "Merry Christmas!" on the blackboard. The result was threats, rebukes, and mockery over a period of days.

The parents of the pupils consider this a violation of the Helsinki Final Act.

The opening prayer from the Mass for the fifth day in the octave of Christmas reminds us of the meaning of the newly-born Child to the world and for ourselves. We pray:

All powerful and unseen God,
the coming of your light into our world
has made the darkness vanish.
Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son
Jesus Christ.

Even the simplest form of spreading the Good News of Christ at Christmas is denied in Lithuania.

CHRONICLE 23 reports that just before Christmas, in 1975, Montvila, a news dealer, was discharged for selling a few photo-copied Christmas cards.

The first reading for the Mass on December 31, the last day of the calendar year, is taken from the first letter of John:

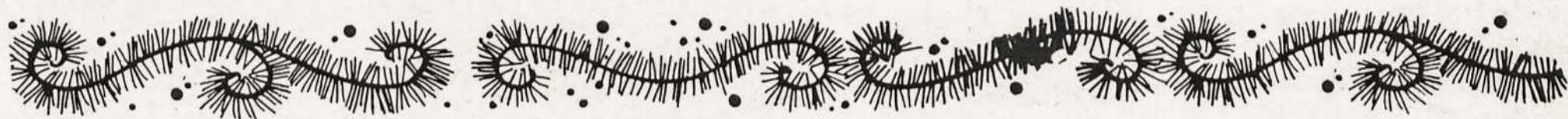
Children, it is the final hour;
just as you heard that the Antichrist was
coming,
so now many such antichrists have appeared.

It was from our ranks that they took our leave -
not that they really belonged to us;
for if they had belonged to us,
they would have stayed with us.
It only served to show that none of them was
ours.

But you have the anointing that comes from the
Holy One,
so that all knowledge is yours.
My reason for having written you
is not that you do not know the truth
but that you do,
and that no lie has anything in common with
the truth.

During this holy season, let us pray that the truth of Christ will remain in the hearts of the people of Lithuania. Let us pray that the warning of St. John against false teachers will be kept alive in the spirits of the brave children of Lithuania, their parents and their priests. Let us pray that the words of Isaiah the prophet will be true for all men:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light;
On those who lived in the shadow of death,
light has shone.



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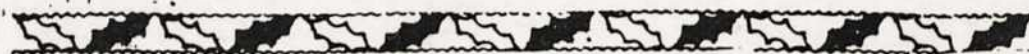


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NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

A recent issue of CURRENT HISTORY, a world affairs monthly, featured an article entitled "The British National Health Service in International Perspective" by JOSEPH G. SIMANIS. Mr. Simanis, an economist with the Office of Research and Statistics of the Social Security Administration, is the Lithuanian Affairs Chairman for Washington DC's Council 142. He has authored and co-authored a number of studies on Comparative Health programs here and abroad. He specializes in international health comparisons and social welfare in the Communist countries. He served with the State Department as an economist in diplomatic posts and at the office of the President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations.



The Fourth Annual Scandinavian-American Festival sponsored by the Scandinavian-American Community of the New Jersey-New York metropolitan area took place this past September at the Garden State Arts Center in New Jersey attracting an audience of some 6000 persons. The organizers of the Festival representing the countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Norway, also invited representative performing groups from their sister countries across the Baltic Sea, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. From Elizabeth, New Jersey, came the popular LIEPSNA Folk Dance Group under the direction of BIRUTE VAICIUNAS to represent Lithuanian folk culture through the art of dance. The entire event received good press coverage. Most articles featured photos of the Lithuanian group in performance.

LANGUAGE COURSE IN WASHINGTON

Under the auspices of the Washington DC Council of the K of L, a beginning course in Conversational Lithuanian has been instituted and meets alternate Wednesdays at the Capital's West End Library. The course, which is free and open to all who are interested in learning Lithuanian is conducted by ANGELA BAILEY. A photo of a class in session and a short descriptive text appeared in the Washington newspaper the UPTOWN CITIZEN.

JOSEPH BAKSHIS is the newest member of the District 64 Board of Education, North Chicago, Ill. A third generation Lithuanian-American, he was born and educated in North Chicago. Mr. Bakshis is a graduate of Illinois State University and is currently employed by the North Chicago Police Department.

BRIDGES

LITHUANIAN VIDEO (LIVE) of Chicago, collects, produces and disseminates audiovisual materials on the Lithuanian Community and the city of Chicago. LIVE produced an hour long videotape of the Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival, the only documentary of this form of folk art. Another program focused on the lives of Lithuanian coal miners in Pennsylvania, and a multimedia show presented the work of the celebrated Lithuanian artist, M. K. Čiurlionis, in Harmony with the Heavenly Spheres. Information about these productions and future projects may be obtained from Teresa Boguta, LIVE 6721 South Rockwell, Chicago, Ill. 60629.

BRIDGES

LITHUANIANS MAKE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

A few months ago, a very special reunion took place on the occasion of a very special event.

Fifty years ago, in 1926-27, a group of young athletes brought fame to the Knights of Lithuania in Hartford, Connecticut. In that year, the K of L Basketball Team of C-6, playing under the banner of the K of L and Holy Trinity School, won the City Basketball Championship. Their reputation as a formidable adversary would spread throughout the Church and State Basketball Leagues.

This fine team, that celebrated its Golden Jubilee last year was made up of WALTER "RED" MAZOTAS, JOHN and BILL SHAGES, CHARLES and STAN SHIMKUS, ANTHONY MAZOTAS (captain), JOHN MALIN, ANTHONY KEARSHEs, WALTER GIRAITIS, FRANK BARASKY (Assistant Manager) and ANTHONY LABESKY (Manager).



Their 1976-77 JUBILEE Year was highlighted by the admission of their 1926 Championship Team Photo and their 1976 Reunion Photo, to the Basketball Hall of Fame at Springfield, Massachusetts.



THEN AND NOW

"THEN" Photo (left), seated, l. to r.: John Malin, Stanley Shimkus, Anthony Mazotas (Captain), Charles Shimkus, William Shages.

Standing: Anthony Labesky (Manager), Walter Mazotas, John Shages, Anthony Kearshe, Walter Giraitis, Frank Barasky.

"NOW" Photo (right) — 50 years later, includes the same people in the same positions. Manager Anthony Labesky is not on this photo.

STELLA SANKAL of the Cleveland Senior Council of the K of L was recently named American Business Woman of the Year by the Lake Erie Charter Chapter.





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OFFICIAL NEWS

DUES SCHEDULE — EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978

LIFETIME MEMBER \$ 100.00

COUPLES (Husband and wife) First Year only

If a couple joins during the year, payment of dues as follows:

January through March considered as 12 months dues	\$ 12.00
April through June 9 months dues	9.00
July through September 6 months dues	6.00
October through December 3 months dues	3.00

Then thereafter (per year) \$ 8.00

SINGLES (16 and over)

January through March considered as 12 months dues	\$ 8.00
April through June 9 months dues	6.00
July through September 6 months dues	4.00
October through December 3 months dues	2.00

Then thereafter (per year) \$ 8.00

SINGLES - When there are two members of the family joining (not husband and wife), the first member pays the "Singles" dues and receives the VYTIS and the other members of the family pay the following dues but do not receive the VYTIS:

January through March considered as 12 months dues	\$ 4.00
April through June 9 months dues	3.00
July through September 6 months dues	2.00
October through December 3 months dues	1.00

JUNIORS (up through 16/18 years of age) .. per Council per year. \$ 5.00

VYTIS SUBSCRIPTION \$ 8.00*

Resolution passed 1977 National Convention, August 1977
Approved breakdown by the Supreme Council 10/22/77



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Supreme Council Officers

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RITUAL NEWSLETTER

To all Ritual Chairpersons, Councils and Districts Inclusive:

To the newer councils we would like to encourage you to start now, if you haven't already, to keep records of your member's activities. Don't fall into the trap some of the older councils have... lost minute books, lost committee records, etc. Keeping records saves time in filing for the various degrees, also, a member's work is not lost by forgetfulness.

When listing meeting attendance under the Point System, show the dates of meetings attended.

When filing applications for degrees to be presented for a special occasion, please, mail the applications in plenty of time for the papers to be processed. When filing for a Fourth Degree Candidate the council Ritual Chairperson must send the application into the Supreme Ritual Committee by JULY 15TH. This deadline enables the Supreme Ritual Committee to process the application, notify the council Ritual Chairperson in time for the National Convention. This deadline also gives the Supreme Ritual Committee time to order medals and close out the books for their Convention Report. YOUR cooperation in meeting the deadlines is most important. You can avoid having your council member upset with you if they are turned down because you submitted his or her application too late to be processed.

Keep copies of all your applications. The Supreme Ritual Committee keeps all applications mailed them for their files. None are returned unless you send duplications and request the applications to be returned.

If you have any suggestions about the Point System, please, let us know NOW. We will be working on the Point System for presentation at the National Convention in Syracuse. Ideas must be

mailed NOW in order to give the Supreme Ritual Committee time to work out your opinions.

Please keep our committee's goal in mind — that is, upgrading the Ritual process of the Knights of Lithuania.

The Supreme Ritual Committee

Fran Petkus, Chairman
Kunigunda Coach
Sophie Zager



1st Degree at C-141 Bridgeport. L.R. Teresa Trainis, Ritual Chairman, Agnes Lazdauskas, George Radzwillas, Aldona Radzwillas and Clemincine Miller.



IID Ritual Chairlady Ruth Dagis with 3rd Degree Recipients: Emily Petraitis, Tony Wallunas and Kay Wallunas. Degrees were presented at the IID St. Casimir's Day Commemoration in Gary, Indiana.

RIGHT: Balys Brazdžionis received 4th Degree at IID St. Casimir's Day.

FAR RIGHT: C-141, Bridgeport, Joseph Janiunas receives 2nd Degree from Mary K. Minkus, NED Ritual Chairman, 5/15/77.



LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Since the National Convention, the following donations have been sent to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid through the K of L Coordinator:

New England District.....	\$100.00
Mary Minkus.....	16.00
Mid-Atlantic District.....	50.00
Helen Matthews.....	2.00
Anthony Miner.....	15.00
Council 141, Bridgeport.....	25.00

A sincere thank you to all for the generous support offered to the work of the Religious Aid. I remind all Districts, Councils and individual members to consider making contributions to this important agency, which provides financial, moral, spiritual and other

support to the Catholic Church and the clergy in Lithuania.

Your check or money order should be made payable to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., and should be sent to the Coordinator:

Mrs. Marian Skabeikis
102-26 93 Avenue
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Contributions to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid are tax deductible.

Marian Skabeikis
LCRA Coordinator

A. MAŽEIKAS DEPART FOR FLORIDA



Anthony and Susan Mazeika, C-41, Brooklyn, recently left their native New York for the sunny shores of Florida, where they will take up residence in St. Petersburg. Pictured above, is A. Mazeika (Honorary Member and C-41 President) conducting his final meeting. Mrs. Mazeika looks on.

We look forward to hearing, that the Mazeikas have started a new Florida Council.

PAVASARININKŲ DOVANA VYČIAMS

Seserų kazimieriečių vienuolyno (Chicagoje) viename muziejaus skyriuje yra Lietuvos Vyčiams įteikta Lietuvos pavasarininkų dovana — graži, rankų darbo, medinė kultuvė su meniškai išpiaustytu užrašu: "LIETUVIŲ KATALIKŲ JAUNIMO FEDERACIJA PAVASARIS. ŠVĖKŠNA, 1935".

Apačioje plunksna užrašytas paaškinimas: "Knights of Lithuania. 'Kultuvė' — Paddle used in washing clothes — carved elaborately for hope chest. Washing done on bank of pond or river".

Muziejaus skyrių, kuriame yra VYTIES žurnalo komplektai pradedant antruoju tomu, globoja Sesuo Perpetua Gudavičiūtė.

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IMPORTANT LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS NEWS

At its meeting on October 22, 1977, the Supreme Council approved the following schedule and procedure for the selection of a candidate for the 1978 FATHER JOHN C. JUTT FRIEND OF LITHUANIA AWARD. The schedule has been prepared to allow for greater input from all levels of membership, and to provide the Supreme Council with concise information to aid the decision making process. Copies of this information will be forwarded to all Councils, and will appear in the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION

The Award may be made to any individual not of Lithuanian ancestry, such as an elected official, writer, member of the clergy or religious life, etc., who has performed outstanding service for the cause of Lithuania.

Primary consideration will be given to actions taken during the calendar year of 1977. Secondary consideration will be given to earlier actions and over-all record. Nominations will be made to the National Lithuanian Affairs Committee for submission to the Supreme Council by any Council, District or individual member. Final decisions on the nomination will be made by the Supreme Council.

SCHEDULE

- January 1 Cut off date for actions taken to be considered for the award.
- February 1 Cut off dates for nomination to the District.
- March 1 Cut off date for nominations to the Supreme Council.
- June 1 Final decision by Supreme Council to be announced.

FORMAT

Councils and Districts will receive the following form:

I (we) hereby nominate (Name), (Official title, position, if any) for the 1978 Friend of Lithuania Award on the basis of extraordinary service to the cause of Lithuania during 1977, the award to be presented at the 65th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania to be held at the city of Syracuse.

List any actions taken by nominee during 1977 for the cause of Lithuania; (if more space is needed, attach extra sheet. Attach any clippings, copies of statements, etc.).

Mention any other action taken by the nominee for the cause of Lithuania. (Same instructions).

This nomination submitted by: (Name)



LETTER WRITING AWARD

The Lithuanian Affairs Committee is reviving the awards given to members for writing 100 or more letters during the K of L year in the line of Lithuanian Affairs activity. Names should be forwarded from individual councils to the District Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, who will submit these names to the National Chairman. All names must be submitted to the National Committee by JUNE 30. Awards will be presented at the National Convention in August.

Rev. Casimir Pugevicius
Lithuanian Affairs Committee
Chairman



IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your
prayers...



MARCELLA ARMAN
Member - C-79
Southfield, Mich.
died September 28, 1977

REV. CANON PAUL JUKNEVIČIUS

SPIRITUAL ADVISER OF C-36
RETIRED ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
CHICAGO, ILL.
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KALĖDOS AMERIKOJE

Kalėdos pirmą kartą Naujame Pasulyje buvo atšvėstos 1492 m., gruodžio 24 d., kai Kristupas Kolumbas su dviem laivais, Santa Marija ir Nina, pasiekė rytinį Ispaniolos salos krantą, dabar vadinamą Haiti. Pačiame Amerikos žemyne Kalėdos pirmą kartą buvo atšvėstos 1604 m., kai prancūzų jūrininkai atplaukė į St. Croix, dabartinėje Maine valstybėje. Vokiečiai pirmąsias Kalėdas Amerikoje, atrodo, šventė 1741 m., kai moravų kolonija vadovaujant grafui Mikalojui von Zinzendorf pasiekė dabartinio Bethlehem, Pensylvanijoje apylinkes. Lietuviai pirmąsias Kalėdas Amerikoje šventė tada, kai jie čia atvyko, o jie čia pradėjo atvykti apie 1795 m. Bostono gyventojai, atrodo, pirmieji švėsdami Kalėdas pradėjo statyti languose uždegtas žvakes ir giedoti kalėdines giesmes gatvėse. Daugelyje pietinių valstybių šaudymo paprotys (fireworks) yra įvestas prancūzų, italų ir ispanų. Kalėdų eglutė yra vokiečių kilmės, Kalėdų Senelis, "Santa Claus", atėjęs iš Niederlandų — Belgijos ir Olandijos, kur jis vadinamas šv. Mikalojum. Kalėdiniai atvirukai šjame krašte pirmą kartą išspausdinti Londono firmos 1870 m.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE —

KRYŽIAŽODIS

Solution —

Išsprendimas

[Original Puzzle in
November Vytis]

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**COUNCIL 103
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**



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ATEIKIT, ATEIKIT Į BETLIEJŲ
GIMUSĮ RASIT ANGELŲ KARALIŲ.**

**DŽIAUGSMINGAI EIKIM GARBINT,
DŽIAUGSMINGAI EIKIM GARBINT,
DŽIAUGSMINGAI EIKIM GARBINT
VIEŠPATĮ!**

**ŠTAI, BANDAS PALIKĘ, PRIE MENKOS PRAKARTĖS
NUOLANKŪS JAU SKUBINAS PIEMENYS,
MES IRGI ŽINGSNIAIS LINKSMAIS PASKUBĖKIM!**

**DŽIAUGSMINGAI EIKIM GARBINT,
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VIEŠPATĮ!**

JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

VAIKAS IR KALĖDŲ EGLUTĖ

A. Giedraitis

Vaikas:

Tu eglute, tu žalioji,
Kur taip puikiai išbujojai?
Savo rūbo puošnumu
Mane užkreti džiaugsmu!

Eglutė:

Taip. Bet liūdi manęs miškas
Voveraitė, pilkas kiškis,
Nes nuo lapių ir vilkų
Aš juos slėpdavau abu...

Vaikas:

Ak, ta Laisvė! Taip ji toli...
Dėl jos kenčia mane broliai
Miškuose pavergto krašto,
Kur sniegai su vėjais laksto...

Eglutė:

Labas vakaras, vaikyti!
Malonu tave matyti
Ar tai tavo džiaugsmui čia
Šitaip išpuošė mane?

Vaikas:

Ką sakai? — pilkas kiškytis?
Kur galėčiau jį matyti?
Supažindint jį turiu
Su Kalėdų Seneliu.

Eglutė:

Tavo pavergtojų tėvynėj
Laisvėn jie takus pramynė
Ir išauš nauja aušra —
Vėl laisva bus Lietuva!

Vaikas:

Na, ir gera gi tau čia:
Žaislai, kaspiniai, šviesa!..
Girioj vėtros būtų lankstė,
Čia tu papuošta per šventę.

Eglutė:

Kiškis dovanų nenori
Jį vilioja laisvės toliai
Ten, kur medžiai apšarmoje,
Vėjas pasakas jam groja...

Vaikas:

Dėkui tau už gerą žodį
Tiek vilties jis mums parodė.
Šviesią ateitį mūs krašto
Nusakei tu, kaip iš rašto.



LAIKAS IR METŲ LAIKAI (TIME AND SEASONS)

about this time
next year
in a month's time
before long
Winter will soon be here
it is beautiful weather
it is very windy
it will not last long
the sun is shining
I hope it will be fine
it is frosty
I am so cold
it is snowing
we shall have a storm
is that thunder?
it is lightning
the days are closing in

apie šį laiką
ateinančiais metais
laike mėnesio
netrukus
žiema jau greit ateis
gražus oras
labai vėjuota
ilgai nesitęs
saulė šviečia
tikiuos bus gražu
šąla
man taip šalta
sninga
bus audra
ar tai griausmas?
tai žaibas
dienos trumpėja



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AND A

Happy New Year

TO ONE AND ALL FROM

COUNCIL 79

DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Southfield, Michigan



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Happy Christmas

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

We are apt to forget the activities that the District sponsors. In New England, we have been fortunate to have good district leaders who sponsor these activities at a great expenditure of effort and time. Let us make a New Year's resolution to participate in and attend these functions. The list is as follows: 1) St. Casimir's - March-Rotates yearly. 2) Holy Hour - May - Rotates yearly. 3) Retreat - June - Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me. 4) Picnic - July - Lithuanian Grove, Gardner, Mass. 5) Cultural Festival - October - Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. 6) TV Mass - Nov./Dec. - Channel 7, Boston, Mass. The above is in addition to the Spring and Fall Conventions which rotate by council alphabetically.

We have two Lithuanian religious orders headquartered in New England. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Putnam, Conn., and the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton, Mass., both

work with the youth and infirmed aged. They deserve our support. Yearly these good Sisters hold picnics to raise badly needed funds, and we are glad to say that many of our K of L council members either attend or participate in the operation of these affairs. In Brockton we noticed the following Sr. C-17 members working during the Labor Day Picnic: Pat & Al Akule, Virginia & Frank Markuns, Betty & Joe Balaconis, Anne & Joe White, Monica Plevock, Veronica Ivanauskas, Reggie Alexander, and Anthony Young.

At the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception picnic in Putnam, Conn., many Bostonians and K of L's enjoyed native foods and ethnic dancing performed by the girls from Camp Neringa in Vermont run by the Sisters. Also, everyone enjoyed the time to browse in the wonderful Alka Museum, a storehouse of irreplaceable Lithuanian artifacts, periodicals, and pictures collected by Msgr. Francis Juras over his lifetime.

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

The 64th National Convention in Providence, R.I., hosted by C-103 was a great success, and we congratulate the Convention Committee for a job well done. Two Jrs. from C-17 were recipients of Scholarship Awards at the Convention. They are Kathy Norinka-

vich whose father John is president of our council, - and Doris Balaconis whose parents Betty & Joe are members of ours. The following members will hold national office for the coming year: 3rd V.P. Joseph White, Trustee Daniel Averka, Chairman of Archives Longinas Svelnis, and Legal Advisor Anthony Young. Congratulations to all! The delegates to the Convention from our council were: Pat & Al Akule, Virginia & Frank Markuns, John Norinkavich, Ann Voveris, Longinas Svelnis, and Anthony Gaputis. Dr. Algirdas Budreckis was a participant in the organizational panel.

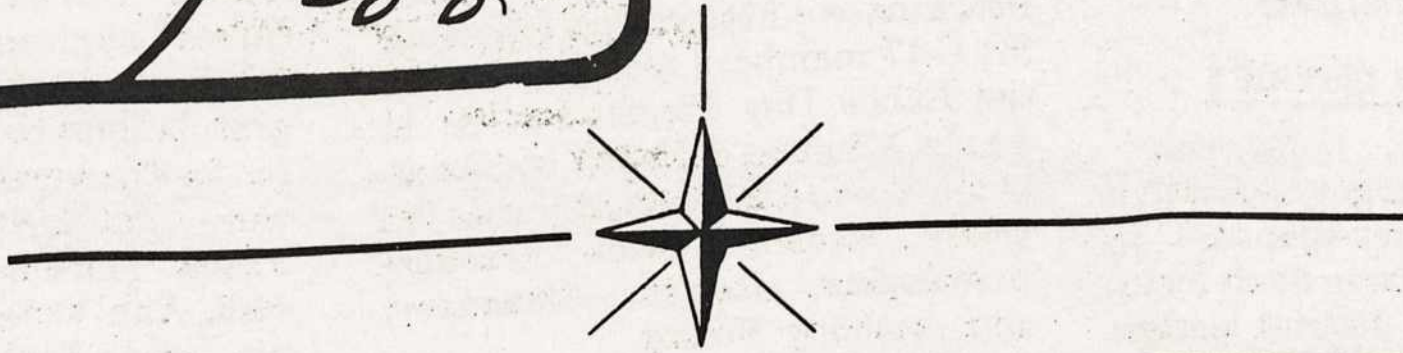
Frank & Virginia Markuns are grandparents for the fourth time, a daughter on Sept. 28 to John & Patricia Markuns. John is a labor lawyer in Washington, D.C.

Council Pres. John Norinkavich, his wife Ann and daughter Kathy, spent the summer at their favorite lake in New Hampshire. Gene Razwad, Dr. Joseph Mikalonis, his wife Gladys and her sister Eleanora Chaplik, visited relatives and friends in Lithuania. Madeline & Adam Druzdis enjoyed the summer with their children and grandchildren at Pocasset on Cape Cod. Joe & Ann Petchell, Ann & Bill Carrol also spent their vacation at the Cape. Florence Casper visited her son who is a school teacher in New York and took a side trip to Canada. Jack & Mildred Daniels and Tony & Lucy Gaputis spent a week's vacation in



To wish you
 a joyous Christmas
 and happiness throughout
 the coming year.

Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois



May you have many blessings
 at Christmas
 and in the New Year



Council 36, - Chicago, Illinois



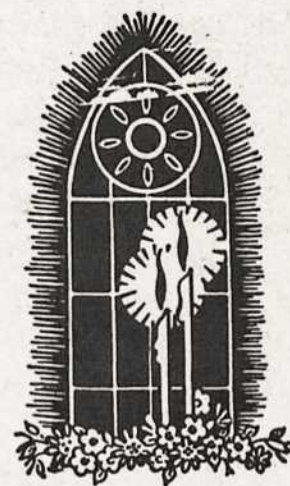
MERRY CHRISTMAS,
AND PEACE AND
HAPPINESS IN THE
NEW YEAR

C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.

WISHES FOR
CHRISTMAS PEACE
from

COUNCIL 26

WORCESTER



upper N.Y. State. Charlie & Lou Mikalonis spent a lot of their spare time at their summer cottage in Green Harbor, Mass. Frank & Virginia Markuns witnessed a dramatic recovery while on their vacation to St. Ann's Shrine in Quebec, Canada.

Over 100 K of L'ers and friends enjoyed a kilbasi supper social, family style, on Sept. 17 at St. Peter's Church hall in So. Boston. Fr. Anthony Baltrushunas, Pastor and Spiritual Advisor, opened the festivities with prayer. The little ole sausage maker, Anne White, was assisted by Frank & Virginia Markuns, Pat & Al Akule, and Joe White. From reports after the meal, it looks like another kilbasi supper will be held in the near future. The hall was beautifully decorated in an autumnal motif by our resident interior decorators, Ann Antanelis and Florence Casper. Thanks, girls, for the great job. Our cooking and serving committee were Mildred & Jack Daniels, Anne Petchell, Betty &

Joe Balaconis, John & Ann Norinkavich, Lou & Charlie Mikalonis and Al Jaritis. Two Jr. members also helped serve the meal, Kathy Norinkavich and Adele Martus. Frank Markuns persuaded his son Richard to lend his hi-fi for the evening, along with some Lithuanian song records, so we danced and sang the evening away.

Our next council event was the Fall Festival held on Nov. 19. Elections were also held during the council meeting.

We wish our sister councils and all Vyčiams, A Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų.

Raštingas Žmogus

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

We sometimes need reminders. At a recent council activity, one of our members asked "When IS our next meeting?" For the benefit of all, we repeat: it's ALWAYS the second Tuesday of the month in the parish hall. See you next month, then?

And, speaking of meeting nights, our October meeting was highlighted by nominations and elections of new officers plus a pizza and beer party following the session.

Alex Kardokas, our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, was hospitalized recently following a heart attack. He is coming along beautifully and from all reports, after a period of convalescence, will be back with us before too long. His wife, Frances, has been ill, too. We wish this couple good health, soon!

Travelling during the month of October were Kazys & Teresa Adomavicius, vacationing in Bermuda. Travelling even further were Charles & Mildred Lapinskas who recently returned from a trip to Lithuania.

Donna (Jankowski) and Mike Murphy and their little daughter recently moved to New Londonderry, N.H., where Mike has a new position. They are not that far away so we'll still be seeing this little family at our functions, they



Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse
Mikatavage

Dan & Adele
Rolenaitis

Members of
Anthracite Council 144

Tesidžiaugia dangus,
žemė, laukai ir
visi miškų
medžiai.
Gimė Dievas.
Tegul Dievas
palaimina
visus!



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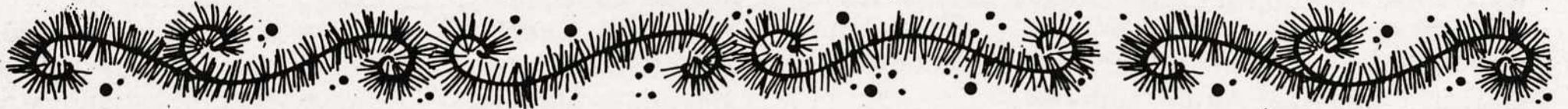
**DŽIAUKITĖS SU MUMIS,
KAD KRISTUS ĢIMĒ
LINKIME LINKSMŪ ŠVENTŪ KALĒDU
IR LAIMINGŪ NAUJŪJŪ METŪ**

**REJOICE WITH US THAT
GOD IS BORN**

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



C 96 - Dayton, Ohio



*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

TO ALL K OF L MEMBERS

**Members of
Council 67
Bayonne, N.J.**



*Kalēdu sventēs
teatneša tyro
džiaugsmo ir
Naujieji Metai
stiprybēs ir vilties!*

**Council 142
Washington, D.C.**



given to each parish in the diocese. In Bishop Gelineau's address he spoke of the Suffering Church in Lithuania. The Bishop mentioned Father Martinkus' efforts in behalf of St. Casimir's parish in Providence.

Our Council was represented at the NED Convention in Bridgeport, Conn., by Father Jurgelaitis, Bette Ciuryla, John & Irene Walaska, Anthony & Helen Gudauskas, Bertha & John Stoskus. Bridgeport K of L's were marvelous hosts, and their hospitality will long be remembered. Marian Skabeikis from N.Y. gave a most interesting talk on Lithuanian Affairs.

Father Edmund Budrecki, MIC, called to let us know he was released from the hospital in New Jersey. He stated he was sorry that he could not be at the National Convention.

The Baltic Countries Human Rights Rally in Washington, D.C., was attended by Bette Ciuryla, Bertha Stoskus, and Ruta, Marcy & Ann Krecioch. They travelled to the Rally with the Brockton Group. Ann Johnson and her niece, Jane Antos, flew to Washington for the event. The following morning six Rhode Islanders were selected to bring up the Mass Offering in the Chapel of Our Lady of Šiluva. Only the Good Lord knew they were all Lithuanians.

Roger Williams Park was the scene of the R.I. Garden Club's annual flower show. Biruta Cunningham was in charge of

several demonstrations.

Stanley Vaicaitis visited long enough with us to receive his First Degree. He and his gracious spouse are spending more time in Pennsylvania.

Council members and their friends attended the NED Cultural Picnic.

Victor Mathieu arranged for a bus load of people to attend the dinner-dance sponsored by C-116 in Worcester.

C-103 Seniors and Juniors participated in the Annual Parish Supper chaired by Father Martinkus.

Our mutual friend, Tom Holoran, wrote an interesting article about Bishop Vincent Brizgys, his Golden Sacerdotal Jubilee, and his activities in exile. The article appeared in the Pawtucket Times, which also gave splendid coverage to the 64th National Convention.

Past President of the NED, Joan Laframboise, was incapacitated and unable to attend the Dist. Convention. Her untiring efforts in behalf of the District are sincerely appreciated. We wish our new Dist. President, Mary Minkus, well.

Linksmų Kalėdų linkėjimai visiems Vyčiams!

Jonas

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

Dottie March, our social chairman, again took charge of our spring military whist, and with hubby Bart, together with a very

capable committee, helped to fill the coffers of our treasury somewhat. Not the usual good turnout because of the downpour of rain that night, but rain or shine, the affair went on.

From all reports, many of our K of L's had wonderful summer plans. Of course, Dottie March and family spent the summer at the Cape at their summer home with visits from friends. John & Ann Yurkenas and family visited them and spent some time at another Cape Cod haunt. Rita & Bob Paluses spent some time there - must also mention that bountiful harvest in Bob Paluses vegetable garden. Bob and John Yurkenas compared notes on growing vegetables, for both had great success with their produce this year. We understand it's all in the compost pile that does it!

Ozzie and Irene's son graduated from Millbury High this year and will be going to college in Wisconsin. The family will take a trip there to get him settled after coming back from Hampton Beach with Mary and Vic.

The three Adamaitis girls have done a lot of travelling this year. Irene, Jr. took a three week trip to Russia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and enjoyed it very much. Carolyn, the youngest, spent a week in Seattle, Wash., with six girls from other parts of Massachusetts to represent the state at a national convention of Future Homemakers of America. Joan, who was graduated from Assump-

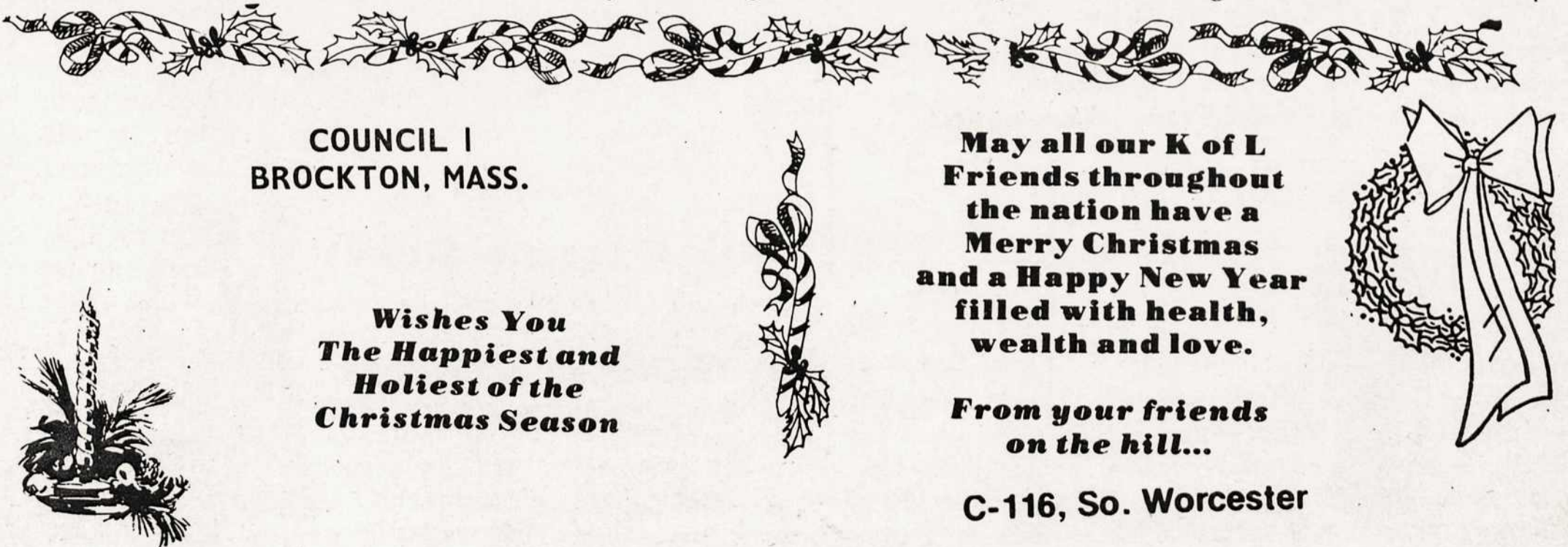
**COUNCIL I
BROCKTON, MASS.**

**Wishes You
The Happiest and
Holiest of the
Christmas Season**

**May all our K of L
Friends throughout
the nation have a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
filled with health,
wealth and love.**

**From your friends
on the hill...**

C-116, So. Worcester



At this time of year when shepherds
Heard the tidings of His birth,
May you have a special measure of the joy
He brought to earth.

Christmas Blessings to
Our Vyciu Family
and all year too!



Mary York

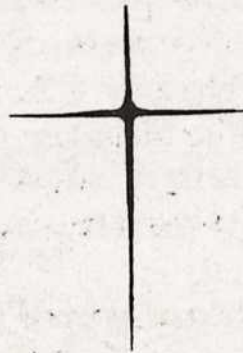
Council 12, New York, New York

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Council 141

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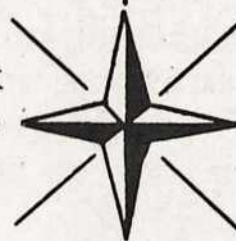
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LITTLE PRAYER
BE ON YOUR
WAY
BLESS ALL OUR
FRIENDS
ON CHRISTMAS
DAY

K of L SENIORS COUNCIL 111

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



MAY THE BLESSINGS
OF THE CHRIST CHILD
BE WITH YOU NOW AND
THROUGH THE NEW YEAR

Jack & Loretta Stukas

HONORARY MEMBERS
C-29 NEWARK



Merry Christmas

and Warmest Wishes for the New Year



COUNCIL 30

WESTFIELD, MASS.



promise us.

Re-elected to their offices of treasurer and recording secretary at the National Convention last August in Providence were Rita Pinkus and Ann Bender, respectively. Incidentally, everyone praised the beautiful hospitality of the Providence council (headed by John Stoskus) and their pastor, Father Martinkus. Our own pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, concelebrated one of the Masses during the Convention, along with the provincial of the Marian Fathers, Father Joseph Dambrauskas, MIC.

Fifteen delegates from our council reported more excellent hospitality when they attended the NED Convention hosted by C-141 of Bridgeport, Conn. District Ritual Committee members are Rita Pinkus and Claire Grigaitis. Congratulations to Edmund Grigaitis who was presented his Fourth Degree at this Convention. Who has the unique situation of

serving as Recording Secretary on the Supreme Council, the NED AND C-26? None other than our very own Ann Bender. And, she's just the perfect one to get the job done, and done perfectly.

Recently named to an executive position in his company is Steve Walinsky, Jr. Congratulations, Steve, as you step on still a higher rung!

Committee for the Nov. 19 whist party which took place in St. Casimir's parish hall were Chairman Ann Bender, assisted by Helen Gillus, Rita Pinkus, Anne & Steve Walinsky, Sr., Al Seilius, Arthur & Marion Racicot.

Our former Recording Secretary, Sister Joyce Ridick, S.S.C. (Joan Ridick) was in Worcester recently for a visit with her parents, John & Anna Ridick who, incidentally, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary a little early (October 23 is the actual date). Sister Joyce is a clinical psychologist and is a professor at the

Gregorian Institute in Rome.

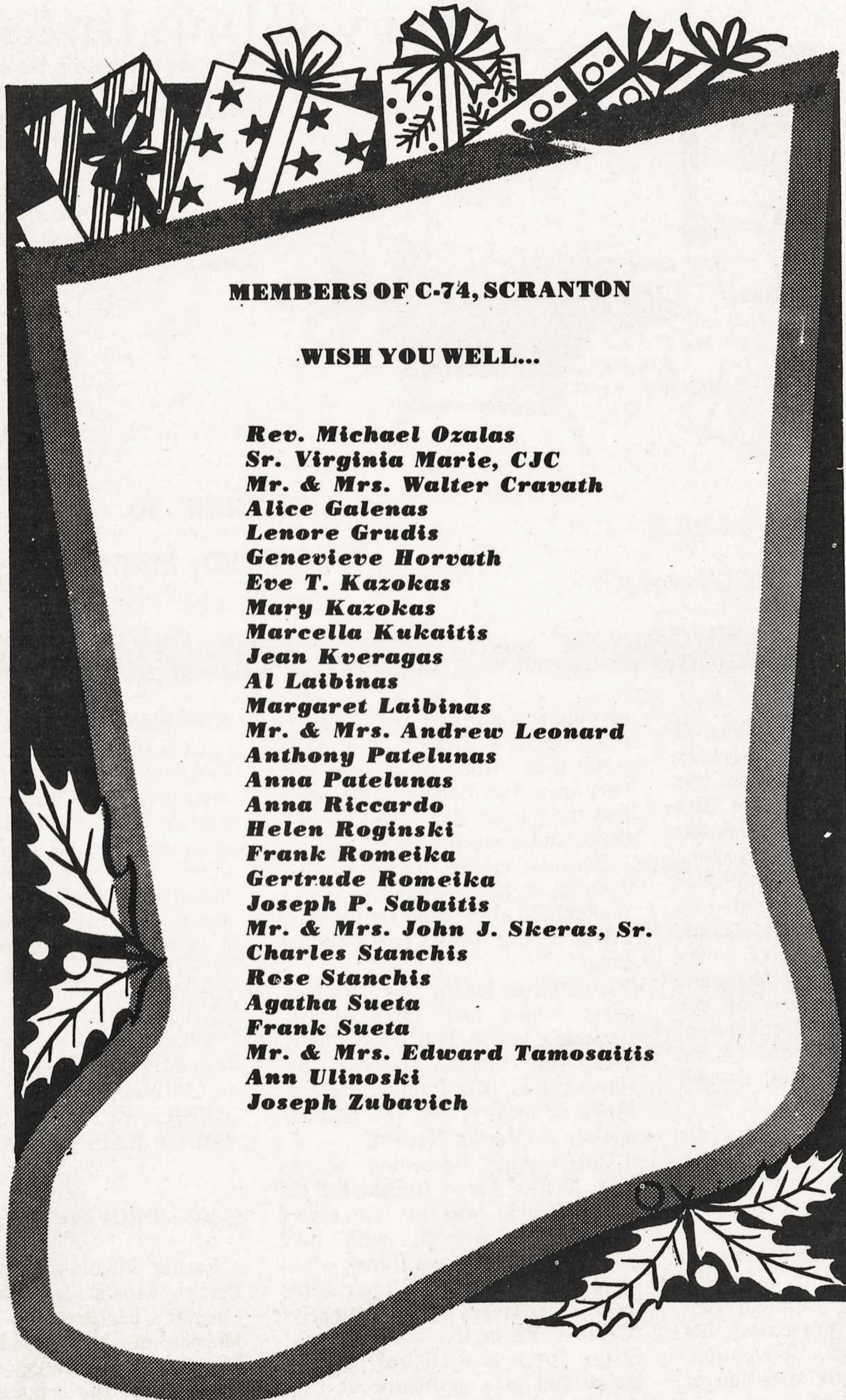
One more time we ask your indulgence for a show of immodesty: our Spiritual Director, Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC and our Board of Officers make up a fine team of leaders. They are proud of the Knights of Lithuania and their council and stand behind it in all their resources. Make a note that this group is worth supporting, and make it a point to participate in all council efforts.

When it goes out to our K of L friends, a special meaning is added to the familiar phrase - A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A TRULY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dzūkelė

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Father Martinkus and John & Bertha Stoskus represented St. Casimir's parish at the Liturgy of Mission in the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. Religious activity charters for the coming year are



MEMBERS OF C-74, SCRANTON

WISH YOU WELL...

Rev. Michael Ozalas
Sr. Virginia Marie, CJC
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cravath
Alice Galenas
Lenore Grudis
Genevieve Horvath
Eve T. Kazokas
Mary Kazokas
Marcella Kukaitis
Jean Kveragas
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Margaret Laibinas
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Leonard
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Gertrude Romeika
Joseph P. Sabaitis
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Charles Stanchis
Rose Stanchis
Agatha Sueta
Frank Sueta
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tamosaitis
Ann Ulinoski
Joseph Zubavich

tion College with honors, majored in Foreign Languages, especially Russian. She will spend a year in Russia at the Anglo-American School, associated with the American Embassy in Leningrad, Russia. Enroute, she spent time in Paris, Amsterdam, Lubeck, Germany, Copenhagen, Denmark, Stockholm, Sweden, and Helsinki, Finland.

Many of our members took time out to spend time at the National Convention in Providence and came back with glowing reports of a wonderful time. Attending were Anne Miller, Helen Daltwas, Ruth Ciras, Trudy Zibinskas, the Ed Tamulevich's, Dottie Sinkavich, Rita Skamrock, and Tony Miner.
"Ramblina"

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Our "used but not abused" stand helped to raise over \$7100. at this year's two-day Parish Fair held June 6-7. The Fair was the biggest

and the best. Jack Tyson and Stan Twerian were two of the four co-chairmen. Members of the K of L were everywhere, setting up, working at stands and cleaning up after it was all over.

Congratulations to Lil & Don Poehailos who purchased their own home. Their new address is 20 Lawton Terrace. Don ran for his third term as City Treasurer in November. Alderman John Sabulis did not run for any elective office in November. John can now whistle "Time on my hands".

Ann & Al Barauskas and Ruth & Jack Tyson left their hearts in San Francisco and their money in Las Vegas and are happy to be home after their trip. They left Ansonia July 26 and returned Aug. 9. Welcome home, folks.

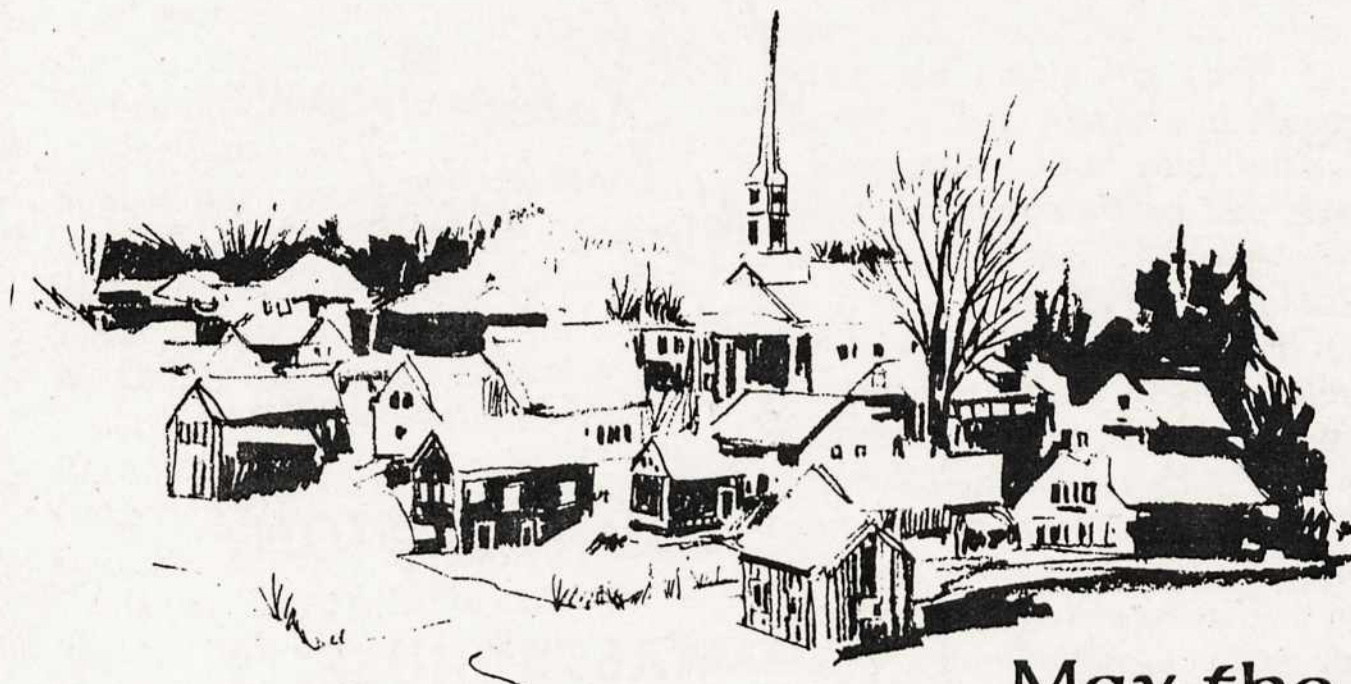
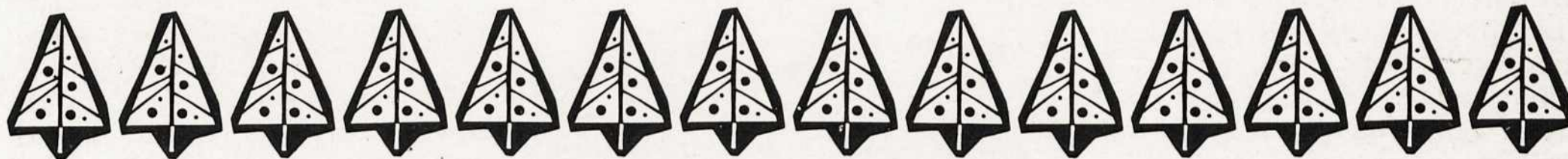
Father Clement Kasinskas visited Ansonia on July 28. After checking his bag at the Police Station he walked to the North End. He visited his mother, brothers and sisters and friends.

He paid a visit to Father Ray and, it being Thursday and Bingo night, he dropped in to say hello to everyone, then left for parts unknown. Good luck, Father Clem, wherever you may be.

Having been sick, but well again, are Violet Brazitis and Walter Stachowicz. Welcome back!

On Sept. 11 our council held a Communion Brunch after the 10:30 A.M. Mass. The committee in charge, chaired by Millie Stachowicz, included Ann & Al Barauskas, Lil & Stan Twerian, Albert Shurkis, Lillian Chaplik, Nellie Uskevich, Dorothy Martin and Lillian Norwid. Highlighting the well attended Brunch was the installation of five new members. Installed by Father Ray were Ann Kabilis, Carol Bujanauskas, Lorraine Kapinos, Christine & William Slushinski.

Helen Chepulis, our delegate to the National Convention held in Providence in August gave a detailed report of events, day by day.



May the Peace and Joy of

CHRISTMAS

COUNCIL 74
Scranton, Pa.

be with you today and always



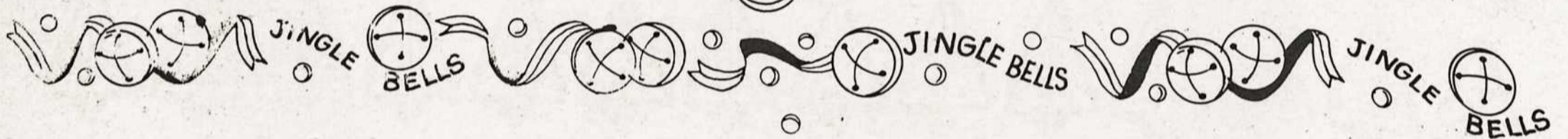
**WARMEST CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS
AND SINCERE WISHES
FOR A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**COUNCIL 7
WATERBURY, CONN.**

**THE
COUNCIL
3 of
PHILADELPHIA**



**"GOOD GUYS" WISH
ALL KNIGHTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES A
JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
AND A
PROSPEROUS 1978!
LINKSMŪ ŠVENČIŲ
VISIEMS!**



*All Best Wishes for Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

**COUNCIL 12
MANHATTAN, NEW YORK**

*Linksmu
Kalėdu Švenčiu,
Laimingu
Nauju Metu!*

**COUNCIL-17 SENIORS
SOUTH BOSTON,
MASSACHUSETTS**





LINKIME VISIEMS LINKSMU.
ŠV. KALĒDU IR SVEIKU
LAIMINGŲ METU.

HELEN T. SHIELDS

Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų
ir
Laimingų Naujų Metų

**"ONA"
ANNA KLIZAS
WARGO
C-144**



Her report ended with the statement that she was presented with a certificate stating that C-135 Ansonia, Conn. placed first in 100% paid-up membership in the second category (50 to 99 members). Our dues have to be paid sooner or later, so why not on time, and we could win a certificate every year! Congratulations to every member of our great council.

At the September meeting our council voted to donate \$500. to the Parish Improvement Fund.

Anyone wishing to write to Eva Yurevich may do so using this address: Prospect Restorative Health Center, Prospect, Conn. 06713.

A special Bingo sponsored by the council and chaired by Lil Twerian was held on Nov. 19.

Elections were held at our September meeting: Pres. Anthony Chepulis, Vice Pres. Mildred Stachowicz, Secy. Ann Barauskas, Treas. Mildred Driznus, Fin. Secy. & Public Relations Stanley A. Twerian, Ritual Chrmn. Alfonse Barauskas, Sgt-at-Arms Nellis Uskevich, Historian Ann Sabulis, Cultural Chrmn. Lillian Twerian. Trustees: 1 year, Lillian chaplik; 2 years, Ruth Tyson; 3 years, Leon Barauskas.

Remember, our meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. the first Wednesday of every month, in the church hall. Refreshments served after every meeting.

Eva, we love you.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

After a period of inactivity, our members gathered together for a council meeting in October at the home of Starsy & Al Wesey. It was a pleasure to walk through the array of beautiful fall flowers which do credit to their Great Neck Garden Center and Nursery.

Elections were held with the following members on the Executive Board: Pres. Al Wesey, Secy. Jo Zukas, Fin. Secy. Joe Zukas, and Treas. Millie Rogers. We are pleased that Rev. Frank Bulovas, Pastor of Church of the Transfiguration, Maspeth, N.Y., will continue as our Spiritual Advisor. The business session was followed by refreshments, one of which was Starsy's homemade country style baked apple pie. Our thanks to our gracious hosts.

Star & Al Wesey spent Thanksgiving in Rumford, Me., Star's birthplace where family still resides. Two of their nieces from Rumford, Cindi and Barbi, spent the summer in Great Neck helping to "make life a little easier" at the

very busy Garden Center. Al had surgery at the beginning of the year, is now fully recovered, and will be flying to Miami and Sarasota, Fla. for 10 days in January with his golfing club. Upon his return, both Star & Al will be winging their way to California for a couple of weeks in February, visiting with Star's sisters. Hopefully, they'll get an opportunity to visit with our very-much-missed member, Anne Martens, who resides in Riverside and is very active with the Sr. Citizen's group, enjoying the various bus trips and socials. Anne and her sister Betty travel to Las Vegas quite a bit, and are very happy in their new environment.

Mary & Tony Kober returned from their trip to Lithuania with many lingering memories and beautiful gifts. They visited with relatives they have never seen, which was a most happy experience, but very sad as they had to say their good-bye's. They spent some time of their summer vacation at the Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Me., where they met K of L acquaintances, Eugenia Karpus of Brooklyn, and Lottie Ulrich of Maspeth, N.Y.

The Zukas family spent a week in Wilmington, N.Y., with Janie and Joe horseback riding daily at the Paleface Dude Ranch, and another week at the Franciscan Monastery in Maine where the atmosphere was much more relaxed. Janie continues to win ribbons at the local horse shows. In



A Joyous Christmas

Mid-Atlantic District

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COUNCIL 140
SYRACUSE,
NEW YORK

**WISHES ALL
 OF YOU THE
 BEST OF THE
 HOLIDAY SEASON**

**REMEMBER
 UPSTATE IN '78**

Merry Christmas

and a very

*Happy
 New Year*

COUNCIL 143
SAINT CASIMIR'S
Pittston, Pennsylvania



C-140 - SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Our second St. Casimir's Mass at Transfiguration Church on Mar. 6 was well attended by both the Lithuanians and our Polish hosts. This year two Lithuanian hymns and two Polish hymns were sung. After Mass we had coffee and donuts and good fellowship in the church hall.

On May 1 our council sponsored a Mass at St. George's Lithuanian Church in Utica, N.Y. Most of our Syracuse membership attended along with a nice group from Amsterdam, in addition to our wonderful Utica hosts. Father Simeon Rukstalis, the Pastor, was celebrant. His sermon was inspirational and our singing was something to behold. It was a most beautiful Mass.

Following Mass, all enjoyed a wonderful reception in the church hall, thanks to the ladies of the parish. It was a fine example of

good old-fashioned Lithuanian hospitality. This was due to fine organizing by co-chairmen Anne Guentert and Della Marcaitis and their able husbands, Walter Guentert and Joe Marcaitis.

Our council picnic held in July had a fair turnout, as did the Baltic States picnic in September. However, those who did attend had a wonderful time.

John & Cassie Stanley have good reason to be proud. Their daughter Carol was named a softball All American. She also spent

some time in Peru teaching softball to the natives. We were pleased she received the nice write-up in a local paper.

Our council had a nice delegation at the Providence Convention. It was a good Convention with the Providence people working hard to keep all the delegates and guests happy. They deserve a big ačiū.

As most of you know, Syracuse will be the site of the 78 National Convention. Already we are working to give you the best Convention ever. Get it all together, and remember - Upstate in 78.

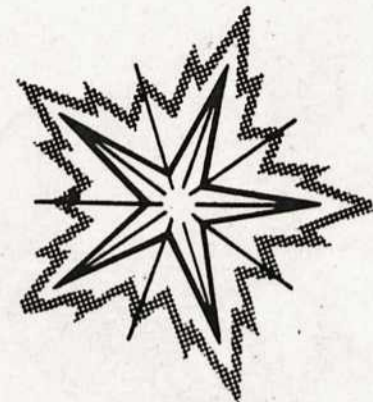
Welcome to the fold to the three Petrauskas girls, Theresa, Joan, and Cecilia. They are in college now, but will be very active come summer and "Upstate in 78". They will be a big help to our council.

Our parting thought is: "Next to faith in God is faith in labor, for without labor nothing prospers".

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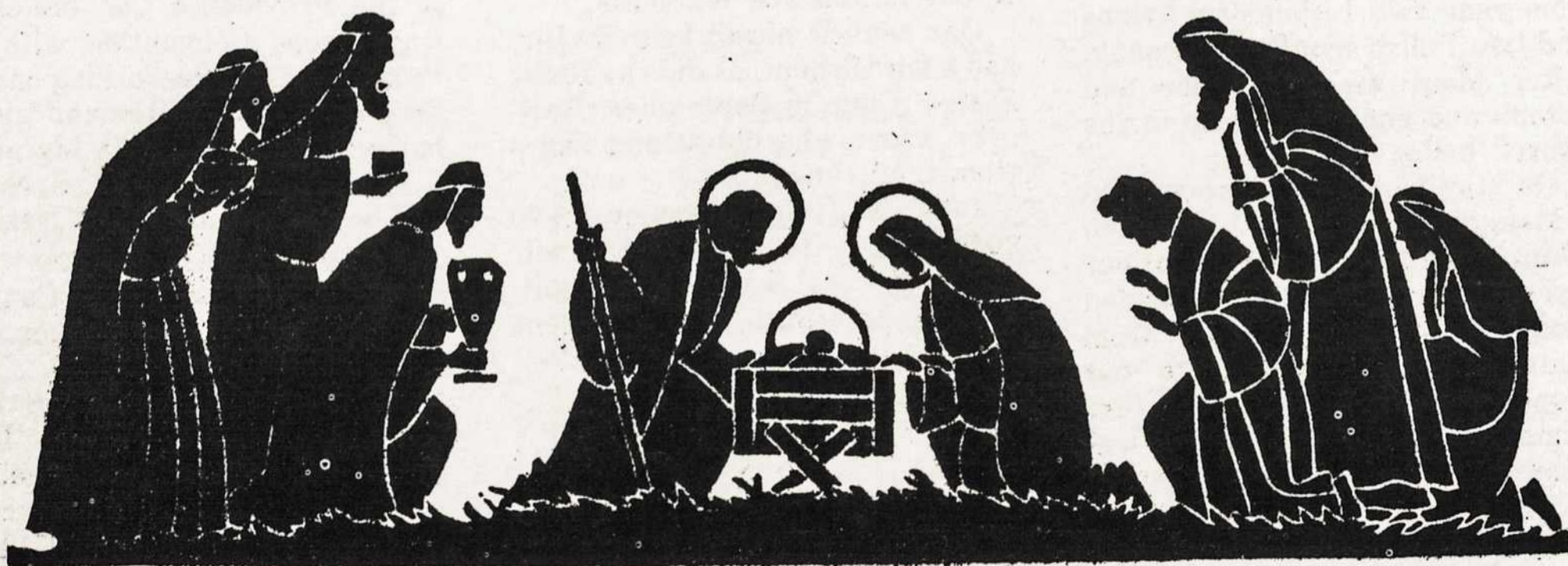
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**MAY THE CHRIST CHILD BESTOW HIS BLESSINGS
ON YOU AT CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT THE
NEW YEAR**

the latest registered show at the No. Shore Equestrian Center on the C.W. Post College Campus, Greenvale, L.I., she entered three events and the horse was pinned in each event. It was nice coming home with three ribbons. They continue to ride every Sunday, even through the winter.

Millie & Charlie Rogers vacationed at the Granite Hotel in the Catskills for a week with the Sr. Citizen's group of New Hyde Park. Charlie is kept busy bowling with the CYO and is also top bowler with the Sr. Citizens. We hope, by now, that they have become accustomed to their new puppy, Buttons. It just takes a little time and lots of patience!

Joan & Bill Bernatovich and family spent a week in August at the Riding Hi Ranch in the Adirondacks. Rita won the children's talent contest while vacationing there, and little Billy was purposely not entered in the masquerade contest this year, because he invariably wins every time!

We have lost some dear friends during the year. We extend our sincere sympathies to Mary Kober and Jo Zukas on the death of their beloved dad, Paul Rusas, and to Millie Rogers on the loss of her brother, Tony Nekunas. We also extend condolences to former members Amelia Karazia on the loss of her mother, Amelia Kens, and to Stanley Bukunt on the loss of his mom. Please remember them in your prayers.

A postcard from London, England was received from former

members, Lou Ann & Phil Rutha, who were vacationing in Europe. We very much regret their resignation. Lou Ann was our treasurer for many years, and we want to especially thank her for her conscientious service to the council. They both are fine people, and we will miss them.

A very Merry Christmas and joyful New Year is sent to all our K of L friends.

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

We had a fairly good turnout for the Sept. 11 meeting at Our Lady of Vilna Church hall. Scheduled nominations of new council officers hardly got off the ground. It wasn't that replacements were not available, rather, it was the incumbents did such a great job all year long that no one wanted to break up a winning team. Kudos to Pres.



C-12 - New York - Member Julia Gomes in Leningrad, Russia

Helen Matthews, Treas. Millie Pietz and Secy. Helen Yurkus.

Mary York gave an excellent account of National Convention activities last August in Providence, R.I. Between her graphic description of all highlights, and the recording that Larry Janonis played for us, we had the next best thing to being there ourselves. Many thanks to both of these hard workers.

Our Julia Gomes regretted missing this Convention. She and her group were touring Lithuania at the time. As usual the native reception given visiting Americans at the Vilnius airport was emotional and heart-warming. Julia reported that Kaunas, Trakai, along with Moscow, Leningrad and Helsinki were visited, not necessarily in that order.

One of the interesting facets of the tour was that some mighty young third generation Americans were very interested in the picturesque land of their ancestors. Some pledged to enroll and take courses in the study of the Lithuanian language, in Lithuania, if possible.

There was a busload of C-12 members and friends who attended the annual Lithuania Day celebration at Lakewood Park in Pennsylvania. While the weather didn't cooperate to any great extent, reports from the revelers were very favorable. Comment from returnees was identical and enthusiastic. They all look forward to attending festivities there next summer.

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FRANK VASKAS
Hon. Member
C-29

**Linksmų Kalėdų
Visiems Vyčlams!**

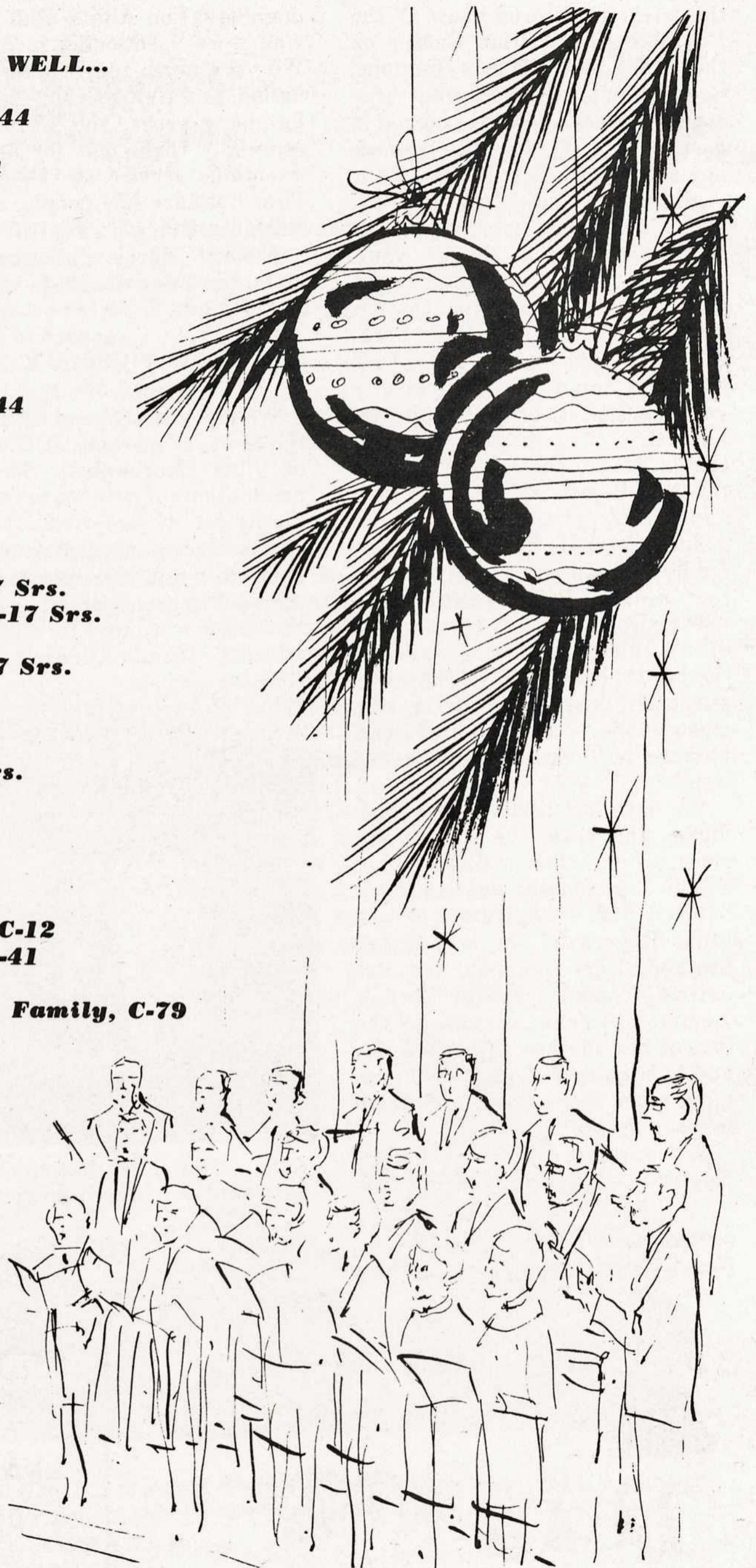
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COUNCIL - 90



WISHING YOU WELL...

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Julia Gomes, C-12
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Joseph and Beatrice Remeika, C-12
Joseph and Sophie Shevelski, C-41
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Panavas & Family, C-79
Magdalena Smailis, C-79
Joseph A. Ryan, C-96
Isabel Latos, C-96
Eva M. Migonis, C-142





MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

Put aside the trials and tribulations from allergies and puffy eyes, the fall season is the brightest of them all!

Sept. 7 was our first meeting of the fall season. Our MCD representative, Frank Zager, gave an interesting and productive analysis of the National Convention in Providence. Other delegates, Pres. M. Smailis, V. Chepelonis, B. Janus, H. Tucker and S. Zager, added various good "sprinkles" of social and business activities.

There are still memorable Convention events in Providence that keep popping in our minds. One such attraction which deems mentioning in this column was a side

trip to Newport. Although dreary, wet weather prevented a bus group from enjoying its sights to the fullest, some delegates went "on their own" the next day to visit Newport, the natural beauty and the rocky Atlantic shores that reach back and up to monstrous-sized homes, palaces in some instances. They were summer residences "or what they called cottages" of America's earlier aristocracy. The area is tooled to a historical, social and cultural gallery. The late President John F. Kennedy and his wife and family were residents of Newport, where President Kennedy is said to have thought over national issues. There are 16 mansions on the premises, each furnished with ornate artifacts. Some have been abandoned by the younger generation. However, a few, like Doris Duke, still live and maintain their residence there.

Newport continues to be a big tourist attraction filled with quaint antique shops and gift stores. Big sailing events take place in August. And it's just a nice place to browse around and enjoy the ocean view.

Betty Petroski made her home in Newport for 5 years while husband Frank was stationed

there with the Navy during World War II. She typifies her feelings best "that it was the 5 most memorable years of my life".

Although Elizabeth Paurazas was unable to attend the Nat'l Convention in Providence, her loyalty and dedication is a point of proof when she gave up an invitation to attend the National Governor's Conference, the first ever for Detroit, and, indeed, selected to attend our council meeting on Sept. 7. It was very much appreciated, Elizabeth!

Labai Ačiū to our hosts, Jeanne & Joe Yakstys, who served us some delicacies following the meeting.

Some of the members took a break from the usual grind and went traveling. The lure of the Swiss Alps enhanced the trip for Lucille & Leo Smilgis during their 3-week trip to Europe. Vicki Chepelonis had an enjoyable visit with her two aunts in Lithuania, where a family reunion took place for the first time of cousins, nephews, nieces and other relatives. She came back tired but full of fond memories and lovely amber. Another globe-trotter, Mike Vale, visited his aunt in Lithuania, and then on to California to see his daughter,



C-79 Southfield, Mich. - Delegates at Saturday Nite Banquet during National Convention



C-79 - Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, Pastor of Divine Providence being presented with 4th Degree award during Nat'l Convention Mass. Convention Chairman, John Stoskus, assisting. Marge Nashlon also received her 4th Degree.



Peace On Earth

May all men be blessed by the just and lasting peace that was the joyous promise of that first Christmas. It is our most sincere wish that the Day will be a happy and holy one filling every heart and home with love and contentment.

**OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE**

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT



**MES DŽIAUGIAMĖS MINĖDAMI KŪDIKĖLIO GIMIMĄ
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- C-96 Jrs. Dayton, Ohio**
- C-102 Detroit, Michigan**
- C-111 Srs. Youngstown, Ohio**
- C-134 Cincinnati, Ohio**
- C-139 Detroit, Michigan**





**BEST WISHES FOR A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS**

Jeanne and Larry Janonis

Council 12 — New York



Toni. Helen Tucker participated in a family reunion at Cook Forest, Penn., where 84 members of her clan joined in for a picnic. Good food, of course, was the order of the day.

A "red carpet" flavor was captured when we attended the MCD Meeting and Pilgrimage, hosted by C-96 in Dayton, on Oct. 1-2. The delegates for our council were Pres. Magdalena Smailis, Vicki Chepelonis, Bertha Janus, Ruth Grasha, Frank & Sophie Zager and Ona Walls. Our delegates had personal warm feelings towards the host council and their committee for their tremendous task of a combined pilgrimage and district meeting, and the cordial welcome rendered to all. Fran Petkus and Eloise Berczelly made sure that everything worked. The Jrs. of C-96 made a super supper for Saturday eve. A delicious meal of various Lithuanian food graced a Hot Buffet Fete, following Sunday Mass. The Memorial Services for all the deceased members of the district were commemorative and touching. Father Walter Katarskis was a most congenial host. Labai ačiū to everyone for the excellent hospitality.

We hope Betty Petroski is pretty well "on her feet" by now, following major surgery in September.

Bright news at the Gogelis household when Kazys (Charlie)

and his sister, Ona Gogelytė, were reunited after 35 years of separation. Her arrival from Lithuania on Sept. 22 was welcomed by Estelle and their daughter, Vida Ann. The trip was highlighted when on Oct. 9, another brother, Veto, whom Ona hasn't seen in over 30 years, flew in from Argentina to the Gogelis home for a happy reunion. There was a lot of catching up in the "Family News Dept.", as well as visiting friends and others in the area.

Sveikiname visus Vyčius su Linksmomis Šv. Kalėdomis ir Sveikais, Laimingais Naujais metais.

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Our annual visit to pay tribute to the deceased of our council was held on Sept. 11. The 8 A.M. Mass was dedicated to all Knights, living and deceased. After a light breakfast the members headed for the cemetery to place flowers and say prayers at each member's grave. The day came to a close with our second family picnic of the season at Triangle Park. It was a perfect day and certainly one that made you feel good to be an active Knight.

Congratulations to Chris Mantz who chaired a most successful "Happy Times Polka Dance" on Sept. 25. Music was supplied by the Happy Times Polka Band of

Napoleon, Oh. who had everyone up and dancing. Chris' committee, Co-Chrm Charles Petkus, Pat & Sue Smiley, Barbara Goecke, Eleanor Mantz, are also thanked for the time and effort they put into making the dance the success it was. Pitching in with last minute details were Joe Mantz, Eloise & John A. Berczelly, Sarah & Fran Petkus.

Dayton had the honor and pleasure of hosting the MCD Annual Pilgrimage & Fall Convention. The weekend began with the 2 P.M. District session held on Oct. 1 in the Holy Cross Church hall. The meeting was certainly a busy one with many ideas brought up from the 1977 Nat'l Convention. The session, after all business was covered, concluded with election of officers. To our outgoing officers, we thank them for leading us through the 1976-77 term. To the new officers, we wish them success in the year ahead.

In the evening a hot buffet dinner, with lots to eat, was served by our council's Social Committee comprised of Judy Petrokas, Rita Ambrose and Joyce Berczelly. Their helpers were John A. Berczelly and Harley Karns. Music was supplied by Cecelia Lisankis.

Sunday morning, delegates and guests attended the 12 Noon Mass in a body. Following Mass, Father Walter Katarskis was presented with his well-earned Fourth De-

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IR NAUJUŲ 1978 METŲ**

**WISHING YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS
THIS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AND
A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR — 1978**



ANNIE MITCHELL MATULEVIČIUTE
Honorary Member
C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.

*Christmas
Greetings*



**Saint
Anthony
Savings**

JOSEPH F. GRIBASKAS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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gree award. Presentation was made by two members of the Supreme Ritual Comm., Fran Petkus and Sophie Zager. The swearing-in of new officers then took place. The pilgrimage began with prayers for all deceased Lithuanians at the Shrine of the Three Crosses. Upon returning to church, among the hymns sung were those Fr. Jurgelaitis translated into Lithuanian and had introduced at the Nat'l Conv. Following supplications, candles were lit for each deceased member in the district. After Benediction Blessing, everyone proceeded to the Communion Rail for Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross. In closing the Pilgrimage, Elinor Sluzas delivered a very moving homily, a transcript of which will be published in the Vytis.

Closing out the weekend was a hot buffet lunch 'whipped up' by Co-Chrm Eloise Berczelly and Fran Petkus. They were very capably

assisted by Bea Noreikas, Elinor Sluzas, Mary Lucas, Eleanor & Chris Mantz. Joe Mantz and Rick Noreikas were our faithful helpers manning the refreshment bar the entire weekend.

To all delegates and guests who came in from Cleveland, Detroit and Pittsburgh, we thank you. With all of you and our local members participating, the weekend was a very meaningful one. Ačiū Labai!

Congratulations to our council members who were elected to the MCD Board: Fr. Walter Katarskis, Spiritual Adv.; Aldona Ryan, Pres.; Ada Sinkwitz, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Eloise Berczelly, Rec. Sec'y; Eleanor Mantz, Vytis & Public Rel.; Mary Lucas, Cultural.

A warm welcome to our newest member, Patrick Smiley, and to George & Kathy Janky who re-joined. Pat fulfilled his obligation for the First Degree

gratulations too, to Elinor Sluzas. After 25 years of faithful service for Yeck Brothers, their gift to Elinor was a full paid trip to Lithuania!

Get well wishes are sent to Ruth Walusis, Alice Petkus, Charles Vangas. Good to see Ernie Omlor and Tony Preidis doing well after their recent health problems. Our council president and HM, Mary Lucas, had had her activities curtailed for a while. Stay well, as we have too much to do for anyone to be ill!

Congratulations to the Knights who are on the Parish Lithuanian Cultural Board - Aldona Ryan, Joe Gecas, Al & Albina Wallis, Joe Ryan, and Mary Lucas.

Judy Petrokas has not only kept the 'Vėjeliai Dancers' busy this past summer but she took time out to instruct the Miami Valley Folk Dancer's Guild in the Šustas and Subtin. Congratulations to Stan & Ida Kavy, proud grandparents of

twins.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Sue Noreikas on the sudden loss of her father, Joseph Zimmerman. May his soul rest in peace.

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

At the September meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the 1977-78 term: Pres. Frank Zapolis C-36; 1st Vice Pres. in charge of Juniors Ann Marie Kassel C-36; 2nd Vice Pres. (Membership) Sabina Klatt C-36; 3rd Vice Pres. (Seniors) Juozas Laurinaitis Chgo. Srs; Secretaries Irene Sankus C-112 and Mildred Jagiella

C-82; Treas. Emily Petraitis C-112; Trustees Vincent Samaska C-36 and Harry Petraitis C-112; Sgts-at-Arms Jerome Jankus C-36, Edward Krivickas C-112, Antanas Sereika C-112, and Antanas Jonutis Chgo. Srs.

Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas was unanimously approved to continue as the IID Spiritual Advisor, and former IID Pres. Algerd Brazis will serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The officers or their proxies were sworn into office by Honorary Member Eleanore Laurin.

President Zapolis will announce the appointment of his committee heads at the next IID business meeting which will be held on Dec. 12, K of L Bldg.

The "Burn the Mortgage" Fund Drive, under the direction of the IID officers, the K of L Bldg. Trustees and managers, and the contributions of C-36, C-112 and the Chicago Seniors, is rapidly approaching the final goal.

Belated congratulations to

Lucille Kilkus of C-36 on receiving her Fourth Degree at the National Convention and to Junior Conventionship winners - Paul Strolia, Rita Zakarka, Georgi Kassel and John Paul Kilkus.

The Choir Officers and members expressed their appreciation to Kay Pauliokaitis of Ventura, Calif. for her generous contribution. Kay so enjoyed listening to and receiving a copy of the latest choir recording that she donated \$200. to the group.

Choir Pres. Estelle Rogers reminds us their Annual Benefit Dinner-Dance will be held on Jan. 21, Pakstas Hall.

The Membership Drive results were announced at the Sept. IID Business Meeting. Winner of the 1st prize of \$50. donated by Richard Shlaustas of the Diamond-head Restaurant was Sabina Klatt of C-36; 2nd prize of \$25. donated by Peter Bieliunas was awarded to Estelle Rogers of C-112; and 3rd prize of \$10. donated by John Hansen was won by Valerie Jur-



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**ANTONINE & JONAS
ADOMENAS
Council 110**



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**SAINT CASIMIR'S CHURCH
Saint Clair, Pa.**

**REV. ALGIMANTAS BARTKUS,
Pastor**



A VERY MERRY

CHRISTMAS

FROM CHICAGO



Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, C-112
Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas, C-112
Lucille/John Paul Kilkus, C-36
Sabina/Hank Klatt, C-36
Monica Kasper, C-112
Helen (C-36) & Algis (C-112) Skudra
Terry/Faustas Strolia, C-36
Juozas Laurinaitis, Chgo. Srs.
Jerome Jankus, C-36
Vince Samaska, C-36
Lorraine (C-112) & Frank (C-36) Svelnis
Valeria/Joseph Stanaitis, Chgo. Srs.
Irene Sankus, C-112
Ann Marie/Georgi Kassel, C-36
Algerd/Aldona Brazis, C-112
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Eleanore Laurin, C-112
Estelle Rogers, C-112
Peggy Zakaras, Chgo. Srs.
Anthony/Stephanie Jonutis, Chgo. Srs.
Gerry Mack, C-112
Sophie Nieminski, C-112
Paul Binkis, C-112
Al/Ruth Dagis, C-112
Al/Julie Zakarka, C-112
Dolores Wainauskis, C-112
Edward S. Krivickas, C-112
Frank/Eleanor Zapolis, C-36

gaitis and Anele Pocius, both of C-112.

K of L ladies and their friends joined the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club for their Annual Fashion Show held at the Lexington House.

K of L representatives at the ALTAS (American Lithuanian Council) Congress were Alexander Pakalniskis Sr., Ann Marie Kassel, Irene Sankus, and Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas. The event was held at the Sheraton-Towers Hotel. Many other K of L members were in attendance as representatives of other organizations.

Priesthood congratulations to all of our priests especially our IID Advisor, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, on his 36th anniversary.

Fifty year congratulations to our own Honorary Member, his Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of priesthood. Several commemorative events were held and members of the K of L were prominent in attendance and in active participation.

As usual, IID members attended various Lithuanian and civic functions. Among the most recent participation in the Baltic Human Rights Rally in Washington, D.C., and the 50th Anniversary Banquet of the KORP! Giedra.

Date To Remember! "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet, February 5, Martinique Grand Ballroom. Award Recipient - Algerd Brazis for his efforts on behalf of Lithuanian culture and music.

From all of the members of the Illinois-Indiana District to all of our K of L friends throughout the country - A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous K of L New Year!

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Congratulations to outgoing Pres. Alexander Mockus and his corps of officers on a most successful K of L year. To newly-elected Pres. Albert Zakarka - our best wishes for a productive and financially successful year.

Elected to serve with our President: V.P. Albert Dagus, Rec. Secy. Sophie Nieminski, Treas. Monica Kasper, Fin. Secy. Alice Cekanor, Corres. Secy. Bernadine Rogers, Trustees Albert Cekanor & Paul Binkis, and Sgts-at-Arms Louis Rogers & Edward Krivickas.

Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas will again serve as our council's Spiritual Advisor.

In order to plan council activities for the coming year, the new officers met at the Zakarka home for the October Board Meeting. As usual, Julie's refreshments were most unusual and delicious.

Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Simutis attended a symposium in Oslo, Norway. Following their business meetings, they traveled to Holland, Denmark and other countries before returning to their jobs. Lenny is a music professor at Chicago State University and Zita teaches in the Midlothian school system.

Congratulations to Casimir "Casey" Oksas who was named GOP Ethnic Man of the Year and received an award at a banquet held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Blackstone Hotel. In addition to Casey's activities with the Republican organization, he is a Vice Pres. of Mutual Savings & Loan and is an active participant or officer in many Lithuanian organizations.

Our Oktoberfest Party was held at the K of L Bldg. and everyone enjoyed the music of Wally Tenclinger & the Casuals. Chairlady Gerrie Mockus extended her appreciation: to her Bar Chairman Eddie Krivickas and his bartenders; to the beer dispensers Irene Rakaitis and Lorraine Svelnis; to kitchen organizers Julie Zakarka and Mrs. Joe Laurinaitis and their assistants; to waitresses Val Jurgaitis and Ruth Dagus; to door ladies Monica Kasper and Sophie Nieminski; to all the council members who assisted in any way; and to all who attended this most successful and fun evening.

In turn, the council extends a grateful "thank you" to Gerrie Mockus for her most capable chairmanship. She began working on the party and the raffle back in July and her efforts were very obvious in the decor and in the planning of the party.

Our annual council raffle, this year benefiting the K of L Bldg. Mortgage Fund Drive, was most successful due to the cooperation and participation of many persons. Main prize winner of a beautiful television set was new member Paul Binkis. Council appreciation to the donors John G. Evans, Donald Petkus, Richard Shlaustas, State Senator Frank Savickas, Andrew Yuknis, and to all other prize donors.

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C-112 Chicago members greet Mayor of Chicago, Michael Bilandic and his wife, Heather. (l to r) - John G. Evans, Algerd Brazis, Mayor & Mrs. Bilandic, Al Mockus, Irene Sankus, Julie Zakarka, Alderman Ken Jaksy, Gerry Mack and Al Kerelis. (Photo V. Noreika)

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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.

JANUARY

- 21 IID Choir's Annual Benefit Dinner & Dance, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

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.

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