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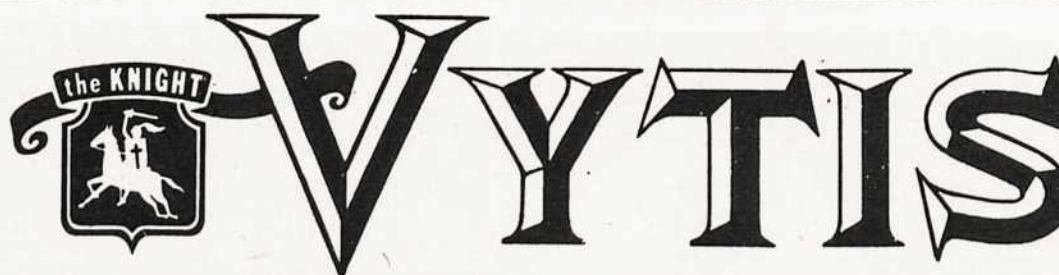
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CHARLES A. SALATKA, ARCHBISHOP OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Dec. 15, 1977, was a day of excitement and reverence for the Catholics of greater Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for on that day, they welcomed and installed their newly-appointed Archbishop, the second in their history. For Lithuanian Americans in Oklahoma City and elsewhere, and especially for members of the Knights of Lithuania, this was also a proud day of historic significance, for the new Archbishop, CHARLES A. SALATKA, is "one of their own", an American, born of Lithuanian parents and raised in the Lithuanian tradition. He is also an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania.

When Charles A. Salatka was consecrated Bishop in 1961, he became the first American born Lithuanian Bishop in the United States. (Bishop V. Brizgys of Chicago was born and consecrated Bishop in Lithuania, Bishop Martinkus of Cicero, now at the Vatican, was consecrated Bishop later). Now he holds the added distinction of being the first - and only - Lithuanian American Archbishop in the USA.

The new Archbishop's life of hardship, joy, achievement and service is summarized beautifully in the following excerpt from the "Sooner Catholic", Oklahoma City, Dec. 11, 1977. We quote:



Archbishop Salatka arrives at Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, Okla.

ARCHBISHOP SALATKA

A PORTRAIT OF THE MAN AND THE BISHOP

Charles Alexander Salatka was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Feb. 26, 1918. He was the third of five children born to Charles Anthony and Mary Balun Salatka. The parents were immigrants from Lithuania. They had come to America about the beginning of the 20th century.

The Salatka family lived out a typically American story. They retained, in good part, their Lithuanian heritage. Their neighborhood was populated by fellow Lithuanian-Americans. Their parish, Sts. Peter and Paul, was a national Lithuanian parish. At the same time that the Salatkas treasured their past, they felt another attraction — to be integrated into American life.

The life of the Salatkas family centered around the parish church. The children — Mary, Joseph, Charles, Elda, and John — were baptized, entered into the life of Catholic worship, received their formal elementary education, and participated in an endless round of parish-sponsored activities at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

The Salatka family was far from affluent. Mr. Salatka earned the family support as a veneer sander in Grand Rapids furniture factories. Added to the task of coping with a wholly different culture was the Great Depression which afflicted the economy during the elder Salatka's prime working years.

Charles ("Chuck" to his family and friends) attended elementary school at Sts. Peter and Paul. During the first years, he was under tutelage of the Dominican Sisters and in the upper elementary grades was taught by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God.

Chuck Salatka made his decision to enter the diocesan seminary following eighth grade graduation. He attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids during his high school and college years. For theological studies he traveled to Catholic University in Washington, D.C. While there he earned a master's degree.

February 24, 1945 was a very big day for the Salatka family — Charles was ordained a priest. His



Demonstrating their close ties, the Salatka family gathers around Bishop Salatka on the occasion of his consecration as bishop in 1962. From left, are Joseph Salatka, Mary Salatka (Mrs. Claude V. Meconis), Charles Salatka, nephew Charles Meconis and brother-in-law Claude V. Meconis.

first appointment was to the faculty of the Grand Rapids seminary. Then Bishop Francis Haas sent Father Salatka to Rome to seek a degree in canon law. In 1948, he received a licentiate from the Institute of Civil and Canon Law.

The next decade and a half were predictable years for the bright, hard working canon lawyer. Father Salatka joined the Grand Rapids' chancery office staff upon his return from Rome. In 1950, he was given the additional assignment of pastor at the small rural church of St. Michael at Coopersville. By 1954, he was named vice chancellor. In 1961 he became Bishop Allen Babcock's vicar general.

Pope John XXIII appointed Charles Salatka auxiliary bishop of Grand Rapids on Dec. 9, 1961. He was consecrated a bishop on March 6, 1962. At the

same time that he became auxiliary of Grand Rapids Bishop Salatka also assumed responsibility as pastor of a large urban parish, St. James in Grand Rapids.

On Jan. 10, 1968, the 49-year-old auxiliary of Grand Rapids was appointed Bishop of Marquette, Michigan by Pope Paul VI. He was installed in that office on March 25, 1968.

Almost a decade later, even as he was deeply and satisfyingly involved in his work as chief pastor of the Marquette Diocese, life took a completely unexpected turn for Bishop Salatka. Pope Paul VI asked him to transfer to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Announcement of the appointment was made on Oct. 11, 1977.

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INSTALLATION

To show their esteem of the man and his office of Bishop, the Knights of Lithuania elevated Bishop Charles Salatka to Honorary Membership in Detroit in 1962. To demonstrate his own esteem for the Knights of Lithuania, Archbishop Salatka invited Knights of Lithuania National President Anthony Miner to attend the Installation to Archbishop, and its associated dinner

and reception on Dec. 15, 1977 in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Miner attended, and had the distinction of being one of the few lay people included in the dinner at the Hilton Inn Northwest before the Installation, and sat with the Archbishop's family during the Installation at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Thus he was also privileged to receive Communion from the Archbishop

before the general Communion service.

At the Archbishop's request, the Installation Ceremony was simple and reverent, although attended by Cardinal Deardon of Detroit, over 50 Bishops, hundreds of priests, and a mass of laity. Three local TV stations and many newspapers covered the event.

In his sermon, Archbishop Salatka said, quoting from St

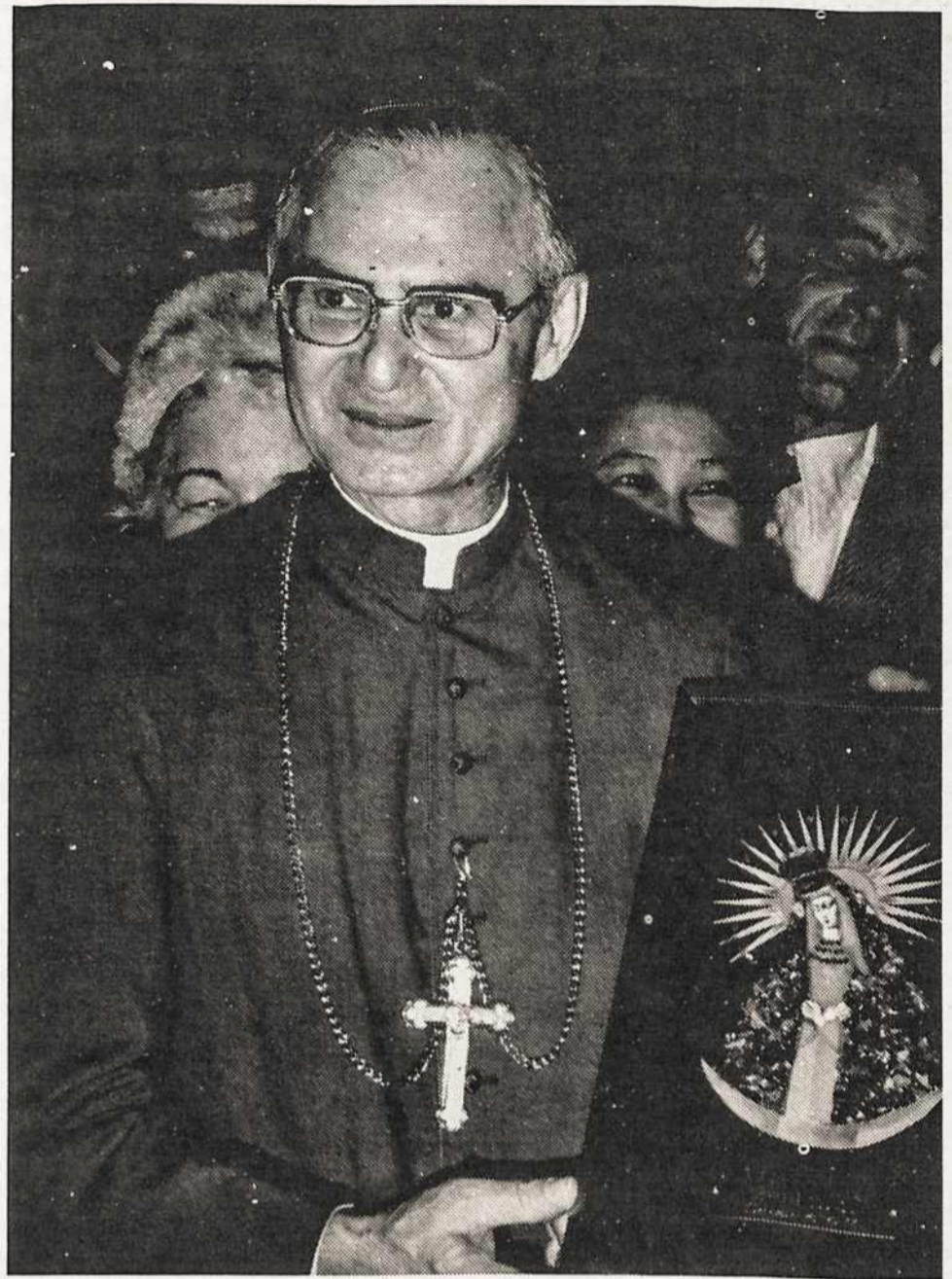
Augustine, "For you I am a Bishop, but with you, I am a Christian. The first is an offer to accept. The second is grace. One is a danger, the other is a guardian". He also said that his ministry to the flock would be three-fold - as a teacher, priest, and shepherd. "...As a teacher, I will proclaim the work of God patiently, consistently, and faithfully". His priestly function would be to "sustain and provide you the Sacraments". As a shepherd, his duty will be to "watch over you lovingly, to protect and to guide you".

After the Mass and Installation, there was a general reception at the Connor Center, where Anthony Miner presented the Archbishop with a token gift from the Knights of Lithuania, a replica of the painting of Our Lady of Vilnius, done in bits of amber and inscribed with the Knights of Lithuania name and the date. The Archbishop was very pleased with the gift. No other presentations were made.

It is noteworthy that the "Sooner Catholic", official organ of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, devoted the better part of an issue - and the "Oklahoma Journal" dedicated an entire section - to Arch-



At reception after Installation.



Archbishop Salatka proudly displays gift from Knights of Lithuania.

bishop Salatka. Both papers dwelled heavily on the Salatka family and their retention and appreciation of their Lithuanian heritage. The Journal also included a full page to a discussion of Lithuanian customs, the plight of Lithuania today, and the religiosity of the Lithuanian people, and quoted two other local priests, Rev. John Petuskey and Rev. James Mickus, also of Lithuanian descent, in a discussion of Lithuania.

Oklahoma City is indeed fortunate to have this holy, intelligent, diligent man as their Shepherd.

On behalf of all members of the Knights of Lithuania, we thank Archbishop Salatka for the rare opportunity to participate in such a historic event. We extend to him our sincerest congratulations on this high appointment and our fervent prayers for his continued success in the service of God. AD MULTOS ANNOS!

FEBRUARY 16...

A BITTER-SWEET ANNIVERSARY FOR LITHUANIANS

Rev. C. Pugevicius

On February 16, 1978, Lithuanian Communities throughout the Free World will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. The question has sometimes been posed as to the reason for celebrating the "Independence" of a country which is no longer, in fact, free. Independence, in the most widely accepted sense, represents the freedom of a nation to

determine its own destiny in the tide of world affairs. In a deeper, and more meaningful sense to us, perhaps, independence is a freedom of spirit, a movement in the hearts of men which transcends the political sphere, and reaches the very core of existence.

This spirit of independence exists in those believers in Lithuania today who are willing to risk

everything, so that the truth can be made known. The words of the 28th issue of the *CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA* reflect that special freedom. As we plan our local commemorations, it would serve us well to remember the daily struggle of those in Lithuania today who work to maintain that freedom of conscience which is the true meaning of independence.



LITHUANIAN CHRONICLE CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF THE "CHURCH OF THE CATACOMBS"

"The Catholic Church of Lithuania is working in two ways: publicly and secretly", reports the *CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA*.

The *CHRONICLE* is itself a clandestine newsletter published at great risk by members of the Lithuanian Catholic underground, and smuggled out to the free world. The latest issue has just reached this country. Dated June 29, 1977, it is the twenty-eighth issue in over five years, appearing despite elaborate efforts of the KGB to crush it. "Forced to operate entirely underground", the *CHRONICLE* reports, "are religious orders of men and women, young men secretly preparing for the priesthood, almost all teachers and various officials, who are afraid to be seen in church receiving the sacraments, lest they suffer for it."

"A good number of the priests even with official work permits are forced to function in catacomb fashion", the *CHRONICLE* con-

tinues, "preparing children for First Communion and Confirmation, visiting the sick in hospitals where the medical staff will not admit them, and witnessing the marriages of people with state jobs."

"The Catholic Church is functioning exclusively underground or semi-underground in wide areas of the Soviet Union. It can function because it ignores the restrictions imposed by the atheists. Such work is difficult, because it is

persecuted more vigorously by the atheists. However, it is difficult to suppress when it is properly organized".

"The Church operating legitimately out in the open can be annihilated at any moment by the atheists, who can close down the churches and arrest the bishops and priests. However, it is very difficult for them to overcome the 'Church of the Catacombs', since they cannot keep up with its activities."

"The Church of the Catacombs does not interfere with the Church operating overtly, it does not try to undermine its authority or to divide it, but tries in every way possible to complement its work..."

"The government is quite displeased by activities of the Church of the Catacombs, because it cannot control them. While the overtly operating Church has certain privileges, the Church of the Catacombs is persecuted. Priests and religious working covertly are termed agents of the



Vatican or foreign spies.

"The very ones who make such accusations know they are not true. The Church of the Catacombs is not preparing any uprising, or revolt against the Soviet system...

"A serious pastoral error was committed by not preparing the bishops, priests and faithful of Lithuania in time juridically or pastorally for pastoral work in catacomb conditions.

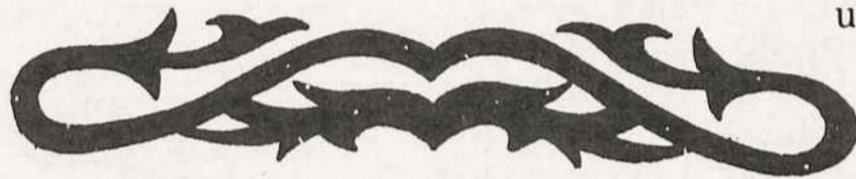
"The more freedom of religion

increases, the less significance will the Church of the Catacombs have. The greater the persecution, the more will the Church be forced to burrow more deeply into the catacombs, and the greater will be its importance.

"With these facts in mind, we trust that our brother Lithuanians abroad, and the bishops and faithful of the whole world will help us to preserve the Catholic Faith, by their prayers and sacrifices; and

that by all means at their disposal, they will defend us against persecution".

"We hope that they will make the best possible use of Catholic media of information, and media in the hands of other people of good will. We hope that they will make every effort to see that the hierarchy of the Catholic Church assists not only the Church operating on the surface in Lithuania, but also the Church working under catacomb conditions".



Laiškas Tėvynei



Ačiū už laišką, močiute tėvyne,
Džiaugiuos, kad dar šiaip taip laikais,
Turėki viltį - ateis gadyne
Lietuviai vaikščios laisvais takais.

Rašai, kad tau daug ko trūksta,
Mašinų, maisto, butų gerų,
Sakai, kad nėra gražiojo kaimo,
Ir neberasčiau tėvo namų.

Rašai, - pasiilgai manęs ir Algio,
Birutės, Petro ir Onos,
Labai norėtum dar išvyst trispalvę,
Ir, kad nemėgsti raudonos spalvos.

Norėtum, kad tavo vaikai, galėtų
Keliauti laisvai, po visus kraštus,
Kad būtų dori ir sąžiningi,
Dažnai lankytų, Dievo namus.

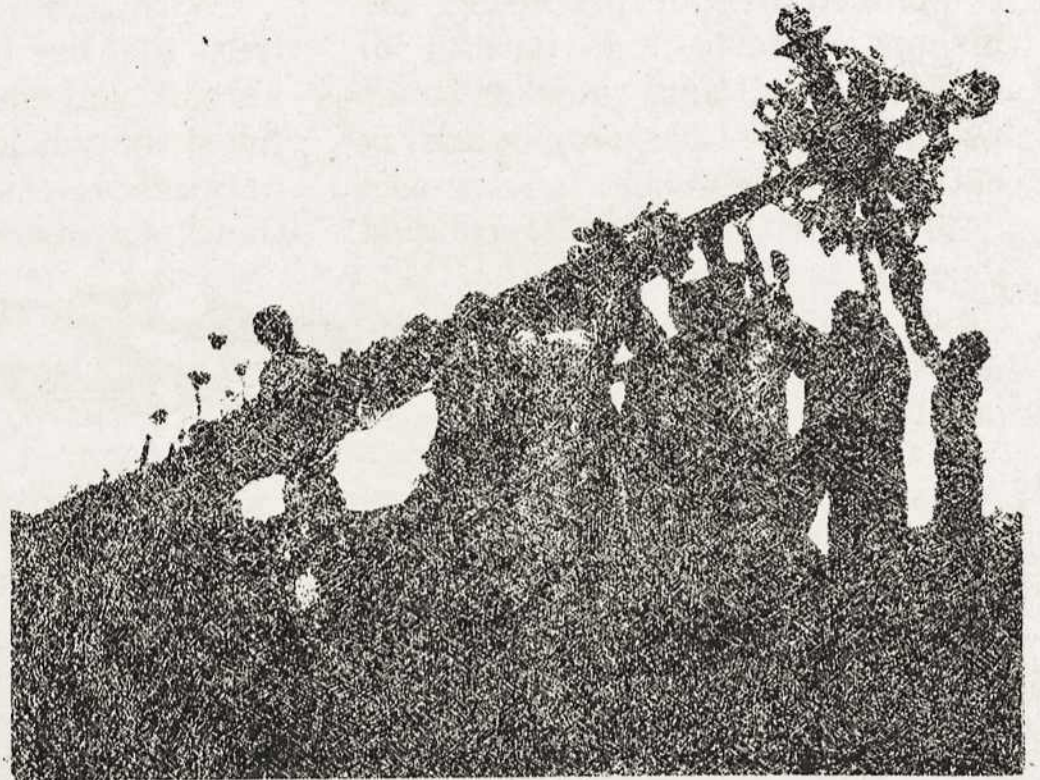
Tikėk manim, mano brangioji,
Būk stipri, sveika, - nesusilenk,
Nušvis gražus, laisvas rytojus,
Tik gerai laikykis ir ilgai gyvenk.

Vytė Opolonija Žiaušienė

LITHUANIA'S FRIENDS... AND THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The spirit of independence will not be extinguished in the hearts of those denied their just freedom and basic rights as long as there are statesmen in the free world willing to take a firm stand AGAINST the forces effecting those denials. During the recent meeting in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, called to discuss the Helsinki Final Act, many Americans rose up to affirm their commitment to the Human Rights provisions of the Act, and to demand the right of self-determination for all peoples, including Lithuania and the other Baltic States.

One such notable American was Sen. Robert Dole. We print his remarks, made in Belgrade on Nov. 25, 1977, as an outstanding example of the commitment of the American people to the right of Lithuania and other captive nations to their rights and independence, and a fitting tribute to the 60th Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence, which we celebrate February 16, 1978.



Mr. Chairman:

I wish to extend my gratitude to the Government of Yugoslavia for the excellent job they have done in hosting this historic meeting. Although my duties in the Senate of the United States have prevented me from spending as much time here in Belgrade as I would have liked, I, along with my colleagues in the Congress, have followed these proceedings very closely and with great interest. The Chairman of my delegation, Ambassador Goldberg, has articulated the views of our Government and our people on many occasions during this meeting in a frank and forthright manner. He has expressed the particular concerns of our country that the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Final Act be implemented and observed. In doing so, he speaks for all Americans.

My delegation, however, is not only concerned with the human rights provisions of the Final Act. We are dedicated to the fulfillment of all its provisions. Quite frankly, great doubts were expressed by many Americans about the Final Act at the time it was signed in August of 1975. It was not all some Americans wanted and more than others cared for. President Ford was criticized for his participation at Helsinki and the Final Act was a matter of some contention in last year's presidential election. I do know this very well, since I was his running mate.

To his credit, President Carter not only continued, but personally strengthened America's commitment to implement the Final Act. Just last week, Vice President Mondale reaffirmed this resolve. American commitment to the implementation of the Final Act is across the board, it is strong, it is bipartisan.

Mr. Chairman, I am sure that whatever is accomplished here will be the result of compromise and cooperation. It is significant, however, to note that whatever the end results, there has been a review of the Final Act and there is a consensus for additional meetings. This, in itself, is progress — painfully slow as it may be.

POLITICS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Without a doubt, it is popular, politically speaking, to pursue the quest for human rights. In most cases, it is also highly appropriate. Some, of course, would have you believe they discovered the dignity of man, while others are quick to condemn but slow to self-examine.

Ambassador Goldberg and other United States delegates have been specific and to the point. They have properly stated our case. Therefore, it is not my purpose to confront, or posture, or pound anyone over the head. Specific "human rights" cases which have been called to my attention have been passed on

to appropriate officials. I shall hope for expeditious handling and favorable disposition. My delegation does not seek to confront but to cooperate and we do not seek to confuse but to clarify and not to weaken but to strengthen.

A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

We are a nation of immigrants, people who have come from all over the world to participate in the promise of America. Most of our population come from European backgrounds. They have cultural and ethnic identity with most of the participating states in this meeting. They actively maintain their interest in their heritage and in their former homelands.

They express their interest through associations and organizations throughout America. For example, I have met with representatives of organizations such as the National Confederation of American Ethnic Groups, The Czechoslovak National Council of America, The Congress of Russian Americans, The Polish American Congress, The Hungarian Organization in North America, The Ukrainian National Association and The Joint Baltic American National Committee — and many others. They have expressed their concern not only about the human rights provisions of Basket III and Principle VII, but also about the right of self-determination of all peoples.

It is a fact that the United States has never recognized the Soviet incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia and U.S. official policy of nonrecognition was not affected by the results of the European Security Conference. This long-standing principle is the policy of the United States and is supported by the Congress of the United States.

I cite these groups and their concerns not to be provocative or confrontational. I merely wish to clarify and explain the reasons for the strong concerns of my delegation and my government in the field of human rights. There is — in my opinion — a

direct connection between the public perceptions of the integrity of the Helsinki process and the ability of governments in the West to carry on the process of detente. Public trials of political dissidents, for example, could have a profound impact on pending or subsequent bilateral and multilateral agreements. Most members of the Congress of the United States believe, in my opinion, that human rights cannot be subordinated to development, cooperation and security.

Our basic goal is to promote genuine understanding and relaxation of tensions between the participating states, greater respect for human rights, freedom of religion and self-determination of all peoples. We view CSCE as an important step toward achieving these objectives. We also understand that ours is not a perfect system — that we too have our own problems and failings — but we are making efforts to do better, and we will continue our work toward full implementation of all the provisions of the Final Act in our own country.

AMERICAN PROPOSAL

Finally, it is in this spirit that the American delegation, with the support of other delegations, will put forward a proposal which will, among other things, recognize the importance of the CSCE process and its continuation. The proposal will resolve to implement unilaterally the relevant provisions of the Final Act relating to human rights and fundamental freedoms and to ensure their implementation bilaterally and within the context of the CSCE and other multilateral fora.

December 10 is Human Rights Day, anniversary of the U.N. General Assembly's adoption of the universal declaration of human rights in 1948. My it serve to remind all nations of how far we have come and the distance yet to travel as we strive for future cooperation and security in Europe.



Senator Robert Dole addresses Baltic Human Rights Rally in Washington, D.C., in September, 1977.

BENT 10%

Vienoje priešseiminėje "Vyčio" laidoje, AAJ jautė reikalą paraginti vyčius metiniame seime bent iš dalies, t.y. bent 10% kalbėti lietuviškai. AAJ pateikė žiupsnį vienažodžių lietuviškų išsireiškimų, pavyzdžių ir trumpų, progai tinkančių, sakinių. Gaila, maža buvo kreipta dėmesio į šį nuoširdų pasiūlymą. Seimo dalyviai prašovė pro taikini, lyg jo visai nebūtų buvę. Mieli broliai ir sesės, laikas pabusti ir sukrusti!

Manau, visi sutiksime, kad tautinei sąmonei išlaikyti, kalba yra neatstojamas ir nepakeičiamas veiksnys. Kalba yra tautos gyvybė, jos širdis ir siela. Be savos kalbos tauta vysta, džiūsta ir ilgainiui miršta.

Kai kurie vaikai jau silpnai kalba tėvų kalba, o vaikaičiai jau beveik visiškai yra užmiršę senelių palikimą. Jeigu šioje apgailėtinoje padėtyje nieko nedarysime ir leisime gyvenimo raidai toliau ta



kryptimi vystytis, lietuvių kalba ir lietuvybė Amerikoje bus žuvusi.

Lietuvių tautinis išsilaikymas Amerikoje yra mūsų rankose. Jis yra tampriai susijęs su mūsų nuoširdžiu noru ir tvirtu ryžtu kalbėti lietuviškai. Kalbėjimas yra vieningas išėjimas. Turime daugiau kalbėti lietuviškai savo namuose, draugiškuose susitikimuose ir vyčių susirinkimuose. Juo dažniau ir daugiau kalbėsime, juo lengviau, gražiau ir taisyklingiau kalbėsime. Jau laikas mesti į šalį tuščius, nepagrįstus pasiteisinimus dėl nekalbėjimo, kaip tai: per sunku, kiti juoksis, čia Amerika, o ne Lietuva. Pastarasis gal skaudžiausias atsikirtimas. Atsiprašau, bet tikrai koku išgirsti "dypukų" vaikus besiteisinančius "I am an American!"

Jeigu užmiršome tėvų kalbą, turime rimtai pradėti mokytis ir ryžtis bent kiek pramokti. Pati pažanga pareis nuo pasiryžimo kalbėti. Kalbėkime, kad ir netaisyklingai, su anglicizmais ir kitomis svetimybėmis, bet kalbėkime. Bandykime kalbėti tarpusavyje šeimose, susirinkimuose, publiuose ir vakaronėse. Maži vaikai išmoka kalbėti pamėgdžiodami tėvus. Iš karto jie nesugeba aiškiai ištartti žodžių ir tiksliai išreikšti savo norą, tačiau ilgainiui išmoka. Jeigu nemokame pasakyti lietuviškai, kad "boisas išrunino į strytą" arba "aš tų šiūšų nelaikinu", iš pradžių taip ir sakime. Atidžiai klausydami ir primdami pataisymus, išmoksime sakyti, kad "Vaikas išbėgo į gatvę". Užuot sakę "nelaikinu tų šiūšų", sakysime "Man tie batukai nepatinka". Gal skaitėte A. Barono "Lietuva mano", kur jo "dypukai"



tariasi grįžti į savo gimtinę, bet pramato vargo su naujai įsigyta manta:

"Matai, tėvyne, mes dar sugrįšim,
Graži tu, mano brangi Lietuva
Tik kaip parvešim ten erkandišen,
Porčių, ir sofa, ir šaldytuvą?"

Kai kur vyčių kuopos remia vakarinius lituanistinius kursus suaugusiems. Kol kas jie stropiai lankomi. Sveikintinas ir remtinas reiškinys. Kad tik dvasia nepalūžtu ir jėgos nenusilptų. Visai nemokančiam kalbos, vardininkai, kilmininkai, daiktavardžiai, būdvardžiai,rieveiksmiai ir kitoki galai gali pakirsti ir uoliausią pasiryžimą. Gal geriau būtų pasekti Berlitzo mokymo pavyzdžiu? Ši mokykla remiasi dėsniu, kad galima svetimą kalbą išmokti trumpu laiku, klausant ir kartojant žodžius. Taip, kaip vaikai išmoka iš tėvų. Būtų drąsus bandymas: čia stalas, čia kėdė, čia ranka, galva, akis. Akys yra mėlynos. Plaukai juodi. Popierius baltas ir t.t. Juo veikiau įtraukiamas mokinys į žodžių tarimą ir kartojimą, juo geriau.

Teigiama, kad pakanka 500-800 žodžių paprastam susikalbėjimui. Taigi, tikslas nėra neatsiekiamas.

Stasys Vaičaitis
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Lithuanians in The

NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS



Bishop Paul C. Marcinkus

With only 4% of all Vatican staff jobs held by Americans, it is interesting to note, that one of the most influential is Bishop PAUL C. MARCINKUS of Cicero, Ill. Bishop Marcinkus, age 55, heads the Vatican Bank, which is called the Institute for Religious Works. He is known as "Hink" and "Il Gorilla", is six feet and three inches tall, and has served as the Pope's interpreter and bodyguard.

Attorney THOMAS E. MACK, President of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance presented a check on behalf of the organization to the Lithuanian arts, crafts and language class sponsored by the Scranton Council (C-74) of the Knights of Lithuania. The presentation took place recently in St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Scranton.

In making the presentation, Attorney Mack complimented the group on their interest in the language and customs of their ancestry. The funds will be used to help purchase equipment and supplies to assist members in their studies.

The Lithuanian Catholic Alliance is a fraternal benefit life insurance society which assists Lithuanian Civic groups and young people of Lithuanian ancestry. Scholarships are awarded yearly.

An important new face has recently made its appearance on the musical scene. The debut recital of cellist KAREN BURANSKAS took place on November 8, 1977 at New York's Carnegie Recital Hall. The NEW YORK TIMES praised her technical ability and professionalism. Ms. Buranskas received her Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University in 1973. After graduation, she studied the cello with the renowned Gregor Piatigorsky at the University of Southern California and has recently completed her Master's degree at Yale. She is the recipient of several awards and plans to enter the Tschaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1978. Most recently, Ms. Buranskas has appeared in concert and on television in Brazil. Her New York Debut Recital Program included works by Schubert, Brahms, Tschaikovsky, Chopin and Martinu.

Karen's father is a Lithuanian who toured with a Lithuanian-American basketball team some years ago.

JURGIS GLIAUDA, author of ten novels and ten novelettes, has recently written a novella about the trial and persecution of Nijolė Sadūnaitė. Entitled "Teismas Biržely" (Trial in June), this realistic account attempts to depict the bravery and sacrifice of this Lithuanian Catholic dissident. Copies may be obtained by writing to the publisher, LITHUANIAN DAYS MAGAZINE, 436 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90029.

(BRIDGES)



The most sought-after crystal cutter in the Midwest, and perhaps in the entire country is RAIMUNDAS LAPSYS. Born in Lithuania, Raimundas moved to Tyrol, Austria as a young man to study under the masters' direction at the Academy of the Glass Arts in Kramsach.

Upon receiving his master classification, Raimundas worked for two prestigious glass factories, Claus Riedel and the Swarovski Company in Austria. He arrived in the US in 1972 and opened his own shop on Chicago's fashionable North Shore. His work has quickly captured the attention of leading jewelers. His latest creation is being offered as the King Tutankhamun Crystal Collection in a strictly limited edition of a recreation of Tutankhamun's Funerary Mask on a commemorative Plate, Bell and Thimble. Each piece reflects Mr. Lapsys' intricate skill and represents not only the art of a vanished people, but the precious heritage of fine crystal cutters.

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Pictured attending the Balzekas Museum's exhibit on the late General Antanas Gustaitis, Chief of the Lithuanian Air Force, are from left, MR. and MRS. PETER C. WYTENUS of Ridgewood, New York, EDMUND JASIUNAS, Chairman of the exhibit, K. DABULEVICIUS, MRS. BRONE GUSTAITIS, widow of General Gustaitis, and STANLEY BALZEKAS, JR., President of the Museum.

The exhibit received many favorable comments from those who viewed it, and was extended another full month due to popular demand.

Mr. Wytenus is a Third Degree Knight of the Knights of Lithuania in Brooklyn, New York.

FRANK ELSEIKA
Member, C-29
Newark, N.J.
Died Jan. 18, 1978

ADELE SANKUS
Chicago, Ill.
Mother of Irene Sankus,
former VYTIS Editor
Died Jan. 13, 1978

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in your
prayers...

JOHN RIGALIS
Member, C-30,
Westfield, Mass.
Died Sept. 5, 1977

ALEXANDER KARDOKAS
Member & Lith. Affairs
Chairman, C-26
Worcester, Mass.
Died Nov. 1977

ISABEL LATOS
Member, C-96, Dayton, Oh.
Mother of A. Ryan,
Natl. Cultural Chairman
Died Dec. 16, 1977

CONVENTION NEWS

HISTORY OF SYRACUSE

PART II

The history of Syracuse continues... The name "Syracuse" was chosen from Syracuse, Sicily because of the similarity between the two cities. Italian and Roman names must have been a favorite with the early settlers as a number of towns carry the names such as: Marcellus, Camillus, Cicero, Manlius, Pompey, Fabius, and Rome, to name a few.

Syracuse has many nicknames - Canal Town, Salt City, The Hub, Central City, etc. The most popular is Salt City. This name is known the world over. In fact, the mascot of the Syracuse University athletic teams is dressed as an Indian brave and is called the Saltine Warrior.



In the early years of Syracuse, salt was the main industry. As competition from other areas increased, its market began to decrease. However, a chemist by the name of William Cogswell, saw the potential of blending two of Syracuse's most abundant deposits, the thick layer of salt and limestone, into an essential chemical called soda ash.

This was the beginning of Solvay Process Company which today is a part of Allied Chemical. Soda ash is the basic and most widely used alkali for industrial application. Its largest single use is in the manu-

facture of glass. Other uses are textiles, pulp and paper, metallic alloys, soap and soap powders, adhesives and ceramic ware.

Another product of Solvay Process with which most of you are familiar is Arm and Hammer Baking Soda.



Other inventions by Syracuse people were many. John Montague developed a machine to remove shells from rice and coffee beans. Charles Lipe invented a two-speed gear for bicycles which was to become a prototype for the early automobile transmission. Today Brown-Lipe-Chapin is a division of General Motors. Alexander Brown, who had over 150 patents to his credit developed a typewriter that was so easy to use that L. C. Smith left the gun industry to produce the typewriter.



Because of the chance meeting of Herbert Franklin and John Wilkinson, the Franklin automobile became a reality. Until it closed in 1934, Franklin made the country's only air-cooled passenger car engine.

Carrier Corporation started in New Jersey but moved to Syracuse to the vacant Franklin complex in 1937. Here it grew by leaps and bounds and is today a world giant in the air-conditioning field.

Syracuse China is another name most people have heard. The Syracuse China line is a by-word around the world. James Pass who ran Onondaga Pottery, developed the first porcelain insulators for electric wire.

Crouse-Hinds Company grew over the years because of far-sighted management. Their first products were switches, switchboards and panelboards. Next came trolley car headlights, automobile lights, searchlights, arc lamps and airport lighting. They produced the lighting system for the Panama Canal and recently the new lighting for the Statue of Liberty.

Crouse-Hinds greatest achievement was the development of the traffic light system. The first installation was in Houston, Texas in 1921.



Another kind of light is the candle. Syracuse still has four of the largest candle companies in the United States. Most of your church candles are made in Syracuse.

For the students of "liquid amber", Syracuse is a first class classroom. At one time we had a dozen breweries working hard to quench the thirst of the people. Today we have just two - Schlitz and Millers' - and they produce about 15 million barrels a year. Hopefully that will be sufficient for all of the thirsty K of L Conventioneers in August.

Next month - more on Syracuse and central New York. Remember - Upstate in 78 - Syracuse.

A.A. KUN. POVILAS JUKNEVIČIUS

Spalio 30 d. Chicagoje staiga mirė kan. Povilas Juknevičius, o lapkričio 2 d. - Vėlinėse - buvo iškilmingai palaidotas Šv. Kazimiero liet. kapuose. Marijos Nekalto Prasadėjimo bažnyčioje laidotuvių pamaldose dalyvavo Chicagos arkv. kard. John Cody, vysk. Alfred Abramovich, vysk. Vincintas Brizgys, lietuviai kunigai ir pilna bažnyčia tikinčiųjų. Kun. Povilas, kuris mėgo liturgiją, būtų patenkintas savo laidotuvių gražumu. O jos tikrai buvo gražios!

TRIJŲ TĖVYNIŲ KUNIGAS

Kun. Povilas gimė Latvijoje, mokėsi ir jaunystę praleido Lietuvoje, o dirbo ir mirė - Amerikoje.

Jis gimė 1904 m. vasario 11 d. Glemzinų k., Lucinos aps. Latvijoje, lietuviškoje šeimoje, bet visa aplinka buvo kalbiškai mišri. Todėl jis nuo mažens, be lietuvių, dar mokėjo latvių, lenkų ir rusų kalbas. Tėveliams persikėlus iš Latvijos į Lietuvą - Panevėžį, - Povilas čia lankė gimnaziją. Vėliau įstojo į Kauno kunigų seminariją, kurią baigė 1930 m. ir tais metais buvo išventintas į kunigus. Dešimt metų (1930-1940) ėjo vikaro pareigas Ukmergėje ir Vandžiogaloje. Okupacijų metais (1940-1944) Kaune ėjo Šv. Luko ligoninės ir III gimnazijos kapeliono pareigas ir vadovavo savo įsteigtam Kurčių ir nebylių institutui. Rūpinosi Kauno kunigų seminarijos ekonominiu išlaikymu, kas karo ir okupacijos metais nebuvo lengva.

1944 m. pasitraukęs į Vokietiją Fellbach'e, prie Stutgart'o miesto, buvo lietuvių stovyklos kapelionas. Lietuviams vyskupams, su Amerikos lietuvių finansinė pagalba, įsteigus religinėms knygoms leisti leidyklą - "LUX" - kun. Povilas buvo šios leidyklos vedėjas. Taip pat Skaučių Seserijos dvasios vadas. Vokietijoje iš Lietuvos



pasitraukęs Kauno arkivyskupas Juozapas Skvireckas kun. Povilą pagerbė garbės kanauninko titulu.

1949 m. atvykęs į Ameriką apsi- stojo Peoria, Ill., kur vietos kat. ligoninėje ėjo kapeliono asistento pareigas. Iš ten po kelių metų persikėlė į Chicago - Marijos Nekalto Prasadėjimo liet. parapiją, kurioje darbavosi kaip vikaras, o vėliau kaip pensininkas iki savo staigios mirties.

BAŽNYČIOS KUNIGAS

Kun. Povilo kunigiškąjį gyvenimą galima būtų aptarti šiais keliais žodžiais: jis buvo bažnyčios kunigas. Mylėjo jį bažnyčia, jos pamaldas, jos liturgiją ir melstis joje. Bažnyčios liturgija - buvo mylimiausiaji jo pokalbių tema. Jis ja visada sielojosi, diskutavo, rašė vyskupams, ir liturginius leidinius rėmė finansiškai. Sielojosi liturginių tekstų vertimu į lietuvių kalbą. Visas jo dėmesys, kaip kunigo,

daugiausia koncentravosi bažnyčioje. Už bažnyčios ribų - visuomeniniu darbu domėjosi tik tiek, kiek būtinai reikėjo. Bet ir ten dirbo daugiausia kunigo darbą būdamas dvasios vadovu. Buvo jis ir Lietuvos Vyčių Brighton Parko kuopos dvasios vadu. Už jo nuoširdžias maldas ir darbus Vyčių organizacijoje - Vyčiai jį pagerbė 4-tuoju organizacijos laipsniu.

Šį žemiškąjį gyvenimą jis praėjo tyliai ir kukliai.

Pagerbė jį vyskupas ir vyčiai, o aname gyvenime, tikime, jį pagerbs gerasis Dievas savo amžinąja meile ir amžinąja ramybe. Šv. Kazimiero kapuose, po vysk. V. Brizgio paskutinės maldos ir prel. D. Mozerio padėkos žodžio, laidotuvių dalyviai sugiedojo jam tradicinį "Viešpaties angelą". O toliau... amžinąją giesmę jam giedos kapi- nių medžiai savo ošimu...

kun. Ign. Urbonas

IN MEMORY OF FATHER PAUL

by Fr. Ignatius Urbonas

Rev. Paul Juknevičius of beloved memory, cherished friend and Spiritual Director of Council 36 of the K of L passed away unexpectedly in Chicago on October 30th, 1977. The Resurrection Mass took place on Nov. 2nd - All Souls Day - at Immaculate Conception Church and Father was laid to rest in St. Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery. Participating in the funeral services were - Cardinal John Cody, archbishop of Chicago, Bishop Alfred Abramovich, and Bishop Vincent Brizgys. Many Lithuanian priests and an impressively large group of the faithful also attended. Father would indeed have been pleased with the beauty of the Ceremonies which were arranged by the pastor Msgr. D. Mozeris.

A PRIEST OF 3 COUNTRIES

Father Paul was born in Latvia of Lithuanian parents, was ordained in Lithuania in 1930, and died in the U.S.A. in 1977. Until 1944 Father served in various priestly capacities in Lithuania. With the outbreak of war Father continued his ministry in Germany. For his work with the press, youth, and Lithuanians, archbishop Joseph Skvireckas (in exile) bestowed upon him the honorary title of Canon (kanauninkas in Lithuanian). In 1949 Father found himself on American shores. Within a few years Father located himself at Immaculate Conception Parish where he worked until his retirement. Even as a retired priest he helped in the parish and worked with the K of L.

A PRIEST OF GOD

Father Paul's life could be summed up in a few words: he was

a priest of God. He loved his church and he loved the liturgy. Father Paul gave his attention to strictly religious affairs. In this sense, Father Paul faithfully served the needs of the Knights of Lithuania in Chicagoland and especially in Brighton Park. The Knights always had a special place in Father Paul's heart. He is

responsible in great part for Council 36's constant rise in activity and number since he joined. In recognition of his prayers and efforts, Father attained the honor of fourth degree Knighthood.

Father Paul's passing leaves the Chicago K of L saddened. May he rest in peace!



IID SPIRITUAL LEADERS pictured at a K of L affair are: Canon I. Urbonas of C-82 Gary, Ind., Honorary Member His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, Canon V. Zakarauskas of C-112 Chicago, and the late Canon Paul Juknevičius of C-36 Chicago.

(Photo V. Noreika)

LAIŠKAS VYČIAMS

Mano Gerbiamas P. A. M. MINER
Lietuvos Vyčių Pirmininke.

Labai nuoširdžiai dėkoju Jums asmeniniai už dalyvavimą Providence, R.I. mano susitikime su Lietuvos New England Kunigais, už ta proga man įteiktą Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo Rezoliuciją ir \$50 dovaną.

Džiaugiuosi, kad nuo pat mano atvykimo į Ameriką artimai dirbu su Lietuvos Vyčiais, jūsų veiklą labai vertinu ir linkiu Jums asmeniniai ir visai Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijai Dievo palaimos.

Nuoširdžiai su Jumis
Dievo ir Tėvynės meilėje

Vyskupas Vincentas Brizgys

Chicago, Ill., XI.4.1977.

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LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID

Many thanks to those members of the Knights of Lithuania who supported the Concert appearance of the Boston Ethnographic Ensemble on January 21, 1978, held for the benefit of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid at the Lithuanian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Donations have been received from the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, C-100.....	\$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White, C-17Srs.....	10.00
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The work of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid is of direct benefit to the Church in Lithuania, and needs your support. This year, we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. Why not make your gift to Religious Aid in honor of that true independence of spirit which still exists in the Church today. Contributions are tax deductible, and checks should be made payable to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc. Your donations can be sent to the Knights of Lithuania LCRA Coordinator Marian Skabeikis, 102-26 93 Avenue, Richmond Hill, New York 11418.

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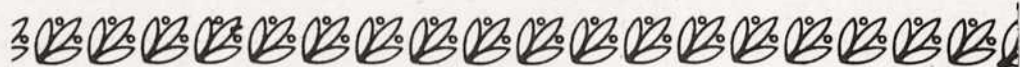
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN EASTERN EUROPE: A TEST CASE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, A statement by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, United States Catholic Conference, May 4, 1977. 18 puslapių, minkštu viršeliu. J.A.V-ių Katalikų Epsikopato formalus pareiškimas žmogaus teisių Lietuvoj bei kitur rytų Europoj varžymo reikalui. Net trejose vietose sumini Lietuvos tikinčiųjų persekiojimą. Pamfletė tinka kitataučiams dvasiškiams ir kitiems. Gaunama iš Religinės Šalpos, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207. Kaina: \$1, įskaitant persiuntimą. Užsakant 5 ar daugiau, puse kainos.

Kun. K. Pugevičius

AN APOLOGY...

In a recent listing of donations to the K of L Scholarship Fund, mention was made of profits of a raffle of VYTIS Bookends, totalling \$110.00, donated by the Convention Committee, C-103, Providence.

Credit should properly given for the donation to PHIL & ALDONA CARTER, C-103. It was Mr. & Mrs. Carter who made and donated this beautiful gift of Bookends — and it is to their credit that such a beautiful donation could be made to the Scholarship Fund. Our sincerest apologies.



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Members of the VYTIS Staff and the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council express their sincerest sympathy to ALDONA LATOS RYAN, National Cultural Chairman and IRENE K. SANKUS, former VYTIS Editor on the deaths of their mothers,

ISABEL LATOS and ADELE SANKUS, respectively

JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

WELCOME! WELCOME!

We now have a new Junior Council in Newark. To those who helped organize it — Thank you! To all the members of Council 29 — Welcome to the Knights of Lithuania!

The rest of us can help them by sending in more Juniors news. They'll get ideas to help them keep the new Council active by reading what we've all been doing recently. So keep those letters and pictures coming in!

CONGRATULATIONS

To former Junior member William Sidtis of Maspeth, New York. He was elected as First Vice-president of the Mid-Atlantic District. All our best wishes for the coming year.

JUST A REMINDER —

If you've forgotten to send in your '78 dues, please do so as soon as possible to Teresa Trainis, National Financial Secretary.

IMPROVE YOUR LITHUANIAN...

ŽMOGAUS KŪNAS

THE HUMAN BODY

His forehead is very wrinkled
I cannot see his face
His ears are very large
He froze his nose
She has blue eyes
She has a beautiful mouth
I hurt my foot
They pinch my toes

jo kaktoje yra daug raukšlių
aš nematau jo veido
jo ausys labai didelės
jis nušalo nosį
ji turi mėlynas akis
ji turi gražią burną
aš susižeidžiau pėdą
jie spaudžia mano pirštus

Her neck is too long
She has no heart
His right shoulder is higher
He hurt his thumb
Her nails are very long
My knees were shaking
He bumped his ankle
He broke his leg

jos kaklas per ilgas
ji beširdė
jo dešinysis petys aukštesnis
jis užsigavo nykštį
jos nagai labai ilgi
mano keliai drebėjo
jis apsidaužė kulkšnis
jis susilaužė koją



The beard grows on the chin

barzda auga ant smakro



She has beautiful hair

Jos plaukai labai gražūs



He has a good head

jis turi gerą galvą

NEWS... and VIEWS...

C-103 JUNIORS - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The Junior Knights of Lithuania from the New England District Council 103 had a meeting on December 27, 1977 at 2 p.m. at St. Casimir's Church on Smith Street in Providence. Before the meeting started we warmed up with some polkas, line dances and a couple of waltzes. Then our meeting started with our yearly elections. The officers for 1978 are as follows: Marcy Krecioch - President, Linas Gervelis - Vice President, Kathy Krecioch - Recording Sec., Dana Kairyte - Corresponding Sec., Juozas Kairys - Treasurer, Andrius Kairys - Sgt-at-Arms.

Father Martinkus, our Spiritual Advisor, participated in our meeting and explained to us about the Hungarians' effort to keep the crown of St. Stephen from being returned to the communists. All of the K of L participated in a candle-light procession of that night at the Cathedral. We appeared on television at 11:00 p.m. news that evening.

We all agreed on practicing our dances like polkas and waltzes at every meeting to improve our abilities to become better dancers.

Some of our members will be going skiing along with the Boston K of L group in late January.

We participated in one of the Brockton K of L meetings a month

ago and discovered that there will be a Snowflake Ball which they have every year, and we all agreed to help decorate.

Dana Kairyte
Corresponding Secretary

NEWS, NEWS...
Where are your
Junior Council
News Items???

Send them to
Editor L. Stukas



**HONORARY MEMBER — DR. JACK STUKAS
INVITES ALL MEMBERS OF THE
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**

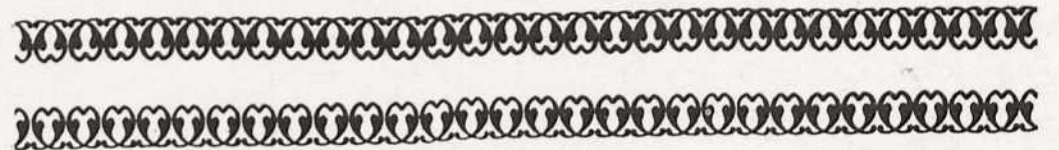
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K of L Calendar

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.
 19 C-1, Brockton, SNOWFLAKE BALL, Canoe Club, Bridgewater, Mass.

MARCH

- 5 IID ST. CASIMIR DAY COMMEMORATION, 10:30 Mass — Nativity BVM Church, followed by Brunch, K of L Bldg., Chicago C-112, Hosts.
 5 C-29, Newark, ST. CASIMIR DAY COMMEMORATION, 10:30 Mass with Brunch afterward, Holy Trinity Church & Hall, Newark, N.J.
 5 "The Author Speaks" — Sr. Virginia Marie Vytell, Sacred Heart University Library, Bridgeport, Conn. — 3:00 P.M. C-141 Co-Hosts.
 12 MAD ST. CASIMIR DAY BREAKFAST and SPRING CONVENTION. Mass — St. George Church, Shenandoah, Pa. Breakfast and Convention, Our Lady of Siluva Church, Maizeville, Pa. C-144 Hosts.

MAY

- 19-21 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Detroit, Mich. C-102, Hosts.

AUGUST

- 13 64TH ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY, Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pa., C-144, Coordinators.
 16-21 65TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Syracuse, N.Y., C-140, Syracuse, Hosts.

SEPTEMBER

- 23 EASTERN SEABOARD "BAL TIC-AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL", Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, N.J.

AUGUST, 1979

- 66TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Chicago, Ill.





Council Activities



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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

With Thanksgiving here and gone, the Christmas mood settled in. Mother Nature did her part bringing us snow and cold weather. Up until Thanksgiving, we had been having true fall weather. What a delight, after last year at this time.

With the holidays ahead we were in full swing preparing for our annual Bazaar at the Winter's Tower in downtown Dayton. Hosting the latest classes were Elinor Sluzas, Kitty Prasmantas, Ada Sinkwitz, Mary Lucas, and Sally Miller. To all of the hostesses and Jerry & Marianne Podoyak who took care of us at Sally's home, we send out a large Ačiū Labai!

Joining our Telephone Squad Chairperson, Helen Vaitkus, this year are Veronica Omlor, Lauretta Pant, Joyce Berczelly, Josephine Zilinkas, Albina Wallis, Sarah Petkus and Kitty Prasmantas. This is one committee that is "called" upon many times throughout the year. They do a tremendous "behind the scenes job".

Helping Fran Petkus with the council Ritual chores again will be Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis and Eloise Berczelly. Stephanie Rastikis will be helping Fran with the

Lithuanian end of Public Relations work for the council.

Special congratulations to our Archives Chairman, Harley Karns. Harley bowled a whopping 298 in his industrial league.

We are pleased to write that our Natl. and Council Cultural Chairwoman, and newly-elected MCD Pres. Aldona Ryan, has been asked to join the staff of "Bridges".

A warm welcome to newest members John & Elaine Lougeman and Venice Grantham. Many active years ahead!

Congratulations to our Juniors and Advisor Marianne Podoyak and her husband Jerry for the very fine Christmas Bazaar held Nov. 26-27. The Juniors had been preparing for this project for the past few months. Their efforts were well rewarded. It was good to see the regular Knights and parents doing their share patronizing with their many donations. Special acknowledgement goes to Elinor Sluzas, who, with help, was able to complete a special order she lined up for Christmas door knob ornaments that were sold in advance of the bazaar. This special order gave the Juniors quite a good sized donation.

On Nov. 20 the Šv. Petro Draugija of Holy Cross Parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. It is because of this society we now have a church for the Lithuanians of Dayton. In 1886 when the first Lithuanian immigrants arrived in the Dayton area the seed was started. In 1902 the St. Peter's Society was formally planted. Through their determination, dedication and perseverance, Holy Cross Church became a reality. We

thank all the members of this society who have kept this organization alive and active, for without them Holy Cross might never have been.

The council sponsored a "work call" on Nov. 30 to do some cleaning in the church. In spite of the few who came, much was done. We shall be having these work calls periodically when Father feels he needs something done. Those who did come certainly came away feeling good that we were able to be of some help.

Ray Steinbrunner has volunteered to take care of our special project to raise money for the MCD treasury. Much luck!

It was good to see Victor & Betty August, C-25 members, in town. They were visiting Vic's brother Joe who has had some health problems and is now recuperating. We hear our Grand Rapids, Mich. members, Joe & Ann Boeke, had a fine trip to Austria, Switzerland and Bavaria after Joe's business trip to Israel. Ann's mother, Ada Sinkwitz, took care of the children. Ada brought back a few ideas for our next Christmas bazaar.

Much luck to Jerry & Teri Scott in their new home. Congratulations to John & Ann Scott on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

It was good to hear that Henry Pant was not seriously hurt when his county car was hit broadside by a lady driver who ran through a Stop sign.

Rosemary Priedis was home on special leave to visit with her father, Tony, who is recuperating from a stroke. Keep up the good work, Tony.

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C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

Divine Providence Cultural Center was the scene for our second Fall Festival on Nov. 13. It all began with a lovely day when the doors opened at 8:30 a.m. to welcome a barrage of early arrivals for an array of games, food, arts & crafts, prizes, and other assortment of activity.

The Baked Goods Dept. under the chairmanship of Helen Tucker was going "on the double". She had a great assist from Eliz. Paurazas, Helen Patocki and Eleanor Mickey. Even a big bandage on Helen Tucker's ear following serious surgery did not keep her away from her obligation. This is true K of L spirit!

Chef Frank Zager, with a capable committee of George Kase, Adele Bagdon and Virginia Kirsh were kept Very Busy dishing out various foods which included kugelis, dešros, kopūstus, wieners and other delectables. Our thanks for a helping hand to Marie Kase, Bernie Vitchus, and Bea Millard & her 2 gals, Sidney and Allison, for doing a tremendous job in "pearl diving" the dishes.

The White Elephant Sale, under the supervision of Jeanne Jaksys, drew a great crowd which featured a huge array of books, magazines and records, and such items as



Jeanne Yakstys at the White Elephant Sale at C-79 Festival. Standing at left is assistant Mary M. Panavas. Elizabeth Paurazas is looking on.

jewelry, household items and various handicraft. She was assisted by Mary Margaret Panavas.

The Christmas Boutique fascinated the youngsters with the Puppet Game. Sophie Zager who chaired the boutique had numerous assortments of crochet items, Christmas ornaments, floral arrangements, needlepoint and you-name-it and it was there. Thanks to Gerri Walsh & Carol Kaminaskas for a helping hand. All the items in the boutique were made by the members. Due to space it is impossible to name all individuals who made items, baked goods or gave donations. Therefore, labai ačiū to all.

No amount of thanks would compensate for the 62 beautiful floral arrangements made and donated by Gerri Chaps. Each creation was unique and imaginative. When asked if she learned the art by taking a course, she replied that her floral work was "mostly by guess and by gosh". Whatever, it was most appreciated.

Weeks of sorting, marking and gathering articles for prizes for the Straw Game would not do Bertha Janus justice for the time and effort she spent on the project. She was assisted by Ona Walls, Vicki Chepelonis, Stella Hotra, Jacki Wojtowicz, and Julia Janson.

Lenny Salas and Clem Patocki were in charge of the Milk Can Pitch and the Kitty Game. Tony Dainus was in full control of the sound equipment, while Joe Yakstys was the overseer, setting up games and giving various help to the Chairlady of the entire Festival, Maggie Smailis.

The Over & Under Game was capably handled by Chip Newberry, and Barbara Sackle took good charge of the Darts Game. Thanks to everyone who handled their jobs so well.

The 50-50 Club was a big success. There is a story that deems attraction in this column: During the Nat'l K of L Convention in Providence last August, there



C-79, Southfield, Mich. Fall Festival with Sophie Zager. at Christmas Boutique. All items were handmade by members.



Table of C-102, Detroit, members at C-79 Festival (l. to r.) Mr. & Mrs. Clem Galinas, Donna Bunikas and Vitalija Vaskelis.

were 3 Very Busy gals during the boat ride of Narragansett Bay. Instead of revelling during the Big Sail, the threesome, Helen Tucker, Bertha Janus & Sophie Zager, went from "deck to stern" setting everyone interested in the 50-50 Club. As the result of Helen Tucker's persuasion, the award went to Eva Migonis, Pres. of C-142 in Washington, D.C. Many thanks to those 3 gals whose work was not in vain!

Orchids to Marge Nashlon and laėai aciū to Ruth Grasha, Violet Panavas & Alice Repshas. Our thanks to bartenders Joe Yakstys, Chester Nashlon & Jos. Chaps, and to all those gals on the Potato Peeling Brigade who peeled approximately 100 lbs. of potatoes Sat. before the festival. Thanks, too, to Joe Yakstys for hiring a U-Haul to transport over 500 prizes and other numerous items. Because of this outstanding cooperation and dedication to the K of L, our Fall Festival was a huge success. Thanks... thanks and many thanks!

Who was it first said "It never rains but it pours?" Whoever it was, no truer words were spoken for Stella & Walter Hotra. On Nov. 26 they stopped for a red light in the city, and while waiting for the traffic light to change, their car was severely struck by a rear collision. They were taken by ambulance to the hospital for treatment. Of the two, Stella was the most seriously injured. It was not a pleasant "gift" to receive for the holidays. However, Stella credits her safety belt which may have saved her life. This is a lesson to be learned by those who do not use a safety belt. Vicki Chepelonis was also a victim of an accident, but she was not hurt. We hope that everyone drives carefully and stays healthy in '78.

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MID-ATLANTIC
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C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

November was a very active month for our members. There was a testimonial dinner and dance at Fr. Gurinkas Hall honoring Al Monckawitch, celebrating his 40 continuous years as a K of L member. Al's popularity was very much in evidence when more than 150 friends and fellow members turned out for the occasion. The hall was filled to capacity.

We were fortunate, indeed, to have Ann Klem of Kearny's C-90 with us for a demonstration of the ancient Lithuanian art of making straw Christmas tree decorations. Ann is a talented person with the knack of bringing beauty where none existed previously. In her skilful hands such prosaic items as ordinary weeds, corn silk and soda straws are quickly shaped into artistic ornaments.

The next time you are in the area, pay a visit to the Statue of Liberty and a bit of Lithuania in the museum sector. Our Liberty Lady, Mary York, with the cooperation of museum officials, arranged a permanent display of many items that are so typical of our ethnic heritage. There is amber in many forms, Lithuanian and American flags, rosaries, and photographs of Mary's parents. All of the assembled guests at the dedication agreed that due to Mary's tireless efforts the fourth of His ten commandments had a most meaningful expression. The display case with all the treasure was blessed by Fr. Gurinkas.

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C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

While Charles Petronis was off making a retreat, his wife Marge was hosting our lively and well attended November meeting.

It was a pleasure having our new Spiritual Director, Father Wassel, with us. He officiated at the swearing in of new officers and led an informative discussion on the merits of the Baltimore Catechism in the fundamental religious education of our children.

Dianne Drumstas and Joe Yanulaitis brought to our attention the lack of books on Lithuanian history, leaders, etc. in St. Casimir's School library. A suggestion was made that the council donate such books to the school on Feb. 16.

The balls were rolling and the pins flying when ten of our members got together in November for the first bowling adventure. It was a fine time, with the "pro's" giving pointers to the less experienced, Irene Svekla sitting out the 3rd game, and Joe Drumstas doing the best bowling. The second bowling date for our new league was held in January.

Our Christmas Party was a smorgasbord dinner at the local Ramada Inn. This was a special treat for our members who enjoyed a very festive evening.

We have a few activities now on the drawing board planned for the new year. In March the council will commemorate St. Casimir's Day with Mass, breakfast and program; and members will also attend the Mid-Atlantic Dist's St. Casimir's Day Commemoration in upstate Pennsylvania. The preliminary committee is already drawing up plans for submission to our council for a Lithuanian Booth at Philadelphia's International Folk Fair in May.

Joseph Yanulaitis hosted the first meeting of the year - one with a full agenda, followed by pleasant company and refreshments. Our thanks, Joe.

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*NEW JERSEY-ITES AT THE BALTIC RALLY.
E. Raudys, A. Bruzenas, E. Stankunas.*



C-29, Newark Members at Baltic Rally - Joe, Anne and Gaidre Chapulis.

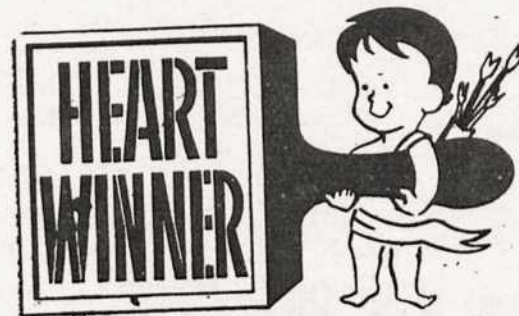
C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

Our end-of-the-year party was held at Mah Jong's Restaurant in Syosset, L.I. A table was reserved for our members, and during the evening, the presence of the Great Neck members of the Knights of Lithuania was announced. Hawaiian food was served and delectably devoured, but some of us knew not what we were eating! The floor show consisted of Tahitian gals "turning on their motors". They were delightful to behold. We still can't understand why some of our male members would not participate in their instruction of the Hawaiian hula! It was great fun for our members to get together for a social evening after an interlude of about a year. We enjoyed seeing the Kobers, Rogers, Weseys, Zukas, Bernatovich, and Stan Simanovich. It was our pleasure to greet guests Maryanne Wesley, Liz Kurtin and friend Mickey, Sue Zebart, and Janie Zukas. Our thanks to Millie Rogers who was chairman for the event.

Mary & Tony Kober arranged for a table of 12 for the Kūčios sponsored by Maspeth C-110. Member Stan Simanovich also attended. The hall was packed with friendly people, anxious to preserve the Lithuanian celebration of Christmas, the solemn festive meal

eaten on Christmas Eve. Apparently the celebration brings back fond Lithuanian memories to many, and all who participated thoroughly enjoyed the day. We are already reserving for next year's Kūčios! Congratulations to the Maspeth council which has grown so rapidly in membership. Where there is activity, there is interest.

Sincere condolences to former member Naomi Brusak on the death of her mom, Teresa Veždunas Eimutis. Remember her in your prayers. Our congratulations to Bobby Okulski, son of former member Amy (Daknis) & Ed Okulski, who recently passed the bar examination. Best wishes in your chosen profession. Happy birthday to Joe Zukas celebrating on Feb. 8, and happiness to Joan & Bill Bernatovich on their 10th wedding anniversary on the 11th.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA

DISTRICT

Pres. Frank Zapolis announced the following committee appointments: Lith. Affairs - Cecilia Matul C-36; Lith. Cultural - Monica Kasper C-112; Ritual - Ruth Dagis C-112; Scholarship - H.M. Eleanore Laurin C-112; Public Relations - Estelle Rogers C-112; Civic Affairs - Vincent Samaska C-36; Choir - Estelle Rogers C-112; Dancers - Frank Zapolis C-36; "Trumpet" Bulletin Editor - Geraldine Mockus C-112; and Printing - Valerie & Joseph Stankaitis Chgo. Seniors; Lith Publicity - Emilija Pakalniskis. We know that they will do a great job.

IID P.R. lady, Estelle Rogers, continues to arrange for K of L participation at the various civic and Lithuanian functions. Recent events attended were the "Naujiejos" Banquet honoring Ill. State Senator Frank Savickas, and the

"Pirmyn" Chorus Annual Banquet held at the K of L Bldg.

Condolences to IID Trustee Harry Petraitis and his family on the death of his father, Anton.

Our Annual IID Memorial Mass for Deceased Members was held on Nov. 26 at Immaculate Conception Church with the K of L Choir singing the Mass under the direction of Faustas Strolia. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fabian Kerelis, the new Spiritual Advisor of C-36. We were honored to have Natl. Pres. Anthony Miner with us. The Communion gifts were presented by Tony Miner, IID Pres. Frank Zapolis, and Georgianne Kassel representing the Juniors.

Although the weather was very cold and snowy, the Mass and Brunch were well attended. The Brunch was held at Sharko's, with Don Sharko as host, and everyone really enjoyed the delicious repast. Pres. Zapolis conducted the Memorial Program, assisted by IID Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Zakaruskas, Stephanie Jonutis (Chgo. Seniors), Vince Samaska (C-36), and Al Zakarka (C-112).

We all enjoyed meeting and chatting with Natl. Pres. Tony Miner, who spent the week-end in Chicago getting acquainted or re-acquainted with members of the IID. He enjoyed viewing the K of L Bldg. and especially enjoyed dinner at Rich Shlaustas' Diamond-head Restaurant.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Social Chairladies Julie Zakarka and Gerrie Mockus are always coming up with interesting after-meeting socials. Following the November meeting we all enjoyed, in addition to delicious home-made cakes, an interesting game of chance.

Condolences to Harry & Emily Petraitis on the death of his father, Anton.

Gediminas Janula recently became the president of the Lithuanian Chess Club and invited everyone to join with the group



IID Members at the 37th National Convention of ALTAS - the Lithuanian National Council. L. to r.: Ann Marie Kassel, Irene Sankus, Vince Samoska.

every Friday at the Jesuit Center.

Congratulations to our member, State Senator Frank Savickas, who was honored for his contributions to the community and fellow-Liths during the "Naujienos" Banquet recently held at the Personality Lodge. Christine Austin of our council chaired the event, which was attended by many K of L members.

The IID Annual Memorial Mass was well attended by C-112 members. Following Mass at I.C. Church, we all enjoyed the brunch and program at Sharko's on West 63rd. Pres. Al Zakarka participated in the Memorial Program and everyone had the opportunity to meet Natl. Pres. Tony Miner.

Our council's Annual Christmas Party was again held at the Millionaire's Club. We all were happy to participate in the festivities - the delicious meal and liquid refreshments, the dancing and singing, and meeting Santa's assistant, Eddie Krivickas, along with hostesses Gerrie and Julie (busy-busy ladies!). Prize winners were Dolores Wainauskas and Tony Yuknis.

Date To Remember - Mar. 5 IID Annual St. Casimir's Day Commemoration hosted by C-112, Nativity B.V.M. Church, 10:30 A.M. Mass.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The District's Fall Cultural Festival at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury, Mass., in October is a fall event that many K of L'ers do not miss. They come to renew old acquaintances, see a vast array of Lithuanian artifacts and foods, and at the same time aid the District's treasury and scholarship fund. A tip of the hat to the group of Worcester K of L ladies who do yeoman work in the kitchen yearly so that we can partake of delicious Lithuanian foods.

On Nov. 27 the District sponsored its yearly T.V. Mass on Channel 7 WNAC at 9:15 a.m. in the RKO General Studios in the Government Center, Boston, Mass. Rev. Anthony Miciunas, MIC, of St. Casimir's in Worcester was the celebrant, and musical accompaniment was by his church choir. He spoke about the suffering church in Lithuania documented by the Chronicle of the Roman Catholic Church in Lithuania. He cautioned us not to be silent about what is going on in Lithuania, but unite our voices as one to let the world



know of their plight. He also asked for our prayers so that the canonization process for our esteemed Archbishop George Matulaitis be facilitated. It was gratifying to see so many members travel great distances to attend this Mass, since the weather can be treacherous in New England at this time of year. We experienced this last year when a severe snowstorm aborted the attempt of Rev. Anthony Miciunas and his choir to reach the studio in Boston. As is the custom, the combined councils of So. Boston provided a brunch for the participants at St. Peter's Church hall. Ačiū labai to all.

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

We have a New Year and a new slate of officers: Pres. Rita Pinkus, Vice Pres. Stephen Walinsky Sr., Rec. Secy. Ann Bender, Fin. Secy. Richard Garbis, Treas. Stephen Walinsky Jr., Auditor Marian Racicot, Sgt-at-Arms Francis Degutis, Public Relations - Mr. & Mrs. Bart March. A great group of workers promises us a great year working for God and Country!

Wedding congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Godek. Richard's bride is the daughter of a local florist. Can you just imagine the loveliness of the floral decorations? Our Spiritual Director, Father Ben Uzdavinis, officiated at their nuptials which took place in October.

Wedding congratulations also go out to Ginny & Withold Ivaska's son, Peter. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ivaska were wed in November. Peter's uncle, Father Alphonse Volungis, former C-26 Spiritual Director, now pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church, officiated at their wedding.

Recent hospitalizations of George Gillus (Helen's husband) and Margaret Karas prompt us to send forth our best wishes for a speedy recovery to both.

The November whist party was successful once again. No wonder. It was arranged by Helen Gillus, Ann Walinsky, Marian Racicot and



Ann Bender. Ann Bender continues to be a busy gal. She's on jury duty and her jaunts to and from Boston continue to take up much of her time. But she says it's a most interesting experience.

Our pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas, M.I.C., at the invitation of the NED K of L, celebrated Mass on television on Nov. 25. Channel 7 in Boston was the scene. Father took with him part of his parish choir who provided the hymns. K of Lers who sang were Francis (Algis) Glodas, Steve Walinsky Sr., and Francis Degutis. The intention of the Mass was for suffering Lithuania, and Father provided a homily for the occasion. All of this provided for us a beautiful memory of a wonderful morning. Brunch served by the So. Boston council was just more pleasure added and we were grateful for the marvelous hospitality extended to us.

Our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Alexander Kardokas, died in November. Alex had been ill, seemed to be recovering nicely, when suddenly it was all over. It was unbelievable and we were saddened to lose him from our midst. No expression of sympathy, no matter how deeply felt, can do much for his family right now, but we want them to know that they are not alone in their grief. Our pastor, Father Miciunas, conducted the wake service and the K

of L ritual, while our Spiritual Director, Father Uzdavinis, celebrated the funeral Mass.

Rita Pinkus, our dynamic president, has much planned for 1978. She cordially invites the membership to take part in the monthly meetings and other council social and spiritual programs. Richard Garbis began soliciting dues early; let's make his first term of office a little easier on him by "Paying up early!"

A special parish celebration of our patron saint, St. Casimir, is being planned and a few of our members are on the committee. Also, commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day is in the planning stages. There is much to be done. You can find your spot, whether you be leader or follower, and the satisfaction in doing your best in the worthwhile task of your choice is most rewarding.

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

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C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

St. Peter's Church held its annual bazaar on Nov. 19 at the So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club. As is customary, many members of the K of L were involved in all aspects of its operation. This is a good example of all three councils - Seniors, Juniors, and Regulars - working together for a common purpose, namely, the support of their church. Our thanks to all our hard working members, ačiū širdingai.

Less than a week later, the combined Councils 17 & Srs. held their annual fall gala, Novemberfest. As the name implies, it was a true festal affair. The ladies and gentlemen all dressed in their finest, started the evening with a social hour followed by a sumptuous buffet - kielbasa, stuffed cabbage, chicken, roast beef, assorted cold cuts, etc. After everyone had their fill of food, they danced into the wee hours of the morning. Our two gaspadiņēs, Veronica Ivanauskas and Monica Plevock, outdid them-

selves to provide a memorable dining experience. Sincere thanks to Albert Jaritis who was the chairman, aided by Virginia & Frank Markuns, Al & Pat Akule, Elinor Wassel, Anne Petchell, Ann Carroll, Ann Antanelis, Florence Casper, Mary Mickevich, Aldona & Al Kropas, Joe & Betty Balaconis, Joe White, and members of C-17 & Juniors. It is these people that handled tickets, purchased and prepared food and liquor, reserved the hall and orchestra, set up and decorated the hall and tables. They did the thousand and one things necessary to make the event click with the precision of a clock so that the 250 members and guests could have an enjoyable evening.

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Eva Yurevich passed through the gates of Heaven on Nov. 11, 1977. She was a charter member of our council, and one of the organizers of the Children of Mary Sodality of our parish. Many of us, and our children, remember Eva for her work with anything and everything connected with parish or K of L functions. For many years, if the occasion called for a procession, a May crowning, Forty Hours, Easter, First Communion or Confirmation, Eva was the instructress. At a K of L affair, a parish supper, dance or bazaar, Eva was there, serving food or working in the kitchen. Eva was also there at every clean-up detail. Eva did her work well here on earth. Thanks, Eva, for all your good deeds, now forever rest in peace. We love you.

Congratulations to Don Poehailos who on Nov. 8 won his bid for City Treasurer for his third 2-year term.

Dot Martin chaired a very successful Christmas Fair on Nov. 12 for Our Lady's Guild. Al Barauskas offered his services and they were accepted. He helped put up the stands for the ladies. K of L's helping Dot were Lil Norwid, Lil Twerian, Ann Barauskas, Violet Brazitis and Fran Barsevich.

Walt Stachowicz told Millie he was going fishing. He went fishing and came home with a mess of fish and a young buck. The deer ran in front of Walt's car. Millie, Walter and his family will be eating Turf and Surf dinners for a while now. Kielbasa, turkey and ham will have to take a back seat for a little bit, because the freezer is loaded.

Involved in a three car accident last October, one of our members was rushed to the hospital. It takes more than a couple of broken ribs, a punctured lung and many bruised bones to keep Lee Gray out of circulation for long. Lee is back with us again, still sore, but healing fast. The only thing that wasn't hurt was Lee's appetite. Right, Lee? Good luck!

On Nov. 19 Lil Twerian chaired a Bingo for our council. It was successful in many ways. As a fund raiser, it was great. It was great also for those who didn't win at Bingo but went home with one of the many door prizes that were given away, including a twelve pound turkey. Many of our members who didn't work, played, and it turned out lucky for Al Jesulaitis, Agnes Dillis, and Walt Stachowicz. The big winner for the night winning the last part of the last special was John Sabulis. When John filled the card he gave a loud YO instead of hollering Bingo. When you win that special, you just holler, and everyone knows you filled the card. John also won two other games.

Those who helped Lil were pleased because their work was not in vain. Tired, but happy, were Dot Martin, Anthony Chepulis, Millie Stachowicz, Al Barauskas, Stan Twerian, Millie Driznus, Mitzie Kolonofsky, Mary Slavin and Violet Brazitis.

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C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

National Convention postscripts: We are pleased to announce the winners of the Double-Your-Money Ad Book Promotion.

Full Page - Mid Atlantic District,
1/2 Page - Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.,
1/4 Page - Mary Srupsa C-36
Chicago, Patron - Rev. Francis P. Plautes C-31, and Well Wisher - Adele Martus C-17 Sr.

From proceeds of the convention, the K of L purchased 16 new banquet tables which were used for the first time at a recent parish dinner.

C-103's loss is C-144's gain. Due to change in residence, Stanley Vaicaitis is transferring his membership. Our best wishes to you.

Grace Vaitkunas is now home from the hospital. We're happy she is feeling better.

Bert & John Stoskus attended the Ecumenical Service at the Armenian Church with some other St. Casimir's parishioners. Fr. Martinkus actively participated in the service with a scripture reading.

There was standing room only at the TV Mass Nov. 27 in Boston. Rev. A. Miciunas of Worcester was celebrant and homilist and the Worcester Men's Choir sang Lithuanian hymns. The homily dealt at length on persecution of religion in Lithuania. Brunch was served after Mass by C-17 & 17 Srs.

Pres. Bert Stoskus and Ritual Chairman John Stoskus attended the NED Board meeting.

Reggie Krecioch received a telephone call on Thanksgiving Day in Paris from Uncle Vic and her family.

A good sized delegation of our Juniors visited the Brockton Juniors at their meeting in the fall. They viewed a movie presented by Mr. Bizinkauskas that he had filmed at the Human Rights Rally in Washington. At this time plans were made by the Juniors to help with decorations for the Snowflake Ball scheduled for February in Taunton, Mass.

Junior Christmas activities included carol singing through the Carroll Housing for the Elderly complex. They also served traditional Lithuanian foods during the annual "Kūčios" dinner held at St. Casimir's. This has become a popular annual event with almost a sellout crowd in attendance.

The entire council partook of the most festive "appreciation" Christmas dinner at a local restaurant. All were mutually appreciative of the long hours of efforts involved in presenting the National Convention. Much holiday cheer and merriment prevailed.

Plans for properly observing the many February holidays, especially Lithuanian Independence Day, are being formulated.

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C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Council members enjoyed their annual Christmas party on Dec. 4 in the St. Francis Parish rectory. Prior to the supper, our group played Santa to the 28 altar boys of the parish. Each boy received a gift from our K of L members, and Father Stepie treated the boys, for their devotion to the altar, to an afternoon of bowling and lunch. Charlie Genaitis acted as Santa. The altar boys surely wait for this annual event.

Our council was well represented at the T.V. Mass. Attending were the Genaitis', Lennie Davidonis, Clara Zetkauskas, Nell Melaika, Pauline Rogers and Tina Rogers. The group returned home happy to have traveled the long trip. Thank you, Southie, for the refreshments.

Bill & Brone Wisnauskas attended Brone's nephew's testimonial in Jersey City on Nov. 26-27 in honor of his attainment of a doctorate in chemical engineering. The testimonial was held at the Chateau Polonaise and Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Chentochowa Church. Congratulations. Leszek Sowul!

We welcome new members in our council, Skip Marsh, Katherine Gotautas Hassett and Herbert Hassett. We're glad to have you with us.

Richard & Donna Genaitis recently moved into their 13-room newly-purchased home in Stoneham. They are the owners of the Diamond Ceramics in Westboro and recently purchased a ceramic business in Westminster. Good luck, Donna and Dick.

Member of the Month: The girl we would like to introduce to the readers of the VYTIS is Frances Milosh Mueller, who has been a member of our council for many years. She and her husband Albert now live in Nashua, N.H., but manage to visit with us several times a year. Fran was born and raised in Gardner, attended and was graduated from our parish school and Gardner High School. After graduation, she was employed as an operator for the New England T & T, where she works today as a supervisor in the Nashua branch. Throughout the years, Fran has been a generous worker and donor. She is an ardent skier and spends time in Switzerland each year, just recently having returned from a vacation there with husband Al. Good luck, Fran and Albert! See you soon.

Thought for the month: Our motto, "For God and Country", can be met through participation in local celebrations of Lithuanian Independence Day. If your parish does not commemorate the event, you can say a prayer for "Suffering Lithuania", or defending her by your letters of protest to public officers.

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C-1 - BROCKTON, MASS.

Sveikinu visus skaitytojus! Hello to all VYTIS readers! With elections not far behind us, we would like to congratulate and wish the best to all the newly elected officers in each council. C-1 can boast of having the following group of hard working Vyčiai as officers: Pres. John Tamoshunas, Vice Pres. Susan Bumila, Rec. Secy. Mrs. Ann Statkus, Treas. Doris Fralick, Fin. Secy. Ann Marie Statkus, Cultural Chrwmn Frances Bumila, Ritual Chrwmn Sylvia Shukis, Public Relations Patricia Achorn, and Vytis Corresp. Maryte Bizinkauskas. The man who helps to round out this group of officers is our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Peter Shakalis. These people will make our council tick.

All the members of our council would like to send congratulations to Providence C-103 for their superb job in making last year's Natl. Convention a whopping success. Our delegates, all of whom were under age 20, were astonished, informed, and pleased at what went on at the Convention sessions. Their only disappointment came when no other councils trusted to send their younger members as delegates. Our council was fortunate enough to have the older member's enthusiasm in sending younger delegates. It was with their support, financial and moral, that made it easier for the delegates to attend. Upon return from the Convention, the members of our council unanimously voted to always send at least one young member to the Convention with a large portion of their expenses paid. The general consensus of the group was that these delegates presented the most accurate report of the Convention that has been given in years. All the young delegates were flattered by this remark and were spurred on to work more diligently in the K of L. It is this type of enthusiasm which is necessary to carry on the aspirations of the K of L in the years to come. The youth of this world is

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our future. We can't let them die before they have a chance to blossom. Our council hopes that all councils will encourage their youth to take a more active part in the main body of their council, and eventually of the K of L Supreme Council. Incidentally, three of our main officer positions are held by members under 20 years of age.

Speaking of younger people getting involved, our council awarded two members the price of the fare (and some dinner money) to the Baltic Human Rights Rally held in Wash., D.C. on Sept. 24. A busload of 45 people left from St. Casimir's School parking lot at 10 p.m. Friday to be ready to protest at noon on Saturday. Thousands of people were there, and it is estimated that as many as 10,000 people participated at one time or another. Many important men present spoke impressively about conditions in Lithuania now. We are certain that all the spectators present were impressed by what was said. After the rally, all went back to freshen up for the evening's festivities which were meticulously prepared and energetically spent by all. The return trip was rather quiet, but a feeling of satisfaction and pride radiated from the very depths of the bus. The midnight return left quite a few tired out. Plans were made for a slide show to be presented sometime in the future.

We hope everyone has made plans to attend our Snowflake Ball. This social event will take place on Feb. 19 (the next day is a holiday) at the Canoe Club in West Bridge-water. See you all then!

Pasilikite sveiki.

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

Our council started the fall season facing a full calendar of events through the Christmas season and into the New Year.

Elections were held and the roster of new officers for the coming year are: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas, Pres. John Norinkavich, 1st V.P. Alexander Akule, 2nd V.P. Frank Markuns, Rec. Secy. Virginia Markuns, Fin. Secy. Aldona Kropas, Treas. Mary Mickevich, Ritual Chrmn. Longinas Svelnis, Cultural Chrmn. Daniel Averka, Lithuanian Affairs and Vytis Corresp. Joseph White, Sgt-at-Arms Patricia Akule. We thank the outgoing officers for their time and effort in making the past year a successful one, and we congratulate the incoming officers.

We closed the past year '77 with a Christmas party for the youth and adults. Plans for the Feb. 16 Independence Day celebration are being formulated.

Alex Chaplick, Pres. of the So. Boston Lith. Citizen's Club and a perennial globe-trotter, recently completed an extensive cruise of the Caribbean on the Queen Elizabeth II. Dr. Algirdas Budreckis, Managing Editor of BRIDGES and author of many books about Lithuania, and his lovely wife Giedra are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, Daina, in October. Albin Neviera, a 4th degree member, is recuperating at home after a stay in the hospital. Al & Pat Akule are sporting a new station wagon to replace their versatile Volkswagon-Bug. Pat had the unpleasant experience of

breaking her wrist in a fall. Frank & Virginia Markuns, our hard working couple, hosted the christening of their first granddaughter, Catherine Juliette, at St. Peter's Church in So. Boston on Oct. 29. The infant's parents are John & Patricia Markuns of Virginia, where John is a labor lawyer. George Balaconis, son of Joseph & Betty Balaconis, was married on Oct. 29 at St. Augustine's Church in So. Boston. His parents are active in K of L affairs locally.

Joseph & Marie Lubin celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in November and were presented with a beautiful anniversary cake by friends at the Novemberfest. Joseph is a local funeral director and the couple are long time members of our council. Ilgiausiu metu ir sveikatos!

Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas celebrated his 40th year of ordination in December. Father is pastor of St. Peter's Church in So. Boston and Spiritual Director of our council.

The VYTIS, of which we are justifiably proud, is an excellent medium to communicate with our members who do not attend council meetings regularly. We hold our meetings every second Wednesday of the month, and usually there is something of interest going on, so please attend and become involved. If you have children, grandchildren, or know of some Catholic, Lithuanian youth, encourage them to join the Juniors. There are many potential adult members in our area; encourage them to attend a meeting.

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