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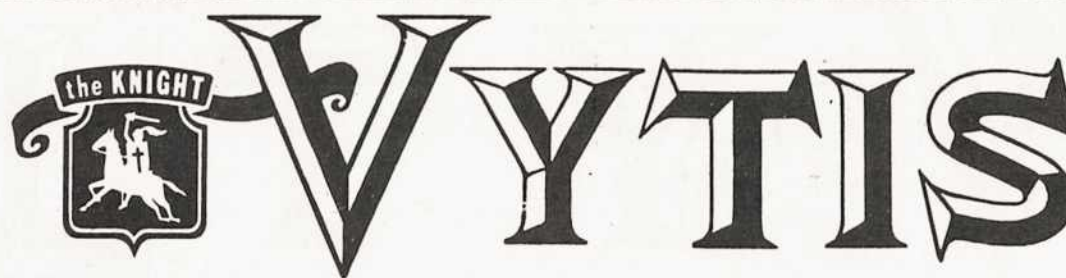
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THE RISEN CHRIST

CONQUEROR OF DOUBT

The title above may sound strange at first glance.

We have been accustomed at Easter time to think of the Risen Lord as conqueror of sin and as victor over death: by His death and resurrection Jesus Christ, Son of God, ransomed us from sin and reconciled us with the Father; by His resurrection from the tomb Christ showed that rising from the dead to a new life is a reality. It was so for Him; it is meant, also, for us, His followers.

For your spiritual enrichment this Easter I am proposing that we think of our Savior as Conqueror of Doubt.

My reason for choosing this theme comes from the fact that we, Catholics, are now living in a period of ever growing doubts about ourselves, our Church and even about Christ, Himself. We are perplexed by many statements and teachings of some modern Christian writers, both Catholic and Protestant, who are outrightly proposing or more often, indirectly hinting, for instance, that abortion is not murder, that active euthanasia is "death with dignity", that Jesus Christ is not ever present in the Eucharist, that Mary, His Mother, was not a virgin before, during and after the birth of her Son, that the age-old, traditional teaching of the Church that the proper use of sex is restricted to those who are married, is outmoded. Many other items could be added to this list. The frightening conclusion is this: We ARE living in a time of rising doubts concerning some of the most basic truths of our Faith.

What is the antidote to these poisonous doubts that surround us?

The answer is obvious: Faith in Christ, the Conqueror of Doubt. A simple, sincere, firm belief in the Lord - Jesus - who-rose-from-the-

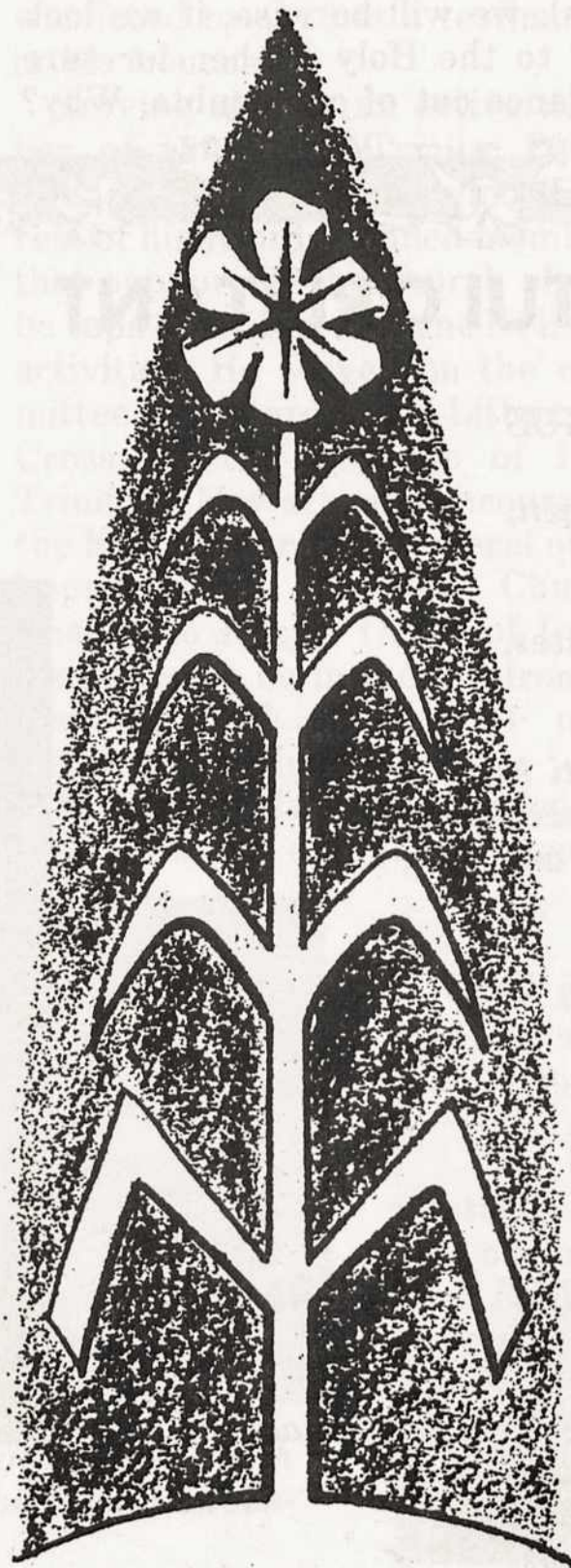
dead is the remedy for each and every doubt that can arise within us. If we believe in the Resurrection: "On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures", as we proclaim at every Sunday Mass we attend, we accept Christ as Destroyer of Doubts concerning His revelation and teachings.

Lest a misunderstanding arise, let me point out that merely accepting the historical fact that Christ arose from the dead on the third day after His Crucifixion is not the same as BELIEVING in the Resurrection of the Lord. Accepting historical facts is not the Faith I am talking about.

When we believe in the Resurrection, we are not accepting historical facts, rather, we are accepting a mystery revealed by God, solely on the Word of God, only because "God says so". This is the basis of our Faith: God... speaking, instructing, commanding, encouraging those who accept Him, at His Word.

What gives certainty to our faith is the truth that God is All-wise, All-knowing, who is not deceived in Himself and cannot deceive those to whom He reveals Himself. If we truly believe in such a Person, we cannot be overcome by doubts. Doubts may arise, but we will not be swayed by them. There is no stronger motive for accepting the difficult and mysterious, God-given truths, than "God said so" or "Christ said so", therefore, I believe.

Returning now to our main theme, to Christ the Conqueror of Doubt, we see that the Resurrec-



tion was surrounded not only with historical certitudes, but more importantly, with divine certitudes. The miracle of His Resurrection makes Christ BELIEVABLE in everything He taught and said. After all, He was the Son of God.

The example of Thomas the Doubter shows us one victory over doubt. The Apostle who would not believe that the Master was alive after His execution on Calvary, even though other Disciples had seen Him, quickly lost all his doubts, when he touched the hands and the wounded side of the Lord. All Thomas could say was "My Lord and my God" and he was no longer a "doubter".

Our method of dispelling doubts that may arise concerning our Holy Catholic Faith should be the same: an act of Faith in Christ as Lord and God. Only after doing this, it

will be easier to resist the enticing ideas of those who are trying to weaken our Faith by leading us to doubt the Words of Christ, or the teachings of His Church.

At all times we must be alert and not allow ourselves to follow the so called "experts", whose books and writings are not in agreement with the teachings of the Holy Father and the Bishops in union with him. We must keep in mind that no priest, no bishop, no theologian, speaking on his own, has the right to teach in the name of Christ. This right and privilege was granted by Christ first to Peter and the Apostles and then to their successors, the Popes and Bishops in union with him.

If ever we slip into a doubting mood (and it is easy to slip these days), we will be wise, if we look only to the Holy Father for sure guidance out of our doubts. Why?

Because Christ, Conqueror of Doubt, promised that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against His Church - which means that the Holy Father, Supreme Teacher of the Church, will never lead the faithful astray.

I hope that these new insights into the mystery of the Resurrection of Christ will strengthen your faith as you generously dedicate yourselves to service "Dievui ir Tėvynei". May your faith in Christ, Victorious over sin, death and doubt be stronger than ever this Easter.

A HOLY EASTER TO ALL.
'ALLELUIA!

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.



KRISTUI GRĮŽTANT

LEONARDAS ANDRIEKUS

*Kai Tau ateis vėl metas grįžti,
Mums — laužyti alyvšakes,
Giedot Hosaną su minia —
Aš klosiu Tau po kojų rykštes,
Kuriom plaki mane.*

*Kas ten beleis jau nusilaužti šaką,
Kai Tu ant asilėlio josi nusizėminęs,
Ir minios savo palmes klos ant tako,
Hosana žadins želmanis!*

*Ne mano medžiai ant Alyvų kalno
Nei gėlės Ezdrakiono slėnyje,
Lankas prie Nemuno uždangstė šalnų,
Ruduo apsigyveno manyje...*

*Aš nieko kito neturiu, kaip rykštes,
Kuriom iš meilės Tu plaki mane —
Ak, niekad nesupras, ką reiškia kraujo krikštas,
Hosaną šaukianti minia!*

*Tiktai sujus apaštalai, klyks moterys pamaldžios,
Išvydę kraują ant vienos šakos,
O Tu sau laiminsi visus atlaidžiai:
Ir žmogų, ir alyvmedį laukuos.*



PROFILE...

KAZYS ŠIPAILA VYTIS BENEFACTOR

Ten years ago, the Knights of Lithuania enjoyed a "windfall" when, to celebrate his own Golden Jubilee Birthday, KAZYS SIPAILA of C-29, Newark, N.J., sponsored an entire issue of the VYTIS. Now, as he prepares to celebrate his 60th birthday on March 27, 1978, Kazys has chosen the same form of celebration, by again sponsoring an issue of VYTIS, namely this one.

Kazys Sipaila was born in the county of Šakiai, the village of Matuliai, Lithuania, on March 27, 1918, at the dawn of Lithuanian Independence. He was forced to flee to Germany when the Soviets occupied his Homeland. On Mother's Day, 1950, Kazys arrived in the USA, settled in New Jersey, and immediately, became active in various aspects of New Jersey's Lithuanian life. He joined the Knights of Lithuania, Newark's Council 29, in 1953, and has been active in Council and District affairs and a regular supporter of National activities ever since. In 1963, C-29 elected Kazys its president, and he has held that office ever since. His service was acknowledged by the National the Knights of Lithuania. He was the financial sponsor of "AWAKENING LITHUANIA", a book by Dr. Jack Stukas, and thus again assisted in advertising Lithuania's

organization when he was awarded the 4th Degree during the K of L National Convention in Chicago in 1964.

As Council President, the quiet, soft-spoken Kazys proved that actions, not words, make for effective leadership. Through a policy of "gentle persuasion" he has managed to accomplish much during his term of office. Under his leadership, the council has grown to well over 100 members, and this year reorganized its Junior Council as well. Kazys led the council in numerous successful commemorations, dinner-dances, concerts, testimonials. In 1975, he himself was feted by C-29 at a testimonial in his honor.

Serving also as an active member of the Holy Trinity Parish Council, Kazys has convinced the rest of his K of L Council members that support of the church should be tops on a K of L council's list of activities. He served on the committee which erected a Lithuanian Cross on the grounds of Holy Trinity in Newark, and encouraged the K of L to provide several other improvements for the Church. Thanks to Kazys, the K of L has continued to be in the forefront of planning and support of most major parish functions.

Kazys Sipaila's contributions to Lithuanianism extend well beyond



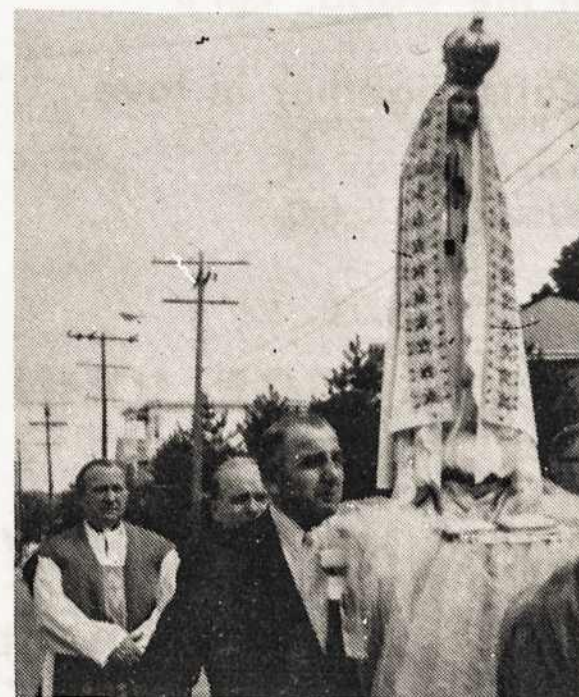
history and current plight. Kazys serves on the New Jersey Lithuanian American Council and is an officer in the St. George Lithuanian Citizens' Club of Newark. He is also active in Bendruomenė, the Lithuanian American Community Assoc.

Privately, Kazys Sipaila lives comfortably in his own home in Hillside, New Jersey, and works as a Die Caster at Springfield Die Casting Co. of New Jersey. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and keeping up with Lithuanian and American News. He also dabbles in a favorite hobby — weaving Lithuanian patterns into ties, juostos, and Lithuanian costume material. He has also begun teaching some of his council members the art of making juostos. Perhaps someday, Kazys will provide a demonstration at a National Convention.

When Kazys left his beloved Lithuania, he vowed to remain true to assisting in her quest for freedom. He has certainly kept his word! Happy Birthday, Kazys and AD MULTOS ANNOS.



K. Šipaila in familiar surroundings above - with some council members; center - at the Natl. Convention; far right - after fishing!



EASTER GREETINGS

*May Its Glory
Fill All With Peace*

Christ has risen. Come let us
rejoice together. Through the
miracle of His rebirth grows hope
for inner peace. Finding
peace within ourselves helps
create the atmosphere for the
flowering of peace and brotherhood
throughout the world. Let's
put our hearts together in love.



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Newark, New Jersey

ŠV. KAZIMIERO ŠVENTEI

Šis eilėraštis buvo skaitytas
Chicagos Lietuvos Vyčių metinėje
Šv. Kazimiero minėjimo šventėje,
sekmadienį, kovo 7 d. 1976. Eilė-
raščių parašė Chicagos Liet. Vyčių
seniorų kuopos narys slapyvarde
V. Šauklys.



Pasveikinti būkite Vyčiai
Kazimiero Švento Dienoje -
Tautos mūs globėjo -
Šimtmečių ilgoj raidoj!

Jūs mylėjote Dievą - Tėvynę,
Aukojote savo jėgas
Ir Lietuvai šventai
Skyrėte savo maldas!

Mylėti tėvų žemele,
Nematę padangės žydrios -
Jūs tik, riteriai, galit
Taurios ir kilnios sielos!

Jūs visad kraujo balsą girdėjot
Tėvelių senų -
Nors neregėjot tos
Melsvos padangės,
Nei sidabrinių jos ežerų -
Negėrėt iš jos šulinių!

Nors tėviškę gaubia debesys;
Nors ten tamsi naktis,
Bet nauji milžinai stoja -
Mūs laisvės šviesioji viltis
Ir Švento Kazimiero Vardas,
Mums kelrodžiu švies!

Žydėk ir spindėk Tu, Karalaiti,
Ir šviesk žvaigžde šviesia,
Virš Baltijos pakrančių,
Virš išgriautųjų altorių,
Aušros Vartų ten Šventų!

Pasaulyje viskas praeina -
Praeina galiūnų galia,
Ir sostai sugriūva -
Ir lieka menkystės dėmė!.....

Tad Vyčiai tegul vis kyla -
Tespiečia tautiečių daugiau,
Ir jaunimo širdis tetraukia
Kas kartą čia burtų arčiau!

Ir žvaigždė aušrinė tešviečia
Kelią vaikams Lietuvos,
Ir Vytis tekviečia
Pakilt dėl Lietuvos!

Tad,
Pirmyn Jūs, Vyčiai taurieji,
Pirmyn Jūs Sakalai -
Teplazda Vytis
Gyvuot Jums amžinai!

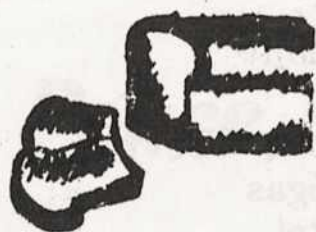
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V. Šauklys

EASTER FOODS

The foods traditionally blessed for Easter, the feast of the Lord's Passover from death to life, are the foods which God prescribed for the ancient Passover meal: lamb, bread, wine and bitter herbs.

The lamb, either meat or a symbolic lamb in the form of cake or butter, is the ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. Jesus is our Paschal (Passover) Lamb by whose blood we are saved.



Bread reminds us of Jesus, the risen Lord, who in the Eucharist is the food of our earthly journey and the true bread of everlasting life.

Horseradish represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. It reminds us of the bitterness of Jesus' Passion by which He entered into glory. Other foods may also be blessed.

Ham celebrates the freedom of the New Law which came into effect through Jesus' resurrection, in distinction to the Old Law which forbade certain meats. Sausage is an ethnic addition to enhance the celebration; its links remind us of the chains of death which were broken when Jesus arose.



Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth. Because of the special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed be decorated with symbols of Easter, Alleluia, and so forth.



Wine is the drink of the Passover meal and the Last Supper. Its sparkle reminds us of the glory of Easter. Wine gladdens our hearts and helps us enter into the joy of the Resurrection.



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VELYKOS

PRISIKĖLIMO ŠVENČIŲ PAPROČIAI



Šis karstas Šv. Teresės baž. prie Aušros Vartų, Vilniuje.

Seniau džiaugsmingai ruošdavosi lietuviai Prisikėlimo šventei - Velykoms. Jau Didįjį Ketvirtadienį apvalydavo savo mylimus žirgus, kad šie visus metus sveiki ir gražūs būtų; vandeniu perpildavo ir kitus gyvulius. Paskutinės Didžiosios Savaitės dienas visi triūsavo apie savo namus.

Didžiojo Šeštadienio rytą kas tik galėdavo išeidavo į bažnytelę šventosios ugnelės ir pašventinto vandens parsinešti. Šventąją ugnelę įžiebdavo savo namų židinyje, su ja dar apeidavo savo laukus, pašlakstydami šventu vandeniu ežias, Dievulio palaimos savo laukams ir derliui melddami.

Suaugusieji Didžiojo Šeštadienio vakarą išeidavo į bažnyčią ir ten pasilikdavo per visą naktį meldamiesi ir giedodami giesmes. Daug

kur tą naktį bažnyčiose buvo rengiami Kristaus Kančios vaidinimai. Taip pat visose Lietuvos bažnyčiose prie eglės paskendusio Kristaus karsto klūpodavo jaunos mergaitės ir vyrai - karsto sargai, apsirengę senosios Lietuvos karių primenančiais drabužiais. Paskutiniaisiais laisvės metais buvo įprasta, jog Kristaus Karstą saugodavo kariai arba šauliai.

Po pusiaunakčio, kai visur pasidarydavo nuostabiai tylu, staiga pradėdavo mušti būgnus. Tai buvo šio nepaprasto ryto pirmieji ženklai, jog dar namuose likę suaugusieji ir vaikai skubėtų į didžiąją šventę. Tie būgnai gausdavo ir gausdavo vis garsiau ir dažniau. Su pirmaisiais ryto saulės spinduliais nuo būgnų trenksmo susiūbudavo net visos oras. Jiems pritardavo

nuostabiu gaudimu varpai, lydimi sutartinos giesmės ir iškilmingos procesijos. Tuo metu visam pasauliui Lietuvos bažnytelės skelbė didįjį pasaulio stebuklą - mirusio Kristaus Prisikėlimą. "Linksma diena mums prašvito" - skambėjo būgnų ir varpų džiaugsmingame gausme ir sklisdavo laisvais pavasario laukais ir miškais.

Po pamaldų visais keliais ir takeliais pasipildavo į namus linksmi žmonės, vienas kitą lenkdamieji ir Prisikėlimo džiaugsmu dalindamiesi. Net susipykę kaimynai šį rytą iššokdavo iš savo ratų ir vienas kitam palinkėdavo džiaugsmo, pamiršdami buvusius susikirsimus ir nesusipratimus.

Namuose visa šeima susėsdavo prie švenčių stalo ir vienas kitam linkėdami džiaugsmo ir laimės dauždavo margučius. O margučiai buvo tikrai nuostabiai margi. Moterys ir vaikai, senimas ir jaunimas, visą savaitę juos dažė ir margino, kad tik nauju raštu pralenktų savo kaimynus ir saviškius. Ir dabar šiais raštuotais margučiais džiaugėsi visi prie stalo ir pievelėje juos ritinėdami ir mušdami.

Jaunimas per Velykas taip pat nerimdavo: supildavo vienas kitą vandeniu, nes šios dienos vanduc kiekvienam sveikatą ir laimę nešė. Taip pat jaunimas, o kartais ir senieji, supuoklėmis supdavosi.

Antrąją Velykų dieną lankydavo savo kaimynus sveikindami Velykų giesme ir lalavimais. Vakare jaunimas linksmindavosi. Ir kaip gi nesilinksmint - Velykos - Kristaus Prisikėlimo ir Pavasario šventė - kokį nuostabų supuolimą - gamta prisikelia naujam gyvenimui. Tikimės - ateis nuostabi diena ir Lietuvai - ji prisikels numesdama rusų jungą.

Lithuanians in The

NEWS

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Simas Kudirka, receiving Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership.

SIMAS KUDIRKA, whose leap to freedom, subsequent return to the Soviet Union and imprisonment captured the concern of Lithuanian Americans and others, prompting a massive effort to insure his return, has once again been placed in the eye of the American public. A special two hour broadcast, entitled "The Defection of Simas Kudirka" was aired on CBS on January 23, 1978. The film, starring Alan Arkin as Kudirka, and Shirley Knight as his wife, was described by Kudirka as "Beautiful". Prior to the broadcast, a feature interview with Kudirka appeared in TV GUIDE. In the interview, Kudirka reviewed the events which led up to his attempted defection, return, and ultimate arrival in the United States. A related story in the January 15 edition of the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS featured an interview with Alan Arkin who described his role as Kudirka as one which "put me through a wringer emotionally".



Alan Arkin and Simas Kudirka.

ANTON A. KALINSKE, Vice President of Camp, Dresser and McKee, Inc., has been selected by the Water Pollution Control Federation's Board of Control to receive the Thomas R. Camp Medal for 1977. This award, given to an individual who has demonstrated by the design or development of a wastewater collection or treatment system the unique application of basic research or fundamental principles, honors Thomas R. Camp, who made many notable contributions to the water pollution control field.

Mr. Kalinske was selected because of his background as an authority in the field of sanitary engineering for the past 25 years. A pioneer in the work of fluid turbulence, he is the author of numerous papers and has received an award from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mr. Kalinske is the brother of C-79 member John Kalinske.

(Sophie Zager)

The South Boston Lithuanian Chess Club scored an unpredicted victory over the Metropolitan Chess League leader Harvard University. It was the first defeat for Harvard this season. Winners for the Lithuanian team were RICHARD GRAUSLYS, KAZYS MERKIS and BRONIUS SKRABULIS.

(Al Jaritis)

Lithuanian tenor MISHA RAITZIN was heard nationally on January 21 during the Texaco sponsored radio broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera's new production of Wagner's TANNHAUSER. Mr. Raitzen sang the role of Walther.

The Public Broadcasting System recently aired a TV special profile on the life and work of sculptor JACQUES LIPSCHITZ (1891 - 1973) showing him at work in his studio and reminiscing about his career, including his Lithuanian roots. Born to a Jewish family in Druskininkai, he began his education in Vilnius, later attending the Ecole des Beaux Arts and the Academie Junian in Paris. While studying, he joined the ESPRIT NOUVEAU group and was associated with the cubists. In 1924, he began to create transparents, using the lost wax technique, which gained him a reputation throughout the art world. He came to the United States during World War II. His work is exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art in New York City; the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, and other museums of note.

Famed father and son team, violinist IZIDORIUS VASYLIUNAS and pianist DR. VYTENIS VASYLIUNAS have concluded their annual concert tour, including an appearance at New York's Carnegie Recital Hall on January 7, 1978. The program was reviewed by THE NEW YORK TIMES. The concert included works by Beethoven, Brahms and Banaitis. The latter's Sonata in Dm (1934) was particularly well received.

Lithuania's most prestigious musical ensemble, the Vilnius Philharmonic String Orchestra, and its conductor SAULIUS SONDECKIS, recently concluded a tour of Western Europe and Austria. The concert tour included some 24 performances, all meeting with public and critical acclaim. The repertoire included works by M. K. Čiurlionis and F. Bajoras, as well as compositions from the standard classical repertory.



Rev. Pugevičius addresses K of L National Convention.

FR. CASIMIR PUGEVICIUS, Executive Director of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, and National Chairman of the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee was invited to speak to the mens discussion group at the Riverside Church in New York on January 22, 1978. The address, concerned with Soviet Colonialism and the Baltic States, sparked an interesting exchange of information between members and guests.

WALTER (GATES) GRIGAITIS, arranger, composer and pianist, died last November in Philadelphia. Noted for his work with many rock and roll stars, he wrote several songs, and acted as arranger for Chubby Checker, Bobby Vinton, The Supremes, Freddie Cannon, Gene Pitney and others in association with Swan Records. His father, the late Walter K. Grigaitis, Sr., was a former conductor with the Philadelphia Opera Company and the Pennsylvania Grand Opera Company.

(BRIDGES)

Recently honored by Mary Thompson Hospital, the second oldest hospital in Chicago, was DR. EMILIA J. GIRYOTAS, for fifty years of service. Dr. Giryotas was one of four women to graduate from her class at the University of Illinois. Her admission to the American College of Surgeons in 1938 was a rare honor for women at that time. She is currently medical director of the hospital, and serves as an emergency room physician one day a week.

(BRIDGES)



For as long as anyone could remember, Ruta grew near the ruins of the ancient castle, on the left side of the remnants of an old draw bridge, that now crossed a dry moat. Age was of little significance to her, for each spring she would rebound and grow prettier. Like royalty, she grew straight and tall, with her head held high, her cascading finery was full of dark green leaves and she was truly elegant. Other flowers grew in scattered patches, here and there, but none had the qualities of survival like Ruta. At the first appearance of light in the morning, Ruta grew anxious for she knew someone special was coming.

Each day, "Saulé", the sun goddess, rose early in the morning, put on her golden gown and warmed the earth. At times she would playfully hide behind a cloud, but mostly, she showered all plants and trees with her shimmering rays. Enamored by Saule's beauty, the plants unfolded their petals, erupting into beautiful scented flowers with gorgeous colors. Each was striving for Saule's affection, including Ruta. When Ruta's little buds opened, her petals were small, dainty, and tinted a soft delicate yellow - but they had no fragrance! This imperfection did not seem to bother Ruta very much, but lately, she did not seem to respond eagerly to Saule's glow.

Wistfully Ruta smiled and gracefully swayed with the breezes, but oh, how she yearned

for the old days. Then, the sounds that carried over the castle wall were lighthearted and gay, and there was so much activity: the clatter of hoofs in the courtyard, the clang of the blacksmith's iron on his anvil, and the clashing of swords and lances. And especially, she loved to listen to the lilting tunes of the "dainos" that were sung to the music of a kanklės. There were times where a knight would pluck a luscious sprig from Ruta's skirt to present to his lady fair, as his token of affection. Those were such happy days.

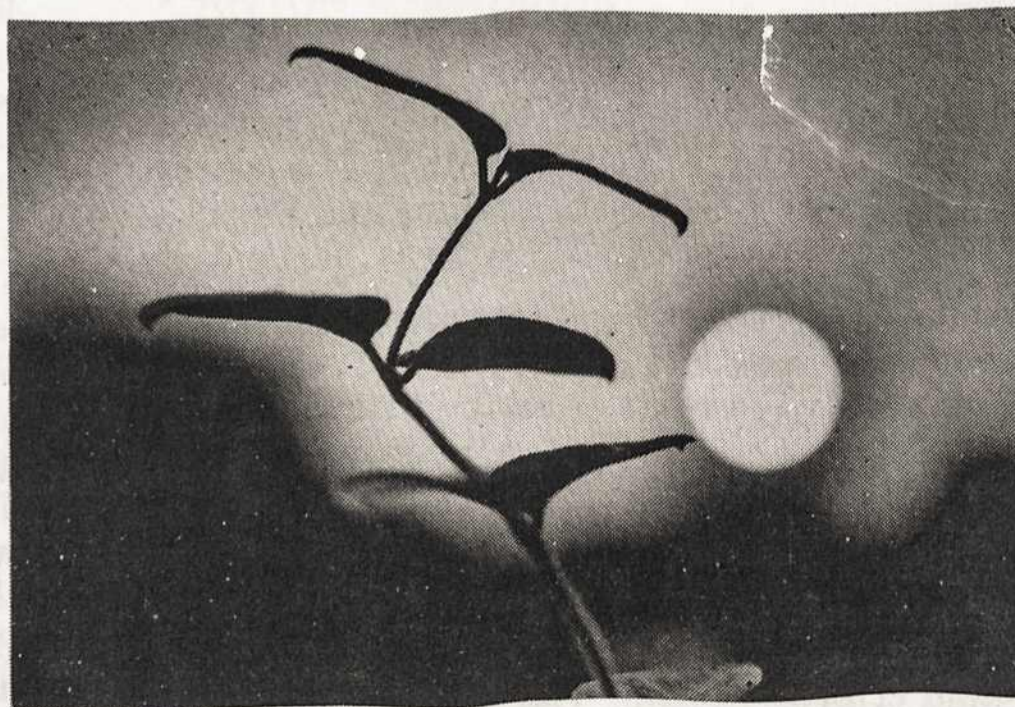
Now, no one passed this way anymore; everything was so quiet, and Ruta was very lonesome. Reminiscing brought tears to her sweet face, and slowly her petals closed, hiding her grief.

From a distance Saulé noticed

something was wrong with Ruta, and quickly called to "Perkūnas", the god of thunder, to summon all the other gods. Hearing her call, Thunder clashed, and dark clouds blanketed the sky, concealing the council of gods as they conferred around the silver table.

Saulé emotionally explained her concern for Rūta. The gods loved Saule too, and it distressed them to see her so upset. Yes, they all agreed to help Saule in whatever way possible.

The clouds swiftly drifted away and a beautiful rainbow formed in the heavens. Brilliantly Saulé came forward and gently embraced Rūta. Softly she said, "Rūta, will you tell me what is wrong? Look, because I love you so much, I have brought all the gods to help with your problem".



Rūta poignantly drew her petals into a tighter little pod and remained silent.

"Please", pleaded Saulė, " 'Rūduo', the god of autumn, will shortly be coming between us for a time and my power will be weakened. Tell me while I can still help. What is wrong?"

Heartbroken, Rūta slowly opened her pod. Her tears had dried and turned into little black seeds, that began to fall. Quickly Saulė caught these tiny seeds in her hand. They were so small, such little specks - that Saulė became fascinated and began counting them: one hundred-fourty three, and one hundred-fourty four, one hundred-fourty five...

Just then, "Lietus", god of rain, noticed the ground surrounding Rūta was dry, and impulsively sprinkled crystal clear water on her leaves, causing them to brush against each other. Instantly a sharp aroma filled the air! Rūta had found her fragrance - it was hidden in her leaves all the time.

The pungent scent caught "Vėjas", the god of wind, by surprise. His cheeks puffed up and his chest swelled, causing him to let out a healthy sneeze, Achooo... blowing the seeds all the way to Holyoke, Mass. Because these seeds needed special care for growing, Saule's oldest daughter immediately tapped Joan Laframboise, and Joan agreed to be president. Another daughter knocked at Nell Ruggles' door, and she consented to be secretary. A third daughter beckoned Adele Laferriere, and Adele promised to serve faithfully as treasurer.

Regretting his folly, Vėjas blew up a storm all the way to Amherst, Mass. and shook the rafters of James Adamaitis' house until Jim accepted the role of vice-president.

The need of financing fell to "Mėnulis", the moon god. Wracking his brain, Mėnulis sat down on a mound of rocks and thought and thought. Why not? Casting a grey light all the way to Boston, Mass.

and into Longinas Svelnis' room, he whispered into Larry's ear. The following morning Larry would mail a generous contribution to be used specifically for secretarial correspondence between councils.

"Aušrinė", the morning star, sent such vibrations that Margaret Picard volunteered to serve as financial secretary, and the following were enlisted as members: Della Mikalis, Viola Markoski, Rita Adamaitis, Anthony Ruggles, Jinx Beaulieu, Ann Lyons, Imelda and Steve Chivas, Leo Laferriere, Albert Laframboise, Marcella Battistoni and Clement Picard.

When Rūta heard all that had been done, she was extremely happy, and grew a little taller. Saulė and all the gods were pleased that Rūta was smiling again, and they returned to their rightful places in the heavens.

That, dear friends, is how Council 145 Knights of Lithuania, was formed in Holyoke, Mass. on Nov. 2, 1977.

Margaret Picard

GIEDOKIME VYČIŲ HIMNA

Gražūs ir prasmingi yra mūsų Vyčių himno žodžiai. Jie išryškina pagrindinį mūsų draugijos tikslą ir veiklos kryptį. Juose glūdi mūsų darbuotės ir pastangų gaivinantieji syvai ir judinanti jėga. Jie sutrauktai išreiškia vyčių siekimus. Verta įsigilinti į himno žodžius, juos atmintinai iškalti, persisunkti jų dvasia ir dažnai juos kartoti.

Pirmiausia, mūsų himnas tikrai yra grynčiausia malda. Jo žodžiais šaukiamės stiprybės iš Aukšto, išpažindami žmogiškas silpnybes ir prigimties trūkumus. Kreipiamės į Visagalį maldaudami sustiprinti mūsų dvasią, mūsų jėgas ir mūsų ryžtą. Žinome, jog be Dievo pagalbos mūsų darbai ir užmojai bus bergždi; savomis pastangomis užsibrėžtųjų tikslų neatsieksime. Esame reikalingi nuolatinės šviesos protui ir stiprybės valiai.

Mėnesiniai susirinkimai būtų

tinkama proga himnui giedoti. Po įžanginės maldos ir JAV himno labai tiktų vyčių himnas. Kitos tam tinkamos progos galėtų būti laipsnių teikimo iškilmės, gausesnės iškylos, apygardų suvažiavimai, o ypačiai — metiniai seimai. Per šv. Kazimiero metines pamaldas tiktų sugiedoti himną pačioje bažnyčioje.

Iš pradžių giedojimas gali būti

nesklandus, tačiau truputį parepetavus, pajėgtume mūsų himną visai išpūdingai sugiedoti. Žinoma, yra ir negausių kuopų, be gerų balsų, tačiau negalima tuo pasiteisinti negiedant himno. Užuo giedoje, galėtų sutartinai atkalbėti tik jo žodžius.

"Ei, Vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai!"

Stasys P. Vaičaitis



CONVENTION NEWS

**TO EASE YOUR TRAVEL
TO THE CONVENTION...**



A study of Syracuse's beginnings and its potential as one of the major economic centers of the Northeast revolves around one outstanding feature: its centrality. It is at the heart of New York State and can be considered the hub of the American-Canadian Northeast market.

Development of transportation resources, dating from the Erie Canal, helped to diversify the region's economy. Two interstate highways, an international airport, water links to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean, expansive rail freight yards and bus service give Syracuse one of the finest transportation networks in the country.

The Syracuse intersection of the East-West Thruway (Interstate Route 90) and the North-South Interstate Route 81 makes the community one of the few in the nation to be at the crossroads of two major expressways.

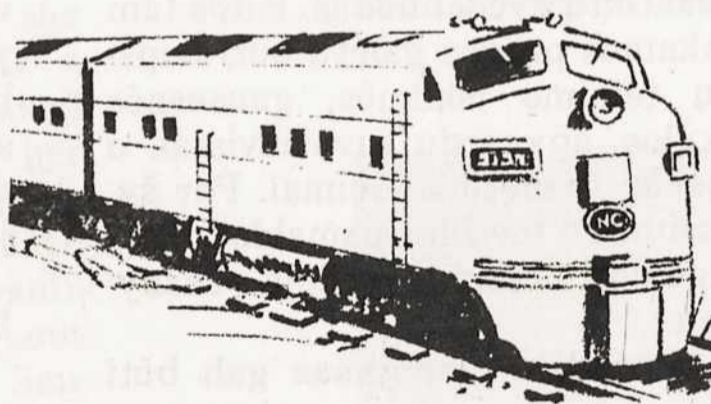
Modern facilities and runways able to accommodate the world's largest aircraft have resulted in steady growth of both passenger and freight activity at the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.



UPSTATE IN '78

The three major passenger carriers serving Syracuse are American, Eastern, and Allegheny Airlines. Two other airlines, Braniff and North Central have applied for routes out of Syracuse. Hancock is the busiest airport between New York City and Buffalo and is also the home of the regional headquarters of the North American Air Defense Command.

Both the Penn Central and Erie Lackawanna Railroads operate freight-marshaling yards in Syracuse. In the golden days of railroading, the East Syracuse yard was one of the largest in the East.



For those of you who like to travel by train, Amtrak provides a number of passenger trains daily on its east-west route.

The Greyhound Bus Company provides service in all directions from Syracuse. Those of you from larger councils, or in councils near each other, you can reserve a bus and come to the convention in a

group. The cost is very minimal if you fill the bus, even if you stay three or four days. Also, it's a lot of fun traveling with your own people. Check with your local bus company and you'll be surprised as to the low cost.



If you are a boating enthusiast, you may come to the convention by boat. The Port of Syracuse is connected by excellent waterways, including the Barge Canal, to Lake Erie through Buffalo, the St. Lawrence Seaway and Atlantic Ocean through the Port of Oswego, and the Hudson River and New York City through Albany.

There, my dear friends, you have all the modes of transportation to and from Syracuse. Start planning now so that by August you'll have all of your problems worked out. We really want to see as many of you as possible.

TO ENTERTAIN YOU ONCE YOU ARRIVE...

We have a good solid Convention planned for you. Some of the highlights are:

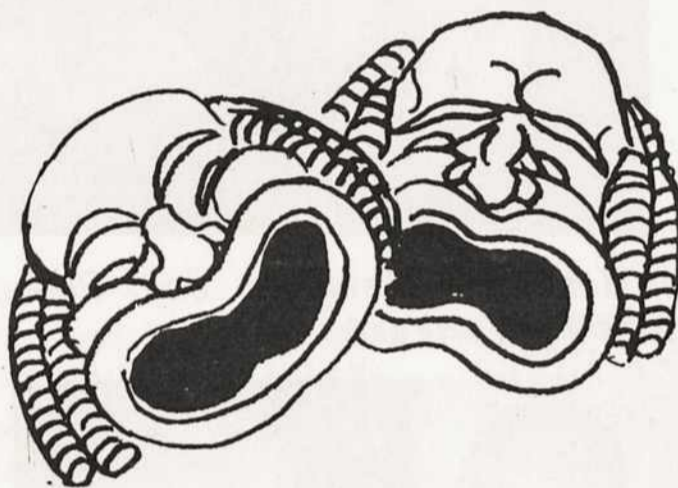
Wednesday - Golf Tournament for both sexes and for the fun-loving and the serious. Trophies in three categories will be awarded at the Awards Banquet in the evening.



For those who don't golf, a bus tour of some of the must-see places such as: Syracuse China, Syroco, Salt Museum, Canal Museum, Syracuse University, State Fair, etc. is planned. Everyone is welcome to the evening Awards Banquet.

Thursday - opening Mass and Luncheon. Thursday evening is Fun Night. Boy do we have some surprises for you!

Friday is the Cultural Night in the Carrier Theatre of our new Civic Center. The program will include "Vargšas Tadas" - a Lithuanian Play, the Lazdynas Dancers, and the K of L's own Father Baltch with a medley of Lithuanian songs.



Between acts the K of L's master comedian - Joe Sable will entertain. Afterwards a New York State Champagne and Cheese Party is planned.

Saturday is the closing Banquet and Dance in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Syracuse. A number of dignitaries will be present.

Sunday is Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with at least four Bishops in attendance. Picture taking on the Court House steps will follow Mass, and then a final big Farewell Brunch.



Of course the Supreme Council is planning a lot of good sessions morning and afternoon so it will be well worth your while to come to "Upstate in 78" - Syracuse.

Next month - more on Syracuse and the Convention.

ADELINE JASAITIS
Member, C-112
Chicago, Ill.
Died Jan. 23, 1978

VYTAUTAS AVIZA
Member, C-41
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Died Jan. 1, 1978

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in your
prayers...

JOSEPH STRINES
Member, C-111 Srs.
Youngstown, Oh.
Died Jan. 20, 1978

JOHN C. ADAMAITIS
Member, C-116
Worcester, Mass.
Died Jan. 29, 1978

GRACE B. VAITKUNAS
Member, C-103
Providence, R.I.
Died Jan. 28, 1978

JOSEPH BOLEY ...IN DAYTON

What a delight and honor it was to spend the weekend of November 12-13th with Knights of Lithuania Honorary Member, JOSEPH BOLEY - BULEVICIUS. Joe was the guest of honor at a reception held for him at Holy Cross Church hall. The parish's Lithuanian Cultural Committee sponsored this special occasion.

Joe's topic for Saturday evening was very thought provoking. The theme was on keeping a country alive. Even though Lithuania, the land, is temporarily lost, we must keep the culture and language alive. Emphasis was on the language. Joe encouraged all present to increase the use of the Lithuanian language in the purest form. He encouraged the people to use the language more in every day life.

During the Sunday Mass Joe gave a heart rendering presentation of a poem taken from the book, "Prayers", by Rev. Michael Quoist, titled, "Lord, I Have Time". Joe translated this poem into Lithuanian. When he was finished with the presentation everyone was silent. There was so much thought to what had been said.

Joe's hosts for the weekend were Albert and Albina Wallis. On Sunday, C-96 had the pleasure of taking Joe to dinner. The dinner was preceded with cocktails at the home of Joseph and Aldona Ryan. After dinner conversation and refreshments continued at Fran Petkus' home until flight time.

We thank Joe for spending the time with us. Taking thought from "My Fair Lady"... we had ... "The Pleasure of His Company"

Fran Petku:



Honorary Members Joe Boley, Mary Lucas, Stanley Vaitkus.



Rev. V. Katariskis and Joe.



Seated: Mary Lucas and Joe Boley, standing: Elinor Sluzas, Aldona Ryan.



Front Row - Alice Petkus, Vida Gecas, Mrs. Anele Petkus, Mary Lucas, Joe Boley, Shannon Granthem, Aldona Ryan, Betty August, Irene Gecas.

Back Row - Janina Bucmys, Eugenia Gecas, Stephanie Rastikis, Elinor Sluzas, Elena Zukaitis, Sally Miller, Joan Kavalauskas, Venice Grantham, Ildephonsas Bucmys, Christina Mantz, Fran Petkus, Albina Wallis, Vic August.

JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

EASTER EGGS — LITHUANIAN STYLE

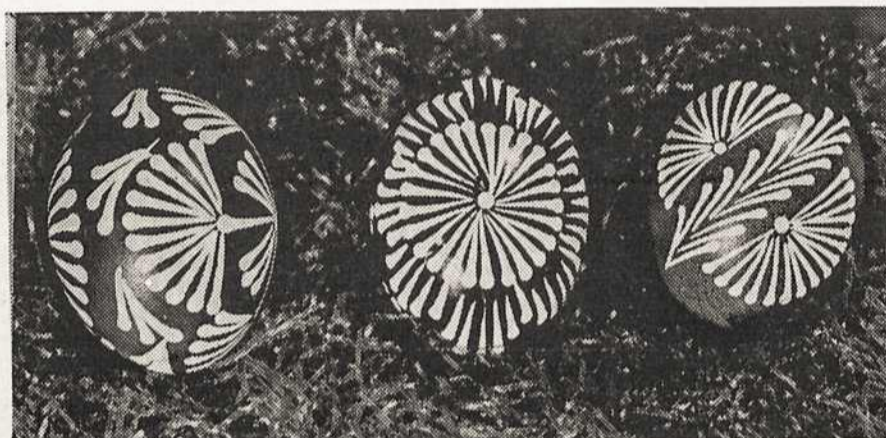


Photo - R. Kisielius

Place skins of 2 to 4 onions into pot, pour in cold water. Place uncooked eggs in water. Bring to boil; after 15 minutes remove 2 or 3 eggs. Cook other eggs longer, removing them from water at different times. You will get eggs in different shades from yellow to dark brown.

When eggs are cool, rub them with a cloth dipped in lard to obtain a bright sheen.

Try to create your own geometric design with the sharp point of a knife.

WELCOME — WELCOME

Another new Junior Council has been born — in Shenandoah, Pa. Under the care of C-144, Anthracite. Welcome to the newcomers. All indicators point to success for the new group, if they use their mother council as an example.

PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN

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

Ann Marie Kassel
11129 High Ridge Ave.
Westchester, Ill. 60153

in the EASTER PARADE

CLOTHING — DRABUŽIAI



I want to buy a hat
that's his new jacket
his shirt is clean
I don't like this necktie
his sleeves are too long
his slacks are too short
he likes white socks
tomorrow I will buy new shoes
he smokes a pipe
every day she buys a new dress
how much does this skirt cost?
buy me two pairs of hose
she bought amber earrings
I lost my belt
I need a new handbag
I bought a wallet.

aš noriu pirkti skrybėlę
tai jo naujas švarkas
jo marškiniai švarūs
man nepatinka šis kaklaraištis
jo rankovės yra per ilgos
jo kelnės per trumpos
jis mėgsta baltas kojines
rytoj aš pirksiu naujus batus
jis rūko pypkę
ji kasdien perka naują suknelę
kiek kainuoja šis sijonas?
nupirk man dvi poras kojinių
ji nupirko gintarinius auskarus
aš pamečiau diržą
man reikia naujo rankinuko
nusipirkau piniginę



A FEW FACTS ABOUT ST. CASIMIR, OUR PATRON

He was born on Oct. 3, 1458; the grandson of Jogaila. He began his formal instructions when he was nine. Included were languages, public speaking, physical education and the importance of prayer.

When Casimir was 13, he was given an army of 12,000 men to command. After an unsuccessful campaign, he went back to his studies. He learned the rules of chivalry and literary appreciation.

During this time a deeper love of prayer and religion grew in him. The King, his father, was alarmed since Casimir was heir to the throne. As he grew older Casimir instituted many reforms and personally aided in helping the poor and the sick. He grew closer to God and began fasting and doing penance. He spent entire days meditating in the chapel.

In 1483, Casimir began to lose his good health. Many were saying it was due to his harsh treatment of himself. His illness developed quickly and he died on the morning of March 4, 1484.

All Junior Councils should remember St. Casimir especially during March, and participate in their District or Council St. Casimir's Day Celebration.



Vilnius, where St. Casimir lived.

JUNIOR NEWS

JRS. C-29 NEWARK

January 15th, 1978 was our first Junior K of L meeting. During our first meeting we went over the By-Laws of Junior K of L. Every member that was there took the oath of membership.

Afterwards Edward Skripata told us about his trip to Lithuania. Then Rita Grazulis told us about her trip with some Council 29 members to Hawaii.

At our first meeting Rita Grazulis, Vida Melinis, Gina Melinis, Ruta Melinis, Linda Didzbalis and Edward Skripata were present. We are expecting more at the next meeting.

Linda Didzbalis
Ruta Melinis

On November 15, 1977, our Junior K of L had their monthly meeting and election of officers. The meeting opened with a prayer conducted by Father Baltch, and was followed by a showing of one of his many wood carvings. He then left us and we conducted the meeting with Genny Gobis, and Regina Cot. Mrs. Cot helped us through a song we are learning to sing. After that, we talked about how we could raise money. We were thinking of having a car wash in the spring. Then we elected our officers. President - Alan Drenzak, V. President - Michael Mikolaitis, Secretary - Lisa Saikal, Treasurer - Gerry Drenzak, Sgt-at-Arms - Timmy Saikal, Correspondent - Rima Hartvigas.

After we elected everyone we decided on who would be the com-

JRS. C-100 AMSTERDAM

mittee for our annual Christmas party. It turned out that Lisa, Gerry, and Rima would bring our food and entertainment. We then had our refreshments. We also celebrated Mrs. Cot's birthday.

On December 20, 1977 we Junior K of L's of Amsterdam celebrated our Annual Christmas Party. The meeting opened by a prayer led by Father Baltch. He then told us about Christmas traditions in Lithuania, showed us pictures from the many places there, and showed up with a movie for us to see. We then sang the song we were practicing. We celebrated by playing music, and eating we ended by cleaning up and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rima Hartvigas

JRS. C-36-112 CHICAGO

On December 17 we participated with the Illinois-Indiana District Choir and Dancers in the Lithuanian Day program of the "Christmas Around the World" at the Museum of Science and Industry.

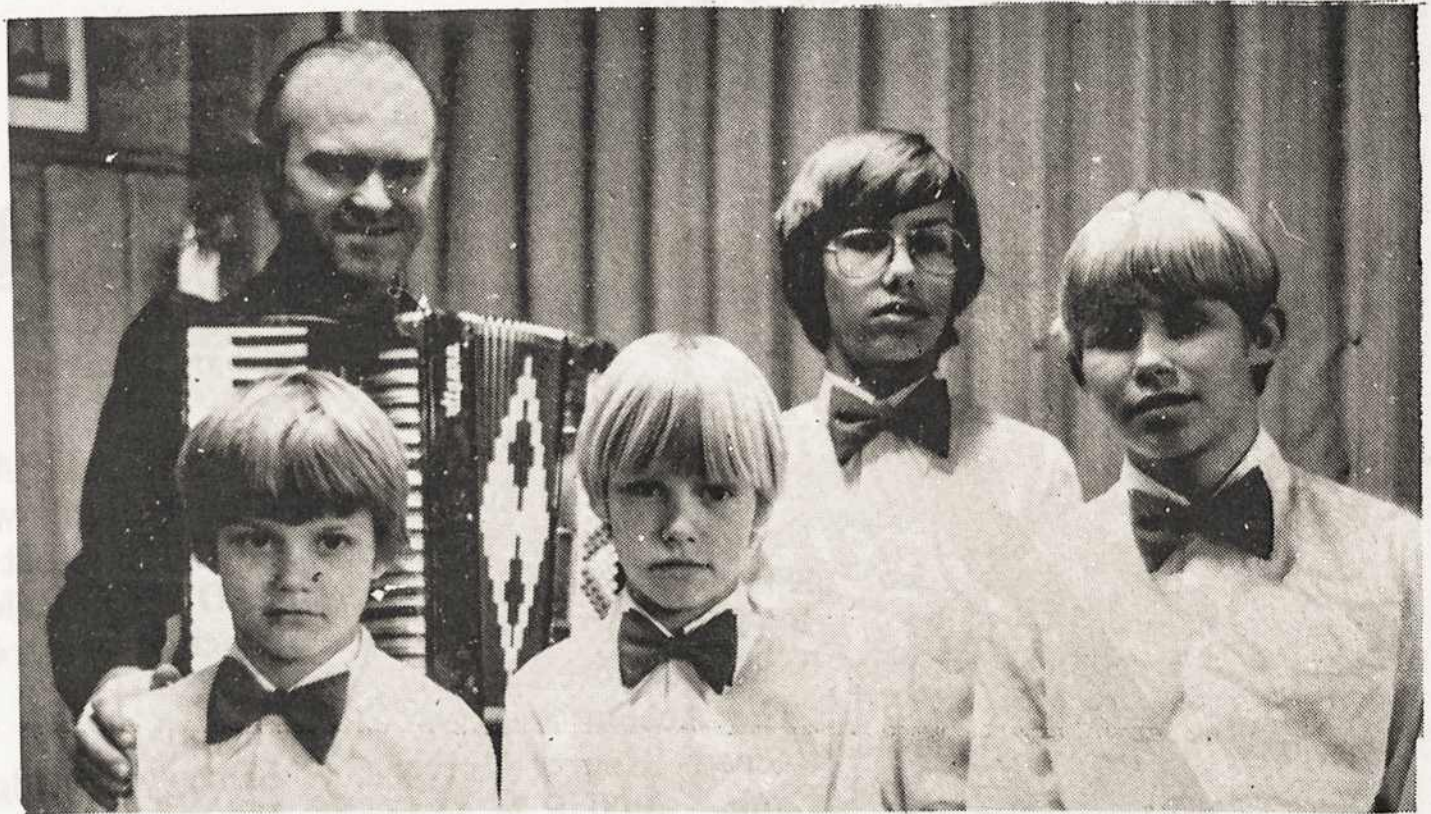
At our December meeting we had elections. Our new officers are: President - John Kilkus, Vice President - Rita Zakarka, Recording Secretary - Paul Strolia, Corresponding Secretary - Joell Gaidas, Sergeants-at-Arms - Tom Strolia, David Baer, and Anne Maluska. Our Spiritual Advisor is Father Tom Kasputis and our Counselors are still Mrs. Ann Marie Kassel and Mrs. Teresa Strolia.

We are now learning seven songs for the Dainų Šventė, which will be held in Toronto on July 4.

Jurgina

JRS. C-96 DAYTON

In Nov. 1977 we had a Christmas bazaar. We all worked hard making most of the craft items ourselves. Also the Senior Council contributed some of the items and baked goods. The bazaar was a success.



C-36-112 Members Matthew, John, Paul and Thomas Strolia perform with their father, Faustas Strolia, K of L Choir Director.

Then on Dec. 16, '77 the Juniors had a Christmas party and the election of officers at Marianne Podoyak's house, our previous advisor. Desert was provided by Mrs. Elinor Sluzas. We had our election of officers.

The new officers are: President Shannon Grantham, Vice President Annamaria Sluzas, Treasurer Joe Mantz, Secretary Vida Gecas, Sargeant-at-Arms Michael Lastoskie and Carol August, and Vytis Correspondent Irena Gecas. I hope we have a good year with the new officers. Our new advisor is Chris

Mantz. After the dinner we exchanged presents. We all had an enjoyable evening.

At our January meeting we discussed the things we were going to do in the upcoming year.

In February we are planning to have a Valentine Bake Sale. We are going to have a program for St. Casimir's celebration in March. We are very grateful to Marianne Podoyak for being our advisor for 1977. THANK YOU!

Irene Gecas

LITHUANIANS COME TO AMERICA

Across the sea, by ship they came
to be a free people, and own
their own claim.

They came to America, to see days
that are bright
They came to America, by sailing
day and night.

Political and cultural conditions
in Lithuania were in dismay
and the country's economy remained poor,
so they came to the U.S.A.

They found freedom and justice
and much, much, much more,
So they decided to stay,
and follow our law.

Now they are living in our country
as one
and by this poem you know how it began.

So every Lithuanian in the old world today
Prays for the day they can come and be free
in our beautiful U.S.A.

Ed. Note: This poem was written by a Junior Member, Bridget Senken of C-12, Manhattan, N.Y., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Senken of C-12.

K of L Calendar

MARCH LITHUANIAN ETHNIC MONTH, Sacred Heart Univ. Bridgeport, Conn.

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 COMMEMO-
RATION, 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 Conven-
tion, Our Lady of Siluva Church, Maizeville, Pa. C-144 Hosts.

13 IID Business Meeting.

APRIL

23 NED SPRING CONVENTION, 1:00 P.M. St. Casimir Hall,
Brockton, MA.

MAY

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

JUNE

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

JULY 26 - AUGUST 7 K of L HOLYLAND TRIP

AUGUST

13 64TH ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY, Lakewood Park,
Barnesville, Pa., C-144, Coordinators.

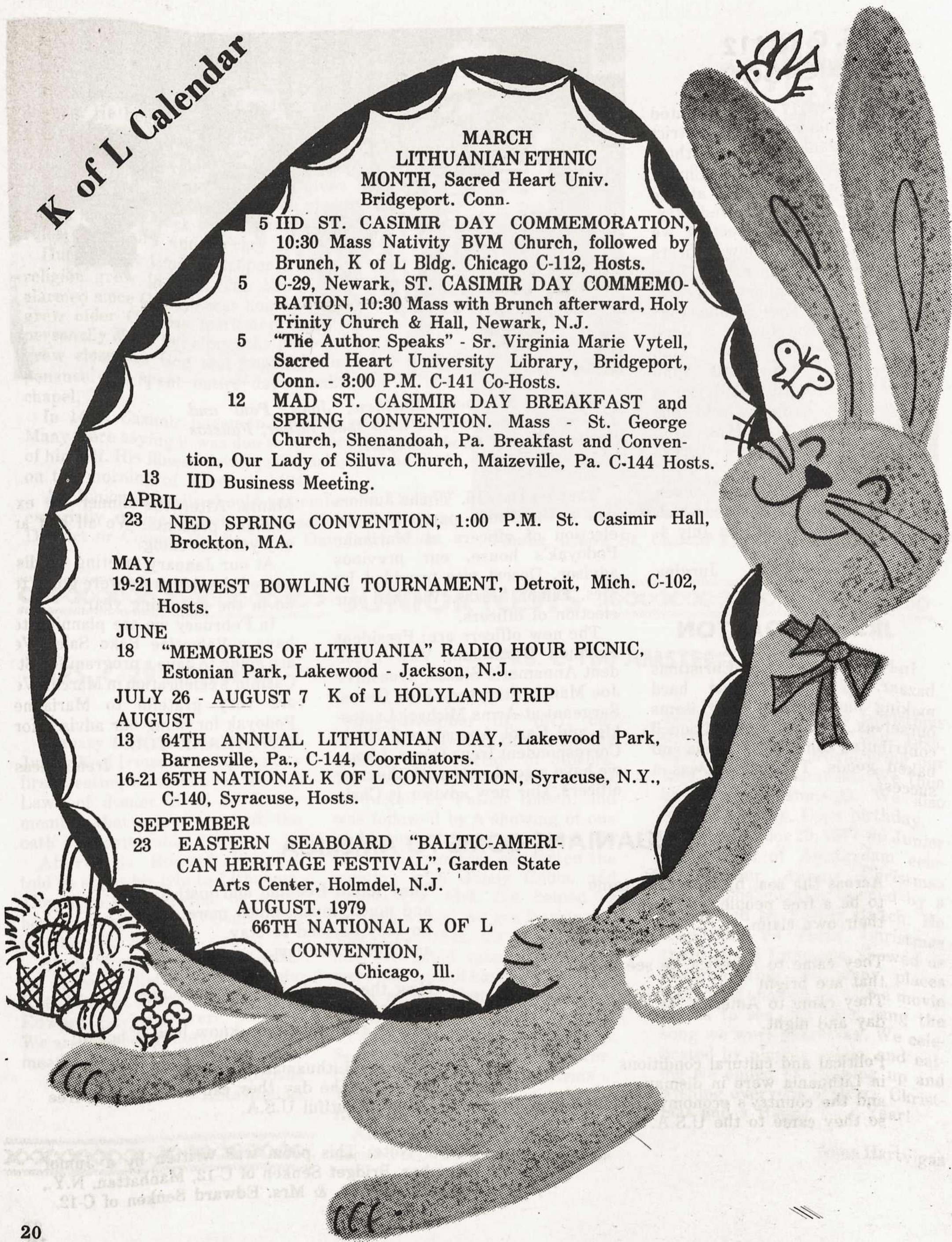
16-21 65TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Syracuse, N.Y.,
C-140, Syracuse, Hosts.

SEPTEMBER

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

AUGUST, 1979

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



Vyčiai Veikia

Council Activities



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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The last quarterly IID business meeting for 1977 was held in the K of L Bldg. on Dec. 12. Annual donations to the Lithuanian press, radio, T.V., and charitable organizations were made, and plans for Dist. events for 1978 were formulated. Hostesses for the Christmas social following were Gerry Mack and Monica Kasper. Emilija Pakalniskis baked one of her super delicious "Napoleonas" torte. The "goodies" and socializing were enjoyed by all. The next business meeting will be held Mar. 13.

K of L Bldg. Trustees election results: Al Zakarka (Bldg. Treas.) was reelected for another 3-year term, Clemente Vidzius (Bldg. Mgr.) was reelected Trustee-at-Large, and Jerome Jankus was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board. We know these men will do an outstanding job along with the other Trustees from the IID and the Chicago Seniors.

Scholarship Chairlady, H.M. Eleanore Laurin, held her Annual Benefit for the National Scholarship Fund. Among the many, many winners were the Yuknis', the Jakunas', the Dagis', the Mockus', Adeline Jasaitis, Scotty Zukas, and other generous K of L members.

Our Chicago Dance Group, the 36-112 Juniors, and the Choir, performed in the Lithuanian Day program at the Museum of Science and Industry's "Christmas Around the World" pageant. Choir Director Faustas Strolia and Choir Pres.

Estelle Rogers, Jr. Counsellor Ann Marie Kassel, and K of L Dancers coordinator Frank Zapolis, are to be congratulated on presenting a splendid program.

Frank Zapolis has devoted many years and thousands of hours to the development of our K of L Dancers and we all are extremely grateful for his untiring devotion to our Lithuanian youth.

The K of L Chicago Seniors hosted their annual and traditional Lithuanian "Kūčios". As usual the K of L Bldg. was beautifully decorated, with much of the credit going to Kazimiera Petrušis. The traditional meal was served graciously by the Senior ladies. H.M. Adele Gabalas and her Womens' Chorus entertained those assembled with a variety of Lithuanian songs. Pres. Juozas Laurinaitis expressed his appreciation to Father Adolfas Stasys for his participation and to all who at-

tended the event.

K of L congratulations to Eleanor & Frank Zapolis and Helen Pius for their efforts in promoting and instructing many in the making of Lithuanian Christmas ornaments throughout the Chicagoland area, making many personal appearances.

The Immaculate Conception Mens' Club presented their Man-of-the-Year award to our own Vince Samaska for his many contributions to the organization. At the same ceremony, awards were presented to Tony Wallunas for his voluntary musical contributions and to Irene Norushis who has devoted many hours to the Mens' Club. Irene also works on many projects for her own parish, at St. Richard's.

The Annual IID St. Casimir's Day commemoration will be held Mar. 5 with C-112 hosting the event. The 10:30 Mass will be celebrated at Nativity B.V.M. Church with a brunch-program following at the K of L Bldg.



MID ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

Our third Annual Kūčios was celebrated Dec. 18 in the Transfiguration Parish Hall. Present were Fr. Frank Bulovas, Pastor and Spiritual Advisor of the M.A. Dist.; Fr. John Pakalniskis, our council's Spiritual Advisor; Fr. Paul Baltakis, Provincial of Franciscan Fr.'s of Bklyn; and 250 members, parishioners and friends.

M.C. John Sidtis introduced Pres. Marian Skabeikis, who extended greetings to all. Family Prayer Service was read by Jr.'s

Antanas Ambrosini and Counselor Bill Sidtis. Plotkeles were broken, Our Father recited, and a Blessing was offered by Fr. Pakalniskis. Twelve traditional Christmas Eve delicacies prepared by our members were served.

Between meal courses, our council's chorus sang. Community singing of traditional and Lithuanian Christmas carols led by Mary Kulis and accompanied by Philip Skabeikis followed.

The Juniors set up a boutique where they sold handmade Christmas ornaments, puppets, sand paintings, etc. Proceeds of this sale will send a few Jr.'s to the Natl. Convention in Syracuse.

Head Chefs John Oliva and Art Nelson did a great job preparing the cheese blintzes and fish fillets. The working crew also did an excellent job. Chairman Philip Skabeikis is hereby commended for his superb leadership.

At our last meeting three new members were introduced, Josephine & Antanas Kairys, and Violet Zvirblis. We welcome you and are happy to have you working with us in the Lithuanian spirit.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the Stungurys family on the sudden death of their father and husband, Jonas. The Stungurys children, Leo, Jonas, Marija, and Arunas, are active jr.'s of our council.

Our first meeting of the new year '78 was opened with prayer by Fr. Casimir Pugevicius, Natl. Chairman of Lith. Affairs. We welcomed Brother George Petcavage, OFM, a new member.

Several officers attended the Human Rights Services held in Paterson, N.J.

On the third Sunday of each month, our members will attend the 11 A.M. Mass in a body.

Plans have been made to have Ann Klem of Kearny, N.J. demonstrate at our next meeting the art of coloring Easter eggs (margučiai).

St. Casimir's Feast Day was celebrated Feb. 26 at the 11 A.M. Mass at our Church of the Trans-

figuration. This was followed by an informal Communion breakfast in the parish hall for members and their children.

The Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin is a year older. All are reminded to write to the Prisoners of Conscience and to continue clipping items related to Lith. Affairs that are being published in various sources. Members of our council comprise the publishing staff: Editor Marian Skabeikis; Production & Distribution, Mary Kulis, Diane Kichinski, Antanas Ambrosini, Leo & Marija Stungurys, Ann & Bill Sidtis; Archives, Nellie Skabeikis.

The latest issue of Amber Web was read by Cultural Chairlady Helen Yocis.

Closing prayer was recited by Spiritual Advisor Fr. John Pakalniskis.

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C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

With so many dedicated people putting in extra efforts, our Christmas party in mid-December just had to be the best ever. The Rev. George Gurinkas Hall was filled to capacity and the ladies, as usual, had all kinds of goodies for us at the huge table, our Lithuanian Horn of Plenty.

Santa Claus, despite the red suit and flowing whiskers, was easily identified as our Vice Pres. Joseph Sleder. Joe has a knack with children and all the little tots just loved him. There were gifts for all of them.

An extemporaneous quartette, all in good voice, rendered some comic as well as serious numbers and were very well received by the appreciative audience. There was really an aura of friendliness and good fellowship throughout the hall.

On Christmas Eve the eighth annual community social took place at the same church hall. It was open house immediately after the 8 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church for all parishioners and guests.

Chairman Mary York and the committee had free coffee and cake for all, in a true spirit of Lithuanian hospitality. These socials gave us an opportunity to meet our newest C-12 member, Manhattanite Anne Marie Hastings. Welcome aboard.

Anthony & Kazimiera Yacavonis interrupted a Florida vacation to be home for the holidays. With Christmas and the New Year celebrated at home, they resumed their vacation, this time in Puerto Rico.

I have just completed reading a most remarkable book "Kai Grižta Praeitis" written by Petras Montvila, a 90-year-old gentleman who has been constructively involved in Lithuanian affairs since his arrival to the U.S. some 70 years ago. The book describes in vivid detail the rough transition from a farm boy in Lithuania to a coal miner in Pennsylvania. It details many facets of various difficulties as well as triumphs. There are sad passages in the book. Saddest of all deals with the tragedy of the White Star trans-Atlantic liner Titanic, which rammed an iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage in 1912. The author's brother, the Rev. Juozas Montvila, was aboard and went down with the ship, along with some fifteen hundred others.

This most interesting and informative booklet is available for a modest \$3. at DARBININKAS, 341 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207. I'm sure every K of L member would be just as fascinated by its contents as I was.

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C-144 - ST. CLAIR, PA.

November and December again were busy months for the Anthracite council. Our wonderful Spiritual Advisors and member Bernard Terway have started Lithuanian classes in the evening adult courses at Shenandoah Valley H.S. Father Matthew Jarasunas teaches the language, Father Algimantas Bartkus the grammar, Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas the literature, and Ber-

nard a course in Linguistics. With over 50 people in attendance, it is the largest evening class at the school. Much continued success to our mentors, and may they continue their good work.

Two Junior councils have been started, one in New Philadelphia and the other in Minersville. Our wonderful youth coordinator, Rita Shevokis, is Jr. Counsellor and ably assisted by Tessie Balulis. Rita is the director of the Marijos Varpelis Chorus and is also teaching some of the older girls the Lithuanian Dance.

On Dec. 11, under the chairmanship of Anne Cicioni, our second very successful "Kūčios" was held in St. Casimir's hall. Over 100 members and guests attended. Father Al offered the prayer, as the evening star appeared in the sky. Msgr. Neverauskas then explained the custom of the plotkeles and passed them to each table. Each table had a man who acted as the head of the household. Father Matthew offered a prayer for the deceased. After the meal, Stanley

Vaicaitis explained the Kūčios customs and everyone participated. The newly formed choral group led the singing of Lithuanian Christmas carols. It was a blessed and enjoyable evening and a good start for the holidays. Anne and her committee are to be commended for a job well done. Our Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with real straw decorations, thanks to our talented Annie Morgalis.

Preparations were made for our Lithuanian Independence Day ceremonies and the M.A.D. St. Casimir's Day Breakfast. For Feb. 16, letters were sent to the bishops of Harrisburg and Allentown asking them to pray throughout the diocese for the Lithuanian Nation. Each of the eight parishes in our council had services the Sunday before the 16th. On Feb. 16, our council had a special Mass and ceremonies at St. Casimir's in St. Clair.

On Mar. 12 there will be an all-Lithuanian Mass at St. George's in Shenandoah with our three



Anthracite C-144 "Kūčios", l. to r. Ann Klizas Wargo, Sec'y.; Bernice Mikatavage, Pres.; Rev. Algimantas Bartkus, Spir. Advisor; Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas.

guiding lights concelebrating. The St. Casimir's Day Breakfast and meeting for the Mid-Atlantic Dist. will be held at Our Lady of Siluva Church in nearby Maizeville. Our Lady of Siluva is a new and beautiful church. Anne Marie Lithkowsky, chairman of the St. Casimir's Day Breakfast, is our capable Fin. Secy. and can be counted on for hosting a good day.

Lithuanian Day will be held at Lakewood Park this year on Aug. 13. This will be the 64th Annual Lithuanian Day. Anne Wargo will again be chairman, and will be assisted by Stanley Vaicaitis. Stanley recently transferred from Providence, R.I., and we are grateful to them for sending us such a good Lithuanian member.

Our council sends every one of our Vyčius friends blessings of the new year.

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C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Opening prayers for the Oct. meeting were said by Rev. A. Grigaitis. Pres. A. Radzevich proceeded with the meeting and reports were given. He suggested that letters be written to the prisoners in Siberia. Each member was asked to pick a name and write to that person.

Then came the election of officers. Chairlady of the Nominating Committee Frances DiBart, and her committee woman, Sadie Karbus, declared that the members wished to keep the entire team of officers for another year. After her eloquent dialogue, how could anyone decline? The officers remain as follows: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert K. Baltch assisted by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, Pres. Anthony J. Radzevich, Vice Pres. Gene Gobis, Treas. Sophie Olbie, Secy. Nellie Liberis, Sgts-at-Arms Charles Karbus, Peter Sargalis, & Walter Rusilas. Lith. Affairs Comm. Chairman Edward Baranauskas will be assisted by Gene Gobis, Anthony Radzevich, Charles Karbus & Edna Stokna. Regina Kot and Polly Ziausys will continue to co-chair the Cultural

Comm., and Mary Stanionis will again reign over the Ritual Comm. Jr. Counselor Regina Kot will be assisted by Gene Gobis.

Leo Dansevitch and Anthony Karbocus surprised the group with wine & cheese snacks during the business session. Thanks loads, fellows!

The council voted to give the book, "Praise the Lord All You Nations" to the Amsterdam Free Library.

Cultural Co-Chairlady Regina Kot read an article of Aldona Ryan's on the Lithuanian Opera.

Father Baltch showed movies of his trip to the Middle East (Japan, Hong Kong and Korea) and to Lithuania.

The refreshment table was gaily decorated in a Halloween scheme. The committee in charge was Sue Dansevitch, Jane Karbocus, Annetta Guzielek and Agnes Rokit.

In the midst of the Nov. business session, Frances DiBart interrupted and asked everyone to recess for five minutes. The refreshment committee came out with trays of champagne which were distributed to all present, and then Father Baltch offered a toast to the newly elected officers.

During the meeting, Father Baltch spoke on the beatification process of the Bishop of Vilnius, Papal Delegate Bishop Matulaitis. He was in Amsterdam in 1926 and, in fact, some Amsterdamians were confirmed by him. He also spoke about Jonas Basanavičius, the father of Lithuania's national rebirth. Basanavičius was the first to sign the Lithuanian Independence Act. When he visited the U.S.A. before World War I, one of his stops was Amsterdam, N.Y.

Refreshments were served by Fran DiBart, Mildred Whelley, Mildred Botaitis and Ann Radzevich.

There is an addition to the family of Algis & Anele Dzekorius. A son, Kevin Kęstutis Matthew, was born Dec. 19. Congratulations from all of us.

A special Lithuanian program was broadcast over WCSS on

Christmas Eve (Kūčios) with Leonard Hartvigas in charge, and assisted by Gene Gobis. The K of L was mentioned during the program when Gene read an article written by Loretta Stukas which appeared in one of the VYTIS Christmas editions, "Kaleda, the Predecessor to Santa Claus". Peter Sargalis was one of the sponsors of the program.

Both Stanley & Evelyn Rinkunas were on the sick list, and we are glad to see them up and around again. We wish a speedy recovery to the mother of Father Baltch and Aldona Gravrogkas who underwent surgery. Special greetings, too, for the new year to our sick members. Matthew Kazlauskas (and wife Nancy) and to Anthony (Beleckas (and family).

Smile & Sparkle



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

It was one of those nights of the year - cold, cold, go away and don't come back another day. No one felt like venturing out. It was an evening just comfortable to kick off your shoes, switch on your favorite TV show, or simply cuddle near a warm fireplace. But for some courageous members the record cold, zero temperatures on Dec. 7 didn't keep the dedicated people from bundling up, dodging around batches of snow and attending our K of L monthly meeting. Among those was a new member, Ann Kremblese, who was presented her 1st degree by Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus. Congratulations, Ann.

For those who came, there was a nice holiday spread of pastries by

Helen Tucker, Christmas cookies, homemade cake, candy, and a delicious European cheese that Sophie Zager won a few days previous at the Divine Providence Church Drawing. Joe Yakstys treated members with beverages. Frank Zager highlighted the evening by showing movies of some previous K of L Conventions, the District Youth Week at Camp Dainava, and other points of interest.

When the New Year turned in Southfield there was a changing of the "chiefs" in C-79. The new officers elected at the December meeting were installed on Jan. 4: Spiritual Adv. Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, Pres. Frank Zager, V.P. I Helen Tucker, V.P. II Maggie Smailis, Fin. Sec. Joseph Chaps, Rec. Sec. Ruth Grasha, Treas. Jeanne Yakstys, Trustees Anthony Dainus, Chester Nashlon and Violet Panavas, Sgt-at-Arms George Kase.

We give a big round of applause to all outgoing officers for their dedicated work and personal sacrifices to the K of L cause. We extend Daug Sėkmės to the new officers in their tenure of duties for 1978. However, let's all pitch in and help. Instead of complaining about "technical" aspects, let's become more understanding, tolerant and increasingly involved in the betterment of our council. Let's also pray for our officers' health and welfare in '78.

We were sorry to hear of Sophie Bitner's hip injury which necessitated major surgery. She will be undergoing a long convalescence and treatment in a nursing home. We hope the Good Lord will spare her any more suffering and help regain her health, complete and soon. Get well wishes too, to Mary Vinciunas in Georgia, who has been on the sick list for some time now. A speedy recovery to everyone.

Condolences to Peter & Monica Banion and the Banionis family upon the sudden death of their sister-in-law, Lucille Banion. May she find Eternal Peace.

A special gratitude to our mem-

ber, Funeral Director Charles R. Step, for sponsoring the 1978 calendars. Year in and year out this has been his nice contribution. A Big Ačiū, Charlie!

Some members contracted a wandering lust and took off for a holiday visit with families and friends. George & Marie Kase motored out East for a visit with son, Michael, and his family in Conn.

While the revelers were digging out and shoveling driveways on New Year's Day, everything came up "roses" for one of our youngest members. Douglas Tucker, who was in sunny California visiting his sister, Colleen, for a New Year's holiday, saw the 1978 Tournament of Parade of Roses and attended the Rose Bowl Game. Doug is a student at Michigan State College. Between studies he works part time and whenever he can assists in K of L activities. He is majoring in sciences and plans to enter the medical field. Good luck, Doug!

We were full, fat and fetched when we were signaled for a Holiday Social on Jan. 4, following our regular business session. Bless that wonderful couple, Jeanne & Joe Yakstys who have been hosting regularly and providing us with all those delicacies. Labai ačiū!

Julie Belickas stays busy by surfacing comments in the Editorial Page of the Detroit News. For those who missed her last commentary, she wrote: "I read where Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hair wants the U.S. Government to remove the words 'In God We Trust' from our currency. If we don't have any trust in God, we will live a life like she has for some time now. I wonder if she ever uses the words 'Good-by' at any time. Those words really mean - Go with God". Good work, Julie, keep telling "like it is".

Now that we have cleaned out the attic of '77, we are looking forward for hope in '78. Our hope is that every member gets active in some way, shape, or form!

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

With the sounds and signs of Christmas now a pleasant memory, we pray that everyone had a very Blessed Christmas with a prosperous, healthy happy 1978 ahead.

Dec. 9 saw the wind-down of preparations for our Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Dayton Winter's Tower. Much thanks to chairmen Mary Lucas and Ada Sinkwitz who, with the help of the members, certainly had a very successful bazaar. As in the past, our 'ausukes' were the first item to be sold out.

A well attended Annual Women's Christmas Dinner was held Dec. 15. Special thanks to Venice Grantham for making all the arrangements for our dinner at the Officer's Club at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Marianne Podoyak took care of the table favors and helped Venice with the reservations. To both of you, Ačiū Labai!

On Dec. 16 Jerry & Marianne Podoyak in their new home, were hosts for the Juniors special Christmas Supper. Election of Jr. officers for 1978 followed. Elinor Sluzas treated the youngsters to dessert and treats. It was a fun evening.

With the increase in our parish of shut-ins and Senior parishioners, it took a few days to complete our annual Christmas caroling visits. Some members went calling on Dec. 17 with the main group taking in 29 stops on the 18th. Fr. Kataraskis helped us with the two parishioners who are in nursing homes. In some cases, family members helped out by taking our gifts home for the shut-ins. Many years ago Pat Zelinkas Alexander started the idea of visiting parishioners in the Dayton State Hospital. This practice continues. While Pat was in town visiting family and friends during the holidays, this visit was made. Special thanks to Mrs. M. Petrokas. Mrs. A. Seskevicius and Mrs. N. Melaszus for the supper they prepared, theirs being our last stop on the 18th. Our thanks to Cecelia

Lesankis for accompanying us with her accordian. Arrangements for this tremendous project, which this year covered 41 parishioners, was the undertaking of Eloise Berczelly, - a job very well done. The sacrifice of time and money for this most worthy project is meaningless when you see the faces of those visited!

Annual disbursements of our Charity Fund was voted on at the Dec. meeting. An allotment of \$100. went to the council's Christmas project, and donations of \$20. to the Northeast Priority Board, \$20. to Catholic Lithuanian Religious Aid, and \$19. to the Lithuanian Seminary, St. Casimir, in Rome.

Good to hear that Elizabeth Scott and Joe Ryan are recuperating nicely after recent surgery. Congratulations to John & Elaine Lougeman who have fulfilled their obligations to become First Degree Knights. Sincere good wishes to George & Frances Zelinskas on the birth of their eighth grandchild, Donald.

A warm welcome is extended to our newest member, Gregory Blum, who belonged to our Juniors in time past. Welcome too, to re-joining member, Rose Ann Fletcher. Many active years ahead for both of you.

We wish Mary Lucas much luck with her newest station in life - a retiree. May your years ahead continue to be as active as they have been.

Out-of-town members in for the holidays visiting family and friends were Joe & Ann Boeke from Grand Rapids, Mich. Along with Pat was her husband Tony Alexander of C-7, in from Torrington, Conn.

Just before the holidays and within ten days of each other, our parish lost three of its members. Mrs. Mary Milaskavitz passed away on Dec. 6 at the age of 91. She was mother to Sally & Annadel Miller and Dorothy Conrady, and grandmother to Marianne Podoyak, Anne Louise & Richard Conrady. Joseph Greene died on Dec. 14 at the age of 55. Although

he and his wife, Sally, were not members now, they had been, and have family who are active Knights. Mrs. Isabel Latos passed away on Dec. 16 at the age of 84. A Second Degree Knight, she was mother to Aldona Ryan and Frances Zelinskas. Mrs. Latos made many of the Lithuanian Christmas ornaments we have sold in the past, and those which were displayed on our council's Christmas tree by the St. Casimir Altar. We shall miss her famous yeast rolls at our Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to all the families. We pray the souls of our faithful departed will rest in peace.

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C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our delegation to the '77 National Convention in Providence consisted of the Andrulis', August's, Shigo's, Jakubs', Machutas', Lucas', Adele Svet and Ruth Guzauskas. All enjoyed the National Convention and beautiful State of Rhode Island. Representing our council as delegates were Ruth Guzauskas and Charles Machutas. Congratulations to Evelyn Andrulis upon receiving her Fourth Degree. She was very touched by the presentation. Congratulations also to Charles Machutas upon his reelection as Supreme Council Trustee.

This was a big year for the Andrulis family. Evelyn not only received her Fourth Degree, but their daughter Debbie became the bride of John Hill on Nov. 5. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Vi & Andy Skarnus and Helen & Bill Jakubs enjoyed a lovely October vacation in Portugal. Agnes & Bruno Bartkus had a great time meeting relatives and touring the countryside in Germany and Austria.

A quartet of C-25 "lovelies", Alice Karklius, Alvina Luiza, Betty August and Grace Derus, flew to Las Vegas in the Fall to try their luck at "breaking the bank".

Alvina almost did - winning two jackpots.

Our council pilgrims attending the Mid-Central Dist. Pilgrimage in Dayton, Ohio were Nellie Arunski, Joanna Shigo, Vic August, Peter Luiza and Ruth Guzauskas. During the Dist. Meeting also held at this time, out of this delegation, Peter Luiza was elected Chairman of the Dist's Lithuanian Affairs Committee, Nellie Arunski - Chairman of the Ritual Committee, and Victor August - Trustee. Congratulations to all!

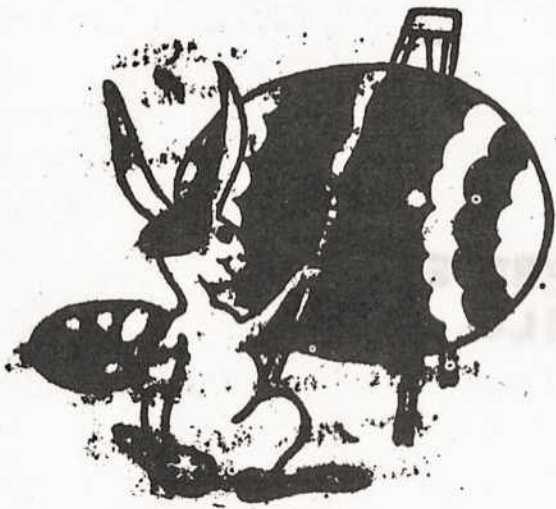
The Fall Dance held Nov. 19 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall turned out fairly successful, even though the original date had to be cancelled. The committee consisting of Chairman Vic August, assisted by Alice Karklius, Connie Burns, Joan Thompson, Alvina Luiza and Al Shigo, did a good job. A lot of interest is being shown in our dances, and more of our friends and former members should be made aware of them in the future.

Members enjoyed themselves immensely at our Christmas Party Dinner held at Ottino's Restaurant Dec. 10. Dinner was followed by a Christmas Party held at the Thompson's. Thank you, Joan and Jim, for your hospitality, and to Betty August for the dinner arrangements.

Best wishes for a successful and active year to newly-elected C-25 officers: Pres. Betty August, Vice Pres. Nellie Arunski, Rec. Secy. Alice Karklius, Fin. Secy. Joanna Shigo, Treas. Jim Thompson, Sgt-at-Arms Peter Luiza, Trustees Victor August and John Andrulis, Sunshine Girl Connie Burns. The above officers were sworn in by our Spiritual Advisor at the December meeting. Thank you, Father.

Belated February birthday congratulations to Frank Lucas (1), John Andrulis (10) and Ursula Kunsitis (17). March birthday felicitations to Eleanor Lucas (6) and Nellie Arunski (20).

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-1 - BROCKTON, MASS.

Sveiki Gyvi! The Snowflake Ball held Feb. 19 at the Canoe Club in W. Bridgewater was a fun evening. The featured band was Joe Paseika's Orchestra. The tickets went fast, and many of our K of L'ers attended.

In addition to working, we had a great time at a Christmas party held at the Statkus home in Randolph. All who attended brought goodies and gifts, which later led to an interesting Christmas exchange. It was great fun. Pastor Father Shakalis was present as were guests from New Hampshire, the Grauslys family. Our council President, John Tamoshunas, however, had an emergency and couldn't attend. After everyone had eaten and sung until hoarse, the party broke up and all went home full of good cheer. This party, however, was not the start of a Christmas vacation, but rather a chance to prepare for the ordination and First Mass of Fr. John Prusaitis, a C-1 member.

Fr. John's ordination took place Jan. 8 and his First Mass was celebrated the following afternoon. Our members went all out to make this occasion memorable for the new priest. Frances Bumila was chairwoman of the committee with many able helpers - Joyce Piscatelli, Doris Fralick, John Tamoshunas, Susan Bumila and Juniors Debbie Bumila and "Utie" Bizinkauskas. Following the dinner, the younger members of the Sukurys Dance Group of Brockton,

under the direction of Vytautas Bruzgys, performed three dances - "Žiogelis", "Malūnėlis", and "Noriu Miego". They were well received by all. After the dancers, Marytė Bizinkauskas was called upon to sing. Her songs included: "Plaukia Sau Laivelis", "Pajūry", and "Kur Bakūžė Samanota". An encore of "Nemunėli" was also sung. Her accompanist, Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, is a member of our council as is the soloist. Fr. John closed the program with fitting remarks and promised to return to work in the parish after a few more months of study. May God bless him and grant him the strength to continue on the road of life he's chosen.

We really missed some of our members at the banquet. Susan Baroskas is still feeling poorly so we'd like to send her "Get Well" wishes. We'd also like to send "Get Going" wishes to members who have been missing our monthly meetings which are held the first Sunday of every month in the Rectory at 7:30! Hope to see you ALL again SOON!

We remind everyone that the NED Convention will be held in Brockton on Apr. 23 at St. Casimir School Hall at 1 p.m. Be sure to inform Frances Bumila, King Philip Road, Raynham, Mass. 02767, if you plan to attend. Hope to see many of you there! Likite Sveiki!

"Lakštingalėlė"

C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The finale of the '77 National Convention was a gala Christmas Appreciation Dinner given for all who worked so diligently to make the Providence Convention a success. Special thanks was extended to Tom Holleran for his outstanding work in publicity and public relations. A foot-high hand carved Lithuanian wayside cross was presented to him as a memento from the council. Father Anthony Jurgelaitis was recognized for his "over and above the call of duty" efforts with a gift of a micro-mini cassette recorder. All enjoyed this

festive conclusion to a most satisfying project.

Our pastor, Father Vaclovas Martinkus, joined with the local Hungarian community in their silent demonstration at the Cathedral in Providence, protesting the return of St. Stephan's Crown to the Communist government.

Congratulations to Francis Kaspiskis who recently became the recipient of the coveted Eagle Scout Award, and to Biruta Cunningham upon becoming a nationally accredited Life Judge for Flower Shows in her garden work. Our sincere best wishes to Rev. Prusaitis on his ordination in Brockton on Jan. 7 by Bishop Deksnys.

A few of our people have been traveling. Father Martinkus headed west to California for a vacation. Jean Coughlin spent a pleasant post-holiday time in Florida with her family. Regina Krecioch has moved from Baugy to Paris, France, where she will now be studying at the Sorbonne. Grace Vaitkunas' son James came home to visit with his mother during the holidays.

Dr. John & Biruta Cunningham spent a week in Chicago at a meeting in December where they enjoyed seeing all the wonderful Christmas decorations for which the town is famous - but they did not enjoy the bitter cold spell around at that time. (Zero degrees. Brr-r-r! Now they know what "cold" is).

The Juniors were off to the N.E. Ski Weekend in Madison, N.H., accompanied by Ruth Krecioch and Bert Stoskus. The King Pine Resort will never be the same again as the Rhode Islanders took to the slopes with their fancy stem turns and slalom maneuvers.

Our whole community was saddened by the tragic fire at the Providence College girls' dormitory. We all offered prayers for the victims and their families.

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CHICAGO, ILL. 60629**C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.**

Rose Marie Tabaka had a battle with a "bug", but won out. She was at our Christmas party looking as chipper as ever. Stay healthy, Rose Marie.

Our Christmas party was held Dec. 7 with a pot-luck supper before our regular meeting. Father Ray dropped in to say hello, but couldn't stay. Those of us who stayed, 35 in all (35 out of 70, one-half of our membership, was not bad at all), enjoyed each other's cooking, - and our members are good cooks! For those of you who did not attend and want proof of the above statement, just attend our next pot-luck supper.

Capping off the supper was the distribution of grab-bag gifts. Lucky Lil Chaplik picked a bottle

of Scotch, left it on the table, and went socializing. At the end of the evening, the bottle of Scotch was missing. Poor Lil was downcast. Someone suggested she look in her bag, and there it was. Lil was so happy she went around kissing all the men, wishing them a Merry Christmas. After all, Christmas is the time to be jolly, right Lil?

The Parish Council served coffee and Danish pastry after midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Millie Stachowicz, assisted by her husband Walt, Ann Barauskas, and Lil Twerian were in charge. Many people attended the coffee clach. You didn't have to wear a button saying, "Kiss Me, I'm Lithuanian", because this is the way the Liths do it. First you kiss, then you say "Merry Christmas". It was Christmas, and it was merry, and should

be repeated every year. When the party was coming to a close, the remaining people were invited into the kitchen for some Christmas cheer of another kind. The other kind was Viritos, made by Millie and served by Walt Stachowicz. This should also be repeated every year.

Christmas 1977 at St. Anthony's will be remembered. Father Ray is doing something about it. Our altar, decorated with many beautiful poinsettia plants strategically placed, presented a scene as pretty as a picture. Fr. Ray called in a professional photographer, and if the proofs turn out well, Father intends to have the best reproduced on a Christmas card.

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