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THE BOOK OF PONAS SAMOLAS

A short story

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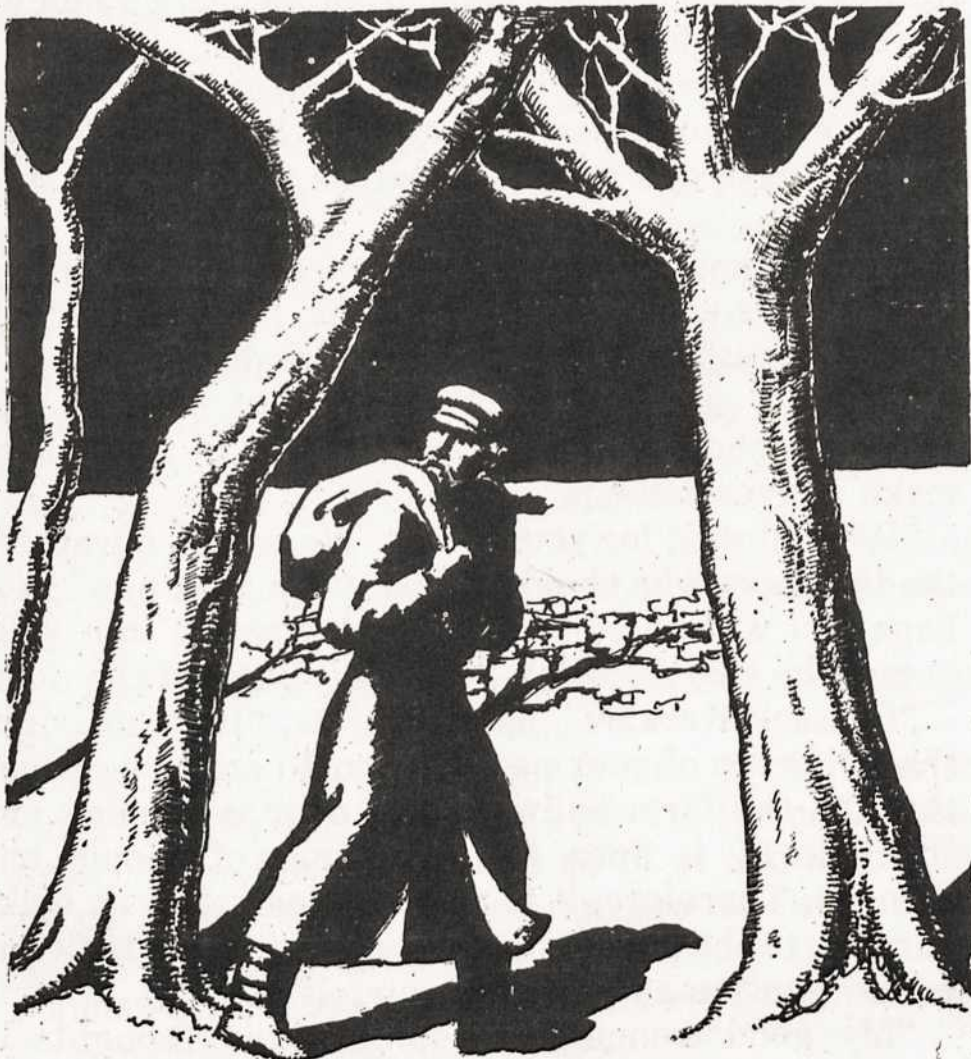
Aldona Ryan

"Only yesterday, the rectory was searched by the Russians", said Agota, "but they found only Latin Missals and church books".

"It is well that Father has such a fine hiding place in the bell tower", answered Elzbieta, "or it would be off to Siberia with him if they had found the new batch".

"That is why I am here today. My Antanas has just returned from Prussia. He brought 20 small books with him in his blacksmith's cart. Since the Russians are working so zealously in the village, perhaps it is best that the books be hidden separately somewhere. The bell tower is getting overloaded. We dare not lose our village priest".

"My dear Agota, I would love to help you but you know how hard it would be if my children lost their father. He is always reading and he is so careless with his books! He is so big and strong and unafraid. But I am terrified for him. Just look at that window sill. There lies a Lithuanian book he was reading last night".



Elzbieta rose quickly and picked up the book. Where to hide it?

"Pardon me for a moment", she said. "I must put this book out of sight at least".

Twenty years before, the Russians had overpowered Lithuania and were now trying to Russify it. It was a major crime to own a book written in the Lithuanian language. Of course, this did not stop the Lithuanians from printing and reading new books. It became a challenge. Everyone learned to read. Every family had books. Every home had a hiding place. A network of book carriers covered the land.

The blacksmith was a book carrier. On his monthly trips to Prussia to pick up metals and fittings for his shop, he always returned with a load of new books. Sometimes he carried manuscripts for writers to the printers.

It had taken the woodcarver three weeks to devise the tail gate of the blacksmith's cart to look like a single thick board with the pocket inside.

The blacksmith had been stopped many times. The wood carvings on his tail gate had been admired by many Russians but the secret was well-hidden in the clever handwork.

His wife, Agota, was a dressmaker. Sometimes the blacksmith would bring rolls of silks and cottons back for her. It was not unusual for her to visit many homes in the area. She helped distribute the books which she hid in the layers of cloth.

Because she was a very fine dressmaker, the wives of the Czar's resident henchmen often used her services. Through her, the village usually knew where the next search for Lithuanian books would take place.

The next search was now — and here in their own village.

Elzbieta clutched the book under her shawl as if the Russians were already present. She did not have time to take the book to the hiding place in the back woods. She wanted to get back to her sewing session with Agota.

Her homestead was made up of many rooms and outbuildings. A great hearth was surrounded by four rooms — one on each side — for winter warmth. A hallway led to the out-of-doors with a summer kitchen leading from one side of it and a farm workroom leading from the other side.

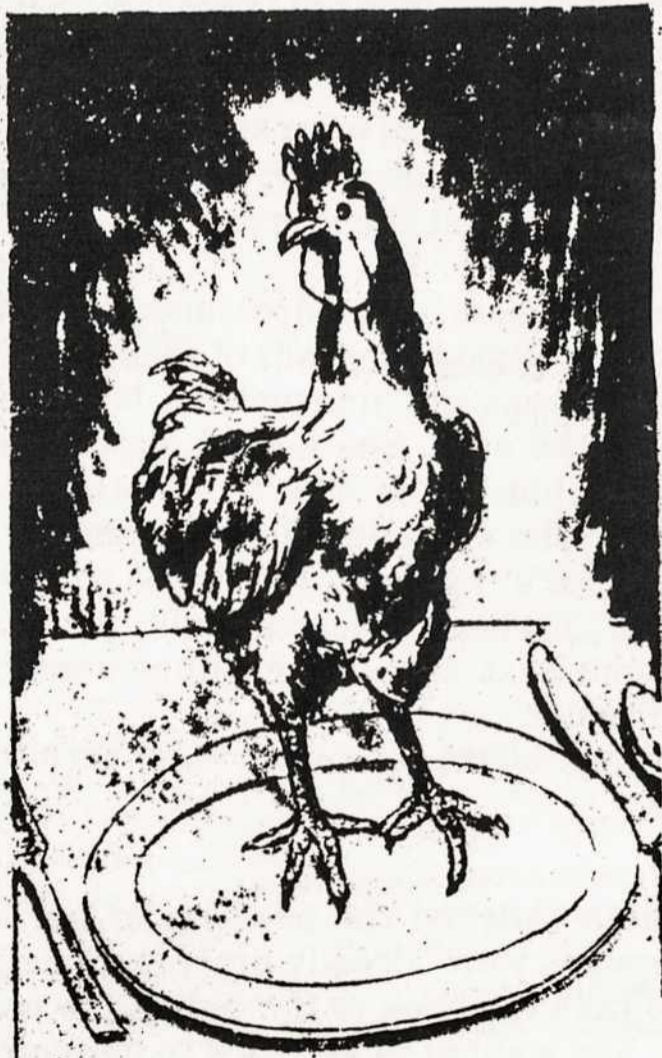
The farm workroom was usually occupied by dozens of chickens who preferred to live here rather than in the chicken house. As a matter of fact, Elzbieta made this into a chamber for setting hens every spring.

Between the care of her house, the children, and her many chores, this turned out to be a convenient arrangement.

Except for one three-year-old hen who insisted she was a "people" and kept roosting on top of the hallway cupboard outside the kitchen door. This hen, whose name was "Margute", had become a family pet due to her friendly, aggressive nature. As a chick, she had followed the children around instead of the mother hen. She had survived skirmishes with the family dog and could almost out-cluck his barks when strangers approached.

Elzbieta, searching for a quick hiding place, glanced up at Margute on top of the hallway cupboard. Margute was in her second week of sitting on sixteen self-laid eggs. She clucked loudly as Elzbieta approached.

"Here, Margute, take care of this for me", said Elzbieta as she pitched the book to the back of the top of the cupboard. Margute ruffled her feathers and fixed one large, dark eye on the book.



"We really must do something about that chicken", said Elzbieta to Agota as she took her place in the kitchen again. "She would have made a fine stew for my son's nameday last month but the screams of our little girl stopped that".

"How well I know", answered Agota. "At least an old hen is not such a loss as the trouble we had last summer when we tried to sell our son's lamb". She tied her cloths into a large shawl and, deftly swinging the bundle over her shoulder, she started for the door. Elzbieta, disappointed because there would be no sewing today, walked outdoors with her.

"I do not blame you for not taking any more chances on hiding more books for me", said Agota. "I am on my way now to the Karalov's. The books are safe with me and the Russians will not search their own homes. I will be back to sew for you next week".

Elzbieta watched the tall, strong woman cross the meadow and head for the path through the woods to the village. She admired Agota very much. She wished she had her courage.

"Agota's children are almost grown and mine are still babies", she thought. "The blacksmith's sons are already doing more work than their father while my children can only gather eggs and barely milk a cow. But enough of this time wasting. My kitchen waits for me".

As she turned, a strong hand grasped her by the elbow. She looked into the eyes of Cossack Karalov. Elzbieta felt her knees wobble as she caught her breath and gasped. How had he managed to approach her so quietly? Was he not riding his big, grey horse?

"Ah, Ponia Samoliene", spoke Karalov softly. He smiled broadly showing a hole where an eye tooth was missing. He was quite short and bald and round. He did not remove his hand from Elzbieta's elbow. He merely tightened his hold.

"It is with great sadness that I must tell you that your home is to be searched today". He kept smiling. Little dabs of spit flew into the air from the missing tooth hole.

Elzbieta knew it was useless to resist. I will try to be as strong as Agota, she thought. She smiled back at him though her lips quivered slightly.

"What a pity that my Jonas is not here at this moment", she nervously whispered in an attempt to make conversation.

"We will wait for your Jonas. We will also wait for the Cossacks who should arrive very soon now. Perhaps you will be so kind as to invite me into your home", he said as he led her firmly toward the door.

"Cossack Karalov", said Elzbieta. "It is not right that a person of your position should enter our home through the farm hallway. The door is missing and the hallway is open to all manner of people and animals. Therefore, it is most unclean. Let us make our way to the guest entrance which is more befitting a fine gentleman such as yourself".

"My good woman, do not entertain thoughts of

cleanliness or uncleanness now. Our search will leave us grimy and bedraggled. A little manure will not bother us".

Elzbieta felt herself being hurried down the hallway. She did not dare glance up at Margute on her nest perched next to the incriminating book she had so carelessly tossed on top of the cupboard.

Karalov maneuvered Elzbieta through the hallway so quickly that Margute, awakening from a doze, merely caught sight of the pair passing into the kitchen.

Here, Cossack Karalov would not sit down. He paced back and forth, occasionally peering into cupboards and behind towel racks.

The enormity of the situation seeped into the brain of the dazed Elzbieta. She felt a sense of doom. She could hear their dog barking. This meant her husband was returning from the fields. How could she protect him? Could she signal to him?

Though her heart was pounding, she felt cold and wet. She wiped her shaking hands in her apron. Her stomach growled and rumbled. I will make us some tea, she thought. If Karalov will eat and drink with us, it will give us a little time to think.

"Elzbieta!" shouted Jonas from the hallway as he removed his heavy boots. "Woman, are you mad? I saw Agota striding through the woods with her bundle a short time ago. Have you ordered another dress? Do you think this is harvest time that you waste our money on rags?"

He stomped into the kitchen where a pale Elzbieta stood by the hearth with a teakettle in her hand.

"And I saw Karalov's old grey horse tied up in our forest", he grumbled on. "If I catch one of those Russians poaching in my woods, they will disappear from the earth forever".

"And you, Ponas Samolas, will disappear with them", answered Cossack Karalov appearing from behind the kitchen door.

Jonas stared at him in disbelief. To find a Russian Cossack in his kitchen, alone with his wife, was worse than poaching. Jonas was a massive man and quite used to being the undisputed master of his manor.

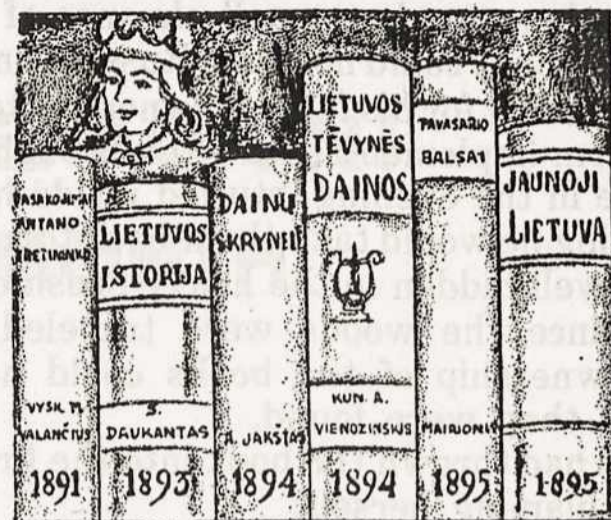
He grabbed the Cossack by the throat with one hand and the coat with the other. Lifting him into the air, he slowly said, "Explain just what you are doing here or prepare to die immediately".

Karalov's answer was lost in the din of screeching chickens, barking dogs and the heavy thud of horses' hooves.

Jonas lowered the struggling Karalov and turned his blazing eyes to Elzbieta.

"He is here to search our home for Lithuanian books", she said huskily as the level of the noise went down. "How foolish, since none of us can read". Inwardly, she prayed, "O God, forgive my lies. I must do something to save us".

Jonas turned to the Cossack and suddenly realized the meaning of the visit.



"My dear Karalov, forgive me. I thought you were here for other purposes than to look for silly books. My wife is very dear to me and I will have no other man touch her".

As he spoke, Jonas inched toward the window sill where he remembered he had left a book the evening before. A quick glance told him the book was gone. What had happened to it? Did Karalov have it in his pocket? Is that why he was smirking? He looked at Elzbieta but she was busy with her teakettle.

There was a pounding at the door. Three strong Cossacks stood at the guest entrance. Jonas opened the door for them. In his mind, he measured the four men to see if he could best them. It would be difficult, he thought.

The sound of the horses had brought the children in from the creek where they had been playing. A row of small faces ringed Elzbieta on the bench by the hearth.

As the search began, gentle Elzbieta could feel a seething anger seeping into her heart at the ruthless manner of the Cossacks. Everything was taken from cupboards and scattered. Clothing lay piled on floors. Beds were dismantled. Linens were strewn everywhere.

Karalov did not take part in the search. He sat in the kitchen questioning Elzbieta and the children. The children, usually noisy and active, huddled close to their mother, silent and passive.

Jonas followed the three searchers from room to room, complaining bitterly. The Cossacks seemed to enjoy their work and made comments about everything they touched.

"There are no books here", said one large Russian as he threw the best Sunday clothes from the chest. "Only rags. We, in Russia, would not wear such tatters".

But your wife has the same dressmaker as I, thought Elzbieta to herself.

As the searchers neared the hallway, Elzbieta became panicky. Karalov sat by the kitchen door and kept an eye on her and the children. If Jonas decided to fight when the Cossacks found the book on the hallway cupboard, what should she do? She eyed the large heavy hearth tools. But the Cossacks were armed with guns!

The book was only a small almanac of farm tools and parts. Jonas could not read Russian and, in order to make a living for his family, he needed to buy parts for his farm implements. He often brought books to the house in the evening, stuffed inside his vest. In the morning he would take them back to a small cave that was well hidden in the heavy brush of the back woods. Since the woods were traveled by many people, ownership of the books could not be pinpointed if they were found.

If only I had thrown the book into the fire, thought Elzbieta, blaming herself.

The moment came at last. A tall henchman headed for the hallway cupboard.

Seeing the stranger approaching, Margute arose from her nest and moved over to the side where she sat down with wings half spread. She was ready to strike any hand that neared her.

"Here, search my nest", she seemed to say. "You will find nothing but eggs in it".

The tall Russian peered into the nest and counted the eggs.

"What a stupid chicken", he said. "In Russia the chickens hatch out at least 30 eggs at a time but this one is struggling with only sixteen".

He opened the cupboard door. The cupboard was filled with jars of nails, screws, bolts, and small farm and house tools. He slammed the door shut and the retinue headed for the summer kitchen.

"Puck - puck - puck - pa - gock!" screamed Margute at them as she returned to her nest.

It was well into the afternoon when Jonas came to the house to report that the search was over and the Russians had gone. No books had been found.

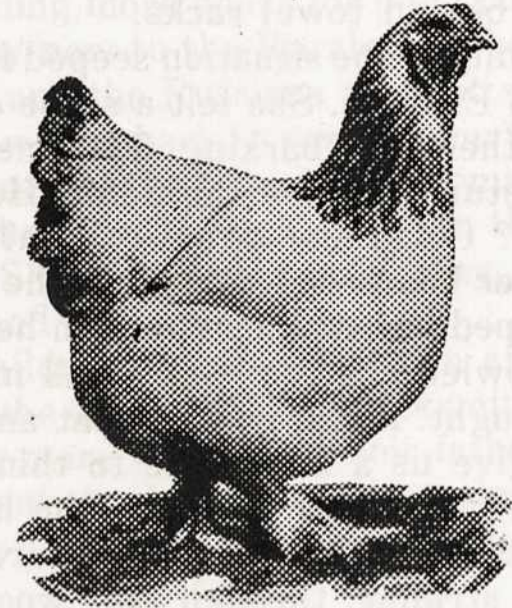
"But I am still certain I left my almanac on the window sill yesterday!" he said. "Did Karalov find it and pocket it and say nothing?"

"Karalov, indeed!" answered Elzbieta. "You can ask Margute about your book. It was her care of it

that saved your neck today".

Elzbieta sent her daughters to the woods to pick spring flowers.

"We will make a wreath of flowers for Margute and celebrate today. She may have her place on the hallway cupboard for as long as she lives. She will have the best grains to eat and the finest care. When she begins to lay eggs again, I will take some of them from her and color them and keep them as a remembrance of this day. She will never be forgotten by our family.



Author's note: The basic plot for this story is true! Jonas and Elzbieta Samolas were the grandparents of Veronica Sinkwitz Omler and Mary Sinkwitz Lucas and the great-grandparents of Kathy and Jimmy Sinkwitz, children of Ada Sinkwitz — all of Council #96, Dayton, Ohio. Jonas did leave a Lithuanian almanac on the window sill which was quickly tossed on top of the hallway cupboard next to a roosting chicken. The chicken covered the book during a search and saved the family.



RYTMEČIO MALDA



Ačiū Tau, Dievuli, už tą gražų rytą,
Už praleistą naktį nuostabiam šapne.
Aš jaučiu, kad žodžiai be maldų nuvytę
Veržias iš krūtinės garbinti Tave.

Vytautas Staneika

Ačiū Tau už sodą, nuostabų darželį, —
Už kiekvieną žiedą, žydintį jame.
Už didžiulį medį, vynmedžio šakelę —
Aš visur, Dievuli, tik jaučiu Tave.

Ačiū Tau, už žemę, mano numylėtą,
Už dangaus platybes, mišką ir marias.
Aš prašau, Dievuli, kad visad galėčiau
Savo sieloi kurti tik dainas švelnias.

LET'S LIGHT THE CANDLES AGAIN! APRIL IS FOUNDER'S MONTH

.....PHIL SKABEIKIS

The National K of L Constitution obliges us to commemorate two dates during the year. The first is St. Casimir's Day for which districts and councils hold observances. Do we know what the other is? It's April 24th, K of L Founder's Day or Organization Day. Most birthdays are a time of nostalgia, a review of where one has been or is going. Let's pause for a moment and look over our shoulders.

In April 1913, 10 Lithuanian-American activists met in a parish hall in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Their purpose was to lay the foundation of a united youth organization.

For nearly a quarter of a century, Lithuanian-Americans coming to these shores since the late 1880s, had been organized for self

preservation, into various fraternal groups, benefit societies and parishes. At the turn of the century, 1906, to be exact, the major umbrella organization uniting all Lithuanian American Catholics was the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America (Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Federacija). The Federation embraced all Lithuanian Catholic groups then existing, in an effort to coordinate their religious, cultural and national activities, all the time maintaining a bond with the mother country.

As the work of the Federation progressed, many of its members in their 40's and 50's began thinking about the future. Could the attachment to motherland and knowledge of her cultural heritage be given to their children? Some of their children were assimilating. Others were marrying non-Lithuanians. Concern spread. Articles on the "lost youth" appeared in the Lithuanian press. Scholars and organizational leaders were in agreement. The future of Lithuanianism in America and hope for the resurrection of the Lithuanian nation, then under Czarist oppression, lay on the developing shoulders of the young. Some provision had to be made.

The community seemed only to be waiting for someone to take the initiative.

The catalyst was 43 year old Mykolas Norkunas, and his friend Stasys Bugnavicius. Norkunas had come to Boston in 1892. He had suffered imprisonment in his native land for participating in spreading Lithuanian printed matter during a Czarist ban on such activity.



Jurgis JUODIS

Norkunas and Bugnavicius spoke to the delegates of the Boston 1912 American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance Convention, a fraternal benefit organization belonging to the Federation. They proposed unifying all Lithuanian youth under one organizational banner. Receiving the endorsement he hoped for, Norkunas travelled and published articles to rally supporters to his cause. His supporters included some of the great leaders of the time.

The April 1913 meeting laid the ground work. The first suggested name was "The Lithuanian Falcons". But when referred for approval to the Federation, the VYTIS or Knight was the suggested alternative. The VYTIS had been a historic, centuries - old symbol for the Lithuanian nation. It stood for steadfastness, valor, justice and faith. Thus, "Lietuvos Vyčiai", the "Knights of Lithua-



Mykolas Norkūnas

nia", came into being. The new organization grew rapidly. Its leaders went from students and young priests to scholars, pastors, professors; doctors, lawyers, people in all walks of life. The term "youth" was a misnomer, even in 1913. The K of L was never strictly a youth organization, not when its founder and first president was 43 years old. Youthfulness is relative. People today who speak of the K of L as for young people are showing an ignorance of what the K of L is about and how it has developed. There is much "youthfulness" within the K of L today. Her varied

programs, her regular, senior and junior councils display a broad spectrum of age and experience.

The K of L in 1913 was a framework which the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the early immigrants nearly 100 years ago, could retain their Lithuanianism. The framework exists today and is working with varied success on different levels. Though 65 years old, the K of L shows no sign of retiring.

The K of L has grown in many ways since 1913. It is the only organization today where a 3rd, 4th or 5th generation Lithuanian

American can deliberate in organizational business even if he has no knowledge of the Lithuanian tongue, where a Catholic, non-Lithuanian spouse can experience the heritage that belongs to him through marriage, where Lithuanian-Americans of all ages can work side by side to achieve the same ends. This is quite a distance to have come. Have we lived up to the "founders' spirit"? I think so. Where we go in the future depends on our efforts today. This month, let's pause and remember.

Happy Birthday K of L! Ilgiausiu Metu!

NORKUNAS KALBA...

"Mažiau kalbėti, daugiau veikti".

Action — ceaseless, untiring and correctly channeled action — in the principal ingredient of a useful life.

"Vyčiai — tautos ateitis".

The Knights of Lithuania are destined to leave an indelible imprint on the world community of Lithuanians.



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Deja, Lietuviškos stipendijos fondas auga labai lėtai. Šiuo metu jį sudaro \$5,981.00. Šios sumos metiniai procentai sudarys \$360.00, kurie galės būti panaudoti kaip stipendija 1978/79 mokslo metais. Studentas iš kitos kurios valstybės (non-resident of Ohio) galės pasinaudoti lengvatomis iki \$1,200.00. Šias finansines lengvatas teikia Universitetas. Suinteresuoti studentai gali kreiptis į Dr. John Cadzow, Kent State University, 119 Bowman Hall, Kent, Ohio 44242.

Lietuviškos stipendijos fondo vaju mes nenuilstamai tęsime kol bus surinkta \$50,000.00. Aukos, atleidžiamos nuo federalinių mokesčių, gali būti siunčiamos šiuo adresu:

Lithuanian Fellowship Fund
Kent State University Foundation
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio 44242

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Respectfully submitted

Anthony J. Mažeika, Treas.

OLD VYTIS COPIES NEEDED

C-96, Dayton, Ohio, is attempting to have a full scale archives collection. They are turning to all the councils for help in tracking down missing copies of the VYTIS. We have many missing editions but then we also have extra copies of some editions. Some of the needed issues are:

All copies of the VYTIS prior to 1935

1935

January, February, March, April, May, June, July

1937

January, February, April, May, June, July

1936

All issues

1938

August

1939

July, November

1940

February, June, July, September, October

1941

March

1942

October, November

1943

February, March, April, June

1944

All issues except February and December

1945

January, February, August, November

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1951 November	1954 March	1965 December	1966 February
1957 March, October, November, December		1967 August, September	
1958 April, August, September, November			
1959 All issues except February and March			
1961 January, March, April, May, June, July			

Larry Svelnis has been a great help to us with his many suggestions as to developing our archives. Any assistance from fellow Knights would be greatly appreciated. Please mail any information you have — or needed VYTIS issues to:

Mr. Michael H. Karns,
C-96 Archives Chairman
135 Volkenand Street
Dayton, Ohio 45410



4TH LITHUANIAN WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS IN FORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE UPCOMING 4TH LITHUANIAN WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

On Nov. 4 - 6, 1977, at Romuva Lithuanian Center in Huettenfeld, Germany, the organizing committee of the Congress adopted the official declaration of purpose of the Congress thus: (free translation from Lithuanian)

“A generation of Lithuanian young people born and raised in the post-World War II era is entering Lithuanian ethnic life in various countries of the world. Their system of ethnic identity and value of heritage is based on their sociological, political, and cultural experiences within the context of their present environment. This experience in essence differs from that which formed the values for those generations which had grown up in Lithuania. It is difficult for young people to become an integral part of an ethnic life style which is based on unfamiliar experiences. However, the fullness of life for an ethnically aware person demands active participation in both societies — Lithuanian and that of the country of residence. It is therefore the purpose of the upcoming Congress to search for a new basis of experience for Lithuanian ethnic life in order to facilitate a meaningful entry of youth into Lithuanian activities”.

In terms of the K of L, we have been addressing this same question for over half a century, and any of our young members who would attend the congress

would be highly qualified to contribute our experiences to this joint world-wide effort, and at the same time learn from the shared experiences of those from other countries new ideas to help our own organization's activities.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONGRESS

Definite guidelines have not yet been established for this Congress's method of electing delegates. A session of the US Association of young Lithuanian-Americans National Council was held April 1, 2, 1978 in Rochester, NY., for a discussion of the rules for running the election.

In general, some parts of the upcoming Youth Congress (such as the camp) will be open to all young people who come. But the meat of the work will be open only to elected delegates. Every effort should be made to enable young K of L's to be elected delegates to the Congress in their geographic areas, and to prepare them for effective participation in the work of the Congress. Elections for delegates will be open to all Lithuanian young people in the area, so now is the time for young Knights to start meeting other youth, become known to outsiders as well as within our organization.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF THE 4TH LITHUANIAN WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

JULY 11 - 29, 1979 Europe.

JULY 11 - 18 - Workshop Camp (All Lithuanian youth are invited to participate. About 500 are anticipated). Camp will be held near London, England "Royal Holloway" College.

JULY 14 - Official Opening Ceremonies of the Congress. (All Lithuanians, all ages, are invited to attend). "Queen Elizabeth Hall", London, England.

JULY 19 - 27 - Study Days, the intensive work sessions of the Congress. (Only elected delegates from each country will participate in the decision-making process). Altenberg, near Cologne, Germany.

JULY 27 - 29 - Closing ceremonies of the Congress and Youth Talent night, art show, closing act, presentation to the public of the results of discussions, decisions, resolutions. Concert, Banquet, and concluding Mass. (All Lithuanians, all ages invited to participate). At Koenigstein, near Frankfurt (Main, Germany).

In all probability, a plane will be chartered to carry US and Canadian delegates, as well as tourists, to the Congress at greatly reduced fares.

LIST OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE US ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS

NEW ENGLAND, except Connecticut: Recently changed, don't know new current. Contact Connecticut Representatives.

CONNECTICUT: Sigita Banevičiūtė, Ramunė Bernotaitė, Ramutė Kemežaitė.

MICHIGAN: Violeta Abariūtė, Rusnė Baltrušaitytė, Audronė Kasputaitė, Robertas Selenis.

NEW YORK STATE: (Except Rochester, Buffalo, and surrounding areas) Raimundas Balsys, Antanas Dambriūnas, Daina Jurkutė, Birutė Radzivanienė, Lucius Strazdis, Jonas Vainiūs.

OHIO, AND THE APPALACHIAN, SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI REGIONS: Nijolė Lenkauskaitė, Rasa Petraitytė, Ugnelė Stasaitė.

PENNSYLVANIA: Juozas Krakauskas, Algis Maciūnas, Kazys Razgaitis.

ROCHESTER, BUFFALO, & WESTERN NEW YORK STATE: Danutė Krokytė, Juozas Laukaitis, Petras Matuikas, Kęstutis Saladžius.

WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI: Ilona Bužėnaitė, Asta Grakauskaitė, Rimas Polikaitis, Gintautas Burokas.

MIDWEST, OTHER THAN AREAS PREVIOUSLY COVERED: Petras Kisielius, Milda Kupcikičiūtė, Virga Markevičiūtė, Vincas Olsauskas, Pranas Pranskevičius, Indrė Ramanauskaitė, Vytenis Rasutis, Edis Taras, Petras Vilkelis.

NEW JERSEY: Similar situation as in Boston. Contact New York (north NJ) or Pennsylvania (south NJ) representatives for now.

SOUTHEASTERN US, INCL. MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ETC.: Similar situation as in Boston (New England). Contact Pennsylvania or Ohio representatives for now.

President of the US Association of Young Lithuanian-Americans: Birutė Zdanys, 16 Westmoreland Drive, West Hartford, Connecticut, 06117. Tel.: (203) 523-1163.

FUTURE BULLETINS

Bulletins will be sent as needed to Knights of Lithuania Councils as further information becomes known. Anyone wishing to receive a personal copy may send a packet of stamped self addressed envelopes to me at the following address:

Birutė Radzivanas
K of L Youth Coordinator
84-16 110th St.
Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418
212 / 441-2304

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

As K of L Youth Coordinator, Birute Radzivanas wishes to bring to our attention an award sponsored by Dr. Kriaučeliūnas of Chicago, Ill., in memory of his late son, offering a grant of \$1,000. annually to Lithuanian young people involved in Lithuanian activities. Candidates may be nominated by organizations they belong to or by individuals, and while the first available information did not specify age, presumably it is from the teens to about 30

years of age. Groups of young people, as well as individuals, may be eligible. The deadline for submitting resumes is at the end of the year. If any member of your council may be eligible for consideration, please contact Birute for further information and application assistance: Mrs. Birute Radzivanas, K of L Youth Coordinator, 84-16 110th St., Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418. Phone: (212) 441-2304 or 441-9720.

Lithuanians in The

NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS



Dr. Charles L. Zukauskas with his wife, Leonora, and daughters Mimi, 21, and Andrea, 17, at their Long Branch home

DR. CHARLES L. ZUKAUSKAS of Long Branch, N.J. has been named Physician of the Year, the highest honor bestowed by the New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society. Dr. Zukauskas was the subject of a recent edition of the column "Jerseyan of the Week" appearing in the SUNDAY STAR LEDGER of Newark.

Dr. Zukauskas, director of surgery at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, and a professor of surgery at Hahneman Medical College in Philadelphia, has specialized in the treatment of cancer for most of his medical career. He was born in Newark and received his Medical Degree from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, taking his residency at New York University — Bellevue Medical Center in New York. He started working with the Society as a volunteer in 1953 and has served in many of its executive positions. He is past president of the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Zukauskas feels that early detection and treatment still hold the best hope in the battle to reduce

the number of cancer deaths. "We look to the ultimate cure as some form of immunization or medical therapy".

Dr. Zukauskas lives in Long Branch, New Jersey with his wife Leonora, and daughters Mary Ann and Andrea.



Rev. Charles Stadalnikas

St. Christopher's Church of Hobe Sound, Florida and its remarkable success at attracting young people to church activity and worship, was the subject of a recent news item in the Palm Beach THE COURIER. The dedicated priest given credit for this success story is REV. CHARLES STADALNIKAS. Father Charles is a native of Philadelphia, born to Lithuanian immigrant parents. He speaks fluent Lithuanian. He was ordained on May 26, 1940. He holds a Doctorate in Canon Law from Catholic University of Washington, DC and taught Canon Law and Philosophy at the Marian Seminary, Hinsdale, Ill. for 12 years. He has been in parish work in Florida since 1959 and in Hobe Sound since 1970.

The REV. WILLIAM WOLKOVICH-VALKAVICIUS of Hudson, Mass. will present a paper at the Spring meeting of the "American Catholic Historical Society during the month of April. His topic will be "Impact of a Catholic Newspaper on an Ethnic Community: the Lithuanian Weekly RYTAS, 1896-1898, of Rev. Joseph Zebris". Rev. Wolkovich is a noted author and supporter of numerous K of L programs. His particular area of study is the early Lithuanian immigration to the United States.



Ray Celedinas

The Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce has named Lithuanian RAY CELEDINAS as its "Businessman of the Month". Ray runs his own Insurance Company in Palm Beach Gardens, but is also deeply involved in local civic concerns, notably the Health Planning Council. He is especially interested in seeing present community health facilities used with maximum efficiency while trying to keep hospital costs down.

His numerous civic involvements include founding of animal shelters and promoting various Chamber of Commerce Parades. During one such parade, he used a youngster named Debbie Reynolds in a promotion campaign which brought her other contacts that resulted in her subsequent Hollywood career.

Celedinas studied Business Administration at Woodbury College in Los Angeles, and has lived in Florida for the past 20 years with wife Ann and son Ray.



VITAS GERULAITIS, Lithuanian-American International Tennis Star, has recently received a rash of extensive publicity. The reason, is his signing to the New York Apples of World Team Tennis. A New Yorker by birth, born in Brooklyn and raised in Howard Beach, Queens, Gerulaitis had previously been playing for the Indiana Loves. Vitas' "return" to his home "team" brought him numerous newspaper articles and TV interview spots. His mod and fast paced life style as well as his action on the tennis courts of the world have consistently kept him in the public's eye. There is already talk of Vitas' replacing Broadway Joe Namath as the symbol of the city's beautiful people in sports.

When not working on his game, much of Vitas' time is spent on the Gerulaitis Foundation, a group attempting to use tennis and sports celebrities as a way of teaching city children about how their lives can be improved through sports. The program plans to start this summer and will get off the ground with a \$10,000 donation from the Foundation namesake.

THE BROOKLYN SPECTATOR recently carried a photo of SIMAS KUDIRKA and noted K of L HELEN V. KULBER. The photo served as promotional material for the CBS special, "The Defection of Simas Kudirka" which was aired in January to critical acclaim. The photo caption reminded readers that it was through the efforts of thousands of Lithuanian Americans and supporters who expedited efforts to bring Simas Kudirka and his family to freedom in the United States.

IŠKILMINGAS LIETUVOS ATMINIMAS I-I APSKRIČIO VAS. 16 MINĖJIMAS

Kai vasario 5 d. Čicagą supo gili žiema, ausis spūrgino šaltis, per penkis šimtus lietuvių susirinko švęsti Lietuvos laisvės dienos. Šventę parengė Illinois-Indianos Lietuvos Vyčių apskrities komitetas Martinique restorane. Su maršu išgyiavo garbės svečiai, kuriuos atlydėjo vyčės ir vyčiai. Apskrities pirm. F. Zapolis tarė žodį ir pakvietė Balfo pirm. M. Rudienę vesti šio vakaro įdomią programą.

Solistėms Zapolienei ir Giedraitienei sugiedojus Amerikos ir Lietuvos Himnus, invokaciją sukalbėjo vysk. V. Brizgys, kreipdamasis į Aukščiausiąjį, kad užtartų Lietuvą kovoje dėl laisvės.

Meninėje dalyje pirmiausia pasirodė trys didieji, solistai: D. Stankaitytė, St. Baras ir J. Vaznelis sudainuodami "Duok man ranką, brangioji iš Verdi operos ir kitas arijas. Publikai labai patiko. Po to pirmoji prabilo Lietuvos genkon. Juzė Daužvardienė, vyčių narė; pasidžiaugė, kad jai jau 15 metų tenka tokius iškilmingus Lie-



IID 1978 Award of Distinction presented to Algerd Brazis.

Pictured: Frank Zapolis, Mary Rudis, Irene Sankus, Algerd Brazis.

(Photo - G. Janūla)

tuvos prisiminimus sveikinti. Ypač jai miela priminti, kad šiais metais vyčiai pagerbia iškilųjį operos solistą Al. Brazį. Ji kalbėjo lietuviškai ir angliškai, nes salėje buvo daug svečių, kurie mažai lietuviškai suprato. Pirmyn choro nariai,

Giedraitienė, Zapolienė ir Alb. Snarskis užtraukė iš "Šikšnosparnio" ir "Grafo Liuksenburgo" arijas. 15-tos apylinkės aldermanas B. Jaksy pasveikino A. Brazį ir visus svečius savo ir sen. Frank Savicko vardu, dr. K. Bobelis Alto vardu, p. Rudienė paskaitė atsiųstus sveikinimus raštu iš mero Balandic ir kt. Ji apibūdino ir sol. Al. Brazio veiklą su lietuviška daina. Solistas yra dainavęs Amerikos operose, lietuvių parengimuose ir televizijoje; įdainavęs į kelias plokšteles dainų ir giesmių, kurios dabar dažnai skamba radijo programose.

Aps. pirm. F. Zapolis įteikė Braziui vyčių vardu atžymėjimą, kuris labai daug padėjo jų veikloje. Stai ga keturios jo dukros, akomp. Brazienei, užtraukė angliškai linksmą dainą ir su svečiais gimtadienio linkėjimus. Cook aps. šerifas Elrodo tarė žodį ir įteikė žymenį. Dar sveikino vyčių vardu Laurinaitis, Pirmyn choro Z. Pocienė ir demokratų lygos — St. Balzekas. Al Brazis labai džiaugėsi tokiu iš-



Honored guests: (l. to r.) Kenneth Jaksys, 15th Ward Alderman, Chicago; Ann Marie Kassel, S.C. 1st V.P.; Aldona Brazis, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas,

IID Spir. Adv., Josephine Dauzvardis, Lith. Consul Gen. Chicago, His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys; and Mistress of Ceremonies, Mary Rudis.



Algerd Brazis, Irene Sankus, Banquet Chairlady; His Excellency Bishop Antanas Deksnys; Dr. Kazys Bobelis, Natl. Pres., Lith-Amer. Council; Frank Zapolis, IID Pres., Richard Elrod, Sheriff, Cook County, Ill.



Program participants: Mrs. A. Vasaitis, Dalia Kucenas, Mrs. S. Wicik, Mrs. J. Vaznelis, Stasys Baras, Jonas Vaznelis, A. Vasaitis, Albertas Snarskis, Eleanor Zapolis, Alvina Giedraitis, Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Stephen Wicik, Dana Stankaitis.

kilmingu pagerbimu ir visiems padėkojo. Pabaigai sol. Kučėnienė ir sol. St. Wicik sudainavo "Pakelkim taures linksmybių". Po I Sankutės padėkos žodžio rengėjams ir svečiams, akomponuojant muz. A. Vasaičiui, visi užtraukė "Laimingų metų". Kun. A. Zakarauskui sukalbėjus maldą, programa pasibaigė, trukusi apie porą valandų. Gaila, neteko išgirsti Europos lietuvių vysk. Deksnio žodžio, nors jis ir dalyvavo šiame bankete. Verta padėkoti rengimo komitetui, kad taip puikiai viską sutvarkė ir sutraukė daugybę svečių, kurie vėliau ilgai linksminosi grojant W. Tenclingerio orkestrui. Programos lapelį puošė Lietuvos Vytis ir Gedimino stulpai. Vytės visiems svečiams prisegė trispalves vėliavukes. Tai pagirtinas mostas. "Lietuvos Atsiminimų" vakaras nuėjo į praeitį su nepamirštamais išpūdžiais.

Bal. Brazdžionis

(Group photos - V. Noreika)

KAIP LIETUVIŠKAI SVEIKINTIS?

Kurie silpniau lietuviškai kalbame, susitikę kartais pasisveikiname "kaip tau?" Toks pasisveikinimas keistai skamba tam, kuris gerai lietuvių kalbą moka.

Pirmiausia, "kaip tau" neturi prasmės, nes nėra baigtas sakiny. Lietuvoje niekas nesuprastų, ką pasakyti norėta.

Antra, "kaip tau" yra užgaulus. Lietuviškai kalbant reikia skirti "tu" nuo "jūs" arba "tamsta". "Tu" galima sakyti tik savo broliui ir seseriai, savo vaikui, ir tik labai artimam draugui. Kitiems reikia sakyti "jūs" arba "tamsta". Skirtumas tarp "tu" ir "jūs" žinomas visose kalbose, išskiriant tik anglų. Buvo jis seniau ir anglų kalboje - "thou" ir "you". "Thou" su laiku išnyko, beliko "you". Bet išnyko tik anglų kalboje. Jeigu lietuviškai šnekėdamas sakai "tu", arba voikiškai šnekėdamas sakai "du",

žmogų užgauni ir pats pasidarai nemandagus, neišauklėtas.

Trečia, angliškai sveikinasi žmonės klausimu, o lietuviškai linkėjimu. Lietuviškai sveikindamasis sako "labas", "labadien" arba "sveikas"! Reiškia, linki labos (geros) dienos arba sveikatos. Pasisveikinęs žmogus gali paklausti kaip sekasi arba kaip jaučiasi. Tuo atveju klausiamasis pasisako apie savo gyvenimą ir sveikatą. Sveikata ir gyvenimo rūpesčiai yra asmeniškai dalykai. Nevisuomet norima apie tai pasakoti, todėl nemandagu yra tik susitikus užpulti žmogų su tokiais klausimais.

Lietuviškai sveikintis turime tikrai lietuviškai, o ne angliškai, t.y. "labas", "sveikas", "sveiki" ar "kaip jaučiatės?"

Aleksandras Pakalniškis



THE CHRONICLE OF COURAGE

PART TWO

Fr. Casimir Pugevičius

The second issue of the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA, the underground newsletter documenting human rights violations by the Soviet Communists, appeared some time after April, 1972.

It begins with the Memorandum of the Catholics of Lithuania, dated December 1971, and addressed to the Soviet government. The Memorandum was prompted by Communist oppression of Catholics, and especially by the cases of Father Juozas Zdebskis and Father Prosperas Bubnys, both punished for teaching catechism to children.

Signatures to the Memorandum were collected over a period of two months. This was not the first such petition to be circulated since word had gone out that petitions to the Soviet government by citizens of the U.S.S.R. were allowed by Soviet law.

No special precautions were taken. The petition circulated almost spontaneously, with people making their own copies to pass around.

Then it became known that the KGB, the Soviet secret police, were rounding up those who circulated

the Memorandum. The collecting of signatures stopped. Since experience had shown that such petitions addressed to the Soviet government in Moscow were often intercepted by the KGB and ended up in the hands of Juozas Rugienis, Communist Commissioner for Religious Affairs in Lithuania, it was decided to send the petition to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations. It reached him just before Easter of 1972. To this day, no response has been forthcoming.

The text of the Memorandum begins by complaining that the rights of religious believers in Lithuania are restricted, and that the Church is persecuted.

It mentions that Bishops Julijus Steponavičius and Vincentas Sladkevičius had been prevented since 1961 from exercising their office. It complains about the imprisonment for one year each, of Father Zdebskis and Father Bubnys for teaching children catechism. It complains that children are forced to undergo atheistic indoctrination. It bemoans the shortage of priests, due to government interference in the seminary.



St. George Church, Šiauliai, Lithuania left — exterior, before "mysterious" burning, above — interior, after fire, where firemen stood by and watched.

Even though the law of Communist-occupied Lithuania provides penalties for the persecution of believers, the memorandum complains, the law is overlooked in practice.

The Memorandum mentions the case of Ona Brilienė, a teacher in Vilkaviškis, who had been discharged for her religious beliefs. It complains that government bureaucracy refuses to let the faithful rebuild churches which have burned down.

"We don't need fancy talk in the press and on the radio," the Memorandum states, "but serious effort on the part of the government to help us Catholics feel that we are citizens with equal rights".

The Memorandum carries 17,054 signatures. A post-script to the Memorandum states that if signers of such petitions continue to be harassed by Communist authorities, the people will be forced to turn to outside help, such as the Pope or the United Nations, for assistance.

The Memorandum received wide attention in the press of the free world, and Pope Paul VI, in his Easter message that year mentioned the "Church of Silence".

In the eyes of the KGB, however, the Memorandum constituted lies against "Soviet reality", and they put out an unsuccessful drag-net to bring in collectors of signatures to the Memorandum.

The government also forced acting bishops and administrators of dioceses to sign a pastoral letter criticizing the organizers of the Memorandum.

Many priests refused to read the pastoral letter to their parishioners, on the basis that it was simply Communist propaganda, and not the authentic wishes of the bishops.

The CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA NO. 2 goes on to describe briefly the frustration suffered by the Catholics of Klaipėda. In 1954, they had obtained Soviet permission to rebuild their church, which had been destroyed during World War II. The faithful contributed about 3 million rubles, and by 1960, the church was ready for dedication.

Suddenly, the Communist government reversed its decision. Red Army bulldozers were called in, the belfry was pulled down, and the church was turned into a concert hall. The parish priests were jailed or sent away.

On March 19, 1972, a petition signed by 3023 Lithuanian Catholics was addressed to Leonid Brezhnev, demanding redress.

This second issue of the CHRONICLE also contains a petition signed by the parents of nine school children of Valkininkai, and dated October 10, 1971. The petition reports six instances in which teachers or school authorities terrorized children for practicing their religion. The parents complain that questioning children concerning their religious practices, is an infringement on the rights of the children and of their parents.

This is followed by a statement signed by fourteen parents of Lukšiai, and dated February, 1972. Once again, the matter in question was the harassment of Catholic children by their atheist teachers, specifically over the question of youngsters serving Mass or taking part actively in processions and Eucharistic adoration.

Quoting from Communist sources, the parents defend the right of the children to take part in such exercises. They go on to cite case after case, naming names, to illustrate the persecution of Catholic believers by the Communist authorities.

The document ends by saying, "We parents who are religious believers do not want the law concerning freedom of religion to be just window-dressing, but a reality".

CHRONICLE NO. 2 continues with a petition addressed to the Communist government of Lithuania, signed by 1025 of the faithful of Ignalina, and dated March 14, 1971. They ask that their church, which had been confiscated by the Communist government, be returned. They complain that requests to local authorities have been refused.

The petition was once again refused.

The Chronicle reports that in June of that year, six seminarians had been ordained, while twelve priests had died. The Chronicle places the blame on Communist interference in the administration of the seminary.

TO BE CONTINUED

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

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

GEORGE GILLUS
Member, C-26
Worcester, Mass.
Died Dec. 25, 1977

ALBERT PRATT
Member, C-36
Chicago, Ill.
[resided in Hot Springs, Ark.]
Died Feb., 1978

We get letters...

Sausio 28 d., 1978

Maloni Redaktore,

Man paskolintam, paskutiniame "VYTIS" numeryje pastebėjau lietuvių Arkivyskupo Charles Salatka paveikslą. Ten pat minima, kad sekančiame numeryje tilps ilgesnis aprašymas.

Būčiau jums labai dėkinga, jei malonėtumėt man vieną kopiją prisiųsti. Iš šios DARBININKO iškarpos suprasite kodėl man tai svarbu.

Džiaugiuos, kad Vytis - ponas Miner dalyvavo tose garbingose iškilmėse. Visa ceremonijų eiga, muzika taip puikiai paruošta ir pravesta. Rodos pačiame Vatikane. Gaila, kad tokioje minioje neteko su juo susitikti; mat nepažįstamas veidas.

Kadaise ir aš esu buvusi VYTĖ. Prieš daugelį metų muzikas Aleksis Vyčių kuopą sutvėrė Detroite. Lietuviška veikla gyvai bujojo. Jis taipgi yra buvęs mano pirmasis pianino muzikos mokytojas. Jo šeima buvo mums labai artima. Mudu dar iki šiol palai kome draugiškus ryšius.

Tikiuos, kad ir Arkivyskupas Salatka nusidžiaugtų gavęs minėto žurnalo laidą.

Šiuose naujuose, baltuose ir gal Sibiro šalčių panašiuose, metų pradžioje, linkiu jums gausios Dievo palaimos ir ištvermės skleidžiant religinės, kultūrinės, ir mūsų tautos laisvinimo idealizmo dvasią.

Su lietuvišku nuoširdumu,

Seselė M. Josephine
(Bukšaitė)

*Sekantis straipsnis pilnai paaiškina Seselės Josephinos susidomėjimą Arkivysk. C. Salatka.

Red.

MOKYTOJA APIE SAVO MOKINIŲ ARKIVYSK. CHARLES SALATKA

Pittsburgh, Pa., pranciškiečių vienuolyne gyvena vienuolė mokytoja seselė Josephina, kuriai teko dirbti Grand Rapids, Mich., ir ten teko mokyti dabartinį vysk. C. Salatka.

Seselė mokytoja Darbininko redakcijai taip rašo: "Prieš keturiasdešimt metų jis yra buvęs mano mokinyš Grand Rapids, Mich., lietuvių parapijos mokykloje. Ten ilgai mokytojavo seselės dominikonės, kitatautės. Paskui klebonas pakvietė prancišketes lietuvaites iš Pittsburgho, Pa. Aš ten buvau viena iš pionierių...

Mum atvykus, dabartinis vyskupas buvo mano klasėj šeštam ir septintam skyriuje. Užbaigęs aštuntą, istojo į aukštesniąją mokyklą - High School. Vyskupas buvo didelių gabumų jaunuolis, švelnaus būdo, pareigingas, ištikimas patarnauti mišiom, nežiūrint kurią valandą. Man teko paruošti lietuviškas programas, veikalus, montažus, dainas. Tokiu būdu išlaikėm ir skiepijom lietuvių vaikų širdyse. Vyskupas gambiai vaidino, daugelį kartų buvo pagrindinėse rolėse, ypač piemenėlio, Kalėdų muzikiniuose veikaluose. Kuomet pritrūkdavo lietuviškos medžiagos, versdavom iš anglų kalbos.

Vyskupo sesutė Mrs. Meconis gyvena Californijoje. Ji irgi pasižymėjo savo vaidybiniais ir muzikiniais gabumais. Prie manęs studijavo pianiną ir vargonų muziką. Dažnai mane pavaduodavo bažnyčioje. Giedodavom lietuviškas giesmes, mišparus, egzekvijas, net ir Aušrinę sekmadieniais 7 val. prieš mišias.

Jų visa seima buvo artimai išjungusi į parapijos reikalus. Vyskupo sesutė - sesuo Florence, gailingumo vienuolijos narė, yra ligoninės administratorė Indiana valstybėj. Tėvelis jau 90 metų



amžiaus. Sūnūs Jonas ir Juozas rūpinasi tėveliu. Mamytė jau seniai mirusi. Jų visa šeima man buvo labai artima ir dabar tebėra.

1972 metais man švenčiant auksinį jubiliejų, vyskupas Salatka koncelebravo mišias kartu su sesers (Mrs. Meconis) sūnumi kunigu... Man tai buvo didelis džiaugsmas.

Man teko dalyvauti vyskupo iškilmėse, kuomet jis buvo paaukštintas. Niekada nesitikėjau sulaukti ko nors aukštesnio. Negalėjau įsitikinti, kad tai realybė. Man didelis džiaugsmas. Garbė visai lietuvių tautai".

Vysk. Charles Salatka, pakeltas į arkivyskupus, iki šiol buvęs Marquette, Mich. vyskupijos ordinaru, gruodžio 15 perims valdyti Oklahoma City arkivyskupiją. Jo vadovybei pavedami Oklahomos ir Arkansas valstijų katalikai.

(DARBININKAS)

Feb. 1, 1978

Dear Loretta,

I feel I must write to commend you and all the Vytis Staff for doing such a wonderful job.

The format of the magazine has something for everyone. I find all your articles informative and most interesting. I really read it from cover to cover.

My husband and I are both very proud to be members of the Knights of Lithuania.

Again let me say "Valio" for a job well done and add my thanks for the enjoyment you people give me.

Council 29 Member
Anne M. Chapulis

JUNIORS CORNER

A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 24, 1978 marked a milestone for C-110 Juniors of Transfiguration, Maspeth, N.Y. It made five years that the C-110 Juniors were organized. The first officers were William Sidtis, President; Richard Meseika, Vice-President; Jane Zanis, Secretary; Arunas Stungurys, Treasurer; Antanas Ambrosini, Lithuanian Affairs; and Leo Stungurys, VYTIS Correspondent. Marian Sidtis, now Skabeikis, was the first Counselor and Father John Pakalniskis, Spiritual Advisor.

The Council's first year was a busy one. After organizing, plans were made for a rummage sale to help the Juniors attend the 1973 Brockton Convention. In December, C-110 Juniors performed a traditional Lithuanian Christmas celebration for the Latvian Women's Association.

One of the highlights of the Juniors activities was to perform a skit of Lithuanian Easter Customs on the Laisvės Žiburys Radio Program hosted by Daiva Kezys. Other performances by the Juniors include a recital of Lithuanian and English poetry at the Moterų Vienybė's Mothers Day commemoration, a play on the life of Saint Casimir for C-110 Regulars and the Mid-Atlantic District as well as performing at Kūčios for C-110.

The Juniors have attended the Brockton, New York, Dayton and Providence Conventions. Its members have traveled to Washington, D.C. and Amsterdam, N.Y. to promote Junior Councils. They hope to be as active as they have been in the past years and increase their membership.

The Junior officers now are Marija Stungurys, President; Diane Kichinski, Vice-President; Leo Stungurys, Secretary & Treasurer; Antanas Ambrosini, Lithuanian Affairs; William Sidtis, Counselor; Father John Pakalniskis, Spiritual Advisor.

The Juniors activities for 1978 include attending the Convention in Syracuse. They have already worked in the production of the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin and helped send out over 50,000 leaflets for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid under the direction of Father Casimir Pugevicius.

Ilgiausių Metų Council 110 Juniors.

William Sidtis



Officers and guests at Fifth Ann. party: (1st row) Fr. J. Pakalniskis, M. Stungurys, Fr. C. Pugevicius, (2nd row) W. Sidtis, A. Ambrosini, P. Skabeikis, M. Skabeikis, L. Stungurys, and D. Kichinski.



One of the rummage sales to help raise money to attend a National Convention.



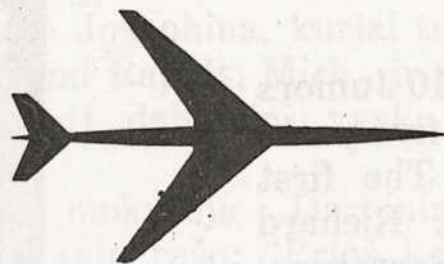
Charter members: (l-r) J. Stungurys, R. Meseika, L. Stungurys, J. Zanis, A. Ambrosini, W. Sidtis, A. Stungurys, Philip and Marian Skabeikis (Counselors).

DR. JACK J. STUKAS
Invites You To Join Him On A
13 Day Tour Of
EGYPT, JORDAN, ISRAEL AND GREECE
 July 26—August 7, 1978
 \$1388 from N.Y.

DAY 1 Depart from New York

DAY 2 CAIRO—The group will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. There will be an afternoon visit to the Pyramids and Sphinx of Guiza.

DAY 3 CAIRO—There will be a morning visit to the Egyptian Museum and the Coptic Churches of Old Cairo. After lunch, the group will visit the Citadel, the Mosques of Mohamed Ali, the Sultan Hassan and the Khan El Khalili Bazaars.



DAY 4 CAIRO/AMMAN—Upon arrival in Amman, the group will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel there. The remainder of the day will be at leisure.

DAY 5 PETRA—Early morning departure for Petra. Known as Mt. Seir in Biblical days, the ancient Nabataen City of Petra is entered through the narrow Siq or pass on horseback. Here we will see the city, carved out of solid rose-red sandstone more than 2000 years ago, and which includes the Treasury, one of the best preserved monuments of Petra. Other points of interest are the Roman Theatre, Temple of Jupiter, Triumphal Arch. Back to our hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight.



A camel's eye view of Jerusalem from the summit of the Mount of Olives.

DAY 6 JORDAN/ISRAEL—After an early breakfast we cross the Allenby Bridge into Israel, then proceed to Jericho, an old Canaanite city destroyed by Joshua and the oldest known inhabited city in the world. We shall see the Old Walls of ancient Jericho, the excavations, view Mt. Nebo, the mountains of Moab, Elisha's Fountain with the view of the Mt. of Temptation; continue to the Dead Sea, lowest spot of earth, visit the Qumran Caves where a shepherd boy discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947, visit the site of the Good Samaritan's Inn while crossing the Desert of Judea to the Village of Elazariih—The Gospel's Bethany—site of the resurrection of Lazarus; see Lazarus' Tomb and the Church of Bethany. On to Bethlehem, where we view and visit the Church of the Nativity; to Ein Karem, site of the birth of John the Baptist and site of the Visitation; then to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 JERUSALEM—Enter the Old City through St. Steven's Gate, visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus cured an invalid man, continue to the Church of the Flagellation, enter the Praetorium, site of the Condemnation of Jesus. View the ancient remains of the Fortress of Antonia, seat of the Roman Procurator, Pontius Pilate. Proceed to Via Dolorosa to follow the Stations of the Cross on to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, site of the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Walk through the picturesque Oriental Bazaar streets to the Mosque of Omar, the Dome of the Rock—site of the Temple of Herod, descend to the Western (Wailing) Wall, exit the city through the Dung Gate; drive to the Church of St. Peter Galicanter, where Peter denied Jesus, ascend Mt. Zion, view David's Tomb, The Room of the Last

DAY 8 JERUSALEM—A day of leisure for shopping or revisiting places of interest. There will be an optional tour available to the New City of Jerusalem to view the Chagall Windows, Yad V'Shem (Memorial to the 6 million Jews killed in the holocaust), to view the Model of the Old City of Jerusalem as it appeared in 69 A.D., the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept or, from Jerusalem a half-day visit to Massada.

DAY 9 JERUSALEM/GALILEE—Leave Jerusalem via the Road of the Patriarchs for Biblical Beth-El, Shiloh, the Libona (Dancing Valley) and Samaria. Continue through Northern Samaria to Megiddo, overlooking the Plains of Armageddon, visit the excavations of 21 superimposed cities. Continue to Nazareth to visit Mary's Well, then to the Basilica of the Annunciation where Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, then to the Synagogue Church, passing Mt. Tabor we continue to a Kibbutz Guest House for dinner and overnight.

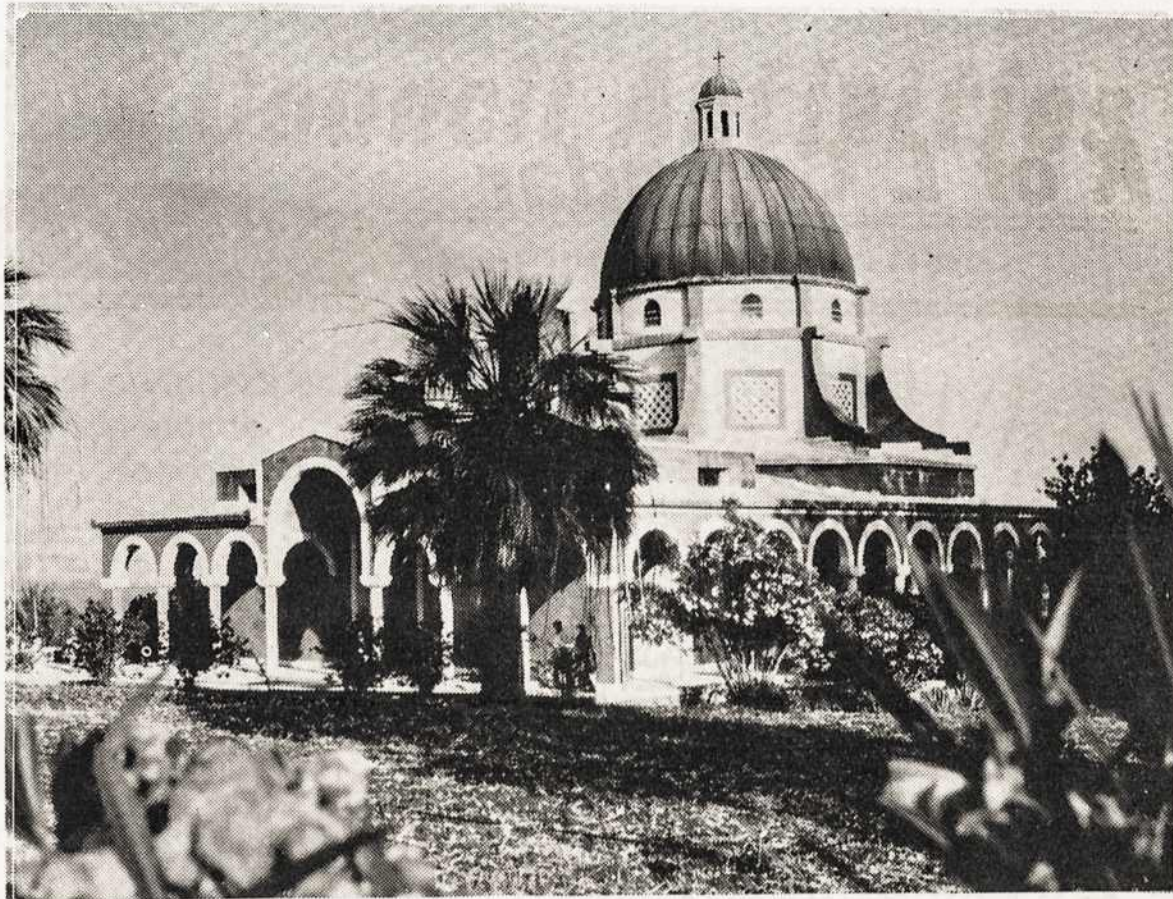
DAY 10 GALILEE/TEL AVIV—An early morning tour of the kibbutz before leaving for Capernaum, site of the synagogue in which Jesus preached and which he cursed. From Capernaum, we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias. Continue to Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Feeding of the Multitudes; continue to Monsa Domini where Jesus ascertained the Supremacy of Peter over the other disciples. Proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes which is the site of the famous Sermon on the Mount. On to Caesarea, built in 22 B.C. in honor of Augustus Caesar, to see the ancient ruins of the city that remained the capital of Roman Palestine for 500 years. We will see the Herodian Harbor, the Aqueduct, the Theater, and then to Caesarea before continuing to Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.

DAY 11 ISRAEL/GREECE—We bid a regretful good-bye to the Land of the Bible to board our jet plane for Athens. We'll be met in Athens by a representative and will have a half day tour of Athens to view its cathedrals, ancient ruins and other points of interest.

DAY 12 ATHENS/OLD CORINTH—We leave for Corinth along the coast of the beautiful Aegean Sea to follow in the footsteps of Paul and view where he preached in the market place. After a visit to the traditional sites in Corinth including the Museum in the Old City of Corinth, we begin our journey back to Athens, with a stop at the Corinth Canal cut out of solid rock which links together two seas. We return to our hotel with the afternoon free to shop or relax.

DAY 13 ATHENS/NEW YORK—We board our jet plane for the flight home.

Parthenon atop the Acropolis. Athens.



MOUNT OF BEATITUDES: The Franciscan Church, traditional site of Jesus' delivery of the Sermon on the Mount.

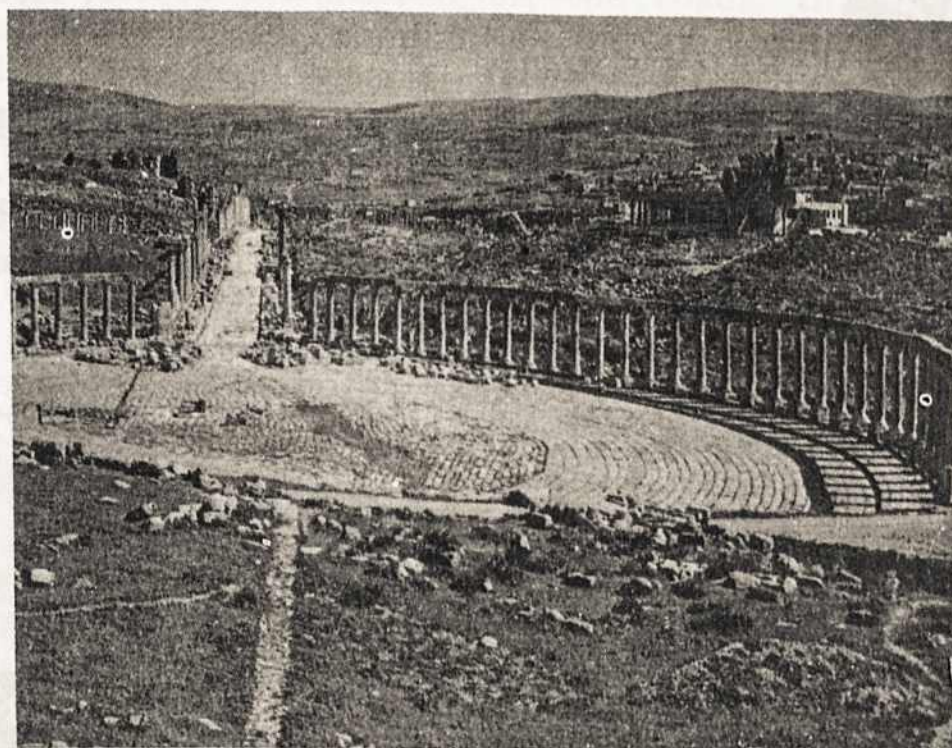
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K of L Calendar

APRIL

1 C-25, Cleveland APRIL FROLIC Dance, 8:00 P.M.,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Church Hall, featuring the Music of Matt Pasquale - "Music as You Like It" - BYOB - \$2.50.

- 8 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.
 23 NED SPRING CONVENTION, 1:00 P.M., St. Casimir Hall, Brockton, MA., C-1, Brockton, Hosts
 24 KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDERS' DAY

MAY

- 19-21 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Detroit, Mich., C-102, Hosts
 20 MCD SPRING CONVENTION, Detroit, Mich.

JUNE

- 18 "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" RADIO HOUR PICNIC, J. Stukas, Dir. 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, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y., C-140, Syracuse, Hosts

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

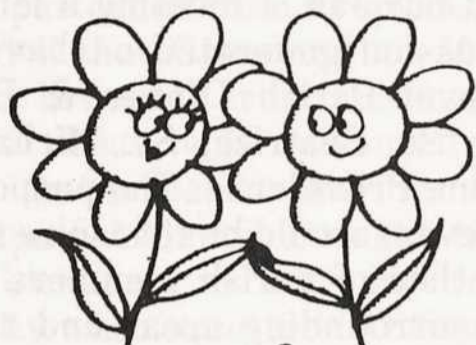
- 21 C-29, Newark ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
 22 NED SCHOLARSHIP FESTIVAL
 22 MAD TESTIMONIAL DINNER for Anthony J. Mazeika, Honorary Member, Annunciation Church Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.

AUGUST, 1979

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

Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Condolences to the family of Adeline Jasaitis on her death following a lingering illness. Adeline was one of the stalwart members of C-13 from the Bank of the Yards area, and when the council disbanded, immediately joined C-112. She continued her efforts for the K of L in our council and in the Ill.-Ind. District. Also, condolences to Irene Sankus on the death of her mother, Adele. We shall remember both ladies with special prayers for their K of L hearts.

Our sympathies to Ed Pratt and his family on the death of his brother, Al. Although they both lived in Hot Springs in recent years, they continued to remain members of C-36 and in touch with the Chicago K of L.

Following the December meeting, our hostesses and the ladies of the council prepared a delicious Christmas supper for all in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the meal, the singing of carols and the socializing. Following the January meeting, Dolores Wainauskis presented a program of slides from her recent trip to Lithuania, Russia and other countries. She was assisted in the narration by other members who had visited Lithuania recently.

The January Board meeting was hosted by Gerrie Mockus and as

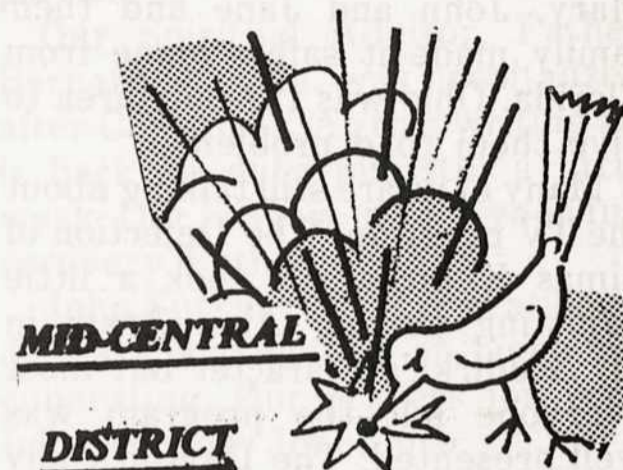
usual the Board members enjoyed the delicious homemade and different desserts served. Husband Al was the efficient dispenser of the liquid refreshments.

Belated congratulations to Algerd Brazis on his appointment as a Director of the Midland Savings & Loan Association group. President Frank Zogas, a great supporter of the K of L, now has two K of L members on his Board - Al and John Evans.

Speedy recovery wishes to Al Raubiskis after knee surgery. We are certain that by the time this article appears, Al will be back bowling.

Many birthdays were celebrated during the holidays and immediately after. Lorraine Svelnis enjoyed the New Year's Eve party at Al & Gerrie Mockus', and right after the New Year, everyone toasted our Jan. 1 baby - Lorraine. Johnny Evans, Gerry Mack, Al Brazis and Estelle Rogers also celebrated their birthdays, but the best party was for Estelle the night of our "Memories" Banquet.

Belated congratulations to Choir Pres. Estelle Rogers, Dance Chairman John Auksciunas, and all council choir members, on another successful Choir Benefit Dinner-Dance which was held in January at Pakštas Hall. It was a sell-out and enabled the Choir to continue being self-supporting from funds raised from this event.



C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

For the month of January, like most of the Mid-West, Dayton was enshrouded in snow. Nine of our members managed to make it in for the Jan. 9 meeting. We 'rounded' up Elinor Sluzas to meet our By-Laws quorum of 10. After that, the weather had been touch and go. On Jan. 26 the Big Snow Blizzard really came in. For two days city buses were down and mail was not delivered. The snow was not the only problem. Layers of ice that had been accumulating really did us in. Many businesses had to shut down as employees could not get to work. Schools were closed down. Some areas were hit with electric outages for better than 48 hours. Drivers were ordered off the roads. In some communities anyone driving unnecessarily were given tickets. It was great to see the communities all rally round and help each other. The snow crews certainly did the very best they could. Quoting an old cliché, "It could have been worse".

John A. Berczelly was in Chicago for a seminar when the storm hit. He was due home on a Thursday night but never made it back until very early the following Monday morning. Cathy Mantz Roberts, our No. Carolina member in Dayton visiting family and friends while her husband, Jerry,

was away on special assignment for the Air Force, planned to stay for two weeks. This extended into three. Even then Cathy and her son, Jeff, had problems getting home. The Petkus', Mike J., Alice, Mary, John and Jane and their family made it safely home from Florida. Ohio was the only area to give them road problems.

Many of us are still talking about the TV program "The Defection of Simas Kudirka". It took a little adjusting putting Alan Arkin in Mr. Kudirka's character but most everyone felt the program was well presented. The Dayton Daily News columnist, Tom Hopkins, gave the program an excellent write-up. Letters have been written to Mr. Hopkins and others involved thanking them for the fine program.

Belated News: Al & Albina Walls attended the Annual International Festival held by the Cincinnati community in November. They were most impressed with the Lithuanian Display, especially with the Lithuanian Christmas Straw Ornaments made by Mrs. Elena Viltrakis which earned her a Blue Ribbon award. Mrs. Marie Sedyk demonstrated to the public the art of making these ornaments. The Wallis' were also impressed with the long line of people waiting to buy Lithuanian Christmas ornaments. Albina brought back some which the Dayton people have never made. We have learned that the Lithuanian community of Cincinnati has received awards in 4 of the 7 years Cincinnati has had the International Festival. Congratulations!

On Jan. 28, Janina, Ildefonsas & Steponas Bučmys, Joseph & Eugenia Gečas, Al & Albina Wallis, Dr. & Mrs. Edmund Drukteinis and Mrs. Marji Gudaitis had the pleasure of seeing Arnold Voketaitis perform the part of Friar Lawrence in the opera "Romeo et Juliette" at Dayton's Memorial Hall. Most of them were able to attend the Opera buffet following the performance and were delighted to meet Mr. Voke-

taitis. Mr. Voketaitis was pleased that some of his fellow Lithuanians were able to attend in spite of the really bad weather conditions.

A belated acknowledgement to Gus, Mary Ann & Greg Blum for stepping into the place of our deceased member, Mike P. Petkus, in setting up the council's Christmas tree by St. Casimir's altar. The tree was beautiful! Special thanks to Mrs. Anella Petkus for the beautiful Lithuanian Straw ornaments she made for the tree.

Much luck and happiness to Tom & Elizabeth Scott as they make their new home in Florida. Happiness to Denny & Patty Noreikas as they settle into their new home. Congratulations to Kathy Sinkwitz and Mary Agnes Mikalauskas for the sports awards they received at their school, Charminade Julianne H.S.

Get well wishes are sent to Joe August, Janina Bučmys and to our Hialeah, Fla. member, Peter Petkus. Good to hear Ray Omlor is on the mend after a recent industrial accident.

Deepest sympathies are extended to our friend Betty August, C-25 Cleveland Pres., on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Zilinskas. May she rest in peace.

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C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

The story of the Storm, or the Great Blizzard of '78, was a "pain in the neck" as everyone dug out of an avalanche of snowdrifts for 4 days. And everything had come to a virtual standstill. Ironically, it hit the State of Michigan on its 141st birthday; it was Jan. 26, 1837 when Michigan became a state of the union. However, things let up a bit and we were able to hold our K of L meeting on Feb. 1. The attendance was slim. Unfortunately, too bad for those who did not come. Our congenial hosts, Helen & Clem Patocki, rendered the 79'ers with a feast cuisine fit for a czar with a variety of herring, cheese dishes, salads and meatball puffs. There were side touches of whopping pastries, wines and other refresh-

ments. Labai ačiū Helen & Clem.

From a closeup view of our new president's first meeting on Feb. 1, he had things pretty well in hand. Actually we can't call it a "first" as this is Frank Zager's third time around.

At our Jan. 4 meeting a lengthy discussion generated on having a tri-level Parish Dinner & Dance with St. Beatrice, St. Michael & Divine Providence. The purpose of the event would be to inspire a get-together of parish members from the surrounding areas and to become acquainted with our own members of Divine Providence. The event would be augmented with an opportunity to familiarize our cultural facilities providing knowledge of our Lithuanian origin. In this day and age there are so many people who can't believe that there are Captive Nations.

Our Lithuanian Independence 60th anniversary was observed on Feb. 12. Mass was celebrated at Divine Providence Church followed with a program in the Cultural Center of a representation of various speakers and a musical program by Stasys Slizis' Youth Choir. Being a memorable occasion, it was the first opportunity to display our council's new flag, and a proud event it was!

The Martin-Milius clan now living in Florida spend their days not just shading under the palm trees or soaking up the sun at nearby shores of St. Pete's. Instead, they are on the go. The youngest member, Dana Ann Milius, is involved in many activities. Among some are ballet, baton lessons, Hawaiian class, Baton Parade Corp., and the Dance Twirl Champions. She is also a member of the Majorettes of the Florida State Twirling team. Dana is an honor student at the Cathedral of St. Jude in St. Petersburg. Her interest in the scientific field inspired her to SRA (Science Research Assoc.), where she took exams and scored excellent marks both nationally and in the State of Florida. "Nana" Dorothe Martin is

very proud of her granddaughter. Dana is the daughter of Charles & Phyllis Ann Milius.

Dana's fete was participation in the Epiphany celebration of St. Jude's. She was asked to represent Lithuania. Grandma Martin scurried around and made an authentic dress, patterned from a replica of a Lith. doll that Grandmother Mary Milius brought from Lithuania. Dana's dress was enhanced by lovely amber beads that her late Grandpa Ed Martin brought back from Lithuania in 1939. Each nationality was requested to bring an authentic gift during the Epiphany celebration. When the nations were called, Dana presented a raw linen, hand woven, embroidered and crocheted, which was also brought back from Lithuania.

In conclusion, the chorus gave a beautiful rendition of "Come to the Lowly Cave" in Lithuanian. Dana also has entered several baton-twirling contests and won numerous awards. Daug sėkmės, Dana, in your future.

In another phase, Kevin Kalinske, nephew of our member John Kalinske, may be only 15 months old. But he is making national news by appearing in newspaper and T.V. ads on Mattel's Baby Toys, featuring pre-school "Softup" animals and other toys. His father, Antan, also has won awards "on his own" for scientific research in "Statistical Theory of Hydraulic Turbulence".

In other categories, Helen Tucker received an award for her 35th year with the Chrysler Corp. And Gerry Zager was awarded a Best Man Job Performance by IRS. Congratulations to both. Gerry and his wife Carol are scheduled to become parents again in June.

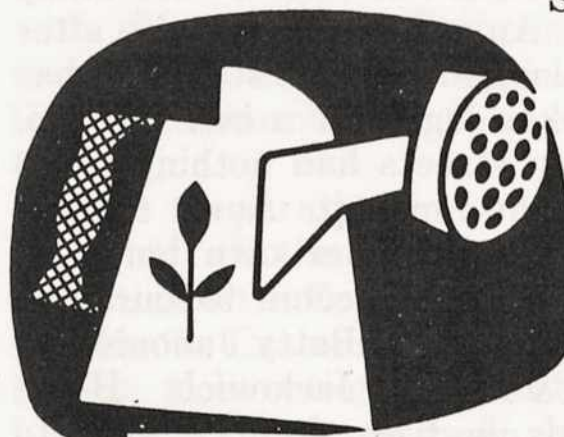
It seems several of our members were hit by the right instinct when to leave our town, escaping that Big Blizzard of '78. Alice Burt flew to Florida for a visit with her son & family, and traveled from one coast to the other for a nice visit with Mary Rufus. Also, making a trip to Florida was Mike Vale following a



Dana Ann Milius, representing Lithuania with authentic scarf during St. Jude's Epiphany celebration. Her parents are Phyllis Ann & Charles Milius of C-79, Southfield, Mich.

trip to California where he visited his daughter. Sorry to hear that Cel & Harold Yunck could not complete their trip to South America; both were taken ill, but "geros sėkmės" next time!

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C-140 - SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Costumes Wanted! Both ladies and mens Lithuanian costumes wanted by a hard working council who is staging "Upstate in '78" - Syracuse. Look into your closets, take out those unused costumes and put them to good use. Sell them to us. We will be glad to buy them. Contact Frank Petrauskas, 201 Bennington Drive, Syracuse, N.Y. 13205.

Our Christmas Party held Dec. 18 at St. Stephen's was a tremen-

dous success despite the rain and ice outside. The party was a covered dish affair, and thanks to the co-chairmen, Katherine Cravetts and Catherine Brandt, we all ate well and still had food left over. Nobody goes hungry at our parties.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Bernard Garstka, was hospitalized after Christmas. At this writing he is back on duty but still a little weak. Our prayers are for your full recovery Father.

John Sutkus had an operation in January and now is at home recuperating. Our prayers for your full recovery John, also.

Council officers for 1978 will be: Pres. Frank Petrauskas, Vice Pres. John Johnson, Secy. Holly Peterson, and Fin. Secy. and Treas. Victor Johnson.

Frank & Irene Petrauskas represented Lithuania at the Ukrainian 60th Anniversary of Independence Banquet and Dance held Jan. 22 at Hotel Syracuse. Many dignitaries were in attendance.

The January snowfall record was broken this year. We received a total of 6 feet for January of '78. Stanley Shakalinski saw the snow coming, so he spent the last two weeks of January in Florida.

We would like to leave you with this thought: The surest way not to fail is to determine su succeed.

Pusbrolis

C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

At our council meeting held in the Transfiguration Hall, six new members were introduced: Adele & Louise Dauzickas, Stella Pruskas, Mary Seseme, Irene Thomas and Helen Venis. Welcome!

Our annual St. Casimir's Mass and Communion Breakfast was celebrated Feb. 26 commencing with the 11 a.m. Mass at the Church of the Transfiguration, followed by breakfast in the parish hall. Mrs. Mafalda Kuchinskas was in charge of reservations.

A group of our members attended New York C-12's first commemoration of Lithuanian Inde-

pendence Day at Our Lady of Vilna Church, N.Y.C.

The Juniors were commended by Father Casimir Pugevicius for their untiring efforts in the mailing of over 40,000 folders for Lithuanian Aid.

Ann Klem, Honorary Member of C-90 Kearny, N.J., displayed her beautiful collection of margučiu and also instructed our members in the art of designing and coloring eggs. It was a most enjoyable evening. We are looking forward to seeing her exhibition of amber at a later meeting.

The program for the March meeting was a display of authentic Lithuanian memorabilia collected by Father John Pakalniskis, Spiritual Advisor of our council, and John Adomenas.

For the April meeting, a Founder's Day commemoration is planned. A guest speaker will be invited. At the May meeting a film will be shown of the Consecration of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel by Father Pugevicius.

The United Societies of Transfiguration Church has invited our K of L council to participate in the planning of their annual bazaar which will be held in the parish hall the weekends of June 2-3-4 and 9-10-11. We extend an invitation to all to attend.

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C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

With solemn dignity we attended a High Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church to commemorate the historic event that took place 60 years ago - Lithuanian Independence. Celebrant was Rev. George Gurinskas, guest organist was Mykolas Cibas, and the soloist for this special day was Mečislovas Razgaitis.

The celebration had a strong Lithuanian motif. A small but select group took part at the gifts offering. When the cruets were turned over to the priest, Helen Matthews and Barbara Yurkus really stood out, garbed in native costumes. Every member of the party carried something of ethnic symbolism - a prayer book from

the old country, a bit of amber, a sprig of rue, and a silent prayer for another day of permanent independence in Lithuania.

There was a continental breakfast at Rev. George Gurinskas hall after the Mass. A short commemorative program followed. After the invocation we sang our national anthem. The Lithuanian Declaration of Independence Act was beautifully recited by Helen Matthews and Barbara Yurkus.

In a professional manner, Joe Boley dramatized a patriotic poem appropriate for the occasion. There were excellent slides shown later, the theme being "Lietuva Brangi". Milly Paskacimis had a humorous recitation for us, and our vice president, Joseph Sleder, in good voice as usual made the program's closing address. After the Lithuanian national anthem, we were ready to start the regular monthly meeting.

Member activities: Leon & Betty Waskiewicz celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary recently. Our best wishes for many more. Anna Zindzius is home after a prolonged hospital stay. She has a broken leg after a bad fall. No, the icy streets had nothing to do with the mishap. Anna tripped over a rug in her own home. A very warm welcome to our new members, Al & Betty Janonis and Mr. & Mrs. Jackovich. Helen Shields is back from a visit to Lithuania. Her description of living conditions for people under total subjugation was painfully accurate. Helen Matthews spent one holiday in Canada, another in Mexico. Vincent Gendvilas plans a Lithuania visit later this year and will sail on a freighter. It took about a year to get the reservation confirmed by the freight line. The passenger list is limited to just 12 and the waiting list is very long. Kazimiera & Anthony Yacavonis took off for Puerto Rico and went through an unnerving experience. The plane developed an engine problem in flight and a forced landing was made at Hamilton, Bermuda.

The Vet

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

The Christmas Banquet Committee was made up of volunteers, with Sadie Karbus at the helm. The following joined the committee ranks: Frances DiBart, Mildred Botaitis, Frances Bobines, Helen Druziak, Mildred Whelly, Annacetta Guzielek, Helen Radzevich, Charlotte Sargalis and Helen Augun.

The Tower Inn was filled with K of L'ers on Dec. 11. A cocktail hour preceded the dinner which was served at 6 p.m. Toastmaster for the evening was Peter Sargalis. He called on Rev. Baltch to give grace. Father Baltch told the story of the wafer (plotkelė). The Lithuanian custom of breaking of the plotkelė with everyone in attendance followed. It was very touching and beautiful.

Isabelle McKinley and hubby Milton joined us for the banquet. They came for the weekend and were guests of Lou & Sadie Allen (Isabelle's relatives). Isabelle, member of our council, is the district's Public Relations Chairlady. A number of the guests joined our group; six signed up as members, while two made promises to join. We welcome Mary & Jack Sweet, Anna Tighe (Jack's sister) from Manasquan, N.J., Helen Hugo, and Willard & Jennie Kensell. Willard is a trustee of St. Casimir's Church. We're waiting for the signature cards of Emily Slikas and her daughter, Dorothy.

After dinner, Peter Sargalis thanked our guests and benefactors, Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar, for being with us. We toasted Dr. Kindar with "Ilgiausių Metų" as his birthday was Dec. 24 (Kūčių Diena). Pres. Radzevich presented gifts to our beloved priests, Father Baltch and Father Grigaitis. We heard comments from both priests.

Isabelle McKinley spoke and brought us up-to-date on the district level. It was great to have George & Aldona Gravrogkas (Dr. Aldona Baltch) in our midst.

Fran DiBart announced that a Santa Claus and a female helper

would be picked to distribute the gifts. The first name drawn was none other than Dr. Adam Kindar. There could be no one better to portray Santa Claus than one who was born on the day before Christmas. Judy Kastravickas had the pleasure to assist him.

Numerous games followed. Christmas Carols, both in Lithuanian and English, led by Father Baltch, concluded the evening's festivities.

During the course of the evening, many bulbs were flashing. Cameras in action were owned by Fran DiBart, Gene Gobis, and Don Holleran with his new instant Kodak.

Congratulations to the committee for a job well done!

Smile & Sparkle

C-144 - ST. CLAIR, PA.

Our "Kūčios" in December was most successful, thanks to Ann Cicioni and her committee. Everyone in the Anthracite Council then settled down to enjoy the holiday season in their homes.

January was a cold month, and several of our Lithuanian classes had to be cancelled due to the heavy snows. Everyone is now back to school and enjoying the teachings of Father Al Bartkus, Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas, Father Matthew Jarusanas, and Bernard Terway. We are hoping that when this course is over, we can persuade these teachers to continue their good work.



Pres. Bernice Mikatavage and Secy. Anne Wargo were busy in January writing letters for Lithuanian Independence Day. The local newspapers carried Bernice's letter and we got very good comments. Bishop Joseph McShea sent a letter to all churches in the diocese to pray for Lithuania during the week of Feb. 12. We also succeeded in getting a citation read on the floor of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by Rep. James Goodman. Congressman Gus Yatron offered a statement on the floor of the House of Rep.'s and had it written into the Congressional Record. Our member, Schuylkill County Commissioner, Albert J. Matunis, issued a proclamation on the 16th in that county. Each of our Lithuanian parishes had a special Mass on the 11th or 12th, with members of the Anthracite council from the individual towns presenting the gifts and wearing the Lithuanian national costume. Our new Junior councils had special Masses in Minersville and New Philadelphia, with "Marijos Varpeliai" singing. Our K of L Mass was held in St. Casimir's Church in St. Clair on the 16th.

Much preparation went into the planning of the Mar. 12 Mid-Atlantic Dist.'s Communion Breakfast for St. Casimir's Day, and the Spring Convention. Anne Marie Lithkowsky was chairman of the breakfast, and she and her committee worked very hard to make it a good one. We were fortunate in obtaining Lithuanian dissidents, Jonas ir Aušra Jurašas, as our guest speakers. The concelebrated Lithuanian Mass was in St. George's Church in Shenandoah. The breakfast and meeting was held in nearby Our Lady of Siluva Church in Maizeville. St. George's is the oldest Lithuanian Church in America, and Our Lady of Siluva is one of the newest. We had a nice breakfast, a good Spring Convention Meeting, and it was a delight to see many of our friends of the Mid-Atlantic-District.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

NED officers are as follows: Pres. Mary K. Minkus C-30, 1st V.P. Heidi Kniupis C-17, 2nd V.P. Anthony Chepulis C-135, 3rd V.P. Charles Genaitis C-10, Treas. Dorothy Sinkavitch C-116, Rec. Secy. Anne Bender C-26, Corr. Secy. Nellie Lord C-30, Trustee Aldona Marcavage C-141, Lith. Culture Nellie Ruggles C-30, Lith. Affairs Susan Bumila C-1, Newsletter Margaret Picard C-30.

"The Good Lord tested us on Nov. 25, '76 with a bit of foul weather which limited attendance at the TV Mass". This was the opening message from Rev. Francis T. McFariand, Boston Catholic T.V. Center on Nov. 27, '77. Continuing, "The Good Lord smiled on us this Sunday and gave us a lovely day for the TV Mass, but a bit windy, which is normal by the Govt. Center". Councils 17 & 17Srs. put on a lovely brunch after Mass at the St. Peter's Lithuanian Church hall with plenty of coffee



Participants in the NED TV Mass.

and good food, with seconds, to fortify us for the District Meeting.

The Scholarship Festival held at Maironis Park was a great success. After the activities, the Worcester members stayed behind to clean up. This seems unfair and should be corrected; this is a district affair. The date of Oct. 22 was selected for the next Scholarship Festival. Council assessment for the event was voted to be \$20.

A 4th degree member of Srs. C-17 is seriously ill, Albin Naviera living at 32 Powderhill Drive, Braintree, Mass. 02184. Please send Al a get-well card and remember him in your prayers.

Brockton C-1 will host the Dist.'s Spring Convention.

Some of C-30 members living in the Holyoke vicinity banded together and formed C-145. Congratulations and best wishes for success and growth.

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C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Condolences are extended to Pauline Rogers and the Tamason families on the recent death of their dear sister, Antena Tamason, a past member of the K of L and a registered pharmacist. The K of L attended the wake and offered a Mass for the repose of her soul. Sympathy is also extended to Blanche Genaitis on the death of her cousin, Mary Jonaitis Buteau, and to Bill Wisnauskas who lost a cousin, Richard Yagminas Moran, in a fatal hunting accident in Maine in November. May they all rest in peace.

The council made preparations for the annual Feb. 16 program of St. Francis Parish and our observance of St. Casimir's Day.

St. Francis Church was exquisitely decorated for the Christmas holidays. It's no wonder Fr. Stepie and St. Francis attract so many non-parishioners to the parish. This is a credit to Father Stepie's talent in decoration.

Stan & Alice Perekslis are the proud grandparents of a second grandchild. Much happiness!

The Genaitis' spent a month in

Bothell, Washington, visiting with their daughter and family.

We in the North Worcester County and Snow Belt area will long remember the Winter of '78, snowstorm after snowstorm.

Area Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians all enjoyed the CBS presentation of "The Defection of Simas Kudirka". The movie gave Lithuanians so much needed publicity. The area local papers carried nice write-ups on the presentation. Your correspondent thinks the rigors of Siberia should have been shown, instead of a typical USA prison.



Alice & Stan Perekslis, C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass.

Members of the Month: It is our pleasure to introduce a lovely couple who met and were married through their association with the K of L. Stanley Perekslis, a past president of our council, met Alice Jasionis of Norwood, then NED Secy., at the Natl. Convention in Kearny, N.J. The chance meeting led to a romance, courtship, and ended in a happy marriage.

Alice and Stan are owners of Stan's Super Market, a large market on Main St. in Athol, and are parents of a son and daughter and grandparents of two. Stan is a past C-10 president and a reinstated member of the past few years, a member of the local Rotary Club, and an excellent and generous parishioner of St. Francis Parish. Stan is an excellent gardener, having a splendid garden, and a beautifully land-

scaped home in Tully, Ma., the work of his own talents and good taste. He also loves to travel and plays a good game of golf.

Alice, also, is a reinstated K of L'er, a member of the parish Wcmens' Guild and the Athol Womens' Club. She also plays a good game of golf, is an ardent traveler, and a perfect hostess. Alice is kept busy with her grandchildren, lovely home, and some duties at the Super store.

We all wish Stan and Alice many years of happy wedded life and continued good health and devotion to their parish and the K of L. Good luck, Stan and Alice.

Thought for the Month: Let's all offer up a prayer to our patron, St. Casimir, to intercede for us for a return of freedom to much suffered Lithuania.

Vincukas

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

This month's column may not attract universal interest and it certainly does not have the suspense of an Agatha Christie mystery, but please read on anyway.

Mid-winter's snow and sub-zero temps have just plain hampered our activity! And speaking of winter, it can't pass (note the pun?) soon enough for Peter Carroll (Carroll Funeral Home) and John Kazlauskas (Dirsa Funeral Home). Both these members lament the hardships of snow removal. Certainly our pastor, Fr. Anthony Miciunas, MIC, could add something to that subject, what with church, rectory, convent and school to concern him.

Our Christmas party held in our St. Casimir's parish hall was its usual social success. Among those present were Father's Miciunas and Uzdavinis, Sister's Laurine, Ignata and Cornelia, Rita Pinkus (our esteemed president), John & Anne Ridick, Elly & John Carmody, Marion & Arthur Racicot, Bart & Marion March (spending the rest of winter in Florida!), Ginny & Withold Ivaska with daughter-in-law Donna (Donna is

our newest member), Frances Grigas, Anne Bucinkas, The Ramsdells (Leonard, Lenny & Ruth), Steve & Ann Walinsky, Richard Garbis (who, incidentally, is sending out an S.O.S. for payment of dues!), Agnes Law, Claire Grigaitis, Adele & Francis Degutis, and Vyto, Ann, & Tony Morunas.

Prior to the opening of the December meeting, our Spiritual Director, Father Benjamin Uzdevinis, MIC, installed the new board of officers. The new slate was announced in an earlier "Vytis" but wishing them well and promising them our support certainly does merit repeating! In his Christmas message, Father Ben asked us to ponder seriously the meaning of Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will. Peace does, in fact, begin with us, said Father Ben.

Carol Kardokas was a patient at St. Vincent's Hospital before Christmas. Mary Duggan's mom had been ill following a fall. It's good to hear that both ladies are fine now.

Several of our members hold key positions on the board of officers at Maironis Park. Installed in January by our pastor, Father Miciunas, were Kazys Adomavicius (president), Francis Algis Glodas and Withold Ivaska (board of directors) and Stephen Walinsky, Sr. (auditor). Congratulations to all!

Millie Lapinskas has assumed the duties of Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, replacing her uncle, Alex Kardokas, who died just after election. Alex had always done a beautiful job and Millie promises to try to fill his footsteps. We know she will.

This year the plans to commemorate St. Casimir's feast were two-fold. Our council celebration took place at the 5 o'clock Mass on Mar. 4, with a Communion supper following in the parish hall. Committee members were Rita Pinkus, Ruth Ramsdell, Adele Degutis, Claire Grigaitis, Helen Gillus and Anne Bender, with Virginia Leleikis as chairman. The next

day, Mar. 5, the parish gala celebration was held with parish dinner and a delightful program. Steve Walinsky Sr. was among the chief planners of this special event.

Our sports section reports Paul Roland's team in first place and Joe Staney's team in last place. Joe cautions Paul that his team is now fired up with "win" and that's how they plan to finish the season... tops! Let's see!

The White Mountains of New Hampshire was the scene of a ski weekend for Anne & Steve Walinsky, Elly & Steve Walinsky, Jr., Carol & Bill Grigas, Philip Ginkus & his wife, and also Ginny Leleikis. Joining them were members from South Worcester and South Boston councils and all attested to a fine time!

This past Christmas Day brought heartache to Helen Gillus. Her husband, George, died Christmas afternoon. To Helen and her children, George and Linda, we offer sincere condolences. Father Ben conducted the wake service and the K of L ritual and Father Miciunas celebrated the funeral Mass. We hope that the consolation offered by friends will help this family through a difficult period.

We close with sincere and friendly Easter greetings to all.

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C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

As with everyone else, coping with the weather this winter has been a major project. Looking on the bright side, the delegation that took advantage of the snow for a most enjoyable ski trip found conditions a real plus. Bert Stoskus, Jean Coughlin, and Ruth Krecioch led a hardy troop of Juniors north to King Pine Ski Lodge in New Hampshire. Singing praises of the "marvelous trip" were Sharon & Janet Coughlin and Ann, Kathy & Marcy Krecioch. Joining in the fun, also, were Linus Gervalis, Rimas Saulenas and Lori Bader, who took time out to celebrate her birthday with her fellow K of L'ers. Jean Coughlin and Bert Stoskus per-

formed in fine fashion on the slopes. Their specialty was "free fall sitz marks".

An interesting meeting was held in January at the home of Biruta & John Cunningham in spite of the weather. It was fun to see old Convention photos and other memorabilia. (Didn't we all look different in 1949!)

Welcome to Secy. Betty Ciuryla's husband, Vinnie, a new member. The Ciurylas recently visited their son, Vincent, in Pennsylvania. They are very proud of his having received his Doctorate.

We mourn the death of a very fine lady, Grace Vaitkunas. A 2nd degree Providence member, she previously was a member for many years of the Hartford council. She and her late husband Alex met through the K of L. Our sympathy to their son James, and her mother, Mrs. Balchunas.

Condolences to Helen Gillus of C-26 Worcester on the loss of her husband. Helen has long been a good friend of our council.

Thank you letters were received from Bishop Louis Gelineau, Governor Joseph Garrahy and Mayor Vincent Cianci for the Appreciation Awards presented to them.

Our Juniors worked very hard on several songs and skits to help properly celebrate Lithuanian Independence Day in our parish this year. Their director was Mrs. Aldona Kairys.

A sincere wish for a joyous and happy Easter to all.

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C-145 - HOLYOKE, MASS.

Mid-Winter Blues, Be Gone! Inclement weather was the topic of the day for most New Englanders as a Nor'Easter spent its energies battering the area. But the Knights of C-145, their spouses and guests, having no argument with the Furies, forged on to their rendezvous at the Colonial Hilton in Northampton.

In the Terrace Room overlooking a tropical paradise, congeniality prevailed as the sumptuous banquet progressed celebrating the fruitful conclusion of the very "first" course of Lithuanian studies offered in the area.

Especially honored at these festivities were Dr. I. Alis, mentor, without whom classes would not have been possible, and his lovely wife Sophia. Gifts were presented to each of the Alis' in appreciation of their services. Announcement was also made at this time of a second series of classes on Lithuanian studies which began Jan. 17.

After posing at the poolside tropical paradise for a group photograph, the celebrators faced a return to the reality of snow and ice, but the inner glow of camaraderie kept the Furies at their backs on the homeward trek.

Arrangements for this festive evening were made by Anthony & Nellie Ruggles and Joan Laframboise. Photographs were taken by J. Leo Laferriere, official photographer for C-145.

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In Terrace Room overlooking a tropical paradise, Knights of C-145, Holyoke, and their guests await the first course. Pictured clockwise are: Anthony Ruggles, Laura Laframboise, Nell Ruggles, Julie Pasternak, Albert Laframboise, Adele Laferriere, Jim Adamites, Priscilla Bernotas, Sophia & Isadorius Alis, Della Mikelis, Brian Laframboise, Ed Deslongchamps.



Dr. Alis, instructor of the area's first Lithuanian studies class, addresses his students and guests on the importance of their continuing efforts in keeping "Lithuanianism" alive. The attentive listeners pictured are: Mrs. Sophia Alis, (Dr. Alis), Della Mikelis, Ed Deslongchamps, Joan Laframboise.



Mrs. Sophia Alis (center) leads the Knights of C-145 Holyoke, and their guests from the Terrace Room down to the tropical paradise for a group photograph.



Thoroughly refreshed after the sumptuous banquet honoring Dr. & Mrs. Alis, a partial grouping of C-145's members and guests relaxed in a tropical atmosphere before returning to the reality of ice and snow. Seated: Frances Jackiewicz, Dr. & Mrs. Alis, Nell Ruggles. Kneeling: Joe Dapsis, Joan Laframboise. Standing: Steve & Imelda Chivas, Nell Proulx, William Romanski, Della Mikeliš, Ed Deslongchamps, Priscilla Bernotas, Adele Laferriere, Julie Pasternak, Ann Lyons, Jim Ademites, Anthony Ruggles. (Partially hidden from view: Ann Dapsis).

CONVENTION NEWS

HEADQUARTERS — HOTEL SYRACUSE

Creating a new modern hotel inside a 53-year old structure while still serving the public is the neat trick that the Hotel Syracuse management has accomplished in the past two years.

The entire hotel has been re-carpeted and redecorated. All of the rooms have been made over by leading Syracuse decorators. The lobby and all other public rooms have been transformed. The cost for all of that work was 2 million dollars.

And all of this was accomplished with full service to the public never interrupted.

Hotel Syracuse is a famous landmark of hospitality in Central New York. Many dignitaries have been guests there over the years - from

the President of the United States to Governors, Senators, Congressmen, Cardinals, Bishops, movie-stars and other dignitaries.

The hotel's popularity is the result not only of good management, but also its central location. It is situated in the heart of the business and shopping district of downtown Syracuse, just steps from the Cathedral, just steps from sports and entertainment at the War Memorial Auditorium and performing arts attractions at the new Civic Center.

All major population areas of the Northeast are within easy and convenient reach of Syracuse, the geographic center of New York State. Aside from Chicago and Dayton and of course Los Angeles,

all K of L Councils are within 400 miles of Syracuse. This is the first year that the Convention location has been so ideal to a great majority of the K of L's.

The hotel management has been very good to the K of L. They are giving us all of the space we need free of charge. They are giving us a good break on room rates. Single rooms start at \$22.00, doubles start at \$28.00 and suites start at \$55.00. Parking is free in the underground garage.

Meal time won't be an expensive time either. In the hotel is the Renaissance restaurant which serves the grand gourmet fare in the Continental style, the Tack Room restaurant and bar - a dress-as-you-like place, serves big drinks



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and healthy portions, and the famous Library discotheque is open every night of the week for cocktails, culture (you can even read), and dancing.

There are a number of other restaurants and coffee shoppes within 2 blocks of the hotel and their prices are very reasonable. Also, the streets of downtown Syracuse are safe for walking both day and night. The streets are brightly lit and people move about freely with no trouble.

By Convention time construction should be underway on a new section of Hotel Syracuse. This addition will include 200 rooms plus



another and larger ballroom than the present one. It will also include a 500 car garage. The addition will be across Onondaga Street and will connect to the present hotel by a second level pedestrian bridge.

The construction will not interfere with our convention one bit. It will all be across the street.

Who knows what the future will bring? If you people enjoy yourselves at "Upstate in 78" - Syracuse, there could be another, "Upstate in 88" - Syracuse. But we need you here in August to give us an opinion. We don't care how you get here - just get here.

Next month - more on "Upstate in 78" - Syracuse

NATIONAL CONVENTION KNIGHTS of LITHUANIA TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 16	A.M.	Golf Tournament or Sightseeing Tour of Syracuse Area
	P.M.	Awards Banquet
THURSDAY, Aug. 17	All Day	Registration
	Noon	Opening Mass Luncheon
	P.M.	Opening Session
	P.M.	"Fun Night"
FRIDAY, Aug. 18	All Day	Registration
	A.M.	Second Session
	P.M.	Third Session
	P.M.	Cultural Night, Carrier Theater Syracuse Civic Center Champagne & Cheese Party
SATURDAY, Aug. 19	All Day	Registration
	A.M.	Fourth Session
	P.M.	Fifth (Final) Session - Elections
	P.M.	Banquet and Dance Grand Ballroom, Hotel Syracuse
SUNDAY, Aug. 20	A.M.	Closing Mass Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Convention Photo
	P.M.	Farewell Brunch

