

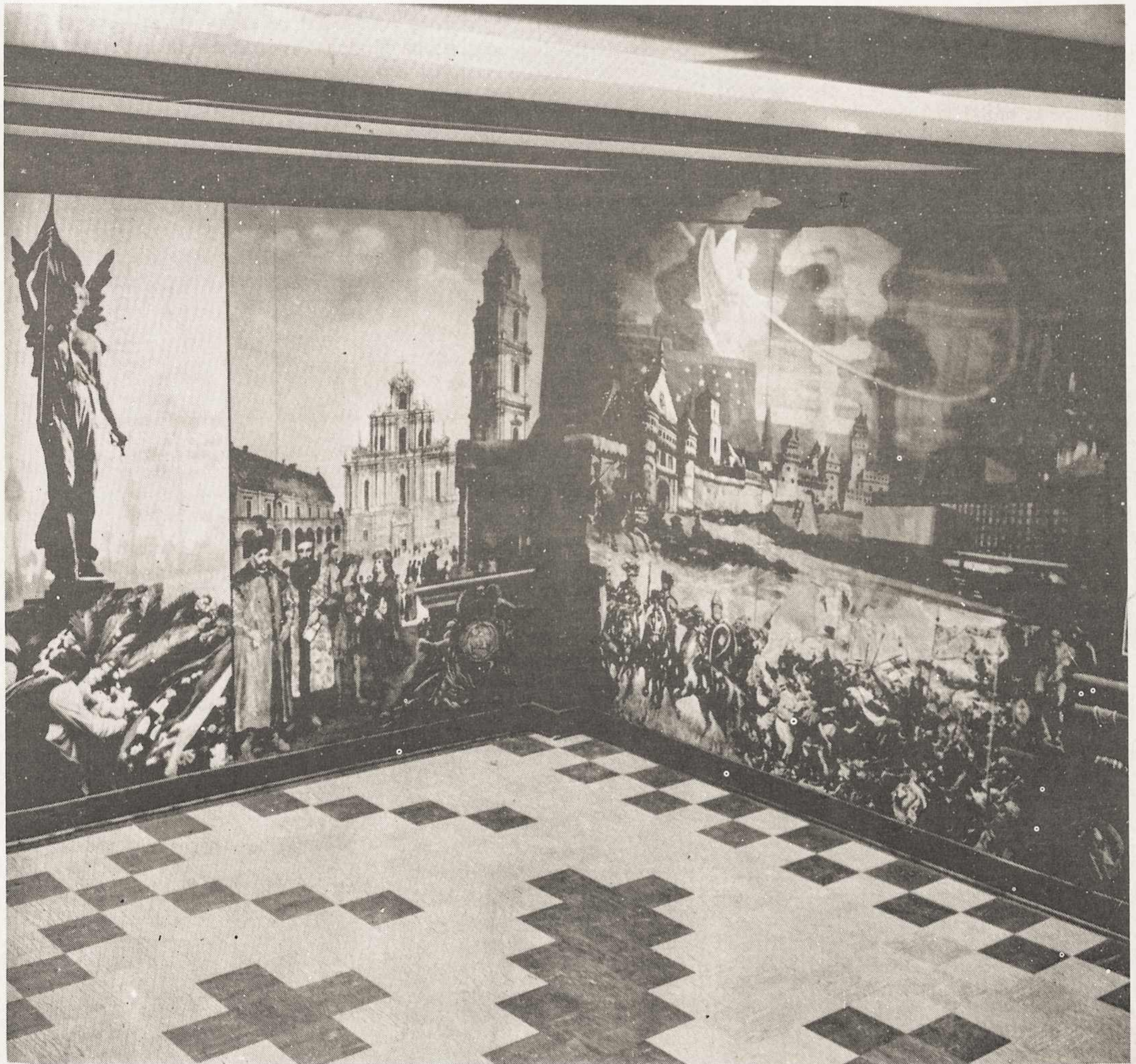
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Lithuanian Statue of Liberty (at left in photo), scenes out of Lith. history, a view of the capital city, Vilnius, former rulers and other scenes of the Lith. Room in Ethnic Heritage Center - Wayne St. Univ.

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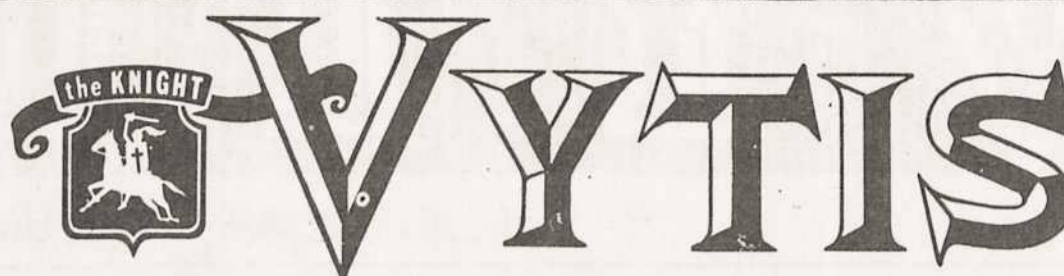
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O motin! Kada tavo vaikas valgyt šaukia,
Paduok jam juodos duonos, vandens iš šaltinio —
Anksti tegul prie vargo pripras kasdieninio,
Tegul paskui jis kėsams kaktos nesuraukia!

O kada tavo vaikas su kaimynais žaidžia,
Mokink jį mylėt draugą, mokink suteikimo.
Pratinki prie kantrybės ir pasišventimo,
Ir veski į mokyklą, kur gaus dvasiai maisto!

Dr. Vincas Kudirka

Kada gi tavo vaikas ateis į tvirtumą,
Rodyk, tegul sau sunkų darbą pasilaiko
Ir, eidams paskui žagrę, teturi ramumą!

O idant tavo triūsas turėtų svarbumą,
Dėk sėklą sūnaus širdin tuoj iš jauno laiko,
Nes tik motinai ačiū, už gerumą vaiko!



AN ANCIENT COIN — AND A MODERN CHAPEL

Eve Migonis

On the front of the altar of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., is inscribed the date "1608", the date that Our Lady first appeared to children at Siluva.

Ladišlaus J. Esunas, Council 142's Financial Secretary/Treasurer, while attending a Lithuanian Mass at the Chapel, noticed this date coincided with that on a coin in his Lithuanian coin collection. He had his coin photographed and a replica appears superimposed on the photograph taken of Our Lady of Siluva Chapel during the visit of the Supreme Council in Washington, D.C., the weekend of June 4-5, 1977.

In the upper left-hand corner is the front and backside replica of a Lithuanian Polish coin; with its 1608 date and the Lithuanian Vytis inscribed on the front. The reason for the Lithuanian Polish coin was that Lithuania was a dual monarchy at that time, two governments under one King Sigismund III. Sigismund III was of Swedish-Lithuanian origin and ruled until 1648.

In the upper right, is a coin of the Papal States - Paul V, who was Pope from 1605-21. The Roman coin has the figures of two saints, St. Peter and St. Paul.

The chapel is named Our Lady of Siluva, honoring the Patroness of Lithuania and a shrine in Lithuania to which pilgrims have paid visits since the 17th century. The chapel at the Shrine is a gift of Lithuanian Catholics - honoring the shrine and churches at Siluva and the United States, as a beacon of liberty. Bishop Vincent Brizgys, exiled Lithuanian prelate, was the general chairman of the committee

that sponsored the chapel; the dedication sermon was Sunday, September 4, 1966.

Dominating the chapel is a larger than life statue of Our Lady of Siluva in unpolished Trani marble. Framing the statue is an apse finished in Venetian glass mosaic. The glass shades from a deep blue at the outer arch to a light blue at the center. There is a golden and flaming aureole around the statue itself. The border of the arch shows pine cones and needles (Siluva means "pine cones").

Another highlight of the chapel is the golden dome that pictures the four madonnas venerated in Lithuania - Our Lady of Sorrows,

Our Lady of Vilnius, Our Lady of Trakai, and Our Lady of Pazaislis.

Depicted in various panels in the chapel are the Statues of Liberty; St. Casimir, patron of Lithuania; the Pensive Christ called Rūpintojėlis; and the baptism of Mindaugas (in 1250), the first king of Lithuania.

The following words appear on the arch over the St. Casimir panel: IŠ PRAEITIES TAVO SŪNUS TE STIPRYBĖ SEMIA.

Arch over the Rūpintojėlis Panel: APSAUGOK AUKŠČIAUSIAS TĄ MYLIMĄ ŠALĮ.

West wall: DIEVUI IR TĖVYNEI! - The Knights of Lithuania motto, "For God and Country".



Siluva Chapel, pictured during a Knights of Lithuania weekend in Washington. Insets above - the ancient coins.

A BIT OF "LITHUANIA" AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

by Sophie Zager

Jubilation and pride were in focus as the new LITHUANIAN ROOM at Wayne State University was dedicated formally on Feb. 16, with a blessing by His Excellency Vincentas Brizgys, exiled Bishop of Kaunas and now Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. The Lithuanian Room, previously known as "Room 288" and one of a series of ethnic rooms making up an Ethnic Heritage Center in the Manoogian Hall of Wayne State University, was designed by architects Rimas and Jonas Mulokas of Los Angeles and completed through the work and donations of the Lithuanian community of the Detroit area. Fittingly, the dedication ceremony coincided with the 60th Anniversary of the short-lived Independence of Lithuania from Russian domination on Feb. 16, 1918. The room will stand as a worthy sym-

bol of that nation's eternal quest for freedom.

A memorable program, highlighted by Lithuanian dancers and musicians playing the Kankles, preceded the dedication ceremony. Approximately 250 people attended the dedication itself and the reception that followed, where guests and friends enjoyed sampling delicious hors d'oeuvres and exchanging "toasts".

At the dedication, Jurgis Mikaila, chairman of the Lithuanian Ethnic Room Committee, presented listeners with a touching summary of Lithuanian history and provided the essential focus for the event. He described the project as a symbol of gratitude of America's gift of homes, jobs, and a bright future given to the Lithuanian people who came from Europe seeking a better life.

Stephanie Kaunelis, vice-chairperson of the Room Committee acknowledged representation of various organizations, including the Knights of Lithuania, explained her direct involvement in the project, and described the historical and cultural background of the Lithuanian Room.

It all began on Feb. 26, 1973. Katherine Gribbs, wife of the then Mayor Roman Gribbs of Detroit, originated the idea for an Ethnic Heritage Center. She invited representatives of some 30 ethnic organizations to a meeting at the Mayor's residence to discuss creating ethnic rooms in the Manoogian Hall of Wayne State University. The impact of her idea touched many, and aroused the interest of the Lithuanian community as well. Lithuanians selected a committee, commissioned artists



Blessing of Lith. Room, Wayne State Univ. From left - Chairman, J. Milaila; Rev. C. Simaitis, Bishop V. Brizgys; V. & R. Snapstytes and Rev. L. Chrobot, pres. of St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake seminary.



Cutting of the ribbon by Dr. G. Hainecke of Wayne State U., and Katherine Gribbs, co-ordinator of Ethnic Rooms, during the Lith. Dedication ceremonies.

photos by: K. Sragauskas

and set out to create their own room there. After months of meetings, decisions and much sacrifice to raise the needed money, the project was realized.

Mrs. Gribbs, who now also serves as Executive Director of the Anthony Wayne Society, a special fund-raising society of the University, was on hand to see her idea materialized. Besides Bishop Brizgys, numerous other members of the clergy from the area were also present at the dedication festivities, as were the room's designers, Rimas and Jonas Mulokas of Los Angeles, and numerous other dignitaries and prominent speakers.

In her keynote address, Katherine Gribbs, who has always been active in promoting her own culture (Greek) as well as others, spoke on the importance of "retaining your own culture, keeping your heritage and traditions alive". She commented — "despite the small community in comparison to other nationalities living in



Pres. Frank Zager of C-79 making a presentation to Stephanie Kaunelis, Vice-chairperson of Lithuanian Room.

Detroit, the Lithuanians were able to dedicate this room in a span of five short years".

Dr. John Cadzow of Kent State University, remarked that "our country is a land of immigrants and many are occupying high positions". He concluded by complimenting the committee on their beautiful work, — speaking in fluent Lithuanian.

Perhaps the most significant commentary on this dedication came from views expressed by Giether Haenicke, Provost of the University. He marvelled at the fact that so many Lithuanian-Americans continue to speak the language and instill its appreciation in their children.

Mrs. Gribbs received many expressions of gratitude for originating the idea and seeing it to fruition as one of the great cultural assets to the Lithuanian community of Detroit. Upon completion of several more rooms, Manoogian Hall will boast of 13 Ethnic Heritage Rooms.

ARTISTIC MAKE-UP OF THE ROOM

The Lithuanian Room boasts of two walls of picturesque murals from floor to ceiling, depicting scenes from Lithuania's history. Architectural elements create "couture" effects and add to the esthetic appeal of the decorations. Other walls are decorated with replicas of various famous Lithuanian works of art.

One mural of interest depicts St. Casimir, the great-great-grandson of Gediminas and patron saint and prince of Lithuania. The church named in his honor is also shown, bearing its original Lithuanian crown on top as a symbol of independence. The crown was removed by the Russians in 1840 and rebuilt again in 1943 by Architect Jonas Mulokas.

Other scenes include the Gediminas castle in Vilnius, capital of Lithuania. In early times, the

castle was the residence of the ruling Grand Dukes and Princes and was built in the 14th century. It was destroyed by the Muscovites in 1560 but partially rebuilt later.

Vilnius Cathedral, the Lithuanian Pantheon is shown too. It was built in the 18th century by Stuoka Guzevičius on the site of an ancient Lithuanian pagan sanctuary. Lithuanian rulers were crowned and entombed there. It has been converted by the Soviets into an art gallery.

A World Map from 1499, printed in Amsterdam after Columbus discovered America, shows Lithuania's Empire, governed from Vilnius. At that time, Lithuania reached from the Baltic Sea almost to Moscow itself.

Vilnius University, the oldest university in western Europe, was

established in 1579 by Lithuanian ruler Steponas Batoras and closed by order of the Russian czar in 1832. It was reopened in 1919. The University and its president are shown. The President is dressed in the traditional toga, and is accompanied by an old-time student.

The Lithuanian statue of liberty, by sculptor Zikaras is another eye-catching scene as one enters the Lithuanian Room. This monument which stood in Kaunas was destroyed by the Soviets in 1945.

Another scene shows Vytautas the Great (1350-1430) during his reign as Grand Duke of the Lithuanian Empire which reached from the Baltic to the Black Sea in his time. The monument, by sculptor Grybas in Kaunas, was destroyed by Hitler's Army in 1941.

Other scenes from Lithuania's history, culture and religion in-

clude the Fantasy "The Offering" by M. K. Čiurlionis, 1909; the Lithuanian Army 1410-1812; the New Opera House in Vilnius designed by Architect Bučiūtė, with its Lithuanian castle motifs; one of eleven towers and walls of Vilnius, which were built 1503-1522. Also shown: the painting by Čiurlionis depicting the Graveyard in Žemaitija 1909; Vytautas the Great Museum in Kaunas by Architect V. Dubeneckis, 1930; The Lithuanian Coat of Arms — Gedimino Stulpai (Gediminas Columns); St. Ann's Church in Vilnius, a masterpiece of Lithuanian Gothic Architecture; the portal of Sts. Peter and Paul Baroque Church in Vilnius with its 2000 sculptures; the ancient Lithuanian capital castle Trakai, destroyed by Muscovites in 1560 and now partially rebuilt.

On another wall is the 1410 Battle of Tannenberg with Vytautas the Great in the center (painting by J. Matejko, 1878); The Lithuanian coat of arms "Vytis" from a 16th century tapestry; the legend "Vytis" by M. K. Čiurlionis; and Lithuanian rulers from the Gediminas Dynasty — Jogaila (1350-1434), Žygimantas Augustas (1520-1572) the last ruler from the Gediminas Dynasty, and his wife, the beautiful Barbora Radvilaitė; and young Lithuanians in national

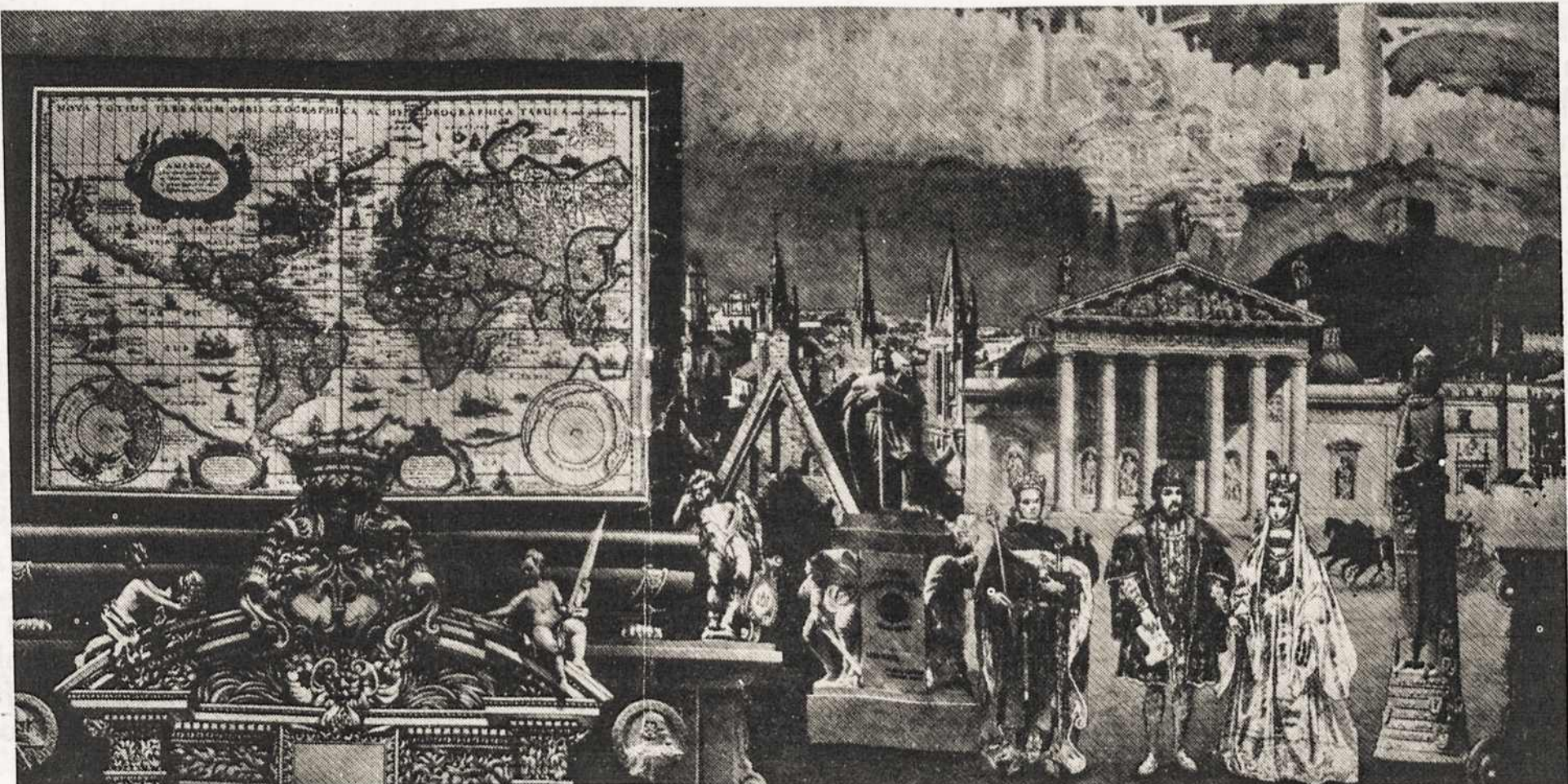


costume.

In Lithuania, roof tops, windows and doors were decorated by woodcarvings similar to those surrounding the blackboard of the Lithuanian Room. In the center of the woodcarvings is a coat of arms of independent Lithuania, the "Vytis". The room will be outfitted in a Lithuanian motif, equipped with desks, chairs, bookcases and

other furnishings. The area will be used as a classroom for post-graduate studies.

We trust that whatever they study, the students using that room will surely also gain an appreciation of Lithuania and her beautiful history and culture. Congratulations to the Lithuanians of Detroit — and to Mrs. Gribbs, on this truly historic achievement.



LIETUVIŠKO KAMBARIO ATIDARYMAS WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITETE

1978 m. vasario mėn. 16 dieną man teko garbė dalyvauti Lietuviško Kambario atidaryme, kuris Detroito lietuvių pastangomis buvo įrengtas Wayne State Universitete, Detroite, paskutinių penkerių metų laikotarpyje. Šis, kaip panašus kambarys Pensilvanijos Universitete, bus panaudotas klase studentų paskaitoms. Jis primins Lietuvą ir liudys lietuviškos kultūros ir meno grožį.

Kadangi Universitetai ugdo ateities vadus, tai lietuviškų kambarių įrengimas universitetuose įgauna ypatingos reikšmės. Juos pastebės tie, kurie netrukus pasidarys įtakingi žmonės.

Dalyvaudamas atidarymo ceremonijose aš pajutau ir išivaizdavau Detroito lietuvių įdėto darbo ir pasiaukojimo dydį. Jis tikrai pasigerėjimo vertas.

Lietuviško Kambario projektai paruošti architektų tėvo ir sūnaus Mulokų. Visi paveikslai, vaizduoja Lietuvą ir lietuvius, yra apsaugoti permatoma plastika. Tuo jiems garantuojamas ilgas amžius. Studentui, profesoriui, lankytojui yra paaškinimai, kurie padės suprasti eksponatus ir pažinti lietuviškos kultūros aspektus.

Nakčiai aš buvau apsistojęs pas p. Vinčą Tamošiūną. Su juo valandas praleidom kalbėdami apie šį

projektą ir apie tai kaip jis buvo įvykdytas. Paaškinėję, kad Lietuviško Kambario įrengimas yra daugelio lietuviškos kilmės žmonių, paprastų, jau pensijon išėjusių, meilės pavyzdys Lietuvai.

Jie norėjo ir pasakė Amerikai, kad Lietuva yra gyva ir kad ji tokia pasiliks ateity.

Dr. John F. Cadzow
Kent State University

PADĖKA

Lietuviško Kambario Valstybiniame Wayne Universitete atidarymas yra dar vienas įrodymas, kaip Detroito lietuviai įstengia parodyti miestui lietuviškos kultūros pasireiškimus ir jos įtaką Amerikoje.

To Kambario atidarymo proga ponai Ona ir Česys Šadeikai, gyv. Farmington Hills, Michigan, Kent'o Universiteto Lietuviškos Stipendijos Fondui paaukojo \$100.00 dol. Jiems mes norime širdingai padėkoti tų studentų vardu, kurie galės pasinaudoti Lietuviškos stipendijos fondo lėšomis. Dar kartą širdingas ačiū!

Už Lietuviškos stipendijos fondą

A. Tamošiūnaitė

REV. ALBERT CONTONS [continued from p. 9]

K of L life. Especially fond of the VYTIS and cognizant of its worth to the organization, Father Contons inaugurated the VYTIS Fund in 1955, and in three subsequent years, he conducted fund drives which brought in approximately \$1500 for VYTIS. This Fund still exists and still receives donations regularly. It is used by the staff to purchase special equipment, art clip books and other tools for enhancing VYTIS and easing the editorial job.

To assist new officers on the council, district and national level, Father Contons organized and edited a K of L Leadership Manual in 1956. Currently being updated to reflect changes in the organization over the past 20 years, the manual provides practical guidelines for carrying out the work involved in the various offices of the K of L, as well as instructions on how to organize a council, conduct a St. Casimir's Day celebration, host a National Convention, etc. It has been an invaluable tool for K of L leaders.

In 1957 and 1958, Father was chairman of a committee to discuss the possibility of closer ties with the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America. He also served on the National K of L Scholarship Committee from 1958 to 1960.

National K of L Conventions have also been regular beneficiaries of Father Al's many talents. His organized mind and productive imagination have helped immeasurably with composition of important resolutions, and in settling pressing problems on a National scale, and his generous and friendly nature have made many a new or returning member feel at ease and glad to be back in the K of L fold.

Father Contons has left his mark of achievement outside the Knights of Lithuania as well. From 1971 to 1973, Father served as President of the Lithuanian Catholic Priests League of America. And, since 1970, he has been Spiritual Adviser to the Lithuanian Blue Army Movement, which promotes

devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

In 1960, Cardinal Cushing appointed Father Contons president of the Auxiliary of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified. During his term of office (1960-1967), he helped the Sisters in raising funds for construction of their new Motherhouse chapel and St. Joseph's Manor Nursing Home, both in Brockton. He is at present a member of the Sisters' Lay Advisory Board.

Besides his contributions to VYTIS, Father has also written for various other publications, including "Soul", "The Boston Pilot", "Darbininkas", and "Lituanus". He also wrote the English text for the "History of St. Peter's Parish", South Boston.

Father Contons is currently Pastor of St. Margaret Church, Beverly Farms, Mass. and has been since 1973.

The Knights of Lithuania are indeed proud to add to the ranks of its honored the name of REV. ALBERT CONTONS, Honorary Member.

REV. ALBERT A. CONTONS CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

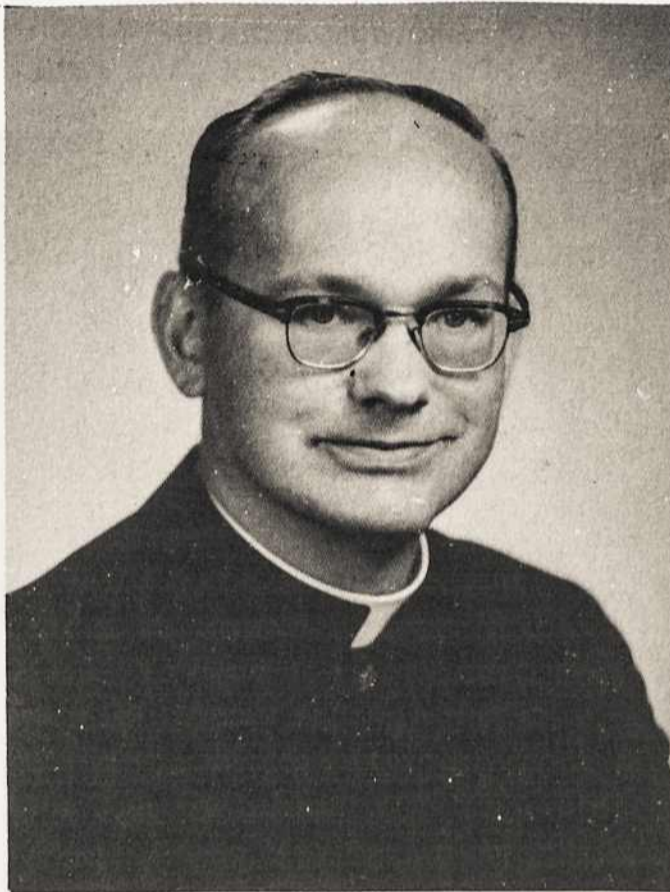
by Loretta I. Stukas

Elevation to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania takes on very special significance when the honor is conferred on a member of the clergy. It singles out the clergyman as a true leader in cultural as well as religious activities, and marks the organization as an important tool in God's workshop, worthy of outstanding activity by His special stewards, the clergy.

REV. ALBERT A. CONTONS, who will receive Honorary Membership during the 65th National Convention this August in Syracuse, N.Y., after being proposed by C-17, So. Boston and the New England District and approved by the Honorary Membership Committee and the 64th National Convention, is no exception. His outstanding activities on behalf of Lithuania in general and the Knights of Lithuania in particular have served to better the organization in many varied spheres.

Father Contons (Kontautas) was born into a Lithuanian family on May 11, 1924, in South Boston. He attended local schools and was graduated from Boston Latin School in 1941. That same year, he entered the college department of St. John's Seminary, continuing with studies in philosophy and theology until his ordination on May 6, 1948, by Richard Cardinal Cushing in Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Peter's Lithuanian parish in South Boston. In 1953, he was appointed instructor at St. Sebastian's School, Newton, Mass. where he taught French and religion until 1973. He also served as chaplain of the Cenacle Convent, Brighton, from 1962 to 1973.



Father Contons continued advanced studies at Boston College from 1950 to 1953, where he received the M.A. degree in economics. To broaden his education, he studied at Laval University, Quebec during the summers of 1962-64 and received the Diploma Elem. de Francais. Father has also studied in France at the Institut Touraine, and at the University of Grenoble during the summers of 1967 and 1971.

Since his ordination, Father Contons has been active in Lithuanian affairs, and early in his priestly career, he joined in the work of the Knights of Lithuania as a member of C-17, Boston. He quickly became active in the organization, and was selected to serve as the Council Spiritual Adviser in 1948. He held that post until 1953.

Father's talents for leadership were quickly recognized nationally, and he was selected to serve as National Spiritual Adviser of the Knights in 1952. He held that post from 1952 to 1961 and again

from 1968 to 1974. Pursuing his main duty in that office — attending to the spiritual needs of K of L members — Father Al inaugurated a formal monthly spiritual program for all councils and was a frequent contributor to VYTIS, providing spiritual guidance and organizational advice via the written word through at least 30 articles.

But these day-to-day activities were not sufficient for a person of Father Al Contons' abilities and enthusiasm. In 1958, to honor the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir's Birth, Father Contons, under the auspices of the K of L, wrote and published a booklet on the life of St. Casimir. Over 13,000 copies of the booklet were distributed, with net proceeds of \$1000 for the K of L. The booklet also served as the inspiration for another booklet, "Our Lady of Siluva" written by the late Rev. John C. Jutt also in 1958.

On Feb. 22, 1959, Father Al was celebrant and preacher at the first K of L TV Mass in Boston, also honoring the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir. These Masses, incidentally, have become an annual event in Boston.

Anxious to involve the Knights in international events of worth, Father Contons organized and conducted a Knights of Lithuania Pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress in Munich in 1960. In all, 27 participants representing the K of L attended the Congress and toured Europe for four weeks that summer.

Father was not content to limit his activities to spiritual matters, so he also left his mark of accomplishment in many other phases of

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JOSEPHINE DAUŽVARDIS CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

by Irene K. Sankus

For her many accomplishments and her years of devotion and commitment to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania, JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS was proposed for Honorary Membership by Council 112 of Chicago and approved by the Illinois-Indiana District. Her application was accepted by the Honorary Membership Committee and approved by the delegates at the 64th National Convention held in Providence, R.I.

She was born Juze Rauktyte in Worcester, Mass., and was exposed to the culture of Lithuania through her parents who were born in Lithuania and also through summer classes which she attended in her parish — St. Casimir's.

Her interest in the Knights of Lithuania began as a youngster when, although too young to join, she and her grammar school friends daily went to the "Vyčiu Namas" on Waverly Street in Worcester for games and singing.

When the idea came for organizing a K of L Council to be affiliated with the new Our Lady of Vilna Church in South Worcester, Juze and others met with Father Vembre. In 1928, Council 116 officially came into existence and Juze became the council's first secretary and also the correspondent to "Vytis" and other Lithuanian and English newspapers.

While attending high school, she worked in the editorial and business offices of the newspaper "Amerikos Lietuvis" in Worcester. She assisted in the preparation of the book "Valgiu Gaminimas" which included recipes from Lithuania as well as other countries.



This, and her constant interest in the culinary arts, paved the way for her book, "Popular Lithuanian Recipes", which is in its 7th printing and is truly a universally popular book.

Juze attended Massachusetts University, completed courses in psychology and social work, and also graduated from Northeastern University School of Law with a LLB degree.

She was already fated to live an extremely active life. Among the positions she held in the New England area were — Director of the North American Civic League for Immigrants, Special Investigator for the Juvenile Court, and case worker for the City of Worcester Board of Public Welfare. She was involved to a great extent in Lithuanian cultural activities in Worcester, and had opened a travel bureau. It was through this travel bureau that she

met and later married Petras Dauzvardis, then the Vice-Consul of Lithuania in New York. After a stay of several years in the New Jersey area, the Dauzvardises moved to Chicago when he became Consul General.

They raised two sons, the late Fabian and Petras, who with his wife Dolores (nee Srupsa) reside in the Chicagoland area. Josephine Dauzvardis, or as she is affectionally known — "Mrs. D", is the grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of one.

Chicagoans can attest to the fact that our honored recipient has been active with many civic and cultural organizations in the city. For example, she is a member of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund; during World War II, she was the official Relief Fund representative in the metropolitan Community and War Fund, and also a member of its speakers bureau; was chairman of the American Red Cross War Fund Speakers Bureau where she received many citations for her work; served on the Lithuanian committee to help the Immigrants Service League, which sponsored Lithuanian concerts, programs and talent shows for young musicians; served as either program arranger, chairlady or Mistress-of-Ceremonies for both the Railroad and Chicago Fairs, as well as an advisor and coordinator for the Lithuanian Song Festivals and the Lithuanian Dance Festivals.

Our honorary membership recipient has received many awards and honors throughout her life: the Illinois-Indiana District's Award of Distinction in 1977; City of Chicago

Medal of Merit; Captive Nations Eisenhower Medal; 60th anniversary commemorative medal from the Ukraine government, in exile; most outstanding Woman of the Year from the "Lietuvių Fondas"; decorated by the Lithuanian Scouts and has a girl scout troop named after her; received the highest award given by the "Šauliai" the Lithuanian National Guard; the first Award of Merit from Lithuanian Roman Catholic Womens Alliance; American of the Year Award from the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture; named one of the ten most outstanding women in Chicago by the Womens Advertising Club of Chicago. The list of honors goes on and on.

Mrs. D. was one of the organizers of the Chicago Consular Corps Ladies Club and served as its Program Chairlady for many years. This club includes wives of consular officials as well as women consular officials themselves, and the purpose of this group is rather like that of the United Nations — through planned activities and meetings, the members become more acquainted with each other, the different countries and their customs, and the City of Chicago.

She became known as the "Lithuanian Lore Lady" because of her very deep interest in keeping the Lithuanian lore and culture alive and was responsible for the revival of the traditional Lithuanian Christmas Tree (said to be the most photographed Christmas Tree in the world) and the making of Christmas straw ornaments. For over thirty years, she has been involved in the Lithuanian Day program at the Museum of Science and Industry's "Christmas Around the World" pageants. She was instrumental in involving the Knights of Lithuania (the K of L Dancers, the K of L Choir, and the Council 36-112 Juniors) in the pageants and is the author of three original plays on the traditional Lithuanian "Kūčios". The plays are presented annually on Lithuanian Day at this world famous museum.

The "Amber Ball", a presentation ball with traditional Lithuanian settings and under the sponsorship of the Chicago Lithuanian Womens Club, was originated by Mrs. Dauzvardis. Each debutante receives an amber pendent as a memento of the evening and Lithuanian dances become the cotillion numbers for the evening. The debs carry red, green, and yellow nosegays representing the colors of the flag of Lithuania. For her many accomplishments with the organization, she was named The Honorary President of the group.

At one point in her life, she was one-third of the "Lithuanian Lore Trio" along with singer Ona Pieza and pianist Zita Simutis (incidentally both are K of L members). They travelled through the metropolitan area of Chicago with a program that included lectures, songs, and a small exhibit of artifacts and folk art of Lithuania.

She was among the reorganizers of the K of L Choir in Chicago in 1948 with director Leonard Simutis, Jr. Also with Zita Simutis, she was instrumental in acquainting the K of L Choir with the Čiurlionis Ansemble of West Germany. In exchange for food packages, the West Germany group sent material for the choir's costumes and ties, and embroidered the ladies' blouses.

Aside from her accomplishments in many cultural activities, Mrs. Dauzvardis also assisted her husband, Petras, in the fulfillment of his consular duties. Upon his death, she was appointed Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago by the U.S. State Department. Currently she represents approximately 100,000 Lithuanians in the Chicago area and has jurisdiction over many other states. She routinely issues and authenticates documents, provides translations, secures Lithuanian passports and handles estate matters, mails press releases to different publications, provides information to scholars and others on Lithuanian history, culture, etc., reacts to incorrect articles on Lithuania,

handles approximately 2,000-3,000 pieces of mail per year and sends about 1,000 pieces of mail, averages about 20 calls per day, has lengthy sessions with high school and college students about Lithuania, and has AT LEAST one speaking engagement each and every week of the year.

Although her consular duties are many and varied, she finds time to assist and advise the many Lithuanian organizations whenever called upon. When asked about the future of the Lithuanian organizations and the interest of the youth of the community, Mrs. Dauzvardis stated that the young people are very interested and she finds that the third and fourth generations of young Lithuanian people are becoming greatly interested in their heritage and geneology.

From her early days in Worcester to the present time, Mrs. Dauzvardis has always been a staunch member of the Knights of Lithuania. As a member of Chicago's Council 112, she was awarded her Fourth Degree on St. Casimir's Day in 1958 (her late husband was also a 4th degree member).

Always an advisor and confidante of the Knights of Lithuania, she was instrumental in the formulating of plans for the now annual Illinois-Indiana District's commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day "Memories of Lithuania" Banquets.

Mrs. D is an extremely gracious and hospitable woman with a true feeling for her Lithuanian heritage. We are extremely proud of the fact that she is an active member of our organization and although her consular duties are very pressing, she always is available to us, participates in our many functions, and frequently has said that the Knights of Lithuania holds a special place in her heart.

JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS, we congratulate you on receiving a most deserved honor — Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania — to add to your never-ending list of awards.

Lithuanians in The

NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

Every spring, the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago mounts a major production of an operatic masterpiece in the Lithuanian language. It has also presented world premieres or important revivals of several Lithuanian Operas during past seasons.

This April during its 22nd season, the company presented Giuseppe Verdi's NABUCCO, for three performances in Chicago's Maria High School Auditorium. The cast included such fine contemporary voices as Dana Stankaityte, Margarita Momkiene, Kotryna Kogutaite, Algirdas Brazis, Jonas Vaznelis, Rimas Strimaitis and others. The famous score included several massive choral scenes well-negotiated by the company's 60 voice Chorus.

In an attempt to economize, the Lithuanian Opera followed the example of other major opera houses, by borrowing both scenery and costumes. The Lithuanian Nabucco's scenery originally graced the stage of the Milan Opera, while the costumes are on loan from the New York City Opera.

Conductor Alvydas Vasaitis wielded the baton for this production.



Lithuanian soprano LILLIAN SHUKIS, previously of New York's Metropolitan Opera and recent conqueror of the operatic stages of Western Europe is making several appearances in the United States this Spring. Among them are performances of Mozart's Magic Flute in Seattle.

THE QUEENS LEDGER, a local New York paper recently reported that Citadel Cadet Lt. PETER MATONIS of Maspeth, N.Y. has earned the academic distinction of a place on the military college's Dean's List. A senior at The Citadel, Cadet Matonis is enrolled in the Army ROTC program and serves as academic officer of his company within the South Carolina Corps of Cadets.

He is majoring in civil engineering and is the recipient of a four-year Frank W. Cayce Memorial Scholarship. Matonis is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. His name appeared on the President's List for simultaneously demonstrating academic achievement and superior military performance.

Cadet Matonis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter V. Matonis of Maspeth, N.Y.

Next year, 1979, the University of Vilnius in the capital city of Lithuania, will mark its 400th anniversary. The anniversary will be commemorated throughout the year with various programs. The University Buildings and surrounding area are being artistically restored, refurbished and redecorated in Lithuanian motifs.

Lithuanian LEONAS RADZEVICIUS was recently written up in the Toronto Canada press for having won a prize of some \$14,700 from the Canadian Department of Transport. He has developed a special ramp for more efficient and rapid transport at the Toronto International Airport.



Photo by Anthony Taro, Dir.

On Thursday, February 16th, the Boston City Hall received a delegation of Boston-area Lithuanian-Americans for the official 60th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Day ceremony. Following the ceremony, Councilman Raymond Flynn (South Boston) hosted a reception for the Lithuanian delegation in the Reception Hall of the Boston City Council.

Pictured, left to right are: Dr. Algirdas Budreckis, Councilman Raymond J. Flynn, and Phyllis Grendal. K of L's participating in the delegation were Longinas Svelnis, Stanley Griganavicius, Daniel Averka, and others.



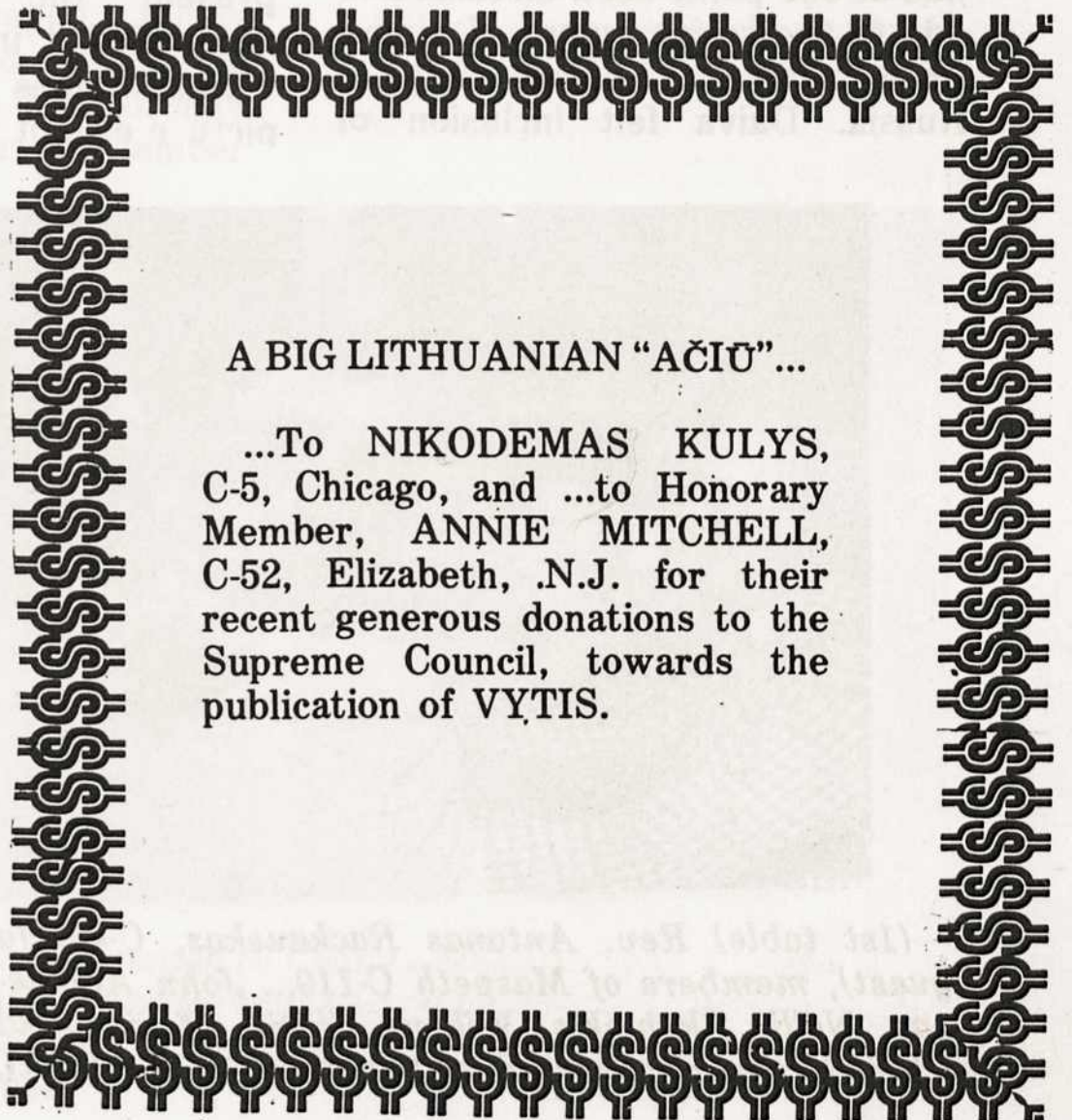
One of the K of L's newest councils C-46, Forest City, Pa. made news when they celebrated the feast of St. Casimir, Patron Saint of Lithuania, recently with a Mass at St. Anthony's Church followed by a breakfast at Sacred Heart Church. Principals are, seated, from left, the Rev. Peter Alisauskas, Mrs. Frances Kaslas, Prof. Bronis Kaslas, retired professor from Wilkes College, featured speaker; and the Rev. Joseph Papka. Standing, same order, Anne Zelinska, secretary; Anthony Yavorosky, financial secretary; John Morris, Council president; and William Yavorosky, vice president.

(Times photo by Ros-Al)

On the occasion of the celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day on FEBRUARY 16th, officials of many cities and towns throughout the Free World raised the tricolor of free Lithuania from various public buildings. Jack MacDonald, mayor of the city of Hamilton in Canada, speaking at a rally in his city, announced that he had received a protest from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, requesting that national holidays of "republics" in the Soviet Union be not officially celebrated or proclaimed, nor their respective flags raised in public places. Mayor MacDonald not only rejected this protest, but instead proclaimed February 16th as "Republic of Lithuania Day" in Hamilton, and officially expressed the hope that Lithuania would soon be free again...

Australian Navy Lieutenant ALGIS DICIUNAS, an engineer born in Kaunas, Lithuania, was recently awarded the high distinction of "Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire", for developing an extraordinarily efficient motor for use during naval exercises.

A recent editorial in the "Ruston Daily Leader" in Louisiana extolled the achievements of Lithuanian Professor Emeritus JONAS KUPRIONIS, who taught for some 20 years at Louisiana Tech. He was instrumental in establishing the university's renowned botanical gardens, which comprise over 50 acres.



A BIG LITHUANIAN "AČIU"...

...To NIKODEMAS KULYS, C-5, Chicago, and ...to Honorary Member, ANNIE MITCHELL, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J. for their recent generous donations to the Supreme Council, towards the publication of VYTIS.

THE FILMING OF "THE DEFECTION OF SIMAS KUDIRKA"

Birutė Radzivanas

Daiva Kezys, interpreter and collaborator, with Simas Kudirka and CBS-TV on the filming of "The Defection of Simas Kudirka" was the special guest at the March 5 C-41 Communion breakfast. This was held following the annual Mass in honor of St. Casimir at the Church of the Annunciation, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Speaking without notes and with infectious enthusiasm, Daiva described the planning and the promotional tour for the film and for the cause of human rights.

Simas felt the film had accurately portrayed the events surrounding his defection from the Russian fishing trawler to the U.S. Coast Guard vessel Vigilant. Although the film was a docu-drama and thus was not obliged to adhere strictly to historical facts, the film did in fact give an accurate sense of the Vigilant incident. It had at one point been discussed to add to the script scenes of Simas' experiences in the prison camps in Russia. Daiva felt inclusion of

these episodes would have given Americans a clearer picture of what punishment Simas had to endure as a result of his leap for freedom. These sequences were not included in the TV film, however.

It is understood that some members of Congress were disappointed that their names and efforts were not acknowledged.

Daiva admitted that she'd initially had some doubts about Alan Arkin playing Simas. She had seen him in comedies before and couldn't picture him as Simas. Yet, later, she felt the choice was a good one and admired the care with which Alan studied Simas' character for the role. Portsmouth, New Hampshire proved to be an excellent place to do the filming, for the location provided correct settings for all the scenes in the film, and the ship selected to represent the Russian trawler resembled it in striking detail.

Real names were used in the picture except the names of those



Helen V. Kulber, President C-41, presents a gift from the council to Daiva Kezys.

from whom releases were not obtainable. Roberts Breize, a member of the American delegation discussing the fishing problems at Martha's Vineyard with the Russians, was given a fictitious



(1st table) Rev. Antanas Rackauskas, C-41, (a guest), members of Maspeth C-110... John Adomenas, Nellie Skabeikis, William Sidtis, Marian and Philip Skabeikis; (2nd table) Veronika Avizas (back),

Vytautas Radzivanas, Elaine Nicola, (a guest), Mary Bielskis, George Tumasonis, Peter and Bette Wytenus with their daughter in between.

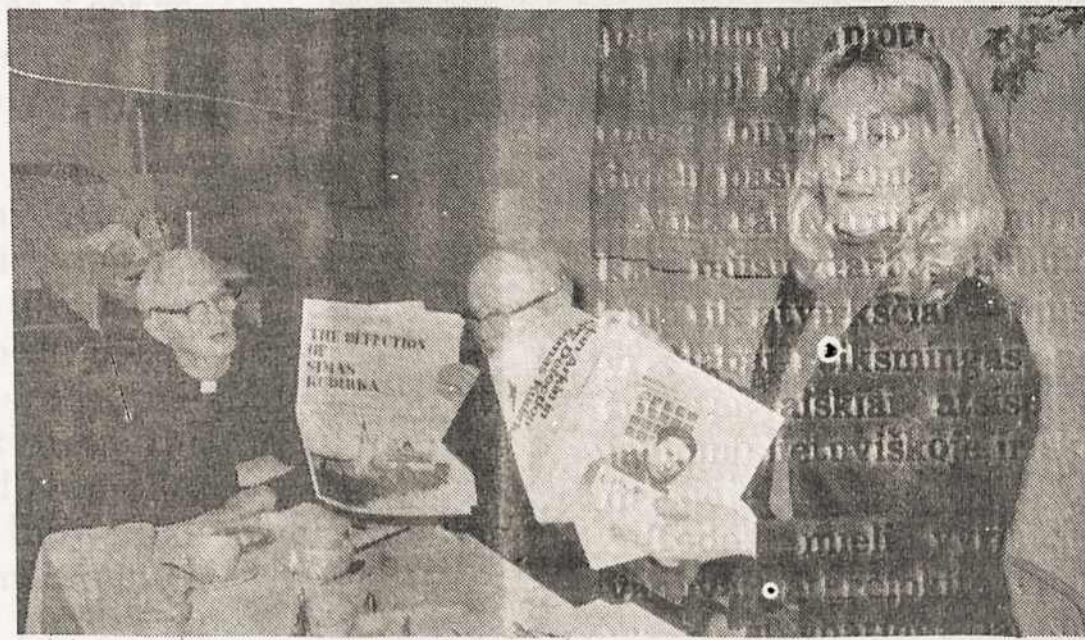
name. Mr. Brieze was a recipient of the Knights of Lithuania "Friend of Lithuania" award in 1971 for telling the press about the "Kudirka incident" immediately after it took place.

In conjunction with the film, promotional booklets were used by school children in 23 major U.S. cities. This was a rare example of cooperation among television, the newspapers and local businesses. Questions and topics in these booklets involved the students researching and clarifying such issues as the geography of Lithuania, its history as a free nation, then as an imprisoned country under the yoke of Russian imperialism. Such topics were discussed in history, political science and social studies classes.

When Simas, accompanied by Daiva Kezys, spoke personally with many of these school children, he was impressed by the extent of their political knowledge as well as by the sophistication of their questions. They, in turn, welcomed his enthusiasm and sincerity. At first Daiva translated for Simas, but as his English improved, she found that his expressive manner and clarity were more than sufficient to enable him communicate directly with the students, who probably loved him more than they would have a polished literary giant.

Daiva mentioned that Simas has made a point of explaining that the term USSR is erroneous, that there is really no union but rather a group of countries that are involuntarily part of the Russian empire. He also feels that to call the Russians Communists is also inaccurate, that they don't adhere to a Communist doctrine.

John P. Roche in his article in TV-Guide (March 4-10) said that "CBS Deserves Medal For Program About Defector from USSR". John is also to be commended for his statement that "Some time ago I agreed to Andrew Young's call for black majority rule in Rhodesia on the condition he support my policy of Lithuanian majority rule



Daiva Kezys, guest speaker at C-41's brunch with Rev. Ladas Budreckas and Rev. Stasys Raila, Spiritual Advisor C-41.

Photos - Charles Binkins

in Lithuania".

Others should be recognized for their support of the film, including the TV-Guide, for publishing John P. Roche's article as well as "Freedom is Unbelievably Precious" by Neil Hickey in the January 14th issue.

Steve Reichl handled the CBS network press information, which involved publicity for the film.

The producer of the film was Gerald Abrams and it was done by The Jozak Co.

Also, to be commended is Alan Arkin, who portrayed Simas Kudirka so well and, of course, Daiva Kezys. Simas has already been made an Honorary Member

of the Knights of Lithuania.

In Bill Moyer's interview of Simas Kudirka on the March 7 CBS-TV program "CBS Reports" it was mentioned that Simas would like to return some day to Lithuania with his family to give the Lithuanian people a sense of what America has done for him. I think Simas himself has done a great deal to make Americans aware that Lithuanians, enslaved by the unwanted Russian takeover, also yearn for a free country where the Lithuanian language is spoken in schools and can be freely employed to proclaim our basic human rights.



A Special Award was presented to Charles Binkins (far right) for his excellent service to C-41 as a photographer. Also pictured - Rev. S. Raila, D. Kezys, C-41 President Helen Kulber.

MAY IN LITHUANIAN HISTORY

by Philip Skabeikis

MAY 5, 1909. The Lithuanian Catholic Priests' League, KUNIGŲ VIENYBĖ, an organization of Lithuanian priests, was founded in New York. The organization was founded to assist the thousands of Lithuanian immigrants to the United States, not only in meeting their religious needs, but in providing some initiative and leadership in social and cultural activities. The League also sought to establish uniformity in liturgical practices within the many Lithuanian parishes being founded. Their duties included founding and staffing of Lithuanian parochial schools, and assisting the establishment of such newspapers as DRAUGAS and DARBININKAS. The League has always come to the aid of Lithuanian Catholic institutions in need. In 1960, the League founded Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc. to aid priests in Lithuania, and to disseminate information about the religious persecution under Soviet rule, through the publication and translation of such documents as the **CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA.**

MAY 4, 1904. The 40 year Press Ban imposed upon the Lithuanian Nation by its Czarist occupation forces was lifted. Designed to stifle rising nationalism by forbidding publication in Latin alphabet, the Press Ban met with stiff resistance from all classes of Lithuanians. The most famous mode of resistance was the "Knygnešiai" movement, an army of partisans who smuggle Lithuanian printed matter into the country at great risk.



Commemorative Stamps

MAY 7, 1933. Lithuanian American aviators Steponas Darius and Stasys Girėnas piloted a 388 Horse Power Bellanca airplane christened LITUANICA, from Chicago to Newark, N.J. This was the first leg of their journey which continued in July of that year, a non-stop flight from New York to Kaunas, which ended in tragedy before completion.

MAY 14, 1972. Romas Kalanta, a 19 year old Lithuanian student, immolated himself in a public square in front of the music theater, in Lithuania's second largest city, Kaunas. His action was in protest against the suppression of Lithuanian national and religious rights under the Communist regime of the Soviet Union. He died in flames shouting, "Freedom for enslaved Lithuania"

MAY 15, 1920. In Kaunas, the then provincial capitol, the Lithuanian Constituent Assembly of Free Lithuania approved the National Flag as we know it today. The flag of free Lithuania has three horizontal stripes of equal width; yellow on top, for the ripening fields of rye or wheat, and green and red beneath; green for the myriad forests of Lithuania and red for the years of bloodshed for her freedom.

MAY 17, 1917. The first issue of GARSAS (The Sound), the Lithuanian newspaper and organ of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America appeared. The newspaper later included an English section and covered not only insurance information,

but also political, social and cultural news. Its Editors have included such prominent K of Lers as Leonardas Simutis and Matas Zujus, both Honorary Members.

MAY 21, 1901. The 16th National Convention of the Lithuanian Alliance of America which met in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was the stage for an ideological rift among the organized Lithuanian Americans. A liberal faction opposed to the policies of the predominantly clerical executive Board split from the Alliance retaining its original charter and corporate name. The remaining faction became the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America maintaining offices in Brooklyn and Wilkes-Barre and publishing its own paper GARSAS.

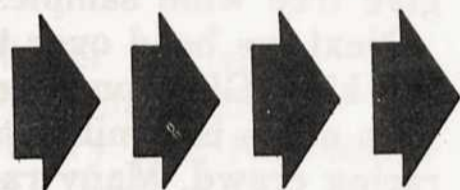
MAY 21, 1905. A Convention of Lithuanian American Socialists met in Newark, New Jersey and founded the Lithuanian Socialist Party of America. It changed its name to the Lithuanian Socialist Union in 1907. One of its founders was Dr. Jonas Šliupas.

MAY 30, 1921. A large delegation representing the Lithuanian Americans, presented President Harding with one million signatures in 138 bound volumes, asking that the United States recognize the Independent Republic of Lithuania. They also met with then Secretary of State Hughes and influential senators and congressmen.



Jonas Šliupas

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CONVENTION NEWS

CENTRAL NEW YORK

In the last few issues we told you about Syracuse. Today we would like to tell you about Central New York and the many points of interest and beauty.

Last year New York State pushed the "I love New York" bit and they were justified in doing so as there is much to see and do in New York. You would be wise to plan a vacation here along with attending "Upstate in '78" — Syracuse.

Take out a New York State map and follow me on this tour. Beginning north of Syracuse you have Lake Ontario and its fine sandy beaches and State Parks. At Oswego is the restored Fort Ontario which was a stronghold during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Further east along the coast of Ontario is Nine Mile Point and the Atomic Power Generating Station which has daily tours that are very interesting.

Now we go further north to the beautiful Thousand Islands and the St. Lawrence River. There are some 1700 green islands strung for 50 miles along the sparkling blue upper St. Lawrence River. This is a boater's and fisherman's paradise with abundant bass, muskellunge, pike, perch — some of the best fresh water fishing in the country.

Near Massena you can view the St. Lawrence Seaway's giant power dams and watch ocean ships go through the Eisenhower and Snell Locks.

Let's drop down a little to the beautiful Adirondack Mountains and its lovely soft water lakes.

They are truly a swimming experience. There are many campsites, plus lodges and fine hotels all through the Adirondacks.

A must place to visit is Lake Placid — the home of the 1980 Winter Olympics. A lot of activity is taking place.

We drop down further to Utica and visit the small stone Lithuanian Church of St. George located on LaFayette Street. Father Simeon Rukstalis would welcome your visit.

Going further south to Coopers-town on lovely Otsego Lake we can take in a full day of sightseeing. Here we visit the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, the Farmer's Museum, the Fenimore House, and the Glimmerglass Opera Theater Festival among others.

Now let's go west on route 20, one of the most scenic highways in the state and head for the Finger Lakes. The Finger Lakes region is one of nature's gifts to New York State, with rich fertile land, 600 foot-deep gorges, spectacular waterfalls, fast-running streams, acres of grapevine-covered slopes, and eleven gleaming lakes with 600 miles of shoreline.

For wine aficionados, novices, or the merely curious, a visit to Finger Lakes wine country is a splendid idea. Most of the wineries are clustered in the towns of Hammondsport, Naples, and Penn Yan. This is America's "champagne district" and the town talk is mostly wine talk.

The wineries in Hammondsport are Taylor Wine Company, Great



Western Winery, Gold Seal Winery, Bully Hill Wine Company, and Vinifera Vineyards. In Naples is Widmer Wine Co. and in Penn Yan is Boordy Wine Co.

All of the wineries have tours and you should by all means visit at least one. We recommend Great Western because the tour ends in the reception room with canapes, wine and champagne — all "on the house". However, the others also give free wine samples.

Next we head over to beautiful Watkins Glen on Seneca Lake. This name is familiar to the auto-racing crowd. Many races, including the U.S. Grand Prix Formula One Championship are held here every year. Also the Watkins Glen State Park is a spectacular sight.

We move south to Corning, home of the fascinating Corning Glass Center and its Steuben Glass Factory. Glassmaking can be spellbinding — watching gobbs of glass being handshaped, engraved, and polished. Take this tour.

Now we head north east to Ithaca and the beautiful Cornell University campus high above majestic Cayuga Lake. A truly magnificent sight.

These my dear friends are a few more reasons why you should come

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OFFICIAL NEWS

K OF L SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

K of L Scholarship award time is drawing near! The Scholarship Committee is again requesting donations to this worthwhile fund so that financial assistance can again be offered to deserving K of L members to further their college or post-graduate studies. All donations should be sent to the Scholarship Treasurer:

Mr. Anthony Mazeika
1922 55th Ave., S, Apt. 4
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

All donations will be acknowledged and donations can be given in memory of a deceased family member, relative, friend, or K of L member. Donations given in memory of someone will be acknowledged as such.

Request for applications or information on the K of L Scholarship Program can be obtained from the Scholarship Chairman:

Walter D. Svekla
44 Clemson Rd.
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K of L Scholarship winners will be announced at the National Convention in August.

INVENTORY REMINDER

Any major purchase of equipment or supplies using Supreme Council Funds should be recorded with the Trustees of the Supreme Council. Any changes in current inventory should also be recorded.

Please contact the Trustees when either of the above occurs.

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In addition to checking the books of the Supreme Council Treasurer, it has been recommended that the books of all the Supreme Council Committees, etc., where there are Financial Funds should also be checked by the Treasurer.

Please bring your books up to date so they can be checked prior to or at the National Convention in Syracuse in 1978.

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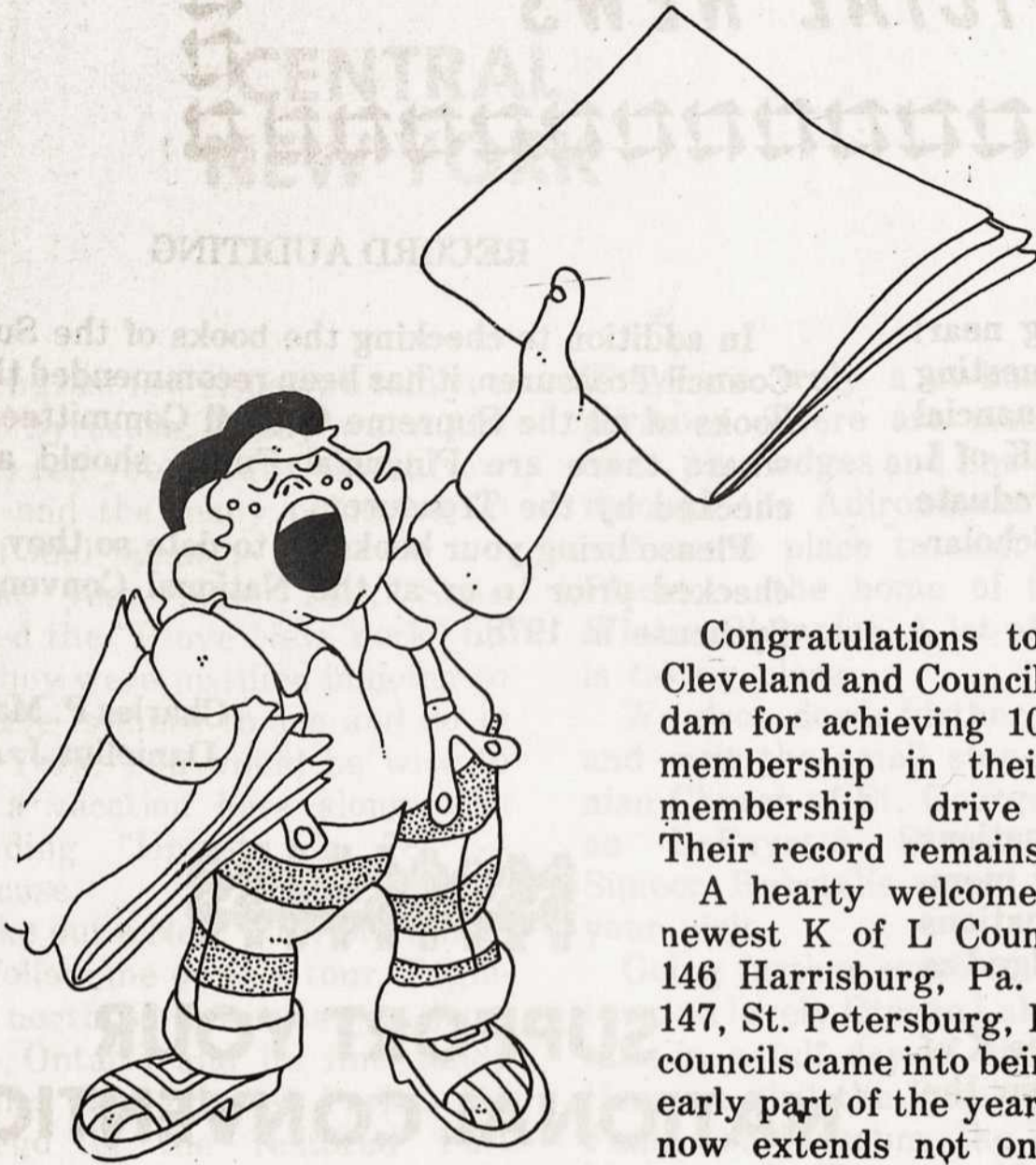
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Congratulations to Council 25 Cleveland and Council 100 Amsterdam for achieving 100% Paid up membership in their respective membership drive categories. Their record remains exemplary.

A hearty welcome to our two newest K of L Councils; Council 146 Harrisburg, Pa. and Council 147, St. Petersburg, Florida. Both councils came into being during the early part of the year. The K of L now extends not only from the

Atlantic to Pacific coasts, but from the Canadian border to the Gulf Coast. May both of these councils prosper and become integral parts of our organizational fabric.

Additional congratulations are due the three councils that have placed their membership totals over the 100 mark; C-100 Amsterdam, C-110 Maspeth, N.Y. and C-144 Anthracite Council, Pa.

Membership remains the concern of K of Lers on all levels. The organization is indebted to all those who continue in the effort to spread the important work, fraternal spirit and noble ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

Remember, June 30 is the end of the 1978 membership drive!

Phil Skabeikis
II Vice President

HOW DOES YOUR COUNCIL GROW?

- 1). Is your Council getting dull?
- 2). Nothing new or exciting happening?
- 3). Poor member attendance?

If you answer yes to any of the above, it's time to start thinking of having a National Convention in your city. There is nothing more exciting than the planning of a National Convention to bring the old members together as well as get new members. A successful Convention can also replenish the bank account of the Host Council.

As you know the 1978 Convention will be in Syracuse, and the 1979 Convention is scheduled for Chicago.

If you have already decided to bid for the 1980 or

1981 National Convention please contact the Trustees so they can put your city in nomination to the Supreme Council at the next meeting. If you are still undecided please come to Syracuse, observe, and then put in your bid.

GET GOING!

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LIETUVAITĖ SESELĖ GABRIELĖ MAZELIAUSKAITĖ [MAZE] PENNSYLVANIOS MOKSLO AKADEMIJOS 1978 - 1980 METŲ PIRMININKĖ

Šiuo titulu dabar pareigas eina ses. Gabrielė Mazeliauskaitė. Apie jos gyvenimą, vienuolyninio, vi-suomeninio ir mokslinio darbo kelią ir įvairius laimėjimus yra medžiagos storam tomui. Čia yra tik trumpas jos gyvenimo paveikslas. Jos tėvai atvyko į Ameriką praėjusio šimtmečio pabaigoje iš Kvedarnos parapijos, Kėdainių apskrities ir apsigyveno Chicagoje-Bridgeporte. Mazeliauskas buvo vienas iš tų, kurie organizavo Chicagoje pirmą Lietuvių šv. Jurgio parapiją. 1911-1912 jis tvarkė lietuvių šv. Kazimiero kapines; vėliau apsigyveno Marquette Parke. Sesele Gabrielė gimė dar Bridgeporte 1906 m. vasario 2 dieną. Lankė šv. Jurgio parapijos mokyklą, tada aptar-nauta dar nelietuvaičių vienuolių. Paaugusi dalyvavo parapijos bro-lijų, Lietuvos vyčių veikloje. Vos baigusi 14 metų 1920 m. įstojo į Nazareto šv. Šeimos Vienuoliją, pas nelietuvaites, kaip ne viena ano laiko lietuvaičių. Vienuolyne, būdama dar kandidate, mokyto-javo naujoje lietuvių šv. Kryžiaus parapijos mokykloje. Šventos Šei-mos kongregacijoje buvo neilgai. Ji yra viena iš tų septynių, kurios 1922 metais pradėjo Pittsburghe lietuvaičių Pranciškėčių vienuo-liją. Tapusi vienuole nuo pat pradžios dirbo lietuvių parapijų mo-kyklose kaip mokytoja ir kaip vedėja: Detroitė, Grand Rapids, Pittsburghė. Pittsburghė, būdama šv. Kazimiero parapijos vidurinės mokyklos (High School) vedėja, igijo tai mokyklai valdžios pripaži-nimą, lietuvių kalbos kursui pripa-žinimą universitete. Dėl to šios mokyklos lietuviškoji programa turėjo studentų ir nelietuvių. Ver-ta prisiminti, kad Pittsburgh šv. Kazimiero lietuvių parapijos vidu-rinė mokykla turėjo labai gerą vardą. Be tiesioginio darbo mo-kykloje, seselė Gabrielė organi-



zavo lietuvių jaunimui ir suaugu-siems įvairius kursus, paskaitas, veikė su L. vyčiais ir kitomis orga-nizacijomis. Pittsburghė lankė universitetą ir čia 1934 m. gavo bakalauro laipsnį; 1947 m. - magistrės ir 1956 m. filosofijos daktaro, pasirinkusi biologijos ir matematikos specialybes. Tuo pačiu laiku tapo nare įvairių moks-linių organizacijų, jų tarpe ir AAAS (American Academy for Advancement of Science). Savo veiklą ir straipsniais moksliniuose žurnaluose ses. Gabrielė tapo pla-čiai žinoma. Atsimenant anų laikų moterų vienuolijų discipliną (prieš Vatikano II susirinkimą), seselė Gabrielė buvo tikras fenomenas. Ji jau tada parodė, kokių talentingų asmenų yra mūsų lietuvaičių vie-nuolynuose. Ji kviečiama paskaitų į Duquesne universitetą, išitraukė į aktyvią studentų veiklą. Ją iš-rinko National Chairman atsto-vauti visos Amerikos katalikų mo-kykloms Amerikos Biologijos Mo-kytojų Sąjungoje.

1961 m. ruošiant visos Amerikos gamtos mokslų mokytojų suvažiavimą Chicagoje ses. Gabrielei pa-

vedė parinkti iš visos Amerikos 100 geriausių paskaitininkų gam-tos mokslų temomis. Ta proga ji parodė ką turi Amerikos katalikų mokyklos. Suvažiavimo organiza-cinis komitetas priėmė jos parink-tus paskaitininkus: 50 iš katalikiš-kų ir 50 iš viešųjų mokyklų.

1963 ir 1964 m. jai teko būti organizatorių ir vedėjų tarpe, net pirmininkės titulu ir pareigomis, tokių suvažiavimų Clevelande ir Philadelphijoje.

1963-1965 m. ji buvo Director at Large PJAS (Pennsylvanijos Jau-nių Mokslo Akademijos). Ši Aka-demija pradėta AAAS iniciatyva gyvavo jau nuo 1934 m., tačiau nebuvo labai populiarai.

1971-1976 m. ji buvo tos PJAS direktorė. 1976 m. šios Akademijos suvažiavime ses. Gabrielė buvo Platformos vedėja. Suvažiavimas viešojoje sesijoje oficialiai nutarė šį suvažiavimą skirti ses. Gabrielės pagerbimui. Suvažiavimo pabaigoje ji išrinkta PJAS pirmininke. Suvažiavimo leidinyje po ses. Gabrielės paveikslu yra šis įrašas: Ji (ses. Gabrielė Maze) taip pilnai ir visuotinai pasišventė mokslui ir Akademijai, kad visi turime teisingai pripažinti, jog ji yra išugdžiusi PJAS tiek, kiek ji pati yra PJAS.

Prieš 1977 m. ji buvo ne tik PJAS, o visos PAS (Pennsylvani-os Mokslo Akademijos) vicepirmi-ninkė. 1977 metų PAS suvažiavime ji buvo išrinkta 1977-1980 m. PAS pirmininke ir paskelbta Mokslo Moterim. Jos didelis pavėikslas (poster) išsiuntinėtas Pennsylvanijos valstybės visoms viešoms mokykloms su jos vardu ir pavarde viršuje ir su įrašu po paveikslu: Kas sako, kad moteris negali būti mokslininkė.

Bent Pennsylvanijos valst... je moteris pirmą kartą pelnė toki įvertinimą ir ta pirmąja yra Chicagos lietuvaitė ses. Gabrielė Mazeliauskaitė (Maze).

JUNIORS CORNER

Edited by Ann Marie Kassel

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE K OF L JUNIOR CONVENTION

WEDNESDAY: Welcoming Day

THURSDAY: 12:00 Mass
1:00 Luncheon
3:00 - 5:00 Social time for Juniors:
Hospitality Suite
6:00 Cocktail hr., dinner & fun
nite at the Knights of Columbus
Hall.

FRIDAY: 10:00 - 5:00 Activity: trip to 9 mile
point nuclear plant & Fort Ontario
(picnic & swimming at Selkirk
Shores)
8:00 Cultural Nite

SATURDAY: 9:00 Jr. Convention Session
1:00 - 5:00 Juniors attend
Election Session.
6:00 Dinner Dance

SUNDAY: Closing Mass
Brunch: Jr. Awards



Joan, Theresa and Cecilia Petrauskas, daughters of Natl. Conv. Chairman Frank Petrauskas. The girls are part of the Juniors Prog. Comm.



THE ROOM

This wall is white
The ceiling in my room
The floor is brown
I have only one window
She looks into the mirror
I want to buy a picture
The book is laying on the table
The chair is near the table
The easy chair is in the corner
Turn on the lamp
Sit on the sofa
Give me a new light-bulb
Please close the door.

KAMBARYS

ši siena yra balta
mano kambario lubos
grindys yra rudos
aš turiu tik vieną langą
ji žiūri į veidrodį
aš noriu pirkti paveikslą
knyga guli ant stalo
kėdė stovi prie stalo
fotelis stovi kampe
uždek lempą
sėskite ant sofos
duok man naują lempute
prašau uždaryti duris

C-144 - MINERSVILLE, PA.

Junior K of L-ers in Minersville report the following very active schedule, since their organization early this year:

In December, they prepared Christmas hymns for caroling and caroled at the York Terrace Nursing Home, Pottsville, Pa., and also at the homes of elderly parishioners. C-144 members donated the hymnals "Reikalingiausios Giesmės" to the Juniors to help in their caroling and hymn singing.

In January, the following officers were elected: Pres. - Samantha Ruscavage, Vice-Pres. - Vincent Kulbitsky, Secretary - Theresa Krusnoski, Treas. - Chuck Grabusky.

In February, they prepared for the Lithuanian Independence Day Mass at St. Francis of Assisi, presented symbolic offertory gifts during the Mass, and joined in the hymn singing.

C-144 - NEW PHILADELPHIA, PA.

In December, the New Philadelphia Juniors also prepared Christmas Hymns and presented

them during the Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Officers were elected in January as follows: Pres. - Ann Nawrocki, Vice Pres. - Ann Rulavage, Sec'y. - Angela Pomian, Treas. - Nadine Marcletti.

In February, the Juniors participated in the 60th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Day.

They joined in the entrance procession in costume and sang hymns during the Mass.

At the March 12 Mid-Atlantic District St. Casimir's Day Celebration at Our Lady of Siluva hall in Maizeville, the Juniors performed the dances - Kalvelis, Klumpakojis and Noriu Miego.

*R.S.



Jr. Knights offer gifts. Front: Steven Kleeman, Kelly Ann Moran. Middle: Theresa Krusnoski, Samantha Ruscavage. Back: Chuck Grobusky, Vincent Kulbitsky.

IT'S NATIONAL CONVENTION TIME AGAIN!

As you know, four Conventionship Awards are available to each District in the amount of \$50. per grant. The recipients will be given these awards during the convention.

To apply for the Conventionship Awards, several points must be considered:

— Be sure that your Council has paid its 1978 membership dues of \$5.00 to the National Financial Secretary.

— Application forms were sent to each Junior Council. Send me your request for any additional amount you will need.

— Have your counsellor assist you in filling out the application. The parents' consent form must be attached, as well as the reference form.

— Completed forms should be sent to your District's Vice-President in charge of Juniors.

— Applications should be submitted by August 1, 1978.

A CORRECTION...

Our sincere apologies to C-144 (Antracite) Juniors. In the March issue, we welcomed C-144 Juniors of Shenandoah, Pa. In reality, C-144 has TWO Junior Councils — one in Minersville and the other in New Philadelphia, both under the very able leadership of C-144 member Rita Shervokas. Because the Anthracite group encompasses several neighboring parishes, they have decided to organize separate Junior councils in the local parishes of the children, to make it more convenient for the Junior members. Congratulations, and best wishes for much success.



K of L Calendar

MAY

- 19-21 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Detroit, Mich., C-102 Hosts
 20 MCD SPRING CONVENTION, Detroit, Mich.
 21 MAD SPRING CONVENTION, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Hall, Elizabeth, N.J.,
 C-52, Hosts

JUNE

- 3 C-26, Worcester PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, MA.
 10 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Syracuse, N.Y.
 18 "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" RADIO HOUR PICNIC, J. Stukas, Dir.
 Estonian Park, Lakewood - Jackson, N.J.

JULY

- 4 IID ANNUAL PICNIC, K of L Garden, Chicago, Ill.

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 "BAL TIC AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL",
 Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, N.J.
 24 C-143, Pittston Representation at WYOMING VALLEY (PA.) Folk Festival
 30 C-143, Pittston, OLDE LITHUANIAN NITE, St. Casimir's Parish Hall,
 Pittston, Pa.

OCTOBER

- 14 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.
 15 MAD TESTIMONIAL DINNER for Anthony J. Mazeika, Honorary Member
 Annunciation Church Hall, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 22 NED CULTURAL FESTIVAL, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, MA.

AUGUST, 1979

- 65TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Chicago, Ill.

Vyčiai Veikia



Council Activities

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Our council, with the untiring efforts of Father Steponaitis, sponsored the annual Feb. 16 celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence. The festivities began with a High Mass offered for Suffering Lithuania in St. Francis Church, Athol, on Feb. 5. Fr. Justin was the celebrant and homilist who spoke on the love one should have for his country and heritage. Miss Maryte Bizinkauskas of Brockton was the soloist during Mass.

The observance continued in the parish hall at 2:30 p.m. William Wisnauskas, council president, gave the welcoming address and called upon Rev. Antanas Miciunas, M.I.C., of St. Casimir's, Worcester, to give the invocation. The singing of the hymns followed. A capacity audience of about 250 area residents attended.

The Sukury's Dance Ensemble of Brockton entertained with ten folk dances under the direction of Vitas Bruzgis. They received a standing ovation. Maryte rendered eight folk songs and was received enthusiastically. The guest speak-

er, Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, Professor of Education at Bridgewater State College, spoke on "The Reasons for Keeping Lithuaniaism Alive Today". His talk gave all of us something to think about and to act upon.

Through the efforts of Charles Genaitis, a proclamation was obtained by Mayor Gerald E. St. Hilaire of Gardner designating Feb. 16 as Republic of Lithuania Day in Gardner.

Following the celebration, the dance ensemble and our council members, about 60 persons, enjoyed a dinner prepared and served by our girls, Nellie Melaika, Tina Satos, Pauline Rogers, Alice Perekslis, Fran Mueller, Brone Wisnauskas, and Clara Zetkauskas. We may have gained several new members as a result of the celebration. All of us, indeed, were enriched culturally. The group and singer are to be commended and congratulated for their devotion to the spreading of Lithuanian culture.

It was good to see Fran & Albert Mueller who traveled in from Nashua to be with us on this day. The Rodski's were there, and also our newest members, Katherine & Herbert Hassett of Fitchburg. It was also good to see the Marsh family and daughter, Mary, a student at Anna Maria in Paxton. Thank you all for coming. (Some of our local members did not attend).

Alice Perekslis was sick for a week with the flu, and fortunately, recovered just in time to attend and help the girls in the kitchen. Our thanks to Lennie Davidonis

who took care of the groceries. A big aciū to Blanche & Charlie Genaitis who acted as our hosts, receiving all the guests.

The Athol and Gardner newspapers carried nice coverage of the event along with large pictures.

Thank you, Father Steponaitis, for all the encouragement you gave us. We would not have dared to do it alone.

Member of the Month: We reintroduce Al & Pauline Rodski of Gardner. Al has been an active K of L'er for many years, but because of family commitments, had to stand on the sidelines for a few years. Presently, he is now attending all of our functions. Al was born, raised, and attended the schools of Gardner, and served a term in the Navy. Since his release from the Service, Al has been with the U.S. Postal Dept. as a responsible worker. Through the years Al loved to dance, especially to polka, is an ardent sports fan, and a devoted husband and father of two sons, Peter and David.

Pauline came to us through her marriage to Al. Born and raised in Athol, she attended school there. Pauline is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother to two. While residing in Athol, Pauline was an active member of the St. Francis Women's Guild. She is a lover of antiques and spends time looking for rare articles. She is a good cook and spends most of her time caring for Al and the children. Good luck, Al & Pauline!

Vincukas

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

A reception to honor Rev. Anthony P. Baltrashunas on the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood was held Dec. 18 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Braintree, Mass. Rev. Baltrashunas is the Pastor of St. Peter's in So. Boston, Mass., Spiritual Advisor for Srs. C-17, and is the senior Lithuanian priest in the Archdiocese.

Many friends, past and present parishioners, and fellow priests joined to congratulate him on this day for his many years of dedicated service.

The head table was composed of Pastor Rev. Peter Shakalis of St. Casimir's in Brockton, Pastor Rev. Albin Janiunas of St. Francis in Lawrence, Pastor Rev. Albert Abracinskas of St. George's in Norwood, Pastor Rev. Simeon Saulenas of the Immaculate Conception in Cambridge, Pastor Rev. Venceslaus Martinkus of St. Casimir's in Providence, R.I., Pastor Rev. John Zuromskis of St. Joseph's in Lowell, Pastor Rev. J. Svirskis of St. George's in Haverhill, Rev. Ernest Cerino of St. Catherine's in Charleston, Rev. Kenneth Murphy of Holy Name in West Roxbury, and Rev. William Burns, S.J., of Boston College High School.

Father Bal, as he is affectionately called by his friends, was introduced by Rev. Joseph Svirskis, a former curate at St. Peter's and presently Pastor of St. George's in Haverhill, Mass.

In his speech to the gathering, Rev. Baltrashunas related the long years of service in the Archdiocese of Boston and his varied assignments where he made many friends. As he put it, "in front of me sit the history of my ministry. The ministry is one of service and with the help of you, dear friends, it has been a long and fruitful one".

We know we speak for all when we say, "Father, ilgiausiu metu ir sveikatos!"

Joseph J. White



Rev. Anthony P. Baltrashunas

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Most of us have ideas. The trouble is that some members shun meetings regularly and we never get to hear their ideas. Perhaps we need to have a session called "Attitude". A member's creativity and personality mean little toward the enrichment of the council if that member's attitude is wrong and if he feels his presence at meetings is unimportant. We could jump all the hurdles in our way and go on to great success, whatever the handicaps, if we would just develop a positive attitude. Think about it. Our president, Rita Pinkus, has just that kind of attitude. She prepares herself for rebuffs and rejections, but feels that if the membership doesn't like one idea, they may be wild about her next one. That's her secret for success and who can deny that our Lady Rita is a successful president!

Rasa Grigaitis offered her talents in the art of Easter egg coloring at the March meeting. Coloring was provided and Sister M. Ignata provided some bee's wax. All brought with us white hard-boiled eggs.

Our cultural co-chairpersons for 1978 are Mary Duggan and Marion Shapiro. Plans were finalized for our council's celebration of our patron's feast. The 5 o'clock evening Mass on Mar. 4, during which we received Holy Communion in a body, was followed by a supper in the parish hall. Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, our spiritual director was celebrant at Mass. Virginia Lelakis was chairman. The official parish celebration of St. Casimir's Day, our parish patron, took place the next day, Mar. 5. The High Mass at 10 A.M. was celebrated by the pastor, Father Anthony J. Miciunas, MIC, and was followed by a parish dinner. Steve Walinsky, Sr., was one of the co-chairmen for the parish event. Our council's Prayer Day for persecuted Lithuania was set for May 3. Please circle June 4 on your calendar. It's the date of this year's council picnic.

Sincere condolences to Francis Degutis and his family. Fran's sister died in February following a long and difficult illness.

A winter Florida vacation was enjoyed by Bart (Sr.) & Marion March. Also enjoying a jaunt to Florida were Adele & Charles Tagman. One man's blizzard is another man's suntan!

Two of our members hold key chairmanships for the annual Bishop's Fund Drive for Charity and Education. General parish chairman is Charles Tagman, Sr., and parish advance gifts chairman is Albin Seilius. Both men beg our assistance in bringing the parish drive over the top. Richard Garbis tells us that dues are coming in nicely but that many members have not come forth. Pardon the unsubtle urging as we add, "Let's get with it!" Our aim is to have an early 100% paid-up membership. Council participation in the Worcester commemoration of Lithuania's Independence was very good. Of course the reason has to be that we realize the necessity to pray unceasingly and to voice publicly our opposition to her enslavement. Patricia Kardo-

kas has joined the Mass. National Guard. We wish her well in her new endeavor. Mildred Lapinskas' mother, Mrs. Margaret Karas, spent 9 weeks in the intense care unit at St. Vincent Hospital. And now her ultimate discharge from the hospital has put smiles on the faces of her husband Bill, her son and daughter, Albert and Mildred, sister Nancy Gorden, and all her friends.

The Valentine's Day party was a lovely affair. Steve & Anne Walinsky, Rita Pinkus, Bill & Carol Grigas, Steve & Elly Walinsky were the committee who provided this pleasure - filled evening. Among those enjoying the Italian fare were the pastor, Father Miciunas, our Spiritual Director, Father Uzdavinis, Sister M. Laurine, SSC, and Sister M. Ignata, SSC, Mary Duggan and her mom, Marion Shapiro, Agnes Law, Nell Thompson, Anne Bucinskas, Helen Gillus, Al & Dorothy Seilius, John & Eleanor Carmody, Arthur & Marion Racicot, Pat Kardokas, and a host of others. Anne Walinsky and Father Ben were the winners of the progressive whist which followed the party.

Did you realize that in addition to the Washington and Lincoln birthdays, Valentine's Day, etc., February included still another important anniversary? It marked this year the arrival at St. Casimir's Church in Worcester, six years ago, of the MARIAN FATHERS. Thank you, Fathers, and we join in singing for you ILGIAUSIŲ, SVEIKIAUSIŲ IR DŽIAUGSMINGŲ METŲ!

A very happy Mother's Day to all our dear moms... and special prayerful remembrances for them all, living or deceased.

Dzūkelė

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

Mary Driznus, mother of our Treas. Millie Driznus, died on Jan. 15. Those of us who knew her will always remember her smiling

eyes, and her kind, but witty remarks. Physically, these are gone, but the memories she left will be with us for a long, long time. Let us all pause right now and say a prayer for the repose of her soul and remember her in our prayers always.

Our council is donating \$500. towards the purchase of a Wayside Cross. Kęstutis Švelnys, our "Blini King", a man of many arts and talents which includes wood-carving, has been commissioned to construct an original designed Wayside Cross. A model, made to scale, has been on display for two week-ends in the church proper. The original will stand 23 feet tall. The originality and craftsmanship revealed, and the comments overheard, should give St. Anthony's the reputation of having the most beautiful Wayside Cross in this country, if not in the world.

The nicest gift Millie & Walt Stachowicz received on their recent wedding anniversary was an Anniversary Mass requested by their loving children. What a gift - what a family - beautiful!

Stan Twerian, our Fin. Secy. thanks every member for paying their annual K of L dues early this year. He believes that we have a chance to win a certificate again this year, as the first council in the second category with 100% paid-up dues.

St. Anthony's Annual Fair will be held June 3 & 4.

Three of the four co-chairmen belong to our council, - Jack Tyson, Walt Stachowicz and Stan Twerian. They tell us it will be better than ever. K of L'ers are everywhere at our Fairs, which is one reason they are successful. Working, donating, and spending are all part of the fun. Whatever you do, be there and see for yourself.

Congratulations to Dot Martin on her retirement from Kerite Company. To celebrate, she spent two weeks in sunny Florida while we shoveled out of a twenty-inch snowfall. Some people know how to live.

Pres. Anthony Chepulis reminds

those who forgot, that our meetings start at 7:30 P.M. every first Wednesday evening at our church hall. Refreshments are served after every meeting.

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C-30 WESTFIELD, MASS.

Congratulations to Marcia Rogers, a member of our council, who has been commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in a ceremony at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, Mass.

Joseph Sabonis is home from the hospital. He is recuperating from a recent illness. We all wish him good health.

The Westfield Atheneum was the recipient of a Lithuanian book titled "The Outpost of Freedom" by Dr. Constaine R. Jurgela donated by our Westfield K of L council.

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C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The blizzard of '78 will long be remembered by all Rhode Islanders. Its impact affected almost every member of our council.

Our monthly meeting at the home of Anthony & Helen Gude-szauskas had to be cancelled. Vincent Ciuryla (our secy.'s spouse) was stranded for a few days between Providence and New London. John & Irene Walaska played host to extra guests. Ruth Krecioch was stranded at Federal Products Corp.; however, a good samaritan (with a four-wheel-drive vehicle) got her home eventually. Most of our Jrs. had no school for a week. Snow, snow, and more snow, up to 40 inches, had to be shoveled by every member. Ash Wednesday was transferred to the following Sunday. Fr. Martinkus missed the storm; he was vacationing in California.

Our scribe "B E DOUBLE C" and her family enjoyed a well

earned respite in Florida after the storm.

Helen Seraichekas had a mishap on her way to the funeral of the late Grace Vaitkunas. Her sister Mildred has been commuting between Cranston and Narragansett trying to be of service to her.

James Vaitkunas expressed his thanks for the very moving K of L ritual during his mom's memorial service. Jim and his wife live in Columbia, S.C.

Fr. Jurgelaitis is brushing up on conversational Greek. Father will be a chaplain on a trip to the Middle East, - Greece, Turkey, the Holy Land and other countries.

K of L'er Maryte Bizankauskas of Brockton was the featured vocalist at the 60th Commemoration program of Lithuania's Independence.

The Lithuanian community in Paris commemorated Lithuania's Independence on Feb. 26. Our own Regina Krecioch helped them, by folding 200 fliers for the event. Their musical program featured young people from USA, Canada, and South America.

Three cars of our Jrs. attended the Snow-Flake Ball in Brockton. A good time was had by all.

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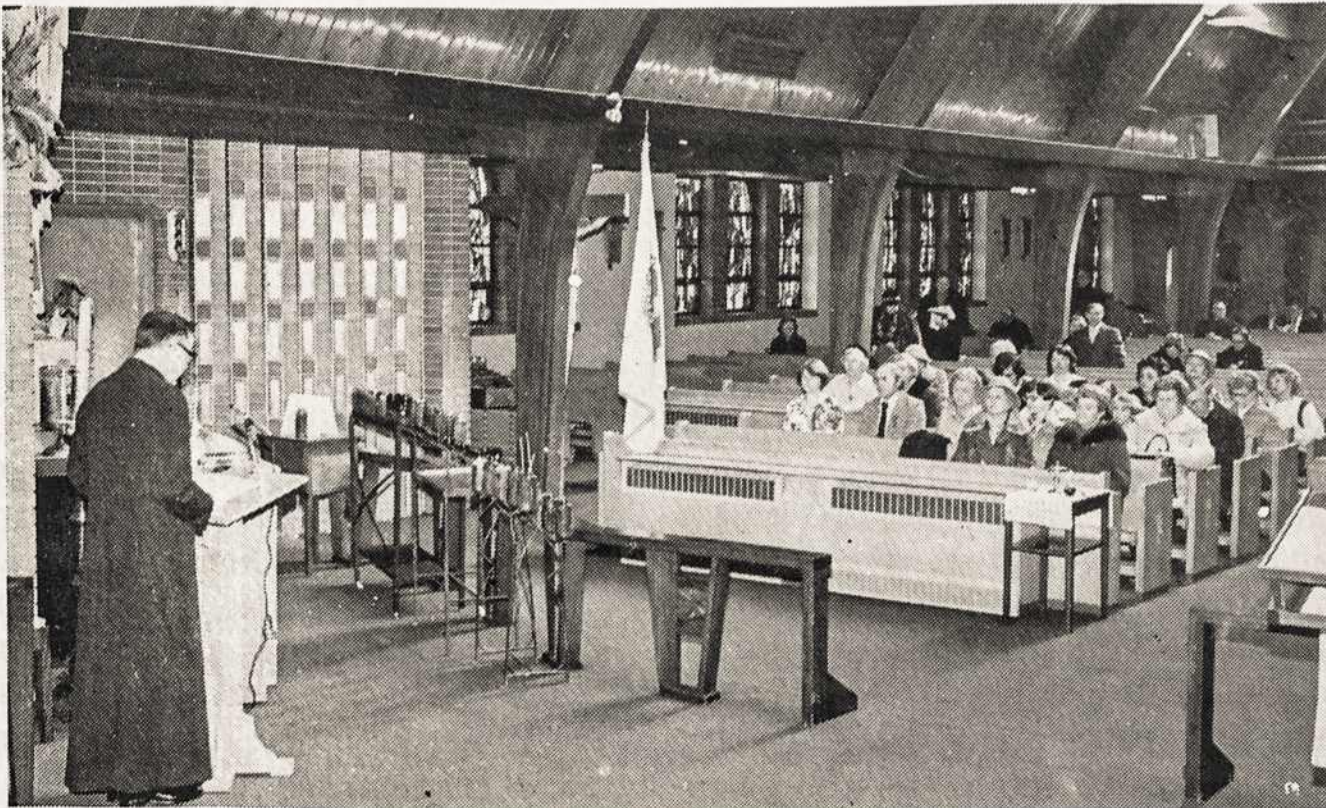
MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

Members attended Mass in a body at Transfiguration Church in honor of St. Casimir. Fr. Bulovas was the celebrant and Fr. Pakalniskis, our Moderator, was homilist.

After Mass the members and their children were served a family breakfast in the parish hall. During her talk, Pres. Marian Skabeikis stressed that Lithuania should not be forgotten. Vice Pres. John Adomenas presented First Degree awards to eleven new K of Lers. Fred Swedish recited a poem he had written about our suffering fatherland. It was a happy occasion and members renewed old friendships.

At our regular meeting six new members were introduced: Martha



C-110 Maspeth, N.Y. members commemorating Feast of St. Casimir attending Mass at Transfiguration Church. Rev. John Pakalniskis, Spiritual Advisor, gives homily.

& Walter Kash, Phyllis Laurine, and Mary Stungurys and two of her sons, Arunas and Jonas.

An exhibit of Lithuanian memorabilia was on display during the meeting collected by John Adomenas and Fr. Pakalniskis. John gave interesting explanations how he acquired them.

John Adomenas gave a membership report, reporting that our council now has 90 members as of March.

During our April meeting we were pleased to have as our guest, Mrs. Loretta Stukas, who spoke on Lithuanian history.

Fresh from a meeting at the State Department in Washington, D.C. Fr. Casimir Pugevicius gave a brief report of the discussion of National Foreign Policy on Human Rights. There were 425 representatives from various organizations and ethnic groups. The State Department's purpose for this meeting was to convince the public that they are doing a good job. However, representatives at the meeting felt a better job could be done. There was a good exchange of arguments, viewpoints and differences of opinion. Fr. Pugevicius emphasized the fact that the only way we can be heard by the State Department is by writing to Congressmen in Washington.

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C-142 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

The holidays at the end of '77 as well as the first months of '78 found a large number of our Knights either vacationing or traveling abroad. Julia & Ulises Consuegra flew to Colombia, So. America, and toured that country. Dr. & Mrs. Constantine Jurgela, joined by Paul Labauskas, vacationed in Florida, while Anastasia Stanley visited California. Our President, Eva Migonis combined a business trip to Nottingham, England, with a pleasure visit to London, as did Albert & Genovaite Cizauskas in London. Francis & Bertha Stann, accompanied by Mrs. Emily

Paukštis, vacationed in Florida.

With the advent of February, our council joined the Lithuanian community of Washington in commemorating the 60th anniversary of the re-establishment of Lithuanian Independence by attending a special 10 a.m. Mass on Feb. 19 at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Wash., D.C. Our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P., celebrated the Mass with Rev. G. Ralph Duffy of the Cathedral.

In the afternoon of the same day, council members attended commemoration activities sponsored by the Lith. American Community of Greater Washington held at the Latvian Hall in Rockville, Md. Among the speakers were: Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania Dr. Stasys A. Bačkis, Chairman of the Lith.-American Community Dr. John B. Genys, Representative of the Lith. Freedom Fighters Col. K. Skirpa, Republican Congressman from Maryland Newton I. Steers, Jr., Director of the Office of Baltic Affairs of the US Dept. of State, Representatives of the Joint Baltic American Natl Committee, the Latvian Organization of Greater Wash., and the Estonian Society of Wash., D.C., President of our council Eva M. Migonis (in national dress) who presented the Resolution regarding Lithuania's human rights and self-determination.

The cultural program that followed consisted of Lithuanian songs beautifully rendered by Dr. & Mrs. Jurgela's daughter, Elena. Students from the Lith. School of Wash. recited poetry. The ceremonies concluded with Lith. folk dances performed admirably by "Ausrine", a group of dancers from Philadelphia.

In addition to these activities, our council launched its own program of exhibits featuring Lith. Art, Culture, and History commemorating Lithuania's 60th anniversary of the re-establishment of independence. A series of exhibits will be held throughout the Wash. area during 1978-79 in order to acquaint the public with Lithuania's heritage. Future exhibits will

include "Achievements During Independence 1918-40", "Lithuanian Emigration to the U.S.", "Lithuanian Folk Art and Fine Arts", and "Lithuanian Language and Literature".

The first exhibit featuring Lith. folk art and the current political situation in Lithuania today was on display Feb. 13-27 at the Lauinger Library Exhibit Area of Georgetown Univ. in Wash. Items were loaned by our members as well as by members of the Lith. Wash. community and the Lithuanian Legation.

The committee responsible for this commemorative series of exhibits consists of Exhibit Chairman Ernest C. Raskauskas, Jr., Exhibit Curator from the Dumbarton Oaks Museum Dr. Birute Anne Vileisis, our K of L council Pres. Eva M. Migonis, Art Co-ordinator Mary Brienzius Williams, Political Information Co-ordinator Jurate Koncius, and Publicity Lisa Tender.

A reception was held on Feb. 26 at Georgetown Univ. to launch the commemorative program with this first exhibit. The invocation was given by Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P., followed by a welcome from the M.C., Ernest C. Raskauskas, Jr. Remarks on the need to publicize our Lithuanian heritage were made by our Pres. Eva M. Migonis. Following addresses by Clifford Brody, a representative from the Office of Human Rights of the Dept. of State, and our council's Vice-Pres. Joseph Simanis, a delightful program of Lith. songs was performed by Elena Jurgela. Among the many guests in attendance were Dr. Stasys A. Bačkis, Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania and the Latvian Charge d'Affaires.

Into this very active C-142, we welcome our newest members: Clare Soponis, Elena Jurgela, Casimir J. Yanish, Mary Brienzius Williams, and Anne Salcetti.

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C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Our Jan. 9 meeting had to be postponed to the 11th due to inclement weather. Prayers were said by Father Baltch and the Vyčiu Himnas followed. Correspondence was read by Pres. Anthony Radzevich, followed by the minutes read by Nellie Liberis.

A report on the Christmas banquet, held at the Tower Inn, was made by Chairlady Sadie Karbus. She thanked the committee for a splendid job.

The council agreed to donate a copy of the book "Praise the Lord All You Nations" written by Sister Virginia Marie Vytell of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified to the Amsterdam Free Library.

Mirga Bablin accepted the chairmanship of the Mar. 5 Communion Brunch. She had on her committee her husband Ed, her mother Louise Kerbelis, and Mary Stanionis, Ritual Chairlady.

Plans were made for the Feb. 18 dinner and program commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence. Chairing the committee was Tony Radzevich assisted by Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis, Polly Ziausys, Peter & Charlotte Sargalis, Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich, Judy Kastravickas, Helen Wojcik, Ann Radzevich, Leo Dansevitch, Charles Karbus, Ed, Nellie & Bill Liberis, and Peter Hayes.

Talented accordion artist Charles Dauber of Philadelphia, Pa., who has performed in various parts of the USA (television), in Europe and Asia, completed the musical portion of the program, and Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, our National Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, was the principal speaker.

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton had also been invited to speak. Mr. Stratton was one of our congressmen who worked diligently to get Simas Kudirka to the USA. Also, on Sept. 28, 1977, he sponsored the bill H.R. 9374 for the relief of Algirdas Brazinskas, a

Lithuanian dissident who wishes to remain in the USA.

Father Baltch spoke on the beatification process of Bishop Matulaitis, Bishop of Vilnius and Papal Delegate. Bishop Matulaitis visited our city in 1926. Some of our members were confirmed by him. Louise Kerbelis and daughter Mirga Bablin are his relatives.

Father Baltch also remarked that it was the 50th anniversary of the death of Jonas Basanavičius who was the father of Lithuania's national rebirth. He was the first to sign the Lithuanian Independence Act. He also visited America before the first World War and stopped in Amsterdam.

The business session closed with prayers said by Father Anthony Grigaitis. Refreshments were served.

Mildred Botaitis had a slight mishap recently and was out of commission for a number of weeks. Get well wishes are also sent to Regina Kot and Don Nikstenas.

Wedding bells rang in Burbank, Cal. for Robert Karbocus, son of Tony & Jane Karbocus and nephew of Leo & Sue Dansevitch. Both couples left for California on Jan. 15 to attend the nuptials. They spent some time in Las Vegas on the return trip.

Agnes & John Rokit and Jennie Kensell vacationed in Phoenix, Ariz. in February. Helen Druziak, Tony & Ann Radzevich went to sunny (but slightly cool) Florida. Tony and Ann visited Peter & Ronnie Urba in West Palm Beach where they have a candy factory. Both are members of our council. Tony & Ann brought back a trunk full of samples - delicious candy!

During the winter recess, Stanley & Evelyn Rimkunas and their three Jr. K of L'ers, Mary Margaret, Stanley, Jr. and Joseph, vacationed in Acapulco, Mexico. Annacetta Guzielek left for a short Mexican sabbatical at the end of February.

Our sincere sympathies to Jean Maldutis, Edith and Linda Orante, and Helen Augun in the recent loss of their beloved mother (Linda's

grandmother), Mary Shatas; and to Josephine Redding in the unexpected passing of her son-in-law, Robert Mondloch of Alexandria, Va.

Smile & Sparkle

C-140 - SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Our Feb. 5 meeting covered mostly plans for the Natl. Convention, "Upstate in 78" in Syracuse, and results accomplished. Chairman Frank Petrauskas reported that Syracuse Bishop Frank Harrison and our own Bishop Brizgys have agreed to attend the Saturday Banquet and Sunday Mass. Archbishop Salatka will attend if he can arrange his schedule accordingly.

All Social events, from the Wednesday golf tournament and bus tour to the Sunday brunch, have been signed and sealed. We are very much "go". Frank stated that our Convention will be a relaxed affair. There will be enough activity even for the most active people but everything will take place downtown. There won't be any long distance busing and tight schedules. You'll have the opportunity to meet and visit with other conventioners.

Frank reported his daughter Theresa is planning an interesting Junior Program for the Convention. Some of the highlights are

visits to Syracuse University, the Canal Museum, Fort Saint Marie DeGannentaha, the Salt Museum, Fort Ontario, Nine Mile Point Atomic Energy Generating Power Plant, and a Swim Party at one of the lovely sand beaches of Lake Ontario.

All Juniors had better start planning now, because this is one Convention you don't want to miss, what with day and evening activities.

Our council had 60th Anniversary of Independence proclamations signed on Feb. 16 by Mayor Lee Alexander and our County Executive John Mulroy. We received good publicity with a nice picture in the evening paper of Mr. Mulroy, council Pres. Frank Petrauskas, and Vice Pres. John Johnson.

Independence Mass was celebrated by our Spiritual Advisor Father Bernard Garstka on Feb. 19 at St. Stephen's Church with a nice group in attendance.

Six of our members attended the Amsterdam Independence Party on Feb. 18 and reported a very good time, as usual.

Our St. Casimir's Mass, in conjunction with the Polish, was held at Transfiguration Church on Mar. 5. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

The coming Natl. Convention received beautiful publicity in the



65th National Convention Executive Committee. From left, co-chairman John Johnson, chairman Frank Petrauskas, Spiritual Advisor Rev. Bernard Garstka, and Treasurer Victor Johnson.

Mar. 5 Herald American and the Mar. 7 Post Standard. Each article had a lovely picture of Theresa, Joan & Cecilia Petrauskas reading the Vytis.

We would like to leave you with this thought: Hope always tells us tomorrow will be better. Remember, "Upstate in 78" — Syracuse.

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C-74 - SCRANTON, PA.

The Knights of Lithuania, C-74 of St. Joseph's Parish in North Scranton, Pennsylvania, presented a special program Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19, at 2 P.M. to commemorate Lithuania's declaration of Independence 60 years ago.

The guest speaker, Rev. Clement Kasinskis, C.P. of St. Ann's Monastery, captivated his audience with interesting information on four outstanding Lithuanians; Professor Stanley Chickson of the University of Scranton pointed out the many important contributions of Lithuanians living in the United States. The value of the Lithuanian word, — a poem by the renowned poet, Bernardas Brazdžionis, "Laša Laiko Lašai", — was read in both Lithuanian and English by Dr. Anthony Zale.

Lithuanian folktales were read by Peter Putirskas and Karen Romanauskas. The audience delighted in Lithuanian songs presented by the Wyoming Valley Combined Lithuanian Choirs, and by the Lithuanian Language Group joined by the Knights of Lithuania. A ballet solo by Debbie Laske and a folkdance by the Villa Dancers crowned the day's entertainment. The anthem, "Lietuva Tėvynė mūsų" closed the interesting and varied program organized by Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC, of St. Mary's Villa.

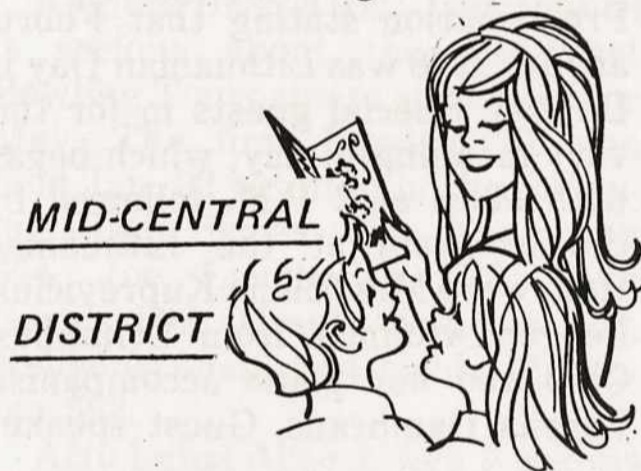
For their assistance and cooperation, many thanks are extended to Rev. Clement Kasinskis, CP, of St. Ann's Monastery; to the K of L for arranging the stage and hall; to Nellie Bayoras of Pittston, the coordinator of the Wyoming

Valley Lithuanian Combined Choirs and to Prof. Vaclovas Romanas, director; to the Lithuanian Language Group; to the Villa Dancers and to their instructor, Sister Verna Cickavage.

We most heartily agree with Faustas Strolia who, in his scholarly article in the January issue of VYTIS had written: "Our thanks to God for returning (our Pennsylvania Lithuanians) to the ranks of the K of L... Our (Lithuanian) roots are healthy and strong, we have no identity crisis. In spring these roots will help start a new life. Never give them up". To this I say, "Amen". According to the Cleveland Lithuanians, "We are a nation that refuses to die".

Since the reorganization of our Scranton Branch, Council 74, "Dievui ir Tėvynei", our activities have been varied and many. Our hard-working president, Eva Kazokas, may eventually find time to present her share of information when time permits.

Sister Virginia Marie, CJC



C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

Numerological Monotony, that's what we had in February, 27 days of the mercury "flirting" with zero weather most of the nights, and sunshine an on-again, off-again proposition during these days. The cold did little to melt all that snow of Jan. 26, and havoc treaded traveling through our icy roads. Toughing it out though were our Vyčiai coming to the K of L meetings, attending the Lithuanian Independence Day commemoration, going to Lith. language classes, and the St. Casimir's observance on Mar. 5 at St.

Anthony's Church hosted by C-102. A brunch followed in their social room with a "short but sweet" program. There were celebrated March birthdays for Monica Salas, Jeanne Yakstys, Ray Lukas, our former pastor Rev. Fr. Michael Kundrat, and ex-pres. Gerry Zager.

There was a nice showing of members for the dedication ceremonies on Feb. 16 of the Lithuanian Room in the Ethnic Heritage Center at Wayne State Univ. The occasion marked the 60th Anniversary of the Republic of Lithuania. A program preceded the blessing of the impressive room by Bishop Vincent Brizgys. Chairman Jurgis Mikaila and Stephanie Kaunelis, vice chairperson of the Lith. Ethnic Room Committee, explained the history of the room and something of the history of Lithuania.

The murals which are fashioned out of glass and mirrors depict scenes from Lithuania's history with such persons as past rulers Gediminas, Vytautas the Great, Jogaila and Žygimantas Augustas. There is also a large scene of the Lithuanian Statue of Liberty, a view of the capital city Vilnius, and many other colorful scenes out of Lithuanian history. Rimas & Jonas Mulokas, Los Angeles architects who designed the room, were present to explain the murals which cover two walls from floor to ceiling.

Members who attended the dedication event were Pres. Frank Zager, Elizabeth Paurazas, Stella Hotra, Maggie Smailis, Helen Tucker, Julia Janson, Vicki Chepelonis, Mike Vale & Sophie Zager. For a number of years, Stella Hotra, who was associated with the Detroit Institute of Arts, sold approx. 100 benefit tickets for the Lithuanian Room. Labai Ačiū, Stella, and to those who came out for the dedication on that very FRIGID night.

Sometimes we write news when it is too late, as in the case of Mary Adams who passed away on Feb. 17. She was hospitalized three

times with a terminal condition. Most of us did not know how ill she had been, and we regretfully admit how nice it would have been had we visited her while she was still alive. Mary was a gallant fighter, and a lovely contributing person. She and her hubby Williams (Bill) are members of our council for quite some time. They bowled with the K of L league for a number of years until her illness prevented her from participating in their favorite sport. Mary's friendly smile and presence will be greatly missed. May the Lord grant her Eternal Peace. Our condolences to Bill, their 3 children and family.

Our sympathy is extended to Beatrice Millard upon the death of her father Joseph Shilling on Feb. 7. At the time of Mr. Shilling's death the Millards were vacationing in Puerto Rico where Jack participated in golfing events. Fortunately, they returned in time for the funeral. Eternal rest grant unto him, o Lord.

Evidence of Easter was manifest at our social - colored eggs, chicks, bunnies and all sorts of goodies to indulge, following our Mar. 1 meeting. Our thanks to Maggie Smailis & Marge Nashlon.

Discussion about Rituals, Lithuanian Affairs and forthcoming events were among issues in the significant confrontation. New awareness of responsibility was noted in seeking to be worthy of the Ritual purpose in obtaining medals.

Julie Belickas, Lith. Affairs chairperson, urged more members to participate in letter writing and to spur efforts for national interest to win freedom for Lithuania and other countries under Soviet domination.

Catholic Actions chairlady Helen Tucker displayed samples of K of L pocket emblems, and a selection was made on the basic design and the wording of the emblem. Labai ačiū for all her efforts.

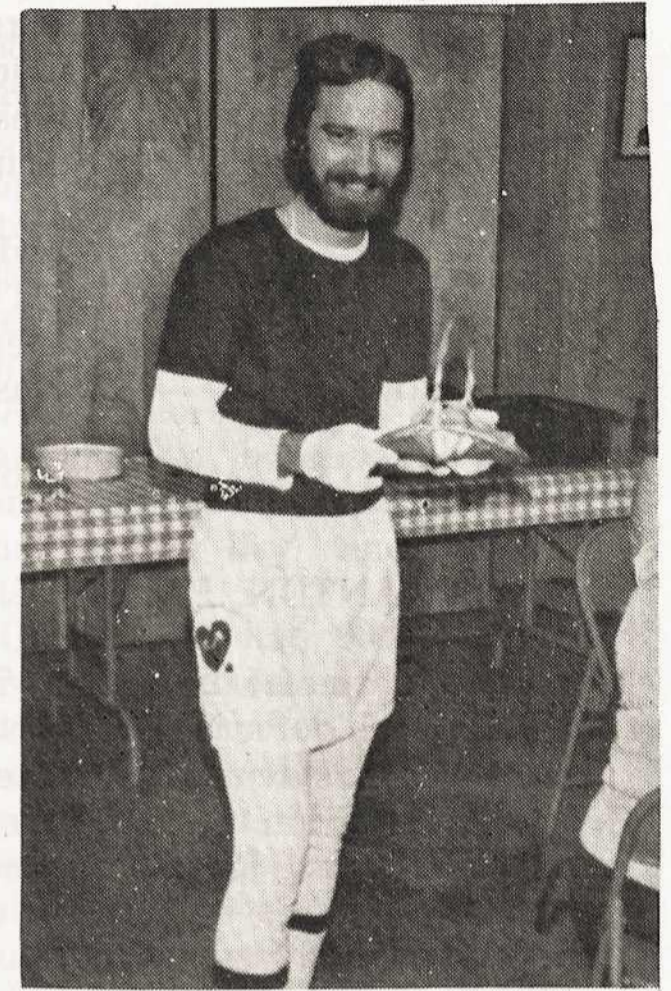
Get well wishes to Ona Walls, Frank Petroski, Sophie Bitner and others who were "hibernating" during our co-co-coldest month.

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C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Our Social Committee really outdid themselves and were we glad! The committee, Rita Ambrose, John & Joyce Berczelly, Harley Karns and Judy Petrokas rang in the Chinese New Year on Feb. 11 with a complete made-from-scratch oriental dinner. The dinner consisted of egg drop soup, egg rolls, oriental vegetable stew, fried rice, Agar-agar with lychee fruit for dessert. Fortune cookies were distributed by a special visitor from the Far East - Wong Cupid. There was plenty to eat. The COD bar was so inexpensive, everyone was treating. Any member not participating in this committee's socials is really missing out. To the committee, Labai Ačiū!

We thank the Holy Cross Parish Lithuanian Cultural Committee for another well planned Independence Day celebration on Feb. 12. In commemorating the 60th Anniversary, the Mayor of Dayton, Hon. James McGee, presented the committee with an official printed Proclamation stating that February 16, 1978 was Lithuanian Day in Dayton. Special guests in for this very meaningful day, which began with Mass at 2 P.M. followed by the program at the Lithuanian Hall, were Mrs. Elena Kuprevičius-Bergen, violinist from Columbus, Ohio and her piano accompanist, Verena Dambrans. Guest speaker



Wong Cupid (John A. Berczelly) distributing fortune cookies during Dayton's Chinese New Year Social.

was Mr. Faustas Strolia, director of the K of L Choir in Chicago and Nat'l Chairman of the K of L Language Committee. Those in attendance at the program had the pleasure of seeing the Vėjeliai Dancers perform under the direction of Judy Petrokas, accordionist and accompanist Mrs. Cecelia Lisankis. Many Knights are a part of this parish committee and it was good to see so many of the in attendance.



C-96 Dayton, Ohio Social Committee. L. to r: Rita Ambrose, Harley Karns, John A. Berczelly, Joyce Berczelly, Judy Petrokas.

With Mother Nature forcing our Junior Knights to postpone their Bake Sale to a later date, we are proud to congratulate them for the success they did have on Feb. 18-19. They were certainly kept busy under the guidance of their Advisor, Christine Mantz. Good to see that our regular Knights supported the Juniors via baked and monetary donations in addition to patronizing the sale.

A lucky winner was Jr. Knight Elena Mikalauskas.

We were delighted to have two guests at our Feb. 6 meeting, thanks to Sr. M. Francesca of C-19, Pittsburgh. Mrs. Anna Desko, new arrival to the Dayton area and her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Barrett, came to see what C-96 was all about. Mary Agnes Mikalauskas completed her obligation for the First Degree at the meeting while Kathy Sinkwitz fulfilled her requirements for the Second Degree. Congratulations.

On the evening of Feb. 21 some of us had the pleasure of spending a few hours getting acquainted with Walter Svekla, C-3, Philadelphia. Those of us who know Walter had the pleasure of "hashing" over past meetings. Walter, in town for a special government program, was dinner guest at the home of Joe & Aldona Ryan. Like a true father, Walter, via a snapshot, introduced us to his family. It was a fun evening. The next day Walt had a tour of the church by Fr. Katarskis and a trip to the Lithuanian Hall by some of the Knights. We are looking forward to your next visit to Dayton!

Get well wishes are sent to Mike Dailey who broke his wrist shoveling snow for the neighbors. Speedy recovery to Bette Omlor who was hospitalized with pneumonia. Good to see Sue Mantz Smiley recuperating from her recent hand surgery. John Scott was bedded down with the flu while vacationing in Florida. Congratulations to Ada Sinkwitz on the birth of her eighth grandchild.

Congratulations to Aldona Ryan who has received an invitation to

have her name included in the 1978 list of "Who's Who in Poetry in America" which is published by the National Society of Poets.

Good to see the Knights helping the parish with its Annual Archbishop's Fund Drive. Ray Steinbrunner is co-chairman, Gus Blum, Auditor, and Mildred Steinbrunner, Secy., for Holy Cross Church.

One member received this response from the Allstate Company with regard to the TV program "The Defection of Simas Kudirka": "Thank you for taking time to write your compliments concerning our sponsorship of 'The Defection of Simas Kudirka'. We have received a great number of letters and telephone calls since the program was aired. There has not, to my knowledge, been one word of criticism, only compliments. Again, we appreciate your writing".

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C-25 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

Keglers BEWARE - Our council is serious about the Mid-West Bowling Tournament scheduled for May. The first Bowling Session held Jan. 22 resulted in the following High Series: Jim Thompson 604, Joe Laukiavich 573, John Garnis 569; Ursula Kunsitis 563, Nellie Arunski and Nelda Machutas 562.

Ačiū Labai Alice & Ben Karklius už skanų užkandį and your usual warm hospitality at the Bowling get-together afterwards. It was nice to see Mrs. Ursula Yankauskas who was on hand to help our hostess. The job was well done, "girls and Ben". Ben chose the



Bowling Party to reveal that he has now retired from Winterich & Associates. He was extremely pleased with the sketch presented him by his fellow employees depicting his new mode of living. Good luck, Ben, may your retirement be fruitful and rewarding.

The results of our second Bowling Session held Feb. 26 were so "fantastic" that I will not reveal them at this time, just the names: High Series (Hdcp) Al Shigo - Adele Svet; High Single (Hdcp) Joe Laukiavich and Alvina Luiza; High Series - Actual Jim Thompson - Ursula Kunsitis; High Single Actual - Gene Kunsitis - Dor Laukiavich; Low Series - John Andrulis - Joan Thompson; Low Single - Joanna Shigo - Al Shigo. The Bowling Social held at Helen & Bill Jakubs' was delightful. Thank you folks! Our members had the privilege of meeting the new addition to the Jakubs' family - Maggie, their new wire-haired Dachshund!

Our sincere and whole-hearted sympathy to Doris Laukiavich whose mother passed away in November and to Betty August whose mom passed away Jan. 28.

Our recent retirees really know how to live. The Karklius' are basking in the Florida sunshine on a 6-week vacation and John & Evelyn Andrulis left Feb. 27 for a 5-week vacation taking in Mexico and visiting friends in Arizona. John retired Feb. 24 after 39 years at Cleveland Twist Drill. (I hope John was in shape to drive after all those retirement parties!) Happy retirement John! We can just see you fishing, and fishing, and fishing...

Sick Bay: Nelda Machutas recovering nicely after a bout with the flu. Evelyn Andrulis recuperating after foot surgery out West.

May Birthday Wishes to: Nellie Samas (the 10th); Alice Karklius (18th); and Gene Kunsitis (22nd). May you all have a beautiful, healthy year.

Peter Luiza was chairman fo

The April Frolic Dance held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on April 1. Committee members, John & Evelyn Andrulis, Betty August, Jim & Joan Thompson promised it would be a good one, and it certainly was!

Peter & Alvina Luiza represented our council at the Lithuanian Independence Day Program held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Feb. 12. Senator John H. Glenn was the principal American speaker during the program and he was very concerned over the plight of Lithuania and other oppressed countries.

Happy Spring to all!



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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

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Members of our district were saddened by the loss of several members: Adeline Jasaitis, former IID secretary, died after a long and lingering illness in January; Adele Sankus died very suddenly also in January; a former Chicagoan and a member of C-36 at the time of his death, Albert Pratt died in Hot Springs after a long illness. Our condolences to Pete Jasaitis, Irene Sankus and Edward Pratt on the loss of a beloved member of their respective families.

Juozas Laurinaitis, Seniors Pres. and IID 3rd Veep, was the father of the bride when daughter Christina married. The reception was held at the K of L Bldg., and

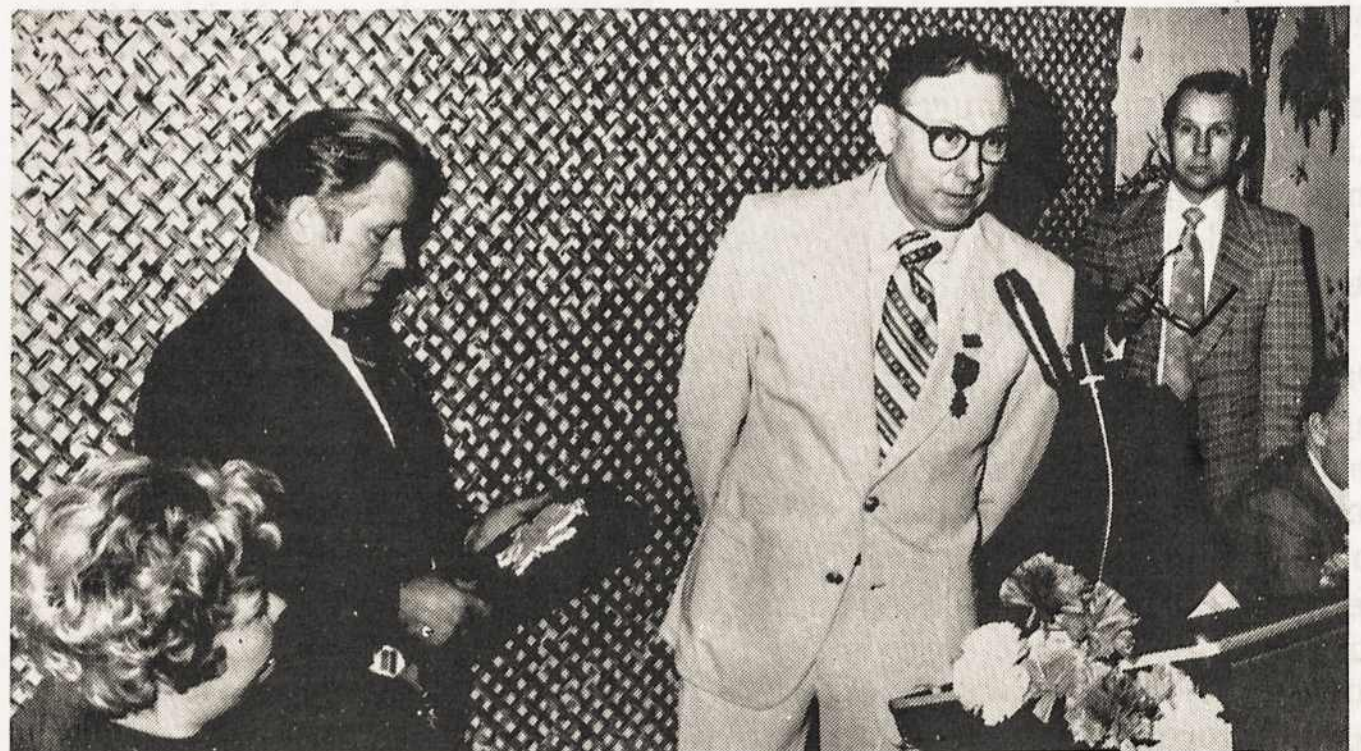
many, many K of Lers were present.

The 18th annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet was held at the Martinique's Grand Ballroom on Feb. 5 and is now a memory and a most delightful one. The event was THE EVENT of the social season and by far the most successful "Memories" Banquet. With approx. 500 in attendance, the evening commemorated the date of Lithuania's Independence and honored our "Man of the Year" Algerd Brazis. The meal was delicious; the entertainment delightful (Stasys Baras, Dana Stankaitis, Jonas Vaznelis, of the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago; Eleanor Zapolis, Albertas Snarskis, Alvina Giedraitis, of the "Pirmyn" Chorus; and Dalia Kucenas and Stefan Vicik - our adopted Lithuanian - all prominent soloists in their own right, performed in honor of our award recipient); the program with Mistress-of-ceremonies Mary Rudis was brief and most interesting; and the socializing and dancing to the music of Wally Tenclinger and The Casuals, superb. Among our honored guests were: Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Bishop Antanas Deksnys, Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, Cook County Sheriff Richard Elrod, 15th Ward Alderman

Kenneth Jaksys (representing Ill. State Senator Frank Savickas), Natl. Pres. of the Lithuanian American Council Dr. Kazys Bobelis, IID Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, IID President Frank Zapolis, S.C. 1st V-P Ann Marie Kassel, and Algerd & Aldona Brazis.

Congratulations to Chairlady Irene Sankus; her co-chairman John Evans and Vince Samaska; committee members Estelle Rogers, Clemente Vidzius, Gerry Mack, Juozas Laurinaitis, Ann Marie Kassel, Frank Zapolis, Sabina Klatt, Harry Petraitis, Andy & Dolores Yuknis, Emilija Pakalniskis, Tony Yuknis; and to workers, Monica Kasper, Terry Strolia, Irene Norusis, and out-of-town guest Grazina Vaskelis of C-102 in Detroit; for a terrific evening and a job well-done.

The Chicago Chapter of the Lithuanian American Council held their annual commemoration of Lithuanian Independence on Feb. 12 at the Maria Auditorium. In addition to flag representation with Sgts-at-Arms Jerome Jankus and Antanas Sereika, the K of L was represented by Prudencija Bickus, as one of the program soloists, and Irene Sankus and Vince Samaska, the treas. and



C-112 President Al Zakarka presents IID K of L Members of the Year awards to (left) Juozas Laurinaitis, Chgo. Srs., and to (right) Alexander Mockus (C-112).

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executive-secy. resp. of the chapter.

IID Ritual Chairlady Ruth Dagus and her ritual team presented 1st and 2nd Degrees to qualified members following the C-112 business meeting in February. 1st Degrees were presented to: Vincas Norkaitis, Tekla Stroga, Stasys Rugpeika of C-36; Anthony & Genevieve Pargauskas, Isabel Putrimas, Paul Binkus, Pranas Povilaitis, Bernice Raubiskis, Albert Cekanor, all of C-112; and Andrius Baltrusaitis, Ursula Dambrauskas, Amelia Skimelis, Ludvikas Trakselis, Julia Zagajauskas, all of the Chicago Seniors. A 2nd Degree was presented to Elizabeth Zibas of C-112. At the St. Casimir's Day luncheon, 3rd Degrees were presented to Stephanie Mlodzik and Sophie Nieminski of C-112 and to Juozas Laurinaitis of the Chgo. Srs., and a 4th Degree was presented to Lillian Kodis of C-36. Congratulations to all of the degree recipients.

The K of L continues to be represented at the various Lithuanian and civic functions under the able leadership of Estelle Rogers - the P.R. lady of the IID!

Date to Remember - July 4 - Annual IID picnic, K of L Gardens. All are invited to attend!

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Council members were very prominent among the committee and workers on the IID's annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner-Dance. The award recipient this year was our own Algerd Brazis for his contributions to Lithuanian culture with his musical talents and his untiring efforts not only on behalf of our organization but also with many other groups. Committee members from C-112 were Irene Sankus, John Evans, Estelle Rogers, Dolores & Andy Yuknis, Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, Eleanore Laurin, Harry Petraitis, Emilija Pakalniskis, Tony Yuknis. Congratulations to our members



3rd Degree recipient Sophie Nieminski (C-112) receives her certificate from IID Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas.



Juozas Laurinaitis (Chgo. Srs.) receives 3rd Degree from Fr. Zak.



Stephanie Mlodzik C-112 receiving her 3rd Degree medal from Fr. Zak.

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and other committee members from C-36 and the Chicago Seniors on a job well done.

Following our regular February business meeting, we were honored to have the IID Ritual team bestow degrees on worthy K of L members from all of the councils. Council members serving on the ritual team were Ruth Dagus, Al Zakarka, Monica Kasper and Al Mockus. The words of our Spiritual Advisor Canon V. Zakarauskas were most inspiring and we always appreciate his efforts on behalf of our council and the K of L.

Council degree recipients were: 1st Degree - Anthony & Genevieve Pargauskas, Isabel Putrimas, Paul Binkus, Pranas Povilaitis, Bernice Raubiskis, Albert Cekanor; 2nd Degree - Elizabeth Zibas.

At the St. Casimir's Day luncheon, Sophie Nieminski and Stephanie Mlodzik were awarded their 3rd Degree. Both ladies have worked as officers and committee members since joining and are most worthy of the honor.

Ruth Dagus, C-112 and the IID Ritual Chairlady, is a mighty ritual point compiler as long as we all cooperate with her and assist in listing our own activities.

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IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers ...

MARY ADAMS
Member C-79
Southfield, Mich.
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MARY MARGARET PANAVAS
Member, C-79
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P.M. Awards Banquet
Sing-Along

THURSDAY, Aug. 17

9:30 A.M. Supreme Council Meeting
12:00 Noon Opening Mass
St. Stephen's Church
1:00 P.M. Luncheon
Hotel Syracuse
2:00 P.M. Opening Session
7:00 P.M. Fun Night - Knights of Columbus Hall
Buffet Style Dinner, Dancing,
Magicians, Clowns, Games,
Sing-Along

FRIDAY, Aug. 18

8:00 A.M. Early-Bird Sessions
9:00 A.M. Second Business Session
10:30 A.M. Panel - Promotion of the Canonization
of Archbishop Matulaitis
12:00 Noon Holy Mass, Hotel Syracuse
2:00 P.M. Third Business Session
3:00 P.M. Panel Session - Public Relations
Workshop
8:00 P.M. Cultural Program - Carrier Theater
Featuring - "Vargšas Tadas", the
"Lazdynas" Dancers and Rev. Robert
Baltch
Champagne & Cheese Party
Afterward

SATURDAY, Aug. 19

8:00 A.M. Early-Bird Sessions
9:00 A.M. Fourth Business Session
10:30 A.M. Panel Session - Human Rights in
Lithuania
12:00 Noon Holy Mass
2:00 P.M. Fifth Business Session
Election of Officers and Committees
6:00 P.M. Pre-Banquet Cocktail Hour
7:00 P.M. Convention Banquet and Ball
Dancing to Nick Hubb & his
International Orchestra

SUNDAY, Aug. 20

9:30 A.M. Closing Mass
Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception
Convention Photo
Farewell Brunch
Knights of Columbus Hall

Registration Fee — \$40.00, including all events
beginning with Thursday Lunch.

Golf Tournament — \$5.00, Wednesday Bus Tour —
\$3.00, Awards Banquet — \$6.00, Junior Registra-
tion — \$25.00