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TRĒMIMAI ŠIAURĖS LIETUVOJE

Pirmąją lietuvių trėmimo bangą į Sibirą sovietai įvykdė 1941 m. birželio 13-15 dienomis. Tremtinių dalis po daugelio metų grįžo į okupuotą kraštą, kiti žuvo Sibiro taigose. Kaip trėmimų gyvas liudininkas noriu nušviesti išgyvenimus Pasvalio mieste, Biržų apskrityje.

Neatmenu kurią savaitės dieną, anksti iš ryto, vykstu su teta į Pasvalio bažnyčią. Tik įvažiavęs Svalios gatvėn, pamačiau sunkvežimį ties Andzevičiaus namu ir keletą milicininkų, civilių. Matau kaip senutę motiną kelia į sunkvežimį. Žirgas baidosi sunkvežimio, paspartino žingsnius ir atsidūriau turgaus aikštėje, ties bažnyčios pastatu. Bažnyčioje ankstyvos šv. Mišios jau įpusėję, maldininkų

maža, visų akyse ašaros ir susijaudinimas. Pažįstami kaimynai pasakė, jog milicininkai su keliais žydėliais važinėja po miestą ir kaimus ir renka žmones.

Pasibaigus pamaldoms, tuoj parvežiau tetą į namus, o pats, apsiginklavęs mauzeriu ir mažu durklu, nuvykau vėl į Pasvalį. Tik ką perėjęs Levens tiltą, sutinku milicininkų ir komjaunuolių būrį, bet jie manęs neužkabina. Matau žygiuoja "narsuolis" Lopeta ir kiti komunistų nariai, kurie išlindę iš pogrindžio, atsibastė į Pasvalį. Nuvykęs stoties gatvėn, anapus geležinkelio bėgių, matau ištisą vagonų eilę ir miliciją bei rusų karių. Jie stumdo žmones, įsakinėja ir trenkia durimis, užrakina.

Atūžė vėl keli sunkvežimiai. Matau darbininko Linkevičiaus šeimą iš 9 asmenų. Toliau pro vagono langelio plyšį mane kalbina mjr. Petkevičius, buvęs Pasvalio Šaulių rinktinės vadas, mano viršininkas; agronomas Lenartas, mokytojas V. Zigmantas, pašto viršininkas V. Zaldokas, jo žmona su vaikais. Kadangi mažas būdamas kurį laiką dirbdavau savo dėdės ūkyje, šalia Tonkūnų ūkio, Žadeikių km., tai matau ir ūkininką Tonkūną (prof. Tonkūno brolių). Mano mielas mokytojas Myk. Steponavičius iš Daujėnų mokyklos. Negalėjau ilgiau tvirti, bėgau į namus ir jaudinausi dėl mūsų šeimos likimo.

Mūsų valsčiaus viršaitis Maldutis, kažin kaip paliko neišvežtas, o



jo žmoną akušerę išvežė. Gimnazijos mokytojas Sabas su šeima sumintas, dir. P. Misevičius taip pat. Per dvi dienas prigrūdo kelis vagonus tremiamų. Štai visas pulkas: tarnautojas Grinius ir Griniūtė, nuovados virš. Beniulis su šeima, net 4 vaikai. Lipštas, žmona ir trys vaikai, buvęs nuovados virš. Rimas Gulbinas, Gulbinienė. Mano gimnaitis A. Kuosa, dar studentas, nuovados virš. Traškevičius su šeima, mokyt. Krivickas, mokyt. Kuprienė, jos vyras A. Kuprys, tarnautojas J. Džiuvė ir žmona, K. Navakas, žmona ir dukra (p. Navakas buvo mokytojas), vachmistras A. Vyšniauskas su žmona. Mokyt. Petrauskas su žmona ir vaikas, ūkininkas J. Klungevičius (agro-

nomas), Klungevičiūtė, mokyt. Činčas, A. Čiuplinskas su žmona. Buvo ir daugiau ištremtų, nes po vokiečių užėmimo, nebuvo galima visų sąrašų surasti, ypač dingo viengungiai ir šeimos, kurios neturėjo artimųjų Pasvalyje ir apylinkės miesteliuose bei kaimuose.

Prieš mano akis guli tų čia paminėtų nelaimingųjų aukų paveikslai. Budeliai sudraskė jų ramų gyvenimą. Baisus vaizdas tada buvo mūsų galvoje ir krūtinėje virė kerštas tiems, kurie vykdė šiuos trėmimus. Bent koks gelbėjimas suimtųjų nebuvo galimas. Artimieji ėjo prie vagonų, nešė vandens, maisto, o kareiviai su durtuvais varinėjo tolyn. 89 tautiečiai buvo surinkti iš Pasvalio ir apylin-

kės, įvairaus amžiaus, išsilavinimo, nieko blogo nepadarę savai tautai.

Kai išvežtieji paliko stotį, jų namuose siautė komunistiniai tarnai, dalino jų turtus, tuščiuose ūkiuose paliko samdinius ūkių viršininkais, mieste namus paėmė butų valdyba ir valdžios įstaigos. Kai kurie, išvenge areštų ir trėmimų, slapstėsi slėptuvėse po grindimis ar tvartų kūgėse. Pasvaliečiai gyveno baime, nes kiekvienas galėjo būti išvežtas į Sibirą. Sovietų kariai ir civiliai nieko nežinojo apie padėtį Lietuvoje, tik žydai ir partiečiai galėjo įsakyti tą ar kitą areštuoti, kaip liaudies priešą. Kad nebūtų buvę išdavikų, nebūtų tiek išvežta patriotų lietuvių.

Balys Svalia



BACK IN LITHUANIA, U.S.S.R.

My People
I've grown to love my people

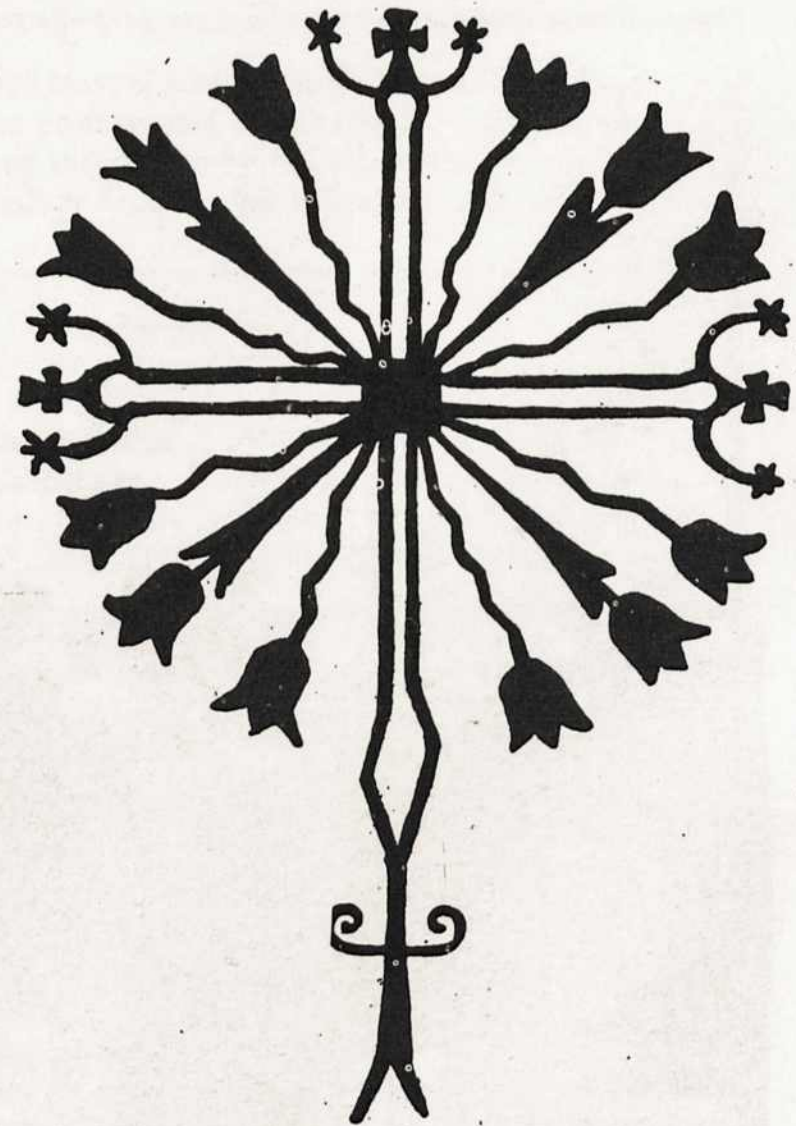
Perceiving acute paralysis all around me
All are not hypnotized
Many perpetually cultivate their souls
Immunized by self-determination.....
It is this that keeps them alive

They sit on thorns
While I ease on flowers
They habitually fall on evil days
While I drift on pleasurable accomplishments
They are foundered on an island of swarthinness
While I tread on enchanted ground
They are victimized by a system
I am only victimized by myself

I was pregnant a vale of years
I encountered birth
A beautiful feeling
A feeling of growing to love
My people
My country
My all

1975

Judith Stukes



Ed. Note: The author is a young, 2nd generation Lithuanian - American who visited her relatives in Lithuania for the first time in 1975.

FATHER CASIMIR PUGEVICIUS CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE

On May 30, Fr. Casimir Pugevičius, National Chairman of the Knights of Lithuania Affairs Committee, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A life-time member of the K of L since he joined the organization in 1973, Fr. Casimir has been a motivating force behind the organization's work in the area of Lithuanian Affairs.

Fr. Casimir joined the K of L after attending the National Convention at Stonehill College in 1973. Originally a member of C-29, Newark, he transferred his membership to C-110 Maspeth shortly after re-locating to Brooklyn, New York. In 1974, he served as National Spiritual Advisor to the K of L, and mid-year, assumed the position of National Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairman, a position he has held ever since.

The influence of his parents began his love for his Lithuanian heritage. As a student at St. Alphonsus School, in his native Baltimore, repeated experiences with the riches of his Lithuanian ancestry reinforced the commitment to the Lithuanian people which would shape his adult life.

An honor student throughout his academic career, he was awarded a Basselin scholarship for study at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he completed studies for a B.A., an M.A. in philosophy and a licentiate in sacred theology.

Ordained in 1953, Fr. Casimir was active in preparing the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Baltimore for the coming changes in the Church, along with assignments to St. Martin's Parish, and later St. Peter's, located in a Lithuanian neighborhood. In 1955, he was assigned to his home parish of St. Alphonsus, where he was to serve until 1962. His last assign-

ment as a parish priest was to St. Pius X parish.

1965 saw a great change in the life of Fr. Casimir. With no experience in broadcasting, he was appointed the Director of Radio and Television for the Archdiocese. During this time, he produced more than a thousand radio and television programs, including film documentaries on the Chapel of Our Lady of Šiluva in Washington, D.C.; the photography of Algimantas Kezys; a dramatization of the trial of Fr. Antanas Šeškevičius by the Communists in Lithuania, and other programs dealing with the Lithuanian cause.

He was the founder of the Maryland Citizens' Coalition for Cable Communications, and EcuMedia, an interfaith broadcasting office. At this same time, he was active in broadcasting associations, and in archdiocesan bureaus.

In 1974 Fr. Pugevičius was given leave to establish Lithuanian-American Catholic Services, an arm of the Lithuanian Priests' League and the Lithuanian Catholic Federation. Its aim is to meet some of the modern needs of Lithuanian parishes and Catholic institutions. In 1975, he became Executive Director of the Catholic Conference on Ethnic and Neighborhood Affairs, a position he held until March, 1976, when he assumed the position of Executive Director of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, and its accompanying move to New York City.

As National Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, Fr. Casimir has encouraged members to move beyond the scope of reporting clippings, and into the realm of projects which deal actively with human rights for those who are deprived of freedom of conscience in Lithuania today.

Under his leadership, the Com-



mittee, along with the publication of its monthly Bulletin, has initiated programs to write to Prisoners of Conscience in Lithuania, hold Vigils for Human Rights and become more conscious of the conditions which exist for the Church in Lithuania.

During his terms of office, the "Fr. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award" has been presented to former U.S. Representative Robert Hanrahan, for his assistance in the Kudirka case; to Sergei Kovalev, in absentia, for his involvement in the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA, which led to his imprisonment, and to Alfred Friendly, Jr., Deputy Director of the Helsinki Commission, for his work for human rights in Eastern Europe.

In the relatively brief time he has been a member of the Knights of Lithuania, Fr. Casimir has proven to be a valuable asset to the work of the organization. As we join in wishing him well on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee, it might be well for each of us to redouble our own efforts on behalf of God and Country. Ilgiausiu Metu!

"SO YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED?"

"WHEN? WHERE?"

"IN JUNE... AT CITY HALL"

The above is rather a long title for a short article. It begins a mystery, not a love story, even though it is about a couple in love. This is not going to be a "whodunnit?", but a "How come?" and "How could you?" wrapped into one. And this article is really not ABOUT the couple but TO them. If you are interested, read on.

Both of you are Catholic and one is divorced. You honestly tried to do what was right. You tried to get an annulment, but the Bishop's office said "No". You love each other. Everyone can see that. A perfect match! So kind to each other; so pleasant, so thoughtful. You like to do the same things together.

So, how come?

Love is a mystery. "Ah, sweet mystery of life!" Love is beautiful, a precious gift of God Himself. Human love was born in the Garden of Eden and has been blossoming ever since, as the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve grow up, reach maturity, choose life partners to share their love for one another, eventually become parents who will share God's gift of life and love with children who are brought into life in a mysterious cooperation with God who is the source of all life. Life is a mystery, as is love, in its birth, its growth and in its end.

A still deeper mystery is the Christian life, received through Baptism, which elevates ordinary, human life, to a higher level, a divine level, and empowers the soul to know and love God as He is in Himself in a higher than natural way, and makes a person capable of doing certain things in a super-

human, supernatural way: for instance, to know God as a loving Father through Faith, to accept and follow the teachings of Jesus through obedience, to love God above all things with all one's mind and heart. We cannot do these things as human beings, unless we have God's Grace with the Faith and Charity that flow from it.

God's Grace, first given to us through Baptism, is later strengthened and increased through Reconciliation, Holy Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony. It is enlightened by the Word of God we hear at Holy Mass. These are the truths we live by, in spite of their mysteriousness.

Now, Matrimony for the Catholic is one of the Sacraments which especially helps a married couple to grow in God's Grace and Love and makes it possible to reach the very heights of human love. It blesses every act of family living, every thought, word and gesture of love. Non-Sacramental marriage, a civil marriage, does not do this. Civilly married Catholics are merely pretending to be married. "Let's pretend" is not living; it is playing a game, and life is not intended to be a game. What some Catholics forget, or do not realize is that for a baptized couple the marriage contract is a Sacrament. If there is no Sacrament, there is no marriage. Never mind what the state law says. The state has no control over sacred things. You know... "separation of Church and State" and all that. For a Catholic couple marriage is a sacred thing and this is so because of Baptism. A civil marriage does not become sacred no matter how much love for each other a Catholic couple



may have. The basic fact is that civil marriage just "does not take" between two baptized persons. On the other hand, even two baptized non-Catholics receive the Sacrament when they get married according to Church law.

Completely puzzled by the mystery of your decision all sorts of questions fly at me: Why are you two doing this? Whose advice are you following? Have you secretly given up your Catholic Faith? Do you really know the meaning of true love? Have you thought about what happens after you say: "I do, I do?" Did you let God into your thoughts as you were making your decision?

I remember that you did tell me that you were in love and that you could not be happy with anyone else in the whole, wide world. I believe you. I know it seems that way to you.

But tell me, was your decision made with mind and heart and faith, or were you guided only by your feelings? Feelings, you know, do not make you good, or lead you to make right decisions. Love feelings only make you feel good. But

feelings have a way of changing very quickly. They do not last for long. To plan a whole lifetime only on feelings, without the help of mind and Faith, is to take an awful risk of quickly losing the happiness you think you have.

When you think of the unbelievable number of marriages that break up in divorce, you have to be most careful in the decision you make.

Think for a moment. Is it not possible that some (or many) of those marriages that do break up do so because the couple refused to bring God into their wedding plans? Every couple that gets married claims to be in love and they promise to love one another "until death do us part". Yet, 30 to 40 thousand couples out of 100,000 break up. Is your love different from that of those thirty to forty thousand?

I remember when I used to visit your family (I was your father's college classmate, you know), I used to see magazines like SEVENTEEN, VOGUE and COSMOPOLITAN in the den. So now I wonder, deep in mystery, are you following the advice you read in the articles and columns written by sophisticated, worldly-wise, but Heaven-ignorant writers who perhaps, were enemies of your God



and of your Church and of your Christian way of life? The best selling slick magazines are often filled with unChristian ideas, a kind of moral poison, especially when they write about modern lifestyles, when they urge the reader to "do your own thing", when they try to persuade you that "everyone is doing it", when they suggest that religion and Church teaching is old-fashioned, out of style in this modern age, when they lead you to believe that whatever you think is right IS right. It would help solve this mystery, if it could be discovered how much influence readings such as the above had in your decision.

Another mystery puzzles me: Have you unknowingly lost your Faith?

"No", you say. "I still believe in God and in all the things I'm supposed to. But the Church has changed in the past ten years. There's supposed to be more freedom in the Church. Things are not so strict as they used to be. I can still be a good person, even though I am not married in the Church. We love each other and that's what counts. Look at all the people who do get married in Church and they still break up".

You are right. Many, many things have changed in the Church, but the fundamental teachings of Christ have not changed and cannot change. If Christ is God and God is Truth, and if God is unchanging, His Truths are unchanging. And one of these unchanging truths is that for baptised Catholics and Christians the only true marriage is Sacramental marriage.

Yes, it is true that many couples who get married in Church break up or have unhappy marriages, but, at least, they started out with a true and valid marriage. What came later was not the fault of the Christian marriage, but of other things like selfishness, pride, personality clashes and things of that nature.

I know you love each other and it counts for a lot. But look at your love. Take a good look. Are you



both in love as pagans or as Christians? Your Baptism made you Christian, and the only right way to love for you is the Christian way in obedience to God, to Christ and to the Church, which is the voice of Christ on earth.

Through Baptism you received the Faith and you promised a life long commitment to renounce pagan, unChristian ideas. You accepted God's Word as your way of life. You chose to accept and follow all of Christ's teachings. Christians, Catholics, who know and love God through Faith do not go picking and choosing what they will believe and obey, as shoppers do on a shopping spree. Oh, no. If we accept God, we accept ALL God's Truths and ALL of God's Laws. When a person rejects one of God's Laws, he or she rejects God's authority, which means God, Himself. When a couple goes its own way toward marriage in a civil court (or even a religious marriage outside the Church without a very special permission) what they are saying is either the Church has no right to make laws about marriage or that the Church does not know what it is doing. Both these attitudes are very wrong. The couple wants to be God and make the laws. To show you what I mean: there is a law that says "Thou shalt not kill". Suppose that your mother or father were seriously ill, terminally ill and suffering torture and pain. You love your mother or father. According to you, love is what counts. Would you go to your doctor and ask him to end your parent's misery by a lethal injection? Some people are doing that and calling it euthanasia. But they

are acting in the same way in a different matter as you are in the matter of marriage.

When the Church says two people are not free to marry, all the love in the universe will not make them free. And this is what the Church is saying to you. In God's eyes an attempt to marry by such persons is null and void.

I remember one time you were quite upset about those "hypocritical Catholics" who go to Church all the time, and whose actions were worse than those of atheists. Well, give this a little thought. Isn't your planned marriage going to be a kind of hypocrisy? After the civil ceremony, you will wave your marriage certificate and tell your friends: "Look, we're married". But to be unhypocritical you should be saying: "Look, my friends, we have our CERTIFICATE OF HYPOCRISY. It says here LEGALLY MARRIED. Of course, as Chris-



tians we know it's not a sacramental marriage, but it really doesn't matter. We want you to PRETEND WITH US for the rest of our lives that we are truly married.

To be truly honest, you should also ask someone to paint a sign that you will put on the back of your "get away to the honeymoon car" that says: "Jesus, stay out of our married life".

Why Catholics cast aside the Sacrament and content themselves

with a mere civil contract is one of the saddest mysteries of our times. It becomes tragic when we realize that they are giving up Christ for Caesar, turning their backs on Holy Communion, starting a life together without a blessing from God.

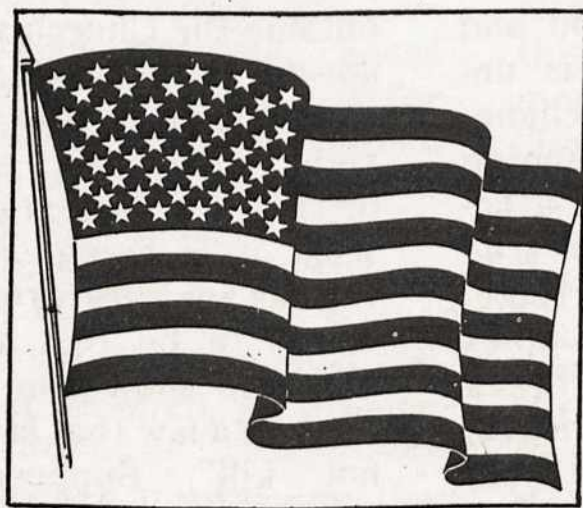
And one last point. How are you going to face a situation which is bound to come up in later years, when your son or daughter comes to realize that your marriage was merely civil and not Sacramental, even though you are Catholic?

How will you answer when you are asked why you did not get married in Church. You may try to explain that you loved each other so much. But what will you say when your children cope up with: "Oh, we get it. You loved each other MORE than God; Mom, Dad, how could you have done that?"

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



Old Glory Calls Again



*A color scheme, free men esteem
Triumphant and unfurled,
Has weathered through each trial anew,
When tried before the world.
Old Glory waves and always paves
The way to Freedom's door;
Free men construe her precepts true,
In time of peace or war.*

*Some men incline to undermine
And sell our country short
Of guns and tanks, the fighting Yanks
Must have with our support—
The color-blind of humankind
Are craftily misled,
When they subdue the white and blue,
In favor of the Red.*

*An urgent call for over all
War effort is at hand—
A current threat must now be met
By all, throughout the land;
All-out thereto! Red, White and Blue
Has called, we must not lag—
No selfish few of yellow hue
Shall mar our country's Flag.*

—DEAN EDMUND SCOTT

A Father's Prayer



"Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

"Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know Thee — and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

"Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

"Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; One who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

"And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength.

"Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain!"

General Douglas MacArthur,
Philippine Islands, 1942

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LEO J. ALILUNAS, EDITOR

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**The proceeds of this year's Lithuanian Day will go
for publishing at least one English issue of the
"Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania".**

ALGERD'S MEMORIES

by Tony Yuknis

Last February the Illinois - Indiana district celebrated its 18th annual Memories of Lithuania dinner-dance in Martinique's Grand Ballroom. The invocation was made by the Most Reverend Vincentas Brizgys, exiled bishop of Lithuania. Mary Rudis competently acted as the master of ceremonies. District President Frank Zapolis presented the Knight's Award of Distinction to baritone Algerd Brazis for his cultural and organization contributions. The closing remarks were made by Irene Sankus. The Reverend Anthony Zakarauskas of Nativity B.V.M. parish said the closing prayer.

One of the most musical groups in Chicagoland is the Algerd Brazis family. The chief pianist there is his wife Aldona while their four daughters join in concert. Beverly has given piano recitals, pianist Donna has sung in the Chicagoland Music Festival years ago, while Marilyn and Susan are pianist and accordionist. The father gave up the violin and banjo to concentrate on singing in baritone.

Algerd Brazis, the son of Teles and Catherine, was born on Chicago's Near North Side more than a half a century ago. Today his father and mother are still living.

After graduating from suburban Cicero's Morton High school and Junior College he planned on becoming a lawyer. So he studied law at Kent and De Paul colleges in Chicago. However, he sang his way out of a legal profession.

Algerd toured Europe in 1938 with the Pirmyn Chorus. Upon his return he proposed to Aldona Sokas, his piano accompanist, to

become his accompanist for life. She said yes and they were married in St. Anthony's church in Cicero. They have been making beautiful music together ever since.

The following year Algerd sang his first leading role in an opera presented in the Goodman theater. Then the baritone won auditions with the San Carlo and Chicago operas. After a number of performances he received his military draft notice. Though Algerd joined the Army Tank Corps he spent a great deal of time singing.

After the war Algerd resided in Chicago's Marquette Manor community. He resumed his singing career with the leading role in Cavalleria Rusticana with San Carlos in Soldier's Field, Chicago. Soon he won the auditions of the

New York City opera.

In 1951 Algerd had a successful recital in New York's Carnegie Hall which earned him an audition with the Metropolitan Opera. It resulted in Rudolph Bing signing him to a three year contract. There he sang 275 performances along with Helen Traubel, the late Richard Tucker, Jussi Bjorling, the late Maria Callas and others. He was heard over the radio and made a personal appearance on the John Q. Lewis nationally televised show as the guest of the week.

After leaving the Met, Algerd toured the country fulfilling engagements. Locally, he performed with the Lyric and Lithuanian operas. He sang on the Theater of the Air on radio station WGN, and did his thing with the Chicago Symphony orchestra in a Grant park concert. Orchestra Hall was the site of his recital.

To this day our baritone continues to perform with the Lithuanian Opera, the Pirmyn Chorus and in solo performances. He is a successful business man in the day time and a performer at night.

Algerd is past president of the Knights of Lithuania, Illinois-Indiana district and is now serving as chairman of the board. He was the chief motivator in their building's "burn the mortgage" fund campaign. He is president of the Pirmyn Chorus, past senior vice commander of the Don Varnas legion post, past president of Lodge 228 of the Lithuanian Alliance of America. He did all of this moonlighting while he was resting.

This endeared family man, successful business man, this eloquent performer, the man on the go is Algerd Brazis of Justice, Illinois.



Lithuanians in The

NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS



The REV. SIMON MORKUNAS, pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Sioux City, Iowa, celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and the 26th anniversary as St. Casimir's pastor in April. Born in Valtunai, Lithuania on Feb. 16, 1902, he studied at the seminary at Kaunas, and was ordained in 1933. During the early years of his priesthood in Lithuania, he directed the building of a large, modern hospital and home for the aged, a nursing home, four kindergartens, a library and a club for workers. As a result of his charitable work, Fr. Morkunas was made an honorary member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He continued his charitable work in Lithuania until forced to flee Lithuania after repeated harassment by the communists. Since his arrival in the United States, Fr. Morkunas has continued his commitment to the growth of the Lithuanian parish in Sioux City. In addition to a remarkable record as a fund raiser, he became a hydraulic engineer so that he could care for the church's control engines and boilers. Apart from his parish work, Fr. Morkunas helped 75 Lithuanian refugees to come to St. Casimir's parish from Western Germany and Belgium.

FATHER GREGORY A. STANKUS was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York by Bishop Francis Mugavero. A native of Brooklyn, he served as a deacon at Our Lady of Guadalupe for the past year, and will receive a permanent assignment this summer.

For four years A. J. BAKUNAS has been earning his living falling through the air. A movie stuntman, he has already established three records for daring deeds. In addition to his stunt work, Bakunas travels around the world giving fire departments demonstrations of an air bag, developed to use instead of a net for rescuing fire victims. Twenty-six years old, Bakunas entered the field after studying physics in New Jersey.

As guests of the Knights of Lithuania Mid-Atlantic District on the occasion of their annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast and Convention, Jonas and Aušra Jurašas were interviewed by the POTTSVILLE REPUBLICAN in Pennsylvania. Main producer at the state drama theater in Kaunas from 1967 to 1972, Jurašas watched as the government strangled and tampered with his productions. After protesting, he lost all rights to work in Lithuania and the USSR. He worked at odd jobs until he and his wife were permitted to emigrate two years later. After a series of difficulties, they arrived in the US in 1976. Residents of New Jersey, Jurašas has directed plays in New York and Connecticut, and Mrs. Jurašas is now director of the Lithuanian desk at Radio Liberty.



The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago has presented another exciting course in the arts entitled "The Art of Ceramics". The course consisted of six classes and was conducted by Maryte Gaizutis, an outstanding Chicago artist and teacher.

All articles made by the classes were fired and glazed at the Museum.

The Balzekas Museum is becoming one of the leading ethnic cultural museums in the country and is gaining recognition for its interest in the young people and the study of one's own heritage.

The program is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

Pictured on the enclosed photo with a few of the ceramics made by Mrs. Gaizutis are from left, Rita Striegel, assistant to the President, Maryte Gaizutis and Stanley Balzekas, Jr., President.

Members of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe, (The Helsinki Commission), have nominated 43 members of the Helsinki monitoring groups in the Soviet Union for the Nobel Peace Prize. Among the names of the nominees were the Lithuanians EITANA FINKELSTEIN, KAROLIUS GARUCKAS, VIKTORAS PETKUS, TOMAS VENCLOVA, now residing in the United States, and ONA LUKAUSKAITE-POŠKIENE. This group was also recognized by the Coalition for a Democratic Majority as the joint recipient of their Human Rights Award.

In response to the work of Pres. Bernice Mikatavage and members of C-144, the Anthracite Council, the Minersville Area School District has renamed its local newspaper THE LITHUANIAN REPUBLICAN.

Critic Janet Maslin of the NEW YORK TIMES was favorably impressed by the feature film "I Wanna Hold Your Hand", directed by ROBERT ZEMECKIS, who also co-authored the screenplay. Described as an "impressive new hand with old tricks", Zemeckis has created a film which "sparkles with a boistrous lunacy". The film is based on the reactions of the fans to the arrival of the Beatles in New York for their first appearance on the Ed Sullivan show.

The front page of the DAYTON DAILY NEWS recently featured K of L'er BERNADETTE SLUZAS NOREIKAS, a Knight for more than 40 years, and member of C-96, Dayton. Related to a number of C-96 members, and widow of the late Joseph Noreikas, for whom the Mid-Central District Bowling Trophy is named, Mrs. Noreikas told the story of a flood which struck Dayton in 1913, destroying her home. The first child of Lithuanian immigrants, she was rescued from the flood only five hours after she was born.



The PALM BEACH POST featured an interview with KLARA VIRSKUS. A native of Lithuania, she has a remarkable collection of Lithuanian Easter eggs which she has designed and executed herself. Although she has been a resident of Juno Beach, Fla., for 28 years, she vividly recalls life as it was when she was growing up in Kaunas. While explaining her technique, Mrs. Virskus emphasized the symbolism of eggs as a beginning of a new life, which dates back to centuries before the birth of Christ. For her, the craft also symbolizes an old life, and a country she will probably never see again.



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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

by Anne K. Wargo

St. Casimir had to be smiling down at the Lithuanians of the Mid-Atlantic District on March 12th for their Spring Convention and St. Casimir's Day Breakfast. It was another first for the Anthracite Council 144, who were hosts, and they were really blessed with a beautiful day. After the long and snowy winter, it was really a Spring Day in Pennsylvania, and what a joy it was to behold the two busloads that came from New York and Scranton, and to greet fellow Vyčiai all the way from Amsterdam and Syracuse, NY — and close by friends from Forest City and Pittston.

The day began with a beautiful all Lithuanian Mass at St. George's Church in Shanandoah, celebrated by Msgr. Joseph Neve-rauskas, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Rev. Algimantas Bartkus, Rev. Matthew Jarasunas and Brother George Petcavage. Ladies from

Council 144 and Pittston Council dressed in National Costume led the procession into the Church. John Adomenas, carried the Vytis banner and he was followed by MAD President Larry Janonis, Honorary Member, Fourth and Third Degree Knights. Officers of the Anthracite Council carried the Communion gifts — the American flag to denote that we are Americans first, the Lithuanian flag to denote remembrance of our beautiful heritage; a Wayside shrine representing the beautiful shrines that no longer are allowed in the Lithuanian countryside and the oppression in the land of our forefathers, Pyragas, representing the starving souls in Lithuania, a basket with margučiai and straw ornaments representing our beautiful culture, Doll with kankles representing the Lithuanian peoples love for arts and the theatre, the Vytis Constitution, represent-

ing our loyalty and love for the Knights of Lithuania, and the regular Communion gifts. Stanley Vaicaitis was lector and served as Master of Ceremonies at the breakfast.

After Mass, members journeyed to nearby Our Lady of Siluva Church in Maizeville for the luncheon and meetings. Father Jarasunas, Pastor of Our Lady of Siluva Church gave the invocation. President Bernice Mikatavage welcomed all in attendance. We were extremely honored to have as our guests, Jonas and Aušra Marija Jurašas, Lithuanian dissidents, who are in this country two years. Jonas had been chief director of the Lithuanian Kaunas State Theatre from 1967 until 1972 when he wrote an open letter of protest against the censure and deformation of created literary art and was fired and lost all rights to work any kind of cultural work in



Reception in honor of the Jurašas family. Jonas & Aušra Marija Jurašas, Bernice Mikatavage, Ann Klizas Wargo, Chris Jurašas, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Rev. Algimantas Bartkus.



Guests at the Convention. (Front from left) Jeanne Janonis, sec'y of MAD; Aušra Jurašas, wife of guest speaker; Bernice Mikatavage, Pres. of C-144; (back row) Larry Janonis, MAD president; Sen. Joseph Gurzenda, D-29; Stanley Vaicaitis, master of ceremonies; Jonas Jurašas, guest speaker and Albert Matunis, County Commissioner.



S. Vaicaitis, lector and M.C.

Lithuania and the U.S.S.R. He received permission to emigrate in 1974 and in 1976 came to the U.S.A. Aušra Marija who had been an editor with the government publishing house in Soviet occupied Lithuania is now the director of the Lithuanian Desk, Radio Liberty. Jonas, using his Lithuanian tongue, spoke on the incidents leading to his dismissal and the conditions as they exist in Lithuania today.

Following the talk, Senator Joseph Gurzenda of District 29, Penna. presented a Declaration presented on behalf of the Knights of Lithuania in the Penna. Senate. Msgr. Neverauskas gave the invocation. To add to the festivities,



Pennsylvania and New Jersey Knights meet.



C-144 Juniors perform.

the C-144 Junior Knights, directed by Rita Shevokis sang Lithuanian selections and danced three folk dances.

Before the meeting, Frank Petrauskas, chairman of the National Convention invited everyone to upstate New York in 78 — "Good Luck, Frank" — We are looking forward to Syracuse in August — Our week will begin with Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park on August 13, then on to Syracuse.

Larry Janonis opened the meeting, reports followed by officers, new resolutions were introduced. Following the business session, Public Relations Director, Isabelle McKinley presented a very interesting and informative workshop on Public Relations. Isabelle especially wished to thank Jeanne Janonis for being instrumental in the duplicating of the Public Relations manual that was distributed and Loretta Stukas for getting the "Lithuania" booklets. Our thanks to Isabelle for a very fine workshop.

It was a most rewarding day from beginning to end and this K of L-er wishes to thank the Mid-Atlantic District for selecting her "Vytyis of the Year". Needless to

say, it was a pleasant and wonderful surprise — I am sure there are many more deserving members, but I am most grateful for this honor, not only for my family and myself, but for the Anthracite Council.

A special thanks to Anne Marie Lithkowsky, who was chairman of the affair. She and the cooks worked very hard and deserved our deepest "Ačiū". As we said "Sudiev" to all our Brothers and Sisters "Vyčiai", it ended a day that will be long remembered by all us novices — and it made us doubly happy that we were members of the "Knights of Lithuania" — Nowhere in the world are there finer people.



C-67 Bayonne, N.J. was also represented.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution has been proposed by the Supreme Council to be presented to the National Convention:

"BE IT RESOLVED that a moratorium be placed on donations to outside organizations or activities until donations can be paid for by a special activity or project, or a formal budget is set up and approved.

To ease the work of the Convention Resolutions Committee, districts, councils and individuals are invited to submit resolutions IN ADVANCE of the Convention. Proposed resolutions should be signed by the author and submitted in writing to the National Recording Secretary:

Mrs. Ann Bender
45 Providence St.
Worcester, Mass. 01604

"FRIEND OF LITHUANIA" AWARD

National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Rev. C. Pugevičius, announces that the 1978 "Rev. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Gold Medal Award" will be presented to Samuel S. Stratton, Member of Congress from New York.

Mr. Stratton is truly a worthy candidate for this award. For many years, he has been a strong voice in Congress, speaking out for many Lithuanian causes, and has sponsored numerous bills seeking freedom and independence for the Baltic States. He was especially active in the campaign to free Simas Kudirka, and is part of the continuing effort to aid Pranas and Algirdas Brazinskas.

The award will be presented during the National Convention's Closing Banquet.

ST. CASIMIR BOOKLET

The commemorative booklet outlining the life of St. Casimir, originally prepared by Rev. Albert Contons, has been reprinted. The booklet is attractive and handy-sized (4" x 5½", - 48 pages). It is available from:

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA:
351 Highland Blvd.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207

at a cost of \$1.00 each. Quantity discounts are available.

OFFICIAL NEWS

VYTIS COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE GUIDELINES

At a recent meeting of the VYTIS Staff, concern was expressed over the quality and quantity of the Council News Section of VYTIS. While this section is a very important communication tool for councils, some writers abuse their roles as correspondents by filling their columns with items of limited news value, exceeding their prescribed 2 page limit, submitting their articles past the deadline, etc. Such actions not only make for dull columns, but also upset the balance of the VYTIS, add unnecessary costs, and frequently delay publication.

To overcome some of these problems, the Council News Editor has been instructed to firmly enforce these guidelines:

1. Late columns will be returned OR put aside for a later issue. Remember, Council news must ARRIVE at the Council News Editor's desk NOT LATER THAN the 5TH of the month two months preceding the issue — e.g., Sept. 5 for the November issue, Oct. 5 for December, etc. ALL council news should be sent directly to:

Mrs. Josephine Zukas
9 Charles St.
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2. Items exceeding the limit of 2 typewritten, double-spaced pages (or the equivalent) will be truncated or returned at the option of the editor.

3. "Minutes - like" reports - e.g., "Joe Jones opened the meeting, Sally Smith read the minutes, Jack Black and Sue Blue attended..." are NOT newsworthy and will be deleted, regardless of the size of the rest of the article. Please limit your reporting to SPECIAL things your council or members do. Merely attending or conducting a meeting is NOT special, and reporting such things merely adds bulk — not quality.

4. Submitted items should be typed or handwritten NEATLY, using one side of the paper only. Editing a hard-to-read, poorly written, or sloppy item may change the entire gist of the item, as well as cause needless delays and problems for the editor. She has been urged to reject such items rather than attempt to rewrite them.

VYTIS printing and mailing costs are constantly rising, and the number of councils submitting news is growing. Careful attention by the Council Correspondent to the forementioned guidelines will help greatly in keeping costs down while making our national organ more readable and interesting. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated!

CONVENTION NEWS

UPSTATE IN '78

SYRACUSE

In the last six issues of the Vytis we've been telling you about Syracuse and central New York and our fast approaching Convention. We hope we've increased your knowledge of this area and that we've aroused your curiosity to the point that "Upstate in '78" — Syracuse is an absolute must with you.

We've worked hard in planning this Convention in order to give you a good solid convention for the least possible cost. Our efforts were successful. Despite a steady rise in inflation, we are giving you prices of 5 years ago. A most unusual feat.

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A few examples of our low prices are:

1. Hotel Syracuse rooms — singles start at \$22.00 — doubles start at \$28.00 — suites start at \$55.00.

2. Our convention package — from noon luncheon on Thursday through brunch on Sunday — a mere \$40.00. Juniors — a mere \$25.00.

3. Now if you preregister prior to August 1, 1978 — your cost goes even lower to a mere \$35.00. That's \$35.00 for a glorious four days. Who said inflation is with us?

You never will have a better opportunity to attend a more solid convention, in a more central location, at such a low price.

Get with it cause everyone is heading for "Upstate in '78" — Syracuse. See you there.



From left, Chairman Frank Petrauskas, Spiritual Advisor Rev. Bernard Garstka, and Co-chairman John Johnson.



Performers at the Convention - "Cultural Night". Lazdynai Dancers of Baltimore, Md.

VAŽIUOKIME Į SEIMĄ!

Leiskite paskatinti vyčius, ypač abejojančius, ko gausiau dalyvauti besiantinančiame metiniame seime. Laikas trumpas, rugpiūtis čia pat. Rodos neseniai paspaudę rankas po paskutinio vyčių suvažiavimo Providence, RI, atsisveikinimo ir išsiskirstėme į savąsias gyvenvietes. Netrukus vyksime į naują seimą Syracuse, NY.

Pravartu pasvarstyti seimo svarbą ir pažvelgti į deramą prisiruošimą. Kadangi metinis seimas apima visas apygardas ir jose esančias kuopas, aišku, juo daugiau suvažiuoja delegatų, juo pilnesnis ir svaresnis pasidaro seimo balsas. Seimo pasisekimas ir svarba pareina nuo minčių gausumo, turinio bei nuomonių įvairumo.

Pats dalyvių skaičius nelemia seimo sėkmingumo, jei jie suvažiuoja nepasiruošę. Taigi kuopos savo susirinkimuose turi rimtai ir rūpestingai rinkti atstovus: patikimus, veiklius, pasižyminčius išmintimi ir gyvenančius vyčių dvasia. Išrinktieji atstovai turi sąžiningai atstovauti savo kuopai ir jos nariams, dalyvauti visuose seimo posėdžiuose ir tiksliai perduoti seimui kuopų mintis, pageidavimus ir pasiūlymus. Antra, kuopos savo susirinkimuose turi svarstyti ir kreipti dėmesį į pagrindinius vyčių tikslus, užmojus ir darbus; pažvelgti į dabartinę lietuvių padėtį ir kas numatoma ateičiai; ieškoti naujų idėjų, naujų priemonių ir būdų sustiprinti vyčių dvasiai, atgaivinti jų jėgas, padidinti vyčių gretas, sudominti, patraukti,

privilioti bei sėkmingiau verbuoti tolstantį lietuvišką jaunimą, užkirsti kelią nutautėjimui. Mintys šiomis temomis pagyvins ir įprasmins seimą.

Seimo nauda yra dviguba: kuopų atstovai lemia seimo pasisekimą, o seimas virsta įkvėpimo šaltiniu organizacijai. Sugrįžę į namus, atstovai pasidalina įgytais išpūdziais ir patyrimais su kuopų nariais. Tai labai svarbu, nes seimo posėdžiuose nagrinėjama lietuvių padėtis, jos išsilaikymas ir priemonės atsispirti nutautėjimo bangai. Ieškoma kelių į šviesesnę ateitį. Susipažįstama su Lietuvos priespauda. Ieškoma priemonių ir galimybių ne tik medžiagiškai jiems padėti, bet laiškais ir kitais būdais juos paguosti, padrasinti, pastiprinti. Apžvelgiami praeitų metų žygiai ir nustatoma gairės ateinantiesiems metams. Čia ryškiai iškyla vyčių gyvastingumas ir gajumas; vyčių veiklos dvasia ir širdis. Sueinama į naujas pažintis

ir užmezgama artimesni draugiški ryšiai su kitais vyčiais. Jaučiamas šiltas, lietuviškas bendrumas. Susipažįstama su mūsų vadais ir garbingais vyčių seniūnais, bendradarbiais net su vyčių įsteigėju M. Norkūnu prieš šešiasdešimt penkerius metus. Tikrai malonu pajusti jų orumą, pasiklausti jų iškalbingų žodžių ir patirti jų gilios vytiškos dvasios dvelkimą. Pabendravimas palieka neišdildomą išpūdį ir atsisveikinant pasiryžtama pasekti jų pėdomis. Visokeriopa nauda plaukia iš dalyvavimo seime.

Kas tik pajėgia, tevažiuoja į seimą! Prideramai jam pasiruoškime! Veikliai dalyvaukime posėdžiuose. Ištikimai atlikime mums pavestą pareigą. Sugrįšime į namus atsinaujinę dvasia, užsidegę nauju uolumu ir sustiprinę jėgas tolimesniam vytiškam darbui Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Stasys Vaičaitis, Kp.-144

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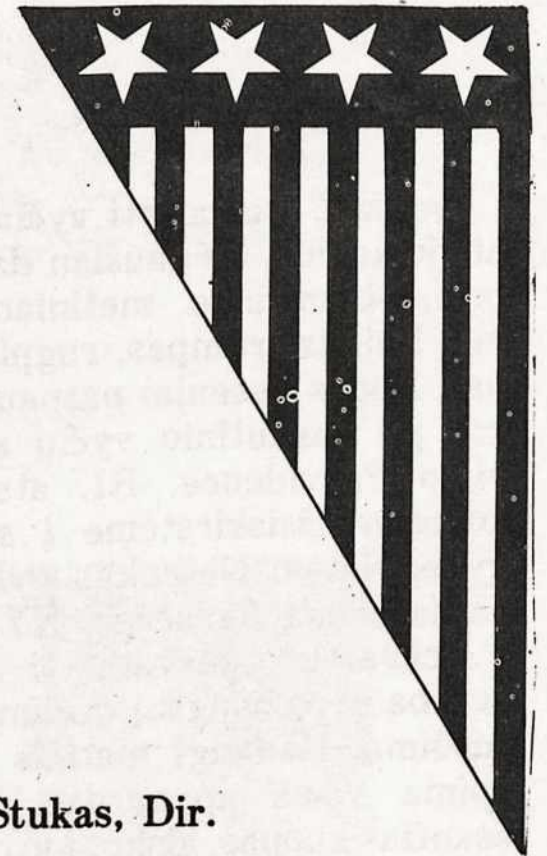
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SEPTEMBER

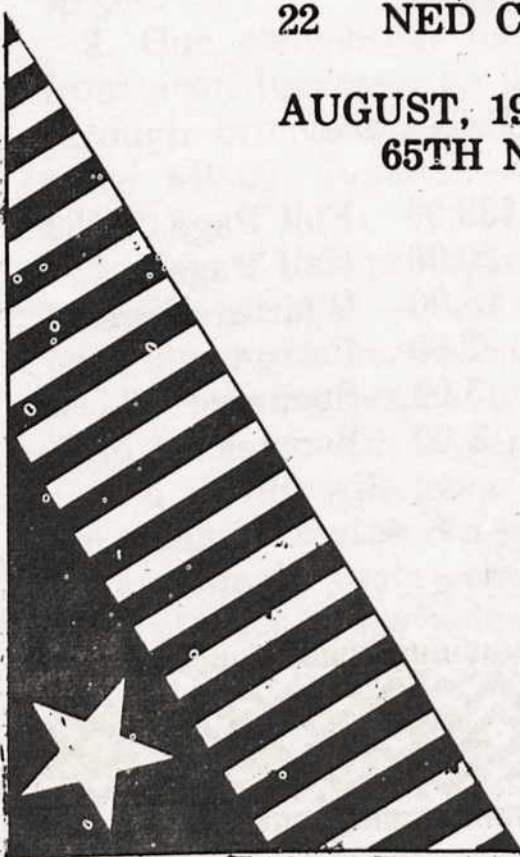
- 23 EASTERN SEABOARD "BALTIC AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL",
Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, N.J.
- 24 C-143, Pittston Representation at WYOMING VALLEY (PA.) Folk Festival
- 30 C-143, Pittston, OLDE LITHUANIAN NITE, St. Casimir's Parish Hall,
Pittston, Pa.

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.



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I am 15 years of age —
Aš esu penkiolikos metų amžiaus

Last year I was 14 years old —
Pernai aš buvau keturiolikos metų

In 3 years I'll be 18 years old —
Už trijų metų aš būsiu aštuoniolikos metų

DID YOU KNOW?

The Knights of Lithuania was originally named "The Lithuanian Falcons" in 1912. The official designation of "The Knights of Lithuania" was given at the Roman Catholic Federation meeting held in 1913.

Father Kaupas, who proposed the name, pointed out that the "Knight" was an historic symbol of Lithuania and thus suitable for a youth organization dedicated to ideals of furthering principles of justice, valor, and faith.



JRS. C-100 AMSTERDAM

On January 7, 1978, the Amsterdam Junior Council had its monthly meeting. Due to a sudden illness, our secretary Lisa Saikal, could not make the meeting. Vice President, Michael Mikolaitis, read the minutes to our last meeting.

Our meeting consisted of many things. We decided, that in order to save up some money, we should collect tin and aluminum cans, plus all types of bottles.

Rima Hartvigas, read a proclamation, from our Mayor, John P. Gomulka, proclaiming February 16, 1978, as Lithuanian Day in Amsterdam.

At this meeting, we decided to spread our heritage among the other people in Amsterdam. On February 16, 1978 we decided on displaying some Lithuanian artifacts in the Amsterdam Mall. Most of the Juniors helped work at the booth. The artifacts were supplied by Genevieve Gobis, Regina Kot, Stan Ralys, Leonard Hartvigas, and Anthony Radzevitch.

Our booth was a great success, with most of the Amsterdam shoppers glancing at it and with many people stopping and asking questions. It had many brilliantly colored cloths, carved wayside shrines, and eggs, many pieces of polished and unpolished amber. They all helped brighten our booth. We had a board full of pictures from the Devil's Museum, the only one of its kind. A doll with Lithuanian clothes gave the exhibit some color. Some literature about Lithuania was passed out to the people who stopped and showed some interest in our exhibit.

At our March meeting, Father Baltch talked about St. Casimir, and quizzed us afterwards. He carved Easter eggs, and celebrated Lisa Saikal's birthday with a cake.

Rima Hartvigas



C-100 Jr. Lithuanian exhibit.



C-100 Jr. exhibit, l. to r.: Rima Hartvigas, Regina Kot, Gerry & Allen Drenzak.



l. to r.: Gene Gobis, Regina Kot at C-100 Jr. exhibit.

JRS. C-29 NEWARK

Sunday, April 16th, was our second meeting. Three members were present: Rita Gražulis, Eddie Skripata and our new member Denise Stramara. Denise went over the By-laws of the Junior K of L and took the oath of membership. Since only three members were present we didn't really go over much. During the meeting Msgr. Scharnus came in and talked to us about being proud of our heritage.

Rita Gražulis

We had our meeting on May 7 and we elected our officers. Below are the chosen officers:

President - Ruta Melinyte, V.
President - Rita Gražulyte, Treasurer - Eddie Skripita, Recording S. - Linda Didžbalyte, Correspondence S. - Gina Melinyte.

Some of the members are writing letters to Nijole Sadunaite who is in Siberia.

We are making some plans for taking a bowling trip. I hope all of us will be able to go.

A few of our members are going to participate in Monsignor Scharno 40th Anniversary. I hope more of us will be able to participate.

Gina Melinyte

JRS. C-96 DAYTON

For the last couple of months the Juniors were very busy. Even though we are covered up with snow we managed somehow to have our monthly meetings and participate in activities.

On Feb. 17 & 18 we had our Valentine Bake Sale. Many of the

things baked were made by the Juniors and their mothers. But also the Senior Council contributed generously. We probably couldn't have done it without them. We thank you! I am happy to say it was most prosperous. Also the Juniors had a nice profit off a drawing during the Bake Sale.

On Mar. 6 our parish celebrated St. Casimir's day. The Juniors all attended and even participated in the program. We did a short skit on St. Casimir's life.

The skit was written by our President Shannon Grantham and directed by our advisor Chris Mantz.

After the March meeting our advisor Chris Mantz treated us all to hamburgers from McDonalds.

In April the Juniors had a paper drive on April 28 and 29 to raise our funds so we can go some place this summer. We had saved newspapers all winter long. We can hardly wait till spring comes.

Irena Gečas

JRS. C-36-112 CHICAGO

At our March meeting Father Tom Kasputis taught us how to design Lithuanian Easter eggs. We did many designs including geometric figures and tulpes (tulips). We are practicing for the Dainu Šventė or Song Festival which will take place over the July 4th weekend in Toronto. We are trying to get a team together to bowl at the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Detroit on May 20. We have volunteered to host the Illinois-Indiana Saint Casimir's Day Breakfast for 1979.

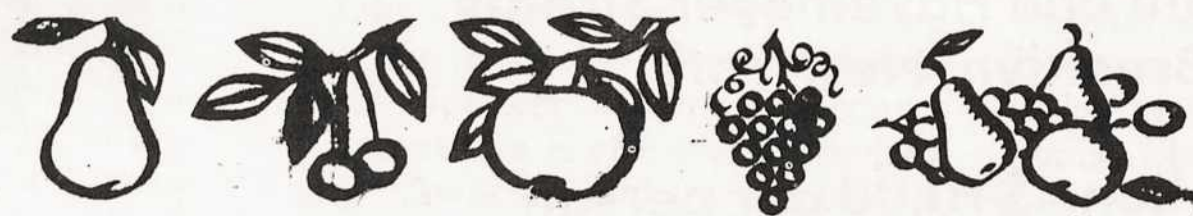
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Father Tom Kasputis, Rita Zarka, V.P.; John Kilkus, Pres.; Joell Gaidas, Corr. Secy. (C-36-112)



Georgi Kassel, Marie Klatt, Laima Vadeisa and Audra Mikutaitis (C-36-112).



LITHUANIAN KITCHEN . . .

Because Lithuanians are sometimes known as Beer drinkers, here is a recipe they might like. —

BEER BREAD

3 cups self-rising flour
3 T. sugar
1 can - 12 oz. size can of Beer

Mix all ingredients and put into a greased bread pan and at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

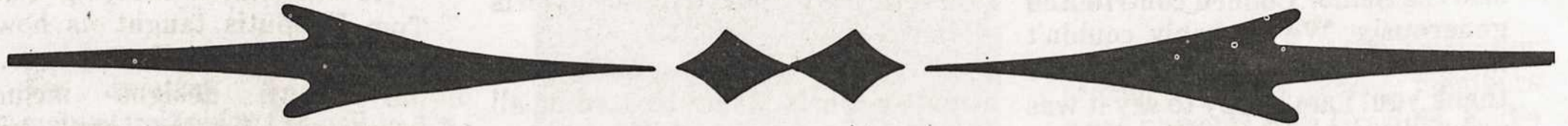
"Tis mighty good...

Sophie Nieminski
C-112, Chicago

VIRITAS —

Make small cheesecloth bag, put in 4 cinnamon sticks, 1 heaping tablespoon caraway seeds, 1 bay leaf (or ruta), 2 or 3 allspice) - place this in one cup gingerale - bring to a boil. Add one orange rind and 1 quart 100 proof blended whiskey - bring to a boil. Add one to two cups honey. Bring to a boil. Serve hot. (Be careful not to let it boil over).

This was always served at holidays and special occasions - weddings, christenings, etc.



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CLEVELANDO SENIORAI

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

Balandžio 9 d. lietuvių namuose įvyko Clevelando vyčių seniorų susirinkimas. Posėdį atidarė pirmininkas A. Buknis. Po maldos protokola paskaitė sekretorė M. Trainauskaitė. Išdininkas A. Mačiokas pranešė, kad išde yra \$245.45.

Veikiančiosios komisijos pirmininkė K. Petkūnienė pranešė, kad buvęs kortų parengimas davė pelno \$47.43.

Apgailestauta, kad parengimuose neviši nariai dalyvauja. M. Trainauskaitė pasiūlė, kad nariai, kurie nedalyvauja vyčių parengimuose, turėtų įsigyti bent bilietus.

Mūsų vytis maestro A. Mikulkis, ruošia chorą Canados dainų šventei. Jis tik po choro repeticijos, nuvargęs, pasveikino vyčius ir palinkėjęs geros kloties išėjo poilsio.

Mūsų garbės pirmininkas J. Sadauskas-Senelis, lyg sargybos bokštas, stebi vyčius: čia paskatina, čia pataiso. Jis ir šiandien lietuviškai kalba ir myli savo tėvų šalį.

Mūsų darbščiosios vytės: M. Trainauskaitė, S. Sankalaitė, K. Titiėnė, K. Petkūnienė visur pagalbsti. Jos pirmininkauja, sekretoriauja, ruošia parengimus, aukojasi ir aukoja. M. Trainauskaitė pirmoji įnešė \$25. geriausio vyčio stipendijai (scholarship) mokėti. Ją pasekė Ješmantienė, Zorubienė, Salasevičienė ir kt.

M. Trainauskaitės sumanymą daryti ekskursijas į žymesnes vietas susirinkimas priėmė.

Į vyčių seniorų valdybą įeina šie asmenys: pirmininkas A. Buknis, vicepirmininkas P. Zigmantas, sekretorė M. Trainauskaitė, išdininkas A. Mačiokas, izdo globėjos K. Petkūnienė ir Zorubienė, tvarkdarys A. Bujokas.

P. Zigmantas

After a bitter winter which curtailed our K of L activities, the St. Casimir's commemoration was a harbinger of spring.

Our three combined councils (C-17, the Srs., and the Jrs.) held their annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast celebration on Mar. 5 in St. Peter's Church hall. After attending the 10:15 a.m. Mass in a body, the members, friends and parishioners gathered in the church hall to listen to a few short speeches, introduction of community leaders, and a fine breakfast.

Rev. Anthony Baltrashunas, Pastor of St. Peter's Church and Spiritual Advisor to the councils, opened and closed the proceedings with a prayer. He spoke about our Patron Saint, St. Casimir, as a model for Lithuanians and the need to rally around our Patron since we are so few in number. He also spoke of the need for prayers for the facilitation of the canonization of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

John Norinkavich, Srs. Pres., was the M.C. He introduced the guest speaker, Doris Balaconis, recipient of a K of L Natl. Scholarship Award, and presently a student at Harvard Univ. preparing for a law career. She spoke of her research into the life of St. Casimir, - and noted that at the age of 15, he was involved in an ill-fated military expedition to Hungary. He denounced the intrigue and cruel warfare of the times for a holy and ascetic life.

Mr. Norinkavich introduced Povilas Ziskus, engineer and correspondent for Darbininkas and Draugas; Hon. Member Longinas Svelnis; Edmund Cibus, local ALTAS Pres.; C-17 Pres. John Olevitz; Natl. 3rd V.P. of the K of

L, Joseph White; and Natl. Trustee Daniel Averka. Mr. Averka read a commemorative editorial in Lithuanian taken from the Mar. 3 Darbininkas about "Šventasis su Trim Rankom", a lovely allegorical story about St. Casimir.

As is the custom, the hall was beautifully decorated by our resident interior decorators, Florence Casper, Ann Antanelis and Ann Carroll. Thank you, ladies. We also thank those members who handled the ticket table, and those who prepared the tables for service.

Special thanks goes to our hard-working kitchen crew who not only prepared the food but served it family-style so that the guests could eat their breakfast in comfort. They were Ann Norinkavich, Alice Opanesets, Mary Mickevich and Anne White. Our thanks, too, to Al Jaritis who was overseer of the event, and to Professor Jeronimas Kačinskas, church organist, who provided music for singing.

Ann Voveris, Ann & Joseph Petchel, and Bertha Seymour have been vacationing in Florida and enjoying the sunshine. Betty Balaconis, who flew to Hawaii to visit her son, enjoying a mid-winter vacation, was also a winner in the Massachusetts Lottery.

Our council held a whist party on Apr. 16 at the Seventh Street Hall for the benefit of the Church. We also attended the NED Spring Convention held in Brockton at St. Casimir's on Apr. 23 hosted by C-1 with Pres. John Tomashunas at the helm.

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Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Our Annual IID St. Casimir's Day Commemoration was hosted by C-112 of Marquette Park. The day began with a procession of K of L members, (Councils 36, 82, 112, Chicago Seniors, and the C-36-112 Juniors) along with other organizational representatives and banners, to Nativity B.V.M. Church for High Mass, which was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas (IID Spiritual Advisor), and Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas (C-112 Spiritual Advisor).

Lillian Kodis of C-36 received her 4th Degree from Father Zakarauskas preceding the Mass, and the Communion gifts were presented by C-112 Pres. Albert Zakarka and C-36 Pres. Sabina Klatt.

Following Mass, all adjourned to the K of L building for a delicious brunch. MC for the day was Al Mockus who then introduced the head table guests and also Honorary Members Adele Gabalas and Eleanore Laurin.

The program included the presentation of 3rd Degrees by IID Ritual Chairlady Ruth Dagus to Sophie Nieminski and Stephanie Mlodzik, both of C-112, and to Juozas Laurinaitis of the Chicago Seniors.

It was a day of awards for Juozas Laurinaitis as he was also surprised with a beautiful Knights Plaque having been chosen "K of L

Member of the Year". A surprise was also in store for Al Mockus who also was chosen "Member of the Year". Both men were selected for their work with the K of L Building, the Building Trustees, and for their activities in the IID and their respective councils.

Belys Brazdzionis showed the film of the last K of L Choir's presentation on Lithuanian Television which was filmed at Christmastime in Nativity B.V.M. Church. Featured in the film, in addition to the Choir, was our own Father Zakarauskas and the noted soloist and member of C-112, Prudencija Bickus.

Congratulations to C-112 and to co-chairmen Gerrie & Al Mockus for the splendid arrangements and a most successful commemoration. Hosts for the 1979 Commemoration will be the C-36 & 112 Jrs.

The July 4 weekend will be a very busy one in the Chicago area. First the K of L Choir and other members plan to participate and attend the "Dainų Šventė" in Toronto, Canada, and then our Annual K of L Day Picnic will be held on July 4 at the K of L Bldg. and Garden.

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Juozas Laurinaitis, IID K of L-er of the Year, with Algerd Brazis.

C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

A K of L welcome to new members of our council - Vytautas & Anna Adomaitis of North Dakota (long-time "Vytis" subscriber), Paul Binkis, Jr., Joseph & Velma Rudis, Louis & Anna Riley, Edward & Frances Yerkes, and a rejoin member Albina Shemaitis. We hope to see them become actively involved.

Although Board members do not meet on a monthly basis, meetings are still held whenever the need arises. The April Board meeting was held in the home of Alice & Al Cekanor. Many ideas were discussed and summer and fall activities were formulated. After the business portion was completed, everyone enjoyed the hospitality of the Cekanors.

Our own Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas was one of last winter's casualties. In a fall near the church, he broke his wrist (fortunately the left hand, so he was able to continue with his writing).

Get-Well wishes go to a charming gentleman, George Jonikas. All of his friends and K of L members are hoping to see him back performing with his musical group this summer.

Congratulations to Aloysius Pakalniskis who graduated with honors from Loyola University with a B.S. degree. The fall semester will see him enrolled in one of the medical schools.

More congratulatory wishes go to Sophia Daukus on achieving high honors at Maria High School. In addition to her school activities, she joins her mother, Aldona Daukus, in presenting the Sophia Barcus Radio Programs. She is a multi-talented Lithuanian girl!

Two K of L families were united when Marcia Evans (daughter of John G. Evans) and Arnold Brazis

Jr. (son of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Brazis) were wed at Nativity B.V.M. Church. The reception was held at the beautiful Beverly Country Club.

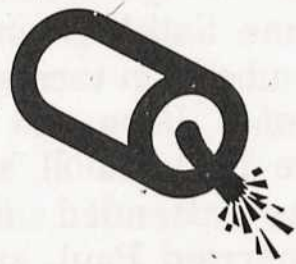
Our council had the privilege of hosting the 1978 IID St. Casimir's Day Commemoration. Al & Gerrie Mockus were co-chairmen and, as always, did a most splendid job with their committee.

K of L Member of the Year awards went to Juozas Laurinaitis of the Chicago Seniors and Alexander Mockus of our council, two very, very deserving members!

3rd and 4th Degrees were presented and the photographer for the day was Gediminas Janula.

Congratulations on a job well done to Al & Gerrie, Al & Julie, and the rest of the council board who were all members of the committee.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

With the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and the heavens showering glorious sunshine on us, maybe it won't be long till we forget the terrible winter of 1978.

With the large turnout of members and all our Juniors participating in our annual celebration of St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 5, we can reflect on a very meaningful event in the lives of the Knights. We began our day by attending the 8 a.m. Mass in a body. Breakfast followed in the church hall. We thank Elinor Sluzas, Judy Petroskas, Mary Ann Blum, their committee and workers, August &

Greg Blum, Harley Karns, Rita Ambrose and Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, for the excellently served food. There was more than enough for all.

Junior Pres. Shannon Grantham gathered the material and planned the format of the Junior's annual presentation on the Life of St. Casimir. Setting the scene as writing a school resume on the Life of St. Casimir, the Juniors gave feedback to questions asked on St. Casimir's life. Thanks goes to Junior Advisor Chris Mantz, in seeing that her 'charges' performed well and also helped the committee clean up after breakfast.

Following the breakfast, all members who fulfilled their

obligations were publicly acknowledged for having received their First or Second Degree this past year. We congratulate them!

It was good to see so many Knights supporting the Parish Bingo of Mar. 12. Proceeds from the bingo were sent to St. Casimir's Seminary College in Rome as a donation from Holy Cross parishioners of Dayton.

On Mar. 15 Ada Sinkwitz, instructed a class in the art of decorating Easter eggs Lithuanian style. Mary Lucas assisted with the instructions. With the class being small, no one had problems following the explicit directions.

Susan Mantz Smiley must be congratulated, along with all members who contributed, for the



C-96 Dayton, Ohio, First Degree Recipients. L to r: Ritual Chairlady, F. Petkus, Patrick Smiley,

Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, John & Elaine Lougeman, Joan & Diane Kavalauskas.



Second Degree Recipients: L. to r: Ray Steinbrunner, Kathy Sinkwitz, Marie Preidis, Walter & Mary

Lou Lastoskie and F. Petus, Ritual Chairlady. (Pictures taken by Harley Karns)

excellent Palm Sunday Bake Sale of Mar. 19-20. The tables were really full. The council members outdid themselves with baked items and donations. Sue was able to report the highest profit ever made at a bake sale. Our thanks to Sue's committee and workers, Chris & Eleanor Mantz, Fran & Sarah Petkus, Eloise Berczelly, Barbara Goecke and Mary Lucas. Winners were Elinor Sluzas who took the Easter Basket, and Aldona Ryan the decorated cake.

A parishioner from Holy Cross, Mrs. Elizabeth Vaitkus, donated a beautiful hand-knitted afghan to the council. It was her way of thanking us for our annual Christmas visit. Sally Miller took charge of selling chances on the afghan with all proceeds going to our Christmas Caroling Visits. Winner was Judy Petrokas.

Eloise Berczelly and Elinor Sluzas have joined Harley Karns on the Historian - Archives Committee.

Special thanks to Fr. Vaclovas Katarskis and Mary Lucas for the delicious treats following the Mar. 6 meeting. Their theme and music, (Cecelia Lisankas entertained us with her accordion) were befitting St. Patrick's Day.

Grand Rapids, Mich. members in Dayton for Easter, visiting family and friends, were Joe & Ann Boeke and their children.

Get well wishes are sent to Eleanor Mantz recuperating from hand surgery, Eloise Berczelly who had a hospital stay for a series of tests, and Ida Kavy who is recuperating nicely from recent surgery. Prayers are sent to Marianne Owens for a speedy recovery. We hear Elena Mikalauskas, Junior Knight, is on crutches because of a sprained ankle and torn ligaments.

Frances Mikalauskas, our Fin. Secy. has informed us we are now 100% paid up. "Welcome home" to Rose Marie Preidis. Having completed her tour of duty with the Army, Rose Marie will be continuing her education for her Master's Degree.

F.B.P.



**NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT**

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Our council celebrated the feast of St. Casimir on Mar. 4. The commemoration began with a concelebrated Mass offered by Pastor Rev. Justin Steponaitis, and Rev. Casimir Pugevičius of N.Y.C. who was giving a retreat in the parish. Father Casimir gave the homily on the persecution in Lithuania today. The group received Communion in a body and venerated the relic of St. Casimir after Mass.

Following Mass, the group (which also included non K of L'ers), 50 in number, enjoyed a fine dinner at Omer's Restaurant. After dinner, Fr. Casimir spoke again on the persecutions in Lithuania, and the new ethnological movement in our country today. We were told to take ourselves seriously as Lithuanians and Americans. Father spoke of our cities now being in trouble since the Lithuanians and other minorities moved out into the suburbs. A question-and-answer period followed.

The committee in charge of arrangements were Leonard Davisonis, Blanche Genaitis, and

Pauline Rogers. The Athol and Gardner newspapers carried nice write-ups on the affair. We all hope the non K of L'ers who attended the commemoration would seriously think of rejoining our K of L council. It would be good to have new members with new ideas and thoughts.

Condolences are extended to Father Al Yankauskas on the loss of his dad, Paul Yankauskas, on Mar. 6. Father Al was well remembered as a past pastor of St. Francis Church, and a spiritual advisor of our council.

Miss Gladys Narkevičius of Gardner, our newest member, and her sister visited Lithuania in May. We are waiting to share some experiences with her.

The Genaitis' spent the month of April in the state of Washington visiting with their daughter and family.

Pauline Rogers and Tina Satos were co-hostesses for the annual Parish Whist Party.

Member of the Month: Tina Andruliunas Satos is one of the oldest members, in terms of years, in the K of L. Born and raised in Athol, the coble knoll section of town, she attended the local schools, married Paul, and raised two lovely daughters. Several years ago, Tina and family lost Paul in a terrible accident. The parish and family suffered a great loss.

Tina was a devoted wife and encouraging mother, and through the years was devoted to the parish, probably serving on every major parish event during her adult life. She is a member of the Women's Guild, Moterų Sajunga, and the K of L, and is always ready with a helping hand. She loves to cook and bake. Tina, we all wish you many more years with our K of L.

Thought for the Month: Now that Spring is gone and Summer has come quickly, don't let the weather bog us down. Let's all continue to work for our ideals, God and Country, - and please say a prayer for long suffering Lithuania.

Vincukas

C-145 - HOLYOKE, MASS.

"Tradition" set the theme at Wistariahurst Museum, in Holyoke, Mass. for the annual Lithuanian Program sponsored by our council. This theme was expressed through music, handcrafts, and a delightfully warm and receptive atmosphere - a mixture eliciting intellectual enrichment.

The talented "Moterų Trio" and the "Mišrus Kvartetas" of Hartford, Conn. offered the kind of music and singing that is always remembered. They were directed and accompanied on the grand piano by Jurgis Petkaitis.

Attractively attired in national dress, the trio, consisting of Mrs. Irene Petkaitis - Soprano, Mrs. Sophia Alis - Mezzo Soprano, and Gražina Aleksandravičius - Alto, emphasized exactly, Lithuanian wit in the song, "Kodėl Dukrele Pamigai". Tender sentiment was represented in the, "Gimtinė ir Tu", and "Paparčio Žiedas". The melodious song of the cuckoo was recalled, "and like a butterfly you flew by and disappeared, but the echo of your song remains forever"... so went "Drugelis" - Vertimas, Harmonizuota, J. Petkaitis.

A smooth flow of musical styles, from the folksong to the contemporary, served to heighten the solo performance of Dr. Isidorius Alis - baritone. This was achieved in the poetically romanticized songs of "Gyvenki, Juokis ir Mylėk", "Tėvyne Lietuva", and "Atjok, Berneli, Vakare".

A brief intermission followed, allowing Mrs. Joan Laframboise to interpret into English the highlights of this wonderful music, for the benefit of those unfamiliar with the Lithuanian language.

Mrs. Clement Picard delivered a short discourse on the attributes of Rūta, the national flower of Lithuania. Among other roles noted were its probable service as a vesicant, carminative and perhaps even aphrodesiac which was particularly entertaining to many in attendance.

In the next portion of the concert, the silvery quality of Mrs. Irene Petkaitis, soprano, stressed the gracious movement and gentle shadings of tone in the songs: "Išėjo Tėvelis į Žalią Girelę" (Father Went to the Green Forest) and "Tamsioji Naktelė" (Darkness of the Night).

Variations of tempos from the barcarole, coupled with a hint of fiery richness in the tango, served to accentuate the thoroughly versed Mišrus Kvartetas in the music of "Kur Gimta Padangė" (Where is My Homeland) the "Bakarolė" - Muzika Gaidelio, and the "Paryžiaus Tango" - Vertimas pri-taikė, J. Petkaitis. ("How much of life and love is in the immortal rhythm of the tango. Let's dance the Paris tango, never danced yet among the flowery blossoms - just the two of us - in the ethereal of eternity").

Featured in the Boutique on this day was Simas Augaitis of Waterbury, Conn. whose exhibited copper-graphics were equal to any museum acquisition. The extra fine detailing in the repousse (the raised relief) emphasized most clearly scenes reminiscent of the Lithuanian homeland. Among other highlights were an equally impressive selection of wood carvings, - towel racks, circular and oblong trays. Many visitors paused



C-145; Holyoke, Mass. Mrs. Irene Petkaitis, soprano & Dr. Isidorius Alis, baritone, featured performers at the Lithuanian Program held at Wistariahurst Museum.

to study, in appreciation, the timeless Lithuanian artistry of delicate and lacey designs in the crosses.

Mr. Victor Vaitkus of "Spauda" in Waterbury, Ct. displayed a varied collection symbolic of Lithuanianism, - amber, amber jewelry, books, and dolls. The considerate and courteous manner of Mr. Vaitkus caused many individuals to linger and per chance to purchase an item or two, while a few chatted with him about Lithuania.

After all was said and done, to what can the success of the affair be measured? By the attendance - where a little over 500 guests filled a room that comfortably seats 300. Perhaps by the music and singing that drew a standing ovation, asking for "more". Or was it "tradition" that has left us with a tie or root to our ancestors, especially their way of passing on their knowledge to us, of their beliefs and customs, by word of mouth or example. And, with the desire that our generation pass on to the next, our culture, in whatever way our talents best serve the Lithuanian community, and our love for Lithuania.

Chairperson for this affair was Mrs. Joan Laframboise, assisted by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ruggles, Mr. & Mrs. Clement Picard, Mr. Albert Laframboise, Mrs. Delia Mikalis, Mrs. Viola Markoski, Mr. & Mrs. James Adamaitis, Jinx Bealieu and Mrs. Frank Pasternak.

Margaret Picard

C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS

Would you believe we've been so busy that we haven't had time to write... sound familiar? News follows on activities of the council on the hill.

A Harvest Dinner Dance (a first was held early in the fall at the Lith. Naturalization & Social Club) It turned out to be so enjoyable that we hope it will become an annual affair. Our energetic Social Chairlady, Dotty March, along with our Cultural Chairlady, Irena Tamulevich, went all out for the

affair. Ed decorated the hall with cornstalks, and Dotty's husband Bart, and children John & Linnie, picked and prepared all the pumpkins for centerpieces. The new caterer of the club, Aldona Sima-kauskas, with Mrs. Mary Lapinskas, put their talents together (their first party at the club) and prepared the beautiful Lith. dinner. (Mrs. Lapinskas is Mrs. Mildred Jagiella's mother. Millie is C-82 Pres. of Gary, Ind.). The Polka Giants Band led by Joseph Duhammel (his mother is a lietuvaitė) played. Our wonderful neighbors from C-103, Providence, R.I., 45 miles away, came in full force. A busload of 49 people arrived, with a few coming by car. The presence of the Mayor of Worcester, the Honorable Thomas J. Early, and his lovely wife, the former Rita Andrews (Andrulis), certainly added to the success of this affair. We thank everyone who helped to make this event such a memorable one.

The Lithuanian people of Worcester can certainly be proud of their Mayor, not only because his wife is Lithuanian, but that they are both very active in the Lith. community and have always responded to the needs of the Lith. people. To express our appreciation and to show him that we Lithuanians stood behind him in his recent re-election, our members with their parents, friends and visitors from C-26 attended a Lithuanian "coffee party" at the beautiful home of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Tamulevich in Paxton. We hope we helped somewhat in his re-election.

Our new President's first duty and a very pleasant one was to present Tony Miner with a Lith. Wayside Cross as a token of our council's appreciation for the years he was our president. We thank Ed Tamulevich who made the beautiful cross.

A Cultural Evening was held in December, and was opened to the parishioners. There was a Lith. artifacts exhibit handled by Ann Miller; Irene Tamulevich showed everyone how to make the straw

Christmas decorations; Helen Daltwas sold cards, books, imported Lith. gifts and cook books; Dotty March was at the baked goods table; and Ann Yurkinas poured the coffee. Everything was sold out in a short time. All proceeds went toward the purchase of drapes for our church hall.

At our Christmas Party, Pres. Irene Tamulevich brought Christmas cards and everyone sent one to NIJOLĖ SADŪNAITĖ with either a Lithuanian or English note in the card. Since the address was a long complicated Russian one, Mary Duggan from C-26 offered to address them for us. (Mary took courses in the Russian language). Ačiū, Maryte.

We welcome our new and distinguished members: Wayne Rodwell is Commander of the Lith. War Vets, Tony Savage is on the Board of the Lith. Naturalization Club, and Aldona Lozoraitis is the proprietress of a soft beverage company. Her daughter Terry and husband are the parents of a beautiful baby girl.

An exhibit called "Last Stop Worcester" was on view at the Worcester Historical Society from Oct. thru March. A review of the exhibit was written up in the Worcester paper, and a Lith. costume was pictured. Although many nations were represented, the Lith's had the largest display. Our deepest thanks to Irene & Ed Tamulevich who put so much work into this exhibit.



Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Mrs. Helen Keblinsky and her daughters Mary Jo and Onute Greany on the passing of John Keblinsky. Also, our sincere condolences to Mrs. Irene Adamaitis and daughters Irene, Joan and Carol on the passing of John Adamaitis. We are so happy to hear that Dorothy Sinkavitch's mother and Joe Krasinskas are on the recovery list.

Our council was represented at the TV Mass in Boston. We thank C-17 for their Lithuanian hospitality.

Ed Tamulevich was elected Pres. of the Lith. Naturalization & Social Club by a landslide and was presented the Key to the City of Worcester by the Mayor. Congratulations, Ed. Mary & Vic Mrozinski (he is a Lt. in the Worcester Police Dept.) have returned from their annual trip to Florida. Their niece, Joyce Ostrowski, went along with them for a week, enjoying her first plane ride.

Dorothy March

C-1 - BROCKTON, MASS.

Sveiki Gyvi! Although the Blizzard of 78 stopped many people, it didn't have a chance against C-1. The Snowflake Ball went on as usual and was a great success. The hall was decorated beautifully by dance committee members Marytė Bizinkauskas and Ann Marie Statkus. Tasty refreshments were prepared and served by Frances and Susan Bumila and Mrs. Ann Statkus, which all enjoyed. Joyce Piscatelli and Doris Fralick were responsible for seeing that all seating arrangements were satisfactory. Ann Marie Statkus was in charge of seeing that each guest was seated at his appropriate table. With the help of her other usherettes and ushers, namely, Diane, Richard, Julie, and Charles Grauslys; Linda Francis, and Donna Mello, all went perfectly well.

Through Pat Achorn's Public Relations efforts, we were able to have so many guests. From the

amount of people in attendance, it was obvious to see that she did a good job. Helping Pat were Roni and Pete Bizinkauskas who were in charge of the program booklet, and Marion and Theresa Dillis, the door prizes. The one man ultimately responsible and part of every committee was Pres. John Tamoshunas. Without his constant help and reassurance, the Ball never would have been a success.

Among the guests at the Ball, we were thrilled to see Councilor "Bill" Moncevic, crutches and all, enjoying himself in the pleasant atmosphere created by Joe Paseika's Orchestra. Seated at the same table was past Natl. and Council Pres. Susan Boroskas who seemed to be feeling well after a very long illness. We saw many of our members at the Ball, but we always wonder where they are the rest of the year!

The week following the Ball was dedicated "Lithuanian Week", and, as usual, the K of L did their share. The front, outside display window of the Shawmut First County National Bank in downtown Brockton was meticulously decorated in a true Lithuanian motif by our members Mrs. Roni and Miss Verute Bizinkauskas, John Tamoshunas and K of L friend, Mrs. Liuda Senutienė. The display was written about in the Brockton Daily Newspaper and was chosen as "One of the things you MUST see in Brockton this week".

In addition to the display, Feb. 27 was designated as Vasario 16 in Brockton. Following the 10 a.m. Lithuanian High Mass, scores of cars decked lavishly with Lithuanian and American flags rode in a motorcade to Legion Parkway, a main thoroughfare through Brockton. Here, a flag raising ceremony took place and a temporary renaming of the street to Mindaugo Gatvė. The flag flew for seven consecutive days and nights, and the street carried its new name for the same length of time. Despite the fact of having been postponed for several weeks due to excessive snow, the presentation was fan-



C-1 Brockton, Mass. - Pres. John Tamoshunas and Committee Member Frances Bumila presenting to Rev. Peter Shakalis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church, a hand-painted portrait of St. Casimir which will be displayed at all parish functions. Portrait was painted by Athol artist, Mrs. Ida Waslaske.

tastically prepared and executed. At 3 p.m. that afternoon, a cultural program with speakers, dancers, and St. Casimir's Parish Choir under the direction of Julius Gaidelis, took place. The program was a perfect ending to such an important occasion.

No sooner had this project passed when our council finished preparing a special St. Casimir's Day program. Through the efforts of Frances Bumila and the council, we were able to present the parish with a portrait of St. Casimir to be displayed at all parish functions. Frances contacted an artist from Athol, Mrs. Ida Waslaske, and secured her talent in providing the parish with an item of special beauty which it did not have. The artist executed the painting from a reference print from the Carlo Dolci Pitt Gallery of Florence, Italy.

The day's celebration started with a 10 a.m. High Mass in Lithuanian and a procession of our members, the Brockton Council of the Lithuanian National Guard (Šiauliai), the Lithuanian Women's Alliance, (Moterų Sąjunga) and the newly founded St. Casimir Parish Color Guard. After the homily, Fr. Shakalis blessed the portrait which was unveiled by John Tamoshu-

nas. The parish choir sang and Maryte Bizinkauskas sang solo.

Fr. Anthony Jurgelaitis spoke quite eloquently about the impressions the artist tried to make. His command of the Lithuanian and English languages allowed all assembled to share Father's thoughts. Frances Bumila gave a brief history of how the portrait was secured and information about the artist. Father Shakalis, pastor and Spiritual Advisor, spoke briefly and thanked the council for their generous gift. Following the speeches came the viewing of the portrait and refreshments prepared by our members.

Lakštingalė

C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

What is your life like outside of your job of teacher, truck driver, salesman, postman, plumber, etc.? Do you read, see plays, listen to concerts, volunteer for parish projects, belong to organizations? A person needs to get out of his rut if he's to broaden himself. By doing so he makes himself more interesting to others and he gives himself a boost. Don't immerse yourself so deeply in your everyday routine that you don't go beyond it. Become active in the

Knights of Lithuania! It's a new season; you'll blossom with a new personality, and we'll all benefit.

Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, our Spiritual Director, conferred First Degrees upon Bill Karrytais, Peter & Donna Ivaska, Phyllis Morin, Agnes Law, Jack & Peggy (O'Toole) Kazlauskas, Sister M. Ignata SSC, and Sister M. Laurine SSC. The ritual took place on Mar. 5 during our St. Casimir Communion banquet held in the parish hall. Virginia Leleikis was chairman, assisted by Rasa & Ed Grigaitis (who both prepared the BALANDELES... some call them GOLUMPKIS) and Phyllis Morin. Among council members who sang the ALLELUIAS in the parish choir on Easter morning were Francis Degutis, Francis (Algis) Glodas, Walter Grimala, and Stephen Walinsky, Sr. And it was a very Happy Easter for the Racicots and the Carmodys because their parents, Bart & Marion March, survived an automobile accident which demolished their car. Bart was treated and released, while Marion was admitted for extensive injuries. Thank God, it's now just a memory and both are home feeling fine. They were returning from their Florida vacation and were in Virginia when the accident occurred. It was touch and go for awhile, but all's well that ends well.

Ann Bender, our council recording secretary, is also president of the St. Casimir's Sisters Auxiliary here in St. Casimir's parish. She planned this group's bus trip to Villa Joseph Marie in Newton, Pa. for the Sisters' annual convention the weekend of Apr. 22-23.

Rita Pinkus, our council president, was very busy making plans for the council's trip to New York City on May 6. Reservations were grabbed quickly for this almost-annual jaunt.

Anna Bacys was ill most of the winter, but it is good to report that she's feeling so much better now. It really is good to have the snow and ice and flu season behind us.

Apr. 30 was the day when the

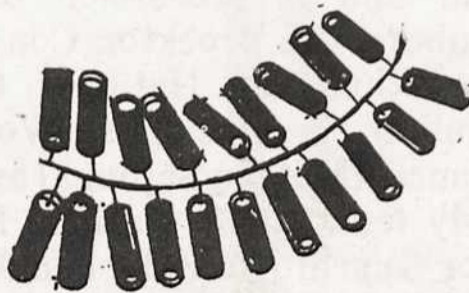
Brockton council and their pastor, Father Peter Shakalis, hosted the N.E.D. K of L Spring Convention. We all looked forward to this day of spiritual, business and social activity.

What do Messrs. Bender, Carmody, Godek, Gadilauskas, and Kazlauskas have in common? You've guessed it! Each is named JOHN! Happy feast day, gentlemen, on St. John's Day, June 24. And we greet all the fathers of our council on the occasion of Father's Day, June 18!

Our parish school, conducted by the Sisters of St. Casimir, is very dear to many of us. Compliments directed to this effort come out from time to time and we feel very proud each time, but here is something special which we would just love to propagate. We quote our pastor, Father Anthony J. Miciunas, MIC, in the parish bulletin of Apr. 2: "Congratulations to the fifth and sixth grade classes of St. Casimir School and their teacher, Sister M. Laurine, SSC, on winning a national essay contest sponsored by a Hampton, NH company. These two classes were the ONLY WINNERS IN CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS. They were among 50 WINNERS CHOSEN NATIONALLY from among 28,000 CONTESTANTS". That's right, 28,000 contestants! Reminds us of the lyrics of an old, old song: "Our hearts burst with pride as we stand side by side...". We congratulate our member, Sister Laurine, and her classes, all the Sisters, the pastor and his associate, who continue to work and sacrifice to keep this educational facility in operation.

Iki sekančio numerio, linkim visiems viso ko geriausio!

Dzūkelė



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

Council members commemorated the feast of their patron, St. Casimir, on Mar. 5. The membership marched behind the local Lith.-American Veteran's Post color guard into Holy Trinity Church. Before Mass, there was the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Mass was offered by pastor and council spiritual advisor, Msgr. John J. Scharnus. Msgr. Scharnus delivered an excellent sermon befitting the day, and stressed what St. Casimir means to the Lithuanian people, and particularly, to the K of L.

The St. Cecilia Choir, under the direction of organist Clement Bagdonavičius, sang during the Mass. Offertory gifts were carried to the altar by Mary Stonis and council Pres. Kazys Sipaila. During Mass, a hymn to St. Casimir was sung by the choir. Soloists were Danute Kiausaite and Mečislovas Razgaitis. At the conclusion of Mass, there was the singing of the K of L Hymn and the Lithuanian National Anthem.

The day's program continued in the parish hall where our council president acted as master of ceremonies. Invocation was offered by Msgr. Scharnus. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Francis I. Jaraska of Philadelphia, Pa., who was introduced by Frank Vaskas. Rev. Jaraska is assistant pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church in

Philadelphia, and advocate of the Archdiocese Tribunal in that city. Father was born across the river in Kearny, N.J., and his parents were united in marriage in Newark at Holy Trinity Church.

As in the past, our council has been favored with excellent speakers at our St. Casimir's Day commemorations. This year's speaker was no exception. Father Jaraska delivered an excellent discourse on his duties as advocate in the tribunal, and during the question-and-answer period, he handled in fine fashion questions which dealt with divorce, annulment, etc. Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Jaraska.

Eva Sharon was in charge of arrangements. We execute low bow in the direction of our two cooks, Marge and Walter, for the excellent repast served. A thank-you, too, to the color guard of the Lith.-American Veteran's Post for their participation.

Among those called on for a bow were the council's executive board, Hon. Member & Vytis Editor Loretta Stukas, and past council pres. Charles Strolis.

Excellent coverage was given the commemoration by the Jersey Journal Newspaper of Jersey City, N.J.

The Wanderer

C-3 - PHILADELPHIA, PA.

We'll commence our Council News from the first meeting of '78 hosted by Joseph Yanulaitis. Father Wassel, our Spiritual Director since October, has been joining us regularly at our meetings. We are grateful for his spiritual guidance and companionship. His spiritual topic at this meeting was the Sacrament of Baptism. He reminded us that Godparents have a serious spiritual obligation to make sure their Godchildren are brought up properly in the Catholic Faith, while pointing out the other aspects of this Sacrament.

Our council is officially registered to present the Lithuanian



Mary Kuchinkas, member of C-110 Maspeth, N.Y. celebrating her 80th birthday. The family members shown represent 4 generations and all are C-110 K of Lers. First row, l to r: Helen & Albert Kuchinkas, Mary, Ann Sidtis, Edward Kuchinkas. Standing: Matthew, Philip & Marian Skabekis, Jean & Stephen Kuchinkas, Barbara, John & Bill Sidtis

(Photo taken by John Sidtis, C-110)

Cultural Booth at the Philadelphia International Folk Fair. Our committee, Joe Yanulaitis, Dianne & Joe Drumstas and Tony Burch, have many good ideas to implement the theme of this year's Fair - "What the Immigrants have Contributed to the United States".

Walt Svekla reported that the Christmas Social, a smorgasbord dinner and show at the Ramada Inn, was a smashing success for the 23 people who attended. This was indeed a nice get-together for the council members and our Bazaar helpers.

Our February meeting was held at the home of Irene Ozalis who is always a delightful hostess. Pres. Dianne Drumstas did a good job of conducting the full schedule of business in a minimum amount of time. This was appreciated by everyone, especially Julian Greymas. Alberta Weigand had several new items to show us which will become part of the line of "Lithuanian Sales Department". Alberta was chairman of our October Lithuanian Bazaar which seems to generate a nice business throughout the year. Our thanks to her for the continuing effort and enormous

amount of time she puts into this project.

We commemorated St. Casimir's Feast Day by attending Mass and hosting a luncheon immediately afterwards for about 150 guests. Everyone seemed to enjoy the full-course catered lunch and the fine program. Our Committee, consisting of John Mickunas, Alberta Weigand, Tony Burch, Dianne Drumstas and Irene Timinskis, under the leadership of Joe Drumstas, did a praiseworthy job. There were two notable highlights of the program: 1st - the awarding of the 4th Degree to John Mickunas and Alberta Weigand. Congratulations to both of you. We are proud to have you as part of our council. 2nd - the presentation of a fine selection of Lithuanian books to St. Casimir's School Library. Our thanks to Walt Svekla for being Master of Ceremonies, to Alberta Weigand for the Lith. sales table, to Irene Svekla for making the Lith. wet doll, and to all the girls who baked cakes.

The second Bowling Social was another fun night. Chuck Weigand, Julian Greymas and Joe Drumstas

really know how to knock those pins down.

Easter was a rainy day hereabouts - but no matter. We renewed our faith and joy in the Risen Christ, enjoyed the Easter Bunny's visit, and let the eggnot dampen our spirits instead of the weather.

Skamba

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

During the 5 P.M. Mass on Feb. 18, Amsterdam Liths. observed the 60th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's Independence. At the Offertory of the Mass, K of L representatives Mrs. Polly Ziausys and Miss Genevieve Gobis dressed in their national dress, and Mr. Anthony J. Radzevich and Mrs. Nellie Liberis brought up the gifts. Rev. Casimir Pugevičius, National Chairman of the K of L's Lithuanian Affairs Committee was the homilist. The church choir with organist John Nye sang Lithuanian religious songs.

A dinner and program sponsored by Council 100 of the K of L followed in the Social Center with 150 people attending. Guests attended from Brooklyn, Albany, Syracuse, Watervliet, Schenectady, Gloversville and Latham.

Rev. Robert K. Baltch gave the invocation. President Anthony J. Radzevich greeted the guests and he concluded his message stressing the fact that the free people of the whole world should continue their efforts in aiding Lithuania's fight for freedom as well as all other subjugated nations. Rev. Bernard Gustas was the toastmaster. Following the dinner, Rev. Anthony Grigaitis gave the benediction.

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton made a brief appearance and announced to the audience that he gave his message on Lithuania's 60th anniversary on February 16 in the House of Representatives. The congressman complimented the tenacious spirit of the Lithuanians in keeping and propagating their customs, language and traditions while being subjugated by the Soviet oppressors.

Miss Gene Gobis read the original proclamations by Governor Hugh L. Carey and Mayor John P. Gomulka proclaiming February 16 as Lithuanian Day in New York State and in the City of Amsterdam. She also stated that the Lithuanian flag together with the American flag flew over City Hall on February 16, and that on that day the Junior K of L's had an exhibit in the courtyard of the Amsterdam Mall, "A Glimpse of Lithuania".

Rev. Gustas introduced the principal speaker, Executive Director of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Rev. Casimir Pugevičius, Brooklyn, N.Y. The main issue of his speech was human rights and the fact that the Soviets are denying them to the Lithuanians as well as the other oppressed nations. He brought an original Chronicle of the Lithuanian Catholic Church, compiled secretly by religious Lithuanians which somehow reached the United States. Everyone had the opportunity to leaf through the precious booklet. Copies of the Chronicle, he said, were printed and distributed to the vast public.

The special feature of the



Concert accordionist, C. Dauber.



C-100: Congressman S. Stratton, Gene Gobis, Rev. Pugevičius.



C-100 Feb. 18 Dinner; Rev. Pugevičius, Rev. Grigaitis, and M.C. Rev. Gustas.

evening was a concert by the talented accordionist, Charles (Chuck) Dauber, Philadelphia, PA. His performance was sensational and he showed his superior ability in handling the accordion.

Master of ceremonies Rev. Gustas recognized the clergy present, Rev. Matthew Cyvas, Rev. Joseph Grabys, Rev. Peter Jonaitis, Rev. Alphonse Petraitis and Brother Petkevicius. President of Council 147 Syracuse, Frank Petrauskas invited everyone to attend the National Convention which will be held in Syracuse this year, August 16-20 at the Hotel Syracuse.

General Chairman of the event was Anthony J. Radzevich. Mrs. Elizabeth Kuzmich and Mrs. Judy Kastravickas prepared the program cover. Also participating were Mrs. Sophie Olbie and Miss G. Gobis ticket committee; the hors d'oeuvres committee Miss Mary Stanionis, Mrs. Polly Ziausys, Mrs. Helen Wojcik, Mrs. Judy Kastravickas; and Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Mrs. Ann Radzevich, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sargalis, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Liberis, Mr. William Liberis, Mr. Leo Dansevitch, Mr. Peter Hayes, and Mr. Charles Karbocius.

Others recognized for their contributions were Mrs. Louise Kerbelis, Mr. John Whelly, Mrs. Annacetta Guzielek, Mrs. Mary Sweet, Mrs. Helen Dylong, Mrs. Helen Hugo, Mr. Edward Barauskas, and Mr. Vincent Dargush.

A snowfall again preceded our February 6th meeting, but we struggled through the snow to make this important gathering.

Mirga Bablin who chaired the March 5th Communion Brunch reported that the brunch would be served at the Tee Pee Restaurant immediately after the 10:30 Mass. Also added to her committee were Judy Kastravickas, Helen Wojcik, and Betty Kuzmich.

Rev. Baltch received a beautiful card from the members together with a special poem written by Polly Ziausys in honor of his

February 17 birthday. The gourmet refreshment committee included Ann Radzevich who made the birthday cake. Fran DiBart, Annacetta Guzielek, Josephine Redding, Virginia Valikonis, Mildred Whelly, and Polly Ziausys. As the birthday cake was brought out, the members burst out in song wishing Father many, many more happy and healthy birthdays.

NEWS BITS. Get well wishes to Don Nikstenas who recently underwent surgery. Also, it's good to see Regina Kot up and about after her hospitalization.

The sudden passing of Joseph Radzevich, brother of our President Anthony Radzevich and of our members Helen Radzevich and Ann Czerw and brother-in-law of Ann Radzevich has left a big empty spot in their lives. May his soul rest in peace eternally!

Our deepest sympathies to Regina Kot and John Gerutis (past C-100 president) in the recent loss of their beloved father, Jonas Gerutis. Prior to World War II, Mr. Gerutis had represented the Lithuanian government as ambassador to Latvia.

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Highlights of our February council meeting were the awarding of First Degrees to some of our newest members. Receiving the honor were Beatrice & Joseph Romeika, Albert & Betty Janonis, Stanley & Aldona Jackevich, Dale Bulovicus, Vincent Gendvilas and Julia Gomes.

Following the St. Casimir day's Mass and Communion breakfast, First Degrees were bestowed on Makalina Baltadonis, Josephine Katkus, Anna Lukscha, Susan Meschis, and Dorothy & Vincent Mascola. Elevated to the Second Degree were Anthony & Kazimiera Yacavonis, Barbara & Michael Kartanawicz, Charles & Barbara Pupelis, Jeanne Janonis, Ellen Muske and Millie Pascacimis.

Our council was well represented at the Anthracite C-144 get-

together in Shenandoah, Pa. Among those attending were our President Helen Matthews, Millie Pietz, Larry & Jeanne Janonis, Joseph & Jovita Sleder, Anthony & Kazimiera Jacavonis, Walter & Helen Yurkus, Joseph Boley, Helen Shields and Joseph Kscenaitis. In a special ceremony, Third Degrees were awarded to two of our esteemed council members. Walter Yurkus and Al Monckawitch. Our group came back with glowing reports of the hospitality, enthusiasm and good fellowship of their hosts, the fine Pennsylvania people.

Anthony & Kazimiera Yacavonis are planning another mini-vacation to several European cities with the accent on the French capital. It must be true that there's nothing like Paris in the Spring.

Matty Yatkuskas, a virtuoso in the music field, gave an organ recital in an upper Manhattan church recently. It was well received. Matty formerly was the organist at Our Lady of Vilnius church.

Millie Pietz had a pleasant tropical vacation in Hawaii. Unfortunately, she came back home just in time for the worst snowstorm New York has had in 30 years.

Julia Gomes became a grandmother again, courtesy of her daughter in Connecticut. Mother, father and infant are all doing well.

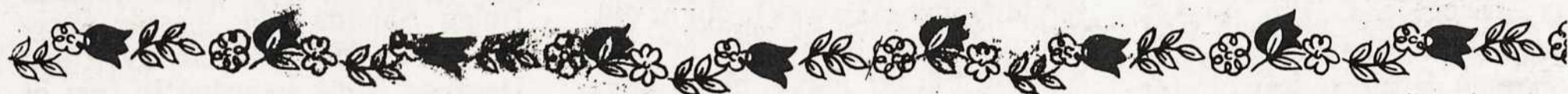
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IN MEMORIAM

**Please remember
in your prayers...**

**JOHN KEBLINSKY
Member C-116
Worcester, Mass.
died April, 1978**

**RIMA UTARIENE
Member C-36 and
K of L Choir
Chicago, Ill.
died May, 1978**

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A.M. Golf Tournament or
Sightseeing Tour of Syracuse Area
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