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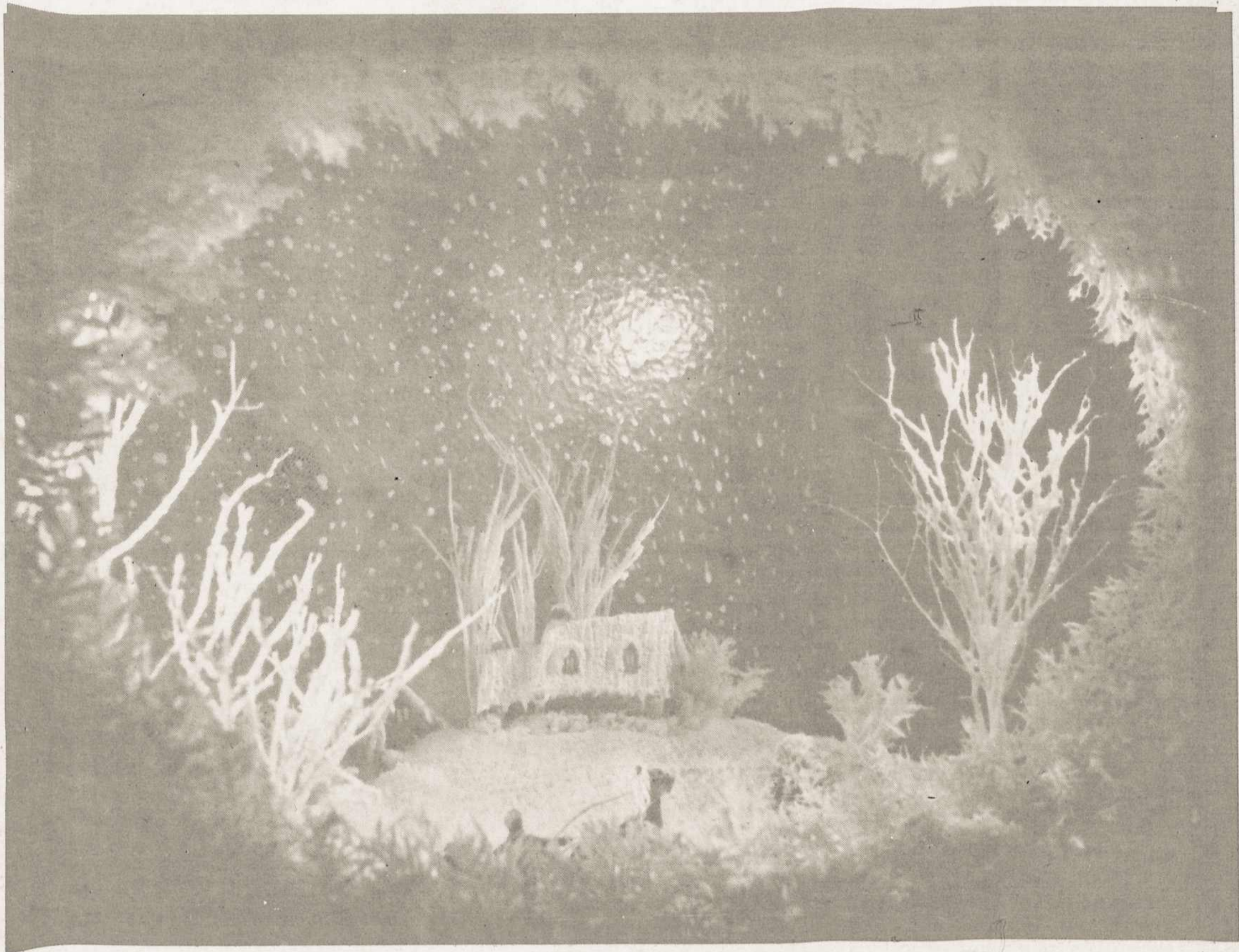


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# GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!"

## — WHAT'S GLORY?

The first Christmas angelic choirs shattered the stillness of that memorable night illuminated by the brilliant star with an eternally jubilant hymn: "Glory, glory, glory to God!" to which they added "and peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests".

The astounded shepherds on the Bethlehem hillsides rubbed their eyes and cupped their ears in joyous delight at the dazzling sight and heavenly sounds. The nearby villagers, sleepy-eyed, crawled out of their beds and peered through the windows. They heard the melody, they understood the words, but the full meaning of the event did not penetrate their sleepy minds. It was only after the angel had told the shepherds: "I come to proclaim good news to you — tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people. This day in David's city a savior has been born to you, the Messiah, the Lord" — and the shepherds explained this to the villagers, that they began to realize what had just taken place.

"Glory, glory, glory to God" the angels sang and soon everyone who heard was joining in the refrain. It must have been a very captivating tune.

The words of the angels were mysterious. What was this "glory" they were singing to God? The people of Bethlehem understood that the angels were praising God and that they, too, were joining the angels in worship. But they sensed that there was more to "glory" than this. And they were right.

Glory is more than simple praise. It is knowledge, clear knowledge, drenched and per-

meated with praise. In its highest, most perfect form glory is found in God — the clearest knowledge of Himself and of all things coupled with infinite and sublime praise. Glory is the activity of the Most Holy Trinity in which God the Father in a mysterious act of knowing Himself conceives the Word, His only begotten Son, whose clear, perfect knowledge of the Father gives perfect praise and this glorifies the Father. This glory is continued in the mutual love of the Father and Son which is the Holy Spirit.

God's own glory is his Eternal unchanging happiness.

Now, please read the next few lines slowly and thoughtfully, because here is where YOU come into the realm of "clear-knowledge-with-praise". Through a free act of merciful love God decided to share His glory with all mankind in a very special way. I say "in a very special way", because all of God's creation serves to give glory — a clearer knowledge of things that lead to praise of God — but

minerals, plants and animals do not know they glorify God. Only angels and human beings can know that they know God and can spontaneously praise Him. This mysterious and amazing power to know God and to love Him and praise Him in a manner similar to the way in which He knows and loves and praises Himself comes to men and women through Baptism, which gives sanctifying grace, which, in turn is the source, the seed of glory, which is destined to come to full bloom only in Heaven. God's grace leads to God's glory. If you do not possess grace, if you do not die in the state of grace, you will not participate in "clear-knowledge-of-God-with-praise".

"The tidings of great joy", the fact that "a savior has been born to you, the Messiah, the Lord", signifies the most startling, the most unbelievable revelation of God's glorious truth, the most joyful, uplifting and enlightening clear knowledge which causes an explosive outburst of praise.

Today, Christmas, 1978, we do





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not hear the angels' voices, but we are still moved by their invitation to open our minds and hearts to the self-same "clear-knowledge-with-praise". The basic ingredient of today's Christmas, just as it was on the first Noel, is God's revelation of His only Son as Savior of mankind and the knowledge that God is Emmanuel — "God with us".

Our only adequate response must be total acceptance, belief and giving praise to the All Good God and to His Son and to His Spirit of Love.

The Son of God within the Blessed Trinity gives glory to God from endless Eternity. Gently stepping into the world in human, baby form in Bethlehem, He continued to glorify His Father as God-Man, and during His life on earth He taught and showed us how to give glory to the Father through our knowledge gained through Faith and Love and the experience of Grace gained through the Sacraments in our daily lives. He stressed again and again that the highest reason, the only reason, for our being on earth is the search for an ever clearer knowledge of God in this life to prepare ourselves for the ever-



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lasting happiness of praising God in Heaven.

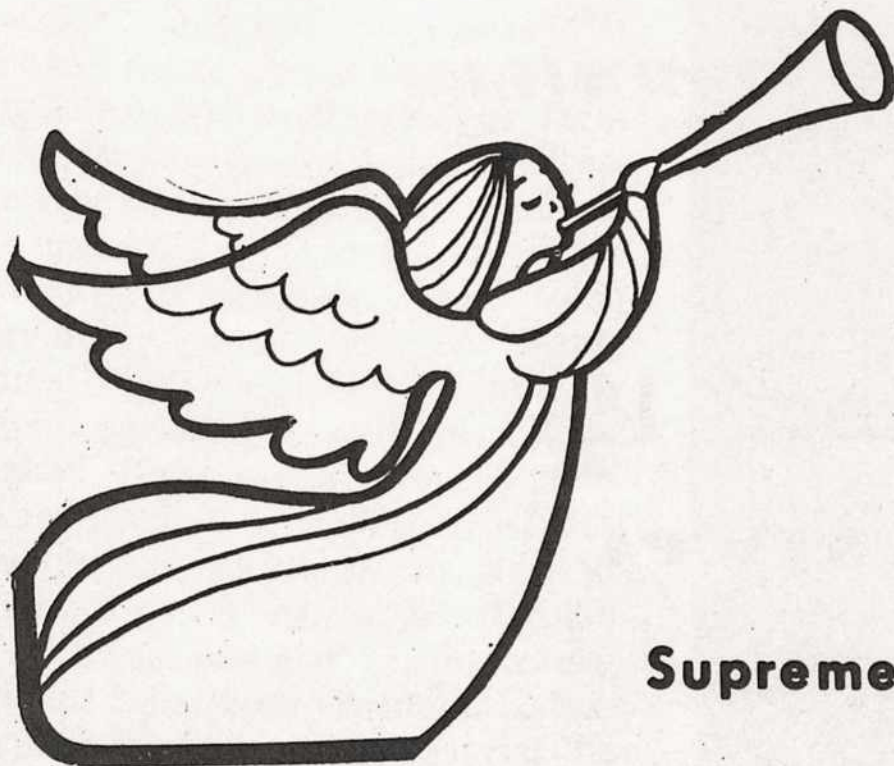
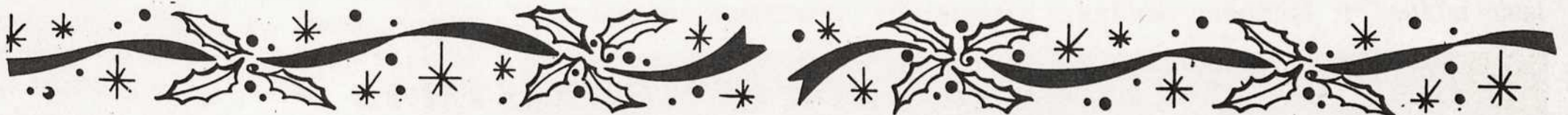
Every Christmas is a challenge to us to take up the search more boldly, more courageously, more obediently to the Word of God. If we search diligently, we shall find that clearer knowledge of God, and if we know God better, we shall praise Him with enthusiasm and joy.

That's what "glory" means.

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May all Knights of Lithuania, their families and loved ones this Christmas share more fully and joyously God's glory revealed in the Birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

Fr. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.  
Supreme Council Spiritual  
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May the  
peace of Christmas  
always be with you

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**“MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD ALL THE EARTH”**  
**Ps. 98:4**



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## NĖRA VIETOS...

Stasys Vaičaitis

**B**aigiasi ilga varginanti kelionė. Po daugelio metų, grįžtu į gimtinę, kur mažas augau, su draugais žaidžiau ir mokiausi. Išdirbęs trejetą dešimtmečių svetur, dabar pasėjęs ir kiek palinkęs, Kalėdų išvakarėse važiuoju į jaunų dienų miestelį. Iš anksto laišku užsisakiau ir išsinuomojau vietą vyresnio amžiaus žmonėms statytame daugiabutyje, kur tikiuosi poilsyje praleisti likusias gyvenimo dienas. Pakelėje sutikau bendrakeleivį, kuris irgi važiuoja į manąjį miestelį. Sakosi seniau kadaise čia gyvenęs ir turėjęs daug brangių draugų. Negalėję būti taip jau labai seniai, nes atrodo vyras pačiame subrendime ir stiprume.

Sustoja autobusas ir davažiavę kelionės galą išlipame. Tartum būtume susitarę, abu žygiuojame į gatvę kartu. Išėję iš stoties, atsikvepiame tyresniu oru ir prasi-blaiivome. Nors Kalėdų išvakarės, tačiau nei vienas nei antras nejučiam spaudžiamo reikalo skubėti it turėtume kur pribūti nustatytą akimirką. Aš nešuosiu du lagaminėlius, o draugas eina tuščiom. Pasukam į pagrindinę gatvę ir žado netekę stebimės neišpasakytu grožiu. Visur blizga kalėdiniai papuošalai, žėri įvairiaspalvės šviesos, į stulpus įkeltos žalios eglaitės, virš gatvės siūbuoja laurų pynės, ir iš garsintuvų sklinda kalėdinės giesmės ir muzika. Nieko tokio žavinčio niekad nebuvo šiame miestelyje vaikystės laikais ir nieko panašaus nesitikėjau užtikti dabar. Kaip svetima visa atrodo. Abu stovime apstulbę ir užburti gėrimės stebėtinu grožiu. Nėra ko kalbėti — tik žiūrėk ir džiaukis. Tiek naujų pastatų, gražių krautuvių su išpuoštom vitrinom. Gatvės lygiai išgrįstos, o šaligatviai betonu išlieti. Argi čia mano gimtasis

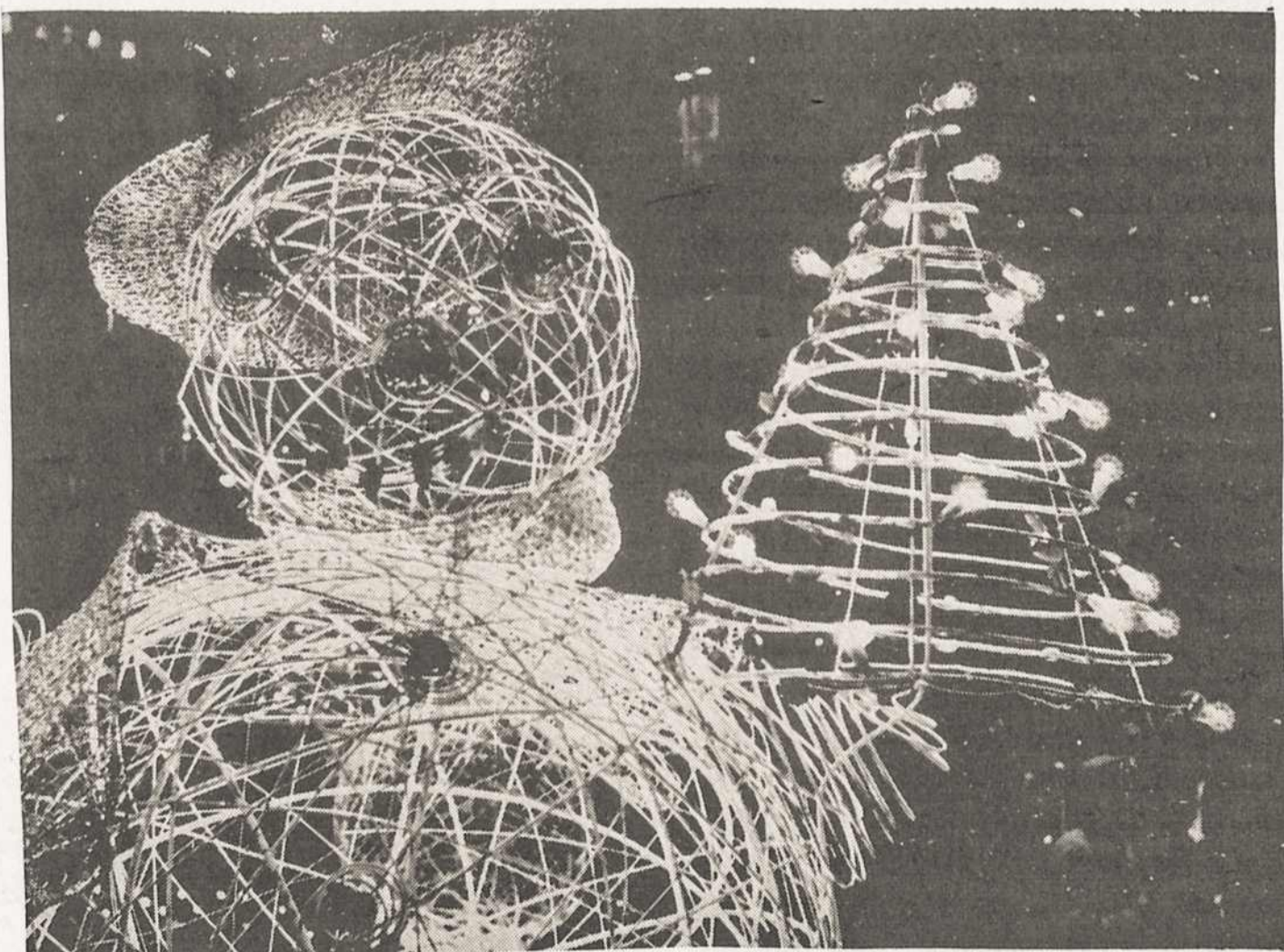
miestas? Gal užsnūdome ir sapnuojame? Kaip patekome į šią pasakų vietovę? Sunku tikėti akimis. Mašinos, viena kitą lenkdamos, skuba į visas puses vos susilaikydamos stabtelėti prie eismo šviesų. Girdisi birbtelėjimai perspėdami pėsčiom einančius saugotis ir pasitraukti iš kelio. Ir tų žmonių! Niekad tiek jų nebuvo. Manytum didmiestis. Argi jie visi čia gyvena ar suvažiavo iš viso krašto Kalėdas čia švęsti? Visi skuba, pustekini bėga. Nekantraujantieji ištiesę kaklus, stiebiasi ieškodami, kur lengviau prasiskinti kelią. Atsimušinėja į praeivius ir net neatsiprašinėja. Veidai rimti, įtempti, suraukti. Kartais girdėti greitas — Linksmų švenčių! — burbtelėjimas ir staigiai pasirodžiusi dirbtinė šypsena veikia išnyksta. Glėbiai pilni našulių. Blizgančiame popieriuje rūpestingai įvyniotos dėžės, perrištos plačiais raudonais kaspinais, tikriausiai

slepia Kalėdoms dovanas namiškiams, mylimiesiems, giminėms ir draugams.

Pradeda snaigioti. Smulktės snaigės it švytinčios stiklinės dulkės žaisdamos skraido pro šviesas ir nepajėgia apsispręsti ant kurio vainiko ar eglaitės pagaliau nutūpti. Leidžiasi iš dangaus širdį guodžianti tyla linkėdama visai žmonijai taikos ir ramybės.

Prieiname mano gatvę ir atsiprašydamas kelionės draugą buvau besukas į dešinę. Palinkiu Linksmų Kalėdų ir žadu žengti savo keliu vienas.

— Palauk, — sulaiko keleivis, — gal parodytum, kuria kryptimi yra vietinė šventovė? Viskas taip pasikeitę, sunku susigaudyti. Berods, pirmiau šioje vietoje nebuvo šio tilto ir viršum jo šešių eilių greitkelio. Gatvė buvo nusodinta klevais ir liepomis, o dabar — nė jokio medelio. Namai kadaise buvo kuklūs, mediniai ir jaukiai susi-



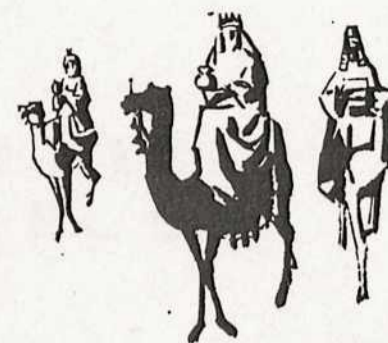


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— Vietinė ir vienintelė šventovė man pakeliui, — paaiškinu, — ir mielai palydėsiu.

Visą kelionę mano draugas buvo santūrus ir nelinkęs į tuščiažodžiamą. Kantriai išklausęs mano tauškėjimų, visad mandagiai atsakinėdavo į mano klausimus ir teiravimąsi. Balsas buvo skambus ir tvirtas, žodžiai parinkti ir ryškūs, o mintys aiškios ir turiningos. Po trumpo paaiškinimo, kartais atsakydavo į mano klausimą kitu klausimu. Tokiais atvejais abu nutildavome ir aš paskėsdavau savose mintyse.

Snaigės stambėja, tačiau vis nėsiliauja žaidusios. Laisvos, be jokių rūpesčių, jos blaškosi tykiam ore kaip mažyčiai balti drugeliai. Mašinos retėja gatvėse ir jų užimas ne toks garsus ir erzinas. Žmonių vis rečiau sutinkama

einant ar praeinant; tik seneliai ir lėčiau žengiantieji pasiliko kelionėse į namus. Miestelis rimsta. Darosi kiek šalčiau ir sniegas girgžda kojų mindžiojamas.



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— Įdomu, kas čia gyvena? — paklausia mano draugas.

Prieiname tikrai erdvius namus ir, valandėlei sustoję, stebimės kvapą užimančia prabanga. Turtingesnių namų be abejonės šiame miestelyje negali būti. Abiejuose tako į namus pusėse, stovi dvaukštos eglės, apščiai išvedžiotos elektrinėmis lempomis. Sniegas dengdamas šakas padidina skleidžiamą šviesą. Baltos, plačios durys skaisčiai apšviestos ir išpuoštos dideliu kalėdiniu vainiku su įmantriai užrištu kaspinu. Visuose rūmų languose dega baltos žvakės su raudonomis lemputėmis. Pro platų seklyčios langą matosi labai linksmi nusiteikę žmonės. Įjungtos televizijos plačiame ekrane gieda išprausti, sušukuoti, baltose sukramolytose kamžose berniukai giesmininkai, tačiau niekas nekrepia į juos dėmesio ir jų giedojimo neklauso.

— Negalėčiau, brangusis, pasa-



kyti, kas čia gyvena. Mano diomis nebuvo tokių turtingų žmonių.

— Sprendžiant iš lauko, atrodo, kad džiaugsmo pilni namai, — pastebi draugas. — Linkėčiau, kad tai būtų širdžių gelmių tikras atgarsis.

Prieinam gretimus kaimynus ir vėl stebime išorinius draugiškumo ir meilės reiškinius. Kvatojimai, rankų mostai, tapšnojimai per pečius, apsikabinėjimai, bučiavimaisi. Pakartotinai pripilamos taurelės, kurios netrukus išlenkiamos iki paskutinio lašo. Jau kai kurie svyruoja ir nepajėgia išlaikyti neišlieję taurelių ir nevisad pataiko 'į pakalnę'. Po eglaitė kalnas kalėdinių dėžių ir ryšulių. Meilė, gera valia, sutarimas ir sugyvenimas sunkiasi iš visų nuotikos kaip tirštas medus iš pilno korio.

Mano draugas tuomi pilnai netiki ir trumpai prataria, — Veidrodis nepajėgia išryškinti tikrus sielos jausmus.

Treti ir ketvirti namai mažai kuo skiriasi nuo pirmųjų. Visi sveikinasi ir linki linksmų švenčių. Skersai gatvę irgi žmonėjimasis, linkminimasis, pokyliavimas. Toliau, kiek akis užmato, gatvė švyti šviesomis, žėri eglaitėmis, spindi blizgučiais.

Užburti tokio nematyto grožio, beveik pražiopsojome šventovę ir šalia stovinčią kleboniją. Vaizdas nesuderinamas su esama aplinka. Šie pastatai apšepę, tamsūs, liūdni, tylūs. Tartum susigėdę, jie pasitraukė toliau nuo kelio ir susigūžę vieniši tūno šešėliuose. Nesimato jokio gyvybės ženklo. Nėra jokių puošmenų, eglaičių, vainikų ar

šviesų. Seniau kritęs sniegas liudija, kad niekas šventovės nelanko. Takai ir laiptai nenukasti. Nėra pėdų ir iš šventoriaus. Kai kurios klebonijos langinės pakrypusios ir gūdžiai cypia vėjo varstomos. Vienur, kitur išmuštas langas. Atkėlė šventoriaus vartelius, einame tolyn. Atsargiai užkopę laiptais, randame duris užrakintas ir skersai užkaltą storą lentą. Prie lentos

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Mano draugo ramų veidą regimai užlieja skausmas ir liūdesys. Atsigręžę, lėtais žingsniais grįžtame į gatvės šviesą ir jo akyse pamatau besiveržiančią ašarą. Širdį užlieja gilios užuojautos banga. Noriu paguosti šį jautrų žmogų ką tik pergyvenusį aiškų apsvylimą ir sukrėtimą. Nerandu žodžių. Jaučiuosi visiškai bejėgis. Atspėdamas mano mintis, jis uždeda ranką ant mano peties ir ramindamas taria:

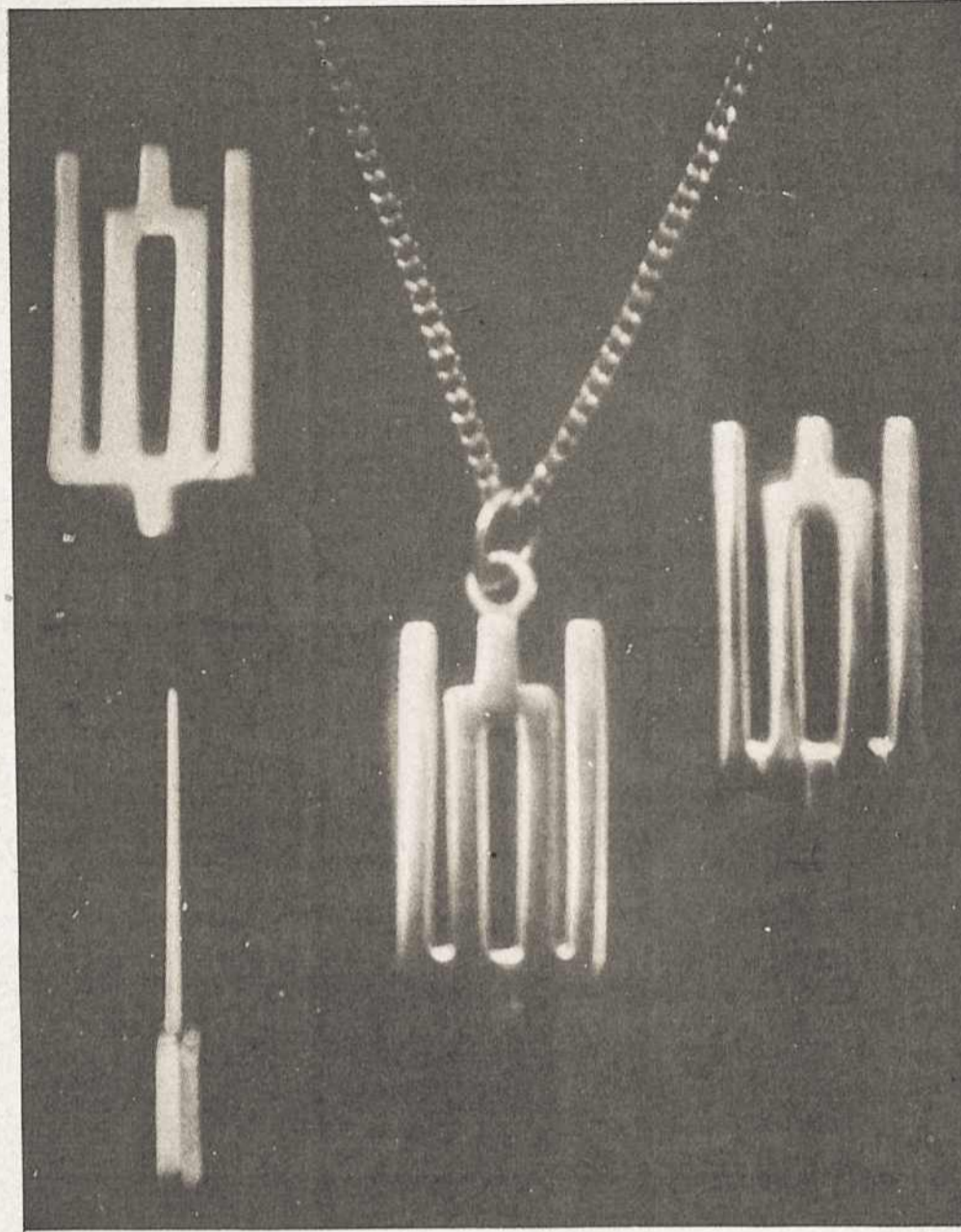
— Nesijaudink ir nesisielok. Pasaulis mažai keičiasi. Mano tėvams ir man aną naktį taipgi nebuvo vietos užėjoje.

Palikdamas mane sumišusi stovinti vieną prie atkeltų vartelių, mano neatpažintas Draugas tolsta jau tirštai krintančiame sniege ir netrukus visai išnyksta nakties glūdumoje.



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## THE BEARERS OF



## IFTS

by

Aldona Ryan

Thousands of years ago, it became the custom to give gifts during a certain time of the year. In those days, the climate was somewhat warmer than it is now and the most popular time for gift-giving was during the time of the winter Solstice. When the days were short and the nights were long, men took time for being kind.

The ancient people, though ignorant as compared to the standards of today, devised rituals and imaginative schemes for giving gifts. These plans always included a bearer.

Down through the ages, the rites changed but the basic principle remained the same. Thus it is that — with Christmas — we have gift-giving and Santa Claus.

The ancient Romans held a great feast in honor of their god, Saturn, and during "Saturnalia", houses were decorated and gifts were given.

The Scandinavians held a festival in honor of their god, Thor, in which a huge log was burned in the fireplace and it was called a "yule log".

"Makara Sankranti" is an ancient festival of the winter Solstice that lasts for three days in India. Sweet cakes that contain sesame seeds and brown sugar are given to friends with this greeting, "Eat this sweet cake and speak sweetly to me".

Another ancient winter festival is the Chinese celebration of New Years. The festival lasts two weeks. A great parade is held on the third day and at this time children go from house to house singing, "May joy be with you". They are rewarded with rice cakes and oranges.

Legend says that an old witch-like woman, dressed in black clothes and carrying a broom, went looking for the Christ Child but delayed too long and did not find Him. She is called "Befana" and to this day, she roams the streets of Italy during the week of "The Three Kings" and puts presents into the pockets of children.

The Armenians are visited by "Gaghant Bab" on New Years Day and are given presents of candy and fruit.

Other female gift-bearers included a white-robed girl "Kolyada" and old "Baboushka" of Russia.

Since the birth of Christ, there have always been male gift-bearers. Some were relics of the old Druid sun-rite priests. Others suggest Baal-Hammon — a ram-horned god — or the German Pelz-Nickel. All of these were fearsome creatures.



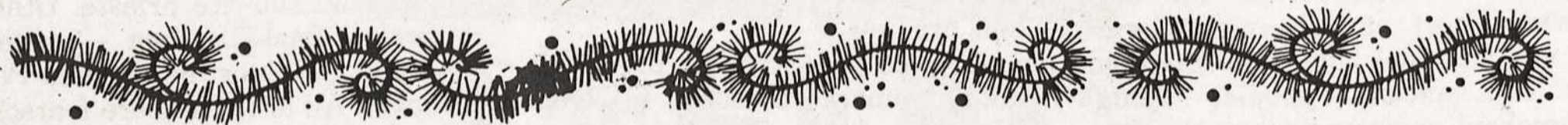
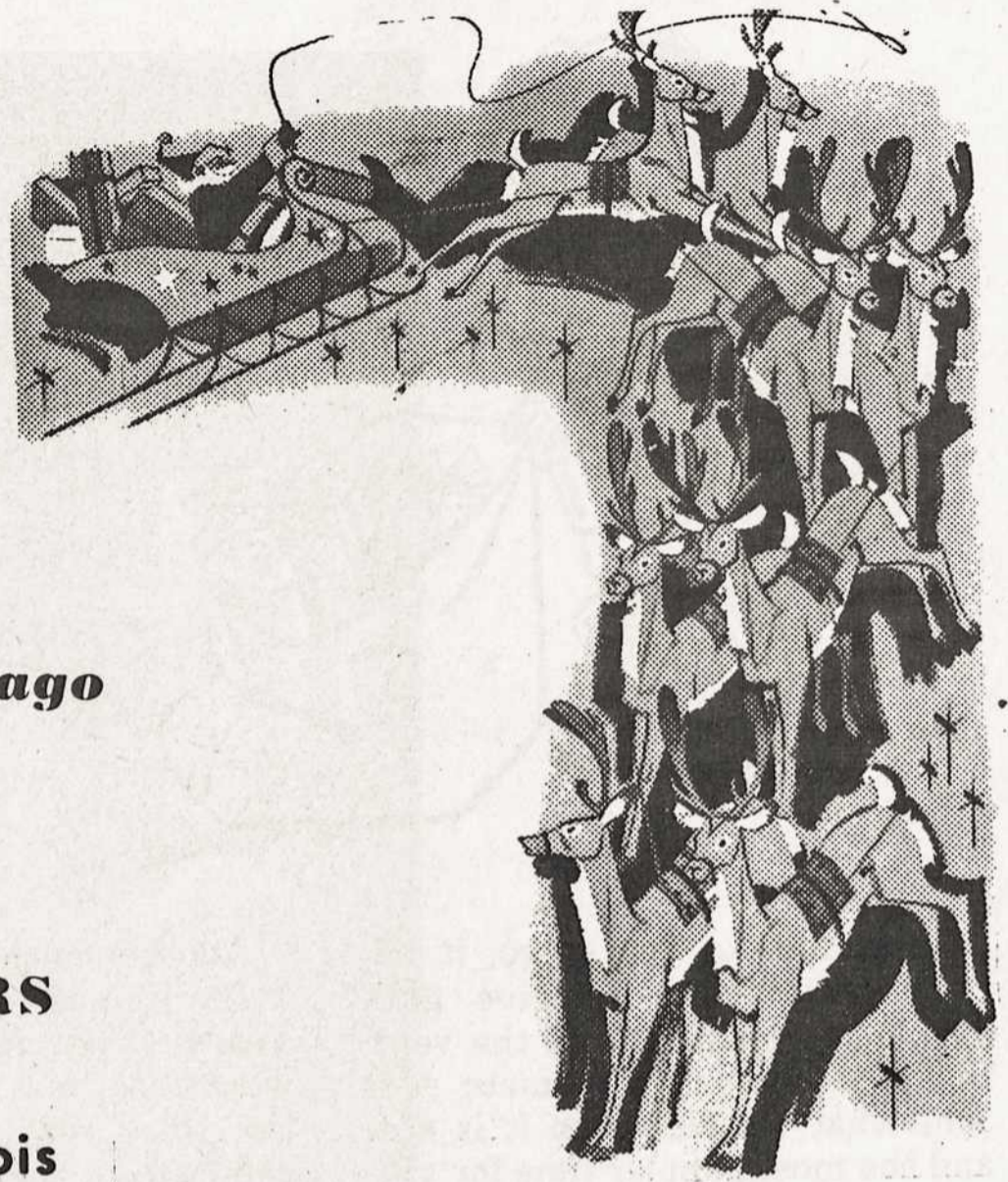
Little elf-type men play a part in the Christmas celebrations in north European countries. These little sprites have long beards and wear red caps. In Norway, they are called "Julenisse". The Swedes call them "Jultomten" and in Denmark their name is "Nisse". They bring toys for good children. "Joukukupukki" is the Finnish elf but he appears dressed as a goat.

Father Christmas, similar to the French "Pere Noel" and the

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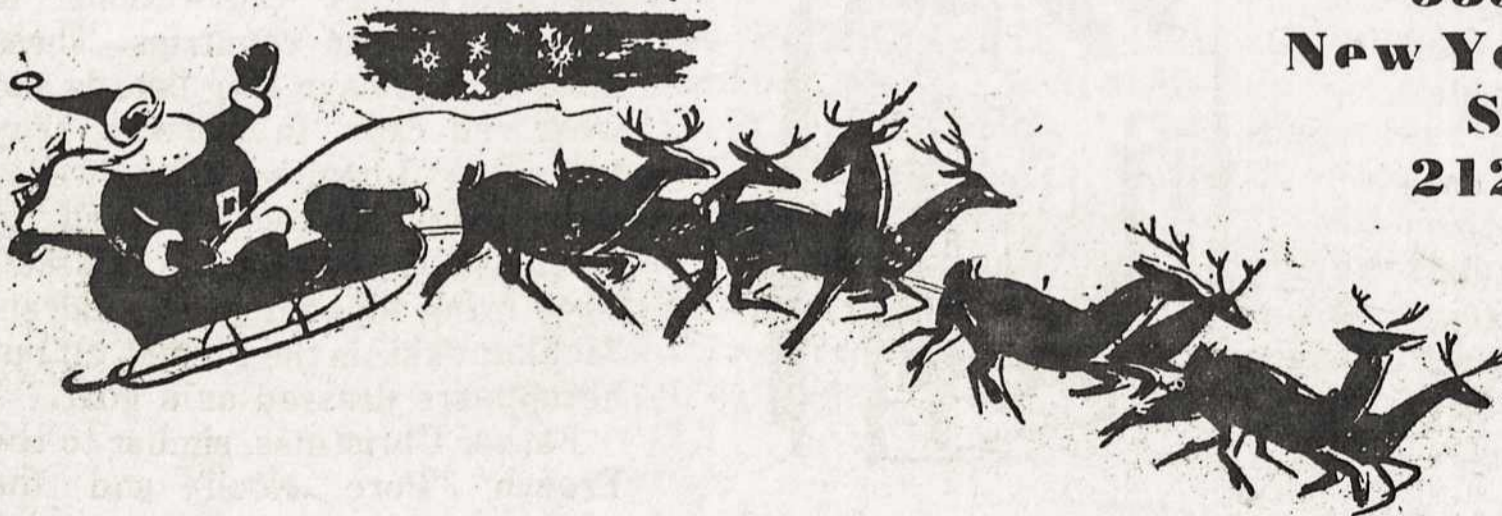
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Finnish "Ukko", is popular in many countries including Finland, Canada, Australia and France.

In Lithuania, the old man of Christmas was known as "Kalėda". He appeared as a bearded, hunch-backed, kindly man dressed in a white sheepskin coat and hat and carrying a bag of harvest-type gifts. He went from door to door on Christmas Eve.

During the fourth century, St. Nicholas was born in Patara near Myra near the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

He was a pious youth and legend states that, by throwing bags of gold through the window of a poor man, he saved the lives of the three daughters who would have been sold into slavery or prostitution. The gold became their dowry money. Because of this act, he became the Patron Saint of bankers and pawnbrokers who still display three gold balls as symbols of their profession.

St. Nicholas was ordained as a priest at the age of 19. Shortly after that, he saved a boat from sinking by calming the storm and also revived a sailor. On a later journey, a ship lost its rudder but found its way directly to Myra through the divine intervention of prayers by St. Nicholas. He is known as the Patron Saint of seamen because of these and other sea-legends.

He is also credited with saving the lives of three children by putting them back together after they had been cut up and giving them life by prayer. He became associated with children after that.

He was ordained the Bishop of Myra and later saved the lives of three falsely condemned generals.

The feast day of St. Nicholas is December 6th and the people of many countries in the world today still give their gifts on this day including the Austrians, the Belgians, and the Germans.

The Dutch who settled New Amsterdam (New York) brought Bishop Sante Klaas with them. He was the personification of St. Nicholas — mitre et al.

With the Dutch settlers, St.



Nicholas became the Patron Saint of New York City and the first church built there was named after him.

Because of British laws against the veneration of Papal saints, the Dutch formed an underground society called the "Sons of Saint Nicholas". Later, New Yorkers accepted the saint because he signified being anti-British — but he lost his saintly qualities and became a jovial figure.

In 1810, John Pintard, who founded the New York Historical Society, held a dinner in honor of St. Nicholas. Present at this dinner was Washington Irving who wrote "A History of New York from the Beginning of the World to the End of the Dutch Dynasty". In 1822, Clement Clarke Moore wrote the

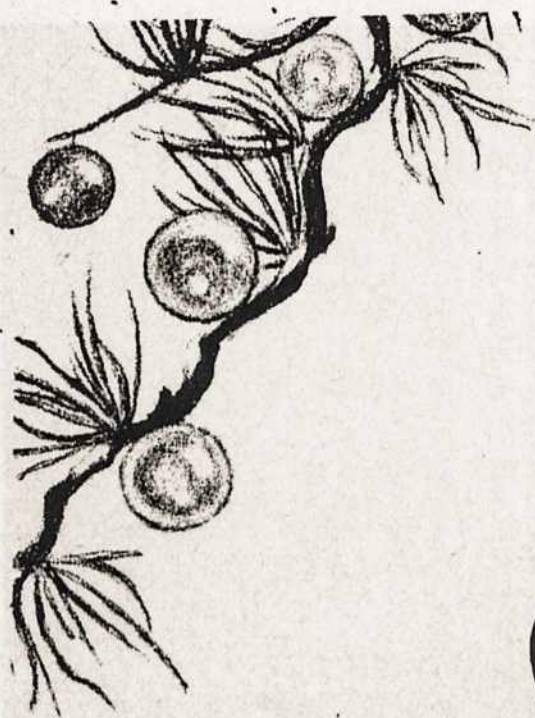
imaginative "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" which begins " 'Twas the Night before Christmas".

Half a century later, in 1863, an illustrator for Harper's Weekly, Thomas Nast, drew the typical Santa Claus of today. So these three men, Washington Irving, Clement Moore and Thomas Nast are the creators of our Santa Claus.

Santa Claus incorporated the fur costume of the German's Pelz-Nickel, the beard of the Scandinavian trolls, the reindeer of the Jul-bocken, and the benevolence of Father Christmas. He came down the chimney like other ancient spirits.

Santa Claus is an American concoction who has been accepted all over the world today.





# Christmas Joy

*May the true spirit of  
Christmas be reborn in  
your heart, bringing  
holiday joys and  
blessings to you and  
those most dear to you  
Let us celebrate as we  
remember the night of  
the Savior's Holy Birth.*



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## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT HONORS ANTHONY J. MAZEIKA

Sunday October 15, 1978 was a beautiful crisp fall day. An appropriate setting to honor Mr. Mazeika, a beautiful man, who has labored all his life for Lithuanian causes.

Mr. Larry Janonis, President of the Mid-Atlantic District, welcomed the members and guests assembled to honor Mr. Anthony J. Mazeika, Sr.

The Invocation was given by Father John Pakalniskis, Pastor of Annunciation Church at North 5th and Havemeyer Sts. Brooklyn, in whose Church Hall the Testimonial gathering was held.

During the delicious dinner of traditional foods, such as Lithuanian sausage and kugelis, as well as chicken and all the trimmings, the assembly was entertained by the music of Mr. Joe Thomas of Rockville Center. Mr. Thomas, a friend of Mr. Mazeika donated his talents for the occasion. Mary Shalins of Wood Haven donated the beautiful cake that was served for dessert.

The current National President of the Knights of Lithuania, Mr.

Philip Skabeikis addressed the assembly and acknowledged the fact that Tony's shoes were hard to fill. He also expressed his personal thank you to Tony, whose son introduced Phil to the Knights of Lithuania originally.

The formal tribute was delivered by Dr. Jack J. Stukas, himself an Honorary Member, who stated that the biography in the program was really only a thumb

nail sketch of all of Tony's activities on behalf of all things Lithuanian and the Knights of Lithuania in particular.

Mr. Simas Kudirka, formerly a Lithuanian Radio Operator on a Russian Trawler and currently an author, expressed his views on freedom.

Mr. Larry Janonis presented Mr. Mazeika with a plaque from the District.

The entire program ran smoothly through the efforts of the Master of Ceremonies Mr. Vytautas Radzivanas.

As usual the best was saved for last. Mr. P. Gustautis presented to Susanna and Tony a large piece of Amber and a woven sash brought back from Lithuania by him from their relatives to be given to them on this occasion.

Once a leader, always a leader, Anthony Mazeika, who recently retired from business and moved to Florida did not retire from life. He has sustained his life long interest in the Knights of Lithuania by forming Council 147 in St. Petersburg, Fla.



*Simas Kudirka, Father P. Baltakis, O.F.M., and Mrs. Kudirka.*



*Jack Stukas, Mrs. Mazeika, Vytautas Radzivanas, Antanas Mazeika, Philip Skabeikis and Father J. Pakalniškis.*



*Mr. & Mrs. Mazeika, Larry Janonis, V. Radzivanas during plaque presentation.*

## ANTANAS J. MAŽEIKA



teiktas garbės nario titulas.

Antanas Mažeika aktyviai reiškėsi ne vien tik vyčiuose. Jį randame ir Dariaus ir Girėno bei Vaitkaus skridimo komitetuose. Ypatingai jo nuoširdumas ir pasiaukojimas pasireiškė, kai reikėjo padėti lietuviams tremtiniam, atvykstantiems į Pittsburghą, Pa., po antrojo pasaulinio karo.

Paskutiniu laiku Antanas Mažeika buvo išdininku vyčių stipendijų komitete bei vadovavo Brooklyn 41 vyčių kuopai.

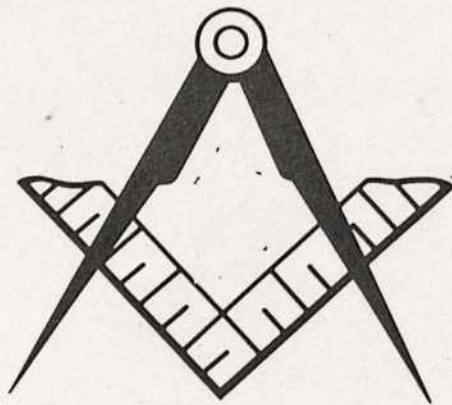
Net išėjęs į pensiją jis nesitenkino vien tik Floridos saule. Ir čia įsteigė vyčių 147 kuopą — St. Petersburg, Florida, ir jai sėkmingai pirmininkauja.

Vidurinio Atlanto vyčių apygarda didžiuojasi šiuo savo garbės nariu — Antanu Mažeika. Linki jam ir jo žmonai Zuzanai daug ištvėrmės ir sveikatos. Linki likti kelrodžiu ateinančioms vyčių kartoms.

Yra žmonių, kurie savo gabumais ir toliaregyste sugeba įamžinti savo vardą į organizaciją, prie kurios jie priklauso. Toks žmogus yra Antanas Mažeika, o organizacija — Lietuvos vyčiai.

Antanas Mažeika gimė 1906 spalio 22 Brooklyne, New Yorke. Būdamas dvejų metų, buvo nuvežtas į Lietuvą. Pradžios mokyklą lankė Pašiaušių kaime, o gimnaziją — Šiauliuose. 1925 grįžo į JAV, kur studijavo civilinę inžineriją Columbijos universitete. 1926 įstojo į Lietuvos vyčius ir tapo vienu iš aktyviausių veikėjų.

Vytišką darbą pradėjo Pittsburghe, Pa. Čia steigė apygardą ir organizavo kuopas. Organizacija, pastebėjusi Antano gabumus, išrinko jį centro valdybos pirmininku. Pradedant 1933, jis pirmininkavo penkis terminus iš eilės. O šeštą kartą buvo išrinktas 1941. Lietuvos vyčiams jis atstovavo eucharistiniame kongrese Kaune. Būdamas Lietuvoje, susitarė su pavasarininkų organizacija dėl lietuvių tautodailės parodos, kuri keliautų per JAV lietuvių kolonijas. Dėl šių ir įvairių kitų nuopelnų Antanui Mažeikai 1947 buvo su-





# A **T**RIBUTE FROM A **S**ON

*The following letter, written by Mr. Mazeika's son Denis, currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany, was read during the*

*testimonial. It is reprinted here as a fitting tribute to a truly outstanding Knight.*

*Ed.*

Dear Dad,

The Fourth Commandment states "Honor your father and your mother". Today, at this testimonial, I hope I can at least accomplish partly, the first half of that Commandment.

Normally, it's said that a father is proud of his son when he has accomplished something. Well today, the tables are turned. Do I have to recite my father's accomplishments for you? I think not. The Lithuanian Encyclopedia has done a fairly good job on that (even if it is incomplete) and anyone interested can look it up.

I only wish to mention a few accomplishments not mentioned there.

Through my father's efforts, he has first of all, helped beget me. This can be looked upon as good or not so good. However, I consider this a major accomplishment, and so do a few others.

Next, he showed me the difference between good and evil, and in this context, showed me God (and to see Him better I took up ophthalmology!).

Then when I was old enough to know, he gave me an identity. He showed me the beauty of the Lithuanian culture, language, and tradition. I still can't find anything to match it and I've been around.

After that, he showed me the importance of education (sometimes with a good swift kick). Now look at me. I'm a doctor of medicine!

On top of this, he showed me the value of integrating my culture with my learning and how to con-

tinue my cultural growth. And look — I'm a Fourth Degree Knight!

But probably the most important thing of all, he has shown me the love of God and Country. The love of God can and will get you through any adversity. As for the love of Country, you don't know what you have until you lose it. Having seen Lithuania from both sides of the barbed wire, I now know what my father has been trying to accomplish. Contrary to some opinions, I can see the value of the Knights of Lithuania in the continuation of a beautiful culture and its value in continuing the fight for freedom.

My father's accomplishments have made his name well known in America and abroad. He is known to have helped form an organization of world-wide importance.

The best way I can think of honoring my father is by trying to

emulate him. I only hope I can accomplish one-half of what he has done for Lithuania.

In closing, I wish to quote another line of Scripture out of context: "By his works, you will know him". Ladies and gentlemen, look at the deeds of my father!

Dad, congratulations, God bless you and all the best in the world! I wish I could share your day with you.

Your loving son,

Denis

P.S. Congratulations Dad, on your big day! I heartily second all that Denis has said — and would like to add that you make me proud to be a member of the Mažeika family.

Your loving daughter-in-law,

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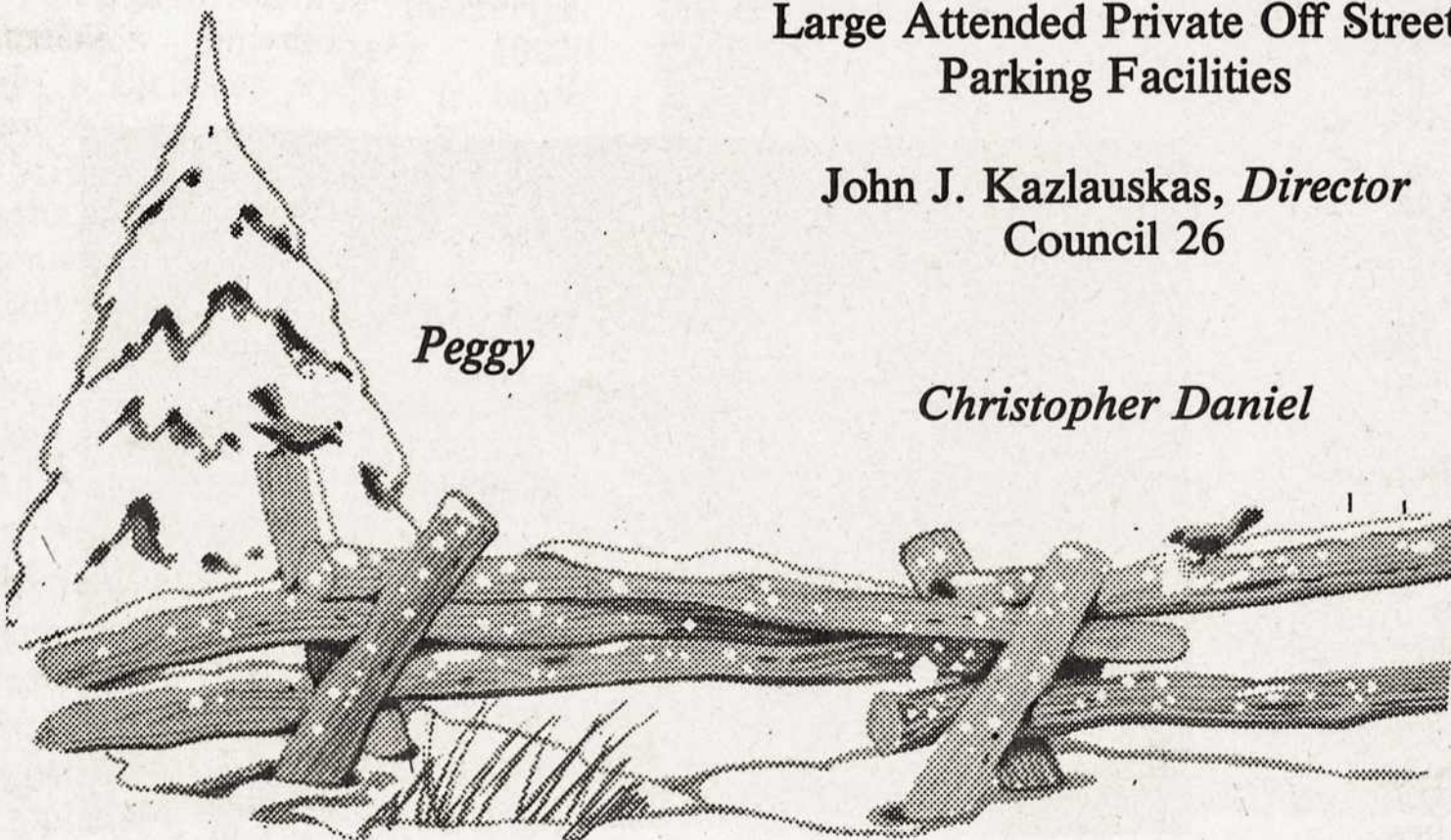
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## FROM UNDER MY SPLINTER

—MORKUS

translated by

Antonia M. Wackell



I still remember the Christmas of 1843... It was a deep and cold winter. At October's end it began to snow. The cold dampness prevented the women from breaking their flax properly. And December's beginning was already a real end of the world!.. The young fellows from Aniškis still talk about that winter... And they should!

— In the beginning a dry hard frost froze all the springs and left the inhabitants without real water for home use. They began searching for water from out of the distant lakes. Which means — hacking out a hole in the ice and later ladling the water into casks. The labor was nothing. But the water froze. Many times the barrels themselves ruptured and fell apart. And now what is there to say about the transportation of the casks!

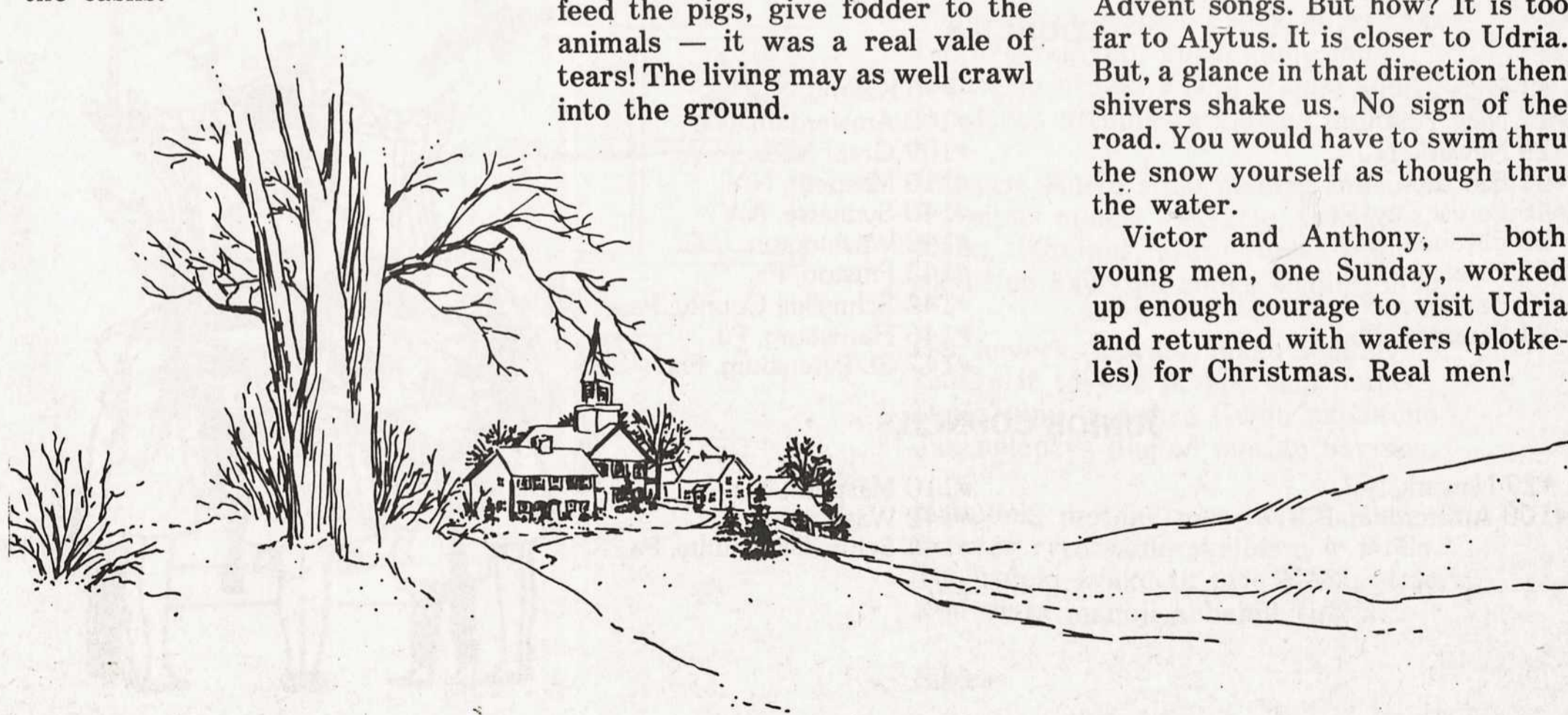
— Four young men. Four horses allotted to each one. Sixteen in all. And of all these horses only one filly was experienced in drawing the water barrels on wooden runners. When the filly appeared with the barrels of water, housewives would rush forward with their receptacles as though running to a parade. All wanted to be the first one; the last one would grind her teeth and scatter uncharitable words at her neighbors. The men, as much as they were able, tried to quiet their wives.

— And the snow as though it had gone mad, just piled up and piled up. No longer were there signs of the road. The fields were covered with snowdrifts. When it was necessary to go to the stables to feed the pigs, give fodder to the animals — it was a real vale of tears! The living may as well crawl into the ground.

— And what was there to say about the creatures in the neighboring forests? Cast out of their nests by the cold and hunger, they flew to Kauparaučyznos, a place sheltered from the winds, to save themselves. Carefully, they dig into the dunghill and whatever they seized they greedily swallowed it like honey. Crows, Jackdaws, magpies, woodpeckers, sparrows having no place to settle would cling to the rump of a pig and here they pecked on the offal from the bristles. The pig would turn and grunt. But — what can you do? Hunger has no eyes...

— That is one. Second. Advent is already here, right now. One would like to go to church for the morning's service. Listen to the Advent songs. But how? It is too far to Alytus. It is closer to Udria. But, a glance in that direction then shivers shake us. No sign of the road. You would have to swim thru the snow yourself as though thru the water.

Victor and Anthony, — both young men, one Sunday, worked up enough courage to visit Udria and returned with wafers (plotkėlės) for Christmas. Real men!





# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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— Christmas Eve. One room seemingly rather large had only one window. Two families lived in it. A clay stove sat in the corner. A sheep fold is also inside. The ends are occupied by the families.

This night the mothers spread a long table with straw; covering it with a white tablecloth. And now they spread out the best they have: — barley cake, mushrooms, cheese, oatmeal jelly, fish, butter, flour dumplings, nuts, and the wafers and crucifix in the center of the table. Only one thing is lacking, a more fitting light.

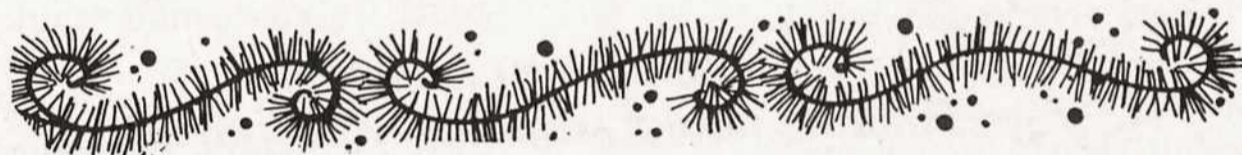
You see, it has been impossible to go to Balbieriškiu Moses for some time. Without him, where else can one find needles, thread, herrings, windowglass, and kerosene for the lamp. Now even the wicks in the lamps have dried up. Even the Candlemas Day's candles have been used up. So that, together the young fellows are eating their Christmas Eve supper at

the Kauparaučyzna "under the beam of the splinter".

— Christmas morning. And again only the strongest men dare to travel to the church in Udria. Those remaining in their homes await their return, like waiting for the morning of Spring. When they returned, everyone gathered in the large "room" and listened attentively as to what they saw and heard in the church. What songs did the trumpeter Kamaitis sing? What did the pastor Katilius say during the sermon? How did the Aniškis', Udria's, Barkunis', Premezo's grand ladies and men appear as they gathered in the church? Were there many candles gleaming? How many christenings were there? How many wedding banns were announced? Were there many people? How many fainted in the church and had to be taken out? All these various questions tormented those who had to remain at home.

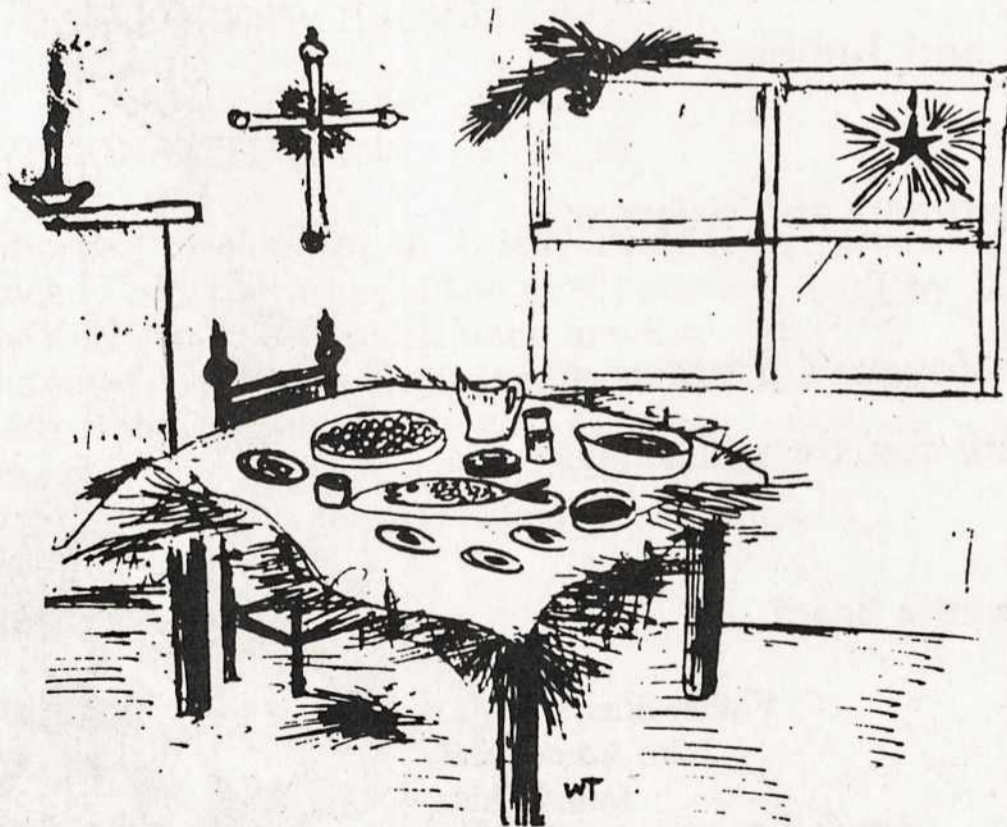
— Satisfied with the flood of information supplied by the churchgoers, the reports were accepted with a clapping of hands, and in true Christmas spirit, they all sang "Welcome Jesus Little One" happily.

— Because the supply of splinters diminished, the Christmas festivities were continued after the Christmas dinner. Old Klimas, once a brave soldier, recounted with tears in his eyes, what he saw during the war with the Turks in Sebastapol. Eva Akamane danced the Cossack dance. Beatrice sang the song "I planted the rue" beautifully. Juru-kas attached a thin paper to the comb and joyfully blew a dance thru it. Varuse caressed the lamb who had begun to bleat, scolding it to be quiet. Little Peter brought in enough wood to start the stove fire in the morning. Then the night's dark shadows thrust everyone into their warm feather beds. That was a deep, cold Christmas.



## PRIE KŪČIŲ STALO

Ištremtas Partizanas



Tu neverk, motule, kad prie Kūčių stalo  
Viena kėdė šiemet jau stovės tuščia.  
Kad nelauš iš rankos tau baltos plotkelės  
Tas, kurs pernai laužė su tavim slapčia.

Mano vieton šiemet padėk eglės šaką  
Lietuvos eglyno, kuris globė mus,  
O prie jo uždeki Kūčių stalo žvakę,  
Ir sūnaus artumas atgaivins namus.

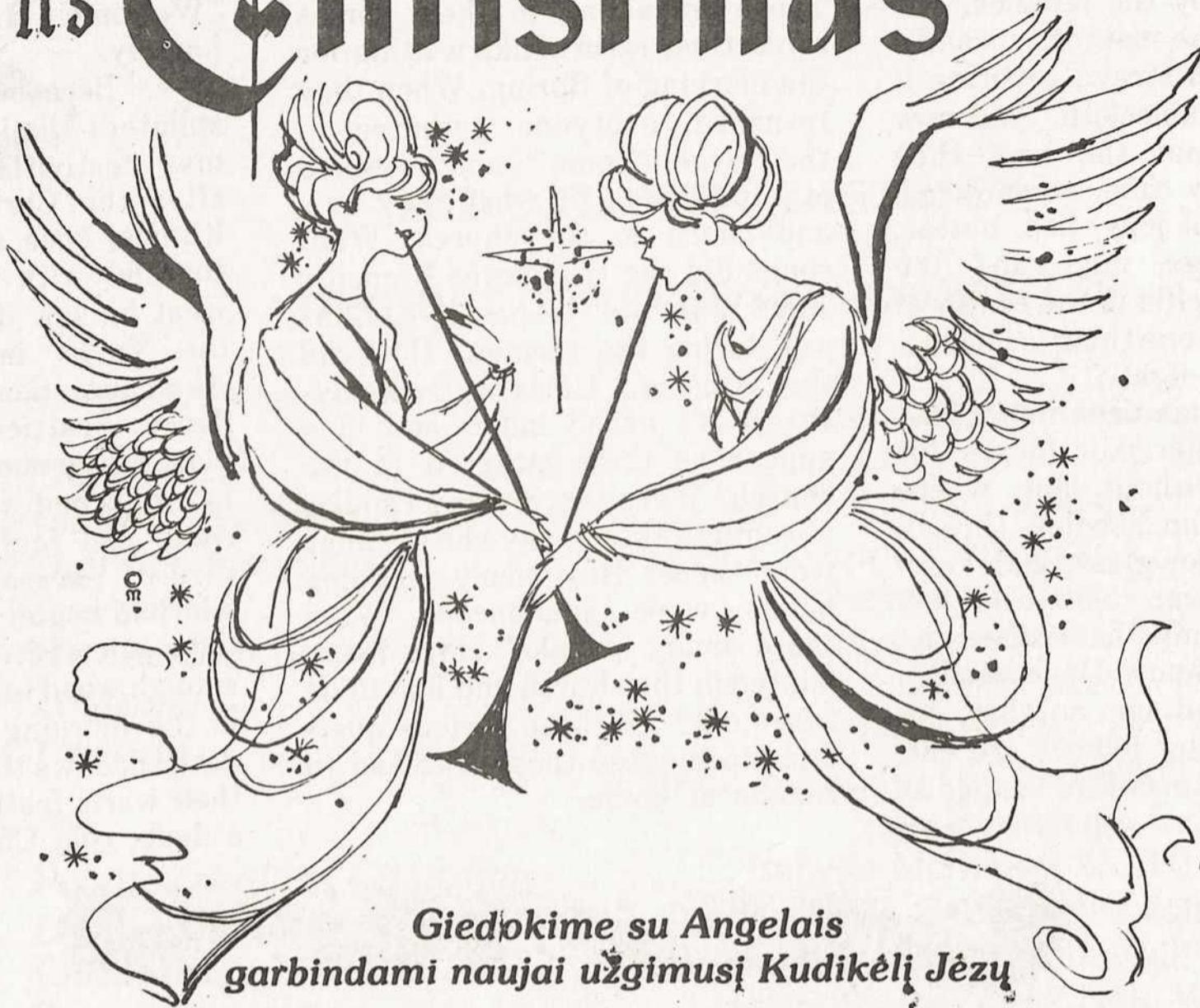
Kai prie Kūčių stalo maldos žodžiais liesis  
Ir vaikus minėsi sielvarte, tyliai,  
Mane atsiminus, ašara riedės tau,  
Skausmo kalavijai smigs širdin giliai.

Bet neverk, motule, manò sengalvėle,  
Laisvė ir tėvynė įkvėpė taip mums.  
Daug sūnų ir dukrų Kūčių paplotėlio  
Jau nelaužys niekad motinų namuos.

Neliūdėk, motule, mes tėvų šalelei  
Laisvės ryto saulę skelbiam ir iš čia.  
Tik uždeki žvakę tu prie Kūčių stalo,  
Kad vieta manoji nebebūt tuščia...

Sibiras

# it's Christmas



*Giedokime su Angelais  
garbindami naujai užgimusį Kudikėlių Jėzų*

The Home Council of our National President  
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Our Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a  
New Year filled with countless blessings

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# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### K of L PINS

Official Knights of Lithuania pins can be obtained by members in good standing from the Supreme Council Treasurer at \$2.00 each. Please make check payable to the Knights of Lithuania and sent to: Mrs. Alphonse Trainis, 215 Jefferson Street, Fairfield, CT 06432. If your check includes a few cents extra for postage, it will be appreciated.

### ATTENTION, ALL FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Dues for all members are due on or before Jan. 1, 1979. Newly elected Council Financial Secretaries should begin collecting dues immediately. Dues should be collected for all year.

To insure your members receiving their VYTIS promptly, please include members' addresses with their dues. ALL dues AND address changes should go to the new Financial Secretary, namely:

MRS. TERESA STROLIA  
15325 SEQUOIA  
OAK FOREST, IL 60452

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### NEW CONSTITUTIONS


Sincerest thanks go to C-103, Providence, who financed the publication of the newly-revised K of L Constitutions. The Constitutions are now being distributed to councils by National Financial Secretary, Teresa Strolia (address above). For your personal Copy, see your own council financial secretary. Financial secretaries may replenish their supply by contacting Teresa.

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### MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES

National 2nd V.P. for Membership, Jonas Adomenas, announces that a new supply of Membership Brochures are now available. For your supply, contact Jonas Adomenas, 69 Irving Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11237.

### THE SILENT CHURCH



On Christmas Day a son was born to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. He was born in a stable, as there was no room for them at the INN. His parents named Him — Jesus. Shepherds came to adore Him, and to sing songs of Joy. Three Wise Men came from the East, and rendered gifts to the New Born Child.

Today: centuries upon centuries later, His children in persecuted Lithuania cannot freely visit with Jesus in His Churches. Lithuanians who openly express their FAITH; face loss of work, public ridicule, the the loss of human privileges. Exile to Siberia, and imprisonment are often their sentences for their activities in behalf of the Catholic Church. Countless numbers of Lithuanians are now members of the "Silent Church".

We, the Knights of Lithuania have the privilege of helping our relatives, and friends of the "Silent Church" in Lithuania. Our contributions especially at Christmas Time to: Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid can help them to continue in their sacrificial work for the Catholic Church in Lithuania.

Make checks payable to: Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. Include your council number for K of L credit. All donations to LCRA are tax deductible.

Bertha R. Stoskus  
K of L LCRA Co-Ord.

# Lithuanians in the News

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS



A recent article in the WASHINGTON POST featured a photostory on JURATE KAZICKAS, a Lithuanian-born Associated Press reporter. Jurate arrived in Washington two years ago to cover the First Lady for the AP wire service, and has had a varied and exciting career. A teacher in a Catholic school in Kenya after her graduation from college, she became a part of a new AP reporting team in 1969, and later covered the Middle East during the 1973 war. During the Bicentennial Expedition to scale Mt. Everest, her copy was filed from a base camp. Her current beat on the Washington scene is society, and she continues to collaborate with ABC-TV columnist Lynn Sherr on the WOMAN'S CALENDAR, now in its ninth edition.

On November 11, 1978, REV. VLADAS BUDRECKIS of Annunciation Church Brooklyn, N.Y. marked the 50th Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Rev. Budreckis was ordained after his graduation from the Kaunas Theological Seminary. A burning love of music took the young priest to the Kaunas Conservatory of Music where he studied organ and composition. He continued his studies at the Pontificio Instituto di Musica Sacra in Rome where he sharpened his already apparent forte, the composition of religious choral music. After several years of teaching and conducting in Lithuania, he completed a Degree of Licentiate in composition and a Master's Degree in Gregorian Chant. He has worked in United States parishes since 1949. Lithuanians can hear many of Rev. Budreckis' choral works in the regular repertoire of Brooklyn's Annunciation Church Choir.

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A 110-unit senior citizen high-rise development in Jersey City will be renamed AL BLOZIS Hall, in honor of the Dickinson High School graduate and Georgetown University athlete of Lithuanian descent who was one of the first residents of Jersey City of be killed in World War II. At the groundbreaking ceremonies marking the beginning of the rehabilitation project, Jersey City Mayor Thomas F. A. Smith asserted that, "Al Blozis was a man I idolized as a boy. He made his mark on the nation with his athletic exploits, and then went to war when he didn't have to. He gave his blood and his life for the people of Jersey City and the nation".

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A recent issue of the Shenandoah, PA, EVENING HERALD featured reprints of articles written about Lithuania in 1918 and 1938. Of special interest was the article describing the first Lithuanian colony in the U.S., which was established on the island of Guadaloupe in the West Indies in 1688. The facts of this first colonization by Lithuanians in the new world were recorded by Simonas Daukantas, the great Lithuanian historian who published the first book on the history of Lithuania.





Betsy Gelinitis

**BETSY GELENITIS** of Kearny, NJ, won the New England women's intercollegiate single-handed sailing championship on the Charles River this October. The 18 year old sophomore at Tufts University won the event in the 11th and final race of the regatta. She is a former member of the C-90, Kearny Junior Council. Her father, the late Frank Gelinitis, was a Supreme Council Legal Advisor, and her mother Eleanor is presently a member of C-90.

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Our own **ALDONA RYAN**, MCD President and author of the cultural series "The Amber Web", was the subject of **HEREABOUTS**, a regular column appearing in the Dayton Daily News. Columnist **Patt Duffy** described Aldona as "a lady with a purpose", and highlights her work as a free lance writer specializing in stories about Lithuania and her people. During the quoted part of the interview, Aldona stated "I am trying to develop a library of Lithuanian books and stories to help the second and third generations born in this country learn about their heritage". Aldona also uses the opportunity to describe travel restrictions to Lithuania. In addition to writing and her K of L work, Aldona also serves on the Board of the Dayton Opera Guild.



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Visiems Vyčiams!**

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As a fitting culmination of many months of hard work and cooperation between representatives of the three Baltic American nationalities, the Second Baltic-American Heritage Festival proved to be a success in all aspects. A crowd of some 3000 enjoyed celebrating their heritage and meeting old and new friends on Sept. 23 at the beautiful Garden State Arts Center of New Jersey. Performers were thrilled to appear on the same massive stage where many star performers have appeared... and thrilled the audience with their renditions of old and new Baltic music and dance. Those attending went away a bit richer in their appreciation of their respective heritages... those who did not attend must by now realize that their absence was indeed their loss.

Many K of L-ers served on the committee... many other K of L-ers from several councils on the Eastern Seaboard attended. Among those attending were 52 members of C-144, Schuylkill County, who arrived early, by bus, and stayed late. Their impressions, provided by Anne Klizas Wargo, are included herein to provide a "good neighbor's", bird's eye view!

## THE NEW JERSEY BALTIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

### AS SEEN BY VISITORS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Autumn started out as a purely joyous day for those of us who journeyed to the Garden States Art Center in Holmdel, N.J. for the Baltic American Heritage Festival on Sept. 23.

We left Pennsylvania early in the morning and arrived in time to enjoy a delicious lunch of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian foods. We tried a little of everything and enjoyed it all. Some bought delicious Lithuanian rye bread to bring home.

Before the afternoon performance, which was held outdoors in the lovely setting of the Arts

Center Plaza, we visited the interesting displays of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian arts. Each individual group was delightful. We especially enjoyed the art of the Estonians and Latvians since this was all new to us. It was truly a joy to see the three groups working as one.

The afternoon performance which consisted of Latvian folk dances, Estonian gymnasts and a fashion show of all the ethnic costumes was most interesting. As each group was presented, the costumes were explained. This was the first time many of our group



*Flag raising ceremony*



*Simas Kudirka, his mother, Marija Šulskis and Dr. Jack Stukas during presentation.*

had seen the costumes of our neighbors and we were amazed at the differences from our own costumes.

After the afternoon performance we had a little time for more food and to purchase some of the beautiful artifacts that were being sold.

The evening performance was the piece d' resistance after a beautiful day and needless to say the Lithuanians were the best of the best. The three groups of dancers dancing together as one coordinated group were magnificent - the Vilija Quartet sang beautifully and the "Perkūnas" singers were just great. Although the performances of the Latvians and Estonians were very good, the Lithuanians stole the show. Very touching too was the presentation by Dr. Jack Stukas to our own Simas Kudirka, his wife and mother and to Latvians Victor Kalnins and Elena Celmina Kalnins. The acceptance by Mrs. Kalnins was heart warming and Simas' fiery request for continuous prayer and support for the freedom of the Baltic Nations was awe inspiring. Doctor Stukas did an exceptional job of making the presentation and we were most proud to be Baltic Americans.

The evening performance ended with a finale — SUBATĒLĒ by Vilija, Perkūnas and the dancers and what a sight it was — a perfect end to a perfect day. It was most deserving of the standing ovation so spontaneously given!

Our thanks go to the people who made this Baltic American Festival possible. For those of us of the Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian heritage, it was a proud day, one to be treasured for a long time and we look forward to next year. The people of the New York - New Jersey area are fortunate to have a place as lovely as the Garden State Arts Center in which they can present their ethnic programs.



*Regina Zymantas*



*Vilija Quartet*



*Perkūnas Chorus.*



*Combined Lith. Dance Groups — Aušrinė, Liepsna and Tryptinis.*



**Linksmų  
Kalėdų  
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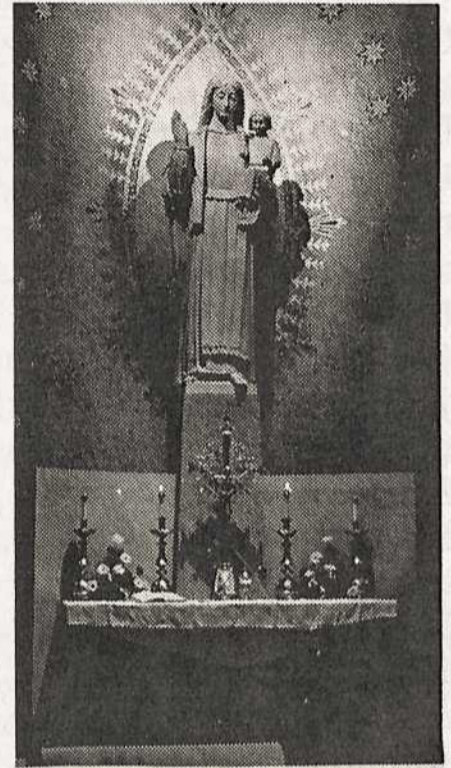
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**A MOST BLESSED  
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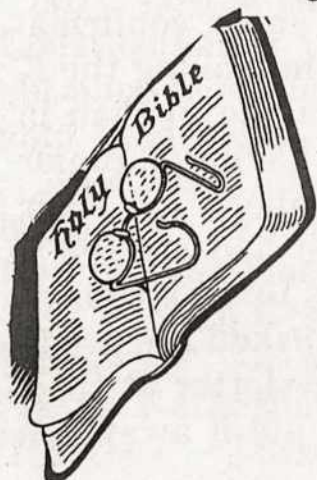


# Junior Corner

by Ann Marie Kassel



## CHRISTMAS



The day before Christmas  
 What is the name of that church  
 What time is the service  
 I will be there  
 That is a good choir  
 Can you lend me a hymn book  
 Thank you very much  
 I am happy  
 Thy kingdom come  
 Let us love one another



## KALĖDOS

kūčių diena  
 kaip vadinasi ta bažnyčia  
 kada prasideda pamaldos  
 aš ten būsiu  
 tai geras choras  
 ar galėtumėt paskolinti man giesmyną  
 labai dėkui tamstai  
 esa laimingas  
 teateinie tavo karalystė  
 mylėkimes



At the National Convention in Syracuse, our new Membership Vice President, John Adomenas, stated: "if each of us was to bring one friend into the Knights of Lithuania during the coming year, our membership would be

doubled". Think of someone you would like to have with you during your Junior activities. Let's see if we can double the Junior Membership this year.

### This Christmas

**REMEMBER**

**GOD'S GREAT GIFT TO US**

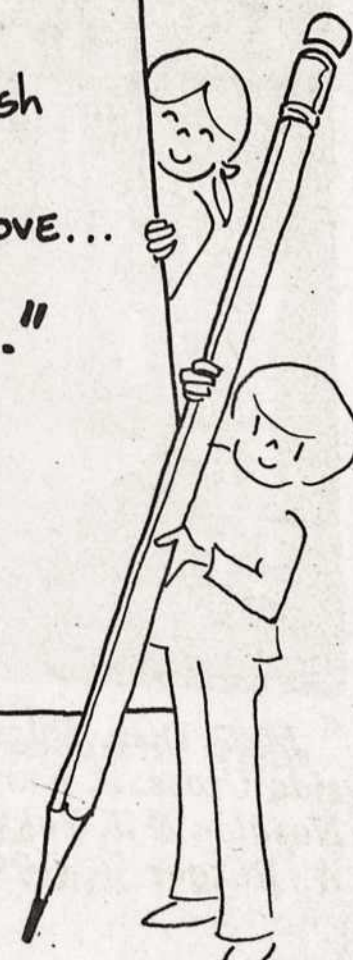
on that first Christmas.

Express the true spirit  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### CHRISTMAS LIST

- Help those truly in need.
- Emphasize the spirit--not the cash value--in gifts you give.
- GIVE OF YOURSELF TO THOSE YOU LOVE... and...**"LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM..."**



## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Mid-Central District Convention in conjunction with a pilgrimage has come and gone. But memories linger.

On a bright, fleecy-cloud day, Sept. 23, delegates from Cleveland, Dayton, Pittsburgh, Detroit and Southfield, Mich., assembled at Divine Providence Cultural Center for a business meeting and election of officers.

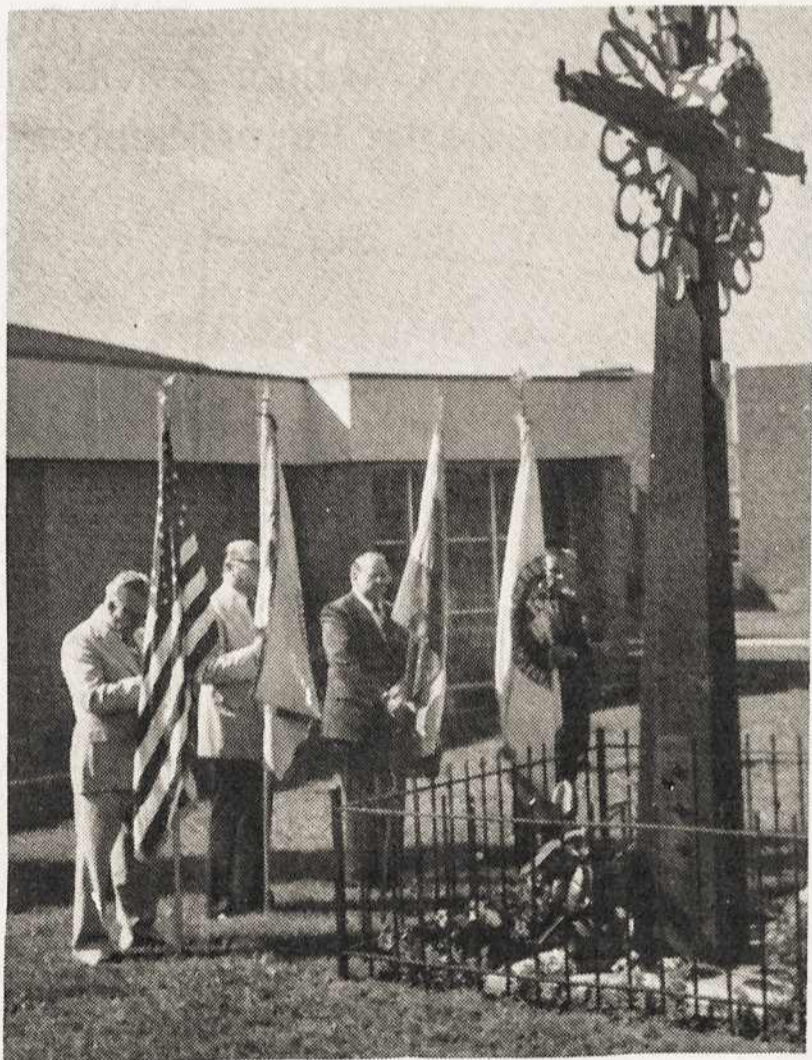
The event was highlighted with the presence of the newly-elected Nat'l Pres. Philip Skabeikis of K of L Supreme Council. It was his first visit to a District meeting upon assuming duties of leadership in the Supreme Council. His presence added dignity, fellowship and responsible concern.

Before the meeting a Luncheon was served, under the capable direction of Vicki Chepelonis. The gourmet feast was prepared and donated by the ladies of Council 79. There were such delicacies as "Košeliena", stuffed veal pocket, baked ham, cheese, kosher pickles, Lithuanian bread and a variety of salads. Dessert freaks helped themselves to a variety of sweets and a huge cake, decorated in a colorful "Welcome Knights of Lithuania" lettering, brought by Jos. Yakstys. Joe's wife, Jeanne, who was to

receive her third degree, could not share the honor due to a serious auto accident the day before the M/C Dist. event.

Following luncheon, an Opening Prayer was delivered by Rev. Fr. V. Kriščiunevičius, pastor of Divine Providence parish. Mid-Central Dist. Pres. Aldona Ryan extended a hearty welcome to everyone present, followed by a greeting and welcome from pres. Frank Zager in behalf of host council 79. Then, Nat'l. S.C. Pres. Philip Skabeikis addressed the assemblage with a pattern of goals and a confirmation that he will strive to do his best in making the K of L stronger, bigger, and more meaningful than in the past. He stressed importance of having a Junior Council established, and asked members for their support. Phil also announced that he had started a Newsletter (monthly) which he sends to each council with various K of L information, and asked the presidents of each council to read the newsletter at their meetings and "not just lay it aside or put it away in a drawer".

Further, Phil played the role of a "good listener" during his Question and Answer Period — listening for any new ideas, format or means of improving the



*M/C Dist. Pilgrimage at Wayside Cross. J. Kurpovic, C-139; C. Nashlon & J. Yakstys — C-79; and A. Rozger — C-79.*



*Laying of the wreath and Memorial Services for the deceased members during M/C Dist. Pilgrimage in Southfield, MI. In front row — Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, pastor of Div. Prov. parish and Rev. Michael Kundrat, former pastor.*

K of L. Upon suggestion, he confirmed that the "minutes" of the District meeting should be published in the Vytis.

Special invitational guests participated at the M/C Dist. meeting, Mr. & Mrs. Arunas Udryns and their representative Mr. Walter Tauteris, of Jackson, Mich., where pres. Frank Zager of C-79 went there on June 12, in acknowledgement of getting together for a possible K of L movement, and an attempt to realize another council in Michigan.

Two councils reported that they have presented Lithuanian books to public libraries. They are C-25 of Cleveland; and C-79 of Southfield, Mich.

M/C Dist. Pres. A. Ryan informed that the New Constitution of the K of L is available and can be obtained from the council presidents or the Membership Chairmen.

As a result of elections the following new officers in Mid-Central District emerged for 1979: Sp. Adv. — Rev. Walter Katarskis; Pres. — Aldona Ryan; First V.P. — Ruth Grasha; Second V.P. — Ada Sinkwitz; Third V.P. — Mary Trainy (Seniors); Recording Sec. — Katherine Kurpowic; Treas. — Frank Zager; Trustees — Victor August and Magdalena Smailis; Sgt.-at-Arms — Andrew Rozger; Lith. Affairs — Ruth Guzauskas; Cultural — Helen Tucker; Ritual — Nellie Arunski; Public Relations & Vytis — Sophie Zager. Election of a Catholic Action chairperson has been postponed to the spring meeting. Installation of officers took place prior to Mass at Divine Providence.

Rev. Michael Kundrat, former pastor of Divine Providence, and Lillian Stepan C-79 were presented Fourth Degree medals during Sunday Mass, and Annadel Miller C-96 and Joseph Yakstys of C-79 received their Third Degree medals.

Bertha Janus, the Religious Chairperson, had a well-planned church services' program and a touching memorial observance in tribute of the deceased members. Names were read by M/C Dist. Pres. Aldona Ryan whereby a representative from each council went to St. Casimir's niche and lit a candle in

commemoration of all the dead. Afterwards, everyone proceeded to the grounds of Divine Providence.

Lady Luck played a major role in giving a perfect autumn day for a nice procession to the Lithuanian Wayside Cross. Upon laying of the wreath by Joe Chaps, Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, pastor of Divine Providence, who was joined by Rev. M. Kundrat, for prayers at the foot of the cross. A nice number of non-members and parishioners turned out for the occasion.

As with all occasions there are some social functions. A Dinner-Theatre was on the agenda for Saturday at the Sussex House where members and guests dined at a hearty meal and, then, saw a musical "The Fantastics".

A super Sunday Brunch, which was chaired by Marie Kase, concluded the Mid-Central District Pilgrimage. The presence of Rev. Michael Kundrat, former pastor of Divine Providence gave an aura of prestige and dedication. In his talk he gave some enlightening thoughts into a renewal of service and God. A good Fellowship, enthusiasm and good humor seemed to mark all the events, expressing friendly nostalgic thoughts, sandwiched between the more serious issues. In attendance were Honorary Members — Ann Uznis and Bob Boris of C-102.

Following the brunch, Sophie Zager of the Nat'l Ritual Committee, presented Fourth Degree certificates to Fr. M. Kundrat and Lillian Stepan; and Dist. Ritual Chairlady Nellie Arunski concluded presentation of Third Degree certificates to Annadel Miller and Joe Yakstys.

Lending more flavor to the ethnicity of the occasion were little ribbon emblems in Lithuanian colors, made by Helen Tucker and pinned on each member as they entered for church services. And a memorial card in form of a Lithuanian prayer complemented each place setting at the brunch.

Kai visi gerai pasivaišino, tai Klebonas V. Kriščiunevičius palaimino visus ir palinkėjo, kad visi laimingai grįžtu į namus.

Sophie Zager

  
**DŽIAUGIAS ŽMONĖS ŽEMĖJE — GARBINA AUKŠČIAUSIAJŲ —  
 DIEVE, TAU VIENAM GARBĖ — TESKAMBA TIKRA ŠLOVĖ —  
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from "Gimus Kristui"

**A MOST MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE  
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**Aldona Ryan, President**

**C-19 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

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**C-86 DuBois, Pennsylvania**

**C-96 Dayton, Ohio**

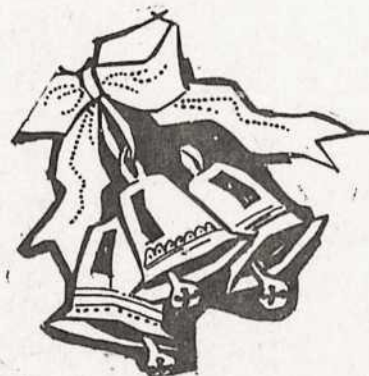
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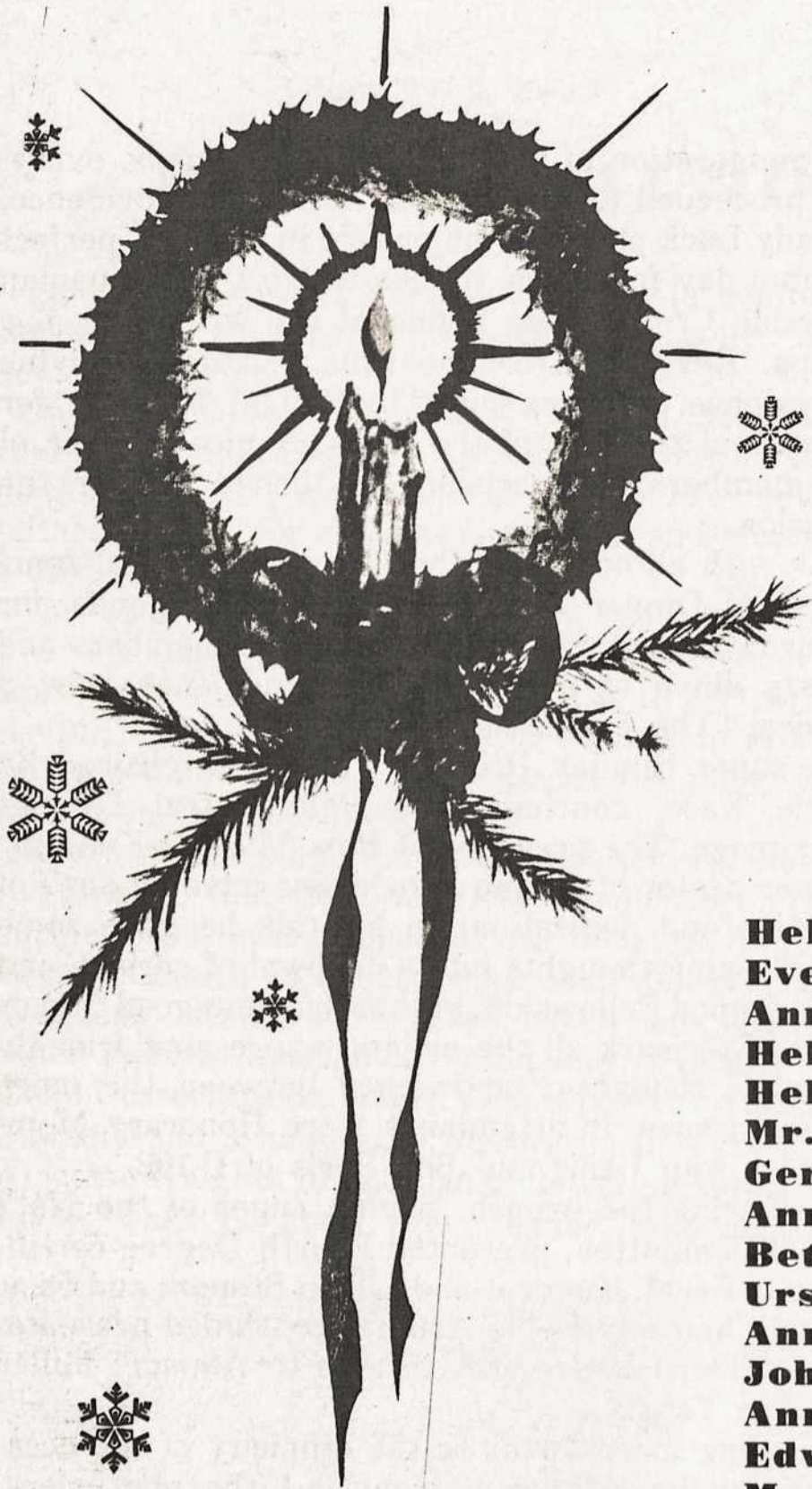
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**C-96 Juniors Dayton, Ohio**



# Christmas Wishes

From all of us...



**Helen Roginski, C-74, Scranton**  
**Evelyn and Leo Zewicki, C-74, Scranton**  
**Ann Ulinoski, C-74, Scranton**  
**Helen and Walter Cravath, C-74, Scranton**  
**Helen and Bill Romeika, C-74, Scranton**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Laske, C-74, Scranton**  
**Gertrude and Frank Romeika, C-74, Scranton**  
**Anna Matulevich, C-74, Scranton**  
**Betty and Andy Leonard, C-74, Scranton**  
**Ursula and Alice Galenas, C-74, Scranton**  
**Ann Lisowski, C-74, Scranton**  
**John and Josephine Schuster, C-74, Scranton**  
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**Edward and Betty Tamositis, C-74, Scranton**  
**Marcella Kukaitis, C-74, Scranton**  
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**Joseph Zubavich, C-74, Scranton**  
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**Kazimiera Petkunas, Cleveland Srs.**  
**Maria Jesmantas, Cleveland Srs.**  
**Stella Sankal, Cleveland Srs.**  
**Josephine Zoruba, Cleveland Srs.**  
**Gene Gobis, C-100, Amsterdam**  
**"PATRIA" Foods and Gifts, Cleveland**  
**Vic and Betty August, C-25, Cleveland**



# K of L Calendar

## DECEMBER

- 4 Chicago Seniors KŪČIOS after Meeting, K of L Bldg. Chicago, Ill.  
 10 C-100, Amsterdam, CHRISTMAS PARTY, Canterbury House, Route 5, between  
 Scotia and Amsterdam, N.Y.  
 10 C-12, Manhattan CHRISTMAS PARTY, after 1:00 Mass, Our Lady of Vilnius  
 Hall, Manhattan, N.Y.  
 17 C-29, Newark, CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1:00 P.M., Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.  
 17 C-100, Maspeth KŪČIOS, Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.  
 24 C-12, Manhattan, 9th ANNUAL HOSPITALITY, Coffee and Cake after 8:00 P.M.  
 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Broome St., New York City,  
 K of L visitors to N.Y. most welcome!

## FEBRUARY

- 4 IID ANNUAL "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" DINNER DANCE, Chicago, Ill.

## MARCH

- 4 C-29, Newark, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS and BREAKFAST Holy Trinity  
 Church and Hall, Newark, N.J.

## MAY

- 18-20 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Dayton, Ohio, C-96, Hosts

## AUGUST

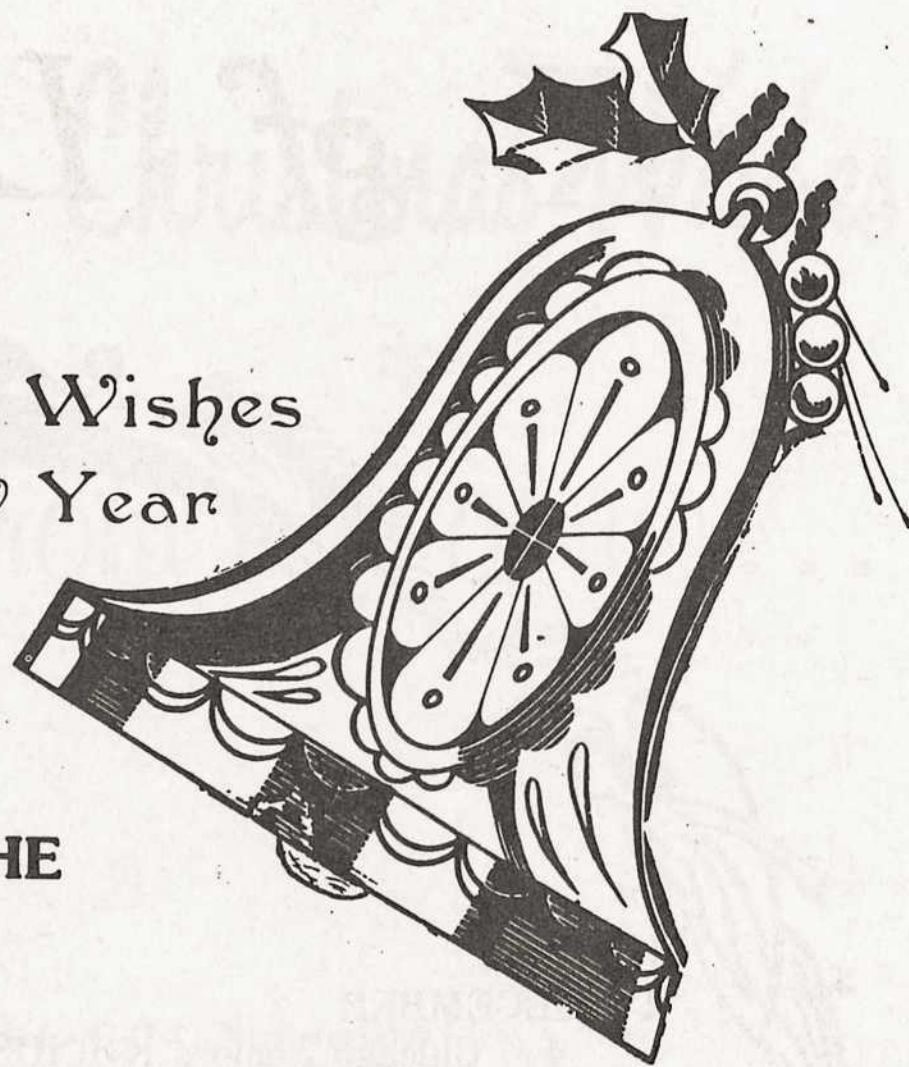
- 16-19 66th NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Hotel

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# Merry Christmas

and Warmest Wishes  
for the New Year

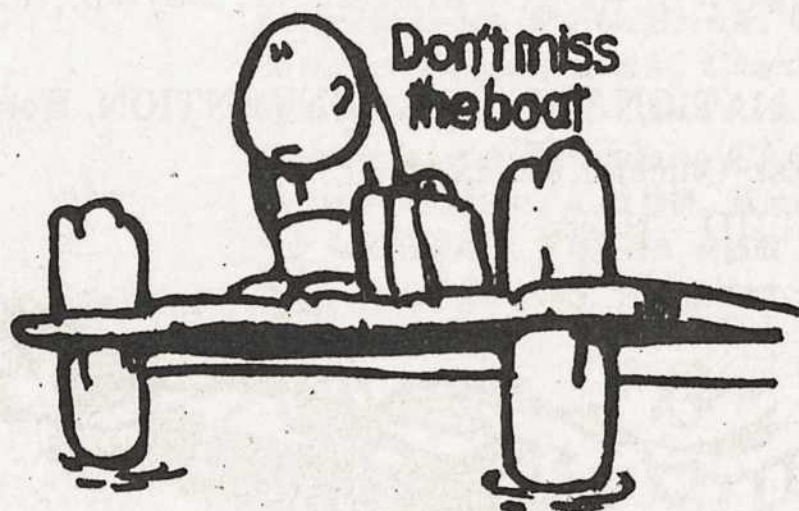


**THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT**

*extend greetings to all K of L members for a  
Happy and Holy Christmas and a most Prosperous New Year!*

**We are looking forward to meeting all of you at the 1979  
National Convention Chicago — August 15-19, 1979**

**S O.....**



**Make your vacation plans NOW - It's Chicago in August of 1979.**



## Council Activities

# Vyčiai Veikia

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**NEW ENGLAND  
DISTRICT**

### C-30 - WESTFIELD, MASS.

A beautiful garden, attractive umbrellas and a lovely swimming pool was the setting for the Family Outing for C-30 in Westfield, Mass. Louise and Wilfred Renaud opened their lovely home to us Knights and a lovely time was had by all. Brave ones dared to go into the pool while others sat around and enjoyed the Olympic races that were going on. Of the seniors attending, only Jimmie Rogers was the brave one to go in. The youngsters put on a good show. Bennie, water too cold?

Naturally, the outing wasn't complete without good food. The best part was the steak that each one grilled for himself on the grill and then smothered it in onions, peppers and native picked mush-

rooms. Pleasant comments were made by quite a few, "how come we didn't do it this way before?". Well, why didn't we? Maybe because it was a smaller group and we're a lot more friendlier, now.

Louise was assisted by two other capable members, Marcia Rogers and Mary Minkus. Two official photographers were doing their job too, namely Bernie Minkus and Cookie Coach. How did the pictures and slides come out?

Congratulations are in order for Joseph (Corky) Sabonis upon his reception of the Pius X award for his many years of dedication and service to our CCD Program. Corky is also an Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Mention should also be made that Marcia Rogers, and Frank Bernadicius are also Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Of the five Extra Ordinary Ministers in our Parish three of them are K of L members!

Starting Oct. 8, the K of L is sponsoring a craft class on Sunday afternoons. We have invited Aldona Saimininkas to conduct the classes and she will be teaching us the art of making snowflakes from rye straw. She also makes lovely pictures from the straw too!

Dūšia

### C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

With the New Year rapidly approaching, it's time once more to resolve to increase our council's membership. Here's a method that calls for a little judicious name-dropping when you're out recruiting new members. It's a psychological fact that people enjoy rubbing elbows, so to speak, with people of varied occupations and who can deny that our council does in fact boast of many occupations. Within our own council we have police officers, wire-drawers, fire fighters, machinists, a social worker, insurance executive, a couple of funeral directors, retired persons now enjoying exciting avocations, pharmacists, musicians, singers, secretaries, a letter carrier, watchmaker, gourmet cooks, homemakers, automobile mechanics, teachers, salespersons and many, many others, not to omit the high vocations of priesthood and sisterhood. Such identifications needn't be delivered in a bragging manner. Let it drop casually that ABC is a dietician at

XYZ hospital when citing that individual as an active K of L member. While actively working for God and Country, we can lift ourselves out of our own little worlds and put ourselves into a social atmosphere conducive to meeting new and interesting people. It will afford us with a valuable mini-crash-course in Self-Education. Lot's of potential here!

Ted & Rita Pinkus are SO proud of their new grandson, Theodore Francis Pinkus III. Congratulations to all! Congratulations, also, to Ann Buciskas, Marion Racicot and Francis Degutis who were awarded the Fourth Degree. Joe Zalieckas of Spencer recently accepted a position as assistant treasurer and credit manager of a manufacturing plant. Needless to add, we wish him much success. We hope Helen Gillus and friends found the "luck" they searched for on their recent visit to Las Vegas, Nev.

Mrs. Isabel Karalus, mother of Eleanor Gadilauskas and Richard Karalus, died early in September.

To her family, we offer prayerful condolences.

As a cultural project and in an effort to promote Lithuanianism, our council donated several books to the Worcester Public Library.

Excellent cooking, serving, and eating... especially team work... resulted in a successful clambake. Co-chairpersons were Bill & Carol Grigas, assisted by Leonard & Ruth Ramsdell, Francis & Adele Degutis, Eleanor & Stephen Walinsky, Jr., Ginny Leleikis and Ann Walinsky. The affair was held in September at the Lithuanian War Veterans quarters.

Activity ran rampant in the month of October, — Ginny Leleikis chairing the Oct. 14 dinner-dance, Rita Pinkus organized N.Y.C. trip, and the NED Cultural Festival at Maironis Park Oct. 22.

Just after we announced that our dear and respected member, Sister M. Laurine, S.S.C., had been given a new assignment, we learned that Sister was forced to undergo major surgery. Thoughts,

prayers and well-wishes immediately went out to Sister so that the roses would be back in her cheeks very soon... sooner than even her doctor predicts!

The Supreme Council very nobly presented the Lithuanian Affairs award posthumously to our late Alexander Kardokas. Accepting the award for their father were Carol and Patricia Kardokas.

Father Ben offers some fine ideas in his monthly spiritual talks. We listen to them; let's take them to heart. The spiritual program is active at St. Casimir's. We've only to take part!

'Tis the season to be jolly! So, to our nationwide K of L family, from our pastor, Father Anthony J. Miciunas, MIC, our spiritual director, Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, our president, Mrs. Rita Pinkus and her executive board, and our entire membership, we sing forth joyous Glorias as we say: Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!

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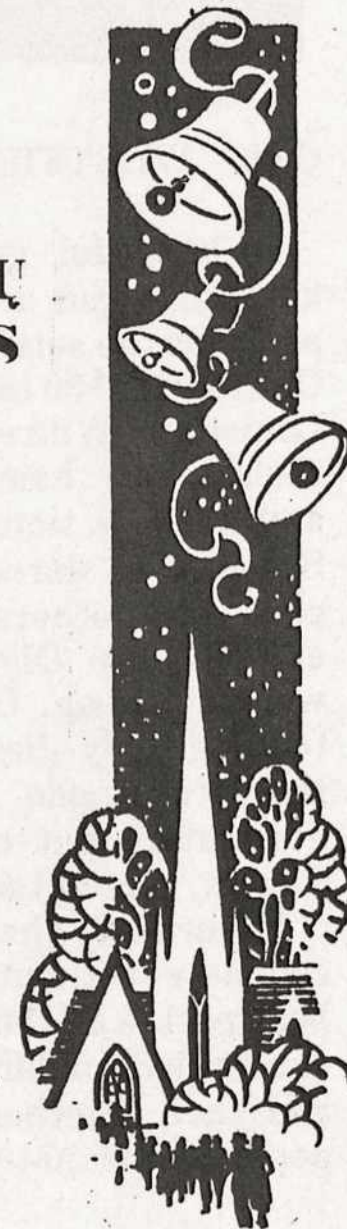
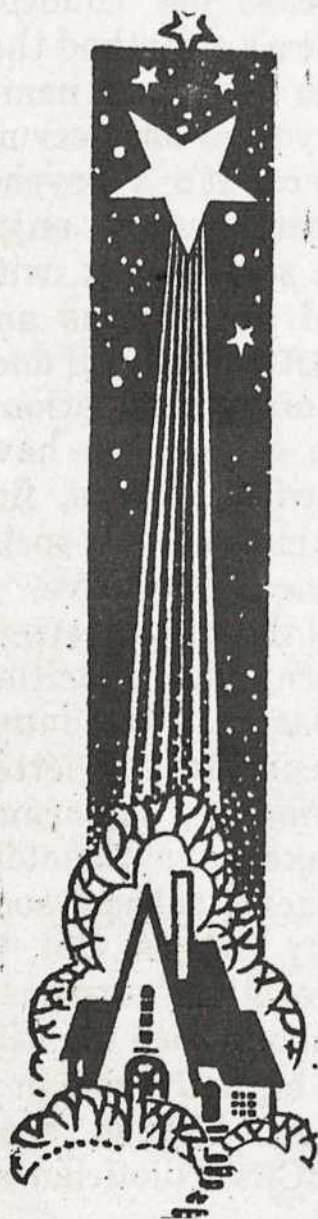
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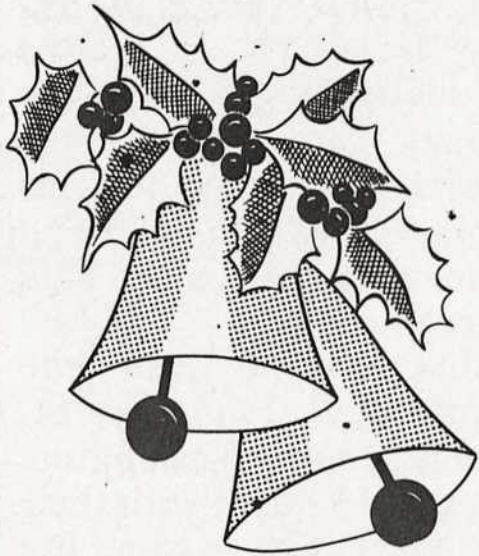
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**COUNCIL 26  
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA — WORCESTER, MA**



**It's nice when the organization we love is also filled with the kind of people for whom we can have warm, friendly feelings. It adds a special meaning to the familiar phrase:**

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LAI KRISTAUS RAMYBĖ TEBŪNA SU JUMIS  
VISAIS, DABAR IR PER VISUS METUS**



C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The 69th Annual Convention of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priest's League of America was held in September at the Marriott Inn and St. Casimir's Church, Providence. Spiritual Renewal and problems of the Catholic Church under persecution in Communist-occupied Lithuania were highlights of the Convention. K of L member priests in attendance were Bishop Brizgys, Msgr. Juras, Msgr. Sharnus, and the Rev.'s Steponaitis, Martinkus, Pugevičius, Jurgelaitis, Contons, Miciunas, and Ciniakas. Father Martinkus gave a reception for the visiting Lithuanian clergy and guests Wednesday evening at our parish hall. Bishop Louis Gelineau of Providence, and Bishop Daniel Reilly of Norwich,

Conn., were guests of the Lithuanian Priest's League.

Our new '78-79 Council Officers are: Pres. John Walaska, 1st Vice-Pres. Ruta Krecioch, 2nd Vice-Pres. Bette Ciuryla, Fin. Secy. & Treas. Anthony Gudzauskas, Rec. Secy. Rita Wilkins, and Trustees Bertha Stoskus and Irene Landanski. We extend our best wishes and pledge our support to them for the coming year.

We are most pleased to see the return of Joseph Waitonis to our council, and sincerely welcome his spouse Agnes as a new member. Agnes is an ardent worker on the Lithuanian Heritage Sub-Committee in Providence. Joseph has been President of the Lithuanian Citizens Beneficial Club of Providence for a number of years.

Eleven of our members attended

the NED Fall Convention in Lawrence, Mass. in September. The 4th Degree was conferred upon two of our most deserving members, John Walaska and Irene Landanski. Three of our members were elected to Dist. Offices: Ruta Krecioch, 1st Vice-Pres.; John Walaska, Treas.; and John Stoskus, Ritual Chairman.

Ann Krecioch recently returned home from her European trip. On Aug. 26 she and her sister Regina were in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. In the morning they were among thousands of pilgrims to receive the Papal Blessing from our New Pontiff, Pope John Paul I. They prayed at the tomb of our beloved Pope Paul VI in the crypt of St. Peter's. Their day was culminated with the Enthronement of Pope John Paul I. Thirty-four days



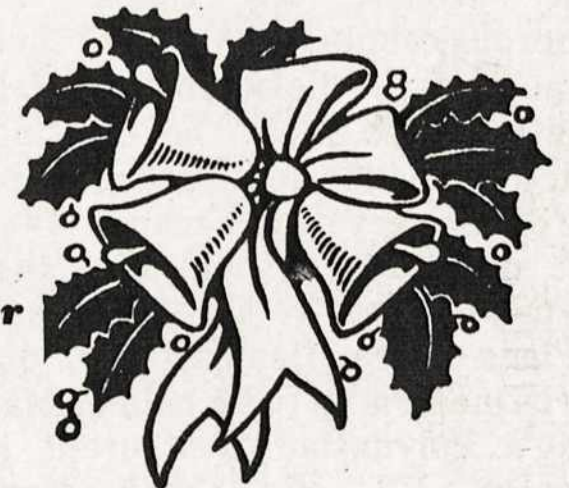
**WISHING ALL OUR KNIGHTS  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A BLESSED, HEALTHY  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**COUNCIL 79  
Southfield, MI**

**Sp. Adv. Rev. V. Krisciunevicius  
Pres. - Frank J. Zager  
V. Pres I - Helen Tucker  
V. Pres. II - Magdalena Smailis  
Fin. Sec. - Jos. Chaps**

**Rec. Sec. - Ruth Grasha  
Treas. - Jeanne Jakstys  
Corresp. Sec. - Sophie Zager  
Sgt-at-Arms - George Kase**

**Trustees - Violet Panavas  
Anthony Dainus & Chester Nashlon**



Later, God called Pope John Paul to his heavenly home, and news was received of his sudden death.

After surgery at Our Lady of Fatima Hosp., Dorothy Kapiskas is now recuperating at home.

A Heritage Festival sponsored by the Rhode Island Heritage Commission was held at the Rotunda of the State House on Sept. 17. The Lithuanian Subcommittee presented the Sukurys Lithuanian Folk Dance group from Brockton, Mass. They had an excellent exhibit of Lithuanian artifacts, and also sold Lithuanian food. Our member Jean Goughlin is Chairperson of this committee.

We sincerely express our appreciation to Father Janiunas, and to C-78 members, for their hospitality extended to us in Lawrence.

Kalėdų Linkėjimai visiems Vyčiams.

J.A.S.



## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Starsy & Al Wesey where election of officers for the coming year took place: Pres. Al Wesey, Vice Pres. Bill Bernatovich, Secy. Jo Zukas, Fin. Secy. Joe Zukas, Treas. Millie Rogers, and Trustees Mary & Tony Kober. We thank this generous couple for the use of their home and the delectable refreshments served after the meeting. Star's recipe for apple pie must be one of her very own, because "they just don't make them like that anymore". They're always a treat.

Plans were finalized for our Christmas Party to be held at Mah Jong's Polynesian Restaurant in Syosset, L.I. We thank Mary

Wesey for making all arrangements.

Tony Kober and Jo & Joe Zukas attended the dinner commemorating the 90th Anniversary of Joe's home parish, St. Mary of the Angels Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. It was a tender moment when Joe recognized his religious education teacher, Sister M. Urbana, seated at the next table. During his very young years, Sister taught the children of the parish the catechism, prepared them for their Sacraments, and all prayers — in Lithuanian. When Joe entered the Navy quite a few years later, the chaplain onboard ship was a little puzzled when he heard a Lithuanian confession. Her lessons were taught well. In the predominantly Jewish neighborhood, it was not unusual for the rabbi's walking by, shaking their heads while Sister, during recreation periods, played softball with the youngsters across the street in the public schoolyard, her long flowing robes and dangling rosary not at all encumbering her performance. Sister Urbana grew up in DuBois, Pa., and entered the St. Francis Convent, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sept. 10, 1928. She has celebrated her 50th Anniversary this year ("All year!" she says). All your students love you, Sister, tegul Dievas laimina ir laiko sveiką ilgiausius metus!



Former student Joe Zukas with Jubilarian teacher, Sister M. Urbana, OSF, of Maspeth, N.Y.

We are sorry to learn that Al Wesey lost his faithful animal companion, Frisky. This huge dog went everywhere with Al, waited for him in his truck while Al took care of daily chores, and even made several vacation plane trips to California. He was a good friend and a solid protector who could never be replaced.

Congratulations to Jo Zukas who has become Treas. of the St. Peter's Guild in Port Washington. Good luck to the Kobers with their shiny new black Blazer van. Remember in your prayers the founder of our K of L organization, the late Mykolas Norkunas, whose birthday fell on Dec. 1.

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with all our K of L friends, and may all good things happen during the coming New Year.

C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

The Annual M.A. Dist. Convention was held at Transfiguration Church in Maspeth hosted by our council.

A busload of delegates from Scranton, Pittston, and Schuylkill County, Pa., assembled at the church to attend the 11 a.m. Mass together with our Natl. Pres. Phil Skabeikis and representatives from New York, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C. The delegation totaling about 100 was led by the Junior Council carrying flags. Juniors Marija Stungurys and Diane Kichinski carried the Offertory gifts.

After a light breakfast and a greeting from Fr. Frank Bulovas, Pastor of Transfiguration, the meeting was called to order by Pres. Larry Janonis. Complete Natl. Conv. reports were given by Stanley Vaičaitis of C-144 and Bro. George Petkavage of our council.

Marian Skabeikis was Moderator of a workshop on Council Programming. A question and answer period followed.

Elected to the District Board for 1978-79 were: Pres. Larry Janonis C-12, 1st Vice Pres. William A. Sittis C-110, 2nd Vice Pres. Bro.



### MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONVENTION MASS

George Petkavage C-110, Secy. Jeanne Janonis C-12, Fin. Secy. John Adomenas C-110, Treas. Millie Pietz C-12, Trustees Leo Butsevich C-143, Ann Wargo C-144, Helen Shields C-3. Ritual Committee consists of Jovita Sleder C-12, Ann Klem C-90, and Joe Boley C-41. Lithuanian Affairs Chm. is Joseph Mortunas, Cultural Chm. Ann Mogelis C-144, and Public Relations Isabelle McKinley C-100.

After the meeting, an Italian supper of ziti and salad were served, and for dessert a cake baked by Adele Nelson. The chef for the day was John Oliva.

Our council's Pres. John Adomenas presided at the regular Oct. meeting. Reports were given on the dance held Nov. 11, chaired by John Adomenas and Lottie Ulrich, and the traditional Kūčios on Dec. 17 chaired by John Sidtis. Both functions were held in the Transfiguration Parish hall.

Pres. Adomenas introduced 14 new members: Stephen J. Dagus, Karen & George Dagus, Theresa & George Dagus, Julia & Joseph Vance, Frances & Tony Migliore, Helen & Tony Yakaitis, Stella Stripeikas, and Mary & Ross Gilbert.

New officers were sworn in by Fr. Stasys Raila.

All members were asked to attend the 11 a.m. Mass in a body on the third Sunday of each month at our Transfiguration Church.

After the meeting Fr. Raila conducted a brief lesson on the proper usage of the Lithuanian language. Instructions will be held after each meeting.

Our next meeting was held Nov. 1. Anyone of Lithuanian parentage is invited to attend future meetings.

Ann Sidtis



### C-143 - PITTSTON, PA.

A capacity crowd was in attendance at the Second Annual Old Tyme Lithuanian Nite sponsored by our council at St. Casimir's Church Hall, Pittston, on Sept. 30. It was a social evening enjoyed by all.

Lithuanian foods were the specialty, and women of the council outdid themselves preparing a variety of foods — home made cheese, stuffed cabbage, dešros of meat and potatoes, potato cake and pancakes, sauerkraut, horseradish, "ausiukės" and delectable cakes of every description. Clam chowder and hot dogs were also available.

Since fire regulations limit the capacity of the hall, many persons were disappointed when they couldn't purchase admission tickets. Many family groups attended with young children who enjoyed the foods and festivities as much as did the older persons.

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**GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR CHRISTMAS**  
**AND THE NEW YEAR**

**ANNIE MITCHELL MATULEVIČIUTE**  
 Honorary Member  
 C-52- ELIZABETH, N.J.





Community singing was led by Rev. Peter Alisauskas accompanied by Prof. Vaclovas Romanas, with solos by Onufrio Orlando, and music for dancing by Steve Gavlick.

Two baskets of cheer, an afghan and decorative pillows were awarded as prizes.

#### C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

Our October meeting had the annual election of officers. Chosen by acclamation were jolly Joe Sleder, Pres.; Helen Yurkus, 1st Vice Pres.; Walter Yurkus, 2nd Vice Pres.; Connie Siatsis, Secy. Trustees for the 1978-79 term are Mary York and Julia Gomes. Incumbent Millie Pietz will continue as dues collector and checkbook balancer.

Guest Dale Bulvicius gave us some pointers on letter-writing to senators and congressmen and particularly to the unfortunate in Soviet prisons. Jovita Sleder had a

crash course on tap in straw ornament arrangements for Christmas tree decoration, Lithuanian style.

Tours to the old country continued at a steady pace. Latest to visit the ancestral land were Helen Shields, Millie Pietz and Mrs. Albert Janonis. A spot survey at the meeting showed that just about every member had visited Lithuania at least once. There were a few repeaters.

Jim Sabal selected the British Isles for his summer visit. He told of a 2,000 mile bus tour through England, Scotland and Wales, getting a close look at just about every historical point of interest from the houses of Parliament in London to ancient castles enroute to Bristol and a visit to Hampton Court Palace, a landmark since early in the sixteenth century. Built by Cardinal Wolsey it was a favorite recreation area for king Henry VIII. No visit is complete without a stopover at Blarney Castle and its famous stone, a

legendary Irish tradition. There also was a short visit to chilly Loch Ness in Scotland. There was no monster in the lake and certainly no ghosts in the castles. The natives insist in a straight face that such phenomena never occur during the tourist season.

In mid-September, St. Mary of the Angels Church had its 90th anniversary as a House of God. The birthday started with a celebrated Mass offered by Pastor Anthony Petrauskas and Asst. Pastor Vytautas Pikturna as well as former Pastor Joseph Aleksunas. The church was filled to capacity.

This, the oldest Lithuanian parish in the New York area, has been at its present location at So. Fourth & Roebing Sts. in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn since 1899, having moved there from temporary headquarters on Grand St.

The list of pastors and their assistants has been outstanding.



*C-143 - Pittston, Pa. - Some of the Committee members of Old Tyme Lithuanian Nite:*

*1st Row: Agnes Kishel, Nellie Bayoras, Jack Piragas (co-chairperson), Helen Piragas (Co-chairperson), Anne Challan (Chairlady), Fr. Peter J. Alisauskas (Hon. Chairman), Marie Lauck, Marcella Bartoli, Frances Evans, Ann Walatkas, Mary Timek.*

*2nd Row: Mary Makalusky, Jule Farrell, Mildred Walsh, Grace Kazacavage, Marion Chepalis, Mary Stanonis, Eva Richards, Frances Orlando, Ann Zarzecki, Jennie Bartashunas, Nellie Luke, Mary Burdett.*

*3rd Row: Agnes Kay, Alena Miskinis, Alberta Walsh, Anna Marie Sewatsky, Peter Menchinsky, Genevieve Dajnowski, Sophie Patrick, Rosemary Montville, Mary Ann Grableski, Helen Butsavage.*

*4th Row: Onufrio Orlando, Helen Wisnosky, Paul Patrick, Joseph Grableski, Adam Montville, Paul Lauck, John Wisnosky, Patricia Casale, Dorothy Banos, Rosalie Kizis.*



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**COUNCIL 140**

**SYRACUSE,  
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**BEST WISHES  
FOR A  
HOLY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**COUNCIL 12**

**MANHATTAN, NEW YORK**



**TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
A HOLY AND JOYOUS  
CHRISTMAS  
and a  
PROSPEROUS AND  
HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

**LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ  
LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ**



**COUNCIL 103  
PROVIDENCE,  
RHODE ISLAND**

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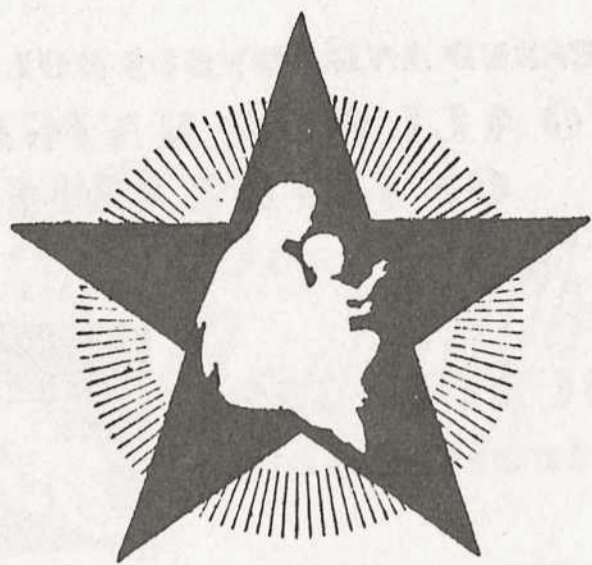
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL.**

**COUNCIL-17 SENIORS**

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR  
FRIENDS AND FELLOW KNIGHTS

**Council 29 - Newark, N.J.**

**MAY THE PEACE AND  
JOY OF CHRISTMAS  
BE WITH YOU  
ALWAYS**

**COUNCIL 30  
WESTFIELD, MASS.**



One of the early pastors Rev George Mundelein years later was elevated to the rank of Cardinal. The present assistant, Rev. Pikturna, never mentions it, but he put in a few tortured years as an inmate of Germany's dreaded Dachau concentration camp, charged with fulfilling his duties as a priest. It was the accurate records of this church that provided irrefutable proof that enabled Simas Kudirka to settle in the United States.

The present church organist, Albinas Prižgintas, is a virtuoso in every sense of the word. Not only has he displayed his musical talents in various concert halls but he also has given organ recitals in St. Patrick's Cathedral in N.Y.C.

There was an elaborate dinner at the Lithuanian Cultural Center at the conclusion of all the festivities. More than 300 parishioners, former parishioners and friends of both attended. So did Anicetas

Simutis, Consulate General of Lithuania, and just about every clergyman of Lithuanian extraction in the diocese.

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**ILLINOIS-INDIANA  
DISTRICT**

Hosts for the 1979 National Convention, scheduled for August in Chicago, will be the officers and members of the IID. The delegates at the Sept. Dist. Conv. selected the following officers: Algerd Brazis C-112, Pres.; Ann Marie Kassel C-36, 1st VP Jrs.; Juozas Laurinaitis Chgo. Srs., 3rd Srs.;

Irene Sankus & Sophie Nieminski both of C-112, Secretaries; Emily Petraitis C-112, Treas.; Vincent Samaska C-36 & Harry Petraitis C-112 Trustees; Jerome Jankus C-36, Edward Krivickas & Antanas Sereika both of C-112, Sgts-at-Arms.

Rev. Anthony Zakarauska pastor of Nativity B.V.M. Church will again serve as our Spiritual Advisor, and Frank Zopolis C-36, former IID Pres. will act as the Chairman of the Board.

Following the business portion of the meeting, hostess Monica Kasper served a delicious blueberry supreme cake baked by Chef Vince Samaska.

Belated Convention congratulations to the winners of the Junior Conventionship, Georgeanne Kassel and Thomas Strolia, both of the C-36-112 Jrs.

Membership Vice Pres. Sabina Klatt announced the winner of our IID Drive — none other than

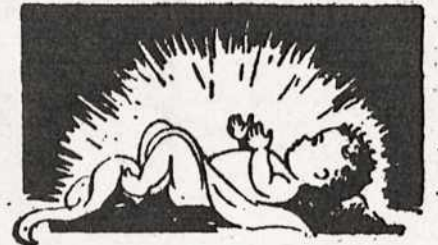


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**COUNCIL 145  
Holyoke, Mass.**

**BLESSED AND JOYOUS HOLIDAYS  
TO ALL OUR KNIGHTS  
OF LITHUANIA**

**COUNCIL 139  
Detroit, Mich.**



Estelle Rogers of C-112. Estelle also was awarded Second Place in the Natl. Membership Drive.

K of L members were in attendance at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Women's Guild 10th Anniversary Dinner-Dance. Honored at this event was the Founder Pres. of the group, Mary Krauchunas, a multi-talented lady.

The 1979 Convention Committee has been formed, plans and activities are being completed, and an invitation is extended to all K of L members to visit Chicago before and after the Convention.

Our K of L Choir has again elected Estelle Rogers to serve as its President. Faustas Strolia remains as the group's director. Other officers are John Auksciu-nas and Virginia Narvaisis, Vice Presidents; Levute Livcinaite, Secy.; Juozas Juska, Treas.; Al Zakarka and Stanley Cepas, Trustees; Pete Gagle, Sgt-at-

Arms; Margaret Narvaisis, Archives; Emilija Pakalniskis, Publicity; Veronica Bilitavicius, Music.

DATE TO REMEMBER: Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner-Dance, Feb. 4, 1979.

**CHICAGO SENIORS**

Vasarai greitai slenkant ir rudeniui artėjant Sendraugiai nutarė turėti porą piknikų. Pirmas įvyko dieną prieš Darbininkų Šventę, o antras porą sekmadienių vėliau.

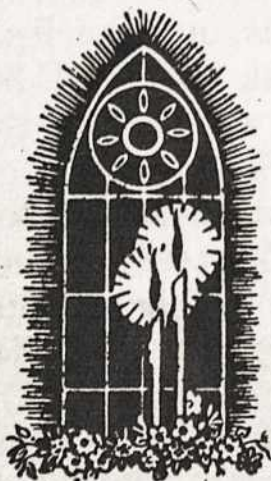
Nors daug buvo įvairių parengimų Chicagos apylinkėse, bet buvo malonu matyti tiek daug atsilankiusių Vyčių draugų sykiu laiką praleisti gražioje salėje ir sodelyje. Gerai, kad turime nenuilstančius sekančius darbuotojus, kurie dirbo per abu piknikus, Juozas Laurinaitis, Clemente Vidzius, Jeronimas Jankus, Kazimiera Petruilienė, Nick Karlavich, Anta-

nas ir Stefanija Jonučiai, ir Juozas ir Valeria Stanaičiai.

Metinis Sendraugių susirinkimas įvyko rugsėjo 22 dieną, didelis narių skaičius atsilankė. Aptarta ateinančių metų veikla. Išrinkta nauja valdyba: Pirm. Juozas Laurinaitis, 1-mas vicepirm. Clemente Vidzius, 2-ras vicepirm. Juozas Stanaitis, Išdininkas — Nick Karlavich, Protokolo sekretorė — Peggy Zakaraitė, Finansų sekretorė — Stephanie Jonutienė ir Dvasios Vadas — Kun. P. P. Cini-kas, MIC.

Kad būtų galima geriau einamus draugijos reikalus tvarkyti ir nariai turėtų geresnę progą į susirinkimus atvykti, nutarta susirinkimus turėti kas pirmą mėnesio pirmadienį, 7 val. vak., Vyčių salėje. Ypatingai buvo pabrėžta, kad bus pradedami laiku. Po susirinkimo įvyks draugiškas pasisvečiavimas ir vaišės.

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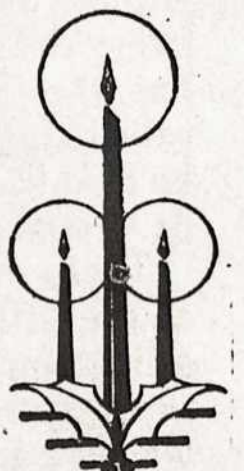


**All Best Wishes  
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and a  
Happy New Year  
from  
COUNCIL 52**

**Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
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ir  
Laimingų Naujų Metų**

**Rev. Francis J. Pranckus -  
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Alphonse Trainis - President  
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Bridgeport, Connecticut**



# Christmas Greetings

from  
**MONSIGNOR JOSEPH NEVERAUSKAS**

**Anthracite C-144**

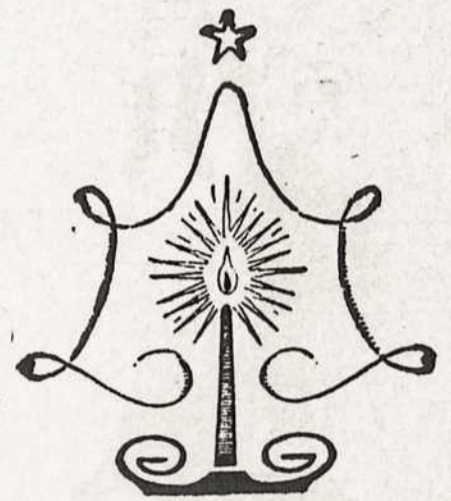
and author of

**THE ADVENTURES**

**OF ZIGGY ZILCH**



May the  
**Joy and Peace**  
of Christmas  
be with you  
through  
**The Coming Year**



**COUNCIL 135**  
**Ansonia, Conn.**



gražiai atšvęsti po gruodžio mėn. susirinkimo. Būtų gražu, kad mes Vyčiai taip gražiai dirbdami dėl Dievo ir Tėvynės pakviestume savo artimus draugus prisirašyti prie šios patrijotiškos draugijos. O jeigu turite kokių klausimų dėl naujų narių prirašymo, tai kreipkitės pas vicepirmininkus ir jie mielai noru jums pagelbės.

Joval

C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

It was great to get together again with everyone at the September meeting and brush up on all of our summer activities.

The Annual IID 4th of July picnic was a smashing success. Many thanks to our council members who put in long hours to contribute to that success. We were also blessed with ideal weather, which didn't hurt.

Vince Samoska reported on the successful Golf Outing sponsored by the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce in August. Many K of

L'ers attended. In fact, one of our own council members, Dave Gaidas, won the K of L trophy. Keeping it all in the family, Arlene Gaidas also won a trophy, and son, Kenneth, won a junior trophy. Congratulations to a family of champions.

A Convention report was given by Teresa Strolia. Delegates from our council were Bernice Pupinik, and Faustas & Teresa Strolia. Ann Marie Kassel attended the Convention with the Juniors. The newly elected officers from our council are: Ann Marie Kassel, 1st Vice Pres.; Teresa Strolia, Fin. Secy. Teresa is also on the Scholarship Committee and the Archives. Faustas Strolia was appointed to the Lithuanian Language Preservation Committee. Bernice Pupinik attended all of the Convention sessions. She was particularly impressed with the variety of subjects covered and with the very interesting and knowledgeable speakers.

We were sorry to learn that our

President, Sabina Klatt, was struggling through a bout with pneumonia. We pray that she has recovered, and is back to her numerous activities with her usual vigor and enthusiasm.

Another of our members, Mary Srupsa, very active in many organizations, has been seriously ill for several months. Our prayers are with her.

Travel report: Christine & Rudy Stachyra went on a three-week tour of the Southwest in August seeing the marvels of Arizona, Colorado, etc. Bernice Pupinik spent a weekend in Las Vegas with the Westchester Senior Citizens Group in September. Not only that, in October she traveled with them to Florida on an eight-day tour, specifically Pompano Beach. She sure gets around.

Special thanks to Al Manst for donating refreshments again for our September meeting.

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**THE "PHILLY - GOOD KNIGHTS"  
WISH ALL K OF L MEMBERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES A BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS 1979**

**LINKSMŲ ŠVENČIŲ VISIEMS  
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Tucked in among his gifts  
you'll find our special wishes  
for a wondrous Holiday!



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**LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ  
METŲ!**

**MARIAN, PHILIP and MATTHEW  
SKABEIKIS**





**May the Peace of Christmas  
Fill your heart from  
day to day  
May the Love of Christmas  
Show in all you do and say  
May the Hope of Christmas  
Now and always light  
your way.**

**Mary York**

Council 12,  
New York,

**VYČIAI...**

**"GOD BLESS US ALL,**

**EACH AND EVERY ONE."**

**FRANK VASKAS  
Hon. Member  
C-29**



C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

To compliment the excellent job they did during the past year, many of our officers were re-elected to another term in the coming Chicago Convention year.

Congratulations and best wishes for another successful K of L year to Pres. Albert Zakarka, Vice-Pres. Albert Daxis, Rec. Secy. Sophie Nieminski, Fin. Secy. Alice Cekanor, Corres. Secy. Betty Bozec, Treas. Monica Kasper, Trustees Albert Cekanor and Dolores Wainauskas, and Sgts-at-Arms Louis Rogers, Edward Krivickas and Paul Binkis.

Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas has again agreed to serve as our spiritual director. His advice and monthly talks at our meetings keep us abreast of activities in the religious and Lithuanian world.

Due to many pressing duties, our very capable Correspondence Secy. Bernadine Rogers was unable to continue in her post. Her duties will now be handled by Betty Bozec, formerly on the "Vytiš" staff and an active member of our council, the IID, and the Supreme Council. Welcome back to a talented lady!

Our September election meeting was well attended and we had the honor of the presence of Msgr. Klemensas Razminas, who resides at the St. Casimir's College in Rome, Italy. The Monsignor expressed his interest in our organization and complimented us for our diversified activities in the fields of

religion, Lithuanian affairs and Lithuanian culture.

Hostesses Gerrie Mockus and Julie Zakarka outdid themselves with the refreshments for the social following the business meeting.

Council members and the K of L colors participated in the annual Our Lady of Siluva procession and ceremonies at Nativity B.V.M. Church.

To all of our K of L friends, our officers and members extend Christmas Greetings and wishes for a successful K of L.

Remember Chicago in August '79 for the National Convention.  
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**MID-CENTRAL  
DISTRICT**

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Our Super Social Committee once more outdid themselves. On Sept. 9 Rita Ambrose, John A. & Joyce Berczelly, Harley Karns, Chris Mantz, Judy Petrokas and committee held an authentic Hungarian Night. The Chicken Paprika'sh, including Mrs. Boston's specialties, were all foods made from scratch. John & Julia Boston, Joyce's parents, were our special

guests for the evening. They brought their own tapes and equipment and taught us variations in dancing the Hungarian Czardas. What a fine time! To the Committee and their helpers ačiū labai. Members who did not come were the losers.

Our annual visitation to the graves of deceased members took place on Sept. 3 and 10. On the 3rd we visited our two out-of-town members in Oxford and Springfield, O. The 10th began with 8 A.M. Mass followed by a light breakfast served by Al & Albina Wallis. Thirty members and the Juniors then headed for Calvary Cemetery where we paid tribute to our deceased. We rounded out the day with our last family picnic of the season at Triangle Park. This is always one of the most inspiring days during the year. We can thank deceased member Mike P. Petkus for initiating this custom and making it a major part of our council's activities.

Craft classes were conducted for our annual Christmas Bazaar at the Winter's Tower in downtown Dayton. Joe & Aldona Ryan hosted the first gathering in their home on Sept. 14. Sally Miller volunteered to chair this project.

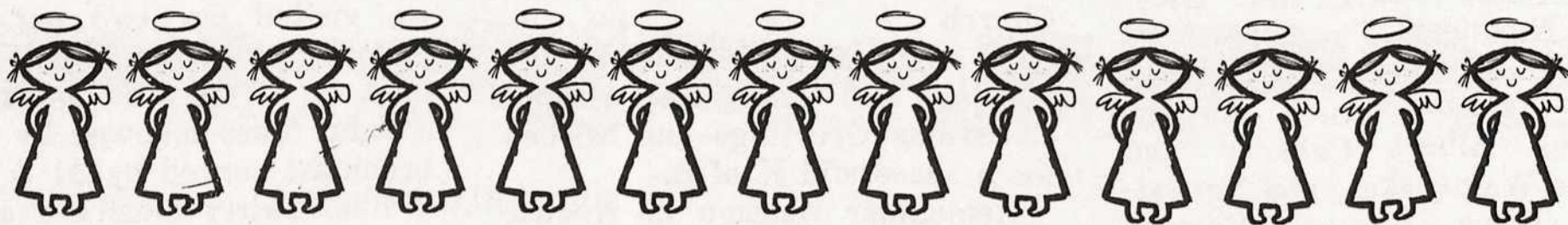
Ed Sluzas and Rita Gečas, former Jr. Knights now in the regular council, volunteered to take charge of the Parish's "Vėjeliai Dancers". We wish them much success in this tremendous task.

With Chris Mantz making all the arrangements, Mike & Audrey

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LINKĖDAMI LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ ŠVENČIŲ  
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Kalėdu Švenčių*

*Laimingu  
Nauju Metu!*



**SENDRAUGIŲ KUOPA  
CHICAGO, ILL.**

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*Naujuju Metu proga*

*linkime Jums džiaugsmo*

*ir Dievo palaimos*



**Council - 25**

**CLEVELAND, OHIO**





Blum have taken on the chore of Secy.-Treas. for our council's bowling league during the 78-79 season. Much luck! Dayton will be hosting the annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament the weekend of May 18-20. John A. Berczelly volunteered to be chairman and has his committee completely lined up.

Our thanks to Chm. Eleanor Mantz and Susan Smiley for the Card Party sponsored Sept. 17. With limited turnout, there were plenty of prizes for all present. Eleanor, with her talent in the handcraft field, made beautiful table decorations.

On Oct. 23-24, delegates Eloise Berczelly, Annadel & Sally Miller, Fran Petkus, Aldona Ryan, Ada Sinkwitz, Jr. Knight Tom Petkus, and guest Joe Ryan attended the Fall MCD Conv. — Pilgrimage. They came home with much praise for the host council C-79, Detroit. The members certainly made us feel most welcome, their hospitality was super. The Mass on Sunday, paying tribute to the deceased of the district, was most heart-warming. We thank Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius for his kind thoughts and beautiful Mass. Special thanks to C-79's Bertha Janus who put it "all together".

Congratulations to Annadel Miller who was presented with her Third Degree Award, and to Aldona Ryan who was wholeheartedly reelected Dist. President. Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis will remain Dist. Spiritual Advisor. Ada Sinkwitz will carry on as 2nd Vice-Pres.

It was a pleasure to have our newly-elected Natl. Pres. Philip Skabeikis take part in our Dist. Convention. Phil's question-and-answer section of the agenda was most enlightening. Much luck with the tremendous responsibility ahead, Phil, as K of L President.

Congratulations to Audrey Blum who fulfilled qualifications to receive the First Degree Award at the Sept. meeting. Our thanks to George Mikalauskas for the treats following that meeting. August & Mary Ann Blum also treated in celebration of their 24th Wedding Anniversary. Ačiū labai.

It is good to see Alice Petkus up and about. Jimmy Kavalauskas and Barbara Goecke are recuperating from surgery, as is Al Wallis. Lou Prasmantas is doing well after his hospital stay, so is Bea Noreikas and Joe August. Stay well! We are thankful Judy Petrokas and Harley Karns were not seriously hurt in recent

separate auto accidents.

Newest members Anna Desko and Barbara Barrett have been busy sharing experiences from their recent trip to Lithuania.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Dr. Edmund & Aldona Drukteinis on the passing of Pranas Drukteinis at the age of 94. Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord.

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#### C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

Our warm, comfortable seaside days are over, but we're not at a standstill in activities.

"It's not where you start, but where you finish" is the way that ole song goes. And that is where our host C-79 finished the Mid-Central Dist. Conv. on Sept. 23-24, geared to its BEST. Delegates who came from Pittsburgh, Dayton, Cleveland, Detroit and Southfield had nice comments for all our events — the Luncheon, Business Meeting, Dinner-Theatre, Religious & Memorial Services, and the Sunday Brunch. All this was due to a great committee, Chair-ladies Bertha Janus and Sophie Zager, and Pres. Frank Zager.


The event was highlighted by the presence of S.C. Natl. Pres.



C-96, Dayton, Ohio - Family Picnic. (front row) Judy Petrokas, Monica Petrokas, Rita Ambrose; (second row) Mary Ann Blum, Gus Blum, Elinor Sluzas, Greg Blum.



C96 - Social - Pie-in-the-face (Front row) Back of Helen Vaitkus, Amy & Eloise Berczelly; (Back row) Hidden - Greg Blum, Joey Mantz, Chris Mantz, Elinor Sluzas, Judy Petrokas, Harley Karns (with pie facial), Joe Gecas, Stan Vaitkus, John Berczelly, Rick Noreikas, Rita Ambrose.



Happy Holidays

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Irene Sankus C-112

FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE TIME  
COME TO CHICAGO IN 1979!



Phil Skabeikis, who added fellowship and good-will to all the Knights. Many thanks to Marge & Chester Nashlon who met him at the airport and brought him back.

The gourmet luncheon, under the direction of Vicki Chepelonis, was superb. All the food was made and donated by members. Labai ačiū. Our thanks, too, to H. Tucker, A. Dainus, V. Panavas, S. Zager, the Nashlons, Joe Yakstys, R. Grasha and Karen Panavas for their great assistance.

A good number of Knights and guests attended the Dinner-Theatre Nite at Sussex House where they dined on prime beef and enjoyed a musical - comedy "The Fantastics".

Everything on Sunday turned out wondrous. Religious Chm. Bertha Janus arranged for a well-planned symbolic church service and memorial devotions. Dist. Pres. Aldona Ryan read the names of each deceased member, as a representative of each council lit a large votive candle in a touching memorial tribute.

Made-to-order fall weather costumes for the procession to the Wayside Cross. Jos. Chaps placed a wreath in tribute to all the deceased members.

Another well-deserved tribute was accorded Rev. Father Michael Kundra, former pastor of Divine Providence parish, when he was presented with the Fourth Degree

during Mass on Sunday. Lillian Stepan also received her Fourth Degree, and Joe Yakstys his Third Degree. (His wife, Jeanne, was to receive her Degree, but was unable to attend due to a serious auto accident). Congratulations to all the recipients.

A Super Sunday Brunch, chaired by Marie Kase, awaited all members and guests. Lending more flavor to the ethnicity of the occasion were colorful lapel emblems in Lith. colors made by Helen Tucker. Memorial cards in the form of a Lith. prayer, projected by Sophie Zager, granted a "little souvenir" at each place-setting. The head table was graced with Father V. Kris., Rev. M. Kundrat, Dist. Pres. A. Ryan, C-79 Pres. Frank Zager, Hon. Members Ann Uznis & Bob Boris, and C-139 Pres. Theresa Vaitkunas. Many thanks for special favors to Charlie Step, Lith. Melodies Program and Lith. Voice Radio Program, Stella Hotra, Maggie Smailis, Ruth Grasha, Geo. Kase, and all his refreshment tenders.

Upon conclusion of the brunch, our pastor Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius extended a fond farewell for the safe return of all the out-of-town people.

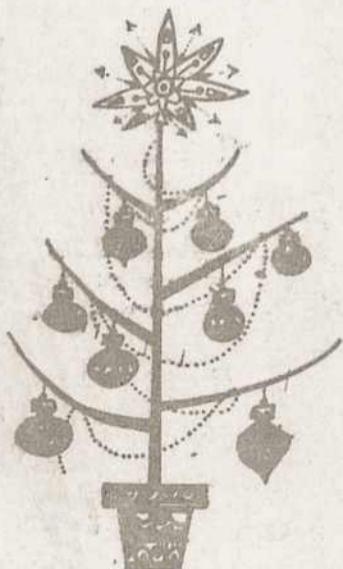
The vacation months found our own members going out of town on the double. Bertha Janus and friend, Cel Kuhns, traveled to Nova Scotia and the Eastern

States. The Geo. Kases enjoyed a visit with their son and family in Conn., and then to Virginia for a sightseeing trip. Frank & Sophie Zager visited their son in Minneapolis, then on to So. Dakota, the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, Custer Natl. Park (a ride in a jeep to see the buffalo) and saw the famous Passion Play in the Black Hills of S.D. They recall several memorable events. During a stop-over in the Badlands, they met a young college student, stopping at various scenic spots on his way to California — on a bike... pedalling that is. On another occasion Sophie was approached by a young woman at a stopover at the Wall Drug. Not recognizing her, the young lady introduced herself, a daughter of Frank's cousin whom they had not seen in years. The cafeteria of the famous drugstore provided a wonderful "catching up" place of family news, some 1,200 miles away!

Congratulations to Alice Burt who became a great-grandmother for the 12th time.

Another member has passed on in death, Bolis (Bill) Walls. Our deep sympathy is extended to his beloved wife, Ona, and his family, brothers Charles and Frank, and sisters Sr. Francesca and Sr. Alverna. May he rest in Eternal Peace.

Hope everyone has a happy and healthy Holiday Season. Soffi



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