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# KRYŽIŲ KALNAS

## “HILL OF CROSSES”

“And their faith  
shall sustain them...”

by Bernice Mikatavage

Five kilometers from Meskuičiai, Lithuania, near the hamlet of Jurgaičiai, there is a famous “Hill of Crosses”, a saddle-shaped rise. At the northern corner of the hill stands a large rock on which are carved the dates — “1861-1794”. The dates of the uprising and of its suppression speak passionately to the Lithuanian consciousness.

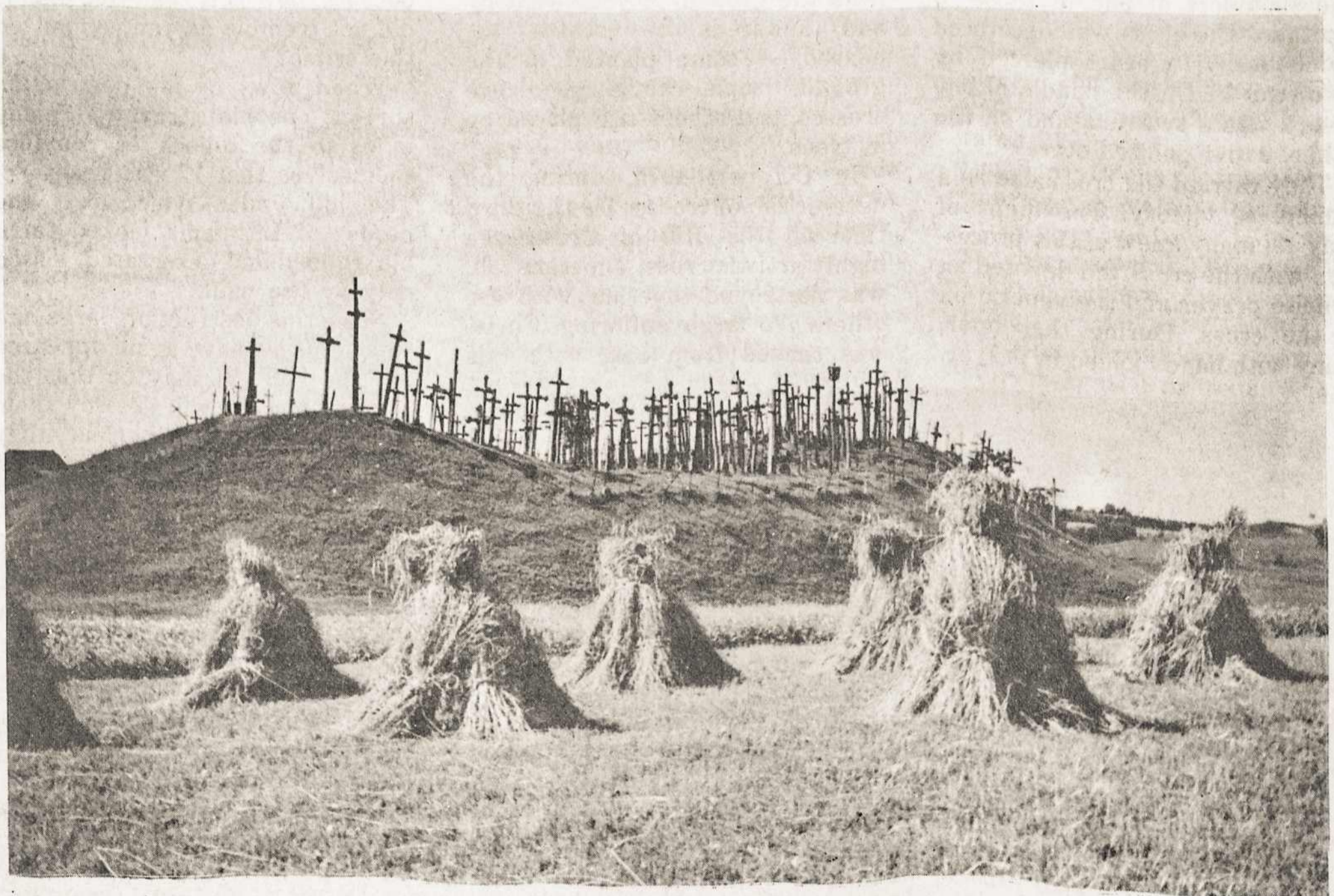
Among the inhabitants of the area there is a legend that at the foot of the fortress-hill once stood a chapel, to which the insurgents

came to pray. Cossacks barred the chapel doors, and in three days the roof caved in, and hence the saddle shape of the hillock. At first, commemorating the insurgents, and later as votaries, the people constantly brought crosses and erected them on the hill.

In 1900 there were about 130 crosses; in 1938 over 400. The crosses were built by the sick and unfortunate making a pilgrimage to the hill, especially on the Feast of Corpus Christi. After World

War II the crosses were erected by Lithuanians returning from Siberia.

At the orders of the Communists, the sacred place was desecrated many times. Atheists destroyed the crosses and shrines on “Kryžių Kalnas”, so dear to the heart of every Lithuanian. Overnight, however, like mushrooms after a rain, they reappeared. A guard was mounted, security police stood watch, the inhabitants of the area were interrogated,





threatened and terrorized, but the crosses kept sprouting on the hillock. It was as though the living spirit of the insurgents was saying, "Don't give in".

The Hill of Crosses had just about recovered from damage suffered during the devastation of 1961. However, at the end of April, 1973, it was once more devastated; not a sign of the crosses survived. The desolate, denuded hill seemed to be waiting for believing hands and loving hearts once more to crown its desecrated head with the symbol of the Redemption.

At midnight on May 19, 1973, an unusual procession appeared at the edge of the city of Šiauliai. A small group of serious young men and women prayerfully carried a cross. They went quietly, meditatively, praying the rosary. From time to time the cross, measuring nine feet and nine inches, and weighing 99 pounds, would be transferred from the shoulders of one to those of another. The cross was decorated symbolically; a heart pierced by two swords. On the handle of one sword was a swastika and on the other, a five-pointed star.

They carried the cross also as a symbol of victory. The night of May 19, many knew of this procession with the cross and devoted an hour to prayer and the veneration of the cross. During that hour, many with hands joined in prayer,

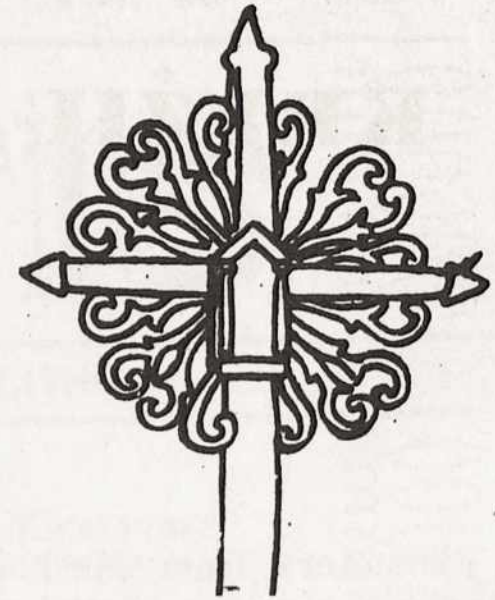
carried the Cross of Christ in spirit.

Security agents traveled along the proposed route throughout the night, from Šiauliai to the Hill of Crosses. To the cross-bearers the success of the procession seemed a miracle.

At 2:30 A.M. on May 20, 1973, the Hill of Crosses boasted a beautiful new cross. Around it were planted flowers and a candle was lighted before it. Everyone knelt and prayed: "Christ our King, may Your Kingdom com to our country".

At 6:45 the sound of an automobile was heard. The security people rubbed their eyes. All night they had been chasing after the cross, and here it was! Angry hands tore the cross down and hauled it off. But by noon, another cross stood in its place. The more the atheists destroyed them, the more the crosses seemed to sprout from the ground. A year went by and hundreds of crosses appeared — some planted in the ground, some hung on large crosses, and others still placed up in trees.

In October, 1975, during the destruction of crosses for the third time on the Hill of Crosses, a highly artistic cross, 4 meters tall, was destroyed together with the others. A large suffering Christ was carved from oak, with this



inscription: "In You, O Lord, we placed our hope and we will not be deceived forever".

This beautiful cross costing 800 rubles, delighted visitors only six days. On this occasion, a member of the N. family, who erected the cross wrote:

"Sons of our nation, in whose veins flows the blood of Lithuania, who eat the bread raised in our land, who speak the language fought for with the lives of our parents, how is it that your hands did not tremble as you committed this crime?"

When news of the destruction spread, people traveled many miles to the hillock to convince themselves that it was really so. The hill under which rest the heroes of Lithuania looked terrible, robbed and desecrated, kissed only by the wind.

Since this destruction, large and small crosses have again appeared on "the Hill". It may be that the atheists' hatred will destroy them again, but one thing is clear; they will show up once more. The faith of a Lithuanian is stronger than the hand of evildoers.

"Lord, do not punish the evildoers, because they, poor things, are deceived and do not know themselves what they do..."

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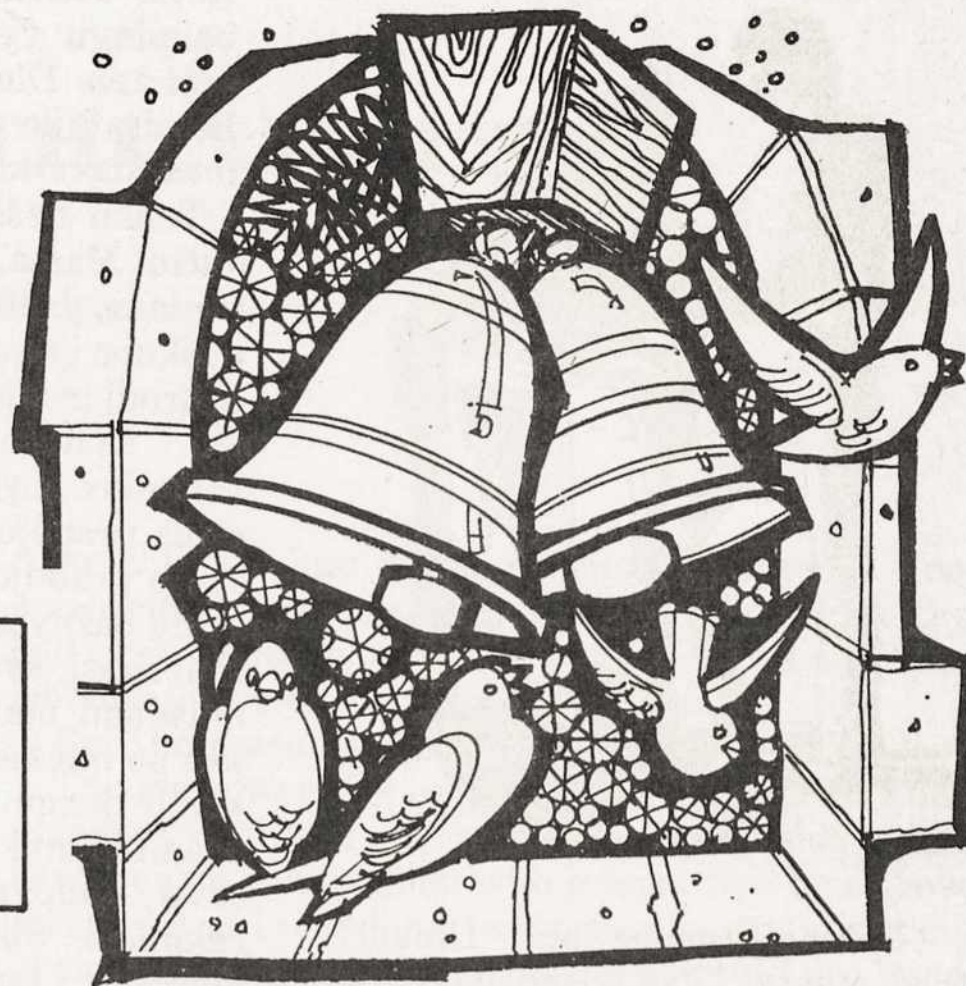
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# KITI METAI- KITI LAPAI

## Naujuosius Metus Sutinkant



Gyvenimo raidoj viskas keičiasi ir mažai kas pasilieka ilgesniam laikui pastoviai. Pirmieji lietuviai ateiviai atvykę į šią jiems svetimą šalį atsivežė su savim daug savųjų papročių ir stengėsi juos čia prigydyti, skiepydami jų meilę į savo vaikų širdis. Beveik neįmanoma buvo tobulai atsispirti nepalankioms aplinkybėms, kurios skiepus baigia nustelbti. Gyvenimas paveikia žmonių pažiūras, siekimus ir visus pasiryžimus.

Mūsų namuose, be mamos ir tėtužio, gyvendavo nesigiminiuojančių įnamių. Šie buvo lietuviai angliakasiai, kol kas nevedę ir, todėl, neturį šeimų ir savų namų. Kadangi mūsų miestelyje viešbučiai pastoviam apsigyvenimui buvo negirdėti, tai šie viengungiai kreipdavos į nurodytas lietuvių šeimas prašydami už sutartą atlyginimą prigludžiami ir aprūpinami kasdieniais gyvenimo reikalais: maisto paruošimu, apskalbimu ir nakvyne. Pas mus vis būdavo dvejetas ar trejetas šitokių įnamių. Tam tikru atžvilgiu, šitokia tvarka išeidavo bendrai savitarpinei naudai. Pavyzdžiui, vakarais, ypač žiemą, dėl anglių taupymo visi susirinkdavome į vieną šildomą kambarį. Glaudžiai ir jaukiai susi-

būrę, mes vaikai klausydavomės tai mamos tai tėtužio ar kurio iš įnamių įdomių kalbų ir prisiminimų apie Lietuvos grožį, paliktus namus, pergyvenimus, džiaugsmus ir vargus. "Pas jus tai taip, bet mūsų kaime būdavo šitoks paprotys". "Jūs, sakote, taip darydavote, sakydavote, ar dainuodavote, o mes, va, kitaip". "Nors dar buvau labai mažas, bet atsimenu kai vieną vakarą netikėtai išibrovė caro kareiviai ir nieko nebodami viską išsvartinėjo ir išmėtinėjo kažko ieškodami". Vienas pabaigdavo savo pasakojimą, kitas pradėdavo dar įdomesnę. O mes vaikai, suriestom kojomis susėdę asloje, užimdami kvapą klausydavomės šių negirdėtų dalykų ir maldaudavome kalbėti daugiau ir paaiškinti kaip ten toliau buvę.

Šių Naujų Metų išvakarėse, mama, suguldžius mažesnius vaikus, man leido pirmą sykį pabuvoti ilgėliau, nes, matote, man jau buvo pilnai sukakę visa dvylika metų. Žinoma, ši ypatingą vakarą visos kalbos pynėsi apie baigiamus ir besiantinančius metus. Paaiškėjo, kad tikrenybėje ne tiek buvo laukiama Naujų Metų ateinant, kiek

ruošiamasi atsisveikinti su senaisiais. Čia buvo prisiminta kiek vargų buvo pakelta per pastaruosius metus, kiek sunkaus darbo išdirbta, kiek nusivylimų patirta ir kiek iš artimųjų draugų ir pažįtamų iškeliavo į amžinybę. Atvertus lapą, buvo ir nepamirštos linksmesnės valandėlės: gimimai, krikštynos, vestuvės ir išikūrimai savuose namuose. Visi turėjo ką tokio asmeniško pridėti ir papasakoti.

Kalbų pertraukoje, mama nustojo mezgusi ir pailsėdama rankas ant kelių lengvai atsiduso: "Ačiū, Dievuliui, už visas Jo malones, kad sveikus, gyvus išlaikė per šiuos metus. Nė vienas smarkiau nesuširgome. Ką ten Marytei nosis kartais pavarvėjo, ar Jonukas pašiną išivarė, ar Petrukas lenktom kojulėm, griūdamas keli prasiškėlė, tai menka bėda".

"Teisingai kalbi, motin", pritarė tėtuzis, išsiėmęs pypkę iš dantų ir pirštu prispausdamas tabako žariją. "Kad ir kasyklose tą sykį kai atsitiktinai išiebtos dujos nusvilino ūsus ir antakius nebuvo ko skustis. Netrukus išgijau ir bematant grįžau į darbą. Galėjo būti daug blogiau".





“Dėkingi turime būti Dievui”, tęsė mama, “kad visad davė pakankamai pavalgyti ir nereikėjo bado kęsti. Na, ir apsaugojo namus nuo gaisro ir nuo vėtrų, o daugiausia, dėkui Dievui, už šį turimą jaukų kampelį, kur širdys šiltai ir sutartinai plaka”.

“Ir jeigu retkarčiais buvo koks nekantrumas ar nešusipratimas”, įterpė tėtuzis, “išsiaiškinę ir atsiprašę, veikiausiai susitaikėme ir pasibučiavę vėl gražiai gyvenome. Tikrai yra daug už ką turime būti dėkingi”.

“Ir jeigu kur suklydom ir praskaltome, atleisk mums, Dieve, ir suteik mums reikalingos pagalbos ir malonių Tau ištikimai tarnauti ateityje”, baigė mama.

Valandėlei nustoję kirtę kortomis, įnamiai susitelkė savo mintyse ir linguodami galvas rodos visam nuoširdžiai, nors tyliai pritarė.

Retai atsirasdavo regimai dievobaimingų vyrų, kurie imtųsi kalbėti apie Dievą, dangų, ar šėtoną. Bendrai, jie nebuvo linkę į vadina mas ‘davatkiškas’ kalbas.

Teliko dešimt senųjų metų minučių. Mama, lyg ką netikėtai prisiminus, padėjo mezginį ant stalo ir nuskubo į rūšį. Visi sužiūro į sieninį laikrodį ir atidžiai sekė lėtą rodyklės šliaužimą prie dvyliktos valandos. Lygiai vidurnaktį, laikrodis pradėjo mušti valandą, ir iš sykiu pradėjo skambinti bent septynių bažnyčių varpai. Dūžiai buvo lėti, rimti, švelnūs. Jų garsai, atsimušdami nuo kalnų pašlaičių, liejosi po miestelio gatveles ir sunkiu klotu dengė namų stogus. Varpų skambėjimui pritarė anglių grūstuvų švilpynių duslus, išsivisantis rėkimas. Susidarė liūdna, nyki nuotaika, tartum atsisveikinama su seniai pažįstamu bičiuliu, kuris dabar išlydimas į negrižtamą kelionę. Arba, luktelėk, tuojaus pajusi žemės drebėjimą ir išgirsi angelų trimitus šaukiančius visus į paskutinį teismą. Visi sėdėjome tylūs ir susimąstę. Vyrai sunėrė rankas ant krūtinių atrodė nustulbę, be žado. Pagaliau, varpai nustojo skambinė ir švilpynės nutilo. Pasipylė gili, tiršta tyła. Tėtuzis vėl išikando pypkę ir papsėdamas traukė dūmą ir leidinėjo kamuolėlius į lubas. Vienas iš įnamių išsiėmė tabakinę ir igudusiais pirštais pradėjo sukuti cigaretę. Visi skendėjome valandos rimtyje. Nieks pirmas nedrįso prabilti iki mama atskubėjo laiptais iš rūšio ir nešina gražia išpiaustyto stiklo ropine, pilna tamsaus vyno, linksmi sušuko: “Laimingų Naujų Metų vi-

siems. Vyrai, žiūrėkite, ką Naujieji Metai bėgdami pro vartelius įbruko man į rankas”. Vyrai kruptelėjo lyg išgąsdinti.

“Laimingų, laimingų”, atsikvošėjęs atsakė tėtuzis.

“Laimingų”, lyg iš miego pabudę, bet linksmi, pritarė įnamiai.

Neatsilikdamas ir aš ikišau savo laimingų linkėjimų dvylekį. Visu ūpas pagyvėjo ir pralinksmėjo.

Mama įpylė visiems vyno. Sustoję ratu, taukštelėjome taurelėmis, vienbalsiai pakartojome: “Laimingų Naujų Metų visiems!” Po pirmo gurkšnio gardaus namie daryto mėlynių vyno, kalbos iš naujo užsimezgė, tik visai kita kryptimi. Pradėjome spėlioti ką žada nauji metai. Vėl linkėjome viens kitam laimės, viso gero, o ypač geros sveikatos ir prašėm Dievą duoti sulaukti kitų Naujų Metų. Išbaigę taureles, saldžiai apsnūdę, kas sau nuėjome miegučio.

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# THE MARE IN THE NIGHT

(A story in which only the dead can sleep)

by

Aldona Ryan

'Go find Dede Jurgis' had been the established command whenever anything went awry in the village. Always available, this aging bachelor had merrily acquiesced to the calls. His agreeable manner had a calming effect even though there had been times when he had been of little help.

On this breezy, summer morning in the year 1901, Birute Malonaite stood on her stoop and looked puzzled. She pursed her lips in frustration as she stared across the fields for any glimpse of her sister, Anastasia. Stase, as everyone called her, had gone searching for Dede Jurgis two hours ago. The wind tugged at the knot of white hair on Birute's head. Her skirts billowed away from her ample body like sails on a schooner. Her apron flew in the air like a foremast and smacked at her round face until her blue eyes were filled with tears.

Vai Jai, thought Birute. For what reason have I been saddled with this hopeless sister and this troublesome cousin! For Dede Jurgis was not their uncle as the name implied but a cousin.

Their current problem had started a few weeks back when the two spinsters bought an old mare. In their early sixties, they had found walking had be-

come difficult and owning a horse seemed a good investment. They had resurrected an old cart that had been lying about in the garden house and were looking forward to putting it into use.

But the mare had different plans. She fell in love.

The mare would spend all of her out-of-door hours standing in the far corner of the rye fields gazing rapturously at a stallion who grazed two fence rows away. All of the calling, whistling, pushing, pulling, groaning and grunting in the world would not budge the mare from her position.

Birute, who was the self-appointed matriarch in the household, got the idea that, if the mare could be foaled, they would end up with two horses for the price of one. That is, if she could get this accomplished without having to put up the usual barter fee with the owner of the stallion. It will take some doing, she thought.

Birute had spent many hours scheming toward this end. It was no use asking her sister to help because Stase had a malady whereby any ventures into the rye fields produced violent fits of coughing and sneezing. And her cousin, Dede Jurgis, was entirely too talkative. His amiable personality led him to tell everything he knew to anyone who would listen. Therefore, it behooved her to tackle this chore alone.

Birute had known she would have to get the mare to the stallion at night as that was the only time the mare could be led. Also, the stallion's owner would be sleeping then. However, the stallion's owner had a very large dog. Somehow the dog must be quieted.

So, for a week, Birute had been slipping out at midnight with hunks of old meat scraps, luring the dog into friendship. Then one night it rained heavily and she missed going out. The dog howled most of the night. The neighbor complained that his dog was going mad. He had not been eating properly for a week and had started howling at night. Other neighbors became fearful that the dog's howling meant that death stalked the neighborhood.

Thus it was that on the night of this day, shortly after midnight, Birute had put her plan of secretly breeding her mare into action.

The air had been quite crisp and cold and Birute





found she needed to bundle up more than usual. Also, a breeze blew briskly. This is fine, thought Birute. The noise of the wind and the clapping of shutters and the groaning of doors will cover up any noise that I and the mare might make.

She had decided it was best to feed and water the mare first. This might make her more congenial. While the mare had eaten, Birute had gone looking for the water pail. On such a night, with no moon and only a dim lantern, this turned out to be difficult. The pail was not in its usual place. After much searching and the clutter, she had finally found it and filled it.

At first the mare had not seemed to be thirsty but finally finished the whole bucket. Impatiently, Birute had pulled on the lead rope to get her going.

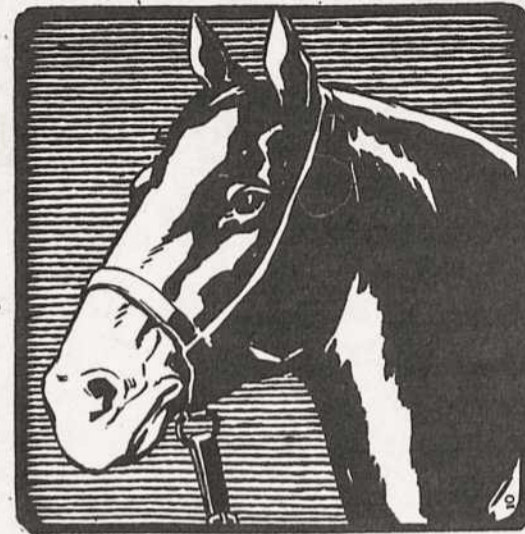
Now, as it happened, that very evening, Stase, who was the cook in the household, had been straining a batch of cherry wine. She had ended up putting the mash into the mare's water pail. Unknowingly, Birute had watered the mare with a diluted cherry mash.

The beginning of the short journey had started out easily enough. The mare had trotted along in the grasses with a full side to side sway. Birute had not been able to use the paths because the clop-clop of the mare's gait might have given them away. But Birute had not counted on the large puddles left over from the heavy rains. It seemed the mare had developed a tremendous thirst and proceeded to drink up every puddle they met.

They had only gotten past the first fence when they had come upon a deep hole filled with water and mud. The mare swayed forward, Birute tripped and the bundle of dog meat she was carrying fell into the puddle.

Birute sat in the puddle with mud up to her knees and stared at the mare. It appeared as if the mare had had enough and had given up. She laid down by the pool of water and went to sleep. Anxiously, Birute had tugged and strained but the obstinate mare would not budge.

By this time Birute had begun shivering from the



affect of the cold wind blowing at her dripping skirts. What should she do? What would the neighbor think in the morning when the Malonas' mare was found lying by a puddle in his field if she left her there? What else was there to do?

Birute went home and went to bed after drinking a cup of hot tea with honey and a little cranberry liqueur in it.

She arose at dawn and followed her footsteps of the night before. She found the puddle but the mare was gone. That was when she had awakened Stase and said, "Go find Dede Jurgis. Our mare is gone".

While Stase went looking for her cousin, Birute washed the mud from her skirts and her boots. She would send Dede Jurgis out to look for the mare and no one would know of the unhappy incident of the night.

Now the sun was shining brightly and the wind had increased and Stase had not returned. There is nothing to do but go look for Stase and Dede Jurgis myself, thought Birute. She sailed with the wind at her back down the roadway toward the house of Dede Jurgis.

His cottage was empty. Everywhere she went, Stase had been before her but there was no sign of Stase or Dede Jurgis.

By noon, a search party had been formed and, in a short while, it had ended its purpose.

In a glen on a hillside, they found Stase, weeping beside the still form of Dede Jurgis. Evidently he had tripped on a raised root and had slammed against a log. His forehead was covered with dried blood.

Stase had always had a special kinship with Dede Jurgis. They were the same age, both small of frame and stature, and children of sisters.

Not finding him anywhere, Stase had remembered the glen where they had played as children and often met to talk and rest.

She found him there in the glen. After much poking and cajoling, she realized he was truly dead. Such an untimely end! She wept copiously. Some of her sadness was due to the fact that Dede Jurgis had





helped her only the evening before with her new batch of cherry wine. Perhaps he had tasted just a little too much of the sweet nectar. Oh, it is all my fault, she sobbed.

The body of Dede Jurgis was removed to his cottage where Birute and Stase encamped to oversee the funeral rites. As was the custom of the times, the body was dressed in clean clothing and laid out on a bare board. There was no embalming but Birute rubbed some leaves of rose geraniums on him for fragrance. The woodcarver proceeded to fashion a plain coffin — customized for Dede Jurgis. All business in the village stopped for the funeral.

Birute was exasperated. She looked down at the body of Dede Jurgis lying peacefully on his board with the cross and two beeswax candles flickering at his side. It was expected of her to weep loudly but she could not find it in her heart to do so. It was just like him to go and die when she needed him so badly. Now who would tramp the forests looking for her mare?

All the signs of a bachelor living alone were present in his cottage. There was turmoil everywhere. It was useless to ask Stase for help in cleaning and cooking. Stase sat, huddled on a bench, crying enough tears to overflow the Nevėžis River. Another problem lay with Dede Jurgis' big black cat who insisted on curling up on the belly of the corpse, purring loudly. It made an unseemly sight.

The neighbors arrived bringing gifts of flowers, food, ale and wine. The cottage was soon overflowing with all sizes of people. A few ladies began helping Birute with the chore of making more room and setting up a food table.

The noise was deafening. Elderly ladies moaned, women cried loudly, men shouted over the sounds of the crying and children were everywhere.

The coming of the village priest, fully dressed in his garments and accompanied by the sacristan, was a high point. The tumult stopped as if it had been cut off by a closing door. The ceremony began with belated last rites. After that the priest sprinkled holy water on the body of Dede Jurgis, the candles, the flowers, the people, the food table, and everything within reach. Birute held the black cat and everything went well. There would be a funeral Mass and burial early the next morning.

Birute knew that lengthy prayers and the singing of raudos would continue all through the night. At the first opportunity, she headed for home to feed the animals and to take a quick look around for her missing mare.

The search for Dede Jurgis that morning had been pretty thorough and there had been no sign of the mare anywhere then. It was a mystery.

When gale-like winds blew in from the west —

from the Baltic Sea — more rain could follow and Birute scurried down the road to her home. The mare had disappeared from the earth like a pebble sinking into a bog hole. The thought occurred to Birute that the mare had ambled into the bog.

Finishing her tasks, she quickly changed into her church clothes for she knew she would not have time in the morning to return home.

Birute was a very large woman. The lost sleep of the previous night and her busy day began to take its toll. She felt cross and irritable. She dragged herself back to the wake with the hope she could find a quiet corner and snooze a little bit.

During the course of the evening, most of the food and drinks were consumed. All of the children and some of the women went home. The loud wailing of the mourners had been replaced with almost jovial conversation among the men.

Stase had seemingly cried herself to sleep on her bench but Birute could find no rest.

Around midnight the sound of a dog howling could be heard. Birute realized it was the dog of the neighbor who owned the stallion. She looked around the room and yes, the neighbor was still here. He was sitting by the neighbor of the first fence row and they seemed to be having a disagreement.

"It is good that I am here tonight instead of in my bed trying to sleep", said the neighbor of the first fence row shaking a finger at the owner of the stallion. "This is the third night your dog is howling".

"I apologize for my dog", said his neighbor. "I'm sure you will agree that, after we have buried our friend, my dog will get back to normal. He is a sensitive creature, you must admit, to have foretold Dede Jurgis' accident with his nightly calls. To think that last night I arose and almost strangled him in fury".

"I warn you, if he carries on again tomorrow night, I will strangle him myself".





Birute watched this scene and she could tell the owner of the dog was beginning to be annoyed. Both men had had a few glasses of wine and were flushed and tense. She suddenly remembered the bundle of meat scraps lying in the puddle in the neighbor's field. She knew the dog was merely calling to her — asking for his midnight meal. There had been no foretelling of anything. Only a friendly dog who had become spoiled with meals of meat greater than his owner could afford to offer him.

Birute felt remorse for her actions of the recent past. To what lengths had her greed taken them. Instead of two horses, she now had none. Dede Jurgis was dead. Her neighbors were fighting over a dog, and she was exhausted beyond belief.

At this very moment the wind began to roar with a great clamor. The little cottage shook and the clatter and banging of loose boards banged everywhere. It was as though the heavens had become volatile. A sense of eeriness filled the air.

Birute's composure was shattered. The dog kept howling. The wind kept blowing. The two men kept arguing.

"Stop!" shouted Birute in the greatest voice she could muster. "I will hear no more of this!"

Everyone in the room sat frozen into silence by her outburst. Even the dog and the wind seemed to listen. The sudden quietness was overpowering.

Then Stase screamed! A long, piercing scream that reverberated through their tired minds in endless terror. She pointed to the window. Barely discernable, one great eye was staring at them — glittering menacingly by the frail light of the lamp.

Before anyone could move, another weird event took place. The right arm of Dede Jurgis dropped from its folded position and rested on the board. The fingers touched Stase's skirt. They seemed to point to Stase.

Stase fainted.

Everyone fled from the room but the staunch Birute.

As Birute bent down to help her limp sister, she heard a low moan. It was not coming from Stase but seemed to be coming from the corpse. Or was it the wind in the chimney?

Birute was beside herself. Oh, what have I done, she thought. She shook Stase to revive her. She pleaded with her. "Wake up Stase, my angel", she cried.

She picked up the hand of the corpse and firmly planted it into its folded position — away from the fallen Stase.

"I knew you would come to this", she cried to Dede Jurgis. "You good for nothing loafer! You beast! Now look at you lying there dead. What good are you now?"

With large tears streaming down her face, she grabbed a bucket of flowers. She threw the flowers to the ground and heaved the water at Stase. She drenched both Stase and the corpse.

Both Stase and the corpse sat upright!

Birute sat down on the floor amidst the strewn flowers. She covered her face with two wet, red hands and sobbed.

"Birute, the evel eye in the window was only your mare", said the neighbor of the first fence row as he came laughing into the room.

He stopped and stared at the three cousins. What a strange vision! The two Malonas sisters sitting on the floor and Dede Jurgis sitting on his funeral board!

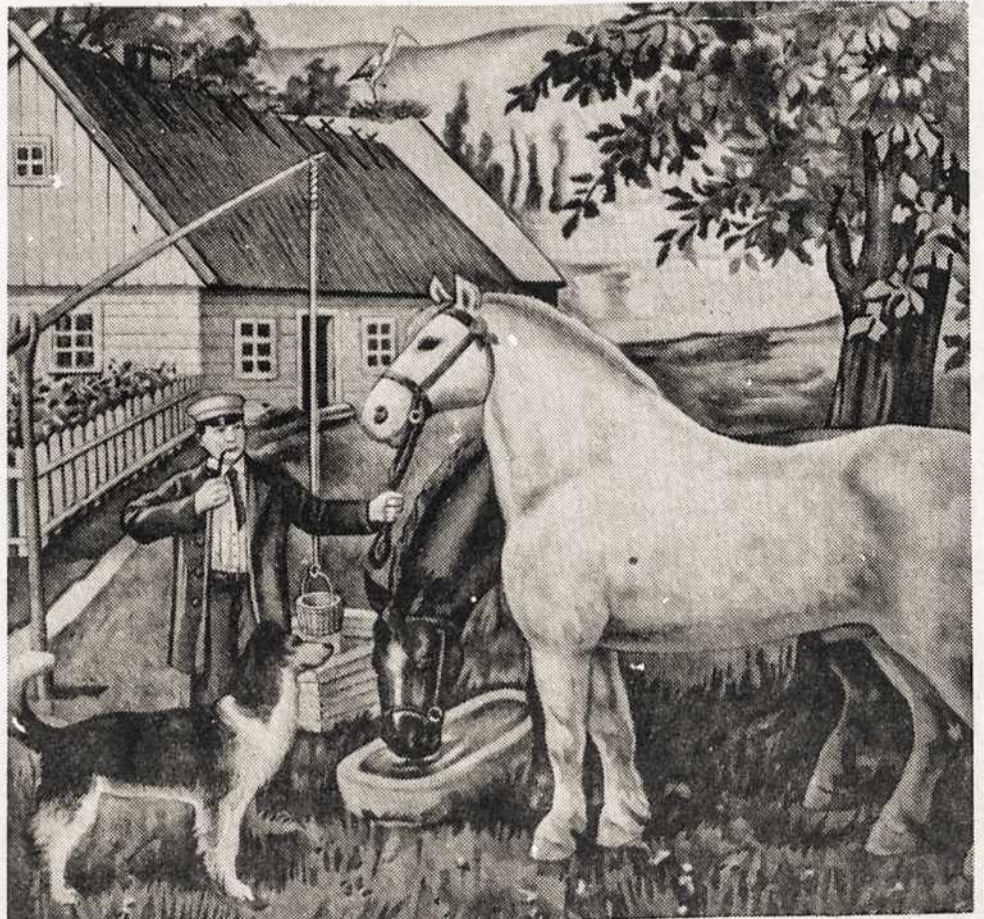
Utterly speechless, the neighbor waved to the crowd to come in. They stood awe stricken. How could Dede Jurgis be alive? Had they not tested his breath on the looking glass? Had they not listened to his heart in vain? Had they not looked into his eyes and found them sightless?

"Wine", shouted someone in the group. "Give them wine to revive them".

"Tell us what happened", shouted another. "Did you see heaven or hell?"

Groggily, Dede Jurgis shook his head. "I saw nothing", he said. I fell asleep in the glen last night. At daybreak I awoke and found my cousins' mare standing over me. I stepped forward to grab her lead rope and remember nothing more. Why am I here? Is it Sunday that I am wearing my best clothes?"

"Ah, my friend. What a story you will have to tell your nieces and nephews now".



*This photo reproduced from a special calendar, circa 1930, produced by Laukžemis Press.*



Ah yes, thought Birute. What a story he will tell — over and over and over and over. Too bad he missed the greatest part by his deep sleep. Then the thought of what might have happened if they had buried him before he moved occurred to her. She shuddered.

Yes, he was troublesome but she really loved him. At times he was of great help to everyone. She did not wish him any real harm. She was very happy he was alive.

She glanced up into the face of the owner of the stallion and the howling dog.

“Good neighbor”, she said. “There is a large bone left on the table, Take it and give it to your dog. He will keep quiet and we can all go home and get some much needed sleep. Tomorrow, I will prepare a feast for everyone. It will not be a funeral feast but one of rejoicing. Our cousin is alive and we are glad”.

Author’s note: It was my own great uncle who “arose from the dead” during his wake in Panevėžys in 1901. The rest of the story is fabricated.

## ALONG THE COUNTRY ROAD

Antonia M. Wackell

Along the country road, an old stone wall  
Covered with vines, creepers and brush  
Now and again reveals its time-worn sides to view,  
The scars of years and changing seasons.  
What patient hands labored with it — how long ago?

The pine grove beyond offers sanctuary more fragrant  
Than the wild rose along the dusty road.  
Up and over the crumbling wall one must scramble  
To slide on the smooth needle-shaped leaves.  
How many sheddings made this thick brown carpet?

We pause beneath a leafy canopy and specks of blue sky,  
Beneath this cool confusion we hear the sound of water  
And find a sprightly waterfall cascading over mossy stones.  
We catch the liquid crystals in their descent and wonder  
Where does this fluid coldness come from?



There are hay fields, yellow, brown and dry.  
Ready for mowing and the solitary barn.  
White-crowned buckwheat sway to the current  
Of a vagrant breeze, and the rich dark earth  
Swells with its gift of tassled corn.

The rustic bridge fording the shaded brook,  
Its railings smooth from many leanings,  
Invites one to stop and lean for — just a little while,  
And the brook burbles: come see the reflections  
In my pools, see the water-bugs twitch, frogs leap.

And time will seem as nothing to you. On the log’s edge  
We peered into the pool and time stood still.  
From out of this euphoria, we suddenly espied  
An old stone wall submerged in the pool.  
Was it the beginning or end of an old stone wall? Who knows?



# BUYER BE WARY

By Margaret Picard



Get-rich schemes have existed since the time bison roamed the great forests of Lithuania, and you can bet your ancestral "klumpe" on that.

Perhaps Medieval tales or legends of hunts in those dense forests sparked the imagination of one enterprising "entrepreneur". Cleverly, several exceptionally old and rare handstruck gold dinars of Wladislaw Jagiello (representing the union of Lithuania and Poland, 1386-1434) were brought to light five years ago. These old coins were included with others to be photographed for the National Geographic Magazine. However, through modern technology, the coins were proven to be counterfeit and the responsible culprit was incarcerated.

It is easy to imagine the elation and jubilation affecting another collector recently upon his valuable discovery of a thin, handstruck silver dinar of Wladislaw Jagiello - for the small sum of \$2.00. This finding, by a collector browsing through a junk box at a coin show, was reported in the World Coin News, May 2, 1978 issue. In the trade journals edition on May 16, 1978 several replies were published, informing readers that several thousands of these silver counterfeit coins were found to be on the market shortly after the gold coins were first displayed. It also stated that occasionally one of these imitations continues to

surface, creating a ripple each time, and then is cast aside with the realization that it was a reproduction.

The moral of this little episode could be to remember that junk boxes at a coin show are most likely to contain just that, "JUNK".

But the fact that someone took the time and trouble to manufacture these coins should tell us something. Could it be that Lithuanian coins are currently underpriced, and in reality, of greater value than we realize?

Of the 800 year Lithuanian history, we do know for certain that silver and copper coins were positively minted in London, England for the two years of 1925 and 1936. It should also be remembered that Lithuanian currency was based on "Gold" and therefore had solid backing. The security of this system held at a time when the world was recovering from the depths of the great depression and some countries were floundering financially. Germans eagerly sought the Lithuanian coins in their territorial expansion, replacing the coin with script.

When the hammer and sickle swung at the beginning of WW2, the "Russian Bear" enveloped Lithuania in his embrace and many



Lithuanian coins were buried, some were lost and a large number were melted down by the Russians. No one knows exactly how many Lithuanian coins are left in existence today.

Coin dealers will tell you that most of the Lithuanian coins available for sale today were the ones people had in their pockets when they fled from Lithuania. Regardless, Lithuanian coins should remain in Lithuanian hands as part of our heritage.

Perhaps value prices will not rise much at the present time, but what an inheritance we can leave to our descendants. One day Lithuania will become an independent country again. Then these coins would skyrocket in value. Future generations could look back and proudly say that "WE" in this generation had foresight, providing, of course that the coins have not risen so high in value that temptation sets in for another entrepreneur to select them to be counterfeited.





# JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)



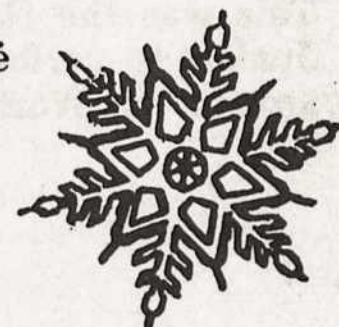
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Please send a list of your new officers for the coming year to

ANN MARIE KASSEL  
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## JRS. C-110 MASPETH

Junior Council 110 of Maspeth attended the regulars District Convention at Transfiguration Church on Sunday Sept. 24, following the 11:00 Mass. The procession was led by Antanas Ambrosini and Leon Stungurys, who carried the flags. Offertory gifts were presented by Juniors Marija Stungurys and Diane Kichinski who were dressed in traditional Lithuanian costumes. At the District Convention the Juniors sponsored a "Junior Gift

Boutique" which was in operation to help raise funds for the Chicago Convention in '79. Many generous people helped and supported the Juniors in our crusade, and we wish to thank them.

The Juniors held their annual election meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 27 with the new officers as follows: President - Leon Stungurys, Secretary - Tony Ambrosini, Vice President - Marija Stungurys, Treasurer - Diane Kichinski, Cultural Chairman - Raymond Bakonis. As of now the Juniors are undergoing several projects which

will be put into effect in the near future. We presented a program for our annual Kūčios celebration, in mid December consisting of Bible readings in English and Lithuanian and readings from the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania", also bilingual. We plan to present a play for St. Casimirs Day in March.

We'd also wish to congratulate everyone responsible for the construction of the Convention issue of the "VYTIS". Congratulations for a job well done!

Antanas Ambrosini



## JRS. C-36-112 CHICAGO

On Nov. 13 the Chicago Junior Council 112-36 held its meeting and elected new officers. Our new officers are: President, Donna Juraitis; Vice President, Tom Strolia; Treasurer, Lima Vadiasa; Recording Secretary, John Strolia, Corresponding Secretary, Georgianna Kassel; Sergeants-at-Arms, John Paul Kilkus, Matt Strolia and Arthur Staniulis.

Thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done and good luck to our new officers.

The Juniors performed in the Christmas "Kūčios" Dec. 6 at the Museum of Science and Industry. This was the third time for the Juniors to perform at "Christmas around the World".

Rita



*Maria Zakarka, C-36-112 Juniors Counsellor, with Lithuanian Christmas Tree at Museum of Science and Industry.*



# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### 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  
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### A DELAYED "AČIŪ" FOR CONVENTION DONATIONS

Due to an unfortunate error on the part of the Convention Committee, the very generous donation of Honorary Member, JOHN SPRAINAITIS, was not acknowledged in the October issue of VYTIS. Mr. Sprainaitis generously sent donations of

\$100.00 to the Supreme Council, and  
\$ 50.00 to the Scholarship Committee.

The donation was accidentally credited to the wrong account, but has now been cleared up and sent to the appropriate funds.

The Supreme Council and the Scholarshin Committee extend their sincere gratitude to Mr. Sprainaitis for his continuing interest in the Knights of Lithuania.



## A BEAUTIFUL NEW SHRINE — AND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

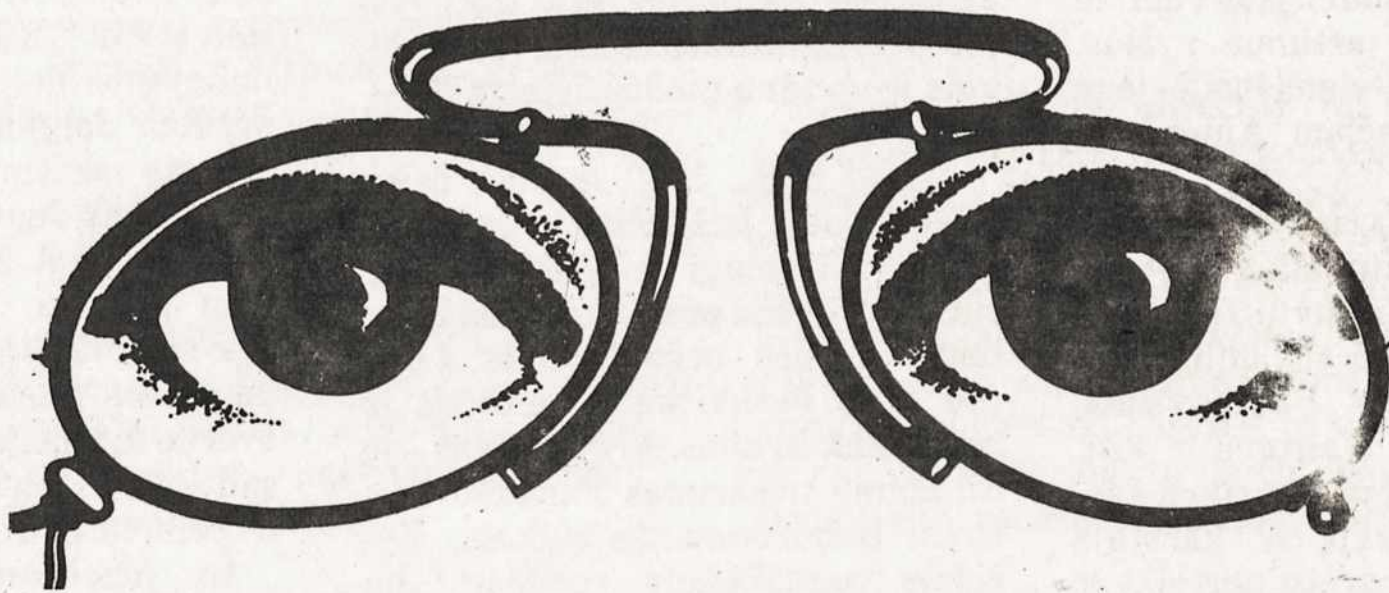
This issue's cover features a true "Thing of beauty — which may some day stand in YOUR OWN front yard! The pictured "Sorrowful Mother Shrine", designed and built by George Mikalauskas of C-96, and standing 10 feet high, was donated to the K of L "Canon Kemisis Scholarship Fund" by the artist himself to encourage greater membership participation in the Fund.

One individual, Council or District donor to the Scholarship Fund will be randomly selected to receive this beautiful Shrine during the National Convention. Beginning this January, any individual donating at least \$10 to the Scholarship Fund, or any council or district donating at least \$25, will earn the right to be eligible for such a drawing.

A longer feature about the Shrine, its artist, and the circumstances relating to the origin of the project will appear in the February issue of VYTIS. As in the "best laid plans of mice and men...", the article, originally scheduled for this issue, also went astray in the holiday mails, and the issue had to go to press without it. The staff offers the artist and the committee its sincere apologies for the mishap.

Don't let your DONATION go astray... get it in TODAY, to

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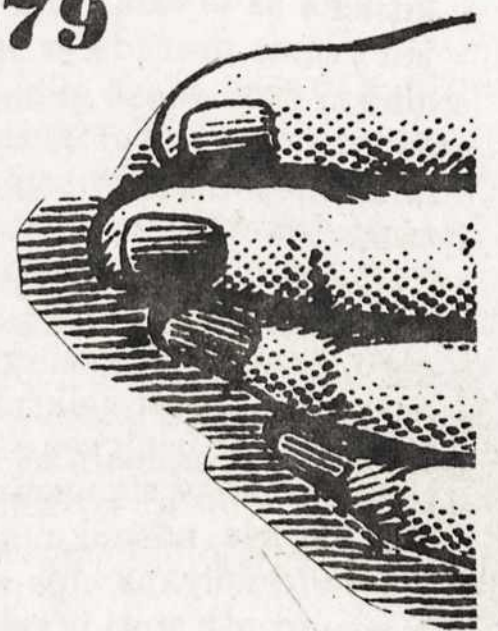
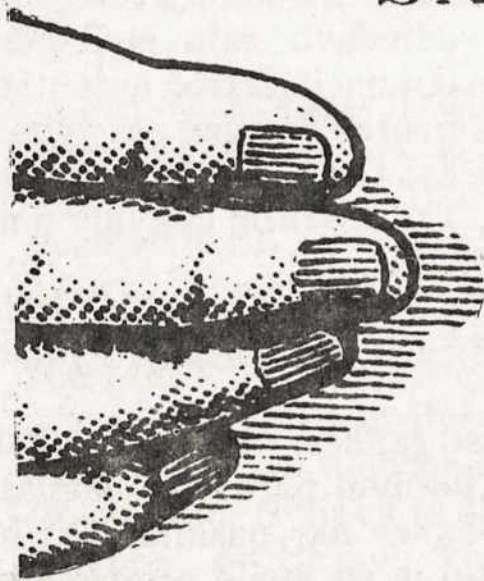


### SNEAK A PEEK AT THE 1979

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS

Tours of Chicago's world-famous museums... Golfing with the illustrious Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Illinois... Convention Headquarters — the beautiful Chicago Radisson Hotel with its fantastic olympic-size swimming pool located on Chicago's Magnificent Mile... a Lithuanian Luau... visit to the Lithuanian Plaza... a folk fair... and more!

Make your vacation and convention plans now to spend August 1979 in Chicago. Need more information, contact Irene Sankus, 2520 W. 68th St., Chicago, IL 60629.





# KRUPAVIČIAUS VILTYS VYČIUOSE

Juozas Bulevičius

Iš sveikinimų atsiųstų keliems Lietuvos Vyčių seimams a.a. prelatas Mykolas Krupavičius buvo Vyčiams pažįstamas kaip didis patriotas ir Vyčių nuoširdus draugas. Kad jis Vyčiuose dėjo daug vilčių prelatui visad rūpimos lietuviybės atgaivinimo srity, dar aiškiau paryškėja perskaičius jo kelis laiškus rašytus pavieniams organizacijos nariams. Viename pirmųjų tų laiškų prelatas apgailestauja, jog jam viešėjant keletą mėnesių Amerikoje nepavyko sueiti į glaudesnius santykius su kun. Jutkevičium ir kitais Vyčių veikėjais. Šiame laiške, rašytame rugpiūčio 29 d., 1949 m., Vokietijoje, ir atsiųstame Juozui Bulevičiui per "mielą ir paslaugią" Mārijoną Kizytę jis išdėsto, kodėl jam rūpi su Vyčiais palaikyti artimus ryšius. Vyčius jis laikė rimčiausia jėga atgaivint nykstančiam Amerikoje lietuviškumui.

Jo manymu, "Vyčiai yra ta jėga, kuri gerai vadovaujama gali Amerikoje suvaidinti lietuvių tautai tą patį vaidmenį, kokį suvaidino Lietuvoje anais laikais Basanavičius, Kudirka, Tumas, Maironis ir kiti. Vyčiuose aš išžiūrėjau tą tikrą Lietuvos meilės tyrąją ir karštąją ugnelę, kurią jie norėtų perteikti ir kitiems savo tautiečiams, kurie ją jau yra ar praradę ar labai apsilpinę. Vyčiai, mano giliu įsitikinimu, sudaro lietuviško tautinio apaštalavimo ir tautinės sąmonės gaivinimo bei kurstymo jėgų kadrus. Pats nepalankus tautiniam gyvenimui amerikozmas, trūkumas gero tautinio gyvenimo šeimose pavyzdžių ir kiti veiksniai ir Vyčių tautinę širdį ir elgseną apnešė sveikybės plonu sluogsniu dulkėmis. Tos dulkės nesunku nupūsti. Tai jau vadų dalykas. Jos reik nupūsti ir visu frontu stoti į tautinį lietuvių gaivinimą. Tas antrasis darbas yra sunkus, bet visai galimas. Jaunimo

entuziazmas stebuklus daro. 'Kai pasišventė jaunystė, kas pasauly gal išdrįsti jam užtvenkt kelius?' Štai dėl ko man rūpi santykiai palaikyti. Aš noriu su Jumis bendradarbiauti, eiti į bendrą kovą su neigiamybėmis ir laimėti Vyčių pagalba Amerikos apsilupusius lietuvius Lietuvai. Praradimas Amerikos Lietuvos yra bolševikų trokštama pagalba. Jie juk trokšta sunaikinti Lietuvą. Praradus Amerikos Lietuvą yra palengvinimas bolševikams greičiau aną Lietuvą sunaikinti. Tai turim visi gerai suprasti. Tad į darbą, į darbą. Pašveikink Vyčius".

"Vyčiai", rašo prel. Krupavičius spalio 25 d., 1949 m., "man yra ta plieno ekipa, kuri sugriaus amerikiečiuose indiferentišką lietuvių atžvilgiu nusiteikimą ir atgaivins savo tėvų meilės šviesią liepsnelę".

Spalio 8 d., 1950 m., jis rašo: "Gavau abu laiškučius... Jie man labai reikšmingi ir pasigėrėjimą suteikė. Vyčiai pralenkė visas kitas lietuviškas organizacijas JAV-ėse savo lietuviška orientacija ir lietuviška širdimi. Argumentas - jų 37 Seimo nutarimas Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės reikalui. Vyčiams pasitikėjimą reiškiau. Jie manęs neapvylė. Bravo Vyčiai ir jų vadai... Labai svarbus dalykas - Vyčių lietuviybės stiprinimas. Juk spragų yra, bė to veikia tie patys veiksniai lietuvių nepalankūs, kaip ir kitus išėjusius. Tą darbą reik atlikti labai sistemingai ir planingai. Tai galima padaryti tik žinovų parengtu ir sistemingai rūpestingai realizuojamu planu".

Sausio 1953 m., Naujųjų Metų proga, jis pridėdą "Sveikinimų visam BALFui, ypač jos bosui Vješpačiui ir karaliui Končiui".

Kai VLIKo seimas pakeitė vadovybę ir bent iš šalies nepolitikų akimis žiūrint, su savo ilgamečiu



*Mykolas Krupavičius Atsiminimų diktavimo metu.*

pirmininku pasielgta truputį grubiai, Prelatas tą įvykį šitaip įvertino (1959.XII.29): Ačiū už gražius linkėjimus bei užuojautą. Reakcija sveikas dalykas. Ji geras ir sėkmingas akstinas akcijai gyvinti. Esu kovos žmogus. Savo smūgių į vatą nesuku. Jei kėrtu aš, turi ir man atkirsti. Tai visai natūralu. Tik svarbu, kad visos kovos būtų paremtos tiesa ir nuoširdumu bei švaria intencija. Bet, deja, ne visada ir ne visų to laikomasi. Tačiau ir prie to esu pripratęs".

Gi priešpaskutiniame laiškelio (1967.XI.28) savo broliui dzūkui, kaip jis šį korespondentą linksmam kartais vadindavo, taip atsiliepė: "Tavo malonus laiškelis autentiškas dokumentas jog dar esi gyvas ir, dzūkiškai tariant, laikaisi, kaip Ūžuolas. Tad tokiu ir laikykis per ilgus metelius..."

Jo laišškai Vyčiams dažnai baigėsi žodžiais - Tepadedą Jums Dievas.

Toki tad randasi keli jau senokai didžiojo lietuvių parašyti žodeliai, kurie ir dabar dar pasilikę šilti ir reikšmingi ir su meile primenantį mums mūsų lietuviškąsias pareigas.



# Lithuanians in The

# NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

MARIJA SULSKIS, mother of Lithuanian seaman Simas Kudirka, recently drew the attention of the media to publicize the case of Lithuanian Prisoner of Conscience VIKTORAS PETKUS. Mrs. Sulskis, armed with a bouquet of flowers and a letter to the Editor of a Brattleboro, VT. newspaper, was accompanied on her visit to that city by about 100 girls from Camp Neringa in Marlboro, VT. Mrs. Sulskis said in an interview that she felt "personally responsible" because several of the people who tried to help win freedom for her son, including Petkus, have since been arrested by Soviet authorities. Mrs. Sulskis presented the flowers to a representative of the Police Department, himself a Lithuanian, to show that in the United States, there is no need to fear the police.

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Maspeth, NY residents ANTHONY and ALEXANDRIA MATULONIS recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. The couple, who have three grandchildren and two children, have lived in that community all of their married life.

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The BRESCIA BROADCAST, a publication of Brescia College in Owensboro, KY announced that SR. CASIMIR CZURLES (nee Emily Czurlles) had been honored with the Kentucky Colonel Award. The award, which is presented by the Governor of the State of Kentucky, was given to Sr. Casimir in recognition for services to the community and the state. A member of the Brescia faculty for 31 years, Sr. Casimir has held a number of positions in addition to teaching courses in Biology and Chemistry. As a biologist, Sr. Casimir was involved in cancer research at the INSTITUTUM DIVI THOMAE in Cincinnati.

The NEW YORK TIMES, in a special Sunday feature, reported on the efforts of RON and MICHELE PASKASES (Pačasas) to trace the history of their newly acquired home in Nutley, NJ. Ron, a clinical psychologist, and his wife Michele, a teacher, feel that their home should be listed in the Nutley register of Historic Buildings.

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Joseph J. Baba, director of the Euclid Public Libraries, was recently presented with a gift of the six-volume, English language ENCYCLOPEDIA LITUANICA by ELIZABETH AUGUST, President of C-25 Cleveland, and PETER LUIZA, Cultural Chairman, in the name of the council. The money for the donation was obtained from the allotment made to the Mid-Central District of the K of L by the national organization to facilitate the placement of books and records in public libraries.

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A Folk Fair at the Lithuanian Music Hall in Philadelphia, PA, was held recently to contribute to the establishment of a Lithuanian Cultural Center. The Center, which is to include a library, a museum and meeting rooms, will be the first of its kind in the Philadelphia area. The Fair, which featured the Exhibition and sale of Lithuanian craft items, food and music, provided for the general public to become acquainted with the various Lithuanian organizations in Philadelphia. The Knights of Lithuania participants included members of C-3, Philadelphia.

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Another member of the Czurles family, DR STANLEY CZURLES, was a special guest at the Brescia third annual spring festival of the arts. A prominent art educator and member of the Buffalo Stat University faculty since 1931, he has been a visiting lecturer in many countries, including Lithuania. Dr. Czurles, and his sister, Sr. Casimir, are originally from Amsterdam, NY.

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The NEW YORK POST recently featured an update on Lithuanian boxer JACK SHARKEY, former heavy weight champion of the world. Currently living in retirement in his New Hampshire home, Sharkey recalled the days of his career with the POST reporter. The son of Lithuanian parents, Sharkey was born Joseph Paul Cukoschay. He is an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania.

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The Extension Catholic Art Calendar, published by the Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America, features an entry on SR. KAUPAS, SSC, who founded the Sisters of St. Casimir when she came to America with two other sisters from Lithuania. She served as the Congregation's first Mother Superior, and witnessed the growth of her community and its work among Lithuanian immigrants. Because of her dedication to Christ and His Church, her cause for beatification is being considered.

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## We get Letters . . .

November 13, 1978

Mrs. Loretta I. Stukas, Editor  
Vytis  
1467 Force Drive  
Mountainside, New Jersey 07092

Dear Loretta:

On behalf of the family of Leonard Simutis, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to the Delegates of the Knights of Lithuania 65th National Convention for the resolution which was approved, whereby, the Knights of Lithuania especially decry the fact that the Lithuanian Library Press in Chicago in its recently published book by D. Fainhauz: "Lithuanians in Multi-Ethnic Chicago" completely eliminated Leonard Simutis, who not only was one of the organizers of and great contributors to the Knights of Lithuania, but also one of the most outstanding of community activists in Chicago who diffused and supported Lithuanianism for over a half century.

We, his family, know just how much of his entire life was devoted to the cause of Lithuanian freedom, and it is very gratifying to know that the Knights of Lithuania remember and care.

Sincerely,

Ruth (Simutis) Kazlauskas  
Council 36 - Chicago

## THE SILENT CHURCH

Viešpatie Dieve Visagalis! Trijų šaunių tautų vaikai šaukiasi Tavęs iš visų pasaulio kraštų. Šaukiasi iš Sibiro kasyklų gelmių, ir iš Kamčatkos sniegu ir iš Amerikos, laisvojo krašto. O mūsų tėvynėse, kaip Estijoje, taip Latvijoje ir Lietuvoje, visada Tau ištikimose, uždrausta maldauti Tave maldomis. Mūsų broliai ir seserys meldžiasi Tau slapta, mintimis ir ašaromis. Djeve! Pasigailėk mūsų tėvynių ir mūsų. Leisk mums vėl Tau melstis, pagal mūsų tėvų papročius, ir leisk mūsų tautoms prašyti Tavęs mūsų miestų ir kaimų bažnyčiose — leisk mūsų vaikams

laisvai melstis ant tėvų kapų. Ir vis dėlto, tebūnie, ne mūsų, bet Tavo valia. Amen.

Per visų kovose dėl tikybos ir laisvės žuvusių karių kraują, gelbėk mus, Viešpatie!

No finer words could express our plea for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid; then these words of Fred Hirst (C-17) prayed on May 26, 1974 at the "Cathedral of the Pines".

Bertha R. Stoskus  
K of L LCRA Coordinator





## K of L Calendar

### FEBRUARY

- 3 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL BARN DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark.
- 4 IID ANNUAL "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" DINNER DANCE, Chicago, Ill.
- 23 Čiurlionis Ensemble of Cleveland, Ohio Concert, 2:30 P.M., at Victory Theatre, Dayton, Ohio. Kankles Mass at 1:00 P.M. at Holy Cross Church.
- 25 C-25, Cleveland, COFFEE HOUR, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, after 10:00 Mass.



# Happy New Year!

### MARCH

- 4 C-29, Newark, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS and BREAKFAST Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 4 C-12 New York Communion Breakfast, Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Rev. George Gurinkas Parish Hall, New York, N.Y.
- 11 M.A.D. St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast and Meeting, St. Joseph's Church, 1627 N. Main Avenue (North) Scranton, Pa.

### MAY

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

### AUGUST

- 16-19 66th NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Hotel Raddison-Chicago, Chicago, Ill. IID Hosts.

### NOVEMBER

- 3 C-12 New York, 65th Anniversary Dinner and Dance, Our Lady of Vilnius, Rev. George Gurinkas Parish Hall, New York, N.Y.



# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Our council members were well represented at the annual Cultural Picnic held at Maironis Park on Oct. 22.

Member Micky Marsh has had her turn at being a patient in the hospital. Micky was twice hospitalized in Boston recently. Micky, we all wish you the best of health.

Rev. Steponaitis was saddened at the recent death of his sister in Lithuania. Father had a chance to visit her just prior to her death.

The Sept. meeting of the St. Francis Women's Guild featured a talk by Father Steponaitis on The Persecution of the Church in Lithuania Today, plus cultural displays by Father Wisniauskas, Bea Jodaitis Richards, and other parish women.

Father, again this year, hosted a Religious Concert on Sept. 24 that was well received by parishioners and friends. Featured were the Brockton Chorus, Maryte Bizinkauskaitė, and an Athol singer and guitarist.

The Genaitis' and Bill Wisniauskas attended the NED Fall Conv. in Lawrence on Sept. 24 and renewed old acquaintances. Thank you, Lawrence, for the hospitality. Charlie was re-elected 3rd Vice Pres., and Bill to the Ritual Committee.

Gardner residents were happy to hear of the recent election of Walter Dubzinski as Principal of Gardner High School. Walt is of Lithuanian ancestry and is a member of the Lith. Club in Gardner.

We extend our good wishes to Pope John Paul II, our newly-elected Pope of Polish ancestry. Greeting the Lithuanians on his Coronation Day as brothers, it will be interesting to see what will be done on behalf of the persecuted church in Lithuania, Lithuanians oppressed by the Polish Religious Hierarchy in Poland, and especially in the Suwalki Triangle.

The Genaitis', Lennie Davidonis, and Father Steponaitis were seen attending all the Lithuanian religious picnics this summer.

Thought for the month: Let us all say an extra prayer that Lithuania may soon join the family of free nations, and her people given a chance to show the rest of the world what she is really worth.

Member of the Month: Howie Beaudette is no newcomer to the K of L; throughout the years he has shown his worth and devotion. He has been an asset to our group serving as Pres., Vice Pres., and assuming other duties which he fulfilled with the best he had. Howie has been an active member of the Lith. Scouts and every year is their chief chef at their annual jamboree. He has been an active member of the American Legion in Gardner and has served on about every committee and office of the group. Howie, we all miss you in Athol and are awaiting the day when you return to our meetings.

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### C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Our president, Rita Pinkus, has this to say as we begin a new year: Have you started to plan for an active and an effective 1979 K of L year? With the beautiful but busy season of Christmas behind us, now is likely to be a relatively quiet time, at least compared to the usual year-end crunch with shopping, parties, and other concerns which lead us up to Christmas. It's cold and snowy and quiet. Rita asks us to use this period for some serious planning of precise objectives for the New Year. Meeting night remains the same: the second Tuesday of each month in St. Casimir's Parish Hall. Let's do some creative planning to improve council stature. It will pay off handsomely in 1979!

Here are a few condensed reports of council activities which finished up 1978. Virginia Leleikis reported on a highly successful dinner dance held Oct. 14 at Maironis Park and attended by K of L'ers and friends from near and far.

On Oct. 19, His Excellency Bernard J. Flanagan, celebrated his 25th Anniversary as a bishop. For this wonderful occasion, choir members from parishes throughout the Worcester Diocese joined to form one huge and powerful choir to sing the musical portion of this beautiful liturgy which took place in Worcester's magnificent and spacious Memorial Auditorium. Council members who participated in the choir were Ann & Steve Walinsky, Sr., Edwina & Francis Ginkus, Adele & Francis Degutis, And Claire Grigaitis.

The N.E.D. Convention met in



Lawrence for the fall session during which Marion Racicot received her Fourth Degree. Ann Bender was elected to office of Dist. Recording Secy. and Francis Degutis to 2nd Vice Pres. Sincere congratulations to all!

Rita Pinkus led a bus trip to New York City on Oct. 28. Shows, sight-seeing and shopping filled the day, and the weary but happy travellers returned home delighted with the events of the day.

Mildred & Charles Lapinskas added a generous greenback to the sum of money allotted by the council to purchase books on Lithuania and Lithuanianism for gifts to the Worcester Public Library. The N.E. Dist. provided a monetary allowance as well. The reaction of a grateful Public Library prompts us to voice a public grateful thanks to our pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, to Father Peter Cinikas, MIC, and to the Worcester Public Library staff for their invaluable assistance, encouragement and advice in this project. (For those unaware, Father Cinikas is editor of the Marian Fathers daily Lithuanian paper, "DRAUGAS". Since "Draugas" publishes books in both English and Lithuanian, their willingness to help made our task a simple one). Thank you everyone!

Jack Kazlauskas and Steve Walinsky, Jr. enlist our aid in searching for used eyeglasses for their Lions Club perpetual and worthwhile project.

Our Christmas party was held Dec. 12 in St. Casimir's parish hall. Cooks were Rita Pinkus and Mary Duggan. Decorations committee were Dorothy Seilius and Anne Walinsky. Kitchen aides were Marion Racicot, Carol Kardokas, Helen Gillus, Ann Bender, Marion Shapiro, Agnes Law, Antoinette Ivaska, and Anne Bucinskas. Steve Walinsky, Sr., Al Seilius and Arthur Racicot concerned themselves about pre-party refreshments. A fine time was had by all.

Father Benj. Uzdavinis, MIC, our spiritual director, urged us to remember the spiritual purpose of our organization by participating in the October evening mass and Rosary devotions, and November evening Mass and special prayers for the dead. Father's monthly talks are always enlightening.

Teresa & Kazys Adomavicius reported a delightful vacation in Bermuda. Sympathies from us all to Vincent Grazulis whose brother died a few months ago. Rasa & Ed Grigaitis, and Ruth & Vyto Gadiuskas report that little girls grow up! Both couples married off a daughter in 1978.

Francis (Algis) Glodas finds it next to impossible to attend meetings, what with his many involvements at Maironis Park and Lithuanian Scouts, to name just two. Be assured that K of L functions merit his personal attention at Maironis, and who could say enough about his value as St. Casimir's Men's Choir "seniūnas"? He blushes, so we'll stop here!

Happily do we report that Sister M. Laurine, SSC, Ann Morkunas and Tony Anton have all been discharged from the hospital. The best news always is to hear our sick members are recovering nicely.

Once more, with feeling, we say, "A happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to all!"

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C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Our first indoor "Šurum Burum" picnic was held Nov. 5 at the Lithuanian Club in Providence. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of the ONE MAN BAND imported from Worcester. Lithuanian cooking was enjoyed, and the people had an opportunity to purchase gifts for Christmas giving. The event was a success socially and financially.

Eleven of our members attended the dinner-dance sponsored by

Worcester C-116 on Nov. 4.

John & Irene Walaskas daughter Carole and her spouse moved to California. We extend our best wishes to them in their new environment.

As of Jan. 1, we will have a Regular K of L council in Providence. A few of our Senior members who are under age 30, and six former Juniors, make up the nucleus of this new group. Marcella Krecioch, former Jr's Pres., has been elected president of the Regulars.

We extend our prayers and felicitations to our new Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II. St. Casimir's brother was Bishop of Cracow, the same Diocese our new Pope served when selected to the papacy. Our organization's Patron, St. Casimir, was born in Cracow on Oct. 3, 1458.

Members of our council extend their sympathies to Helen Chepulis of Ansonia, Ct. on the recent loss of her mother, Hattie Belconis of Providence.

J.A.S.



**ILLINOIS-INDIANA  
DISTRICT**

Pres. Algerd Brazis announced the following committee appointments - Lith. Cultural Monica Kasper C-112; Lith. Affairs Theresa Strolia C-36; Choir Rep. Estelle Rogers C-112; Dancers' Advisor Frank Zopolis C-36; Ritual Ruth Dagus C-112; Scholarship H.M. Eleanore Laurin C-112; Public Relations Estelle Rogers C-112; "Trumpet" Editor Geraldine Mockus C-112 and printers Valeria & Joseph Stanaitis Chgo. Srs.; Lith. Publicity Emilija Pakalniskis



C-112. Other committee heads will be announced at the next meeting.

Kudos to K of L Building Trustees and their very hard-working committee on another successful Rummage Sale. The proceeds from these semi-annual events go to the building for repairs, etc. Next Rummage Sale, Spring 1979.

Our hearts were saddened when we heard of the sudden death of our own John C. Evans Sr. Johnny was a former IID Pres., active and often chairman of our "Memories of Lithuania" Banquets, former C-112 Pres. and was instrumental in organizing many of our activities as well as representing the K of L with outside organizations. Our condolences to John (Whitey), Stanley and the entire Evans family. We will always remember John in our prayers and will feel that he still will be with us in spirit.

Jerome Jankus, our stalwart Sgt-at-Arms, was missing from a few K of L activities as he was hospitalized for awhile. He was really missed and it is nice to have him well and back with us again.

As usual, members of the IID actively participated in Lithuanian affairs and events. One of the most recent was the Lithuanian American Council (ALTAS) Annual Conference and Banquet honoring outgoing president Dr. Kazys Bobelis. The event was held at the Lithuanian Hall and we were privileged to have former Nat'l. Pres. Dr. Jack and "Vytis" Editor Loretta Stukas join us.

K of L representatives to ALTAS are Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas and Irene Sankus of C-112 and Ann Marie Kassel of C-36.

Our organization was also represented at the Annual Conference and Banquet of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America (B.A.L.F.). Among the K of L members active with the organization are Mary Rudis (who is the national president of the group),

Algerd Brazis, Aldona Daukus and Faustas Strolia, who serve as Directors.

At the 64th Anniversary Banquet of the Naujienos newspaper, everyone had the opportunity to meet the candidate for Lt. Governor of Illinois - Richard Durbin, a fellow Lith., along with Ill. State Senator Frank Savickas.

Congratulations to the new officers of our IID councils - Presidents: Chicago Seniors Juozas Laurinaitis; C-36-112 Juniors John-Paul Kilkus; C-36 Vincent Samaska; and C-112 Albert Zakarka.

The 1979 Nat'l. Convention Committee has officially begun its work and at their 1st meeting selected Algerd Brazis as General Chairman; Irene Sankus and Tony Rudis Jr., Co-Chm.; Gerrie Mockus and Ruth Dagis, Secys.; Emily & Harry Petraitis, Treas.; Gerry Mack and Ann Marie Kassel, Registration Chm.; Emilija Pakalniskis, Lith. Publicity; Estelle Rogers, Juozas Laurinaitis and Clemente Vidzius, Friday Night Social at the K of L Bldg. Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago - Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, our guiding light, has agreed to serve as an Honorary Chairman.

Everyone in Chicago is preparing and looking forward to hosting the 1979 National Convention. Dates - August 15 - 19 - but "come early and stay late" is our unofficial Convention motto!

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C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

The new officers and chairmen met for their 1st official Board Meeting at the home of Sophie Nieminski. As usual, Sophie entertained, wine and dined everyone in great fashion.

Pres. Al Zakarka announced the following committee appointments: Membership Estelle Rogers; Lith. Affairs May Dauginas; Ritual Ruth Dagis; Publicity Emilija Pakalniskis, Irene Sankus and Geraldine Mockus; Courtesy Monica Kasper; and Social Julie Zakarka and Gerrie Mockus.

Council condolences to members John (Whitey) and Stanley Evans and their families on the death of John G. Evans Sr., who was a former council president, 4th degree member and very active in our council. He will truly be missed and never forgotten for his interest in our council and the K of L.

Our annual Halloween Party was held in the Zakarka rathskeller and all of the ghosts and goblins had a great time with hosts Al and Julie. Costume prize winners were Bernice Raubiskis as an Indian princess and Al Z as a tall Charlie Chaplin.

Following the ALTAS Banquet held the same evening, Leonard Simutis Jr. and Alderman Ken Jaksys and others joined the Halloween festivities. This gave the council and prexy Al Z. the opportunity to present Leonard with his Lifetime Membership Certificate. Leonard is the son of the great Lithuanian patriot - the late Leonardas Simutis Sr., who was a founding and Honorary Member of our organization. Leonard's sister, Ruth Kazlauskas, and her family live in the Brighton Park area and are members of C-36.

"Oktoberfest II" was another grand success thanks to the efforts of chairladies Gerrie Mockus and Julie Zakarka, bar chairman Al Zakarka, "bag" man Al Mockus,



each and every council member who sold tickets and worked during the evening, and everyone who contributed prizes to the Grand Raffle.

The Marquette Park Senior Citizens Club attending in force was headed by Alice & Al Cekanor. A group of them entertained us with Hawaiian dancing and singing, and Elly Livcinaite of the K of L Choir performed a series of International Dances.

The Bargailas - Jean and "Bargy" - celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a large group of friends at the Oktoberfest II.

Wally Tenclinger & The Casuals made certain everyone spent a delightful evening dancing to anniversary tunes, "Hokey Poke", "hustle" and rock, Lith. polkas and dances, and of course, the German "Ump-pa-pas". As everyone was leaving they asked "What's the date of next year's "Oktoberfest III"?"

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#### C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Elections were held at our October meeting. Newly elected officers are: Pres. Vince Samaska, 1st Vice Pres. Lucille Kilkus, 2nd Vice Pres. Sabina Klatt, 3rd Vice Pres. Joseph Martikonis, Treas. Frank Svelnis, Rec. Secy. Ruth Kazlauskas, Corresp. Secy. Anne Casperson, Fin. Secy. Bernice Pupinik, Trustees Tony & Kay Wallunas, and Sgt-at-Arms Jerome Jankus. Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Spiritual Advisor, administered the oath of office, and congratulations were extended on behalf of the Ill.-Ind. District by guest Irene Sankus.

We welcomed two new members this month, Ona Naureckas and Joseph Lipskis. The new membership campaign is well under way.

Jerome Jankus is recuperating from an operation, and reports are that he is doing very well. Sabina

Klatt has recovered from her illness and is back in full swing.

After the meeting, we were treated with a viewing of films by Vince Samaska. Refreshments were enjoyed along with the films, thanks to Al Manst and Bernice Pupinik. These films were taken at the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing, at the Darius-Girenas Legion Post Memorial program held at the Darius-Girenas monument in Marquette Park, and at the White Sox Park Lithuanian Day sponsored by the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce. Many of our council members were present at all three of these functions.

Our council is still alive and well with great plans for the future. We recommend that members who have not attended meetings for a while, join us and see what's happening.



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#### MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

#### C-144 - ANTHRACITE, PA.

The month of August, which is always a busy, bustling time with the preparation for our annual Lithuanian Day Picnic in Lakewood Park and the Natl. Convention, ended on a sad note this year. Our council experienced the first loss of a member in its brief 2 yr. history. Anna Smetana passed away on Aug. 28 after a short illness. Anna, a resident of New

Philadelphia, was a loyal council member. She was always willing to give of her time and energy to any project. Even in failing health, she worked and contributed toward the success of our Lithuanian Day on Aug. 13. Attending the wake in a body, the K of L members participated in the recently adopted wake ritual which was conducted by our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Al Bartkus. This impressive ceremony received many favorable comments from family and friends.

Winding up the August activities, a workshop in Conversational Lithuanian was arranged for the Jr. Council of New Philadelphia by their able and untiring counselor, Ms. Rita Shevokas. The language classes were conducted by Stanley Vaicaitis. The workshop, extending from Aug. 28 to Aug. 31 for 2 hours each night, was well attended by about 30 children, ages 9 thru 13. Mr. Vaicaitis reports that he was very gratified by the enthusiasm of his young students. He was soon greeted by the familiar 'Labas' followed by the eager recitation of newly learned words. Kudos to Rita for her ability to motivate those youngsters, especially to give up their last week of vacation. We are indeed fortunate to have a young woman of her talents among us. Rita also directs a group of young Lithuanian dancers as well as the Marijos Varpeliai chorus.

Our regular monthly meetings were resumed Sept. 11 in a new meeting place, the Annunciation parish hall in Frackville. Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Al Bartkus, has been transferred from St. Casimir's parish in St. Clair to the B.V.M. Annunciation parish of Frackville. He has cordially invited us to meet in the parish hall. The Frackville K of L members who hosted the meeting went 'all out' to welcome the group to their town.

Ann Wargo, chairman of Lithuanian Day Committee, reported



that the day was both a financial and a social success. We were delighted to hear that the proceeds were sufficient to cover the publication of one issue of the "Chronicles of the R.C. Church in Lithuania".

Pres. Bernice Mikatavage reported on the Natl. Convention held in Syracuse.

Joseph Martunas and Ann Wargo spoke on the human rights workshop held in Washington, D.C. and attended by seven of our members.

Rev. Pius Chesna thanked the group for honoring him during the 64th annual Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park.

The following officers were elected for 1979: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Algimantas Bartkus; Pres. Ann Klizas Wargo, Saint Clair; Vice Pres. Elsie Kosmisky, Frackville; 1st Vice Pres. and the New Philadelphia Jr. Counselor Rita Shevokis; 2nd Vice Pres. and Minersville Jr. Counselor Tessie Balulis; Secy. Bernice Mikatavage, Minersville; Financial Secy. Anne Marie Litkowski, Freeland; Treas. Evelyn Prep, Frackville; Trustees Eleanor Vaicaitis, Frackville, and George Bruzdas, Minersville.

The membership voted to donate a copy of Simas Kudirka's book "For Those at Sea" to eight of the public libraries in Schuylkill County.

The meeting was concluded after singing "Ilgiausiu Metu" to honor our Spiritual Advisor Father Matthew Jarašunas, Maizeville, on his day of birth.

Congratulations to our council members who were elected to the MAD Board: Trustee Ann Wargo, Saint Clair, Cultural Chm. Ann Morgalis, Minersville; Lithuanian Affairs, Joseph Martunas, Minersville.

Lithuanian classes are being continued again this year at the Shenandoah Valley H.S. Our Spiritual Advisor Father Al Bartkus teaches grammar, Father

Matthew Jarašunas teaches literature, and Msgr. Joseph Nevérauskas teaches history. Most of last year's students have returned to continue their studies. Our sincere good wishes for their success.

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C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

One of the highlights of the fall season was Our Lady of Vilnius parish dinner at Fr. George Gurinkas hall. This is an affair that takes place several times a year and helps to bring people together for a day of warmth and friendship. Our members were well represented at this social where good food and conservative gaiety are the order of the day.

We were happy to learn that the church roof has been repaired. The cost was astronomical but so was the generosity of all the good people. Not only was the total expense met but the drive for funds was slightly oversubscribed. The pastor emeritus Gurinkas extended his profound thanks to all contributors.

A dance is rather unusual in our group but we held one at our parish hall recently. It was well attended. Music was by Joe Kazlo and his ensemble and a delicious

buffet meal was an added attraction. We were happy to have in our midst former Nat'l. Pres. Jack and Vytis Editor Loretta Stukas.

Our monthly meetings are meaningful and very interesting. Joseph Remeika briefed us about the most effective way to contact people where reaching them is very difficult, such as sending letters to dissidents in soviet prisons, and the proper approach to get the attention of important individuals here. Mr. Remeika also suggested that new members of our council be given the Vytis emblem gratis, something that should be worn at all times. It usually triggers a question about our organization and provides an occasion to tell strangers who we are and what we stand for. The motion was carried unanimously.

Thanksgiving was indeed a grand day. It is just about the most American holiday of all. We are the only nation on earth to set aside one day to give thanks to Him and count all our blessings. High on my personal list of many gratitudes is not only the people who attend our monthly meetings but so many members of other councils that I have been privileged to meet.

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## C-110 - MASPETH, N.Y.

At our November meeting Pres. John Adomenas announced that our membership had increased to 134. More than sixty members attended this meeting.

Prayers were recited for the repose of the soul of Phyllis Laurine who passed away recently, also for Mrs. Pachesa who has been hospitalized.

Buses will be chartered for the District's mini-convention to be held in Scranton in March. If you would like to go by bus, get in touch with John Adomenas.

Plans were finalized for our annual Kūčios held Dec. 17 in the Transfiguration Parish Hall. Reservations were handled by John Sittis. The Master of Ceremonies was Philip Skabeikis, Natl. Pres., and Marian Skabeikis took care of the program.

There is a committee for the replacement of the District Council Flag of which John Adomenas is Chairman. He reports donations are coming in and if you would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause, contact John.

Fr. Casimir Pugevicius, our guest speaker, spoke on Resistance in Lithuania Today.

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**MID-CENTRAL  
DISTRICT**

## C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

A wide wave of shock and sadness hit us all when on the morning of Sept. 28 upon turning on our radios or the TV, we heard the unbelievable news of the death of Pope John Paul I, after a papacy of only 34 days. Very sad but true, indeed. He will always be remembered for his natural smile, his warmth, and his out-stretched arms, with a look of compassion. It was an example to all that there was a time for change, a place in one's life for true honesty and love for all mankind.

With the election of the new Pope John Paul II, which was also a "shocking" surprise, a non-Italian of a Communist nation, we pray the Lord give a spirit of strength, of knowledge, and Divine Guidance in his papacy, and that he will extend a helping hand to "human causes" and have more impact on the lives of the oppressed peoples, including Lithuania and other nations behind the Iron Curtain. There was a significant note in the fact that among one of the 11 languages used in Pope John Paul's address was Lithuanian. Greetings in behalf of our council were sent to the Pope via Mrs. Marie Kase and Ruth Grasha.

Brisk and beautiful was the evening of Oct. '28 for a cultural

tour by council members at the Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, Mich. The Meadow Brook Mansion was the home of Matilda Rausch Dodge (Wilson) one of the wealthiest women in America, and John Dodge, a widower with three children. From their union were born 3 children: Frances, Daniel and Anna Margaret. Begun in 1926 the Tudor-style home required 3 years to complete. Despite its strong English influence Mrs. Wilson took great pride in its being an American product, and all woodwork carvings and all fixtures were accomplished by American artists.

For years Meadow Brook Hall was virtually unknown until the estate became the foundation for Oakland University. Meadow Brook Hall is primarily a conference and cultural center for the community. Here every professional resource is available: expert conference design and administration, a wide selection of audio and visual aids, consultants and speakers, the support of University literature, scholarship and research.

One attraction in our guided tour consisted of the Great Hall. Visitors enter through the traditional Low Passage entrance to the Great Hall which retains a feeling of warmth in its draperies, carved woods and combined styles of furniture and paintings. One of the more unusual features of the mansion is the Organ Room nestled between the Drawing Room and the Library. Included in the Library's collection are 800 volumes of leather-bound art books and classics. Three of the most beautiful rooms in the house are found down the main floor Gallery - the Dining Room, Mr. Wilson's Study and the Morning Room (considered by many to be Meadow Brook's finest room).

Through the efforts of Bertha Janus, approximately 25 members enjoyed a delightful dinner in the



big Dining Room. Included were: the Geo. Kase's, Ona Walls, Vicki Chepelonis, Violet Panavas and daughter Karen, Jeanine Mykolaitis, the Chet Nashlons, Maggie Smailis, the J. Yakstys', Mr. & Mrs. W. Hotra & her father, A. Mameniskis, Helen Tucker, Ruth Grasha, Alice Burt, the Frank Zagers, and three guests. They asserted that it was a most fruitful, educational and cultural tour.

The Wilsons gave their estate to Michigan State University for establishment of a campus, known under its present name, Oakland University. The gift had a proviso that they retain use of the Hall as long as either of them lived. Mrs. John Dodge-Wilson died Sept. 19, 1967, five years after her husband's death.

Within only a few month's grief, the Panavas family suffered another death. On Oct. 24 Mrs. Anna Kuiber, dear mother of Violet Panavas and Alice Repshas, passed away to her Eternal Rest. Her ever-ready smile and pleasant personality will be surely missed. We extend sincere condolences to the Panavas & Repshas families.

As result of elections held Oct. 4 the following officers were elected: Sp. Adv. Rev. V. Kriščiunevičius, Pres. Frank Zager, 1st V.P. Helen Tucker, 2nd V.P. Magdalena Smailis, Corresp. Sec. Sophie Zager, Fin. Sec. Jos. Chaps, Rec. Sec. Ruth Grasha, Treas. Jeanne Yakstys, Trustees Violet Panavas & Chester Nashlon, Sgt-at-Arms Geo. Kase, Public Relations - Tony Dainus, Vytis - S. Zager, Cultural - Stella Hotra, Religious - Helen Tucker, Sunshine - marge Nashlon, Lith. Affairs - Julia Belickas, and Rosary - Eliz. Paurazas. Best wishes for a successful reign in our New Year of '79.

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Council members hosted an Autumn Polka Party Dance at the Lithuanian Club on Oct. 7. The

music of Steve Tokish & his Combo had everyone on the move all evening. In spite of the small turnout, a good time was had by all. Much thanks to Chm. John A. Berczelly and his committee for the fine job they did. Congratulations to the 'cheer winners' Eloise Berczelly and Cecelia Lisankis.

Our Super Social Committee rounded out their term with an all-Lithuanian menu for our Annual Election Night Dinner. We started with barščiai then on to specially prepared pork chops, kugelis, virtiniai, košeliena, silkė, etc. It was all scrumptious and plentiful. To Rita Ambrose, John & Joyce Berczelly, Harley Karns, Chris Mantz, Judy Petrokas and all their workers, we say Ačiū Labai.

Elections took place following the dinner on Oct. 28. We would like to take this time to thank all the outgoing officers and committee persons for a most successful 1978. To the new board we congratulate you and wish you much luck with the task you have ahead. The following will be in charge of our council for 1979: Spiritual Adv. Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, Pres. Mary Ann Blum, 1st Vice-Pres. Christine Mantz with Rita Ambrose assisting, 2nd Vice-Pres. Aldona Ryan, Treas. Sally Miller, Fin. Secy. Frances Mikalauskas, Rec. Secy. Mildred Steinbrunner, Trustees George Mikalauskas & Eloise Berczelly, Sgt-at-Arms Joe Ryan & Joe Mantz. Others elected were: Religious - Eloise Berczelly, Judy Petrokas; Lith. Affairs - Stefanija Rastikis, Ann Desko; Cultural - Ada Sinkwitz; Ritual & Vytis Corresp. - Fran Petkus; Bulletin Ed. - Elaine Pacovsky; Historian - Harley Karns; Social - Audrey, Michael, & Greg Blum; Ways & Means - Ed Sluzas, Rita Gečas; Sports - Chm. Mike Blum, Audrey Blum, Ed Sluzas, Rita Gečas; Condolence - Bea Noreikas; By-Laws - Chm. Joe Ryan, Ray Steinbrunner, Joe Gečas, Albina Wallis; Telephone Squad - Chm.

Helen Vaitkus; Sąryšis Rep. - Joe Gečas, Aldona Ryan.

We had a Cleveland - Dayton exchange this year. Joanna Shigo and Helen Jakubs of C-25 were in Dayton in May picking up the hand carved outdoor shrine George Mikalauskas created for the Jakubs. While in town they took in Dayton's Annual World A'Fair and discovered George's 'soft seat'. Then in September, Rita Ambrose, Gus, Mary Ann & Greg Blum, Chris Mantz, Elinor & Annamarie Sluzas spent a weekend in Cleveland taking in the many sights of the area and visiting with the Shigo's, Nellie Arunski, the Jakubs, and other C-25 friends.

It was good to see our N.C. members, Jerry & Cathy Roberts with their sons, Jeff and Scott, visiting family and friends recently. Lionginas & Kitty Prasmantas were winners of an all-expense-paid trip to the 4th game of the World Series. The trip was sponsored by WHIO radio. It was Kitty's first trip to N.Y. and she is ready to go back. Jimmy, Joan & Diane Kavalauskas did real well on a recent trip to Las Vegas. Just ask Elinor Sluzas.

Belated congratulations to Albert & Albina Wallis who have received a Community Service Award for their faithful services to the poor and needy of the Northwest Churches Emergency Center.

Do you follow the Marathon Long Distance Running Contests in your local communities? Keep your eyes peeled. We have a most enthusiastic member, Joe D. Noreikas, participating quite regularly in local contests with higher goals in sight. Joe and his wife Sue became parents recently to their first baby, Stacy. Proud grandmother is Bea Noreikas. Congratulations to all!

Elynor Matkins very proudly attended the installation ceremony of her brother, Joseph (Karl) Yanchulis, into Catholic University's Jerry Wohlman Penn Hall of



Fame for Football. Elynor's brother, Anthony, was installed in 1974.

Belated thanks to Fr. Vincentas Bartuška for taking care of our parish while Fr. Walter was on Vacation. It was great getting caught up with Fr. Vincent's activities since we last saw him. Father teaches at Manhattan College in N.Y.

Walter & Mary Lou Lastoskie hosted our Juniors at their home on Oct. 21. The Jrs had a craft workshop, dinner out, and election of '79 officers.

A warm welcome to our newest members Bob & Helen Kievel. Helen did belong many years ago. Happy, active years ahead! Joining our out-of-town list is Mike & Donna Jean Dailey. Much luck in Arizona. Some of our members visited with Irene Sankus from Chicago, while Irene was in town for a business trip. It was good seeing you, Irene.

Prayerfully everyone had a Blessed Christmas and our wish now is for a healthy, prosperous New Year ahead from all of us in C-96.

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sister of past S.C. President,  
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