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Ėjai klausyt, ką dausos šneka —  
Lakštutės skambančios skardžiai,  
O kojos mynė tylų taką,  
Kuriuo nekartą Tu ėjai.

FRANAS LEMBERTAS

ŠVENTAJAM  
KARALAIČIUI  
KAZIMIERUI

Nors amžių penketas prabėgo,  
Kai mus našlaičiais palikai,  
Bet šventos Tavo žemės pėdos  
Širdyse klesti kaip žiedai.

Tu aigai rūmuose karalių,  
Lyg spinduly gėlė,  
Bet nepalaužė Tavo valios  
Nei auksas, turtas, nei garbė.

Kai pilį supo vynas, dainos,  
Kai aistros virpino jausmus,  
Tavojoj sieloj gimė pslamės —  
Ėjai palikęs Tu svečius . . .

Ir, klaupęs prie bažnyčios durų,  
Meldei Aukščiausių palaimos,  
Tik žvaigždėms iš padangės žiūrint,  
Ir krintant deimantams ramos.

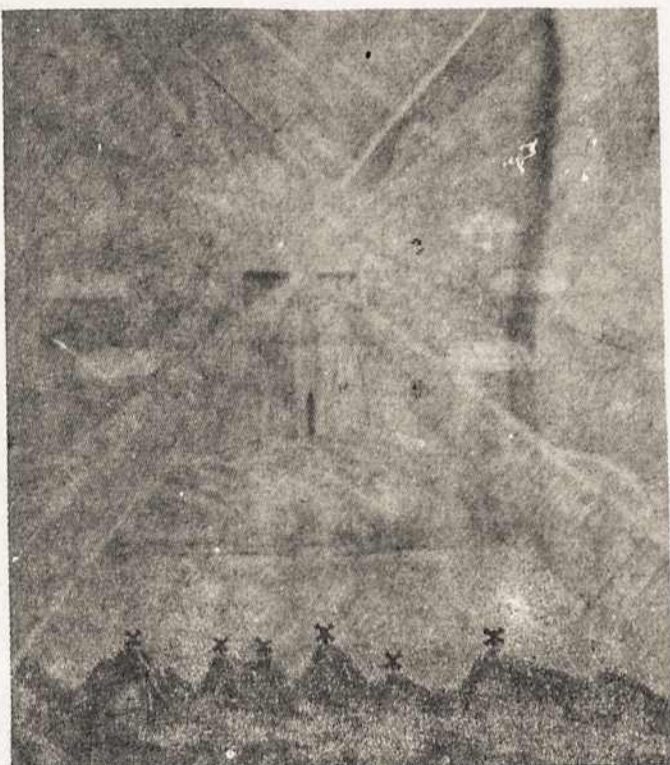
Ir taip lig ryto, lig aušrinės,  
Paguodos sielai ten radai,  
Kol saulės spindulio auksinio  
Sugrižt pažadintas buvat.

Nei pilys, nei karalių sostai,  
Vainikai galios ir garbės  
Širdy Tavojoj nesiklostė,  
Nes Tu buvai "dangaus gėlė".

Kitų karalių sostai griuvo,  
Vardai jų skendi užmaršty,  
O Tavo sostas "Meilė" buvo, —  
Skardens danguj ir mūs' širdy.



SONATA OF THE SPRING by M.K. Čiurlionis consists of 4 pictures:  
Allegro (see cover), Andante, Scherzo and Finale Painted in 1907



Andante



Scherzo



Finale

# Šventas Kazimieras

KUN. F. B. SERAFINAS

A. ALEKSIS

Andante maestoso

1. Šven - tas Ka - zi - mie - rai, mū su Glo - bė - jau, Skai - stus kai  
2. Nuo - dė - mės man pa - dėk re - gėt bai - sy - bę: Pa - bėg - ti

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dan - gų Šven - tas Glo - bė - jau! Šven - tas Glo - bė - jau!

# MOTHER MARIA, FOUNDRRESS OF SISTERS OF SAINT CASIMIR

by Bertha Janus



Casimira Kaupas was born in the village of Gudeliai, county of Ramygala, Lithuania, on January 6, 1880. She was the fifth of eleven children and helped work the farm with the others. She was not privileged to have a formal education in her early years, but learned to read during one winter, with an older sister's help.

While living and working in the village rectory of Panevėžys, she received the basics of her education. Her remarkable ability to learn and her hunger for religious knowledge endeared her to all clergy.

At eighteen years of age she was smuggled out of the country, and into Austria, where contacts were made for her to reach the United States. In the U.S., for three years she was housekeeper for her older brother, Fr. Anthony Kaupas, in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

From sheer homesickness, she made her first trip back to Lithuania, staying with her parents. During that year, her brother and his priest friends were able to en-

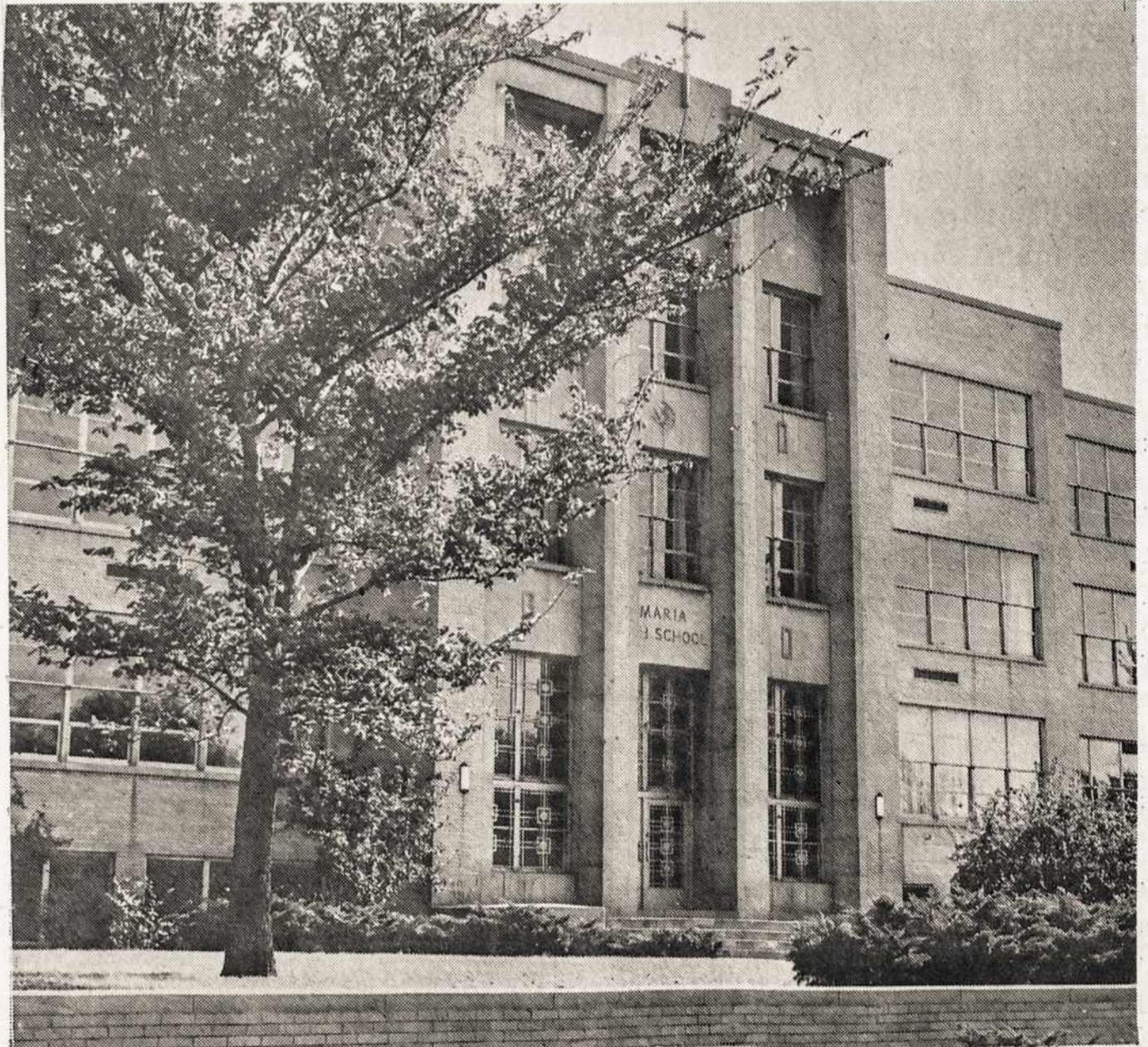
roll her into the Academy of Sisters of Mercy of Holy Cross in Ingenbohl, Switzerland, where she met two Lithuanian girls who worked with her the rest of her life — Judith Dvaranauskas and Antoinette Unguraitis.

Her next move was back to America, with her two friends, who also wished to lead a religious life. They were allowed to live at Mount Mary, Mother House of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters in Scranton, until a home was found for them. Mother Cyril, head of the convent, was to remain an important force in their lives. Their eagerness prompted their being given postulants' attire almost immediately.

Fr. Anthony Staniukynas (an-

other important figure) was allowed to leave his parish and devoted the rest of his life to working for the establishment of Lithuanian schools for children of Lithuanian immigrants. He solicited funds, often door to door. With the help of Bishop John Shanahan, of Scranton, their first school opened Dec. 26, 1908, with seventy four students.

The order's name was selected by the Bishop — over Casimira's objections. She felt "Sisters of St. Casimir" bore too much resemblance to her name — she preferred one closer to the Blessed Mother's. Instead, the Bishop named her "Sister Maria" and her friends "Immaculata" and "Concepta".



Maria High School

Soon the school was bulging with students, and Fr. Staniukynas began searching for a site for a Mother House. A spot on the outskirts of Chicago was selected. Because the area was virtually a swamp and for adverse weather conditions, the dedication did not take place until July 2, 1911. Bishop James Quigley, of Chicago officiated, with practically all 100,000 Lithuanian residents of Chicago attending. The area is now "Marquette Park".

The new building had a dual purpose, serving as Mother House and as St. Casimir Academy, a high school for girls.

August, 1913 saw Sister Maria named the first Mother General of the Sisters of St. Casimir, a position she held for twenty seven years. At the time, twenty five sisters staffed schools in Mount Carmel, Chicago, Waukegan and Philadelphia.

In November, 1918, the sisters were saddened by the loss of Fr. Staniukynas, who succumbed for reasons of poor health while sacrificing his life for the well-being and aims of the sisters. He was sorely missed by them, having been their Spiritual Director and practically their main source of financial aid. Almost till the day he died, he begged for their cause. A few years later school children erected a statue of him, which still stands, facing St. Casimir Academy, the current Mother House of the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Under Fr. Fabian Kemesis a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in all parishes where the sisters taught. They supplied financial aid to the Academy, scholarships for deserving students and funds for promising postulants who came to the convent with no dowry.

During these years requests for teaching sisters were increasing — even from the Western states.

In 1920 Mother Maria made her second trip to Europe, where, in Lithuania, she acquired and helped

to establish a school and convent in a famous 15th century Benedictine Monastery. It had seen the Napoleonic Wars and was almost beyond repair, but with the sisters' ever-burning desire for more schools, they renovated it in one year and at its dedication had enrolled 130 students. It was named Mount Peace and stood on the cliffs of the River Nemunas, above the town of Pažaislis.

Back in America, the next few years were very productive for the order — with a new wing added to the Academy, a third section completed, followed by an infirmary, chapel and auditorium.

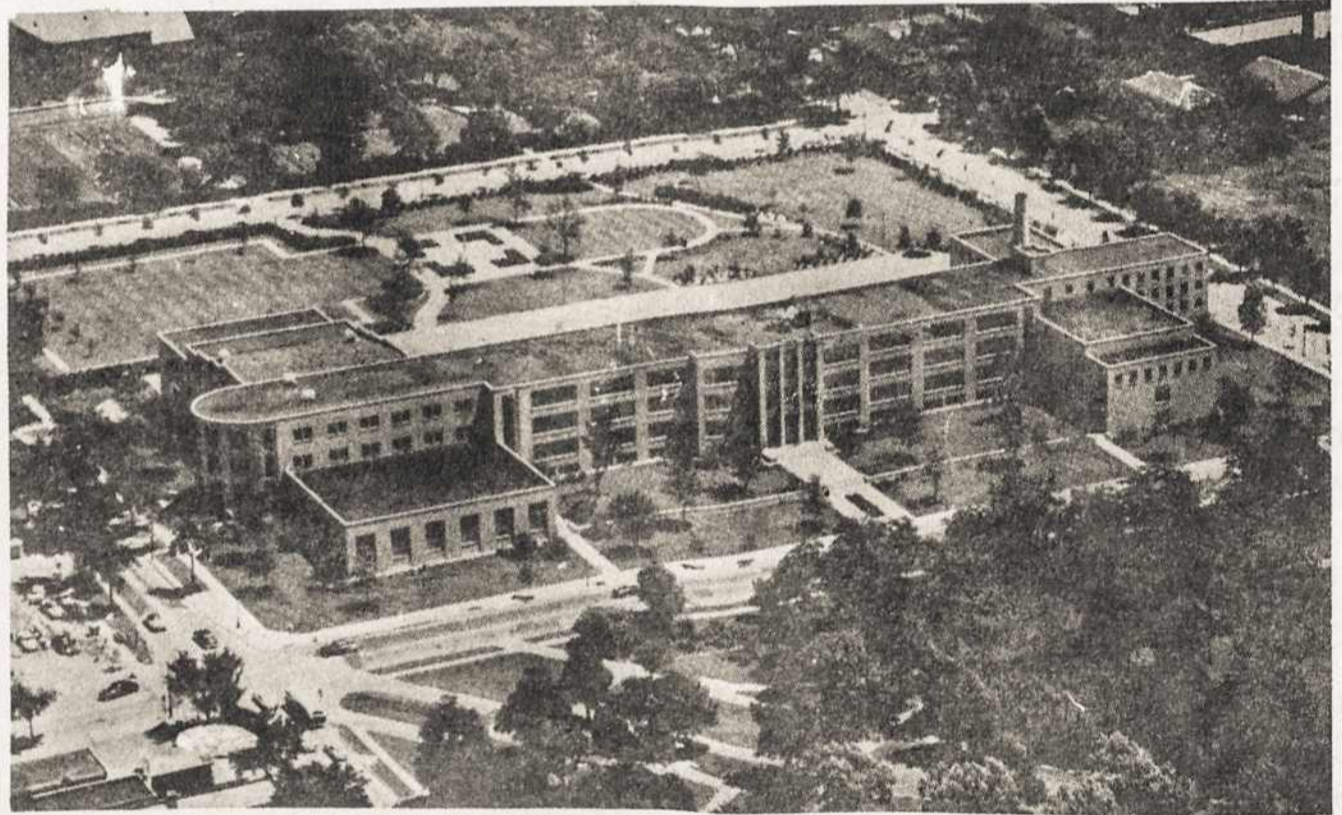
June, 1927 found Mother Maria on her way back to Europe (a gift from the Auxiliary), to visit the Shrines, an audience with Pope

position.

November, 1928 saw the dedication of Holy Cross Hospital, staffed by the sisters. It had five stories and was soon approved by the American College of Surgeons.

In the following years a convent was opened in Newtown, Pa. and an Eastern Mother House established near Philadelphia on a 203-acre farm with buildings dating back to William Penn. It was named Villa Joseph Marie.

In 1933 the sisters were told of Mother Maria's serious malignancy when she spent a few months in the Hospital. After rallying, she resumed her duties and the following year was again elected Mother General. She also made a fourth trip to Europe, visiting Mt. Peace, where she was told the convent



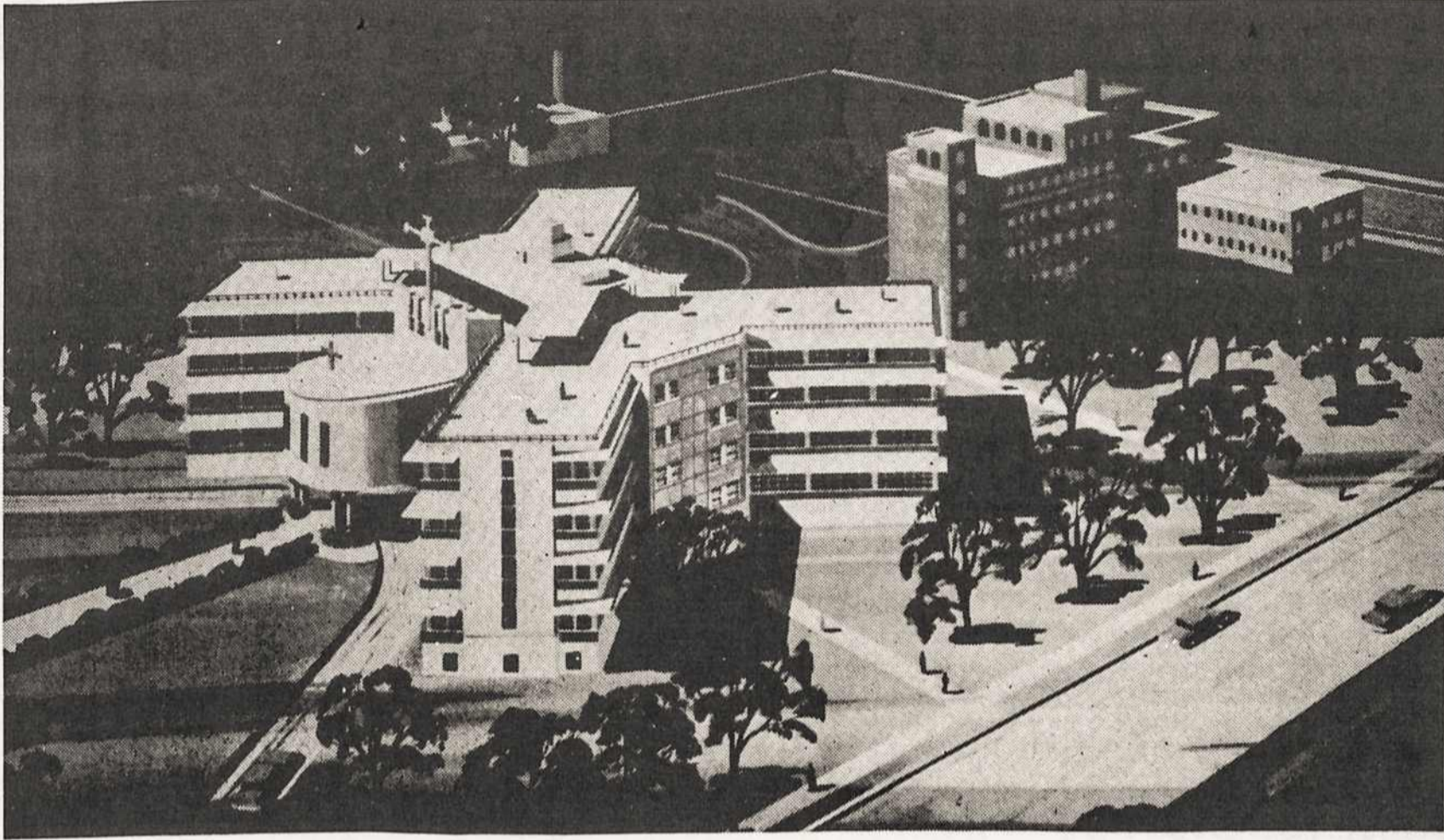
*Marija High School - Chicago.*

Pius XI and a visit to Mount Peace, where she was most gratified at the progress made by the sisters she left in charge seven years ago. They had established schools and nursing homes in nearby towns and a convent in Kaunas.

In August, 1928, an election was held for a new Mother General. The law forbid more than two terms in the office, but through a dispensation from Rome, Mother Maria was able to again hold the

would be given autonomy (independence of the Mother House in Chicago). To a perplexed Mother Maria the Archbishop Joseph Skvireckas of Kaunas explained that the original plan was to have her sisters establish the institutions in Lithuania, and then become self-governing. She was grievously disappointed, but was helpless in the decision.

In 1936 the sewing dept. of the Mother House made a banner of



*Holy Cross Hospital - Chicago*

Lithuanian colors, with the Lithuanian inscription "Sacred Heart of Jesus, may Thy Kingdom come into Lithuania" It was taken to Europe and is now displayed in the Court of Nations in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Paray-le-Monial in France.

In 1938 Cardinal George Mundelein urged the sisters to acquire an old hospital on the West side of Chicago. It became Loretto Hospital.

Mother Maria, though visibly not well, made several visits to the East. In 1940, after one of these, she was admitted to Holy Cross Hospital. When doctors informed the congregation they had done all they were able to, she was brought back to the Mother House, where she said, "I am so happy that I have an illness which gives me time to prepare for death and by suffering, to atone for sins". She said she prayed the Lord would let her suffer the agony with Him on Good Friday. Nurses later remarked her wish was granted, for she was in intense pain during that time. On the evening of April 17

she suddenly opened her eyes, smiled radiantly at the sisters kneeling at her bedside and died. A cable from Pope Pius XII still lay beside her, sending her his blessing.

At her funeral the American eulogy was given by Archbishop Samuel Stritch. He spoke of her intense enthusiasm for the need of Lithuanian immigrants to keep and further their religious knowledge and the teaching of the young. He spoke of her utter charity and that her accomplishments would live forever in the history of the Church.

Thousands followed the sisters to the interment in St. Casimir's Cemetery. Their grief was unmeasured at losing her, but they repeated to each other what they had often heard her say in moments of stress, disappointment or loss: "Thy will be done". The hundreds of letters that came to the congregation were from high places plus those who were helped by her in times of need, either with words of encouragement and consolation or procuring vital help in

their daily lives. A letter came from President Smetona of Lithuania, who a few years before had sent her the Lithuanian Order of Grand Duke Gediminas.

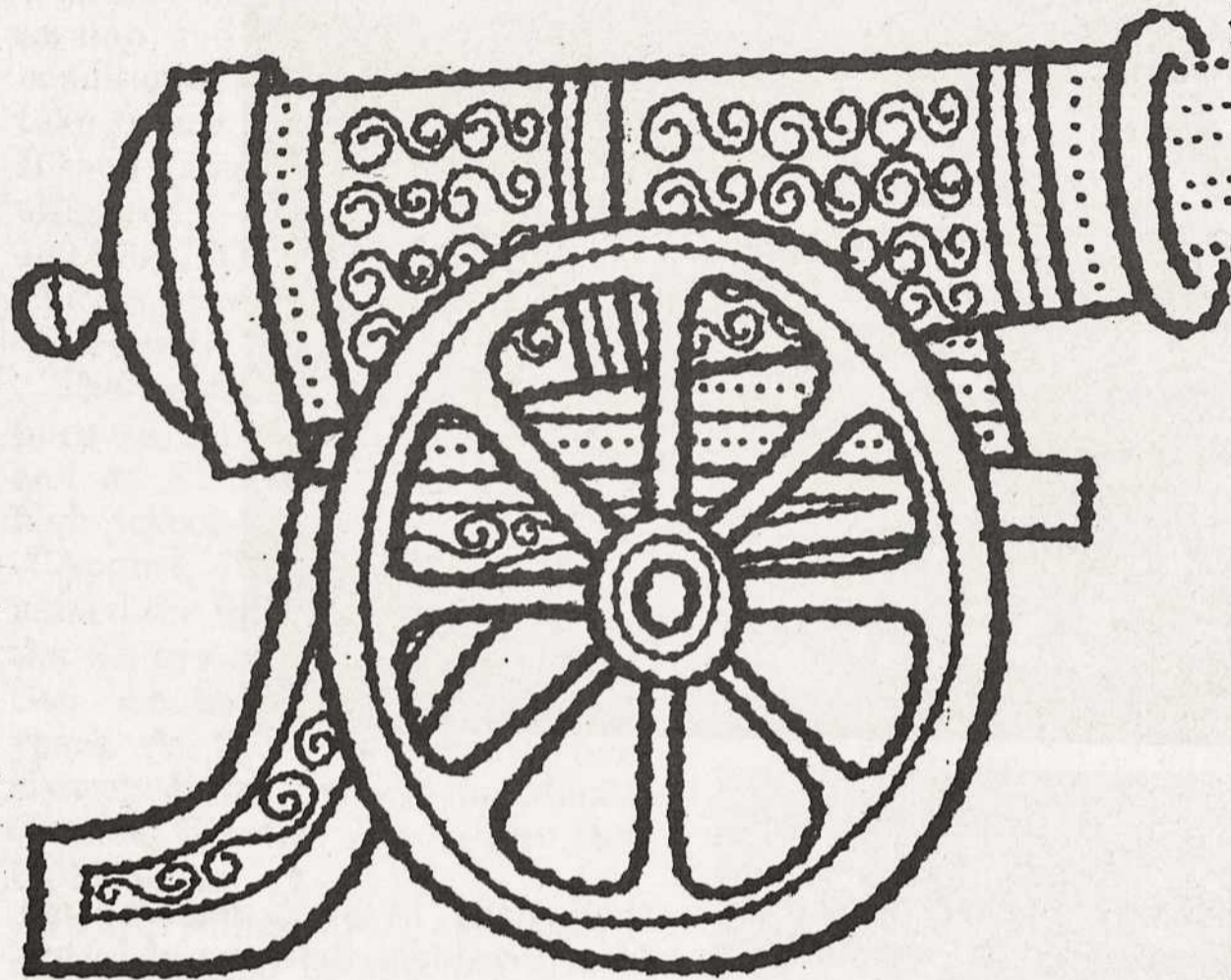
Thus ended the life of a very dedicated woman, who saw the need for religion for immigrants in a new world: who in her 60 years of life accomplished what others dream of doing. Her compassion and unselfish life of sacrifice for others will be long remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Under her direction the congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir became the vigorous, vital order it is. By the end of 1955, almost fifty years after the founding, it had fifty three institutions in thirteen states and Argentina, and while the sisters are daily carrying on and furthering Mother Maria's work, are also praying for her beatification.

January 6, 1880

April 17, 1940

# MEMBERSHIP



**100TH  
MEMBER**

## HOW'S YOUR RECRUITING?

I am happy to report that on November 25, 1978, I recruited my 100th member, namely Edward Chevinsky of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who joined C-3. I believe he is the first Chinese Lithuanian to become a K of L-er.

At our last convention, it was suggested that the delegates and members present go home and enroll at least one new member. I am now appealing to every member to take up the task.

Recruitment is a very simple matter. Experience has taught me that people are looking to ally themselves with their heritage. First, second and third generation Lithuanians are seeking their roots. They want to learn about their forefathers history and culture. Joining the Knights of Lithuania is exactly what they want. It helps them to identify with other Lithuanians.

Every member should carry at least one copy of our new brochure at all times. I'll be happy to forward copies of the brochure to any person requesting them.

Do you have a recruitment problem? Do you know of a group that would like to start their own Council? Is there some person or persons that you feel might need some special attention in regards to joining the Knights of Lithuania? Contact Jonas Adomenas by calling 212 - 697-7257 days or 212 - 497-5212 evenings, or simply write to 69 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11237.

Remember, if each of us signs one new member this year we double our membership plus the fact we will be bringing the new members closer to their heritage.

Jonas Adomenas



# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

Delegates to the 65th National Convention in Syracuse NY in August of last year, passed a Resolution which was forwarded to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops by the Convention Resolutions Committee.

(See text of resolution from October '78 VYTIS p. 30).

The following is the Memorandum issued in Dec. 1978 in response to this Resolution.

To: All Bishops

From: Bishop Kelly

Re: Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day

"The Knights of Lithuania, an American Lithuanian Catholic Fraternal organization, have asked that it be brought to your attention that February 16 is Lithuanian Independence Day. The Knights have suggested that it would be appropriate at that time for American Catholics to pray for their fellow Catholics in Lithuania.

You may want to consider the suggestion that a petition be inserted into the General Intercessions for Sunday February 11, 1979, the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A sample petition follows:

That God bless and strengthen the suffering Catholics of Lithuania and all those throughout the world whose spiritual and human rights are violated, we pray to the Lord..."

The appearance of this memorandum is a major accomplishment for the Knights of Lithuania and the entire Lithuanian American community in general. This is the first time that a nationwide US religious body at this level and of this stature has acknowledged the plight of fellow Catholics in Lithuania. Lithuanians have repeatedly sought such recognition.

It behooves all K of L members to express their thanks, primarily to Bishop Kelly at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20005 and perhaps most importantly to your own local Bishop. Without some response it may prove even more difficult in the future to seek the support of these American Bishops.

Philip Skabeikis  
National President

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### THE SILENT CHURCH

At our National Convention, convened at Kennebunkport, Maine, over seven years ago, the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA resolved to support the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid program. We promised our fervent prayers, and financial assurance to this worth-while charity. Our coordinators were to encourage prayers and services for the Persecuted Church in Lithuania, and to coordinate donations by the Knights of Lithuania councils to LCRA.

The Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid is under the auspices of the Lithuanian Catholic Priests League of America. Its President, is the Most Rev. Vincent Brizgys, and the Rev. Casimir Pugevicius is LCRA Exec. Secretary. In 1978-1979 the following have responded to our plea for financial assistance to LCRA:

New England District raffle .....	\$40.00
Joseph & Ann White C-17 Srs.....	10.00
John & Bertha Stoskus C-103 Srs.....	25.00

"Gaunantieji paramos tikintieji Lietuvoje yra labai dėkingi savo geradariams". Su pagarba ir padėka, Kun. Kazimieras Pugevičius.

Won't you, or your council heed our request for financial assistance to LCRA?

Make checks, or money orders payable to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., and mail to Bertha R. Stoskus, K of L Coordinator, 165 Holden St., Providence, R.I. 02908.

Ačiū, labai ačiū!

Bertha R. Stoskus

## KUR OFICIALIOJI VĖLIAVA?



Lietuvos Vyčių vėliavos projektas buvo užgirtas 1945 metais Cicero seime. Jis buvo priimtas su džiaugsmu — jo buvo laukiama dar nuo 4-jo seimo — ir su pareiškimu, kad nuo to seimo jį skaitysis oficialia organizacijos vėliava.

Pirmosios vėliavos padirbimas buvo rūpestingai prižiūrėtas paties dailininko Jono Subačiaus. Spalvos, raidės, vytis, buvo meniškai suderinta, kad toji vėliavoj atspindėtų ne tik dabarties faktas, bet drauge ir praėjusieji šimtmečiai mūsų tautos istorijos. Ši pirmoji vėliava tapo modeliu vėlesnėms apskričių vėliavoms.

Dabar gi, dėl nežinomų priežasčių, Centro Valdyba pradėjo vartoti ne oficialią, bet naujai sukurtą vėliavą su pakeistomis spalvomis, pakeistu žirgvaikiu ir iš medžiagos vėliavai netinkančios. Keista, kad kas nors, greičiausia per neapsižiūrėjimą, be išsamaus aptarimo, be seimo įsakymo, sugalvojo paneigti oficialią vėliavą, o jos vietoje išprausti kitą, naujovišką padarinį. Juk aišku kiekvienam, kad mus atstovauti kitiems bei puošti mūsų seimus ir kitas iškilmes tinkamai tegali tik oficiali vėliava. Gi keitimas vėliavos, kaip ir keitimas mūsų organizacijos tikslų, yra darytinas tik su dideliu atsargumu.

Ta pirmoji vėliava yra istorinė, mačiusi daug mūsų veiklos. Su ja palydėjom į amžinastį ir patį organizacijos steigėją bei kitus garbingus narius. Net jei ta vėliava pairtų, suplyštų, ją ar jos likučius reikėtų pagarbiai padėti į saugų archyvą, o siuvant naują, negalima be seimo leidimo leisti į svetimus, nors ir labai žavinčius klystkeliuos. Negalima keisti nei formos nei turinio; ji turi atitikti originalą iki paskutinio siūlelio. Kitaip, jei visi turėtų laisvas rankas kurti organizacijos vėliavą kaip kas išmano, kiek pagaliau turėtume vėliavų? Kokia tai būtų tvarka? Kokia nesusiorganizavus organizacija!

Padarytą klaidą reikia būtinai atitaisyti.

Juozas Bulevičius

### IN MEMORIAM

*The Knights of Lithuania were shocked and saddened last month, at the loss of TWO outstanding, HONORARY MEMBERS. Their contributions to the organization - and especially to VYTIS - were immeasurable! More on their lives and works will appear later. For now, please remember in your prayers.*

**MATAS ZUJUS**  
HONORARY MEMBER  
Former VYTIS Editor  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
died Feb. 19, 1979

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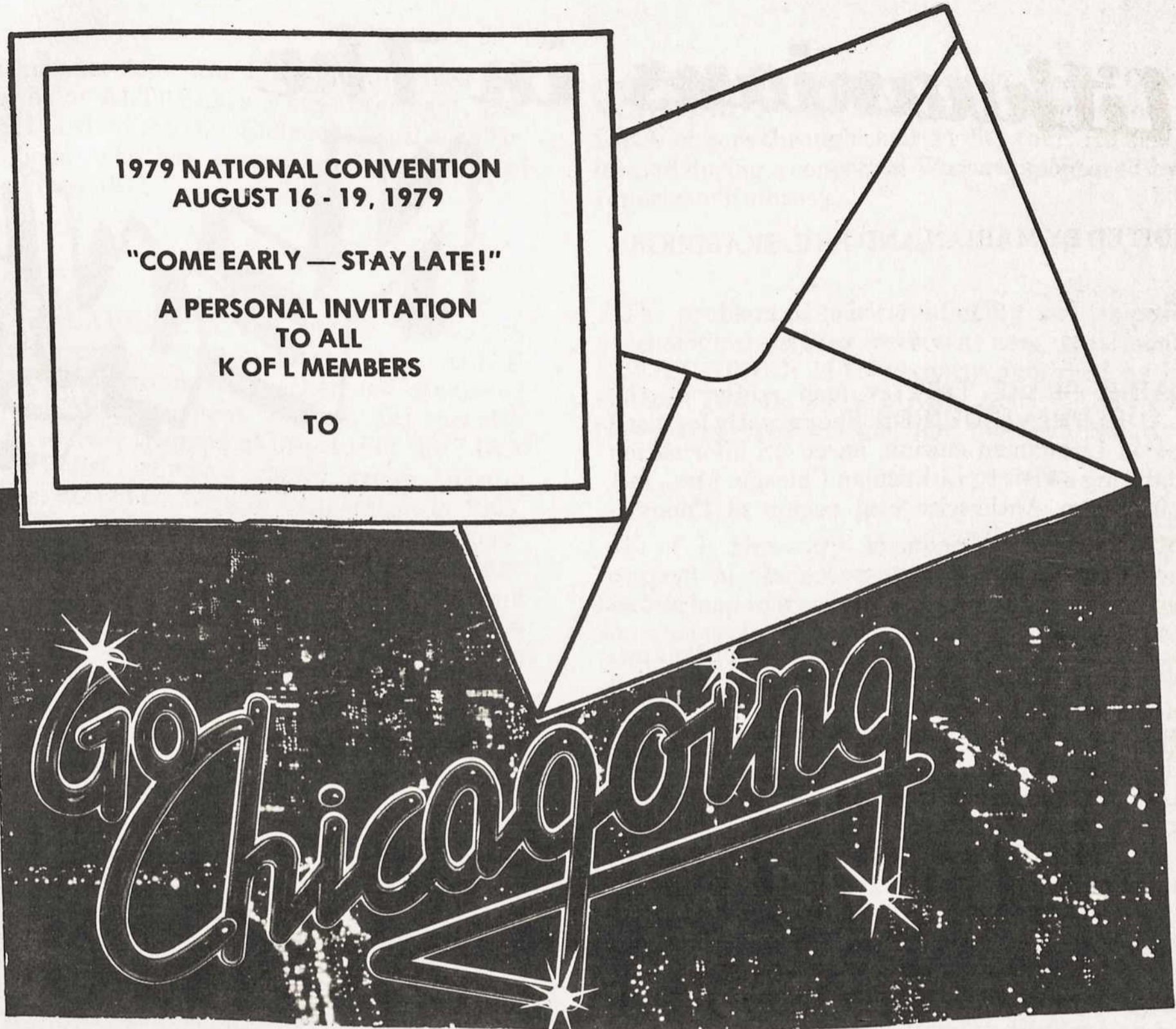
**JUOZAS SADAUSKAS**  
HONORARY MEMBER  
[Alias "Senelis"]  
Cleveland, Ohio  
died Feb. 28, 1979

### Also remember...

**RITA and EDWARD CAVANAUGH**  
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**SUZANA TIKNIS**  
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died Jan. 25, 1979

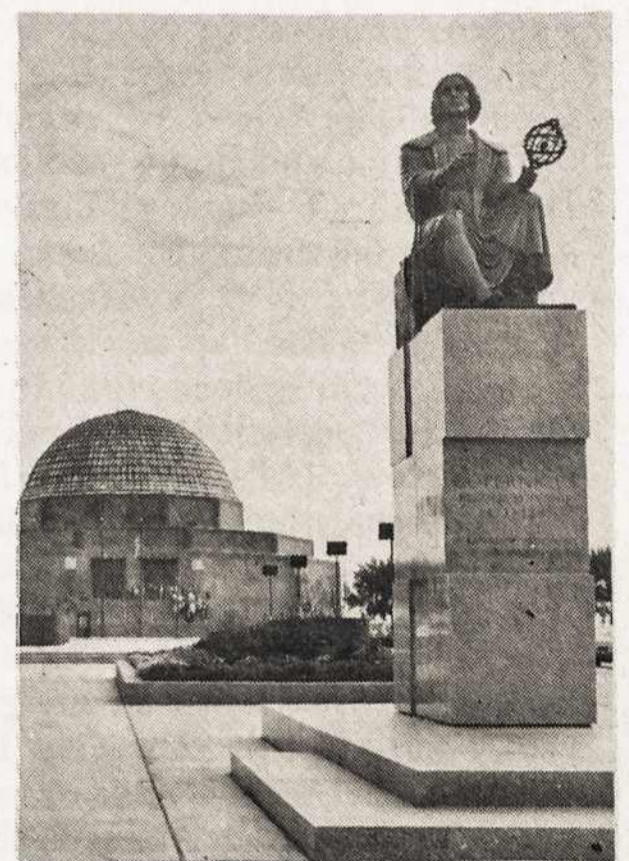


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*Adler Planetarium*

# Lithuanians in The

# NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

ELAINE BRAZZ TAIT is food editor of the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. She recently featured stories on Lithuanian cuisine, based on information culled during a visit to Lithuanian Chicago. Mrs. Tait hails from the Anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania, K of L country.

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DR. V. STANLEY VARDYS, Professor of Political Science at the University of Oklahoma has released his highly acclaimed new opus THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, DISSENT AND NATIONALITY IN SOVIET LITHUANIA, published by East European Quarterly and distributed by Columbia University Press, New York. Dr. Vardys provides scholarly insight into the complex relationship between Catholicism and nationality as reflected in events of Lithuanian history and present day struggles for religious freedom. The book is painstakingly researched and footnoted, yet provides the reader with a cohesive and enlightening view of that most tenuous marriage of state and religion, all within a Lithuanian context.

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The "Style and Home" section of the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS Sunday Magazine recently featured an article on the recent boom in stained glass. The article included an explanation of the role that stained glass has had and is beginning to have in the field of architecture. Among the many full-color photos was one entitled "The Blossom and the Bee" by Lithuanian ALBINAS ELSKUS. The article also listed several studios whose work was recommended. Among those listed was Durhan Studios, 115 East 18th Street, New York, NY 10003, run by Elskus and his partner Paul Couloz. Besides offering original naturalistic masterworks in glass, the studio also offers a six week course in basics of design and creation of stained glass art works. Albinas Elskus was born in Kaunas, Lithuania and emigrated to the US in 1949. His life and work were recently featured in VYTIS.



REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA DAY — 16TH OF FEBRUARY, 1979. Governor Edward J. King of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a PROCLAMATION in commemoration of the 61st anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. At the State House, Boston, Massachusetts, representatives of the Lithuanian American Council of Greater Boston, left to right — Daniel Averka; Anna Ivaska; Alexander J. Chaplik, President; Governor Edward J. King; Edmund Cibas, Treasurer; Phyllis Grendal, Secretary; and Anthony Andriulionis, Trustee.

The Lithuanian American Council (Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba or ALTAS) has a new President, DR. KAZYS SIDLAUSKAS. Dr. Sidlauskas succeeds Dr. Kazys Bobelis, who has served in the position of president since 1971.

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ALICE SALAVEICKAITE, better known to many Lithuanian - Americans as ALICE STEPHENS, soprano, music teacher and conductor of the famed Alice Stephens Singers, has recently achieved an artistic triumph as director of the LIRA Singers, a Polish women's choral group touring Poland. Mrs. Stephens, born in Connecticut in 1905, continues to maintain many professional commitments as a choral group director and as an educator at several leading institutions. She has been a moving force in the Lithuanian musical life of Chicago for many years. After her recent successes, she plans additional European tours in the near future.

Another Lithuanian musician from Chicago, MONIGIRDAS MOTEKAITIS accompanied the LIRA singers through their 14 city tour. He also performed during a concert in Warsaw sponsored by the American Embassy.

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The problem of marital infidelity and its possible psychological causes receives new treatment in EVERY OTHER MAN recently published by E. P. Dutton. The author is MARY ANN BARTUSIS, a New Jersey psychologist and mother of four.

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K of L Honorary Member SIMAS KUDIRKA, recipient of numerous awards and citations for his historic leap to freedom, was recently honored by the Americans for Congressional Action to Free the Baltic States. The ceremony received considerable press coverage.



## LEŠOS PABALTIO TAUTŲ KULTŪRAI

Pernai, Kento Valst. Universiteto Etninių Programų skyrius, vadovaujamas Dr. John F. Cadzow, gavo iš Rockefellerio Fondo \$35,000.00 dolerių pinigine paramą, kuri buvo panaudota koordinatoriaus, trijų studentų ir skyriaus sekretorės algoms. Šio skyriaus tikslas yra, kaip žinoma, rinkti ir registruoti įvairią medžiagą, liečiančią baltus. Rockefellerio Fondas, patikrines Baltijos Programų progresą ir jį teigiamai įvertinęs, pinigine paramą sumoje \$21,400.00 dolerių, vėl pratęsė. Ši parama įgalins skyrių išlaikyti skyriaus koordinatorę Audronę Tamošiūnaite ir sekretorę. Be šito, tie pinigai užtikrins tolesnę Lietuviško Archyvo veiklą ir augimą.

Lietuviškas Archyvas veikia jau aštunti metai, rinkdamas lietuviškas knygas, periodinius leidinius ir kitokią Lietuvą liečiančią medžiagą. Archyvo augimas ir toliau priklausys nuo tų lietuvių, kurie duosniai parems savo dovanom Kento Universiteto pastangas.

Per paskutinius metus, Lietuviškas Archyvas labai išaugo. Dabar jame yra daugiau kaip 10,000 eksponatų ir Archyvas sudaro neatskiriama Universiteto bibliotekos dalį. Juo gali pasinaudoti mokslininkai, studentai ir asmenys, kurie domisi lituanistika. Archyve šiuo metu yra ir daugiau kaip 500 įvairių periodinių leidinių, išleistų 19 šimtmečiu ir Nepriklausomos Lietuvos metu. Taip pat jame randami periodiniai leidiniai išleisti Jungtinėse Amerikos

Valstybėse pradedant 1920 m.

Knygų ir periodinių leidinių skaičiui augant, jų publikavimas padidėjo. Baltų Kultūrinių Narių Komitetas, įsteigtas liepos mėn. Toronte, AABS suvažiavime, pradėjo kopijų pasikeitimą, kuris bus daromas tarp akademinėsių institucijų. Baltų Kultūrinių Narių Komitetas taip pat išrinko pasikeitimų centrą Kento Valst. Universitetą. Universitetas bus kartu ir latvių bibliotekų publikatų ir kopijų pasikeitimo centru.

Lietuviško Archyvo, kaip anksčiau minėta, augimas yra pasigėrėtinas. Atskirų individų ir organizacijų įnašas yra labai didelis. Ištiesi privatiniai knygnai žinomų žmonių, kaip Albinas S. Trečiokas, Msgr. Pranciškus Juras, ponai Petrusėvičius, Lišauskas, kunigas Angelaitis ir visiems žinomo Dr. Domo Jasaičio biblioteka, labai praturtino Archyvą. Clevelando Lietuvių Tremtinių organizacijų knygos ir Lietuvių Ekonominio Centro leidiniai ir kartoteka yra taip pat patalpinti Kento Universitete Lietuviškam Archyve.

Lietuviško Archyvo Kente augimas yra daugelio asmenų ir organizacijų bei institucijų pastangų išdava. Baigiant reikia pabrėžti, kad Lietuviško Archyvo ateitis yra užtikrinta, lietuviškos medžiagos rinkimas bus tęsiamas ir toliau. Tikime, kad lietuviai rems mūsų pastangas savo aukomis.

## OUR SECRET WEAPON

By Fr. Casimir Pugevičius



*Nijolė Sadūnaitė*

In one of her letters from Siberian exile, Nijolė Sadūnaitė, the modern day Lithuanian Joan of Arc, writes: "Vienintelė man būtiniausia ir reikalingiausia parama, tai malda ir auka. Esu be galo dėkinga už atmintį maldoje! Geriausias visų mūsų Tėvas už tai teatlygina tūkstanteriopai!"

"The most important help I need is your prayers and sacrifice. I am endlessly grateful to you for remembering me in your prayers. May the good Father of us all reward you a thousandfold for it!"

We realize that prayer is our most powerful weapon in the struggle for a free Lithuania and for the survival of religion there.

Every year, Lithuania Catholic Religious Aid publishes a Calendar of Prayer for the people of Lithuania. This handy little booklet for 1979 has been mailed out to all K of L Councils, Lithuanian parishes, religious communities and concerned organizations in the free world.

All K of L Councils should have received a couple of sample booklets; you can obtain all you want, just by writing to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, 351 Highland Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11207.

Each parish or organization has a day of prayer assigned. A special Mass can be arranged, or a human rights vigil can be scheduled, or just get together and recite the rosary or the special prayers and readings outlined in the booklet. Things can be arranged to meet the needs of your Council or group.

The important thing is for every member of the K of L, every Council, every parish and convent to participate in this year long, day-by-day prayer for the persecuted, fighting people of Lithuania.

Taking part in such a coordinated program of prayer on the date assigned to your Council, your Parish, your school, etc., can do you as much good as your prayers can do for our brothers and sisters over there. What a great feeling to know that you are a part of a vast network of prayer for the oppressed people of Lithuania! And what an encouragement it is for them to know that we are making such an effort for them.

There are many ways to help Lithuania today: writing letters, giving talks, contributing funds. But prayer is perhaps the easiest, the most effective, and one way which is open to all, regardless of age, location, or physical or mental ability.

The booklet, available from Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid or from your national Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, contains a complete outline for a human rights vigil, in parallel Lithuanian and English pages. There is even an English translation of MARIJA, MARIJA, suitable for singing to the original melody.

A most effective prayer could be the thoughtful recitation of the rosary, assigning each decade to a different intention: The persecuted bishops of Lithuania, the

persecuted priests, the seminaries, the 1500 secret sisters, the persecuted youth, for those who have given up, those in prison or labor camp, Nijolė Sadūnaitė, Balys Gajauskas, Sergei Kovalev, etc., etc.

Back in the Old Testament, when the tiny Hebrew nation was caught in a vise between two powerful neighbors, the Chosen People thought they would survive by political maneuvering. God sent them the prophet Isaiah, to warn them, "Don't think that you are going to save yourselves by depending completely on the powers of the world. The only one who can save you is Almighty God. The sooner you turn to Him in penance and prayer, the better off you will be".

Come to think of it, wasn't this the message of Our Lady of Fatima?



*Ona Pranckūnaitė, an undercover nun in Lithuania, arrested July 25, 1977, for distributing religious literature.*

## DATES ASSIGNED TO THE K OF L IN THE PERPETUAL PRAYER FOR LITHUANIA

### APRIL

9 - C-1  
10 - C-3  
11 - C-46  
12 - C-74  
13 - C-7  
14 - C-10  
16 - C-12  
17 - C-110  
18 - C-134  
23 - C-17  
25 - C-86  
27 - C-19  
28 - C-140  
30 - C-25

### MAY

2 - C-26  
3 - C-29  
4 - Cleveland Srs.  
7 - C-30  
9 - C-36  
11 - C-52  
15 - C-79  
16 - C-82  
17 - C-90  
18 - C-96  
19 - C-67  
21 - C-78  
22 - C-100  
23 - C-102  
24 - C-103  
25 - C-109  
26 - C-111  
28 - C-112  
29 - C-141  
30 - C-116  
31 - C-142

### JUNE

1 - C-133 Srs.  
2 - C-135  
4 - C-139  
5 - Chicago Srs.  
15 - Supreme Council

### AUG.

15 - C-143  
29 - C-144  
30 - C-145

### SEPT.

17 - C-61  
21 - C-147  
27 - C-146

### OCT.

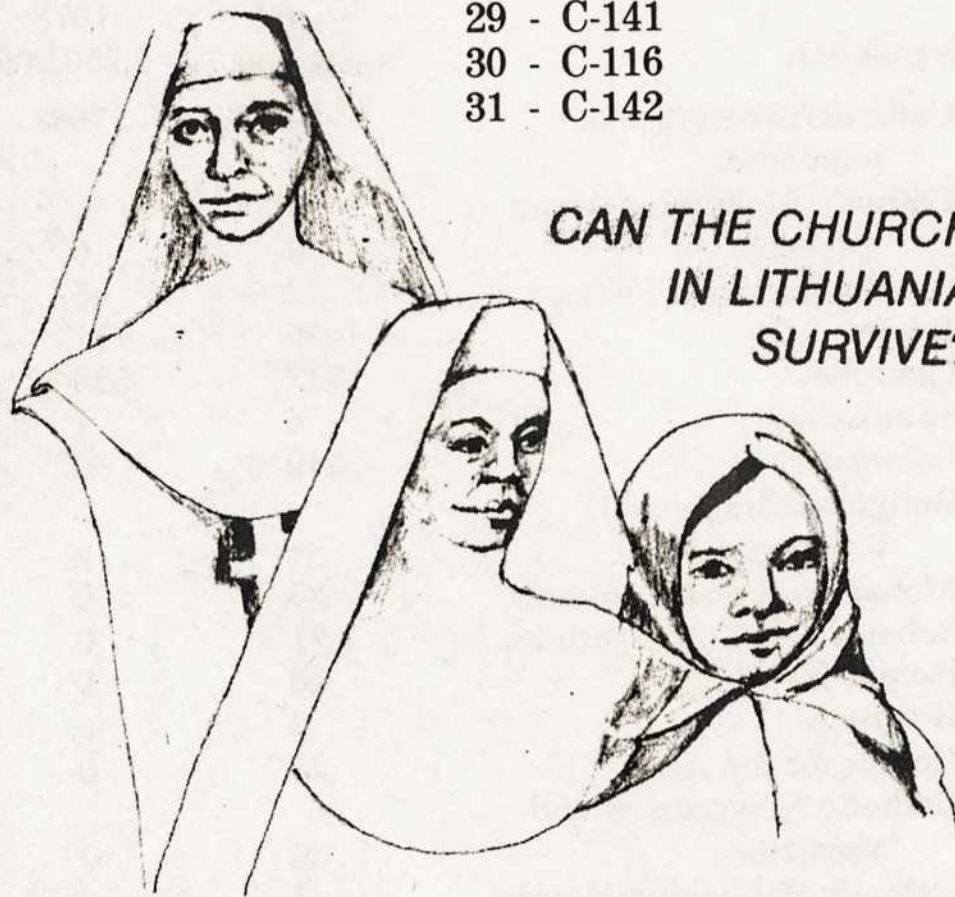
11 - N.E.D.  
15 - M.A.D.  
18 - M.C.D.  
22 - Ill.-Ind. Dist.  
29 - Lith. Affairs

### DEC.

22 - C-17 Srs.

EVERY PARISH AND  
ORGANIZATION PRAYS

Jan. 1  
Feb. 16  
Feb. 18  
Mar. 4  
May 13  
June 14  
June 17  
July 2  
Sept. 8  
Oct. 10  
Nov. 25  
Dec. 30



**CAN THE CHURCH  
IN LITHUANIA  
SURVIVE?**

**THE FAITHFUL IN LITHUANIA SUFFER HUMILIATION, LOSS OF THEIR JOBS, IMPRISONMENT AND EXILE FOR PRACTICING THEIR BELIEFS. PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR PLACES. WOULD YOU REMAIN TRUE TO YOUR FAITH?**



**AS WE FEED THE HUNGRY,  
LET US NOT FORGET  
THE SOUL'S DEEPER  
HUNGER FOR GOD.**

all suffer together. . . .  
 You are the body of Christ  
 and individually members of it."  
 — 1 Cor. 12,26-27



**"I Have  
 No Hands Or Feet  
 But Yours!"**

*This image of Christ, torn from  
 a cross by atheists in Soviet-occupied  
 Lithuania, is a symbol of the persecuted  
 Church of the Catacombs in that country.*



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH UNDER  
 COMMUNISM IN  
 SOVIET-OCCUPIED LITHUANIA

	1940 <sup>1</sup>	1978
Population	3,238,000	3,250,000
Catholic percentage of population	84.1%	75%
Catholic Archdioceses and Dioceses	6	6 <sup>2</sup>
Archbishops and Bishops	12	5 <sup>3</sup>
Priests	1450	711 <sup>4</sup>
Churches	717	628 <sup>5</sup>
Seminaries	4	1
Seminarians	549	56 <sup>6</sup>
Religious Orders and Congregations	37	0
Monasteries and Convents	85	0
Schools and Kindergartens	71	0
Homes for Children	20	0
Hospitals	2	0
Homes for the Aged	25	0
Catholic Newspapers and Magazines	32	0
Catholic Publishing Houses	7	0

1. Before the Soviet Union annexed Lithuania.
2. No Diocese has a permanent resident bishop.
3. Two bishops are prevented by the Communists from carrying out their duties.
4. Average age of the priests is sixty years.
5. 95 churches are without priests.
6. All that are allowed by the Communist government.





St. George's Church, Šiauliai, Soviet-occupied Lithuania, was badly damaged during fire of suspicious origin March 17, 1976, while several fire companies stood about and joked.

**\$1,000 will help to translate, print and mail the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, to Catholic bishops, editors and Congress.**

**\$500 will send a life-saving package to a prisoner of conscience somewhere in the Gulag Archipelago.**

**\$250 will help pay for a religious radio broadcast to Soviet-occupied Lithuania.**

**\$100 will buy badly-needed medicine for some disabled priest or sister in Soviet-occupied Lithuania.**

**\$50 will send a New Testament, prayer book and catechism to someone who cannot obtain them otherwise.**

**\$25 will help us tell the story of the persecuted Church of the Catacombs to 250 people.**

**\$10 will pay for a trans-Atlantic phone call to help the relatives of a prisoner of conscience.**

► **LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION IN THIS COUNTRY DEVOTED COMPLETELY TO HELPING THE 4 MILLION ROMAN CATHOLICS OF THE WESTERN RITE IN THE U.S.S.R.**

► **AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE**

► **ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX EXEMPT. WRITE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TODAY TO:**

**Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid  
351 Highland Boulevard  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207**

**Mention the Knights of Lithuania  
in making your donation to Religious Aid**

**"I HAVE  
NO HANDS OR FEET  
BUT YOURS!"**



To do his work in the world today, Christ chooses to make use of us. To survive, the Catholic Church in Communist-ruled Lithuania — the Church of the Catacombs — needs the grace of God and your help.

An underground nun from Lithuania who was sentenced to three years of hard labor and three years of banishment to the far eastern republic of Krasnoyarsk for involvement in disseminating the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, has written:

*"The most important and necessary help I need is your prayers and sacrifices."*

Next, the Catholics of Lithuania need the benefit of informed public opinion in the free world. Each of us can inform our neighbors, our clergy and our representatives in government of the plight of the Catholics of Lithuania and the Soviet Union. Pass this folder on to someone else. Send to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid at the address below for more literature, available free of charge.

Urge church leaders and representatives in government to speak out for the human rights of the persecuted Catholics in Lithuania, in keeping with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Helsinki Final Accords, and other international agreements, which the Soviets have signed.

Write to the Soviet officials, asking them to honor the religious rights of the Catholics of Lithuania.

Write to prisoners of conscience in the U.S.S.R., encouraging them in any language. Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid will supply you with names, addresses and other information.

Help to send badly needed Bibles, catechisms, prayer-books, medical supplies and other help to the Church of the Catacombs in Lithuania by sending your tax exempt donation to:

**Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid  
351 Highland Boulevard  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207**

## 70 — HAPPY BIRTHDAY — 70

The United States of America: Certificate of Naturalization No. 18023 verifies VACLOVAS MARTINKUS was born March 15, 1909. His Country of former nationality Lithuania; village of birth Veiteliu in the County of Ylakiu.

Father's parents Leonas, and Benedikta (Lenkauskaite) Martinikus had 8 children. Vaclovas was the sixth born in the family. The young farmer's son completed the Gesulu elementary school; Ylakiu middle-school, and Mazeikiu high-school. In 1928 he entered the Theological Seminary at Telsiai.

The Most Rev. Justinas Stulgaitis ordained him a priest on April 24, 1935. Mazeikiuose was his first clerical appointment, where he worked with the youth of the parish. 30 hours a week was spent teaching religion. After 5 years he was appointed pastor of the parish in Zidikiu. One month after his pastoral appointment the Russian-Communists invaded Lithuania. Nevertheless he was able to complete some major projects: a new cemetery chapel was built, a brick parish rectory was constructed, and many minor repairs to the buildings belonging to the parish were completed.

After the second occupation of Lithuania by the Russian-Communists, Father Martinkus was urged both by his Superior, and parishioners to leave his native-land, and go to Germany. In Germany he found fellow refugees in Nuerenberg, Hegensburg, Lubeck and in other German cities and towns. While in Germany, he gave spiritual and moral support to his fellow Lithuanian — refugees. 500 Lithuanian refugees near Regensburg were to be turned over to the Russians, but Father explained to the local Germans, that these people were Lithuanian — refugees, and not Russian-Nationals. All of the 500 Lithuanian —

refugees were freed by the Germans, through Fathers' intervention.

The Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney invited father to the Diocese of Providence in October of 1950. Almost 2½ years were spent rendering assistance in the Woonsocket-Deanery. In May of 1952 Father Vaclovas was appointed curate of St. Casimir's Lithuanian parish in Providence, R.I. His services in the parish covered teaching religion in the grammar school, visiting the sick, acting as spiritual advisor of the K of L-Juniors, participating in parish organizations, and helping the pastor the late John Vaitekunas, with all spiritual needs of the parish.

Upon the death of Father John Vaitekunas in 1963, Father V. Martinkus was appointed pastor by the local Ordinary, Bishop McVinney. His pastoral activities are very well known to his parishioners, and the Lithuanian - Community in America.

He became a U.S. citizen on 5-3-65.

Father Martinkus did not limit his activities to Providence alone. He was National President of United Lithuanian Relief Inc., member of Bendruomene, 4th Degree Knight of Lithuania, member of Lithuanian Catholic Priests

League of America, and an active sponsor of many other Lithuanian organizations.

His sister Elizabeth Gureskiene passed away recently in Lithuania; his brother Daniel lives in Missouri, and he has a sister, Mrs. Odinas, currently resting in Florida.

The Diocese of Providence regulations require that all clergy attaining their 70th Birthday retire from pastoral duties. Therefore: Father Martinkus will be officially retired as of 3-15-79. However, since St. Casimir's parish continues to require Lithuanian spiritual assistance, and no new clergyman can be found at the present time, bishop Gelineau will permit Ft. Martinkus to remain at St. Casimir's as its ADMINISTRATOR, until a replacement can be found.

John Walaska, President of C-103 of the Knights of Lithuania organized a special committee to honor Father Vaclovas on his 70th BIRTHDAY. The special events begin with a Mass at 10:30 a.m. in St. Casimir's church, followed by a Testimonial — dinner at the "CONDESA" in Somerset, Mass., on March 4, 79 — the Feast of Saint Casimir.

John A. Stoskus



*Bishop Gelineau, Rev. Martinkus, and Mayor Ciam  
at a recent K of L Convention.*

# HIS DAY

**A** surprise testimonial dinner honoring Dr. Adam Kinder was held at the St. Casimir's Social Center on Saturday, November 11, 1978.

The day was very appropriate since Dr. Kinder is a veteran of World War II. He served as captain in the Medical Corp and took part in the North African invasion.

In August 1965 he was contacted by some people from Washington, D.C. asking if he wanted to volunteer for Project Vietnam. He readily agreed to donate 2 months of his services and was part of the first team of physicians who went to South Vietnam to help reduce the critical shortage of medical personnel for the civilian population.

Dr. Kinder's parents returned to Lithuania from the U.S.A. and while there, Dr. Adam Kinder was born. Shortly thereafter, the family returned to the Amsterdam area. Dr. Kinder attended St. Mary's School. He completed undergraduate studies at the University of Chicago and received

his medical degree from Stritch Medical School of Loyola — University of Chicago.

He started general practice in Amsterdam in 1933. His first office was located on East Main Street in the former Karuzas building. His present office and home are located at 47 Church Street.

On January 21, 1942, Dr. Kinder was married to Caroline Wasserman by Rev. Joseph Rashtutis, the then assistant pastor of St. Casimir's Church. They are the parents of two children, Michael and Katra, and two grandchildren Ryan Michael Kinder and Jade Kinder Martin.

Some two hundred persons attended the testimonial in appreciation of his many years of service to the community.

A cocktail hour preceded the dinner.

The invocation prayers were said by Rev. Matthew Cyvas, pastor of St. George's Church, Albany, New York. Mr. Willard Kensell proposed a toast to Dr. Kinder.

Toastmaster for the evening was

Rev. Bernard Gustas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Schenectady, N.Y. Father Gustas was brought into this world by Dr. Kinder about 2 years after the doctor started his practice in Amsterdam.

In conjunction with the testimonial, Dr. Kinder celebrated his birthday on December 24. The lights were dimmed in the social center and a large birthday cake was brought out by Mrs. Jennie Kensell and Mrs. Ann Radzevich. Everyone wished him birthday greetings in song.

Rev. Robert K. Baltch, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, read a host of greetings from all over the world.

Mr. Anthony J. Radzevich, president of the Knights of Lithuania, C-100, reminisced of Dr. Kinder's and his childhood days. He also spoke on a few of Dr. Kinder's hobbies... mushroom picking, planting of trees, and his gourmet cooking.

Mrs. Polly Ziausys read a poem composed by her in Lithuanian, honoring Dr. Kinder and expressing everyone's feelings and gratitude to this dedicated man.



*Dr. Adam Kinder, his wife Caroline (Curley), and C-100 Pres. Anthony J. Radzevich and wife Ann.*



*Some of the committee members.*

Comments on various aspects in Dr. Kildar's life and career were presented by Mr. Jack Sweet, Mr. Leonard Hartvigas, Dr. Aldona Baltch, and Mr. Willard Kensell.

In a short comedy skit, Miss Mary Stanionis and Mrs. Betty Kuzmich portrayed the characters of a patient, a nurse and a doctor (Dr. Kindar).

The presentation of the gift to Dr. Kindar was made by Miss Genevieve Gobis. Gifts were also received from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Romanowski now residing in California and Mr. Al Grodecki.

Dr. Kindar spoke briefly expressing his appreciation for the testimonial. He received a standing ovation.

Rev. Baltch led everyone in the singing of Dr. Kindar's favorite Lithuanian folk song, "Kaip aš turėjau kaime mergele" (When I had a girl in the country).

The program was concluded with benediction given by Rev. Joseph Grabys, pastor of St. Brigids Church, Watervliet, N.Y.

The committee in charge of the affair was: Rev. R. K. Baltch,

Honorary Chairman; Mr. Willard Kensell, Chairman; Miss Genevieve Gobis, Co-Chairman; Miss Mary Stanionis, Secretary; Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Treasurer; Mr. Jack Sweet, Refreshment chairman assisted by Mr. Peter Sargalis; Mr. Alger Bagdon and Mr. Walter Jasper; Mrs. Jennie Kensell, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Mrs. Regina Kot, Mrs. Polly Ziausys, Mrs. Betty Kuzmich, Mrs. Helen Hugo, Mrs. Charlotte Sargalis, Mrs. Nellie Liberis, Mrs. Helen Wojcik and Mrs. Mary Sweet, general and decorating committee.

Organ dinner music was provided by Mrs. Tomisina Bush.

Friends and relatives in attendance were from Burlington, Vermont; Scranton, Pennsylvania; Camden, Clifton Park, Colonie, Latham, Schenectady, Altamont, Scotia, Watervliet, Goversville, Albany, Menands, and Amsterdam, New York.

C-100 is very grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar who have graciously permitted our large group to take over their summer home in Galway, N.Y. for the

annual summer outings. Their generosity does not end here. It extends to a special treat, turtle soup and a mushroom delicacy prepared by the chef, Dr. Kindar and served to the council members.

In 1972 Dr. Kindar desired to see Lithuania, his birthplace. He made the trip together with K of L's Father Baltch, Father Gustas, Tony and Ann Radzevich and Charles and Sadie Karbus. They had a very enjoyable trip and Dr. Kindar returned with tales of his experiences, some of an unusually exciting nature.

Even though he came to America as a small child, he did not forget his native tongue. He speaks Lithuanian fluently.

Because of all the good that this dedicated and remarkable man has done for the Knights of Lithuania, the Lithuanian people and our community, we decided that Dr. Adam Kindar had to have HIS DAY and that is how this Testimonial came to be.

Gene Gobis  
Amsterdam Council 100

## *Mielas daktare Kindar*

Nerasi nei vieno, tam gražiam būry,  
Kuris nedėkotų Tau, savo širdy,  
Poezijos žodžių yra permažai,  
Aprašyti viską, ką mums padarei.

Gal ne vienas iš mūsų, bėdoj ir skausme,  
Šaukėsi pagalbos, naktį, vakare,  
Visada padėjai, gelbėjai kiekvieną  
Kančias nuraminai, tą nelaimės dieną.

Palengvinai skausmą, vargšui, turtingam,  
Vos pasaulį išvydus ir padėjai jaunam.  
Sutikai naujagimį į žemę ateinant,  
Išleidai senelius, amžinybėn išeinant.

Ar šaltą naktį, ar dieną karščiausia  
Pagalbą gavom, nelaimėj didžiausioj,  
Patyrėm ir Tavo širdies gerumą  
Ir be atlyginimo, darbų daugumą.

Padėkai išreikšti, žodžių negana,  
Būk tarpe mūsų, sveikas visada.  
Pažvelk į visų veidus ir akis  
Pamatysi, ką sako, dėkinga širdis.

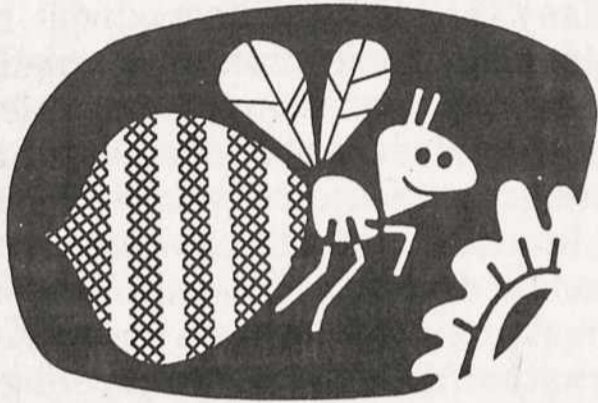
Ne kartą už mus daug daugiau sirgai,  
Bet savo durų mums neuždarei.  
Tikras žmogus ir draugas esi,  
Amžinai liekam skolingi širdy.

Kiekvieno minty, padėka surašyta,  
Bet visų kūrybos, čia neperskaityta,  
Todėl, šiais keliais, eilėraščio žodžiais,  
Visų pagarbą, meilę ir padėką parodžiau.

Polly Žiaušys

# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

C-36 - CHICAGO, ILL.

Our November meeting was particularly interesting. We were honored by a visit from Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Lithuanian Affairs Chm., who spoke to us about many different points regarding Lithuanian affairs, which were most enlightening.

The following committee appointments were made by Pres. Vince Samaska: Ann Marie Kassel, Lith. Affairs; Teresa Strolia, Cultural; Bernice Pupinik, Ritual; Teresa Strolia, Scholarship; and Sabina Klatt, Public Relations.

A turkey raffle was conducted, all proceeds going towards the scholarship fund. The big bird was won by Terry Strolia.

On the cultural side, we were treated to a demonstration in the art of making straw ornaments by Terry Strolia, and were requested to bring our own original ornaments to our cultural Christmas party held in mid-December.

Our very active Juniors participated in the "Christmas Around The World" program at the Museum of Science and Industry on Dec. 7. Needless to say, they worked very hard to put on their usually excellent performance.

We were very sorry to learn that our member Mary Srupsa passed away on Dec. 15th after a lingering illness. Mary was very active in many organizations and will be missed by all. She was the mother of Alex Srupsa, member of our council, and Dolores Daužvardis, former K of L Choir member.

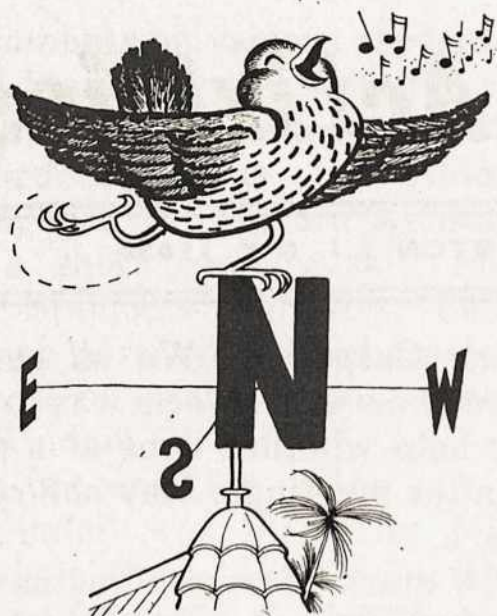
There was another note of extremely tragic news. Our Council Christmas party was all in preparation on Dec. 18. Members began arriving bearing Lithuanian delicacies and gifts, and straw ornaments for our tree. Among the early arrivals was Tecla Stroga, who said she didn't feel too well that day but came anyway because she had looked forward to the party and thought she would feel better if she could be with her friends. She became ill before the party started and before all of the council members arrived. It was a sudden heart attack, — her friends came to her aid, the para-medics arrived, all to no avail. There was nothing anyone could do to help. She had spent the last few moments of her life with her friends.

We were all very troubled and helpless. The party was held as planned, because she would have wanted it that way. The kugelis was superb, the balandėliai were excellent, as were the salads, the saurkraut, the bacon buns, and all of the other specially prepared delicacies, especially the cake baked by Vince. She was with us in spirit and in our constant thoughts and prayers. She would have enjoyed opening her grab bag gift with us, she would have been enthusiastic at picking out the best and prettiest straw ornament, which by the way, was made by

Anne Casperson. We all remembered how eager Tecla was to offer her help whether it be at a picnic or after meetings. May she rest in peace.

TV stars Terry & Faustas Strolia and their four very talented sons were featured on NBC "On Q" program Dec. 23. They showed their TV audience a real Lithuanian "Kūčios", the traditional Christmas Eve dinner, including the straw under the tablecloth. We're quite proud of Terry and Faustas and their family.

Someone you should know — A former council Pres. Chris Stachyra, was featured in the Apr. 13 and Aug. 6 issues of the Star/Herald, a community newspaper published in Park Forest. Chris is Pres. of the Tinley Park "Mrs. Jaycee's". She also keeps herself very busy with cake decorating, dancing, and Lithuanian culture. The main reason she began decorating cakes was to earn money for dancing lessons. She is presently studying at the American Dance Center in Richton Park taking ballet and modern jazz. She and husband, Rudy, performed comedy and dance routines at a St. Gerald production in Oak Lawn. Rudy also took part in a show at St. George's in Tinley Park. Chris has been a volunteer at the Tinley Park library. She also works with special ed students at Oak Forest High School and entertains children at the Tinley Park Mental Health Center. Chris puts her enthusiasm and sense of humor into everything she does. The Star/Herald says Tinley Park is a better place for her involvement. Chris and Rudy are active members of our council. Rūta



## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 - SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

Now that we have our eyes focused once again, after a New Year's weekend of football games, we can get down to the business of K of L activities.

A Big Ačiū to our hostesses of the past year following a summer recess. Beginning in Sept. — Bertha Janus & Alice Burt; Oct. — Maggie Smailis & Marge Nashlon; Nov. — Helen Tucker & Sophie Zager, and Dec. — Vicki Chepelonis & Violet Panavas. Our hostesses have been serving unique appetizing dishes befitting a "czar" and everything else imaginable in the dessert line "to wash it all down". But we do need more volunteers. The same ones are getting tired. Please help us out.

The Jan. 3 meeting was cancelled due to the frigid weather. Detroit temperatures fell to 7 degrees below zero, with motorists having difficulty starting their cars, opening doors, and frozen windshield wipers.

A number of our members attended the Christmas Tour of Greenfield Village on Dec. 14. The event consisted of a "colonial" dinner, and a horse-drawn wagon ride for a look at the early American village, which traces America's

industrial and technological advances. The village and the museum was established by the late Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Co. It is a public, nonprofit educational foundation. It was rather a cold night, ideal for smuggling by a fireplace with a hot chocolate. But the tour was interesting and different. It brought back fond memories of our "fancy-free" childhood, many years back. This was our first Christmas project. Next year we hope to appeal for more.

We were again able to support our annual Christmas project, the Capuchin Community Center, who provide to the needy, the depressed, and the lonely people during the holiday season.

A person of action is Elizabeth Paurazas. She attended the Nat'l. Board meeting of the American Lithuanian Council in Chicago, Ill. on Oct. 21. She was elected to the Board for another year. A banquet was held honoring Dr. Casimir Bobelis who resigned as A.L.T. President. As a Director of BALF (United Lith. Relief Fund) Mrs. Paurazas attended their Chicago Convention held Oct. 28. A banquet was held the same evening. Elizabeth was honored as an active member since its inception 35 years ago. She was presented with a corsage and a BALF pin. Also, she was re-elected a Director for the next 3 years. As a Detroit Campaign Chairperson, Elizabeth was able to raise \$5130. for the United Lithuanian Relief Fund, conducted last October. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

Alice Burt enjoyed a month's holiday in sunny Florida, visiting her family and friends in surrounding areas.

The Frank Zagers were visited by their youngest son, Thomas, coming in from Minneapolis to enjoy the New Year's weekend.

Congratulations to Joe & Gerri Chaps upon the birth of their fourth grandchild, born to their

youngest son, Philip and his lovely wife.

Frank & Betty Petroski flew to Pennsylvania for 2 weeks for a relaxing and enjoyable visit with relatives and friends. Frank is holding his own and looking better.

Spring will shortly be upon us. Many of our members will be planning their spring gardens, vacations, or summer activities. However, we should plan for other things, such as, let's make a commitment to ourselves to be more involved with our council. We must support it in any way we can, whether it be coming to meetings, attending our functions, or helping in various projects the council may undertake. This will help provide a mutually rewarding relationship.

Our Pres. Frank Zager would like to say thanks to all the Knights for their support given in the past year, and looks forward to working together with you in the upcoming months for the betterment of our council. Hope that you give your cooperation!

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C-19 - PITTSBURGH, PA.

All Souls' Day is a very special day for us, K of Lers. At the beginning of November, we usually plan a pilgrimage to the cemetery where we pray for all the deceased members of our families. Because of our passed experience with inclement weather we have changed our plans this year. Most of our members assembled in the St. Francis Convent Chapel for Mass celebration. Our new chaplain, Rev. Father David Carey, who is an Irishman, celebrated the Holy Mass in Lithuanian after being coached by Sister M. Alverna several days before. We congratulate Father David Carey on the magnificent job he did in reading all of the prayers in Lithuanian. That is certainly what one calls courage. Everyone was thrilled that a non-Lithuanian would even

consider doing this in such short notice. We are deeply grateful to Father.

We remembered all our living and deceased members and our families in our prayers during Mass.

On the evening of Dec. 6th at St. Francis Academy, a group of about thirty enthusiastic adults gathered to learn the art of making straw Christmas tree ornaments. After several hours work, Sisters M. Francesca and M. Alverna saw them off to their homes carrying their prize ornaments and extra straw to create more ornaments at home. Many more Christmas trees this year will show the Lithuanian artistic touch.

Dec. 2nd the Lithuanian Room Committee of Pitt University decorated the tree in the Lithuanian Room with natural straw ornaments. This year Sisters M. Francesca and M. Alverna made a new tree skirt for this occasion. We truly believe our tree is the most beautiful, because it is so unique.

Once again, the Lithuanians were asked to decorate a tree in the heart of down town, in Market Square. Of course we are most pleased to be a part of spreading our Lithuanian culture in this meaningful way. This is the second year we have this privilege. Last year our tree stood 33 feet tall, and this year it will be slightly smaller. The firemen were most helpful with their cherrypicker in reaching the top branches. Mrs. Jane Zilinskas fashioned two huge stars for the top of the tree and had the honor of putting them up on the tree. Several years ago we had the opportunity to decorate a tree in one of our downtown banks. Pittsburghers certainly are getting acquainted with the Lithuanian people and their customs and traditions.

We are happy to welcome back Alice Potts, Betty Palma, and Adele Baldasary after their illness.

We certainly do miss seeing our beloved Laura Senulis, who is still convalescing, and we pray and hope she is feeling better and will be able to be with us soon.

Sesutė

Sister M. Francesca and Sister M. Alverna are deeply grateful to all who have in any way remembered their beloved brother, Bolis Walls, who passed away in September.

The Knights of Lithuania, Council #19 held their Christmas Party on December 10, 1978.

The party was held in the warm and congenial atmosphere of St. Francis Academy, a location virtually assuring a most enjoyable event. The traditional pine tree in one corner of the room was decorated with beautiful hand-made straw ornaments for which Sisters Francesca and Alverna are famous.

There was a bountiful array of wines, cheeses, and Lithuanian delicacies. Later, we enjoyed a traditional Lithuanian feast, everything from chicken, home-made baloney to stuffed cabbage and kugelis. We all received a platter of festively wrapped home-made cookies to take home.

A very brief meeting was conducted by President Mildred Chinik, at which time Lillian Gaileys, secretary, and Sam Aleiunas, treasurer presented their reports.

After a lively and hilarious distribution of grab-bag gifts and gift raffle (ably supervised by David Wenslovas), we gathered around the piano and joyfully sang Lithuanian and American Christmas carols.

Reluctantly, it was time to part, meanwhile exchanging greetings and words of appreciation for this wonderful party. Somehow we all felt a little warmer going out into the cold, snowy night.

Lithuanian classes held their Christmas Party on December 16 at the Lithuanian Club on the South Side of Pgh. In these classes, we have some K of L members, some second and third generation Lithuanians, and also some non-Lithuanians. This party also was a gala affair. Again this year as last, the Lithuanian Room Committee at Pitt University decorated a huge tree in Market Square, downtown Pittsburgh. It was a huge beautiful tree and the only tree so honored. Our classes will resume on January 6. The classes boast approximately 60 or 70 members and are free. These classes are taught by Sisters Francesca and Alverna and also two other Sisters and a lay teacher.

Our Pittsburgh Post-Gazette had an excellent article, almost a full page with pictures of the Christmas tree, and the Yucius family celebrating Christmas Eve, with the plotkele, and a very good description of the meaning of Christmas and Lithuanian custom.

Su Dievu,

Magdukė

C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Our council members climaxed their many weeks of crafts and baking with participation in our annual Christmas Bazaar held Dec. 8 at the Dayton Winter's Tower. Congratulations to Chairperson Sally Miller, all her workers and donors, for a very successful project. As usual, people were looking forward to our "ausukes" and many other items.

The ladies of the council spent a relaxing evening out on Dec. 12 for their annual Christmas Dinner. Thanks for making all the arrangements goes to Mary Lucas and her daughter, Elaine Pacovsky. It was a fun evening, with "no washing dishes" after!

One of the most rewarding days on our agenda was on Dec. 17. It was our annual Christmas Caroling

Day visiting the shut-ins, convalescents and Senior members of Holy Cross Parish. Under the very capable hands of chairperson Eloise Berczelly, we visited 35 homes in a matter of five and a half hours. A lot of mileage was put in. Fr. Vaclovas Katarskis took care of the parishioners who are in nursing homes. Accompanying us while caroling was Cecelia Lisankis on her accordian. This was a most rewarding day which ended with a supper in the church hall prepared by our new Social Committee. We thank Audrey, Mike & Greg Blum and their helpers, Gus & Mary Ann Blum and Annamarie Sluzas, for the delicious food and refreshments. Special thanks to Greg for the "Wassail Bowl" he prepared. Ummmmmm good. Pat Zelinskas Alexander and Eloise made a special trip on Dec. 27 to our two parishioners who are confined at special hospitals. All told, we had the pleasure of visiting 41 parishioners.

Our Yearly Charity Fund was dispersed at the Dec. meeting with donations going to the North East Emergency Pantry (Dayton), Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, BALF, and our council's Christmas Charity Project. This Charity Fund is made up from 10% of all money-making functions and donations from members.

We thank Ada Sinkwitz for the special treat of her own homemade Krupnikas at the Dec. meeting. Ada, who is our Cultural Chm., had Aldona Ryan doing the reading on Christmas Kūčios, as she was home ill.

Congratulations to Bill & Ann Gitzinger on completing the requirements for the First Degree. A warm welcome to new member Cecelia Lisankis who has been active with us for some time now. Many more active years!

Elinor Sluzas entertained the Junior Knights in her home on Dec. 22 for their annual Christmas Party & gift exchange. This has

become a traditional with the Jrs.

With our Bowling League in full swing now, we see where Harley Karns is high for the men with a 248. Sixteen-year-old Joe Mantz is right behind with a 246. Audrey Blum holds high single for the women with a 203. Keep up the good work.

Out-of-town members in for the holidays were Joe & Ann Boeke and children from Grand Rapids, Mich., Tony & Pat Alexander from Torrington, Conn., and Jerry & Cathy Roberts and children from Goldsboro, NC. It was good to see all of you.

Laima Rastikis, our council's first member to receive a K of L Scholarship Award, recently had an excellent write-up in a local paper on the tremendous work she is doing for the city of Kettering. Her job is a combination of omnibudsman, public relations and citizen's complaint officer. Laima has a Masters Degree in Public Administration but is now attending Wright State Univ. working for her Masters in Economics & Business Management, along with her work schedule. We wish her much success.

Good to see Audrey Blum back on her feet after a hasty trip to the hospital. Get-well wishes are sent to Kitty Prasmantas' mother, Mrs. Catherine Zubrick. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Fran Vangas on the recent loss of her father, Ignas Radmiskes. May his soul rest in peace.

Hearty thanks to Greg Blum and Annamarie Sluzas for doing a beautiful job in seeing that our Lithuanian Christmas tree was set up for the holidays on the side of St. Casimir's altar.

After the 8 A.M. Mass on Dec. 17, our CCD classes had a very good Christmas Program for the parish families. Chris Mantz had her pre-schoolers and primary students enact a reading of the Season. Mary Ann Blum filled in for Santa by distributing gifts

while Gus took care of the coffee, etc. Ačiū labai!

To all our friends and fellow Knights we extend a belated wish for a very healthy, happy, prosperous 1979.

F.B.P.



**MID-ATLANTIC  
DISTRICT**

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

There was much gayety in Fr. Gurinskas Hall in mid-December when we had our traditional Christmas party. It was the season to be merry and all those fine people were doing just that. Albert Monckawitch took center stage and sang carols in three languages to the accompaniment of piano and banjo. In no time at all he had everyone in the hall singing. Joe Sleder was Santa Claus. All the children just loved him because Joe really knows how to communicate with youngsters. As usual the food was excellent and prepared with loving care by the ladies who really did their homework preparing for this great event. We were honored to have Natl. Pres. Philip Skabeikis and Vytis staffer Mrs. Marian Skabeikis share the day with us.

Congratulations to Walter & Helen Yurkus. The Yurkus family moved into their new home recently. Being a landlord has some advantages, but not during heavy snowstorms when there is much shoveling to be done.



Mary York hosted a coffee and cake social immediately after the Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church. This is an annual contribution by this very fine person and is usually well attended. Our collective thanks for Mary's generosity and hospitality. Larry & Jeanne Janonis invited all our council members to welcome the New Year at their summer place on Long Island. This, too, was a very nice gesture.

Traveling continues unabated. Helen Matthews returned from Hawaii just in time for the holidays. Anthony & Kazimiera Yacavonis did the same after driving their camper, which is more like a house on wheels, to Florida and back. They didn't stay put very long. They then took off for Puerto Rico to continue their hedonistic pursuits.

The Bridgeport Sunday Post ran a series of installments on the ethnic history of the Bridgeport community. The July 16 issue of last year had a full page, all six columns plus five photos, about Lithuanians in the area from the earliest days to the present. Several columns were devoted to S.C. Treaš. Theresa Trainis, her husband Alphonse and Mrs. Nellie Petraitis, Theresa's mother. It was a top drawer public relations job.

In our particular circle, the Lithuanian language is hardly ever used. It is rarely used at our meetings or socials, almost never at home. An effort is made here to reverse the trend. A subscription to "Darbininkas" was a good start. Occasional conversation in the mother tongue keeps the vocal chords in tune. Sometimes strangers hear the language for the first time and show interest and ask questions. A case in point happened several years ago when a small group of non-Liths visited the Holy Land. There were only fifteen of us and we all ate at the same dinner table. We took turns,

one at a time, in saying grace out loud. It was always in English until someone prayed in Italian. When my turn came, it was in Lithuanian, learned in parochial school days. When my dining partners asked the identity of the language, they were told it is probably the oldest living tongue in use today and certainly one of the most beautiful.

The Vet

#### C-61 - PATERSON, N.J.

Labas Vyčiai! We're back. The old C-61 of Paterson has re-organized. We have our affiliation with Saint Casimir's R.C. Church (Paterson). The pastor, Kun. Viktoras Dabušis, our Spiritual Advisor, has been the major driving factor in the re-organizational process here. With his assistance, we have grown from a membership of 4 to 14 within one month; but the best thing is, we're getting larger than that.

Due to the modest size of our council, we have only four officers. Vytautas Rubonis has served as president in 1978 and is now in his second term. Our new vice pres. is Linas Eitmanas. Handling our funds is Paul Trucilauskas, the combined fin. secy. and treas. And, of course, our blessed Spiritual Advisor is Kun. Dabušis. We all wish them successful terms in office.



*Some of the members of newly re-organized C-61, Paterson, N.J.*

At our December meeting, we were hosts to two visitors who came to assist us in our plight for new members. John Adomenas, S.C. 2nd Vice Pres. and president of his own C-110 Maspeth, N.Y., came by to offer informative advice necessary for our reconstruction efforts. Brother George Petcavage made his presence known by presenting similar advice and encouragement; he is the DARBININKAS editor for K of L news. "Thank you, gentlemen!"

A very special thanks is extended to Philip Skabeikis. He's the one who got us started in May of 1978. Philip and his fine wife Marian brought us all the materials and information necessary to get off on the right foot. A little luck planted our left foot down and now we're walking the road to a growing membership.

A.V.R.

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

Our third annual Kūčios held Dec. 10 was again a huge success this year. It was held in the Holy Cross parish hall in Mount Carmel, Pa. which is some distance (over hill and dale) from our usual base of operations. In anticipation of possible bad weather at this time of year, two buses were chartered to transport the members. This proved to be a very smart move,

indeed. The first snowfall of the year arrived that morning, making driving quite hazardous. However, the lovely fresh snow did add to the festive feeling of the season.

Hosting the traditional Kūčios were our very capable members from Mt. Carmel. Although they are few in number, they are long on ability. They really outdid themselves to make this an outstanding affair. Everything was just about perfect. The hall was beautifully decorated, with the focal point being the traditional Lithuanian Christmas tree of straw ornaments which were made by Ann Lesky of Minersville. The food was well prepared and delicious. The hosts were warm and gracious. Heading this committee were Vi Delaney and Mamie Pieri aided by May Gustus, Mary Narcavage, Alberta Bartasus, Mary Segoraitis and Mary & Vincent Krauslis. Many, many thanks for a lovely Christmas party.

Pres. Ann Wargo began the program when the first evening star appeared in the sky. She turned the program over to Mamie Pieri who introduced Rev. Nick D'Enno, pastor of the Holy Cross Parish and the Rev. Robert McGilvry, assistant, who extended their greetings.

The meaning of the Christmas wafer was explained by Rev. Al Bartkus, our Spiritual Advisor. The opening prayer was given by our good friend Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, pastor of Lady of Siluva Church in Maizeville. The plotkeles were then shared by all present and the meal proceeded with the serving of the twelve meatless dishes from the traditional "Kūčių stalas".

Following the meal, Bernice Mikatavage and Elsie Kosmisky reviewed the "papročiai ir burtai" relating to Kūčios and Christmas. The festivities were concluded by the singing of the traditional Christmas carols.

Our council, a member of the Schuylkill County Council of the Arts, participated in the "Just an Old Fashioned Christmas" which was being staged at the Arts and Ethnic Center in Pottsville. This was an exhibit of hand-crafted and artistic articles.

Highlighting the entire display was the beautiful Lithuanian Christmas tree decorated with natural straw ornaments crafted by Annie Morgalis. Surrounding the tree were figurines, churches, etc. Hanging at the windows were elaborate straw ornaments. Under the tree, there was an infant's cradle, made by our wood craftsman Charlie Taronis. Nearby was a table set for Kūčios with the hay, the white cloth, the cross, the plotkeles and the twelve meatless foods ready and waiting for a family of eight.

A steady stream of people moved through the Arts and Ethnic Center which was open to the public, admission free, all week long. Our costumed council members were on hand each evening to explain the Lith. customs.

Largely responsible for the Lith. display which received so many favorable comments was our hard-working and most talented cultural chairman, Annie Morgalis.

Mary Koons, who has always worked hard to promote our Lith. culture, added another success to her list. Through her efforts, our local radio station agreed to broadcast an entire hour of Lith. Christmas carols on Dec. 22. Mary did all of the groundwork for the program, plus the hosting and the announcing. The program was so well received that the radio station decided to repeat it on Christmas afternoon. Mary began her career of broadcasting Lith. music many years ago with a program for Lith. Day in August. Next she added Mother's Day and then Lith. Independence Day in Feb. We are happy to see that she has now added Christmas music to the list.

## C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

Stanley Simanovich and the Kober and Zukas families attended the Kūčios sponsored by Maspeth, N.Y. C-110 on Dec. 17. Mary Kober reserved two tables for this affair. The hall was packed to capacity, and it was a treat to commemorate the age-old custom of the Lithuanian Family Christmas Eve Meal Celebration which we all have learned to love. We also took advantage of purchasing the Christmas wafers (plotkeles) which were being offered at the church door after Mass.

That evening, Joe Zukas visited his mother in the hospital, and upon returning home, was later notified of her death. A Mass has been offered for the repose of her soul. Joe was the last member in our council to have a living parent. Remember Anna Zukas in your prayers, as well as all deceased parents. Our condolences, too, to Joe's sister, Blanche, who resides in East Northport, L.I.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of Bart Glowacki on Jan. 3, the dad of former member, Rosemary Kobis. Our sincere sympathy is extended.

Congratulations to our Vice Pres. Bill Bernatovich and wife Joan on their 11th Anniversary celebrated in February. Much happiness!



C-109 Great Neck, N.Y. members Joan & Bill Bernatovich.

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

Our council celebrated their 4th Annual Kūčios starting with the 11 a.m. Mass at Transfiguration Church and a traditional supper in the Parish Hall.

Greetings were extended by our Moderator Fr. Stasys Raila, Chairman John Sidtis, Council Pres. John Adomenas and Natl. Pres. Philip Skabeikis.

Plotkelės were partaken, hands held, and prayers recited. Jrs. Marija & Lėo Stungurys, Mark Adamaitis, and Jr. Advisor Bill Sidtis read from the Chronicle. Guests were Pastor Fr. Frank Bulovas; Fr. Casimir Pugevičius, Natl. Chm. of Lith. Affairs; Bro. George Petkavage, Dist. 2nd Vice Pres.; and Ann Klem from Kearny, N.J. Councils from New York and Great Neck were well represented. Dist. Pres. Larry Janonis and Honorary Member Helen Shields attended with their fellow members.

The traditional Christmas Eve delicacies prepared by council members were served to 250 members, their families and guests.



*C-110, Bro. George Petkavage, Moderator Fr. Stasys Raila, Nat'l Pres. Philip Skabeikis, Pastor Fr. Frank Bulovas and Council Pres. John Adomenas.*

We wish to thank everyone for sharing this Lithuanian custom with our K of L family. We hope that the feeling of community we have tried to create and the Lithuanian spirit with which we have worked is something you can hold throughout the coming year. Again, thank you for your support.

On Feb. 18 beginning with the 11 a.m. Mass in Transfiguration Church, our members commemorated Lithuanian Independence Day. During a brunch and short program in the Parish Hall, the speakers were Bro. George Petkavage, Adele Nelson and Bill Sidtis.

Sincere congratulations to Daniel & Rosemarie Skabeikis who

were married recently. Much happiness to Barbara & John Sidtis on the birth of their first son, Alexander John.

At our last meeting, we were honored to have Rev. Pius Sharp as guest speaker. He spoke of our ancient Lithuanian ancestry and showed slides of his many years in New Guinea with the lepers.

St. Casimir's Day was commemorated on Mar. 4 at the 11 a.m. Mass. Our thanks to chairmen Violet Zvirblis and Ed Sirgades who planned the brunch.

There will be a bus ride to Scranton on Mar. 11 for the Mid-Atlantic Dist. quarterly Convention. Third Degree members will be awarded their medals.



*C-110, Transfiguration Church*



C-110, Kucios at Transfiguration Church Hall.

A Spring Polka Festival is planned for Apr. 21 in the parish hall. Chairmen are Peter Yuskevicius and Tony Migliore.

Natl. Pres. Philip Skabeikis spoke on the purpose of the K of L, which is a Catholic philosophy and precepts furthering among its members a deeper understanding and more zealous practice of the Catholic faith, also the practice of

responsible American citizenship which will foster growth in Lithuanian ethnic community awareness. Members were asked to review the constitution.

At our meeting of Mar. 7, Ann



C-110, Kitchen Crew, l to r: Ann Oliva, Chef John Oliva, Ann Sidtis, Adele Nelson, Helen Wenson, Laura Kuchinskis, Mafalda Kuchinskis, Mary Danowicz & Chef Artie Nelson.

Klem, Pres. of Kearny, N.J. C-90, was invited to teach the art of egg coloring and the making of straw ornaments. Anyone of Lithuanian parentage is invited to attend this meeting.

Ann Sidtis



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### C-145 - HOLYOKE, MASS.

Our council had its first birthday, and it certainly was a year of fulfillment and enrichment. Already our membership has more than doubled with Priscilla Bernotas, Minerva Pelinka, Lena Stephens, Anthony Rollins, Helen Kazmieraitis and Mary Domzlaski

the latest members to join our **council**. In this past year all of us learned that being Lithuanian is no easy task. It had been a year of working, — working to promote Lithuanianism, working to increase our membership, and just working to augment our treasury. (There were no rich benefactors to assist us in any way).

The decision wasn't easy to make, but after years of corresponding with relatives in Lithuania, Della Mikalis decided to visit with them. She found her kinsmen in good health and attractively attired. They were happy and most grateful to have this family reunion. However, the two weeks passed very quickly and it was time for Della to come home. No sooner had she returned than Anthony Rollins left to visit with his relatives in Lithuania. Later in

the summer, Adele & Leo Laferriere spent a fortnight visiting with friends in New Orleans, Louisiana, and in Alabama.

About the same time Adele and Leo were away, Margaret & Clement Picard jetted to Geneva, Switzerland. Their destination was the charming village of Sion, high up in the Swiss Alps. How would you like to have breakfast served outside on the sundeck, with majestic snow-capped mountains for a background? And with the Matterhorn towering over one shoulder and Mont Blanc over the other, wouldn't you be surprised if suddenly you heard the Lithuanian language spoken at the next table? Well, it happened! And where were these guests from? Hartford, Conn.!

The past year was a sad and difficult one for Nell & Anthony Ruggles and Joan & Al Lafram-

boise. The first half of the year saw them traveling frequently to New York, visiting with Father Francis Ruggles (Tony's brother and Joan's uncle) who was seriously ill. His death came as a shock. They, and all of us who knew him, miss Father Ruggles very much.

Lithuanian classes resumed in the fall at Holyoke High School with Dr. Isidorius Alis teaching again. Word spread without publicity concerning this language course and a sufficient number of "students" enrolled so that there are two classes. In room #110 Joan Laframboise instructs the beginners, while in room #109 Dr. Alis teaches the more advanced pupils.

Margaret Picard

#### C-103 - PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Joseph Waitonis flew to California to accompany his sister-in-law and her ailing husband back to R.I. Edward Cavanaugh passed away shortly after returning, and his wife Rita died less than a week after Edward's burial. The Funeral Masses for Edward and Rita Cavanaugh were held at St. Casimir's church. Our sympathies are extended to Agnes & Joseph Waitonis and to the Cavanaugh Family.

Father Martinkus received a cablegram from Lithuania informing him that his sister Elizabeth Gureskiene passed away. She was nine years older than Father.

Vincent Fiore was hospitalized at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital. He is the brother-in-law of Bette & Vincent Ciuryla.

Father Edmund Budrecki, MIC, was operated on his foot on Dec. 13 at Day-Kimball Hosp. in Putnam, Conn.

Eleanor Ciocys underwent optic surgery at Pawtucket Memorial Hosp. in Pawtucket, R.I. She spent her recuperation period with daughter Biruta and son-in-law Dr. John Cunningham.

Room 321-B in the Coronary Unit at Our Lady of Fatima Hosp. in North Providence was the home of John Stoskus during Dec. 13-23. Various medications his daily companions.

A first grandchild was born to John & Irene Walaska. The proud parents of the newborn are Carol & John Rush. Irene flew to California to see her grandchild, and to attend the funeral of her brother's wife.

Paul Stoskus began his last semester at Yale on Jan. 15.

JONAS

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

Our members attended a Mass for suffering Lithuania on Jan. 10 in Athol's St. Francis Church, offered by Father Steponaitis. Following the Mass, members held their monthly meeting in the rectory.

A photo of the Rodski boys, sons of postal clerk Alvin, and his wife Pauline, appeared in the Gardner News before Christmas, alerting area residents to mail early and to make certain that any Christmas gifts they sent through the mails had strong packing containers, cushioning, and were clearly labeled.

Mrs. Alice Perekslis has been convalescing at her home after a stay in the Athol Hospital. We all wish you a quick recovery, Alice.

Bill Wisnauskas was elected Recording Secy. of the Lithuanian Club in Gardner, and Charles Genaitis, a Director.

Our condolences are extended to Tony Miner and his dad on the loss of their sister and daughter, Mary.

Member of the month: We introduce one of our newest members, Miss Gladys Narkevicius. She was born in Lithuania, and as a mere child was taken to Germany by her parents, as they fled the onslaught of the Russians into Lithuania. After graduating from Gardner H.S., she entered Fitch-

burg State College and received her Degree in 1965. She taught in the Westminster School for a time and has been teaching first grade students in the Gardner School System since 1969. She is a member of St. Joseph's Church, a CCD teacher, a volunteer in the Easter Seal Swim Program, and a member of the Right to Read Committee. Gladys is a member of the Lithuanian Club and a member of our K of L council. She recently received the Weigand Award for Excellence in Teaching, which also included a \$400. check. In her spare time, Gladys reads quite a bit and is an ardent traveler, most recently having been to Lithuania and California. Gladys, we all wish you years of dedicated teaching and devotion to your affiliations.

Our council members wish all Vytis readers and fellow members a blessed and holy Easter.

Vincukas

#### C-26 - WORCESTER, MASS.

Council responsibility and/or activity was suspended for the period between the December and January meetings so that the admixture of Christmas, New Year's, visiting, and conviviality might be a fun time for all.

Maironis Park's New Year's Eve party might well have been a council affair, so many of our members were present. Kazys Adomavicius (with wife, Teresa) was again successful in his efforts that all go well. Frannie (Algis) Glodas, a Maironis mainstay, hustled and bustled all evening to make certain things were happening as they should... and they did! Withold Ivaska's heart surgery is but a memory now. He and his wife Ginny, enjoyed polka after polka! There were serious doubts that Bob Krusas would ever even walk, following his police motorcycle mishap. Yet now we saw him dancing up a storm with his wife, Joan. Ann Bucinskas was at the

party, as were Rita Karpicus and Albina Balcunas with their escorts. Ann (just which vitamin gives her all that pep?) and Steve (busy passing out after-dinner-mints) Walinsky, Sr. seemed to be enjoying themselves with friends Al & Dorothy Seilius, and Bea & Tony Anton. Bowling star Alex Pridotkas with his wife, Ann, were also part of the fun crowd, as were Rasa & Ed Grigaitis, Bill & Rita Karrytais, and a host of others. Ginny Leleikis was one of the waitresses that evening and we spotted Ed Lescord behind the bar. Adele (looking like a Faberge model) & Francis Degutis waltz divinely!

Among the missing that night were Rita & Ted Pinkus who welcomed the New Year in Philadelphia with their son-in-law and daughter. Peter & Donna Ivaska decided to see how the Canadians in Montreal greet a New Year. Travelling in the opposite direction to Florida was Helen Gillus. Part of the committee for the L.N.C.'s party was Charles Tagman, Sr. Still others celebrated at home, quietly. But here or there, we were one in spirit, hoping for health, happiness and peace in 1979. Would that we had the talent to condense the spiritual messages for New Year's Day delivered by our pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, and our Spiritual Director, Father Benj. Uzdavinis, MIC. Each in his own special and unique manner hoped and prayed for this health, happiness and peace we all yearn for, — and we wish the same for both Fathers.

Our council observed Lithuania's Independence in February, and we will be celebrating our patron's feast (St. Casimir) in March.

Each issue of the "Vytis" we enjoy very, very much, but we have to add here that everyone in our council just raved about the beautiful performance of Editor Loretta Stukas and her staff with the Christmas edition!

COOPERATION... what a wonderful word! A few weeks ago, realizing that the council Christmas party would entail a "zillion" details to insure its success, Pres. Rita Pinkus made a special plea to many people asking for COOPERATION. In every case, it was immediately forthcoming. For this COOPERATION, Rita offers another "grateful thanks". This COOPERATION resulted in a highly successful Christmas party!

COOPERATION does seem to be a magic word, doesn't it? It's a little like the Golden Rule, "Do unto others, etc.". It's needed everywhere, — in our council, at work in the office or the factory or the store, in the parish choir, parish council, and especially in our families. A little helping hand, good will, a smile, willingness to serve, all these combine to make up THAT WONDERFUL WORD... COOPERATION.

Su Diev iki sekančio numerio!  
Džukelė

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

Labor Day signaled the end of the summer season and a burst of activities awaited us. The roster of council officers for the current year are: Pres. Alexander Akule, Vice Pres. Frank Markuns, Rec. Secy. Virginia Markuns, Treas. Mary Mickevich, Fin. Secy. Aldona Kropas, Sgt.-at-Arms Patricia Akule, Ritual John Norinkavich & Longinas Svelnis, Lith. Affairs & Vytis Corresp. Joseph White, and Cultural Daniel Averka.

Just a few words of thanks to Larry Svelnis and his brother and sister-in-law, Frank & Louise Svelnis, for allowing our council members to use the beautiful swimming pool at their home in Dover in July. Ačiū labai! Everyone had a wonderful day playing in the sun.

It is a custom for many of our members to assist the Sisters of Jesus Crucified at their annual

Labor Day picnic on the grounds of the mother house in Brockton. The sisters operate the St. Joseph Manor Nursing Home adjacent to the mother house and are presently building a sizeable addition which will double the present capacity. Also, the Sisters staff parochial schools in several states, including Mass. We feel honored to help our Lithuanian Sisters in their most useful endeavors.

Again this year our council in conjunction with C-17 and the Jrs. held their annual fall festival, Novemberfest, at the So. Boston Lith. Citizens Club. The committee chairmen from our council were Al Akule and Ann Norinkavich. It was a gala affair. These socials serve an important function in that it keeps our members in touch with each other and with our many Lith.-American friends in this area. People travel long distances to attend these functions to keep their friendship and ethnic ties intact. Our heartfelt thanks to our dear "gaspadinės" Monica Plevock and Veronica Ivanauskas who cook that mountain of delicious Lith. food, and to the many council members who work so diligently to make this event a success.

Our commitments are varied. In November, for several years, many council members have assisted St. Peter's Church, led by Pastor Anthony Baltrushunas, in presenting the Parish Bazaar. This sizeable endeavor is always looked forward to by the community, as many fine items, in addition to excellent Lith. foods, are offered for sale. It occupies two floors of the So. Boston Lith. Citizen's Club and the place is packed with people looking for bargains.

A Mass was celebrated for Feb. 16 at St. Peter's Church followed by an afternoon program at the So. Boston Lith. Citizens Club arranged by ALTA. Our annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast, following the 10:15 a.m. Mass., was

held Mar. 4 in the lower church hall.

A council Whist Party for the benefit of the Church will be held Mar. 10. It is a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon with friends and neighbors.

Our venerable member, Felix Zaleskas, who is recuperating from recent illness, is now able to attend Mass at the 7th St. Chapel accompanied by his daughter, Florence. It is good to see him looking well and able to get about. Two of our council officers have lost beloved parents. Anna Krowchun, mother of Mary Mickevich, our council

Treas., died on Nov. 5. Frank Medzius, father of Aldona Kropas, council Fin. Secy., died Dec. 19. Please include these people in your prayers.

Those of you in the Brockton, Mass. area can listen to our Natl. Spiritual Director, Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. Sundays, 1460 on the A.M. dial of your radio, the Laisvės Varpas Program. He speaks on subjects, Lithuanian, and has much to say which will interest you.

The combined councils held their Christmas party on Jan. 6, and the Parish party for the "Seneles" the

following day at the 7th St. Hall. It was heart-warming to see the old-timers come together for an afternoon of socializing and group singing of many fine Lith. songs. Our sincere thanks to Rev. Anthony Baltrushunas for instituting this fine custom.

As Spring approaches, we are looking forward to the NED Spring Convention to be hosted by the Holyoke, Mass. C-145, with Pres. Joan Laframboise at the helm. Since they are a new council, this will be their first endeavor in hosting a Dist. Convention. Our very best wishes to all members of C-145.

Rašytojas



### MARCH

- 4 C-29, Newark, ST. CASIMIR DAY MASS & BREAKFAST, Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 4 C-12 New York, Communion Breakfast, Our Lady of Vilnius Church & Rev. G. Gurinskas Hall, New York, N.Y.
- 4 IID ST. CASIMIR COMMUNION BREAKFAST, Immaculate Conception Church, K of L Bldg. C-36-112 Juniors, Hosts.
- 10 C-17 Srs., WHIST party, to benefit St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass.
- 11 MAD ST. CASIMIR COMMUNION BREAKFAST & MEETING, St. Joseph Church 1627 N. Main Ave. North, Scranton, Pa. C-74 Hosts.
- 24 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Chicago, Ill.

### APRIL

- 21 C-110, Maspeth SPRING POLKA FESTIVAL, Transfiguration Parish Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 29 M.A.D. BOWLING GET-TOGETHER

### MAY

- 18-20 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Dayton, Ohio, C-96, Hosts.
- 19 M.C.D. CONVENTION, Holy Cross Church, Dayton.

### JUNE

- 3 M.A.D. SPRING CONVENTION, Newark, N.J. C-29, Hosts.

### AUGUST

- 12 65TH ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY, Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pa. C-144 sponsors.
- 16-19 66TH NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Hotel Raddison-Chicago, Chicago, Ill., IID Hosts.

### SEPTEMBER

- 29 C-110, Maspeth DINNER DANCE

### NOVEMBER

- 3 C-12, N.Y., 65TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE, Our Lady of Vilnius, Rev. George Gurinskas Parish Hall, New York, N.Y.



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