



Madonna of Siluva, Lithuania.  
Sculpture by Vytautas Kašuba

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MOTINA. Koks mielas ir švelnus žodis. Kiek daug meilės, džiaugsmo, švelnių prisiminimų, ir gili vargo jūra slypi jame. Aš prisimenu mano laimingos kūdikystės dienas. Kokios jos buvo linksmos ir nerūpestingos! Jos bėgo kaip sraunus upelio vanduo, o Tu savo mylinčia širdimi ir budriu žvilgsniu lydėjai jas.

Tavo rūpesčių ir vargų išvagotas veidas šiandieną spindi kaip skaištisaulutė ir suteikia man naujų jėgų ir pasiryžimo siekti tų idėjų, kurias Tu įdiegei į mano širdį. O jos tikrai kilnios! Tu mokei mane mylėti Dievą paklusti Jojo valiai; Tu įkvėpei man meilę savo kraštui ir gimtajai kalbai. Tu mokei mane gerbti kitų tikybę ir tautų žmones.

## LAIŠKAS

# MOTINAI

Ačiū Tau, mamyte!

Šios dienos proga aš pasižadau vykdyti Tavo nurodymus visomis savo jėgomis, siekti tų idealų ir niekad neužgauti Tavo švelni os širdies savo šiurkščiu elgesiu ar neapgaltotu žingsniu.

Aš noriu baigti šį laišką su poetu, sakydama:

Oi močiut, motinėle,  
Močiute sengalvėle,  
Labai nuvargai, labai pailsai  
Kol mane užauginai.

Dienelę ant akelių,  
Naktelę ant rankelių.  
Labai nuvargai, labai pailsai,  
Kol mane užauginai.

Tave karštai mylinti  
dukte Aušra



## THE WHISPER OF A GENTLE BREEZE

Once upon a time a young girl lived in a tiny kingdom beside the Baltic Sea. One morning mother sent her on an errand. She meets a knight riding his white horse. He is known throughout the realm as the kindest and friendliest knight. Everybody loves him. He stops to talk to the girl who is carrying a basket of food.

"My name is Kestutis", he greets her. As they converse he notices the maiden's loveliness, her natural grace, her fine traits of character. Finally he asks, "Are you a maiden of earth or do you live in the sky?"

"My name is Birute and I am on an errand for my mother", she politely answers.

As Birute is about to continue on her way Kestutis delays her and asks for her hand in marriage promising: "If you give me your hand in marriage not a master will I be but a most loving husband".

"Not only my hand in marriage will I gladly give thee, but also my heart", the maiden joyfully exclaims enchanted by the chivalrous knight and overwhelmed by his sudden proposal.

"Also my heart". Of course the girl meant that her husband would be the center of her life. She would be faithful to him, loyal and sincerely loving.

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When? Where? under what circumstances Sister Verna, Sister Virginia, did you meet Christ? What did He say to you that you became enamored of Him and followed Him into professed religious life?

In Biblical times God made His presence felt in many ways, as for instance in the form of a blazing fire, a soft gentle cloud, booming thunder. Perhaps God spoke to our Jubilarians like the "whisper of a gentle breeze", we read about in the first Book of Kings.

How did our Lord attract all of you sisters to follow Him, especially when He didn't offer you anything but a crown of thorns and a cross? How did He charm you and inflame your heart with such love that you ran after Him asking for the ring, the crown, the cross; in turn surrendering your whole heart to Him by your fervent profession of religious vows. What dazzling ideals, what youthful aspirations bewitched you into following Christ Crucified?

From time to time, in prayer, it is good to reach back and recall the incident, or series of incidents, that swept you off your feet into religious life.

Professed religious who make the Supreme Good the center of their lives are sometimes considered

living useless, even foolish lives. Jesus didn't think so. He did not condemn Martha for not sitting down beside Mary nor did He praise Mary's lack of solicitude for hard-working Martha. Our divine Lord merely pointed out that things of God are more important than things of man.

Religious life lived sincerely by continual practice of virtue, humbly striving for perfection is, in our Lord's mind, neither foolish nor useless. People who say such things do not understand the purpose nor see the value of religious life. If religious life is useless and foolish then our Blessed Lord's life reached the apex of absurdity. St. Luke tells us: "Jesus would always go off to some place where He could be alone and pray". (Lk. 5:16).

In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul boldly proclaims himself a fool for Christ: "For His sake I have forfeited everything — so that Christ may be my



wealth". (Phil. 3:8-14).

Martha worked. That particular day Jesus may have brought some of His friends along which may have made Martha extremely busy. Work is a blessing. We should thank God we are able to work for Him.

A complete change of heart overtook the agnostic Malcolm Muggeridge who was grasping for dear life and in a dramatic moment of utter despair was about to let go, when suddenly the thought occurred that perhaps his life could be useful and even necessary for the well-being of others. Later, this English author wrote a book entitled "SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD", the life of Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

You Sisters are constantly doing these things. Therefore you are always meeting Christ because He identifies with the weak, the sick, the poor; "in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me". (Matt. 25:40).

What more noble work can a religious Sister do than to teach a child about God: what God is like, what God has done for the child, what God wants of the child and why. "Of all his powers, man possesses none nobler than his ability to recognize that there is a Being higher than his own, and to bind himself to the honor of this higher Being, God", wrote the brilliant and humble theologian, Romano Guardini.

It is a great good fortune for young people to find masters whose life is a continual lesson, and who are admired more for their personal conduct than for their instruction. We professed religious should be eager to please God each day by doing our round of duty generously while at the same time seeking perfection. Our profession is different from that of a doctor, or scientist, or lawyer. Our profession is to seek holiness. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul complains: "Everyone is busy seeking his own interests rather than those of Jesus".

On the day of her vows the religious professes to give God her undivided love. "Not only my hand will I give Thee, but also my heart". "If you accept my proposal not a master will I be, but a most loving husband". What a wonderfully satisfying experience to love someone sincerely and to know that you are loved in return with a deep love that knows no measure. Such is Christ's love for you, his beloved.

The Lithuanian artist-musician, Mikalojus Čiurlionis, described love as an open road to the sun paved with sharp diamonds. Jurgis Gliuda, a Lithuanian jurist and writer says: "In love can be heard the clank of chains, echoing along the very road paved with diamonds". Love, in a sense, is enslavement to the beloved. Yet, despite these heavy, painful, clanking chains, St. Paul with stirred emotion wrote to the Corinthians: "The love of Christ compels us to live

not for ourselves, but for Him, Who died and rose for us". (2 Cor. 5:4-15).

You, dear Sisters, have heard the story of the young lady artist and the old man artist, or something similar to it. "That is a beautiful painting of Jesus", said the lady artist, "you must love him dearly". "Yes, I do", answered the old man artist, "but when I love Him even more, I will paint Him far more beautifully".

We paint Jesus on the canvass of our soul when we practice charity. All other virtues grow when we practice charity. Every act of patience, humility, temperance, obedience, if done for the love of God, increases charity. Charity is a close supernatural friendship between God and me.

When Christ called us, in whatever way He did, to religious life, He gave us the opportunity to attempt to reach the sublimest peaks of human perfection. Therefore, the religious life is neither useless nor foolish, but a precious God-given opportunity to live life to the fullest in close communion with God. The beauty of the religious life is seen only to the degree to which we are willing to live it.

Sister Verna, Sister Virginia, on this gladsome day you are solemnly celebrating your respective anniversaries of religious profession and are being regaled for the years you worked and prayed in the shadow of Christ Crucified. CONGRATULATIONS! Today, all of you Sisters, in a certain sense, are also celebrating the number of years you have lived religious life. Congratulations to all of you!

A gentle whispering breeze-----  
the felt presence of God-----  
an ardent loving response-----  
"not only my hand will I give Thee, but also my heart".

Homily preached by Rev. Clement Kasinkas, C.P.  
January 6, 1979. Sister Verna's 25th Anniversary of Profession, Sister Virginia's 50th Anniversary of Religious Life



# THE VOICE OF AMERICA

## BROADCASTS ON SHORT WAVE RADIO



How many of you are familiar with the shortwave broadcasts of "Amerikos Balsas Lietuvoje".

The VOA has daily broadcasts to the occupied nations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in its Baltic Language Service. Undoubtedly, the Knights of Lithuania would primarily be interested in what is air-waved to Lithuania. No special knowledge of radio is required other than possibly the conversion of Universal Time or Greenwich Mean Time, turning the dial to the correct kHz in proper Meter Band.

If you do not own a communications receiver that has full coverage of all the shortwave bands, a moderately-priced portable radio that has these (Wavelengths) or Meter Bands namely — 19M, 25M, 31M, or the 60M, will give you coverage of at least one of the broadcasts to Lithuania. The quality of the reception will vary with your ability to properly tune in the transmitter as well as atmospheric conditions at that time. The best reception is obtained during the winter months,

but this may vary with Solar Flares, and the magnetism from the Northern Lights. The East Coast area may find best reception in the 19 meter band, but this may vary with your location, so try them all.

The listening time on the East Coast for VOA broadcast to Lithuania is 1500-1530 and 1700-1730 (hours) GMT. The equivalent in Eastern Standard Time is 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. and Noon — 12:30 p.m. The following frequencies are used (kHz) 15270, 11960, 9620 in the a.m. broadcasts and 15270, 11710, 9735, 9620, and 6160 at Noon. These broadcasts are beamed overseas to various relay stations for transmission broadcasts to Lithuania. The reception time in Lithuania would be 1800-1830 and 2000-2030 or 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Those wishing an update on any changes in the program schedule should address their inquires to the —

International Communication Agency  
United States of America  
Washington, D.C. 20547

There is no fee for this information. Along with the latest program schedule, you will receive a booklet designating the location of

the receiving station that relays the program to the Baltic Nations.

If you would prefer to hear the Lithuanian Language direct from Lithuania, there is RADIO VILNIUS on shortwave radio. If you understand only English, there are programs for you also. The flower diagram is a copy of a card sent from the radio station for those who ask for a QSL card after having sent to Radio Vilnius a report of what they heard on their receiver, the time, and the quality of the reception. The report should be sent to —

Radio Vilnius  
49 Konarsky Street  
Vilnius, Lithuania  
USSR

This address should also be used for writing for dates, languages, and broadcast frequencies to North America from Radio Vilnius. If you are tired of the programming on the Boob-Tube, why not try to tune in something really unusual on that shortwave radio for a change.

Good listening to all you new and old time Shortwave Listeners.

Leonard Davidonis

The above is a copy from SPEEDX Shortwave Listeners Magazine.

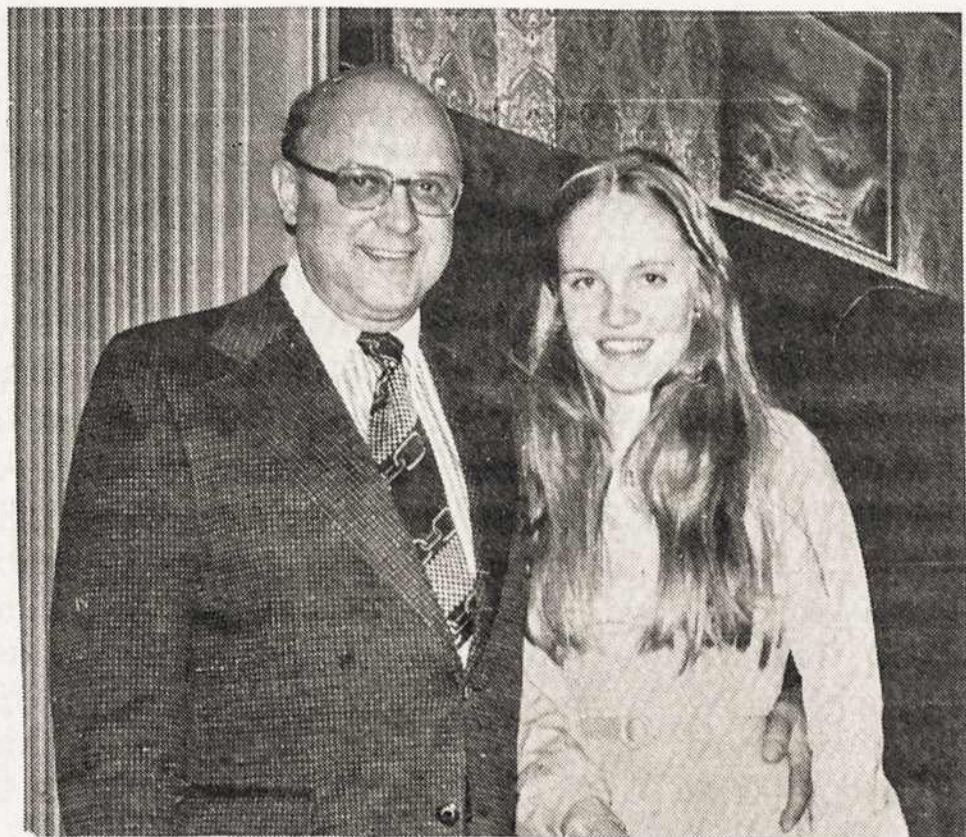
### LAI DOS LIETUVIU KALBA

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# Lithuanians in The

# NEWS

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS



Janina Mathews with her Godfather, Dr. Jack Stukas, H.M.

Viewers of the February 14 WABC Television "After School Special" were treated to the versatile acting talent of JANINA MATHEWS, who played the female lead in a television movie, "Make Believe Marriage". Janina assumed the role of a serious, liberated high school student enrolled in a course designed to prepare young students for the responsibilities of married life. Her moving portrayal of a sensitive intellectual pared for the course with the high school athletic hero comes as no surprise, as Janina already has a leading Broadway role to her credit. Janina is the daughter of Lithuanian soloist Lione Juodyte-Mathews.

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Loyola University is offering day and evening courses in Lithuanian studies on its two Chicago campuses. Two daytime courses are offered, "Development of Lithuanian Skills", and "Lithuanian Culture and Civilization". Both courses are being taught by EMILIJA SAKADOLSKIS at the Lake Shore Campus. The evening course offered is "Basic Lithuanian II" at the Marquette Center.

CAROLE L. MIHALKO, a member of C-12, New York is actively involved in a Federal project in the Marshall Islands, a district of Micronesia. She is currently involved in establishing a reading curriculum, and in preparing a paper on the state of the high school in Micronesia.

Born in Cooperstown, New York, Carole received a Masters Degree from the State University of New York at Albany and from Columbia University where she majored in History, English and French. While serving in the Peace Corps, she devised an English phonics curriculum for elementary grades which was used throughout the Mariana Islands District.

Carole has travelled extensively in the Middle and Far East, and in Western Europe. She says she is "happy to be a member of the K of L and wishes she had more time to be with people of her roots".

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The Harrisburg, PA PATRIOT NEWS featured an article on ANN MORGALIS, member of C-144 and Cultural Chairman for the Mid Atlantic District. The article centered on Ann's beautiful straw ornaments, which she creates in her home in Minersville, along with dolls, wreaths and miniature churches. Ann became interested in the craft four years ago when visiting her daughter and son-in-law in Germany. A true Lithuanian artisan, Ann's MARGUČIAI, Lithuanian Easter eggs, have also caught the attention of the public at local exhibits.

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Newly appointed Municipal Court Judge JOHN SALVEST was recently sworn in by the Hon. Joseph P. Hanrahan. Of Lithuanian descent, Judge Salvest will serve in the East Newark Municipal Court. A former councilman for Kearney, NJ, Salvest will serve a three year term.



**Bishop PAUL MARCINKUS**, head of the Vatican Bank, served as unofficial body-guard to His Holiness Pope John Paul II on his trip to Mexico. A native of Cicero, Ill., the Bishop was credited with helping to apprehend a knife-wielding assailant who came within inches of the late Pope Paul VI during his last trip abroad.

Lithuanian sports greats **JOHNNY UNITAS** and **DICK BUTKUS** were recently named as the newest members of Pro Football's Hall of Fame. Butkus, the legendary linebacker for the Chicago Bears, and Unitas, quarterback for the Baltimore Colts, were elected to this honor in their first year of eligibility.

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**VITO YUCIUS**, Director of the weekly radio program "Echoes of Lithuania", over WPLW in Carnegie, PA, and his family were featured in a story giving an overview of Lithuanian activity in the city of Pittsburgh. Beginning with a history of Lithuanian Christmas customs, the article traced the movement of Lithuanians into the Pittsburgh area, the growth of parishes and the organizations active in the area. Also interviewed in the article was **FR. WALTER KARAVECKAS**, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church. Both are members of C-19, Pittsburgh.

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**KATHRYN ANN KONDRITAS**, a recent graduate of Ohio State University, was awarded a Bachelor's Degree with distinction in psychology and honors in liberal arts. In an interview with the **DAYTON DAILY NEWS**, Kathryn reported on her new job at the Fels Institute in Yellow Springs, where she is involved in testing subjects and setting up computer programs for analysis. The daughter of C-96 members Fred and Ann Kondrotas, she has been a model in Dayton and New York, and is involved in photography, drawing and painting.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

**VINCENTA MAROZAS**  
Member, C-79  
Southfield, Mich.  
died Nov. 19, 1978  
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**ADAM TAMASIUNAS**  
Member, C-79  
Southfield, Mich.  
died Dec. 17, 1978  
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**MATTHEW KAZLAUSKAS**  
Member, C-100  
Amsterdam, N.Y.  
died Jan. 15, 1979

**EUGENE DYLONG**  
Member, C-100  
Amsterdam, N.Y.  
died Jan. 31, 1979  
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**SUZANA TIKNIS**  
Member, C-25  
Cleveland, Ohio  
died Jan. 25, 1979  
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**VINCAS J. PETRAUSKAS**  
Member, Chicago Seniors  
Chicago, Ill.  
died Dec. 23, 1979

**ANN BARAUSKAS**  
Member, C-135  
Ansonia, Conn.  
died Mar. 9, 1979  
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**MARY PUTINAS**  
Member, C-29  
Newark, N.J.  
died Apr. 5, 1979  
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**Rev. JOHN GALENAS**  
Member C-74  
Scranton, Pa.  
died Feb. 20, 1979

**PETER GALENAS**  
Member C-74  
Scranton, Pa.  
died Mar. 10 1979  
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**ANTHONY WALLUNAS**  
Member, C-36  
Chicago, IL.  
died Mar. 21, 1979  
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**LOUIS ALLEN**  
Assoc. Member, C-100  
Amsterdam, N.Y.  
died Mar. 4, 1979  
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**ELIZABETH PAURAZAS**  
Member, C-79  
Southfield, Mich.  
died April 8, 1979



# PADAVIMAS APIE VILNIŲ IR NERĮ.

POVILAS DIRKIS

Prieš šimtus metų vilniaus apylinkė užė, šlamėjo, be galo ir be krašto žaliuojančiomis giriomis apaugusi. Anuomet dar Vilniaus miesto nė žymių nebuvo. Ten, tarp aukštų Panerio kalnų buvo supiltas piliakalnis, o ant jo dunksojo pilis. Toje pilyje gyveno milžinų karalius, galingiausias milžinas, vardu Vilnius ir jo žmona Neris.

Kartą milžinas Vilnius patyrė, kad jo šalį puldinėja plėšrūs kaimynai, žudo nekaltus gyventojus ir naikina jų turtą. Supykęs nusprendė nedorus priešus sudrausti. Vieną rytą Vilnius išėjo į pilies kiemą ir garsiai užtrimitavo tauro ragu. Tokiu būdu sušaukė visus Dainavos šalies bernužėlius, jaunus raitininkus į didžiąją pilį.

Surinkęs gausų būrį kariuomenės, milžinas Vilnius išėjo sudrausti piktų kaimynų, kurie puldinėjo kraštą. Milžino žmona liko namie saugoti pilies židinio ir pavaduoti savo vyra krašto valdymo reikalais.

Vilnius su savo vyrais ilgai kovėsi tolimuose kraštuose, daug žemių užkariavo, daug turto iš jų atėmė. Pasaulio gala priėjęs, grįžo namo, į savo tėvynę. Sugrįžęs į savo žemę, rado baisaus priešo pėdsakus. Kur tik pažiūri — viskas išnaikinta, sugriauta, sudeginta ir išplėšta. Likę tik lavonai, kraujo klanai ir pelenai.

Prieš ižengdamas į pilies rajoną, sutrimitavo Vilnius garsiuoju tauro ragu, bet į jo balsą niekas niekur

neatsiliepė. Tuomet Vilnius įėjo į pilį ir pirmiausia teiravosi, kas atsitiko su jo žmona Nerimi. Vilnius su savo kariais surankiojo visus žuvusius, sudėjo pilies kalne ir garbingai palaidojo, supildamas ant jų dar aukštesnę kalną. Tas kalnas dabar Tauro arba Gedimino kalnu vadinamas. Neries ir Vilnios santakoje tebestovi ir šiandieninė pilis. Nuliūdo milžinas Vilnius, netekęs buvusios tvirtos pilies ir gražios bei klusnios žmonos Neries. Padėjęs savo šarvus bei kardą, atsisėdo netoli kalno ir griaudžiai verkė, verkė. Iš jo ašarų susidarė upė, kuri buvo pavadinta žuvusios žmonos Neries vardu. Toji vieta, kur milžinas verkė, dabar vadinama Verkiais.



Sv. Onos ir Bernardinų bažnyčios; dešinėj pusėj šv. Mykolo bažnyč. šventorius. Iš senos litografijos.

## CONVENTION NEWS...

# ILLINOIS NUMBER ONE CITY CHICAGO!

Our City's unofficial motto — "I will" — is most symbolic as Chicago acts while many other cities consult. "Urbs in Horto" (City in a garden), our official motto is evidenced by the Burnham Plan which established the uncluttered lakefront facade that is still the envy of planners everywhere.

A former onion swamp — the Ojibway Indians called it "Che-ca-gou" — is the home of 8.5 million people who live in the 228 square miles of Metropolitan Chicago. Since it rose from the ashes of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, it has, among other things, become the railroad capital of the world, domain of the world's busiest airport — O'Hare Field, and the nation's only city combining lake, ocean and river traffic.

Among Chicago's firsts — controlled nuclear chain reactor and the first reactor to provide commercial electric power for atomic energy... insurance rating tables... group insurance plan... stainless steel building... electric iron... cooking range... Pullman sleeping cars... grain reaper... refrigerator car... zipper fastener... cafeteria... lie detector... window envelope...

innovated the mail order business... and in 1885, the first steel frame skyscraper, a mere ten stories high.

Our cloud-high mountains are man-made; soaring steel and concrete peaks like the 110 story Sears Tower — tallest building in the world. The John Hancock Center, its sleek black girders pointing toward the sky, is the largest residential office building on earth.

Chicago explodes with live entertainment. Everything from Shakespeare to avant-garde; from the latest laugh by Neil Simon to a Eugene O'Neill revival; from musical extravaganzas to improvisations can be enjoyed at theaters throughout the city (not to mention community and suburban playhouses).

Our pillared Opera House satisfies classical tastes with a 13-story stage and a seating capacity of 3,000.

Lilting arias by Verdi and Puccini give way to the best of Brahms, Beethoven, Bach and Mahler during an Orchestra Hall performance by the world famous Chicago Symphony. Popular and



McCormick Place

classical music join hands each summer during the Ravinia Festival.

Frank Lloyd Wright, who likes Chicago so much he lived and worked here for years, once said the Auditorium Theater offered the best acoustics in the world. It still does — for visits by the Bolshoi Ballet, and the latest folk, classical, country and rock musical groups.

Chicago boulevards rival those of Rome and Paris — all 300 miles of them, as well as 430 parks and a virgin forest preserve that encircles the city for 65 miles.

The plush fashion salons of Europe are only a short walk away from the Radisson-Chicago Hotel via the spectacular Water Tower Place and the shops along the “magnificent mile” — Michigan Avenue, and “that great Street” — State Street, which first appeared on a town map in 1834 as a muddy track. Today, the street is lined with gigantic department stores, small specialty shops, a beautiful mall which will be completed in the very near future, and the legendary shopping paradise called Marshall Field and Company.

Chicago residents will tell you its No. One in sports. It has it all — both spectators and participant sports. From “A” for Archery to “Y” for Yachting, the visitor will find the participant sport of his choice in nearby locales. And if it is your bag to sit and watch, Chicago is also the place; with thorough-bred racing and the trotters, White Sox and Cubs baseball, Bears football, Blackhawk hockey, Sting soccer, Bulls basketball, and our newest entry in the pro fields, the Hustle (womens basketball), in addition to college sports.

In a few hours you can take a whirlwind tour of Asia, Europe, Africa and South America — by restaurant, Chicago-style. You have over 5,000 choices including the Lithuanian restaurants — Palanga, Neringa, Tulpè, Healthy Foods, Diamond Head, Sharko’s West and Jerry Sharko’s (the last three are owned by K of L members).

When it comes to great works of art, it seems Chicago has so many they’re starting to spill into our streets. The Chagall mosaic, 3,000 square feet of lively colors, was created especially for us by the French master. Picasso’s gift to Chicago, a 50-foot steel sculpture, stands in Daley Plaza. Calder’s “Flamingo”, a 50-ton stabile, adds to our outdoor gallery.

Priceless masterpieces are kept indoors., too!

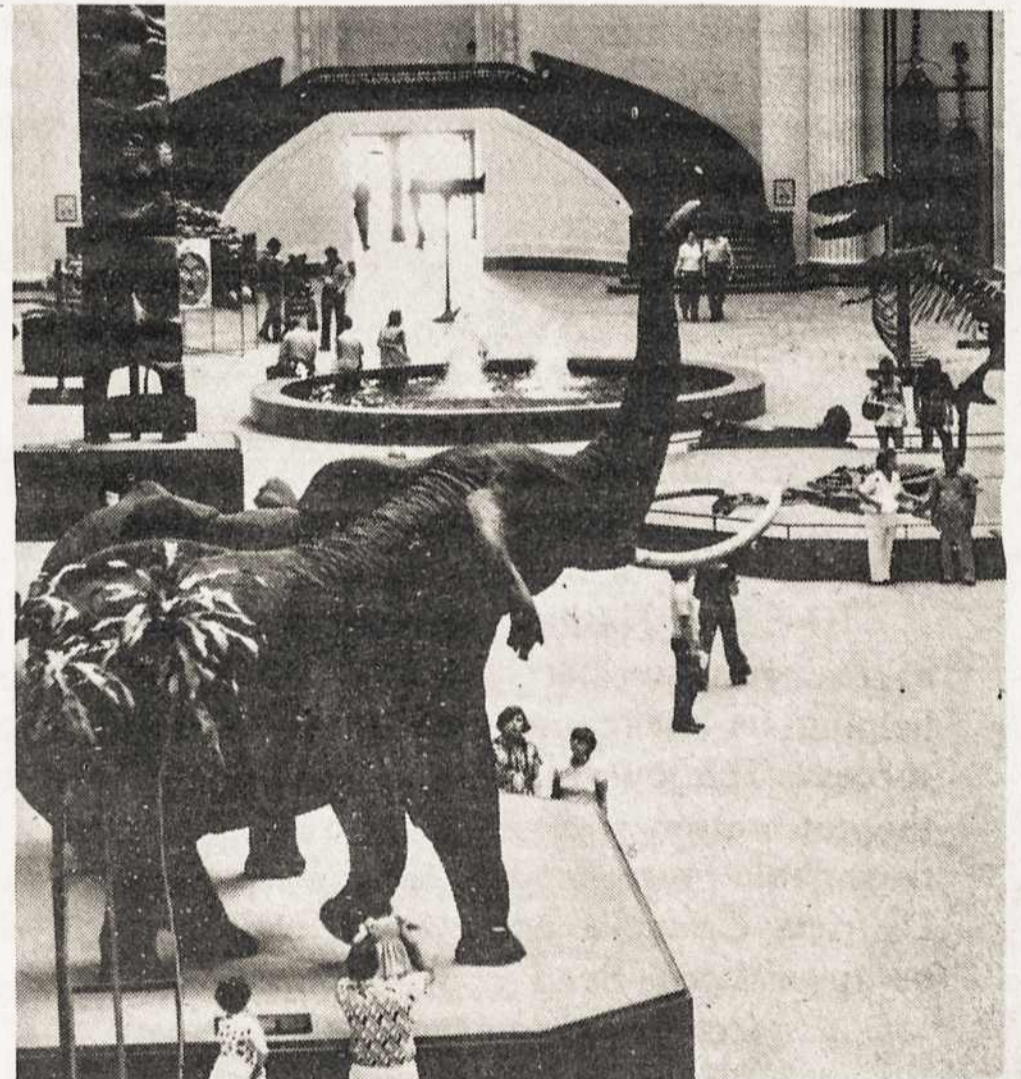
The Art Institute of Chicago’s Impressionist collection is only a portion of the vast treasure that includes works by everyone from Van Gogh and Rembrandt to Goya and DaVinci. Modern masters can be enjoyed at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

You can walk right up to a dinosaur in the lobby of the Field Museum of Natural History. Turn around and you’ll see a pair of huge African elephants. Crowding the museum’s long halls are displays featuring everything from Tibetan religious costumes to Egyptian mummies and wild boars.

The 75 display halls at the Museum of Science and Industry brim with a collection of curious and sophisticated gadgetry, including a working coal mine, a captured German U-boat, and a new exhibit, “The MONEY Center”, where you can actually see the various banking functions.

If you missed Haley’s Comet, catch a repeat performance at the Adler Planetarium. A dazzling Sky Show re-creates celestial events, including the 1st Nativity and recent lunar eclipses.

Underwater mysteries of a coral reef are exposed at the Shedd Aquarium. Divers here swing freely through the dancing waters of a reef,



Inside the “Field Museum”

hand-feeding a community of exotic tropical marine life.

The natural setting of an African plain isn't too far removed from the Chicago landscape when you stroll through the Lincoln Park or Brookfield Zoos.

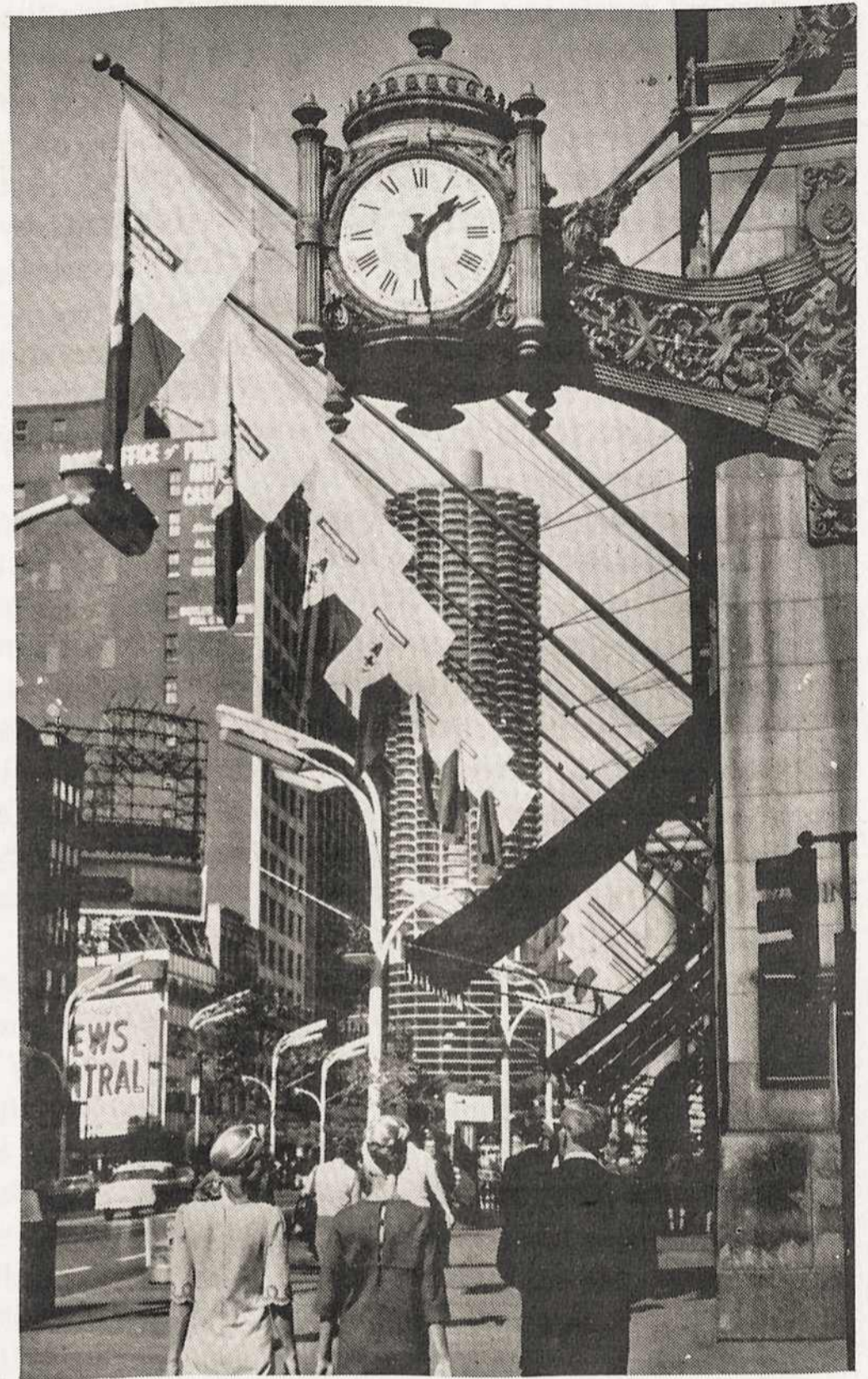
Throbbing nightlife — something to soothe or excite even the most nocturnal visitor, can easily be found in Chicago's Rush Street area, and nearby are a selection of colorful bistros, cafes and exciting nightclubs.

Chicago is a living portfolio of American architecture where you can see and tour great buildings designed by men like Wright, Sullivan, Adler and van der Rohe.

Sometimes changing moods so that the Lake Michigan beachfront seems like a quiet Mediterranean cover or any angry New England seaport, Chicago is an endless drama of the unexpected. Just when you think it's going to be all city, it turns into a place of parks and picnics and relaxing strolls along the lake. In a city where even a river flows both ways, surprises are just around the corner.

And surprises are in store — for the delegates to the Knights of Lithuania 66th National Convention. The city and the K of L members in Chicago continue to follow the advise of one of our early civic leaders, who said: "Make No Little Plans". You won't either when you visit Chicago in August!

(Photos and material supplied by the Chicago Convention Bureau and the Illinois Office of Tourism)



"Meet Me Under The Clock". Marshall Field and Co.

Dear Knights and Ladies:

The 66th National Convention Committee is asking you to start thinking "Convention" by helping us make our Souvenir Journal a great success. The journal offsets many hidden costs of the convention and enables the hosts to charge a reasonable registration fee. The help of all Districts, Councils, and every K of L member will be appreciated. Send your donation to:

**Irene Sankus, Journal Chairman**  
**2520 W. 68th Street**  
**Chicago, Illinois 60629**

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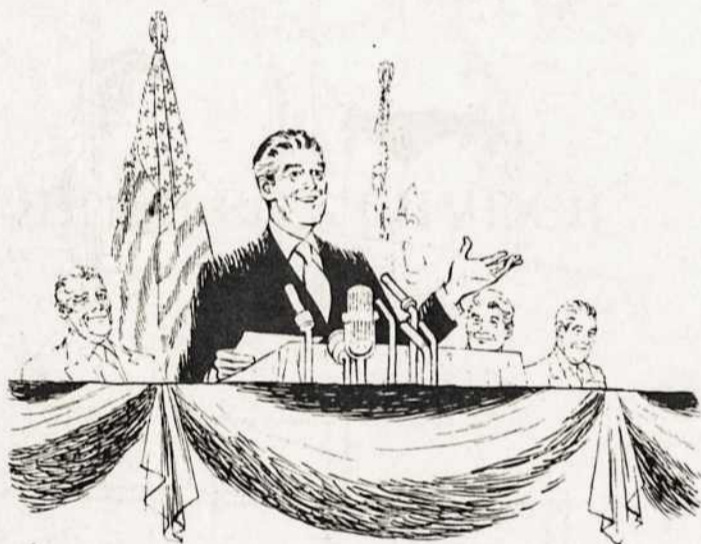
**Illinois - Indiana District — Hosts**  
**66th National Convention**

# NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE

## [TENTATIVE]

### WEDNESDAY, August 15th

- \* The K. OF L Golfers will join the members of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce for their Annual Golf Tournament. To the winning K of L golfers awards will be presented not only by the Chamber but also a special K of L trophy.
- \* For the non-Golfers, a most interesting tour is being planned that will include a visit to the Lithuanian Plaza area and of course the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture.
- \* In the evening there will be a choice of either joining the Chamber members for their Golf Banquet at the Palos Country Club or a theater party and dinner in the hotel area.



### THURSDAY, August 16th

- \* A free morning to sight-see, shop and visit Chicagoland.
- \* Opening Mass with a luncheon following; Radisson-Chicago Hotel.
- \* First business Session.
- \* Evening event — a "Folk Fest" especially planned for the Knights of Lithuania with merchants presenting their wares of amber, woodcraft, etc., and entertainment provided by the K of L Choir — the C-36-112 Juniors — the K of L Dancers — and other surprises.



### FRIDAY, August 17th

- \* Morning and afternoon business sessions, with a Noon Mass.
- \* A Lithuanian South Pacific evening of fun and frolic at the K of L Building and Gardens. Plan to bring your South Pacific-Hawaiian outfits (prizes will be awarded).

### SATURDAY, August 18th

- \* Morning and after business sessions, with a Noon Mass.
- \* Gala Banquet and Dinner-Dance, Radisson-Chicago Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

### SUNDAY, August 19th

- \* Convention Closing Mass, Nativity B.V.M. Church.
- \* Official Convention Photo.
- \* A specially-planned buffet luncheon, Nativity Hall.

**SPECIAL NOTE: TO sign up for the pre-convention activities, please contact:**

**Monica Kasper**  
**2548 W. 71st Street**  
**Chicago, IL 60629**

# JUNIORS CORNER

(ed. by A. M. Kassel)

## JUNIORS CONVENTION SCHEDULE (Tentative)

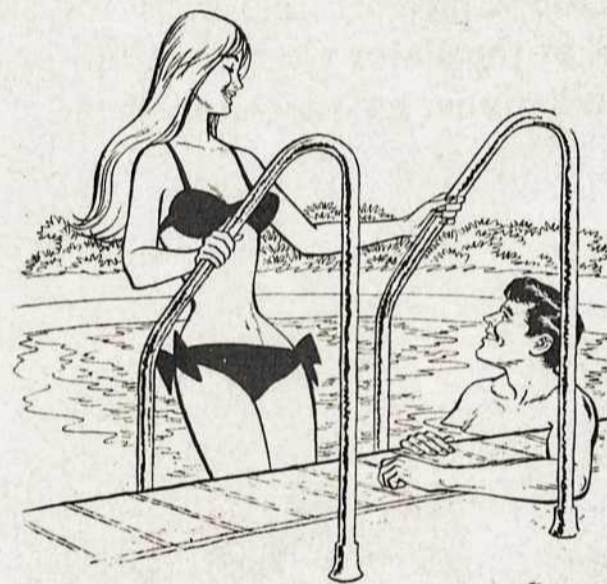
The Juniors schedule will be the same as the regular schedule except for the following:

**WEDNESDAY (Pre-Convention) — August 15th**  
There will be an evening Swim Party at the Radisson-Chicago Hotel's Olympic-size swimming pool on the 16th Floor.

**THURSDAY — August 16th**  
Tours — Museum of Science and Industry and the Balzekas of Lithuanian Culture.

**FRIDAY — August 17th**  
All Day Beach Party and Lake Michigan Swimming Beverly Shores, Indiana.

**SATURDAY — August 18th**  
AM — Junior Convention Session.



### HOW ARE YOU

Allow me to introduce  
Very pleased  
It is very nice to meet you  
Where do you live  
I live in Chicago  
I have to go  
It was very nice meeting you  
Me too  
See you

### KAIP GYVUOJATE

Leiskite supažindinti  
Labai malonu  
Labai malonu susipažinti  
Kur jūs gyvenate  
Aš gyvenu Čicagoje  
Man jau reikia eiti  
Buvo labai malonu susipažinti  
Man taip pat  
Iki pasimatymo

## JRS. C-110 MASPETH

On March 11, 1979 C-110 Juniors: Antanas Ambrosini, Diane Kichinski, and Leonard Marija Sturgurys attended the District Convention of the M.A.D. held in Scranton Pennsylvania along with our counselor Bill Sidtis.

The morning began with a Mass celebrated in Lithuanian at St. Joseph's Church, Fr. C. Pugevičius gave a very enlightening sermon. Brunch was served in the parish hall. The

Bishop of Scranton said grace. Following brunch the district meeting came to order. Leon Sturgurys represented the juniors as a delegate.

All four Juniors and our Counselor received 3rd degree medals which were proudly pinned to our chest by Honorary Member Joe Boley. Fr. J. Dombrowski spoke on the steps to canonization of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

Many thanks to C-74 Scranton for a job well done.

Antans Ambrosini

## JRS. C-29 NEWARK

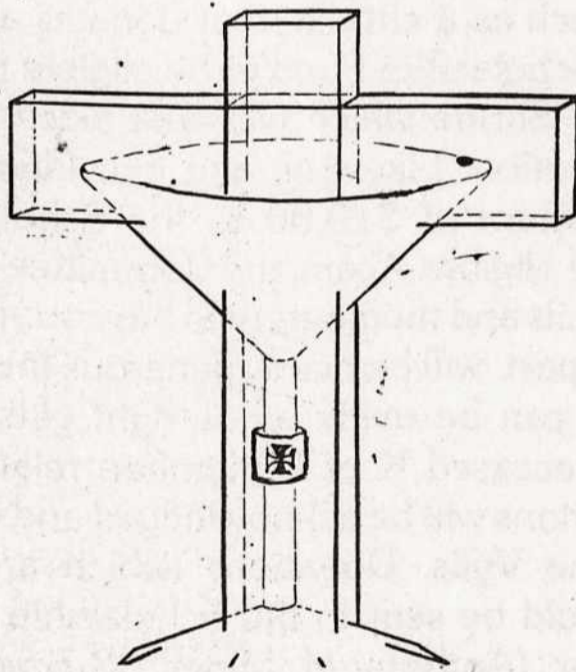
On March 18, 1979 the Juniors of Newark went to church at 12:00 Mass. After church we began our meeting. We discussed how we could raise money and go on different kinds of trips. We would like to meet other K of L Juniors. We then closed the meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ruta Melinis  
President



## THE SILENT CHURCH



Excerpts from a Letter from Lithuania. "This is our life, the unrest, the searches, and the arrests. Everything is in Gods hands, we are doing meaningful work, we are planting the seeds of national pride; we are not permitting Lithuanians to forget they were born free and shall die free."

"We have our difficult moments; but they are fleeting, also misfortune is well known to us. For our mistakes we pay dearly, and with hope sometimes freedom."

"We ask our Lithuanian brothers living overseas for spiritual HELP."

"We need prayerbooks and catechisms."

Where is your commitment? We beseech your donations to Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid thru your council, district or individual members. All donations will be most gratefully appreciated by your K of L Coordinator. All checks are payable to L.C.R.A.

Recent Contributors:

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tamulevich C-116 — \$100.00  
Council 115 Worcester — \$25.00.

Bertha R. Stoskus  
K of L L.C.R.A. Coordinator

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP'S COMMITTEE

April 1979

Dear Members:

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the 1979 K of L Scholarship Award will be presented to a deserving Knight(s) at the National Convention Banquet in Chicago on August 18, 1979.

Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate work or graduate work in degree programs. The Scholarship Committee will base its award decision primarily on K of L activity but also will consider scholastic achievement, financial need and various recommendations. The scholarships are awarded to different Knights each year and a second award will not be made to the same individual. However, if a qualified Knight applies for a scholarship and is not selected for that particular year, he or she may reapply for a scholarship in a subsequent year. Please urge qualified members in your council to apply before the deadline of July 31, 1979. Requests for applications and additional information should be sent to the Scholarship Chairman at the above address.



The Scholarship Committee has awarded \$4000 over the last two years to eight deserving K of L members. These awards as well as the others made in the previous 18 years were made possible by the generosity of various K of L districts, councils and individuals. Unfortunately, college tuition keeps rising and the Committee would like to increase the amount of the annual award as well as maintain a balance that would insure future presentations.

For the 1979 Scholarship Appeal, the Scholarship Committee has been extremely fortunate in being offered the Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother to help bring in more substantial donations. Because this will be a "one-shot" fund raising effort, the Committee hopes that the number and the amounts of the scholarship donations this year would result in a greater scholarship award and still leave a working balance in the scholarship fund to continue this worthwhile program in the future.

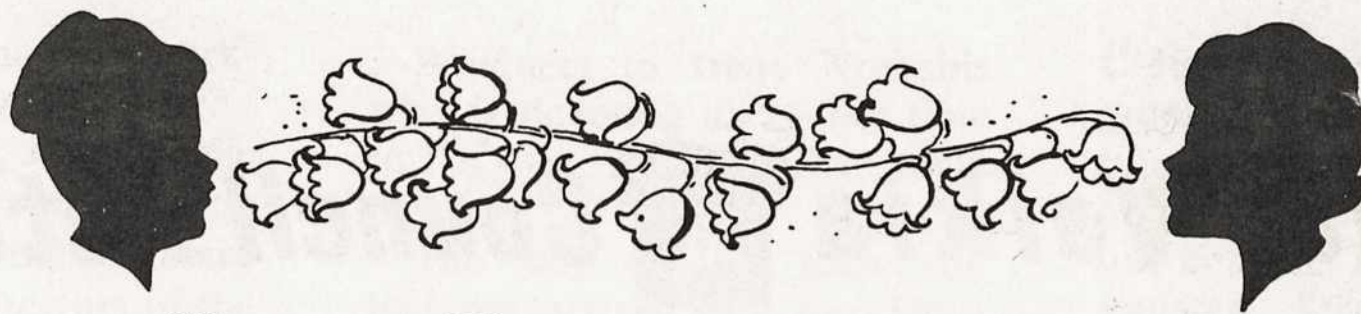
Basically this promotion will entitle any council or organization, such as a church, that donates at least \$25.00 to the Scholarship Fund to be eligible for the drawing for the Shrine which will take place at the National Convention. Likewise, any individual who donates a minimum of \$10.00 to the Scholarship Fund will also be eligible. Again, the Committee hopes that those councils and members who have supported this fund in the past, will be overly generous this year.

Donations can be made as outright gifts or in memory of a deceased K of L member, relative or friend. All donations will be acknowledged and will be published in the Vytis. Donations (which are tax-deductible) should be sent to the Scholarship Committee Treasurer. (Anthony M. Miner, 33 Bruce St., Grafton, Mass. 01519).

Thanking you in advance for your generosity, I remain

Dekingai ir Vytiskai Jusu,  
WALTER D. SVEKLA, Chairman  
Scholarship Committee





## K of L Calendar

### MAY

- 5 "A Lithuanian Evening with Vitalis and Marija Zukauskas"  
St. George Parish Hall, Bridgeport, Conn.
- 19 C-17 Sr, So. Boston "GERMAN NIGHT" So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club  
18-20 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Dayton, Ohio, C-96, Hosts  
19 M.C.D. CONVENTION, Holy Cross Church, Dayton

### JUNE

- 1 C-26, Worcester, ANNUAL COUNCIL PICNIC, Worcester, Mass  
3 M.A.D. SPRING CONVENTION, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J., C-29  
Hosts  
11 N.E.D. TELEVISION MASS, Channel 30, Hartford, Conn.  
17 MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA Radio Hour Picnic, Estonian Park, Lakewood,  
N.J. Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Director  
23 LITHUANIAN DAY at White Sox Park, Chicago, Ill.

### JULY

- 4 I.I.D. PICNIC, K of L Bldg. and Garden

### AUGUST

- 12 65th ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY, Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pa. C-144  
Sponsors  
15 K.of L / Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce Golf Day, Chicago, Ill.  
16-19 66th NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Hotel Raddison-Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill., IID Hosts

### SEPTEMBER

- 17 N.E.D. FESTIVAL CULTURAL PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Ma  
22 C-74, Scranton, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, St. Joseph Church Hall,  
Scranton, Pa.  
29 C-110, Maspeth DINNER DANCE  
30 N.E.D. FALL CONVENTION, Providence, R.I., C-103 Hosts

### OCTOBER

- 13 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.

### NOVEMBER

- 3 C-12, New York, 65th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE, Our Lady of Vilnius,  
Rev. G. Gurinkas Parish Hall, New York, N.Y.  
17 C-17 and C-17SR, So. Boston, NOVEMBERFEST, So. Boston Lithuanian  
Citizen's Club, So. Boston, Mass.

# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Our 19th Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet was again very successful due to the hard work of all committee members. The event was held Feb. 4 and was the first Lith. event of the year. All others were cancelled due to our super snow storms. Our congratulations to Chairman Vince Samaska and his committee — Irena Sankus, Al Brazis, Estelle Rogers, Frank Zapolis, Clemente Vidzius, Gerry Mack, Juozas Laurinaitis, Harry Petraitis, Ann Marie Kassel, Sabina Klatt, Monica Kasper, Eleanore Laurin, Albert Zakarka, Wally Tenclinger, Whitey Evans and Dr. Leonas Kriaučeliūnas.

A special thank-you goes to Dr. Leonas for a very masterful job as Master-of-Ceremonies and to Irene Kerelis of the Scouts for all of her assistance and efforts.

Beautiful and handsome escorts were Irena Norushis, Gerrie Mockus, Sabina Klatt, Dolores Wainauskis, Julie and Al

Zakarka, Val and Joe Stanaitis, Frank Svelnis and Eddie Krivickas.

Our appreciation to program book sponsors Joseph Gribauskas of Saint Anthony Savings in Cicero (Mr. "G" has been a sponsor for many, many years) and Richard Shlaustas of the Diamond Head Restaurant.

This year we honored the Lithuanian Scouts assoc. for their work with the youth, and on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary, and were privileged to have the top scout leader, Mrs. Lile Milukis from New York, accept the Award. Rev. Juozas Vaišnys, the Lith. Girl Scouts chaplain, in his comments mentioned that our organization were very similar in principles and that many ideas were adopted from our organization.

The event was well planned with a brief speaking program, delightful musical entertainment by the Girl and Boy Scouts, and diversified and pleasant music by Wally Tenclinger and the Casuals. Eleanore Zapolis led the singing of the Lithuanian and American anthems.

Our 1980 "Memories" will be the 20th Anniversary event, so we are looking forward to a very extra-special affair.

The Lithuanian Council of Chicago (ALTAS) sponsored the official event commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day at Maria Auditorium. K of

L members holding office in the group are Vince Samaska as President, and Irene Sankus as Treasurer. Vince was also the chairman of the event, — a very busy month for our ever-working Vince.

C-36 held their Annual "Heart of MY Heart" Dance in February in the K of L Bldg. Joseph Martikonis, former D-G Post Commander and member of C-36, was the chairman.

The IID Ritual Presentation was held Feb. 26 at the K of L Bldg. with Chairlady Ruth Dagis officiating. Assisting her were Rev. Fabian Kereilis, Albert Zakarka, Terry Strolia, Vince Samaska and Albert Dagis. Congratulations to Vincas Norkaitis C36, and to Paul Binkis and Albert Cekanor of C112 on receiving their 2nd Degrees; and to Rev. Kereilis, Ann Casperson, Joseph Martikonis, Ona Naureikis and Bernice Pupinik, all of C36, and Eleanor Kasputis of C112, on their 1st Degrees.

More and more improvements and redecorating are being accomplished at the K of L Building due to the hard work of the Building Trustees, who have been spending a lot of hours on this work. Kudos to Al Mockus, Al Zakarka, Joe Ramanauskis, Juozas Laurinaitis, Paul Binkis, Clemente Vidzius, Jerome Jankus and others. A special award is du Kazimiera Petrulis, the lone lady on the Trustees'

Board, but THE hardest working and ever-vigilant member.

Stanley Balzekas, Jr., is on the move again. Congratulations on his appointment as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library system. Stan has been a member of the Board for the past 6 years and is also the chairman of the Extensions Facilities which directs the planning of new branches and improvements throughout the city.

The 1978 Lithuanian Day at White Sox Park was so successful and so much fun, that another such Lithuanian Day has been scheduled for June 23.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
July 4 — K of L Day Picnic,  
Aug. 15 — K of L Golf Day,  
and of course, AUG. 16-19 —  
NATIONAL CONVENTION.

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## C-36 — CHICAGO, ILL.

Activities for the month of January, the month of the "Big Blizzard," were for the most part cancelled out. The Candlelight Bowl, which was to be held on Jan. 13, was postponed until sometime in the Spring.

February was starting to look a little better. All of the same snow was still on the ground but we were digging through it a little better. The turnout at the Memories of Lithuania Dinner-Dance at the Martinique on Feb. 4 was excellent. Our council was well represented.

Our sincerest condolences to David Gaidas and his family on the death of his mother in December. We also extend our sympathy to One Skever, whose father died in January at the age of 101.

Bouquets to Irene Norushis who is devoting all of her time to the care of both of her ailing parents.

The long awaited thaw still had not arrived, but our Third Annual "Heart of My Heart" dance went on as planned on Feb. 24. All of our brave friends who attended had a whale of a good time, thanks to the capable chairmanship of Joe Martikonis and his dance committee. Special thanks to all who worked so hard to help make it a success.

On Feb. 26 we were joined by C-112 for the monthly meeting in order that First and Second Degrees could be presented. Our First Degree recipients were Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Anne Casperson, Joseph Martikonis, Ona Naureckas, and Bernice Papinik. Second Degree recipient was Vincas Norkaitis. Congratulations were extended to all with encouragement to work towards their next degree.

Permit me to share with you my feelings at the K of L Day Mass on St. Casimir's Day, Mar. 4, at Immaculate Conception Church. I was deeply moved; you see, it was the first K of L Day Mass I had participated in for many, many years, having just rejoined the K of L about two years ago, after an absence of too long. It brought back so many beautiful memories, particularly the choir. We used to sing at the K of L Day Masses then, and give concerts, just like the choir does now. So being part of this day, marching into church, participating in the Lithuanian Mass, and singing the Lithuanian hymns, made me very proud to be a K of L member.

Following the Mass, a very tasty brunch was served by the

C-36—C-112 Juniors. The program began with the presentation of the Third Degree to our own Sabina Klatt, past Pres. of our council. The Juniors, led by Faustas Strolia, rendered a program of songs which they had sung last summer in Toronto. Faustas then was presented with the "Man of the Year" award by the C-36—C-112 Juniors in appreciation of all of his hard work.

Highlight of the morning was the honoring of Mrs. Kazimiera Petrulis for fifty years of loyalty and dedication to the K of L. Al Brazis, IID Pres. presented Mrs. Petrulis with a special award, an amber brooch. She was also celebrating her birthday, diamond jubilee, therefore our council Pres. Vince Samaska presented her with an Honorary Membership and a beautiful bouquet of flowers for her birthday and her 50-year anniversary. The Seniors, represented by Clemente Vidzius, presented Mrs. Petrulis with a Vytis plaque. It was a great tribute to Kazimiera Petrulis for all her years of work, always there when needed, always willing to pitch in. God bless you, Kazimiera, we love you and wish you many, many more years. Only now we's like you to sit back and enjoy it and let us do the work. *Ilgiausiu metų, "bobasytė!"*

After an illness of several months, Tony Wallunas passed on to his eternal reward on Mar. 21. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Kay. Tony was active in many organizations, Darius—Girėnas American Legion Post 271, VFW Brighton Post 1569, K of L C-36, and the Living Rosary Club. Jovial, happy Tony will be

missed by all of us.

Antanas Brokevičius has recovered from several operations, is back to pretty good health, and was able to attend the St. Casimir Day Mass and brunch with us. Stay well!

Ruta

## C-112 — CHICAGO, ILL.

A Big Welcome to new council members Charles and Irene Macke, Vyto and Eleanor Shukis, and Charles Yerkes, who were all recruited by Council Membership Chm. Estelle Rogers at the IID's "Memories" Banquet. A belated "welcome back" to Dolores Ruplauskis who not only rejoined but became a Lifetime Member.

In mentioning the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet, we must congratulate all members who worked on the committee for this most successful event — Al Brazis, Irene Sankus, Estelle Rogers, Al Zakarka, Gerry Mack, Gerrie Mockus, Harry Petraitis, Monica Kasper, Eleanor Laurin, Whitey Evans, and Dr. Leonas Kriaučeliūnas.

The new Alderman of Chicago's 15th Ward (Marquette Park) is Frank Brady, who replaces Ken Jaksy. Both men are members of our council. Our congratulations and best wishes to Frank on his election.

Ritual Degrees were presented to deserving council members following our February meeting held in the K of L Bldg. Second Degrees were awarded to Albert Cekanor and Paul Binkis and a First Degree to Eleanor Kaspūtis. The IID Ritual Team is headed by Ruth Dągis and at the presentation she was assisted

by Al Zakarka and Al Dągis of our council.

Our council Pres. Al Zakarka, new Bldg. trustees Paul Binkis, and Board Pres. Al Mockus have been spending many evenings and Saturdays working on the decorating and improvement of the K of L Bldg. Keep up the good work, men!

Our Oktoberfest have been so successful, that another one, OKKTOBERFEST III, is planned for this year with Gerrie Mockus as Chairlady and John Chaplin agreeing to handle the Bar chairmanship.

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## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### C-135 — ANSONIA, CONN.

"Thy Will Be DONE." Ann Barauskas died on March 9. Ann was an organizer and charter member of our council, was our secretary for many years, and volunteered to be on any and all committees where her services and expertise could be used. She was a Fourth Degree member, and contributed greatly to the growth in membership of our council. She attended many affairs of other councils and was a delegate at many K of L Conventions. Ann was a nurse at Griffin Hospital until her retirement two years ago. She was the present Prefect of Our Lady's Guild of St.

Anthony's Church, and known for her eagerness to help anyone. Offering new ideas, working and helping out wherever she could, she was always doing something. She loved to travel. If she wasn't on a bus or plane, she was knitting. Ann had magic fingers with knitting needles. Most of the articles she made were donated to the Parish Fair, the Christmas Bazaar, or to friends, if they liked or admired what she was working on at the moment. Let us all remember Ann with our own memories, and never forget to ask the Lord to have mercy on the repose of her soul.

Our sympathies too, are extended to Helen Chepulis on the loss of her mother, Hattie Belconis, and to Howard Gyba on the loss of his brother, Walter. May they rest in peace.

Father Ray, our Spiritual Advisor, is back with us again after traveling on the long, hard road to recovery. With Father Ray's return, a controversy was started which will have no end. Did Fr. Ray miss his parishioners more than his parishioners missed him?

Father Paul, our former pastor, is back at St. Joseph's in Waterbury. He offered his first Mass there on Mar. 4 after a long convalescence following his accident.

Nellie Gumbulevich spent a few days at Griffin Hospital. That is all the time needed to make her well, and Nellie is back with us again.

Agnes Dillis celebrated her 85th birthday on Jan. 27 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Lil & Stan Twerian, with family and friends. Stay young, Agnes.

Our Council's Annual Communion Breakfast was held Mar. 4 after the 8 o'clock Mass. The breakfast was a success, as always, because of the efforts of co-chairmen Violat Brazitis and Jack Tyson, and with the able assistance of Lil Chaplik, Lil Twerian, Millie Briznus, Millie Stachowicz and Frances Barsevich.

Howard Gyba found something to occupy his leisure time. He is the new sexton for St. Anthony's. We know Howard will do a good job because that's the kind of man he is. Good Luck, Howard. We're all with you.

Plans are being made to run two concessions at our Parish Fair to be held June 2-3. The "Used but not abused" stand is one, and the other being considered is a "Grab Bag" stand. You're needed; be there.

The word is out. John & Ella Ellis will travel to Florida to pursue a new career for John. We heard there were try-outs in the Everglades Water Show. We will be awaiting the results.

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## C-10 — Athol — GARDNER, MASS.

Our council, with Rev. Justin Steponaitis, again this year sponsored the annual celebration of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence held on Feb. 4. Father Steponaitis celebrated the solemn High Mass in St. Francis Church and delivered the homily, giving an analogy on the colors of the Lithuanian flag and our roots. The Men's Choir of St. Casimir's Church, Worcester, under the direction of Zigmus Snars-



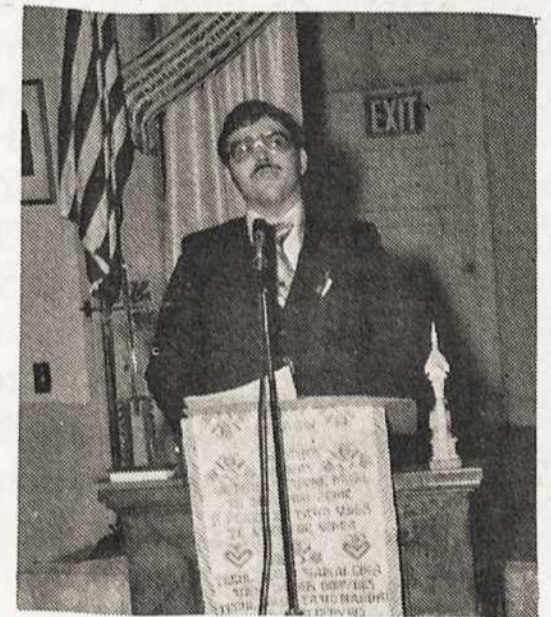
*St. Casimir's Men's Choir of Worcester, Mass. directed by Zigmus Snarskis.*



*C-10 Athol-Gardner, Mass. member Charles Genaitis reading Mayor's Proclamation designating Feb. 16th as "Republic of Lithuania Day" in Gardner.*

kiš, sang during services, and was accompanied by Olga Kersis. Bill Wisnauskas was the lector. The church was beautifully decorated in our national colors, the work of Father's excellent taste. Following Mass, brunch was served.

The activities resumed in the afternoon with more than 150 area residents in attendance. Hosts were Blanche & Charlie Genaitis. The program began with the singing of the hymns and the invocation was given by Rev. Anthony Miciunas of Worcester. Bill Wisnauskas served as M.C. The Men's Choir



*Guest speaker Edvardas Meilus, Jr. delivering address during Feb. 16th ceremonies in Gardner, Mass.*

again performed. Marytė Bizinkauskas sang several selections accompanied by her dad, Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas. Edvardas Meilus Jr. was the main speaker, giving an excellent talk on "Lithuanism and Our Youth Today." Charles Genaitis read a Proclamation issued by the Mayor of Gardner designating Feb. 16 as Republic of Lithuania Day in Gardner. The program came to a close with the singing of Marija, Marija.

Coffee and cake was served to the public, and our girls served an excellent buffet to the Choir and our K of L members.

The committee included Nell Melaika, Lennie Davidonis, Pauline Rogers, Tina Stas, Frank Anoris, Clara Zetkowsky, Mary Gauronsky, Blanche & Charlie Genaitis, the Rodski's, the Wisnauskas', the Perekslis', Gladys Narkevičius, Beatrice Richard, Helen Simkunas and Father Steponaitis. Without Father's untiring efforts, we would not have attempted the project, and for this, we are very grateful. The parishioners at St. Francis should really be most appreciative to him for all the extra's he gives his flock. Both daily newspapers carried nice write-ups on the celebration.

A special thank-you to ALICE Harasimovich for all the "Goodies" for our Feb. 16 program, even though she could not attend.

Condolences are extended to Clara Zetkowsky and family on the recent death of their beloved sister, Florence Kirby. Our members attended her wake.

Congratulations to Dick & Donna Genaitis on the birth of their second daughter. The grandparents are our own Blanche and Charlie, who now boast of 5 grandchildren.

Katherine Hasset has not been feeling well lately, and with Herb could not attend our Feb. 16 program. We all wish to well, Katherine.

Thank you, Father Jurgelaitis, for the excellent editorial on Pope Paul John II. With time, the historians will find the true identity of the Pope. He now is no longer Polish or Lithuanian but belongs to the entire Universal Church whom he has captivated by his kindness and gentle manner.

The month of May is being

dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. Let's all say an extra prayer, begging her intercession for the Lithuanian nation and her people.

Vincukas

### C-30 — WESTFIELD, MASS.

The following officers were elected for the year at our meeting held at St. Casimir's Church parlors: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Daniel R. Foley, Pres. Benedict Coach, Vice Pres. Aldona Kwapick, Secy. Nellie Lord, Treas. Helen ALEIX, Cultural Chm. Jean Duda, Lith. Affairs Chm. Marcia Rogers, Ritual Committee members Cookie Coach, Nellie Lord, Aldona Kwapick, and Scribe Louise Ranud.

At the Natl. Convention held in Syracuse, Cookie Coach and Helen Aleix received their Fourth Degree. Congratulations, girls.

One of our long and active members, Bernie Minkus, is home convalescing after a hospital stay. Bernie is usually taking pictures during our K of L affairs and also of the parish as well. He is a great photographer and it is always a pleasure to see his photos. We are glad to know that Bernie is doing fine, and we all hope for a quick and complete recovery.

Aldona Kwapick traveled to Arizona to see her new granddaughter. Congratulations, grandmother!

Donna Ranud was one of the four recipients to receive a \$250.00 scholarship from the N.E. District. we wish Donna much luck in the future.

Louise Ranud

### C-116 — WORCESTER, MASS.

Labas! We'll bring you up to date on the activities of our council on the hill.

A good representation of our workers participated at the N.E. Scholarship Cultural Festival which was held last October at Marionis Park in Shresbury, Mass. This is one of the most popular and well-attended affairs of the N.E. District. This year's Festival will take place Sept. 16. Tony Miner, Dotty March and daughter Linda, age 6, ALONG WITH Irene & Ted Tamulevich manned the "Lithuanian Boutique", which is one of the most requested attractions of the Festival. Also helping out was Ann Miller, who is always 'ready and willing', along with Dorothy Sinkavitch, who played "Bartender". If anyone is interested, Dottie makes a real 'mean' cocktail.

Our 2nd Annual Harvest Dinner Dance was again held at



the Lithuanian Naturalization Club on Nov. 4th. It turned to be a success again this year thanks to the tireless efforts of the Tamulevich's and the March's. Delicious Lithuanian food such as kugele, balandėles, dešras, Lithuanian cheese, and a long time Lithuanian favorite, ausukes, was served. The ausukes were all homemade by our very own members — who had never made them before and who never dreamed they could — Dotty March, Irene Tamulevich, Ann Yurkinas and Mary Mrozinski. Much help came from Mrs. Alytas of St. Casimir's Parish, who very graciously and generously opened her house to us and put up with us 'greenies'. Thanks also to Betty Kraunalis and Ann Hoey (the mayor's secretary) who aren't even members. After making approximately 7 clothesbaskets-full, our girls went home not able to think or look at another ausuke. But after receiving all those compliments, I'm sure the girls will agree that it was all well worth it!

We wonder if Carol Luikey is still up nites counting meatballs. Carol made all those (300 plus) delicious meatballs for the hors d'oeuvres table. We hope that by now Dotty March and Ann Yurkinas have finally mastered the "art of deviled eggs".

Our gracious hostesses, Helen Daltwas, Trudy Zibinskas, Mary Mrozinski, Ann Miller, and Irene Ostrowski, added their grace and charm to the affair. Our thanks, also to the husbands, Bart and Ed, who helped make this dance such a success. Without them, it wouldn't have been possible. We were again honored by the presence of our own Pastor, Fr. Volungis, and

our Mayor Early and his lovely wife, Rita. How nice of them. It was also nice to have K of L'ers from Providence, R.I. and C-25 of Worcester with us. Vytiškai ačiū visiems!

Our Annual Turkey Whist, which has always been a big success, was no exception this year, thanks again, to the March family. Also thanks to all those members who helped make this affair a success, the girls in the kitchen guided by Irene Tamulevich, the ticket sellers and the coffee servers. It was also good to have so many of our own members attend.

The Christmas Party was held at the Lithuanian Club in the Gintaro Kambarys (Amber Room). Everyone enjoyed Aldona Simakauskas' scrumptious buffet. Thanks also to Ed, who is Pres. of the Club, who made certain that the room would be ready in time for us to christen it with the Christmas Party. The ladies all looked lovely in their beautiful holiday dresses and added so much 'sparkle' to the evening.

We welcome back, Anne Matachinskis Kokernak. Ann is presently a teacher in Holden, Mass. Her lovely daughter is a student at Worcester Polytechnical Institute and her handsome son is presently a senior at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury.

Lietuviškos Bitės

## C-26 — WORCESTER, MASS.

At one time or another, members of an organization can get fed up with their duties. Too much to do, or lack of challenging activity, or perhaps a procrastinating committee, whatever

er the cause, the end result is usually the same: the yearning to say, "I quit!" But before you "think quit", consider the pros and cons. Recognizing that you have a lot to lose if you "quit" could lead to the realization that have a lot to gain if you "stay".

Marion Racicot's minstrel show solo of some years ago comes to mind, "It's a Most Unusual Day". Yes, it was just that! On Mar. 4 we honored Saint Casimir, patron of our parish, our school, our school's teaching Sisters, our Marian Fathers province and, of course, patron of our KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA. The 8:30 A.M. English Mass was celebrated, with appropriate homily, by the pastor, Father Anthony J. Miciunas, M.I.C., during which our council received Holy Communion en corpore. Following Mass, "coffee and" was served in the church hall without charge by a committee headed by Pres. Rita Pinkus and aided by Ruth and Leonard Ramsdell, Anne Bender, and Adele Degutis. Our spiritual director, Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, M.I.C., celebrated the 10 A.M. Lithuanian High Mass during which St. Casimir's Men's Choir rendered "Šventas Kazimierai" with pride and gusto!

Father Miciunas was the coordinator of a highly successful afternoon program wherein our patron was honored and the 85th anniversary of the parish was noted. Maironis Park at 1 P.M. found loyal parishioners and guests gathered together to enjoy the fine fare of Maironis Park's head cook, Mrs. Kausevičius. Following dinner, entertainment was provided by the

St. Casimir's Men's Choir (directed by Mr. Zigmantas Snarskis) and the "Žaibas" Folk Dance group (directed by Mrs. Irene Markevičius and Mrs. Nijolė Pranckevičius). A delightful presentation of song and verse was performed by the pupils of St. Casimir's School (directed by Sisters M. Aurelia and M. Berenice, S.S.C. and lay teachers, Mrs. Dorothy Seilius and Mrs. Glorian McCullough). Janet Ginkus, our member, joined her lovely voice and guitar with those of her pupil Carol Valinski in a lovely rendition of "O Lietuva, numylėta." Visiting clergy included Father Clement Kasinskas, C.P., Father Justin Steponaitis, and Father Albin Yankauskas.

Many K of L'ers offered talents for this parish celebration, among which were Anne Bender, Al & Dorothy Seilius, Francis & Adele Degutis, Ed & Wanda Lescord (their "Audra" was a "Star" in the school program!), Kazys Adomavičius (president of Maironis Park and accompanied by his wife Teresa), Anne & Steve Walinsky, Francis (Algis) Glodas, Rasa Grigaitis, and undoubtedly many more. Supporting the affair with their attendance included Rita & Ted Pinkus (Ted's just recently out of hospital and looking great!), Ann Bucinskas, Tony & Betty Tamalevich John & Ann Ridick, Mary Duggan, Eleanor & Ron Valinski (their daughter Carol was singer-guitarist), Tony Morkunas, Ann & Vyto Morkunas (their offspring were in the school chorus)... and many more. It was indeed a beautiful

representation. Yes, it was "A Most Unusual Day!"

Father Ben conducted the parish "Prayer Day for Persecuted Lithuania" services on Feb. 4 and reminded us that our Council's assigned day was set for May 2. Rita Pinkus also calls our attention to June 1, the date of our annual council picnic.

The pre-Lenten kugelė supper was its usual hit! Grating potatoes, preparing the mixture, baking and serving, were the usual "faithfuls," — Rita Pinkus, Ruth Ramsdell, Dorothy Seilius, Adele Degutis, Anne Walinsky and Anne Bander.

Our member Ruth Gadilauskas and Irena Tamulevich, Pres. of neighboring C-116, were both hospitalized in December and fully recovered before we even heard they were ill. We now voice a sincere "Thank God" that both girls have joined the ranks of the completely well.

A Lenten Supper of fish preceded our March meeting. Pres. Rita, with her own ideas and those of her membership, manages to keep our council activity flowing smoothly.

Prayerful remembrances of all mothers — living and dead — takes priority in the month of May... and Father Ben reminds us that daily May devotions will take place in our church throughout the month wherein we may pay homage to our heavenly Mother.

Baigsime dėl dabarties. Tadgi, su Diev, iki sekančio numerio!

Dzūkėlė



## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-100 —

### AMSTERDAM, N. Y.

In October, Mary & Jack Sweet celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and Regina & Leonard Harvigas observed their 25th. Both had large groups of friends attending their anniversary parties Mildred & John Whelley celebrated their anniversary in October, also. Ilgiausią metų! Our members wish the couples many long years of happiness and good health.

Four Syracuse members, Frank & Irene Petrauskas and John & Veronica Sutkus attended our Christmas Banquet on Dec. 10 at the Canterbury House. Natl. Trustee Isabelle McKinley and husband Milton made it from Ridgefield, N.J. Isabelle's relatives, Sadie & Lou Allen were present. Lou had been on our sick list a short while back. Matthew Orante and wife Isabel joined us in the festivities as well as Algis & Anella Dzekorius from So. Bethlehem, N.Y. We thank Fran DeBart and her crew who did an outstanding job. Polly Ziausys was the special attraction... she handed out beautiful mushroom cookies which took her many long hours to make. Santa Claus





(Mary Stanionis) was witty. Carols were sung with Fr. Baltch leading the group. Our thanks to all. Širdingai ačiū už skanią vakarienę ir už linksmą vakarą.

Though we had inclement weather on Jan. 8, a large group assembled in church to take part in the Lith. Mass celebrated by Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Our regular meeting followed in the Social Center. Regina Kot read a most informative article on the Baltic Sea which is 10,000 years old. It was brought to our attention that seals and porpoises can be found near Klaipėda and Palanga. 80% of the cod and herring caught by the fishermen (1/2 of the personnel is now Russian) is sent to Russia.

Pres. Radzevich welcomed Frances Barkevich Wolan into the organization. She, in turn, presented our council with a certificate in gratitude for our council's purchase of the Lithuanian flag for the 4th Ward Memorial. Frances is an officer of the 4th Ward Democratic Club and the Memorial is one of the club's projects.

Anthony Radzevich noted that Bernard Berenson's showing of his art collections of Italian painters of the Renaissance were to be shown on Jan. 21 at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Mr. Berenson was born in 1865 in the Lithuanian Russian Jewish Pale of settlement.

Annacetta Guzielek spent Thanksgiving week in Puerto Rico, and then she and Fran DiBart toured Egypt and Casablanca in January. Joe & Ginny Valikonis visited Ginny's sister in New Orleans, La. They really enjoyed the city, but their one regret was they didn't have

enough time to see everything.

Our council was deeply saddened with the loss of two members in the month of January. On Jan. 15, our Third Degree member, Matthew Kazlauskas, found peace with God. Matthew was one of the original members of our council, was a past pres. and vice-pres., and deeply devoted to the organization. To his wife Nancy, children Gloria, Lucy and Matthew Jr., to his grandchildren and relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy. The unexpected passing of member Eugene Dylong on Jan. 31 also brought its toll of sadness. We extend our condolences to his wife Helen and family. Amžina atilsį...

On Feb. 5 at St. Casimir's Church, members of the council attended the 7 P.M. Lith. Mass offered by Father Baltch for the intention of Matthew Kazlauskas. The business meeting followed. Pres. Radzevich requested everyone remain standing for a minute of silence in respect to the two deceased members, Matthew Kazlauskas and Eugene Dylong. Rev. Anthony Grigaitis recited prayers for their souls.

Regina Kot, co-chairlady of the Cultural Committee, read an article on the mineral resources in Lithuania which include building stone, lime stone, clay, gravel, and stone and gypsum. A poem written by Polly Ziausys was read in honor of Father Baltch's birthday. A cake and flowers were presented to him by the Refreshment Committee.

Missed at our February meeting was our treasurer, Sophie Olbie, who was recuperating from surgery. Due to the inclement weather we have had, Agnes Rokit took a spill on the

ice and is sporting a cast on her hand. We wish both girls a speedy recovery.

A very Happy Mother's Day to all mothers living, and a very special prayer for all those deceased.

Smile & Sparkle

## C-12 — NEW YORK, N.Y.

On the sixteenth day of February in 1918, Lithuanian intellectuals, representing all the people, unanimously proclaimed Lithuania's independence. Their action was endorsed by all nations. The date is reverently commemorated annually by every Lithuanian colony throughout the world.

In New York a high Mass was celebrated by Fr. George Gurinkas at Our Lady of Vilnius Church. Our members were well represented at this very special service.

There was a short but impressive program at the parish hall following Mass. It was directed by Helen Shields, who most certainly merited the standing ovation from all of us at the festivities conclusion. At the microphone Helen told us that the movement for independence was greatly aided by determined efforts of many groups of Lithuanians in the United States.

Bringing matters up to date, Mary York spoke about the total lack of human rights pertaining to children in Lithuania. Officials there discourage church attendance, ridicule those who do not heed their threats, and downgrade everything of a religious nature. Most of the subject matter was documented in Catholic church chronicals.

Barbara Yurkus wrote an interesting essay on the joys of being a Lithuanian, a member of a warm and friendly race of people. The excellent piece by the talented youngster was recited by her mother Helen.

Supreme Council Pres. Philip Skabeikis reminded us that in connection with the independence celebration, American bishops announced a special day of prayer throughout the United States for the oppressed people in Lithuania.

As a closing note about Lithuania, it is most interesting to learn that culture and higher education have been making great strides there. The medical profession is a case in point. Based on total population, proportionately, there are more doctors in Lithuania than there are in England or Sweden. This isn't speculation. My source is James S. Gregory's excellent book "Russian land, Soviet people" (page 501). Mr. Gregory, author and lecturer, is a professor at Furzedown College in London, England.

The Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church on St. Casimir's Day was impressive and meaningful. Celebrant was pastor emeritus George Gurinkas, and in reverent attendance were not only our K of L members but also the ladies of the Rosary Society and our loyal Portuguese parishioners. Thus the only saint with a Lithuanian background was honored here as he was in so many churches throughout the world. At the conclusion of the Mass, with organist Michael Cibas providing the accompaniment, we sang the Vyčią hymn.

The Communion breakfast was held at the parish hall that was named in honor of our pastor. As usual, the culinary expertise of the kitchen people drew favorable comment from the hungry diners, and the caterers did their job with military precision.

Many of our members attended the annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast at Scranton, Pa. This always is a banner day for the Mid-Atlantic people and draws Knights from many outlying areas. Highlights of this gathering that so impressed the visitors were the granting of degrees by His Excellency Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, the placing of the wreath in memory of deceased K of L members, and the blessing of the new District flag.

It seems that C-12 always has people on the move. Vincent Gendvilas crossed the Atlantic by boat, spent some time in Poland, went on to Lithuania, the Scandinavian countries, and finally some outpost near the Arctic Circle. He will be away about six months. The ever-traveling Anthony & Kazimiera Yacavonis are back home after visiting Paris, always a delight, especially in the Spring of the year.

Our membership Vice-pres. Walter Yurkus has been ailing. Hurry up and get well, Walt. We all miss you.

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### C-140 — SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Our Christmas Party was held Dec. 16. We attended Mass, celebrated by our Spiritual Advisor, Father Bernard Garst-

ka, and then feasted on a delicious covered-dish dinner which was prepared and served by our gals and chairpeople, Millie & George Waikness. Afterwards we exchanged gifts and held a short meeting. The rest of the evening was spent socializing. Most of our council members and a few guests were in attendance. It was a very nice turnout for a very nice party.

A short while before the celebration of Mass, Father Garstka administered the last rites to a young man whose car was smashed into by a speeding truck. The accident happened a half block from St. Stephen's. The man was killed and his new wife injured. We prayed for them during Mass. Unknown to us at that time, we later learned that the young man was a Lithuanian, David Goukas, a member of St. Joseph's parish in Binghamton. Our council requested a Mass in his honor at St. Joe's. We received a nice letter from David's family and another from the pastor of St. Joe's, Father Justin Grabowsky.

Jan. 19 was the date of our first meeting of the new year. Much business was conducted and plans for '79 were made and discussed. After the meeting hostess Marge Migonis treated us with some delicious goodies.

Our Independence Mass, Program and Party was held Feb. 17 with a nice group in attendance, despite a record 26 degrees below zero. The evening began with Mass celebrated by Father Garstka. Then hostess Cassie Stanley and the rest of the gals treated us to another delicious covered-dish dinner. Afterwards we discussed Lithuania, both

past and present.

It was good to have Marija Vizgaitis back with us. Marija had critical heart surgery. Later she developed serious complications which required more hospitalization. Slowly she is regaining her health and we pray that she will be fully recovered soon.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Mary Novak of Niagara Falls. Welcome, Mary.

Our thought for today: very person is rich or poor according to the proportion between his desires and his enjoyments.

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## C-74 — SCRANTON, PA.

A Lithuanian flag raising ceremony was held Feb. 16 at the Northeastern Bank Plaza, Scranton, in honor of the 61st Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. Rev. Joseph Akulonis, pastor of St. Michael's Lithuanian R.C. Church, was master of ceremonies. He gave the invocation and blessed the flag.

Rev. John Galenas spoke on the history of the flag and Lithuania. Father Akulonis spoke about the ideals of the K of L organization, and on Lithuanian history.

Andrew B. Leonard, chairman of Lithuanian Affairs, was assisted by Jean Kveragas. Jean made the flag with the help of Betty Hanaas.

Benediction was given by Father Akulonis. Ceremonies were concluded with the singing of the national anthems.

Eva Kazokas is president of our council which is associated with St. Joseph's Lith. Church, Scranton. Rev. Michael Ozalas is the spiritual advisor.

News of the ceremony was broadcast on eight radio stations, and one on color TV the same evening, shown twice. When the flag raising was shown, it was mentioned how Lithuania is being suppressed by Russia, and noted when it was taken over by the USSR.

Four days later, on Feb. 20, we were saddened to hear that Rev. John Galenas passed away suddenly at the age of 49. Services were held at St. Jo-

seph's Lith. Church, the parish in which he spent his youth. For a time, he was assigned there as assistant to the pastor. Though Father was Chaplain at St. Mary's Villa in Elmhurst, Pa., he worked with our council, and one of his fondest wishes was to initiate a K of L council in Elmhurst. Our sympathies are extended to his mother, Mrs. Ona Galenas, his relatives and many friends. Please remember Father in your prayers.

A.B. Leonard

## ANTHRACITE, PA. C-144

There is never a dull moment for the Anthracite council. Defying the snow, sleet and ice here, on the fringe of the Pocono Mts. where winters are quite severe, we plunged into one of our busiet seasons.

It all began Jan. 10 when several of our members traveled to Harrisburg to witness the signing of the official proclamation by Gov. Milton J. Shapp declaring Feb. 16 "Lithuanian Independence Day" in Pennsylvania. Then another trip was



*Participants at the Feb. 16th Lithuanian flag raising ceremony sponsored by C-74, Scranton, Pa.  
(Photo: Tony Kabillus)*

made to Harrisburg, led by Stanley Vaicaitis on Feb. 13, to present a program of songs and dances in observance of Lithuanian Independence Day. The four weeks between these two dates can be described only as hectic. Preparation for our performance at the State Capitol required many rehearsals. Unpredictable inclement weather necessitated cancellations and postponements. The telephone lines were buzzing. We all prayed a lot, especially for good weather on "L" Day. The good Lord answered our prayers, making the trip to Harrisburg most enjoyable. Our choral group deserves the highest praise for their unswerving loyalty and dedication to the cause of Lithuanianism. Driving in the foulest weather over treacherous ice-covered highways to attend rehearsals was really an act of heroism.

Mary Koons presented an hour long program on Feb. 11 of Lithuanian songs and music on radio station WPPA, Pottsville, Pa. to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day. As usual, Mary had a beautiful selection of many of the favorite folk songs. Between numbers, she explained the significance of this day to all Lithuanians, and described the present conditions in Lithuania.

The last phase of our observance took place in Frackville on Feb. 18, beginning with Mass at the Annunciation B.V.M. Church. The Mass was celebrated by the pastor and our spiritual advisor, Father Algimantas Bartkus and Monsignor Joseph Neverauskas. K of L members, dressed in colorful

native costumes, made a striking picture as they advanced toward the altar with their offertory gifts: the Cross, American and Lithuanian flags, a bunch of grapes, a loaf of home-made bread, wine and water. Bernice Mikatavage explained the significance of each gift as it was offered. During Mass, the choral group, directed by Stan Vaicaitis, sang Stasys Simkus' Mass and other Lithuanian hymns. At the conclusion of the Mass, the entire congregation joined in the singing of the Lithuanian anthem. Everyone was then invited to the church hall where they were welcome to visit the various cultural exhibits: weavings, straw ornaments, dolls, margučiai, wood carvings, juostos, wayside shrines, amber, books, etc. In the social rooms, tasty platters and home-made pastries were served all afternoon.

A special program began at 2 o'clock with a greeting by Fr. Al Bartkus. Pres. Ann Wargo also greeted the guests and read a brief history of the declaration of the Lith. Independence. This was followed by a fashion show of Lith. ethnic costumes, with Ann Wargo narrating. Albert Matunas, County Commissioner and a council member, read a county proclamation declaring Feb. 16 as Lith. Independence Day. The chorus sang several folk songs and the Jr. Knights delighted the audience with folk dances. An hour later the program was repeated for latecomers.

Chairlady for this special day was Helen Smulkstis of Frackville, ably assisted by the many of our members. They all can be proud of a job well done.

It was gratifying to see the church literally packed for the Lithuanian Mass and then such a large turnout in the parish hall. It was estimated that approximately 400 persons attended, including many people from neighboring towns and many visitors from Allentown, Harrisburg, and even from the state of New Jersey.

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SR. C-25 —  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Cleveland Seniors held their meeting on Feb. 18 and welcomed their officers for 1979: Pres. Stella Sankal, Vice Pres. Ignas Visockas, Secy. Mary Trainy, Fin. Secy. Kazimieras Gaizutis, Treas. Anthony Maciokas, Sgt. at Arms Antanas Bujokas.

Conspicuous by his absence was our Honorary Member Joseph Sadauskas. He was at home recuperating from another heart problem which caused him to spend several weeks in the hospital. It was with a heavy heart that we later learned that this very fine gentleman passed away on Feb. 27. He was truly a man so dedicated to our K of L organization; we will never see the likes of him again.

We were happy to have with us Charlotte Petkunas, who suffered a broken arm when she fell on the ice. Phyllis Petkunas is doing well after surgery on her leg. We hope to see you at our meetings soon.

We are glad to have a new member, Miss Helen Brazis, who is very energetic and will be an asset to our council. Welcome, Helen.

Birthdays greetings are extended to Charlotte Petkunas, Kazimiera Sadauskas, and Antanas Bujokas. A happy future to you all, with good health prevailing.

Several members are contemplating a trip to Dayton for the Mid-Central Dist. Convention in May.

Mrs. Zoruba was happy to have her son Peter pay her a visit from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He enjoyed the snow and cold weather "up north."

A tasty Lithuanian kugelė dinner is being planned to take place at St. George's Hall. Watch for the date.

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## C-25 — CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 16 at the Forge Restaurant was most delightful and was followed by a get-together and gift exchange at the Derus'. Thank you Ben & Grace for your hospitality, and Gene & Ursula for the dinner arrangements.

After the holidays and to get away from the post-holiday blues, Nellie Arunski spent month in St. Petersburg and neighboring areas, visiting family, friends, and having a nice chat with fellow Knight, Anthony Mazeika, who is a permanent

resident of the Sunshine State.

Congratulations to Adele Svet upon her retirement Jan. 31 after 37 years of faithful service at Ohio Medical Products. Another member joining the "Retirement Club" is Andy Skarnus who also retired in January after 38 years at Penn Central RR. We wish you both many happy, joyous, leisurely days, doing the things you always wanted to do but never had the time.

Thank you, Pete & Alvina Luiza, for hosting the January Bowling Social. Your new home and family room are most delightful.

Our February meeting was held at the home of Jim & Joan Thompson, and it was really fun to relax after the meeting. Thank you, Jim & Joan, for your hospitality, it was great!

Not only do Joan Thompson and Alvina Luiza work together as beauticians, they are also encouraging one another in the "Pounds Off Group" and are both looking very svelte. Keep up the good work, girls.

Our Feb. Bowling Social put the men out front with Jim Thompson rolling a 233 and a 586 Series, John Andrulis a 217, and Andy Skarnus a 204. Nellie Arunski had a high series of 422, and Joanne Shigo rolled a 179 High single game. Betty August rolled a triple 101 and also gets credit for making a 4-7-10 split. After the bowling session, the keglers met at the Lith. Comm. Center for a bite to eat and to console one another on their scores.

Former member William Smith is now a Cincinnati resident. His Cleveland office was closed in the Terminal Tower. Best of luck in your new

surroundings, Bill.

Alice & Ben Karklius enjoyed Feb.-March in Sunny Florida, and had a glorious vacation.

Chm. John Andrulis wishes to extend his thanks to all members who were baking and working at the PLPH Coffee Hour on Feb. 25. The "goodies" were delicious.

Congratulations and best wishes to those celebrating May birthdays — Nellis Samas (10), Alice Karklius (18), Gene Kunsitis (22), Helen Jakubs (28), and June felicitations to Joanne Shigo (7), Ben Karklius (12), Evelyn Andrulis (29), Andrew Palzes and Ruth Guzauskas (3). Another year older, another year wiser!

C-25 and the Lithuanian Community were saddened by the death of Honorary Member, Joseph V. Sadauskas, who passed away Feb. 27. Death was due to heart failure after several years of illness. Cleveland and the Knights will just not be the same without this dedicated man. We, who knew Joe for many, many years, will never forget him and his devotion to our organization. He truly lived for the Knights of Lithuania, God and his Country. We extend our deepest sympathy to his daughter Rose Ann and her husband Walter and their two children. It was an honor and privilege to know Joe. May his soul rest in peace

Ursula

## C-96 — DAYTON, OHIO

In the tradition of the Knights, our Regular and Jr. members celebrated St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 4. Continuing with tradition, the 8 o'clock Mass was dedicated to the living

and deceased members of the council with special remembrance of HM Juozas Sadauskas, C-25 Srs., Cleveland. With our Juniors serving and taking part as Offertory Bearers, 4th Degree Knights Stan Kavy did the readings, while George Mikalauskas was Lay Distributor.

Following Mass, a delicious buffet breakfast was served, which was prepared by Chairperson Elaine Pacovsky, her committee of Mary Lucas, Kitty Prasmantas, and Ada Sinkwitz, and her workers, Eugenia Gečas and Joe & Aldona Ryan. After the breakfast, So-Jr. Advisor Chris Mantz did a reading on the Life of St. Casimir. The Juniors then shared ideals of St. Casimir which each planned to use as guidelines in their lives.

Rounding out the morning was presentation of the First Degree Award to those members who completed their obligations this past year. We congratulate Audrey Blum, Helen & Karl Keivel, Anne & Bill Gitzinger, and Cecilia Lisankis. Presentations were made by Ritual Chm. Fran Petkus and Eloise Berczely.

To the Holy Cross Lithuanian Cultural Council, we extend a very sincere, hearty AČIŪ LABAI for the very special way the parish celebrated on Feb. 25 the 61st Anniversary of the Proclamation of Lithuania's Independence. With over eleven hundred people filling the Victory Theatre in downtown Dayton, the sounds of the Čiurlionis Ensemble of Cleveland, under the direction of Mr. Alfonsas Mikulskis, filled the theatre to the pleasure of all!

Mistress of Ceremonies Mrs.

Aldona Ryan set the mood of the day with expertise. Guest speaker commemorating this special occasion was Mr. Horace Žibas of Cincinnati. Proclamations were read by Dayton's Mayor James McGee, Congressman Tony Hall, and Ohio State Senator Charles Curran. A buffet supper followed at the Lithuanian Hall enabling Daytonians to meet the members of the Čiurlionis Ensemble. It was a most memorable day!

Recently in the Dayton area, a local station carried a CBS special report updating conditions in Lithuania today. CBS reporter Bernard Redmont did the story. It certainly was informative. Hopefully, you have written your local station, CBS, and Mr. Redmont, thanking them. This is one sure way of encouraging coverage of Lithuania and her people.

We would like to thank Scholarship Chm. Walt Svekla for the interesting article he wrote for the Feb. VYTIS about our council member George Mikalauskas and the Shrine George designed and constructed. Many of George's Shrines are found in the Dayton and Cleveland areas.

Congratulations to Eleanor Mantz for her BIG WIN in the Ohio State Instant Lottery. Eleanor and Ada Sinkwitz each had a fine letter printed in "Letters to the Editor" of each of our local papers (two) in regard to Lithuania and her plight. Congratulations to Michael F. Petkus upon his engagement to Ann Marie Kazmirski of Syracuse, N.Y.

It is good to see Mary Ann Blum now walking normally after spraining her ankle at the

Victory Theatre. Get-well prayers are sent to Pete Petkus of Hialeah, Fla., Marie Preidis, and Alice Petkus.

Enjoying the warmth of sunny Florida were many members — Alice, Mike & Mary Petkus, Stan & Ida Kavy, Al & Albina Wallis, John & Anne Scott, and Sally & Annadel Miller. As a birthday gift from her husband John, Joyce Berczely and 16-mo. Amy spent a week in Tampa. Ann Desko is enjoying her over-three-months stay in Hawaii in spite of all the rains.

Our district was saddened on hearing of the death of HM Juozas Sadauskas. Our very deepest sympathies are extended to Mr. Sadauskas' daughter, Rose Ann, family and friends. Mr. Sadauskas' dedication to the Knights, a member for over sixty years, is certainly an inspiration to all of us. His sincerity to the Knight's motto "For God and Country" is an example to follow. It was so good to have shared with the Knights at the Nat'l Convention in Providence, 1977, the standing ovation given to Mr. Sadauskas by all the delegates and guests. HM Mary Lucas, Fran Petkus and Helen Vaitkus were able to represent our council at his funeral in Cleveland. Eternal Rest grant unto him, o. Lord.

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## C-79 — SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

Hurry up, Summer! We really don't have to go into detail about our record-breaking cold weather. It was a season of "harvesting" ice. Of course, it is not every February that four of the Great Lakes of Michigan

freeze simultaneously. Compared to some, though, we've been lucky and managed to escape the blizzards that had plagued Chicago and other parts of the country.

We need diversions now to distract us from an endless panorama of snow. In the planning stages are a Family Day Picnic and the Fall Festival.

The Lithuanian Independence Day observance was held Feb. 11 in Divine Prov. Cultural Center. Our membership participation was rather slim, perhaps due to the flu outbreak that hit many of our people. Nevertheless, Tony Dainus was there and marched into church with our K of L flag, along with others. Then Mike Vale did the honors by carrying the flag into the Cultural Center in participation of the program. Featured speakers were U.S. Congressman James J. Blanchard, and Antanas Kučys, Editor of "Varpas". Among greetings received were from Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton, Ass't Bishop — West Region. The Šilainė musical group concluded the program.

Our membership attendance for the Feb. 7 meeting was also rather limited due to the illness of some of our members. Among those were Cultural Chm. Stella Hotra confined with a broken wrist, and Catholic Actions Chm. Helen Tucker stricken with the flu bug. For those who came to the meeting there was a Valentine's Day social. Jean Yakstys brought in a large, decorative cake, and Sophie Zager had other varieties of goodies for the members. Kudos to Geo. Kase for making the coffee.

Congratulations to Rev. Father Babonas, our former Spiritual Advisor, who has been appointed Pastor of St. Anthony's Lithuanian Parish in Detroit. He was formerly administrator of Divine Providence Church.

Our condolences to Helen Mykolaitis & family upon the loss of her dear mother, Kungunda Dailyda, on Feb. 19.

After much sadness and sorrow in the Panavas family the past year, they were able to shed their "subdued" feelings for the festivities of their son, David, whose marriage took place to Merry Jo Baumgartner on Feb. 10. It was a beautiful wedding, and congratulations to the happy couple and parents.

Continuing to make news in the Detroit News are Julie Belickas and her brother, Anthony Dainus. Under the heading of "Lithuania", Tony had some informative comments on the Atlantic Charter at Yalta, — how four, tricky words gave "wily Stalin a free hand after the war, and he grabbed right and left."

"Grabbing" diplomas is Julia Medinis for such fetes as dancing, karate, cooking, meal-

planning, and current events in the Senior Citizens' club.

Too rapidly, we are losing our members, either claimed in death, or moving away. We regret the loss of our member, Vincenta Marozas, mother of Eleanor Mickey. The twosome were inseparable, and our sympathy is extended to the Mickey family. In her early years, Vincenta was quite active

At one time she made and sewed approx. 20 prs. of pillow-cases for table prizes for a Goodwill Industries' Fashion Show. She helped "Behind the scenes" wherever there was need. Her pleasant personality was set off by her spunlike silvery hair. Vincenta had an appreciation of old days, old times, but best of all, old friends. Her determination in life for unity and integrity was admirable.

Since the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother, we pray through Mary's intercession that the Lord will grant the fullness of Eternal Life to Vincenta, and all other deceased mothers of our council. Amžina Ramybe. To all the living mothers, we wish them good health, happiness, and a Happy Mother's Day!

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## CATHOLIC LEAGUE DESERVES YOUR HELP

At the annual communion breakfast of Council 29, Newark, Rev. Dr. Robert Grady of Seton Hall University spoke of the **Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights**, which seeks to further the Catholic cause and fights discrimination against Catholics. The organization publishes "The Catholic League Newsletter", 1100 W. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53233, and Knights are urged to send a contribution of \$10.00 or more to further their wonderful work in fighting prejudice against the Catholic Church. This newsletter is published monthly, and documents attacks against our faith throughout the country.

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