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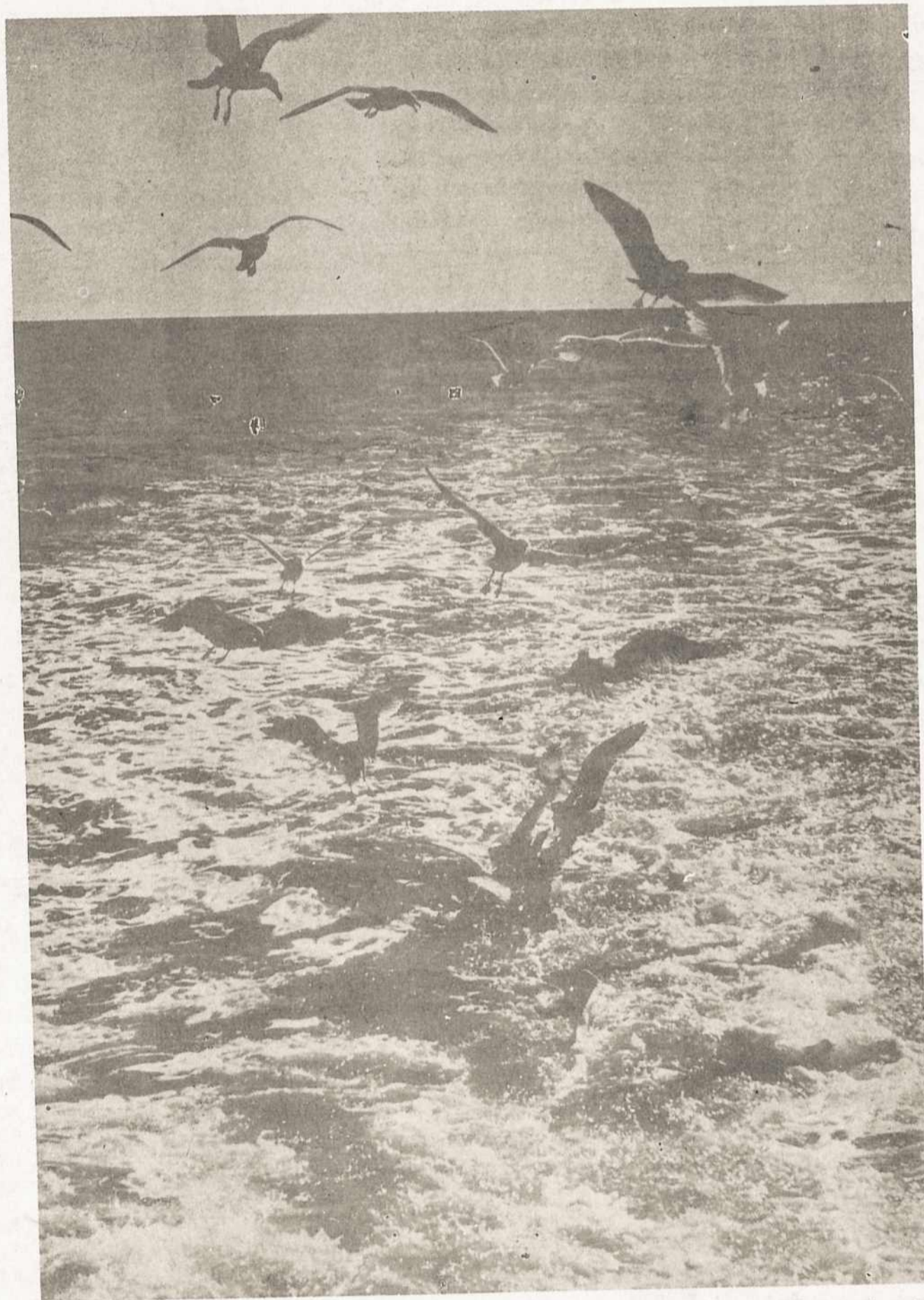


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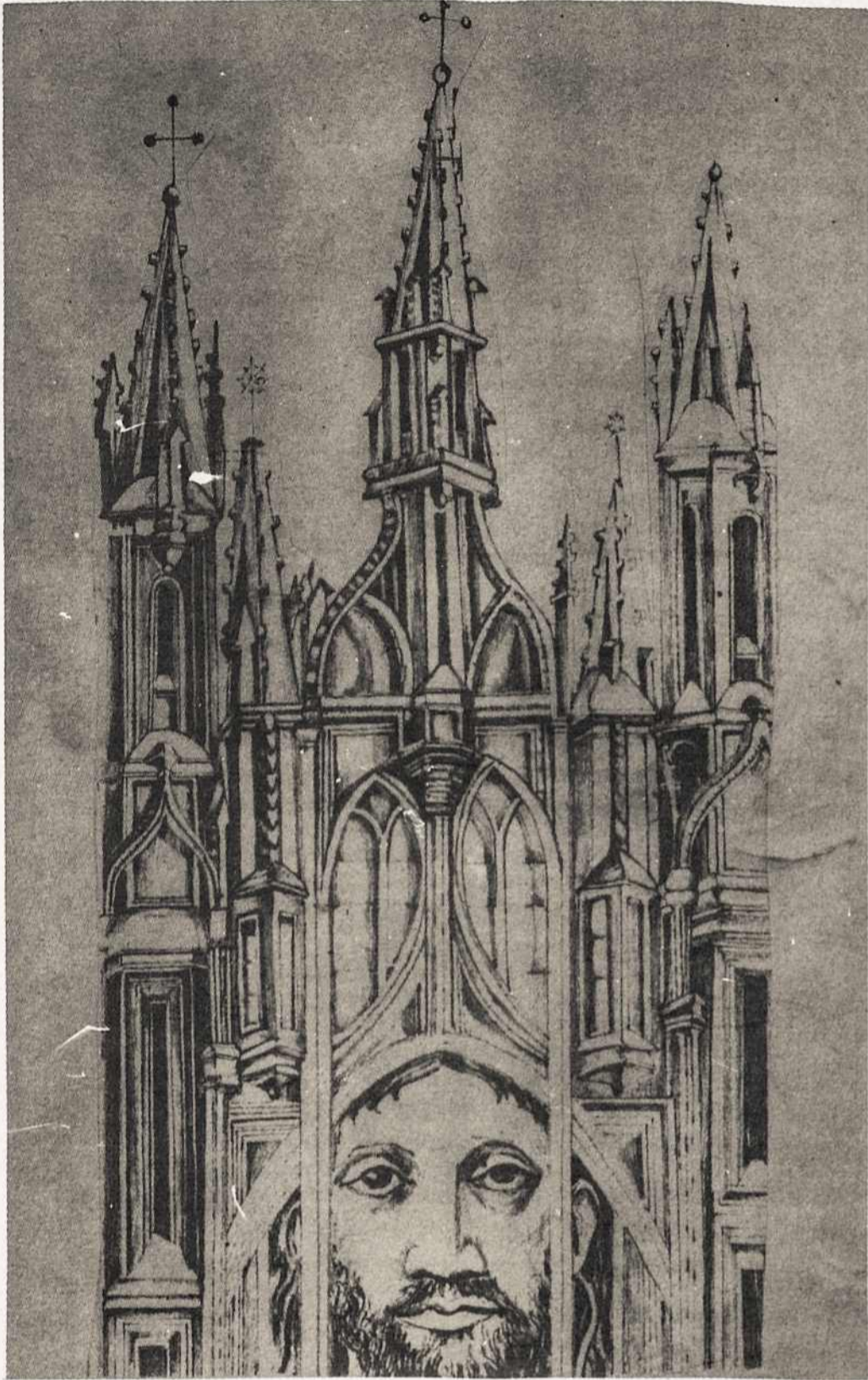
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WE ARE NOT ALONE ... THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA ARE WITH US.

"WE ARE NOT ALONE"... So opens the preface to issue no. 37 of the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania". And, as a historic "first", the Knights of Lithuania are mentioned prominently in this Chronicle, with an expression of gratitude for our prayers and our work in bringing their cause before the public eye. These few words seem to suddenly prove that all our Lithuanian Affairs effort are not in vain! The text follows...

"God is our protection and our strength..." (Ps. 45.2)
 "In spite of decades of persecution, we, the Catholics of Lithuania, are adequately strong and determined in the battle for God, the Church's survival, and the basic human rights. We are strong because we are not alone, -- God is our protection and our strength. With

us, the "Eastern Pope" speaks with the Silent Church's lips, and has offered "half of his heart" to Lithuania's persecuted and fighting church. We are strengthened by the flow of news from Vatican Radio -- Our suffering and our battles find a constantly growing echo in the world.

Thus, Bishop Thomas Kelley, General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops of the U.S.A., in response to a resolution and request of the Knights of Lithuania (praise to our Lithuanian youth in the free world), designated Feb. 11 as a day of prayer for Lithuania.

Therefore, we, the Catholics of Lithuania, in the name of the Church and Country, sincerely thank the Bishops of the United States, the faithful, and all people of good will whose efforts are not even known, for their help and good words. We especially thank the people of the United States, and Vatican radio for spreading the word of the Knights of Lithuania resolution to the world in many languages.

May God repay all who do good. And we, in our own way, will continue to fight for our faith fearlessly, so that one day soon, Christ again reign in our Motherland.

The Catholics of Lithuania

DIEVAS MŪSŲ PRIEGLAUDA IR STIPRYBĖ

(Ps. 45.2)

Nežiūrint dešimtmečiais užsitęsusių persekiojimų, mes, Lietuvos katalikai, esame pakankamai stiprūs ir ryžtingi kovoje už Dievą, Bažnyčios gyvybinę egzistenciją ir pagrindines žmogaus teises. Mes stiprūs, nes nevieni, - Dievas mūsų prieglauda ir stiprybė! Su mumis "Rytų Popiežius", kalba su tylinčios bažnyčios lūpomis, o Lietuvos persekiojimai ir kovojančiai bažnyčiai paskyręs pusę širdies. Mus stiprina Vatikano radijas vis naujomis žiniomis, - mūsų skausmas ir kova randa vis platesnį atgarsį pasaulyje. Štai JAV vyskupų generalinis sekretorius vysk. Tomas Kelly, išgirdęs Amerikos Lietuvos Vyčių prašymą (garbė mūsų jaunimui išseivijoje!), paskelbė vasario 11-ją maldos diena už Lietuvą.

Todėl mes, Lietuvos katalikai, Bažnyčios ir Tėvynės vardu širdingai dėkojame už maldą ir gerą žodį JAV vyskupams, kunigams, tikintiesiems ir visiems geros valios žmonėms, apie kurių pastangas galbūt ir nežinome. Dėkojame JAV valdžios žmonėms ir Vatikano radijui, perdavusiam Lietuvos Vyčių atsišaukimą į pasaulį įvairiomis kalbomis.

Tegul Dievas atlygina visiems darantiems gera! O mes savo ruožtu, ir toliau ištvėringai kovosime, siekdami, kad Kristus viešpatautų mūsų tėvynėje.

Lietuvos katalikai

THE TRANSMOGRIFICATION OF THE VYTIS

Algirdas Budreckis

Transmogrification?! Yes! It sounds terrible, doesn't it? The eighth edition of Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines "transmogrify" as: "to change or alter greatly and often with grotesque or humorous effect". Designers and artists have been distorting the Lithuanian Coat of Arms, the Vytis, for the past thirty years. The results have been grotesque or humorous.

One has merely to glance at organizational letterheads, book covers or magazine covers or background props at Lithuanian public meetings to see transmogrification at work. In place of recognizable, heraldic symbols of Lithuanian statehood, we see carousel figures, white spiders or abstract splotches of white haphazardly applied to crimson backgrounds. Are these distortions designed to instill national pride and positive feelings about Lithuanianism?

The American Eagle of the Great Seal of the United States has undergone some popular changes, yet there can be no mistaking the symbol of the "bald eagle". Although the "Black Eagle" of West Germany is not as ornate as that of the imperial Hohenzollerns, it is still a heraldic figure. Communist Poland and Communist Czechoslovakia have removed the regal crowns from their respective Eagle and Lion symbols, yet the White Eagle and Heraldic Lion are still recognizable. Exile Latvians still take patient care to reproduce faithfully the Griffin and Lion on their Coat of Arms.

And yet we Lithuanians try to outdo each other in distorting the White Knight charging with uplifted sword. Organizations, con-



gresses and commemorations seem to compete with one another to see which group could distort the Vytis in some new manner. By transmogrifying a primary symbol we quicken the diminution of national awareness and pride among Lithuanians. These pitiful caricatures are expressions of subconscious self-depreciation and lack of self-esteem.

Any Lithuanian worth his salt should want to be proud of his nation's long tradition of statehood - a fact which enemies have persistently sought to cast into oblivion. A national symbol should inspire national pride, patriotism

and should exhort lofty thoughts and deeds.

State seals or emblems are usually heraldic in design. Heraldry lends pageantry, dignity, solemnity, and majestic splendor to a symbol. The Lithuanian White Knight with raised sword and shield with the Cross of Lorraine embossed thereon, mounted on a white charger with flowing bear-skin under mantle meets all of the requirements of classical heraldic design. It inspires a sense of history and stateliness.

But what does a transmogrified white spider or thingamajig inspire?

A MOTHER LOOKS AT THE YEAR OF THE CHILD

The television was playing to an empty room, again. John had gone out-of-doors to play, and the baby was sleeping dreamlessly in the playpen. My finger, poised on the off-switch, was arrested by the sight of yet another major personality speaking on behalf of the United Nations *International Year of the Child*. The voice on the TV spoke of starvation and disease, and every imaginable sort of physical deprivation. I flicked the button and the image faded, but I was left with a strange sense of disquiet. The message told a poignant story, which would surely generate sympathy and financial support from caring people all over the world. But somehow, there was something missing, something unsaid which

was just as vital to the lives of children as food, clothing and shelter. Elizabeth stirred in her sleep, and I remembered a day just several months before.

It was late winter, and we were bringing our second child to church to be baptized. We were greeted at the doors of the church by friends and parishioners as we entered to attend Mass together for the first time as a family of four. Our pride was evident as we carried this much loved daughter to the baptismal font, her aunt and uncles, and her older brother in attendance. It was an important day in our lives, and our family and friends joined us in our celebration.

Returning to the present, my eyes flickered over the neat row of pamphlets on the bookshelf, the *Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania*, and I remembered an incident . . .



It was evening and Juozas Mockus was bringing a sick baby to be baptized at the Žaiginiai church with his horse and wagon. When the parents left the church after the christening, the wagon was missing. After searching, the wagon was found in the yard of Party Secretary Vincas Montvila. Despite the requests of the men, and the mother's tears, Montvila unharnessed the horse and refused to return it, citing the christening as the reason. On this dark, rainy night, the poor people with a sick baby were forced to walk home, five kilometers over a muddy road. Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, No. 21.

John called to me from the yard with his latest discovery, chasing the people of the *Chronicle* from the forefront of my mind. The day continued in its usual frenetic pace. The relative peace of naptime was shattered by the ringing of the telephone, offering another "once in a life-time opportunity" to have my children photographed. I declined as I thought of the professional sitting we had arranged for last week, the children groomed and proud, the photographer arriving on time . . .

On an afternoon in October, in the city of Kaunas, a group of

children gathered at the home of Genė Žukauskaitė to pick up their First Communion photographs. Presently, a member of the Security Police and four Party members arrived at her residence, confiscating many of the First Communion photographs, and taking down the names and addresses of the children, and the schools which they attended. The children and their parents were terrorized, the children humiliated at school, and the parents reprimanded. Miss Žukauskaitė has been interrogated several times. Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, No. 14. -

They were with me now, these people from the *Chronicle* who tried so hard to live the life that I took for granted each day. The life of my son, who nightly thanks God for his day, and proudly greets priest and parishioners each Sunday outside of church stands in sharp contrast to the life of a nameless child in *Chronicle* No. 26. His announcement in school that his mother had bought him a catechism incited his teacher to threaten at a parents' meeting that she would do everything possible to make their children grow up as atheists.

Suddenly, the *Year of the Child* became real to me. Children like mine, in Lithuania, are the day to day victims of a spiritual starvation, all the more frightening because it shows no external scars. Like most of my Lithuanian acquaintances, I had been concerned for several years with the cases of Nijolė Sadūnaitė, Sergei Kovalev, Ona Pranckūnaitė, and lately with Viktoras Petkus and Balys Gajauskas, Modern day heroes and heroines, they excited my concern, and I worked on their behalf. But they were somehow always larger than life to me.

This is different. The children of the *Chronicle* are real. They wear the faces of my own son and daughter, my niece, my nephew. They are my godson, the children in

the neighborhood, the children I used to teach. They are the children who must attend school on Christmas, or risk punishment, while our children tear open gifts and marvel at the manger set up in the snow in front of the church. They are the children who are caricatured and mocked on school bulletin boards for going to Mass, or singing in the church choir, or wearing a religious medal, while our children don their uniforms for another day of classes at the local parochial school.

They are the children of Lithuania, grown to understand the consequences of their world long before their counterparts in the United States have outgrown the pleasant world of Sesame Street and Walt Disney. They are ours . . . by blood, by culture and by belief.

They need us, our children of Lithuania. They live at the core of our struggle for human rights in Lithuania today. Our prayers, our

letters to elected officials in support of human rights, our donations to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid appeal can help them, and their parents. They are not alone.

On Sunday, our family of four will go to church together. There will be children serving Mass, children receiving Communion with their parents. No one will take our names, or threaten my husband with the loss of his job. The family cycles will go on. It will be easy to forget the children of Lithuania. But in the *Year of the Child* we are forced to remember, and to care.

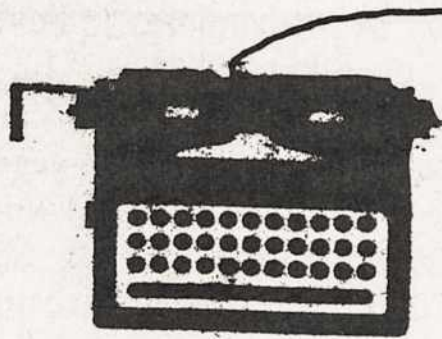
—A Knights of Lithuania Mother



Ed. Note:

For What you can do,
see page 8





We get letters...

Dear Loretta,

Both Sister Verna and I thank you for the tasteful layout of Father Clement Kasinskas homily preached on the occasion of our Jubilee celebration.

The picture of the Immaculate Heart of Mary immediately catches the eye, while the picture of the group of Sisters arouses one's curiosity.

Gratefully in Jesus,
Sister Virginia C.J.C.

DEAR EDITOR,

After reading Juozo Bulevičiaus article on the official K of L flag, (Kur Oficialioji Vėliava?), Vytis, March 1979, it becomes very difficult to understand by what authority the Supreme Council, or some less august body, has seen fit to ignore the guidelines set down at a previous Convention and use as official a flag for the K of L of its own choosing.

Leafing through the annals of the K of L (Lietuvos Vyčiai Amerikoje), it becomes evident that the question of a K of L flag was first introduced at the 1916 Convention in Wilkes Barre, PA. Here it was decided that the colors of the K of L flag be white, green and red. Because these were difficult war years and more pressing problems took precedence, the flag never materialized. In 1917 at the Convention in Brooklyn, the colors of the proposed K of L flag were rearranged with red on top, white in the center and green at the bottom. A knight astride a horse was depicted in the center at the white bar on one side of the flag and St. Casimir on the other side. Again, because of difficult times, or for other unknown reasons, the flag was never made. It took til 1945,

when the Ritual Committee, chaired by Joseph Bulevičius (Boley), decided it was high time to finalize the flag project begun in 1916. Lithuanian artists were invited to present their original designs and from among them the Ritual Committee selected the work of J. Subačius of Brooklyn, NY as the most fitting and meaningful. The chosen design was presented to the 32nd Convention in Cicero, IL for its consideration and final approval. After studying the design and the colors and after becoming familiar with the symbolism of the items depicted in the flag, the Convention resolved to accept the Committee's selection and declared it to be the official flag of the K of L.

The flag was to be of unbleached homespun linen. In the center of the flag there was a large wreath surrounded on top by KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA in Gothic letters and below the wreath appeared branches of green rue, tied with a narrow yellowish ribbon on which appeared the words of the K of L hymn: "Ei, vyčiai, gyvenam Tautai ir Bažnyčiai". the rue branches were joined at the center by a shield on which the unit title (Supreme Council) or council number and city could be represented. To this day, this is the official flag of the K of L, so decreed by the K of L 32nd annual Convention of 1945 in Cicero, IL. No authority, including the Supreme Council, other than another Convention can alter this decree. The fact that an error has occurred does not give another design any right to pretend to officially represent the K of L. I submit there are but two alternatives: first, scrap any flag claiming to be the official flag of the K of L if it does not conform completely

with the design accepted by the 32nd Convention; secondly, at a subsequent Convention and through proper legal procedure void the decision of the 32nd Convention and adopt a new flag. Other better versed in parliamentary law and legal procedures may suggest other possibilities. In any event, the problem should not be ignored.

Stanley P. Vaičaitis
Cultural Chairman

Dear Editor,

Each month I anxiously wait for my copy of Vytis. The past three or four copies have been very interesting because they contained several articles in the Lithuanian language. This is fantastic.

I am delighted to discover that more and more K of L'ers are using and show an interest in the Lithuanian language. I publicly express my gratitude to Mr. Stanley Vaicaitis who writes such informative, educational, and sometimes humorous articles. These are so very well suited to our everyday life. I bow my head to him.

And now I wish to give some criticism, or better yet a suggestion. Our motto is for "God and Country". While reading the Council Activities, (which usually take up 5 or 6 pages) I get the impression that our councils are doing a great job socially; they sponsor dances, picnics, dinners, bowling tournaments, etc. Very few councils commemorate Lithuanian national holidays, (for example Feb. 16) religious holidays, (except St. Casimir) and many other Lithuanian affairs activities. There are so many of them, but so few interested workers.

It is so boring to read at the end of May, that "Santa Claus" visited one council in the Mid-west; that Mr. & Mrs. X spent their winter vacation in Hawaii, Europe, or the Carribean Islands; that a son was born to a K of L couple. I feel that such personal through pleasant news should be printed in the council bulletins, NOT in the Vytis.

All of us belong to a great K of L organization. We are the sons and daughters of a great and proud nation. Is it not time for us to spend our energies for a Lithuanian cause, a religious activity, etc.? After all, we joined the Knights of Lithuania organization, NOT some social club.

Dear Knights, am I wrong?

Leonora Balten
Council Three
Philadelphia

Ed. Note:

"Here, Here!"

Ėerb. p. redaktore,

Kas mėnesį labai laikiu Vyties žurnalo. Paskutiniai keli numeriai ypatingai labai patiko, nes ten radau keturis, penkis ar net šešis lietuvių kalba rašytus straipsnius. Stebėtinai dalykas.

Džiaugiuosi kad Vyčiai vis daugiau ir daugiau pradeda domėtis ir vartoti lietuvių kalbą. Viešai dėkoju ponui Stasiui Vaičiūčiui, kuris taip įdomiai, kartais pamokomai, kartais juokingai, savo rašinėlius pritaiko šių dienų gyvenimui. Lenkiu jam galvą.

Dabar šiek tiek kritikos, gal geriau pasakius pasiūlymo. Mūsų obalsis—„Tautai ir Bažnyčiai!“ Skaitant Vyčių Veiklą, kuri užima 5 ar 6 lapus, gaunu išvadą kad mūsų kuopos puikiai atlieka pasilinksmimo, arba pramogos darbą. — šokiai, gegužinės, vakaronės, kėgliaavimo varžybos ir t. t. Reta kuopa pamini Lietuvos Tautos šventes (pav. Vasario 16) religines šventes.

(išskyrus Šv. Kazimierą) ir bendrai lietuviškų reikalų darbus. Jų yra daugybė, o darbuotojų labai mažai.

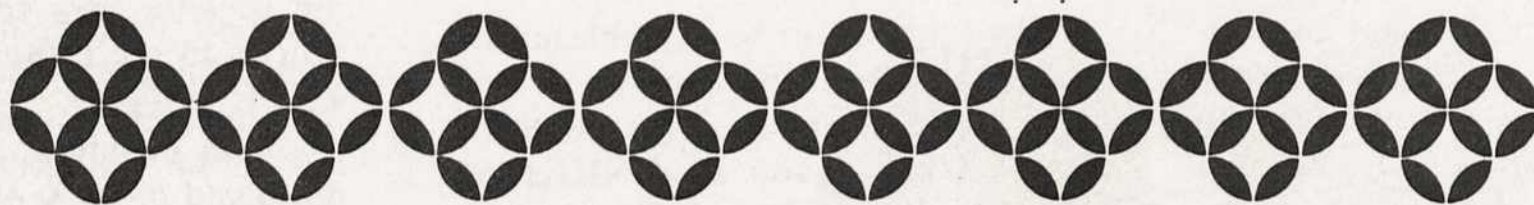
Labai neįdomu skaityti gegužės mėnesio pabaigoj kad vieną kuopą vakaruose aplankė „Kalėdų Senelis“. Kad ponas ir ponija X atostogavo Havajuose, Europoje arba Karybų Salose. Arba kad Vyčių porai gimė sūnelis.

Mano nuomone tokios asmeniškos kad ir malonios žinutės turėtų būti rašomos kuopų laikraščeliuose, bet NE organizacijos žurnale.

Visi priklausom garbingai Vyčių organizacijai, esam garbingos tautos sūnūs ir dukros, argi nelaikas pašvesti mūsų laiką rimtesniems reikalams? Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija negali tapti kokiu nors socialiniu klubu.

Mieli Vyčiai, ar aš klaidingai galvoju?

Leonora Balten
Trečia Kuopa
Philadelphia.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

[from Year of the child, p. 6]

Ask for help from . . .

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Ambassador Andrew Young
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
799 UN Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017

Protest to . . .

President Leonid Brezhnev
The Kremlin
Moscow U.S.S.R.

Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin
Soviet Embassy
1125 16 St. NW
Washington D.C. 20036

For the pamphlet, "Child Abuse in Lithuania" or to contribute, send to . . .

Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid,
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Brooklyn, New York 11207

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League of America
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Brooklyn, New York 11207

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From the President's desk...

A REPORT ON HIS WASHINGTON, D.C. VISIT

May 30, 1979

One of the crucial phases for the Administration of Jimmy Carter is the SALT II final negotiation, the Vienna signing and the struggle for its Senate ratification. In an attempt to stem at least some of the tide of rising opposition, the Carter Administration launched a multi-phase approach to win wider "grass roots" support for Salt II. The hope was, that by winning approval of the general votership, pressure in favor of ratification could be brought to bear upon the Senate, already starkly divided on the issue.

A series of White House Briefings were hosted this past spring. They were prefaced by formal breakfast, or luncheons in the White House Dining Hall. Your President representing the Knights of Lithuania, was invited to and attended the **Breakfast Briefing on May 30th**

Following breakfast, President Carter, appearing both tired and concerned, welcomed the 50 or so guests. He spoke frankly of the purpose for the briefing and about his belief in the value of SALT II. He was quick to note that the treaty in no way a panacea. The ideological "cold war" with its arsenal of propoganda weapons would continue in earnest. He stressed his belief that an ideology based on coercion, was doomed to defeat in such a struggle. The President did feel that SALT II would end the dangerous spiral of nuclear arms buildup and create a framework within which further negotiations could be pursued.

Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Special Advisor on Foreign Affairs, followed the President with a lucid presentation of more of SALT II's nuts and bolts. He was ably assisted by audio visual aids and technical advisors from the Defense Department.

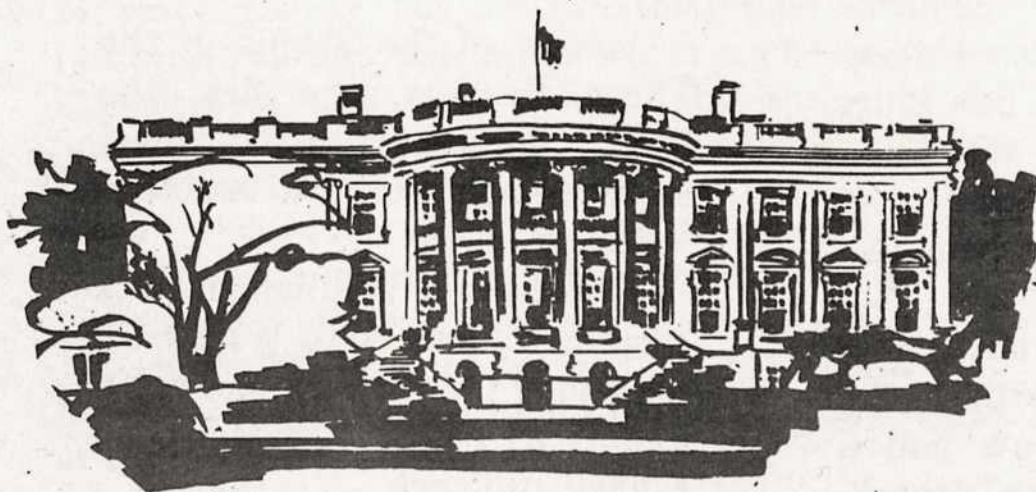
In a nutshell, those present witnessed a well orchestrated and brilliantly delivered presentation of the Administration view.

The guests gathered there that morning, represented segments of American society that are viewed as particularly interested in and wary of US policy regarding the Soviet Union. There are few if any K of L Conventions that do not include some Resolution to the President or other branch of Government. Our nationwide network of Lithuanian Affairs workers have bombarded the White House and State Department on numerous issues over the years. The K of L is therefore seen as just a special interest group. Earlier and later briefings included other Lithuanian leaders, as well.

Our National Constitution exhorts us to practice American citizenship and to participate in public affairs at all levels. I do urge K of Lers, to become familiar with SALT II and then to express your feelings, pro or con, to your respective Senators.

During that morning I had the fortunate opportunity to exchange views with and speak up the K of L to such diverse men as former Secretary of State William Rogers, the President of the Polish National Alliance and Ukrainian American Conference and the Sons of Italy, as well as White House Staff member Victoria Mongiardo, who as a Catholic ethnic, was particularly interested in the K of L.

One of this past year's gratifying developments was the issuance by the National Catholic Conference of Bishops, of a Day of Prayer Memorandum for Catholics in Lithuania on Feb. 12, 1979. This Memorandum was sent to all US Bishops. From the reports I have received, the numbers of Lithuanian American parishes that mentioned Lithuania from the pulpit that day appear legion... It also received generous coverage in local and national Catholic press.



This memo was released in direct response to a Resolution passed at the 1978 National Convention in Syracuse N.Y.

Following the White House Briefing, I visited the National Headquarters of the National Catholic Conference to personally thank Bishop Thomas Kelly and express the entire organizations gratitude. I also had the opportunity to speak with Rev. Brian Hehir of the Conference's Peace and Justice Commission who has become well informed on the religious situation in Lithuania. He was most interested in our organization's specifically Catholic ideology and our work on behalf of fellow Catholics in Lithuania through our Lithuanian Affairs program.

Not wishing to waste a moment of the day that was fast reaching its end, I then visited the Washington office of my own Congresswoman, Geraldine Ferraro of the 9th Congressional District. Ms. Ferraro has

been in office for only about a year now, but has proven receptive to input from the Lithuanian community. Her District encompasses the heavily Lithuanian populated areas of Richmond Hill, Woodhaven, Maspeth and Ridgewood. Although Ms. Ferraro was not in Washington at the time, her Administrative Assistant Peter Peyser, Jr. assured me of her concern of Lithuanian community problems and her support of various House resolutions on behalf of Lithuanian Catholic Dissidents Gajauskas and Petkus. It was gratifying to see copies of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania in the office.

As I boarded the Eastern Shuttle back to New York, I felt that the "word" on behalf of "the Cause" had perhaps been spread a little further and that the determination of the Knights of Lithuania had been made even clearer.

Philip Skabeikis

DAYTON GOES "ON CAMERA", LIVE

On June 21, 1979 at 9:00 A.M. Dayton's WHIO-TV, Channel 7, brought their Live-Camera Unit out to the Holy Cross Church grounds and produced "Daytime DAYTON" LIVE for a 90-mile radius viewership.

Parishioners staged a "Geguzine-Jonines" type outdoor feast for them. Twenty-three Lithuanians participated in the show.

Long tables, covered with Lithuanian tablecloths were set up in the shade of a birch tree. Bouquets of blooming ruta plants, yellow daisies, and red roses gave brilliance to the scene. Woodcarvings, flags, Easter eggs, a sugar-art basket of strawberries, and a true Lithuanian wedding cake were used as table decorations.

Foods that had been prepared by the ladies included a large ham that was donated by the Lithuanian Cultural Council, virtiniai, meatballs with mushroom sauce, suris, koseliena,

kugelis, sour cream salad, red beets, pickles, saurkraut, bredrukai, Napoleonas Torte, Poppy seed Torte, honeycake, mushroom cookies, ausukes, Lithuanian bread, bacon buns, rye bread and pink horseradish.

The drinks that were served with this feast were Krupnikas, arbata, kava, spanguoline., and alus.

Ted Ryan, star of "daytime Dayton" walked around the tables with Aldona Ryan and discussed Lithuanian legends, traditions and foods. The director of the show was Marilyn Olfky. The cameras were manned by Galen Emery and Jeffrey Gerhardt. Sue Lilly, Co-star of the show, stayed in the studios to handle the technical duties and commercials.

The show lasted until 9:30 A.M. and afterwards, the "performers" and crew had a real feast eating up the "props".



This was the first time that "DAYTIME DAYTON" was produced away from the studios. The Dayton Lithuanians agreed to set up the show as an experiment. Everything went very smoothly. Cecilia Lisankas played Lithuanian folk songs almost continuously as background music. The sun peaked out between storm clouds just as the show went on the air. It never did rain that day.

A view of the Shrine of the Three Crosses, the firs, the birch tree and colorful Lithuanian costumes made a beautiful setting.

The Dayton Lithuanians are certainly indebted to WHIO-TV for giving them this opportunity to portray their culture for such a vast audience.

Lithuanians in The

NEWS

ALDONA RYAN, President of the Mid-Central District and well known to K of Lers as the author of many delightful articles for VYTIS magazine, as well as for the note-worthy Cultural series, the Amber Web, recently joined the *Dayton Daily News* as a Special Feature writer. In recent weeks, many features, including several about Lithuanians, have appeared in the paper under Aldona's by-line. As a professional writer, Aldona has been asked to address college writing classes this coming semester. The Knights of Lithuania is indeed fortunate to number this talented writer among our active leadership.

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A recent feature in the *Dayton Daily News*, by Aldona Ryan, told of the craftsmanship of C-96 member, GEORGE MIKALOUSKAS. Over the past 24 years, George has designed and built 20 major Lithuanian shrines, nineteen of which can be seen in the Dayton area. His latest work, "The Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother," was displayed at the Dayton Convention Center at the international festival, "World A'fair '79" held in May. This August, the shrine will be brought to Chicago as the prize offered as an incentive to K of L members to donate to the scholarship fund. The shrine was donated to the fund as a "thank-you" for the scholarship won by his daughter, Mary Agnes, at the Syracuse Convention last summer.

EDITED BY MARIAN AND PHIL SKABEIKIS

Six Lithuanian housewives make up Lithuania's all female pop rock band, "The Wasps." The group is the main attraction at the Aerfortas restaurant discotheque, one of the most popular nightspots in Vilnius. The group was formed seven years ago, and the current members range in age from 47 to 19. Their salaries are slightly more than that of the typical Lithuanian worker . . . about \$165 to \$300 a month.

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An Associated Press story date-line Kaunas, Lithuania reported on the Antanas Zmuidzinavičius Memorial Museum which houses 4,000 "devils." The collection, begun in 1906, is intended to preserve one of the most interesting folklores in Lithuania.

The devil is involved in numerous legends in Lithuania. According to Lithuanian folklore, the devil was not always evil, but would quite often help the poor. He has also been portrayed as comic or absurd. Many Lithuanians still believe that anyone who collects devils will become the richest, most powerful person . . . with the help of Satan.

Besides gathering devils from Lithuania and other countries in Eastern Europe, the museum gets dozens of devils in the mail each day by visitors from around the world who are intrigued with the collection.

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The 1979 Telephone Directory cover for Dayton and Vicinity carried out the theme, "Saying Hello in America." Along with other international messages, the Lithuanian, "Klausau" appeared.

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The Lithuanian Numismatic Association has been receiving considerable publicity in regular press and trade publications. The newspaper *Coin World* recently featured complete surveys on the history of Lithuanian coins and accomplishments of the LNA and its founder, FRANK PASSIC of Maryland.

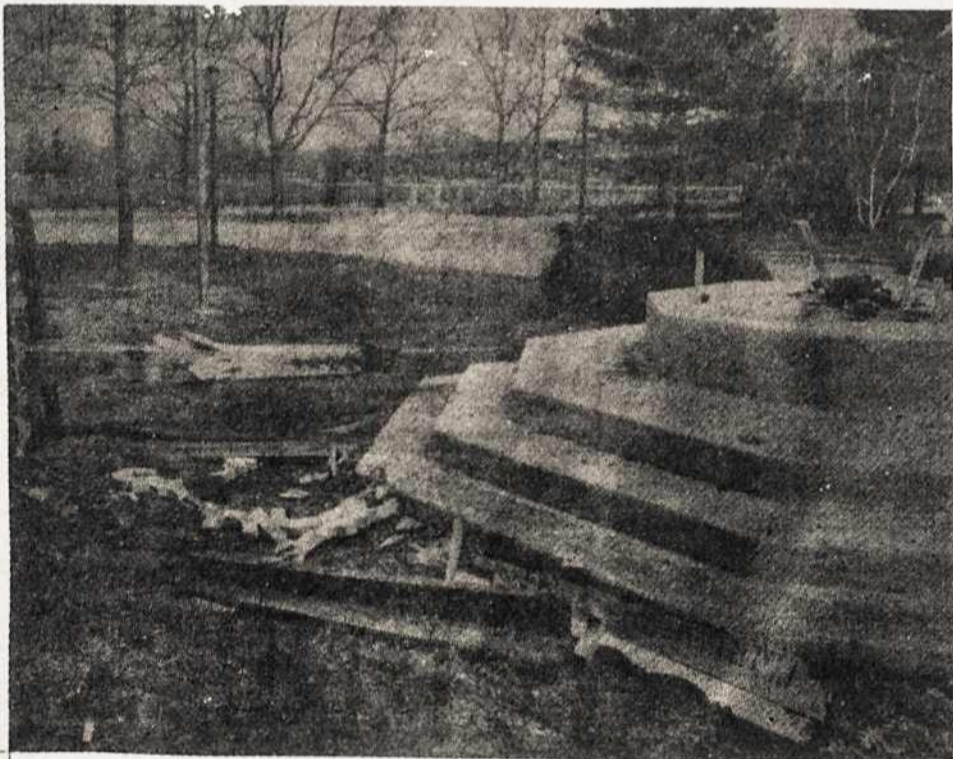
During the Spring International Coin Fair held in Chicago the LNA's Frank Passic garnered first prize in a contest sponsored by the Rare Coin Co. of America for the "best exhibit of coins since 1500."

Readers interested in obtaining information about the Lithuanian Numismatic Association should contact Robert Douchis, P.O. Box 250, Columbia, MD 21045.

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Viltis, the magazine of folklore and folk dance, recently featured an article by ONA MORGALIS of C-144, on the art of decorating Lithuanian Easter eggs. The article, which was accompanied by photos of her original work, outlined the history and technique of the craft. Her work, this time her designs done on wild mushrooms, was also featured in an interview-feature in the Pottsville Republican. She is also Cultural Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic District.

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Lithuanians in the New York area were saddened by the loss of the Wayside Shrine in Flushing Meadow Park to vandals. Erected for the 1964-65 Worlds Fair, the Shrine was included as one of the permanent structures in the park, and stood as a memorial to the dead heroes who fought for Lithuania's freedom. Despite the desecration of the shrine, the Lithuanian-American Wayside Shrine Committee conducted its 15th Annual Commemoration of the Mass Deportations of Baltic people on June 17.



A recent special concert of Lithuanian symphonic music by Lithuanian composers included a work by SR. MARY BERNARDA, former director of the Music department of Maria High School. Her work is entitled "Lithuanian Rhapsody." A member of the Sisters of St. Casimir, Sr. Bernarda was born in Batakiiai, Lithuania, and was brought to the U. S. shortly thereafter by her parents. Her numerous musical compositions include a string quartet, Masses and an Ave Maria. Sister also translated the Lithuanian opera "Pagirenai" by Stasys Simkus into English. Sr. Bernarda is currently assigned to Villa Joseph Marie in Holland, PA.

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JOSEPH JOHN BALACONIS JR. of South Boston, MA received his degree of Bachelor of Science for the State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler. As a member of the undergraduate sailing team, he was named All American by the Selection Committee of the Inter-Collegiate Yacht Racing Association of North America as a member of the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Hall of Fame. He is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Balaconis, members of C-17 S, So. Boston.





A scholarship to the School of Nursing of the Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, N. C. has been established in honor of MATILDA G. GRINEVICH. The scholarship was announced by co-workers when Miss Grinevich retired as Directress of Nurses of the Hospital. A native of Mahanoy City, PA, this dynamic nurse has had two careers. In 1968, she retired from the United States Air Force Nurse Corps as a member of the Air Evacuation Unit with the rank of Lt. Colonel. A member of the first group of nurses to be sworn into this service unit, she received her wings as a lieutenant in the Air Force, and served during World War II. She also served during the Korean conflict, and was decorated after both wars.

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STANLEY BALZEKAS JR., prominent Southwest Chicago community business figure and longtime Leader in Lithuanian community affairs and member of K of L council 36, was elected secretary of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library at its annual meeting. In his new position, Mr. Balzekas directs the planning of new branch libraries and the improvement of existing branch units through out the city. He has achieved world recognition as the founder, president and director of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture.



The new chief of staff at the Manchester, NH, Veterans Administration Medical Center is DR. JULIET VILINSKAS. She is one of only three women to hold this key post in a government hospital. Dr. Vilinskas was the Intern of 1965, and the Federal Woman of the Year in 1975-1976, as well as the featured speaker at the International College of Surgeons in Honolulu, Hawaii. Born in Lithuania in 1938, she grew up in Germany, and in Hartford, Ct., where her parents settled.

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Washington area Art aficionados have been fortunate in the recent flurry of exhibits featuring the work of K of L JANE SIMANIS. Jane's paintings have most recently appeared at the Art Barn Gallery in the Capital's Rock Creek Park and the Premiere Gallery in Bethesda Maryland. Jane and husband Joe are charter members of C-142 Washington DC.

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To cooperate with Pres. Carter's request for cooperation in implementing a national energy program, Bishop Joseph T. Daley has named an Energy Conservation Commission for the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. STANLEY SENFERAS, coordinator of maintenance and energy conservation at the Quaker Oats Co. in Hampden Township, will serve as consultant. Stanley is a member of C-146, Harrisburg.



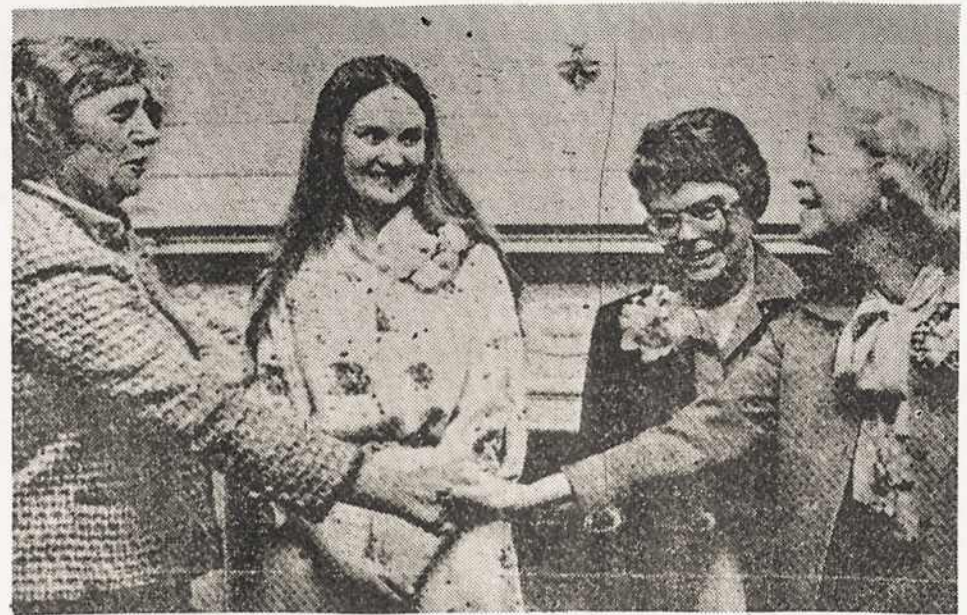
A Darius and Girenas Memorial Medal has been issued in solid bronze, and in silver by the Lithuanian-American Aero Club, Inc. of Chicago. The obverse of the medal portrays the two aviators, while the reverse traces the path of their plane, the "Lituanica." The voyage ended in tragedy when the plane crashed in West Prussia. Further information on the medals can be obtained from the Lithuanian-American Aero Club, Inc., 2846 W. 63 St., Chicago, IL 60629.

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By now, all K or Lers have heard of the tragic loss of Honorary Member and past VYTIS Editor Matas Zujus of Wilkes-Barre, PA, this past February. What is not generally known is that one of the first persons on the scene, after Mr. Zujus collapsed on the street was a 26 year old criminal justice major at Kings College, THOMAS MINCAVAGE. Mr. Mincavage immediately called an ambulance and administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) a combination of mouth to mouth resuscitation and heart massage. Mr. Zujus was revived and taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital but died a few days later. Mr. Mincavage's heroic efforts received front page coverage in the Wilkes Barre *Times Leader*.

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In "Chicago, a Closer Look," the 1979 calendar published by the Talman Federal Savings and Loan Association, the month of March was illustrated with a full-color photograph of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine of the Sisters of St. Casimir Mother House.



The *Bridgeport Post* reported on the selection of the "Junior Mother of the Year" for Connecticut, 1979. The winner was Mrs. Margaret Cloutier, born MARGARET PETKUS. In the accompanying photo, she is seen with Connecticut governor Ella T. Grasso.

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Lawrence, Massachusetts was the site of the recent and highly successful Homelands Festival co-sponsored by the International Institute of Greater Lawrence and the UWCA. The international festival featured the foods, crafts, costumes and history of ethnic groups representative of the Lawrence population. The colorful Lithuanian Booth was manned by 25 year old Jonas Stundza. Mr. Stundz and the Lithuanian exhibit were featured in the Lawrence *Sunday Eagle-Tribune* coverage of this event.

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KELEIVIS, one of the oldest Lithuanian language periodicals in the United States ceased publication on May 15. The weekly Keleivis, or "Traveler" was published in Boston since 1905.

OUR CLERGY

REV. MICHAEL OZALAS, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Scranton, PA, and Spiritual Advisor of K of L C-74 celebrated 40 years of service to God this past June.

REV. MSGR. JOSEPH KARALIUS who served as Pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church in Shenandoah, PA. from 1929-1970, and has been a major financial supporter of innumerable Lithuanian literary and cultural endeavors, recently celebrated his 60th Jubilee as a priest. Msgr. Karalius was born in Jesenauka, Lithuania.

Fortieth Anniversaries were also commemorated for two fine New York priests, REV. VYTAUTAS PIKTURNA, Associate Pastor of St. Mary Queen of Angels Lithuanian Church in Brooklyn, and REV. JONAS PAKALNIŠKIS, Pastor of Annunciation Church in Brooklyn. Father John has been a staunch supporter of the K of L in New York as a member of both C-41 and C-110. He received his fourth degree at the Syracuse Convention.



Recently ordained were three new Lithuanian priests in Eastern Pennsylvania. REV. FRANCIS BARANSKY of Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia, REV. DAVID GILLIS of St. Vincent's in Girardville, PA, and REV. RONALD JANKAITIS of St. George's, Shenandoah, PA.

BRO. TIMOTHY BURKE (BURKAUSKIS) was ordained a priest at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, in April. Father Timothy is a member of C-3, Philadelphia, and asked that fellow Knights take part in his ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving.

In Chicago, 40th Anniversary Jubilees were celebrated by two important clerics in the Lithuanian community, both active K of Lers. The first is REV. JOSEPH DAMBRAUSKAS, Provincial of the Marian Fathers and well known to K of Lers through his cross-country appearances speaking about Archbishop George Matulaitis. The second is REV. PETRAS ČINIKAS a director of the St. Casimir Province of the Marians and Administrator of the Chicago-based Lithuanian daily *Draugas*.

Let us take this opportunity to congratulate all of these men. Ilgiausią metų!

REV. ALGIMANTAS BARTKUS, C-144 Anthracite Council Spiritual Advisor was the subject of a recent feature article that appeared in the *Sunday Patriot-News* of Harrisburg, Pa. The article featured Rev. Bartkus' Lithuanian background and his life in the priesthood, while spotlighting his hobby, flying. Father Al flies a Piper Cherokee 180 which he shares with a friend. "The two of them make up the entire membership of the impossibly named Anthracite Flying Club:

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

JOHN BELICKAS
C-79, Southfield, Mich.
Died April 25, 1979

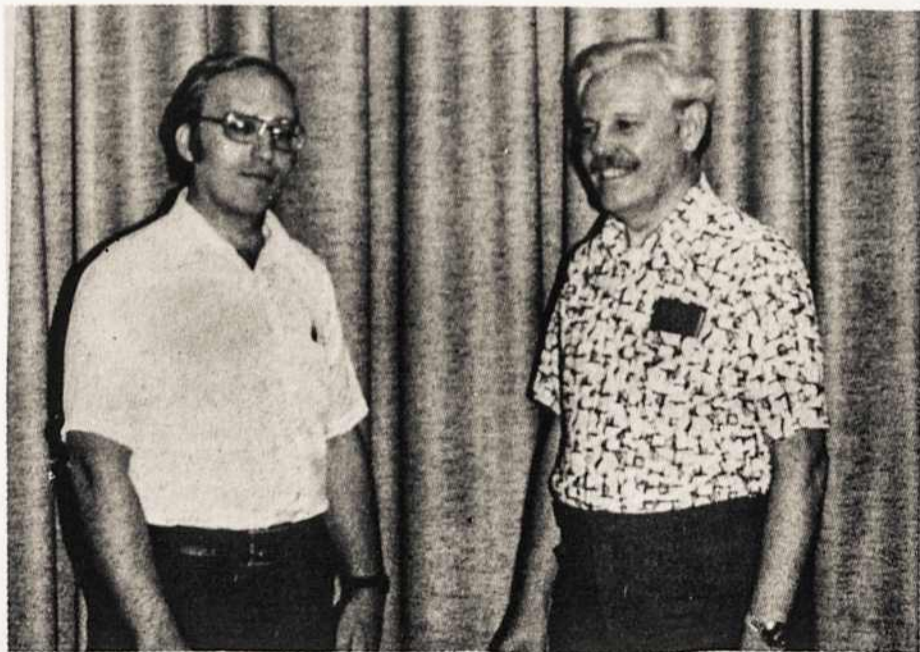
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Brother of Helen LaFond
C-148, Jackson, Mich.
died June 28, 1979

LIETUVOS VYČIŲ 110 KUOPOS PLATI VEIKLA (Maspeth, N. Y.)

1. *Gausi ir įvairi nariais.* Suprantama, kad gausūs ir veiklūs nariai yra esminis sėkmingo darbo pagrindas. Maspeth, N. Y., Atsimainymo parapijoj veikianti kuopa (110) gali pasidžiaugti savo narių skaičiumi ir įvairumu. *Kun. Pranas Bulovas*, parapijos klebonas, vytis nuo jaunų dienų, nuoširdžiai veikia su vyčiais. Jis yra Vid. Atlanto apskrities dvasios vadovas ir rūpestingai globoja visą vytišką veiklą savo parapijoje ir apskrityje. Jis yra ne sykį pasakęs, kad vyčių veikla yra miela ir lauktina Atsimainymo parapijos gyvenime. Jis gėrisi vyčių feligine dvasia ir sėkminga lietuviška veikla. Jo didžiausias troškimas, kad vyčiai dalyvautų Atsimainymo parapijos lietuviškose Mišiose 11 val. ir kitose pamaldose. *Philip Skabeikis* yra L. Vyčių centro valdybos pirmininkas, kurs prasmingai kelia vyčių veiklos pagrindinį tikslą—būti gerais katalikais, gerais šio krašto piliečiais ir gerais lietuviais. *Kun. Kazimieras Pugevičius*, Lietuvos Reikalų komisijos pirmininkas, Lietuvių katalikų religinės šalpos reikalų vedėjas ir Lietuvių katalikų tarnybos direktorius, daug ir plačiai dirba Lietuvos Vyčių tikslams, ypač redaguodamas biuletinį lietuviškumui ginti. Savo dažna informacija anglų spaudoje iškelia Lietuvos laisvinimo bylą ir remia vyčių pastangas toje sunkioje kovoje už Lietuvos ir religijos laisvę tėvynėje. *Jonas Adomėnas* pirmininkauja 110 k. ir yra 2-sis vicepirm. centro valdyboj. Jis įsijungė į vytišką veiklą visa savo energija ir nepailstamai telkia naujus narius. Beveik išimtinai jo pastangomis kuopoje yra per 150 pilnateisių narių, keliamų į vytiškus laipsnius. Jis nuoširdžiai padeda visai veiklai, vyksta į suvažiavimus, posėdžius ir praktiškai palaiko vytišką veiklą, atlikdamas paprasčiausius ar sunkiausius kuopos darbus. Jam visa širdimi talkina jo žmona vyte Antanina. *Marian Skabeikis*, stambi pajėga vytiškoje veikloje. Ji yra baigusi aukštąjį mokslą ir nusipelnusi jaunųjų vyčių organizacijoje. Aktyviai dirba Lietuvos reikalų centrinėje ir apskrities komisijose. Ji sugeba labai taikliai ir praktiškai aptarti vyčių uždavinius ir noriai juos vykdo. *Dr. Jonas Sidtis* ir visa jų šeima uoliai veikia su vyčiais. Jaunas *Dr.* sėkmingai moka vadovauti jauniems vyčiams ir puikiai atstovauja vyčius jų pasitarimuose ir suvažiavimuose. *Brolis Jurgis Petkevičius* pasiaukojęs idrba su vyčiais. Tur būt 110 kuopa yra vienintelė, kuri turi aktyvų vyti pranciškoną. *Kun. Stasys Raila*, 4-to laipsnio vytis, buvęs centro valdybos dvasios vadas nors ir pensijoje, bet talkina vyčiams kaip dvasios vadovas. Kuopoje veikia daug kitų narių, vienaip ar kitaip praturtinančių vyčių veiklą. *Jaunieji vyčiai ir vytės* sudaro nedidelę, bet veiklią grupę, kurios nariai dalyvauja vyčių seimuose ir jaunių programose.

2. *Religingumas.* Religinę vytiškos programos dalį „Dievui“ vyčiai stengiasi ne tik įvertinti, bet ir įgyvendinti kasdieniškame gyvenime. Religiniai klausimai svarstomi kuopos susirinkimuose, kas trečią mėnesio sekmadienį vyčiai dalyvauja lietuviškoje Sumoje Atsimainymo parapijos bažnyčioj, priimdami šv. Komuniją. Jie yra pasiryžę vis daugiau ir daugiau vyčių sutelkti lietuviškose pamaldose, kad visi žinotų ir matytų, jog čia yra lietuvių parapija. Kad dar labiau šryškintų Lietuvių parapijos lietuviškumą, *kun. Pranas Bulovas* planuoja pastatyti lietuvišką kryžių priešais bažnyčią. Vyčiai labai pritaria šiam sumanymui ir pradėjo telkti aukas kryžiaus statybai. Šv. Kazimiero metinę šventę iškiliai mini pamaldomis, bendra Komunija ir bendrais pusryčiais su programa. Kūčios pasidarė kuopos metinė šventė. Vyčiai ta proga dalyvauja Mišiose priima šv. Komuniją ir surengia tradicinę Kūčių agape su plotkelių laužymu ir linkėjimais, bendra ir pritaikyta malda. Jaunieji vyčiai, pajvairina giesmėmis, deklamacijomis ir atsiminimais iš lietuviškųjų papročių. Kūčios sutraukia kelius šimtus dalyvių ir tokiu būdu palaiko lietuvių religinius papročius. Maldos ir susitelkimo valandėlės už persekiojamą Bažnyčią Lietuvoje ir Lietuvos laisvę su šv. Mišių auka vykdomos pagal maldos kalendorių (1979 bal. 17). Šįmet vyčiai rengia procesiją su žvakėmis prie lietuviško kryžiaus birželio 15 vakare, Kultūros Židinyje, Lietuvių kankinių (išvežtųjų) intencija. Ši maldos ir susimąstymo pavakarė bus su trumpa religine programa: parinktais skaitymais ir giesmėmis. *Marian Skabeikis* iškėlė šį sumanymą ir vadovaus jo vykdymui.

3. *Lietuviškumas.* Lietuvių kultūros palaikymas, Lietuvių kalbos branginimas ir lietuviškųjų papročių palaikymas kasdieniniame ir organizaciniame gyvenime yra vienas svarbiausių vyčių siekių. Su didžia meile vyčiai rengia Lietuvos nepriklausomybės minėjimą, organizuotai dalyvauja pamaldose už Lietuvą ir lietuvius, gieda Lietuvos himną. Vyčiai dalyvauja ir bendrame visų Lietuvių minėjime, įteikia savo asmeni-



110 kp. vyčiai P. Skabeikis ir J. Adomėnas

ką ir kuopos auką Lietuvos laisvinimo darbui. Vyčiai supranta Alta's svarbią politinę veiklą ir ją remia, nes Vyčių atstovas yra pilnateisis Alta's centro valdybos narys. Vyčiai veiks ir Lietuvių Bendruomenės veikloje. Jų atstovai dirba apylinkių ir apygardų valdybose ir visi yra Bendruomenės nariais. Suprasdami Lietuvių radijų programų svarbą jas remia savo asmeniškėmis aukomis ir kuopos skiria stambesnes vienkartinės aukas jų išlaikymui. Lietuvių kalba vyčiams yra didelė brangenybė. Jie stengiasi jos daugiau pramokti, noriai lavinasi lietuviškai kalbėdami ir skaitydami po kiekvieno susirinkimo. Jei gali, lanko lietuvių kalbos klases, kurios yra Kultūros Židinyje. Lietuviškais šiaudinukais puošia eglutes Kalėdų švenčių proga sau ar viešam parodymui. Palaiko ir platiną lietuvišką meną spalvindami Velykų margučius. Vyčiai noriai dainuoja lietuviškas dainas ir visi yra pasiryžę labiau įsiliesti į lietuvių giesmininkų eiles, ypač į Lietuvių parapijų choras. Neabejojama, kad vyčiai skaito lietuviškus laikraščius ir knygas, jei tik jiems lietuvių kalba yra suprantama ir palaiko lietuvišką spaudą savo rašiniiais ir aukomis. „Vytyje“ radę lietuvišką straipsnį, mielai skaito ir yra dėkingi už tai. Kartais jie nusiskundžia, kodėl tiek maža lietuviško žodžio „Vytyje“. Neseniai vyčiai gyvai svarstė ir sutarė bandyti suvaidinti lietuvišką veikalėlį ir paprašė paramos aktorių Juozą Bulevičių. Gaila, neturime savo tautinių šokių ir dainos grupių. Tikimasi naudoti iš Stasio Vaičiūčio redaguojamo Lietuvių kultūros vadovo, kurį vyčiai nutarė išleisti.



C-110 member Bill Sidtis (extreme left) and Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Fr. Casimir Pugevičius helping to unload 41 binders containing 144,000 signatures on the Lithuanian Youth Petition to the United Nations asking freedom for Lithuania. Petitions, collected by the World Lithuanian Youth Organization were presented to Mr. Edward Mezvinsky, U.S. Representative on the Human Rights Commission to the United Nations on June 14, the 38th anniversary of the mass deportations of Lithuanians to Siberia. l. to r. Sidtis, Miller, Fr. Pugevičius, Roderick

4. *Bičiuliškumas.* Pirmiausia vyčiai atsimena savo draugus, narius vyčius ir jų šeimas įvairiomis progomis: lanko ligoniuos, sveikina sukaktuvėse, jautriai atsimena mirusius, užprašo Mišias. Nežinau, ar vyčiai turi tokių narių, kurie būtų reikalingi finansinės paramos, bet jei būtų, tai vyčiai tikrai padėtų. Savo gerumą ir gailėstingumą vyčiai pavyzdinčiai bando vykdyti aukodami Lietuvių katalikų religinei šalpai, persekiojamiems ir kaliniams sušelpti. Vyčiai yra vienintelė Lietuvių organizacija, kuri turi savo Įgaliotinį Religinei šalpai palaikyti. Vyčiai rašo laiškus lietuviams kaliniams tolimame Sibire ir ryžtasi daugiau laiškų parašyti ginant Lietuvos ir lietuvių bei žmogaus teises.

5. *Organizacinė veikla.* Vyčiai supranta, kad tik gerai organizuota narių veikla yra sėkminga. Kiekvieno mėnesio pirmąjį trečiadienį jie susirenka pasitarti. Apie 60-80% narių dalyvauja susirinkimuose. Be organizacinių klausimų, visuomet yra kultūrinė programa, kalba ir svarstomi lietuviams rūpimi klausimai. Kalbėtojais yra kuopos nariai ar kviesti svečiai. Gal tik vienas trūkumas, kad Valdyba neturi savo pasitarimų prieš kiekvieną susirinkimą, o toki pasitarimai yra būtini sėkmingai veiklai. Mūsų vyčiai supranta apskrities veiklos svarbą, todėl uoliai dalyvauja apskričių suvažiavimuose, nesigailėdami išlaidų. Kovo 11 d., 2 autobusai pilni vyčių iš NY apylinkės sudarė didžiausią dalį visų callyvių lietuviškose Mišiose, kurios buvo pirmą kartą laikomos Šv. Juozapo lietuvių bažnyčioje, Scranton, Pa., dalyvaujant vyskupui C. McCormick ir kitiems apylinkės tikintiesiems. Vyčiai neatsisako dirbti valdybose ir įvairiose komisijose. Tuo būdu išvengiama to, kad kai kur tik kai kurie nariai ilgus metus dirba valdyboje, kiti yra tik stebėtojai.

6. *Visuomeniškumas.* Socialinė veiklos dalis yra naudinga, jei ji planinga ir savo vietoje. Metiniai pobūviai su vaišėmis ir šokiais duoda vyčiams progos pasilinksminti, susipažinti, pabendrauti. Lietuviški šokiai, dainos ir valgiai praturtina lietuviškus papročius. Sportinės išvykos ir rungtynės su vyčių duopomis sustiprina ryšius. Kavutė ar arbatėlė su sausainiais po susirinkimų padeda arčiau susipažinti ir išsišnekėti. Alkoholiniai gėrimai nėra reikalingi gerai nuotaikai palaikyti, priešingai, jie tik pažemina geros katalikiškos organizacijos vardą.

7. *Lūkesčiai ir viltys.* Ko vyčiai patys laukia ir tikisi iš ateities ir ko bendrai Lietuviai tikisi iš vyčių galėtų būti kitas rašinys. Gal visi sutiks, kad pirmiausia, visiems rūpi lietuvių kalba. Antra, ne mažiau laukiama, kad vyčiai palaikytų lietuviškus papročius, ypač kurdami lietuviškas šeimas. Jaunųjų vyčių organizavimas ir jų gyva veikla būtų kitas rūpestis. Specialios vyčių stovyklos chorai ir tautinių šokių grupės būtų pirmasis reikalas.

Vytis Kun. Stasys Raila

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

AND BOWLING TOURNAMENT

May 18, 19, 20, 1979

Eleanor Mantz

Beautiful spring weather for the weekend, greeted our Knights for our Mid-Central District Meeting and Bowling Tournament.

Friday Get-Together was held at La Quinta Motel. There was plenty of food and refreshment. This affair was co-chairmen by Eloise Berczelly and Frances Petkus.

The Mid-Central District Meeting got underway at Holy Cross Church at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday. The District contributed \$25.00 to the Scholarship Fund and would like to see someone apply for the annual scholarship award from the district. Mrs. Stefanija Rastikas, Council 96 was elected to the Lithuanian Affairs Chairman upon the vacancy of that office. Our next district meeting and pilgrimage will be at Du Bois, Pennsylvania for the first weekend in October.

Saturday night, "Gutter Ball Dance" was held at the Lithuanian Hall, co-chairmen by Ms. Rita Ambrose and Ms. Judy Petrokas. The music was good with plenty of polkas. A good time was had by all.

The Bowling Tournament got underway Saturday, May 19th at Beaver-Vu Bowling Lanes, co-chairmen by John A. Berczelly and Harley Karns. A total of 20 teams with Cleveland Council 25 taking first place, second and third place teams were from Dayton Council 96. The traveling trophy was presented officially in memory of Joseph Noreikas by wife Bea Noreikas to the Cleveland team at the bowling banquet on Sunday.

Next year the tournament will be held in Cleveland.

Sunday, May 20th, third degrees was presented to Albina Wallis, Stefanija Rastikas, and Joseph Ryan; all members of Council 96,

Dayton during 10:00 A.M. mass Congratulations! A charter for a new Council—158, Michigan was also presented.

Following are the results of the Annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament which was held in Dayton, Ohio on May 19, 1979:

Congratulations to all the teams that participated.

1. C-25 Cleveland	Capt. C. Machutas.....	3031
2. C-96 Dayton	Capt. M. Blum.....	3004
3. C-96 Dayton	Capt. J. A. Berczelly.....	3000
4. C-96 Dayton	Capt. J. Scott.....	2988
5. C-86 DuBois	Capt. J. Abromovich.....	2983
6. C-102 Detroit	Capt. M. Wagster.....	2961
7. C-96 Dayton	Capt. F. Ambrose.....	2946
8. C-79 Southfield	Capt. T. Sackles.....	2928
9. C-79 Southfield	Capt. J. Kolinski.....	2896
10. C-139 Detroit	Capt. A. Kurpowic.....	2884
11. C-96 Dayton	Capt. P. Smiley.....	2866
12. C-19 Pittsburgh	Capt. A. Rozger.....	2817
13. C-102 Detroit	Capt. G. Baibak.....	2815
14. C-79 Southfield	Capt. M. Lasal.....	2777
15. C-79 Southfield	Capt. M. Nashlon.....	2763
16. C-25 Cleveland	Capt. P. Luiza.....	2762
17. C-79 Southfield	Capt. C. Milius.....	2712
18. C-96 Dayton	Capt. J. Zilinkas.....	2709
19. C-36/112 Chicago	Capt. I. Sankus.....	2683



The following persons were fortunate enough to put their bowling skills together and win themselves individual trophies:

Women's HG Actual	Joan Kavalauskas C-96	221
Women's HG Handicap	Joyce Berczelly C-96	294
Women's HS Actual	Diane Kavalauskas C-96	539
Women's HS Handicap	Karolyn Ambrose C-96	717
Women's Low Series Actual	Rita Gecas C-96	241
Men's HG Actual	Frank Lizauskas C-86	220
Men's HG Handicap	R. Radzavich C-86	259
Men's HS Actual	R. Lucas C-79	561
Men's HS Handicap	Charles Machutas C-25	629
Men's Low Series Actual	John Strolia C-36/112	243

Congratulations to all the individual trophy winners and also to those bowlers who entered the money Jackpots.

We, the bowling tournament committee, would like to extend an apology to Norman Hein, C-79, and to Gregory Blum, C-96, for not including them as individual winners. This problem was corrected immediately after the Awards Banquet. To Norm and Greg, congratulations!

Myself, along with my Honorary Chairman, Harley Karns, and our committee, hope everyone's stay in Dayton was one to remember for a long while. Without you, the out-of-towners, along with our own members, our job wouldn't have been so easy. Again, Thanks to everyone who attended. We are looking forward to seeking you in Cleveland for the 1980 tournament.

John A. Berczelly,
Bowling Tournament Chairman.

K OF L CALENDAR

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.
- 14 M.A. District Convention, Amsterdam, N.Y., C-100 Hosts
- 27 C-112, Chicago OKTOBERFEST III, K of L Bldg., Chicago,

NOVEMBER

- 3 - 4 ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS, Syracuse, N.Y., C-140 participating
- 3 C-12, New York. 65th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE, Our Lady of Vilnius, Rev. G. Gurinskas Parish Hall, New York, N.Y.
- 10 C-141, Bridgeport, AMBER BALL, Bridgeport, Conn.
- 17 C-17 and C-17SR, So. Boston, NOVEMBERFEST, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club, So. Boston, Mass.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-140—SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Our St. Casimir's Day started with 10:30 Mass at St. Stephen's. The celebrant was Father Ben Bielski who conducted a mission there that week. Most of our members were in attendance.

After Mass we met in the church hall for refreshments and a short meeting. Both Fathers Garstka and Bielski spoke to our group about St. Casimir. We were pleasantly surprised when Father Bielski told us he had visited the grave of St. Casimir while studying for the priesthood.

The refreshments were provided by Cassie Stanley and Katherine Cravetts with a happy birthday theme, because a number of our members had birthdays in March.

The next Sunday twelve of our members traveled to Scranton and the Mid-Atlantic Dist. Conv. Those who attended were John & Veronica Sutkus, George & Millie Vaikness, John & Cassie Stanley, Ruth Hare, Katherine Cravetts, Catherine Brandt, Marija Vizgaitis, and Frank & Irene Petrauskas. They reported having a grand time, and much

praise and credit is due to the Scranton council for a very successful day. Millie Vaikness was the lucky winner of a beautiful hand-made quilt, and John & Cassie Stanley won a bottle of cheer. It was a very good day for our council.

Our Mass for the Suffering of Lithuania took place Apr. 28 with most of our members in attendance, along with some guests. Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Garstka, could not celebrate the Mass as he was laid up with a heavy chest cold. He was missed by all.

A reception, with a number of home-made goodies prepared by hostess Veronica Sutkus, followed the Mass. It was most delicious, Veronica. We were happy to see and visit with new parents, Chris & Jim Czyz, and baby Jennifer.

At our meeting we voted to purchase a large electric grill to fry our famous potato pancakes. We hope the grill will help us keep up with the demand. The first big test will be our annual Festival of Nations, Nov. 3 & 4. Come over and enjoy with us.

Our parting thought is, "When in doubt, tell the truth."

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C-12—NEW YORK, N. Y.

It was our final meeting before the summer vacation and it was unusually well-attended. Under discussion were many important matters and all of them reached happy conclusions. All the bus reservations were properly recorded for the annual picnic at Lakewood Park in Pennsylvania to celebrate the annual Lithuania Day. Plans were finalized for some to attend

Chicago's Natl. Convention and considerable progress was made toward making the Nov. 3 dinner-dance a huge success. It will be our council's 65th anniversary and will be held at Fr. Gurinskas Hall immediately after the 5 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church.

Joe Remeika conducted his crash mini-course in the Lithuanian language and his faithful students were all there except Julia Gomes, who was visiting her daughters in California. Julia's grasp of her native language needs very little coaching. We welcomed three new members to our group, Mykolas Cibas, Eufemia Cibas and Suzana Dvareckas. We are happy, indeed, to have them aboard.

We extend a note of appreciation to our hard-working recording and correspondence secretary Connie Siatsis. She keeps voluminous records of all meetings minutes, notifies us by mail of coming attractions, date and time of our next get-together, and never loses her poise. Now Connie has added a nice gesture that is beyond the call of duty. She keeps a docket listing every member's date of birth and posts a greeting card at the proper time. It's a labor of love that we are surprised and pleased to receive.

An obscure wag once defined a committee as "a group of the unwilling, picked from the unfit, to do the unnecessary." Of course this unnamed chump was wrong on three counts. We at C-12 carefully selected a committee of two that was very willing and able to report the important activities of the Mid-Atlantic Dist. session at Newark. Our committee did an outstanding reporting job. It was top-drawer

journalism. Who were the two who debunked the unknown comedian's erroneous conclusions? They were the very able Beatrice Remeika and John Antanavičius.

The recent parish dinner was a highly successful affair. It is held biannually and is both a gastronomical and social achievement. This is a time and place when casual friends become a bit less casual and everyone feels like a member of one happy family. Al Yatkas was the MC and with due apologies to American Airlines, he was doing what he does best. There was a table-full of small prizes, almost one for everyone in attendance. There were large prizes too. Winner of the first prize was Mrs. Ture Hasselberg of Yonkers. A one-hundred-dollar check was mailed to her by our Eucharistic Minister Vincent Mascola. The fifty dollar winner was Mr. J. Staskus, who was present at the dinner, as was Birute Stanwick, who won the sayings bond.

Next year Our Lady of Vilnius Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary. For this very special occasion, extensive renovation has already been started and hopefully

will be completed in time for the great event. However, there is quite a financial crunch since the total cost will be \$16,000, and just about one quarter of that amount has been collected thus far. This is one project in which we simply cannot afford to fail.

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C-143—PITTSTON, PA.

Our council held its annual Communion Breakfast and reception of new members at St. Casimir's Church on Mar. 4, and also commemorated the Feast of St. Casimir.

The event, chaired by Ann Challan and Onufrio Orlando, began with Mass celebrated by Father Peter Alisauskas, pastor, at which time a number of members received their First and Second Degree awards.

Sister Virginia Vytell, guest speaker, a member of the Order of Sisters of Jesus Crucified, is author of the book, "Praise the Lord, All You Nations." Her speech was timely and captivated the audience. She related personal experiences

and also asked the members for their prayers to help promote the beatification and canonization of Auxiliary Bishop Matulaitis-Matulevičius.

Alena Miskinis

ANTHRACITE C-144, PA.

In April we celebrated Founder's Day and had our Awards Night. In a very impressive ceremony at Annunciation B.V.M. Church, Frackville, our very capable Ritual Officer, Helen Chesko, presented first and second degrees assisted by Pres. Anne Wargo. Spiritual Director Fr. Algimantas Bartkus congratulated and gave a special blessing to all present, and he and Fr. Matthew Jarasunas held benediction services. Wilhelmina Verbitsky was organist. A fun night followed with the men as hosts.

Bernice Mikatavage, chairman of Lithuanian Day which will be held Aug. 12 at Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pa., held the first general meeting. This is the 65th consecutive Lith. Day and is the oldest continuous ethnic day in the East. Bernice and her committee



C-143 Pittston, Pa. members at their annual Communion Breakfast & St. Casimir's Commemoration. First row l to r: Ann Challan, Rev. Norbutas of St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, Sister Virginia, Spiritual Advisor Rev. Peter Alisauskas, Toastmaster Jack Piragas, Helen Piragas, Vice Pres. Marie Lauck & Paul Lauck. Second row: Paul Patrick, Grace Kazacavage, Dorothy Banos, Nellie Bayoras, John Wisnosky, Onufrio Orlando, Frances Orlando, Rev. Julio Serra, Rosalie Kizis, Genevieve Bartashunas, Annmarie Sewatsky, Philbert Bartoli & Mary Burdett.

hope to make this year a really big celebration.

Our Cultural Chm. Annie Morgalis was honored with published articles in Viltis Magazine on her margučiai and in the Pottsville Evening Republican on her mushroom art. Annie, Flo Kobluskie, Anne Panchari, Bernice Mikatavage and Anne Wargo gave a talk on Lithuania and demonstration of eggs, amber, carvings and weavings to the Sch. Col. Allied Artists. It was very well received.

Anna Radzievich was named Special Prayer Chairman.

Our sincere thanks to Mary & Anthony Sockel of Allentown who are sponsoring four of our Jr. Knights to Camp Neringa. Mary & Anthony are two very generous Lithuanians who are trying to perpetuate our heritage with our youth. Thanks, also, to Mary Koons for her Mother's Day Program.

In June we participated again in the Arts & Ethnic Fair at Penn State Schuylkill Campus. Anne Sikora and Adele Rolenaitis were co-chairmen, and once again did a tremendous job. Our displays, food and entertainment of the Jr. Knights were the hit of the show.

A million Ačiūs to Anne Zoldaris, Father Stanley Luksys and the Tamaqua group for inviting us to have our Sat. night Mass and reception preceding Lithuanian Day at the beautiful new St. Peter & Paul's Church in Tamaqua.

Hope to see many of you at our 65th Annual Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park, —also, at the Sat. night Mass and reception in Tamaqua if you are in the area. We are looking forward to going to the Chicago Natl. Convention. Happy Vacation to all our Vyčiai brothers and sisters.

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C-110—MASPETH, N. Y.

Our council fulfilled their Day of Prayer for the suffering and struggling people of Lithuania.

Mass was held Apr. 17 in the Franciscan Monastery Chapel in Brooklyn. Fr. Pius Sharp was the celebrant and homilist. Brother George Petkavage did the readings. About 50 K of L'ers attended. After the Mass, Bro. George and Bro. Casimir hosted a reception in the Franciscan dining room.

The Polka Dinner Party held Apr. 21 was a hopping success. Chm. Peter Yuskevich and Tony Migliore did a great job. Honored guests were Natl. Pres. Phil Skabeikis and his wife Marian; M. A. Dist. Pres. Larry Janonis and wife Jeanne; Dr. & Mrs. Jack Stukas, Dir. of the Lith. Radio Hour; Mr. Ziggy Brusack, charter member of our council; Moderator Fr. Stasys Raila; and a good representation from the Great Neck council. Fr. Frank Bulovas, our Pastor, was unable to attend because of illness.

The highlight of the evening was a Polka Contest. The judges were Dr. Stukas, a former judge of Harvest Moon polkas, Stacy Krojelis and Ann Sidtis. The first prize was awarded to Mary Baltrus and her partner, second went to Adele & Andy Kerega and the third winners were Melvina Chereck and Frank Uushkevich.

A dinner of traditional and all-time favorites, kielbasi and turkey with all the trimmings, was prepared by Mary Johnson and Lottie Ulrich under the chairmanship of Fran Migliore. The waitresses were Ann Adomenas, Ann Bartkus, Louise and Adele Dauszickas, Fran Migliore, Stella Strapeikis, Adele Kerega, Stacy Krojelis, Helen Yakaitis and Nellie Yuskevich. The evening was most enjoyable and we thank the guests for attending.

Bill Sidtis, 1st Vice Pres. of MAD and Youth Councilor, toured Oxford and London, England with a group from St. Joseph's College.

Council member Phil Skabeikis, who is the K of L Natl. Pres., was invited to attend a White House

briefing on May 30 with President Carter and Dr. Brzynski on the SALT II Treaty. As one of several representatives of ethnic organizations, Mr. Skabeikis was able to meet with Victoria Mongiardo, a White House Staff member who works on ethnic affairs. During his Washington visit, he also had opportunities to meet with Rev. Brian Hehir of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Peace & Justice Commission, and with Peter Peyser, Jr., Admin. Asst. to the Hon. Geraldine Ferraro of the 9th Congressional District.

Our council held a solemn commemorative vigil to mark the 39th anniversary of mass deportations of Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians to Siberia by the Soviet Union. The vigil was held June 15 at the Franciscan Fr.'s Lith. Cultural Center, and attended by about 70 members and guests. The vigil was conducted by Fr. Casimir Pugevičius, Natl. Chm. of the Lith. Affairs Committee and a member of our council. The theme of the vigil incorporated historical events surrounding the deportation with events which are currently affecting the people of Lithuania today, as told in an underground publication "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania."

Readings from scripture and the chronicle were done by C-12 New York member Dale Bulevičius, and our members Fr. Stasys Raila, Bro. George Petkavage, OFM, Marian & Phil Skabeikis. A selection of hymns was sung by the Perkunas Men's Chorus. The vigil closed with special prayers for the children of Lithuania, priests and religious, and all the faithful of Lithuania, offered by Mary Kulis, Bill Sidtis and Jr. member Marija Stungurys. Candles were lighted in honor of those who have suffered, and those who continue to live under the influence of Soviet domination. The program was coordinated by Bro. George and Marian Skabeikis.

Ann Sidtis

C-100—AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

Members attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Mar. 4 at St. Casimir's Church with our Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert K. Baltch the celebrant. All received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. The readings were handled by Pres. Anthony Radzevich and Lith. Affairs Chm. Edward Baranauskas.

Brunch at the Poplars Restaurant, Fultonville, N.Y. followed church services. Invocation was given by Rev. Baltch. Mr. Radzevich introduced the principal speaker, Rev. Peter Jonaitis, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church in Gloversville, N.Y. who spoke on St. Casimir, our organization's patron saint whose feast day is Mar. 4. He stated that St. Casimir is the source of inspiration to us, to our parish, to our Lithuanian culture and to the people of Lithuania. His father was Casimir IV, Grand Prince of Lithuania and King of Poland, and his mother was Elizabeth of Austria, daughter of Emperor Albrecht II Hapsburg. He was the third oldest in a family of 6 boys and 5 girls. Introduced to political life at a very young age, he proved to have great talents as a politician and an organizer. One of his teachers, a humanist from Italy, Callimachus Beconarcosi, remembered him as "a holy youth." During his short life, he was deeply involved in his royal duties and relations with the Holy See were strengthened by him. Although a prince, he practiced a simple life, was a humble person and was known for his self denial. He contracted tuberculosis and died at the age of 26 in Gardinas, Lithuania. Many visited his tomb and many miracles occurred. In 1521 he was canonized.

Installation of Ritual degrees followed. Ritual Chairlady Mary Stanionis asked Fr. Baltch to execute the rites. The following received First Degrees: Rev. Peter Jonaitis, Jennie % William Bura-



Amsterdam, N.Y. delegates attending the M.A. Dist. Convention in Scranton, Pa. L to r: Irene Dam-

mauskas, Sophie Walter Malkowicz, Genevieve Chase, Irene Damphier and Ruth Ralys. Second Degree: Joan & Alger Bagdan, Frances Bobines, Mildred & Ben Botaitis, Helen Dylong, Regina Hartvigas. Regina Kot, Albert Luzinas, Helen Hugo, Jane & Anthony Karbocus, Jennie & Willard Kensell, Karen Schell, Mary & Jack Sweet and Edward Zakarka. Benediction prayers were said by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis.

We thank the committee in charge of the Mar. 4 commemoration: Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich, Judy Kastraveckas and Helen Wojcik.

Our Apr. 9 meeting was held at the Liberis home. Rev. Anthony Grigaitis led us in prayer for the batification of Archbishop George Matulaitis. Father entered the seminary in 1924 and had met the Archbishop on many occasions, that he was a very humble and dedicated man. Father attended his funeral in 1927.

Our council voted to donate \$40. to the Scholarship Fund. On behalf of our late member Louis Allen, we received a note of thanks from his wife Sadie for having our special K of L services at the wake.

phier, Helen Druziak & Genevieve Chase. Standing: Gene Gobis.

(Photo taken by the 5th delegate, Regina Kot).

We welcome our newest members, Rev. Peter Jonaitis, Bill & Jennie Buramauskas and Sophie & Walter Malkowicz.

Five delegates attended the Dist. Conv. in Scranton, Pa. on Mar. 11, Irene Damphier, Genevieve Chase, Helen Druziak, Regina Kot and Gene Gobis. Over 300 guests & delegates attended. Our delegates wish to express their thanks to Eve Kazokas for being so hospitable. She took them to Elmhurst to visit the Sisters of Jesus Crucified at the Nursing Home, to the Lithuanian restaurant, Stirna's, where they had a delicious meal together with Eve's sister Mary, Father Pugevičius, Bro. Petcavage, his sister and brother-in-law.

The next M.A. Dist. Conv. will be held Oct. 14 in Amsterdam. Amsterdam is celebrating its 175th birthday this year and this is the perfect year for the council to host a Dist. Convention. Fr. Baltch told us of the clergy's part in the city's birthday celebration.

Father Baltch stated that Dr. Jack Stukas was elected to the board of Directors of VLIKAS. Congratulations, Jack, from all your Amsterdam friends.

A beautiful colored photo of the

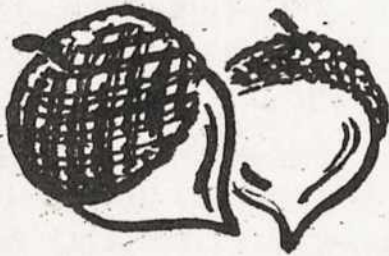
4th Ward Memorial was presented to our council by Frances Wolan, member of the 4th Ward Democratic Club. When the Lithuanian flag was vandalized, we donated the money for the purchase of a new one.

Congratulations to our members Bill Liberis who was elected '79 president of the Amer.-Lith. Club, and to Leonard Hartvigas, re-elected secretary.

Father Baltch advised that our council was slated to attend a Lithuanian Mass on Mzy 21. All members were asked to participate.

Helen Dylong is back in town. She spent some time in California visiting her son Frank.

Congratulations to Rev. Peter Jonaitis who recently celebrated his 35th anniversary in the priesthood.
Smile & Sparkle



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-135—ANSONIA, CONN.

Sister Arline, sister of Millie Stachowicz, and aunt to Carol Bujanauskas, Christine Slushinsky and Lorraine Kapinos, retired recently after teaching for 38 years in the Sisters of Mercy Order. Although retired, she will continue to serve the church. She helps prepare children for the Sacraments, helps with clerical duties and errands at the Rectory, and assists in the Religious Resources Center. She is a Special Minister of the Eucharist at daily Masses during Lent and on Sundays.

She has taken her hobby of Puppetry into the eight Convalescent Homes and Residences for the Aged in the area. She operates the

puppets herself and often encourages the patients to lend a hand. She finds that no matter what the age of the participants, "There's something about puppets that brings out the innocence and happy feelings of youth". The number of years attached to anything makes one eligible for a number of things, like a Drivers License, the Age of Consent, and even Retirement. In Sister Arline's case, as far as retirement is concerned, years are just a measure of time. It's what we do with what's left of time that counts. How can anyone say "Happy Retirement" to a person like Sister Arline, when she wants to do so much? That word isn't in her vocabulary. So we'll just say, "Good Luck, Good Health and God be with you always."

Our condolences are offered to Floyd S. Trapkauskas on the loss of his mother, Mary, who died Mar. 17. May she rest in peace.

The Annual Cake Sale held on Palm Sunday weekend was again a success. The sale this year was chaired by Lil Norwid and Dot Martin. Helping them before and after Masses were Ella Ellis, Lil Twerian, Ann & John Sabulis, Lil Chaplik, Millie Driznus, Olga Gray and Violet Brazitis.

Our Spring Dance was held the first Saturday in May. Music was furnished by Waljack's Orchestra. The crowd attending was small, but everyone had fun, even those who didn't dance. Our dances are parties, not rituals. Let's make it our business to attend all affairs, even though we might not attend all meetings. John Sabulis and Al Barauskas co-chaired the event. John Ellis, our work horse, is always there when there's work to be done, helped the chairmen move tables and to set up for the dance. Ella Ellis, who knows all about hot dogs, served old-fashioned franks with her famous sauerkraut, assisted by Olga Gray, Lil Twerian, Helen Chapulis, and Violet Brazitis.

We have members who bring friends to fill the tables. If you can't bring friends, just bring yourself. You will find plenty of friends to welcome you and make you happy that you attended.

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C-10—ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Rev. Justin Steponaitis and a family of four from St. Francis Parish visited Lithuania in May.

Micky Marsh is about again after a series of misfortunes that plagued her during the past year. Good to see you back, Micky.

Seven council members attended the NED Convention held in Holyoke on Apr. 29. Our own Charles Genaitis was elected delegate to represent the district at the Chicago Natl. Conv. in August. Congratulations and a big "thank you" to the Holyoke council on hosting their first district convention. Members renewed and made new friends.

Alice Perekslis is coming along well after a bad time this past spring. Her mother, who resides in Norwood, celebrated her 90th birthday with a large family gathering at a party given in her honor at Maironis Park.

Nellie Melaika was hostess at the St. Francis Parish semi-annual Whist Party.

Brone Wisniauskas demonstrated the art of decorating the Easter egg, European style, to the children in the Westminster Elementary School as part of their Art Craft Day held May 25. This is the third time in a year that Brone was called upon to demonstrate the art of Margučiai in the area.

Our June meeting was held at the Lithuanian Country Club in Gardner at which time the group celebrated birthdays of Bea Richard (May 31), Charlie Genaitis (June 13), and Father Justin's nameday (June 1).

Avid travelers Blanche & Charles Genaitis visited their family in Seattle for a lengthy vacation, and returned home just in time to attend the Chgo. Natl. Convention.

Our council members attended, in full force, the annual Cultural Picnic held at Maironis Park.

Member of the Month: We introduce to Vytis readers, Beatrice Jodaitis Richard, one of our most recent members. Bea was born and raised in Gardner, attended the local schools, and was graduated from Gardner High School. She took courses at Clark Univ., and recently took a course in Creative Writing at Mount Wachusett Community College. One of her articles, "This Family ate Onions to Decorate Easter Eggs", was accepted and published in the Worcester Telegram. We hope this is the beginning of a writing career for Bea. She was the private secretary to the General Manager of Mead Container Corp., and up until her recent retirement, was Secretary Superior of the stenographic pool. Bea has been involved in the Natl. Secretaries Assoc., and was an officer in the local chapter. She was a past Recording Secy. of the American Red Cross, Gardner chapter. Bea is an avid bridge player and does crewelwork. We wish for Bea a long and active membership with us.

Thought for the Month: During October, the month of the Rosary, let's all try to attend devotions in our local parish churches.

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C-26—WORCESTER, MASS.

A scrumptious dinner of German cuisine that preceded our April meeting was the idea of co-chairpersons Ruth & Leonard Ramsdell. They were assisted by Adele & Francis Degutis and Ann & Steve Walinsky. Following the business meeting, Irene & Ed Tamulevich of C-116 presented a Lithuanian travelogue. Their movies, commentaries and displays were interesting to each of us and the question-and-answer period which followed enlightened us even more. We were most grateful to this fine couple for sharing their travel experiences with us. Irene is president of C-116; Ed is president of the Lith. Naturalization Club. Grateful thanks to them both.

Charles Tagman and his brother-in-law, Bill Buckley, traveled to Myrtle Beach, So. Carolina where they reported golf as simply great! Charlie tells us he and Bill are getting into shape for the Annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament to be held this fall in Thompson, Conn. at the Raceway Country Club to benefit Marianapolis Preparatory School, conducted and staffed by the Marian Fathers.

Aports seems to be the key word this month because we've got much to say about bowling, as well. Charlie Tagman is president of the Catholic Men's Bowling League which includes 14 parishes of the Worcester Diocese. Our St. Casimir's team came in a close second. Also on this team are Bill Grigas

and Vyte Gadilauskas. Cheers were heard when Vyte had a string total of 184 made up of ten spares and one strike! Congratulations to our parish team!

The Council's bowling season ended with a banquet on May 12 at the Club Cosmo in Grafton. Alexander Pridotkas' team won first place and Jim Zalieckas' team earned last place. One thing was certain: lots of fun the entire season!

Vincent & Ann Grazulis traveled to California earlier this year to visit their son and daughter-in-law and to meet for the first time their new grandson, John Vincent. Tony & Bea Anton married off their daughter, Rose Mary, on June 10. Janet & Judy Ginkus were co-hostesses at a 40th Wedding Anniversary party held at Maironis on June 30 honoring their parents, Francis & Edwina Ginkus. Congratulations, all!

Jack Kazlauskas (owner of Dirska-Kazlauskas Funeral Home) had leg surgery recently. At this writing, Jack, his wife Peggy, and children Christopher and Megan, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their newest family member, due any moment. We share their excitement!

Ann Pridotkas (Alex's better half!) and her mother traveled to Lithuania to visit relatives earlier this year. Arthur & Marion Racicot with their family visited Disney World in Florida. Agnes Law traveled to California. Ann & John Ridick visited their son and his family in Germany. Helen Gillus spent a warm three months this past winter in Venice, Fla. They all had a wonderful time and, thank God, returned to their homes "safe and sound".

The picnic held June 3 was its usual success. Chairman Peter Ivaska thanks everyone in the council who either worked or supported this annual event held at Maironis Park. The general com-



C-10 Athol-Gardner, Mass. members enjoying their summer outing.

mittee consisted of Marion Shapiro, Helen Gillus, Rasa Grigaitis, Lenny & Ruth Ramsdell, Ann Bender, Agnes Law and Ann & Steve Walinsky.

Our council has three Honorary Members. Rita Pinkus, our council president, and Ann Bender continue to be very active withing the ranks. Joe Sakaitis would be active, too, except for the fact that he's working the night shift as a security guard, thus foking him to miss meetings and activities. We miss him . . . but one of these days, when his hours are changed, we'll be seeing him active once more. We had two other Honorary Members who have died, Mary Thompson Jankowski and Edward Daniels. Whatever the norms are in selecting Honorary Members, the Supreme Council's choices in these five were excellent. Wonder who'll be named next?

Summer's upon us; it's warm and himid. Many happy reunions are anticipated in August in Chicago at the Natl. Convention, and the race is on as we go about selecting delegates to represent our council.

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The rescheduled K of L Choir Benefit Dinner Dance was held at the K of L Bldg. in April and the capacity crowd in attendance had a great time. The food and refreshments were delicious, the company delightful, and the Choir's performance was excellent (great preview for the Convention). Congratulations to Choir Pres. Estelle Rogers, Chm. John Auksciunas and Director Faustas Strolia for a delightful evening.

Our Semi-Annual Rummage Sales are directed by ever-working bldg. trustees—with Al Mockus, Al Zakarka, Joe Laurinaitis, Jerone Jankus, Frank Svelnis, Clemente Vidzius, Paul Binkus, Kazimiera Petrusis and their hard-working committee volunteers doing a great job on these sales and making money for further building improvements. The improvements are many—from the bar remodeling to many other interior and exterior works. Their efforts are really showing a great improvement to the building. The trustees devote time that could be spent in their leisure pursuits, doing much of the work themselves in order to save money for the K of L. Our hats are off to you!

Our IID Pres. Al Brazis performed one of the leading roles in the Lithuanian Opera's presentation of "Lucia Di Lammermoor". Al sang the role of Lord Enrico and as usual did a terrific job.

The "Lietuvių Aidų" Radio Program's annual banquet was held at the Jesuit Center. Among the K of L'ers in attendance were C-102 members Gražina and Vitalia Vaškėlis of Detroit, who were visiting Ann Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus and also attending the Lithuanian Opera.

For the second year, the members of the IID bowling team, (this year's team members were Ann Marie Kassel and Bernice Pupinik of C-36 and Wally Cibulskis, Irene Sankus and Ed Krivickas of C-112), were winners of the good sports award, meaning that our team was in last place, but they had fun during the entire weekend. Georgianne Kassel and John Strolia of the C-36-112 Juniors bowled with members of the Pittsburg team and made a creditable showing. John also had the distinction of being introduced at Holy Cross Church by the Rev. Walter Katariskis. Next year's Mid-West Bowling Tournament hosts will be the members of Cleveland C-25, who incidently

were the first place winners of this year's tournament.

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture's Annual Award Banquet was held in the Empire Room of the Palmer House Hotel and had many K of L members in attendance and on the working committee. This year, the Museum honored the Honorable Stasys Lozoraitis Jr., Charge d'affaires of Lithuania to the Holy See.

Lithuanian newspaper "Sandra" held their Spring Picnic in the K of L Gardens and had the distinction of holding the first picnic of the season in our Gardens.

Another early picnic was hosted by our Chicago Seniors, also at the K of L Gardens, and working on the committee were Juozas Laurinaitis, Clemente Vidzius, Kazimiera Petrusis, Nick Karlavich, Antanas & Stephanie Jonutis and Adele Gables. Plan to attend their Fall Picnic!

Another annual event attended by K of L members was the 19th Annual Amber Ball, sponsored by the Chicago Lithuanian Womens Club, held in the Grand ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. This was a job well done by K of L'ers Aldona Brazis and Cheryl Rudis, and the other members of the committee.

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Eleanor Zapolis, member of Chicago C-36 and soloist with the Pirmyn Chorus, performing at the IID's Memories of Lithuania Banquet.



IID Members at K of L. Lithuanian Day, l. to r. Irene Norusis, Prudencija Bickus, Joseph and Elena Vieraitis, Vince Samoska

C-112—CHICAGO, ILL.

Council members and officers who have worked for the council for many years were rewarded with a Theater Party and saw George Maharis in the play "Boeing-Boeing" at the Drury Lane Martini-que Theater. Following the play, everyone enjoyed dinner and dancing at the Golden Age Restaurant. We also celebrated the birthdays of two fun-loving people, Dolores Wainauskas and Ed Krivickas.

The vivacious Eleanor Kasputis was recently on a "Love-boat" cruise and reported that the cruise was as interesting as the television series. Knowing our Ellie, we know she really had a ball.

April Board meeting host was none other than hard-working council member and officer and a very active working member of the K of L Bldg. Trustees, Paul Binkis. Hostess for the June meeting was our trusty treasurer, Monica Kasper.

Estelle Rogers, the IID P.R. lady, arranged for a group of council members to attend the Lithuanian Opera presentation of "Lucia Di Lammermoor". Everyone

enjoyed our own Al Brazis' performance as Lord Enrico.

Following the opera party and the "Lietuvių Aidų" Banquet (the program is directed by members Kazė Brazdžionytė and Balys Brazdžionis), everyone met at Rich Shlaustas' Diamondhead Restaurant (including Ann Marie Kassel of C-36 and Gražina and Vitalia Vaškėlis of Detroit) for more fun and frolic.

Our council was represented at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament by Eddie Krivickas, Irene Sankus and Wally (Red) Cibulskis, who bowled with members of C-36. Their scores? Well, let's say they had fun and represented our council with good fellowship.

Two well-known ladies in the public relations field recovered from operations and spent time in Holy Cross Hospital. It's great to see Emilija Pakalniškis, our "Vyčių Veikla" editor in "Draugas" and Lithuanian correspondent for C-112 and the IID, and Aldona Daukus, director of the "Sophie Barcus Radio Programs", back on the job.

Date to remember—Oct. 27
Oktoberfest III in the K of L Bldg.
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C-36—CHICAGO, ILL.

Easter has come and gone, so has the snow and cold weather, and it appears Summer is here in full splendor.

Anne Casperson with her husband, Wayne, and daughters, Julie and Mary, spent an Easter vacation in Mobile, Ala. with Wayne's relatives. The children enjoyed their Easter egg hunt on the beach of Mobile Bay.

Bernice Pupinik went on a two-week tour to Hawaii with the Westchester Senior Citizens Club. Needless to say, she enjoyed the whole trip and recommends that everyone should see Hawaii at least once.

Ann Marie and Georgine Kassel, Bernice Pupinik and John Strolia represented our council at the Midwest Bowling Tournament held in Dayton, Ohio in May. They bowled with the C-112 team and, unfortunately, came in last place. John earned a very clever trophy for the "booby" prize.



C-112 Chicago members Alice & Albert Cekanor. Alice is the council financial secretary and Al on of the Trustees. Al was selected as a Honor Member to the Mayor of Chicago's Office for Seniors Hall of Fame 1979. Among his many distinctions and services were terms of office as president of the Marquette Park Senior Citizens Club and of the St. Christopher's Railroad Mens' Association.

A hearty welcome to new member, George Norkus, who was introduced at our May meeting. Our cook-out turned out to be a cook-in due to the very cold weather, but was enjoyed just as much, even though we forgot the mustard.

Ruth Kazlauskas flew to California in mid-June with her husband, Ed, to visit her brother and his family in Carmichael, then spent a few days at Lake Tahoe, winding up the trip in San Francisco.

See you all at the Convention.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79—SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

A Big Welcome to seven new members who were signed up during our Founder's Day observance, Vytas & Maria Petrulis, Yolanda & Algis Zaparackas, Algimantas Gražėnas, Elizabeth Tamauskas and Jonas Urbonas.

Labai ačiū to Telen Tucker who spearheaded the drive. Džiaugimės kad ji gražiai pasidarbavo naujų narių įrašymu. Bertha Janus and Sophie Zager distributed K of L pamphlets at the door, greeted everyone with "Mes ieškom naujų narių," and helped acquaint the prospective members with the goals, accomplishments and purpose of our organization. Tony Dainus prepared inserts for the church bulletin about our founder, Mykolas Norkunas.

Fancy food delicacies sprung up like "roses" in place of the regular Sunday donuts, and approximately

25 pyragus were consumed. Thanks to all those wonderful members who baked and donated the tasty goodies. Our thanks, too, to the capable kitchen brigade, Chester & Marge Nasholn, J & J Yakstys, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Kase, Maggie Smailis and Ruth Grasha. Thanks, Chm. Joe.

It was good to see the Kurpovic clan of C-139 of St. Peter's who joined us on this day. And, of course, we were proud of the excellent turnout of our own members who marched together behind our council flag for Mass in Divine Providence Church. This Founder's Day was a first venture for our council, and next year, the Lord willing, we hope to make the event bigger and better.

Sadness struck our council much too often this year. We grieve the loss of a dedicated member, John Belickas, who died Apr. 25. John had all the ingredients of a friendly personality. He was a humble, giving person. He felt no need to dominate any social occasion, whether it be at a club-sponsored party, or making a contribution to the church. He and Julia made numerous contributions to our church, as well as other charitable donations. Upon retirement approximately five years ago, John devoted much time, along with his brother-in-law Tony Dainus, in working around the parish. He can best be described as a down-to-earth person, a traditional husband who enjoyed a private life. John was a religious man. During his months of illness, he had undetermined faith and will power to regain his strength. During the eulogy, Father Alphonse Babonas, former administrator of Divine Providence Church, expressed one of his most impressive epitaphs of John's life, and how he was perceptive in his own way of humility. We extend our sincere condolences to his beloved wife, Julie, to his sisters and families, and to our council

members Joseph & Pauline Belickas. May John rest in eternal peace.

The month of May is associated with spring flowers, but for some of our members, it set them to traveling. Ann Valatka & son Ralph had an enjoyable trip to Lithuania, meeting and visiting relatives for the first time. Vicki Chepelonis flew to Arkansas to visit with Veronica & John Pleskus who were former Detroiters. They then continued on to Florida for some more visiting. Bertha Janus took a min-trip with the Broske group to Avon-on-the-Lake in Ohio. Karen Panavas has been in Europe where she undertook summer studies, polished up on the German language, and pursued other branches of learning. George & Marie Kase motored East for the graduation of their grandson Ritchie on June 3. (Our thanks to the Kase's for a terrific social after the May meeting. With all the "treats," it was like a brunch!)

Our Cultural Chm. Stella Hotra continues to keep us interested. On a display table were "Vilnius Varpai," various creative designs of craft and flowers. She explained how they used pussy willows for Palm Sunday, as they were among the first to bloom in the spring. There were samples of beautiful colored eggs—edged eggs (designs used in weaving), and waxed designs. Stella also gave a reading on what the month of April meant in Lithuanian history, and concluded with a short version on the Lithuanian flag.

Congratulations to the K-C Machines of the K of L Bowling League who emerged as the winning team, Marge & Chester Nasholn, Nellie Milius, John Wasse and Joseph Yakstys.

A father-daughter team, Kazys "Charlie" Gogelis and Vida Ann, make a great duo during the Lithuanian Voice Program on Sunday mornings. Our new member, Algis Zaparackas, is one of the program directors of Lithua-

nian Melodies, heard on Mon., Wed. and Fri. nights. Tune in and enjoy both radio programs!

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C-96—DAYTON, OHIO

Our annual Palm Sunday Sale of April 7-8, chaired by August Blum, proved once again to be most successful. To all who donated, worked and patronized, we extend a hearty 'Thank You.'

Eloise Berczelly and Judy Petroskas, Chm. and Co-Chm. of our council's Religious Comm., planned a Day of Spiritual Renewal on Apr. 29. Moderator for the day was Rev. Thomas Fortkamp from St. Joseph Hosp., Ft. Wayne, Ind. The day began with Mass at 2 P.M. followed with a conference and question-&-answer session in the church hall. Closing the program was Benediction. The day was rounded out with a covered dish supper with more thoughts being shared. It was truly a memorable day. To Eloise and Judy, Ačiū Lābai.

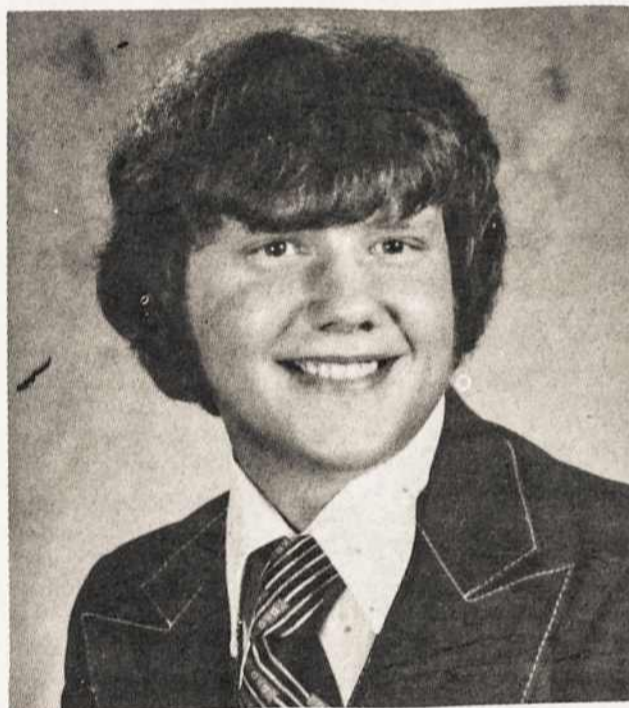
Council members celebrated Founder's Day on May 5. Under the very capable hands of our Social Comm., a covered dish supper was held. The Blums—August, Mary Ann, Michael, Audrey & Greg, are to be complimented. Special guest for the occasion was Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas, MIC, of Chicago. Father gave a beautiful talk on our founder, Mykolas Norėkunas. He also shared with us the work he has done and hopes to do to see the realization of Archbishop George Matulaitis' beatification. The people in Chicago are so fortunate to have such a good speaker as Fr. Dambrauskas in the area.

May 18-20 was a very busy time. Not only did our council host the Mid-West Bowling Tournament and MCD meeting, but our parish had Confirmation on the 18th with Archbishop Elko officiating. The day was also dedicated to Lithuanian Prayer Day for Holy Cross

C-96 Dayton, Ohio members and recent High School graduates.



Katheryn Sinkwitz



Gregory Blum



Rita Gecas

Parish. The Archbishop being familiar with Lithuanians, his words for the occasion were most appropriate.

We appreciate everyone coming to Dayton for the weekend. It made all the work and planning seem insignificant. Cleveland took First Place and we offer congratulations. Two of Dayton's teams made 2nd and 3rd place. We congratulate all the winners. In the women's division, the Dayton women swept all the prizes. There are more details in another section of the VYTIS. To Chm. John A. Berczelly, Honorary Chm. Harley Karns, and their committee, we can say, "One fine job."

Our annual May Crowning and Mgther's Day Celebration took place May 13. As in the past, the Jrs planned the morning. Mass was dedicated to our living and deceased mothers. Annamarie Sluzas, Jr Vice-Pres., had the privilege of placing the wreath on the head of the statue of our Blessed Mother. Our Jrs were the altar boys, did the readings, were Gift Bearers, and the choir. Breakfast, whipped up by Jr. Advisors Chris Māntz and Rita Ambrose, and served by the Jrs, was good and plentiful. The Jrs. having written their own material, then put on short skits. We thank them all for this very special beautiful day.

Congratulations to Joseph Ryan, Stefanija Raštikis and Albina Wallis who received Third Degree medals at Mass on May 20. Our compliments to Barbara Goecke who qualified for the Second Degree and Ann Desko for completing requirements for the First Degree at recent meetings. Congratulations, too, to our young people who received their First Holy Communion on Mother's Day, and to our Jrs and members who were filled with the Holy Spirit as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Dayton's 6th Annual World A'Fair drew crowds again. Our

parish's Lithuanian Cultural Comm. handled all the details for the Lithuanian display. The Shrine George Mikalauskas made for the K of L Scholarship Comm. was on display. The Vejeliai Dancers, directed by Ed Sluzassand Rita Gečas, with music supplied by Cecelia Lisankis, were up to their usual excellent performance.

Congratulations to our council members who graduated from HS this year. All three have been members starting with the JRS at nine and continuing into regular membership. They have all been a part of the Vejeliai dancers. Greg Blum, who will be attending the Univ. of Dayton on a 4-yr. paid scholarship, also received a Presidential and Ohio Board of Regents Scholarship award; Rita Gečas will continue her studies at Wright State; and Kathy Sinkwitz has started her career in the business world.

Get-well wishes are sent to Marie Preidis, Janina Bucmys, Audrey Blum, Judy Petrokas and Sally Miller. All are recuperating from surgery. Out-of-town members

in Dayton visiting family and friends were Ann & Joe Boeke, Kathy Roberts and her sons while Jerry is on tour duty in Greece, and Pat & Tony Alexander. Much luck to Aldona Ryan in her newest venture as feature writer for the Dayton Daily News.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mildred Steinbrunner & C. Mike Wilemaitis & their families on the loss of their mother, Elizabeth Wilemaitis. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

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C-25—CLEVELAND, OHIO

It gives us great pleasure to say, "Congratulations, C-25, for bringing home the Traveling Trophy and coming in First Place in the Midwest Bowling Tournament in Dayton!" John Andrulis, Bruno Bartkus, Charlie & Nelda Machutas and Joanna Shigo were on the winning team. Good work, team, we knew you could do it! Our bowlers also brought home the good news that our council will host

the 1980 Midwest Bowling Tournament.

Congratulations are extended to Fr. Balys Ivanauskas who celebrated his 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood on May 20. After Mass at St. George, Father was honored at a banquet at the capacity-filled church hall attended by his many friends, family and parishioners. We hope we will be around to celebrate your 50th Anniversary, too!

Nellie Samas was honored that same Sunday at St. Dominic's Church where she was presented with the Dominican Cross for her 15-year membership in the famed St. Dominic's Chorale. The Cross was designed by one of the members and was displayed this year at the Cleveland Diocese Headquarters.

Looking well, healthy and tanned are the Shigo's who started their lengthy vacation with a tour of Florida, a stop at Stone Mountain, Ga. (which they enjoyed immensely) and ending up in Dayton at the Mid-West Tournament.

Our sincere condolences are extended to our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, and family upon the death of their mother, Marija Kijauskas, on May 6. Many members attended the "Atsisveikini-mas" at the Wm. Jakubs & Son



Fr. G. Kijauskas, Fr. B. Ivan & Fr. B. Tierney concelebrating Fr. Ivan's 40th Anniversary Mass.



Cleveland Sr.'s Spiritual Advisor Rev. Balys Ivanauskas singing "Blynu, Blynu" at his 40th Anniversary celebration.

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Funeral Home which was beautifully observed.

Evelyn Andriulis is recovering nicely after knee surgery, as is Bill Jakubs who spent a little time in traction at St. Vincent's Hospital. Hope all is well for both of you soon.

Our Council's Day of Prayer for oppressed Lithuania was held Apr. 30 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at the evening Mass officiated by Father Kijauskas. Ben Karklius read from the Lithuanian Catholic Church Chronicles—No. 12—"Kryzių Kalnas", followed by the reading of Psalm 37 by Betty August. Alice Karklius and Father Kijauskas led the gathering in the "Tikinčiųjų Malda." We were pleased with our attendance at this observance and hope that our prayers will be heard.

June 9 was a happy day for Laura Machutas who celebrated her High School graduation with an OPEN HOUSE given by her parents, Nelda and Charlie. There were many K of L'ers present and it was good to see George & Fritzi Mikalauskas of Dayton. Both were their same old "jolly" selves. "3 down, 2 more to go!"

Our last meeting for the summer



C-25 Cleveland, Ohio member Nellie Samas, recipient of the Dominican Cross for 15-yr. membership in St. Dominic's Chorale.

was held June 3 at the home of Gene & Ursula Kunsitis. The attendance was terrific, we had a great meeting. It also gave "Cactus Gene" an opportunity to show off his interesting collection of cacti and orchids. At the meeting Joanna Shigo presented Gene with a large box. When it was opened, he found a box full of his missing oldtime

Mason Jars. Thank you, Ada Sinkawitz, for locating them! Nellie Arunski surprised Al & Joanna Shigo with a beautiful 40th Wedding Anniversary cake after the meeting which was immensely enjoyed by all.

On June 24 our council sponsored the Coffee Hour after the 10 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Alice Karklius chaired this event and, as usual, our ladies outdid themselves with their beautiful, delicious pastry. Thank you, everyone!

Don't let the GAS CRISIS get you down. Have a happy, safe summer close to home. See you in the Fall!

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JUNIOR CORNER

C-36/112 JUNIORS, CHICAGO

March 4th—Council 36-112 Juniors hosted St. Casimir's day. Registration and pinning on the Lithuanian ribbons was held in the Immaculate Conception school hall. We lined up and marched in a parade to church. D-G's color Guards and K of L flag carriers carried in the flags. Tom Strolia, Junior vice-president carried in the Lithuanian flag followed by district presidents, 4th, 3rd, 2nd degrees, and all the Juniors. Before mass, 4th degrees were received by three members—2 from senior council and 1 from 112 council.

After mass we went to the K of L hall for a brunch. The Juniors swerved coffee afterwards. Donna Juritis, Junior president, was the M. C. Faustas Strolia received "The Man of the Year Award". We then sang five songs lead by Faustas Strolia. We also celebrated Mrs. Kazimiers Petrusis' 75th birthday.

Maria Klatt

TOO HOT? THINK *Christmas*

and wish your K of L friends a Merry Christmas. Yes indeed, the deadline is Oct. 22, 1979.

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