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Christmas... TRADITIONAL OR MODERN?

Increasingly over the past decade or so, whenever religious topics would be brought up for discussion, differences of opinion would be sure to arise on the basis of the traditional or modern outlook of the speakers. This confused state of affairs can be seen in discussions on moral issues, liturgical practises, Sacred Scripture and even in the understanding of Christmas.

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There are those who proclaim: "Throw out the old. Let's go modern." The quick response to this is: "Not so fast. The old ways are good enough for me." How does one choose? What are we to do?

It is clear that life goes on and must develop, as new things are invented and new ways of doing things are devised. We must not become stagnant, stuck in a rut. It is also evident that just because a thing is old does not mean that it is thereby good and useful. Not every thing old is good; not every new thing is bad.

I recall reading about a priest who received hundreds of Christmas cards that were traditional, featuring the Christmas Child, Mary and Joseph, the angels and shepherds, the Wise Men. One card he received was NOT traditional. It was a picture of a dirty street in a poor ghetto, showing decrepit storefronts and half-burned-out and boarded up houses: "Christmas Greetings from the Ghetto." This card made the priest stop and think. This incident should make us think; also. Though not traditional, this card was meaningful. Christmas

should come to the ghettos, too. Christ was born for all, especially for the poor.

As December 25th approaches, we think we know the meaning of Christmas. We strive to get into the spirit of the ancient or traditional Christmas. We are urged to relive the event that changed all human history.

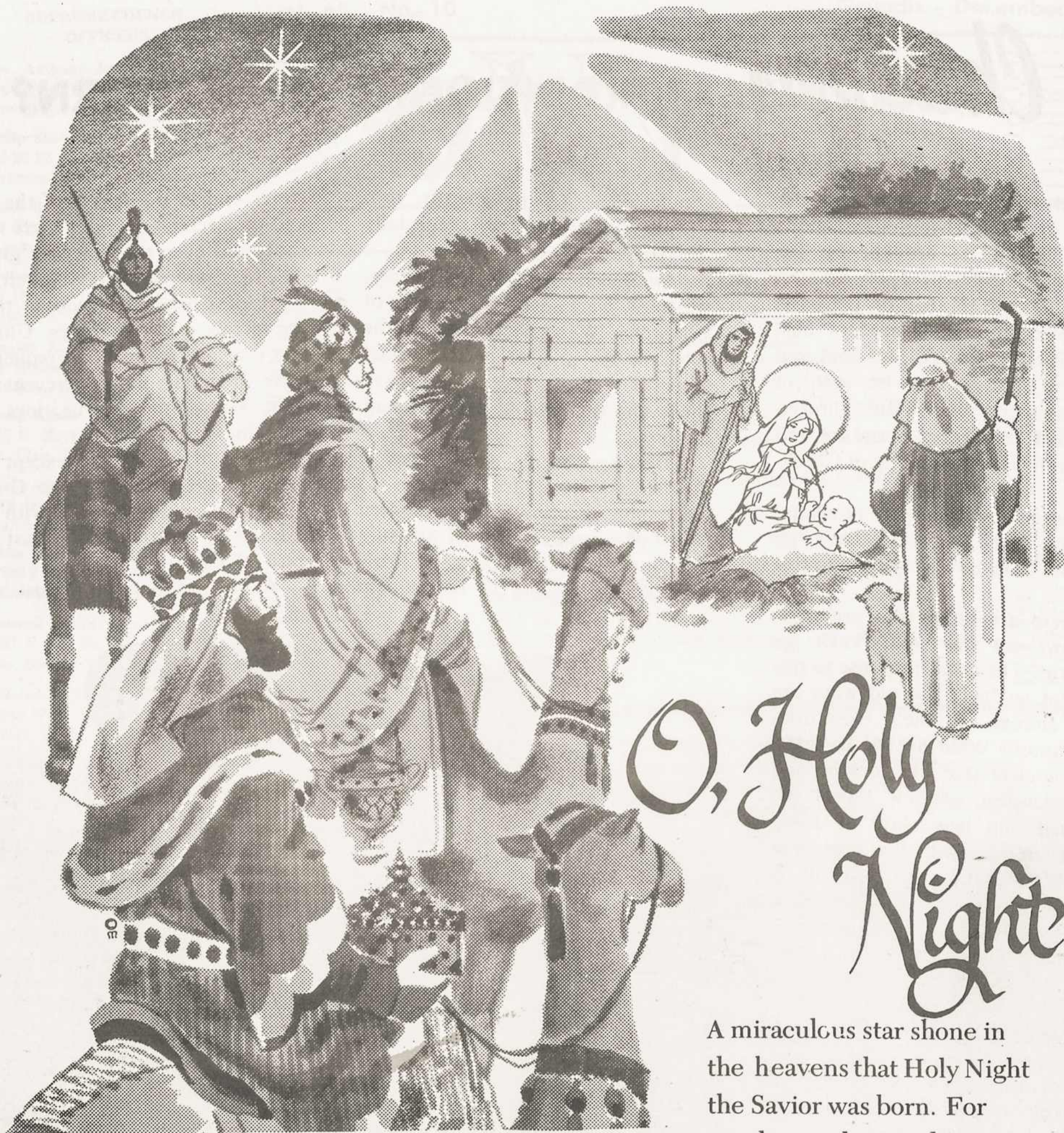
However, to get to the heart of Christmas, there are obstacles to overcome, especially the modern crust of commercialism. I am sure that most people agree that Christmas carols blaring in department

stores and in the streets of the city and the hectic sending of Christmas cards and even the generous giving of gifts does not always touch the heart of Christmas, because these are merely material things. Christmas is a spiritual reality. Frequently these material things prevent us from knowing the true joys of Christmas itself.

Come to think of it, except for the angelic carol "Glory to God", we could probably do away with the rest and not destroy in the least the spirit of Christmas.

At this point I can almost hear





O, Holy Night

A miraculous star shone in the heavens that Holy Night the Savior was born. For nearly two thousand years that bright spirit has flourished as we rejoice each Christmas season, and reaffirm our faith in His Holy Birth. May His true spirit abide with you through the Holy Season and for all time.

MSGR. JOHN SCHARNUS, PASTOR

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someone say: "But . . . Christmas cards and Christmas presents do express the meaning of Christmas: God gave the Christ Child to the world, so we share our joy by greetings and gifts to family, relatives and friends."

How beautiful! But is it the real Christmas spirit that moves us? Isn't there sometimes a larger or smaller dose of superficiality, or selfishness mixed in? Do we remember to send a card or a present to the ghetto, to those who are really in need?

I am not advocating the abolition of Christmas cards and gifts. But I cannot push out of my mind the Christmas card from the ghetto.

Unless we are careful, we will be singing the wrong carols set to the wrong music and send out greetings to the wrong people and give presents only to those who need them least. If we do this, can we boast of possessing the Christmas spirit?

The problem with modernized Christmases is that in them we cannot see the simple mystery, because it has been so glamorized, twisted and overlaid with tawdry tinsel over the years.

How can we be led to the silence of the first Christmas through the din of twentieth century caroling? How can we appreciate the poverty of God made man, born of the Virgin Mary, when we are overly concerned with the material aspects of the Christmas holidays?

Let's find a place of silence and a place of emptiness: time to think about that once in all history happening: the Coming of God into the world as man. Let's find a place, alone, in the Presence of God to think about Christmas as God the Father would have us do.

Open your mind for a few moments to the thought that you are visible to God, even though He is not visible to you. Know that He sees you and is pleased to have you in His Presence.

Now, in silence and solitude ask

the question: Why, God? Why Christmas?

God's answer may come in many forms, but basically it will be under some aspect of His Love.

The Birth of Christ was the first moment of the reconciliation of humanity with the Father in Heaven. By the time Christ's work was ended, God's thinking, loving creatures on earth were no longer outcasts: they were made sons and daughters of a loving Father, welcomed back into the family of God with a hearty embrace.

At Bethlehem there were no blaring trumpets, no gaudy, tinsel decorations. Only God, a Baby Boy who was God and His mother Mary and Joseph.

Why Christmas? To celebrate Emmanuel — "God-with-us".

What a difference there is between that Christmas and the 1979th!

Today, it's almost as if the world around us is trying its utmost to introduce a "God-is-NOT-with-us" holiday. Santas, Santas everywhere . . . a Christ Child only here and there!

These contrasts between the old, old Christmas and its modernized version came about, because the original Christmas came to be considered a merely human, historical event: Christ was born in Bethlehem. People failed to grasp the mystery that the Birth of Christ is an ongoing event. History can say nothing about this, but theology can.

The first Christmas, God fashioned a human body for His Son, as an instrument for the salvation of the world. Christ's life work, leading up to His death upon the cross, was to make it possible for all men and women who believe in Him and love Him to become instruments of God's Will, also.

Through Baptism each person is given a share in the divine life of Jesus, the life of grace, which is like a birth of Christ within the soul.

Baptism consecrates us as human instruments of divine activities, Christ-like actions. The other Sacraments perfect and transform us so that we can exclaim: I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me.

In our silence and solitude we have pondered many points. To conclude, let us take only one to stress and bear in mind.

Christmas is to celebrate Emmanuel, God-with-us.

This Christmas let's make an effort to personalize, to make that Emmanuel our very own: When we say Emmanuel, let's think: God-with-me!

This will make it easier for us to become more perfect instruments of His Will in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. Saint Francis of Assisi's prayer shows us how:

"Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your PEACE: where there is hatred, let me sow LOVE . . . where there is injury PARDON . . . where there is doubt FAITH . . . where there is despair HOPE . . . where there is darkness LIGHT . . . and where there is sadness JOY . . ."

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

P.S. My Christmas wish and prayer for all Knights of Lithuania is that the richest blessings of "God-with-you" fill you and your loved one with peace and joy during the entire Christmas Season and all throughout the New Year.

Fr. J.

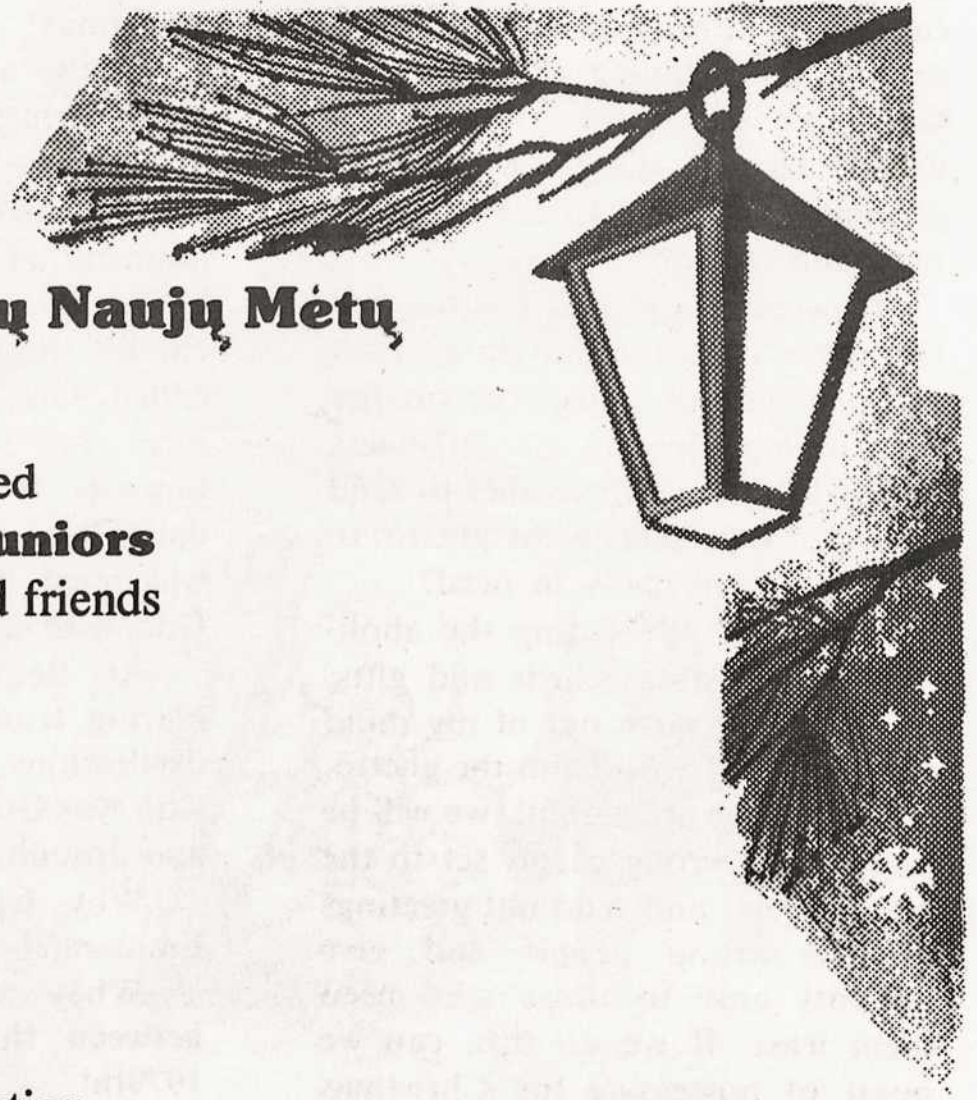


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A Christmas Legacy

ANTONIA M. WACKELL

A dazzling vision in the sky
 Angel envoys with glad tidings
 Awoke the weary shepherds' near —
 Heavy with sleep, trembling with fear.

Bewildered by the mysterious light
 They followed the course led by a star
 To the lowly quarters — the crumbling stall
 Where they saw a wondrous sight.

There a little Child was born
 In the stillness of the night
 Bringing with Him gifts combined
 For all the world's mankind.

His birth was in the animals' stable
 His crib — a wooden, straw-filled manger
 But the legacy left by the blessed Stranger
 Were heavenly gifts for all. . . .

And so again on Christmas Day
 His gifts of peace, joy and love He will bestow
 Upon the universe for all mankind
 As He did so long ago.



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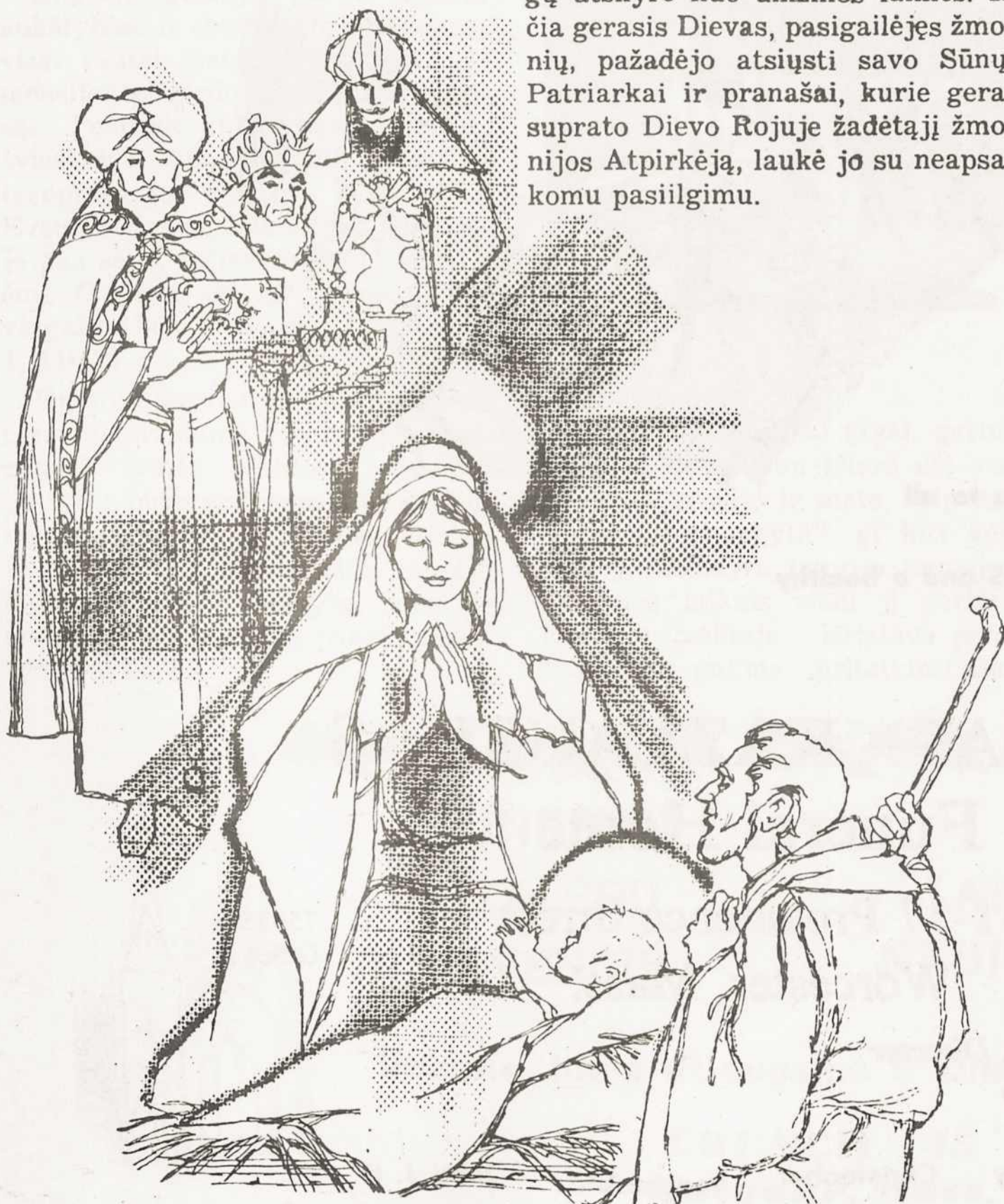
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KALĖDOS - ATGIMIMAS

PREL. P. M. JURAS

Dievas sutvėrė žmogų amžinai laimei. Dovidas, kalbėdamas apie Dievo didybę ir žmogaus vertę sako: "Viešpatie, mūsų Viešpatie, koks nuostabus yra tavo vardas visoje žemėje! kurs iškelei savo didybę augščiau už dangų... Kai aš

žiūriu į tavo dangų, tavo pirštų darbą, į mėnulį ir į žvaigždes, kurias tu padarei; Kas gi yra žmogus, kad tu jį atsimeni? arba žmogaus sūnus, kad juo rūpinies? Tu padarei jį mažą ką mažesnę už angelus, garbę ir šlove apvainikavai jį" (Ps. 82-6). Pirmųjų tėvų nuodėmė žmogų atskyrė nuo amžinos laimės. Ir čia gerasis Dievas, pasigailėjęs žmonių, pažadėjo atsiųsti savo Sūnų. Patriarkai ir pranašai, kurie gerai suprato Dievo Rojuje žadėtąjį žmonijos Atpirkėją, laukė jo su neapsakomu pasiilgimu.

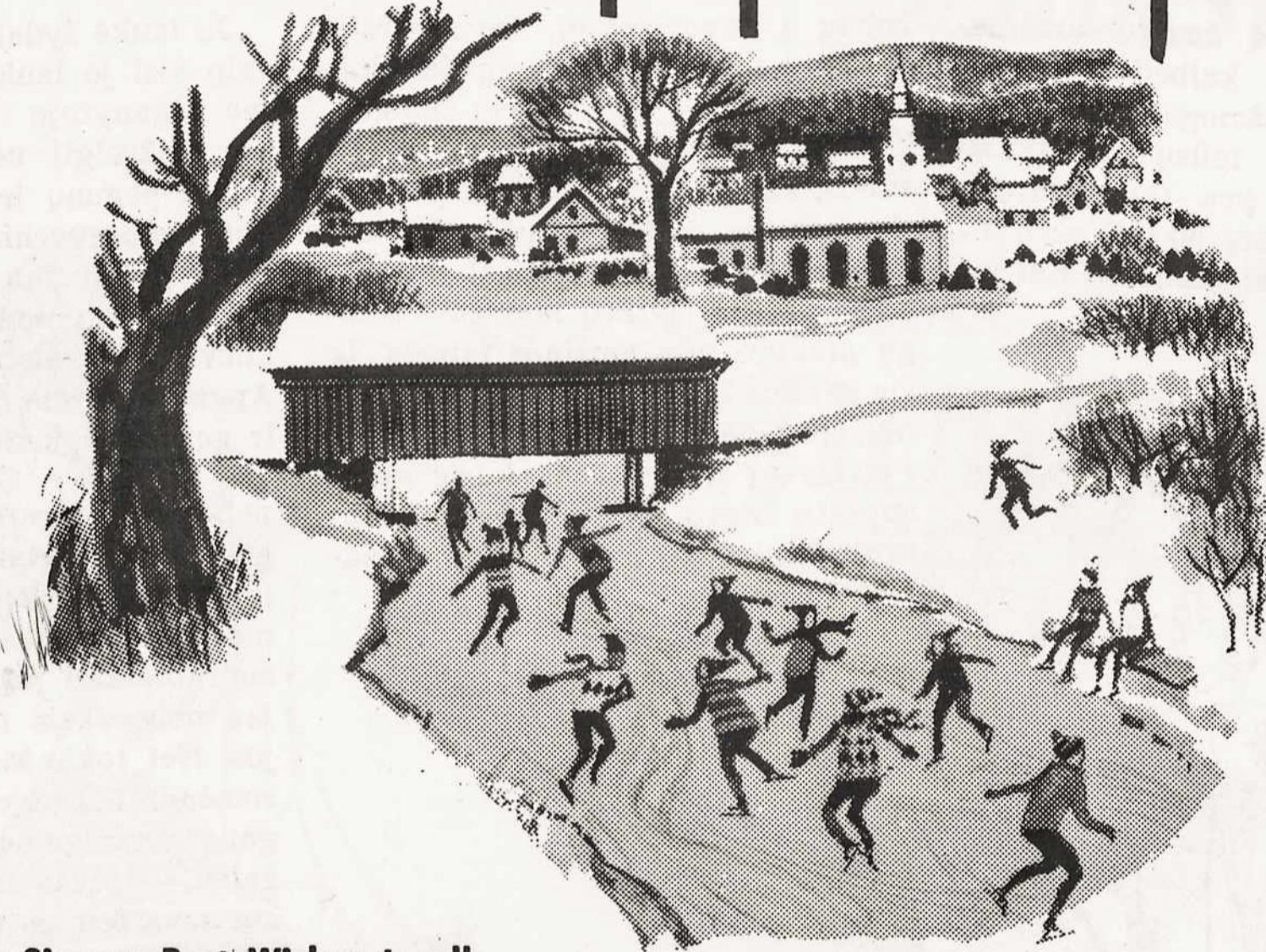


Jo laukė žydai ir pagonys. Kodėl taip visi jo laukė? "Kad suprastume Išganytojo būtinumą, turime dar pažvelgti nors bendrais bruožais į pagonų ir žydų tikybinio ir dorovinio gyvenimo būklę.

Juo tolyn, juo gilyn smigo pagonių tautos į moralinį skurdą. Išsilaisvinusios aistros nežinojo ribų. Apgedusi širdis nemokėjo branginti ir gerbti nė jokios dorybės. Protas

nebeatskyrė gero nuo pikto. Religija virto burtais. Vietoje Tvėrėjo imta garbinti sutvėrimai. Ištvirkimas buvo pasibaisėtinas. Dauguma suprato, kad jokia žemiška galybė jau nebepakels nupuolusios žmonijos. Net tokie kultūringi graikai ir romėnai nežinojo nelygstamo žmogaus vertingumo principo. Šeimos galva — tėvas turėjo neribotų teisių savo šeimos narių atžvilgiu. Su moteriške elgtasi, kaip su verge; jos būklė buvo nepakenčiama; ji neturėjo jokių teisių į savo vaikus. Vaikai buvo laikomi namų inventoriaus dalimi. Tėvas turėjo į juos mirties ir gyvybės teisę. Jis galėjo juos parduoti vergijon. Visuomenės santvarkoje niekas neginčijo vergų luomo reikalingumo. Apie du trečdaliu Romos gyventojų buvo vergai. Jie nebuvo laikomi civiliniais asmenimis. Jie neturėjo jokių teisių. Jie buvo tik priemonės ponų užgaidoms tenkinti. Jų savininkai galėjo juos kankinti, parduoti, užmušti. Į darbą buvo žiūrima su panieka. Ateuose ir Romoje laisvas pilietis nedirbo. Jei turtingas buvo, darbus jam atlikdavo vergai; jei neturtin- gas, išlaikymo reikalavdavo iš valstybės. Artimo meilės nebuvo; turtuolių širdyse, vietoje artimo meilės,

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liepsnojo aistrų ir godumo ugnis. Teisingumas nebuvo valstybinio ir visuomeninio gyvenimo norma. Ir gailastingumo principas buvo paneigtas. Tik pats Dievas tegalėjo pakeisti žemės veidą”.

Šv. Jonas sako, kad “Tuo Dievo meilė pasireiškė mumyse, jog Dievas siuntė savo viengimį Sūnų į pasaulį, kad mes būtumėm per jį gyvi. Tame yra meilė; ne kad mes mylėjome Dievą, bet kad jis pirmas mus mylėjo ir siuntė savo Sūnų, kaip permaldavimą už mūsų nuodėmes” (1 Jono 4, 9-10).

Angelai giedoja garbė Dievui aukštybėse ir skelbė didį džiaugsmą visai tautai, bet tik paprasti piemenėliai teisgirdo tą dangiškąjį balsą. Pasirodė ant dangaus skaisti, šviesi žvaigždė, bet tik išminčiai tesuprato jos reikšmę. Ne veltui Evangelistas nusiskundžia: “Jis atėjo pas save, tačiau savieji jo nepriėmė. O kas jį priėmė, tiems jis davė galios būti Dievo vaikais” (Jono 1, 11-12).

Išganytojas atėjo nusizeminęs. Gimė paprastame tvartelyje. Dangaus ir žemės Valdovui gyvulių tvartelis buvo malonesnis už didžiūnų puošnius rūmus. Meilės, Tiesos ir Ramybės Kunigaikštis norėjo išgydyti žmonių puikybę, kūno ir sielos aistras, o širdis pakelti aukštyn prie Dievo.



“Piemenys sugrįžo atgal, garbindami ir šlovindami Dievą dėl viso, ką buvo girdėję ir matę, taip kaip jiems buvo sakyta”, gi kiti kėsinosi jį nužudyti. Istorija kartojasi. Ir mūsų laikais vieni jį garbina, kiti jį persekioja. Kristaus persekiotojams galime pritaikinti Sau-

liui pasakytus Kristaus žodžius: “Sunku tau spardyti prieš akstiną” (Apd. 8,5).

Kristus gimė kūdikiu, kad pašventinti kūdikius, patraukti juos prie savo dieviškos širdies. Gimė iš skaisčiosios Mergelės Marijos; augo ir stiprėjo šeimoje, kad tik įrodyti žmonėms šeimos garbingumą.

Visoms kartoms norėjo statyti pavyzdį šventosios Šeimynos. Nazarete pasiliko klusnus Juozapui ir Marijai, kad duoti pavyzdį jaunimui gerbti savo tėvą ir motiną.

Tėvus ir motinas moko šventosios Šeimynos pavydžiu aukotis, kad tik apsaugotų ir išauklėtų jiems pavestą kūdikį. Kad apsaugotų Kūdikelio gyvybę, jie keliauja į tolimą nežinomą kraštą. Neprašo stebuklo. Nugali visas kliūtis bei sunkenybes. Nerūgoja, neišmėtina. Ir sugrįžę iš Egipto į Nazaretą tenkinasi paprastu nameliu be jokių patogumų.

Prieš apie porą tūkstančių metų Dievo Pasiuntinio tarti žodžiai: “Šiandien jums gimė Dovidio mieste Išganytojas, kurs yra Kristus, Viešpats”, tepripildo mūsų širdis džiaugsmu, Dievo meile, padėka ir pagarba. O jei savo širdyje turėsimė paruošę jam buveinę, jis ateis pas mus Eucharistijoje ir suteiks mums dangišką ramybę.

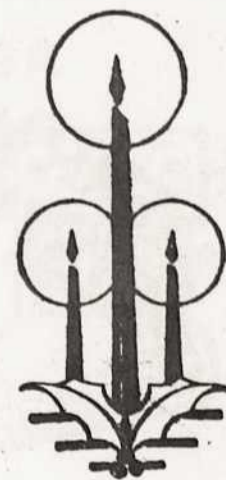


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A NEW ADDITION TO THE KENT STATE LITHUANIAN COLLECTION

The Lithuanian Collection at Kent State University has been greatly enriched by a current donation of over 150 books, various periodicals and a dozen maps, by Mr. Albertas Puskepalaitis of Boston. This collection focuses on Mazoji Lietuva and is very important to researchers interested in this area.

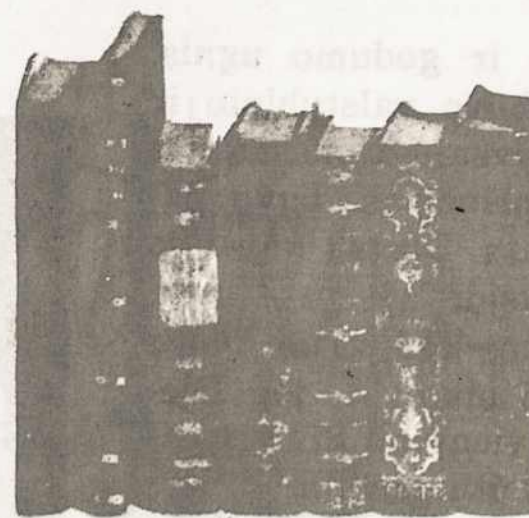
Mr. Puskepalaitis has been collecting material relating to Lithuania for over 50 years and his donation to the Lithuanian Collection reflects this life long pursuit. Even in his departure from Lithuania, Mr. Puskepalaitis managed to take along several boxes of books. Later he continued his pursuit, buying new and old Lithuanian books, some in German, relating to Mazoji Lietuva.

This extraordinary love for books manifested itself quite early in his personal and professional life. While in Kaunas he worked for printers of Sviesa and Varpas and participated in numerous activities pertaining to the printing of the written word.

Included in this donation to the Lithuanian Collection are such works as:

Das Litauen-Buch Eine Auslese aus der Zeitung der 10. Armee

Mosvid (Die Alttestem Litauisches Sprachdenkmal Bis Zum Jahre 1570) by Georg Gerullis, (Heidelberg, 1923)



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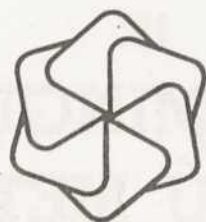
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Here he is

Štai jis

He was very good to me

Jis man buvo labai geras

He buys me everything

Jis man viską nuperka

He gave me a book (as a gift)

Jis man dovanojo knygą,

I like this book

Man patinka ši knyga

Anything else?

Gal dar ko nors?

He is to be praised

Jis yra girtinas

Thank you very much

Labai ačiu



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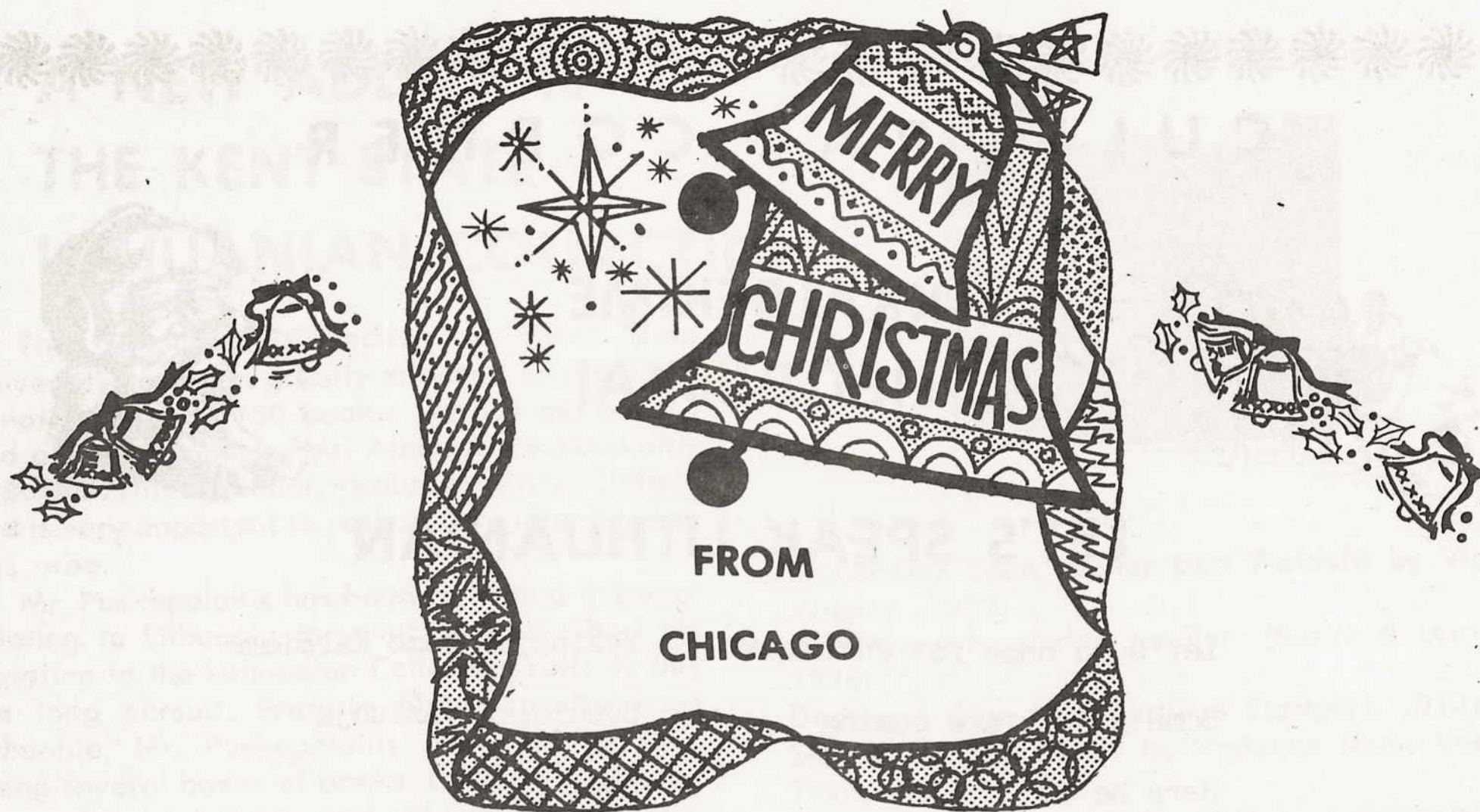
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IŠEIVIJOS LIETUVIŲ VYSKUPŲ LAIŠKAS LIETUVIAMS



Kiekviena kultūringa tauta ar valstybė turi metų kalendoriuje savo šventes bei nedarbo dienas. Vienos jų mini istorinio įvykio datas ar valstybės įžymaus asmens gimtadienį, kitos įprasmina tautos laimėjimus, mirusių pagerbimą ar padėką Dievui už derlių ir kt. Krikščionių tautos dar turi nuo seno Bažnyčioms joms skirtas tos šalies ar valstybės šventųjų globėjų šventes. Lietuviai, kaip sena ir nepriklausomai gyvenusi tauta, švenčia savo kraštui brangias bei svarbiais įvykiais atžymėtas dienas. Nepriklausomos Lietuvos metais svarbiausios tokių švenčių buvo vasario 16-ji — Lietuvos nepriklausomybės paskelbimo ir suvereninės valstybės atkurimo diena, kovo 4-ji — šv. Kazimiero Lietuvos globėjo diena ir rugsėjo 8-ji — tautos šventė primenanti Vytauto Didžiojo skirtą karaliumi vainikavimo dieną. Sovietų Rusijai okupavus Lietuvą nė viena tų dienų neleidžiama švęsti. Negalima turėti net viešų pamaldų bažnyčiose. Vietoje tų istorinių švenčių pavergėjas ir vietos ateistai bando primesti mūsų krikščioniškai tautai svetimų minėjimų ir švenčių. Kas galėtų tautai daromą tą dvasinę skriaudą atsverti ir išlaikyti brangias tradicijas. Tai lietuvių tautos dalis gyvenanti laisvuose kraštuose. Visiems džiugu, kad išeiviai lietuviai, karo išblokšti ar gimę svetur, nepamiršo vasario 16-os šventės. Vienur ji minima prasmingiau — su pamaldomis, kitur pasitenkinama viešu susirinkimu, prakalboomis, kultūrine programa. Ne visų švenčiama Lietuvos globėjo šv. Kazimiero šventė ir rugsėjo 8-ji diena. O tos dvi šventės yra svarbios lietuvių tautai. Jų reikšmę supranta ir Lietuvos nepriklausomybės priešai. Carų valdymo laikais buvo net atimta iš lietuvių šv. Kazimiero bažnyčia Vilniuje, o šiandien pavergėjas tą Lietuvos globėjo šventovę yra pavertęs į ateistinį muziejų krikščionybės išniekinimui. Šv. Kazimiero relikvijos išneštos iš Vilniaus katedros į priemiesčio bažnyčią, o pati katedra išniekinta. P. Pijus XII šv. Kazimierą yra paskyręs lietuvių kilmės jaunimo ypatingu globėju visame pasaulyje. Tuo paskyrimu P. Pijus XII norėjo priminti lietuvių kilmės jaunimui nenutraukti dvasinių ryšių su to šventojo šalimi ir visada prisiminti savo lietuvišką kilmę bei savo globėjo šventą jaunystę.

Lietuvos žmonės negalėdami dabar minėti rugsėjo 8-os, kaip Tautos šventės, tą dieną švenčia tik kaip

bažnytinę — Šv. Marijos Mergelės gimimo dieną. Ta šventė lietuviai mini ir Šv. Marijos Mergelės pasirodymą Šiluvoje ir per visą tos šventės oktavą gausiai plaukia į Šiluvą, nebodami trukdymų bei sunkenybių tą šventovę pasiekti.

Gyvenančių laisvame pasaulyje mūs niekas netrukdo ir nevaržo laisvai švęsti brangias mūsų tautai dienas. Šiuo laišku mes norime paraginti visus lietuvius iškilmingiau švęsti virš minėtas šventes su kiekvienai iš jų pritaikytomis pamaldomis. Ten, kur nėra lietuvių kunigo, kvieskite kitos tautos kunigą aukoti su jumis ta proga šv. mišių auką.

Daug kur, be virš minėtų švenčių, lietuviai dar mini birželio tragiškus trėmimus, tautos sukilimą prieš okupantus, Lietuvos kariuomenės įkurimo dieną. Tuose minėjimuose dera taip pat turėti ir religinę dalį. Labai sveikintinos mūsų organizacijos, Kongresų, susivažiavimų rengėjai, kad jie savo ruošiamų įvykių programose skiria ir pamaldoms tinkamą laiką. Kai mūsų Tėvynė išgyvena sunkius priespaudos metus, mes panaudokime visas progas maldauti Viešpatį jos žmonėms visokios pagalbos ir vergijos pabaigos. Lietuvių Katalikų Relginės Šalpos pastangomis yra siekiama įsipareigoti, kad kiekvieną metų dieną būtų meldžiamasi už Lietuvą. Visos lietuvių parapijos, vienuolynai, organizacijos yra įtrauktos į tą maldų vainiką. Kai kurios net svetimtaučių parapijos yra pasižadėjusios melstis už Lietuvą. Tuo būdu ir kitos tautos pradeda geriau pažinti mūsų krašto tragediją ir noriai įsijungia į mūsų maldų intencijas.

Visus kviesdami iškilmingiau švęsti lietuvių tautines šventes, į dažnesnes maldas už Lietuvą, šia proga norime nuoširdžiai padėkoti jums, lietuviai kunigai, už jūsų aukojimąsi mūsų tautiečių sielovadai ir už jūsų pastangas išlaikyti lietuvių išeiviją dvasiniai stiprią ir tautiniai atsparią. Tik dvasiniai tvirta ir moraliai sveika tauta yra pajėgi išlikti gyva ir kūribinga. To mes visi siekiame, tam tikslui dirbame ir tiems visų mūsų darbams prašome Dievo palaimos.

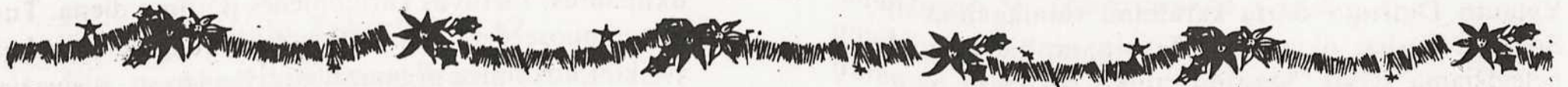
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Vincentas Brizgys
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Visiems susirinkus ir sustojus aplink stalą, skaitoma Kūčių evangelija Luk. 2, 1-14. Po to sugiedamas posmas "Sveikas Jėzaus gimusis" ir seka:

M A L D A

Viešpatie Kristau, užgimęs žemei džiaugsme, atėjęs visiems laikams išganyme! Prašome tave, laimink mus visus: didžius ir mažus, sveikuosius ir ligonius, liūdinčius ir besidžiaugiančius; laimink čia susirinkusius ir ypač laimink tuos, kurie neranda vietos plačioje žemėje. Būk jų ir mūsų viltis, būk jų ir mūsų džiaugsmas, priebėga ir ramybė! Ypač čia susirinkusiųjų būk Vienybės Dievas, kad visur ir visad jaustumės ir pasiliktume v i e n a per tave ir su tavim. Amen.

Už mirusius šeimos narius — prosenelius, senelius, tėvus, brolius ir seseris: Tėve mūsų, Sveika Marija, 3 Amžinąjį atilsį.
Po to laužomas paplotėlis.



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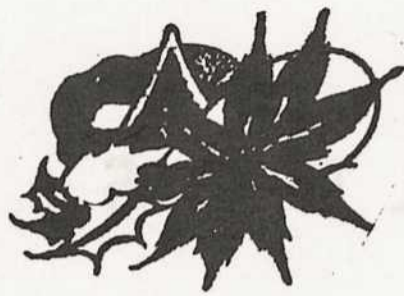
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"My sincere greetings to the Lithuanians of America. Remain loyal to Christ's Church! Appreciate the honorable traditions of your nation! May Mary, the Mother of God, protect you! Praise to Jesus Christ." These were the words spoken to the American Lithuanians by Pope John Paul II, as he is pictured holding the Lithuanian text, at the Grant Park Mass in Chicago on Oct. 5.

The K of L Choir in full Lithuanian costume, under the direction of **Faustas Strolia**, C-36, was one of those honored to sing before the Mass. K of L'ers **Georgianne Kassel**, C-36/112 Juniors, and **Theresa Strolia**, C-36, were interviewed on television while awaiting the arrival of the Pope. Also seen on television, receiving Holy Communion at the Mass, was **Ann Marie Kassel**, C-36. **Vincent Samaska**, President of C-36, was a member of the Honor Guard to the Pope.

Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Spiritual Advisor to C-112, and **Rev. Thomas Kasputis**, Spiritual Advisor to C-36/112 Juniors, were spotted on the TV coverage from Holy Name Cathedral.



The Sophie Barcus Lithuanian Radio Family has been keeping Chicago Lithuanians informed and entertained for 47 years. **Aldona Daukus**, the daughter of Sophie Barcus, inherited the program from her mother 20 years ago. The program is broadcast daily from her home in Marquette Park and carries a varied format of talk, music and community and national news.



Young Lithuanian-American actress **Janina Mathews** appeared in the ABC made-for-TV movie "The Destruction of Ocean Park," on Oct. 19. Janina played the daughter of the film's lead star, Mike Connors. In real life, Janina is the daughter of soloist **Lione Juodyte Mathews**. They reside in Brooklyn, NY.

A group of mostly second generation Lithuanians meets every six weeks in Atlanta, Georgia. It all began when Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Paukstelis moved to Atlanta from Chicago about six years ago and tried to locate some of their fellow countrymen by looking through telephone directories, even obituaries, for names that might be Lithuanian. **Jonas Paukstelis** was a former mayor of Kaunas, according to the "Atlanta Constitution," Dec. 28, 1978. He eventually met Frank Zundi, a professor at Georgia Tech, and through him other contacts were made. About two and one-half years ago their first meeting was held with twelve Lithuanians attending.

Now there are over forty members who last year participated in a Christmas Eve dinner at the Belvedere Civic Club. The table was decorated with straw ornaments, fruits and nuts, and covered with a hand-woven cloth on which Lithuanian dolls, amber beads and religious art were displayed. It was really Christmas for members of Atlanta's growing Lithuanian community.



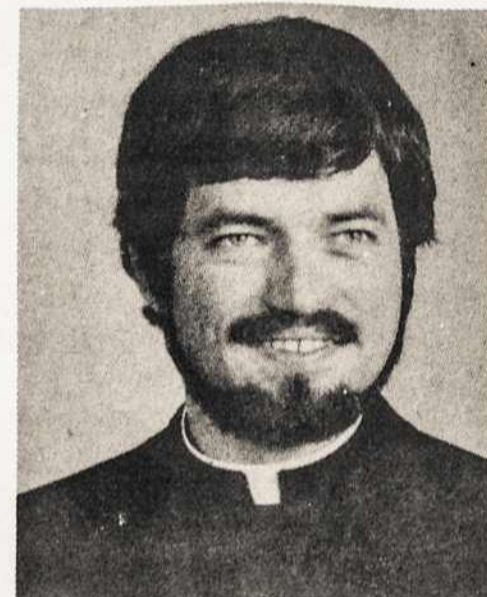
Patricia Ludd (Liudvinaitis), talented young singer and actress from Mountainside, NJ, recently completed the role of "Liesl" in the Sound of Music at the Coachlight Dinner Theatre in Nanuet, NY. A graduate of the Hartt College of Music, Patricia has played the roles of "Chava" in Fiddler on the Roof, "Laurie" in Oklahoma and "Tom of Warwick" in Camelot. She has also appeared in Student Prince, Rigoletto, Pagliacci, Tales of Hoffman and Falstaff. Prior to her role in Sound of Music, she completed a six-month tour of Alice in Wonderland with the Prince Street Players which included Town Hall, NYC, and the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. Mid-October was spent in London filming "On The Right Track." Patricia is the daughter of the former Frances Vasilauskas.



Monsignor Damasus A. Mozeris



Rev. Fabian Kireilis



Rev. Thomas Kasputis

Immaculate Conception Parish, Chicago, IL recently celebrated its 65th Anniversary at the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills with many K of L'ers in attendance. This, the parish church of C-36, has seen many changes and a tremendous growth since 1914 when Brighton Park was just a neighborhood of prairies and swampland.

Monsignor Damasus A. Mozeris, Pastor of I.C.'s, celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest in April. Rev. Fabian Kireilis, spiritual advisor to C-36, and assistant to Msgr. Mozeris, also celebrated his 40th anniversary this year. Another associate, Rev. Thomas Kasputis, is spiritual advisor to the C-36/112 Juniors.



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**Ruth Kazlauskas
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We get Letters . . .

October 12, 1979

Dear Knights of Lithuania,

What a pleasant surprise it was to receive your greetings on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of my Priesthood. I am most grateful to you all.

I am sure that you join me in thanking God for all the blessings He has granted me during those fifty years. And now He favors me with improved health.

It was always a pleasure to work with and for the Knights of Lithuania. I am proud of you. May God continue to bless your efforts in fostering Lithuanian culture and freedom and religious consciousness in every phase of the life of our nation.

My dear Knights of Lithuania, again I express my deep appreciation to you and remain

Always cordially yours in Christ,
Rev. V. Puidokas

Dear Mrs. Kassel,

Thank you for the conventionship award. I appreciated it. It helped pay some of my expenses.

I enjoyed myself at this convention. I met a few people I didn't see last year.

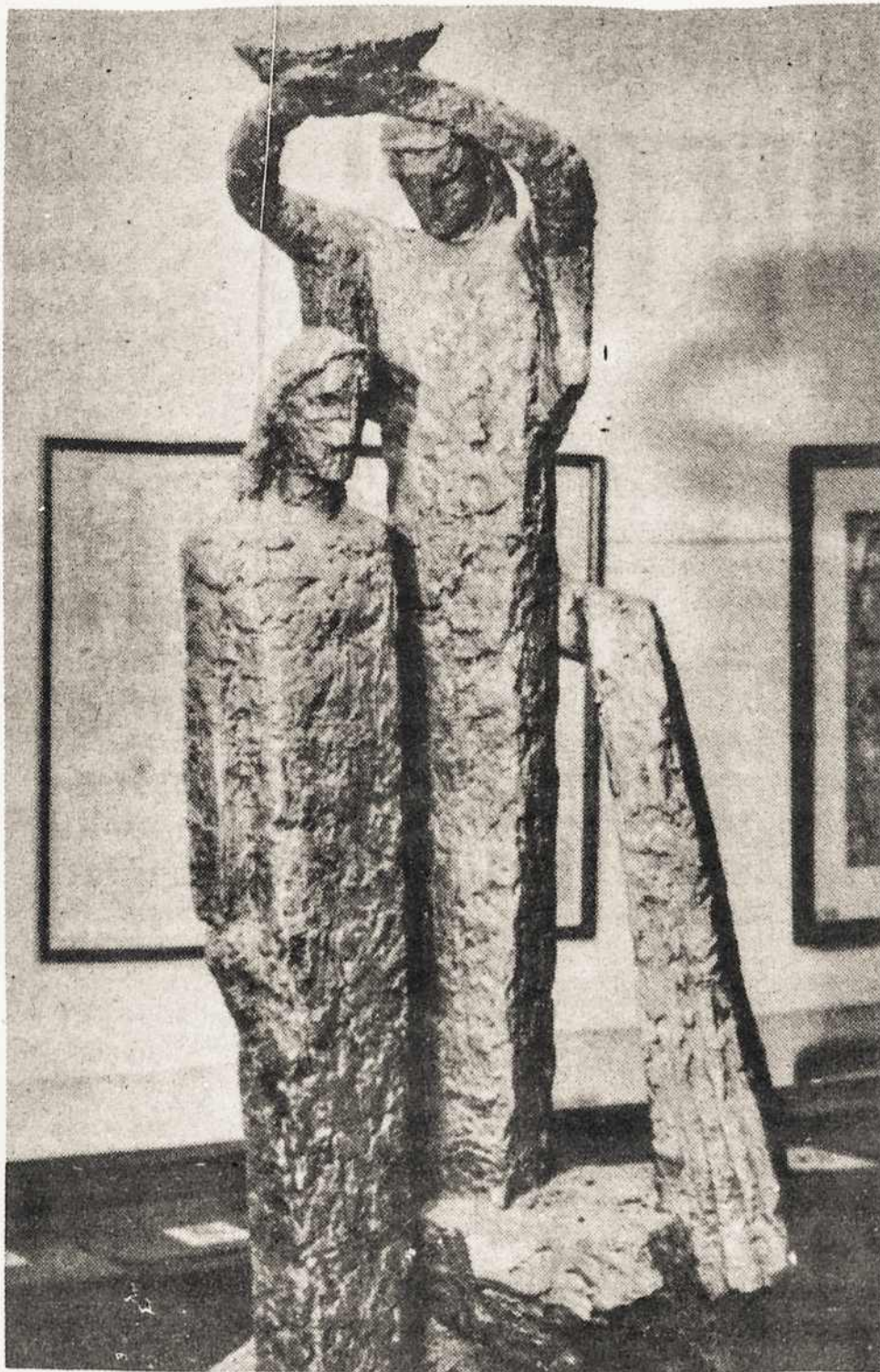
I hope all goes well. Looking forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely,
Tom Petkus

To The Supreme Council:

I want to thank you for the conventionship. This helped the Council 17 Jrs. out with some of our expenses.

Thanks Again,
Paula Keaney
Council 17 Jrs.



Jesus and John the Baptist are subjects of a sculpture on exhibition through the end of 1979 at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture in Chicago. It is the work of **Ramojus Mozoliauskas**, a Lithuanian artist from Lemont, IL.



A hand-carved, 13 foot-high wayside cross was dedicated Oct. 28th at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL. Resembling those which have dotted the Lithuanian countryside for centuries, the cross was dedicated to Lithuanian priests who have been persecuted and has been placed in front of the Franciscan Convent on the grounds of the major seminary. The cross is carved out of redwood and white maple and contains a statue of "The Pensive Christ" in the center niche. Anthony Markus, permanent deacon at St. Bartholomew Parish, carved the cross under the instruction of Antanas Poskocimas.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As conveyed by these words taken from the letters of Nijole Sadunaite, Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, No. 30:

“Thank the Good Lord for the beauty of nature, for the spark of kindness in the souls of people! Without the grace of God, man is the most miserable of beggars.”

We hope these sentiments are reflected in the hearts of all our Knights of Lithuania during this Christmas Season and All Year Through.



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PASAULIO LIETUVIŲ KATALIKIŲ ORGANIZACIJŲ SĄJUNGA

Pasaulio Lietuvių Katalikių Organizacijų Sąjungą sudaro laisvame pasaulyje veikiančios lietuvių katalikių moterų organizacijos. Pasaulio Lietuvių Katalikių organizacijų sąjungos (PLKOS) pirmininkė yra prof. dr. Aldona šlepetytė-Janašienė, New York. PLKOS Fondo pirmin. Marija Lūšienė, 72 Congress Str., Braintree, Mass., 02184. Kitas PLKOS valdybos narės pristatysiu vėliau.

PLKOS taryba skiria lietuvių delegatę į Uniją. Nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje delegatę skirdavo ir išlaikydavo Lietuvių Katalikių Moterų Draugijos Centro Valdyba. Išeivijoje nesant nei vienai katalikių moterų organizacijai pajėgiai delegatei sudaryti sąlygas, atstovaut mus, kviečiamos visos katalikės prisidėti nors 1 dol. metams.

Pirmiausia įsipareigojo ateitininkės per At-kų Kongresą Clevelande, o taip pat ir vytės per savo 66-ji seimą Čikagoje. Amerikos Lietuvių R. Katalikių Moterų Sąjunga kartais paremia mūsų delegatę. Tikimės, kad ir jos ateityje įsijungs į mūsų eiles. Pageidaujama, kad turtingesnės aukotų daugiau, nes mums labai svarbu turėti savo delegatę tarpe 67 valstybių atstovių. Ir neorganizuota katalikė lietuvė turėtų atiduoti savo auką. Iš savo pažįstamų, draugių, jei yra drąsos galima paprašyti. Net vyrus galima paprašyti. Mes jiems visad padedame, o mes čia pradame organizuotis. Aukos siunčiamos PLKOS Fondo pirmin. M. Lūšys, pažymint kuopą ir pridėdant aukotojų sąrašą.

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MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT PILGRIMAGE AND MEETING

Terrific attendance made the day for the Mid-Central District Meeting and pilgrimage on the weekend of Oct. 20-21, in Du Bois, Penn., hosted by Council 86. Pilgrims gathered from all over the district. There was a bus load of C-96 members from Dayton, Ohio; and a bus full of C-19 members from Pittsburgh, while others drove in from Cleveland, Detroit and Southfield, Mich.

The business meeting was opened with a prayer. Since the pastor of St. Joseph's Church was ill and, therefore, absent, Pres. Aldona Ryan "borrowed" a prayer from a Memorial card of C-79 distributed at last year's M/C Dist. pilgrimage. A special prayer was said for Evelyn Andrulis who became a victim of a serious illness just prior to the meeting.

M/C Dist. Pres. Aldona Ryan and Benedict Radzevich, President of host C-86 extended greetings and welcomed all the delegates and guests to Du Bois. Recording Sec. Katherine Kurpowic did a terrific job in the Minutes Dept. Various reports of Officers and Committee Chairmen followed. Lith. Affairs Chairperson, Stephanija Rastikis submitted an interesting and objective report in which she urged members to write letters of encouragement to prisoners in Lithuania, and urging governments of other countries to release prisoners, and alleviate the suffering of those who wish to practice religious freedom.

Following the report and comments of Publicity/Vytis Chairman Sophie Zager, Elinor Sluzas urged the

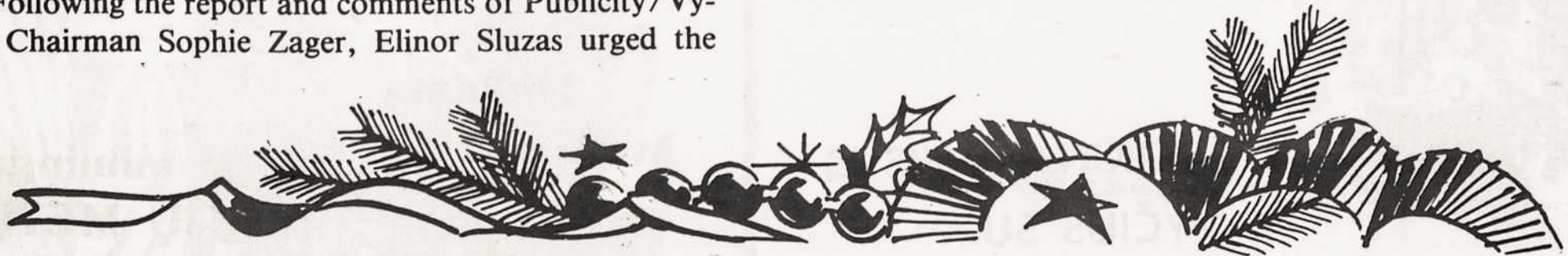
District to support the council correspondents on "Council Activities," noting they keep us abreast of various aspects of council news, and encouraged members to write individual letters to express their comments and opinions to the Editor.

Discussion ensued regarding the resolution of Associate membership proposed by C-96 of Dayton. A motion was introduced by Peter Luiza that the M/C Dist. co-sponsor the resolution at the Supreme Council meeting. Several other resolutions were introduced and discussed as presented by C-96. These included a "recommendation for the Juniors regarding the 'Four Ritual Degree System'" and another one dealing with "changes or amendments to the Constitution."

A page of history was turned and a dash of sentiment prevailed when Peter Luiza revealed that late Honorary Member Joseph Sadauskas had left lots of valuable Lithuanian books, letters, records and other important substance upon his death. Upon discussion it was decided that such interesting and meaningful property should be placed in the archives or some proper place.

Council 25 of Cleveland, via Pres. Betty August, extended an invitation for everyone to attend the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, May 16-18th, 1980.

Elections followed and the new officers of the Mid-Central Dist. are: Sp. Adv.-Fr. G. Kijauskas;



**"MUMS PAGIMDE MARIJA ŽMONIŲ ATPIRKĖJA"
A MOST MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
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Pres.-Mrs. Aldona Ryan; 1st V.P.-Christine Mantz; 2nd V.P.-(Members)-Ada Sinkwitz; 3rd V.P.-Srs.-Mary Trainy; Rec. Sec.-Benedict Radzavich; Treas.-Frank Zager; Trustees-Victor August and Magdalena Smailis; Sgt.-at-Arms-Andrew Rozger; Lith. Affairs-Stephanija Rastikis; Religion & Pilgrimage-C-19, Pittsburgh; Cultural-Elinor Sluzas; Ritual-Nellie Arunski; and Public Relations & Vytis-Sophie Zager.

The pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Lithuanian cemetery was a solemn and impressive occasion. Everyone was filled with a happy rendezvous with the history and heritage in Pres. Aldona Ryan's comments following the blessing ceremony. The occasion brought out not only "the pilgrims" but also new friendship and nostalgia. Indian Summer highlighted the weekend with glorious made-to-order weather.

Following the blessing by Father William Ceci, everyone gathered for Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Father's interesting homily was on "serving and caring for" the needs of others. Father Ceci likened an example of Mother Teresa, a Roman Catholic Nun who was awarded the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her work among the poor of India. . . who has also served "simple acts of love and goodwill - of which we are all capable."

Memorial services for all deceased members followed the Mass. Representatives of each council lit a candle in

tribute of all their dead. As the names were respectively announced by M/C Dist. Pres. Mrs. Aldona Ryan, Fr. Wm. Ceci - a "stranger" to our traditions - seemed to be quite impressed with this ceremony, as well as the blessing of the cross and other various activities.

Super hospitality by C-86 glowed all over Du Bois. Some social events that went along following the business meeting and the pilgrimage were the Dinner-Dance on Saturday Night, and a sumptuous buffet on Sunday. Classy "company" of "grybai" dishes led a treat in Lithuanian gourmet food. There were extra little touches in "decor" (such as red, green and yellow corsages, made of yarn); and bright table arrangements and floral pieces. This gave us an insight as to how much labor and planning went into this event.

So. . . as everyone bid farewell, they returned home with great reports and many fond memories. Labai aciu - Council 86 - You were Super!

Submitted by,
Sophie Zager
Publicity M/C Dist.



Lithuanian Shrine, Du Bois, Pa.



Rev. Wm. Ceci, blessing St. Joseph Shrine, MCD Pilgrimage, Du Bois, Pa.



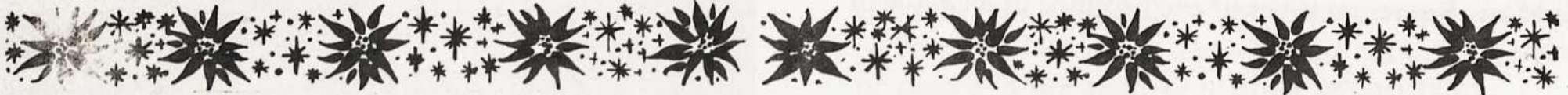
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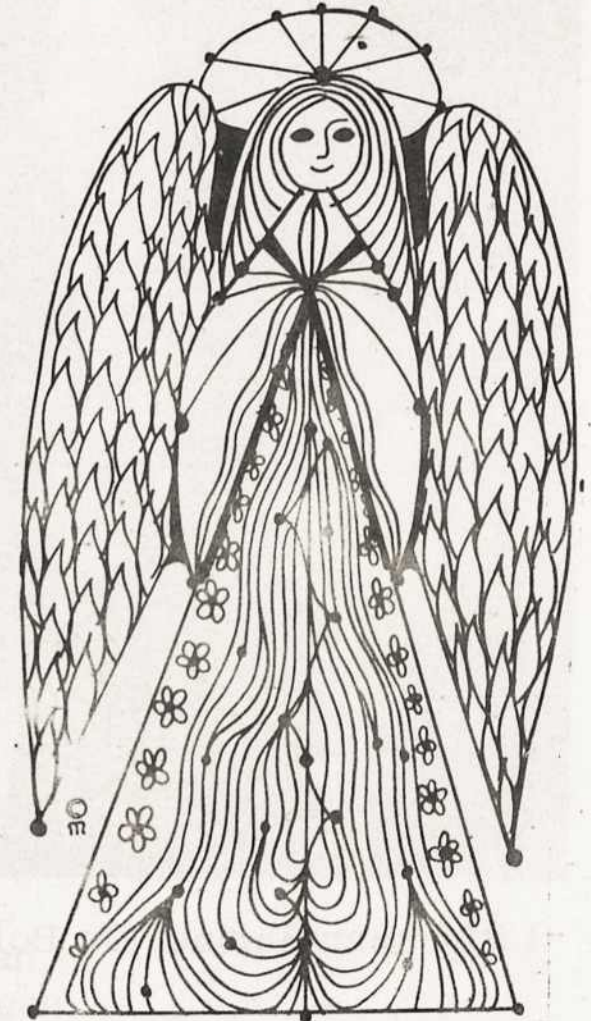


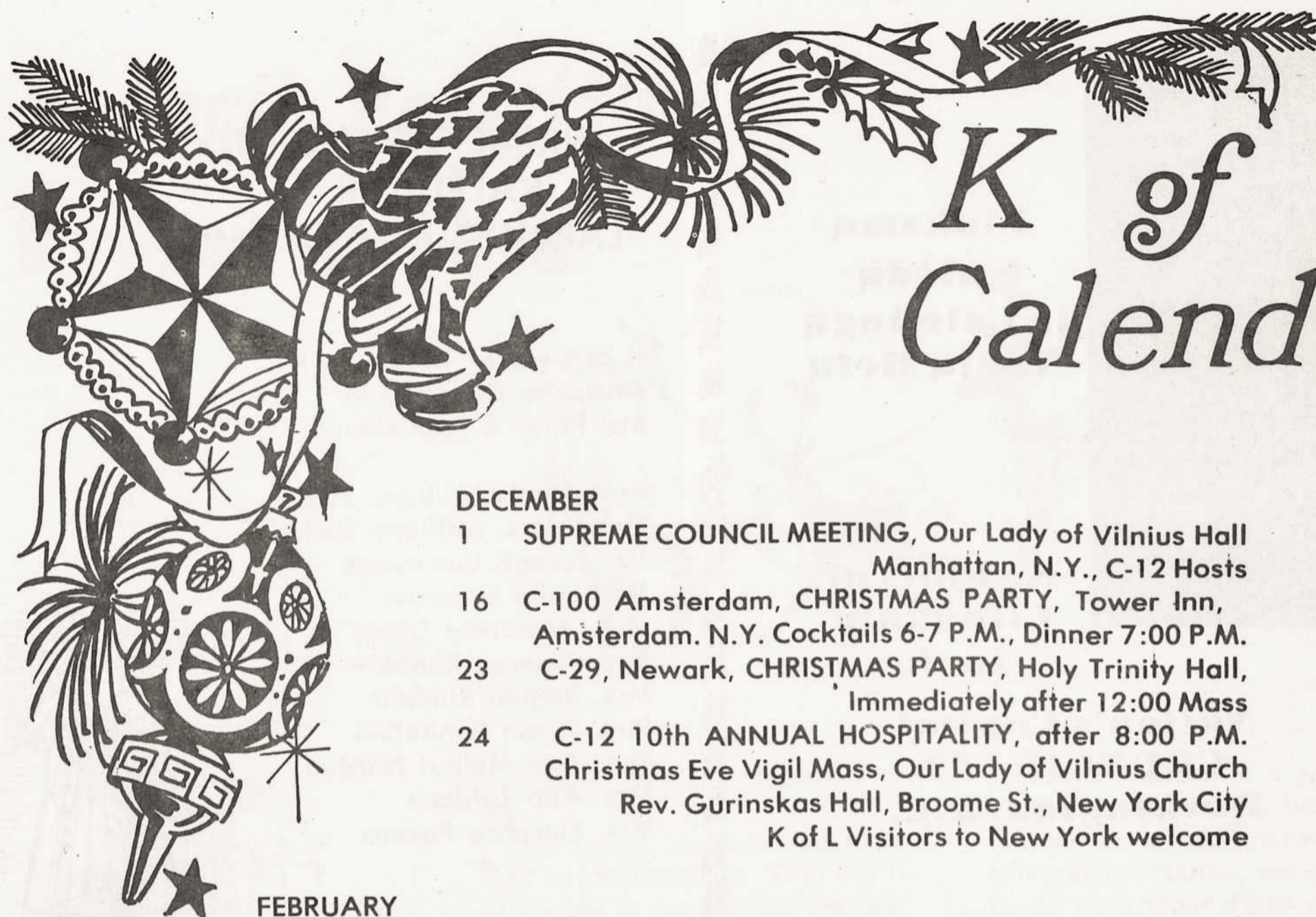
There is no time quite like Christmas for remembering the treasured friendships of those we see often and those who are far away. From the executive committee, board of directors and the entire membership come very best wishes for a Beautiful Christmas and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

MAIRONIS PARK

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K of L Calendar

DECEMBER

- 1 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, Our Lady of Vilnius Hall
Manhattan, N.Y., C-12 Hosts
- 16 C-100 Amsterdam, CHRISTMAS PARTY, Tower Inn,
Amsterdam, N.Y. Cocktails 6-7 P.M., Dinner 7:00 P.M.
- 23 C-29, Newark, CHRISTMAS PARTY, Holy Trinity Hall,
Immediately after 12:00 Mass
- 24 C-12 10th ANNUAL HOSPITALITY, after 8:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Vilnius Church
Rev. Gurinskas Hall, Broome St., New York City
K of L Visitors to New York welcome

FEBRUARY

- 17 IID Annual MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA BANQUET,
Chicago, IL.

MAY

- 16-18 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Cleveland
Ohio, C-25, Cleveland, Hosts

AUGUST

- 6-10 67th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Boston Plaza Hotel
Park Square, Boston, Mass. C-17 and C-17 Srs., Hosts





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**BLESSINGS OF
THE SEASON**

Frank Vaskas,
H.M. Newark



May Christ be born
again in every heart

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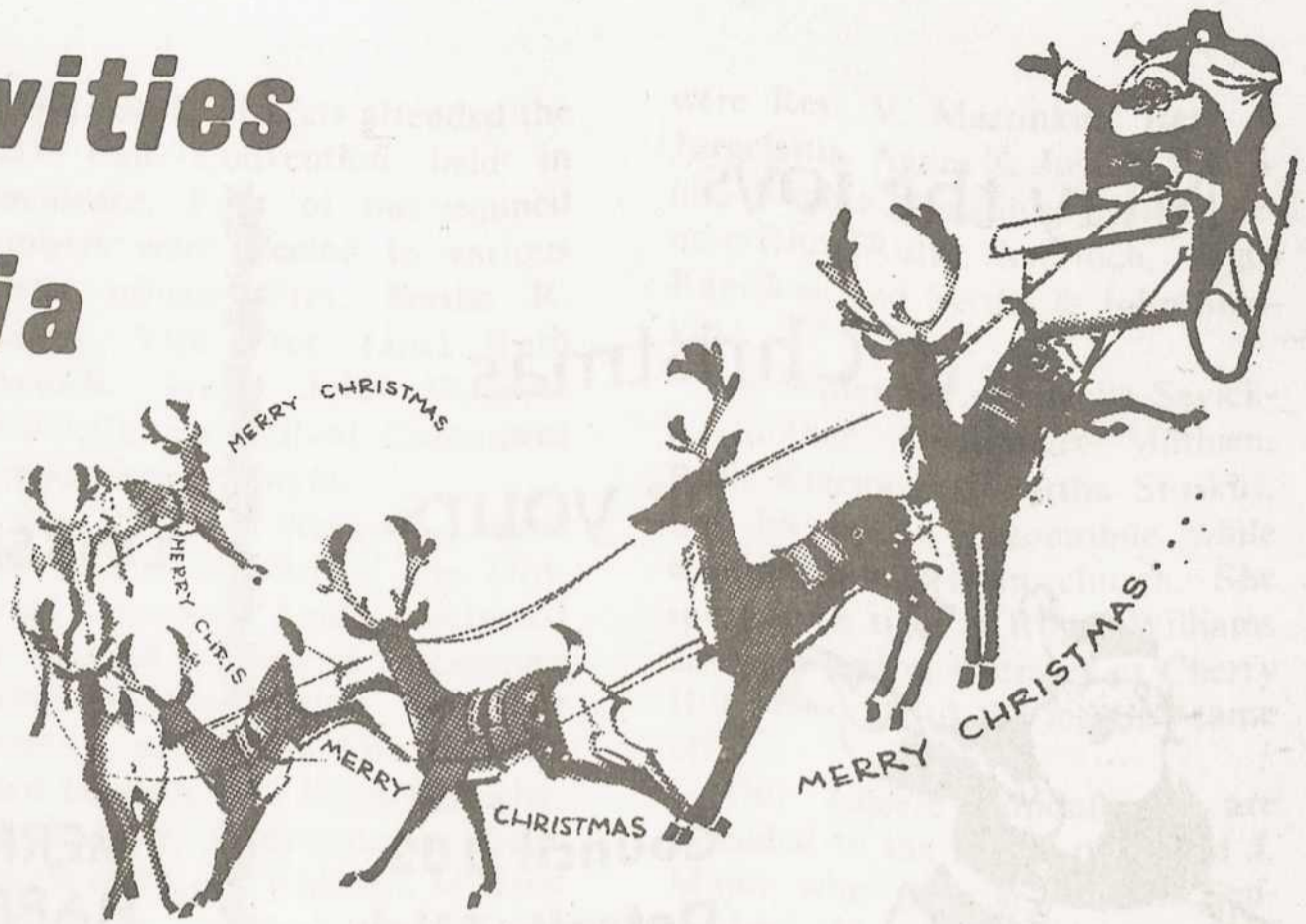
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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-135 - ANSONIA, CONN.

We could have had our largest attendance of any meeting, had it been held during the hours of our Annual Parish Fair. Practically every member was there on June 2-3, if not working, then as a patron, dropping a dollar here or there as they made the rounds from booth to booth.

Those who worked, worked hard for two days of the Fair. Some worked the day before, and the day after, putting up the stands, then dismantling and storing them for future use.

Walter & Millie Stahowicz, who operated the Clam Bar and Pizza Hut, assumed all of their expenses and left nothing but clear profit for

our parish. This is a fantastic couple.

Our council, this year, did better than anyone imagined. With our K of L stand in the center of the hall, one could purchase Used-but-not-Abused items, draw a Grab Bag gift, or take a chance on a few bottles of Cheer. This variety brought in \$594.57 to add to the profits. Maybe our stand was successful because it was decorated with the two largest flowers in our council (Lilly) Chaplik and (Violet) Brazaitis.

Congratulations to William Winkus on his recent promotion. Bill has been appointed Purchasing Manager by Farrel Connecticut Division, U.S.M. Corp. We wish him continued success in his new position.

Our membership increased by one when John Sabulis, Jr. joined the council. John is an instructor at the Ansonia High School and we welcome him to our group.

Our Fin. Secy., Ann Sabulis, has taken over the secretarial duties until a new secretary is elected at our next meeting. Ann is the type who can do both jobs excellently.

Martha Akelaitis is a patient at Griffin Hospital and needs our prayers for a quick recovery. We will pray for Martha, and expect to see her at all of our affairs again real soon.

On Aug. 12, a bus sponsored by our council left St. Anthony's at 6:30 A.M. boarded by 40 eager supporters of Lithuanian heritage. The bus, though a half-hour late due to a misunderstanding of instructions to the driver, headed straight for Barnesville, Pa. where C-144 was sponsoring the 65th Annual Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park. Although it rained on and off all day, a good time was had by all.

On the same day, at the same time, a bus bound for a five-day pilgrimage in Canada also departed from in front of St. Anthony's. Everyone returned safely, tired but happy. The trip was sponsored by Our Lady's Guild.

One incident that occurred on the trip that provided entertainment and much laughter was a dual of ethnic songs. A pilgrim of Italian heritage, with a good voice, sang an Italian ballad. He was applauded

May the joys
of Christmas
be yours.



Council 102
Detroit, Mich.



LINKSMINKIMĖS IR DŽIAUKIMĖS,
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR
FRIENDS AND FELLOW KNIGHTS

Council 29 - Newark, N.J.

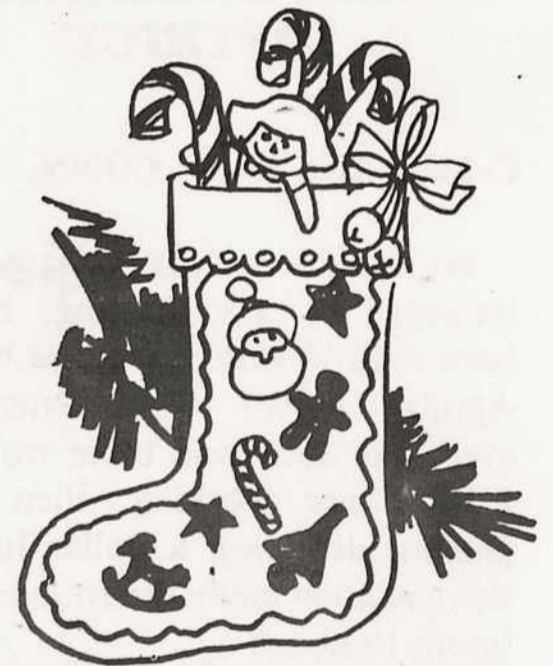


Greetings full of
Christmas Cheer
Wishes for the
happiest kind
of a year



Council 30
Westfield, Mass.

A
VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

“KODEL NE!”

COUNCIL 36
BRIGHTON PARK
Chicago, Ill.

for his rendition. Silence followed. Then the silence was broken by a strong baritone, singing a Lithuanian song. There was applause and laughter. Those who didn't laugh couldn't help but smile, as an Italian song broke out, followed by a Lithuanian song. The bus was breaking up with laughter, as neither singer would give in to the other. It ended in a tie. The Lith who couldn't keep quiet was none other than Casey Svelnys. Casey was a patient in Griffin Hospital for about two weeks, following our Parish Fair, and was released as A-O.K. Besides repairing whatever was ailing Casey, they must have installed a new set of tonsils. Casey proved to everyone that he could sing, and that he knew a lot of Lithuanian songs, and would not be outdone by anyone.

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SRS. C-103 — PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Father V. Martinkus boarded the "special express to Boston" for the historic visit of Pope John Paul II to Boston. Our Natl. Spiritual Advisor, Fr. A. Jurgelaitis, left Providence for Boston immediately upon conclusion of the NED Conv. Sept. 30. He joined other Lithuanians meeting the Pope at Logan Airport.

Over 80 K of L'ers attended the NED Fall Convention held in Providence. Four of our council members were elected to various district offices: Pres. Bertha R. Stoskus, Vice Pres. (Jrs.) Ruth Krecioch, Treas. John Walaska (reelected), and Ritual Committee member Bette Ciuryla.

Rita Pinkus of Worcester, Mass. C-26 and a member of the Dist. Ritual Committee kindly conducted the 3rd and 4th Degree ceremonies during the Convention. Our four deserving candidates who received Third Degrees were Helen Seraichekas, Anthony Gudaczauskas, Bette Ciuryla and Irene Walaska. Mildred Seraichekas received her Third Degree award on Nov. 25 during the 60th anniversary banquet of the parish. (Your scribe failed to proof-read his Nov. column and inadvertently indicated the above named were recommended for the Fourth Degree.)

Our Srs. and Regulars were active participants of the NED Cultural Festival and helped other district councils to make it one of the most successful affairs in a number of years. Catherine Krecioch and Rimasa Saulenas of our Regulars were recipients of Scholarship Awards.

The 60th Anniversary of St. Casimir's Parish was celebrated on Nov. 25. Pres. John Walaska was chairman of this gala event. Other K of L members on his committee

were Rev. V. Martinkus, Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, Agnes & Joseph Waitonis, Sophie Shakalys, Helen Denesevich, Ruth Krecioch, Vyto Kapiskas, and Bertha & John Stoskus.

In September, Marcella Savickis, mother of Beatrice Mathieu, Ruth Krecioch & Bertha Stoskus, was hit by an automobile while walking home from church. She spent some time at Roger Williams Hospital and recuperated at Cherry Hill Manor until the leg cast came off.


Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Alfred J. Major who passed away in September. Al was the husband of Caroline (Walaska), brother-in-law of Irene & John Walaska, and uncle of Rita & Eddie Wilkins. May he rest in peace.

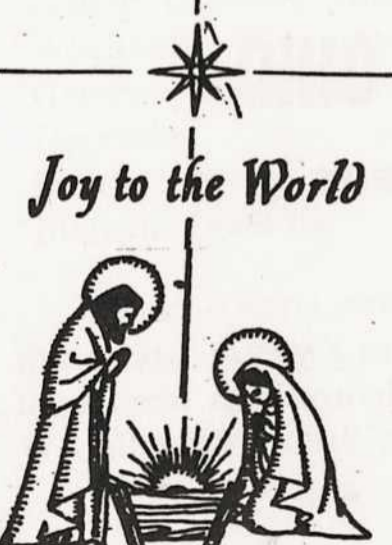
Betty Ciuryla and her committee of Agnes Waitonis and Helen Denesevich worked hard to make the pre-Convention dance a success. Our thanks to them for a great job.

Jonas

C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

Our council was well represented at the NED Fall Convention held in Providence, R.I. Elected to the board were 3rd Vice Pres. Charles Genaitis, Scholarship Comm. member Blanche Genaitis, and Ritual Comm. member Bill






Joy to the World

COUNCIL 139
Detroit, Mich.

Merry Christmas **Happy New Year**

**"THE HOME OF
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Ansonia, Conn.

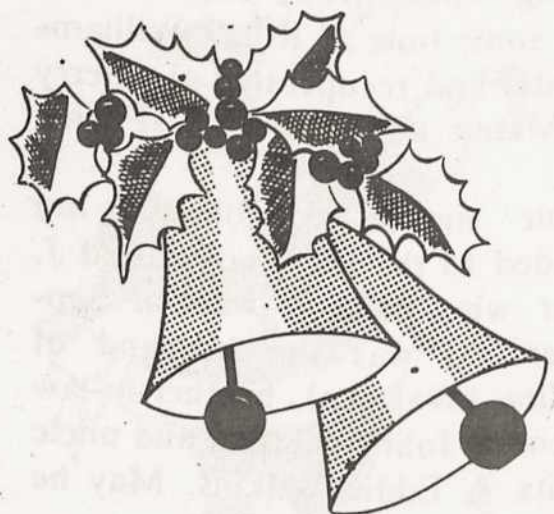




A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and the best of wishes too!
May the year ahead be
wonderful in every way for you.

Council 79

Divine Providence Church
Sothfield, Michigan



May the Peace and Joy of
CHRISTMAS
be with you today and always

COUNCIL 140

**SYRACUSE,
NEW YORK**



The nicest thing about December...
is Christmas,
And telling our friends we care
and remember

C 96 - Dayton, Ohio



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Council - 25 CLEVELAND, OHIO

After the "Ho! Ho!" and "Whoopees",
plan on attending the
Midwest Bowling Tournament in
Cleveland - May 17-18, 1980

**Pray for and remember
all prisoners of conscience
at Christmas**



**Council 46
Forest City, PA.**

**Wishing all
the peace and
joy of Christmas**



**Council 7
Waterbury, Conn.**

Wisnauskas. Thank you, Providence, for a fine Convention!

The October meeting was held at the Rodski home in Gardner. We thank Pauline and Al for their warm hospitality.

Howie Beaudette chaperoned a busload of Boy Scouts from Gardner to Disney World, Fla. Howie sure had his hands full. Brone & Bill Wisnauskas visited Washington, D.C. in October, visiting all the interesting sights the Capital offers. The four day trip was well spent.

Council members actively participated in the solemn blessing of the steel Lithuanian Wayside Cross erected on the grounds of St. Francis Parish. Bishop Flanagan was the celebrant at the event. The St. Casimir's Mens' Choir of Worcester sang during the beautiful Mass. Our council was in charge of the dinner which was served to the choir and invited guests.

A conversational Lithuanian course is being taught at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner from September through December, one night a week. Instructors are our own Charlie & Blanche Genaitis.

Frank Anoris retired from his duties at Starette's in Athol after a long term of devoted employment. We all wish Frank many years of

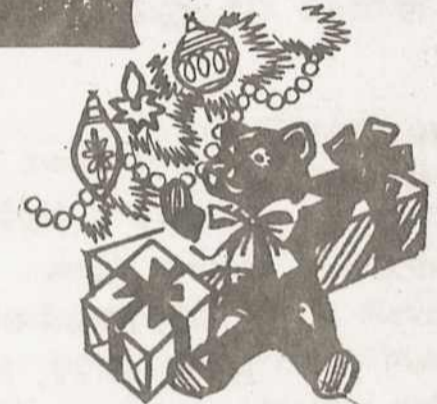
good health in his retirement years.

Alice Perekslis was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Womens' Guild of St. Francis Parish. She spoke on their recent trip to Rome.

Member of the Month: We introduce to Vytis readers one of our active members, Mrs. Blanche (Jonaitis) Genaitis. Blanche was born in the parish of Ariogala, Lithuania, but was brought to Gardner at an early age. She was educated here, and following graduation from Gardner H.S., attended and was graduated from Becker's Business School in Worcester. She married Charlie and raised two children, Lillian and Richard. Both children are now married, doing well, and raising their own families. A few years ago, Blanche decided to go back to school and graduated from Fitchburgh State College with a B.S. Degree. She is now a substitute teacher in the greater Gardner area. Blanche finds time to do a lot of traveling with her husband, actively participates in church affairs, and devotes a lot of time with her growing grandchildren dynasty. We wish Blanche and her family continued good health.

We extend to all Vytis readers a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

Vincukas



**MID-ATLANTIC
DISTRICT**

C-110 — MASPETH, N.Y.

Our council hosted the Supreme Council meeting on Sept. 22 when many matters of great importance to the organization were discussed. Representatives attended from N.J., Pa., R.I., Mass., Ohio, Ill. and N.Y. A dinner was prepared and served by Brother George Petkavage and Mary Johnson.

Natl. Pres. Philip Skabeikis and his wife Marian were invited by President Carter to attend a reception on the White House lawn given in honor of His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

All members and their families attended the 11 a.m. Mass at Transfiguration Church on Oct. 7 which was offered for persecuted Catholics in Lithuania. This observance was held to join American-Lithuanians, who are part of the "Friends of the Eucharist" movement, with their brother and sister Catholics in Lithuania.



**A joyous Christmas
& a Happy New Year**
Anthony C. &
Stephanie Jonutis
Chicago Seniors

**Linksmu šv. Kalėdu ir
sėkmingu Nauju Metu.**
Anna Klizas Wargo
C-144, Antracite, Pa.

**Bets wishes for a
Happy & Holy Christmas**
Mary York
C-12, Manhattan
H.M., C-29, Newark

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Jack & Loretta Stukas
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Lou Stukas, C-29
Viola, Bernie and
Edward Skripata
Joe, Ann and
Gaydra Chapulis, C-29



Warm Wishes

**Blazing
wishes for a
Happy Yuletide!
Warm thanks.**



Supreme Council Officers

and the "VYTIS" Staff

Our annual dinner-dance held Sept. 29 was a huge success. Many thanks to our chairladies Ann Adomenas and Helen Jamber.

Ann Sidtis

ANTHRACITE, PA. C-144

„Širdingai ačiū” to Bernice Mikatavage and her committee for the tremendous job they did on the 65th Annual Lithuanian Day. Despite the horrible weather, it was successful, and everyone there had a grand time. We have a bit of a start for our planned cultural center. Next year's chairman will be Joe Yezulinas. Good luck, Joe!

Our thanks, too, to Elsie Kosmisky for the beautifully-arranged trip to the Natl. Convention in Chicago. By the end of the trip, our bus driver felt that he was Lithuanian, too. We were all proud of Elsie and Bernice for receiving the Hundred Letter Award for 1979. Thanks, too, to all the people in Chicago who made our Convention days „happy days.”

We traveled to Philadelphia on Oct. 3 to see His Holiness Pope John Paul II. It was a thrilling experience. Our thanks to Alma Linder for conducting the trip. We are grateful to the people at the Lithuanian Music Hall for their hospitality in serving their tired and hungry friends a delicious meal. We returned there on Nov. 24 for their Thanksgiving Bazaar.



Anthracite, Pa. C-144 Kucios Committee members from Mt. Carmel.

Spiritual Advisor Algimantas Bartkus and Ritual Officer Helen Chesko installed the following officers for the new term: Pres. Elsie Kosmisky, Vice Pres. Joe Yezulinas, Vice Pres.'s (Jr. Counselors) Rita Shevokis and Tessie Balulis, Secy. Eugene Kaledas, Treas. Evelyn Prep, Fin. Secy. Alma Linder, and Trustees Al Matunis and Anne Sikora. Much good luck to them all.

Sincere condolences are extended to Sara Beckett on the loss of her husband, to Joe & Joe Walacavage on the loss of their mothers, Mary Gustas on the loss of her brother, and Florence Pazera on the loss of her father. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

In a happier tone, our congratulations to Mary & Anthony Sockel on their 37th wedding anniversary,

and to Leona & Charlie Taronis on their 40th. „Šimtą metų” to these happy couples.

Once again, Father Bartkus, Father Jarasunas and Msgr. Neve-rauskas are teaching in their Lithuanian classes. Each year the class gets bigger.

With the Christmas season approaching, we are preparing for our annual Kučios. We wish to greet our fellow vyčiai and wish them all „Geriausių linkėjimų ant Kalėdų Šventų, ir Sveikų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų.”

C-29, NEWARK, N.J.

Sveiki Vyciai! Our “Annual Dinner Dance,” held on Oct. 13, was very successful due to the hard work of all committee members. “Hugs &



Supreme Council meeting held in Maspeth, N.Y. L. to R: Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, Philip Skabeikis, Anne Wargo, Teresa Trainis, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Jonas Adomenas, Alphonse Trainis, Joseph Boley.

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**EXTEND CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEAR GREETINGS
TO ALL OF OUR K of L FRIENDS**



*Merry
Christmas*

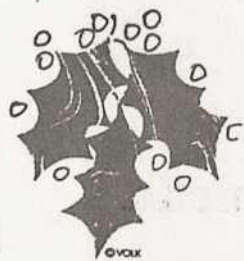
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to each and every one
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Al (Monk) Monckawitch, C-12, N.Y.C.

Linksmų šv. Kalėdu
laimingu Nauju Metu
Christmas blessings



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

Kisses" are extended to all who helped make the affair so nice, and the biggest "buekis" goes to Mary Stonis.

Congratulations to our long and active members Viola & Bernie Skripata, who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 28, wishing you both at least another 25!

We regret the loss of our members Val & Regina Melinis and Vytas & Angele Didzbalis and their families who have re-located to St. Petersburg and have gone into their own business there. We'll miss you, but our loss is St. Petersburg's gain.

Our condolences are extended to Ann Chapulis and family on the recent death of her beloved mother. May she rest in peace.



I've come across a few hints I'd like to share with you so look for them every month. Here's this month's. Have you spent a lot of time removing the sticky residue after tearing away the pricetags on pots, pans and plastic containers? A little peanut butter rubbed into the spot allows you to wipe it clean in an instant. This trick works equally well on kids if you have to remove tar or the residue from an adhesive bandage. In closing...

"Life is a story of volumes three,
The Past, Present and Yet-to-Be,
The Past is finished and laid away;
The Present we're reading every day;
The third and last of the volumes three,
Is locked from sight - He keeps
the Key."

D. Didzbalis



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**OUR BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR
A MOST ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

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