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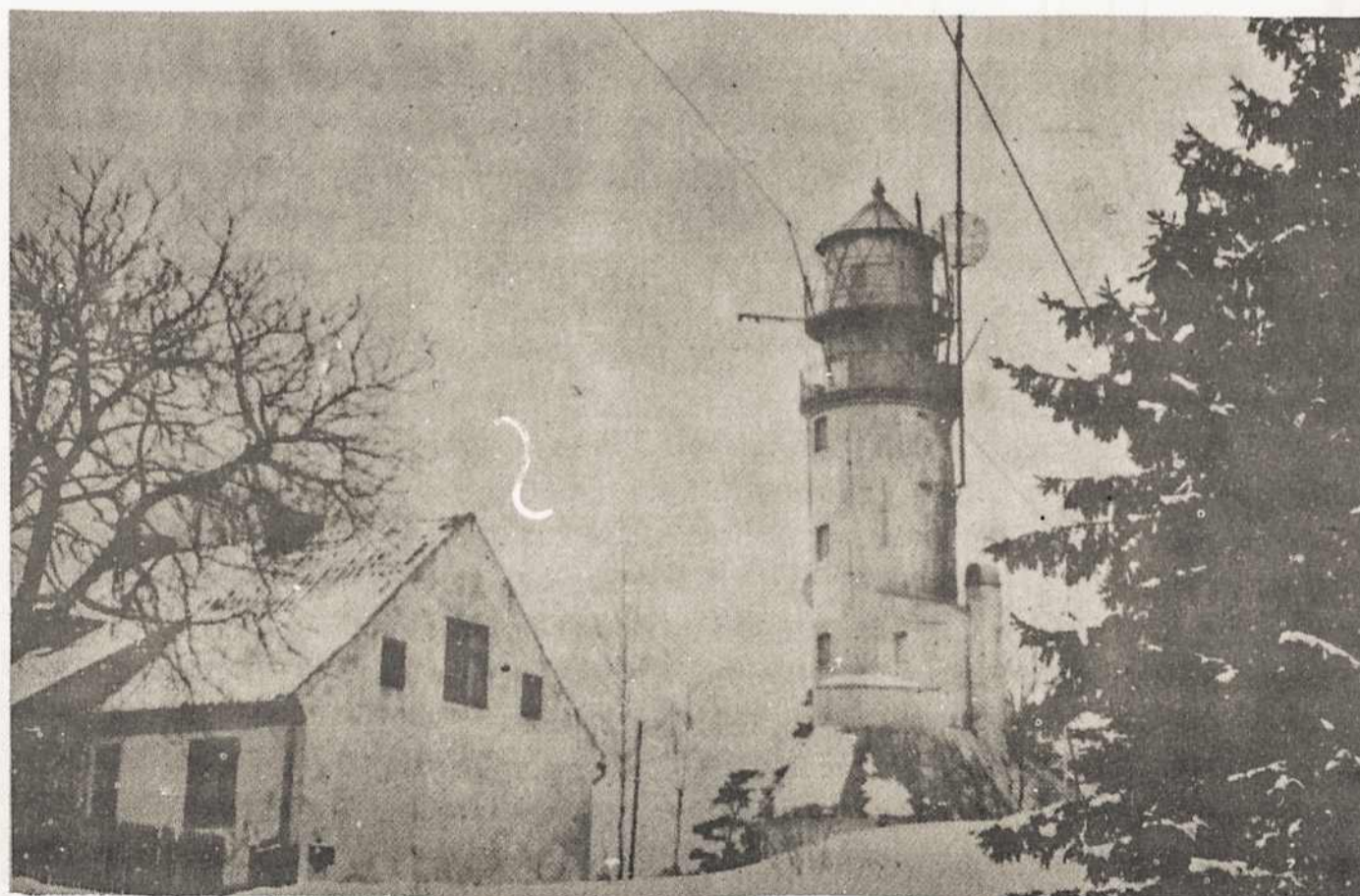
K L A I P Ė D A



On January 15th, the Lithuanians in the Free World will mark the 56th anniversary of the liberation of its port city, Klaipeda, or Memel as the Germans who occupied it had designated it. So-called Memelland had been lopped off the old German Empire at the conclusion of World War I. Under the Treaty of Versailles in 1919 France had received permission to administer it as a mandated territory. It was a small parcel, only 1100 square miles. This stretched 100 miles, tapering from a width of some 10 miles at the shore of the Nemunas River; but it meant a great deal to Lithuania, with its outlet to the sea lanes of the world, the port of Klaipeda. To the ethnologist, the 150,000 inhabitants chiefly Lutheran in faith and Germanic in culture, presented an interesting study. It was argued that these people were originally of Lithuanian stock. Most of them spoke or understood the Lithuanian language and could easily claim Lithuanian kinship. However, they had sent their sons for many generations to German schools and fostered Germanic cultural influences in the area. The small German minority in Klaipeda resented any change, nor attachment to Lithuania, but preferred to remain a part of Germany.

On January 10th, 1923, various groups and bands of Lithuanian troopers gathered by the Lithuanian-Memelland border to hear the last instructions from Colonel Jonas Budrys and his Captains. The zero hour for this irregular invasion of Memelland had not been definitely set, and there was some hesitation. Sometime

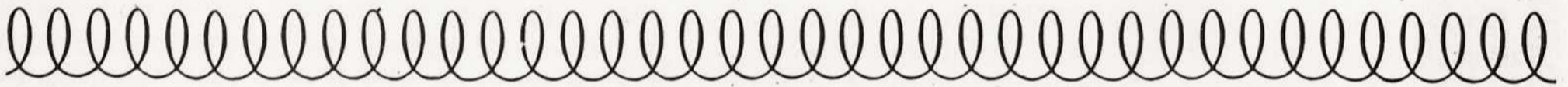
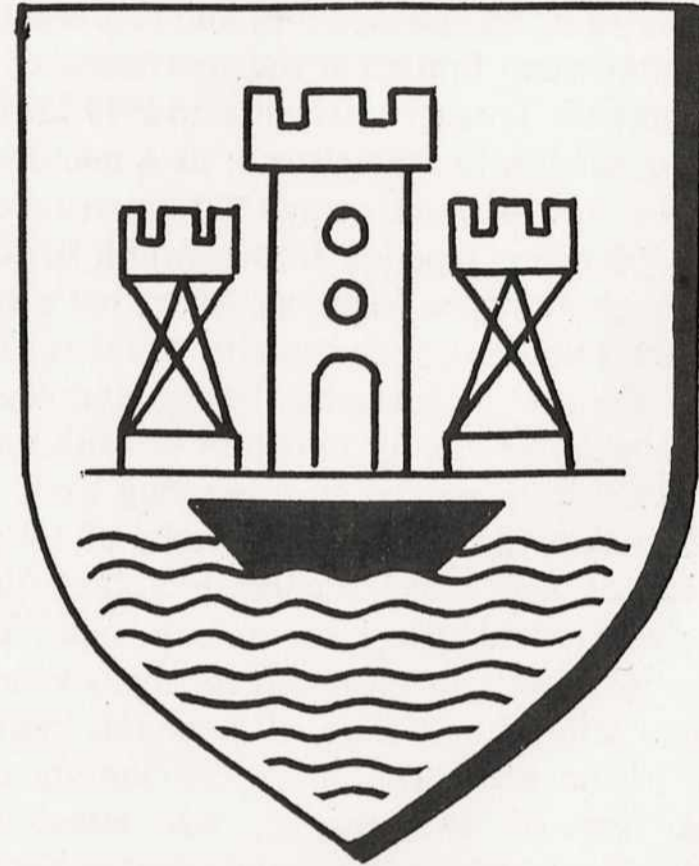
before, the Lithuanians had decided to stage an uprising within the Territory since they not only had coveted for some time this natural addition to their land, but were fearful that it might be given a Free State status or handed to the Poles by the Conference of Ambassadors. The Lithuanians marched in, following the peoples demonstration at Heydekrug. A weak resistance was put up by the French garrison which was caught napping. In answer to a hasty summons by the French, the British put in at Klaipeda with a small man of war. This British ship threatened to shell the city unless the Lithuanians promptly withdrew. The Lithuanians apparently told them to go right ahead and proceeded with their occupation of the entire territory. After some consultations between the contesting parties, it was agreed that the Lithuanians should make a token withdrawal to allow the French to leave in dignity, with the understanding that the subsequent Council of Ambassadors would satisfactorily settle the question. However, this body appears to have been one of the most inept and incompetent that ever graced the Council boards. They drew up a twin document known as the Memel Convention and Statute, that set the stage for long and almost continuous bickering and strife between the Lithuanian government and the Territory. On March 15th, 1923, this same Council formally recognized the Lithuanian-Poland border as most recently defined, disregarding the Lithuanian Polish Treaty of 1920, which recognized the city of Vilnius as



Lithuanian, and temporized on the arrangement of 1923, involving Memelland or Klaipeda.

The acquisition of Klaipeda did give Lithuania a first class port from which she could reach out and trade with the world. It did bring a certain expansion prosperity to the Territory by this addition of a natural hinterland, although the Memellanders continued to reject all proposals calculated to bring about closer coordination between them and Lithuania. It did aid, tremendously, the exporting effort of Lithuania. In 1924, the territory was made an autonomous region within Lithuania, by the Council of Ambassadors and had its own legislature. In 1939, Nazi Germany demanded Lithuania restore Memel-Klaipeda, to Germany. On her part Germany agreed to reimburse Lithuania for all investments made within the territory from 1923-1939. She further agreed to give Lithuania a lease of 99 years for a portion of the harbor. But these promises were never kept. Though loath to give up her much needed outlet to the Sea, Lithuania preferred to avoid open conflict with a Germany now on the march, and on March 21st, 1939, Lithuania ceded the Territory to Germany. The Nazis then rapidly occupied the region and two years later, in June, 1941, invaded Lithuania and occupied the entire country. Following the defeat of Nazi forces, the district of Klaipeda was captured by Soviet troops in 1945, and was returned to Lithuania, which by then had forcibly become a part of the Soviet Union.

Klaipeda is once again occupied Lithuania's major port city. Having started as an old Lithuanian settlement and conquered by the Teutonic Knights in 1252 who renamed it Memelburg, it is becoming increasingly important as an ice-free seaport, with shipyards and an industrial centre. Some day, and we hope soon, she will be the "window to the world" of an independent and free Lithuanian nation.



HOLD THAT DATE FEBRUARY 3

Sacred Heart University and the (Lithuanian) Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Putnam, Connecticut are developing a special program and Art Show to be presented at the Sacred Heart University Library, Bridgeport, Connecticut and request that you "hold the date", Sunday, February 3, 1980

Mr. Edward O'Hara, Sacred Heart University Librarian and Sister Margaret, Sister Superior, are organizing and planning to present a commemoration of Lithuanian Day together with **Adomas Galdikas "A Color Odyssey"** paintings.

As additional news of their plans unfold, it will be relayed. For any additional information contact them and/or Mrs. Alphonse Trainis of Knights of Lithuania, Council 141, 215 Jefferson St., Fairfield, Conn. 06432

BEYOND RASEINAI ON DUBYSA

translated by
Antonia M. Wackell

Beyond Raseinai on Dubysa
The Sun arises, shines;
Yellow-haired lovelies everyone
Talking there, ah! talking.

In the dew they comb their tresses
The sun will dry their braids;
When they sing, they sing,
So moving to the heart.

The height of the heavens they love,
Serene in its brightness;
It casts a spell upon the eyes
This vast blue spaciousness.

Their eyes are clear, tresses yellow
Their hearts are, oh! not cold,
Shapely and tall, their feet are bare,
So white from morning's dew.

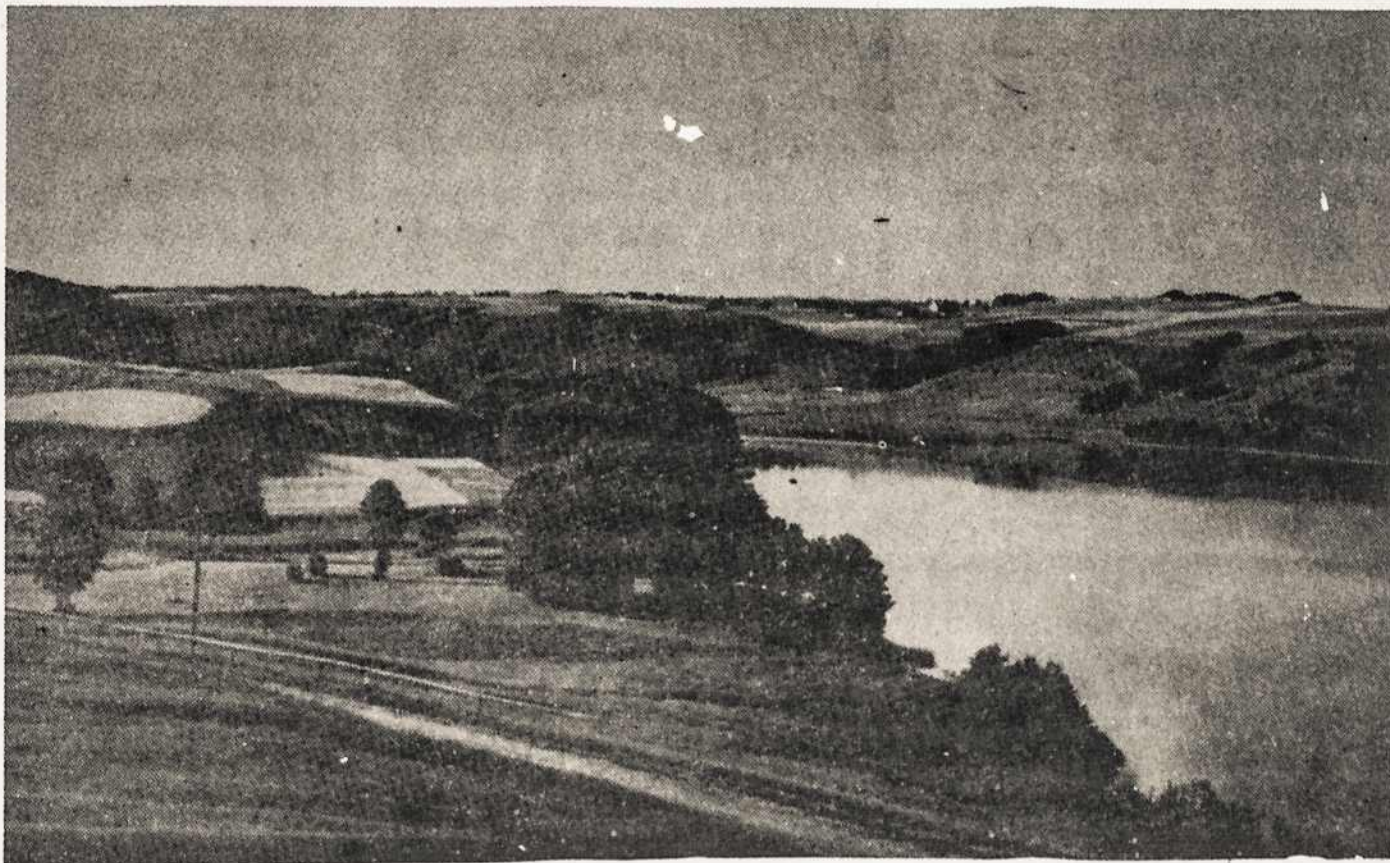
But why are they all so mournful
While watering the rue?
Why while singing of Birute
Their tears do not dry up?

Why should they dry, if so many
Young men would not perish!
If in time, there would not be
Many hopeless widows.

Many die, many putrify;
Who will mourn their fate
Beyond the Urals, end of earth?
Not under their homeland.

--Lithuanian song

(Raseinai is a city, Dubysa is a river beyond the city.)
A.M.W.



A "CROSS OF STEEL", LITHUANIAN STYLE ... IN ATHOL, MASS.

On Oct. 14 a Lithuanian Wayside Cross was blessed at St. Francis Parish, Athol, during a beautiful service. In the absence of the Bishop of Worcester, the cross was blessed by Rev. Sirois, Dean of the Gardner Area Deanery.

Since there are more than 300 styles of the traditional wooden Lithuanian wayside cross, this was the source that inspired Romojus

Mozoliauskas of Lemont, Ill., to build this particular steel cross which is 13 feet high and weighs 4½ tons. The steel cross is not characteristic of any particular region of Lithuania, but is the result of an original work of art. It blends the modern capabilities and aesthetic characteristics of corten steel with the spirit of the conventional wooden wayside cross. Stylized tulips crown the cross, and a true relic of the Cross of Christ is embedded at the foot.

The \$10,000 cross is the gift of Mrs. Nellie Ladish Micuta, a former K of L member, in conjunction with an anonymous donor.

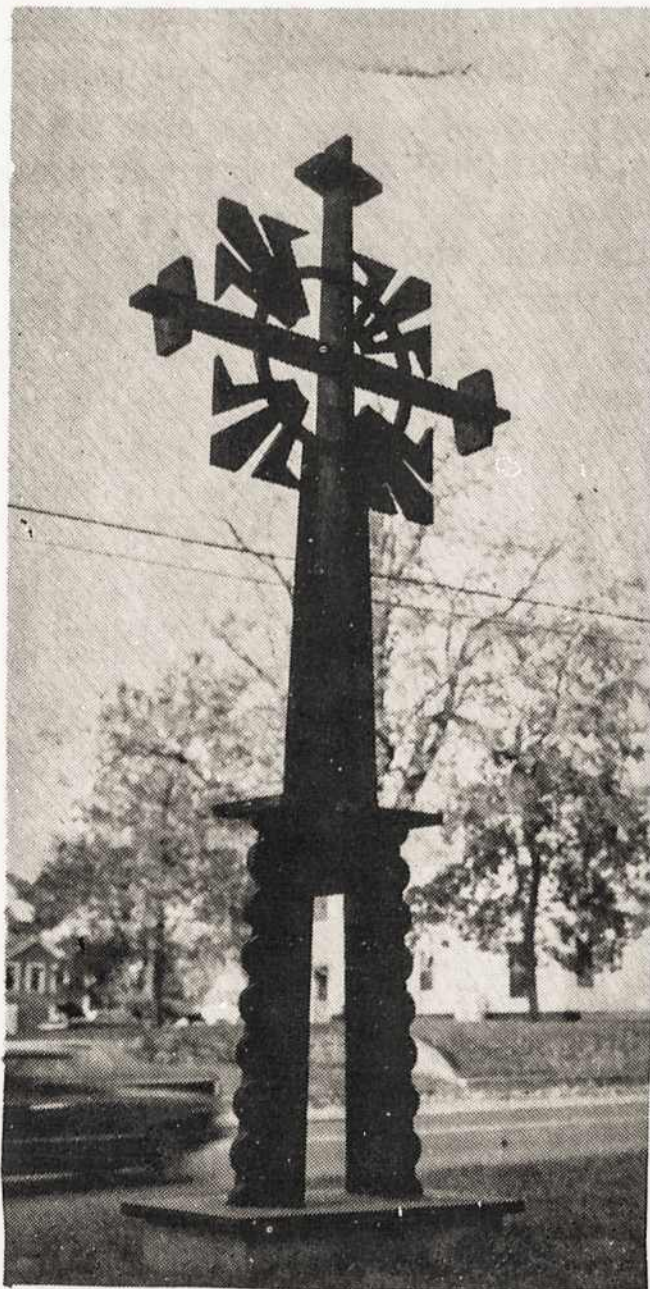
St. Casimir's Choir of Worcester, under the direction of Zigmas Snarskas, sang during the Mass. Olga Kersis was at the organ. Following the services, our council members hosted a dinner for the choir.

Area newspapers carried nice write-ups with photos taken during the blessing services.

Many thanks to Father Steponaitis for his efforts in the erection of the cross which is lighted at night and admired by many passers-by.

(Council 10)

Vincukas



Athol's Lithuanian Wayside Cross made of steel.



Blessing of Lithuanian Wayside Cross at St. Francis Parish, Athol, Mass.



✦ ANGLIJOJE gimė žodis „tostas“, reiškiantis trumpą kalbą prie stalo, gerą linkėjimą, kuris paprastai pastiprinamas iki dugno išgeriama taure. Yra ir antra šio žodžio reikšmė — pakepinta duonos riekutė. Senų senovėje Britanijoje kilęs paprotys reikalauja: tam, kas pakyla, rengdamasis kažką gero pasakyti šventinio stalo bičiuliams, reikia paduoti stiklą vyno ir „tostą“ — pakepintą duonos riekutę.

✦ BIRMOJE Nauji metai sutinkami šūkiu: „Pasistengsime, kad jums būtų malonu“. Tas malonumas suteikiamas gana savotiškai: birmiečiai visur vienas kitą laisto vandenių — iš siurblių, vandens pistoletų ar paprasčiausių kibirų. Gatvėmis srūva upeliai, nors lietaus sezonas dar toli. Nauji metai į Birmą ateina pačių didžiausių karščių dienomis. Šventės prasmė — pareikšti draugiškumą: aplietasis patiria taip lauktą gaivią vėsą.

Maudynių išvengia tik laiškanėšiai ir vienuoliai. „Tindžanas“ (vandens festivalis) tęsiamas visą savaitę.

✦ BULGARIJA gruodžio 31 vidurnaktį paskęsta tamsoje. Trims minutėms visuose namuose užgesinama šviesa — tai „naujametinių bučinių“ laikas. Nežiopsok, bučiuok kaimynę, o tai nespėsi — vėl užsižiebs šviesa. Naujų metų išvakarėse visi perkasi „surovaknicus“ — sedulos krūmo lazdeles, būtiną naujametinės šventės atributą. Sausio pirmąją bulgarų vaikai, sveikindami tėvus, artimuosius bei bičiulius, kepštelė juos „surovaknicais“. Sedulos lazdelė mažylio rankose — Naujų metų simbolis.

✦ GRAIKIJOS sostinėje Atėnuose Nauji metai švenčiami „labai garsiai“. Apie dešimtą valandą vakaro visame mieste pasigirsta toks triukšmas, gaudesys, kad nepratęs žmogus išsigąstų. Mat, kiekvienas tai nakčiai iš anksto pasirūpina švilpuką, žvangučius, birbynę arba tarškynę: švilpimas, žvangėjimas, gaudesys ir tarškėjimas — tiesiog neapsakomas.

✦ GVINĖJOS gyventojai su džiaugsmingu triukšmu, dainomis, audringais šūkiams pasitinka „silli“ — išpuostą dramblių, kuris Naujų metų garbei vedžiojamas po gatves ir aikštes, kaip gerumo ir teisingumo simbolis.

✦ INDIJA. Apie Naujų metų šventimą Indijoje ne taip paprasta papasakoti. Mat, net aštuonios skirtingos datos švenčiamos kaip Nauji metai. Pavyzdžiui, Manaraštre Nauji metai švenčiami balandžio mėnesį. Tai taip vadinami „Gudi Padva“. Šią dieną leidžiama kalbėti tik labai mandagiai, draudžiama pykti, grubiai šnekėti. Manaraštro gyventojai tą dieną valgo karčius „nim nim“ medžių lapus. Tai, pagal prietarus, naujaisiais metais atneš jiems saldų gyvenimą, apsaugos nuo ligų.

✦ ITALIJOS valstiečiai pagal seną paprotį pirmą naujų metų dieną stengiasi nesipykti, nemokėti skolų ir būtinai atlikti visus lauko darbus (po truputį, grynai simboliškai). Tai turi atnešti ramų gyvenimą, gerą derlių. Senis Šaltis Italijoje vadinamas Babbo Natale. Tačiau svarbiausias naujametinis personažas yra gera senoji burtininkė, į vaikučių batus padedanti mažyčių dovanėlių.

✦ JAPONIJOJE nežinoma, kas tai yra naujametinė naktis. Nauji metai čia prasideda ankstų sausio 1 rytą. Dar prieš aušrą japonai išeina iš namų ir iškilingai sutinka patekančią saulę — pirmą naujų metų saulę. Po to linksminasi.

Vyrai, pasirėdę geriausiais kostiumais, ir moterys su puošniais kimono keičiasi dovanomis — brangiomis arba kukliomis (tai nesvarbu: dovana — pagarbos ženklas). Visų rankose — tradiciniai papuošalai iš bambuko, apvynioto pušų ir slyvų šakelėmis. Pagal liaudies tikėjimą, tokio papuošalo savininkas naujaisiais metais įgyja pušies ilgaamžiškumą, bambuko tvirtumą, slyvos gyvybingumą.

✦ KORĖJA. „Jei Naujų metų naktį pramiegosi — pražils antakiai“, — sako korėjiečiai. Po naujametinių tostų šeimos rate, žmonės eina į gatves, prasideda vaikštynės, linksminimasis. Kaimuose rengiamos „noltvi“ — savotiškos merginų šuolio į aukštį varžybos.

✦ KUBOJE Naujų metų naktį, kai laikrodis muša dvylika, su kiekvienu dūžiu kiekvienas privalo suvalgyti po vynuogę. Dvylika dūžių — dvylika vynuogių. Laimeil!

✦ LENKIJOJE Nauji metai — visaliaudinio karnavalo pradžia. Jis trunka 10—12 dienų. Visame krašte rengiamos karnavalinės eisenos, kaukių baliai, vakarai.

✦ MONGOLIJOJE Nauji metai sutinkami masinėmis vaikštynėmis pagal namus. Senis Šaltis pasirodo su dideliu botagu rankoje, vaizduodamas piemenį. De botago, mongolų Senis Šaltis nešasi skiltuvą, titnagą ir tabokinę — senuosius keliautojo, nebijančio klajonių nei viena tvės, atributus.

✦ NORVEGIJOJE ir ŠVEDIJOJE kiekviena šeima naujametinę naktį praleidžia draugėje. Eidami gulti, savo batus visi palieka vienoje vietoje prie slenksčio, kad šeimoje viešpatautų meilė ir susiklausymas.

✦ OLANDIJOJE Naujų metų sutikimas neįsivaizduojamas be skanių spurgų („pončkų“) su razinomis. Jas šeiminkės kepa tik kartą metuose — gruodžio 31. Per patį vidurnaktį uostuose esą laivai įjungia signalus ir rėžiančiu švilpesiu skelbia, jog atėjo Nauji metai.

✦ RUMUNIJOJE specialiai Naujiesiems metams kepamas pyragas su siurprizais. Į pyragą įkepamos smulkios monetos, porceliano lėlytės, žiedai, raudonojo pipiro ankštys. Tokį pyragą valgyti reikia labai atsargiai. Papuls kartusis pipiras — visi juokiasi, o valgančiajam ašaros ritasi. Užtat kiek džiaugsmo, kai kuris nors suranda žiedą arba monetą! Šie radiniai naujaisiais metais atnešą laimę.

✦ VENGRIJOS jaunimas visuomet rengia šventišką naujametinę eisnę. Priekyje žengia muzikantai ir šauklis, kuris garsiai skelbia, jog senieji metai palaidoti, o naujaisiais visų darbščiųjų laukia pilni aruodai ir gausybė statinių vyno. Suprantama, tokių gerų linkėjimų nepraleidžia pro ausis nė vienas šeiminkas. Jaunimas kviečiamas į vidų, sodinamas prie švenčių stalo, dosniai vaišinamas. Ant naujametinio vengrų stalo nepamatysi žąsienos, antienos, vištienos ar kokios kitokios paukštinės: pasak liaudies, tą vakarą paukštinės valgyti negalima, kad neišskristų laimė. Ypač tokio valgio sergisi merginos, trokštančios Naujaisiais metais ištekėti...

CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

ANTHONY DAINIUS, C-79, SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

by Bertha Janus

Council 79's endorsement of Anthony Dainus (Dainauskas) for Honorary Membership is indeed a privilege.

His accomplishments in our C-79, as well as in the Parish, Archdiocese, other organizations, and the news media, are innumerable.

Anthony was born in Pennsylvania in 1910, and migrated to Detroit in 1920. He attended St. George Lithuanian School and Sacred Heart Seminary, where he received an A.B. degree in 1932. Two of his sisters became Lithuanian Franciscan nuns at Pittsburgh. At present he is retired, unmarried, and a member of Council 79, Knights of Lithuania, affiliated with Divine Providence Lithuanian Church, Southfield, Mich.

Soon after his college days, he took up free-lance writing - one subject exclusively - Lithuania and the Lithuanians. This he has pursued for thirty-five years. His contributions have appeared in the Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit Times (now defunct), the Michigan Catholic, Our Sunday Visitor, the Chicago Tribune, the Grail, Fluoroscope, "Draugas", "Darbininkas", "Amerika", "Dirva", "Vytis" and others.

In 1945 he scooped all newsmen after President Roosevelt's Atlantic Charter meeting with Joseph Stalin at Yalta, wherein they added four little words to the original charter, "by the aggressor nations," which gave Russia a free hand over Lithuania in post-war settlements. This was followed-up in newspapers throughout the country and in Congress.



Not only did he write about, but he also invited various newsmen and photographers to attend Lithuanian events.

He also had other ambitions, which he achieved:

In 1944 he helped establish the Lithuanian Relief Fund in Detroit with annual "Tag Day" permits for street solicitations, which he obtained from the City Councils of Detroit and suburbs. For these efforts, he received a citation from B.A.L.F. in 1969.

He helped organize the Parish Holy Name Society in 1950 and was their leader for a quarter century.

In 1951 he was on the committee observing Midaugas' 700th anniversary and Lithuania's Christianity with a Holy Hour at the Cathedral, an event organized by all Lithuanian Catholic organizations in the city. He also participated in the 350th anniversary of the "Siluva" appearance at the "Siluva" Shrine in Washington, D.C. in 1958.

In 1955 Tony was dinner chairman for Divine Providence's new pastor, Fr. Michael Kundrat, and chaired a social affair arranged for Father's Silver Jubilee.

During that same year he designed and built an outdoor Christmas creche, and erects and maintains it annually.

In 1956 he was chairman of the last parish picnic, and continued that job for at least ten years.

For the last fifteen years he has been alternate chairman of the "Archdiocesan Development Fund," - an annual solicitation for funds to maintain agencies to help the poor, aged, homeless, etc., throughout the archdiocese.

In 1959 he helped reactivate Council 79, after a thirty-five year lapse. Besides becoming its first president, he was instrumental in contacting many old members, and through his persistent efforts, gained numerous new memberships, which enabled C-79 to become the largest council at that time. Since then, he has attended most of the meetings. He earned his third degree in 1964 and the fourth in 1973.

On the Council level - he has been Public Relations chairman since 1962, trustee since 1962, and Vice-President and Lithuanian Affairs chairman in 1960. He was a Trustee on the Supreme Council Board in 1959.

Also during 1959 and 1960 he helped edit the local Detroit three-council publication called "Knight Life."

He was chairman of the Council's annual New Year's Eve party and annual family picnic, as well as serving on practically all of the various

committees throughout the ensuing years.

In 1960 he promoted and revived Lithuanian singing in his parish church, when Lithuanian attendance had dropped to less than one half.

Through the Knights of Lithuania, Council 79, he was one of the organizers of the "Golden Agers" a Senior Citizens group, which C-79 sponsored. They met for twelve years, and still would be, but for the fact that their meeting place became no longer available for them.

In 1964 he was chairman of Detroit's three-Lithuanian-parish Holy Hour at St. George's Church, before it was demolished to make way for a freeway.

Before the demolition occurred, he obtained a crane to remove an outdoor statue of St. George, and delivered it to camp "Dainava," 65 miles away. The Lithuanian camp is ideally situated between Detroit and Chicago, and easily accessible to other Midwest cities via nearby freeways.

He retrieved the historical bell from the old demolished church tower, which was also promised to camp Dainava, and was in charge of retrieving historical documents from the Church's corner stones and artifacts from the interiors.

In 1967 he was elected chairman of Divine Providence's "New Church" committee, a post he held for four years. The site and architectural design was large dependent on his efforts. The project eventually culminated into a million-dollar structure.

In 1968, at a parish meeting ordered by the Chancery, Tony helped persuade Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton that we desired a Lithuanian parish, not a so-called "territorial" church, as advised by John Cardinal Dearden.

As building chairman, he reserved for the Knights of Lithuania, Council 79, the privilege of erecting a Lithuanian outdoor crucifix, whose construction he supervised. He spent many hours conferring with the designer, V. K. Jonynas, of New Jersey, concerning the project, which eventually cost \$5,000.

In 1970 he was a member of the "Parish Council" and later a member of the Administration and Liturgy committees. That same year he organized the church lectors, altar boys and ushers, and they have been under his supervision since that time.

For four years he has been caretaker of the new church, interior and exterior, summer and winter, with no expense to the parish.

For one quarter of a century he publicized Lithuanian Independence rallies (February 16) in Detroit and suburbs.

In 1974 Tony Dainus served on the Knights of Lithuania National Convention committee in Southfield. Our Council hosted it that year, and he was always available when seemingly impossible problems arose.

Currently Tony is still a busy personality with the Knights of Lithuania and unfinished work at the new Divine Providence million-dollar church and Cultural Center.

We also might mention that in observance of the Nation's Bicentennial, he taped a short history of Detroit's Lithuanians for the Detroit Historical Museum. Included in the tapes are the Knights of Lithuania, their history and accomplishments.

His devotion to the Lithuanian cause and concern about the Lithuanian community are demonstrative of his dedication to our church and mother country. Anthony Dainus' virtues of dependability, sense of responsibility, initiative, integrity and conscientiousness about any project he partakes in are indeed remarkable, and he is truly worthy of being elevated to an Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania.



The following Resolution, approved at the 65th National Convention at Syracuse, N.Y., was inadvertently omitted from that Convention issue of VYTIS, but is reprinted herewith, to officially confirm the elevation of Mr. Dainius to Honorary Membership. "Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Nariu Komisija prašo, kad 65-tas seimas užgirtų kandidatą į Garbės Narius ilgametį nepavargstantį, daug ir garbingai pasidarbavusį Lietuvos Vyčių narį - ANTHONY DAINIUS, C-79, Southfield, Mich." (passed - priimta)



T W O H O R I Z O N S

On Returning to Chicago

In a recent "Draugas" correspondence from the "Second Marquette Park" (St. Petersburg, Florida), I read of the 40 year anniversary celebration there of Fr. Fabijonas Kireilis' ordination into the priesthood. Fr. F. Kireilis has been the vicar of the Brighton Park parish for several years now. The report astonished me somewhat: good grief!, just think how old I am, — just 40 years ago I attended Fr. Fabijonas' first Mass. Of course, my friends and I also tried out the thick and tasty beer for which Vabalninkai are famous.

Parishioners and also Chicago's Lithuanians know Father F. Kireilis as a calm, diligent and conscientious priest, who is faithful to his duties. Although he doesn't stand out in the social life of the Lithuanian community, when time permits him to get away from his parish duties, one can see him at cultural events. That's how Father Fabijonas is today. However, through the fog of bygone times he is to me, and I believe, to many, a veritable giant — a profoundly loving servant of God and a man who values brotherly love more than his own life.

Reminiscing on the occasion of the anniversary of his ordination, one episode keeps coming to mind. Having held his first Mass in the church of Vabalninkai and after that in his birthplace, the village of Kupriai, after a time Father Fabijonas was seen performing the duties of vicar in the cathedral of Panevėžys. Bishop K. Paltarokas of Panevėžys used to choose the brightest and most active young priests for work at the cathedral.



Upon graduating from the seminary Father Fabijonas was immediately chosen for this select group.

Bishop K. Paltarokas was an exceptional shepherd, concerning himself not only with spiritual matters, but also with social affairs, his flocks' well being and care.

I'm not writing a detailed biography of my parishioner Fr. Fabijonas, nor am I mentioning the other localities in Lithuania where he worked. His name came to the fore during the terrible years of World War II. Bishop K. Paltarokas picked several younger priests of his diocese in order that, as the front neared, they withdraw to the West. Father Fabijonas was in this group. As far as I know, he could have withdrawn to Austria or Bavaria and there awaited the end of the war. But while in East Prussia he saw how many Lithuanians the Germans impressed into work corps which performed various front line duties. Father Fabijonas knew that these men, placed into great danger, probably required a priest more than those people who withdrew far from the front to quieter areas. Thus, Fr. Fabijonas remained in East Prussia with these Lithuanians, not only to tend to their spiritual needs, but also to share the hardships.

Several of these men who suffered together with Fr. Fabijonas later related that the Germans found out he was a priest and offered him privileges which Fr. Fabijonas refused. He remained a private amongst privates with the difference that evenings he would celebrate Mass, hear the men's confessions, and offer the sacraments. This he would do after having worked long hours digging trenches. In the meantime, the front lines rapidly decimated East Prussia; the iron pincers of the Red Army would tighten along the coast and the merciless annihilation of those encircled would begin. I haven't got written testimony on hand of how Fr. Fabijonas and a company of Lithuanians saved themselves via the Baltic Sea from one of the most terrible encirclements in East Prussia. But save themselves they did. Fr. J. Prunskis, the author of various pamphlets, should write down Fr. Kireilis' memoirs, because they would read like a fantastic and terrible adventure novel.

When the war ended, the men almost worshiped Fr. Fabijonas, they considered him the finest example of priest and man, and I believe that now, remembering the long gone days of hardship and danger, they remember Fr. Fabijonas warmly.

At the end of the war, in the fall of 1945, I met Fr. Fabijonas in Haffkrug, just north of Luebeck, on the

shores of the Baltic Sea, where quite a few Lithuanians, having reached the free West by various routes, were congregated. Already he had established a beautiful Lithuanian parish there, — far off in the sea one could see the remains of the boats with which Nazi political enemies were taken out and drowned during the waning stages of the war. By means of this same stormy Baltic Sea, on whose shores he established a new Lithuanian parish, Fr. Fabijonas and many other fellow Lithuanians saved themselves from the hell of East Prussia.

On route from Europe to North America, people living in the English zone had to go through the Weindorf transit camp. This was a large transit camp of various ethnics, in which Fr. F. Kireilis performed the duties of chaplain. Many who were perhaps bidding farewell to Europe had the opportunity to become acquainted with the sincere chaplain, listen to his Masses, his elevating sermons. In the rectory one could find Lithuanian newspapers, a reading room, Lithuanian prayer books, and if something was needed by anyone or if going through various commissions progress was impeded, the chaplain tried helping and he

(NOTE: Father Kireilis is currently the very active Spiritual Adviser of Brighton Park C-36 of the Knights of Lithuania)

was busy with the affairs of Lithuanians from early morning until late evening. I remember being a regular visitor in my parishioners rectory, a place which never lacked visitors. On second hand, Fr. Fabijonas' merit was that he respected everyone equally: believers and those indifferent to the Faith.

As I've already mentioned, Fr. F. Kireilis for several years now is quietly and sincerely working in the Brighton Park Parish of Chicago. Here, among the priests and other Lithuanians, he resembles a hard-working bee. But the aura of his past will never diminish, not while there live those men, who with their eyes saw and lived his mission of Christ, showing his wonderful brotherly love in extenuating circumstances.

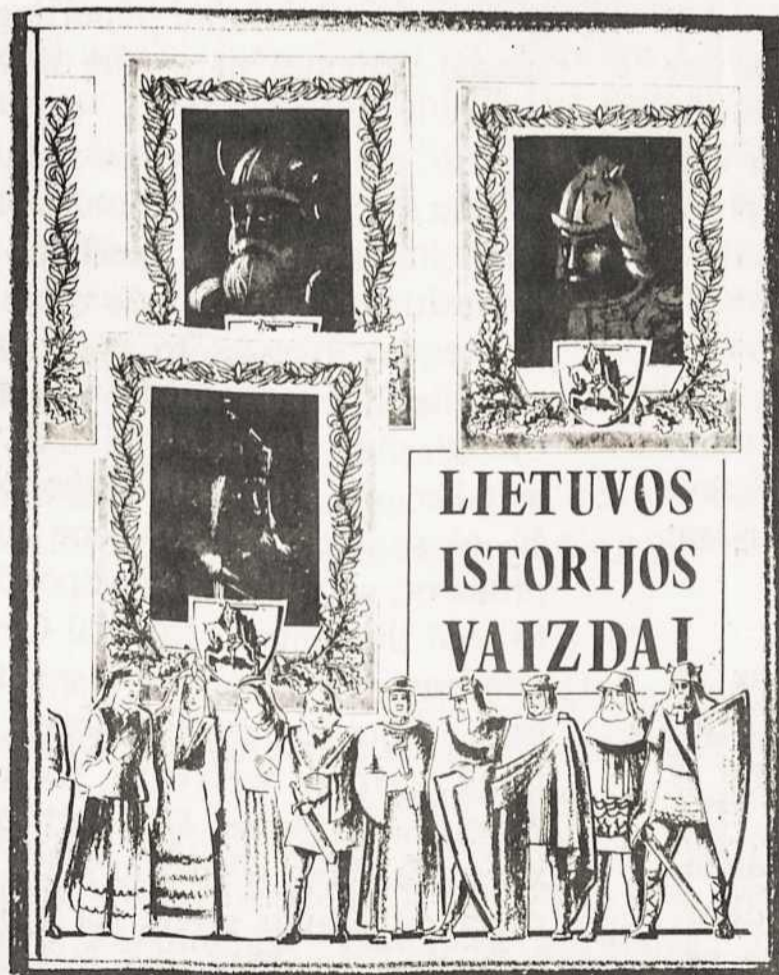
With these reminiscences I returned to Chicago, where again the modern Brighton Park shrine with its impressively lustrous stained glass of St. Casimir brightened my gaze, where I saw many familiar faces, where I heard Fr. F. Kireilis' sermon at the funeral Mass of journalist Stasys Daunys. Distances distract us, but familiar faces and especially there noble deeds never wane.

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Nov. 6, 1979

Dear Editor:

As an active member in the Knights of Lithuania for over thirty years, I feel compelled to answer Leonora Balten's letter.

I was sorry to read of Leonora's feelings in regards to the Council News section of the VYTIS. I for one read the entire VYTIS. As I understand it the Council News Section was started to help councils exchange ideas, activities and keep abreast of their many friends throughout the organization. To my knowledge this remains the purpose.

I find it a great pleasure to read of the many friends I have made. Even though sending a card for a special reason, because of what I read in the VYTIS, may be outdated, it is great to keep in touch.

There were fifteen (15) Council News articles in the Aug/Sept. edition of the VYTIS. I found all but one had rounded news material covering religion, culture and sports activities. The Knights of Lithuania Constitution states we must be a well-rounded organization.

I was disappointed to read the Editors comment of Hear, hear! I can remember a time the VYTIS editors were asking councils to be sure and send in their Council News articles. There is plenty of material available to keep abreast of Lithuanian news. To delete the Council News Section, in my opinion, would be a grave error.



I would like to add that I for one have a very deep admiration for the VYTIS editors and staff. Their job, with deadlines always on them, is one that is not easy. I am very thankful for their dedication in getting the job done.

Vytiskai,
Fran Petkus
C-96 VYTIS correspondent

ED. NOTE: No one is trying to dispute the importance of the Council News section of VYTIS, nor is anyone advocating its removal. The letter in question, by Mrs. Balten, and the agreement from the Editor, advocate cutting down of the excessive "chattiness," and the news

that is not necessarily interesting to non-members of a particular council. If all 50 councils wrote about who celebrated birthdays, who went to what ball game with whose grandfather, and what members attended meetings, VYTIS would grow to some 100 pages, and all variety and balance would be lost. With our growing organization, we must keep our national organ one of importance and interest to ALL members, and keep the news reported truly newsworthy. Some chattiness is interesting and necessary, to keep our members part of a national organization, and maintain the "family" atmosphere we have been known for. But all should be within reason, and it is true that more reporting of special activities of a true K of L nature is needed.

Also, the C-News editor frequently must spend countless hours correcting grammar and spelling, and eliminating dangling participles, cutting down excesses to make items readable, thus frequently delaying overall publication of VYTIS. To help her job, and to make the Council News section truly one to be proud of, we urge all Correspondents to read the hints to Council Correspondents, published elsewhere in this issue. Correspondents, please, DO NOT stop writing Council News...but please, DO start thinking more about what you write, and observe the hints given, for a better and more readable and interesting Council News Section.

Lithuanians in The

NEWS

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



DR. ELONA VAISNIS has been appointed to the President's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies. This is the first time a person of Lithuanian descent has been appointed to this position. Dr. Vaisnis was in Washington on November 7 to present her report to President Carter and to Congress. In line with this position, she has been requested to speak at various universities; New York, De Paw, Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon, Yale, and many others. Dr. Vaisnis is also a member of the executive committee of the Coalition to Help Petkus and Gajauskas

DALIA KRISTINA EIDUKAS, promising young soprano studying at the American Conservatory of Music, was presented in concert at the Edward Collins Hall in November. In her repertoire, along with selections from Bach and Leoncavallo, were Jakubenas' "Išsvajotą karalaitį", Budriunas' "Tykiai, tykiai", and Šimkus' "Myliu tave".

Lithuanian composer, FELIKSAS BAJORAS, a resident of Vilnius, played tapes of music written by himself and several countrymen at Hofstra University this past November. Bajoras was in the United States to visit a sister in Chicago and do some musical touring. The Hofstra presentations was arranged by music department chairman, Herb Deutsch, and Almus Salcius, a Lithuanian-American who lives in Great Neck. What the listeners heard, parts of string quartets and sonatas and fragments of jazz, surprised some who had expected a conservative Russian style. After the tapes were played, he said, "Every republic tries to have something of its own. Lithuania is unique and very proud of that difference... In the Soviet Union, it is known as Lithuanian music."

Chicago's ALFRED JAKSTAS uses exotic techniques to care for fine old paintings. Boston-born Mr. Jakstas, chief conservator at the Art Institute of Chicago, has headed the conservation department for the last 18 years. His occupation requires the combined talents of an artist, scientist, detective and meticulous craftsman. To his hands are entrusted the care of some 2,000 valuable paintings. Paintings long dimmed by dirt and wear, or damaged, are restored as closely as possible to their original condition in keeping with the artist's intentions. According to the Wall Street Journal, few individuals are as knowledgeable about the constant changes that can affect works of art as Alfred Jakstas.



Illinois Congressman EDWARD DERWINSKI received special mention in the Republican National Committee bulletin "GOP Nationalities News" because he was the honored recipient of the Rev. John D. Jutt Friend of Lithuania Award at the Knights of Lithuania 66th National Convention in Chicago where he was cited for his role as a crusader in seeking the release of Lithuanian political prisoners in the Soviet Union and for his efforts in gaining the release of Simas Kudirka.



Nicholas Colling, consul-general of Luxemburg, Mrs. Olga Durovic, and FELIX STUNGEVICIUS, consul of Uruguay, share a quiet moment at the Consular Ball, held October 31st at the Drake Hotel, Chicago. The ball is an annual event that brings together a wide selection of the 62 countries who maintain a diplomatic connection with Chicago.



An invitation to attend the 84th annual De La Salle Alumni banquet is extended to John Cardinal Cody by JOHN L. PAUKSTIS, president of the alumni association, and Brother Luke Lynch, president of De La Salle High School in Chicago. John is a member of C-36.



Backstage at the Opera - Chicago - ARNOLD VOKETAITIS, wearing his French revolutionary costume for his role in the Lyric Opera's presentation of "Andrea Chenier", plays a little jazz to relax before his performance.

NOTICE TO ALL VYTIS CORRESPONDENTS

The following are a few suggestions that might help to make the Council Activities in the VYTIS more interesting:

1. Use short words which will be clearly understood by everyone. Remember, easy writing makes for easy reading.

2. Don't use the same phrase or descriptive word more than once in a paragraph, and the less you repeat through the entire item, the better.

3. To relieve monotony, employ a bit of originality in your writing. It is not very unique when 15 correspondents begin their reports with - "Our council held its meeting on month, day, year."

4. Don't hurt or degrade anyone. (Example: Joe Blow had a weaving good time at the last picnic.) Even though YOU may think the entry is exceptionally clever, it is not. Ask yourself, would you like to be Joe Blow?

5. Write your column as soon as possible after the affair while the details are still fresh in your mind. That way you will be able to inject much more color into your writing. Keep intelligent and understandable notes on all subjects you might want to write about.

6. Do not write about an event that is scheduled to take place in the next few days or weeks. By the time the VYTIS is published, this event will have taken place. So report on that particular function after it has occurred or write it up in the past tense.

7. Read your piece over to see if it's smooth. Cross out all extra and meaningless words; you'll be surprised how many there are. Don't be afraid to throw the paper away and start over again if something doesn't sound the way you want it to. After awhile the right words will come naturally. That's experience through practice.

8. Don't forget that we are Lithuanians and our language is something to be proud of. Try to insert a few words or phrases LIETUVIŠKAI.

9. Write only when you have something to say. Don't just fill up space. (Example: Ho Hum! Another month has rolled around and once again it is time to pick up the pen... Bill B. as usual made the motion to adjourn. So shall I - until next month.) Now that takes six lines in the VYTIS and what does it tell? Absolutely nothing except that the writer had nothing to write about. So why did he? Better to leave that space for others who have something interesting to tell about.

10. Stop using meaningless initials. Outside of a dozen people who know why D.S. had his eye on S.W., who cares? Our magazine is international, travelling to South America and Europe. Let's put it on a high scale for adult reading. Use complete names and use names frequently, everyone likes to see his or her name in print, but don't go overboard! Don't try to name all the people who were present at a picnic or party. Use good judgment. Listing Special Guests is a good idea. Be sure all names are spelled correctly.

11. Use items about unusual happenings. Something your council has done with success, especially personal or council activity that brings out the purposes and ideals of our organization - TAUTAI IR BAŽNYČIAI. Also, if a certain type of social your council sponsored brought in new members, write it up. Other councils might like to try your ideas.

12. Send in black and white (or sharp colored) pictures of unusual activities - a Communion breakfast, a degree installation, a chorus in rehearsal, special groups at dances, outings, etc., or anything that might be interesting or even inspiring. Try to avoid routine poses in which individuals stand or sit tensely before the camera. Action snapshots that tell the story of K of L activity at a glance will add much greater appeal to your article. The VYTIS editors will select the most attractive photographs submitted each month and print them. There is ABSOLUTELY NO EXTRA COST FOR PRINTING PICTURES. Photos, whether printed or not, will be retained for a scrapbook, unless the sender requests return.

13. Type your articles if at all possible - double space. If you do not use a typewriter, write as legibly as you can, but also double space.



NAMES in the NEWS

14. Lack of space presents a problem in some issues of the VYTIS and Council News have to be cut down in order to accommodate each council's news. If you find your article to be quite long, to insure that your most important news are not deleted, jot down the initials V.I.P. (Very Important Paragraph) in the margin along the news item so the editors would be sure to retain these specific items. Try to keep the Council News down to two typewritten double-spaced pages.

15. All COUNCIL NEWS should reach the editor by the fifth of the month before the month preceding the issue for which it is intended. For example, council news received by Jan. 5 will be included in the MAR issue.

Authors may use pen names, but all council news and articles submitted to the editors must bear the signature and address of the writer. The editors

assume no obligation to return any unsolicited material. Send your material in well before the deadline allowing the editor and the printers more time to do a better job. Your punctuality will give your article a better break and it will be appreciated by all concerned.

Cooperate with the editors in making the VYTIS an attractive, appealing and interesting K of L organ. Encourage members of your council to write articles. Don't hesitate to write to the editors expressing your reaction to articles and features in the VYTIS. Members who do not agree with some of the things done should complain in a reasonable manner, - then abide with the editor's final decision. Good suggestions will not go unheeded. Be the LIAISON OFFICER between the VYTIS and your council.

Here's to better Council Correspondence!



A P I E P A V A R D E S

Anglų kalboje pavardė neparodo, ar jos savininkas yra vyras ar moteris. Taip pat ji neparodo, ar moteris yra jau ištekėjusi, ar tebėra panelė. Vyras, jo žmona ir jų duktė anglų kalboje turi tą pačią pavardę. Pono Smith žmona ir duktė yra taip pat Smith.

Taip yra visose germanų kalbose. Ir vokiečių kalboje pono Bauermann žmona ir duktė yra Bauermann.

Lietuvių kalboje yra kitaip. Valaičio žmona lietuviškai yra Valaitienė, o jo duktė Valaitytė. Toks pat skirtumas yra ir slavų kalbose.

Dokumentai Amerikoje rašomi yra anglų kalboje, todėl ir pavardės juose turi paklusti anglų kalbos taisyklei, negali keistis pagal lytį ir vedybinę padėtį. Angliškuose dokumentuose ir vyras, ir žmona, ir duktė yra rašomi Valaitis.

Bet tai nereiškia, kad Valaitienė ir Valaitytė prarado moterišką lytį. Lietuviškame tekste vis dar turime rašyti arba lietuviškai šnekėdami turime vadinti jas moteriško-

Labas poncia Valaitiene
Hello, Mrs. Valaitis



Kaip einasi, panele Sakaitė
How are you, miss Sakas

mis pavardėmis, Valaitiene ir Valaitytė. Anglų kalbos taisyklės negalime perkelti į lietuvių kalbą, kaip kad ir lietuvių kalbos taisyklės negalėtume perkelti į anglų kalbą. Šnekėdami arba rašydami nemišykime vienos kalbos su kita. Ir įsidėmėkime, kad Amerikoje moteris vyriškomis pavardėmis vadinti yra ne krašto papročius, o kalbos reikalas.

Dviejų kalbų maišymas gaunasi ir tada, kai sakoma arba rašoma Mrs. Valaitienė arba poncia Valaitis. Kai šnekame angliškai, sakykime tik angliškai — Mrs. Valaitis arba Miss Valaitis; kai šnekame lietuviškai, sakykime tik lietuviškai — poncia Valaitienė arba panelė Valaitytė.

Branginkime lietuvių kalbą tiek pat, kiek kad branginame anglų. Nedarkome šnekėdami anglų kalbos, tad kodėl turime daryti lietuvių kalbą? Nedarykime jos pastumdėle, nes nėra ji menkesnė už kitas kalbas.

Aleksandras Pakalniškis Sr.

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FEBRUARY

- 17 IID ANNUAL MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA BANQUET,
Martinique Restaurant, Evergreen Park, IL

MARCH

- 2 C-29, NEWARK, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY CELEBRATION,
Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 9 MAD ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND MEETING
Transfiguration Church and Hall, Maspeth, N.Y., Hosts: C-110,
Maspeth
- 22 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, So. Boston, Mass.

APRIL

- 12 C-110, MASPETH, SPRING DANCE
Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 27 NED SPRING CONVENTION, Our Lady of Vilnius Church,
So. Worcester, Mass., Hosts: C-116, So. Worcester
- 27 C-144, Anthracite, GINTARAS FOLK DANCE PROGRAM
St. Clair, Pa.

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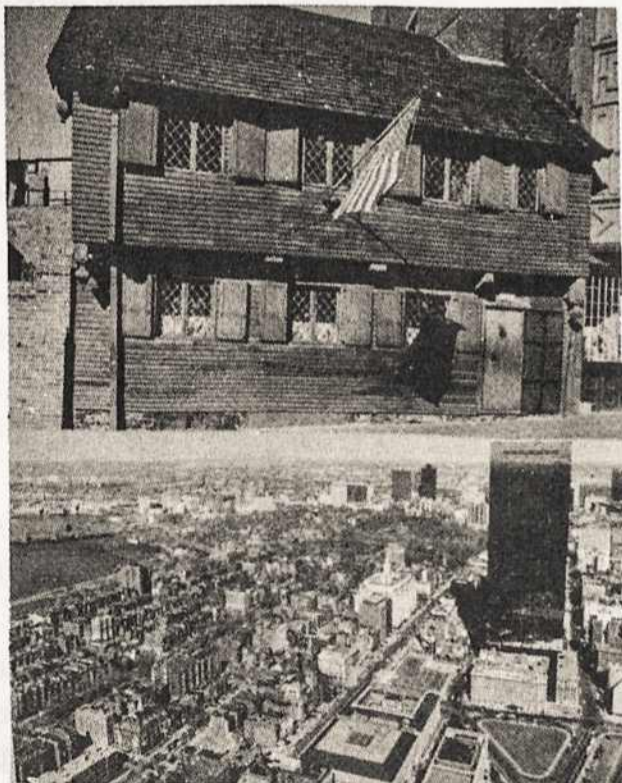
- 16-18 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Cleveland, Ohio, Hosts: C-25, Cleveland

AUGUST

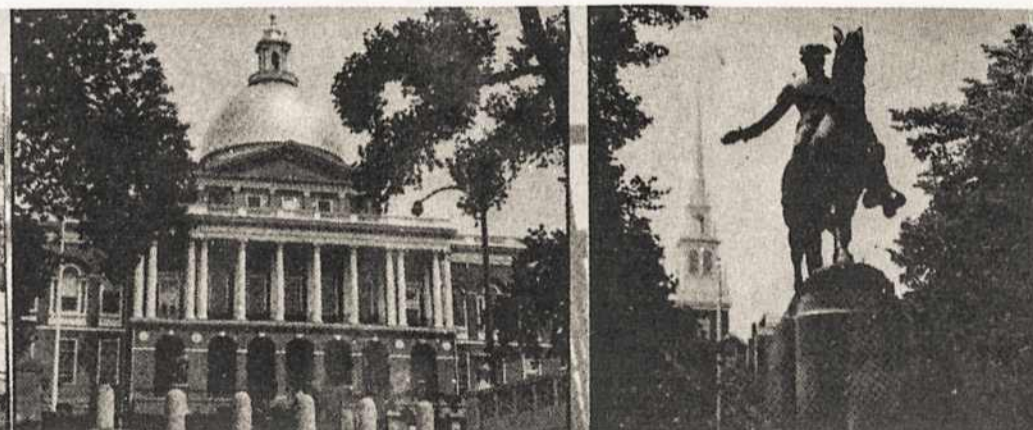
- 6-10 67th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Boston Plaza Hotel
Park Square, Boston, Mass. C-17 and C-17 Srs. Hosts
- 17 66th ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY, Barnesville, PA, C-144 Hosts



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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Our annual Convention meeting was held in October with nominating committee chairman Ann Marie Kassel in charge. The following were elected: Pres. Algerd Brazis; Vice-Presidents Faustas Strolia, Vincent Samaska & Juozas Laurinaitis; Secys. Irene Sankus & Sophie Nieminski; Trea. Emily Petraitis; Trustees Paul Binkus Jr. & Harry Petraitis; and Sgts-at-Arms Jerome Jankus, Antanas Sereika, Edward Krivickas & Louis Rogers.

Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas will remain as our Spiritual Director and Frank Zapolis, as the IID Board Chairman.

Our representatives on the Supreme Council will be: Ann Marie Kassel, Fin. Secy.; Theresa Strolia, Cultural; Irene Sankus, Public Relations; and Fausta Strolia, Lith. Language. The three ladies attended the S.C. meeting held in Maspeth, N.Y. with C-110 as hosts and reported to the IID. The ladies were the guests of Loretta and Jack Stukas during the week-end and reported that they were delightfully entertained by the Stukas.

Our ever-working K of L Bldg. Trustees held a Trustees' Banquet for the benefit of the building. Juozas Laurinaitis and Clemente Vidzius were in charge of the affair.

The S.C. reappointed Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas as the K of L representative on the Lithuanian-American Council Board (ALTAS). The other two reps will be Dr. Leonard Simutis and Irene Sankus.

Attending the IX Congress of ALTAS held in Cleveland were Chicagoans, Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Ann Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus. The event was a mini-K of L session with Natl. Pres. Philip Skabeikis, Rev. C. Pugevicius, Loretta & Jack Stukas, Michael Yale, Vyto Yucius, Antoinette Naujelis, and Honorary Members - Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Adele Gabalas and Stanley Vaitkus all attending the Congress.

Best wishes for successful terms of office to the following, council presidents: Chgo. Seniors - Bernice Pupinek; C36 - Vincent Samaska; C82 - Mildred Jagiella; C112 - Albert Zakarka. Also to Choir leaders - Estelle Rogers and Faustas Strolia; K of L Dancers coordinator and instructor - Frank Zapolis; and C36-112 Juniors counsellors Ann Marie Kassel & Theresa Strolia.

Condolences to Joseph Stanaitis and his family on the death of his mother in Lithuania.

The IID members privately observed "Human Rights Vigil for the Persecuted People of Lithuania" on Mon., Oct. 22nd.

Our Semi-annual Rummage Sale was held in November and under the direction of Al Mockus, Al Zakarka, Frank Svelnis, Kazimiera Petrulis, the other bldg. trustees and all of the hard-working committee, the event helped to clean-out our basements and attics and provided some revenue for the maintenance and/or improvements of the K of L Bldg.

Next sale will be held in Spring.

Holy Cross Parish, located in the Back of the Yards section of Chicago and the former home of C-13, celebrated its 75th Anniversary. The K of L Choir and the Lithuanian String Ensemble, both under the direction of Faustas Strolia, performed during the Special Mass in the beautiful old church. All reports indicated that the music was most spectacular. The evening event was held at the Martinique Ball Room and a good time was had by all.

Cultural Chairlady reminds us that copies of the K of L songbook are still available. The cost is only \$1.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting Monica or Faustas Strolia.

Date To Remember!!! 20th Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner Dance, Sunday, February 17, 1980, Martinique Grand Ballroom.

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Congratulations to the out-going 112 Board for a most successful K of L year and to the following, best wishes for the coming year: Pres. Albert Zakarka; V-P Paul Binkus Jr.; Secretaries Sophie Nieminski, Alice Cekanor & Betty Bozec; Treas. Monica Kasper; Trustees Albert Cekanor & Delores Wainauskis; Sgts-at-Arms Louis Rogers & Antanas Sereika.

Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas has graciously agreed to remain as our council's Spiritual Advisor.

Pres. Zakarka appointed the following to serve as committee heads: Social - Gerrie Mockus & Julie Zakarka; Ritual - Ruth and Al

Dagis; Courtesy - Monica Kasper; Membership - Estelle Rogers; Publicity - Emilija Pakalniskis, Irene Sankus & Gerrie Mockus; Lith. Affairs - Mary Dauginas.

Board members continue to meet to plan the council activities. The October meeting was hosted by Sophie Nieminski at her new apartment in Oak Lawn and the November meeting at the home of Alice and Al Cekanor.

"Oktoberfest III" has come and gone and super-chairlady Gerrie Mockus and her committee are to be congratulated for a lovely and successful event. Gerrie was assisted by Bar Chairman John Chaplain and his crew of bartenders - Julie Zakarka and her capable waitresses and kitchen crew - Monica Kasper and Sophie Nieminski - Al and Ruth Dagis - Al Shulicke, with his cute little costume, as the brew dispenser - and the many, many other council members who attended and worked during the evening. Delightful dance music was provided by Wally Tenclinger and his group.

Council members who participated in the eventful visit of Pope John Paul II to Chicago were: Al and Julie Zakarka, Estelle Rogers, Prudencija Bickus and Aldona Gylys. Paul Binkus worked on the Lithuanian Committee for the Marquette Park preparations. The Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis, as the Consul General of Lithuania, was one the honored guests at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Concert at the Holy Name Cathedral.

Many council members were involved with the preparations and the activities at the Annual Harvest Festival of Nativity B.V.M. Parish, with Stanley Evans serving as one of the chairmen. The event was well attended and our K of L entry - the "Knights Race" a horse racing game devised by Al Mockus and son was enjoyed by all and the proceeds were donated to the parish.

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 - Southfield, Mich.

Considerable cloudiness on the day of our Family Day Picnic Sept 8 did not hamper a nice attendance for the event. The picnic, a "first-held" on the Divine Providence grounds, where we didn't need to pack a picnic basket or haul a cooler full of pop and other stuff, was headed by Ruth Grasha and her committee. They put together an unbeatable package of hot dogs, kapustu, baked beans, and a variety of other goodies. Ruth had enlisted the aid of Joe Yakstys, Marge & Chester Nashlon, Maggie Smailis, Violet Panavas, Julia Medinis, Vicki Chepelonis, Karen Panavas, Chip Newberry, Eleanore Grasha, and Massie Kurzeja, a non-member who assisted Ruth. Bless you all and thank you. Also, labai aciu to those who made and brought the good food.

Ed Sackle handled the horseshoe tournament, and emerged as the lucky winner! Karen Panavas was the winner of the dart game.

The Divine Providence Cultural Center came alive for the 6th annual Parish Dinner-Dance on Sept. 22. Under the reservations of Vicki Chepelonis, a nice representation of 79'ers attended the fund-raiser. Soloist Gina Capkauskiene and Rimantas Strimaitis, under the accom-

paniment of Jonas Govedas, rounded out the festivity that was a delightful nostalgia.

The four-hundredth anniversary of the University of Vilnius was observed in the Cultural Center, followed by Mass, on Oct. 13-14. Cultural Chairperson Stellas Hotra delivered an interesting and informative history to our membership on the University of Vilnius.

At our Sept. meeting Mary Keller and John "Chip" Newberry were installed with First Degrees by Ritual Chmn. Bertha Janus. Chip Newberry, who participated in Junior activities during the Nat'l K of L Convention, gave an impressive report on the sessions and various socials.

Some history and a dash of sentiment was reflected appealingly by our member, Charles Step, in directorship of memorial services of Mrs. Antoinette Slovik. She was the widow of Eddie Slovik, the only American soldier executed since the Civil War for a military offense committed during World War II. Mrs. Slovik died awaiting the latest word on Congressional action. She appealed to seven presidents to clear her husband's name, in order to be eligible for the insurance due her. The Bills were stalled in Senate and House committees. Sen. Donald Riegle (D-Michigan) eulogized her as "this woman who lived a life of great courage and great fortitude, a life of hardship and denial of the equities that were due her." Despite a life of hardship, Charlie Step buried Mrs. Slovik in the best personal dignity. She was a courageous lady who befell a unique tragedy, who suffered so much anguish in vain efforts to obtain justice.

Tropical storm "David" left a deadly path of destruction from the Caribbean to New England. Its path also affected Helen Tucker at Boynton Beach, Fla., near the Palm Beach

area, where she flew to attend the wedding of her daughter, Colleen, on Sept. 1. The storm forced thousands to flee their homes, and Helen, along with the rest of the wedding party, were evacuated about 60 miles from the stricken area. After a return trip by jumbo jet, it was good to see Helen safe and sound.

Get well wishes go to Joe Usoris who has been ailing with foot problems.

Alice Burt celebrated her 80th birthday on Nov. 25th. Estelle Gogelis also had a birthday on the same day. Many more Happy Birthdays!

A group of men from our council helped celebrate on Sept. 20th the birthday of our Pastor, Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius, with a "bachelor's dinner." Joining in the festivity was Father Michael Kindrat, former pastor of Divine Providence. Bless you, Father Kris, we hope you may enjoy good health and many more years.

Many thanks to our new member, Nellie Milius, and to Marge Nashlon who put out a sumptuous social for the Sept. meeting. Aciu to V.P. Maggie Smailis who subbed the October meeting for Pres. Frank Zager.

Will you be present at the next membership meeting? There are so many simple ways that you can help "carry the load," but will you?

Once again, it's the holiday season and we wish to extend our warmest greetings for a very Merry Christmas, and a Healthy, Happy Holiday!

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C-96 - Dayton, Ohio

Annual visitation to the graves of our deceased members took place Sept. 9. Our day began with 8 a.m. Mass for all living and deceased members. After a light breakfast served by Joe & Eleanor Mantz, we headed for the cemetery. Flowers were placed at each grave followed

by group prayer and reminiscing. The day concluded with our Family Picnic at Triangle Park. We were blessed with a good day for one of the most inspiring functions our council has maintained for well over 25 years.

It was good to see so many of the Knights helping the Altar Society of Holy Cross with their first attempt at a Garage-Variety-Bake Sale. Included was carry-out service of our parish's well known Turtle Soup, Cabbage Rolls and Kugele. This weekend function held Sept. 14-16 was a tremendous success.

Our Social Committee, under the chairmanship of Greg Blum, did a super job on Sept. 22 welcoming the Octoberfest Season with a terrific supper of authentic German food. We started with Kartoffel, Creme Suppe (Potato Soup), Sauerbraten, Spatzle, Rotkohl, Birne, Bohnen, Speck to Apfel Strudel and Linzer Torte, all made from scratch. A round of applause goes to Greg and his committee - August, Mary Ann, Michael & Audrey Blum, Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas & Elinor Sluzas. They sent us home very contented. It was a well enjoyed evening.



C-96 Dayton, Ohio, Fourth Degree Recipients Helen Vaitkus, John A. Berczelly, Catherine Prasmantas.

As we have said in the past, members who do not take part in our socials are the losers.

On the weekend of Sept. 29-30 George & Frances Mikalauskas traveled to DuBois, Pa. host council for the annual MCD Pilgrimage-Meeting held Oct. 20-21. On request of C-86, George handcrafted a statue of the Risen Christ which stands 7½' tall and 6' wide. It was mounted on a hill at St. Joseph's Cemetery giving the illusion of Christ ascended into space. The statue was made of basic wood, coated with fiberglass. The official dedication took place on our MCD Pilgrimage weekend. George and Frances were well taken care of by C-86 members.

George also constructed a Cross of the Risen Christ which was donated by him to Holy Cross Parish as a gift from his family. The cross, designed of ever-curving lines representing God's flowing grace, hangs in our church hall. George continues to surprise us with his never-ending creations.

Congratulations to Dennis & Patty Noreikas on the birth of their first child, Ryan Matthew. The proud grandmother is Bea Noreikas. Congratulations to our Arizona members Mike & Donna Jean Dailey on the birth of their third child, their first girl. The proud grandparents are Tom & Elizabeth Scott. John & Ann Scott became grandparents to their fourth granddaughter. Pat & Tony Alexander slipped into town while we were at the Convention.

Belated Aciu Labai to Barbara Klevinsky, in Chicago, for escorting some of us from Dayton to the Museum of the Sisters of St. Casimir. The tour was well worth the time and most impressive.

Aldona Ryan has not only been busy as special feature writer for the Dayton Daily News, but she also took time to type up our updated council By-Laws. Congratulations to

Joe & Aldona on the birth of their 7th grandchild, Kevin.

In conjunction with the celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, Gus & Mary Ann Blum had treats for all following the Sept. monthly meeting. Congratulations with many more years ahead! Treats for the Oct. meeting was food from our bowling tournament with some added touches by Eloise Berczelly.

Did you catch Charles & Fran Vangas on WHIO-TV 7 recently? They were featured as actors in a segment of "Con Man of the Week." The topic was how caterers, their field of trade, can be fooled by con persons.

Stan Vaitkus came back from the Sept. Supreme Council meeting held in Maspeth, N.Y. with quite a bit of information. At our Oct. meeting Sally Miller introduced special guests, George & Helen Gogas. George & Helen recently returned from Lithuania and had many stories to share with us. It was very interesting and informative.

It was good to see Mary Lucas doing so well after recent surgery. Our prayers for Ernie Omlor's continued recovery. Steponas Bucmys, organist for the 10 a.m. Mass and also a composer for his own pleasure, is managing well after injuring his one finger. Pete Petkus is also recovering from surgery. Our get well wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery go to all, and also to John H. Berczelly, our out-of-town member Pat Zelinskas Alexander, and to Mike J. Petkus following his open heart surgery. Shape up, everyone, there is much to do!

With Aldona Ryan taking charge, and the council funding half the cost, 32 members bussed to DuBois, Pa. the weekend of Oct. 20-21 for the MCD's Annual Fall Convention-Pilgrimage. This was the first time the reorganized DuBois council had an opportunity

to host a Dist. function. Under the leadership of their chairman, C-86 Pres. Benedict Radzavich, the red carpet was laid out for all delegates and guests. It was certainly a well-planned weekend. On Saturday, a very constructive, informative meeting was held that closed with election of officers. The evening was rounded out with plenty to eat and music to dance off some of the calories. Sunday we drove to St. Joseph's Cemetery where the council's shrine and statue of the Risen Christ, designed and constructed by our own council member George Mikalauskas, was formally dedicated. High up on Pennsylvania hills, God blessed us with the beauty of the fall season. The picturesque scene added to this special occasion. Mass followed at St. Joseph's Church, and all joined in honoring our deceased Dist. members. Dinner followed at the Lithuanian Club. We can't thank the DuBois members enough for their very warm hospitality. They made us feel right at home. We look forward to keeping the friendships formed alive and active!

Congratulations to the Dayton members who are on the Dist. Board. Unanimously re-elected were Pres. Aldona Ryan, 1st Vice Pres. Christine Mantz, 2nd Vice Pres. Ada Sinkwitz, Lith. Affairs Stefanija Rastikis, & Cultural Elinor Sluzas.



Our Annual Election Night Dinner was held Oct. 27 at the church hall. The committee, under the very capable hands of Chmn. Greg Blum, put out a complete meal: cornish hen was the main item! No one went home hungry; many took doggie bags. Our Social Committee closed out their term lavishly.

The roster of new officers for the '79-80 term is as follows: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, Pres. Mary Ann Blum, 1st V.P. Charles Petkus assisted by Sarah Petkus, 2nd V.P. Aldona Ryan, Rec. Secy. Mildred Steinbrunner, Treas. Sally Miller, Fin. Secy. Frances Mikalauskas, Trustees Eloise Berczelly & George Mikalauskas, Sgt-at-Arms Joseph Ryan & Joseph Mantz. The committees are chaired as follows: Religious - Elinor Sluzas, Lith. Affairs - Stefanija Rastikis, Cultural - Ada Sinkwitz, Ritual & Vytis - Fran Petkus, Public Relations - Eleanor Mantz, Bulletin - Catherine Prasmantas, Historian - Harley Karns, Social - Chmn. John A. Berczelly, Chris Mantz, Harley Karns, Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas & Joyce Berczelly, Ways & Means - Eleanor Mantz, Sports - Edward Sluzas, By-Laws - Joseph Ryan, Albina Wallis, Ray Steinbrunner, Condolence - Bernadette Noreikas, Telephone - Chmn. Joyce Berczelly, Sarysis - Joseph Gecas, Aldona Ryan, MCD Spec. Projects - Ray Steinbrunner. We thank our outgoing officers for keeping us active this past term. To our new officers and committees, we wish a successful and profitable year ahead.

The Parish's Lithuanian Cultural Committee hosted a reception on Oct. 14 at the church hall for Anicetas Simutis, Consul General of Lithuania stationed in New York. It was a most informative and sharing evening.

Our No. Carolina member, Cathy Roberts, wants to be an active member but distance prevents this. While husband Jerry is on special assignment in Greece, Cathy and her sons spent some time in Dayton. She attended the MCD meeting in DuBois as a delegate and participated in our council's Election Night Dinner. We could use more members with her positive attitude.

Belated congratulations to Julius & Stefanija Rastikis on the occasion of their 38th wedding anniversary. Much happiness to Joe & Sue Noreikas in their new home. Joe, Sue & Candy Dichito did very well in local marathon races recently. Joe & Eleanor Mantz hosted the Jrs. at their home with dinner for their Election Night Oct. 13. We are so thankful Charles & Sarah Petkus' son, Paul is doing so well after a serious auto accident. Congratulations to Ruth Walusis on the "big" win in Ohio State's Instant Lottery. It is good to know that H.M. Mary Lucas is doing much better now. Mary gave us all a scare on our recent bus outing. Please take care!

Our deepest sympathies are offered Mary Lou Lastoskie on the loss of her brother. May his soul rest in peace.

We were all saddened to learn of the death of C-25 Cleveland member, Evelyn Andrulis. The Dayton and Cleveland members have a binding friendship that goes back some 30 years. Our deepest sympathies are extended to John, his children, Evelyn's brother from DuBois C-86 Dick Radzavich, and the entire family. We shall miss Evelyn doing her "crazy eight" dance with John. Dayton members Elinor & Annamarie Sluzas, Rita Ambrose, Kitty Prasmantas and Eloise Berczelly were able to attend the funeral. Evelyn, may your soul rest in the peace of the Lord.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The N.E. Dist. Fall Convention was held Sept. 30 in Providence, R.I. with Mass at St. Casimir's Church. Rev. Vaclovas Martinkus is pastor. An 11 a.m. concelebrated Mass was offered with Rev. Peter Shakalis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Brockton, Mass., and Rev. Martinkus presiding.

The business session commenced at 1 p.m. with greetings from the host C-103 Pres. John Walaska. The district has two new councils - New Haven, Conn. and Providence Regulars. Susan Bumila, Chmn. of Lithuanian Affairs and Editor of the Dist. newsletter, urged all councils to submit newsworthy information for publication. She would like to see more communication among the councils. Our Dist. Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin Janiunas, was very disappointed with the response to the last T.V. Mass held in New Haven, Conn. This also applies to our annual retreat. Both of these district-sponsored events in recent years have not brought forth the turnout that they warrant. Our district affairs **MUST** be supported. Perhaps someone can come forth with suggestions that will motivate our members.

The Annual Fall Festival at Shrewsbury in lovely Maironis Park was successful as well as the fund drive for our Dist. Scholarship Fund. We thank all who worked and contributed.

A Resolution was passed to request all councils to see that the Lithuanian flag flies from the flag poles at their respective city or town halls on Feb. 16. A congratulatory message was sent to His Holiness Pope John Paul II on his visit to Boston. The district continues to encourage Juniors to attend conventions. In recent years, the sports commitment by the district has been nil. We hope someone will come up with a plan so that once again a sports program can be initiated. The question of tardy dues by councils was discussed. This tedious work becomes a problem to the treasurer.

It was brought to the attention of the participants that three buildings are in various stages of completion in the NED area by Lithuanian religious organizations. The Sisters of Jesus Crucified with a motherhouse in Brockton, Mass., are completing a wing to their existing residential home. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Putnam, Conn. will replace their aged, wooden motherhouse with a modern brick building. The ALKA Museum, adjacent to the Sisters, has completed a sizeable addition to its present building, but now must raise more money to complete the interior. All these worthy projects should receive our attention and support.

Susan Bumila of Brockton C-1 and Marcia Kretioch of Providence C-103 were recipients of Dist. Scholarships. Congratulations to both of these fine young ladies.

The Ritual Committee presented 3rd and 4th Degrees, with Rev. Peter Shakalis and Patricia Achorn receiving the highest degree awards.

The NED officers for the coming year are as follows: Pres. Bertha Stoskus, 1st V.P. Ruth Kretioch, 2nd V.P. Francis Degutis, 3rd V.P. Charles Genaitis, Rec. Secy. Anne Bender, Corr. Secy. Adele Martus,

Treas. John Walaska, Trustees John Sabulis & Alexander Akule.

The Mandate Committee listed 70 members from 11 councils present at the district meeting.

The Spring Convention will be held April 27 in So. Worcester at Our Lady of Vilnius Church hosted by C-116. The date of the Annual Fall Festival held in Maironis Park will be announced later by Dist. Pres. Bertha Stoskus.

We wish a New Year filled with good health and happiness to all.

J. White

C-26 - Worcester, Mass.

The dampness of pouring rain in downtown Boston on Oct. 1 could not be felt in the enthusiasm and optimism of the throngs hoping for a glimpse of Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his historical visit to the United States. What a day this was!

But now, back to Worcester, and a report on our council's fall activities. In speaking with Pres. Rita Pinkus, we learn that immediate priorities include the election of a new executive board. 1979 is nearly past and is now part of the ground from which we push off to begin the new year together. Rita enjoyed a fine support team this year. "An incredible bunch," says she, "with whom I'm proud to work."

Ginny Leleikis chaired the Nov. 10 dinner-dance at Maironis Park and Bill & Carol Grigas co-chaired the clambake held at the Lithuanian War Veterans quarters on Oct. 12. These chairpersons were hoping for a tremendous surge in demand for tickets, which did materialize. There's nothing like good profit to compensate for the time, frustrations and preparations involved in planning these social events!

On a sad note, we extend sincere sympathy to Ruth Ramsdell and family on the death of her mother

early this past summer. Stephen Walinsky, Sr. underwent surgery on the very day his brother John died. Concern for Steve and grief for John compounded the Walinsky family's heartache. Our condolences to all.

Key planners for the Sept. 28 military whist held in St. Casimir's parish hall were Ann & Steve (his first venture since surgery) Walinsky, Sr. and their son and daughter-in-law, Steve Jr. and Ellie.

We've got to stop eating like this! Recent meetings have been preceded by dinner. In September it was home-made beef stew prepared by Joe Ivaska, the head chef, his wife Antoinette, his sister Adele Degutis and her husband, Francis. Deelishus!

Are Arthur & Marion Racicot really old enough to be grandparents? Guess so, because their daughter, Mickey, has presented them with a lovely grandchild. Congratulations!

Father Ben has entered politics! Seriously, Father was invited to give the invocation of a recent meeting of the Worcester City Council.

Mildred Lapinskas' parents and brother were hospitalized following an automobile accident. Her mother, Margaret Karas, was more seriously injured and hospitalization seemed endless. Her dad, Bill Karas, and brother, Albert, were less seriously injured. Paryerful wishes to all for a recovery earlier than the doctors predict.

Rita Brazauskas placed her dainty foot in such a position as to require a cast! She's back to work now, happy to have lost her plaster "slipper." Dorothy Seilius is home from the hospital and convalescing nicely. Her kindergarten pupils in our parish school are anxiously awaiting Dorothy's return. Mrs. Helen Kausevicius had major surgery. She's Maironis Park's efficient cook, a real peach of a hostess and so good to the K of L, be it local, district or national. We wish her, too, very good health...and soon.

Our council cooperated beautifully at the parish picnic. Among other workers, Mary Duggan and Agnes Law headed the "coffee and baked goods" table, Ellie Walinsky's children's games were a big hit, as was the chicken barbecue idea of Carol & Bill Grigas. Marion Shapiro's Raggedy Ann doll was also a profitable enterprise. Weather was excellent and the pastor rewarded our labors the following evening with a dinner in the parish hall. Ann Walinsky's Mother's Guild project also becomes more fantastic every year!

Adele Degutis (with an assist from Helen Gillus) reports she has six teams of bowlers this season, all set with a purpose, a goal, and lots of energy. Watch for another season of high competitiveness.

Algis (Frannie) Glodas is concert coordinator for the parish choir. After a year of preparations, the choir showed themselves beautifully on Oct. 13.

The holidays provide an occasion for thinking about our pleasant associations. We've enjoyed ours and it seems this is a good time to say so. Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, our pastor, and Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, our spiritual director, join Rita Pinkus and her entire membership in this special note to say it, in brief, the way it's never quite printed on a card. Our very best wishes to our K of L associates throughout the country for the merriest of Christmas seasons. May next year be a wonderful one for all!

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C-103 - Providence. R.I.

News from Air Products in Allentown, Pa. informs us that Vincent T. Ciuryla was one of two researchers at their plant to have received a patent for their invention of a process to remove sulfur oxides from

gases. The young co-inventor holds four degrees in chemical engineering. His parents, Vincent & Bette Ciuryla, recently celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.

The Rhode Island Lithuanian Community under the joint leadership of our K of L council and the Lithuanian Heritage Committee commemorated the 400th Anniversary of the University of Vilnius in Lithuania by establishing a Lithuanian Resource Center at Providence College.

The event began in the college library where over a thousand dollars worth of books, periodicals and recordings about Lithuania were presented. The resource material was presented by Mrs. Jean Coughlin, John Walaska, and Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. They were accepted for the college by Joseph Doherty, director of the library.

At Slavin Center, Vilnius University addresses were given by the Rev. Thomas H. McBrien, Dean of Providence College, and by Dr. Elona Vaisnys, a member of the Presidential Commission on Foreign Languages and Studies. They were introduced by Birute Stoskus, chairwoman of the anniversary committee and NED K of L President.

A social hour followed the talks and the program was capped by a splendid performance by **SADUTE**, the Lithuanian Folk Ensemble of Greater Boston. They presented Lithuanian songs and sounds of work. Their "Lithuanian Village Wedding" was presented during the 1977 K of L Natl. Convention held here in Providence.

Mrs. Biruta Cunningham is an active member of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs.

Fr. A. Jurgelaitis was the speaker at Boston College as the Lithuanian communities of Massachusetts celebrated the 400th anniversary of the University of Vilnius.

John & Theresa Jachnevich spent

a month in Florida. John was the first president of our council, and we warmly welcome him back with his wife.

After a lengthy illness and absence, Father Edmund Budrecki, M.I.C. paid us a visit during the October meeting.

Five new members joined our council during the October meeting: Mrs. Nell McKenna, Nellie Grande, Adella LaButti, Ann LaButti and Bernard Bernatonis. We are most pleased to have them in our midst.

Laimingu Nauju Metu Visciems Vyciams!

J.A.S.

C-145 - Holyoke, Mass.

As our accomplishments become history, the council has additional milestones to record. Bearing in mind our motto "For God and Country," noteworthy activities began with the St. Casimir Commemoration held at Fr. Jutt's parish in So. Deerfield. Members anticipate this very special annual event as a time of spiritual sharing and honor of exposition of our own Lithuanian-born saint to others.

For a second year, the art of preparing Lithuanian Easter Eggs was demonstrated by Nell Ruggles and her talented committee at Wistariahurst Museum. Members have discovered that community events like this help to attract our "fringe Lithuanians" and rekindle a spark of ethnic pride in them.

Another "First" in Holyoke was our hosting of the NED Spring Convention. We welcomed not only district members, but also Supreme Council Pres. Phil Skabeikis and Second Vice Pres. Jonas Adomenas, who presented us with our long-awaited charter. At this time we were also privileged to renew our friendship with an esteemed friend of Lithuanians, Msgr. Harrington,

formerly of Worcester and now Pastor of Holy Cross Church in Holyoke.

Despite being overlooked by the Nobel and Pulitzer committees, several Knights were acknowledged, however, by the NED Ritual Committee. Having fulfilled the prescribed requirements diligently, the first members from our council to be granted the prestigious Third Degree were Anthony & Nell Ruggles, Margaret Picard and Joan Laframboise.

Continuing efforts are being expended to allow our glowing ethnicity to shine forth through our language classes and our annual concert, both open to the public, in hope of stimulating undiscovered lethargic Lithuanians into the gratifying activity of "Knighthood."

Joan Laframboise

C-135 - Ansonia, Conn.

Lee Gray and Walt Stachowicz checked in at Griffin Hospital when both felt run-down. With a few days rest, their health was restored, and just in time, too, because the big blues were still biting. Stay healthy, men, and keep feeding the fish.

Lil Twerian was also a patient at the hospital for a few days. She is now back with us again as chipper as ever. Lil remembers feeling groggy, with a lot of people milling around. That was before the operation. The next thing she remembered is opening her eyes and finding herself looking up into Father Ray's eyes and holding his hand. Father Ray was on his rounds visiting parishioners in the hospital, and happened to be in the hall when they were wheeling Lil back to her room. Recognizing Lil, he stopped to shake hand and wish her well. That's when she opened her eyes!

Congratulations to State Trooper Walter E. Trella who was honored at a retirement party given by his

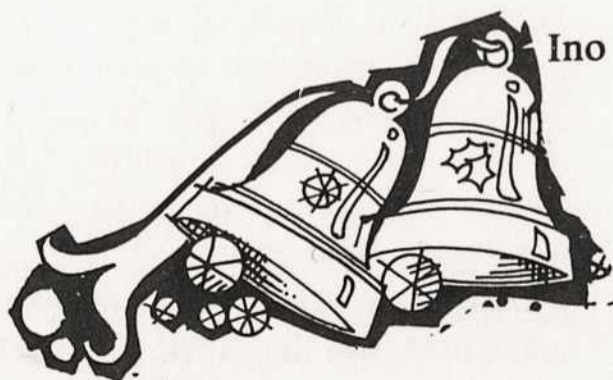
friends. Walt entered the Conn State Police Dept. in 1957 and retired Nov. 1, 1979.

Fran Barsevich was a cheerful gal coming home from the NED Cultural Picnic held at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. on Sept. 17. She came home with bottled cheer she won at a raffle while there. Fran, Jack & Ruth Tyson and John & Ann Sabulis attended the picnic, and all of them worked at various council booths representing our council in the united effort.

John & Ann Sabulis attended the NED Fall Convention as delegates from our council. The convention was held in Providence, R.I. hosted by C-103. Congratulations are in order, as John was elected a trustee for the district.

Elections were held at our October meeting. Rev. Raymond B. Yuskauskas is our Spiritual Advisor. Officers for the new year are: Pres. John A. Sabulis, Vic Pres. Albert Shurkis, Secy. Ann Sabulis, Treas. Mildred Driznus, Fin. Secy. Mildred Stachowicz, Cultural Chmn. Dorothy Martin, Ritual Chmn. Alfonse Barauskas, Publicity Corresp. Stanley A. Twerian, and Sgt-at-Arms Lillian Chaplik.

This year let's try harder to help our officers and chairmen of the various committees by attending as many meetings and affairs as we possibly can. It would also be nice if everyone paid their membership dues early so that it would not be necessary for the Fin. Secy. to remind us that they must be paid. It would even be better if our dues were paid without being asked. It can be done.



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-147·St. Petersburg, Fla.

St. Petersburg 1979 m. spalio mėn. 24 d. įvyko UN diena „The Year of the Child“ vardu. Jai vadovauti buvo pavesta SPIFFS organizacijai (St. Petersburg International Folk Festival Society). Dalyvavo parade daugel tautybių, mirgėjo įvairūs tautiniai kostiumai. Lietuviai dalyvavo taip pat Lietuvos Vyčių vardu. Daug pastangų dėjo vyte Viktorija Jakobson, kuri niekur nepraleidžia progos pagarsinti Lietuvos vardą. Lietuviai dalyvavo su tautine vėliava ant kurios buvo užrišti keturi juodi kaspiniai, kuriuos nešė moterys su tautiniais drabužiais. Du jaunuoliai nešė plakatą „UN give freedom to Lithuania“. Parado eisena sustojo Williams Parke. Kalbėjo SPIFFSo' pirmininkas Mr. Takis Kapous, merė C. Freeman, Mr. P. Jones. Įvairių tautų vaikai išpildė šokių ir dainų programą. Paskutinis kalbėjo prel. J. Balkūnas, kuris paaikšino mūsų protestą dėl laisvės netekimo. Mūsų vaikai — lietuviai už geležinės uždangos — negali džiaugtis kaip lasivų tautų vaikai, kenčia priespaudą, skurdą ir vargą. Mes reikalaujame laisvės ir Jungtinės Tautos turi girdėti mūsų skundą. Mūsų vėliava turi plevėsuoti su visomis kitų tautų vėliavomis.

Tuo iškilmės buvo užbaigtos.

Dalyvė

C-110 - Maspeth, N.Y.

Our council held another successful dinner-dance on Sept. 29. Two hundred sixteen persons attended and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Music was provided by the Joe Thomas Band. Helen Jambor was in charge of the 50-50 club for our Jr. council; Mary York of New York C-12 was a happy lady, indeed. Plaudits for Anne Adomenas and Helen who chaired the affair and to the many members who assisted them.

An election of officers was held during our October meeting. The officers for the new year are: Pres. John Adomenas, Vice Pres. & Public Relations Chmn. Peter Uskevich, Fin. Secy. Edward Sirgedas, Rec. Secy. Adele Dauzickas, Treas. Nellie Skabeikis, Cultural Chmn. Maria Stungurys, Lithuanian Affairs Chmn. & Jr. Counselor William Sidtis, and Ritual Chmn. Antonine Adomenas.

Nineteen members of our council attended the Mid-Atlantic Dist. Meeting in Amsterdam, N.Y. on Oct. 14. There were 131 members and guests present, representing 13 councils and 2 Jr. councils. Among the Dist officers elected for the new year were our own council members: 1st Vice Pres. William Sidtis, 2nd Vice Pres. Brother George Petkevich, and Memb. Secy. John Adomenas.

Our members attended the 11



a.m. Mass and received Holy Communion on Oct. 7 at Transfiguration Church in Maspeth, participating in the "Friends of the Eucharist" with their brother Lithuanians.

A Christmas party was held after the Dec. 5 meeting. Members were asked to bring cookies and cakes, while the council provided beverages. The various assortment of grab-bag gifts made for an interesting and festive social gathering.

Kucios was held Dec. 16 in the church hall which was packed, as usual, for this traditional annual event. We are most grateful to our committee of Nellie Yuskevich, Evelyn Walles and Stasia Kraujales.

Our council is hosting the Mid-Atlantic Dist. Communion Breakfast in honor of St. Casimir on March 9. Mass will be celebrated at Transfiguration Church, and breakfast will be served in the parish hall. Casimeras Vaimis is chairman for the affair.

The Spring Dance is to be held April at Transfiguration Hall. Pete Yuskevich, George Dagus and Al Kraujalis are handling the arrangements.

New members introduced at the last meeting were Helen & Paul Dauzickas, Sophie & Anthony Kamage, and Aldona Palekas. Other new members are Rev. Stephen Ropolos and Jurgis Gailiusis. We welcome them to our council.

Peter Yuskevich

C-146 - Harrisburg, PA.

Michael Grabauskas was elected the new president of our council in Nov. '78. Since we have not had a Council News article in VYTIS for the entire year, we give you here a quick summary of our activities.

Our first annual Kucios, held Dec. 17, '78, was held at our regular meeting place, the American Legion "Log Cabin" in Camp Hill. Each family contributed to the meal by bringing a traditional food, in addition to many extras. Beruta Senferas described what it was like to grow up in Lithuania and how they celebrated Kucios on Christmas Eve.

We celebrated Lithuanian Independence Day by taking part in the signing of a Proclamation, by the then Gov. Milton J. Shapp, making Feb. 16 Lithuanian Independence Day in Pennsylvania. Carol Grabauskas conducted a 3-hour radio program on WMSP, an FM Station in Harrisburg. Stanley Vaicaitis from the Anthracite C-144 was her guest. They played Lithuanian records and presented cultural information.

In March of '79, many of our members were deeply affected by the happenings at Three Mile Island. Several of our members who lived in the 10-mile radius had to temporarily leave their homes. It is an experience some will never forget, and pray that it will never happen again.

Members participated in a Charity Bazaar in May at the Capital City Mall in Camp Hill. It was a successful bake sale and gave us the opportunity to recruit new members.

Our first annual picnic was held in July at the Indian Echo Caverns in Hummelstown, Pa. Since it was a very hot day, many of us took the tour through the cool caverns. The council provided beer & soda, and we all shared our food and many desserts.

Some of our members were able to attend the 65th Annual Lithuanian Day held in August in Lakewood Park, Pa. Bernice Mikatavage, as chairman, is to be congratulated for the fine program that was presented that day. It was a

day we were really proud to be LITHUANIAN!

Although only one of our members, Lorraine Grabauskas, attended the Chicago Natl. Convention, we were all there in thoughts and well wishes. She gave us an interesting report at our September meeting.

Our council sponsored on Sept. 27 a Mass for Perpetual Prayer for the Persecuted People of Lithuania. Monsignor Joseph Neverauskas, our Spiritual Advisor, celebrated the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg. Msgr. Neverauskas has been a great inspiration to our members since he travels from St. George's Parish in Shenandoah to our meetings.

We again participated in the 2nd Annual International Fair held Sept. 29 by selling baked goods and crocheted items. We were happy to have another chance to inform people about our Lithuanian culture and heritage.

Now that elections are over, we look forward to another busy year. We wish all our fellow Knights a very happy and healthy New Year!

Helen Grabauskas

C-144 - Anthracite, Pa.

Pres. Elsie Kosmisky and a bus load of members journeyed to Baltimore in October to attend a Lithuanian Bull Roast. Everyone had a ball.

Frances Stefanek was hostess of a bus trip to the Lithuanian Bazaar at the Lithuanian Music Hall in Philadelphia, Nov. 24. It was a lovely affair and the Philadelphia C-3 members made us feel most welcome. As usual, Gene Kaledas entertained everyone on the way home with his wealth of Lithuanian songs. Gene is really our Pied Piper.

Anne Wargo was appointed chairman for the April 27 program of the Gintaras Folk Dancers from

Canada. Joe Yezulinas is chairman for the 66th Annual Lithuanian Day, Aug 17. Joe's working hard already.

A million "Acius" to Helen Ambrose and her committee for our Annual Kucia at Our Lady of Siluva Hall, Dec. 16. No one can cook Lithuanian dishes better than Helen can. It was really a lovely affair and kept in the truest traditions.

Thanks, also, to Father Al for the beautiful Lithuanian movies shown Nov. 26.

Father Al Bartkus, Father Jarasunas, and Msgr. Neverauskas, along with Sister Maria Concepta, are again conducting Lithuanian classes at Shenandoah Valley High School.

Father Al and Msgr. Neverouskas are coordinators of a Lithuanian Program which will be broadcast weekly on Radio Station WPPA Pottsville. They will also broadcast a weekly Lithuanian Mass.

We are looking forward to 1980 being a bigger and better year. We will continue our prayers for the beautification of Archbishop George.

Laimingu ir Sveiku Nauju Metu to all our Vytis Broliai ir Seserai.

Ona

C-29 — Newark, N.J.

Gerai organizuota ir pastatyta į tvirtus veiklos rėmus. Newarko Vyčių 29-ta kuopa turi virš 130 narių. Jau virš 64 metai jie energingai veikia, yra darbštūs savo organizacijos pareigose, ir yra geri savo Tautos sūnus bei dukros: visų didelis troškimas — įrodymas ištikimybę Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Nors kiekvienas žmogus iš prigimties turi skirtingus supratimus, bet organizacijos veikla priklauso ne tik nuo skirtingų supratimų, bet ir nuo to, kas vadovauja ir kokia valdyba.



Prel. J. Šernas, C-29 Dv. Vadas



C-29 Pirm. K. Sipaila



Maryte Stonytė, veikli C-29 narė

Newarko vyčiai yra vieningi, gerai sugyvenantys, supranta kas jie yra ir kam priklauso. Tuo reikia pasidžiaugti ir duoti didelį kreditą tokiam sveiko lietuviško proto galvojimui. Be to, Lietuvos vyčiai yra žmonės su sava istorine praeitimi, ir supranta, kad į Tautos sudėtį įeina visi lietuviai, nežiūrint kokios kartos ar išsilavinimo, ar kaip jie begyventų.

Bet vieną noriu ypatingai pasakyti, kad Lietuvos vyčiai yra atsidavę visi kaip vienas dirbti savo pavergtam kraštui Tėvynei Lietuvai, kad vėl ji būtų laisva, neperiklausoma. Visus jungia istorinė patirtis, kurią yra paveldėję iš tėvelių ir senelių. Vyčiai visuomet su pagarba mini lietuvių Tautos istoriją, ir tuos senuosius bei naujuosius didvyrius, kurie dirbo ir dirba Lietuvos Tautai atkurti nepalaužiamu pasiryžimu.

Newarko vyčiai visada budi Tėvynės sargyboje. Kiekviena proga visada ir visuomet parašo į spaudą, o atsakingiems valdžios pareigūnams laiškus, rezolucijas. Duoda žinoti laisvam pasauliui kokiomis priemonėmis okupantas naikina krašto kultūrą, žudo geriausius Tėvynės Lietuvos sūnus-dukteris.

Tad Newarko vyčių organizacijos veikla, — pasirodymai, parengimai viešumoje — yra sutelkti Tautos gerovei kelti, ir prieš okupanto kėslus kovoti, laisvės idealams palaikyti. Štai š.m. spalio mėn. 13 dieną šv. Trejybės lietuvių parapijos salėje Newarko vyčiai turėjo suruošę, kaip ir kiekvienais metais, tradicinį banketą. Šiam parengimui vadovavo darbšti ir energinga valdybos narė Marė Stonis.

Jos geru pasiruošimu, didele iniciatyva, bei visų vyčių pagalba į šį banketą buvo sukviesta iš plačios apylinkės įvairiausio amžiaus 250 žmonių.

Banketo metu buvo „cocktail“ valandėlė apatinėje salėje. „Cocktail“ valandėlės vedėja A. O'Neil, pagal lietuvišką receptą, paruošė

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daug įvairiausių skanių valgių prie išgėrimo, o „cocktail'ius" paruošė Juozas Leveikis. Visa publika valgė ir gėrė, ir viens antram nusistebėjo: „Kas taip viską skaniai paruoš, jei ne Newarko vyčiai!" Užbaigus „cocktail" valandėlę, visi svečiai buvo pakviesti vakarienei į viršutinę salę.

Čia visus svečius pasitiko ir susodino vakaro vedėja M. Stonis. Atidarydama vakaro banketą, svečiams padėkojo už tokį gausų atsilykymą, ir prašė visus svečius sugiedoti Amerikos ir Lietuvos himnus. Po sugiedotų himnų pranešė, kad šis banketas yra reikšmingas tuo, kad programoj bus pagerbtas kuopos pirmininkas K. Šipaila, kuris š.m. rugpiūčio mėn. per Lietuvos Vyčių Seimą Chicagoje Ill. už jo didelius nuveiktus darbus Vyčių organizacijoje buvo pakeltas į Vyčių Garbės Narius. Apskrities valdybos vardu sveikinimo žodį tarė ilgametis pirmininkas ir garbės narys Larry Janonis, apibūdindamas K. Šipailos veiklą Vyčių organizacijoje ir linkėdamas geriausios sėkmės toliau dirbti Vyčiuose.

Kuopos valdybos, narių, ir vakaro svečių vardū sveikinimo žodį tarė A. Žukauskas, pareikšdamas, jog Vyčiai nepaprastai džiaugiasi savo kuopos pirmininkui K. Šipailai suteikta garbe, ir linkėdamas geros veikatos ir ištvermės toliau dirbti tą gražų lietuvišką katalikišką darbą Dievui ir Tėvynei.

Larry Janonis įteikė Garbės Nariui K. Šipailai gražiame stikle įmōntuotą šv. Tėvo paveikslą. Visi sustoję sugiedojo ilgiausių metų K. Šipaila buvo labai visu tuo sujau-dintas, ir trumpu žodžiu visiems

padėkojo: „Aš visada būsiu su vyčiais". Maldą sukalbėjo vyčių dvasios vadas prel. J. Šernas.

Sekė vakarienė ir linksmoji dalis.

Vakarienė buvo pagaminta pagal lietuvišką skonį. Metų metais, visada ir visuomet, ponia Naivienė su sūnumis ir padėjėjoms skaniai pavaišina ir gražiai patarnauja. Jai yra didelis lietuviškas ačiū! Svečiai valgė, gėrė ir linksmynosi prie geros muzikos. Šnekučiavosi iki vėlyvos nakties.

Visi patenkinti grįžo namo tokiu puikiu parengimu. Mes pas Vyčius visada ateisime!

Newarko Vyčiai yra laimingi kad turi gražią lietuvišką bažnyčią ir naują erdvią parengimams salę. Parapijai vadovauja energingas klebonas prel. Jonas Šernas, Vyčių dvasios vadas. Čia ir yra visas Vyčių kultūros ir veiklos centras.

Vyčiai tarp savęs kalba lietuviškai ir skaito lietuvišką katalikišką spaudą: visi Vyčių posėdžiai pravedami lietuvių kalba. Pažymėtina, kad Vyčių žurnalas „Vytis", redaguojamas Loretos Stukienės, yra gražiai bei meniškai iliustruotas lietuvišku stiliumi. Visada ir visuomet rasi skaitant „Vytį", turintį daug naujų, įdomių, pamokinančių žinių, tiek seniems, tiek jauniems vyčiams.

Vyčiai šeštadieniais klauso lietuviškos radio valandos ir ją remia aukomis. Jau 40 metų kaip įkūrė ir vadovauja pats lietuviškos val. direktorius prof. dr. J. Stukas. Tai didelis įnašas į mūsų lietuvišką gyvenimą. Mes žinome, kad lietuviška spauda ir radija palaiko ryžtą toliau dirbti tą gražų lietuvišką,

katalikišką, kultūrinį darbą savo Tėvynei Lietuvai. Be to, lietuviška radijo programa duoda įdomias žinias apie pavergtą Tėvynę Lietuvą, paskleisdamas jas į platųjį pasaulį.

Vyčiai savo kuopoje turi lietuvių kalbos mokytoją p. D. Dižbalienę, kuri yra labai veikli Vyčių organizacijoje. Mokytojauja amerikiečių mokykloje, kurioje išrūpino leidimą vakarais mokyti keletą valandų lietuvių kalbą. Ir jau antri metai sėkmingai tie kursai veikia. Juos lanko Vyčiai ir apylinkės lietuviai, kurie nori geriau pramokti lietuviškai kalbėti bei rašyti, ir žinoti Lietuvos istoriją. Už šias lietuviškas pamokas mokytojai D. Dižbalienei nuoširdus lietuviškas ačiū.

Tai taip Newarko Vyčių 29-tos kuopos lietuviškas gyvenimas klesti, dėka kuopos pirmininko garbės nario K. Šipailos ir darbščios valdybos.

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