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ŠVENTASIS KAZIMIERAS

*Vidurnakčio tyloj taip skaisčiai spindi žvaigždės.
Karalių miestas miega nuostabiam žiemos sapne.
Tyli ir sniegas. Tik mano žingsniai gatvėm aidi,
Ir dangiškųjų aukštumų palaima apgaubia mane.*

*Tada aš suklumpu prie Katedros sunkiųjų durų —
Atsiveria skliautai ir Viešpats kalba su manim.
Ir iš aukštybių angelai nustebę žemėn žiūri,
O širdį mano virpančią Dangus sušildo nuostabia ugnim.*

*Taip gera man dabar ir miela: štai aš kalbu su Visagaliu,
Prašydamas saviems žmonėms ir savo tautai palaimos.
Juk kaip ir Jis, aš pats esu šios šalies karalius,
Ir kaip karaliui angelai man uždeda vainiką ant galvos.*

*Ak, aš neleisiu niekados karališkam vainikui vysti,
Ir nesiliausiu niekada prie Visagalio melstis ir budėt:
O Viešpatie, teateinie į mano šalį Tavo Karalystė,
Tešviečia žemėj amžiais Lietuva, kaip nuostabi šiaurės žvaigždė!*

VINCAS KAZOKAS

(Varpelis)



NOVENA ! ŠVENTĄ KAZIMIERĄ

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Šv Kazimiero giesmė

MANO SIELA, VARDA MIELA
Imk Marijos šlovinti;
Jos gerumą ir kilnumą
Pamaldžiausiai garbinti.
Eik, etebėkis ir gėrėkis
Jos danguj iškėlimu,
Ir laimingu, stebuklingu
Motinos nekaltumu

Garbink Ją, Nekaltą,
Kad nuo kalčių gelbėtų;
Šaukis Josios, iš didžiosios
Nuodėmės kad ištrauktų.
Ji gėrybių, brangenybių
Pagamino švenčiausių;
Per Mariją nun įgyja
Žmonės dovanų gausių

Lūpos šaukit, giesmės plaukit
Dievo Motinai garbiai;
Nes žuvimą, prakeikimą
Ji nustumė nuostabiai.
Tat maldaukit, nepaliaukit
Jai giedoti nuo širdies,
Ir beribę Jos šventybę
Nuolat garbint lig mirties

Antifona į Šv Kazimierą

ŠVENTASIS KAZIMIERAI, didis
dangaus Karalienės Švenčiausios Ma-
rijos garbintojau, daug kartų parodęs
ypatingą globą mūsų Tėvynei Lietu-
vai, stebuklingu būdu gindamas ją
nuo piktų priešų puolimų, teikis, tave
meldžiame, ją globoti visados ir vi-
suose jos reikaluose. Per mūsų Iš-
ganytojo nuopelnus ir per užtarymą
Gailestingosios Dievo Motinos, iš-
melski mums iš Viešpaties malonę,
kad mūsų Tėvynės sūnų ir dukterų
širdyse liepsnotų gyvas tikėjimas ir
tarpusavio meilė, jungianti ir Tėvy-
nėje gyvenančius ir svetur išblašky-
tus mūsų brolius ir seseris, kad mūsų
jaunimas suprastų ir pamiltų skais-
taus ir dorą gyvenimo grožį, kad
Viešpaties tėviškoji Apvaizda visą
mūsų tautą vestų Jo įstatymų meilės
keliu į taiką, gerovę ir į amžinąją
dangaus tėvynę. Per Kristų mūsų
Viešpatį. Amen

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Šv Kazimiero Litanijs

KYRIE, ELEISON; Kriste, eleison;
Kyrie, eleison
Kristau, išgirs mus
Kristau, išklausyk mus
Tėve iš dangaus, Dieve, pasigailėk
mūsų
Sūnau, pasaulio Atpirkėjau, Dieve,
pasigailėk mūsų
Šventoji Dvasia, Dieve, pasi-
gailėk mūsų
Šventoji Trejybė, vienas Dieve,
pasigailėk mūsų
Šventoji Marija
Šventoji Dievo Gimdytoja
Šventoji Panų Pana
Šventasis Kazimieras, Lietuvos
Karalaiti
Šv Kazimierai, angeliško pamal-
dumo paveiksle
Šv Kazimierai, Dievo mylėtojai
Šv Kazimierai, uolus Dievo namų
lankytojai
Šv Kazimierai, Kristaus Šven-
čiausiame Sakramente garbin-
tojai
Šv Kazimierai, Eklezijos pažiba

Šv Kazimierai, Dievo namuose
šviečias žibury
Šv Kazimierai, ištikimas Marijos
šlovintojai
Šv Kazimierai, šventų dorybių
buveinė
Šv Kazimierai, jaunuoliškos
skaistybės lelija
Šv Kazimierai, žemiškos garbės
atsižadėtojai
Šv Kazimierai, pavyzdy šio pa-
saulio galiūnams
Šv Kazimierai, atgailos ir savęs
išsižadėjimo brangintojai
Šv Kazimierai, kantrybės ir
drovumo pavyzdy
Šv Kazimierai, nuolankumo ir
meilumo mokytojai
Šv Kazimierai, broliškos meilės
žadintojai
Šv Kazimierai, teisingumo vei-
drody
Šv Kazimierai, gerumo ir dos-
numo mokytojai
Šv Kazimierai, ligoniams svei-
katos grąžintojai
Šv Kazimierai, apsauga pavojuose
Šv Kazimierai, pavargėlių ir
našlaičių Tėve

Šv Kazimierai, mirstančiųjų
pagalba
Šv Kazimierai, stebuklingas
numirėlių atgaivintojai
Šv Kazimierai, šventojo tikėjimo
gynėjau ir platintojai
Šv Kazimierai, priešų nugalėtojai
Šv Kazimierai, prislėgtųjų links-
mintojai
Šv Kazimierai, didis mūsų Tėvy-
nės Lietuvos Globėjau
Šv Kazimierai, ypatingas katali-
kiško Lietuvos jaunimo Globė-
jau ir pavyzdy

Dievo Avinėli, kurs naikini pasau-
lio nuodėmes, atleisk mums, Viešpatie
Dievo Avinėli, kurs naikini pasau-
lio nuodėmes, išklausyk mus, Vieš-
patie

Dievo Avinėli, kurs naikini pasau-
lio nuodėmes, pasigailėk mūsų
V Melskis už mus, šv Kazimierai,
R Kad būtumėm verti Kristaus pa-
žadų

Melskimės

(1. Malda Šv Kazimiero Šventėje 4 kovo)

Dieve, kurs Šventąjį Kazimierą,
gyvenusį tarp karališkų gėrių ir pa-
saulio vylionių, pastovia dorybe susti-
prina, Tave maldaujame, kad jo už-
tarymu tavo tarnai nieku laikytų
žemiškas gėrybes ir visuomet trokštų
amžinųjų. Per Kristų mūsų Viešpatį.
Amen

Melskimės

(2 Malda Šv Kazimiero Relikvijų Perkėlimo
minėjime 27 rugpiučio)

Dieve, kurs Šventąjį Kazimierą,
garbingai nugalėjusį šio pasaulio ir
kūno viešpatavimą, iš žemiškos ir
dangiškąją karalystę perkelti teikeis,
duok, maldaujame, kad mes, kurie
šiandien jo Perkėlimo minėjimą šven-
čiame, nelaimėse visuomet jaustumėm
jo užtarymą. Per Kristų mūsų Vieš-
patį. Amen

Švenč Marijos Panos Antifona

TAVO APGYNIMO šaukiamės,
šventoji Dievo Gimdytoja, mūsų
maldų neatmesk mūsų reikaluose, bet
nuo visokio pavojaus mus visados
gelbėk, Pana garbingoji ir palaimin-
toji, mūsų Valdove, mūsų Tarpininke,
mūsų Užtarytoja; su savo Sūnumi
mus sutaikink, savo Sūnui mus pa-
veski, savo Sūnui mus atiduoki

V Melskis už mus, šventoji Dievo
Gimdytoja,

R Kad būtumėm verti Kristaus pa-
žadų

Melskimės

Meldžiame tave, Viešpatie Dieve,
leisk mums, tavo tarnams, visados
džiaugtis sielos ir kūno sveikata ir
garbingu palaimintosios Marijos, vi-
suomet Panos, užtarymu, iš dabar-
tinių nuliūdimų išsigelbėti ir amži-
nają linksmybę gerėtis. Per Kristų
mūsų Viešpatį. Amen

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LITHUANIAN LAST NAMES



Oželis

Kazlauskas

What's in a name? Plenty! Our last names identify not only a person or a family, but may be a way of tracing one's origin. And the 55,000 different last names in use today tell us quite a bit about history and culture, ties with Lithuania's neighbors and our language. For example, Kazlauskas is the last name of the largest number of families in Lithuania today. The name of 1,500 families is a slavic translation of the Lithuanian original "Ozelis" (Billygoat). Now do you doubt that one of our national traits may be stubbornness and obstinancy?

Perhaps the best way to read this short article is first to make a list of about 50 Lithuanian last names and then follow the classification and discussion of their origins and meaning.

Our last names reached their final form by the 18th century. The Germans had a head start because their last names were formed in the 12th-14th centuries. However, Latvian names were finalized around 1800, Polish names became universal in the 19th century, Icelanders are get-

ting around to the task only today, as are people in rural areas of some countries (Brazil, for example, where members of the same family may still have different last names, chosen to honor one or other of the grandparents). And there still are people we all know without last names, such as John Paul II, Elizabeth II or professional artists or singers.

The social conditions and small number of persons in an area did not require last names in ancient times. So certain titles were added to distinguish famous people from others with the same (first) name: John the Baptist, John Chrysostom (Golden-mouthed). The church register at St. John's in Vilnius has been extensively studied for the period 1602-1615. Here we find similar appellations: Stanislovas siuvejas (tailor), Simonas malunininkas (miller), Jonas ligonines virejas (cook at the hospital), Motiejus slubas varpininkas (the lame bell-ringer). As prominent families began using seals or coats-of-arms, their last names became more stable, and others relied on the same surname to indicate family continuity for legal purposes such as inheritance. By the 18th century 60% of registered surnames of men and 90% last names of women were derived from their fathers' first names. For example, Petras Antanaitis had a father whose name was Antanas, and Petras' son was called Jonas Petraitis. Later the last name was kept for subsequent generations without change, so the family became Petraitis.

The easiest class of surnames to recognize and list is that based on baptismal names (how many are on your list?). There are 500 last names based on Jonas (Jonaitis, Jencius, Ivanauskas...), 450 each of Petras and Andrius (Petrauskas is the second most used last name with 1480 families in Lithuania today), 400 from Matas (Matthew), 190 from Jokubas (James), 160 from Jurgis. Of course, baptismal names are mostly Hebrew, Greek or Latin in origin, and some came to Lithuania through other languages (Ivan is Russian for John, for example). If a Lithuanian last name is not derived from a baptismal name or a word for profession or occupation, most likely its root will be from the Lithuanian language itself, and there are 18,000 such last names (or 30% of the total). Another 30% of last names have roots from other Baltic languages (such as Old Prussian).

Today children use nicknames to designate their friends or classmates. When I was a child long ago, the stoutest in our class was



Jonaitis...

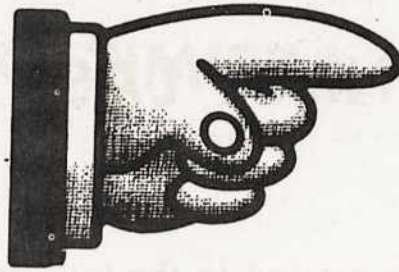
Petrauskas...

called Adata (needle) and one girl was called Benzinka (from an incorrect word for cigarette lighter). So many Lithuanian surnames are based on nicknames: Juodakis (Black eye), Pestukas (bully), Pikturna (grouch), Pusdesris (half a sausage), Storpirstis (thick finger), Rudis (brown). Only when a girl from a family named Kuprys dressed up as a hunchback for a masked ball at a summer camp for Lithuanian youth did I realize what her last name meant.



Žvirblis

Common are names taken from all kinds of animals: Briedis, Lape, Vilkas, Gaidelis, Žvirblis, Vabalas; or plants: Burokas, Aviza, Rugys, Smilga, Grybas. Some come from the place in which an ancestor lived: Pakalniskis (at the bottom of a hill), Pagirys (at the edge of a forest), Uzubalis (beyond the swamp), Simniskis (from the town of Simnas), although less than 1% of Lithuanian last names come from geographic locations. Among Poles such are the most common last names. Some names come from parts of the human body (Pilvelis or its Hungarian rendition Korsakas, Galva) or various things; Dorelis (from doleris), Kuolas, Pavasaris, Sepetys, Kalade, Sidabras. Some names indicate national origin or nicknames applied to a person: Vokietaitis, Gudas, Totoraitis, Vengras (this was also the name for doctor at one time).



Storpirstis

The most numerous last names based on Lithuanian words are: Balciunas (from baltas, white) with 970 families, Kairys (lefty) with 680, Aemaitis - 550 families, Kubilius (tub-maker) 420 families, Budrys - 340, Miskinis - 320 families represented today. Someone speaking a slavic language may be able to help quite a bit with translations of family names. How did slavic forms come about? The official language of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (as Lithuania was called up to 1795) was not Lithuanian, but slavic, the language of most of the inhabitants of the huge country. So when officials registered names, they sometimes gave the slavic equivalent of the original name. In addition, when clergy entered names in church registers, those who were Polish or polonized altered the name given by the family. Another reason for making the names sound slavic was to be able to study in in-



Briedis

stitutes of higher education which were open only to slaves or to nobility under Czarist occupation. Some of the more common names in this category are: Zukas (for Vabalas, bug), Jablonskis (for Obelis, apple tree), Vrublevskis (for Zvirblis, sparrow). Of course, some names come from Hungarian, Turk or other origins. Araburda in one such language means "God-given."

The final consideration here would be the endings. Many Lithuanian endings indicate that the name is based on the father's name (baptismal or other): -aitis, -unas, -onis, -enas, -ynas such as Markaitis, Vaitkunas, Matulionis, Stasiukynas. Some endings are so called diminutives such as -elis, -utis: Jurgutis (little George), Simutis, Grigelis. Some family names have feminine grammatical endings such as -e or -a (Kliore, Nenorta), but most have masculine endings.

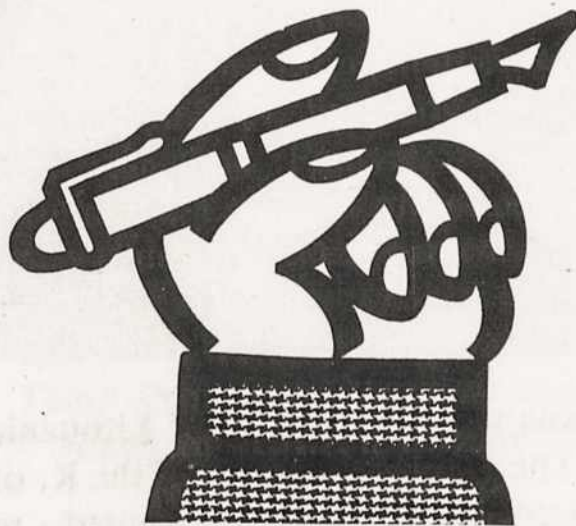


Doleris

Many Lithuanian names have slavic endings. Although the ending -ic was restricted to nobility in neighboring countries, it was used for all names in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, with the other suffix -ov- and -ev-. So in the old documents we find: Blandzievic, Kiskelievic, Zemaicovic, Kirveliova, Radzivilovic, Narbutovic. Other Polish endings entered the scene for the reasons given: -ovski, -inski, -icki. In common usage these endings were given Lithuanian forms such as -auskas, -inskas, -ickas. Your list must have many such families.

Sometimes the original Lithuanian meaning of a last name has been obscured by time. These were

originally first names: Tautginas, Mantvydas, Vaisnoras, and then were passed on as surnames, and sometimes one of the two syllables were interchanged with others: Vaisvilkas, Mintautas, Tautvilas. Some were shortened by dropping one of the two root words: Rimas from Rimtautas or Rimgaudas. So if a person's name is Rimavicius, we can only say that it comes from Rimas, which is a shortened form of



Kairys

a name with two root words, one of which was Rim-. What meaning can we get from these Lithuanian basic words?

Here is a very small list:

-gail-	from	gailėti	to be sorry for
-gel-		gelti	to sting
-ged-		gedėti	to mourn
-gin-		ginti	to defend
-gird-		girdėti	to hear
-min-		minti	to ponder
-nor-		norėti	to want
-rim-		rimti	to be serious
-taut-		tauta	nation
-vais-		vaišės	hospitality
-vil-		viltis	hope
-vyd-		išvysti	to realize

Of course, Lithuanian is not the only language with such name structure. Edward means he is a warden of ed, another name for wealth.

Where can I look up my own name or the name of relatives or friends? Some can be found in articles in the Encyclopedia Lituanica



Kubilius

(in English!) under Personal names, and in the corresponding and longer article in *Lietuvių enciklopedija*, vol. XV under "asmenvardžiai" as well as "antroponimika." A complete list of current names in Lithuania has been studied there, and excerpts from this study have appeared in the books *Lietuvių antroponimika* by Z. Zinkevicius (Vilnius, 1977), *Vardai ir zodžiai, Zodžiai ir žmonės, Žmonės ir kalba*, edited by B. Savuykynas in 1971, 1974 and 1977.

(The article is a summary of a talk at the January meeting of Council 112 in Marquette Park, Chicago, by

Rev. Antanas Saulaitis, SJ, his name meaning "son of Saul.")

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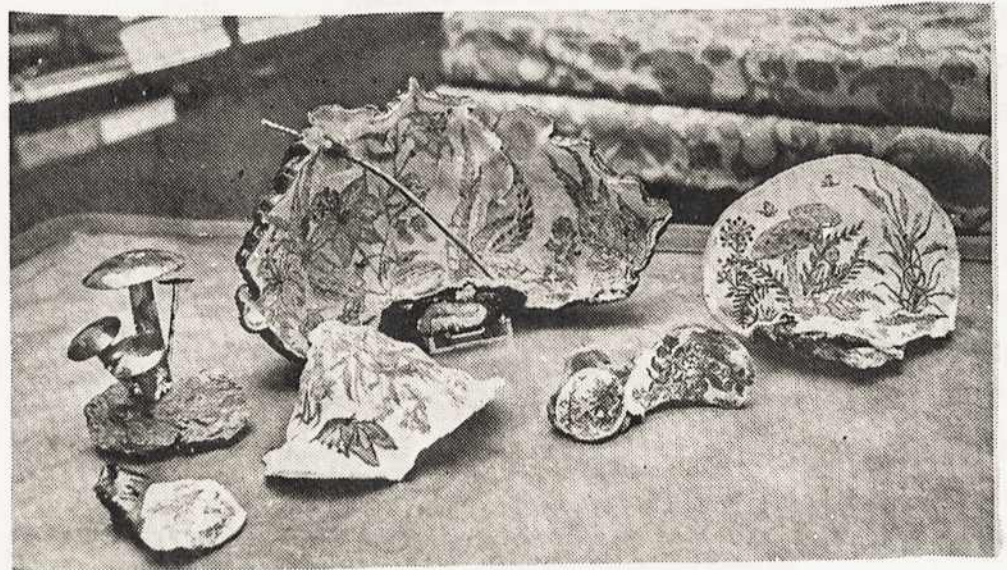
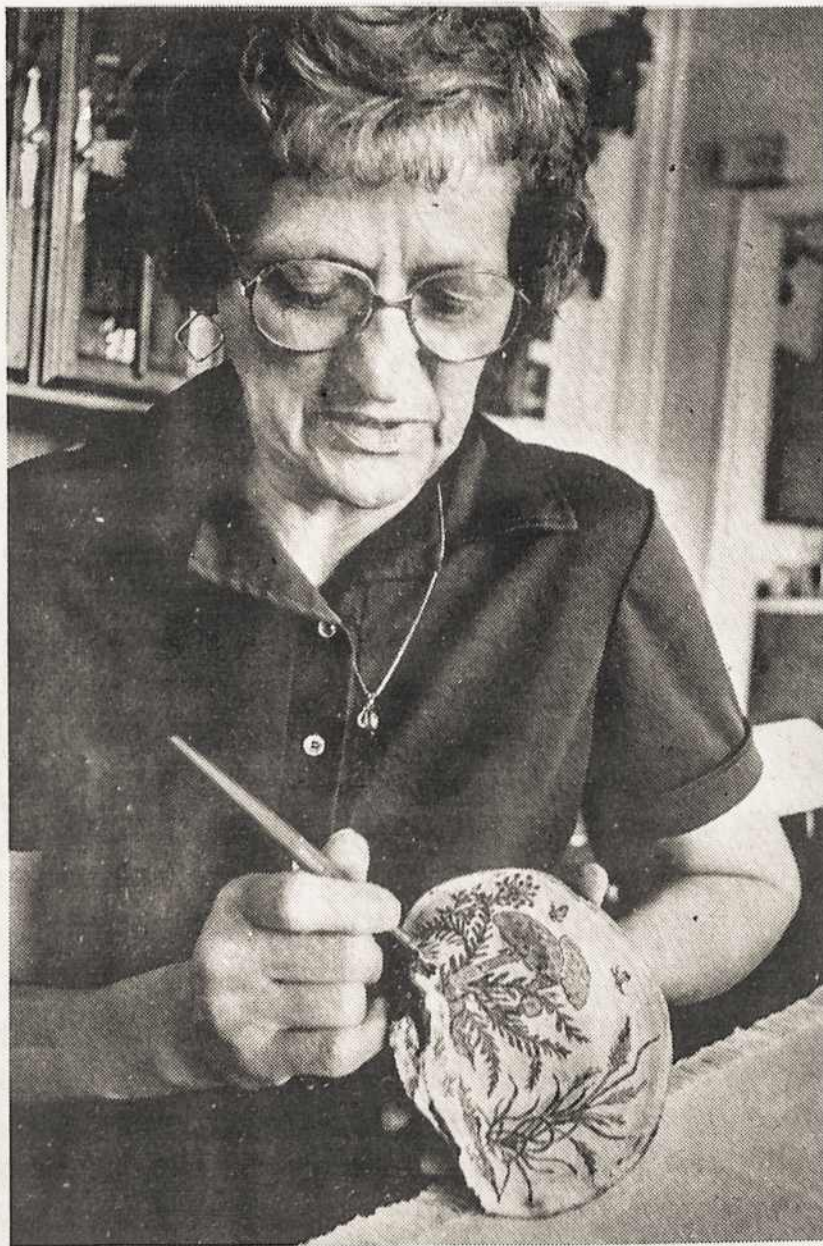
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ANTRACITE COUNCIL AND A REVIVAL OF THE LITHUANIAN SPIRIT

As 1980 begins, the Anthracite Council is celebrating its third anniversary as Knights of Lithuania. When our group organized in 1974, we just wanted to get together to keep the Lithuanian heritage alive. Our first endeavor was a beautiful Lithuanian float in the Winter Carnival Parade in Pottsville in January of 1975. That year the priests asked our group if we would help them with the Annual Lithuanian Day in August.

As the Bicentennial year of 1976 arrived, we called ourselves the Lithuanian Bicentennial Committee. We made a beautiful Lithuanian Heritage float which was entered in all the Schuylkill County Bicentennial Parades. We were searching for more than just being another Lithuanian organization. Council 3 member and Honorary Member Joseph Yanulaitis started attending our meetings and introduced us to the K. of L. We felt we wanted to join a Lithuanian American organiza-



tion whose purpose was to keep the love of Lithuania and its culture alive. The more Joe told us of the K. of L., the more we realized this was what we wanted - to belong to an organization that encourages the love of the Lithuanian language, customs and culture - that urges its members to practice responsible American citizenship and active participation in Lithuanian affairs.

Our dream was realized in January of 1977 when we officially became a Council of the K. of L. Our godmother, Loretta Stukas and our godfather, Joe Yanulaitis came to our first installation and Dr. Jack Stukas was our first speaker. It was truly a proud moment for all, especially for our two mentors Father Al Bartkus and Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas.

In three years, thanks to our many wonderful members, we have grown. Our members now exceed our council number. We have our own "Vytis" Radio program coordinated by Father Bartkus and Msgr. Neverauskas. Each Sunday a beautiful Lithuanian Mass is broadcast at Annunciation B.V.M. Church, where our Spiritual Advisor, Father Bartkus is pastor.

We have our Junior Knights, who are doing a tremendous job in keeping the Lithuanian spirit alive. And we have ANNIE MORGALIS.

Annie Morgalis, "Onute" or "Ona" is Cultural Chairman of Council 144. She more than anyone, has spread Lithuanism in Schuylkill County, not only to the Lithuanian community, but to all county residents. Her Lithuanian "Marguciai" are exquisite. There are some in the Balzeikas Museum in Chicago, The Sisters of St. Casimir Museum in Chicago, the Lithuanian Legation in Washington. She takes time out of an extremely busy

schedule to teach the children in the local schools, women's clubs, wherever she is asked - just to keep this beautiful art alive. Her art has been featured in "Viltis" magazine and the "Pottsville Evening Republican." Annie will not sell any of her eggs but many people have been the fortunate recipients of just such a gift from her.

Her Lithuanian straw art has been the main decoration of the Schuylkill County Arts and Ethnic Center each Christmas since its opening two years ago. The Arts and Ethnic Center was once a beautiful old mansion and the Lithuanian Tree is the center of attraction during the holidays. A beautiful Kucios table is set for the month of December and hundreds of people visit this lovely display. She conducts classes at the center in the making of straw decorations. It is the most popular class there.

Most unique of all is her mushroom art. She takes the large mushrooms that grow on tree trunks and with a nail-like stylus etches beautiful scenes from nature. These dry naturally and are most impressive.

Annie, along with Bernice Mikatavage, Anne Pan-

chari, Flo Kobluskie and Anne Wargo do a Lithuanian show for local organizations. Dressed in costume, with a display of Annie's eggs and straw decorations, and Anne Panchari's collection of amber, Lithuanian weavings, wood carvings, they speak on Lithuania, her culture, her people, customs, their Catholic heritage and the conditions of Lithuania today. This show is very much in demand.

As our new officers take command in this year of 1980, we of Council 144 are very proud that we are members of the Knights of Lithuania. As we write our letters to prisoners, to congressmen, to the President, etc., we know that we are part of an organization that cares. Some of us are first generation Americans, more are second and third; but we are all proud of our Lithuanian heritage and as "Vyciai" we feel that we are doing something about it. In closing, I would like to quote Anne Yezulinas, wife of our Vice President, Joseph Yezulinas. "I am Irish by birth, Lithuanian in the heart, very proud to bear my Lithuanian name and be part of such a great Lithuanian organization."



C-144 presentation of gifts to Chairman and Co-chairman of Lithuanian Day. l. to r. Nell Klizas,

Bernice Mikatavage, Anne Klizas Wargo, Stanley Vaicaitis

RAINĖ

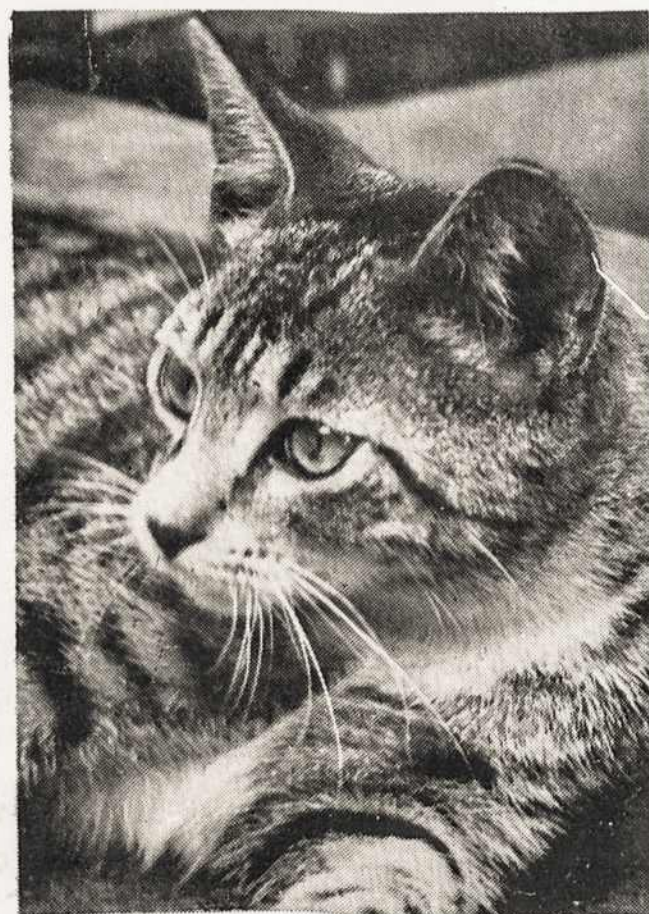
Mūsų mažame miestelyje kadaise beveik kiekvienuose namuose būdavo laikoma katė ar katinas. Tai buvo ne pagal šių dienų papročius, kad katės auginamos glamonėjimui, glostymui ar mylavimui. Tada gyvas reikalas vartė gintis nuo žiurkių, kurios iš lauko požeminiais urvais įsirausdavo į rūsius. Daugelis pamatų nebuvo betoniniai, bet atskirų, didelių akmenų rentiniai. O tos žiurkės būdavo piktos, aršios ir žalingos... ir žvėriškai įžūlios. Vakaro tylumoje, kai visi ramiai sėdėdavome apie stalą ruošdamiesi rytojaus pamokoms, tik lustelk ir išgirsi kai tūla žiurkė ims grauži sieną ar stalčių bandydama prieiti prie užuodžiamo maisto. Nugąsdindavome jas treptelėdami koja, bet jokių būdu nedrįsdavome pradaryti stalčių ir bandyti jas užmušti. Mūsų jauna, gyva vaizduotė perdėtai išugdydavo tuose stalčiuose tokią žiaurią pabaisą, kuri be jokios abejonės iššoktų ir čia pat mus sudraskytų! Rasdavome pragražtų skylių per kurias geras anties kiaušinis lengvai pralįstų. Pasak mama, tos žiurkės buvo didelės kaip „rankovės“. Jei per nelaimę jos namuose įsiveisdavo, buvo sunku jas išnaikinti. Tik geras katinas pajėgdavo jas sumedžioti.

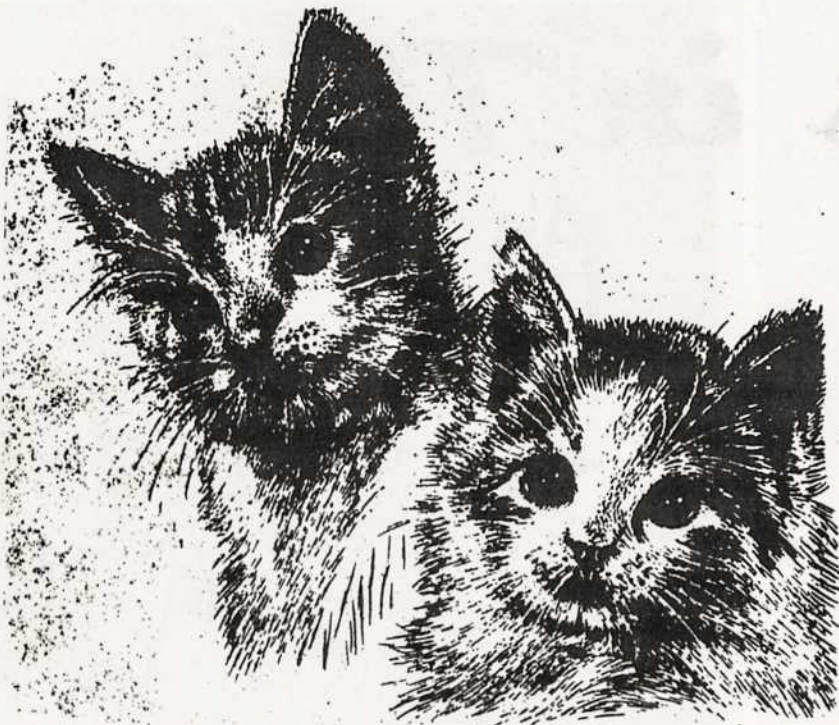
Visa bėda, kad ne visos katės puldavo šias žiurkes. Ar tai iš skaudžios patyros ar iš baimės, kai kurios katės, užtikusios piktąją žiurkę, išpūstom uodegom, visom keturiom atbulos traukdavosi į kampą. Tokių bailių kačių nieks nenorėjo ir nelaikė. Tačiau, jeigu

sužinodavome, kad kas turi ypatingai gera žiurkininę, visi prašydavome padovanoti po kačiuką kai atsives naują šeimynėlę. Tokiu budu ir mums pavyko gauti Rainę. Kai prisispaudęs prie krūtinės parsinešiau ją šiltutėlę namo, ji ką tik buvo ėmus praverti akutes. Ji buvo tokia silpnutė, kad vos pastovėjo. Mama pavedė ją mano jaunai priežiūrai užauginti ir išlavinti į gerą žiurkininę. Vien mano buvo atsakomybė paruošti jai minkštą iš švarių, gražiai suklostytų skudurų guolį pintinėje pastatytoje užkrosnėje. Kai silpnučiu balseliu Rainė sukniakdavo, palakindavau pienu atmiežtu su drungnu vandeniu paplokščiam dubinėlyje. Rymodamas ant rankų idėmiai stebėdavau kaip katytė čiapsėdama greitai mikliu mažyčiu liežuviuku ištuštindavo dubinėlį. Kai Rainė paaugo, turėjau padėti įgimtiems polinkiams vystytis ir pratinti ją medžioti. Prie ilgoko siūlo pririšdavau popieriaus gabalėlį, mažos nosinaitės dydžio, ir pametęs jį ant aslos, truktelėjimu už siūlo erzindavau Rainę. Išgirdusi popieriaus krabždesį, staiga pastirdavo, stačiai pastatydavo ausis ir įbestomis akimis nekrutėdama stebėdavo gulintį popierių. Kai netikėtai vėl truktelėdavau už siūlo, Rainė kaip spyruoklė šokdavo ant popiergalio ir išskėstom letenom su aštriais nagučiais prispausdavo pagautąjį laimikį. Patenkinta, kad vykusiai atliko puolimą ir kad popiergalis daugiau nekrutės, daužtelėjus porą sykių uodegos vizgesiu į aslą,

pasikėlus nužingsniuodavo po krosnimi. Vos spėdavo susiraityti pradėdavau žaismą iš naujo.

Ilgainiui atėjo laikas išlaikyti lavinimosi kvotimus. Čia buvo reikalinga pelė. Ir kas iš kalno gali žinoti ką Rainė darytų pamačiusi gyvą pelę? Nuėjau pas kaimynus ir pasiskolinau jų pragarsėjusią narsią medžiotoją. Tai buvo graži, žvilgančiai juoda, žvali katė. Mūsų Rainė ir ši Juodė sugyveno draugiškai. Vieną dieną jom ramiai besnaudžiant prie krosnies, pro praviras gretimo kambario duris lengvom pėdelėm įbėgo pelytė. Man pagailo vargšės dėl gresiančios nelaimės, tačiau, teisindamasis nutariau, kad ne mano dalykas ardyti gamtos tvarką. Pelytė nespėjo atitūp-





ti ant paskutinių kojų ir prideramai permesti akimi aplinką ar net pakraipyti ūsiukus bandydama užuosti slypintį pavojų, kai Juodė vienu šuoliu sugavo ir prispaudus laikė gailiai cypiančią pelytę. Truko valandėlę iki Rainė susivokė koks čia nesusipratėlis drįso pertraukti jos poilsį. Juodė laikė spurdinčią pelytę, duodama Rainei pilną progą iš visų pusių žingeidžiai apžiūrėti nematytą sutvėrimėlį. Atleido Juodė spaudimą ir pelytė šmūkstelėjo pabėgti. Rainė nepatyrus tokių išdaigų šoktelėjo atgal. Juodė iš naujo nutvėrė pelę. Atsargiai prisėlinus, Rainė šį sykį išdrįso kepštelėti pelytei per nosį. Trečią sykį buvo dar drąsesnė, o ketvirta proga visai vykusiai pelytę sudorojo. Trumpu laiku Rainė įgudo ir bematant išaugo į visai padorią medžiotoją, pajėgiančią susitvarkyti su didžiausia žiurke. Tačiau, su brandos atestatu, prarado teisę būti glostoma. Mama sakydavo ji dabar ne žaislas ir nevalia jos išpaikinti. Jeigu kartais gerindamasi Rainė prisišlėdavo prie kojų, mama treptelėdama sušukdavo: —Šalin! — ir Rainė nelaukdama greitai lisdavo po krosnim iš po kojų. Retkarčiais mamai nematant, neiškentęs visgi paglostydavau Rainės pastatytą kuprą ar prie stalo, pajutęs ją prie kojų, slapčia numesdavau jai mėsos

kąsnį. Tiesą pasakius, retai tematydavau mamą ją šeriant. Kaip ir iš ko Rainė pramito, nežinau. Kaip ten bebuvus, Rainė tapo namų vertingu tarnu, sargu ir gynėju. Nė viena žiurkė nedrįso kelti kojos į jos karalystę.

Vienu atveju, dėl ypatingai rimtos padėties, Rainę išleidom į tarnybą pas gerus draugus. Naujuose namuose Rainė susilaukė niekad nepatirtų patogumų ir nepaprastai palankios priežiūros. Čia buvo aprūpinta įvairiausiu maistu, pienu, ir kitais gardumynais. Įsitaisiusi minkščiausiam fotelyje, murksodama snausdavo ištisas valandas. Šeimininkė ir mergaitės pasiglemžusios ją po pažastimi dažnai nešiodavosi, glamonėdavo, jai kalbėdavo ir niekus vapėdamos net bučiuodavo. Pamačiusi mane Rainė nusišukdavo tartum nepažįstanti. Ir kviečiama, ji niekad nebūtų grįžus pas mus. Jai žiurkės daugiau jau nerūpėjo. Teko man imtis auginti ir lavinti naują medžiotoją.

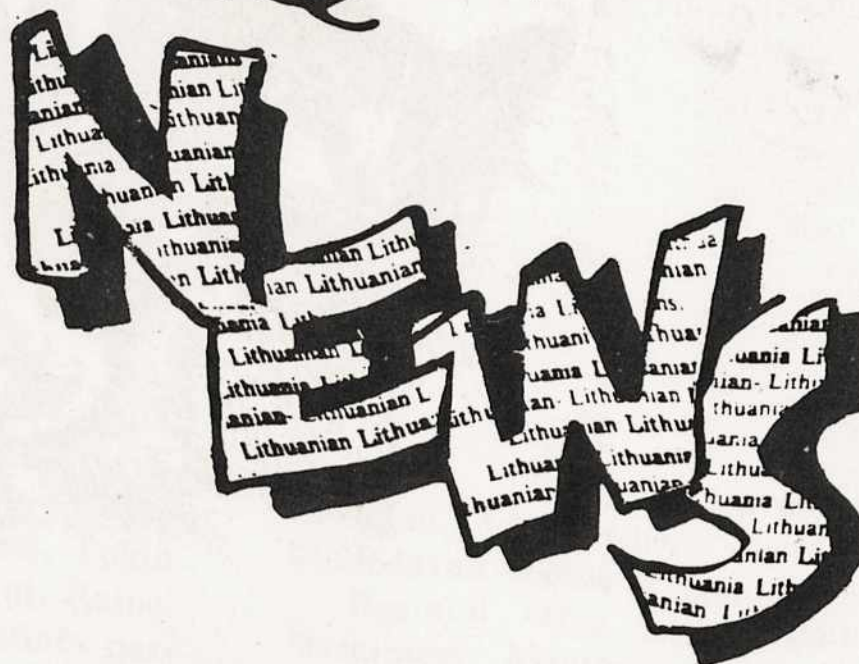
Prisimindamas Rainę negaliu praeiti nepastebėjęs panašios apraiškos ir žmonėse. Istorija ir prityrimas pakartotinai byloja senąjį romėnų šūkį, kad žvaigždės pasiekiamos tik per vargą (per aspera ad astra). Naujai įsikūrę vienuolynai,

kuriuose Dievui pasišventę žmonės gyveno tikru neturtu ir malda, atnešę žmonijai gausių Dievo malonių ir garbės Dievui bei Bažnyčiai. Įsigiję žemių, praturtėję, įsitaisę gražius rūmus ir švelnius rubus, vienuoliai prarado pirmąją dvasią. Tą patį matome ir kariuomenėse. Kol kareiviai mankštosi ir užlaiko kietą drausmę, tol kariuomenė pajėgi atremti priešų puolimus. Kai pradedama pasiduoti patogumams, nesilaikoma drausmės, šūkaujama, kad mankšta per sunki ir nereikalinga, kada ieškoma visokių lengvatų, kariuomenės atsparumas išgaruoja ir priešas lengvai užkariauja visą kraštą. Ar tai būtų futbolo komanda, ar atskiras boksininkas, pergalės vainikas priklauso tam, kuris stropiausiai darbuojasi, neatlyždamas lavinasi ir nesigailėdamas išlieja daugiausia prakaito. Ne pro šalį būtų ir mums Vyčiams pasiskaityti pirmųjų organizacijos metų protokolus ir palyginti mūsų didvyrių pasišventimą, darbus ir nuopelnus su šių dienų blėstančia dvasia. Vadinama technologinė ir nedžiuginė pažanga kažkaip su savim dažnai atsiveda dvasinį ir moralinį susmukimą, susilpnėjimą ir pakrikimą.

Stasys P. Vaičaitis, Kp.—144.



Lithuanians in The



Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

"Serendipity," literary magazine of Maria High School, Chicago, was awarded second place out of a total of 351 publications judged by the Columbia Scholastic Press Advisers Association. Editor, RAMUNE TRICIS, who is still seeking to improve the publication, attended the Columbia University Scholastic Press Conference to learn more about school publications.

Maria High School Junior RITA KAPOCIUS won first prize in the City of Chicago's vehicle sticker design contest for 1980-81. For her design "Skyline at Sunset," Rita was presented with a plaque and a \$50 savings bond. More than 200 high school students entered the contest and seven of the ten finalists were from Maria.

(Ed. Note: Maria High School is taught and operated by the Lithuanian order of sisters, the Sisters of St. Casimir.)

In a current issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, Nutritionist THERESE MONDEIKA, associate director of the AMA's department of foods and nutrition, challenges the merits of the controversial but popular Pritikin diet. Miss Mondeika points out that claims of spectacular reversals of serious illnesses or of prevention of disease have yet to be established scientifically and that until then, the Pritikin hypothesis must be considered experimental.

FATHER RAYMOND A. PAVIS, pastor of St. Christina's Parish in Chicago, was honored recently by the Mount Greenwood Bank for his efforts during Pope John Paul II's visit. Father Pavis, honorary co-chairman of the program incident to the papal visit, was assigned responsibility for traffic control and safety. To Father Pavis' credit, traffic was remarkably smooth and free of major disruptions and he was awarded the bank's Citation of Merit.



His Holiness Pope John Paul II, Msgr. A. J. Backis, Mrs. O. Backis, and Lithuanian's representative, Dr. S. A. Backis, pictured at the Apostolic Delegation reception for the chiefs of the diplomatic corps and their wives on October 6, 1979.

REV. ALGIMINTAS BARTKUS, Spiritual Director of the Anthracite Council, (C-144) and MSGR. JOSEPH NEVERAUSKAS are co-coordinators of a Lithuanian Radio Program which began Sunday, December 16, 1979, on Radio Station WPAM Pottsville, PA. This program consists of Lithuanian music, culture and history and is emceed by Father Bartkus. A Lithuanian Mass is broadcast every Sunday.



DANA ANN MILIUS, daughter of Phyllis and Charles Milius of St. Petersburg, Florida, has the honor of being known as "Little Miss Majorette, State Champion of Florida 1979-80." She has also won the titles of Florida State Citrus Queen 1979-80 and Florida State Fancy Strut Champion 1979-80. Dana is an advanced twirler, specializing in Military and Fancy Strutting, and twirls a rifle for the colorguard. Altogether she has won six 1st place trophies. As an A-student at St. Jude Cathedral school, she hopes to become an anesthesiologist. She also studies special ballet, Hawaiian, acrobatic and modern dancing; has appeared in many parades and half-times at sport events; and has performed in hospitals, grand openings and Christmas shows. Along with her mother Phyllis, and her parade corps "the Sunshine Spinners," Dana attended a week-long convention of Majorettes and Corps in North Carolina. Besides her school studies Dana finds time to practice baton two to three hours per day and swim for a summer team.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN STIRNA

C-74, Scranton

died Dec. 30, 1979

BETTY MACELIS

C-3, Philadelphia

died Jan. 21, 1980

ALBERT RADZIUNAS

C-110, Maspeth

died Dec. 4, 1979

CLEM GALINAS

S-102, Detroit

died Dec. 28, 1979

The Andens and their Poodles, a professional stage act, appears in theatres, TV, etc. throughout the U.S. and other countries. "The Andens" is the stage name of KURT SCEPOKAS and his wife and daughter. They have been appearing recently in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ALGIS BUDRYS, renowned science fiction author of several books, is the science fiction critic of the Chicago Sun-Times. Algis is the son of Mrs. Regina Budrys of New York and the late consul general, Jonas Budrys.

LARRY YATUZIS of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, is one of a vanishing breed: horseshoer, farrier, blacksmith. He raises Tennessee walking horses and is interested in reviving the vanishing breed of Lithuania's draft horses - zemaitukai.



Big snow

CHICAGO—Mayor Byrne's presentation of a record budget for the citizens of Chicago is the biggest snow job in history. It took the city some time to recover from the last big snow. However, the avalanche of '79 will keep us buried forever. Read the cartoon and weep.

Tony Yuknis

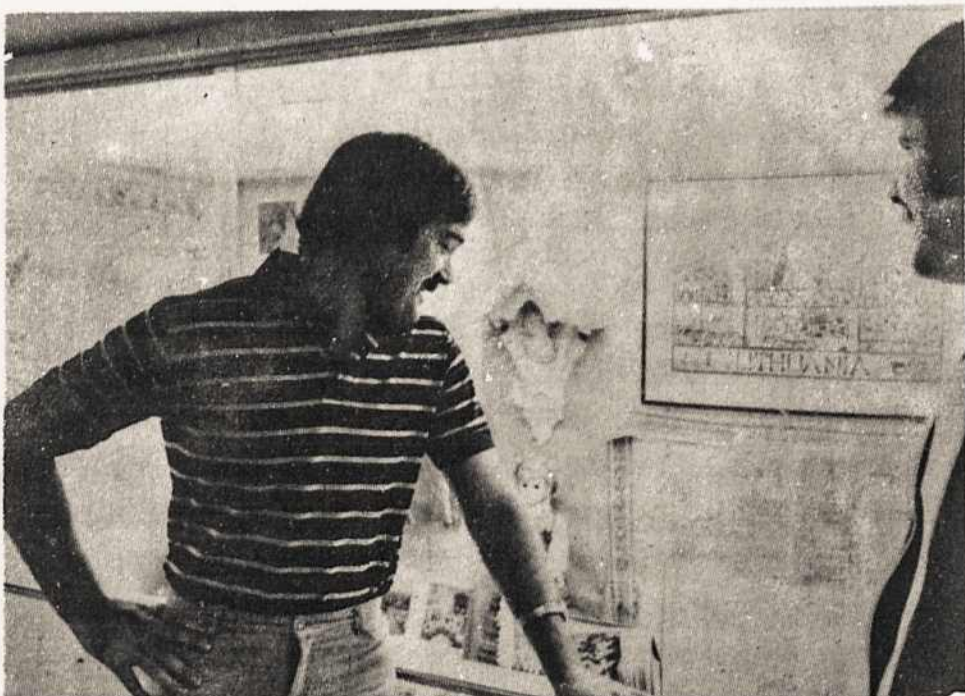
The "Voice of the People" column of the Chicago Tribune recently published a cartoon by a very renowned cartoonist, TONY YUKNIS. During his cartooning career he has had over 300 cartoons published in national magazines, newspapers, trade journals, including "Vytis" cover designs. The K of L is proud to claim Tony as a member of C-112.

LITHUANIAN STUDENTS IN ACTION

The Lithuanian Students Association at California State University at Northridge and the university's Newman Club (a Catholic student's organization) will join together with a petition drive for the beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis. RIMVYDAS PASKAUSKAS, President of the Lithuanian Students Association, has requested information from the Knights of Lithuania in an attempt to increase the consciousness of the campus community concerning the oppressed Catholics of Lithuania. This small isolated Lithuanian student group, west of the Mississippi, consisting of 15 members, is eager to be of help in any way they can.

Recently the club sponsored a Lithuanian Cultural exhibit at CSUN which was held for three weeks. Featured were Lithuanian costumed mannequins, a Blessed Virgin Mary shrine carved of wood, a Lithuanian map, textiles, literature, plus information on dissidents Viktoras Petkus, Balys Gajauskas and Nijole Sadunaite. Fellow students of Paskauskas and members of the campus student government indicated that this was the most impressive exhibit they had seen for some time at the university. The Knights of Lithuania helped to furnish some of the materials for the display.

The Lithuanian Students Association has also worked to increase the amount of English-print Lithuanian texts on the university library shelves, including the six volume Encyclopaedia Lituanica. The club was founded in the Fall of 1977 by Rimvydas Paskauskas and Vytenis Vilkas, a very active group and an inspiration to Lithuanian students everywhere.



One of the many university students perusing the Lithuanian exhibit.



Rimvydas Paskauskas, President of the Lithuanian Students Association, California State University, Northridge.



Male mannequin was not costumed at time this picture was taken since it was needed for a performance by "Spindulys" dance group. "He" was promptly dressed the following Monday.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING December 1, 1980-New York, New York

The 2nd SC meeting of the 1979-80 K of L year took place on Saturday, December 1st at Our Lady of Vilnius Church Hall in Manhattan, and hosted by the Mid-Atlantic District.

The meeting was well attended by 12 SC officers, 4 National Chairmen, the VYTIS editor, Legal Advisor, 2 Honorary Members and 5 Guests, including Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas, the Marian Fathers Provincial from Chicago.

President Skabeikis again opted not to have verbal reports presented, but submitted to the Secretary for inclusion in the Minutes.

The first item of business was an update on the plans for the 1980 National Convention. The SC supplied many suggestions regarding publicity and registration to the Convention Co-Chairman Joseph White. Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Rev. Casimir Pugevicius moved to invite Rev. George Sarauskas, a White House Fellow and Rev. Brian Hehir of the National Catholic Conference, to appear at a Lithuanian Affairs Panel. The Board approved the suggestion. A Panel on K of L History tabled for 1979 was discussed as another possibility for 1980.

Stanley Vaitkus and Loretta Stukas, part of the large K of L delegation to the 9th Lithuanian American Congress held in Cleveland on October 13-14th, reported on the Congress, stressing the good words heard regarding the K of L's Lithuanian Affairs work. President Skabeikis greeted the 200 delegates in Lithuanian and English calling for unity in the struggle for Lithuania's political integrity. He also asked the Congress, which was conducted entirely in Lithuanian, not to forget the many Americans of Lithuanian descent working in this area of Lithuanian Affairs, who due to a language barrier find themselves excluded from such a convocation.

The K of L was represented at the October 12th annual meeting of the American Lithuanian Council ALTAS by Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Ann Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus.

The VYTIS Editorship search committee reported that candidates were still being sought and various cost factors being researched.

Under New Business, the President summarized recent past cooperative efforts with other Lithuanian organizations in areas of common concern. He asked the SC to set some general policy guidelines for future efforts. There has been some differences of opinion as to when, with whom and in what way the K of L should relate to other Lithuanian organizations. This discussion was initiated by an offer from the Lithuanian American Community of the USA (JAV Bendruomene) to establish a K of L liason person for information and opinion exchange. Discussion continued on the need for better communication channels with all organizations. It was decided not to establish any liason positions and to do further study. There was however unanimous opinion that wherever we have representation, they report to the SC, safeguard K of L interests and press for easing of interorganizational tensions whenever they arise.

The Ad Hoc research committee for ALKA reported the results of their visit to the American Lithuanian Archives in Putnam, CT. to determine its suitability as a K of L National Archive. It was decided that more specific information was needed regarding both initial and long term costs. Rev. Jurgelaitis and Larry Svelnis joined this Committee.

The SC also reviewed and discussed the need for improvement of our existing procedures regarding National Convention resolutions before, during and following the Convention. VYTIS will carry several articles regarding this subject in pre-Convention issues.

Resolutions submitted to the SC thus far for consideration at the 1980 Convention were reviewed and either referred for additional information or submitted to VYTIS for publication.

The final item on the agenda was Organizational Finances. The need for a formal Budget was again realized and the President appointed Helen Shields, Irene Sankus and Loretta Stukas to serve in the capacity of a Budget committee. They will draw up a proposed budget for the 1980-81 K of L year and submit it to the SC and the National Convention for approval. The ongoing need for all Councils, Districts and individuals to financially

support the SC and all National organizational programs beyond payment of dues, was stressed.

Marian Skabeikis and Ann Marie Kassel were asked to analyze the existing dues structure for inequities and to offer suggestions at the next meeting.

The updating of K of L organizational history remains a priority. Financing such a project as well as finding qualified individuals to do the actual research and writing, will continue with suggestions from all Board members.

Trustee Helen Shields then read an invitation from Eve Kazokas President of Council 74 Scranton, PA to hold

the 1981 National Convention in Scranton PA August 19-23, 1981. This was a formal bid. The SC unanimously accepted and will present the bid to the National Convention for formal acceptance.

HN Joseph Boley reminded the SC that December 1st was the birthday of K of L Founder Mykolas Norkunas and read some of his poetry in remembrance.

Rev. Jurgelaitis closed the meeting with a prayer asking God's continued guidance in our work.

The next board meeting was scheduled for March 22nd, 1980 in Boston.

Philip Skabeikis

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions have been submitted to the Supreme Council for consideration and voting at the 67th NATIONAL CONVENTION, to be held in August, 1980, in Boston, Mass. We urge all members to read them, discuss them with their respective council members, and instruct their council delegates as to how to vote on these matters during the convention.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Knights of Lithuania National Constitution, Article V. section e), be changed to read as follows:

An Associate Member may be a non-Lithuanian Catholic married to a Knights of Lithuania member in good standing.

1) When an Associate Member becomes a Third Degree Knight, he/she may at that time become a delegate or alternate to a District Convention. He/she may not hold any office on the District level but may be a part of a District Committee.

2) When an Associate Member becomes a Fourth Degree Knight, he/she may be a delegate or alternate to a District or National Convention. He/she may not hold any office or be part of a Committee on the National level.

Submitted by Council 96, Dayton, Ohio

WHEREAS many councils within the Knights of Lithuania do not hold meetings during the months of July and August,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14 of the Knights of Lithuania be changed to read as follows:

All resolutions dealing with changes or amendments to the Constitution must be submitted to the Supreme Council by Registered Mail at least six months before the National Convention and published in the VYTIS not later than the May issue. Such resolutions may be introduced by councils, districts, and/or the Supreme Council.

If a council has complied with the rulings of the Constitution in submitting constitutional changes, but the resolution is not published in the VYTIS in time, then the Supreme Council must rectify said error in time for the delegates to vote at the National Convention.

Submitted by the Mid-Central District

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Please circle your calendar - all Fourth Degree applications must be sent to your Ritual Chairman (address in Vytis) on or before July 1st. Any late applications must be rejected as the SCRitual Committee must meet a convention deadline.

When preparing ALL Degree applications,

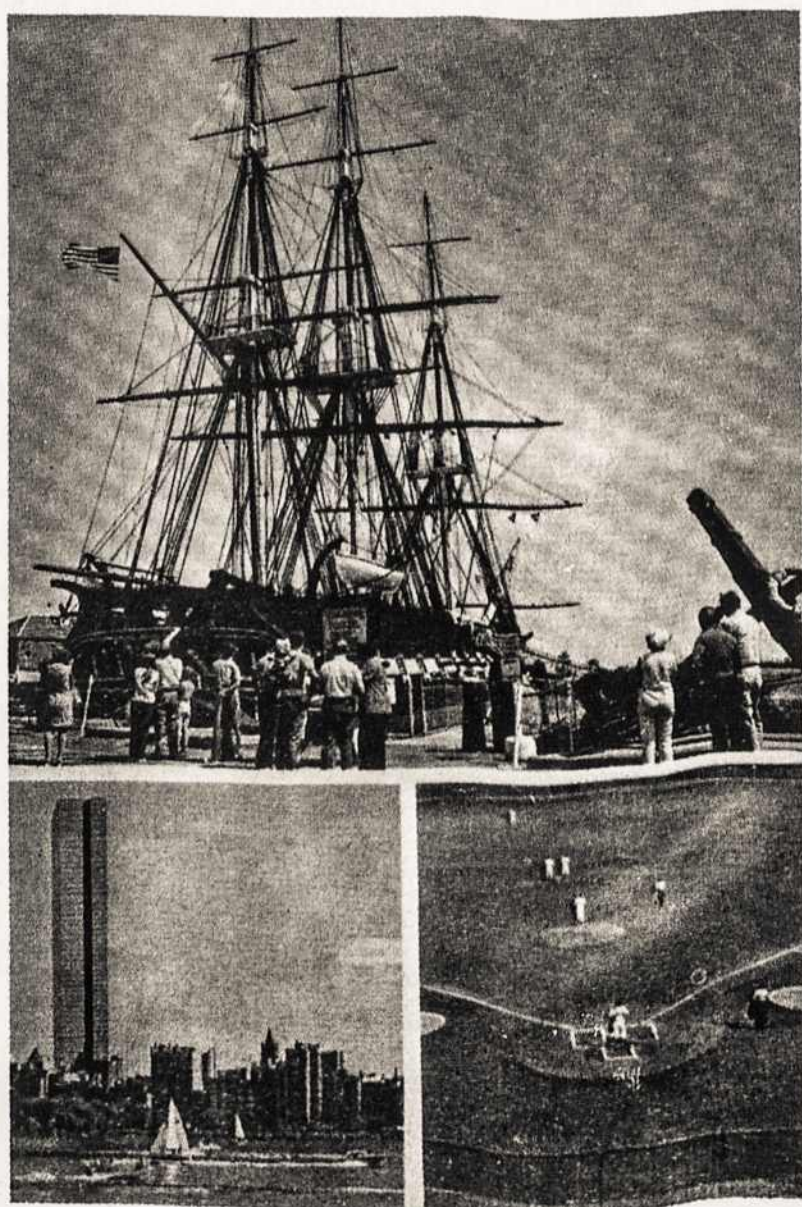
please follow REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES as indicated on pages 36-39 of the Convention issue, Spalis-October 1978, of the Vytis. It is necessary to indicate in which category a member belongs - i.e.--REGULAR---SENIOR---JUNIOR---ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Supreme Council Ritual Committee

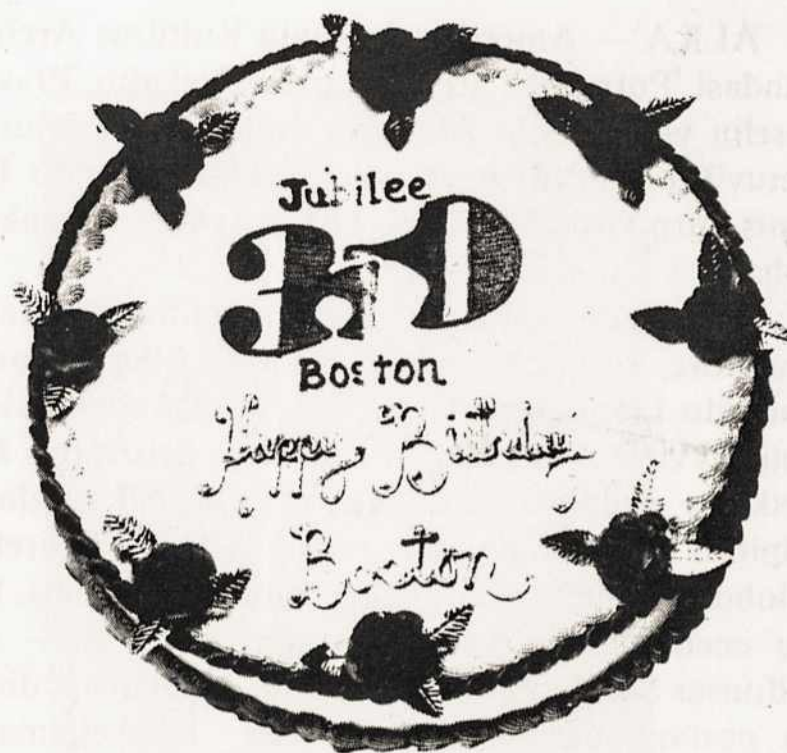
CONVENTION NEWS

Have the winter doldrums got you down? It is time to start thinking of summer vacation time—especially August 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10th!

The South Boston Council 17 and 17 Sr.'s are your hosts for the 67th Knights of Lithuania National Convention. The location is right in the heart of the historical city of Boston at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Boston is celebrating the 350th birthday of Boston - the oldest capital city in colonial America. Come and help celebrate with us!



The
Boston
Park Plaza Hotel



The 67th K of L National Convention Committee is in full swing. These following members have graciously and enthusiastically accepted chairmanships:

CONVENTION CHAIRMEN:	Albert Jaritis & Joseph White
PROGRAM BOOK:	Alexander Chaplik & John Olevitz
PRE-CONVENTION:	Lou Mikalonis & Betty Balaconis
PUBLICITY:	Longinas Svelnis & Povilas Zickus
THURSDAY LUNCHEON:	Ann Norinkevich & Lou Mikalonis
THURSDAY NIGHT CULTURAL EVENT:	Eva K. Ball & Anne P. White
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE:	Alexander Akule & Frank Markuns
SATURDAY NIGHT GALA BANQUET:	Virginia Markuns & Elaine O'Mara
SUNDAY BRUNCH:	Ann Voveris
TRANSPORTATION:	Frank Markuns
MISCELLANEOUS: (badges-tickets-etc.)	Patricia Akule & Eleanor Wassall

We feel the 67th National Convention is going to be a very special and meaningful convention, but we need you. So start thinking:

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ALKA

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ALKA — Amerikos Lietuvių Kultūros Archyvas — randasi Putname, greta Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo seselių vienuolyno. Alka yra archyvas-muziejus saugas lietuviškos kultūros vertybes, rinktas prelato Pranciškaus Juro visus 56 metus. Tos vertybės teberenamos ir toliau.

Prel. Juras, dabar gyvenęs netolimuose Matulaičio namuose, susilpnėjus sveikatai visą Alką su jos turtais perleido Lietuvių Katalikų Mokslo Akademijai. Pastaroji sukvieta Amerikoje ir Kanadoje lietuviams žinomus veikėjus sudaryti Globos komitetą Alkai globoti, o rūpintis jos kasdieniniais reikalais sudarė Direktoratą. Globos komitetui vadovauja Juozas Kapočius, lietuviškų enciklopedijų leidėjas, o Direktoratui — dr. vet. Alfonsas Stankaitis. Alkos globos komiteto ir direktorato pastangomis buvo sukeltas ir tebekeliamas vajas praplėsti Alką, sutvarkyti joje esamas lietuviškos kultūros vertybes, kurios nebetilpo esamoje vietoje. Taip prie ankstesnio Alkos pastato, dar statyto prel. Juro, praeitais metais buvo pristatytas kitas pastatas. Abu pastatai sujungti. Senojo pastato grindų plotas buvo 2400 kvadratinų pėdų, pristačius naują pastatą grindų plotas abiejuose tapo 8800 kvadr. pėdų.

Trumpai apie Alkoje esamas lietuviškos kultūros vertybes, kurių rinkinys labai gausus. Vertybes galima būtų skirstyti:

1. Spausdiniai. Čia įeina knygos, kurių yra daugiau 50 tūkstančių, nuo senų ligi dabar išeinančių laisvuose kraštuose ir dabartinėje Lietuvoje. Yra labai vertingų mokslo knygų. Laikraščių ir žurnalų komplektai, pvz.: „Vienybė Lietuvninkų“, „Vytis“ nuo jų pasirodymo. Kai kurių parapijų biuletiniai, piknikų skelbimai, atsišaukimai ir pan., kas tik rodė ir rodo lietuvišką veiklą.

Spausdiniai lietuviškai arba kitomis kalbomis, bet tik Lietuvą ir lietuvius liečiančios.

2. Meno dirbiniai. Apie 100 paveikslų, sukurtų bent 50 lietuvių dailininkų, keletas medžio, metalo ir akmens skulptūrų, keli austi kilimai, 3 kambario sienos didumo istoriniai paveiksai puošia muziejaus sienas.

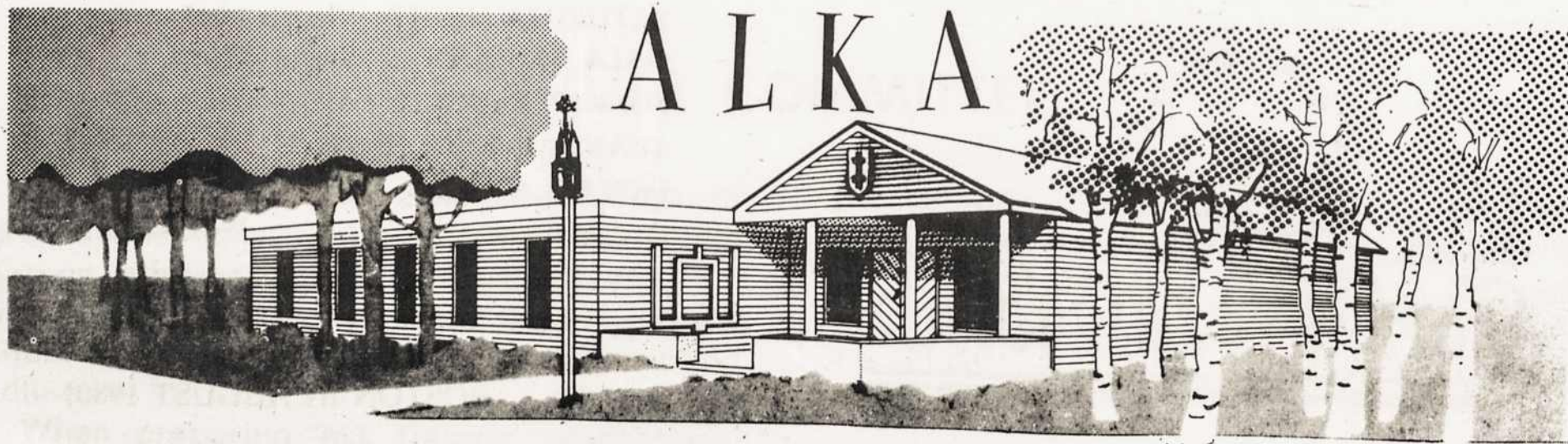
3. Tautodailės skyrius. Šis skyrius labai gausus ir galimas dalinti: A). Audinių, mezginių, siuvinėjimo skyrių, kur lietuviškų raštų juostos, staltiesės, pagalvėlės, rankšluosčiai, priejuostės, tautiniai rūbai ir pan. atkreipia dėmesį. Viena priejuostė yra net 300 metų senumo. B). Medžio dirbiniai, drožiniai ir pjaustiniai, kaip pav.: kryžiai, koplytėlės, smūtkeliai ir pan. patraukia lankytojo akį. C). Papuošalai, daryti iš gintaro, stiklo ir metalų, puikiojasi spintose po stiklu. Čia įeina sagės, žiedai, apyrankės ir pan. D). Margučiai. Jų yra daugiau poros dešimčių.

4. Ūkio ir namų apyvokos daiktai. Muziejuje yra pora ratelių, pora kraitinių skrynių, kultuvių, grėblių ir kitų, o miniatūrinių daiktų, kaip staklės, mestuvai, lankčiai, akėčios, vežimai ir kitoki ūkio padargai yra sunkiai talpinami. Miniatūrinės Lietuvos ūkininko sodybos, su visais trobesiais, šuliniais su svirtimis, prie sodybų kryžiais yra išstatytos.

5. Muzikos skyriuje surinkta labai daug plokštelių, gaidų ir muzikos knygų. Tai buvusių lietuvių vargonininkų, muzikų ir kitų rinkiniai.

6. Istoriniame skyriuje yra: Lietuvos pinigų, pašto ženklų, žyminių ženklų, medalių, pažymėjimo ženklų, antspaudų ir t.t. Čia įeina ir Amerikos lietuvių draugijų ir sąjungų ženklai, vėliavos, kaspiniai ir kita. Šiam skyriui priklauso ir dalis senų spausdinių, knygų.

6. Archyviniame skyriuje randami jau nustojusių



gyvuoti draugijų ir junginių protokolų, apyskaitų ir narių sąrašų knygos bei kitoki raštai. Randami mūsų žinomų veikėjų, visuomenininkų, žurnalistų rankraščiai, jų surinktų laikraščių, knygų ištraukos ir iškarpos ir pan. Pav.: laikraščio „Keleivis“ didelė archyvų dalis, žurnalisto V. Širvydo archyvai, Balfo, kai jis buvo New Yorke, archyvai ir daug kitų archyvų.

Sunku būtų viską suminėti, nes Alkoje telpa didelė daugybė lietuvišką kultūrą rodančių dalykų, bet ir paminėti dalykai duos bent šiekį tokį supratimą apie Alkos vertybes.

Visoms tomis ir naujai ateinančioms lietuviškos kultūros vertybėms apsaugoti ir lietuviams bei svetimtaučiams tuos turtus parodyti Alka yra plečiama. Praplėtimui vykdyti reikalinga visų lietuvių ir etnines vertybes branginančių žmonių pagalba. Nors naujas pastatas jau baigtas statyti, bet reikia pabaigti jį įrūšti. Pastato statybai išleista 101 tūkstančiai dolerių, o Alkos rėmėjai ligi šiol suaukojo 91 tūkstančių dolerių. Tai jau yra ir skolos.

Skubiai reikia baigti įrūšti naujo pastato vidų: išdažyti, iškloti grindis, pritaikinti šviesas parodų salėje, įsigyti spintų ir stendų lietuviškos kultūros vertybėms išstatyti, sutvarkyti pastatų aplinką ir, pagaliau, visą sukataloguoti. Visam tam reikia netoli kito 100 tūkstančio dolerių.

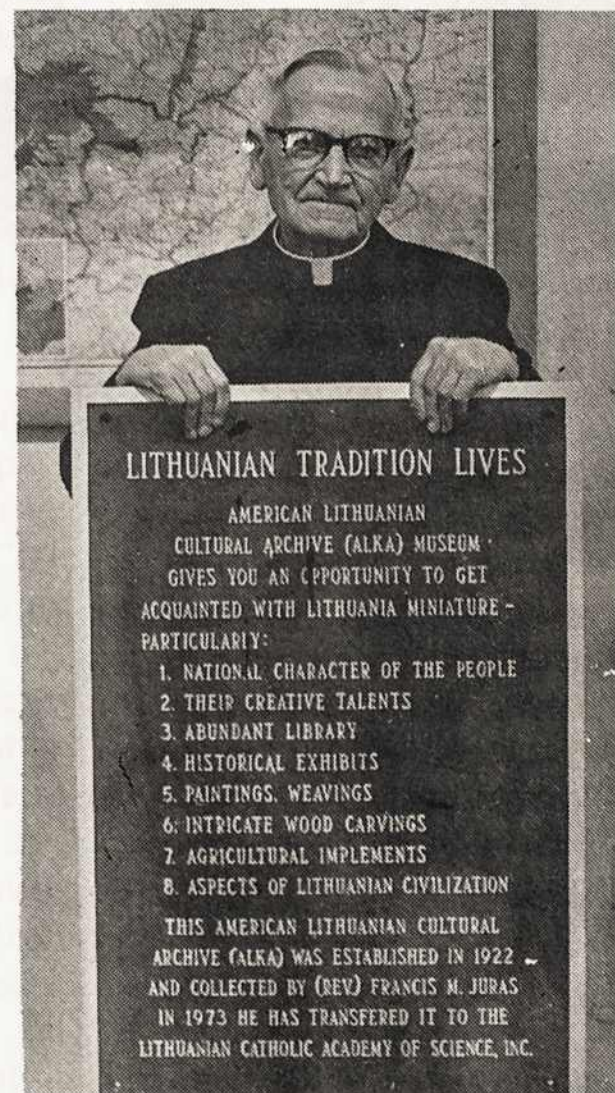
Visi lietuviai ir lietuviškos kilmės amerikiečiai, kuriems rūpi, kad lietuviškos kultūros lobiai išliktų ir būtų apsaugoti, kad juos galėtume patys pamatyti, kad galėtume parodyti mūsų vaikams, kad ir amerikiečiai juos galėtų pamatyti, kad lietuviai ir kiti mokslininkai galėtų rasti apie Lietuvą ir lietuvių medžiagos savo mokslo darbams, turime jausti pareigą remti Alką. Remti finansiniais, remti lietuviškos kultūros dalykais: senomis knygomis, draugijų archyvais, tautodailės dirbiniais ir kit. ir įsitraukti į jos išlaikymą.

Aukos Alkai atleidžiamos nuo pajamų pokesčių.

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Calendar

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.
- 14 C-110, Maspeth "K of L DAY OF PRAYER FOR LITHUANIA
- 19 C-135, Ansonia, 30th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE, Ansonia,
CT
- 20 M.A.D. LITHAUNIAN FESTIVAL,
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.

MAY

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

JULY

- 6 LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL, Chicago, IL.

AUGUST

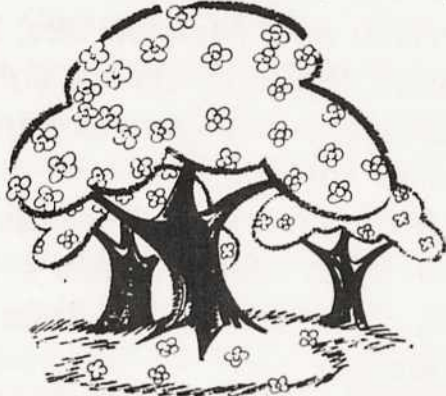
- 6-10 67th NATIONAL CONVENTION, Boston Plaza Hotel
Park Square, Boston, Mass. C-17 and C-17 Srs. Hosts
- 17 66th ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY, Barnesville, PA, C-144 Hosts

NOVEMBER

- 1 C-12, Manhattan, "CRAZY HAT" DANCE
Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Rev. George Gurinskas Hall, New York, N.Y.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-50—New Haven, Conn.

After many years wasted in silence, New Haven C-50 joyfully announces its revival last spring by Rev. Albert Karalius, new pastor of St. Casimir's, and nephew of our K of L founder, Mr. Mykolas Norkunas.

1980 opened with an astounding thirty-two enthusiastic new members. Officers were elected as follows: Pres. George Kevalas, Vice Pres. George Kisielius, Secy. Joan T. Augustine, and Treas. Helen Medley.

Our big story was the St. Casimir's Day celebration with 8:30 a.m. Mass on Mar. 2 followed by breakfast hosted by a committee headed by Tony & Anna Kordorsky (Kudarauskai). Heartfelt thanks to them, also, for arranging a smash Christmas Kucios Party. Lithuanian carols were the order of the day. Two of our most active organizers, Al & Eleanor Gutasukas, respectfully declined chairmanship on the occasion of their well-deserved retirement and wintering in Florida.

Council members anxiously anticipate attending the 67th Natl Convention in Boston via chartered

bus. Other hopeful signs in the rebirth of our council is the publication in the the New Haven Register newspaper of a fine article on Lith. human rights by our own Al Gedrimas, and the submitting of a substantial number of mailograms by our membership to our political leaders concerning the plight of Lith. political prisoners.

Our sincere thanks to member Albina Lipcius for her compassionate instigation of our mailogram campaign, to Helen Case for her kindness in distributing Christmas baskets to some of our local Lith. shut-ins, to Helen Markiewicz for her unrelenting phone work in urging everyone to join in our monthly meetings, and to John Latvis for being our music director. We are truly appreciative.

Though being reported belatedly, our members also attended the Mother's Day crowning & reception and Lith. Deportation Day ceremonies last June at our parish wayside cross. Upon request of the council, our good pastor has happily assumed the the honor of hanging a wall-size map of Lithuania in our parish hall, a most commendable idea for every Lithuanian parish in America. St. Casimir, help us.

Our deepest thanks to Supreme Council members Mr. & Mrs. Al Trainis of Fairfield, Conn., and John Adomenas of Maspeth, N.Y., for their personal endeavor in New Haven's revival - with a reminder that there is still room in Connecticut for another dozen councils.



C-10—Athol-Gardner, MA

Al Rodski's photo appeared in the Gardner News along with the other post office workers in a featured article on the Gardner Post Office. A large photo of Stan & Alice Perekslis appeared in the Athol Daily News showing them with a group of tourists greeting Pope John Paul II in Rome. Gladys Narkevicius' picture was printed in the Gardner News showing her accepting a silver plate in appreciation for many years of volunteer work for the Easter Seal Swim Program in Gardner.

Blanche & Charlie Genaitis spent a month in the State of Washington visiting with their daughter and family. Mary Gauronsky was re-elected secy.-treas. of Athol's L. S. Starrett Co.'s 25 Year Club. The club has 226 active and 308 retired members. Nellie Melaika has accepted a position with the company. Good luck, Nell. Frank Anoris recently retired and was awarded a 40 Year Service Award Pin for the many years of devoted service to the Starrett Co.

Again this year, our council with Father Steponaitis treated the 30 altar boys of St. Francis Parish to a Christmas Party. After an afternoon of bowling and a fine lunch, Charles Genaitis played Santa to the dedicated boys. Our members then enjoyed their own party at Joseph's New Englander in Templeton. Bill Wisnauskas was in charge of the arrangements which almost turned into a disaster through the management's fault, but all turned out just fine. It was good to see the Muellers and Lil & Alec Kuzmeskus.

Condolences are extended to Rev. Albin Janiunas on the death of his

mother, Mrs. Kazimera Janiunas of Cambridge. Our sorrow is also extended to the Marcinkus family on the death of their father.

Blanche & Charles Genaitis and Brone Wisnauskas did their very best at the Ethnic Christmas Tree Display held at the Gardner Museum during December. Many thanks to Howie Beaudette for the Lithuanian straw ornaments that were a treat to all who had never seen them. Many heard remarks hailing the Lithuanian display as the best!

Alice Karasomowich, now retired, was busy through the Christmas season knitting and crocheting for her many friends.

Father Steponaitis outdid himself again this year in his celebration of midnight Mass and presentation of holiday decorations at St. Francis Church. They were the talk of the town. Hundreds of non-Lithuanians flock to his church for services. Father, we encourage you, don't change your style!

Thought for the month: March is an important month for all Lithuanians, especially K of L'ers, for we celebrate the feast of St. Casimir, our patron. Let's all do a bit of public relations work on His behalf and let our neighbors know we are as proud of Him as the Irish are of St. Patrick.

Personality of the Month: Clara Zetskousky is not a Lithuanian nor a member of our council. Her connection with us is through her fiancé, Lennie Davidonis. Throughout the years she has been as devoted to our council as the best members of our group, attending all important functions and never saying "no" to our many demands on her cooking and baking expertise. Clara is a long-time employee of the Nichols & Stone Co. in Gardner. She holds membership in the Gardner League of Charity and is a devoted member of Holy Spirit Parish. Thanks for everything, Clara, and the best of luck in all your endeavors.

Vincukas

Srs.C-103—Providence, RI

Vaclovas Martinkus was born March 15, 1909 in Lithuania. He was ordained a priest by the Most Rev. Justinas Stulgaitis on April 24, 1935. Father observed his 45th Sacerdotal Jubilee in Providence, upon his return from a visit to his ailing sister, Mrs. Odinas in Florida.

J. Joseph Garrahy, Governor of the State of R.I. and Providence Plantations, presented an official citation to the Lithuanian Heritage Sub-Committee in recognition of Heritage and Festival '79. Jean Coughlin, a member of our council, is president of the local Sub-Committee.

Joseph Waitonis was re-elected president of the men's organization, Lithuanian Citizen's Beneficial Club, an office he has held for many years. The Club has been a most generous contributor to various Lithuanian causes. Recently, they gave a donation to the Matulaitis Home in Putnam via the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of BVM.

Our new member, Helen McKenna, was recently hospitalized. Possible surgery has been postponed until a later date. Helen and her aunt, Mrs. Grande, are volunteer workers at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn.

Mathew Kairys was hospitalized before the holidays. Three of his children, Andrew, Joseph and Donna, are active members of both our regular and junior councils.

The NED Spring Convention will be held April 27 at Our Lady of Vilnius parish in So. Worcester. A Mass will be offered at 11 a.m.

Our council has four life members: Beatrice Mathieu, Ruta Krecioch, and Biruta & John Stoskus.

Regina Krecioch was a holiday guest of the Valiunas family in Toronto, Canada. Reggie was a

member of their daughter's (Snaiges) bridal party in Paris, France last summer.

Belated condolences are extended to Father A. Janiunas and his family. His beloved mother, Kazimiera Janiuniene, passed away at age 80 at the Brockton Nursing Home.

After each Mass on Dec. 22 & 23, Agnes Waitonis served coffee and pastries to the parishioners in the parish hall.

Members of our Executive Board had their first Director's Meeting Jan. 7 at the home of John & Irene Walaska.

Vincent Ciuryla from Stony Run, Pa., visited with his parents, Vincent & Bette Ciuryla, during the Christmas holidays.

There was a Lithuanian Christmas tree displayed for the first time at Providence City Hall for a week. The tree was decorated with straw ornaments by John & Irene Walaska, Regina Krecioch, and Biruta Stoskus, president of the City of Providence Lith. Heritage Committee.

Sventas Kazimierai, melskis uz mus.

Jonas

C-135 — Ansonia, Conn.

Congratulations to Ruth & Jack Tyson on their 25th wedding anniversary. The day was Sept. 6, 1954. They were feted at a party held at the home of John & Frances Barsevich. Twenty-five years is only one-quarter of one hundred years. The first 25 years are the hardest; the rest is easy if you keep working at it. We know you will, and we're with you all the way.

Your prayers are asked for Eva Kasinskas, mother of Father Clem, who passed away on All Saints Day, Nov. 1.

Congratulations to Anne R. Chepulis who graduated from the

Ona M. Wilcox School of Nursing and passed the State Board of Nursing Examiner's Registered Nurse's tests. She is on the staff of Yale New Haven Hospital.

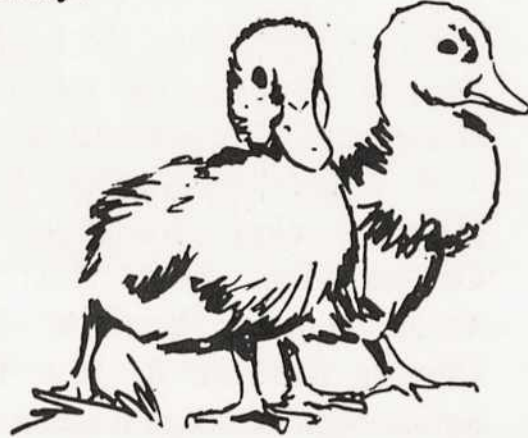
Al Barauskas was helping the Lady's Guild set up the stands for their Christmas Fair last November when he became ill. Admitted to the hospital the next day, he remained for about a week and a half. One of the things he learned about himself was that he shouldn't drink club soda or ginger ale, but the doctor said that he could drink Scotch. Now all he drinks is Scotch and water. We always said Al had expensive tastes. This only proves it.

Our December meeting began with a pot-luck supper. As always, the food was delicious and plentiful.

Happy 1980! That's the way it started for our council members and their friends at a New Year's Eve Party in the church hall. Music was provided by John Sabulis and his Arrangements. The buffet was excellent. Entertainment was provided by Lillian Chaplik singing and solo dancing. When she teamed up with Walter Stachowicz in their version of a bull fight, with Lillian as the Matador and Walter as you-know-what, it brought the house down. Even tireless Lil had to sit down after that act! Helping us celebrate the New Year were two new members, John & Patty Gursky. Welcome folks, we're glad to have you aboard. Arrangements for this superb affair were in the hands of a talented committee: Chmn. Millie Stachowicz assisted by Ruth Tyson, Chris Slushinski, John & Ann Sabulis, John Sabulis, Jr., Lil Chaplik, Al Barauskas and Violet Brazitis.

On Mar. 2 our council held its Communion Breakfast, and on Mar. 8 our K of L Bingo. A coming event for the council is the big day of April 19, our 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance. 1980 should be a

good year. Let's all join in the fun. Let's make our Dinner Dance one to be long remembered by filling the hall with every member and their friends. Remember the date. Mark your calendar now. Make your reservations early. See you then, if not before, but then for sure. Stay healthy.



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79 — Southfield, Mich.

"So Long...Seventies." The end of another decade has gone by, and we look forward to a bright 1980. At least that's the optimistic view of most Detroiters who shared their predictions in the News Tele Poll.

What is your optimistic view in life? Apart from teaching, selling, driving a bus, homemaking, etc., do you have other concrete interests? Do you like to read, see plays, listen to good music, volunteer for parish or community projects or belong to organizations? A person needs to take inventory and get out of the "woodwork" if they are to broaden themselves. By doing so, they make themselves more interesting to others and fulfilling to oneself. Don't immerse in just yourself. Become involved...and active. Be ACTIVE in the Knights of Lithuania and see how you will "blossom" with new vigor and personality, and we will all be rewarded by it.

A Big Welcome to four new members, Sidney Jackson,

Elizabeth Tamusauskas, Elenore Grasha and Jenny Carron, who received their First Degrees by Ritual Chairlady Bertha Janus during the December meeting. No sooner were they installed, Sidney and Elenore volunteered to host the January meeting. That's what we mean by "blossoming" with vigor. Thanks, gals!

As in the past, we were quite generous during the Christmas season. A one hundred dollar donation was given to Divine Providence parish toward their fuel bill, and donations were made to the Salvation Army and the Lithuanian newspaper "Draugas."

The Christmas season, however, does not always go on a happy note. Members and friends were sadly notified that our long-time member William Adams died on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. For many years he was associated with Adams Realty Agency until his retirement a few years ago. Bill was active with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Detroit of which he was vice-president, and a member of many other groups, including a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He often participated in our council's activities. Bill was a fun-loving, good family man, and suffered a great loss when his beloved wife Mary passed away in Feb. '78. He is survived by 2 sons, Bill, Jr. and Robert, and daughter Evelyn McAnelly. Our deep sympathy to them and their families.

No sooner was Bill Adams buried when we received the sad news of the sudden death of Clem Galinas, a good member of our sister C-102 of Detroit. Clem loved sports. He was an avid bowler, and a member of the K of L bowling league. The magnitude of his interest in this sport won him many trophies and awards. Ironically, this came to an end on his bowling night, Dec. 28. Sincere sympathy is extended to his

beloved wife, Evelyn, and to all C-102 members.

Our condolences are also offered to Phil Dutton and family upon the death of his dear mother, Josephine Daltuviene, who passed away Dec. 15. May she rest in peace.

Belated, but not forgotten, go our utmost condolences to John Andrulis of Cleveland C-25 upon the loss of his dearest wife, Evelyn. She was one of the finest persons, member and friend, we have known. She will be greatly missed. Lai Dievas suteikia jos sielai amzina ramybe.

Fond memories linger for Helen & Clem Patocki following their visit to Lithuania with the J. Adomenas group. They had a swell time and seemed to have received a wonderful cultural renewal.

A trip to Connecticut for George & Marie Kase climaxed in a family reunion and holiday visit with their son Michael and family. Aside from N.E. trips, George contributes his talents as a terrific coffee-maker...not just for the K of L Sunday, but also during the Sajunga Hour. Labai aciu, George.

Ann Valatka has been appointed liaison officer between the K of L and the Bendruomene organization. We wish her dauk sekmes. Ann also serves on the Parish Council. It's often been heard, "Ask a busy person...and they will find the time and effort to do anything." Thanks, Ann!

Following are the 1980 officers of the council: Sp. Adv. Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, Pres. Frank Zager, 1st V.P. Magdalena Smailis, 2nd V.P. Helen Tucker, Rec. Secy. Ruth Grasha, Fin. Secy. Jos. Chaps, Treas. Jeanne Yakstys, Trustees Chester Nashlon & Jos. Yakstys, Sgt-at-Arms George Kase, and Vytis Corresp. Sophie Zager. Committee chairmen are: Ritual - Bertha Janus, Cultural - Stella Hotra, Lith. Affairs - Julia Belickas, Religious - Helen Tucker, Public Relations - Tony Dainus, Sunshine - Marge Nashlon, and Rosary - Stella Hotra and Violet Panavas. Please give them your support as they continue their tasks of responsibility.

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C-102 — Detroit, Mich.

Our council is alive and well, but it has been a long time since our activities have been written up for the Vytis. We will attempt to bring you up to date.

Our Mother Church, St. Anthony's, hosted a "Goodbye and Hello Dinner" in the fall to honor the retiring Rev. Simitis, and to welcome Rev. Babonis. The dinner was a gala affair, and we were pleased to see so many of our sister council members attend. Father Simitis is still residing at St. Anthony's. We welcome Father Babonis to our parish and pledge him our complete support.

Our annual Spring Rummage Sale was a success, as well as members having fun working on the project. The "Saleslady of the Year" Award again goes to Josephine Jonulate. She conscientiously helps all customers to find the good bargains and, also, the right sizes. It has been an annual affair and we really enjoy the day. The committee included all members of the council, since all contributed merchandise as well as their time. We thank them all. Our



Detroit's K of L saleslady of the year, Josie Jonulate, with loyal customers.



Detroit, Mich. C-102 members conducting Spring Rummage Sale. Kneeling: Edna Klucens, Grazina Vaskelis. 2nd row: Donna Bunikas. 3rd row: Frank Bunikis, Vince Klucens, Maryanne Guerriero, Josie Jonulate, Ray Klucens, Gus Baibak, Rev. Babonis, Gena Rnihak

thanks, too, to our private photographer, Bob Klucens, who took the photos.

We did miss Margie & Jeff Krieg at the Sale this year. They moved to California with job promotions. They were very active in our council, and we sure do miss them.

Congratulations to Evelyn Galinas and Rose Sawnick on bowling 600 series. They now have the privilege to join the 600 Club. It is good to see Gena Baibak join our league this year as a regular bowler. As of this writing, the Keg & Bottle Team sponsored by Donna & Bill Pluto are in first place. Keep going, team! The team is comprised of 102 members. We are sorry that Ruth Wagster has taken the year off from bowling to rest her arm. Ruth has been with the league for about 25-30 years.

Perhaps it isn't being said often enough, but we do enjoy reading about our sister councils in the Vytis.

It is with a heavy heart that we report the sudden death of member Clem Galinas on Dec. 28. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Evelyn, his family, and his many friends. We pray the Lord will keep him in His care.

Marute

C-96 — Dayton, Ohio

Much thanks to Chris Mantz for the fine job she did in making arrangements for the Women's Annual Christmas party. Over thirty women got together on Dec. 11; you can imagine all the chatter that went on. This may seem like an insignificant function for our council, but you must keep in mind all reservations are made in the name of the Knights of Lithuania. This is another way of advertising our organization.

The council's annual participation in Dayton's Downtown Christmas Festival, which takes



Donna Bunikas, Gena Baibak, Grazina Vaskelis and Gus Baibak taking a respite during C-102 Rummage Sale.

place from Thanksgiving Day until Christmas, saw our co-chairmen, Elinor Sluzas & Rita Ambrose, busy finalizing arrangements for our date, Dec. 7. Due to the combined efforts of our members, spending evenings together to make straw Christmas ornaments, in addition to nights of baking, and also doing their share at home, we had a great return. It was a good feeling when the public, upon hearing our group was set up, came to tell us they were waiting for us. Our baked goods have a following that make all efforts well worth the time.

Thanks to our Religious Chmn. Elinor Sluzas, our annual Christmas caroling to all the shut-ins and older parishioners of Holy Cross went off without a hitch. We covered over thirty homes. Fr. Katarskis took our gifts to parishioners who are in outlying nursing homes. Cecelia Lisankis accompanied the signers with her accordion. The council project is one that is most rewarding. Not only do the parishioners look forward to seeing us, but we gain so much in return.

Later, the same evening, our new Social Committee, under the leadership of John A. Berczelly along with Rita Ambrose, Joyce Berczelly, Chris Mantz & Judy Petrokas, the

carolers were served a hot supper of fried chicken, delicious scalloped potatoes, salad, goodies & plenty of refreshments to warm them up. This was a fine time to reminisce about the day and times past. To the committee, aciu labai!

Our Junior council had their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 15 with arrangements made for them by Asst. Jr. Advisor Sarah Petkus. Elinor Sluzas, in what has become traditional, hosted the Jrs. after their dinner in her home. At this time the youngsters had their annual gift exchange and expressed their thanks to outgoing Advisors Chris Mantz & Rita Ambrose.

Congratulations to Greg Blum & Anna Marie Sluzas for their very fine job in setting up the council's Christmas tree in front of the St. Casimir's Altar. The Lithuanian straw ornaments decorating the tree were all made by Anele Petkus.

Rev. Cornelius Bucmys, editor of "Darbininkas," was in town recently to spend a few days at our parish. It was good to see him again. Rev. Bucmys is a cousin to two of our members, Ildefonsas & Steponas Bucmys.

Annual dispersion of our Charity Fund took place at the Dec. meeting. This fund is built up dur-

ing the year; 10% is deducted from any money-making project we have that year. Donations were sent to BALF, N.E. Churches Emergency Center, a local project of which Holy Cross is an active participant, Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, the Nat'l Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and to the Sisters of St. Casimir in Putnam, Conn.

We extend thanks to our Junior Council for their contribution to our Christmas Charity Fund. This fund goes toward the gifts we distribute when caroling. Our Juniors also participate in this activity.

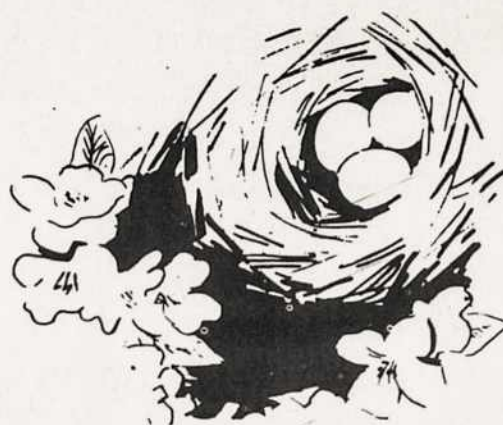
It is good to know Joe Ryan is doing okay after his recent foot injury. Mary Lou Lastoskie is home recuperating from surgery. Both Mary Lucas and Sophie Bitner came home from their hospital stay only to find their homes vandalized. How sad!

It was great reading the stories in the VYTIS of members throughout the organization who were able to come in close contact with His Holiness Pope John Paul II. Thank you for sharing this with those of us who had to watch the Pope's trip on TV.

At the parish's annual CCD Christmas program, instructress Chris Mantz had her youngsters draw their own pictures telling the story of the Birth of Christ. Our visiting nuns, Sr. Alberta & Sr. Isabel, chose a good film on the story of Christmas. Council Pres. Mary Ann Blum emceed the program and filled in for Santa, as she has done in the past. She and husband Gus took care of the coffee, hot chocolate and goodies.



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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-12 — New York, N.Y.

"In unity there is strength" could very well be the motto of our council. Not only are we an active council but also a unified one. Of course, there always are differences of opinion. For did not the English poet William Blake tell us that "there is no progression without contraries." But in our council once the matters are discussed, the vote taken, the council works as one.

This unity took center stage when last November our council was preparing to celebrate its 65th anniversary. It is that many years since we were "born" at the Ausros Vartu Lithuanian parish, near the Holland Tunnel in N.Y.C.

On Nov. 3 the festivities began with a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Father John Tamulionis. In thanking God for granting us 65 fruitful years, we did not forget our native land of Lithuania and its troubles. Outside the Church and the Hall, leaflets were distributed urging the vyciai to write letters of protest to *The New York Times*. The *Times*, while reporting a story on dissidents in the Soviet Union which were recently arrested, somehow failed to mention the name of the Lithuanian dissident Antanas Terleckis, who for many years has bravely resisted the harassment of the communists. The excuse of the *Times* was that it lacked the necessary space to in-

clude the name.

Having accomplished our duty for God and Country, the council enjoyed itself. Joe Thomas, a member of our council, and his orchestra, added much to the festivities. He has been entertaining us ever since we were "jauni ir grazus." Among the luminaries present were Supreme Council Pres. Phil Skabeikis and wife Marian, editor of the *Lithuanian Life Line*; Dr. Jack J. Stukas and wife Loretta, editor of the *Vytis*; and the organist of Ausros Vartu parish, maestro Mykolas Cibas and wife Eufemija.

Perhaps Dr. Stukas summarized the personality of our council best when he stated that "C-12 always does its homework." And indeed there was much homework to be done in preparing for this event. Those who could not work, donated; those who could not donate, worked; but most did both. Among those who did both were Anna Lukscha and Agnes Krauss who for countless years presided over our council's kitchen. They deserve the biggest pat-on-the-back for a job well done. The "interior decorator" was council officer Connie Siatsis, who with her talented hands not only decorated the tables but also the waitresses and the men behind the bar "su graziom tautiskom spalvom." Peter & Alice Zupko, despite their recent tragic loss, did not forget their council and decorated the Church and Hall with beautiful bouquets from their flower store.

As the evening was drawing to an end, tired but happy, we observed our "old timers" "trypiant iki gilios nakties." Since 7 a.m. they were preparing food for 200 guests, and still, forgetting their arthritis and bursitis, they were going strong. We might wonder - where do they get all that energy! But is this not the same energy which kept us in existence for these 65 years.

Dalia

C-29 — Newark, N.J.

A delightful time was had by everyone who attended the council's Christmas party on Dec. 23 in Newark's Parish Hall. The hall and tables were decorative and put everyone in a festive mood. The punch warmed our hearts and added a Christmas glow to our cheeks. Big sacks full of thanks go to the Committee, which was headed by Mrs. Grazulis, for working so hard and devoting so much time to make the party such a success. Our thanks, too, to young Eddie Skripata who, with such competency, read out the numbers of the tables, so the guests could go up to eat. If it wasn't for his efficiency, some of the tables might have missed out. You're a real Santa's helper, Eddie!

Now for this month's hint. For just a few drops of lemon juice, don't cut the lemon, just pierce it with a fork and squeeze. You won't leave cut surfaces to dry out or decay. Lemon may be cut later on for other purposes.

D. Didzbalis

C-100—Amsterdam, NY.

Our October meeting was exceptionally well-attended as was the Lithuanian Mass offered by Father Baltch preceding the gathering.

Final preparations for the Dist. Convention were discussed by Co-Chairmen Anthony J. Radzevich and Gene Gobis. Ritual Chairlady Mary Stanionis named the candidates for the 3rd Degree and stated they must be present at the Dist. Convention.

Refreshments were served by Mildred Botaitis, Susan Dansevitch, Jane Karbocius and Helen Dylong.

Oct. 14 found a busload of delegates to the Dist. Conv. from a number of Pennsylvania councils. Scranton Pres. Eva Kazokas renew-

ed acquaintances with Gene Gobis, Gennie Chase, Irene Damphier and Regina Kot. One full car of Anthracite Council delegates (including Ann Wargo) attended. The Syracuse Council was well represented. The last to arrive was the N.Y.-N.J. bus. Larry Janonis said they got a little confused getting off the arterial.

Local president and co-chairman of the MAD Convention, Anthony Radzevich, welcomed the delegates and guests. He spoke on the city's 175th celebration and circulars on the City of Amsterdam were distributed.

District Pres. Larry Janonis asked Amsterdam Council's Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, to lead the opening prayers. The Natl. President's (Phil Skabeikis) message was delivered by wife Marian. She also reported on the Nat'l Convention held last August in Chicago.

Local delegates to the Convention were Betty Kuzmich, Agnes Rokit, Irene Damphier, Genevieve Chase, Bernice Aviza, Judy Kastravickas, Helen Wojcik, Frances Wolan, Eleanor Olechowski, Sadie Allen and Mary Stanionis.

Genevieve Chae, Eleanor Olechowski and Frances Wolan served on the Resolutions Committee.

Members of our council who received 3rd Degrees were Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, Walter Rusilas, Donald Nikstenas, Nellie Liberis, Betty Kuzmich, Eleanor Olechowski, Helen Radzevich, and Edward Baranauskas.

Natl Lith. Affairs Chmn. Rev. Casimir Pugevicius spoke on two Resolutions in Congress, H.C. Res. 147 and H.C. Res. 356. He suggested that each one write to their Congressman seeking support of these Resolutions.

The Food Committee was headed by Polly Ziausys, Ann Radzevich, and Helen Hugo. Assisting were Edna Luzinas, Sophie Olbie, Mary Sweet, Josephine Redding, Frances

DiBart, Annacetta Guzielek, Mildred Whelly, Regina Kot and Charlotte Sargalis.

Sophie Malkowicz and Jennie Burimaskas volunteered to help Father Pugevicius with his display of books and literature.

Jack Sweet headed the Refreshment Committee and was aided by Albert Luzinas, Peter Sargalis, William Burimaskas, Walter Malkowicz, and John Whelly.

The Amsterdam Junior council was represented by Lisa Saikal, Rima Hartvigas, Bill & Tim Saikal, Alan & Gerard Drenzek, and Michael Mikolaitis.

Election of officers was held. Three of our council members are heading the following committees: Genevieve Chase - Public Relations, Bernice Aviza - Lithuanian Affairs, and Regina Kot - Cultural.

Food was contributed by most of the council members. Co-chairmen Anthony Radzevich and Gene Gobis and Asst. Albert Luzinas thank all who worked so hard in getting the MAD Dist. Conv. in readiness. They also thank all the delegates and guests who attended. Sirdingai aciu visiems! Also, we can't forget Ed Ziausys who put in much time in the preparations.

Iki kito rasymo...

Smile & Sparkle

C-110 — Maspeth, N.Y.

March (Kovas) is here! We can look back with pride and satisfaction with our council's programs, good attendance at meetings, participation in all its functions by the membership, and increasing attendance at our 11 a.m. Mass every third Sunday at Transfiguration Church.

Stasia Kraujalis and Evelyn Wallis did a magnificent job in managing our Fifth Kucios Dinner. The hall was graciously arranged by Adele Dauzickas, Frank & Pete Yuskevich, John Adomenas, and Al Kraujalis

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(who was also in charge of ticket sales). The food was deliciously prepared, and those working in the kitchen were Mary Johnson, John & Ann Adomėnas, Ann Sidtis, Adele Dausickas, and Iggy Walles. We thank the many waitresses who served quickly, efficiently, and most often with a smile, and to the many members who contributed food for this traditional day. We appreciate everyone's generosity.

Our December meeting was our Christmas Party. There was so much food provided by the membership that left-overs filled the refrigerator. There were also ample beverages. A

grab-bag gift was given to each attendee personally by Santa Claus himself, red suit, white beard and all. While the festivities were in progress, Lithuanian melodies filled the hall from an accordion played by Florence Mikalauskas.

Members are urged to purchase and read the book "Land of Crosses" by Michael Bourdeau. It's the story of the struggle for religious freedom in Lithuania from 1939 to 1978. Copies are available at Darbininkas, 341 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207.

The Public Relations committee was increased by the addition of two

members, Helen Venis and Philip Skabeikis.

This month we hosted the Mid-Atlantic Dist. Meeting and Communion Breakfast on Mar. 9. Heading the arrangement committee was Kazimieras Vainus.

Our Spring Dance will take place on Apr. 12 at 8 p.m. in Transfiguration Hall. Music will be provided by the Joe Thomas Band. The committee for the dance includes George Dagis, Al Kraujalis, Bob & Doris Meyer and Pete Yuskevich.

A Day of Prayer for all K of L'ers is planned for Apr. 14.

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Speeding Ticket —
please show me —
driver's license —
I'll find it right away —
Why did you stop me? —
You were driving too fast —
How come too fast? —
I was only driving 35 mph —
Didn't you see the traffic sign? —
I am very sorry —
I really didn't notice the sign
You weren't paying attention —
You'll have to pay the fine —
But I was actually driving slowly —
What can you do —
I'll have to watch the signs
more carefully

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