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VELYKOS EASTER

by JOE JANULAITIS



Our word for Easter comes from old German mythology, in which the goddess of Spring is named Ostara. The modern designation is Ostern which is also derived from it. However, in most European languages the word Easter resembles the Hebrew word, "Pesach," which designates the Feast of Passover. It was during the feast of Passover that our Lord instituted the Blessed Sacrament.

In French they pronounce it Paques (Pahk); in Italian, Pasqua (Pahskwah); in Portuguese, Pascoa (Pahz-kwah); in Dutch, Pasen; in Swedish, Pask and in Russian, Pasxa (Pahs-khwah).

Now, in Polish it's Wilkanoc (V'yehl-kah-nots); and in Czech, Veliko-occe. The similarity to our Lithuanian Velykos shows its Slavic origins. Veliki means big and noc means night. Interestingly, the Ukrainians call it Velikdien (Big day). Russians call it Voskresenia (Resurrection Day) and every Sunday of the year is also called Voskresenia even to this day in Communist Russia!

The Lithuanians along with their Eastern European neighbors follow a custom which goes back to the 9th century. All the foods that were forbidden to be eaten during Lent are prepared and arranged in baskets and brought to the church where the priest blesses them, and the faithful eat them at a family gathering on Easter morning. The forbidden foods were all meat, meat products,

and dairy foods. This means they did not eat eggs, cheese, butter, milk or fry with lard all during Lent. And we complained about one full meal a day.

The brightly colored Easter eggs are called Marguciai from the word Margas meaning vari-colored. The feasts that follow Easter are Sestines-Ascension Thursday which comes sestis-sixth, Thursday after Easter. And Sekmines-Pentecost which is Sekmines derived from the ordinal number seven in Lithuanian Sekmas from which we also get our word Sekmadienis for Sunday. In this order we follow with Corpus Christi which is the ninth Thursday after Easter or Devintines.

Since Easter Monday in Europe was still considered a holy day, no one worked but went to church and then went visiting friends and relations, or went for walks in the country. It is called an Emmaus Walk in commemoration of the walk Our Lord took with two of His disciples

on the road to Emmaus.

In your churches you will be told by your priests that Easter is the feast of feasts in the Church, that it is greater than Christmas. Yet, there is more publicity about Dec. 25th than there is about the Feast of Resurrection, which as St. Paul says, "That if Christ be not risen then our Faith is in vain." This is apparent especially to parents. The kids egged on by the press, TV, etc., get all wrapped up in commercialized Christmas so that it becomes difficult to get the prominence of Easter across to the little people.

This is where our ancient Lithuanian Holy Week and Easter customs come to the rescue. Take them to church to visit our Lord in the prison on Holy Thursday and again on Good Friday to visit His tomb. Make a spiritual wake, a Holy Hour at the tomb. Get them to help in preparing the Easter baskets of food that are to be blessed for Easter morning breakfast and last of all, take them along to the beautiful Resurrection Services early Easter morning when the priests sing out in Lithuanian, "Linksma Diena Mums Nusvito." A Happy Day has dawned for us this morn.

"The Easter Book" by Francis X. Weiser, S.J., Harcourt & Brace & Co., is an excellent book on various Easter Customs with many references to our Lithuanian ones such as Graudus Verksmai (Sorrowful Tears), and even the music for the above hymn.

RESURRECTION - CHRISTS AND OURS

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here really is no direct, positive scientific way to prove that Jesus rose from the dead on that first Easter Sunday morning.

No one saw Him begin to breathe again, sit up, then stand up and walk out of Joseph of Arimathea's tomb in which He was laid to rest on the previous Friday afternoon. The tomb was closed and sealed, you remember. There were no scientific instruments available, no blood samples taken to prove that the Christ who showed Himself to the Apostles on Easter, and thereafter, was the same Christ who was nailed to the Cross.

What Mary Magdalen, Peter and John saw very early that Sunday was an empty tomb. All they could say was: "He is not here."

To say "He is risen," they had to depend on Faith; they had to believe what Jesus had told them previous to His death.

The essence of Faith is to accept a statement spoken by someone whom we trust, who is not deceived and who cannot deceive.

As did the Apostles and disciples, we believe that the same Jesus Christ who suffered and died on a cross arose gloriously from the dead by His own power. We believe, because scientific proof of the Resurrection is not attainable. And our belief is stronger than scientific knowledge, because the foundation for our belief is the word of God.

Easter Sunday and the whole Easter season is set aside to remind

us of the mystery, miracle and truth that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, thereby showing His divine power and revealing that He was both man, who could die, and God, whose power surpasses the laws of nature, especially the one that states: "Once dead, dead forever."

Christ's Resurrection teaches another truth: "Once resurrected, living for ever."

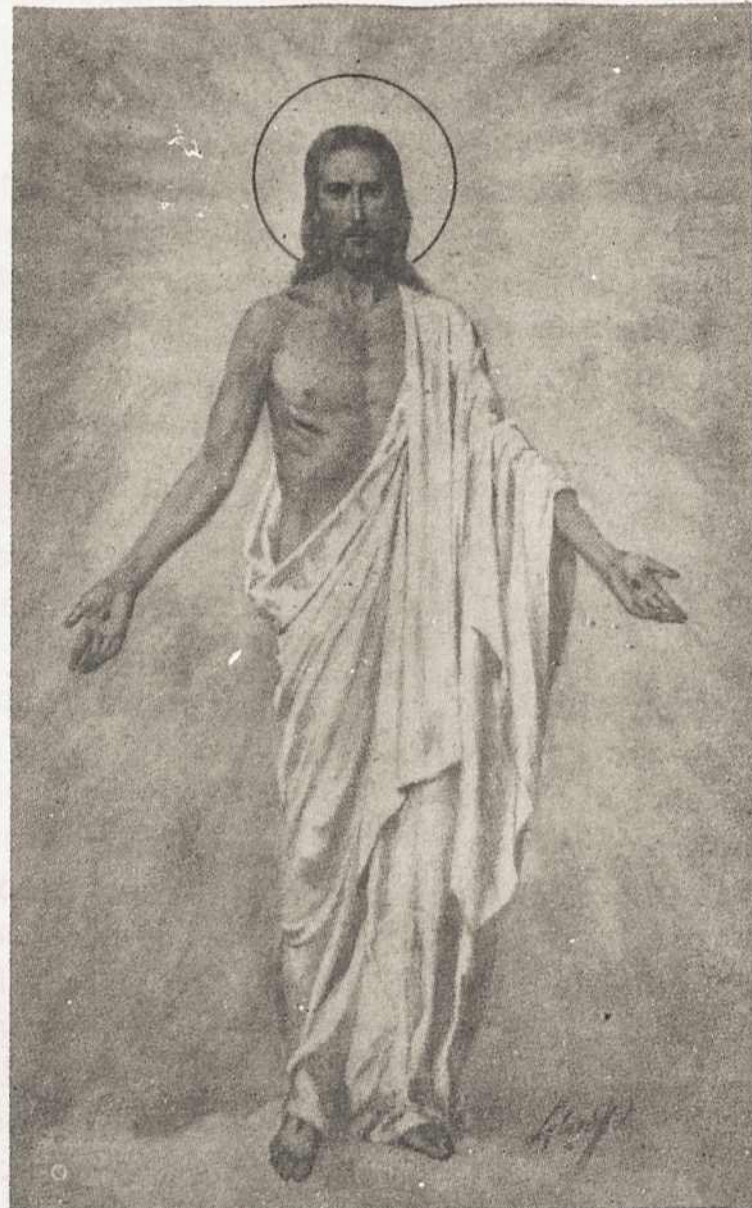
The amazingly notable thing about our Lord's Resurrection is that it was meant to be an example and a pledge of our own future resurrection.

What is it we mumble each Sunday after the Homily in the Profession of Faith at the very end?

"We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." We look for, we believe in our own resurrection one day. And we believe in life after death. But this is not all we believe.

We believe that we have already been "resurrected:" raised to a new life through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

That is what Saint Paul is telling



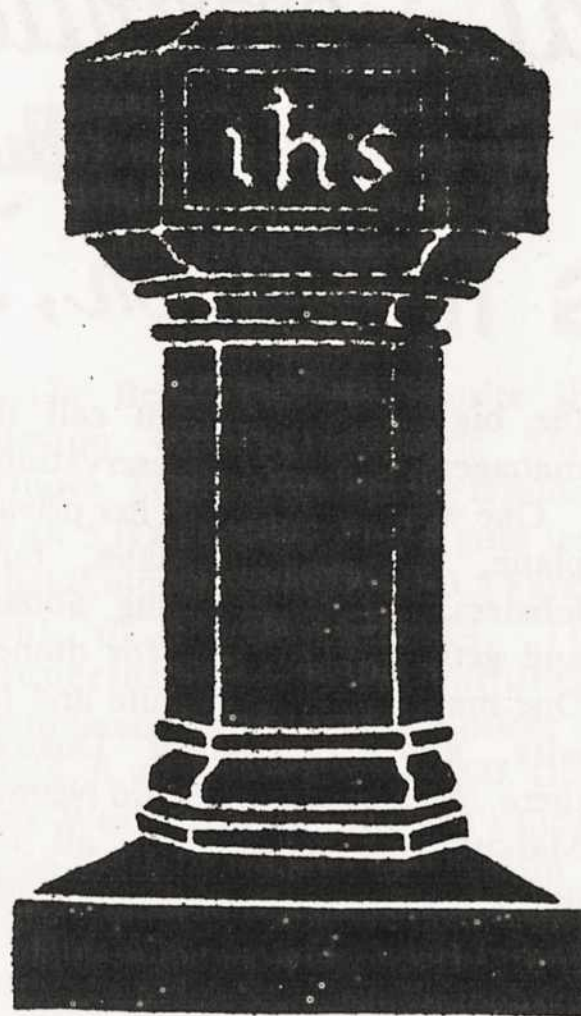
us in the Second Reading of the Easter Mass: "You have died," he said to the Colossians who were standing around Him as he preached. Then he added: "You have been raised up in company with Christ."

What was Saint Paul talking about? These healthy looking Colossians did not look like men and women who have just crawled out of tombs, anxious to get the daily paper and read their obituaries with their own eyes. No. They were believers in Jesus Christ, who had just recently been baptized. Saint Paul was explaining to them what their Baptism meant.

As then, so today, Baptism signifies that the believe has died to things of earth and was raised to a new life based on Faith in and Love of the Son of God.

It is simply not enough to think of Baptism as the washing away of Original Sin. Baptism is an astounding breakthrough. The waters of Baptism do two things: destroy Original Sin and introduce a higher life into the soul. Or, as we are accustomed to hearing: Baptism "washes away" Original Sin and "pours in" supernatural life. Of course, we all know full well that the soul really cannot be *washed*, and nothing can be *poured in* to the soul. We use these expressions to try to understand the mystery that takes place when a person is baptized.

Baptism, then, signifies a death to sin, to selfishness and pride. It also symbolizes a resurrection to a new and higher kind of life, supernatural



life, a sharing in God's own inner life of knowledge and love through the virtues of Faith and Love and Hope.

Easter should remind us of this double truth about Christ's Resurrection and ours.

Just as Peter, John, Magdalen and the other Apostles could believe in the Resurrection without understanding exactly just how it happened, so can we.

Jesus Christ was not merely human, but man and God: "true God from true God...one in being with the Father."

We (after Baptism) are no longer merely human, but *Christened*

human beings.

Which means?

--modeled after Christ, formed in Christ, sharing the mind and the outlook of Christ.

As such, no wonder we go all out in celebrating the glorious Resurrection of Christ our Lord with triple Alleluias, even.

Our Lord told the world that He was divine, the He was God... and He proved it! By His Resurrection.

He promised a similar resurrection to those who in this life "die" and are "raised up" again in Baptism.

He will keep that promise. God does not break His promises.

And speaking of promises...

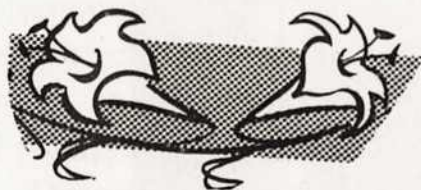
Didn't we make some promises to God at our Baptism? I sort of think we did.

Something like: to reject sin? to reject the glamour of evil? to refuse to be mastered by evil? to reject Satan?

Of course, you don't remember. When you were baptized you were a baby.

You made those promises through the lips of your godparents. Although they said the words, you undertook to keep the promises.

So in our thinking about Christ's Resurrection and ours we must be aware of our Baptismal promises and Christ's promise. Do you think Christ will fulfill His promise of a resurrection and life eternal with Hime, if we do not live up to our promises to reject sin, the glamour of evil and Satan?



"A Most Holy Easter!" to my faithful readers (which includes all Knights of Lithuania, their families and friends).

May the glorious mystery of the Resurrection inspire you with greater courage and unwavering fidelity in the service of the Risen Christ.



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SHOPPING IN Boston, Massachusetts

Filet's Basement is an experience and to really find out, go if you have a chance. Basement buyers wait for a clearance at Saks Fifth Avenue, Magnin, Bergdorf Goodman, Brook Bros., Frost Bros., or Lord and Taylor. When the merchandise arrives, the dated tags go on. After 12 days the price drops 25%, after 18 days 50%. The final cut is 75% with 24 selling days. If not sold, the merchandise is given away to charities. One woman bought a wedding gown for \$6.00 on the final markdown. People from all over the country fly in for

the big sales; and even call the manager to make hotel reservations.

One woman flies in on her private plane, goes to the sales, buys lobsters, loads everything aboard and gets home in time for dinner. One may see Mayor White and his wife, and ex-Governor Dukakis there. Where could one find Neiman Marcus, Christian Dior, all top makers, perfumes, jewelry, cut glass and much more *stuff*.

Faneuil Hall is in the Quincy Market conglomeration of shops and restaurants. There is no hall in America that is so rich in historical

memories as this old Cradle of Liberty. Senator Edward Kennedy made his announcement to run for the presidency from this building.

Along Tremont Street, which had several names; finally changed because of all the trees, one finds history there. From the start of the Common there is so much to see. The Old Granary Burial Grounds is on this street as well as King's Chapel, etc.

There is so much to see. Come early and enjoy yourself on your visit to historical Boston during the convention.

Phil Carter



Famous Quincy March at night

HISTORIC BOSTON



State House from the Boston Common.

Starting on May 29th, Boston will celebrate its 350th birthday. The biggest fleet of sailing ships from 15 different countries, plus 7 types of modern U.S. Navy war ships, will have dropped anchor on that day. About 1,000,000 people are expected during a week-long celebration.

Last October 1, 1979, Pope John Paul II held his first outdoor Mass in the U.S.A. on Boston Common. The Common was once used as a cow pasture and training field, 200 years ago. The town of Boston, by Governor Winthrop and others bought this land from William Blackstone for \$150,00 in 1634. This parcel of land contains nearly 50 acres. For the first 100 years, this park was used as a dump since they didn't have a Health Department and a town order required that every homeowner keep the front of his dwelling clean. The owners hired farmers to get rid of their garbage and trash, and the nearest place was the Dump. When the town of Boston became a city and the charter drawn up, a clause was inserted making the Common public property forever.

On Beacon Hill, opposite the Boston Common, is the State House. The glittering dome is gilded with 5,000 square feet of gold leaf that is almost pure gold - 23.5 karats out of a possible 24. The Superintendent of Buildings estimated that at the high prices of gold, it was worth \$1,000,000. During World War II the dome's luster was temporarily tarnished with a coat of battleship gray.



Louisburg Square on Beacon Hill.

Beacon Hill was once about 110 feet high but they needed fill for around the Common and it was taken from there. In certain areas, it is one of the most exclusive and expensive places to live. One month after a lot of the buildings went condominium, garage spaces went also. They cost between \$7,500 and \$9,500 each and were sold out immediately plus a long waiting list. In addition, \$65.00 a month is also charged, for a space of about 170 feet somewhere in the garage.

The Kennedy Library at Columbia Point, is a must when one visits Boston. The museum is very extensive and the archives contain 28,000,000 pages of documents. It is

a dazzling nine story structure of white pre-cast concrete. It has two 250 seat theatres to see a 30-minute film about John F. Kennedy from 1917-1963. About 1,000,000 people are expected this year. The museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$.75 and there is no charge for those under 16 and senior citizens.

Anthony's Pier 4 is one of the world's largest restaurants. Last year it served more than 700,000 customers. Just to give you an idea, it takes 25,000 fresh haddock fillets and 1,100 bushels of oysters annually; 6,500 shrimp a month; and 1,100 eggs a week just for popovers. It is located on Northern Avenue. Just down the street is Jimmy's Harborside where the late President John F. Kennedy used to enjoy fish chowder.



Paul Revere statue with Old North Church in the background.

REJOICE ON
EASTER MORN'



May Easter Day and the
 days to come hold much
 happiness and many
 blessings for you. ✠

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MANO DĖDĖ SARGAS

Mano mamos brolis buvo viengungis. Kaip jam pavyko išsisukti iš moteriškų pinklių, niekad neteko sužinoti. Neturėdamas savų namų, gyveno su mumis kaip mylimas šeimos narys. Jis buvo augšto ūgio, juodbrūvis, petingas vyras. Vyras iš stuomens ir liemens! — kaip žmonės sakydavo. Jis man primindavo girdėtą Lietuvos ąžuolą — stiprų, nepalaužiamą. Mudu labai gražiai sugyvenom, nors jį visad laikiau aukščiausioj pagarboj. Jis nepatingėdavo mane mažą dažnai pakiloti, pašnekinti ir pasupti ant kojos. Man labai patikdavo pasiklausti jo atsiminimų iš Lietuvos, iš tarnybos caro kariuomenėje ir dienų praleistų tėviškėje. Dėdė buvo tykus žmogus ir labai kantrus, nepavargdavo atsakinėti jį mano nesuskaitomus vaikiškus klausimus.

Nikad nepamiršiu šio vieno vakaro. Sugrįžęs iš bažnyčios po išpažinties, dėdė atrodė rimtas, susimąstęs, giliai susikaupęs. Skubotai nusivilko marškinius ir, užuot ruošęsis gulti, pasiėmė savo puoduką su muilu, susiplakė putų ir pradėjo šepetuku muilytis veidą skutimuisi. Kol barzda sudrėks, atsilenkė skustuvą ir ėmė pustyti ant odinio pusto. Patikrinti ašmenų aštrumui, išpešė iš vešlios galvos plauką ir perskrodė jį išilgai. Dar sykį išmuilijęs veidą pradėjo skustis. Barzda buvo tamsi ir tanki, bet jokių būdu nesiprieši-

no ir nesišiaušė traukiamam skustuvui. Vienur kitur patempė odą, iškišo smakrą, pakišo liežuvį po lūpa arba išpūtė žandus, kad švariau nusiskustų. Ūsiukus paliko neliestus. Juos su žirklem ir tankiom šukom gražiai apgenėjo. Pabaigęs nusi-plovė likusį muilą ir nusišluostė veidą. Pakėlė mano mažą rankutę prie smakro patikrinti ar gražiai nusiskuto. Visai kitoks jausmas. Kitais atvejais kai pagrindavo veiduką pažėlusia barzda, buvo šiurkštu. Tada jį buvo kaip brūžyklė, o dabar švelnutėlė ir slidi.

Nuskubėjęs į viršų, sugrįžo pakeitęs kelnes ir nešinas kitais drabužiais. Pirmą sykį teko matyti dėdę dėvinti tokias gražias, melsvas kelnes su auksinėmis juostelėmis iš šonų nuo diržo iki blizgančių batų. Užsivilko lygiai gražų švarkelį su stačia apikakle,

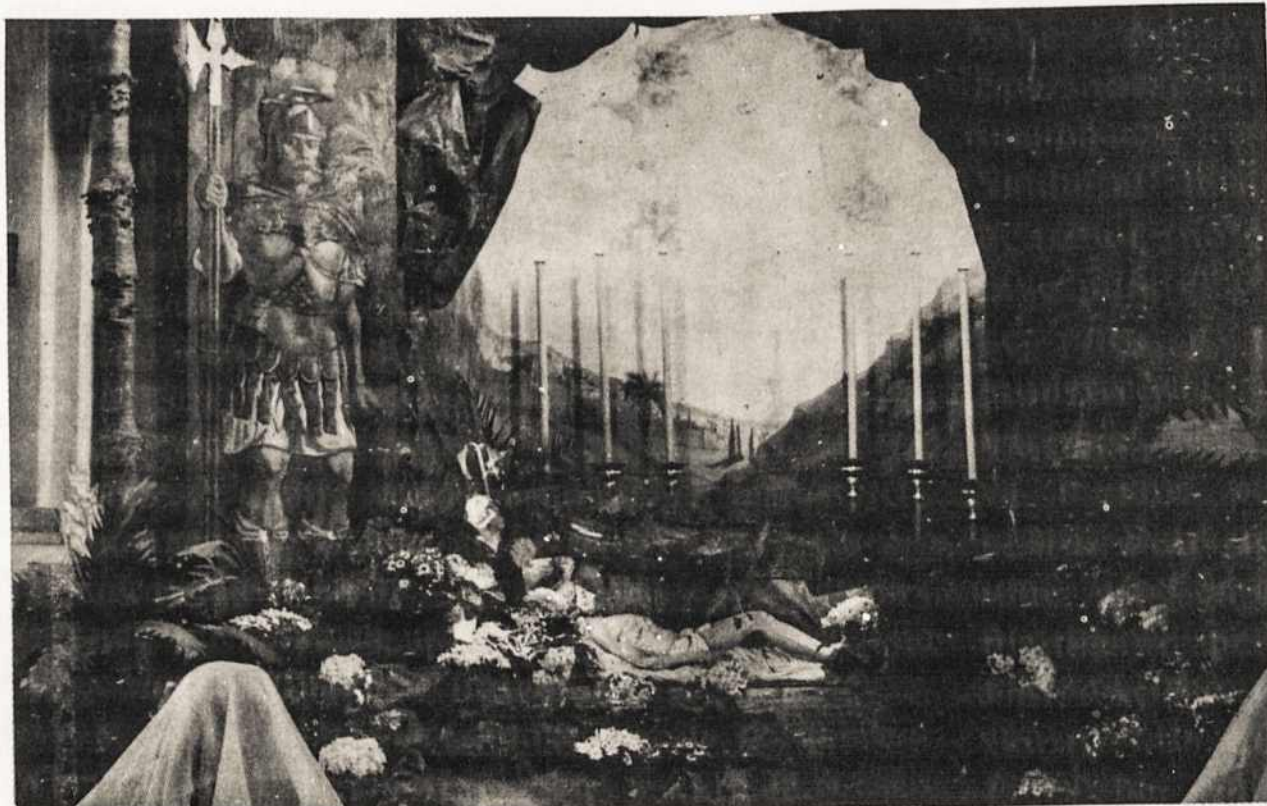
susegtą dviem eilėm spindinčių sagų. Plačią krūtinę puošė auksinėmis pynėmis įmantriai išvedžioti vingiai ir kilpos.

— Dėde, kaip gražiai jūs atrodote, — prasitariau. — Kur eisite? Jam tamsu lauke ir per vėlu į paradą.

— Į paradą tai neisiu, Petruk. Šį vakarą yra daug, daug svarbesnis reikalas. Su šv. Jurgio Draugijos nariais eisiu stovėti sargybos. Labai iškilmingos ir šventos sargybos.

— Sargybos, dėde? — nesuprasdamas pakartojau.

— Taip, Petruk. Nuo vakar, per visą šį šeštadienį, ir per visą šią šventą naktį, mūsų nukryžiuotas Išganytojas guli kape. Mano eilė pakaitomis stovėti sargu. Tai labai didelė garbė ir malonus patarnavimas Jėzui. Jeigu tavo tėtė sutiktų, paprašyk, gal atsivestų į bažnyčią



pamatyti, kur Kristus palaidotas.

Nutariau, būtinai norėsiu pamatyti kur dėdė stovės sargu ir prašysiu tėtę, kad nusivestų į bažnyčią.

Ant pečių dėdė dar prisisegė auksinius pasipūtusius antpečius ir per juosmenį persijuosė tamsiu diržu. Prie diržo prisitaisė sidabrines makštis, į kurias įleido švytančiai nušveistą kardą. Rankena buvo stambi ir auksinė, apvesta plačiu aukso lanku apsaugoti pirštams, kad mūšyje priešas jų nenukirstų. Ant galvos užsidėjo aprangai priderintą kareivišką kepurę su snapuku. Dėdė, rodos, paaugo visu sprindžiu. Dirstelėjęs į veidrodį, paklausė ar viskas tvarkoj?

— O, dėde, jūs labai gražiai atrodote. Taip labai noriu pamatyti jus prie Kristaus kapo.

Dėdei patiko mano įvertinimas ir žaismingai man atidavęs kareivišką pagarbą, išskubėjo į nakties glūdumą.

Tekinas nubėgau pas tėtę prašyti vestis mane į bažnyčią. Išvargęs nuo sunkaus dienos darbo, tėtė rokiu būdu nesidavė įkalbamas. Bėgau pas mamą. Ji būtų sutikus, nes ir jai būtų buvę malonu pamatyti savo brolių sargu, bet prisibijojo viena su



manimi vaikščioti naktį blankiai apšviestomis gatvėmis. Neatlyžtančiu, ašaringu mano maldavimu, laimėjau tėtės širdį. Jis ir mama sutiko išpildyti mano karštą norą. Iškeliajome į bažnyčią.

Nuėję radom keletą moterėlių dar besimeldžiančių prie šoninio altoriaus moterų pusėje. Vis bažnyčia skendėjo tamsoje ir tyloje. Tik šis vienas šoninis altorius žerėjo šviesomis ir žvakėmis. Fonas buvo išklotas šilkais ir aksomu. Iš šonų buvo puodai su įsodintom palmėm ir ant įvairaus augščio staliukų buvo pristatyta mėlynų, baltų ir rožinių hiacintų. Ant altoriaus buvo tikras daržas baltų lelijų ir raudonų tulpių. Augštai iškeltoje monstrancijoje, apgaubtoje plonu, permatomu šydu buvo išstatytas Švenčiausias Sakramentas. Altoriaus papėdėje buvo paguldytas miręs nukryžiuotas Jėzus. Viena ranka ilsėjos ant krūtinės prie ieties žaizdos šone, o antra atmesta gulėjo nusvirus į šalį. Rankose ir kojose matyti vinių

paliktos žymės. Šioje grotelių pusėje stovėjo keturi sargai, rodos, nieko negirdėdami, nukreipę akis į Švenčiausiąjį, su didžiausia pagarba laikė tiesiai iškeltus kardus. Su kareivišku pasiryžimu jie sergėjo Kristaus kapą.

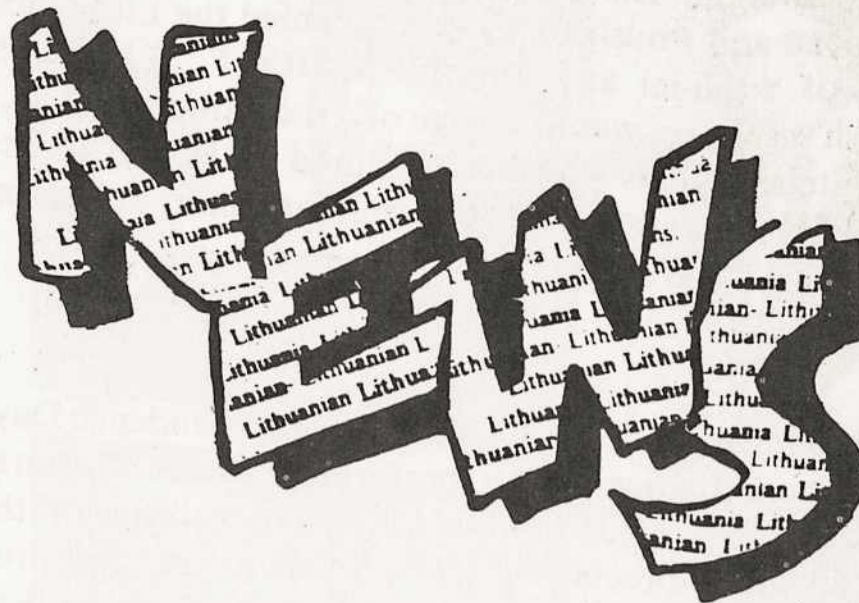
Priklaupę ant abiejų kelių ir palenkę galvas, pagarbinome Švenčiausiąjį. Suėję į suolus, atsiklaupėm pasimelsti. Sunku buvo susitelkti ir sukalbėti poteries, nes negalėjau atsistebėti puošmenų, gėlių ir šviesų grožiu, ypač tais oriais ir nekrotančiais sargais. Jaučiausi, kad danguje nebus gražiau, tik ten dar giedos ir arfomis gros angelai. Žinojau, kad šie vyrai yra tikri sargai, nes jie buvo tokie augšti, tvirti, plačių pečių, ir, be abejojimo, drąsūs vyrai. Stovėjo pasiruošę atremti bet kokį puoliką. Tikrai niekas nedrįstų bandyti pro juos prasiveržti ir kenkti Jėzui. O mano dėdė buvo pats augščiausias, drąsiausias ir stipriausias.

Po valandėlės, atsisveikinę su besiilsinčiu Kristumi ir, tarę „Labanakt“, grįžom į namus. Širdyje jaučiau pasididžiavimą mano dėde ir buvau įsitikinęs, kad jis neleis nieko nelemto atsitikti Jėzui.

Stasys P. Vaičaitis



Lithuanians in The



Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

The Sisters of St. Casimir recently marked the 100th birthday of their foundress, the late Mother Maria Kaupas, with a Eucharist and a tribute to her. Her friends and relatives formed a panel to discuss their experiences of her at Maria Auditorium. Retired Doctor John Ruzic, M.D., recalled the unforgettable impression Mother Maria made upon him at the opening of Holy Cross Hospital. He was also edified by Mother Maria's serene and collected demeanor on her deathbed despite the great pain she was enduring. Father Joseph Dambrauskas, now provincial of the Marian Fathers, was a newly-ordained chaplain at Holy Cross during Mother Maria's last illness and administered Communion to her. He reported that the room seemed to be flooded with the presence of God and that Mother Maria's face suffused with great joy and peace.

With John Cardinal Cody presiding, the Eucharistic liturgy was concelebrated by Father Stanley Gaucias, chaplain for the Sisters of St. Casimir, and Marian Fathers Dambrauskas, Peter Cibulski, Peter Cinikas, and Boniface Vaisnoras. Also present in the sanctuary was Bishop Vincent Brizgys, Lithuanian bishop in exile. Music for the Mass was provided by Sisters of St. Casimir Theresa Papsis, Linda Therese, M. Clarita, M. Reginald and several students from Maria High School.

Born Casimira Kaupas in Ramygala, Lithuania, in 1880, Mother Maria received religious training from the Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross, Ingenbohl, Switzerland, and the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart, Scranton, Pa. Pope Pius X approved establishment of the Sisters of St. Casimir in 1907. The same year Archbishop E. J. Quigley of Chicago selected a site for the order's Motherhouse in Chicago.

The Sisters of St. Casimir operate Loretto Hospital and its Health Services Center in Cicero, and Holy Cross Hospital, in addition to staffing our many schools.

The Church in America and in Lithuania was enriched because of Mother Maria's generosity and dedication. Her deep desire that the faith be fostered and nurtured, as well as her loving concern for suffering, have been the motivation for the ministry of the Sisters of St. Casimir to God's people through schools, hospitals and homes for the aged.

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John Cardinal Cody and Sister Julie of Maria High School.

A hybrid celebration of Lithuanian Independence Day and Mardi Gras was held on February 16th and 17th at Immaculate Conception Parish, Chicago. To accommodate the changing tastes of the neighborhood, Mexican and Polish foods accompanied the Lithuanian fare of virginiai and kugelis. **MARY F. KINCIUS**, parish secretary, was in charge of "the dumpling gang," the kitchen artists who were featured on Bob Wallace's CBS-TV presentation of their culinary skills at making virtiniai.

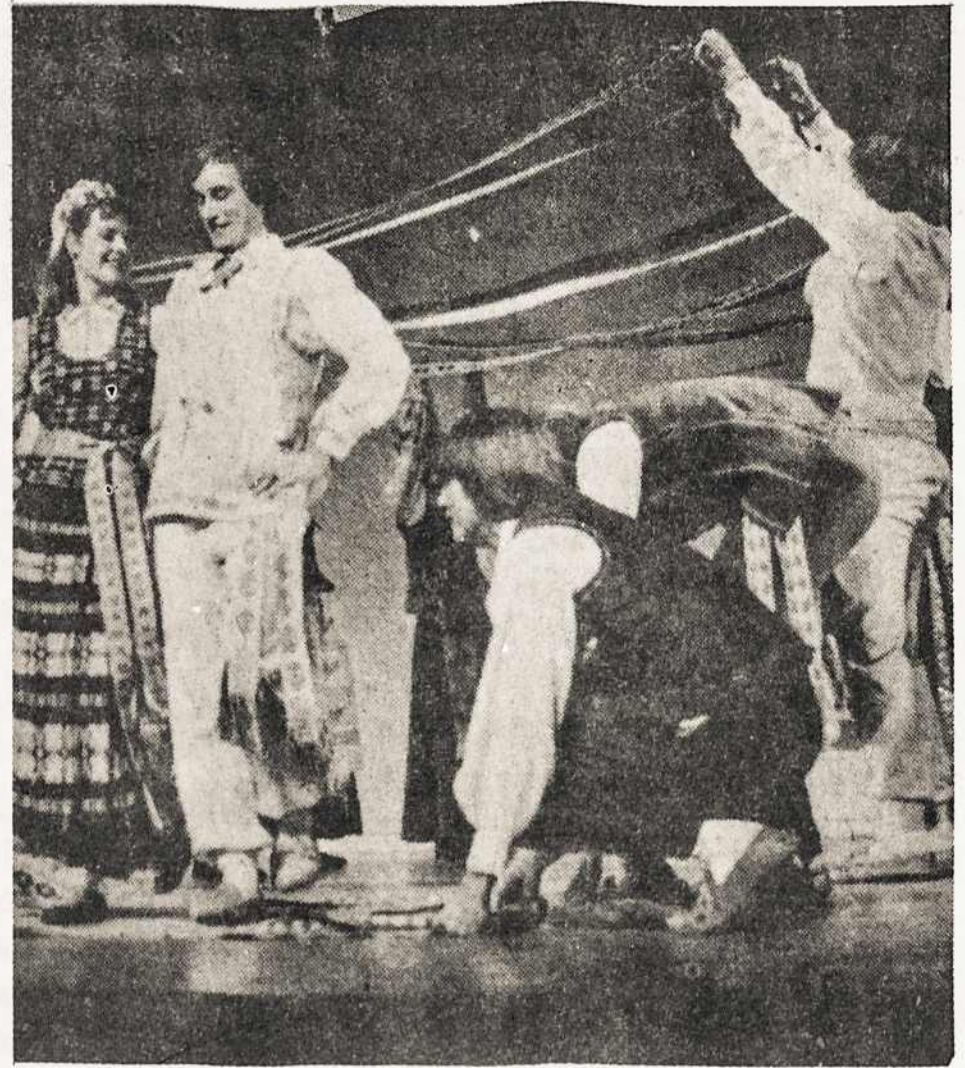
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In commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day, the Grandis dance group performed at the Cultural Center of the Chicago Public Library on February 17th. The group is directed by Irena Shieliauskas. The program was held in conjunction with "The Wedding Exhibit" which was being featured at the cultural center. The marriage customs of five different ethnic groups were spotlighted in an exhibit and a series of weekend programs focusing on the traditional dress, music for the ceremony, menu for the reception and the dances to be enjoyed by the bride, bridegroom and wedding guests.

"The Wedding" was sponsored by the Ethnic Cultural Preservation Council and partially funded by a City Arts Grant from the Chicago Council on Fine Arts. Institutions that worked to make this program possible, were, The Italian Cultural Center; The Spertus Museum of Judaica; The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture; The Polish Museum of America; and The Swedish American Museum Association of Chicago.



Stanley Balzekas, Jr., C-36, Secretary of the Chicago Public Library Board of Directors and founder of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, and the Hon. Josephine J. Dauszvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, HM C-112, enjoy exhibit of "The Wedding" at the Cultural Center.



The dance performances were directed by Ellie Livcinas, who is also the director of the Intercontinental Dancers who performed the other ethnic wedding dances.

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A videotape documentary of Pope John Paul II's visit to Chicago is available from Lithuanian Video/Live, not-for-profit production company which has been serving Chicago's Lithuanian community for the past five years and which is operated by **DR. JOHN BOGUTA** and his wife **TERESA**. Entitled "The Pope and the People of Chicago," the hour-long film provides a look at how the people of Chicago responded to the Pope's presence and his message. Featured in the videotape are scenes from Grant Park, Five Holy Martyrs before and during the visit, and Marquette Park during the papal motorcade. The Boguta's recently had a program aired on WTTW-TV entitled "Marquette Park: A Personal Perspective."

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Lithuanian folk art was on display at the Daley Center in Chicago in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day, February 11th through 15th. Also at the Daley Center, the "Zibutes" Choir from Argentina and the "Azuolynas" Dancers from Uruguay performed traditional Lithuanian songs and folk dances on February 26th.

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A group of Washington-area Americans of Lithuanian descent commemorated the 400th anniversary of the University of Vilnius by presenting Georgetown University with a six-volume set of the English language *Encyclopedia Lituanica*.

Jointly sponsored by Council 142 of the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian-American Council of Metropolitan Washington, the gift marked the expansion of Lithuanian Studies at Georgetown University. Georgetown is the only school in the Washington area to offer Lithuanian language courses.

There are growing numbers of people seeking information about Lithuania according to Virginia Gureckas, GU Lithuanian instructor. This encyclopedia, published in a free country, is particularly important and valuable. *Encyclopedia Lituanica* was printed in 1970 and contains otherwise unobtainable information about Lithuanian history and culture.

Founded in 1789, Georgetown University is 210 years younger than the University of Vilnius, which was also founded by the Jesuits. Georgetown is the oldest Catholic institution of higher education in the United States and the oldest university in Washington, D.C.



Eva Migonis, President, K of L C-142; Joseph Jeffs, Georgetown Head Librarian; Virginia Gureckas, Lithuanian language class instructor; and Linus Kojelis, President, Lithuanian American Community of Metropolitan Washington, in a recent ceremony marking the donation of a six-volume set of the Encyclopedia Lituanica.



REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA DAY - 16th of FEBRUARY, 1980 - Governor Edward J. King of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a **PROCLAMATION** in commemoration of the 62nd anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. At the State House, Boston, Massachusetts, representatives of the Lithuanian American Council of Greater Boston present, left to right - Daniel Averka; Mrs. Ona Ivask; Alexander J. Chaplik, President; Anthony Andriulionis, Trustee; Dr. Algirda Budreckis; Edmund Cibas, Treasurer; Felicija Grendal, Secretary; and Alexander Griauzde. Governor King was principal guest speaker at the Mass Meeting held at the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Association's Auditorium.

Ed. Note: Messrs. Averka, Chaplik and Budreckis and Ms. Grendal are all K of L members.

FATHER ROGER J. CAPLIS of Niles College, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Chicago, has been appointed administrator of St. Hilary Parish, Chicago. He will also retain his duties as director of the Archdiocesan Vocations Office. Father Caplis is of Lithuanian heritage, second or third generation. He was a commentator during the TV coverage of Pope John Paul II's visit to Chicago.



FRANK PASSIC, curator of the Numismatic department of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Chicago, **MARIAN SEBASTIAN**, volunteer staff member of the museum, and **MARIA STANKUS-SAULAITIS**, humanist at the University of Illinois, view a February exhibit of the first currency of Lithuania, "Ostmark," which was changed to "Auksinas," meaning gold.



Sue and Leonore Shimkus Twins

The **SHIMKUS** sisters, **SUZANNE**, **LEONORE** and **BARBARA**, are the backbone of the Marian Catholic High School girls basketball team, the "Fillies." Suzanne and Leonore are twins and Barbara has a twin brother on the boy's team. Their home is in Mahanoy City, Pa. and they are the nieces of Msgr. Shimkus of Philadelphia.

Suzy, a senior, who is a 5'11" forward, scored her 2,000th point, moving her into fifth place on the list of all time leading scorers in Pennsylvania girls' basketball history. When she hit a jump shot to reach 2,001 career points, the evening became hers during a 25 minute celebration, when a bevy of 2,000 balloons floated down from the gym ceiling along with a barage of 2,000 pieces of candy and she was hoisted on her teammates' shoulders. A presentation of gifts began when Suzy gave her mother a bouquet of flowers and her father the ball used to set the mark. Each of her teammates also received a flower. In turn, Suzy's teammates presented her with a trophy and the boys' team presented a bouquet of roses.

Suzy's twin, Leonore, is a 5'7" guard. She's a fine student who ranks 5th in her class. Leonore is the team's best shooter, best playmaker and best dribbler.

Younger sister, Barbara, a sophomore, is under a lot of pressure because of all the things her sisters can do, but she's tough on the boards and is going to be a good player.

Marian's 1979-80 girls' team is unbeaten and may well be the best they've ever had.

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The North American Soccer League club "Cosmos" announced the resignation of Coach **RAY KLIVECKA** in January. Klivecka, a native of Lithuania, became an all-American soccer player in 1965 as a forward at Long Island University. He was a physical education professor and soccer coach at New York City Colley for 11 years before he joined the Cosmos in 1978. He left the Cosmos in search of a head-coaching job where he could be totally in charge. Executives of the Cosmos were sorry to see him leave because in the three years that he had been with the team he made immeasurable contributions to the organization.

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Princess Caroline of Monaco gets tennis tips from **VITAS GERULAITIS** at a pro-celebrity tennis tournament in North Miami Beach, Florida. The tournament was a benefit for the Association for Retarded Children.

The Lithuanian-American Police Association recently presented a Canine (K-9) demonstration at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. The demonstration showed the everyday workings of the police officer with the police dogs.

The Museum encourages many organizations, such as the Lithuanian-American Police Association, to bring their many programs and lectures to the community.

PETER BALSUS, President of the LAPA, helped to arrange the demonstration. The LAPA has held their meetings at the Museum for the past three years.

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COL. GERALD J. SAMOS has been named new Director of Defense Disemination Program (DDP) at SAMSO. The DDP is responsible for the dissemination of data to both American locations in the States and overseas. As such, the office manages all government and contractor activities associated with the design, development and production of the system and controls all the resources allocated to the program. Samos, of Lithuanian heritage, is a cousin of Vincent Samaska, C-36.

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"LAPA" Canine demonstration at Balzekas Museum

We get letters...

Mrs. Loretta I. Stukas
1467 Force Drive
Mountainside, N.J. 07092

Dear Mrs. Stukas:

Thank you very much for the two copies of *The Knights of Lithuania Vytis*, which you so kindly sent to me.

I must congratulate you on the excellent coverage of the Holy Father's trip. I was particularly proud when we passed the Lithuanian Plaza in Chicago: our people certainly took great pride in their accomplishments.

With best wishes, I am,



Sincerely yours,
Paul C. Marcinkus
Vatican City

December 29, 1979

Dear Editor,

By accident the "Vytis" was left at our home during the Christmas season. In fact I had my dinner for our Ono Club and having two Lithuanian members, two Russian and six Polish, one left the book.

I read it from cover to cover and found it very interesting, especially the poem "Life is a story of volumes three."

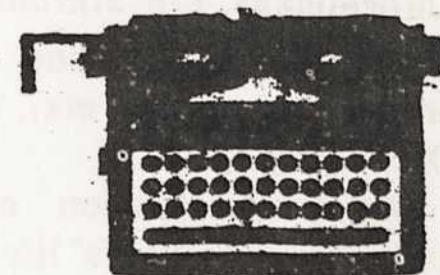
It's no mystery who left the book because the name Miss Ann Dudewicz was on the back cover. She is the reason for this note. Ann is one who never forgets she is Lith-

uanian and proud of it. We have learned from her about customs, etc., of the Lithuanian people.

She know nothing of this but I'd like her name mentioned in *Vytis*.

Sincerely,

(Name withheld by request)





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OFFICIAL NEWS



... National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Rev. Casimir Pugevicius spent two and a half weeks during February, in Geneva, Switzerland during the meetings of the International Commission for Human Rights. In his capacity as Vice President of the Baltic Appeal to the United Nations, BATUN, his agenda included distribution of Baltic Human Rights violations documentation and visits with the represented embassies. His colleague in this endeavor was BATUN Board adjunct, Vija Siksna-Klive, a Latvian.

... Illinois-Indiana District Membership Vice president Sabina Klatt has announced the official reactivation of Council #14, Cicero, IL on February 3rd. Ms. Klatt attended the reorganization meeting and election of officers. Council 14 President is Jean Vance.

... The Supreme Council gratefully acknowledges the Greetings for continued success in the work of the K of L extended by Thomas E. Mack, Esq. President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance. The official greetings were accompanied by a contribution of \$500 toward organization efforts from the Alliance. Aciu!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED, to bring about the Canonization of another Lithuanian saint...archbishop **GEORGE MATULAITIS**, founder of the Lithuanian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, restorer of the Marian Fathers, and faithful servant of God throughout his lifetime. You can help with your prayers and your actions. Signatures are needed for petitions to the Holy Father requesting consideration of the Canonization, literature must be distributed spreading the word about Archbishop George's life and accomplishments, and of course, prayers are always welcome.

The Knights of Lithuania adopted this cause as a special project last year... let us not let it go by the wayside. **WRITE TODAY**, to Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas, c/o Marian Fathers, 6336 S. Kilbourn Chicago, IL. 60629, and offer your help... ask for literature, petitions, etc., and **JOIN IN THIS MOST WORTHY CAUSE!!!**

More information on the project, and on Archbishop Matulaitis' life and works will be given in future issues of VYTIS. Watch for it.

... Delegates to the 1979 National Convention will recall the dramatic homily given by Rev. Jurgelaitis during the opening Mass concerning the then recently surfaced Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania #37 the Preface of which "Mes ne veni!" thanks the Knights of Lithuania for its efforts on behalf of the Catholics of Lithuania.

Chronicle #37 has recently appeared in its English translation edition and can be secured from the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee at 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207. Cost is \$1 for single copies and 50¢ for orders of five copies or more. Order this piece of K of L history today!

... The Knights of Lithuania and the VYTIS Staff gratefully acknowledge the donation of \$50.00 toward VYTIS expenses, from the LITHUANIAN FOUNDATION, Inc. The Lithuanian Foundation has acquired capital from donations from various Lithuanian benefactors ... individuals, organizations, and businesses. The income from investment of this capital is used to support various Lithuanian activities, such as publications, radio hours, and cultural groups, each year. The Knights of Lithuania and the VYTIS are grateful for the interest and support demonstrated by the Foundation.

IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT KIBURIS
Member C-17 Srs.
South Boston, Mass.
died Nov. 1, 1979

EDWARD BURKE
Member C-29
Newark, N.J.
Died Mar. 13, 1980

Rev. VINCENT PUIDOKAS
Member C-103
Providence, R.I.
Died Jan. 23, 1980

ANTOINETTE LOUIS
Member C-25
Cleveland, Ohio
Died Dec. 24, 1979

ANTHONY LIAKAS
Member C-36
Chicago, IL.
died March, 1980

ANTHONY LUIZA
Member C-25
Cleveland, Ohio
Died Jan. 23, 1980



Want to be "all dolled up?" You can do it literally, if you read and follow the **HOW-TO BOOK OF INTERNATIONAL DOLLS**. This is the most complete book on dolls from around the world. It is invaluable not only for all craftspeople looking for instructions on making dolls but also for collectors, and for all those who like to look at and study authentic dolls in the regional costumes of various countries.

Several pages are devoted to Lithuanian dolls as well, with short explanations of the special folk heroes they represent or the dances they depict. The author, Loretta Holz, has been widely published in the leading craft and women's magazines, and has authored several other books. She has also written widely about Lithuanian crafts, as egg-decorating, Christmas ornaments, etc., and has lectured on Lithuanian Christmas customs and rituals. You will surely enjoy this book and its 900 photographs! Crown Publishers, Inc.

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH (Dievo Motinos Nuolatines Pagalbos Parapija) of Cleveland, Ohio recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary. As a souvenir of this special occasion, the parish committee, under the direction of pastor Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas, S.J., prepared and published an attractive and interesting history of the parish. The history, telescoping the parish's colorful and rich history of devotion and work "for God and Country," is printed in both English and Lithuanian and is richly illustrated with photos of building projects, school children in their many pursuits, and numerous organizational activities.

The book's text was prepared by Balys Gaidziunas, with the English translation by Algis Ruksenas. Photographs are by Vladas Bacevicius, Balys Gaidziunas, Jonas Garla, Catholic University Bulletin, Algimantas Kezys, S.J. and others. We congratulate Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and its parishioners on the occasion of the Golden Anniversary, and especially congratulate the publication committee on the beautiful memorial to their parish they prepared to commemorate the anniversary.



Lithuanian dancer, from
"HOW - TO..." book

"TAU MARIJA, ROŽINIS"

Kanados Lietuvių Katalikų Centro liturginė komisija išleido iš Lietuvos atvežtus Kunigo K. Žitkaus eiliuotus rožančiaus paslapčių apmastymus. Leidinį finansavo Tėvų Pranciškonų Prisikėlimo parapija Toronte savo 25 metų veiklos sukakties proga.

Kaip žinote, rožančius susideda iš trijų dalių (džiaugsmingoji, skausmingoji ir Garbingoji) ir kiekviena dalis turi po penkias paslaptis. Iš viso yra penkiolika paslapčių. Kunigo Žitkaus knygutėje yra dešimt apmastymų kiekvienai paslapčiai. Kiekvieno atskiro rožančiaus apmastymo pradžia yra paduota vardu ir puslapiu knygutės turinyje. Kalbėdami kasdien rožančių jūs galėsite naudoti vis naują apmastymą prieš kiekvieną paslaptį net dvi savaites,

Jei norėtumėt užsakyti šią gražią knygutę kam nors kaip dovaną gimtadienio, vardadienio, Pirmos Komunijos, Sutvirtinimo, vestuvių ar įvairių švenčių proga, prašom rašyti mums šio adresu:

**R.C. Parish of the Resurrection
Franciscan Fathers
1101 College St.
Toronto 4, Ont.**

(Attn: Rev. T. Augustinas Simanavičius, OFM)

Jei jūs savo auka prisidėsit prie spausdinimo išlaidų, Tėvai Pranciškomai bus labai dėkingi.

A UNIQUE NEW VENTURE

For the first time in Lithuanian-American history, we now have a color catalog featuring the richness and diversity of our Lithuanian culture. Entitled "Lithuanian Heritage Products & Services," the 72 page publication was brought by Baltic Associates, Ltd., a nationwide firm based in Boston. The objective of this new organization is to make the work of Lithuanian-American artists, craftspeople, designers, manufacturers, publishers, etc., available on a mass basis, thereby giving the Lithuanian creative genius the prominence and exposure it deserves.

The catalog contains virtually every conceivable type of Lithuanian item designed to express the interest, tastes, and aspirations of Lithuanian-Americans. Thus, to name only a few, it offers amber artifacts, silver jewelry in Lithuanian designs, weavings and apparels, crystal glassware, leather goods, a wealth of magnificent wood carvings, a large selection of records, tapes, and books on Lithuania in English, Lithuanian musical instruments, totebags and aprons in sparkling Lithuanian patterns, banners, pennants, bumperstickers, decals, flags, pins, buttons, decorative plaques, functional items in Lithuanian designs, even an assortment of traditional food delicacies, not to mention a variety of needed services - research, translation, record pressing, tape duplication, custom artwork and advertising.

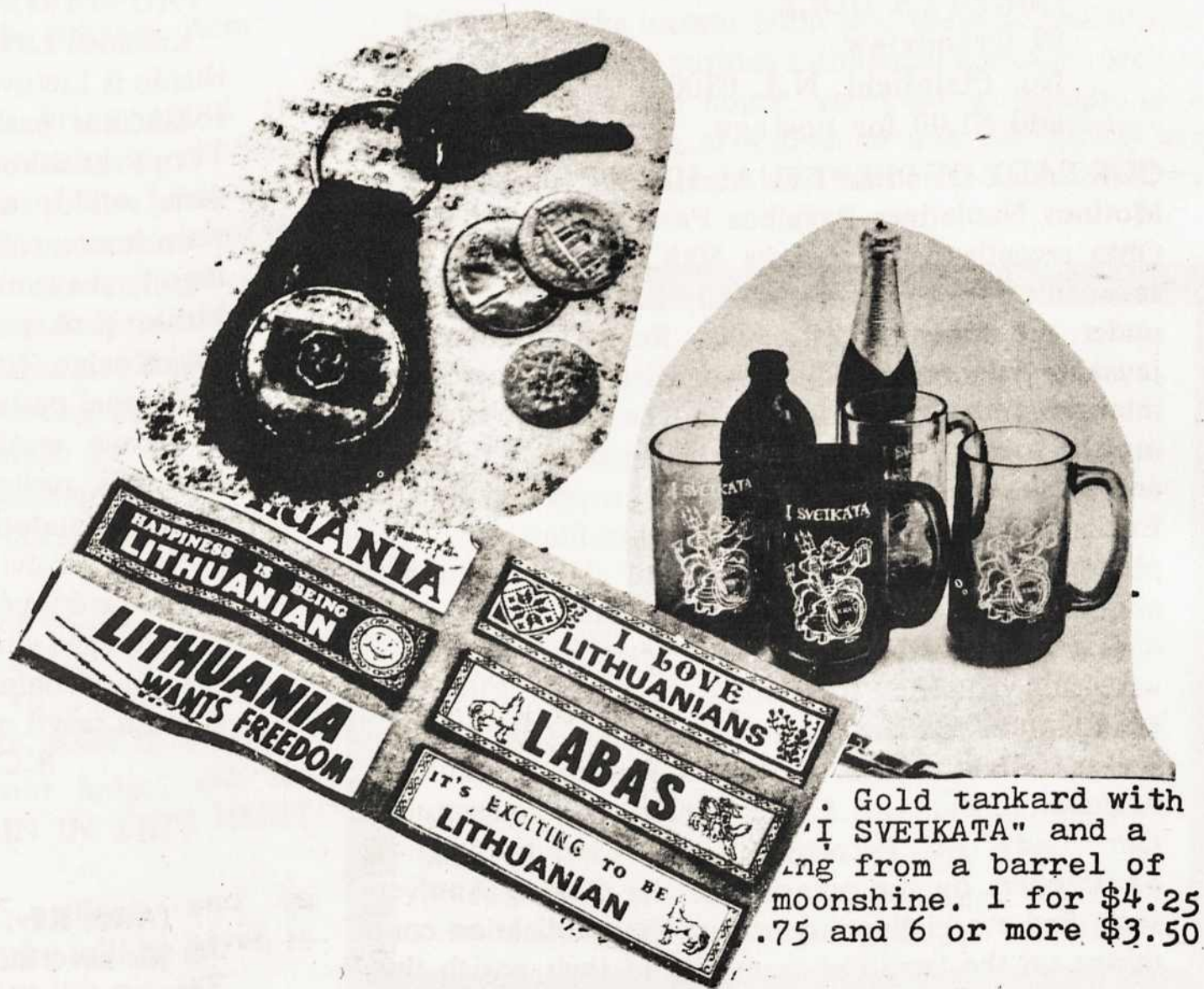
All of the offerings in this special catalog illustrate a basic theme - the belief that being Lithuanian is a way of life, reflected in the sounds we hear, the words we think, the things

with which we surround ourselves, the fabrics we wear, the emblems we sport, even the flavors we relish. Now the catalog offers us the chance to build ourselves this type of deeply satisfying Lithuanian environment at the same time that we support the creative efforts of our designers, artists, and other producers, and display the beauty of our rich heritage for all the world to see.

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It ought to be stressed that without the support of the K of L, especially Council 144, this catalog would not have seen the light of day. They lent their immense enthusiasm, resources, and encouragement to Baltic Associates during the long and difficult time it took to organize, to gather up and/or produce the nearly 1,000 different products, and to publish the costly color catalog. The support of these lovely K of L'ers is acknowledged in the publication. And now that it has finally appeared, their help again is requested in distributing and promoting the catalog - so that the effort put in by everybody will have been worth the while.



Gold tankard with "I SVEIKATA" and a label from a barrel of moonshine. 1 for \$4.25 .75 and 6 or more \$3.50

JACK SHARKEY'S MEMORIES

by Tony Yuknis

In Epping, New Hampshire the former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, Jack Sharkey, is known as the "Squire of Epping." The 77-year-old sports celebrity whiles his time away by fishing, hunting and traveling. He is considered an expert of fishing in New England.

At the age of 14 Sharkey (originally Joseph Zukauskas) enlisted in the U.S. Navy. There the growing boy won the fleet's heavyweight boxing championship. When he returned to civilian life he went to Boston to try his luck at prize fighting. There the promoter told him that they paid \$100 and up for a preliminary bout. "Heck, I'd fight the whole fleet for a hundred bucks," the novice replied. He was told to get himself a name. That he did. Jack Sharkey became his legal name borrowed from boxing celebrities Tom Sharkey and Jack Dempsey.

Sharkey went on to defeat such ring luminaries as Tommy Loughran, Harry Wills, Jack Delaney, Johnny Riske, Young Stribling and others. Later sportswriter Paul Gallico wrote: "Sharkey was a brilliant boxer, a good punishing hitter, a master technician with every type of attack."

Gene Tunney defeated Jack Dempsey ending his seven year reign as king of the heavyweights. Promoter Tex Ricard decided to match Sharkey against Dempsey with the winner getting a match with champion Tunney. The fight was staged in Yankee Stadium on July 21, 1927. It drew 75,000 fans and grossed over

one million dollars with Sharkeys share being \$211,000.

Sharkey sailed into Dempsey belting him all over the ring for five hectic rounds. He had the "Manassa Mauler" in deep trouble. Dempsey later recalled: "Sharkey gave me living hell for five rounds. He was as good a fighter as I've ever seen. He moved like a good middleweight, stuck, hooked, hit and everything. I thought he was going to knock me out."

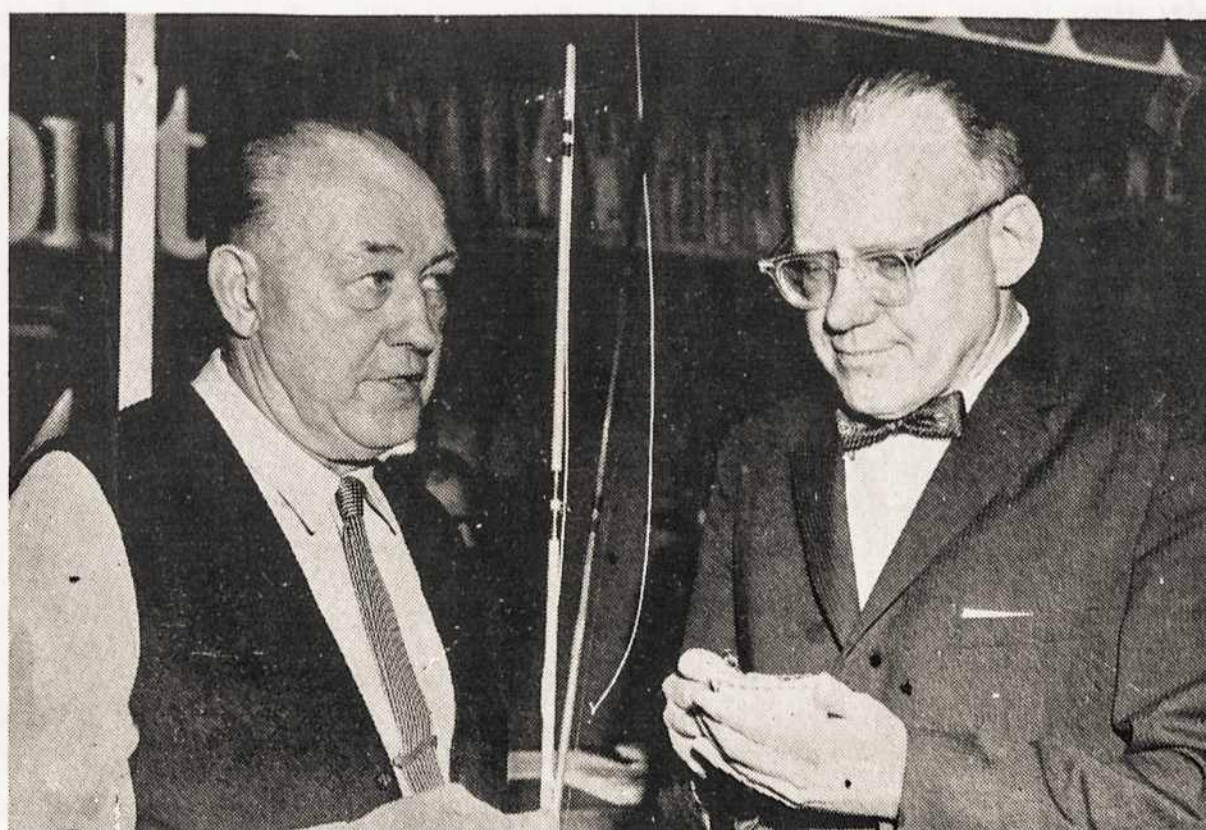
Leo Flynn, Dempsey's manager, had told him that Sharkey was a better fighter than Tunney, but disliked punches to the stomach. In the seventh round Dempsey unleashed a desperate barrage of fair and foul punches to the mid-section. The

dismayed Sharkey dropped his guard, turned to referee Jock O'Sullivan, complained about the low blows. The frantic Dempsey quickly moved in and threw a knockout punch to the jaw. The fight was over.

When Tunney retired from boxing his crown was up for grabs. Sharkey, the Lithuanian-American, was matched against Max Schmeling "The German Dempsey" for the title. It was booked for Yankee Stadium on June 12, 1930. It drew 79,000 fans and grossed \$749,900.

Sharkey punched Schmeling around the ring with stinging left jabs in the initial round. In the second round Sharkey staggered Max

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“LIETUVOS ATSIMINIMŲ“ BANKETAS

Iškilingas maršas skambėjo vasario 17-tą didžiulėje Martinique salėje Chicagoje, kai svečiai buvo lydimi prie garbės stalo. Rengimo komiteto garbės pirmininkas Juozas Grybauskas trumpu žodžiu pradėjo “Lietuvos Atsiminimų” banketą ir pakvietė dr. Juozą Jerome vadovauti tolimesnei jo eigai.

Buvo sugiedoti Amerikos ir Lietuvos himnai. 36-tos vyčių kuopos dvasios vadas Fabijonas Kereilis sukalbėjo invocaciją. Ir tuojau pasipylė patarnautojai su skaniu, kvepiančiu maistu.

Prie garbės stalo sėdėjo: banketo garbės pirmininkas J. Grybauskas, banketo rengimo pirmininkė I. Sankutė Illinois-Indiana apygardos pirmininkas A. Brazis, Lietuvių operos pirmininkas V. Radžius, banketo programos vedėjas dr. J. Jerome, vyskupas V. Brizgys, ALTOs pirmininkas dr. K. Šidlauskas, Lietuvių operos dirigentas V. Vasaitis, Lietuvos vyčių organizacijos centro valdybos vicepirmininkė O.M. Kaselienė, Illinois valstijos senatorius P. Savickas ir kun. P. Činikas. Negalėjo atvykti mūsų mylima Lietuvos generalinė konsulė Juzė Daužvardienė, nes sirgo, bet atsiuntė raštišką sveikinimą vyčiams ir linkėjimus laisvės mūsų brangiai tėvynei Lietuvai.

Prasmingą ir gražią kalbą pasakė vyskupas V. Brizgys. O.M. Kaselienė perskaitė Lietuvos vyčių organizacijos centro valdybos pirmininko Pilypo Skabeikio sveikinimą. Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas dr. K. Šidlauskas savo sveikinimo kalboje



Vysk. Brizgys sveikina svečius

(Foto L. Meilus)

pasidžiaugė, kad vyčių organizacija yra sena ir garbinga, kad ji Altai daug padėjo praeityje ir padės ateityje, ir kad vyčių atstovas Altos valdyboje yra spalvinga samenybė, be kurio posėdžiai nebūtų tokie įdomūs kokie dabar yra. Kalbėjo ir tautinių šokių šventės rengimo komiteto pirmininkas Jonas Talandis, kvietė visus dalyvauti toje šventėje liepos 6-tą Chicagos Amphiteatre.

Solistai - Dana Stankaitytė ir Algirdas Brazis - atliko meninę programą. Dainavo arijas ir duetus iš operų Jūratė ir Kastytis ir Nabuko. Akompanavo jaunas operops dirigentas Alvydas Vasaitis.

Po meninės programos buvo įteiktas atžymėjimas Lietuvių operai. Illinois-Indiana apygardos pirmininkas Algirdas Brazis peržvelgė gražią Chicagos Lietuvių operos veiklą, ir pranešė, kad Illinois-Indiana apygardos suvažiavimas, įvykęs praeitais metais gruodžio mėnesį, nutarė pagerbti



Chicago, IL. ED. BURKE, demokratų kandidatas į "State Attorney" postą su lietuviais veikėjais Lietuvos Vyčių bankete. Nuotraukoje: iš kairės - Fred Paukšta, dr. J. Jerome, Algirdas Brazis, sen. Frank

Savickas, banketo pirm. Irena Sankus, Estelle Rogers, 14-to Ward Ald. Ed Burke, Vincas Samaška, 15-to Wardo Alderm. Frank J. Brady, garbės pirm. Juozas Gribauskas

Lietuvių operą. Ta proga Illinois-Indiana apygarda tampa Lietuvių operos mecenatu. Pakvietė operos pirmininką Vytautą Radžių priimti pirmąją finansinės paramos čekį.

Savo padėkos kalboje pirmininkas V. Radžius pasidžiaugė, kad vyčiai supranta ir įvertina kultūrinį darbą dirbančią instituciją. Europoje, būdamas girdojęs apie Lietuvos vyčius, kad jie daug rūpinasi į vargą patekusiais lietuviais. Šiandien jis esąs nustebęs, kad vyčiai, nematę Lietuvos, tiek daug dirba dėl jos laisvės. Ir parama operai yra prisidėjimas prie kovos už Lietuvos laisvę, nes ta kova gali vykti ir kultūrinėje plotmėje. Chicagoje jau buvo pastatytos 24 lietuviškos operos.

Banketo rengimo komiteto pirmininkė Irena Sankutė dar papasakojo, kad šis "Lietuvos Atsiminimų" banketas yra jau dvidešimtas. Dėkojo rengimo komitetui už bendradarbiavimą, dėkojo lietuviškoms radijo valandėlėms už banketo išgarsinimą, dėkojo svečiams už atsilankymą, ir pakvietė linksmintis visą vakarą prie puikaus Waley Tenclinger orkestro.

Prieš prasidedant šokiams kun. Petras Činikas dar sukalbėjo banketo užbaigos maldą.

E. Pakalniškienė



Chicagos Lietuvių Operos pirmininkas V. Radžius priima L. Vyčių pažymėjimą

JACK SHARKEY'S MEMORIES

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with overhead rights to the jaw and left hooks to the body. Schmeling was reeling as he took a couple of hard shots to his face, chest and waist line. He went down and indicated pain in his groin as the bell rang at the count of six. James Crowley, the referee, was confused as he failed to see any foul blow. One judge, Bob Barnes, claimed he saw a foul blow. Therefore announcer Joe Humphries raised Schmeling's hand as the winner as the crowd hooted. It was the first and last time that a champion was to be crowned while sitting down. This resulted in a new rule which forbade giving victory on an alleged foul. It required all boxers to wear safety belts.

Sharkey, in his continuing quest for the crown, signed to battle Primo Carnera, the 260 lb. giant towering

6'6" tall. Jack weighed in at 202 lbs. and measured 6' in height. The bout was held in Brooklyn's Ebbets Field on October 12, 1931. It attracted 30,000 fans.

Jack was the giant killer as he gave Carnera a boxing lesson. After Carnera was floored in the fourth round, he staggered around the ring and clinched to avoid being knocked out.

The follow year Sharkey earned a rematch with champion Schmeling. The event was held in New York's Madison Square Garden on June 21, 1932. They battled for 15 grueling rounds. Sharkey's arm was raised as the winner and new heavyweight boxing champion of the world. It was a close decision and caused Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, to make his classic remark: "We wuz robbed."

Sharkey eventually lost his title to Carnera and wound up his career with 23 victories and nine losses. Jack came out of retirement to fight Joe Louis, but lasted only three rounds. He cried all the way to the bank with his \$30,000 share. In these times money was worth twice as much as it is today.

Widower Sharkey has one son and two daughters, being a great-grandfather eight times. When not enjoying his family he travels, making appearances with his fishing pole on the former Ed Sullivan Show, Ted Williams Shows, and a few times to the annual Chicago Sportsmen's Show in the International Amphitheatre. When this writer shook Sharkey's hand it was like shaking hands with a boxing glove. What a pair of mitts he had. Frank Jurgaitis was the photographer.



K of L Calendar

A P R I L

- 12 C-110, Maspeth, SPRING DANCE
Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 12 C-17, 17Srs, 17Jrs, So. Boston, RECORD HOP AND BUFFET South Boston, Mass
- 13 C-144, Antracite, GINTARAS FOLK DANCE PROGRAM, featuring Ensemble from
Montreal, Canada. Pottsville Area High School Auditorium, Pottsville, Pa.
- 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. LITHUANIAN FESTIVAL, Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 27 N.E.D. SPRING CONVENTION, Our Lady of Vilnius Church, So. Worcester, Mass.,
Hosts: C-116, So. Worcester.

M A Y

- 3 C-36, Chicago, ANNUAL DANCE, K of L Building, Chicago, IL.
- 16-18 MIDWEST BOWLING TURNAMENT, Palisades, II, Cleveland, OH Headquarters,
Holiday Inn. Hosts: C-25, Cleveland,
- 17 M.C.D. SPRING CONFERENCE, Cleveland, OH C-25, Cleveland, Hosts

J U N E

- 1 M.A.D. CONVENTION, Philadelphia, Pa. Hosts: C-3, Philadelphia.
- 14 "TERRIBLE JUNE DAYS" COMMEMORATIVE MASS, St. Mary's Church, Briston,
R.I., 5:00 P.M.

J U L Y

- 4 I.I.D. K of L DAY PICNIC, K of L Gardens, Chicago, IL.
- 6 LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL - SOKIU SVENTE, International
Amphitheater, Chicago, IL.

A U G U S T

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

O C T O B E R

- 11 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- 18 C-3 Philadelphia "POLKA NITE", Lithuanian Music Hall, Philadelphia PA
- 26 N.E.D SCHOLARSHIP FESTIVAL, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.

N O V E M B E R

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



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Council Activities

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-25 — Cleveland, Ohio

Why is everyone so happy and all smiles at the Jakubs' residence? We'll let you in on a little secret - daughter Barbara became engaged on Christmas Eve to Ken Schmidt. A Sept. 26 wedding is being planned. Congratulations and much happiness.!

Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to Alvina & Peter Luiza. Alvina's sister, Antoinette Louis, died Dec. 24, and Peter lost his brother Anthony on Jan. 23.

Cleveland is hosting the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in May. To enable our non-bowling members establish averages, we are holding a series of bowling sessions and socials. Jan. 26 was our first, with the following results: High Series - Nelda Machutas (535) & John Andrulis (507), High Single - Vince Gray (177) & Joanna Shigo (160), Low Series - Al Shigo (321) & Betty August (251). We're off to a great

start, and hope to improve along the way. Thank you, Alice & Ben Karklius, for hosting the social. We all had a great time and enjoyed your hospitality.

Congratulations to Vince & Marian Gray who received their First Degree in January.

We are happy to have Ben Derus serve as our Lithuanian Affairs Chm., Betty August - Cultural Chm., Ursula Kunsitis - Ritual Chm., and Alice Karklius - Ritual Co-Chm. We wish all every success.

We would like to give certain men in our council a big pat on the back - Vic August, John Andrulis, Ben Karklius and Peter Luiza. Every Friday evening, they faithfully and diligently work at OLPH's Social. We're proud of you; keep up the good work!

Our council is once again looking forward to hosting the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, May 16-18. The tournament will be held at Palisades II and our headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn. Please mark your calendar with these important dates to plan on having a grand time. We will be anxiously awaiting your arrival!

Commencing with the next issue of

Vytis, our council will have a new correspondent, Al Shigo. Best of luck, Al! It has been fun being your correspondent these many years, and I am anxiously awaiting the next issue.

Ursula Kunsitis

C-79 — Southfield, Mich.

In an attempt to show our human feelings for our Senior Adults, a meeting was called by Ann Valatka in February with Stella Hotra, Mike Vale and the Frank Zagers participating. The purpose of that important meeting was to reactivate our once very active "Golden Agers Club," a Senior Citizens' group. Mrs. Valatka who serves on the Parish Council was requested to seek support of the Knights of Lithuania to revitalize the Golden Agers. Through our council who sponsored the group, they have met for 12 years for arts & crafts, cards, birthday celebrations, field trips, etc. The group still would have been meeting, but for the fact that since old Divine Providence has been demolished to make way for the Jeffries Freeway, their meeting place became no longer

available to them. Some good ideas and plans were formulated from this initial meeting.

It might be appropriate to mention here that Father Pugevicius announced that word was received from Lithuania that Father Alfonsus Sverinskas, Chairman of the Catholic Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Believers, and Father Sigitas Tamkevicius, have both been arrested. He asked for an intensive campaign, prayers and letters sent to proper authorities. A month ago, Bishop Kelly, on behalf of the American Bishops, sent a letter to Dobrynin inquiring about these two men. However, many more letters are needed to receive any action. This calls for a lot of letter writing from members. Despite evidence to the contrary, the Kremlin continues to act as if locking up a man locks up his ideas.

In arresting these two priests, the Kremlin leadership has sent unmistakably clear signs of its feeling on human rights, signs that make it all the more necessary for the K of L to stand firm in its insistence that the Soviets be held accountable. It demonstrates the magnitude of the fight ahead for human decency. Therefore, council members, do your part, and take to your pens!

In appreciation of Fran Petkus' constructive comments in the Editor's "We Get Letters" page, this correspondent would like to make a few additional comments on Leonora Balten's feelings regarding the Council News section of the Vytis. Since we have made friends among many members of various councils, our members find it a pleasure to read "news" of trips, anniversaries, births and other personal items. As a correspondent for over 15 years, I attempt to write a diversified column covering cultural, religious and social activities. I do not know Ms. Balten's status, or if she has had the personal experience of being a "grandma."

But every grandma wants to be written about whether she welcomes a first grandchild or the tenth. As for birthdays, I try to keep them at a minimum, unless it's of some memorable significance to be written about. This correspondent tries to read everyone's column, and finds each is interesting and informative in their own way.

Many thanks, too, to the Vytis Editor and staff for their "Hints to the Correspondents." It was most helpful.

We were happy to see the nice write-up of our soon-to-be Honorary Member, Anthony Dainus, in the January issue of the Vytis. He deserves it.

For some reason, we continue to see the faces of the same members at the council meetings, month after month. You ask some of these stay-away members why they don't come to a meeting. "Who me? I don't go to any meeting. I'm just too busy, too tired, too interested in T.V." How about giving us a hand during K of L Sundays, serving coffee for the parish? "No, I can't. We have other plans." Have you heard about our coming festival in the fall? Can you help out, making something, or working at a booth? "No, I won't be able. I don't have the time. Yes, I do receive the Vytis each month and have read the Council News that my help is needed, but you see I just can't. I've never done this before, I don't know how, I just don't have the time!" Well, how do you think you can be a better Knight? "Ah... er... Who - Me?"

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C-102 — Detroit, Mich.

It is with great sorrow that we write this column in reporting that one of our joyful members, Clem Galinas, passed away suddenly on Dec. 28. Clem was 4th Degree member of our council, a past presi-

dent, and a 30-year bowler with the K of L Bowling League. He had been named Bowler of the Year of our league, and he and his wife Evelyn were a great help with our bowling tournament held here in 1978. Evelyn, our deepest sympathies go to you, and may Clem's soul rest in eternal peace.

Our sympathies are also extended to Bill Klucens on the passing of his beautiful mother, and to Vickie Dombrowski, a former member, on the death of her husband Frank. Frank also bowled with the league several years ago. May their souls rest in peace.

Our Christmas Kucios was a beautiful success. This is our best attended and most joyful event of the year. Ann Uznis and Donna Bunikis hosted the Kucios at the home of Bob Boris. Bob's home during Christmas is a fantasyland! His handmade straw ornaments on the Christmas tree are a sight to see, as well as the creche imported from Germany which is placed on the fireplace, and, of course, let's not forget his homemade wine. The evening started with Mass celebrated by our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Walter Stanevich, which included Christmas carols. After Mass, a scrumptious potluck dinner was served. Terry Medonis' slizikai with poppyseed milk were the best yet. Angele Buksnis' homemade torte is always the dessert looked for after the dinner. Father Stan noticed that the kugele usually baked by Gena Baibak and Edna Klucens was missing from the menu. Maybe next year, Father! This event always brings Vince Boris home to see some of his friends. Vince looks great. It was also nice to see the young members of the Klucens family along with Danny Baibak, son of Gena & Gus.

Lady Luck smiled upon Terry & Ray Madonis on their trip to Las Vegas, and also on Maryanne & Joe Guerriero on their trip to Atlantic Ci-

ty. All are ready to go back. Donna & Frank Bunikis vacationed in Florida - to look over their investments.

A blessed and happy Easter to all!
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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Srs. C-17—So. Boston, MA

Our council was well represented at the Natl. Convention in Chicago with eight delegates. Two members are on the Supreme Council for the current year, - Legal Advisor Anthony Young and Trustee Joseph White. Also, to increase our involvement, our councils (Senior & Regulars) will host the 67th Natl. Convention to be held in Boston in August. We are working hard to present a Convention that will be memorable. Plan not only to attend the Convention, but to stay a while longer and see New England at its best - the summertime. This year Boston will be celebrating its 350th Anniversary with many events scheduled.

On Sept. 30, many Srs. traveled to Providence, R.I. to participate in the fall convention held at St. Casimir's Church. Mrs. Bertha Stoskus of Providence Srs. C-103 assumed the reigns of leadership of the District relinquished by Albert Jaritis of C-17. We thank Al for his many years of dedicated service, and we congratulate Bertha and her roster of officers.

Council elections were held in October with the following roster: Pres. Alexander Akule, 1st V.P. Frank Markuns, 2nd V.P. Joseph Balaconis, Treas. Mary Mickevich, Fin. Secy. Aldona Kropas, Rec. Secy. Virginia Markuns, Sgt-at-Arms Patricia Akule. Chairmen for Lithuanian Affairs is Joseph White, and Daniel Averka for Cultural. Ritual Committee consists of John Norinkavich & Longinas Svelnis. Anne Norinkavitch, Anne Voveris, Ann Noarkovich and Mary Mickevich are on the Get-Well Committee. We thank the outgoing officers for their time and effort and congratulate the incoming officers.

In November, much effort was committed by many K of L'ers to make the parish bazaar the consistent success it has been for many years. Mary Mickevich and Joseph White were co-chairpersons for this event.

We lost an esteemed member, Dr. Albert P. Kiburis, on Nov. 1. Dr. Al was an active Knight for many years, and was working as Transportation Committee Chm. for the upcoming Natl. Convention. May his soul rest in peace.

Our combined councils' yearly Christmas party was a convivial affair expressing the feelings of the season with the traditional exchanging of gifts. A fine table of food and drinks was set up by our hard-working committee headed by Al Akule and Ann Norinkavitch.

Since this is our first report of the year, the members of our council extend to all our brother Knights and friends best wishes for the new year. 1980 promises to be a banner year for the council, with excellent officers to lead a growing council of 93 members.

Feb. 16 was observed with a Mass and program at the So. Boston Citizen's Lithuanian Club and flag raising at City Hall Plaza. We have had our St. Casimir's Day Communion Reception & Breakfast,

Founder's Day celebration, and now we look forward to the enormous task of hosting the Natl. Convention. We invite all you good Vyciai to plan on coming to Boston on Aug. 6-10 and enjoy the hospitality of Beantown!

J. White

C-103 — Providence, R.I.

NED Vice Pres. Ruta Krecioch underwent minor surgery at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence. She is the mother of four very active regulars, Regina, Ann, Kathy and Marcy. Ruta had to cancel her plans for the K of L ski weekend in N.H. because of her ailment.

Mrs. Gervelis, the mother of Linas, a Regular member of the council, received word from Lithuania that her father, Adam Bendaravicius, passed away. Our condolences are extended to the entire Gervelis family.

On Jan. 24 Mrs. Benedict Coach phoned us that Rev. Vincent Puidokas passed away at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn. the previous day. He was pastor of St. Casimir's parish since 1934. Father Vincent was very active in the Knights of Lithuania; he served as NED Spiritual Director in the past. The three principal concelebrants at the evening Mass on Feb. 1 were Father Foley, current pastor of the parish; Father Sullivan, chancellor of the Springfield Diocese; and Father Jurgelaitis, Natl. K of L Spiritual Director. Six other local clergymen joined in the concelebrated Mass.

A K of L Wake Service was held after the evening Mass. Father Jurgelaitis and council Pres. Joseph Sabonis conducted the service which was very well attended. NED Pres. Bertha Stoskus and her spouse John accompanied Father Jurgelaitis to Westfield. Mary Minkus, former president of Westfield C-30 and

NED Pres., was also in attendance with her husband. They drove down from Cape Cod.

Father Martinkus was one of fifty clergymen who concelebrated the funeral Mass Saturday morning with Bishop Maguire.

Our pastor took a plane to Florida on Feb. 3. He spent two weeks visiting his sister, Mrs. Odinas.

Father Martinkus graciously offered council members the use of quarters in his Johnston home for winter meetins. Willing members started a cleanup drive. However, a week later, the meeting quarters were destroyed by fire.

Trinity Square Repertory Co. presented "The Suicide" on Feb. 1, a play directed by a Lithuanian. Jonas Jurosus is the former Artistic Director of the State Theatre of Kaunas. In 1974, Moscow allowed him to leave Lithuania with his wife and 6-year-old son. Thirty-one of our members attended and enjoyed the play, with great pleasure.

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C-145 — Holyoke, Mass.

A crisp November day brought an enthusiastic crowd to Wistariahurst Museum where council members eagerly anticipated greeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

Sales were brisk for Boutique Chm. Vi Markoski and baked goods disappeared as quickly as Chm. Imelda Chivas could materialize them. Raffle tickets were seen exchanging hands amid congenialities extended by Steve Chivas and Jim Adamites.

Attracted to the exquisite display prepared by Hartford artist Aldona Seimininkas, many were fascinated by the characteristic Lithuanian themes expressed so delicately in her "straw pictures."

In the heart of the festivity stood the symbolic Lithuanian Christmas Tree bedecked with intricately

designed natural straw decorations crafted by Gen. Chm. Nell Ruggles.

Drawn by the mysterious magnetic beauty of ancient Baltic amber, guests gravitated toward the gleaming exhibition of jewelry arranged by Victor Vaitkus from his Waterbury, Ct., Spauda Bookstore. Here, also, were found other ethnic and souvenir items.

Minerva Palenka and Lena Stevens had created almost magically an atmosphere of an ancient Alka in which the Boston Lithuanian Dance Ensemble performed. This being the first appearance of a dance group here, they were most enthusiastically

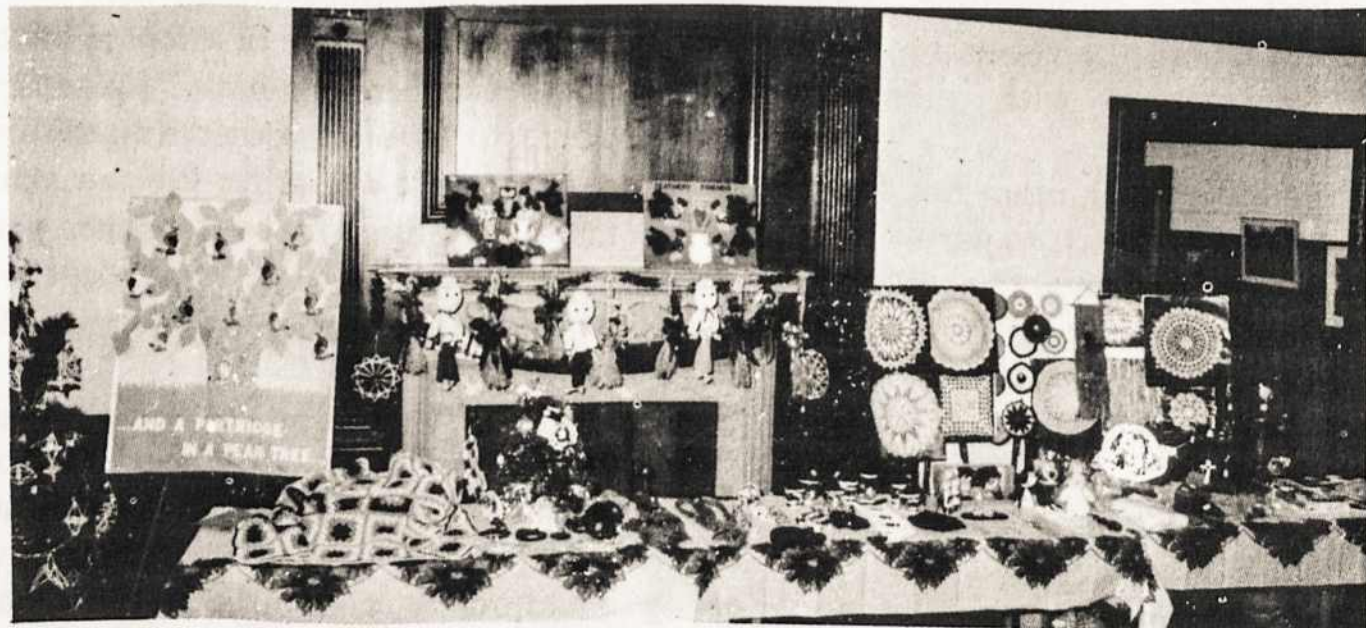
received and many requests were made for a repeat performance in the future. Leading this talented group were Ona, Lillian & Gediminas Ivaskas.

Spiritually satiated, the assemblage joined hostesses Della Mikelis and Pricilla Bernotas to partake of mortal refreshment and the exchange of pleasantries.

In parting, friends, old and new, were seen carrying away mementoes of the afternoon: the raffle afghan made by Joan Laframboise, ceramic creche made by members of the Chivas family, ruta plants grown by Anthony Ruggles, floral centerpieces



Boston Lithuanian Dance Ensemble entertaining at Wistariahurst Museum, Holyoke, Mass. during Christmas Boutique sponsored by C-145.

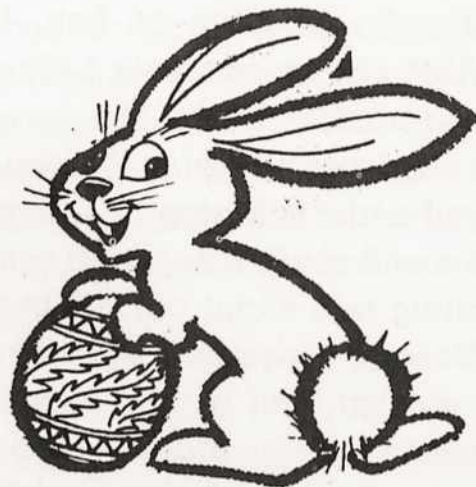


C-145 Holyoke, Mass. Christmas Boutique display.

and stationery by Clem & Margaret Picard, and packets of dried mushrooms picked and prepared by Vi Markoski. Also available were handcrafted items, delicious kugele, virtinu and balandelu made by the members.

The culmination of months of preparation spent, our council had recorded another "Smashing Success"!

Joan Laframboise



**MID-ATLANTIC
DISTRICT**

C-110 — Maspeth, N.Y.

The Mid-Atlantic District is sponsoring a Lithuanian Folk Fair on Apr. 20 in Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. There will be displays of Lithuanian paintings, works of art, literature, and many items will be offered for sale. Pres. John Adomenas indicates that there will also be an "Elephant Sale." Any member having items that fit this classification, or other items they wish to donate, are asked to make their contribution. This is a fund raiser for the MAD.

Nellie Yuskevich reports that Mr. Ray Balsys has volunteered to teach us Lithuanian folk dances. The first lesson will be given on Apr. 20 at 5 p.m. at the National Hall. Put on your dancing shoes and join us.

Our monthly meetings are held every first Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Transfiguration Hall. Come early (7

p.m.) and learn to dance the Finger Polka, the Domino, and the Klumpa Koja. Our teacher is Frank Yuskevich.

Welcome to our new members: Rev. Leonardas Andriekus, Sister Urban M. Kolash, Genevieve Bugenis, Francis J. Cherkosky, John & Victoria Kucinskas, Linda H. Malkas, and Donatas Uzas. We look forward to talking with all the new members at our monthly meetings and at our various functions.

We encourage members to use our suggestion box. All suggestions will be considered by the Executive Board and responses will be made at the open meetings.

We introduced a 50-50 at the Vasario meeting, and Julie Matulevich came out a winner.

Congratulations to the following members upon whom the 2nd Degree was conferred: Mary Baltrus, Mary Danowitz, Patricia Danowski, Adele & Louise Dausickas, Helen Jambor, Martha & Walter Kash, Arthur & Adele Nelson, Ann Oliva, Stella Pruska, Edward Sirgirdas, Vi Svirblis, Mary Szezny, and Helene Zedar.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Raila, is pleased with the increasing attendance at the 11 o'clock Mass every third Sunday of the month at Transfiguration Church. He looks forward to the day when the entire membership attends this Mass.

Tickets for our Spring Polka Dance on Apr. 12 at \$11 each are available from Al Kraujalis. We encourage members to form tables of ten. Music will be provided by the Joe Thomas Band. Nellie Yuskevich will handle the dinner arrangements, and Terry Dagus is planning a Polka dance contest.

Vytis Redaktore sako kad reiketu biski Lietuviskai rasyti. Tai rasau, "Linkime visiems Linksmu Velyku!"
Petras Juskevicius

C-144 — Anthracite, PA.

Šimta aciū to Helen Ambrose and her committee for the very nice Kucia at Our Lady of Siluva Church hall in Maizeville. The Christmas carols sung by the Minersville Jr. Knights in their new Lithuanian costumes were just beautiful. We were so happy to see Father Potts and his mother, Father John, Father Stanley Luksys, along with our own Father Al Bartkus, Msgr. Neverauskas and Father Jarasunas. Pres. Elsie Kosmisky and Vice Pres. Joseph Yezulinas did a fine job with the Lithuanian Christmas customs, and the tree decorated with Cultural Chm. Annie Morgalis' straw decorations was lovely. Everyone enjoyed this treat.

Get well wishes go out to Helen Haluska, Millie Semanchick and Jaye Tuson. We hope to see them all well soon and back at the meetings. We also wish good health to Con Guditas who has had a seige of illnesses.

Our Lithuanian Independence Day celebration was held Feb. 17 with Marge Yezulinas as chairman. Marge and her committee had a beautiful day planned at Annunciation Church and hall in Frackville.

Thanks to a donation from Bendruomene, the Vytis Lithuanian Hour with host Father Al Bartkus, our Spiritual Advisor, is under way. Each Sunday a Lithuanian Mass is broadcast from Annunciation Church in Frackville, where Father Bartkus is pastor. Stanley Vaicaitis does a fine job of lecturing. For those that are shut-in, and for all of us who love the Lithuanian language, it is most gratifying to hear this Lithuanian Mass. The radio program which is broadcast each Sunday has Lithuanian music, a little religion, and culture. It has been well received by the people in Schuylkill County, and Father Al is just terrific. A million thanks to Al Gecys, who was our guest speaker at Lakewood this

past year and who helped get the Vytis Lithuanian Program started. It is doing much to advertise our great K of L council.

On Mar. 9 we chartered a bus to attend the M.A. Dist.'s St. Casimir's Day Mass, brunch and meeting in Maspeth, NY. We especially looked forward to this trip as many of our members were eligible for the Third Degree.

April will shine very brightly for our council as we will be presenting a beautiful cultural program on the 27th at Pottsville Area High School auditorium with the Gintaras Ensemble from Montreal, Canada. Anne Wargo is chairman of this affair and we hope to see many of our fellow Knights attend this performance.

Many of our members are going on a trip to Lithuania and to Oberamagau in June with our president, Elsie Kosmisky, acting as hostess.

It looks like a busy spring ahead for the Anthracite Council. We hope to see some of you at all these affairs.

ONA

C-146 — Harrisburg, PA.

Elections were held at our Nov. 14 meeting and Michael Grabauskas was re-elected President. Other officers for this year are Vice Pres. Joseph Yanalaitis, Secy. John Povilaitis, Fin. Secy. Nell Berulis, Treas. Helen Grabauskas, Trustees Frances Boyle and Benny Rapchinskis. Msgr Joseph Neverauskas is our Spiritual Advisor.

Our second Kucios was held Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. Bishop William H. Keeler of Harrisburg had been invited to be our Guest of Honor, and we were very fortunate that date was still open on his busy calendar. Stanley Vaicaitis of Anthracite, Pa. C-144 gave us a very interesting and detailed account of how Kucios and Christmas was celebrated in Lithuania years ago. We started the meal by breaking plotkeles that Msgr. J. Neverauskas was so kind to provide to all of us. We had a very bountiful table, since all 70 people attending brought a variety of fish, salads,

vegetables, desserts and drinks.

On Dec. 16 Carol Grabauskas appeared on the Lynn Perry Show in Harrisburg on WTPA TV Channel 27. She was dressed in a beautiful Lithuanian costume and talked about our traditional celebration of Kucios and Christmas. Berute Senferas made honey cake and ausukes which were enjoyed by those at the TV station.

Carol Grabauskas had her 3rd annual radio program on Feb. 13 on WMSP FM to celebrate Lithuanian Independence Day. The program was on from 9 a.m. till noon. She played a nice selection of Lithuanian music and songs along with some interesting talk about our heritage.

We look forward to a good year in our council, and wish all our fellow Knights a happy and joyous Easter!

Helen Grabauskas

C-140 — Syracuse, N.Y.

The November meeting was an enjoyable one hashing over our very successful Lithuanian booth at the Festival of Nations. It was hard work, but we had a lot of fun, and we turned over a nice profit. The Festival is our biggest event of the year and we sure enjoy it.

The following were elected to serve the council for 1980: Spiritual Advisor Father Bernard Garstka, Pres. Frank Petrauskas, Vice Pres. Catherine Brardt, Vice Pres. (Membership) Joe Marcaitis, Vice Pres. (Srs.) Katherine Cravetts, Secy. Marge Migonis, and Fin. Secy. Victor Johnson.

Our Christmas Party was most successful with 36 people in attendance. We attended Mass as a group and then took part in a delicious covered-dish dinner after we had shared each other's plotkele. Much good eating and drinking was then followed by the exchanging of gifts. Millie Vaikness was our most generous hostess.



The Knights of Lithuania Harrisburg C-146 annual Kucios. l. to r. C-144 member Stanley Vaicaitis, Monsignor Joseph Neverauskas, Bishop William H. Keeler and Mike Grabauskas, president of C-146

The next day, nine of our members went to Amsterdam and attended their Christmas Party. A good time was had by all. On the way home we hit rain, then snow, and ice. John Stukus had a skidding experience, but no harm done.

The January meeting showed the lowest attendance in years due to illness and vacations. We're happy to report nothing serious, just the usual winter maladies. After the meeting, we had a nice visit with Arnold Olis and Danute Krokys from Rochester who are Shaklee distributors. They demonstrated their products and we purchased some. Later, we enjoyed hostess Veronica Sutkus' delicious goodies.

This writer was most sorry to read of the passing of Evelyn Andrulis of Cleveland. We both came from the same home parish and have been friends for years. Evelyn really enjoyed herself at the Syracuse Convention, as she did at all conventions. Knowing beautiful people like her makes life worth living. Our sympathies, John, and may her soul rest in peace.

In closing we leave you with two thoughts: About the only thing that comes to us without effort is old age. Also, good listeners are silent flatterers.

Pusbrolis



Rev. B. Gustas and Polly Ziausys share Lithuanian treats at C-100 Lithuanian Independence Day Dinner

C-100 — Amsterdam, NY

Five members of our council were recognized and honored at our Christmas banquet for their 29 continuous years of membership, dedication and hard work. They are Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Gene Gobis, Sadie (Karbus) Karbocius, Donald Nikstenas and Sophie Olbie. A gift of flowers was presented to each one.

Chairperson for this event was Mrs. Genny Chase who also acted as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Committee members were Nellie Liberis, Irene Damphier, Helen Druziak and Regina Kot.

Father Baltch, who offered the invocation and led the singing of Lithuanian Christmas carols, including "Sveikas Jezau Gimusis," spoke of the religious Christmas customs and rituals in Lithuania. Some are still being practiced by the third, fourth and even fifth generation American-Lithuanians.

Members and guests received gifts of engraved ceramic Christmas bells and ash trays. Ten C-140 members were acknowledged for traveling to the Tower Inn from Syracuse. After

the dinner and program, Christmas gifts were exchanged and this was followed by dancing and singing of carols.

A Mass in Lithuanian held by Father Baltch was attended by council members prior to their January meeting. Polly Ziausys and Pres. Anthony Radzevich did the readings.

Father Grigaitis opened the meeting with prayers, including special prayers for the canonization of Archbishop George Matulaitis. Nellie Liberis read the minutes and reports were given by Treas. Sophie Olbie and the heads of all committees.

Plans were made for the Feb. 16th Lithuanian Day Commemoration. Pres. A. Radzevich and V.P. Gene Gobis were co-chairmen for the event. Committee members included Sophie Olbie, Ann Radzevich, Regina Kot, Polly Ziausys, Betty Kuzmich, Mary Stanionis, Sadie Allen, Judy Kastravickas, Helen Wojcik, Jack Sweet, Bill Burimauskas and Walter Malkowicz. We thank them for planning an interesting day.

Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich,



Rev. Grabys, Rev. Baltch, Congr. S. Stratton

Judy Kastravickas and Helen Wojcik volunteered for the Mar. 2 committee for our corporate communion luncheon and program. St. Casimir was appropriately commemorated.

Co-chairlady of our Cultural Committee, Regina Kot, read an article on the origin of Lithuanians, their language, and the difficulty of keeping the language alive in the United States since few of the young generation are speaking it.

Jennie Chase reported on the Christmas party, which was "fun time" for everyone.

The members resolved to send the \$15 council assessment to the M.A. District.

Rev. Baltch showed us the remainder of his slides of his trip to Lithuania this past September, plus some slides of the October Dist. Meeting which was held in Amsterdam.

The committee of Sadie Allen, Jennie Kensell, Sophie Olbie, Agnes Rokit and Mary Sweet prepared and served the refreshments.

As of Jan. 1 the city of Amsterdam has a Lithuanian Chief of Police. It is none other than our member, Albert Luzinas. Congratulations and success in performing your duties is wished you, Al, by all your fellow Knights!

A speedy recovery is wished our secretary, Nellie Liberis, who recently underwent surgery.

Smile & Sparkle

C-3 — Philadelphia, PA.

The council is alive and doing well with membership still growing by leaps and bounds. We thank our outgoing board of officers for a job superbly done this past year. We also congratulate our new officers: Pres. Joe Drumstas, Vice Pres. Walt Mameniskis, Rec. Secy. Irene Timmons, Fin. Secy. Al Macelis, Treas. Lenora Balten, and Trustees Walter Svekla and Al Mickunas.

This year's Christmas Party served a dual purpose. It was an occasion for holiday merriment with food, refreshments and music. Also, it was a perfect occasion to have our newly-elected officers installed by our Chaplain, Father Wassel. A surprise Christmas gift of individual name plates was given to each member by our new president Joe Drumstas. It was an evening of good cheer.

At our January council meeting, the new officers offered an exciting calendar of events for 1980. By now, we participated in the Lithuanian Independence Day celebration on Feb. 17 held both at St. Andrew's Church and the Lithuanian Music Hall. A commemoration of the Feast of St. Casimir with Mass and a luncheon took place Mar. 2 at St. Casimir's Church and Hall. In May we will take part in a tree-day Folk Fair held at the Philadelphia Civic Center. Rounding off our spring schedule, we will host the Mid-Atlantic Dist. Meeting on June 1. In the fall our council is planning a "Polka-Nite" to be held Oct. 18 at the Lithuanian Music Hall. Plan to attend; we'll be looking for you.

The meeting was concluded with a slide presentation by our Cultural Chm. Joe Petkunas on his trip to Lithuania. Everyone enjoyed seeing places of historic interest as well as scenes of rural Lithuania.

In memoriam: On Jan. 21, our dear member, Betty Macelis, wife of Al, passed away after a long illness. She will be missed by all of us and will be remembered in our prayers.

V.M.

C-147-St. Petersburg, Fla.

147-tos vyčių kuopos St. Petersburg pirmasis susirinkimas šiais metais buvo sausio 10 d. Lietuvių Klubo patalpose. Po atidarymo maldos buvo prisaikdinta nauja 1980 m. kuopos valdyba: dvasios vadas — kun. Jonas Gasiūnas,

pirmininkas — inž. Antanas Mažeika, vicepirmininkas — Juozas Petrikas M. D., sekretorė — Viktorija Kleivienė, išdininkas — Adolfas Paleckis, finansų sekretorius — Aleksas Kraujalis. Išdo globėjais išrinkti: prel. J. Balkūnas ir Kazys Vilniškis. Atskirų komisijų pirmininkais yra: Lietuvos Reikalų — Viktorija Jakobson, Narių Verbavimo — Teresė Liutkuvienė, Kultūros — Jonas Valauskas, Informacijų — Kazys Kleiva ir Elena Vilniškienė, Ritualų — A. J. Mažeika.

Buvo prisaikdinti sekantys naujai į kuopą įstoję nariai: dr. Juozas Petrikas, kun. J. K. Butkus O.F.M., Vladas Gelažis, Sevarina Pranskūnienė, Gražina Jasinskienė, Aniceta Miliauskienė, Pijus Vaičaitis, Ona Vaičaitienė, Stasys Ivanauskas, Monika Ivanauskienė, Eduardas Praninskas ir Elena Praninskienė.

Buvo perskaitytas protokolas. Po to sekė pranešimai. Pirmininkas pareiškė, jog kuopos vėliavai įsigyti komisija, susidedanti iš Jono Valausko, prel. J. Balkūno ir A. J. Mažeikos, surado tinkamą vėliavų gaminiū firmą ir užsakė kuopos vėliavą. Tikisi, kad bus pagaminta laiku ir pašventinta Šv. Kazimiero šventėje kovo 2 d. Po ilgesnių diskusijų susirinkimas vienbalsiai nutarė vėliavos įsigijimo išlaidas padengti narių aukomis, neieškoti mecenato. Jau to paties susirinkimo metu kuopos nariai suaukojo 320 dol. vėliavos fondui, ir dabar jau randasi jame virš 600 dol. Vėliava atitiks originaliai 1945-tais metais vyčių seime priimtai vėliavai.

Lietuvos Reikalų komisijos pirmininkė Viktorija Jakobson pranešė, kad jos pastangomis didelėje Šv. Jono bažnyčioje St. Petersburg Beach sekmadienį, vasario 10 d., 10 valandą ryto bus iškilmingos Lietuvos nepriklausomybės minėjimo mišios, pritaikytos Amerikos visuomenei. Jos bus anglų kalba su lietuviškais giesmėmis. Kaip ir pereinamais metais, koncelebruotoms šv. mišioms vadovaus prel. J. Balkūnas ir pasakys pamokslą angliškai.

Aukas neš vytės, pasipuošusios tautiniais rūbais. Choristai ir mišiose dalyvaujančios moterys taip pat bus su tautiniais drabužiais. Vietinė televizijos stotis filmuos pamaldas. Taip pat Viktorijos Jacobson rūpėsiu vasario 14 ir 16 dienomis televizijos 10-tas kanalas anksti rytmetį transliuos lietuvišką programą, kurioje kalbės dr. K. Bobelis ir liaudies dainas dainuos „Dainos“ choras, Floridos naujasis gubernatorius praeitais metais buvo paskelbęs vasario 16-tą Lietuvos nepriklausomybės diena; šįmet laukiama tokios pat gubernatoriaus proklamacijos.

Be to, Viktorijos Jakobson iniciatyva vasario 16 d. Lietuvos vėliavos bus iškeltos 5-kiuose St. Petersburgo priemiesčiuose prie šių vietų: 8 val. Pinellas Park prie bibliotekos — kalbės J. Nacevičius, 9 val. Treasure Island prie City Hall — kalbės vytis S. Kukšta, 10 val. St. Petersburg Beach prie City Hall — kalbės vytis K. Vilniškis, 10:45 val. S. Pasadina — kalbės dvasios vadas kun. J. Gasiūnas, 11:45 val. Gulfport — kalbės V. Žilinskas. Ji ragino visus kuopos narius pasipuošti tautiniais kostiumais ir dalyvauti visose vėliavos pakėlimo iškilmėse. Taip pat ji ragino dalyvauti Lietuvos nepriklausomybės minėjime, kuris bus Lietuvių Klubo patalpose vasario 16 d. ir prasidės 2 val. po pietų. Jį rengia visos lietuvių organizacijos. Už žuvusius dėl Lietuvos laisvės lietuviškos pamaldos bus sekmadienį, vasario 17 d., 1:00 val. po pietų Holy Name bažnyčioje Gulfporte. Joms vadovaus kun. J. K. Butkus, O.F.M.

Susirinkimas nutarė kiek galima skaitlingiau dalyvauti visuose suminėtuose Lietuvos nepriklausomybės minėjimuose.

Sekantis kuopos susirinkimas bus vasario 7 d. Lietuvių Klube. Prasidės 3 val. p.p.

Senas Vytis



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

ĄTGAIVINTA 14-ta VYČIŲ KUOPA CICERO MIESTE

Vasario 3-čios sekmadienio rytą snigo, ir saulė buvo pasislėpusi už baltų sniego debesų. Automobilis buvo pilnas prisėdęs Chicagos vyčių. Atrodė, kad važiuojame Lietuvos laukais. Net varpai skambėjo kažkur, ir toli lojo šunys. Deja, nebuvo Lietuvos laukai, o tik gražios gatvės, vedančios į Cicero miestą, į Šv. Antano parapijos salę.

Vos įžengę pro duris, tuojau pasirašėme po Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos paruoštos peticijos, kad remiame prezidento Carterio pareiškimą dėl Afganistano. Ir apsižvalgėme. Salėje kelios ponios bedengiančios stalus, benešančios pyragus, beverdančios kavą. Kelios poros berniukų ir mergaičių bešokinėja nuo scenos. Šeiminkės pamatė mus ir maloniai kvietė išgerti karštos kavos.

Maždaug prieš 17-ką metų toje pačioje salėje buvo bendri 14-tos vyčių kuopos pusryčiai, kaž kokios šventės proga. Po to kuopa pradėjo mažiau berodyti veiklos. Paskutiniu laiku ir visai apmirusi buvo. Dabar susirinkome tą kuopą atgaivinti.

Buvusi Illinois-Indiana apygardos vicepirmininkė Sabina Klatt susirinkusiems papasakojo, kaip prieš porą metų, po Pavergtų Tautų eisenos Chicagoje, bendruose pietuose pasitaikę prie vieno stalo

susėsti su Cicero žmonėmis. Paprasiusi ji juos padėti atgaivinti 14-tą kuopą. Praėjus keliems mėnesiams, ponios Aldonos Brusokienės bute buvęs sušauktas pasimatymas. Jame dalyvavęs centro valdybos pirmininkas Antanas Miner, garbės narė Adelė Gabalienė, Irena Sankutė ir Ona Marija Kasel. Buvę nutarta imtis konkrečių žygių 14-tai kuopai atgaivinti. Bet reikalas nusitęsęs, nors visą laiką buvęs palaikomas ryšys su ciceriškiais. Ir štai šiandien užsimojimas virto realybe.

Sabina pasiūlė išsirinkti susirinkimui pirmininką ir sekretorių. Buvo išrinkti: pirmininke — Jean Vance, sekretore — Valerija Shaules. Sabina Klatt tada perdavė pirmininkei jau paruoštą susirinkimo darbotvarkę.

Atėjo kun. Anastazas Valančius. Buvo jis pasveikintas rankų plojimu. Juk tai atgaivintosios 14-tos kuopos dvasios vadas.

Žodį tarė apygardos vicepirmininkas narių verbavimo reikalams Vincas Samoška. Jis kvietė skaitlingai dalyvauti „Lietuvos Atsiminimų“ bankete ir Šv. Kazimiero minėjime. Be to, jis perskaitė organizacijos įstatus. Paskui Adelė Gabalienė trumpu žodžiu papasakojo, kad 1920-tais metais ji buvo pirmoji moteris Amerikoje išrinkta kuopos pirmininke. Buvo išrinkta tada pirmininke dabar atgaivinamos 14-tos kuopos. Esanti baigusi Šv. Antano parapijos mokyklą, ir ta parapija dar ir šiandien esanti jai kaip namai.

Kun. Anastazas Valančius yra Lietuvos vyčių organizacijos garbės narys. Yra buvęs „Vyčio“ redaktoriumi. 14-ta vyčių kuopa didžiuojasi turėdama savo dvasios vadu tokį garbingą žmogų. Dabar jis prisaiškino kuopos narius ir su malda pradėjo susirinkimą. Savo kalboje priminė, kad vyčių organizacijos darbas yra platinti Lietuvos vardą ir būti gerais katalikais. Pasidžiaugė, kad 14-tą kuopą grįžo į vyčių šeimą.

Sekė valdybos rinkimai. Buvo

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Naujoji valdyba pasiūlė parinkti dieną mėnesiniams susirinkimams. Buvo nutarta, kad bus jie kiekvieno mėnesio pirmą sekmadienį parapijos salėje. Susirinkimai bus skelbiami parapijos biuleteniuse.

Paskui buvo klausimai ir sumanymai. Buvo svarstoma galimybė suruošti tautinio meno ir gintaro išdirbinių parodą. O tuo tarpu tie vaikučiai, kurie nuo scenos šokinėjo, girdėjosi kaip prašė: „Mama ir aš noriu įsirašyti į vyčius“. Ir vyriausia šeimininkė ponja Dubauskienė pasižadėjo visuomet vaišinti vyčius per susirinkimus ar šventes.

Kuopos atgaivintoja Sabina Klatt ir jai patarimais daug padėjęs dr. Petras Atkočiūnas buvo paaukštinti į kuopos garbės pirmininkus.

Pirmininkė Jean Vance pakvietė „Vyčių Veiklos“ skyriaus redaktorę uždaryti susirinkimą su malda, nes dvasios vadas kun. A. Valančius buvo išskubėjęs į aerodromą, skristi į šiltesnius kraštus atostogų. Redaktorė ta proga paprašė rašyti apie savo kuopą į „Vyčių Veiklos“ skyrių, kuris pasirodo kiekvieną ketvirtadienį „Drauge“. Taip pat ji perskaitė naujiems nariams Vyčių himno žodžius ir patarė išmokti juos atmintinai.

Po susirinkimo buvo padaryta bendra nuotrauka.

Grįžtant į Chicago, švietė ir šildė vasario saulė. Džiaugėmės ir mes, kaip ir kun. A. Valančius, kad 14-ta vyčių kuopa vėl grįžo į vyčių šeimą. Ir raginame Sabina Klatt greičiau pakviesti mus važiuoti į Kenosą ir Racine, nes ir ten jau yra pradėtos naujų kuopų užuomazgos.

E. Pakalniškienė

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K. Paulius

Junior Corner

Jr. C-96 — Dayton, Ohio

We held election of officers on Oct. 13 at Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mantz' house. We had our meeting, dinner, and then went for a brisk walk.

On Nov. 11, Mr. & Mrs. George Mikalauskas sponsored the Juniors for the day. They prepared dinner for us, then took everyone bowling at Congress Lanes. We had a wonderful time.

A holiday bake sale was held Nov. 17 & 18. It was a big success. We thank all those people who donated baked goods, items for our wine & cheese basket, and those who supported us by purchasing the products.

Our annual Christmas party took place Dec. 14. We went out to eat at Marion's Pizza, then over to Mrs. Elinore Sluzas' house where we sang carols and exchanged gifts. It was fun!

Elena Mikalauskas