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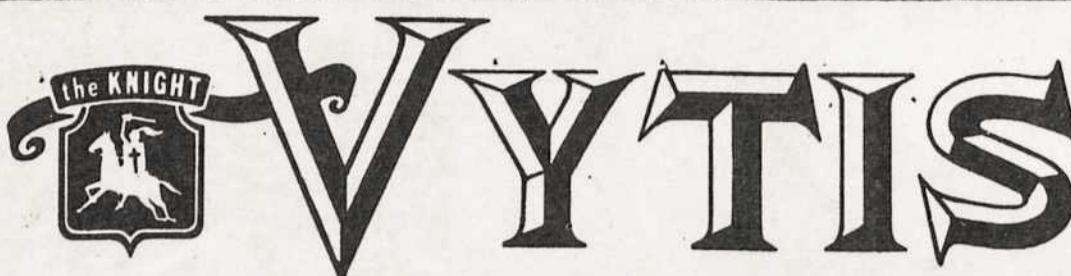
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THE CULT OF MARY IN LITHUANIA

UNTIL THE WANING OF PROTESTANTISM

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PART II

(Continued from May Issue)

Prayers and Hymns

Lithuanians in the XVI century venerated Mary with prayers and hymns. The arguments of the Protestants that such devotion was neither useful nor necessary did not persuade them to abandon the veneration of the Mother of God.

The first section of the "Hail Mary", stopping at "Holy Mary", was already included among prayers in Lithuania in the beginning of the XVIth century. This fact is recorded in a hand-written note in the margin of an ancient book from a Franciscan library now in Vilnius University library. In the opinion of experts, this record was written between the years 1513—1530. The second section of "Hail Mary" — "Šventoji Marija" — was added when Pope Pius V in 1568 directed it be incorporated in the prayers of priests.

The Franciscan custom of saying "The Angel of the Lord", three times daily while the bells chimed was already prevalent in XVIth century Lithuania. M. Daukša in his catechism of 1595 teaches this prayer, advising that, at the first chime of the bell, one must pray, "The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary"; at the second chime, "I am the servant of the Lord", and at the third: "And the Word became Flesh".

The oldest printed prayer to Mary in Lithuania is "Salve Regina", "Hail, Queen". Its translation appears in M. Daukša's 1595 catechism. This prayer quickly became treasured in Lithuania, for it was chanted by Dominicans and other monks after the *Requiem* services. The monks, of course, chanted it in Latin.

Miraculous Pictures and Shrines of Mary

There were but few miraculous representations of Mary in the XVIth century. True, the churches of monasteries and parishes were adorned with pictures of Mary, but in the era of Protestantism nobody recorded any experienced graces and nobody ventured to express gratitude by hanging up votives.

The most ancient representations, according to tradition, are two pictures of Mary given to the Benedictine chapel and parish church in Trakai by

Vytautas the Great who received them, on the occasion of his baptism, from Byzantine Emperor Manuel II of Paleologus (1379-1423). The first picture was placed in the chapel of the Benedictine Monastery which was closed down in 1832. The second picture was placed on the main altar of the parish church. This is the oldest known miraculous representation of Mary in Lithuania. The church of Trakai became the first shrine of Mary.

According to legend, there had been a miraculous picture of St. Mary in St. Michael's Church of the Bernardine Sisters in Vilnius. This picture, it is said, was discovered in 1518 in the ruins of the church and was presented to the Bernardines-Observants of Vilnius who hung it in a corridor of the monastery. One day a religious who was praying before the picture heard a voice, "I long for appreciation and a more suitable place." Thereupon, the picture was moved into the church. Later, when it was transferred to St. Michael's



church, it became widely known for the graces incurred by the faithful and, in 1750, it was crowned.

The shrine of Mary of Šiluva, famous today for the apparition of the Mother of God in 1608, was known, together with its miraculous representation of the Virgin, in the middle of the XVIth century for, in 1551, M. Mažvydas, who was the Protestant pastor of Ragainė, recorded in a letter that the Lithuanians of his Protestant parish travelled to Šiluva for the feast of Virgin Mary. Some scholars believe that the miraculous picture of Mary of Šiluva was presented by the founder of the church, P. Gedgaudas. The church was built in 1457. Bishop A. Tiškevičius in 1748 wrote in his report to Rome that this picture, as well as other documents of the church, was buried in the earth and discovered only after the passage of many years. It was necessary to keep it hidden when Protestantism in the XVIth century was in full power.

Last Thoughts

For Lithuania, the XVIth century was a time of religious strife ending in victory. At the onslaught of Protestantism, the faith of the Catholics had not yet developed strong deep roots and that is why the raging storm from the West encountered success in beginning to overthrowing the faith. That storm persistently grew in might until it reached its high point of citory in the middle of the XVIth century. However, having achieved its success, the wave of Protestantism began to collapse while Catholics, recovering their strength, became victorious.

This has been the framework in which the cult of Mary in the XVIth century underwent testing and contributed so much to the victory of the Catholic Church. Significant, too, is the role of the religious, particularly the Jesuits, who with their schools and Sodality of Mary instilled in their wards a deeper faith, aroused the spirit of self-sacrifice, and trained so many candidates for monasticism and priesthood. The monks, together with bishops and priests, spread the

cult of Mary with prayers, hymns, and pilgrimages to the shrine of Mary in Trakai. They safe-guarded and then made public the miraculous pictures of Our Lady, which led the populace to experience various graces.

Mary herself, seeing the love of her devoted children, contributed to the final victory of Lithuanian Catholics, appearing in Šiluva with the Christ Child in her arms. Her apparition inspired Lithuanians to contend even more courageously for the true faith and for the honor of the Mother of God so that when, in the XVIIth century they won the long struggle, they could, in their belated religious Middle Age, rejoice.



IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

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A PRISONER OF GULAG

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translated by Antonia M. Wackell

writes

1978, March 20,

(. . .) Mother's hands clasped in prayer stand before my eyes forever. Those hands, which guided my feeble hand from head to chest, teaching me to make the sign of the cross. Those hands, which on the surface of the risen dough, pressed the symbol of the cross, hands, building the fires and blessing it. Those tired hands each time making the sign of the cross over my bed. Such were my mother's hands.

I recall many years before, when I returned from the East, mother wiped her tears with the apron and said: „Child, you have come back!” And father brushed the tears quietly as he looked at me. He said nothing. He was always quiet and just looked. Such was his method of discipline. In his opinion, man must understand man without words. Father, that father, who before the kerosene lamp's glimmer every evening, read the Holy Scripture and would explain it to us . . . The glimmer is extinguished, the Holy Scripture book overturned, father is silent forever . . . I received all your letters. After this letter I will not write to you so soon. From rising until rest hour only one-half hour remains. Sleep is sufficient. We sleep 8 hours.

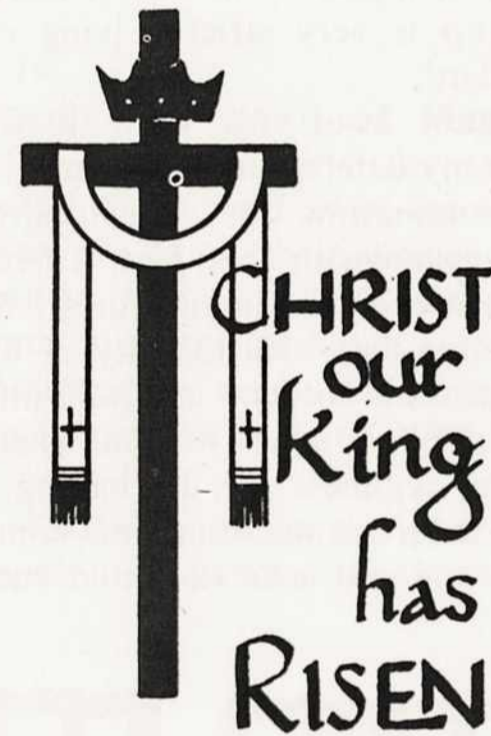
1978, March 26,

This year I was not fortunate to participate in the assembly days, the Palm Sunday observance, to rejoice in the Resurrection festivities; even the Monstrance sparkling in the sun's radiance did not gladden my eyes, the fluttering banners in the spring winds, the swelling



numbers of fervent souls. But I drowned with you in the Peace of Lent, with you I walked the Way of the Cross, with you I led Christ making His way to Jerusalem, I placed before Him the palms of my life at His feet, with you I sang, “Come to us Mighty King”, with you I did homage kneeling before the coffin of Christ while singing “Weep Angels”; with you, Catholic universe, I sang the solemn “Gloria” and, taking Christ into my heart, after giving thanks for the outline of my life's path I asked:

“You have risen, Christ, in the altar
Rise in my Christian nation,
Rise into my heart!”



1978, April 23,

These days a believer in his own convictions must pass various difficult torturous paths: be slowly killed in the extermination security pits, terror travels in the sending stations, the suffocating railroad chambers and finally he and his love of Christ freezes in Siberia's snows. And on this path of torture, those slow deaths many are frightened.

It is very painful, when some of our country's sons forfeit their conscience permitting themselves to be seduced by “fairies” who promise liberty, guaranteed life, silver. Long ago, the guardians' promise of liberty never delighted me. What can be gained from such liberty, if I were to be always persecuted maliciously

under suspicious eyes, accompanied by secret police, I will always be a target. This, then, would be my future freedom.

Silyer . . . Why is it necessary? Nowadays the potters field to bury the foreigners is unnecessary. The new-comers took possession of us and they will bury us where it suits them. For us, possessing the hope of eternal life, it is not important or whatever conditions our living days may end or where our grave's mound will be poured. It is important to us that our countrymen bear Christ's teachings and light, standing upon their predecessors' mounds, they would feel greater, steadier and courageous. Surely, for unprotected, unpassed Savoir's light of knowledge we will be accountable to God (. . .).

The Chuvash little nation was only recently considered a wilderness. Although, of course, even now they do not differ from the wild. The people are of medium height, dark-complexion, black-haired. They wear strange hairy coverings. Large white letters not understandable to us are written on their backs. The native Chuvash are without exception imprisoned for murder, because this small nation's people are very angry (. . .). All without exception are executors of petty laws for their god — the Soviet Union. Because of that, the camp is very strict. Living conditions are particularly hard.

The regime's head, for quite a while, had no translator for my letters, sending them to the Panevezo militia for examination. She, encouraged by those in Vilnius, put me up with the spies. There are as many spies as there are snakes in the forest! Some of them were and are familiar with the city of Kaunas, others visited Vilnius, still others are well-informed about Moscow etc. While one was nowhere and knew nothing. The regime's head, having received no commitment information, sometimes comes running to me, embraces me and asks such and such a question:



“Tell me, what is your training?” — “It’s written in my documents! — I answer. “That’s not true!” — running away from me, she strikes back. — “It is really sad, useless poor things. I cannot help.”

About myself, I can write as follows. In this cell, in these shackled surroundings I feel calm. You could say normal. I am neither slave nor queen, only a person. I do not yearn for anything and collect nothing. I rest like a child upon our protecting God’s arms. I wanted to write you, that the head of the camp long ago, is concerned about my health, but there was no opportunity to do anything.

January, this year, they wanted to send me to the Kemero region, that is in exile, but this decision was opposed by the camp’s chief’s deputy, stating this reason, that that region’s climate and work would be unbearable for me. There the banished labor in the livestock farms and work outdoors. Presently, they are still thinking how to get along with me. You know, the camp’s administration has been working since eternity in their attempt to change this “going away” station. Three weeks ago in our camp a 22 year-old young girl died. Going away . . . Children of Mary’s land, when your weary knees bend before Mary’s altar, remember us.

1978, May 1,

An unknown son of my country’s — Aloyzas, in his letter to me, compares me to a political prisoner. He is not wrong. The security police made me that way. Although earlier I did not consider myself political and never was engaged in politics. I, as a believer, was interested in religious literature, enlarging it, understanding its usefulness and great need in my homeland. Also I rewrote copies of the “Lithuanian Catholic Churches Chronicles”, for which I was charged with political activity. This publication I do not consider political and will not consider it. (. . .), because in this little publication is written undeniable truth.

(. . .) The next day my sister sent me a telegram about my mother’s death. The telegram was not given to me. As though it had never existed. Later, sister exacted a document form the doctor, with which she appealed to the head of the militia in Birzius (where mother was registered), requesting the signature in reference to the document and asking that they send me a certified copy of the telegram. The militia head did not sign. He did not confirm the death of my mother. Although it is clear to everyone that a death certificate is not given without registration. I know very well, that in the camp, according to the orders of the Ministry of Interior, they are not only sent to the parents of the deceased prisoner, but also if a parent’s health is in critical condition, a prisoner is permitted to visit for 2 weeks. Only, of course, that does not apply to me.



I am often searched here. And only I! One time, a rosary was taken, which I was able to safeguard for 9 months. Also they did not return a small picture of Christ's birth and wafers. In the Easter greetings someone had enclosed 2 Easter pictures. They were not given to me. The regime's head angrily questioned: "So what, aren't those little pictures to be attached again to your personal documents?" — "Only to the documents! I wish that my documents adorn my sacramentals!" I would like to inquire, where Rev. C. Kricaicis proclamation of religious freedom is? For such I would offer that they go the painful way and example of V. Lapienas whom I knew. He does not know what a lie is and hypocrisy. That is a perfect man.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, do not remain in this present day draught! God gives hardship, He also gives strength to overcome it. Repentance is necessary for our brothers, who have sold their conscience for lentil-soup. It is necessary for the dissidents, necessary repentance also for ourselves.

1978, May 1,

(. . .) Spring last year was passed in the gloomy security cells. There a prisoner's life days pass slowly. The city used to be full of the hot Spring sun, but thru the cell windows it is never seen. It is cold and damp in the cell. Only when we are permitted to walk in the "pens" do we feel the reviving warmth of the spring sun.

1978, May

You, no doubt, are wondering what sort of city is Kozlovko. Three small villages are joined together located on a hill and at the foot of the hill. The places are pretty: hills, forests, hillsides, not far from the cold-blowing Volga. But because it is a strange place, the beauty of this place says nothing to our hearts. Besides, we see its beauty only from one side, through the half-

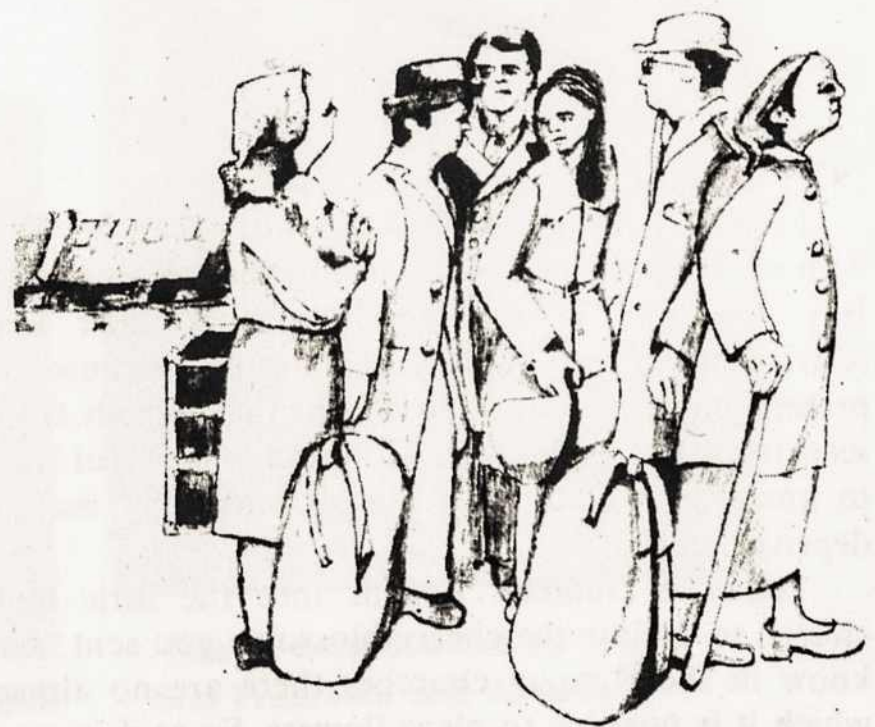
closed windows of the factory's second floor. The small homes are wooden, small (like our country's vapour baths) having one window, two, others have even three windows with shutters. At the foot of this little city is the resident supporter — camp. In the camp the vegetating beings are also counted with the city of Kozlovko's numbers of inhabitants. It's been heard, that in the not too distant past, these three villages were famous for their abundance of goats.

When we approached Kozlovko in the train, the camp's machine and security met us. Having ridden about 300 meters, (trans. 330 yds.), we passed through two concrete-walled and two barbed-wire fenced fortresses. In this stronghold we walked unrestricted, because we felt it was ours (. . .). We were lodged on the second floor of a stone building. Here also our days slipped by slowly. They slip slowly and monotonously. Imprisoned in this camp are various professionals and former post-holding women: engineers, instructors, doctors, accountants, store managers, heads of transportation tables, various institution students, black-marketeers and one for her religion, who is known to you.

1978, May 14.

Unexpectedly, the dawn of May 4th was the morning that brought liberty for us. Truly! That morning's sunshine scraped away the shadow of night from our lives. On May 4th 16 women from our camp were released on probation. That day from Ul'yanovsk came one militia official and that factory's, where we had been assigned to work, director's deputy. From Kozlovko to Ul'yanovsk it is about 300 km. (trans. 186 1/2 miles).

We left Kozlovko about the 16th hour (trans. 4 p.m.) and were in Ul'yanovsk about 9 a.m. next day.



On the trip we were very tired and cold. Early in the morning, in spite of the cold, we were plunged into the kingdom of sleep. When we opened sleep-heavy eyes, the sun-splashed forest beckoned to us from afar. As we rode through the forest the smoke-stacks of the Ul'yanovsk factories began to appear. We were lodged in a two floor lodging-house building. The room was clean, about 18 m. (trans. 59 ft.). Three husband-killers lived with me. Both room windows were decorated with grill.

Checking our health, the doctors expressed their doubts about my health. The tannery combine's authorities had already assigned the work, but work was not given to me without the doctor's consent. The combine's authorities kept me for two days without stady work, sending me from one task to another, telling me to choose work for myself. I did not pick one. There was nothing to choose from. Everywhere there was emulsion, the odor of dyes, the heat. They assigned me according to their judgment. The first days were difficult. The work, it seemed, was nothing.

Four militia men and their families reside in our lodging-house. They alternate their guard day and night. At 10 o'clock at night there is checking. Also in this lodging-house you must register every Sunday. Before work, after work and Sundays we may walk freely throughout the city, climb the hills, forest, swim about in the Volga river etc. But it is important that we return to camp and in our lodging-house at 10 p.m. Here it is better than at the camp. Altho the first months were hard. We began life from a needle, match and spoon.



1978, June 4.

Letters, packages, monetary orders can be received without number and visa, from whoever sends them. Here no one verifies anything and there are no restrictions of any kind. Send nothing, because at this present moment I want to accept that, which God has seen from the beginning. Although it is useful for man to know such cold, such hunger and other matters of deprivation.

Today is Sunday. I went into the little Russian church to donate the cherry blossoms you sent. As you know in the Russian churches there are no altars, on which it is possible to place flowers. So as if in stealth I

approached the picture of the Crucifixion, where one half depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary drowned in sorrow, and the other half — St. John, and secretly I offered as a gift the blossoms from my naveland's fields to Mary from all Her beloved land's children.

(. . .) When you write a letter, enclose a large needle. There are none in Ul'yanovsk (. . .). If we work for 20 days throughout the month, we will get 60 rubles (trans. \$81.00). With such money in this place it is just possible to subsist. There is absolutely no meat, butter, sausages in this city; salt pork is sold in the commission markets. Their cost for 1 kg (trans. 35 oz) is 5.47 rubles (trans. \$7.275). We do not purchase meat products and for them we do not turn our heads. We exist on milk, bread and potatoes. The milk resembles whitened water: having drunk a bottle of milk, washing it is not necessary, it remains clear . . . Of food products I would ask to include in the package, of course, if they are available in the markets, a couple kg (trans. 70 oz) of jelly and ordinary coffee or cocoa. These food products are lacking in Ul'yanovsk.

Dear One, do not become alarmed because my letters are opened and read from the postal box (. . .). I know well, that security is still concerned about my letters. I have nothing to hide from them.

(. . .) I went to the only existing small Russian church in this city (. . .). Leaving it, I could not but admire enough the numerous throng of people. I am really amazed, that all this time God's name has been erased from the hearts of this nation's people and continues so, but it is never fully erased. On one occasion I visited the lodging-house's chief. My eyes were astonished to see religious pictures hung in respectable places in his beautifully furnished apartment. There was joy in my heart.

1978, July 3.

I work at the same job, that is, I dye leather. When I glance at the million hills of leather, an unsolvable question enters my head: in what land did the animals run out casting off their skins? Or perhaps it is now the fashion to walk without hides? If they were to be killed, there would be meat in the markets. The shops are empty: there are no heads, neither hooves, nor tails. Truthfully there are none!

(. . .) My land, walk with a firm step, with the blood and sweat of the heros' dedicated paths and with your hand feel the palm of God. Remember us in our country's celebrations and all visited failures.

Excerpts
— from Lithuanian Catholic
Church Chronicles

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the 1980 K of L Scholarship Award will be presented to a deserving Knight(s) at the National Convention Banquet in Boston on August 9, 1980.

Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate work or graduate work in degree programs. The Scholarship Committee will base its award decision primarily on K of L activity but also will consider scholastic achievement, financial need and various recommendations. The scholarships are awarded to different Knights each year and a second award will not be made to the same individual. However, if a qualified Knight applies for a scholarship and is not selected for that particular year, he or she may reapply for a scholarship in a subsequent year. Please urge qualified members in your council to apply before the deadline of July 31, 1980. Requests for applications and additional information should be sent to the Scholarship Chairman at the above address.

The Scholarship Committee has awarded more than \$6000 over the last three years to twelve deserving K of L members. These awards as well as the others made in

the previous 19 years were made possible by the generosity of various K of L districts, councils and individuals. Unfortunately, college tuition keeps rising and the Committee would like to increase the amount of the annual award as well as maintain a balance that would insure future presentations.

For the 1980 Scholarship Appeal, the Scholarship Committee has been extremely fortunate in being offered five beautiful Lithuanian artifacts as prizes to be awarded at the National Convention:

- a. A set of Vytis Bookends
- b. A bronze Vytis Plaque
- c. An aluminum Vytis Plaque
- d. A Lithuanian Doll
- e. A Lithuanian Doll

These prizes will command admiration in any K of L home, meeting room, or Church Hall. The first three prizes are being donated by Phil Carter of Council 17 Seniors — Boston. The dolls are being donated by Sister Francesca, O.S.F., and her sister, Sister Alvarna, O.S.F., both of Council 19 — Pittsburgh.

Each \$5.00 donation will give the donor (whether an individual, council, district, or other organization) one chance to win the prizes listed above. Donations in multiples of \$5.00 will give additional chances for the



Artist Phil Carter with his gifts to Scholarship Committee



K of L Bookends donated by P. Carter



One of dolls donated by Srs. Francesca and Alvarna

prizes. Thus, if an individual or a council donates \$25.00, they will have 5 chances in the drawing.

Donations can be made as outright gifts or in memory of a deceased K of L member, relative or friend. All donations will be acknowledged and will be published in the Vytis. Donations (which are tax-de-

ductible) should be sent to the Scholarship Committee Treasurer at the above address.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity, I remain

Dėkingai ir Vytiškai Jūsų,
Walter D. Svekla, Chairman

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Program is intended to help a worthy and deserving Knight obtain a college education. It should be a stimulus for young Lithuanian-Americans to join and be active in our organization. Service to the Knights of Lithuania organization is of prime importance to be considered for this award.

Scholarships are awarded annually as a *grant*. Applications may be submitted no later than *July 31st* of each year. The awards, totalling up to \$1,000.00 are paid to the recipient in two installments. In exceptional cases, the grant may be made in one lump sum. Scholarships are awarded to different Knights each year and a second award will not be made to the same individual.

Each applicant has the responsibility of making application and securing entrance to the college of his or her choice. If the recipient of an award drops out of college, or if his or her scholastic standing becomes unsatisfactory to the college, the unexpended balance of

the award may be forfeited at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship awards may be made to a person for undergraduate or graduate work. There is no age limitation. Organizational activity within the Knights of Lithuania is one of the most important criterion for obtaining a scholarship along with the following requirements and stipulations:

An applicant's qualifications will be based on recommendations made by: his or her Council President; Spiritual Advisor or Pastor; Former Teacher; and Character Reference. He or she will be judged on his or her previous scholastic records, results of a personal interview (where possible) and other examinations, if necessary. The applications will be carefully studied by the members of the Scholarship Committee and decisions of the Committee are final. The recipient of the Scholarship Award will be announced at the National Convention.

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Susan F. Bumila

Dear Walter and Other Members of the K of L Scholarship Committee:

Thank you very much for awarding me my part of this year's K of L Scholarship. With college costs being what they are, and the trouble I am having finding financial aid, this award comes as a welcomed relief. I am very pleased to receive this award from the K of L, and I intend to do more for this organization in return for your help.

Thank you very much.

Mike Grigaliunas

Dear Mr. Svekla:

I am writing to extend my sincerest thanks to you and the Committee for granting me a K of L National Scholarship. I was delighted by the news of the award and wish my summer courses hadn't prevented me from thanking you personally at the Convention. The "Knights of Lithuania" has always been a part of my life and I know I shall not venture far from family traditions.... Thanking you and the Committee again, I remain,

Vytiskai,
Kathy Krecioch

Dear Scholarship Committee:

Thank you very much for awarding me a Knight of Lithuania Scholarship! I am very happy.

Thank you sincerely,

Rimas V. Saulenas

LITHUNIA comes to VERMONT

By Cora Cheney

The average traveler on Route 9 in Marlboro passes the small sign to Camp Neringa without a second thought, but one who is familiar with northern European geography might pause to wonder why a remote camp in Vermont carries the name of an ancient Baltic resort town, one significant to the history of Lithuania.

Only a few people know that in Vermont, Lithuanian culture and tradition are being vigorously kept alive by a dedicated group of nuns who are determined that Lithuania and all she stands for shall not be swallowed up by Russia.

"Our purpose is to keep Lithuania alive here in America for future generations, and Vermont, so like Lithuania in many ways, seems a heaven-sent spot for our work,"

says Sister Igne, camp director.

Here at Camp Neringa for eight weeks each summer boys and girls of Lithuanian ancestry from age seven through teens from all over the east, middle west, and Canada converge to speak Lithuanian, learn ancient crafts, music, dancing, and history in a setting much like the homeland of their ancestors. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, whose American headquarters are in Putnam, Conn., since 1943 have provided a Lithuanian culture camp, believed to be the first of such ethnic camps in America. First held at their convent house for girl campers only, Camp Neringa ten years ago became a co-ed camp in Vermont.

Sister Igne (whose name aptly means fire) and Sister Ann Mikaila,

the art director, both young and intense and casually dressed in blue and white, are equipped with eye-twinkling dispositions designed to deal with lively New World Lithuanians.

"We speak Lithuanian entirely at two of our sessions which accepts only bilingual children. At other periods we have to use some English, but the Lithuanian language is central to our camp. We use Lithuanian in our prayers, songs, and directions so they can't help but absorb it," says Sister Igne.

The Lithuanian tongue is the most ancient surviving Indo-European language, closely resembling Sanskrit, making scholars believe that the original Lithuanians were related to the Ayrans of the Himalayan region. A



The first English-speaking session for children of Lithuanian descent at Camp Neringa in 1970. Now there are over 100 campers every year

sturdy race who have doggedly held onto their culture through a turbulent history of resistance to their Polish, Russian, and German neighbors, the Lithuanians had a brief period of political independence between the two World Wars, a situation that cruelly ended at Yalta when Russia established Lithuania as one of the soviet republics.

"But happily the United States never accepted this formally, and Lithuania has a consulate in Washington now," said Sister Ann, whose knowledge of history slips out in every other word.

At the end of World War II when Russia took control from Germany who had overpowered Lithuania in the violent days of the early 1940's; Lithuanian leaders and patriots were being killed off and deported to Siberia in masses. Thousands escaped over the border into Germany where they were held in displaced persons centers. It was in an old army barracks in such a place that Sister Ann was born in 1944; when she was still a baby she came to Canada with her parents. Sister Igne, whose musician father had a sponsor in Hartford, Conn., was brought directly there in her infancy in the same period.

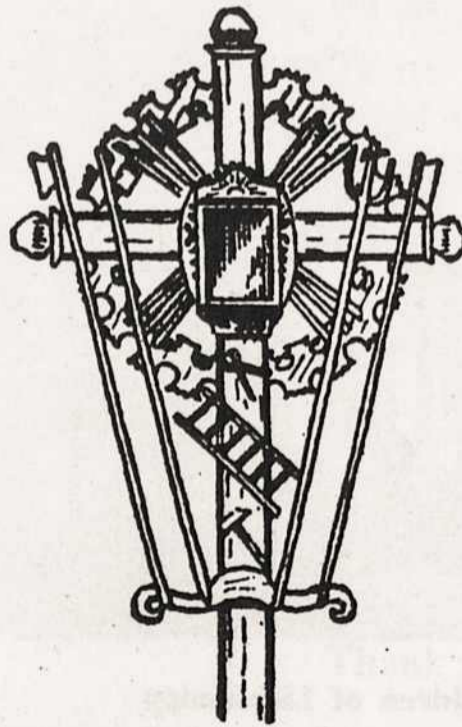
While many European groups came to America to work in specific industries such as railroads, coal mines, or the marble quarries of Vermont, the Lithuanians with skills and professions who came to America after World War II were political refugees, most of whom found their way into varied North American communities. The melting pot theory generally kept Lithuanians, who are largely Roman Catholic, from having their own parishes, Sister Ann told me.

"Nuns of our small order who were included in the emigration went to Canada and Connecticut, where we were in fact already established. We knew we must keep

our country alive among these expatriates and their descendents. Pluralism, and attitude that encourages ethnic identity, has become more popular in America now since the 1960's when the Blacks asserted their racial pride," said Sister Ann.

The typical day at Camp Neringa starts when the American flag goes up with the salute and the Star Spangled Banner in English, followed by raising the yellow, green, and red Lithuanian flag with its national anthem. Some days there are worship services in the outdoor chapel with its birch crosses and rustic altar, but despite the church sponsorship the camp emphasis is not totally religious.

When Camp Neringa was purchased in 1969 a deciding factor was the abundance of birch wood, traditional in Lithuanian art and crafts, and during nature walks the children become familiar with birch and oak and pine, trees almost sacred in Lithuanian art and literature. In craft classes the campers use the native wood to make miniature *koplyteles*, typical of Lithuanian folk art. In the old country they dot the countryside, small rustic shrines, no larger than a Vermont mailbox, raised high on birch poles topped with a cross.

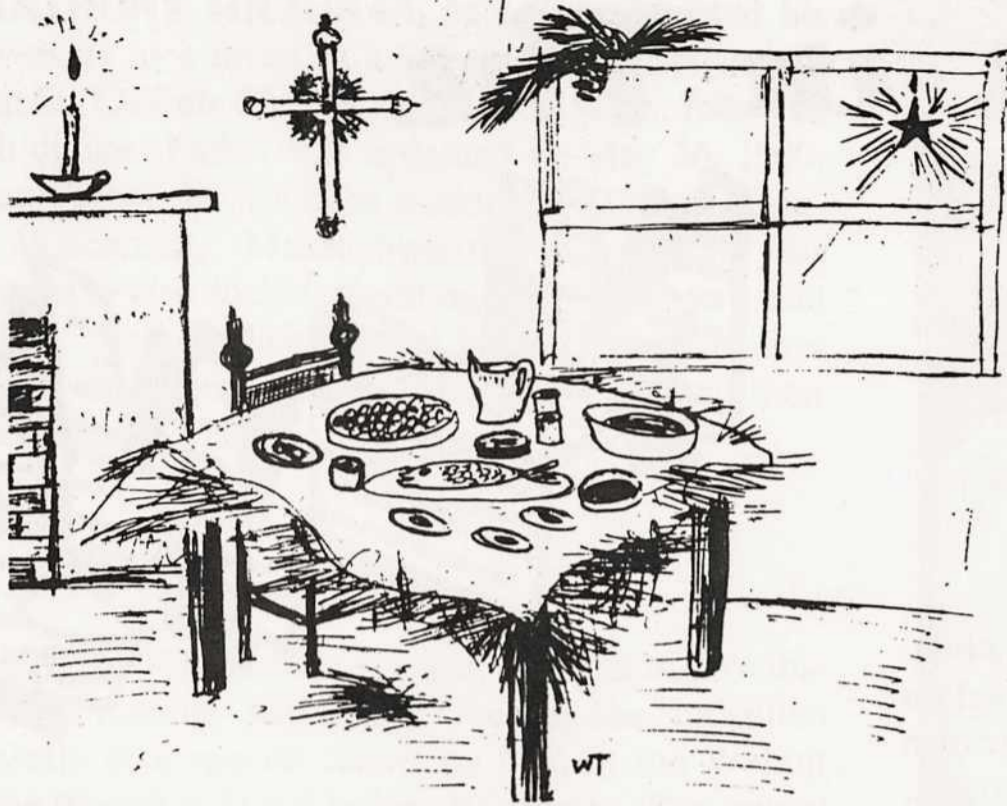


"The Lithuanians were the last people in Europe to become Christian," said Sister Igne. "We had a flourishing pagan worship, a form of animism that revered all nature, ascribing life to trees and stars and all the earth. Probably these *koplyteles* were first dedicated to a general force of nature, and then the cross was put on as an afterthought when missionaries convinced us to become Roman Catholics in the fourteenth century. Even Chaucer brings up the problem of converting the Lithuanians in 'The Knight's Tale'."

Many of the campers own their own national costumes, handsome handwoven skirts or trousers, embroidered blouses, fancy vests, and fetching aprons and bonnets, or "crowns", for the girls. Some of the college student counselors belong to the world-touring Lithuanian *Grandinele* Folk Dance Group from Cleveland. Accompanied by their own music on the accordion and the zither-like traditional stringed instrument, the *kankles*, the campers sometimes have open house for Vermont visitors and perform such national dances as the *lenciugelis* when one boy courts four girls to the derisive shouts of the onlookers.

Singing native songs of national sorrows and triumphs, traditional ballads, hymns, and historical lays, usually accompanied by Sister Igne on the accordion, the children shout complex rounds in Lithuanian with much clapping and body motion. Now that the camp is becoming better acquainted with its neighbors select groups of campers have been invited to sing for the Marlboro Music Festival staff.

Samples of weaving, *takelis* embroidered bands for the blouse sleeves, woodwork, *siaudas* straw work, and natural grasses used in graphics, fill the art studio. Making Christmas tree ornaments from straw is an ancient craft, and although Neringa campers were us-



ing paper straws for lack of the "proper" material, there was added enthusiasm the day I was there since there was to be a Christmas party that evening.

Christmas in July? "Well, we must let the young people take part in a real Lithuanian Christmas," said Sister Palmira who presides over the kitchen and lovingly teaches intricate embroidery to sometimes awkward young American fingers. Growing up on a Lithuanian farm ("She is a wizard with flowers. It is to her that we owe the herb rue, our national flower, that grows all about our camp!") she is a storehouse of quaint traditions.

"Lithuanian Christmas is very special. On Christmas Eve we have a feast of twelve courses for the twelve apostles, with no meat since we go later to Mass after having our family communion. We try to reenact this with traditional tree decorations, songs, and dances, and we at least *tell* them of the twelve course dinner served on a white cloth with hay underneath it and plates set for the dead and the absent loved ones."

That morning the campers drew names and during the day each person made a gift from nature for the friend whose name was drawn. Girls drew girls, boys boys.

"We made that rule last year after one small boy gave a frog, from nature, to a detested little girl whose name he had drawn," laughed Sister Igne.

Prints of works of Lithuanian artists such as the mysterious genius Ciurlionis, considered by some people to be the father of abstract art, line the walls of the rustic library where Sister Ann distributes Lithuanian books for the campers. Both she and Sister Igne are nearing completion of their Masters Degrees at colleges near their convent.

The campers love to hear the old folk tales, especially stories of Neringa, the giant girl who aided sailors and who drank up the sea and built the dunes to prevent the flooding of the villages on the Lithuanian coast. She was rewarded by having the famous Baltic resort area named for her, and finally, by footnote, the camp in Vermont. And the legends of fourteenth century empire builder Gediminas who founded the

capital city of Vilnius after advice in a dream about a wolf, leaving the iron wolf symbol as a recurring motif in their folk art.

One year the camp had a visiting poet, Kazys Brodunas, who writes for the Lithuanian daily DRAUGAS in Chicago. Sister Ann, who writes and illustrates children's books, has turned editor as well at the house in Putnam where the nuns maintain a press to print books in Lithuanian.

What is the thing you most want to give the children in Camp Neringa?

"I think mostly we want to share with Lithuanian children in America the joy of their heritage, the joy of life right here in Vermont, and the blessings of preserving our identity in the world," said Sister Igne, who is not above jumping for joy herself.



Sister M. Igne, who has been director of Camp Neringa since 1971. She was a longtime camper at Putnam, then a counselor and teacher. She is very active in parish ministry and youth work.

Lithuanians in The

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



The Third Annual Prayerthon by the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance was conducted on April 23rd. All chapters participated by choosing their own approach to prayer. Catholic organizations in Australia, Venezuela, Argentina and Canada were invited to join in prayer with Lithuanian Catholic organizations in the United States. The prayers were for the eventual elevation to sainthood of Archbishop George Matulaitis. **JULIA MACK** is National President of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance.

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The Lithuanian Heritage Committee, most of whom are K of L members, held a very successful program at the Sacred Heart University Library on Sunday, February 3, 1980. The program was a combination of efforts with Sacred Heart University Librarian, Mr. Edward O'Hara; the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Putnam, Conn., Sister Margaret, Superior; Friends of the Library of Sacred Heart University, Dr. Evelyn Conley; and the Lithuanian Heritage Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Trainis, C-141, Co-Chairmen.

Dr. Conley, as master of ceremonies, welcomed the 250 people who filled the lecture hall. Sister Ann Mikaila gave an informative talk covering Lithuanian history and culture and the interpretations of over 20 paintings of Adomas Galdikas which were displayed in the lower level of the library. Also on display were a collection of books about Lithuania and many beautiful Lithuanian artifacts which were loaned by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

A reception was held after the program which featured a homemade "Raguolis" and homemade bread and cheese made by the Sisters, served with wine. Dr. Thomas P. Melady, President of Sacred Heart University, and his wife Margaret, gave a short talk at the reception and introduced faculty members Vaiva Verba-Gust, teacher of Lithuanian history and culture, and Vitalis Zukauskas, teacher of Lithuanian language II and Practical Lithuanian.



FATHER ANASTASIUS VALANCIUS, St. Anthony Parish, Cicero, Illinois, celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a priest at the 12:00 Mass, Sunday, April 27th, followed by an open house reception in the parish hall. He was ordained at Mundelein and held his First Mass at St. Anthony's in 1930. His first assignment was at Immaculate Conception Parish, Chicago. He later served at several other parishes before becoming pastor of St. Michael's on the North Side. For the past several years he conducted Missions in Lithuanian parishes in New Jersey and other Eastern states. He is now residing and working at St. Anthony's, which is his home parish. Father Val is an Honorary Member of the K of L, and served as C-5 Spiritual Advisor for many years. He is Spiritual Advisor to the newly reorganized Council 14. All K of L members extend their prayerful congratulations.

REV. ANTHONY MICIUNAS, M.I.C., celebrated his 40th Anniversary as a priest in a Mass of Thanksgiving on May 25th at St. Casimir Church, Worcester, Mass. followed by a parish dinner. Father was ordained on May 26, 1940. As a Marian Father, he has been stationed in Illinois, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Italy. His assignments have also included editing the "Draugas" and "The Marian." Father Miciunas is a Third Degree Member of the Knights of Lithuania and all K of L'ers extend their sincerest congratulations on this joyous occasion.

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JOHN L. PAUKSTIS, C-36, Chicago, was one of five distinguished De LaSalle Alumni to receive the LaSallian Award recently at a special ceremony held in the Walnut Room of the Bismarck Hotel before 600 guests. This award is granted each year by the Christian Brothers of the Chicago District to persons who exemplify the ideals for which St. John Baptist De LaSalle founded the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in 1680. The recipients exhibit in their private and public lives a marked concern for the Christian education of youth, especially those most in need of the the Christian message. They, in a sense, share in the apostolate of the Christian Brothers, which is Christian education. John is President of the De LaSalle Alumni Association and is also active in the Darius-Girenas Post of the American Legion. We are proud to claim him as a K of L member.



Pictured:

Brother Luke Lynch, FSC, President, De LaSalle; Joseph Horejsch, Class of '49; John L. Paukstis, Class of '38, President, De LaSalle Alumni Association; William Cullen, Class of '48; and Brother Michael O'Hern, Principal, De LaSalle Institute.



L. to r. Chief Petraroi, Ed Damaskawitz, Mayor Tom Hannon Jr., Police Commissioner Joe Stulpin Jr.

A retired sergeant of the Winfield, New Jersey, police force, **EDWARD DAMASKAWITZ, 68**, (Lithuanian) has completed a one-man drive to raise \$520 to purchase bullet proof vests for the four-member Winfield police department. Eddie, who trudged from door-to-door collecting money, had initially hoped to raise enough money to purchase two vests, but enthusiasm for the project in the small town of Winfield (population about 3,000) made it possible to collect enough for four vests. He was awarded a beautiful plaque by the Winfield Police Department and the Township Commissioners. His concern was for the danger the police officers face today. He was a friend of Anthony Lordi, the Hillside patrolman who was slain December 14. Police Chief John Petraroi states: "Eddie is really something special because he really works for the people of this town. He raised this money all on his own and we are really proud of him."

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VIKTORAS LANIAUSKAS has been appointed chief editor of the Eastern Asian publication of the Reader's Digest, which is published in Hong Kong. Viktoras is the son of Stase and Simas Laniauskas of Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Columbus with a master's degree in journalism. For several years he worked as a UPA journalist in the Philippines, and later as Assistant to the editor-in-chief of the Reader's Digest.



ANN JILLIAN (Jurate Nausedaite) in a scene with actor Mickey Rooney from the New York production of "Sugar Babies."

ANN JILLIAN (Jurate Nausedaite) was born in Los Angeles, California, and still lives there with her parents. She started her film career in Walt Disney's production of "Babes in Toyland." She later appeared in "Gypsy." Her television credits include appearances in Twilight Zone, one of the Ben Casey series, and My Three Sons.



The Soliunas family of Lemont, Illinois

The Soliunas family from Lemont, Illinois, appeared on the TV game show "Family Feud" recently. The program is shown every weekday morning on ABC. The contestants are chosen through auditions and then travel to Los Angeles to participate in the program. The Soliunas family - Rasa, Audrone, Saulinus, Vida and Zita - particularly impressed the show's West Coast producers with their Lithuanian folk songs.



JONAS JURASAS "I finished one life"

An article in the Boston Globe, April 10th, featured a story about **JONAS JURASAS**, entitled "A Second Life for Soviet Exile." Jurasas was presented with the gold key to the city of Providence, Rhode Island, by Mayor Vincent J. Cianci, at a Trinity Square Repertory Company cast party, celebrating the smash opening of the play "The Suicide" and marking Jurasas' American directorial debut. The key opened the door into a new world for the exiled Soviet theater director, the beginning of his second life as an artist and as a human being.

Jurasas, 43, Lithuanian-born and an independent thinker, established a respectable niche in the Soviet Union during the late 60's and early 70's. But he was being watched closely by Soviet spies in his own theatrical troupe because they considered him controversial. His work increasingly was altered and censored, "mutilated" he said in a 1972 open letter of protest, which was to mark his demise. He was dismissed from his theatrical post, barred from finding work and cut off from his friends and associates. He arrived in a state of mind where he had to make a critical choice in 1974 and asked for permission to leave, which first was denied, but finally granted. He wasted no time, packed three suitcases, grabbed the tickets and fled to Western Europe with his wife and son. A year later they emigrated to the United States.

He found work off Broadway and began to appear in regional theater. He also began to learn the differences between the Russian and the American stage. Jurasas won the approval of Adrian Hall, Trinity Square's artistic director, to produce "The Suicide" which had been banned in the Soviet Union. The production which would take a year in Moscow, was completed in six weeks.

Jurasas stated, "I finished one life. The book of my life is closed, closed on a climactic point and a most successful state. So I am one of those rare people who has two lives. I'm starting a new life."



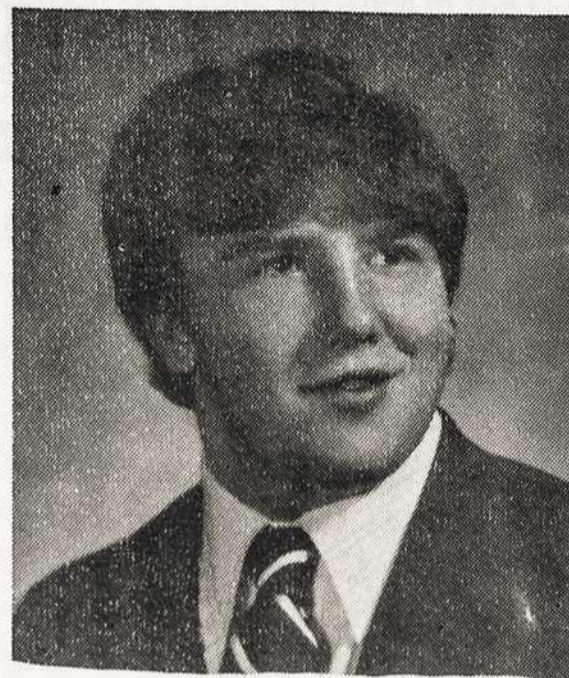
The new organist at St. Peter and Paul Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey, is **MATAS JATUKAUSKAS**. He is a graduate of Manhattan School of Music, has studied in Rome and at the Belgium Conservatory. While a student, he was organist at Ausros Vartu Church in Manhattan, and for the last five years was organist at St. Rose of Lima Church in Manhattan. Matas is a member of C-12.

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"The Chicago Catholic" recently published a review of "Under the Sword of Damocles," written by Anatole Kairys, translated from Lithuanian into English by Nijole Grazulis, and reviewed by Father Joseph Prunskis. The book received the annual award of \$1,000 given by The Lithuanian Daily Draugas for the best novel of the year. The author, Anatole Kairys, studied education and psychology in Lithuania and taught in schools there and in Germany. He has been a resident of Chicago since 1947.

"Under the Sword of Damocles" is written with a literary talent reflecting a patriotic idealism in conflict with communist internationalism, Christian love and aggressive brutality of Marxist imperialism. The story includes peaceful family life and a complicated love life. The novel is rich in profound hatred and unbelievable sacrifice in service of the love of neighbor. It visualizes people living under constant danger of the Nazis and communists. The novel very skillfully describes the Catholic people of Lithuania sincerely loving their land and being ravaged by the Nazi and Soviet invaders.

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TOM BALCAVAGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Balcavage, Minersville, Pa., is the 1980 Pennsylvania State Bronze Medal winner of High School Heavyweight Wrestling. He was the 1979 and 1980 Heavyweight Wrestling Champion for 11th and 12th grades District and Regional, and boasts a career school record of 75-6-1. A member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Minersville, he will attend Bucknell University majoring in Geology. His sister, Susan, is President of the Minersville Junior Knights of Lithuania.

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JOHN M. STIRNA, 74, proprietor of Stirna's Restaurant in North Scranton, Pa., died in his home on December 30, 1979. He had been prominent in civic, charitable, social, sports, and other activities for many decades. He was honored recently by Lackawanna Junior College when he was awarded a silver medal in recognition of his services to the community and the school. He was a member of the Knights of Lithuania and many other organizations too numerous to mention. He lived a very active and full life. He is survived by his wife, Helen; son, Dr. John Stirna of Narrowsburg, N.Y.; and daughter, Mrs. Joan Noreika, a North Scranton funeral director.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A report on his Washington DC visit April 11, 1980

WHITE HOUSE

On Friday, April 11, 1980, the White House Office of Ethnic Affairs hosted a Conference and reception for some 200 representatives of American Ethnic Fraternal leaders. I was honored to represent the Knights of Lithuania.

Though this special White House Staff component is not new, the Carter Administration has re-emphasized its role in the last year and a half.

In moderating the three hour conference, Dr. Stephen R. Aiello, Special Assistant to the President for Ethnic Affairs, described the role of his office as that of a liaison between the Administration and the special constituency of Ethnic-Americans, defined as persons of East European, Southern European, Middle Eastern and Asian backgrounds. The special concerns of these groups, he stated, reflected both domestic and international issues.

In speaking with both Victoria Mongiardo and Natalie Sluzar, assistants to Dr. Aiello, I was informed that the Ethnic Affairs Office has taken note of the many letters and telegrams sent to the President in the name of the Knights of Lithuania. I was urged to stress to our membership the importance of continuing to inform the Administration of issues affecting Lithuanians here and abroad.

Dr. Aiello's opening remarks were followed by a discussion on the state of the Economy, introduced and moderated by Alfred Kahn, Chairman of the Wage and Price Stability Board, himself a first generation ethnic and member of a fraternal organization. His presentation was augmented by Assistant Secretary Department of Commerce Jerry Jazniowski and followed by questions and answers.

National Security Advisor Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski lead the presentation on Foreign Policy, describing it as twofold: "making the U.S. consistently relevant to an ever-changing world while maintaining the credibility and effectiveness of American power." He went on to cover the status of both Iran and Afghanistan. Dr. Brzezinski stated that the foundation of any foreign policy must be the realization that "we live in a world we can no longer dominate, nor from which we can escape."

The questions and answers on foreign policy were interrupted by the arrival of President Carter who received a warm reception. He addressed the group for some fifteen minutes, describing ethnic fraternal groups as the backbone

of America, a haven for the preservation of the family as a viable institution and bulwark of the "work hard and save" ethnic. He thanked the assemblage for the work done by the organizations represented and pledged that the lines of communication between ethnic Americans and his Administration would remain open.

To the consternation of his staff, the President stayed on to shake hands and greet every person present and have pictures taken by the White House photographers.

While meeting the President I presented him with my Knights of Lithuania Vytis pin describing it as the Lithuanian symbol of value and courage. President Carter accepted it graciously saying it meant a great deal to him and that he would wear it proudly.

The conference resumed with Msgr. Geno Baroni of HUD with a presentation on how fraternal groups can become involved with their community's development. A slide history of a recent "success story" described an Italian neighborhood parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Cleveland, Ohio.

The conference closed with a plea to all ethnic fraternal to get involved with existing government committees that can help identify and alleviate particular problems, whether foreign policy issues, neighborhood rehabilitation or ethnic studies programs.

The reception that followed in the White House Dining Room presented a good opportunity to meet some of the other representatives. Other Lithuanians present were: Stanley Balzekas, Jr., a member of K of L C-36, representing the Chicago Balzekas Lithuanian Museum of Culture and Taryba; Thomas E. Mack, President of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance from Wilkes Barre, PA; Richard Krickus, author of articles on Human Rights violations in Lithuania; Elena Bradunaite, Felixas Andriunas, Algimantas Gecys, and Rimantas Stirbys, the last three members of the Public Affairs Committee of the Lithuanian Community of the USA, Inc.

UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Earlier the same day, I visited Bishop Thomas Kelly, Secretary General of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. In compliance with a Resolution of the 1979 National Convention, I presented to him a framed facsimile of the Preface to the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in

Lithuania #37 in which both the Knights of Lithuania and Bishop Kelly are thanked for the 1979 Day of Prayer for the Catholics of Lithuania proclaimed by the Bishop in the name of the USCC at the request of the 65th National K of L Convention.

Beneath glass is a copy of the original document, with an English translation beside it, separated by a small yellow and green JUOSTA spelling the word "VILNIUS." Credit for the preparation of this memento is due to our Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

Bishop Kelly was visibly moved and pledged his continued efforts on behalf of Lithuanian Catholics through the USCC's Peace and Justice Committee. There was also time

to discuss the plight of ethnic parishes in the U.S. On a more personal note, Bishop Kelly had warm comments for our National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, who was one of his university professors. The Bishop states that the ears and doors of the USCC are always open to the Knights of Lithuania.

OTHER

The busy day also included a meeting with Council 142's President Eva Migonis at her office of Academe Executive Services, to discuss the K of L in the nation's capital.

Philip A. Skabeikis

Highlights of the Supreme Council Meeting Held March 22, 1980, South Boston, MA.

The SC met for the third time this K of L year on Saturday, March 22nd in South Boston at St. Joseph's Hall, hosted by Council 175.

All Supreme Council officers and Committee Chairmen were present except III VP Stanley Vaitkus, MCD President Aldona Ryan, IID President Algerd Brazis, Scholarship Chairman Walter Svekla, Ritual Chairman Sophie Zager, and Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Rev. Casimir Pugevicius.

A few of the highlights of the business discussed are as follows: (this is not nearly a complete record of the proceedings)

President Skabeikis reported that he will pursue a more efficient policy of idea and information exchange with other Lithuanian organizations, but not establish permanent liaison positions. He reiterated SC policy to strengthen the K of L's role in organizations where we do have official representation, as long as it appears to be in our best interest.

First VP Susan Bumila reported on her active involvement in planning this year's Junior Program at the National Convention. She has also revised the Juniors' By-Laws, which will be presented to the National Convention for approval.

Second VP John Adomenas reported that the 1979 Convention Resolution regarding a membership drive on college campuses has not met with support or enthusiasm from District or Council leaders and that we may not see continued, the recent 10% per year membership increase.

Trustee HM Helen Shields is actively seeking sites for the 1982 National Convention. As a member of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee reformed in 12/79, she recommended that the K of L change its fiscal year to permit more time for audits and financial planning (see recent VYTIS for SC sponsored Resolutions).



VYTIS Editor HM Loretta Stukas reported that the 1979 Christmas Ad campaign netted slightly less than last year, but a good response nevertheless. She reported having sent copies of the 11/79 VYTIS to Pope John Paul II and Bishop Marcinkus and received a nice acknowledgement from the latter.

Cultural Chairman Teresa Strolia recommended that the SC look into re-releasing the "Playway to Lithuanian" Language instruction record.

In the absence of Rev. Pugevicius, Lithuanian Affairs Co-Chairman Marian Skabeikis reported on the Committee's activity including the release of another four editions of "Lithuanian Lifeline" and an "instant action" campaign to the U.S. State Department regarding Rev. George Sarauskas' nomination to be a public member to the Madrid Conference in the Fall of 1980.

There was only one nomination for the 1980 Friend of Lithuania Award, that of Rev. Michael Bordeaux of Keston College in Great Britain who has evolved a research section on Lithuania in the Center for the Study of Religion and Communism. His latest book "Land of Crosses" is a compilation of the history of religious persecution in Lithuania as reported by the Chronicle.

At the request of the Ritual Committee, the costs of 3rd

and 4th degree medals will be increased to \$4.50 and \$6.00 respectively.

The ongoing attempt to secure a permanent K of L Archives was further derailed by the failure of the ALKA Directors to provide set cost factor specifics to our Ad Hoc Committee.

Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas reported on the progress of the Beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis. He expressed his disappointment in the loss of momentum in the K of L's drive to support this effort. His recent information shows that the canonization of Archbishop George is ever present in the minds of the faithful in Lithuania. He urges that the petition drive be continued securing the signatures of all Catholics, not just Lithuanians.

HM and Pastor of St. Peter's Church in South Boston, Rev. Albert Contons warmly greeted the Supreme Council.

The Supreme Council discussed and formulated several Resolutions for deliberation at the 1980 National Convention. Among them are a change in the K of L's fiscal year and an increase in the membership dues.

Irene Sankus, Public Relations Chairman, presented to the SC on behalf of the IID, a check for \$750 to be earmarked for an updated K of L history.

1980 Convention Chairmen Joseph White and Albert Jaritis gave a detailed report on the Convention schedules and costs. (see VYTIS Convention News for specifics.)



Convention Panels decided upon at that time were: Lithuanian Affairs with Rev. George Sarauskas, Boston/American Lithuanian History with Dr. Algerdas Budreckis and K of L History with Loretta Stukas.

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of HM Rev. Anatasius Valancius, the SC will send greetings and a monetary gift.

Following the meeting, SC members and guests were treated to a friendly and delicious supper.



ATTENTION LIFETIME MEMBERS

Those members who have status of "lifetime membership" in the Knights of Lithuania should have had issued to them a Lifetime Membership Certificate. If you are eligible and never received this Certificate, please inform the Supreme Council Financial Secretary. The Lifetime Membership Certificates are now out of print and the Supreme Council is having them reprinted. If your name is on file with Ms. Kassel, you will be sent a certificate once they become available again.

ARCHBISHOP GEORGE MATULAITIS

Councils and Districts have not continued the collection of signatures on the K of L Petition for the Canonization of Archbishop George Matulaitis. The importance of these petitions for the success of the cause cannot be overemphasized. Please renew the effort to secure signatures of all Catholics, *not* just Lithuanians and send them to the K of L Coordinator Mr. Anthony Miner, 12 Jennings Road, Westboro, MA 01581. All petitions collected this past year will be presented to Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas during the 1980 National Convention.

A FINAL REMINDER

A donation to the K of L Scholarship Fund of \$5. will entitle the donor to a chance at winning five beautiful Lithuanian prizes - a set of Vytis bookends, two Vytis plaques, and two Lithuanian dolls. Additional donations in \$5. multiples will entitle the donor to additional chances to win the prizes. Your donation will also help some deserving K of L member get a higher education. Write today to Scholarship Treasurer, Anthony Miner (see inside cover for address) and don't forget to include your check. Please mail your contributions so that Tony will have them by August 2nd. Donations after that date should be hand-delivered to the Convention or sent directly to the Convention hotel. The drawing will take place at the Sunday Brunch on August 10th.

The Scholarship Committee

RITUAL COMMITTEE

At the Supreme Council Meeting held in So. Boston, MA. on Saturday, March 22, 1980, the SC Ritual Committee's request of increasing the charge for Third and Fourth Degree Medals due to the rising expense of the cost of these medals was voted upon and approved.

In the future, the cost of the Third Degree Medals shall be \$4.50 per applicant; and the Fourth Degree Medals shall be \$6.00 per applicant.

Just published... is the beautiful booklet about the miraculous apparation of "Our Lady of Šiluva". This pocket-sized booklet, a publication of the original prepared by the late Father Jutt, was updated by Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, and financed by Honorary Member and National Legal Adviser Anthony Young.

A beautiful and short history of this most important apparation of Our Lady at Siluva, Lithuania in 1608, and is a must for all members personal libraries. It is priced very reasonably, at .50 each, and is available from the office of the Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Rev. C. Pugevicius. Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. Don't forget to order an extra when you order... and present the extra to a non-Lithuanian friend.

Councils and individuals ordering 100 or more will get a 20% discount or a 10% discount for 50-99. Write today.

Also available is the rewrite/reprint of the booklet on St. Casimir. The price is the same, and it too can be ordered from Father Pugevicius.

It should be our privilege to promote the knowledge and understanding of these two important Lithuanian symbols of our Catholic faith. Why not act now to get your copies.

JUNIORS CORNER

S. Bumila

SUMMER IS IN THE AIR AND YOU'LL FIND THE ANIMALS EVERY WHERE. UNSCRAMBLE THE ENGLISH WORDS AND MATCH THEM TO THE LITHUANIAN WORDS.

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(Answers page 35)

REMINDER TO ALL COUNCILS.....YOUR 1979-80 DUES SHOULD BE PAID TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS MUST BE DONE SO THAT THOSE ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN AUGUST WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CONVENTIONSHIP AWARDS.

BEYOND THE "ROOTS" PHENOMENON

An intensive six-day Seminar on LITHUANIAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION will be offered in the English language this summer near Kent State University in Ohio. Plans for the Seminar were announced by the Lithuanian World Youth Association Communication Center, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

"The seminar hopes to provide an intellectual basis for the Lithuanian ethnic experience; we hope to attract those individuals who wish to go beyond the so-called Roots Phenomenon, but who do not have an adequate command of the Lithuanian language," says Mindaugas Pleškys, chairman of the Seminar Steering Committee.

Every summer since 1974 the LWYA Communication Center has sponsored a similar program in the Lithuanian language. Several hundred persons from North America, Europe, Australia and South America have participated. This is the first venture by the LWYA to organize an English language Seminar.

The Seminar on Lithuanian Culture and Civilization will take place July 27 - August 1 at Loyola of the Lakes Jesuit Retreat House, Clinton, Ohio.

The program will feature lectures by leading specialists in history, literature, language and folklore. Dr. John Cadzow, director of the Ethnic Heritage program at Kent State University will speak on historical developments of the American-Lithuanian

community. Prof. Alfred Senn, prominent historian and scholar at the University of Wisconsin will highlight important events in 20th century Lithuanian history. Prof. William Schmalstieg, renowned linguist from Pennsylvania State University will lecture on aspects of the Lithuanian language. Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Director of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, The Lithuanian Information Service and Chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania will cover current dissent in occupied Lithuania. Elena Bradūnas, a specialist working with the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress will share her expertise in Lithuanian folklore, mythology and ethnic history documentation. There also are plans for a series of lectures on Lithuanian literature with special emphasis on literature in translation.

"While the framework of the Seminar is decidedly academic," notes Paul Binkis, officer of K of L C-112 and member of the Seminar Steering Committee, "it will not be all classroom work. We plan to make the Seminar a time for real dialogue, for shared ethnic experience". There will be ample time for conversation, for browsing in the library or the bookstore, where many popular and scholarly titles will be available. Films, sing-alongs, even private tutoring in the Lithuanian language will be available.

Loyola of the Lakes is situated near Akron, Ohio and surrounded by grassy knolls, rolling farm land,



Participants of the Lithuanian Seminar at Loyola of the Lakes in 1979

Photo by Linas Rimkus



Dr. A. Klimas explains the linguistic intricacies of the Lithuanian language

woods and lakes. It's an ideal place to disappear for a few days and devote one's entire time to things Lithuanian. On the other hand it has all the comforts of home: private sleeping quarters, excellent kitchen facilities, dining and lounging areas, meeting rooms, etc. LOTL can comfortably house about 35 persons.

The cost of the Seminar is \$80.00 per individual. This includes room and board, most educational materials and a \$15.00 registration fee. Registration is limited to 35 persons and will commence June 1, 1980 on a first-come, first-serve basis, although because of space limitations, preferential treatment will be given



A welcome game of volley-ball before returning to an afternoon of studies

to younger and middle-aged applicants. All applicants must be high-school graduates. (If for lack of space or other considerations an application cannot be accepted, the registration fee will be refunded in full.)

For further information write:

LWYA Communication Center

Attn.: M. Pleškys
5620 So. Claremont Avenue
Chicago, IL 60636

Space is limited, so write soon and pass this information to your friends. "Iki pasimatymo!"

We get letters—

10520 Crosby Drive
Sun City, Arizona 85351
Saturday, April 12, 1980

Dear Loretta,

A funny thing happened to us in Sun City: The VYTIS of November, 1979, followed us evidently through the mail from November when we left our home in Indiana to Sun City, Arizona, arriving here April 2nd. Probably the longest journey fro VYTIS on record!

Anne and I are very happy to receive the November issue for it is undoubtedly one of the best VYTIS ever published. First of all, it is a great tribute to Pope John Paul II; secondly, you performed a remarka-

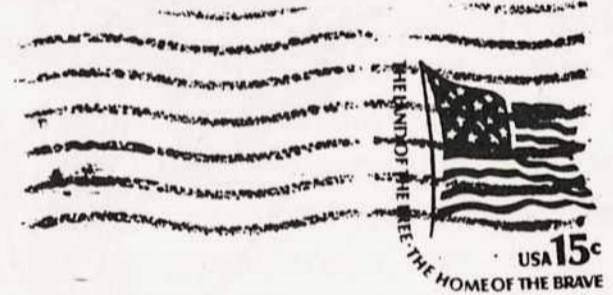
ble reportorial and pictorial job. It was a professional editorial achievement. Congratulations!

I met the present pontiff when he was Bishop Wojtyla while traveling on a chartered bus from the Polish and Lithuanian colleges in Roma to the Vatican council sessions which I covered for the Chicago American.

Sincerely,
Stanley Pieza

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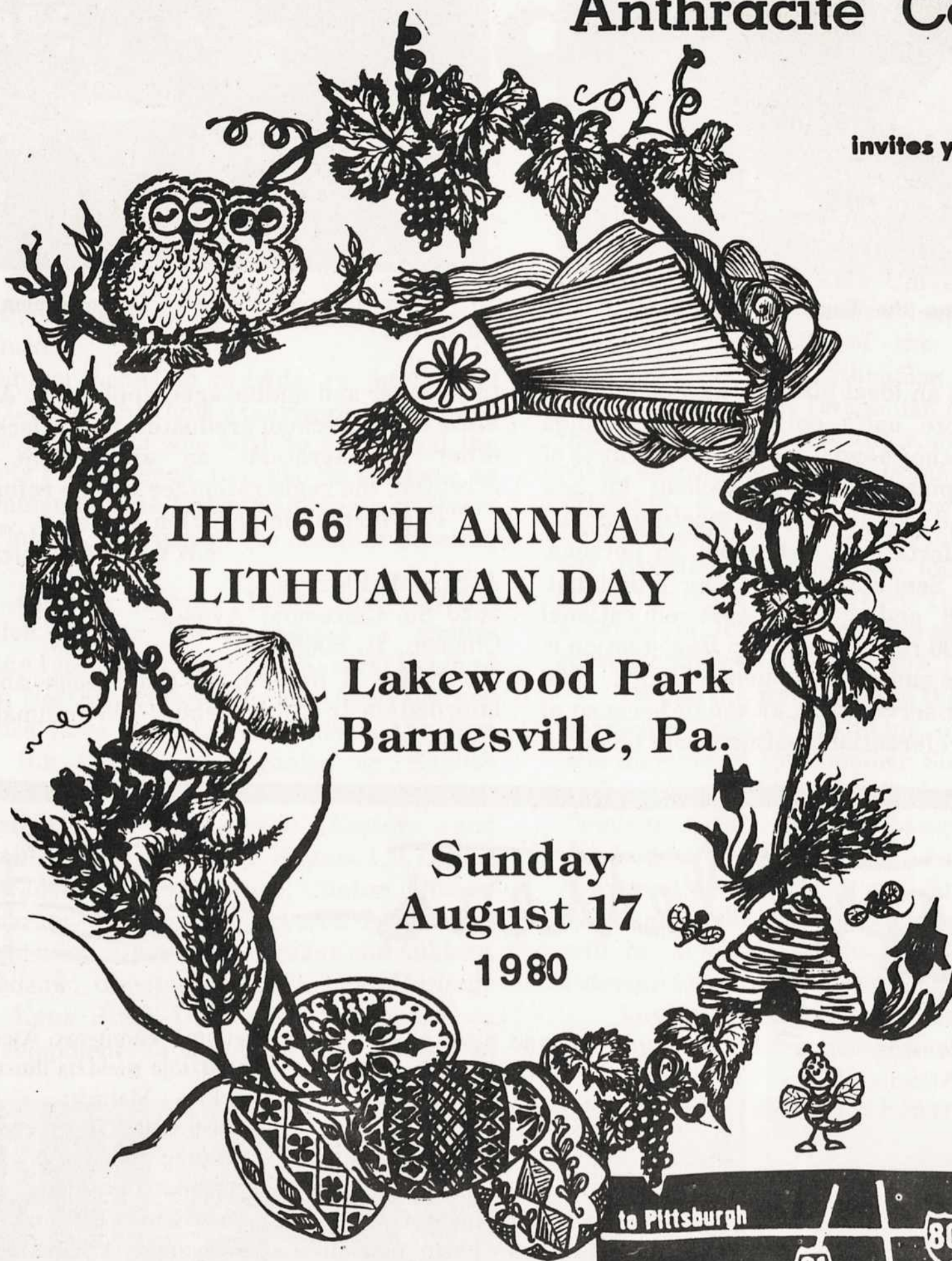
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Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-96 - Dayton, Ohio

It was so good to have Fr. Juozas Dambrauskas back in our midst again. Father was moderator at our parish's Annual Eucharistic Devotions (formerly called Forty Hours) which was held March 15-16. He gave us much to think about in his sermons. Our council has the pleasure of spending time with Father on Saturday evening as Elinor Sluzas hosted the gathering at her home. It was a very good time for sharing. We are looking forward to another visit from Father.

Our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale was again a tremendous success. Much thanks to Chm. Stefanja Rastikis, her committee of Elena Poderis & Ada Sinkwitz, and her workers, Rita Ambrose, Mary Ann Blum, Elaine Pacovsky, Laima Rastikis, Joe & Aldona Ryan and Elinor Sluzas. Thanks to all the members who donated baked items, gifts for the raffle and made monetary contributions. This is the first time Stefanja undertook this project and she is to be congratulated for a job well done.

Winners from the council in the Easter prizes were Janina Bucmys, Stefanja Rastikis and Sarah Petkus.

Many members from the parish donate to our Bake Sale and we are most appreciative of this.

Aldona Ryan has been most active recently in the area of broadcasting. She has recorded the history of the K of L and two other Lithuanian cultural articles which were sent to Mr. Jonas Nasvytis of Cleveland, Ohio. These tapes were used on a local Cleveland Lithuanian radio program. Aldona was later interviewed by Channel 7 News, Dayton, regarding the Soviet Union's issue on Dual Citizen Law. Another council member was also interviewed on the same issue, but for obvious reasons, requested she not be identified. A member of the U.S. Human Rights Committee also took part in this broadcast which ran for two days and aired twice each day.

Our Cultural Chairman has been busy. Ada Sinkwitz hosted an evening for Lithuanian Christmas ornament-making in her home on Mar. 10. With the many projects we have ahead and our supply being low, Ada has planned a few more of these gatherings to increase our stock. It was a fun evenings well as being a working project. Aldona Drukteinis, who teaches German at Centerville HS, invited Ada to give an egg decorating demonstration for her German Exchange Student class. This was a fun experience for Ada.

George & Frances Mikalauskas, along with their daughter Elena, a Jr. Knight, have safely delivered the Shrine George made for the K of L Scholarship Committee to Adeline Dauzickas of Maspeth, N.Y., C-110. While in the "big city," they took in

the many sights of New York.

Congratulations to five of our Juniors who received the Dayton Serra Club Altar Boy Award. We are proud of Walter & Michael Lastoskie, Jamie Pacovsky, and Dan & Tom Petkus.

Fr. Vaclovas Katarskis was most pleased with the help he received from the members in the Annual Archbishop's Fund Drive. Special mention goes to Gus Blum, Ray & Mildred Steinbrunner.

It is good to know that Jerry Roberts is back in the States after a tour of duty in Greece. He, Cathy & sons are now stationed in Homestead AF Base, Florida.

Get well wishes are sent to Charles Vangas after his emergency trip to the hospital. Congratulations to John & Joyce Berczelly on the birth of their second baby, Anthony John. Proud grandparents are John & Eloise Berczelly.

Many members had the pleasure of sharing a special day with Charles & Sarah Petkus. The occasion was their daughter Linda's wedding on Mar. 29. Congratulations, and may the years ahead be happy ones.

Out-of-town members in for Easter were Joe & Ann Boeke & family. They were staying at Ann's mother's home, Ada Sinkwitz. Jim, Joan & Diane Kavalauskas returned home from Vegas smiling, but with empty pockets. Joe & Aldona Ryan headed for Goldsboro, NC for the Easter holiday season.

Isn't it great to have the smiles of the sun shining on us and the blues of winter only a memory!

FRP

C-102 - Detroit, Mich.

Spring has sprung, and along with the robins, a few of our warm climate members have returned. Frank Kay has returned from Mexico, the Bunikis' from Nassau, and the retired Ann Uznis from Florida, all sporting beautiful tans.

St. Casimir's Day is always a special celebration for our sister councils. This year's Mass and Brunch was hosted by C-179. The Mass was beautiful and the brunch delicious. With the absence of Madam Pres. Gražina Vaskelis, Vice Pres. Joe Guerriero did the honors for our council by presenting the Host for Communion, and carrying the floral piece at the Wayside Cross ceremonies after Mass. It was a proud moment during Mass when our own Gus Baibak was awarded his Third Degree. Congratulations, Gus, may you still remain active in the future, as you and Gena have in the past. Gus is president of our bowling league. Hang in there, Gena, your turn is coming, as soon as they find it.

Our March meeting was held at the home of Joe & Maryanne Guerriero. Meetings are often held in homes on Sunday afternoons because usually there is better attendance. After the meeting, a potluck lunch was served and everyone socialized. It would be nice to have such good membership turnout at every meeting.

The Bowling League has ended its season with the Keg & Bottle Team members, Karen Lindquist, Rose Sawnick, George Kayganich, Gus Baibak and Joe Guerriero, the champs. The league has been in existence over 35 years without missing a season. Our council started the league, because at that time ours was the only council in the Detroit area. Since then C's-79 & 139 have joined the league which is registered as the The Knights of Lithuania League. We did miss C-139 bowlers this year

and hope they will return next season. The league is made up of males and females, young and old, bad and good bowlers, just an all-out fun league. If anyone is interested in joining the league in September, give Pres. Gus Baibak a call at GA1-1064.

The stork paid its seventh visit to Bill & Maryann Juodwalkis' home, delivering a baby girl. The score is 4 to 3 in favor of the boys. Congratulations, Bill and Maryann, you have a beautiful family.

Congratulations to Ray & Terry Medonis on the Confirmation of their youngest son, Robert. Where has the time gone!

Congratulations, also, to Pete & Angela Buksnis on their new home. Maybe they will host one of our meetings, as John & Donna Stanavich did last month.

Bob Boris has finally reached the half century mark and is looking good.

Father Stan's diet is working. The big incentive is to buy a new Thunderbird, then you have to lose weight to drive it. He's shed 30 pounds and looks great. Maryanne Guerriero thought the idea worth trying and also bought a new Thunderbird, but so far the diet is zilch. Maybe not eating will work better.

A speedy recovery is wished Tony Smolak, who is home recovering from a stay in the hospital.

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C-79 - Southfield, Mich.

After having read various columns of Council Activities, it is gratifying to know how many good-hearts we have in the K of L who drum up "bits and pieces" of support for various charitable organizations, plan fund-raising projects, and participate in voluntary work to serve in one way or another. In our council, these are the likes of Hotra, Dainus,

Kase, Tucker, Vale, Nashlon, Valatka, Janus, Panavas and others. Uz sias energingos darbus, nuosirdus Lietuviskas aciū.

A pre-St. Patrick's Day theme was carried out by hostesses Violet Panavas and Sophie Zager for the social following the Mar. 5 business meeting. Irish goodies included green-frosted chocolate candy, green colored cakes, Irish soda bread and chicken filled cold cuts, topped with green olives. In addition, members reminisced with a photo album compiled by the Zagers of many K of L activities, including Natl. Conventions, district meetings, pilgrimages, bowling tournaments and other memorable events.

Kudos to that wonderful St. Casimir's Day committee, which did such a superb job. Those working at various post were: Marge Nashlon-tickets, Bertha Janus-reservations, Maggie Smailis & Ruth Grasha-lottery, Sophie Zager-publicity, Chester Nashlon & Joe Yakstys-refreshments, and Stella Hotra & Tony Dainus-decorations. Also taking part in other areas were Frank Zager, Jeanne Yakstys and Chip Newberry. Labai aciū to all.

"Happy Birthday" celebrants that day were Father M. Kundrat, former pastor of Div. Providence; Fr. Casimir Simaitis, former pastor of St. Anthony's parish; Ray Lukas, Monica Salas and Jeanne Yakstys, who was surprised with a birthday cake from her husband, Joseph. Some wedding anniversaries were also honored. Ilgausiu Metu to you all!

The day before the St. Casimir's observance found many members at Divine Providence Church bidding a sad farewell at Mass to one of our dear members, Ona Walls, who died on Feb. 26. A longtime Detroit resident, Ona worked 48 years at the Parke Davis Pharmaceutical Co. as a secretary. She retired several years ago. Ona was a dedicated member

and served on a number of committees, and held various posts with the Moteru Sajunga organization. For the past 10 years, Ona and her late husband Bolis (Bill) Walls had been globe-hopping tourists. Her travels included visits to the Soviet Union, Hawaii, England, Argentina and other parts of Latin America, as well as a trip to Oberammergau, West Germany, in 1970 to see the performance of the Passion Play. Prior to her retirement, Ona was never too busy to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed. Needlecraft was her hobby, and she stitched, crocheted and made many beautiful articles for festivals, bazaars and other functions. She was a kind-hearted person and very good to her step-children, whose father was a widower at the time of their marriage. Ona will be remembered as a devoted family person, and earned the respect of our members and friends. Her life had a beautiful ending. She was, obviously, saying her rosary, when found sitting in a chair with beads still in her lap, by one of her daughters. Ona Walls is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. George Kase. Our sincere sympathy to the Kase family and the Walls' children.

There was a sparkle of Easter for our April 2 meeting when hostesses Marge Nashlon & Maggie Smailis presented reminders signaling the approach of spring—colored Easter eggs, jelly beans, Lithuanian cheese, and an outsized bunny nestled among the eggs. Then, a pretty serious game of "breaking your egg" was enjoyed by the members. Thanks, Marge & Maggie.

Congratulations to Eleanore Grasha who was accepted to the National Honorary Society. Eve Redmond, who is a 7th grader at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School, won first prize for her project at Metropolitan Science Fair, and received an Honorable Mention award at Cobo Hall where all schools

were represented. Eve is the granddaughter of Clem & Helen Patocki. Great work, girls!

Did you know that Al Kaline is of Lithuanian ancestry? Our Lithuanian Affairs Chm. Julie Belickas who is an avid baseball fan gave us the eye-popping news. Albert Kaline (Kalinauskas) of Detroit, who as born Dec. 19, 1934 and catapulted into baseball's Hall of Fame this year, is an American Lithuanian. He was never mentioned in our Lithuanian papers because apparently nobody knows him as a Lithuanian.

Have a nice summer and please stay safe.



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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-10-Athol-Gardner, MA

The Genaitis' spent their vacation in Hawaii along with their daughter and family. On returning, they spent several weeks with them in the State of Washington. They were glad to hear of the Presidential appointment of their grandson Philip Erickson to the Annapolis Naval Academy. Phil is an all-around student and athlete from Seattle, Wash. Best of luck, P.J.!!

The Perekslis' had the good fortune to visit the Holy Land.

Bill & Brone Wisniauskas spent a 10-day vacation in Florida in April.

While there, they attended the K of L picnic sponsored by the newly-formed council in St. Petersburg. At that time it was announced that a Lithuanian flag donated by Victoria Jacobson, and through her efforts, was to be permanently placed in the rotunda of the State Capital in Tallahassee. Bravo! It is the first flag of any ethnic group to be placed there.

The Wisnauskas' were also happy to hear of their nephew's selection as Honorary Mayor of No. Augusta, Ga. for a year. Paul Wisneski's selection was done on an academic and popularity basis in the local high school.

Congratulations to Rev. John Bakanas on his 50th Anniversary in the priesthood. Fr. John served as curate at St. Francis & Sacred Heart Parish, Gardner, and was well liked. We wish Father good health and God's choicest blessings for the future. Fr. Al Yankauskas lost all his personal belongings in a fire that destroyed the rectory of St. Dennis in East Douglas. Father was coming home from vacation and found his home destroyed - and the loss not covered by insurance.

Our members celebrated the Feast of St. Casimir by attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Mar. 2 in St. Francis Church and traveling to Maironis Park to attend St. Casimir's Parish annual dinner. The group had a fine day, a good meal, and enjoyed the program. During the winter, our members were plagued with the flu, bad colds and the grippe. On Mar. 2, half of our membership was sick with the infamous bug. It sure is nice to have the fine weather come in, even though our winter was not severe for New England.

A tragedy hit Athol recently in the hold-up shooting of Bill Kulianski, a popular grocery store owner famous for his Lietuviskos desros. The murderer is still at large. Bill and his family were last seen by our group at the council's Feb. 16 com-

memoration. Condolences to the family are extended by our K of L council members.

Our council was well represented at the Spring Convention held at Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester, on Apr. 27. Nine members who attended thank the host council for a day well spent, which was topped off by supper at the LAC Club.

In June, Lithuanians remember the terrible days in 1940 when the Russians moved in and mass deportations began. Let's all say a special prayer, and perhaps do something materially for Suffering Lithuania, such as letter writing on her behalf, etc. The world looks angrily at Russia for their move in Afghanistan, but little was done on behalf of the Baltic tragedy.

Lennie Davidonis wrote a letter to the editor that appeared in the Athol Daily News. The letter reminded readers of the similarity the Afghanistan invasion by the Soviet Union to the Lithuanian occupation by the Soviets in 1941. It was well written with many good thoughts and facts. Bravo, Lennie.

Very often nowadays, articles pertaining to the local K of L appear in the Gardner News in the "25 Years Ago" column. It makes some of us feel ancient!

Members of the Month: We introduce members of our council who reside in Fitchburg. Katherine Hassett was born in Barre, but raised in Athol where she attended Athol schools. She is married to Herbert Hassett, belongs to the Legion of Mary at St. Bernard's parish, is a devout Catholic, a model mother and wife, and the mother of three daughters. In her spare time she visits the sick and shut-ins in hospitals and nursing homes. Her husband Herb is a retired police captain on the Fitchburg Police Force and still Deputy Sheriff. He is Vice Pres. of the Irish American Club, belongs to the K of C and K of L, a member of the

church council of St. Bernard's parish, and is a very active and popular person in his parish and the Fitchburg area. Both Katherine and Herb are kept busy with their children and 6 grandchildren. We wish the Hassett's the best of health in their retirement.

Thought for the Summer: Members, do not forget we are Lithuanians and Catholics. Remember our motto "For God and Country" even though meetings are discontinued during the summer months. Pasimatysime!

Vincukas

Srs. C-103 - Providence, RI

Third Degree member Anthony Ruggles of C-145 Holyoke, Mass. passed away Mar. 22 and was buried Mar. 26. Anthony was the husband of Nell Ruggles, and the father of past NED Pres. Joan Laframboise. May his soul rest in the Lord's grace.

A benefit performance for Mrs. Ivaskiene's dancers was held in Boston. Her dance group has performed at many functions in Providence. Therefore, Father Martinkus, NED Pres. Bertha Stoskus, and council Pres. John Walaska and his spouse Irene, attended the event performed by the Lithuanian Folk Dancing group from Toronto, Canada.

"Kaziuko Muge" in Boston and Worcester were enjoyed very much by Vyto Kapiskas and his son Francis. Both are active in the Boy Scouts of America.

Ruta Krecioch joined her husband for a week in Atlanta, Ga. Eugene has been on special assignment there for his employer for the past two months.

Three of our Regulars attending the University of Rhode Island, Joseph Kairys, Katherine Krecioch, and Francis Kapiskas, spent Easter vacations with their parents in Providence.

Spiritual Advisor Father V. Martinkus celebrated the annual St. Casimir's Day Mass for our Seniors, Regulars, and Juniors. a brunch at the Heartstone Inn was well attended, and the delicious repast was pleasing to all.

Regulars Pres. Marcella Krecioch is a sophomore at Rhode Island College in Providence. She is a waitress after school, and on week ends works at the coffee shop located at the T.F. Greene Airport. She would be most pleased to serve visiting K of L'ers using this airport. Stop by and say "hello."

Our Seniors and Regulars are 100% paid up as of the end of '79. This report includes our new Sr. members Bernard Bernatonis, Emma Siravo, Nell McKenna, Ann Libutti, Adele Libutti, Nell Grande, Hilda Sharkey, and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sidla. We are most grateful to each and every one of them for joining our ranks.

NED Pres. Bertha Stoskus held a Dist. Board meeting at her home Mar. 30. Al Jaritis, Al Akule, Pat Akule, and Adele Martus gave a progress report of the forthcoming 67th Natl. Convention to be held this August in Boston. The NED Board authorized Father A. Janiunas to celebrate Masses for Kazimiera Janiunas (his beloved mother), Rev. Vincent Puidokas, Anthony Ruggles, and Anna Jurgelaitis (mother of our Natl. Spiritual Advisor). Father personally notified the bereaved families of the Mass dates.

After the meeting, most of the Dist. officers and committee chairmen joined other K of L'ers from various councils in paying their respects to Father A. Jurgelaitis at his mother's wake in Boston. On Mar. 31, sixteen clergy participated in the concelebrated funeral Mass for Anna Jurgelaitis at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church in So. Boston. Her son, Father Antanas, was the principal concelebrant; Father

Sakalys read one of the lessons; HM Father A. Contons was the homilist; Father Al Janiunas was the thurifer; Father Baltrasiunas, pastor emeritus of St. Peter's, served as master of ceremonies of the Mass; and Father Martinkus joined the remaining Lithuanian and Dominican clergy from Providence College in the Holy Eucharist of the Mass. Over twenty Sisters of Jesus Crucified from Brockton and other cities attended the funeral Mass. Fr. Jurgelaitis' two sisters, Sister M. Baptista and Sister M. Paulina, are members of this order. Children from St. Casimir's School from Brockton joined the mourners for the service. Our HM and legal advisor, Attorney Anthony Young, led the K of L representatives at the concelebrated Mass. Remember the soul of Anna in your prayers.

Jonas

C-135 - Ansonia, Conn.

Donna & Kestutis Svelnys celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass at St. Anthony's on Feb. 9. They were married Feb. 5, 1940. Ruth & Jack Tyson and Nellie Gumbulevich left for Florida Feb. 9. They returned home tanned, happy, and looking forward to the availability of time to go again.

Your prayers are asked for Joseph DeGennaro, father of Lillian Norwid, who died March 18.

The people attending our Annual Communion Breakfast on March 2 created a record as to the number participating. Eighty-five people enjoyed a breakfast of orange juice, 2 eggs (any style), a generous slice of ham with home fries, buns, butter, coffee or tea, and danish. Father Ray gave the invocation. Council Pres. John Sabulis gave notice of our Thirtieth Anniversary Dinner-Dance on Apr. 19, and invited everyone to attend. We thank our very able and efficient committee consisting of Co-

Chm. Millie & Walt Stackowicz, Chris Slushinski, Olga & Lee Gray, Al Barauskas, Ann & John Sabulis, Ella & John Ellis, and Millie Driznus. Assisting by serving at the tables were Lillian Chaplik, Violet Brazaitis. Dot Martin, Frances Barsevich, Ruth Tyson and John Sabulis, Jr. Plaudits go to Walt Stachowicz and Lee Gray who handled the cooking. These two men have a lot in common. Both are good fishermen, good carpenters, good husbands (they have been married long enough), and now they are good chefs.

Our Annual Cake Sale held Saturday and Palm Sunday again proved to be a good money maker. Every member donates a baked item or pays a violation fee. Chm. John Sabulis and his wife Ann were present before, during, and after all Masses. They were assisted by various members of the council.

All of us have heard most of the reasons to give up smoking. One of the latest is that the fumes from cigarette smoke not only may be dangerous to the health of the smoker, but now it may be just as harmful to the non-smoker inhaling the fumes produced by the smoker. John Ellis, once a smoker, is now trying to convert Ella to become a non-smoker, but not making any progress. The Surgeon General's warnings and the converts will have to come up with something else which John can use to harrass Ella with, because the latest hasn't worked!

We wish a pleasant and safe-driving summer to all our K of L friends.

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C-26 - Worcester, Mass.

Our membership card reads in part, "N.N. whose dues are paid to December 31, 1980, is an active member of the Knights of Lithuania." Considering that we boast a membership of over 130, and see

perhaps 15 at each meeting, there's an element of clever deceit here somewhere. However, don't despair; make a spanking new resolution to commit yourself to the next K of L activity. Be assured, Rita Pinkus, our president, is just waiting for you.

Carol & Bill Grigas head the Family Life Committee on St. Casimir's Parish Council. While we recognize the evil of abortion, Carol and Bill urge us not to just think about it. Join them as a volunteer in this battle. This couple have been shoing films, circulating petitions, and writing letters. A K of L'er said the other day, "Remember Fr. Keller's 'YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD'?"

The Lenten season tempered activity, but as this was being written on a Palm Sunday afternoon, thoughts of nostalgia crept into mind. Years ago, the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality would present its annual Lithuanian religious play on Palm Sunday afternoon. Sodalists (now K of L'ers) who held very important roles included Angela Sarapas Busky, Eve Jurgelionis Grudzinskas and Rita Brazauskas. The Sisters of St. Casimir were the directors each year. What a joyful memory!

Back to reality! Subdued K of L activity found our members, nevertheless, occupied. Ann Bender chaired a successful military whist for the benefit of the Sisters, (Srs. of St. Casimir Auxiliary). Her willing and able assistants included Ann Ridick and Anne Walinsky. Attendance was especially good. Everything served was home-made and not a bought "goodie" was to be had!

Adele Degutis advised that the bowling season was nearing its end and the results were being tabulated.

Mrs. Nell Thompson hopes (and we do, too) that her surgery performed on Easter Monday, will ease her arthritic condition considerably. We wish her well.

The threat of \$2 per gallon gasoline has made the shores of nearby Lake Quinsigamond very, very attractive. While the cool seaspray of the ocean will be lacking, this will, nonetheless, provide us with an open coastline, shade trees, and the prospect of an inexpensive summer day at the lake!

At this writing, the Parish Council's plans for the May 25 celebration of our pastor's, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, fortieth anniversary in the priesthood are being finalized. The Council is also planning for Father John J. Bakanas' Golden Jubilee on June 15. Exciting? You bet! It's a good time to greet Father Miciunas on his June 13 (St. Anthony) namesday and Father Bakanas on June 24 (St. John). Ilgiausiu metu abiem Kunigeliams!

Iki sekančio numerio, su Diev, mieli Vyčiai!



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**ILLINOIS-INDIANA
DISTRICT**

C-112 - Chicago, Ill.

Our ever-hard working board members continue to meet to plan activities for the council. Recent board meetings were hosted by Julie & Al Zakarka and Estelle Rogers, with V.P. Paul Binkus presiding at both meetings.

Due to the efforts of the board members, our regular council meetings have had most interesting speakers. Following the December Christmas meeting, K of L Honorary Member of our council, the Hon.

Josephine Dauzvardis, Consul General in Chicago, spoke on Lithuanian Christmas customs; the Rev. Antanas Saulaitis, following the January meeting, spoke on the roots and meanings of Lithuanian names; and following the March meeting, Alexandras Pakalniskis, Sr. spoke of Lithuanian courtships and marriage. We were delighted to have three such honored guests.

The IID's 20th Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet and Dinner Dance again was most successful. This year, the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago was awarded the K of L Award of Distinction. Congratulations to the entire committee and especially our members, Irene Sankus, Algerd Brazis, Estelle Rogers, Al & Julie Zakarka, Harry & Emily Petraitis, Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, Sophie Nieminski and others who helped to make the event successful. Among the honored guests were our members, the Most Rev. Bishop Vincentas Brizgys; the Hon. Frank Savickus, State Senator of Illinois; and Frank Brady, our 15th Ward Alderman.

Following our February council

meeting, we were privileged to host the IID's Ritual Ceremonies for 1st and 2nd Degrees. The District team, headed by Ruth & Al Dagus (Co-Chairmen), was assisted by Canon V. Zakarauskas, Pres. Al Zakarka, and Natl. Fin. Secy. AnnMarie Kassel of C-36. Among the degree recipients were council members Genevieve & Anthony Pargauskas, Eleanor Kasputis, and Kazys Rozanskis, all receiving 2nd degrees. Congratulations to them, and on the the 3rd Degree!

St. Casimir's Day commemoration was hosted by the Chicago Seniors and, as usual, our council members were in attendance. Pres. Al Zakarka presented the Communion gifts along with the presidents of C-36 and the Chicago Seniors. Among the Third Degree recipients were two very active ladies from our council - our Secy. Alice Cekanor, and the beloved and noted singer, Prudencija Bickus. Our congratulations to both ladies and to Valeria & Joseph Stanaitis of the Chicago Senior Council on being selected K of L members of the Year.

The K of L Building continues to



Enjoying a social function in Chicago - Richard Schlaustas, C-36 Pres., Vince Samoska, Edward Kazlauskas, Vytis Liths in the News Editor Ruth

function profitably due to the efforts of such people as our members Al Mockus, the Bldg. Trustees Pres., and Al Zakarka, Treas.-Secy. of the group. Assisted by the other trustees, these two men are ever diligent of the building's funds and operations.

Don't Forget! Chicago—1st weekend in July for the K of L Day Picnic and the "Sokiu Svente"...



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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-100 - Amsterdam, N.Y.

St. Casimir's Church had a special Mass Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. in observance of the 62nd anniversary of Lithuania's independence. Rev. Dr. Joseph Grabys, pastor of St. Brigid's Church, Watervliet, Rev. Rober K. Baltch, and Rev. Anthony Grigaitis concelebrated the Mass. The homilist was Rev. Dr. Grabys. Organist John Nye provided the music and several Lithuanian songs were sung by the choir.

A dinner and program sponsored by our council followed in the Social Center with 150 people attending. The invocation was given by Rev. Baltch, and Pres. Anthony J. Radzevich welcomed the guests. Toastmaster was Rev. Bernard Gustas, a K of L'er, former member of St. Casimir's parish, and now pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Schenectady, N.Y.

Rev. Gustas introduced the first speaker, the '78 recipient of the Fr. John Jutt Award, Congressman Samuel S. Stratton, who told the audience that he had addressed Congress on the anniversary of Lithu-

ania's independence. He also stated that the Lithuanian Americans always knew that the Russians could not be trusted, and now, our country is beginning to see the light. Revival of national patriotism again surfaced during the Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., especially when the U.S. Hockey team upset the Russian team by a 4-3 victory.

Rev. Gustas introduced Mayor Mario Villa as the next speaker. The mayor extended his greetings on the solemn anniversary. He then spoke of the tremendous help that he and the other city officials received from Congressman Stratton when they were in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 19.

Original proclamations by Gov. Hugh L. Carey and Mayor Mario Villa were read by Gene Gobis proclaiming Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the State of N.Y. and the city of Amsterdam. She also thanked Mayor Villa for having the Lithuanian flag fly over City Hall on Feb. 16.

Mr. Stanley Silvernail, editor of the editorial page of the Amsterdam newspaper "The Recorder," was recognized for his excellent editorial, "Observance with a Message for Free World" which appeared in the Feb. 15 issue. State Senae Resolution #183, honoring the people of Lithuania and reaffirming their rights to self determination which was sponsored by Sen. Hugh Farley and Sen. Nolan, was read by Rev. Baltch.

The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. Dr. Joseph Grabys of Watervliet, N.Y. The first part of his speech touched on the early history of Lithuania. He spoke of his graduation from high school in Lithuania, a day he will never forget. During graduating services, an announcement was made to all present that the Russians had taken over Lithuania. The day was June 15, 1940. Communistic ideology, he

said, has taken over the Russian nation. Smothering of freedom in the Eastern European countries is but one of the communistic doctrines. We needed Afghanistan, he said, to open the eyes of our U.S. officials. His concluding remarks were on the beauty of the Lithuanian language. It is a language of song, lyricism with many endearing terms. Poems by the famous priest-poet of the 19th century, Maironis, were recited by Rev. Grabys as his finale.

Mrs. Jadvyga Regina, director of the Lazdynas dance group from Rochester, described the dances which the group performs. They center around daily Lithuanian life rituals. Several of the numbers were: The Rye Field (cutting of the rye by themen and cleaning it by the women), Suk, Suk, Rateli (Turn, Turn the Wheel), and Subatele (Saturday). There were 400 dancers in 1952 in the U.S., and now in 1980, the number has increased to 2300. She invited the audience to the 6th "Free World Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival" which will be held in Chicago on July 6.

A humorous skit was presented by Mary Stanionis and Elizabeth Kuzmich. The scene took place in the U.S. Immigration Office where a Lithuanian immigrant is questioned. Benediction was given by Rev. A. Grigaitis. A sing-a-long led by Fr. Baltch included favorite Lithuanian folk songs. The centerpiece on the table in the colors of the Lithuanian flag was presented to Mrs. Sally Henry.

Rev. Gustas thanked the committee headed by co-chairmen Anthony Radzevich and Gene Gobis, and acknowledged them by name. Special thanks was given to the Jr. K of L'ers, Gerard Drenzek and Stanley Rimkunas.

It is interesting to note that one of the first appointments made by the newly elected Mayor of Amsterdam, Mayor Mario Villa, was the appoint-

ment of Albert Luzinas, a member of our council, as Chief of Police as of 1-1-80. He is married to the former Edna (Schell) Sidlauskas. They are parents of two children, Peter and Alessa.

C-140 - Syracuse, N.Y.

Our Lithuanian Independence celebration began with Mass at St. Stephen's Church and continued in the church hall with our program. Both the National and Lithuanian Anthems were sung.

Speaker for the evening was Cultural Chm. Marija Vizgaitis who spoke on her early years in independent Lithuania. She was raised on a farm and part of their land was under Polish control. She told of some of the difficulties encountered by her father. Marija also told about the many happy times she experienced in her youth, enjoying her friends, schooling and activities. When the Russians invaded Lithuania, it was as if a dark cloud covered the entire land.

After the program, all enjoyed a variety of fine cakes and cookies baked by our gracious hostess, Katherine Cravetts. She was assisted by Ann Marie Brandt.

Our St. Casimir's celebration took place Mar. 2 with Mass at St. Stephen's Church celebrated by Spiritual Advisor Father Garstka. A short program, meeting and refreshments followed. Marija Vizgaitis spoke on the life of St. Casimir, how he spent most of his waking hours in prayer and sacrifice. We Lithuanians are truly fortunate to have him as our patron saint. Millie Vaikness, our hostess for the day, treated us to an assortment of goodies. She always makes sure we are well fed.

Charlie & Nelda Machutas of Cleveland, Ohio, were recent overnight guests of Frank & Irene Petrauskas. They purchased some items from the local Syroco factory

during the '78 Syracuse Convention and like them so well, they decided to come back and purchase more. On their net trip back, they'll probably stay in Syracuse. It was good to have their visit, and they are always welcome back.

Our closing thought for today is: People who roll up their sleeves seldom lose their shirts.

Pusbrolis

C-144-Schuylkill Cty., PA

March was Lithuanian month at the Schuylkill County Arts & Ethnic Center, with the beautiful Lithuanian display set up by Annie Morgalis and Anne Panchari. Their display was well received by everyone. We are grateful to the two Annies for their work in preserving and showing the Lithuanian Spirit in Schuylkill County.

Pres. Elsie Kosmisky and her husband Clem returned after a winter sojourn in Florida.

"Simta aciui" to Spiritual Advisor Father Al Bartkus for his radio Lithuanian Mass. It has brought much joy to shut-ins and our elderly who cannot attend Mass in person. Many a happy tear was shed Easter morning when the Annunciation B.V.M. Choir sang "Linksmas Diena." We appreciate all Fr. Al is doing with his radio program and Mass.

Aciui, too, to Anne Marie Litkowsky, who drove with Anne Wargo to Boston to the Supreme Council meeting. Thanks, too, to our hosts, Srs. C-17 in South Boston, and to our relatives in Worcester. Mass at St. Casimir's was beautiful.

Thanks, too, to Bernice Mikatavage and her Lithuanian Affairs Committee for their letter writing.

To the simply super committee for the concert of the Montreal Youth Ensemble "Gintaras" in April, goes the council's deepest ap-

preciation. We are grateful to Mrs. Teresa Gecys, President of the Philadelphia Bendruomene Council who was instrumental in our obtaining this group. To the Scranton, Pittston, and Forest City councils who came by bus, and especially to our fellow Vyciai who drove the long distance from DuBois, our grateful affection. It was truly a beautiful day for all Lithuanians and friends.

Get well wishes to Margaret Gervalis, Victor Prep, Helen Holuska, Alberta Bartash, and Helen Ambrose and Gintaras Karosas of Baltic Enterprises.

Joe Yezulinas is working hard (with the assistance of his wife, Marge) for the 66th Annual Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pa. on Aug. 17. We look for everyone's participation.

Our summer picnic, under the chairmanship of Anne Sikora, will be held Aug. 3.

Have a happy summer. See you in Lakewood and in Boston.

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C-12 - New York, N.Y.

Our council's motto could very well be, "We're not getting older, we are getting better!" Since celebrating our 65th anniversary, we did not waste much time resting on our laurels. Stagnation to us is an unfamiliar word!

We had a most successful Christmas party in December, a highlight of which was the Kuciu stalas, so beautifully prepared by our never-tiring member Milly Pietz and her crew of seimininkiu.

Our January meeting was both happy and a bit sad, - not really sad, but reflective. One of our much-traveled members, who for obvious reasons must remain nameless, related his tragic-comic adventures with the KGB (soviet secret police) in Lithuania. Even though we got stom-

ach aches laughing at the tale of our modern-day Odysseus, it made us think of how lucky we are to be living in freedom without Big Brother watching us. We also received a gift from Lithuania—a most beautiful linen towel, woven into which was a verse attributed to Putinas (Vincas Mykolaitis Putinas, 1893-1967). It was created in Punksas, a town in southwestern Suduva, which experienced numerous difficulties preserving its Lithuanian heritage. The verse reads: Beautiful and Fruitful/Through centuries honorable/Having much hardship endured/You have remained alive/Your accomplishments are known/In song they've been heard/O land of birth, dear Lithuania.

In February we celebrated Lithuania's Independence Day. It is her 62nd one, but out of it, she was only free for 22. Mass was celebrated by the newly appointed pastor of Ausros Vartu parish, Father Jonas Tomalonis. Gifts symbolizing Lithuania were presented at the altar: "The Chronicle of the Occupied Church in Lithuania," grain from her fields, amber from her seas, and carvings from her forests. After Mass, Betty Janonis hosted the cultural program. There were songs by a women's quintet, and a talk by Helen Shields. Her eloquence as a speaker could be compared to William Buckley. She never disappoints or bores her audience. A display of Lithuanian arts and crafts was organized by Betty Janonis and Helen Shields. Anna Lukscha presented the council with a new Lithuanian flag. Our council does not lack talent!

A note of sadness marred our St. Casimir's communion breakfast. A faithful member, Milly Paskacimas, failed to arrive. She had collapsed in the subway on her way to the meeting. She passed away a week later, March 9, without regaining consciousness. A nice group of



Gift from Lithuania

members gathered to bid her farewell. Brother Jurgis Petkevicius, OFM, member of Maspeth N.Y. C-110, officiated. We closed with Milly's favorite hymn, "Marija, Marija."

We were well represented at the Mid-Atlantic Dist. meeting on March 9 in Maspeth. In April we had a Memorial Mass for Milly. A week later there was the fund raising bazaar for the district. Already we are hard at work planning our Crazy Hat Dance in the fall, and there is the National convention in Boston yet...! But work we must for a greater organization! Or as the old Lithuanian proverb states, "Kaip pasiklosi taip ismiegosi," and it looks like Kuopa 12 gerai "miega."

Dalia

C-29 — Newark, N.J.

Newarko Vyčių 29 kuopos, už veiklą ir nuveiktus darbus kuopoje, pasižymėję Vyčių organizacijos nariai š.m. kovo mėn. 9 dieną per įvykusį Lietuvos Vyčių Vidurio Atlanto apskrities suvažiavimą, Lietuvių Atsimainymo parapijos salėje Maspeth, Brooklyn, N.Y. buvo pakelti į vyčių 3-čią laipsnį. Šie nariai, iš kairės: Juozas Čepulis, Ona O'Neil, Vladas Sharon, Vladas Brazaitis.

Kuopos valdyba nuoširdžiai sveikina ir džiaugiasi, kad turi savo kuopoje taip darbščius narius. Tokie nariai yra labai reikalingi. Linki ir toliau veikti Vyčių organizacijoje dirbant kilnų lietuvišką, katalikišką darbą ir budėti tėvynės Lietuvos sargyboje.

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Answers to the Game:

1. G	4. M	7. N	
2. L	5. H	8. B	
3. P	6. K	9. I	
	10. C	13. R	16. E
	11. D	14. O	17. A
	12. Q	15. J	18. F

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AGENDA

SATURDAY — AUGUST 9, 1980

8:00 A.M. Early Bird Sessions Boston Park Plaza
9:00 A.M. Registrations
9:00 A.M. General Sessions
12:00 Noon Holy Mass Boston Park Plaza
12:30 P.M. Lunch Break
2:00 P.M. General Sessions
6:30 P.M. Happy Hour
8:00 P.M. Convention Banquet Georgian Room
5:00 P.M. Supreme Council Meeting

SUNDAY — AUGUST 10, 1980

10:15 A.M. Concelebrated Convention Mass St.
Peter's Church, So. Boston
12:00 Noon Convention Photo
12:30 P.M. Farewell luncheon St. Peter's Church
Hall



WEDNESDAY — AUGUST 6, 1980

2:00 P.M. Registrations
Activities for the Pre-Conventioneers
(TBA)

THURSDAY — AUGUST 7, 1980

9:00 A.M. Registrations all day
10:00 A.M. Supreme Council Meeting
12:00 Noon Opening Mass Boston Park Plaza
1:00 P.M. Luncheon Boston Park Plaza
2:00 P.M. Opening Session Boston Park Plaza
7:00 P.M. Get-together-Cultural Evening So.
Boston Lithuanian Club

FRIDAY — AUGUST 8, 1980

8:00 A.M. Early-Bird Sessions Boston Park Plaza
9:00 A.M. Registrations all day
9:00 A.M. General Sessions
12:00 Noon Holy Mass Boston Park Plaza
12:30 P.M. Lunch Break
2:00 P.M. General Session
8:00 P.M. Grande Ball Grand Ball Room

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