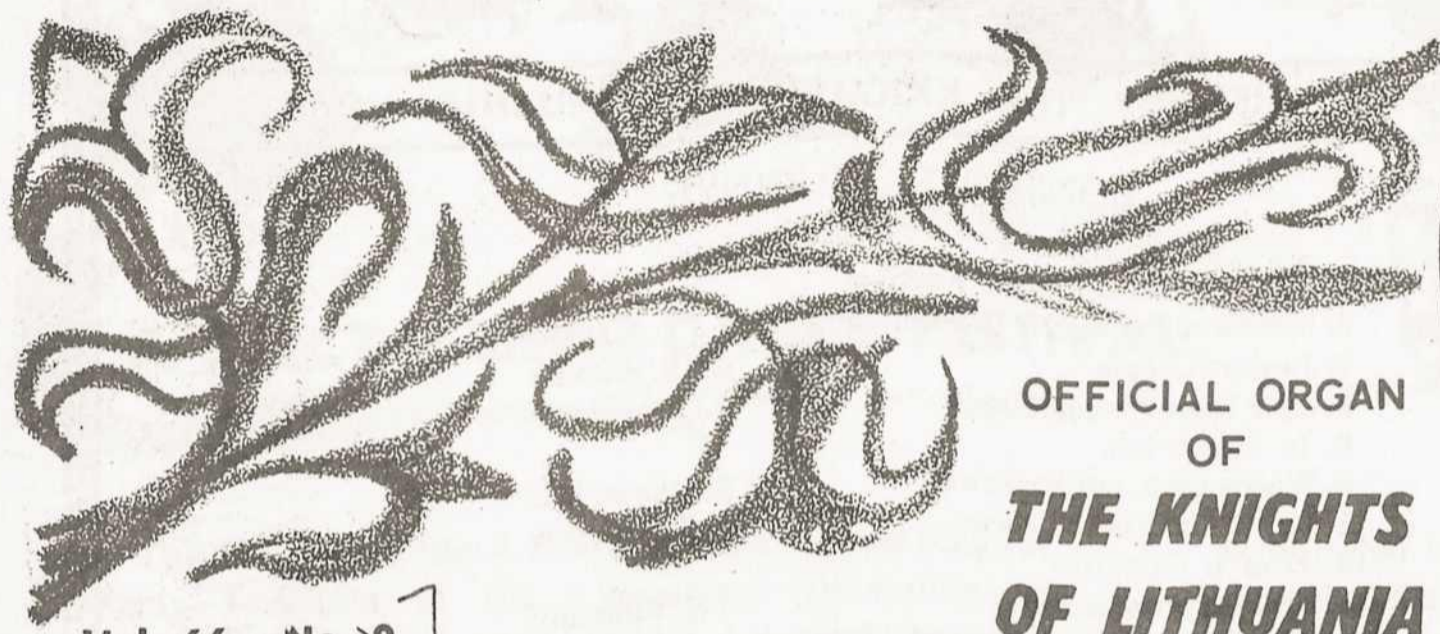


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## A SPECTACULAR DANCE FESTIVAL

The weekend of July 4, 5, and 6, 1980, was the scene of many festivities in the Lithuanian community of Chicago. The events were scheduled around the Sixth Lithuanian Dance Festival which was held at the International Amphitheatre on July 6th. Among the scheduled events was the annual Knights of Lithuania picnic on July 4th, sponsored by the Illinois-Indiana District, which was held at the K of L Hall and Garden. July 4th also was the day designated by the Jesuit's Lithuanian Youth Center for many activities to entertain the out-of-town visitors and dancers. On July 5th, an all day Lithuanian Festival was held on Lithuanian Plaza Court in Marquette Park. The entire street was closed to traffic and booths were set up containing food and pastries, Lithuanian dolls and artifacts, clothing and souvenirs. Music and dancing was provided and nearly 1,000 people strolled and danced and enjoyed the festivities. This event was given wide TV and newspaper coverage. It was particu-

larly noted by the news media that the freedom loving people of Lithuania chose the weekend of America's celebration of independence for their festivities. July 6th, the day of the Lithuanian Dance Festival at the Amphitheatre, dawned sunny and cool, a perfect day for the event scheduled ahead. Dancers from all over the country performed, including our own K of L dancers; also featured were dancers from Brazil, Canada, Germany, and England. All of the music for the event was under the able direction of Faustas Strolika, C-36. He taught and directed a joint chorus (which included the K of L Choir), orchestrated the music, and directed the Symphony Orchestra accompanying the dancers. Attending this memorable event were His Eminence John Cardinal Cody, and Chicago's Mayor Jane Byrne.

This Lithuanian Days Festival will be long remembered and cherished by Lithuanians everywhere, a living monument to the free spirit of Lithuania.



*Photos by P. Maleta*



*Lith. Consul  
J. Daužvardis speaking  
during opening  
ceremonies Sat.  
night at Lithuanian  
Youth Center.*



*Lighting of the torch at  
opening ceremonies.*



*Honored Guests at the  
Sunday Dance Festival.*

*Photo by P. Maleta.*



*"Sadutè"*

*Photo by P. Maleta*



*Faustas Strolia directing the Festival Orchestra and Chorus*



*Frank Zapolis, Director of K of L Dance Group, Chicago.*

*Bottom photos by Ed Mankus*

## "NOT ENOUGH COWS IN THE KINGDOM"

Once upon a time, many years ago, there lived a king with sore feet. The floors of his castle were hard and cold and the king suffered greatly.

One morning as he arose from his royal bed, he stepped on his leather weskit by accident. The weskit felt soft and warm.

He called the royal tanner to his throne. He commanded the royal tanner to cover the floors of the castle with leather.

The royal tanner and his aides worked very hard for many weeks. Soon all of the castle's floors were covered with leather. The king's feet healed and the king was very happy.

One day the king went to visit his brother. Everywhere he traveled, the ground was hard and bumpy. The king's feet became sore and he suffered greatly.

Again he called the royal tanner to his throne. He commanded the royal tanner to cover the kingdom with leather or he would have his head chopped off.

The royal tanner was very worried. He knew there were not enough cows in the kingdom for this task. He went to visit the royal soothsayer.

*An Article by  
Aldona Ryan*



The royal soothsayer listened to the plight of the royal tanner. In his wisdom, the royal soothsayer gave the royal tanner some advice.

The next morning, the royal tanner went to the castle to visit the king. He brought with him two pieces of soft leather and some leather strings. He tied the leather to the king's feet.

Everywhere the king went, his feet felt warm and the ground seemed soft. The king's feet healed and he was very happy.

And this is how shoes came into being.

This legend exemplifies the importance of leather to all mankind. In tracing the history of leather, we find that the ancient tribes of the world used untreated skins of animals for clothing, for bedding, and as a disguise from their hunting prey. They believed that the strength and ferocity of the animal was transferred to the wearer. The animal skins were an important factor in survivorship.

Urns which date back to 4000 B.C. show leather makers at work. At that time, leather was dyed and processed with vegetable juices. Alum, gallnuts, sumac, myrrh, and oil were used. Sailors made boats of

leather and equipped them with sails.

A thousand years later the Sumarians made tires for their chariots out of leather. It was also used in the making of shields, shelters, coaches, clothing and ropes.

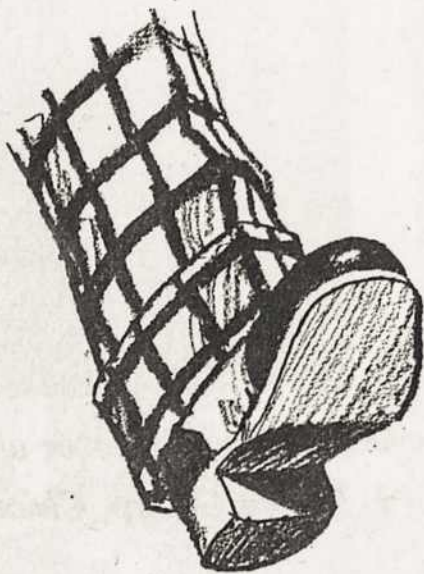
Vessels were designed to contain water, wine and grain. The entire trappings of horses were made of leather. Leather trunks and satchels date back to 3000 B.C.

The ancient Lithuanians played a part in this history. They used pelts as barter. These were usually squirrel and marten skins. The skins were established as having a certain value. It was the beginning of money. Later, only the ears and claws were used as money. This developed further to the point where rough, rectangular pieces of leather became the common currency.



The use of leather money was wide spread. The Romans, Chinese and the Normans used it. During the sixteenth century, it was the currency of the British in the United States.

Leather is a manufactured product. It is produced by the skill of the tanner from hides of animals, reptiles, fishes or birds. Tanning is the chemical process used to preserve the natural structure of the hide, to stop putrefication, and to make the hide supple or hard.



The ancient Lithuanians soaked the skins in a bath containing oak or birch bark. The hides were soaked, scraped, kneaded, stretched, split, and soaked again. Symbols of the ancient gods and the markings of ownership were dyed and embossed into the leather. Metals and gems were combined into this process.

As in the legend, a tanner resided in the castle of every ruler and every village boasted of a leathermaker in its midst. At one time, the lowly shoemaker of our day was a Very Important Person.



According to Alexander Pope (1688-1744) "Society may have been founded on cloth but it rests on leather."

The basic process of making leather has not changed except for the use of chromium salts and machining. Leather products are very expensive already.

The use of skins of many animals, reptiles, and birds is prohibited by strict laws. With shortages of petroleum products, the imitation leathers made from plastic substances may also disappear.

The time will come again when "there will not be enough cows in the kingdom for the task."

MATCH THE TOP OF THE HOUSE WITH THE BOTTOM OF THE HOUSE. ALL OF WORDS IN THE HOUSE BELOW ARE FOUND IN YOUR HOUSE.

# J U N I O R S C O R N E R

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(J. A.)

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# WORDS LENT AND BORROWED

Ever since the Tower of Babel there has been a profusion of languages and dialects on this earth. None of the 2,000 or more languages spoken today lives in total isolation, so that borrowing words, expressions and terms is as common as lending them or coining new ones. Lithuanian is no exception, even though historical circumstances have sometimes made Lithuanians distrustful of things or persons foreign. Being on the defensive against aggressors and conservative in protecting Lithuanian culture in order to preserve it for the past two centuries has also made us stricter than, for example, the English-speaking world regarding vocabulary and expression.

Americans have no problems about taking words from other languages and making them American words, nor have many other nations been reluctant to adapt English words into their daily vocabulary, despite "cleaning-up" efforts from governments or literary societies. English has borrowed many words: sled and bumpkin from the Dutch, bog and cake from Scandinavia, an obvious fiord from

Norwegian, poodle from German (not French!), bug from the Celts, flannel from Welsh, slogan from Gaelic, shanty from Irish, rascal from the French language, howitzer from Bohemian, vampire (you guessed it!) from Serbian, shawl and sandal from Persian, the edibles lemon and ketchup from Malayan, silk from China, satchel from Egypt, kayak from the Eskimos. Marmalade made a long trip from Greek through Latin, Portuguese and French to English, while the words trombone, slave and subtle found their way into English from Slavic languages, indirectly through the Greeks, Latins and French. Even the word "elmas" (a type of deer) came to the English-speaking world from Lithuanian not directly, but through German and Dutch to indicate the "eland," a South African antelope.

English is not the only language which has Lithuanian words adapted into its vocabulary. The closer the neighbor is to Lithuania, the more words have been borrowed, and very often the type of word borrowed indicates the relationship between neighboring peoples. The Lat-

vian "gimene" comes from the Lithuanian "gimine" (tribe, relative), the Finnish word for family and daughter come from a Lithuanian root, as also the Lithuanian word "anukas" (grandchild) comes from the Ukrainian. So it seems that these neighbors were not always engaged in fierce battles or raids!

The Lithuanian "kumpis" (ham) became "kump" in Polish, our "talka" (communal help) was taken into German as "talk," the beekeeper (bitininkas) was borrowed by Old Byelorussian as "bitnik," a word we use in English for someone else other than a beekeeper. The Finns not only made "heimo" from "seima" (family), but also made hay (heina) from "sienas," and the Estonians, whose language is not Baltic but closely allied to Finnish, took the word "avinas" (ram) and made it "oinas." If we were not so very humble, we might even say that Lithuanians invented the ladle (for soup), because our "kausas" was borrowed in various derived forms such as "koss" by the Russians, Swedes, Germans, Ukrainians and Finns.





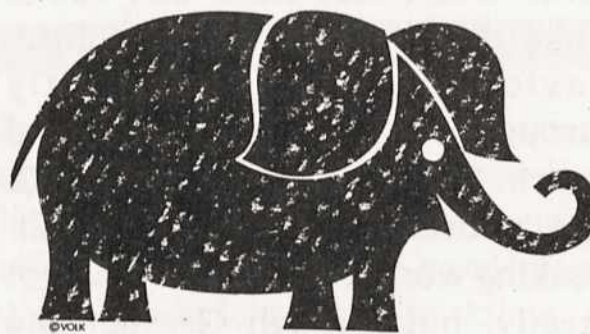
“Neither a borrower nor a lender be” is advice that can hardly be followed when cultural ties, commerce, education, communications and movement of persons bring people of different languages and cultures together. Of course, we are not talking about borrowing words for which perfectly “legitimate” words already exist or have been coined or previously adapted. If I say “kice” to someone from a country which does not speak English, he won’t know that I’m talking about a kitchen (virtuve), and if someone talks about his third “karas,” he does not mean World War III, but only his new automobile.

An object or action does not have to exist in Lithuania in order to have a proper Lithuanian name. For example, an elephant is “dramblis” and a camel is “kupranugaris,” very fine derivatives of Lithuanian words. In the same way modern needs have produced new words which our ancestors did not use: laikrodis (watch or clock), laikraštis (newspaper), veidrodis (mirror) and not borrowed words from Slavic or Germanic languages which were once used for these objects: dziegorius, gazieta, zierkulas.

However, as in English, we use many words which came with the object and which stayed, altered only perhaps in the arrangement of sounds to make them more palatable to the Lithuanian tongue and

ear. For example, words borrowed centuries ago changed “f” to “p,” because then very few could make this sound foreign to Lithuanian lips. So we have Prancuzija (France) and Pranciskus (Francis). Even today some Lithuanians can only say “pariziejus” (pharisee), and not “fariziejus” which is the official word. Words taken later have the foreign “f” - fabrikas (factory), firma (company).

The sound of the word is not sufficient to indicate origin, of course. The linguists and philologists have studied these words and have huge dictionaries indicating the source of the vocabulary. If someone were to say “berzas” is a borrowed word, because it sounds like “birch” (which it does and is), it would be



incorrect, because some form of “berzas, birch, Birchen” occurs in all Indoeuropean languages and so is common to all, having come from the initial primitive language of all Indoeuropeans.

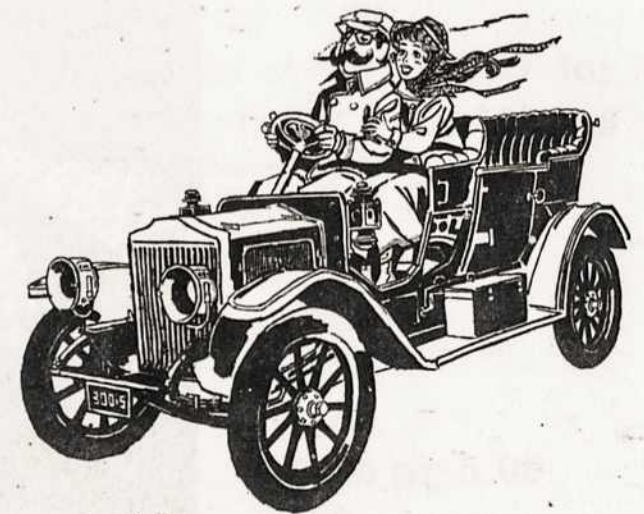
Looking through such dictionaries we find the following: French has given Lithuanian pomidoras (tomato or golden apple), bagazas (baggage), adresas (address), from English we have “skautas” (scout), from the German “gatve” (street), and, along with from the Slavs, “plugas” (plow), from the Latin “actas” (vinegar). Some words took a long trip: “kilimas” (rug) and “agurkas” (cucumber) from Persia, “kedras” (cedar) from Greece, “bajoras” (nobleman) and “bezdzone” (monkey) from Turkey. Closer neighbors lent more words than these distant ones:

Byelorussian gave “grybas” (mushroom) and “barsciai” (beet soup, although our recipe is different), “kubilas” (tub) and “stiklas” (glass) also come from the Slavic languages, while “polka” comes from Czech. Once upon a time there were more Baltic nations in the region, although today only Lithuanian and Latvian survived. From these were borrowed “binzineti” (to loiter), “peizoti” (to scribble), “savaite” (week) - from the Seliai, Kursiai (Curonians) and Prusai (Old Prussians) respectively.

No expert is needed to tell us that the word for Christmas “Kaledos” is allied to the English “calendar,” and that both come from the Latin, Byelorussian being the intermediary in the Lithuanian case. “Velykos” is also a Byelorussian word, while the Latvians translated this word for Easter into their own language as “the Great Day.”

As we learn and study Lithuanian with adult beginners (or “rememberers”) in Park Forest and Chicago (Illinois), we’ve learned to make use of these common or borrowed words to make the new vocabulary seem a bit less overwhelming. Just think that without knowing a word of Lithuanian you can say what “televizija, radijas, servieteles, garazas, balkonas, automobilis, kinas, teatras” and many other words are.

Antanas Saulaitis, SJ



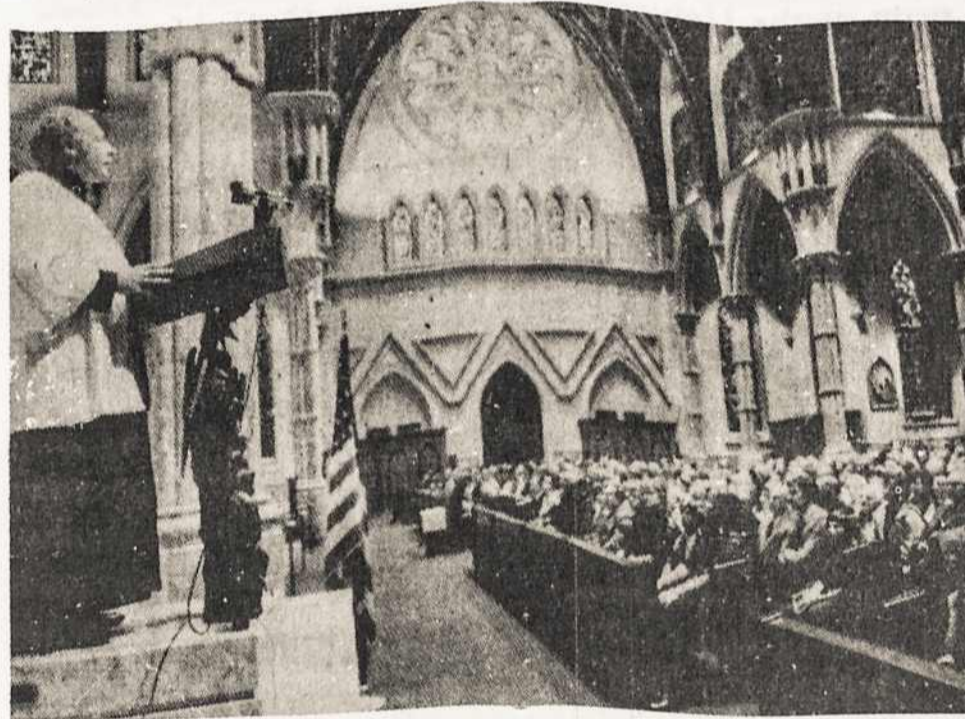
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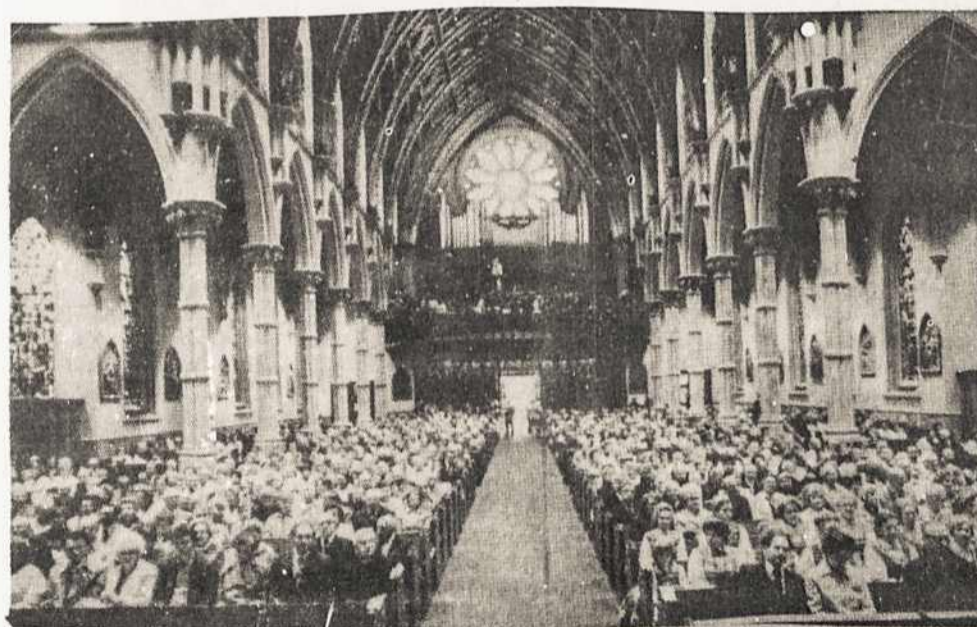
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In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the occupation of free Lithuania by the Soviets, the Chicago Lithuanian Council, composed of over 200 fraternal, political, and social clubs, observed a Day of Prayer for Lithuania on June 15, 1980. Memorial masses were held in local churches. The principal services were held at Nativity B.V.M. Church. Prior to the services, the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post, the Knights of Lithuania, Saulei (Defenders of a Free Lithuania) and the Lithuanian Scouts participated in the presentation of colors and the singing of the American and Lithuanian National Anthems on the church grounds. His excellency Bishop Vincas Brizgys officiated at the Mass. Promptly after the Mass a memorial meeting was held at the church hall. Speakers included the honorable Josephine Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania; Dr. Kazys Sidlauskas, president of the American Lithuanian Council; his excellency Bishop Vincas Brizgys; and appropriate poetic readings by Charlotte Brazdzionis.

Later the same day an Evening Prayer Service was held at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, which was attended by close to 2,000 Lithuanians. Msgr. D. Mozeris, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, gave the greeting. Father J. Kuzinskas, Lithuanian representative to the Chicago Archdiocese, extended Cardinal Cody's regrets that he was unable to attend and his request for everyone's prayers for the suffering in Lithuania. Commemorative speeches were also given by the Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis; Rev. P. Dilys, representative of the Lithuanian Evangelist Reform Church; Father J. Stankevicius, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Cicero, and Valdas Adamkus. Hymns were sung by the Nativity of the B.V.M. parish choir and soloists Danute Stankaityte and Jonas Vaznelis. Father Casimir Pugevicius, K of L National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, spoke about the newly arrived Chronicle No. 42 from Lithuania; Father A. Zakarauskas, pastor of Nativity of the B.V.M. Church, led prayers for the suffering in Lithuania. The final blessing was given by Bishop Vincas Brizgys followed by the singing of "Marija, Marija" and the Lithuanian anthem, which resounded majestically throughout the cathedral. This was truly an awesome and inspiring experience that everyone in attendance shared with deep pride and with confidence that some day Lithuania will be free.



*Father Casimir Pugevicius giving sermon at Holy Name Cathedral.*



*Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral during commemoration services June 15th.*



**Dr. Joseph Baublis** is head of a special Reye's Syndrome team at the University of Michigan C. S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was featured recently in an article which appeared in the Chicago Sun Times Parade magazine. The article described Reye's Syndrome, a deadly foe of children, and the steps being taken to combat the disease. According to Dr. Baublis, Reye's Syndrome remains a puzzle and there is no simple cure, but great strides are being made in treatment, and the disease can now be combatted in most cases.

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**Rev. J. Walter Staniervich**, pastor of St. Mark's Church in Warren, Michigan, was pictured in the "Detroit Free Press" bestowing his blessings on about 75 parishioners and their pets, which included dogs, cats and rabbits, even a frog. The ceremony was staged in the best tradition of Francis of Assisi, the 13th century saint who added a dimension to the appreciation of animals among Christians. Father Stan is Spiritual Advisor for Council 102, Detroit.

**Lillian Poehailos**, member of Council 135, Ansonia, Conn., was recently portrayed in the "Evening Sentinel". The daughter of Kestutis Svelnys, the artist and craftsman who designed and built St. Anthony's Wayside Shrine in Ansonia, Lil discovered she had artistic ability. She began to paint, exhibit and sell her works. In an effort to improve her talent, Lil enrolled in the Continuing Education program at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven where she completed an eight course certified program in Interior Design. With a need to use her creative talents, she joined the sales staff at Spector Furniture Company where she advises customers on furniture placement, offers design tips, arranges displays in the store, makes buying decisions, and goes to Valley homes to share her interior design expertise. Lil, who may well have inherited her artistic ability from her creative father, is married to Don Poehailos, former City Treasurer, and has three sons.

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**Founder and President Stanley Balzekas Jr. (L)** joins **Lithuanian Consul General Josephine J. Dauzvardis** and **numismatic curator Frank Passic** at a museum opening.

Among Chicago's numismatic attractions for visitors who attended the Chicago International Coin Fair May 30 -June 1, was the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, as featured in the May 28 issue of "Coin World". Volunteer curator of the numismatic department is Frank Passic of Albion, Mich., who created for the enjoyment of coin fair visitors exhibits of Klaipeda currency and an array of coins, medals and tokens relating to Bytautas the Great. Also of particular interest to collectors was the collection of the medals of Petras Rimsha. Some of Rimsha's most vivid and controversial works protested the Polish seizure of Vilnius in 1920. Chicago International Coin Fair visitors were also invited to attend the Lithuanian Numismatic Association's public meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel where a new museum slide presentation "Lithuanian Subway Tokens" was premiered.



**Father Algimantas Kezys**, a Jesuit, has been a photographer most of his life. Featured in the Chicago Sun-Times recently, he states, "I've had a lifelong commitment to the camera, but without considering it a main occupation. I do my best work when I'm completely on my own and free to follow the instinct of the moment." His personal photography has been done during annual vacations and in spare time not taken up by priestly duties. He is deeply involved with Chicago's Lithuanian Community, and most of his energies have gone into working with youth groups and various Lithuanian language publications. He has worked on assignment for the Chicago

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At a \$100 a plate dinner held recently at the Hyatt House in Albany, New York, for **Congressman Samuel S. Stratton**, who was recipient of the Father Jutt Award at the National Convention in Syracuse, the benediction was given by **Rev. Robert K. Baltch**.

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**Dr. Ramunas Kondratas**, Washington, D.C., is the curator of the Smithsonian Institute's History and Technology Museum's Medical Study Division. A two page article has been written about his work in the "Environment News Digest":

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**Jonas Stankunas**, an engineer employed by Malcom Pirnie, Inc., an engineering firm in White Plains, N.Y., was selected by the "Engineering News-Record", an engineering publication, as one of 30 outstanding engineers all over the U. S. in 1979 for his work on the city of Cleveland, Ohio, clean water project.



Symphony Orchestra and on numerous publication projects. Father avoids the technical side of photography, using his camera for simple, forceful images. 70 of his photographs were on exhibit at the newly opened gallery "Galerija" at 744 N. Wells Street, Chicago, this past June, which was followed by a show of Lithuanian bookplates and graphics. One of the photographs in the exhibit shows a robed Franciscan monk in the foreground. Behind him, almost lost in fog over a lake, is a diving board. It is a surreal, mystical image. His part-time photography is filled with emotion.

Appearing on Cable TV, Schenectady, New York, on April 7th's "People in the News" were C-100's **Regina Kot** and **Polly Ziausys** in Lithuanian costumes, and Lithuanian Affairs Chairman **Edward Baranauskas** who spoke about the Festival of Nations which was held at the Schenectady Museum on May 17. Ed was in charge of the Lithuanian section. Also participating was **Bernice Aviza**, C-100.

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The March 1980 issue of "Heartbeat", a publication of Immaculate Heart of Mary High School, Westchester, Illinois, featured an article describing the way ethnic students celebrate their heritage. One of the students mentioned, **Georgianna Kassel**, C-36/112 Juniors, indicated she meets with the Knights of Lithuania Dance Group in Chicago every Wednesday night to practice and learn new steps. This group performs year round and has entertained audiences in all sorts of ethnic festivals and cultural celebrations, such as "Christmas Around the World" at the Museum of Science and Industry. The article further stated that these young students of various ethnic backgrounds have learned to appreciate their ethnic heritage.

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*Georgi Kassel*

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COUNCIL  
ADDITION**

S E P T E M B E R

- 6-7 14th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Siluva Chapel, Wahington, D.C.  
13 C-110, Maspeth FALL DANCE, Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, N.Y.  
27 C-74, Scranton, ANNUAL FALL DINNER DANCE, 8:00 P.M.  
St. Joseph's Church Hall, Scranton, Pa.

O C T O B E R

- 11 C-29 Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE, Holy Trinity Parish  
Hall, Newark, N.J.  
18 C-3, Philadelphia KIELBASA - BEER - POLKA NIGHT, Lithuanian  
Music Hall, 2715 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.  
26 M.A.D. ANNUAL MEETING, Elizabeth, N.J., Hosts C-52,  
Elizabeth  
26 N.E.D. SCHOLARSHIP FESTIVAL, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass

N O V E M B E R

- 8 C-12, Manhattan, CRAZY HAT DANCE, Our Lady of Vilnius,  
Rev. George Gurinkas Hall. Music by Joe Thomas Orchestra

## LIETUVOS VYTĖS IR DELEGATĖ TARPTAUTINIAMS RYŠIAMS

Mes lietuvės katalikės turime savo delegatę tarptautiniams ryšiams Pasaulio Katalikių Moterų Organizacijų Unijoje. Mūsų delegatė Birutė Šlepelytė-Venskuvienė, kuri gyvena Paryžiuje, Prancūzijoje. Ji yra Žmogaus Teisių Komisijos pirmininkė. Anksčiau buvo Tyliosios Bažnyčios ir Imigrantų Komisijos pirmininkė.

Pasaulio Katalikių Moterų Organizacijų Unijai (World Union of Catholic Women Organizations — WUCWO) priskaitoma 67 kraštų katalikės, sudarančios virš 36 milijonų katalikių. Nežinau, nė vienos lietuvių moterų organizacijos, kuri turėtų savo narę tokiaame aukštame poste, kaip kad mes katalikės turime. Taip pat mums didelė garbė, kad mes esame įrašytos į Uniją kaip lietuvės, savo tautos vardu, kai kitų tautybių moterys kaip lenkės, vokietės, prancūzės, italės ir kitos gyvenančios JAV eina kaip amerikietės.

Neturint nė vienos moterų katalikiškos organizacijos, kuri galėtų globoti ir rūpintis delegate įeinančią į Uniją, tenka kiekvienai lietuvei katalikei prisidėti nors maža auka, kad delegatė galėtų mus ir mūsų tautą tinkamai atstovauti. Šią delegatę skyria Pasaulio Lietuvių Katalikių Organizacijų Sąjunga (PLKOS), bet ji neturi galimybės finansiniai jai padėti.

Esu PLKOS įgaliota katalikiškas organizacijas prašyti paramos, žinoma — moteris. Jau 3 metai kaip ateitininkės apsidėjo mokesčiu nors 1 dol. į metus. Turtingesnės turėtų mokėti daugiau. Aukos išrenkamos kasmet savo skyriuose ir pasiunčiamos PLKOS Fondo pirmin. Marija Lušys, 72 Congress St., Braintree,

Mass., 02184. Jei vyte priklausytų kitai organizacijai, tai mokėt tik vienai, vieną kartą: ar vytes vardu ar kitos org-jos.

Delegatės aukštas poastas, didelės ir išlaidos. Ji turi susimokėti 180 dol. nario mokesčio Unijai į metus, važiuoti į tarptautinius kongresus, kurie įvyksta kas 4 metai, įvairiuose kontinentuose. 1979 metais įvyko Indijoje, prieš tai Afrikoje. Turi važinėti į konferencijas, kurios dažniausia įvyksta Europos miestuose. Leidžiamas biuletėnis.

Unijos delegačių suvažiavimuose (kongresuose) svarstomas šių dienų materialsitinio pasaulio blogybės, kaip bedievybės plitimas, moralinis nuosmukis, alkoholis, jaunimo palaidumas, žmogaus teisių negerbimas, komunizmas, abortai ir kitos ydos.

Sesė vyte, įsijunk į šį lietuvių katalikių kilnų darbą. Prisidėk nors mažiausia metine auka, kad mūsų delegatė galėtų sėkmingai mus ir mūsų tautą atstovauti. Pasaulio katalikės sutiko globoti jauną kalinę Sibire Nijolę Sadūnaitę. Jos kovoja, kad ją išlaisvintų. Kalbėdama Jūsų paskutiniame seime Čikagoje apie delegatę tarptautiniams ryšiams, jutau, kad Jūs vyte, sutinkate prisidėti savo auką, todėl prašau pradėt savo aukas siųst viršuj nurodytu adresu. Valdyboje esanti vyte, gali išrinkt iš savo narių. Gali ir vyrai aukot. Juk ir mes jiems padedame.

Em. Vilimaitė  
PLKOS įgaliotinė

### The Lithuanian Language Lives

Who said the Lithuanian language is dead? Indeed, it is very much alive! It is spoken in practically every corner of the world. The Lithuanian people, like the Jews of old, have been dispersed to every known continent. Forced to leave because they would not be enslaved, they left their beloved country but they brought with them their language and customs.

Many Lithuanians are found in western European nations such as Germany, Sweden, France and England. Some have migrated to Canada, the United States, Central and South America. According to the

Lithuanian-American Newsletter, Bridges, (Vol. 3, No. 9, Sept. 1979) Lithuanian speaking Jews are found in Israel. The "Litvaks," as they are called, are a respected and integral part of Israel society. Influences of Lithuanian culture are found in bookstores and social clubs in many parts of Israel.

In Scranton and in the surrounding areas, the Knights of Lithuania are active in reviving their language and culture. Lithuanian classes had been initiated in 1977 at St. Joseph's School on N. Main Avenue where beginners and more advanced students took advantage of the op-

portunity to study Lithuanian. Much can be said about their zeal and perseverance.

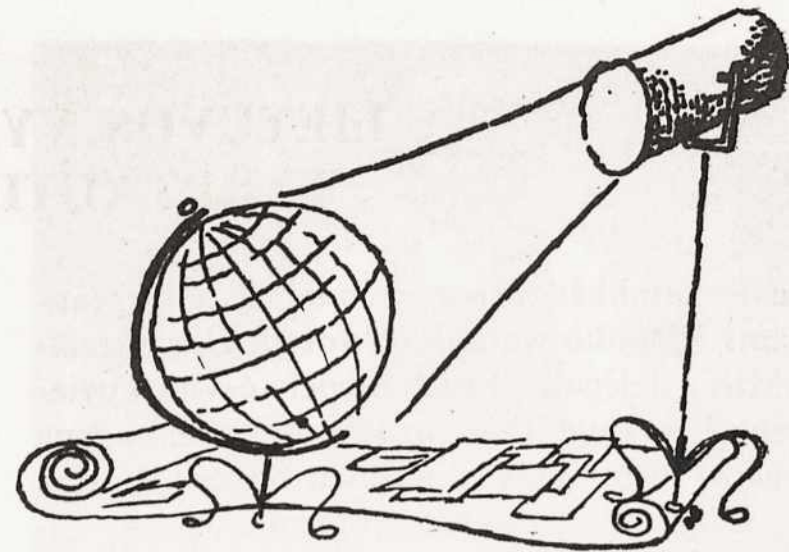
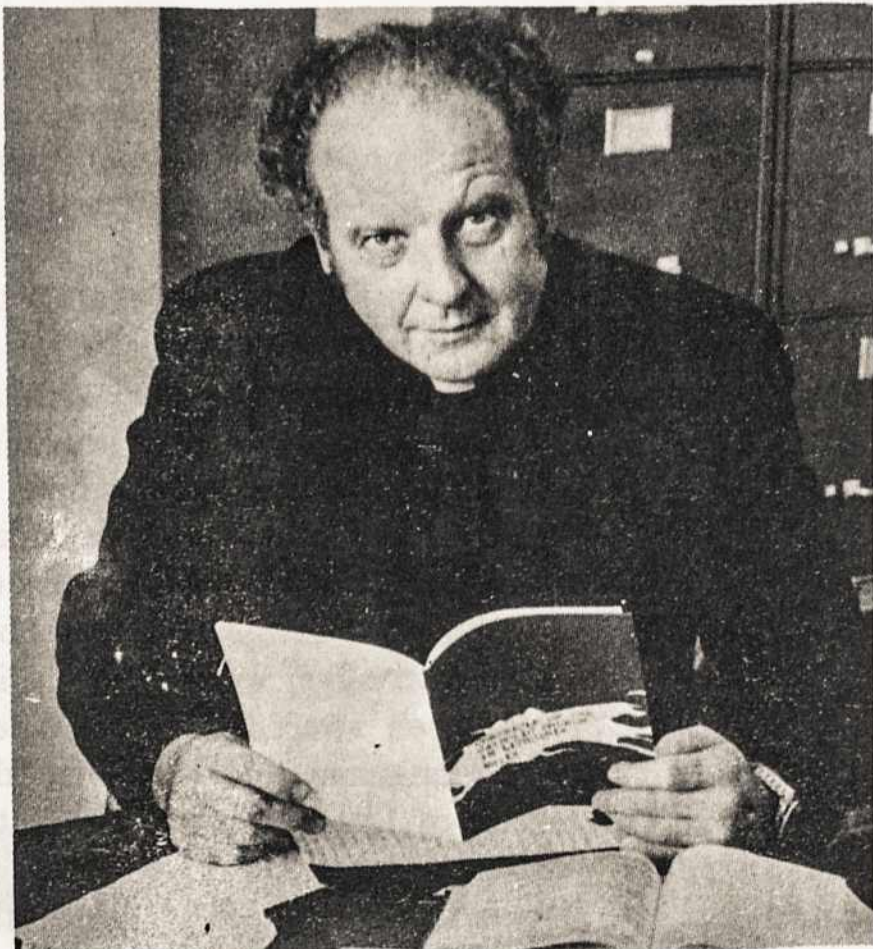
To celebrate the 400 years of the founding of the University of Vilnius, beginning February 13th, an eight-week course in Lithuanian language and culture will be open to the public at the University of Scranton. The residents of Scranton and vicinity, both Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian alike, will be able to increase their awareness of the oldest living language and recognize the beauty of Lithuanian culture. Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, a Sister of Jesus Crucified, will conduct the course.

# EUROPEAN DIARY

Fr. Casimir Pugevičius'  
Mission to Geneva

Since 1968, BATUN, the Baltic Appeal to the United Nations, also known as the United Baltic Appeal, has been systematically reminding missions to the United Nations of the Baltic States. As part of this task, BATUN has been sending people to the UN Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva annually, to remind participants of the denial of human rights in Soviet-occupied Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. This year, one of the representatives of BATUN was the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Fr. Casimir Pugevičius. With Helen Kulber and Marian Skabeikis, he serves as a Lithuanian member of the Board of Directors of BATUN. Here are some excerpts from his European diary:

*Mon., Feb. 4:* I arrived in Geneva at noon, too late to do anything except rest up from the jet-lag. I took a room at the Maison St. Boniface, a kind of Catholic U.M.C.A. — Y.W.C.A. operated by sisters in a German national parish staffed by Jesuit Fathers in this French-speaking city. Located at 14, Ave. de Mail, it's just a 15-minute bus ride from the Palace of Nations, headquarters of the U.N. here.



*Tue., Feb. 5:* After joining the sisters and their chaplain at Mass to ask God's blessing on our mission, I met Vija Kleve, the Latvian member of our delegation, and took the bus to the Palace of Nations.

Our first stop was the office of *Agence France Presse*, the French News agency. The bureau chief remembered the BATUN delegation of last year, and said he would be interested in the results of our talks with the diplomats.

The conference meets five days a week through February, at least. Representatives from 42 nations are expected, along with observers from 30 countries, including the Vatican, and observers from approximately 50 NGOs, or Non-Governmental Organizations, such as Amnesty International, the International Jurists' Association, International Labor Organization, etc. BATUN, unfortunately, has no official status.

Our plan is to arrange personal meetings with individual participants in the conference. We have brought pre-addressed kits from New York, consisting of: the Appeal of the Baltic 45, dated August 23, 1979, demanding that the Soviet Union repudiate the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and its result, the occupation of the Baltic States; the Appeal of 51 persons in Lithuania on behalf of Antanas Terleckas and Julijus Sasnauskas, both imprisoned for human rights activities; another appeal in behalf of Antanas Terleckas signed by 23 persons in Lithuania; the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania No. 37, dated March 4, 1979; *The Violations of Human Rights in Lithuania 1978*; and Estonian and Latvian material.

We plan to suggest that the facts contained in our material might be useful in discussing the agenda items set well in advance.

While Vija sought out other delegates, I introduced myself to Monsignor Luigi Bressan, a member of the Vatican delegation. He put me in touch with Bishop Rupp, official head of the Vatican delegation and permanent observer to the United Nations in Geneva, who invited me to visit him at his residence, an apartment in suburban Geneva.

There for an hour and a half, Bishop Rupp showed



great interest in the plight of the persecuted Church in Lithuania. He also demonstrated a knowledge of Lithuanian history. As a young Boy Scout chaplain, he once accompanied a group of scouts to Lithuania for a jamboree.

Vija and I placed telephone calls to various embassies, or missions, asking for appointments. Between calls and interviews, we are able to watch the proceedings on the floor from the visitors' gallery, where individual earphones provide simultaneous translation in half a dozen languages, including Chinese.

During some routine discussion, Jean-Claude Soyer, the representative from France, suggested that the U.N. Human Rights Commission send the Soviet government a telegram inquiring what Andrei Sacharov, the human rights champion, was being punished for, and how.

The Soviet representative Valeria Zorin, an old communist *aparatchik*, objected strenuously, saying, "We are here to discuss more important things . . . After all, who is Sacharov?"

To this, the U.S. representative, Jerome Shestak, of Pennsylvania, responded that if the honorable representative of the Soviet Union really did not know who Andrei Sacharov was, Shestak would be glad to enlighten him.

*Wed., Feb. 6:* This morning, we listened to the beginning of debate on alleged Israeli violations of human rights in Palestine. The attack was orchestrated by the Arab states, who have a number of representatives here.

At noon, we had a half-hour with the representative of Canada, M. Yvonne Beaulne. He is sympathetic to our cause, but pessimistic about what can be accomplished.

*Thurs., Feb. 7:* Today, we met briefly with the substitute representative from the United Kingdom, who passed us on to their staff person for Eastern Europe. This was one of our less encouraging conversations, even though the British government does not recognize the Soviet annexation of the Baltic states.

Much more encouraging was our conversation with M. Soyer, the representative from France, whom we met through Jacques and Isabelle Vishniak, a Russian Jewish emigre couple. She is the correspondent for *Le Monde*, the big French newspaper. M. Soyer seemed particularly interested in all we had to say, and in all our documentation. After a two-hour lunch with Soyer and the Vishniaks, during which Vija Kleve made good use of her fluent French to brief him about the infringement of human rights by the Soviets to the Baltic States, we were back at our post in the Palace of Nations, talking to delegates in person and by phone.

I met Msgr. Luigi Bressan and Father Raimond



Roch, of the Vatican delegation, who emphasized that the Balts need

1. identity — people don't even know who we are;
2. acceptability — We're worse off than the PLO in this respect;
3. a concise presentation — We can't expect the others to take on the entire liberation of the Baltic States.

I think we have the concise presentation, and we're working constantly on the first two items both here and through BATUN in New York.

We were advised strongly to work through the NGO's, or non-Governmental Organizations.

*Fri., Feb. 8:* We had a brief conversation with the representative from the Philippines. We also met with Hector Chary, the representative from Colombia, South America. He is very sympathetic, since his sister is married to a Lithuanian World War II refugee. Somewhat different was the cool reception from the World Association of Jurists.

In the afternoon, we went to the U.S. Embassy for a brief meeting with the U.S. Representative to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, Jerome Shestak, who is a member of the Coalition to Free Gajauskas and Petkus.

We were invited to have an input in next year's State Department Report on Human Rights.

*Saturday, Feb. 9:* Today I had lunch with Bishop Rupp and Msgr. Bressan of the Vatican Delegation, answering questions about the situation in Lithuania.

After lunch, because the Conference was not meeting over the week-end, I took a train to Bern, where I spent the evening sharing information with Dr. Kuslys, president of the Lithuanian Community (Lietuvių Bendruomenė) in Switzerland, and Dr. Juozas Gerutis, the last Minister of Lithuania to the League of Nations. They are planning a single, one-hour radio broadcast on Swiss radio concerning Lithuanian affairs, and Lithuanian participation in the Sacharov Hearing, such as the one recently held in Washington, documenting Soviet transgression against human rights. Dr. Gerutis talked of the need of an organization like the Knights of Lithuania.

*Sunday, Feb. 10:* After Mass at a church near the railroad station in Bern, I boarded a train for Basel, where I met the venerable Dr. Juozas Eretas (Honorary Member of the K of L). He is Swiss by birth, but as a

university student in 1919, he promised a young Lithuanian student on the latter's death-bed that he would go to Lithuania to help the reconstruction of Lithuania. He learned fluent Lithuanian, married a Lithuanian girl, and remained in Lithuania until the Russians came in, becoming a national Catholic Action Leader and somewhat of a national hero. At 80 plus, he is still active, writing pamphlets and articles on Lithuania and lecturing Swiss Army officers on Lithuanian affairs.

*Mon. Feb. 11:* Vija contacted the representative from Holland and I spoke briefly with the representative from Pakistan, who seems as little concerned with the fate of Lithuania as most Lithuanians are with the fate of Pakistan. Aleksandr Solzhenytsin once wrote: "We will not have peace until everyone becomes concerned about everything."

*Tue. Feb. 12:* Just before boarding the plane for Rome, I mailed eight packets of materials to various representatives, which we had addressed before leaving New York. It has been impossible to meet them.

Father Kazlauskas, director of the Lithuanian section of Vatican Radio, met me at the airport in Rome and drove me to St. Casimir's College, the Villa Lituana, a modest hotel connected with St. Casimir's College, the Lithuanian Seminary.

*Wed. Feb. 13:* This morning, I spoke at length with Msgr. Vincas Mincevičius, who lives at St. Casimir's College, and does a first-class job of informing the Italian press of the Lithuanian cause. He edits ELTA bulletins in Lithuanian, supported in part by *Tautos Fondas*, the Lithuanian National Fund. He has also been responsible for the Italian paper-back publication



The Colosseum in Rome.

of the *Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania*, now in its second volume.

*Thur. Feb. 14:* In the morning, Msgr. Jonusas, the treasurer of the College, took me to see Bishop Paul Marcinkus, of Chicago, who is president of the Institute for Religious Works, otherwise known as the Vatican Bank. The bishop's first words were, "I was reading VYTIS . . ." Quite a compliment! The bishop told me that the Holy Father, on his recent trip to the U.S., had been unable to meet with a delegation from BATUN or any Lithuanian group, for sheer lack of time. Everybody had been trying to get time with His Holiness, and there had to be many disappointed people. I briefed the bishop on our activities in Geneva.

After a whirlwind tour of St. Peter's Basilica, with a stop at the Lithuanian Chapel, which celebrates its 10th anniversary in June, Msgr. Jonusas drove me to the offices of the Lithuanian Section of Vatican Radio, where I was able to tape a report on Geneva to be broadcast to Lithuania. Fr. Kazlauskas says he is looking for one more staff member, so that they might expand Lithuanian broadcasts, which are heard behind the Iron Curtain.

We returned to the College for lunch with the rector, Msgr. Tulaba, the faculty and students. Like other seminaries in Rome, St. Casimir's College is a student dormitory, with the seminarians attending classes at one or another of the several universities in Vatican City. Five Lithuanian seminarians from the free world and ten non-Lithuanians, including a student of Japanese decent from Los Angeles, live at St. Casimir's.

At lunch I met Msgr. Jonas Bulaitis, who is secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio in the Sudan, Africa. After a vacation, he was on his way back to a hardship post, where the climate is impossible, and most things we take for granted are lacking.

*Fri., Feb. 15:* I flew to London, where I had a quick supper with Marian Father Sakevičius, pastor of St. Casimir's Lithuanian Mission in London, and immediately went to Lithuanian House for the reception on the eve of Lithuanian Independence Day.

*Sat., Feb. 16:* I spent the day visiting a special exhibition on the Vikings at the British Museum and browsing in bookshops. Afterwards, I returned to the rectory for "high tea", which we would call supper. Fr.

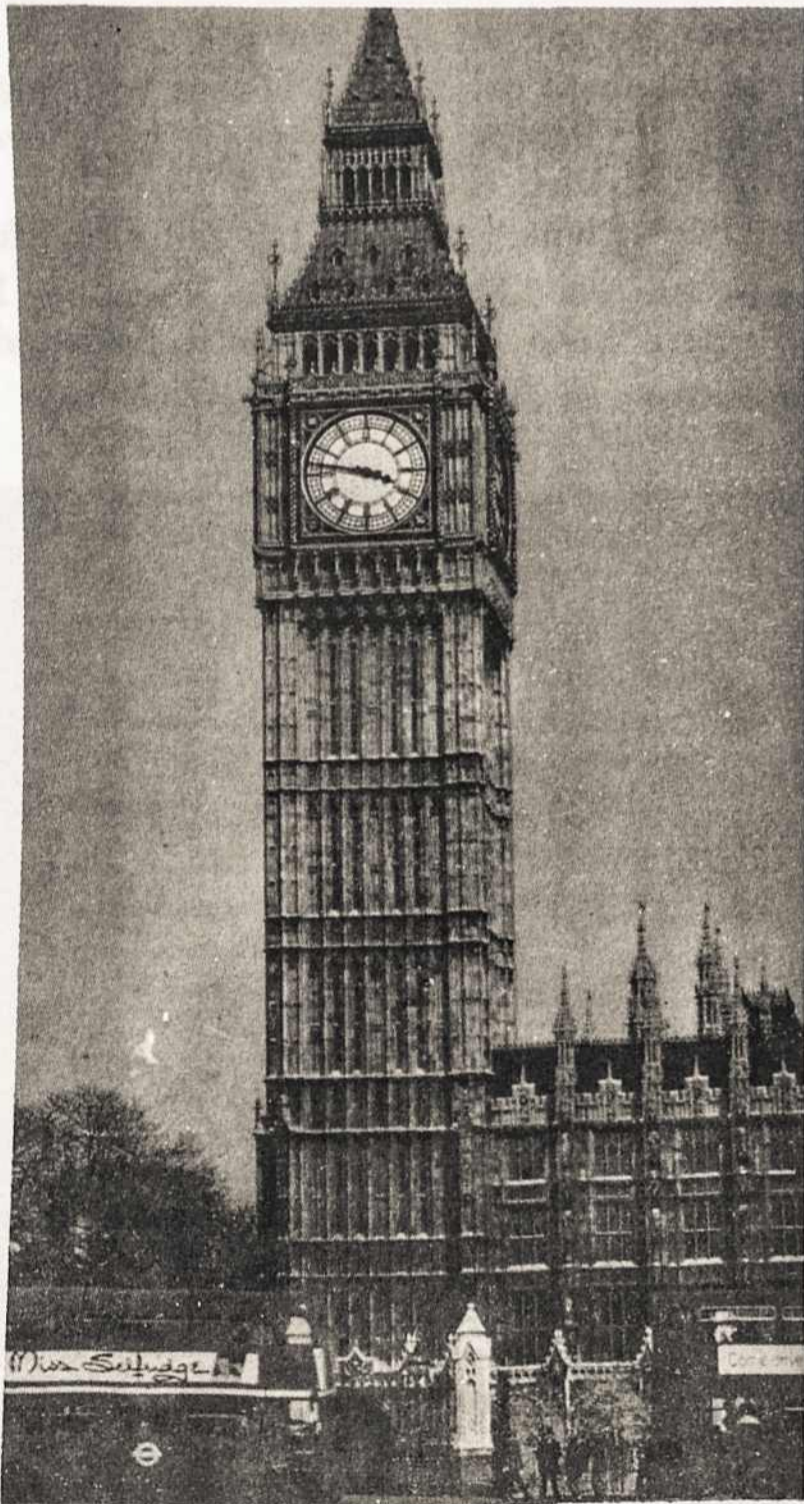


The Fountain of Trevi in Rome.

Sakevičius and I were met by Mr. Vladas Juras, President of the Lithuanian Association of Great Britain, and driven to another Lithuanian social center for another Lithuanian Day celebration. It was well-planned, with only the Consul General, Mr. Juozas Balutis, giving a brief talk, and an enjoyable artistic program of local Lithuanian talent, lasting about an hour and a half. It's interesting that the Lithuanians of whom there are less in all of England than there are in the Chicago area, have two folk dance groups, and at least three choruses in London.

The highlight of the evening was a brief performance by Gina Cepkauskas, the soprano from Montreal, who is making a tour of the Lithuanian communities in Europe.

*Sun. Feb. 17:* I celebrated Mass for Lithuania at St. Casimir's in London, and preached to the Lithuanians gathered specially to pray for Lithuania. Gina Cepkauskas sang. After light brunch with the pastor, the Consul General and his wife, and Mrs. Cepkauskas,



Mr. Juras took Mrs. Cepkauskas and me in his car about sixty miles outside London. There the Lithuanians have a large country-house out of which they operate a home for the elderly, a summer resort and a private club, complete with pool, restaurant and bar. The income from local non-Lithuanians maintains this magnificent facility. This facility and the club in London, according to Mr. Juras, support all Lithuanian activities in England other than the parishes.

*Mon. Feb. 18:* After Mass and Breakfast with Fr. Sakevičius, I rode a bus two hours for lunch at the home of Mr. Jonas Ludzius, an English-born Lithuanian who once was a major in British Military intelligence, and later served as Her Britannic Majesty's consul in Hanoi during the Vietnam War. Afterwards, he drove me to near-by Keston College, where the Anglican priest, Michael Bourdeaux, operates the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism. They do quite a remarkable job of publicizing the persecution of religion in Lithuania. Marite Sapiets, a young Latvian lady, is in charge of the Lithuanian work. Father Bourdeauj is the author of *Land of Crosses*, the new book about present-day developments in Lithuania, available from Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn NY 11207, for \$8.00. They have a staff of about six, Telex, and do a professional job. We discussed the possibility of a full-time Lithuanian staff person, to be supported by the Lithuanian community in England.

That evening, Mr. Juras took several of us to the historic Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, where we saw *Eugene Onegin*.

*Tue. Feb. 19:* Fr. Sakevičius took me to visit Dickens House, where the famous author once lived. Afterwards, I toured London bookshops again, and then made my way to Brompton Oratory, associated with Cardinal Newman, where I went to confession. Afterwards, I took the bus around New Hyde Park to Tyburn Chapel, the site of the infamous Tyburn Tree, a former gallows where several Jesuits and others were hung, drawn and quartered for the Faith during the persecution of the Church under Queen Elizabeth I. The Blessed sacrament is exposed for perpetual adoration by the sisters and visitors. There I made a Holy Hour privately for all Lithuanians persecuted for the Faith.

Afterwards, I met Mr. Juras and Fr. Sakevičius and we went back to Lithuanian House for a farewell supper with the Executive Board of the Lithuanian Association of Great Britain.

*Wed. Feb. 20:* I boarded an Air India plane at 1 P.M. London time, and was in New York at 3 PM New York time, early enough to make a meeting of the BATUN Board of Directors to report on the mission to Geneva.

## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE AND BOWLING TOURNAMENT

by Sophie Zager

On May 17, 25 hosted the Mid-Central Dist. meeting and Bowling tournament in Cleveland, Ohio. The threat of rain and tornadoes did not dampen a successful turnout of members. Delegates came from Dayton, Detroit, Pittsburg, DuBois, Southfield, Mich., as well as Cleveland and the Chicago area.

Greetings and welcomes were extended by M/C Dist. pres. Aldona Ryan and pres. Gene Kunsitis of c-25. The opening prayer and a welcoming address were given by Rev. Fr. G. Kijauskas, Sp. Advisor of the M/C Dist. Almost immediately, Father "excused" himself, to officiate at two weddings that fore-noon.

Reports of officers and committee chairmen were followed by various council reports given by presidents of their representatives, which were interesting, informative and productive.

An especially significant one was the report of Lith. Affairs chmn Stefanija Rastikis. Stefanija articulated on Human Rights and encouraged members to write to prisoners of conscience in Lithuania who are even willing to risk their lives for and also to continue writing letters to elected officials and news media to make the public aware of the plight. Equally important is support of the Lithuanian Chronicle. Mrs. Rastikis submitted various literature and samples of "Lifeline" as well as an address for additional information. She defined the Lifeline as a publication of vital importance, and requested specifically that people attending the conference read the pamphlet of "My Brothers and Sisters Call Me". Central Dist. resolutions in the May issue of the Vytis, and upon returning to their respective councils, they urge members to vote on all submitted resolutions.

Cultural Chairperson, Nellie Arunski reported that one member, Michael Vale, of C-79, Southfield, Mich., will be installed with the Third Degree. She also announced the new price increase for the Third and Fourth Degree medals which took effect as of Supreme Council's meeting of March 22, 1980. The cost of the Third Degree Medals shall be \$4.50 per applicant; and the Fourth Degree Medals shall be \$6.00 per applicant.

Among some of the interesting topics discussed were Membership. Although there are some councils

in the M/C Dist. that are small and inactive, they were encouraged to hold together and not disband. It was suggested that neighboring councils send notices and letters of invitation to various organizational activities. When some are inclined "to forget" or overlook sending notices, members of inactive councils can benefit from communication with councils who are "active". However, the district welcomes those inactive who are still interested in staying in the K of L, and wish to keep abreast of information and other important features of the organization.

Publicity was another feature discussed at the meeting, specifically submitting articles of interest to Vytis, Draugas and other news media.

Some members combined business with pleasure by visiting relatives and friends in Cleveland, following M/C Dist. conference.

Dynamic activities were on the full swing for the Social Scene. An "Early-Bird Get-Together Friday Night" where good fellowship were revisited, and



*Rev. G. Kijauskas, MCD and C-25's  
Spiritual Advisor and Mrs. A. Ryan-MCD  
President.*

friendship established. There were some surprises. Good ones. Like the "Lithuanian Plate" filled with various homemade Lith. food at the Ten-Pin Social. The Saturday Night social provided music which took priority over mingling.

A super Sunday Brunch fit for a king graced the buffet table following a special Noon-day Mass. The Bowling Banquet honored all the winners (elsewhere in the Vytis), and C-86 extended an invitation to

participate for the 1981 Bowling Tournament to be held in DuBois, PA.

Despite a rainy forecast, members and guests felt a shower of warm hospitality which prevailed throughout all the events. All the out-of-town people were made to feel "at home". Didelis Aciu to a fine committee of C-25 who spent endless hour and time toward this great event. We look forward to seeing in DuBois.

## MID-WETS BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

C-25 - Cleveland, Ohio - May 16-18, 1980

Place	City and State	Council	Captain	3-Games Series with Handicap	Trophy Awards	
1	Dayton, Ohio	C-96	John Berczelly	3107	<u>High Single Game Actual:</u>	
2	Dayton, Ohio	C-96	Gus Blum	3057	<u>Women:</u>	Nelda Machutas - C-25 193
3	Detroit, Michigan	C-139	Alex Kurpowic	3047	<u>Men:</u>	John Kolinske - C-79 229
4	DuBois, Pennsylvania	C-86	Tom Bruzga	3003	<u>High Series Actual:</u>	
5	Detroit, Michigan	C-102	Mart Wagster	2993	<u>Women:</u>	Chris Kurzyniec - C-139 538
6	Dayton, Ohio	C-96	Eleanor Mantz	2978	<u>Men:</u>	John Berczelly - C-96 605
7	Detroit, Michigan	C-79	Mike Vale	2961	<u>High Game With Handicap (Single)</u>	
8	Cleveland, Ohio	C-25	John Andrusis	2937	<u>Women:</u>	Fran Petkus - C-96 231
9	Cleveland, Ohio	C-25	Gene Kunsitis	2937	<u>Men:</u>	Gus Blum - C-96 252
10	Chicago, Illinois	C-36	AnnMarie Kassel	2894	<u>High Series With Handicap</u>	
11	Detroit, Michigan	C-102	Joe Gurriero	2866	<u>Women:</u>	Albina Kurpowic - C-139 662
12	Detroit, Michigan	C-79	Charles Milius	2863	<u>Men:</u>	John Abromavich - C-86 672
13	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	C-19	Andy Rozger	2861	<u>Low Bowlers Actual:</u>	
14	Detroit, Michigan	C-102 & C-79	Norm Hein	2850	<u>Women:</u>	Stella Zogg - C-19 211
15	Detroit, Michigan	C-79	Joe Yakstys	2793	<u>Men:</u>	Paul Strolia - C-36 313
16	Cleveland, Ohio	C-25	Andy Skarnus	2778		
17	Cleveland, Ohio	C-25	Pete Luiza	2694		
18	DuBois, Pennsylvania	C-86	Ben Radzavich	2261		

### 1st Place Team (Traveling Trophy)

C-96 - Dayton

Diana Kavalauskas  
Chris Montes  
Mark Siekiernka  
Harley Karns  
\* John Berczelly

### Last Place Team (Traveling Trophy)

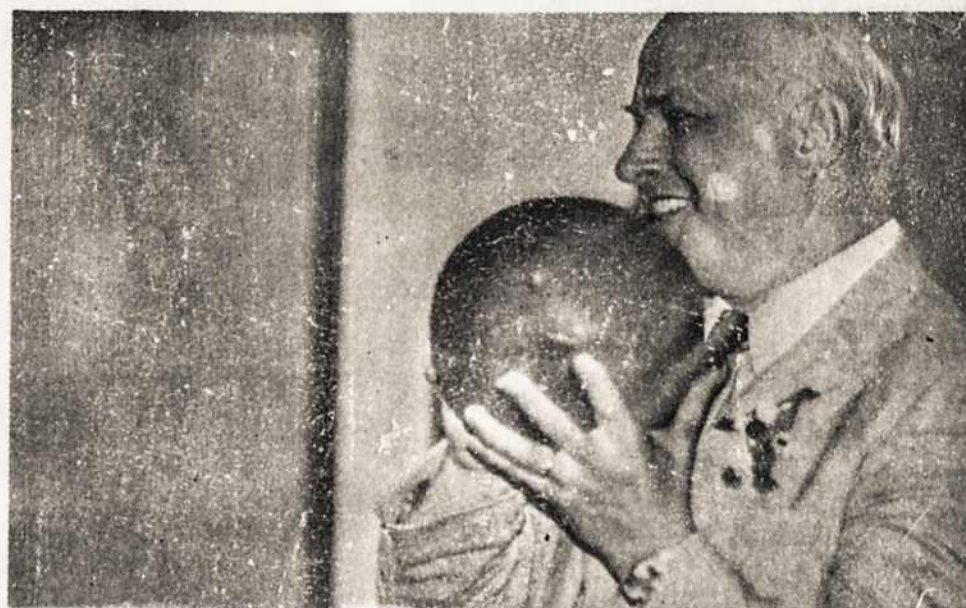
C-86 - DuBois

\* Benedict Radzavich  
Joseph Metalonis  
Marie Metalonis  
Gertrude Amilkavich  
Mildred Radzavich

\* Captain



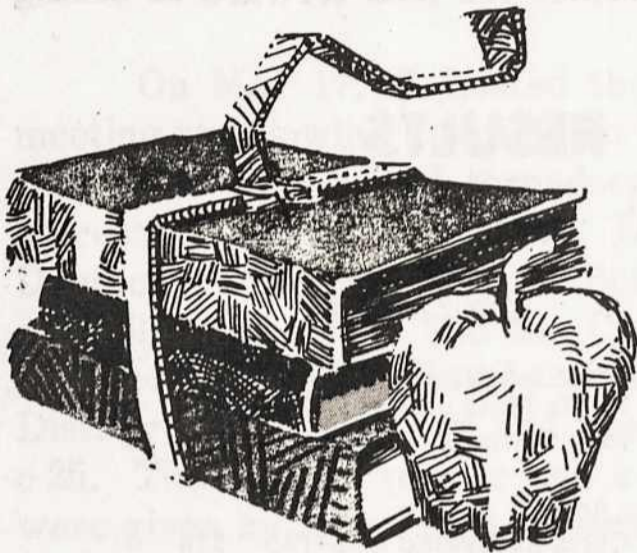
**CHAMPS-Mia-West Bowling Tournament--1st Place Team (3107) - L-R Harley Karnes; Diane Kavalauskas; Mark Siekiernka; Chris Mantz and John Berczelly - Dayton, Ohio C-96**



**Ben Radzavich, DuBois, Pa., C-86, Accepting Last Place Team Traveling Trophy Award at Mid-West Bowling Tournament - Cleveland, Ohio.**

# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

### C-79—Southfield, Mich.

A forecast of rain did not dampen the spirits of our members who came out for a nice gathering to observe Founder's Day on Apr. 27 at the Divine Providence Church. Following Mass the council hosted members and parishioners to a treat of home-made baked goodies and coffee.

Emphasis was placed on achieving new members for the K of L. A display of pamphlets and pictures gave non-members information about our organization. Further on, Bertha Janus and Sophie Zager accumulated several sheets of signatures petitioning for the speedy beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

Sincere appreciation to our Founder's Day Committee consisting of Pres. Frank Zager, Helen Tucker, Marge & Chester Nashlon, J & J Yakstys, Bertha Janus, Maggie Smailis, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Kase, Mike Vale and Sophie Zager. Our thanks to everyone who made and brought cakes. *Norim parodyti jiems savo sirdinga dekinguma.*

Fashion al fresco did some very nice things for our gals at the A.L.R.C. Women's Alliance Fashion Show on Apr. 22. Among those in style were two of our members, Antoinette Baron and Sophie Zager, who modeled bright, summer outfits. Another member, who tends her efforts in many K of L projects, contributed toward a big success of the event.

If you follow good theater plays, Southfield Repertory Theatre has given a most successful performance of Ralph Valatka's adaption of the Dracula legend...for children. Ralph, who is the son of member Ann, and his late father, Ralph Sr., had "very clever" reviews on the chiller classic, adapted "deliciously" for youngsters. He was a former president of our Junior council. We wish him *dauk sekmes*.

Anyone who can get an adult to school faithfully one day per week has got to be good. Helen Tucker and Mike Vale undertook studies in Lithuanian classes to brush up on their writing, reading and speaking, making proper usage of the Lithuanian language.

*Sveikiname visus lankiusius i si kursa, ir mokytoja Danute Jankiene, dziaugdamiesi ju pasiektais rezultatais. Tai vertingas inasas musu Lietuviskai parapijai ir organizacijai. Linkime testi si grazia pradeta darba ir sekanciais mokslo metais. (Vytis sako kad reiketu biski Lietuviskai rasyti. Tai rasau).*

Members took a vacation from calories and cholesterol concerns when George & Marie Kase hosted the social following our May 7 meeting. Labai aciu. George & Marie took some time off and motored to the East Coast for the First Communion of their grand-

daughter, and a visit with son, Michael, and his family.

Helen Tucker skied to Boynton Beach, escaping the March cold, for a short vacation in Florida where she visited her daughter, Colleen.

Mary Vinciunas, who now makes her home in Blue Springs, MO., also vacationed in Florida with granddaughter Gail and husband, Dan Schulte. She then spent a few weeks with another granddaughter and her husband, Bonnie & Cliff LaVoie in Atlanta, Ga.

With the gas crunch on almost everyone's mind these days, more people are getting into car pools. And that's what our members did for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, on the weekend of May 16-18. Host C-25, as usual, put out a "red carpet" welcome to all bowlers and delegates who gathered for the Spring Conference in conjunction with the tournament. *Sirdinga Lietuviska aciu to everyone of C-25.*

Kudos to Anthony Dainus who did a terrific job with the Archdiocesan Development Fund. Thanks, Tony, and to all your capable crew.

Because we read other Council News here in the Vytis, it was a welcome sight to see our sister C-102 of Detroit included. For a long time C-102 has been news-less. We enjoyed Meriut's fine column.

There has been a surge of sick members. Stella Hotra was hospitalized for extensive tests and treatment on a strained ailment, Ruth Grasha was admitted in emergency at Providence Hospital for surgery, and Julie Belickas hospitalized for major surgery. Gerri Chaps was also treated and released after hospitalization. It is hoped by now that everyone is fully re-

covered. We will keep them in our prayers.

It's getting to that time of year again, when some are inclined to forget their spiritual obligation so that they may play golf, go fishing, or even work around the yard. They must remind themselves of their priorities - Church comes first and then have your fun.

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## C-102—Detroit, Mich.

The weekend of May 17-18 found our Detroit bowlers in Cleveland for the Mid-Central Bowling Tournament. Even though the teams zilched, a great time was had by all, and we thank the sponsoring C-25 for their great hospitality. Congratulations to Dayton C-96, the winners. Detroit winners who did win individual prizes were Albina Kurpovic and daughter Tina, Marge Nashlon, and our council's Social Members, George Kayganich and Tony Montes.

The pride of our council was evident during Sunday morning Mass when Gena Baibak received her 4th Degree. Congratulations, Gena, may you continue to be as active, if not more so, in the future.

"Get well" wishes go to Mrs. Stanovich, mother of our Spiritual Ad-

visor, Fr. Stan, and member John. She is home recuperating with the help of John's wife, Donna.

We see in the Detroit Free Press that Fr. Stan "has gone to the dogs." That is, he was pictured blessing the pets in his parish, St. Mark's, in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi, in appreciation of animals. Wish your correspondent had known about it. The Colonel and Barney could have used some blessing.

The tan returnables from Florida included Evelyn Galinas, Bob Boris, Ann Uznis and Frank & Donna Bunikis. Again? No sooner did Ann Uznis come home, she hopped a plane to the Bahamas to help her brother and sister-in-law decorate their new home just built there. Oh, to be retired from Ford's! Speaking of retiring, Helen Smolak joined her husband in retirement from the Consolidated Gas Co. Good luck; Helen, and may you enjoy many healthy and happy years with Tony.

We haven't seen Madam Pres. Grazina Vaskelis in some time, but we hear we won't recognize her when we do. She is sporting a new attractive hairdo.

Enjoy a safe and healthy summer!

Meriut

## C-25—Cleveland, Ohio

Our 2nd Annual Day of Prayer for the suffering people of Lithuania was designated and observed Apr. 30 and was well attended by members and parishioners, thanks to the return of our vacationers and travelers. Adele Svet returned from her "first" cruise to the Caribbean, and loved it; and Alice & Ben Karklius, Betty & Vic August, Nellie Arunski, and Joanna & Al Shigo came home from their Florida vacations. We missed Helen & Bill Jakubs who were still enjoying their cruise to Acapulco and other Mexican ports.

Our monthly meeting was held immediately after the service. Connie Burns, our "Sunshine Girl," suffered a sprained wrist in a very bad fall after the meeting and was taken to the hospital for x-rays. Following the ambulance were Gene & Ursula Kunsitis and Vic & Betty August, who were later joined at the hospital by Pete & Alvina Luiza, to give comfort and solace to the patient.

Vic & Betty August enjoyed their visit to Florida so much, they have purchased a new home in St. Petersburg. (Florida's gain is definitely our loss.) Best of health and happiness, Vic and Betty! Council 25 will miss



Nat'l Ritual Chairlady Sophie Zager with C-102 Detroit, Mich. member Gena Baibak who received her 4th Degree Medal.



C-102 Detroit, Mich. members Evelyn Galinas, Ruth & Mart Wagster at dinner at the Lithuanian Club in Cleveland during M.C. Bowling Tournament.



Gena & Gus Baibak, C-102 Detroit, Mich. members at dinner at the Lithuanian Club during M.C. Dist. Meeting & Bowling Tournament hosted by Cleveland, Ohio C-25.

you, as will your many friends.

The summer months are really going to be busy for our members with the usual graduations, weddings, National Convention, and Lithuanian Day in Lakewood, Pa. Joanna & Al Shigo are hoping to attend the latter; as they are originally from Hazelton and always await Aug. 15-Lithuanian Day at Lakewood and Lakeside. It always is a gala affair with great hospitality from friends and relatives!

Many thanks to Chicago C-36, Dayton C-96, Detroit C-139, 102 and 79, DuBois C-86 and Pittsburgh C-19 for making the Mid-West Bowling Tournament such a success. We really had a great group of people attending and would like to let all know how much we enjoyed having them in Cleveland!

We also thank our own council members who worked so diligently and willingly. A special thank-you to Chairmen Charlie Machutas, Al Shigo and Ursula Kunsitis and respective spouses, Nelda, Joanna and Gene for all their time and effort devoted to this event.

DuBois, Pa. C-86 put in the bid for the 1981 Mid-West Bowling Tournament and it was unanimously theirs. Congratulations! We'll be there with bells on!

Council Pres. Gene Kunsitis donated a Traveling LAST PLACE Trophy which was won by DuBois, and is theirs to keep if they win it three years in a row. We are sure they will fight their hearts out to retain it! Thank you, Gene, it was a great idea.

Congratulations to Georgiann Kassel, C-36, winner of the 50/50 at the Tournament Dance.

The only near mishap of the Tournament was the fall of Helen Garnis while on clean-up duty after the dance. Helen was rushed to the hospital by husband John at 3 A.M. The diagnosis was a sprained arm and shoulder, but no broken bones. Hope you heal well soon, Helen!

A special thank-you to our M.C.

Dist. Pres. Aldona Ryan, and her fellow officers, in conducting a well-run, productive meeting prior to the Tournament.

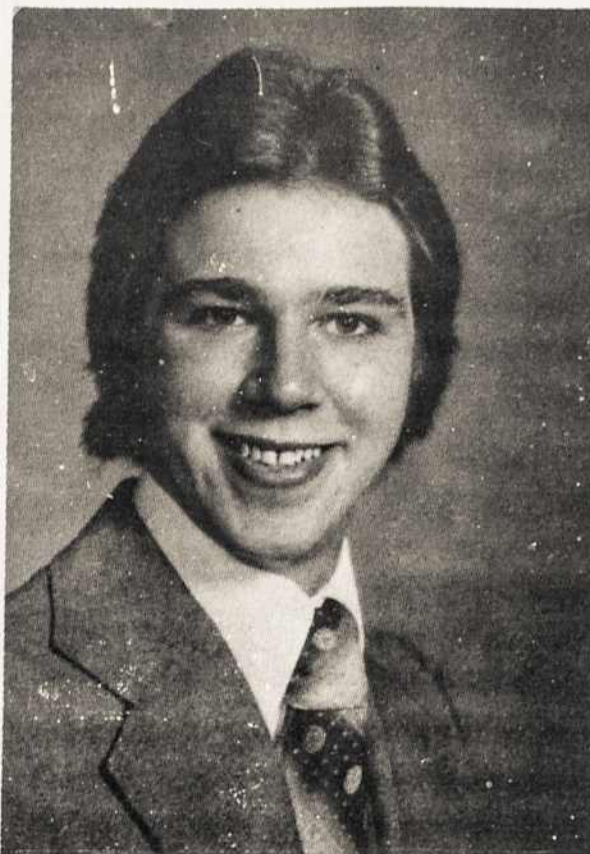
If you detected a change in style in the last half of this article, you were right. Al Shigo couldn't finish this article, as he was rushed to the hospital on May 22, suffering a heart attack. Al is doing well and resting comfortably, and we pray he stays that way.

June 1 was our last meeting for the summer, and this was held at the home of Helen & Bill Jakubs. It was combined with a surprise "farewell" party for Vic & Betty August, who were presented with a Lithuanian Shrine from the members as a token of their high esteem. Ilgiausiu ir Laimingu Metu, Vic and Betty!

Shigo/Kunsitis

## C-96—Dayton, Ohio

Thanks to Rick Noreikas, we were able to listen to Aldona Ryan and "person unknown" in interviews on Channel 7 News regarding the Soviet Union's issue on Dual Citizen Law. Rich brought the tapings to our April meeting. Members who missed the broadcast were delighted. At the same meeting, Frances Mikalauskas pre-



*George A. Mikalauskas, II*

sented to the membership a hand carved Crucifix with a Knight and "C-96, Dayton, Ohio" carved on the reverse side. This special cross will be used for pilgrimages, formal functions and other appropriate occasions. Our very talented George Mikalauskas designed, hand carved and donated this gift to the council. God has certainly given George a special gift. Labai aciu!

Under the very capable hands of Junior Advisors Charles & Sarah Petkus, a very successful Fish Fry was held Apr. 25 at the Lithuanian Club. It was good to see members supporting this Juniors project. Our youth need participation from all of us with all their undertakings. By being there, we set an example. . . active Knights. We have one question to ask Charlie. Was the main prize of the evening 'set up'? Just joking. . . as Charlie was the winner.

Our council had its Annual Founder's Day Celebration on Apr. 26. There are still a few of us who can remember and share having met our K of L founder, Mykolas Norkunas. Chm. Eleanor Mantz planned a covered dish supper which proved most successful. There was plenty to eat and drink. During the course of this sharing evening, we had plenty of laughs looking at film from various council functions. Our thanks to Joe Mantz for the slides, and to the committee and helpers, Joe Mantz, Chris & Joey Mantz, Charlie Petkus, Pat & Sue Smiley, for putting the evening together. We also had the opportunity to celebrate not only Stefanija Rastiskis' birthday but the 31st Anniversary of her arrival to the U.S. Congratulations!

With the Mid-West Bowling Tournament creeping up on us, Sports Chm. Ed Sluzas had set aside three Sunday dates with local lanes for those not bowling in any league to establish a handicap for the tournament. On the topic of bowling, we congratulate Joan Kavalauskas for her terrific scratch 619 series she rolled in her league.



Preparing for the Annual Dayton World A'Fair and looking ahead to our Christmas Bazaar, members have been gathering together to make Lithuanian Christmas ornaments. Mary Lucas and Sally Miller hosted a craft evening.

"Get Well" wishes are sent to Mrs. Anelle Petkus who is recuperating from her second knee surgery in three months. Congratulations to George A. Mikalauskas II on his graduation from C-J.H.S. George is one of the top members of his class and is a member of the National Honor Society. He will continue his studies at Sinclair Community College for now, in the field of physical therapy. Congratulations, also, to Joseph & Eugenia Gecas on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary. Here's to celebrating many more wedding anniversaries in the years to come!

Lithuanian Prayer Day was celebrated by Holy Cross Parish on May 6 and our council had a Mass offered for this special intention on May 19.

Sarah Petkus found the following while visiting in Medford, Oregon.

Author is unknown.

Wouldn't this old world be better  
If the folks we meet would say,  
"I know something good about you"  
And then treat us just that way?  
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy  
If each handclasp warm and true  
Carried with it this assurance  
"I know something good about you-"  
Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us  
That folks bothered to recall?  
Wouldn't life be lots more happy  
If we praised the good we see?  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In the worst of you and me.  
Wouldn't it be nice to practice  
That fine way of thinking, too?  
You know something good about me  
I know something good about you!  
Have a good summer!

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**START YOUR  
CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS  
NOW!**

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**NEW ENGLAND  
DISTRICT**

**C-103—Providence, R.I.**

Our Recording Secy. Rita Wilkins, and husband Ed, went on an airline-cruise from Miami to St. Martin and St. Thomas. Prior to the Fourth of July they were joined by John & Irene Walaska on a week-end in Atlantic City.

A few weeks before graduating from Rhode Island College, Music Department student Anne Marie Jane McDonald gave a senior recital at the school. This recital was prescribed as



*C-96 Dayton, Ohio First Degree recipient Ann Desko (center) with Ritual Comm. member Eloise A. Berczelly (left) and Chairlady Fran Petkus (right).*



*Second Degree Presentation, C-96, Dayton, Ohio. (l to r) Ritual Comm. member Eloise A. Berczelly, recipients John Lougman & Cecelia Lisankis and Ritual Chairlady Fran Petkus.*

partial requirement for her degree of Bachelor of Science in Music Education. Anne Marie directs our parish and council choirs.

A \$100-a-plate dinner was held Apr. 20 in Putnam, Conn., for the benefit of the Sisters of Immaculate Conception Building Fund. Five members of our council participated, Father Martinkus, Nell McKenna, Emma Siravo, and John & Bertha Stoskus. Regular member Gaija Valiuskis' parents were also present at the affair.

Bette Ciuryla received excellent participation from her council members at the "Surum Burum." Father Jurgelaitis, Ed Wilkins, and Tom Halloran played the role of auctioneers excellently.

Father Martinkus played host to the Lithuanian Priest's League spring meeting. Fifteen priests concelebrated Mass in Lithuanian in the morning, and 28 priests attended the afternoon meeting.

Our prayers and sincerest wishes are extended to Sister M. Aloiza of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception upon her election as the Prioress of their Community.

C-116 hosted the NED Spring Convention at Our Lady of Vilnius Parish in Worcester, Mass. The session was ably conducted by NED Pres. Bertha Stoskus. Our Founder's Day speaker was the Rev. Edmund Budreckis, M.I.C. He delivered a profound speech. Unfortunately, it was his last. Father Edmund died suddenly Apr. 30 at "Gladdings," the Marian Fathers' monastery in Thompson, Conn.

Father "Bud," as his myriad of friends called him, was a faithful member of our council for six years, and a Second Degree Knight. On May 26, he would have celebrated his 34th anniversary as a priest. It was my personal privilege to attend his ordination, serve as Master of Ceremonies at his first solemn High Mass in Elizabeth, N.J., and to be Master of

Ceremonies at his Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee banquet nine years ago. Just prior to his speech at the Dist. Convention, he gave me a silver coin minted in honor of Pope John Paul II. He received this coin the week before from the Marian Father's Superior General, Father Selski, M.I.C. This gift I shall treasure all of my days. Father Edmund Budreckis was the sixth member of my class at Marianapolis College in Thompson, Conn. to die in the service of Our Lord.

We extend our sympathy to his brother Hubert, his nephews and niece. May our Lord in heaven have mercy on his sacerdotal soul.

John A. Stoskus

### C-10—Athol-Gardner, Ma.

Our members attended a Mass for suffering Lithuania on May 7 in St. Francis Church, celebrated by Rev. J. Steponaitis. Bill Wisnauskas was lector. Following the services, our meeting was held in the rectory. The monthly discussion was on Lithuanian Easter customs and was enjoyed by all. Lunch was served by Julia. Thank you, Julie, for your many kindnesses extended to us.

A photo of Lennie Davidonis appeared in the Athol Daily News in the special River Rat Race edition of the paper. Lennie was dressed as Santa Claus, riding a bike in the official parade.

Father Justin's parish exceeded their Bishop's Fund goal again this year. Congratulations to the clergy, the collectors and the parishioners.

Under the direction of Lennie Davidonis, our council is collecting old Lithuanian artifacts to be donated to the ALKA Museum in Putnam, Conn. Area persons are invited to donate old Lithuanian records, books, newspapers, and other useful articles.

Congratulations to Rev. Anthony Miciunas, pastor of St. Casimir's Parish in Worcester, Mass. on his 40th Anniversary of ordination. His anniversary banquet was held at Maironis Park. Congratulations, too, to Rev. John Bakanas on his 50th Anniversary. Some of our council members were in attendance at his testimonial dinner. Ad Multos Annos!

Our June meeting was held at the Lithuanian Club in Gardner, attended by 18 members. The cultural topic was Lithuanian wedding customs. The Gardner girls served lunch.



*Boating members of C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass., during summer outing at Frank Anoris' Camp.*

Namedays were observed by Father Justin and Bea Richards, and birthdays by Charlie Genaitis and Alice Harasimowich.

Bill Wisnauskas' sister, Amelia Budwick, won \$50,000 in the Big Money Game. Amelia has been a lucky person all her life. Could it be because she was born on the feastday of the Three Kings?

Members of the Month: Alec Kuzmeskus was born and raised in St. Casimir's Parish in Worcester, Mass. He attended the parish school, St. John's H.S., and furthered his education at the Mass. School of Pharmacy. After graduation, he purchased Ray's Pharmacy in Athol. He has been married for the past 15 years to the former Lillian Valentinas of Norwood, and they have resided in Athol since their marriage. Alec is an all-outdoor sportsman, in particular, fishing, hunting, and skiing. He holds membership in the local Elks Club, the Lithuanian Club in Gardner, and the parish Men's Club. Lil is the mother of three healthy sons, is a devoted mother and wife. She is active in the parish and the local Women's Club. Our council wishes the Kuzmeskus family the best of luck in all their endeavors.

Vincukas

### C-135—Ansonia, Conn.

Ella & John Ellis came home from their Florida trip after our 30th Anniversary Dinner-Dance held Apr. 19. They missed a good time.

Council members received communion in a body at the 7 P.M. Mass. Father Ray commended the K of L'ers, though a fraternal organization, for their religious interests and their devotion to church needs, working at our parish fair, and sharing responsibilities of the parish with council donations whenever possible. He urged others to belong to our organization, and wished everyone attending the evening affair a good time.

the tables in the hall, adorned with forsythia, were arranged in horseshoe fashion around the dancing area, creating a pleasant atmosphere. Three tables in front of the stage were lade with an assortment of delicious foods. Many people returned for second helpings, it was that good.

Waljak's Orchestra provided music to suit everyone's dancing style. Sitting at our table were two likeable gentlemen, New Haven, Conn. C-50 Pres. George Kisielius, and his good friend, George Karjanis, Jr. When the orchestra announced they were going to play "Alley Cat" and invited everyone to participate, these two gentlemen got up, shaking their heads, admitting it was something they didn't excel in. How true! When the music increased in tempo, our two friends were lost! Trying to keep up was impossible for George Karjanis, who began to improvise his own fancy steps. Those dancing enjoyed their antics, as well as those who preferred to sit and watch. They were provided with a floor show that was worth the price of the ticket. Both men returned to their table, tired but happy, to a round of applause for their efforts. George Karjanis also brought the house down when he donned a pair of glasses that blinked red in the dim light of the dance floor. The glasses made such a hit with our Pres. John Sabulis, and Walt Stackowicz, that George, with his big heart, gave each a pair. Two nicer guys would be hard to find. To George Kisielius and George Karjanis, we say, "We're glad you helped us celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Keep spreading good cheer wherever you go!"

Pres. John Sabulis, his wife Ann, and Al Barauskas attended the NED Spring Convention in So. Worcester, Mass. on Apr. 27 as delegates of our council. They reported that C-116 members proved to be capable and generous hosts. The regular business meeting was followed by an abundant assortment of delicious foods, and everyone had a good time.

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### C-26—Worcester, Mass.

Our council is forever searching for new ideas and creativity in how to increase membership and maintain interesting and meaningful activity. The summer meetings (July at the Ellie & Steve Walinsky residence in West Millbury; they've got a pool! - and August at the Rita & Ted Pinkus summer home on the lake in Rutland) provide the scene for relaxed, casual conversation. Even the shy and reticent are bound to have some tidbit of interest to contribute. We thank our hosts for their beautiful hospitality.

Welcome to our newest members, Bill & Ann Leseman and Gadmin Troupes. The get-away-weekend in June at the Franciscan Monastery in Maine was attended by Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus, Ann Bucinkas, and Adele & Francis Degutis. Rita Pinkus received a special award last May from the St. Vincent Hospital volunteer program for her four thousand volunteer hours! John Godek, one of the bowling stars, was married in May. Congratulations to the newlyweds! Sadly, John and Richard's dad, Anthony Godek, died suddenly one week before John's marriage. To the Godek family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Everyone raved about C-116's fine hosting of the April NED Convention (at Our Lady of Vilna parish, our neighbors on the hill). Those who attended heard a beautiful address by Father Ed. Budreckis, MIC, of Marianapolis. Three days following the convention, was was received of Father Ed's sudden death. To Father's family and to the Marian Fathers, our prayerful sympathies.

Ann Walinsky is a busy chairperson. She chaired the wine and cheese tasting evening in May, and her son, Steve Jr., provided the explanation of wine origins, etc. Irene & Ed Tamulevicius of C-116 were special guests. Ann also chaired the April whist party. She has a list of names, all duly recorded in the Minutes, so that they

will be readily available when the Ritual Committee searches for worthy members on whom to confer Degrees!

We heard that our member, Sister M. Laurine, presently stationed in Chicago, is feeling much better now. Maybe she'll even teach this fall. Good news! That unsung heroine who arranges such gorgeous floral arrangements in the church's sanctuary is our own Sister M. Ignata. Valio, Seseles!

The June 1st council picnic at Maironis Park was chaired by Peter Ivaska. Incidentally, if you want to hear some eerie and interesting reports on living in the wilds, talk to Peter & Donna Ivaska and Jimmy & Kathy Bender. They spent their vacation in the Adirondacks, deep, deep into the wilderness. Frances Kardokas spent several weeks in the hospital. We hope for her complete and quick recovery. Mrs. Nell Thompson, Rita Pinkus' mom, had surgery twice this summer and now is on the convalescent list. We hope her classification will change to A-1 in the shortest amount of time. Marion Shapiro spent an interesting vacation in Arizona (visiting Apaches!) and Mexico. Vyto & Ann Morkunas and their sons are moving into their new Millbury home this summer. Ralph Seilius, son of Dorothy & Albin, is a cadet at U.S.A.F. Academy in Colorado Springs. Ruth & Leonard Ramsdell's son, Lenny, will begin his freshman year at Assumption College this fall. Both Ralph and Lenny were June graduates of that highly reputable boys' school, St. John's High. Needless to say, we wish them better than best!

The bowling season ended with a blast! Jimmy Bender's team, composed of Captain Jim and J. Zalieckas, J. Mesale, J. Griffin, and Ann Walinsky, won first place. Tony Zalieckas' team won second place. Richard Godek won high average for men, Helen Gillus for women; John Godek

won high triple for men, Adele Degutis for women; Bob Krusas won high single for men, Ann Bucinskas for women. The new season is due to begin Sept. 4.

Steve Walinsky, Sr. and his committee did a tremendous job of honoring Father John Bakanas, now retired, on the occasion of his golden jubilee in the priesthood. The parish council was happy and honored to fete the pastor of our St. Casimir Parish, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, on his 40th anniversary in the priesthood. There is no explaining the fact that when you make someone happy, you are happy yourself! Proof? Just look around and note the happy faces. One of the committee members was heard to say, "It's like swimming in warm waters... you tell your friends the water is great. Come on in and join the fun!"

Mary Duggan, our council secretary, presented another course in dietetics this past spring at Hahnemann Hospital where she is dietician. Volunteers are needed to man the K of L table at the parish picnic at "Point Rok" on Sept. 7, says our Madam President, Rtia! We hope YOU will be there.

A happy and safe summer to all!



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Our District has been represented at the various Supreme Council meetings by Natl. Board members AnnMarie Kassel, Irene Sankus and Terry Strolia, who have attended meetings in Maspeth, New York City, Boston and Brooklyn.

The Lithuania Opera Company of Chicago's 1980 presentations were "Carmina Burana" and "I Pagliacci". Performing in starring roles: our own Algerd Brazis and Louis Stukas of C-29, Newark. All three performances were enjoyed by the many K of L members in attendance.

The Knights of Lithuania Dancers and coordinator Frank Zapolis hosted their First Annual Dinner-Dance. The setting was the beautiful Garden Room of the Martinique complex. The event was most successful and all in attendance reported that a great time was had by all. This was the first such venture for the group and hopefully it will become an annual event. Many former K of L and Ateitis dancers were seen and it appears once a dancer, always a dancer as witnessed by the great dancing exhibitions during the evening.

Another very special event was the 50th anniversary of priesthood of K of L Honorary Member, the Rev. A. Valancius. The event was held in his home parish of St. Anthony's in Cicero. The K of L Choir and its director Faustas Strolia sang a special Mass and many of Father Val's close K of L friends joined him for the celebration. IID Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas was one of the Mass's concelebrants.

The K of L Building Trustees' Annual Rummage Sale was again successful. The building realized a nice profit for the many continuing improvements and repairs and we all had another opportunity to house-clean our garages and basements. IID reps on the Building Trustees Board are: Al Mockus, Al Zakarka, Paul Binkus, Frank Svelnis, Jerome Jankus and Clemente Vidzius.

Many K of L members enjoyed the "special" evening at Stump's Banquet Inn in honor of Algerd and Aldona Brazis' 40th Wedding Anniversary. The evening was delightful and a great blend of people from many organizations and groups.

The 1980 Mid-West Bowling Tournament, hosted by C-25 of Cleveland, was again a successful event. The lone reps of the IID were Ann-Marie and Georgi Kassel and Paul Strolia. Congrats to the winners from Dayton and success to the hosts of the 1981 tourney - DuBois, Pa.

Our Chicago Seniors, under the leadership of president Bernice Pupinek, started their summer season with a most successful picnic, held in the K of L gardens.

Chicago was the scene of several "Birzelio Minejimai" and the K of L was well represented at the events. The morning began with flag-raising ceremonies at Nativity BVM Church followed by Holy Mass concelebrated by His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas and Canon V. Zakarauskas and others. The "Akademija" was held at the parish hall and a capacity crowd heard many speakers. These events were sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Lithuanian-American Council (ALTAS).

A special All-Organizations Committee was formed to hold a special observance at Holy Name Cathedral. This event was held in the evening and another capacity crowd thronged to the Cathedral for these special services commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Soviet occupation of Lithuania. Vince Samaska, Irene Sankus and Paul Binkus were the K of L reps on this special committee. In addition to the participation of our Lithuanian pastors, Rev. C. Pugevicius of the Lith. Religious Aid Committee, Bishop V. Brizgys, our Lithuanian Consul Josephine Dauzvardis and others on the speaking portion of the program, the Nativity Parish Choir, under the direction of Mr. Linas, and soloists Dana Stankaitis and Jonas Vaznelis presented a very special musical program. The committee, with Kazys Laukaitis as chairman, deserve a very special vote of appreciation for this combined



*Al Brazis presents gift to Vyts Beliajus, Editor of "VILTIS", who was honored at a Testimonial Dinner July 3, 1980 at the Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, for his many years of work in promoting Lithuanian Folk Dancing. Also pictured: Irene Sankus and F. Zapolis (K of L Dancers Director)*



*K of L Dancers perform at V. Beliajus Testimonial.*



*Some former members of ATEITIS Dance Group (founded by V. Beliajus) at the V.B. Testimonial.*

organizations event. It proves that it can be done!

The July 4th week-end in Chicago was a very special one - with the K of L Day Picnic, the Lithuanian Plaza Court Festival, and the 6th "Sokiu Svent"! More on these events in an upcoming issue of "Vytis".

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## C-112 — Chicago

President Zakarka and his board continue to add special features to our regular business meetings. Following the May meeting, a Chicago police detective spoke to the membership on preventing home burglaries. Alice Cekanor really enjoyed the question-and-answer period.

Our council's spring outing was arranged by Estelle Rogers and we all enjoyed the Lithuanian Opera's presentation of "Carmina Burana" and "I Pagliacci" followed by dining and dancing.

Council member Charlotte Brazdzionis, directress of the "Lietuviu Aidai" radio program celebrated the 4th anniversary, with a dinner-dance at Sauliu Namai, of this delightful program.

Who was missed at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Cleveland? Why Eddie Krivickas, of course! This year was the first in many that Eddie was unable to participate.

Before recessing for the summer months, Veep Paul Binkus hosted a meeting of the council board. In addition to making plans for the fall and winter season, everyone truly enjoyed the delicious refreshments served by Paul and his parents.

November 1st is the date; the place - the K of L Building; and the event - A Saints and Sinners Ball! Everyone is invited to attend our annual council fund raiser. The committee is already at work preparing some surprises.

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## C-36 - Chicago

On our annual Prayer Day which was May 9th, we all met at Immaculate Conception Church where we participated in May devotions. Some of our members were asked to sing the Litany of the Blessed Virgin in Lithuanian. It was a joyous time for us since some Churches are no longer singing the old-style Lithuanian devotions.

Council 36 did something different for our annual dance. We had a Concertina Band consisting of about 15 musicians who take turns so that there is continuous music. It is not just a polka band, they played any requests.

Congratulations to Georgianna Kassel, C-36 Junior who won the 50-50 prize at the Midwest Bowling Tourney in Cleveland. Council 36 came in 10th, but we had a great time.

A Sad Note-Our Sympathy to Irene Norushis on the death of her father, Stanley Jurgina



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## C-109—Great Neck, N.Y.

Our members got together for a combined meeting and picnic on June 29 at Kings Point Park. The weather bordered on rain, but held off until we had left. It was not a matter for concern, though, since the park area designated to us included a covering roof. There were hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments, and each member was asked to bring a dish to share with the others. Consequently, we enjoyed a scrumptious variety.

Since some of the group have re-joined the council, it was only natural to reminisce about the good ole days when we held softball games in this park, competing against the New York, Maspeth, and various New-



Jersey K of L teams. That was when we were young and energetic, and when the gals were scouting for their ideal Lithuanian mate, - and vice-versa. There was always somewhere to go, something to do, and it was fun just being "su Lietuvais."

It was unanimously decided to forward to the M.A. Dist. Secy. our annual council dues assessment. (Better late than never!) A one-quarter page ad was taken in the Souvenir Journal of the Boston Natl. Convention held in August. Though we were not at this gathering physically, we were mentally, thinking good thoughts towards its successful conclusion.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to former member, Stacia Wain (Vainauskas), on the death of her beloved spouse, Paul. Also, we are sorry to advise of the death of Edward A. Pelkus, husband of the former Mary Waznis. These gentlemen were friends of our council members, and it is heartbreaking to realize their absence. Remember them in your prayers.

### C-146—Harrisburg, PA.

Our council participated in the Memorial Day weekend celebration held May 25 at the State Museum. We had a choice spot for our booth, the entrance to the gorgeous Pavilion. We owe thanks to our Pres. Michael Grabauskas, who is very active in the Arts Festival, for his help in securing the location and necessary equipment. The Lithuanian flag was proudly displayed. Nell Berulis enhanced the spot with her authentic Lithuanian costume. Council members donated a wide assortment of homemade ethnic foods. Iced tea, including mint, was popular not only with the public but with the wilting, willing workers as the afternoon temperature rose into the nineties. Koseliena prepared by Vitty Grabauskas was a best seller, especially when it was served with Lithuanian black bread. Another favorite was Nell's saltibarsciai. We are grateful to Bishop William Keeler, Harrisburg

Diocese, who visited with us and blessed our food.

Frances Zelinsky Boyle attempted to engulf the air with her taped Lithuanian music, but the parade bands nearby interfered. Lithuanian publications interested some of the passersby, as well as our ethnic buttons. Hand-knitted items were also a big attraction.

Our July monthly meeting was combined with a picnic on July 13 held at Indian Echo Crystal Caverns in Hummelstown, Pa. This is an annual affair and very popular with the members. Each family brought a basket lunch plus a covered dish for sharing. Children's activities were supervised by Lorraine Grabauskas. There was no meeting in August.

It is noteworthy to mention here that Helen Venis, active member of Maspeth, N.Y. C-110, is the mother of our valuable member, Helen Grabauskas, and the grandmother of our council president, Mike. The Grabauskas family represented our council at the M.A. Dist. Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa. on June 1.

We are proud to announce that we gained two new members, recently born, who belong to the families of Marazas and Souders, active members of our council.

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C-146 Harrisburg, Pa. members Frances Boyle and Helen Grabauskas at Lithuanian booth during Memorial Day celebration at the State Museum.

### C-110—Maspeth, N.Y.

The M.A. Dist. Festival held Apr. 20 at our Transfiguration Hall was a complete success. The hall was filled with people from opening to close. They saw a variety of Lithuanian handicrafts, wood carvings, as well as books, shirts, novelty items, Easter egg and Christmas straw ornaments. And, of course, there was the Lithuanian kitchen that served kugele, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and other delicious food.

Another successful event was our Polka Dinner-Dance held Apr. 12. (We have already been offered a deposit for a table for next year's polka dance!) Congratulations to the council for a "good show" and a special thank-you to the committee of Nellie & Frank Yuskevich, Stasia & Al Kraujalis, Terry & George Dagis, Louise & Adele Dausickas, and Anne Adomenas.

Our council fulfilled a Day of Prayer for the suffering people in Lithuania. On Apr. 17 members attended Mass offered in the chapel at the Franciscan Monastery in Brooklyn, N.Y. Rev. Leonard Andriekas was the celebrant. Brother George Petkavage did the readings. About sixty members attended. Pres. John Adomenas expresses his appreciation for the membership's participation.

Our first session of Lithuanian Folk Dance instruction drew over 20 people. The second session drew less. Our instructor, Ray Balsys, is a young capable man with "much" patience. Both sessions were very pleasant. Our long term objective is to form a performing dance group, but this does not mean that members who desire only to learn the folk dances, their origin and meaning, and "move" with the music, are excluded. Come on down! Participate!

We welcome six new members to our council - Vito A. & Stella Matulonis, John Kilmas, George & Margaret Krouslis, and Walter E. Casper. We like having you with us.

Our guest speaker at the May meeting was Ann Klem, who exhibited and spoke about her amber collection. She discussed the origin of amber, where it is found, its purported medicinal powers, and how to determine if genuine. The presentation and exhibit was most interesting, and we look forward to another presentation by her in the future.

Our council had 25 delegates and one guest in attendance at the M.A. Dist. Meeting held June 1 at St. Casimir's Church, Philadelphia, Pa. There were 60 delegates present representing six councils. There are 19 councils in this district. Adele Dauzickas was delegated to represent the district at the August Boston Natl. Convention. (Is there anyone who works harder in the organization than Adele? Dig those new name tags!) The next Dist. Meeting will be held Oct. 26 in Elizabeth, N.J. You need not be a council delegate to attend a district meeting; all members are invited to participate.

Your correspondent would like to extend his appreciation to Helen Venis for her assistance on the Public Relations Committee.

Anthony Migliore and Julia Matulawick were appointed to serve as Sgts-at-Arms until election of new officers in October.

The guest speaker at the June meeting was Vitalis Zukauskas. His topic was the "History of the Lithuanian Theatre." This very well known popular Lithuanian actor gave a most interesting and informative presentation.

Congratulations to lucky Vi Zvirblis who was the winner of the 50/50.

Our Annual Fall Dance is to be held Sept. 13 at Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth. Muriel Lekstutis and Stella Stripeikis are chairing the affair.

Mid-September is the target date for the erection and dedication of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine at Transfiguration Church.

Our council will continue to meet at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the church hall. The first meeting in the fall season will be Sept. 3. Polka dance lessons will be continued prior to the meetings. The instructor, Frank Yuskevich, requests everyone to be present in the hall by 7 p.m. We're moving; don't miss the action!

Peter Yuskevich

## C-142—Washington, D.C.

Pres. Eva Migonis was speaker at the 62nd Anniversary of Lithuanian Societies of Maryland Independence Day Commemoration held at the Lithuanian Hall, in Baltimore, on Feb. 10. Present at the Banquet were Governor and Mrs. Harry Hughes, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski, and other State and local officials, at which time Eva Migonis was presented a Certificate recognizing her as an Honorary Citizen of Baltimore City by Mayor Schaefer. Many of our members were present for the occasion.

On Feb. 17, the council celebrated Lithuanian Independence Day at the Annual Mass at St. Matthews Cathedral, Washington, D.C., with Rev



*Independence Day Commemoration, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. Feb. 24. Fr. R. George Sarauskas, main speaker.*

Photo credit L. Esunas

Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P., and Rev. Dennis Morrow, from the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Mi., as cocolebrants.

Members participated in a Congressional Reception Feb. 19 sponsored by Congressman Robert K. Dornan (R-Calif) at which time he spoke of his trip to Moscow. Also present were Congressmen Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.) and Doug Walgren (D-Pa.). The reception room was decorated with large pictures of Lithuanians in prison.

The week-long Independence Day commemoration included a program at the Donelaitis Saturday School on Feb. 23, at which Mrs. Grazina Krivickas, member of our council, was the main speaker.

The highlight of the commemoration took place Feb. 24 at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. The main speaker was Fr. R. George Sarauskas, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State.

Eva M. Migonis, Clare Soponis and John Blozis were on the council's committee which planned the commemoration activities, together with the Lithuanian-American Community of Washington.

In April our council Vice Pres. Ladislaus J. Esunas, representing the K of L, testified before the Senate Labor and Resources Committee on the question of voluntary prayer. He said that both the K of L and the K of C of Washington, D.C., had passed resolutions in support of voluntary prayer in public schools as advocated by North Carolina's Senator Jesse Helms.

On March 9 we celebrated St. Casimir Day with a Lithuanian Mass at St. Dominic's Chapel, with Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis, as celebrant. At the reception after Mass, there was a surprise birthday cake for Father.

Our membership celebrated Organization Day on Apr. 13, with a Lithuanian Mass at Our Lady of Siluva Chapel. Father Dennis Morrow, from the Diocese of Grand



Rapids, Mich. was celebrant. This was followed by a reception in the Shrine's Conference Room. The program was prepared by the Lithuanian Numismatic Association. Robert J. Douchis, the Director-Secretary, and Henry Gaidis, member of the Association, presented a slide show which they had prepared of their Lithuanian coin collection, briefly giving the history of each coin. They also had on display their coin collections, a display of medieval and modern Lithuanian coins, paper money and occupation money, plus a display of Orders and Medals of Lithuanian officials.

Patricia LaBarre, Bertha Stann, and Eva Migonis, dressed in Lithuanian dress, participated in the procession of Nationalities at the Palm Sunday Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. They carried the traditional willow branches. Monsignor Murphy of the National Shrine bestowed a special blessing on those who participated.

Eva Migonis, Ophelia Barsketis, Mary Semel and John Blozis on May 10 acted as guides at Our Lady of Siluva Chapel to assist the National

Shrine with their Homecoming Festival, Mother's Day Weekend. It was very gratifying to see the interest in our Chapel displayed by the visitors, and to meet so many Lithuanians from places like Little Rock, Ark., California, and even Uruguay. The Open House on Saturday included, besides tours of the various Chapels, a tour to

the 329-foot Knights' Bell Tower, a lecture on Stained Glass, Mosaic Lecture and Tour, Organ demonstration, Carillon Recital, and the film on Pope John Paul II's visit at the National Shrine.

Every holiday finds Lithuanians present, in some form of representation.

Ladislaus Esunas



*Independence Day Commemoration, Lithuanian Hall, Baltimore, Md., Feb. 10. Governor Harry Hughes (left) with C-142 members*

*Anthony Jordano, Pres. Eva Migonis, Joan Jordano and vice-pres. Ladislaus Esunas.*



*C-142 Organization Day Celebration, April 13, Nat'l Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. (l to r) Robert J. Douchis, Director-Secretary; Henry Gaidis of the Lithu-*

*anian Numismatic Association; Fr. Dennis Morrow, Diocese of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Ladislaus J. Esunas, council vice president.*

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*Feb. 19 Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration, Congressional Reception. (l to r) Congressman Robert K. Dornan (R-Calif.), Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.) and Doug Walgren (D-Pa.)*

Photo Credit: L. Esunas

## C-74 — Scranton, PA

Greetings from C-74. We have had a busy year starting with our Annual Fall Dance in Sept. Chairpersons for this dance were Helen Craveth and Edward Tomasaitis, in charge of prizes were Marie & Richard Laske with decorations by our talented Helen Roginski.

In October we attended the district meeting in Amsterdam. At this meeting Casimir Yanish was elected to the Lithuanian Affairs committee and Eve Kazokas to the Ritual committee. The hospitality of Amsterdam was enjoyed by all and will always be remembered.

At this time we hired a bus to attend Forest City's Annual Dance. A good time was had by all thanks to our gracious hosts.

The highlight of our year was our First Kucios. Chairpersons were Gertrude Romeika and Marie Laske, who were assisted by everyone in the council. The Kucios was enjoyed by all of our families. We had three quarter page coverage with photos in our local newspaper "The Scrantonian".

On February 16th Lithuanian Day, we had the annual Flag Raising ceremonies at the Northeastern Bank Plaza. Chairlady was Betty Hanas.

On March 2nd we had our St. Casimir Communion Breakfast which was planned by Chairlady Helen Romeika. Our Council also attended the Mid Atlantic District meeting in Maspeth on March 9th.

Our Council collected signatures of Lithuanians and their friends in this area and sent a petition to Congressman McDade asking his support for the passage of H.R. Bill 5407 authorizing continued appropriations for the Lithuanian Legation. We received a positive reply and his best wishes.

In April we went to Pottsville to see "Gintara Dancers" from Canada. We enjoyed their perfor-



*Kučios Committees 1st Row: Rose Stanchis, Mary V. Kazokas, Margaret Laibinis, Ann Patelunas, Leonora Grudis, Mrs. & Mr. Grady, & Sara Yescavage. 2nd Row: Mary R. Kazokas, Pranas Shimkus, Vito Shimkus, & A. H. Leonard.*



*Eve Kazokas, Jean Kveragas, Lou Pocius, Vi Pocius, Joe Sabaitis, Nellie Gataveckas, Evelyn Zewecki, Leo Zewecki, Ann Dudewicz, & Gertrude Romeika.*

mance very much and were delighted to be able to speak to the group at intermission. Thank you C-144 for providing a chance to see these talented Lithuanian youngsters.

On July 26th, St. Ann's Day, we had Lithuanian Stations of the Cross and a Lithuanian Mass at St. Ann's Monastery. We wore our Lithuanian costumes. Father Clement Kasinskas, C.P. officiated.

C-74 would like to thank Rev. Michael Ozalas, our Spiritual Advisor for his continued support and guidance throughout the year.

In the past year, two of our members passed away and we would like to extend our sympathy to the families of Mrs. Anna Smulek and John Stirna.

Get well wishes are also sent to Nellie Yanish, Evelyn Zewecki and Nellie Gataveckas.

We are submitting our bid for the 1981 Convention to be held in Scranton. We hope to see you all in the friendly City of Scranton in 1981 for an unusual Convention.

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## C-12—New York, N.Y.

April proved to be an extremely busy month for our council. Our home bas, Ausros Vartu parapija, received a new pastor, Father John Tomalonis. Much energy was devoted to our Mid-Atlantic Mini-Fair which proved to be very successful. At the meeting this monty, we discussed the possibilities of putting to use a large billboard outside our church. This would be a wonderfull opportunity to advertise the name of our organization, our council, and of course, Lithuania itself. This billboard is seen by thousands of people who travel through the Holland Tunnel every day on the way to New Jersey. A committee was formed to work on it. After the meeting, the membership attended a Mass for Milly Paskacimas, a faithful member who passed away Mar. 9. She is greatly missed.

The last week of April was a "fun week" for our membership. We enjoyed ourselves at the home of members Peter & Alice Zupko, the occasion being Pete's 65th birthday. We danced and sang until the late hours of the night.

In May, it was back to business again. We were hard at work planning the parish dinner which proved to be a most enjoyable event, due to our membership. Our senior members, "the pension and social security crowd," proved invaluable now as in the years before. It seems they do not get older, only better, like good wine. Bet ir "jaunimas daug prisidejo." At our May meeting plans were made to celebrate Captive Nations Week in July.

A nice number of our membership attended the Dist. Meeting in Philadelphia on June 1. As always, our Honorary Member and Dist. Pres. Larry Janonis proved to be an excellent moderator. We are proud of you, Larry. Together with our "sister" C-110 of Maspeth, we walked away with many of the nomina-

tions for officers for the Dist. elections in October. Our hosts, Philadelphia C-3 proved to be warm and wonderful. Our thanks to them.

Iki pasimatymo!

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## C-100—Amsterdam, N.Y.

Members of our council attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass on March 2 at St. Casimir's Church where they received Holy Communion. A luncheon followed at the Sleepy Dutchman Restaurant. Invocation was given by Rev. Rbt. K. Baltch. Serving as M.C. was our Pres. Anthony Radzevich.

The principal speaker, Rev. Thomas Egan, SJ, director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, N.Y., stated he would deal with three personalities: 1. The Saint (St. Casimir), 2. The candidate for Sainthood (Kateri Tekakwitha), 3. Someone who is still living (Pope John Paul II). Many similarities existed. St. Casimir and Kateri took vows of chastity and both died at an early age, 26 and 24 respectively. He stated that both St. Casimir and Pope John Paul II have Austrian and Lithuanian ancestry and both were born in Poland. All three desired to do away with prejudice and strife.

Paul Corkery, a Ft. Worth, Texas businessman visiting Father Egan, greeted the group and stated he hoped Lithuania would soon be able to celebrate her long lost freedom. Revs. Baltch and Anthony Grigaitis also addressed the K of L members and guests.

Ritual Chm. Mary Stanionis asked Rev. Baltch to award the degrees. Receiving the First Degree were Leo Druziak, Edward & Frances Wolan and Mary Ann Nikstenas. Recipients of the Second Degree were Sadie Allen, Edward & Mirga Bablin, William Burimauskas, Walter Malkowicz, Ruth Ralys and John Rokit.

Seventy attended the luncheon. The committee in charge did an excellent job.

At our April 7 gathering, prayers were said by Father Grigaitis. The meeting was brought to order and regular business conducted. Bernice Aviza reported on the Dist. Meeting held in Maspeth in March. Since Apr. 7 was also our president's wife's big day, all joined in wishing Ann Radzevich a Happy Birthday ir Ilgiausiu Metu!

Our May meeting was "something different." It was hosted by the men with John Whelly at the helm.

Ritual Chm. Mary Stanionis received a complimentary letter from Sophie Zager, Natl. Chm. of the Ritual Comm., commending her on her proper paper work in preparing for degrees.

Cultural Co-Chm. Regina Kot read an article on Lithuanian national dress. Father Baltch spoke on the remodeled cathedral in Panevezys. He also told us that Mass is still celebrated in Latin in Lithuania.

At the close of the meeting, we enjoyed the wine & cheese refreshments (a few other goodies were also included). Fellows, congratulations on a well-prepared feast.

Amsterdam lost a dedicated citizen on April 22, Joseph Valikonis. Our council will miss a truly good member. He chaired the second district meeting in Amsterdam, and was M.C. for many of the council's affairs. Joe had a wonderful personality. He was able to calm a situation which could have erupted like a volcano. He was very proud of his Lithuanian ancestry. He was involved in politics and was beginning his third term as County Supervisor, representing Amsterdam's Third Ward. His first wife, Edna Bluvas, died in 1971. On Dec. 21, 1974, he married the former Virginia Cooper Miciulis, who survives. They were a devoted couple, and their life together resembled a storybook romance. He was very active in the Amsterdam community, especially with St. Casimir's Church and Lithuanian organizations. His passing brings a huge emptiness to our K of L coun-

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cil, our community and especially to his beloved wife and family.

Actively participating in the Festival of Nations at the Schenectady Museum on May 17 were Chm. Ed Baranauskas, Bernice Aviza, Regina Kot and Polly Ziausys. They also appeared on Schenectady Cable TV. Ed was interviewed and Regina and Polly were in Lithuanian national dress.

Lietuviskos misios kurios buvo paskirtos del Amsterdamo Vyciu 100 Kuopos del Geguzio 22 diena buvo iskilmingai atlaikytos Kunigo Balcio su Kun A. Grigaiciu. Graziai giedojome Lietuviskai.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Sadie Karbocius and her family in the recent passing of her beloved brother, Anthony Kissell.

Lithuanian Day at the Auriesville, N.Y. Shrine was held Aug. 10 with Mass celebrated at 4 p.m.

Smile and Sparkle

## C-147 St. Petersburg

### Lietuvos vėliava ir vyčiai sostinėje

1980 m. balandžio 22 d. Floridos lietuviai išgyveno istorines iškilmes.

Valstijos sostinės kapitoliuje /Tallahasse/ buvo iškelta Lietuvos vėliava. Lietuviai iškutų tautybių pirmieji, perdavė vėliavą gubernatoriui ir sekretoriui.

Gubernatorius Bob Graham ir valstijos sekretorius George Firestone palydėjo Victoria Jacobson į kapitoliaus erdvį rotundą, kur įvyko vėliavos iškėlimo iškilmės. Vėliavą nešė Lietuvos Vyčių St. Petersburgo kuopos pirm. A. Mažeika ir dvi tautiniais rūbais apsirengusios palydovės V. Kleivienė ir T. Liutkienė. Juos palydėjo

Kat. Susivienijimo ir abiejų šaulių kuopų atstovai K. Kleiva, J. Kalpokas ir A. Grabauskas. Rotundoje jau laukė išsirikiavę per 40 asmenų moterys, tautiniais rūbais apsirengusios, ir vyrai, atvykę iš St. Petersburgo ir Sunny Hills. Taip pat dalyvavo didelis būrys stebėtojų amerikiečių. Prel. J. Balkūnas su kun. J. Gasiūnu ir kitais jau iš vakaro atvyko į iškilmes.

V. Jacobson savo kalboje pažymėjo kad lietuvių kilmės gyventojų vardu perduoda Lietuvos vėliavą Floridos valstijai. Dpliavą dovanoja Lietuvos Vyčių 147-ta kuopa, ryšium su Lietuvos steigiamojo seimo 60-ties metų sukaktimi. Tai simbolis laisvės, kurios pavergta Lietuva dabar nebeturi.

Gubernatorius Graham pasakė ilgesnę, lietuviams palankią kalbą. Pažymėjo, kad jis priima Lietuvos vėliavą laikyti kapitoliuje kaip lietuvių tautos kančias.

Sekr. Firestone pažadėjo, kad vėliava iš salės bus kiekvieną Vasario 16 atnešta į rotundą šventei atžymėti.

Didelėmis pastangomis vėliavos

pastatymą kapitoliuje išrūpino V. Jacobson, St. Petersburgo vyčių kuopos lietuviškųjų reikalų komisijos vadovė. Ji ir vėliavos išgijimo išlaidas apmokėjo ir vyčių vardu vėliavą dovanojo Floridos valstijai. Todėl vyčiai 1980 m. balandžio 29 d. Isla Del Sol restorane pagerbė Victoria Jacobson gimtadienio įteikdami Onos Vaičaitienės išausta dovana - Lietuvos Vytį.

Victoria Jacobson pasiekė iš 1980 m. gegužės 8 d. Floridos valstijos sekretoriato laiškas, kurio pabaigą cituojame: "I'd like to personally thank you for a thoroughly enlightening afternoon. The Lithuanian flag will be displayed proudly in the Capitol as a tribute to the heritage, culture and people of Lithuania and their historic struggle for freedom. Kindest regards, /pasirašo/ George Firestone, Secretary of State.

Reikia didžiai vertinti Lietuvos Vyčių 147-tos kuopos valdybos ir atskirų sričių vadovų veiklą ir tą istorinį Lietuvos vėliavos įprasminimą Floridos valstijoje.

Kaz. Ažytėnas



Pirmoj eilėj /iš kairės į dešinę/: K. Kleiva, O. Galvydienė, prel. J. Balkūnas, V. Kleivienė, A. Mažeika, T. Liutkienė, gubernatorius Bob Graham, Victoria Jacobson, valstijos sekr. George Firestone, kun. J. Gasiūnas, represent. George F. Hieber, J. Kalpokas ir /nukirstas/ A. Grabauskas