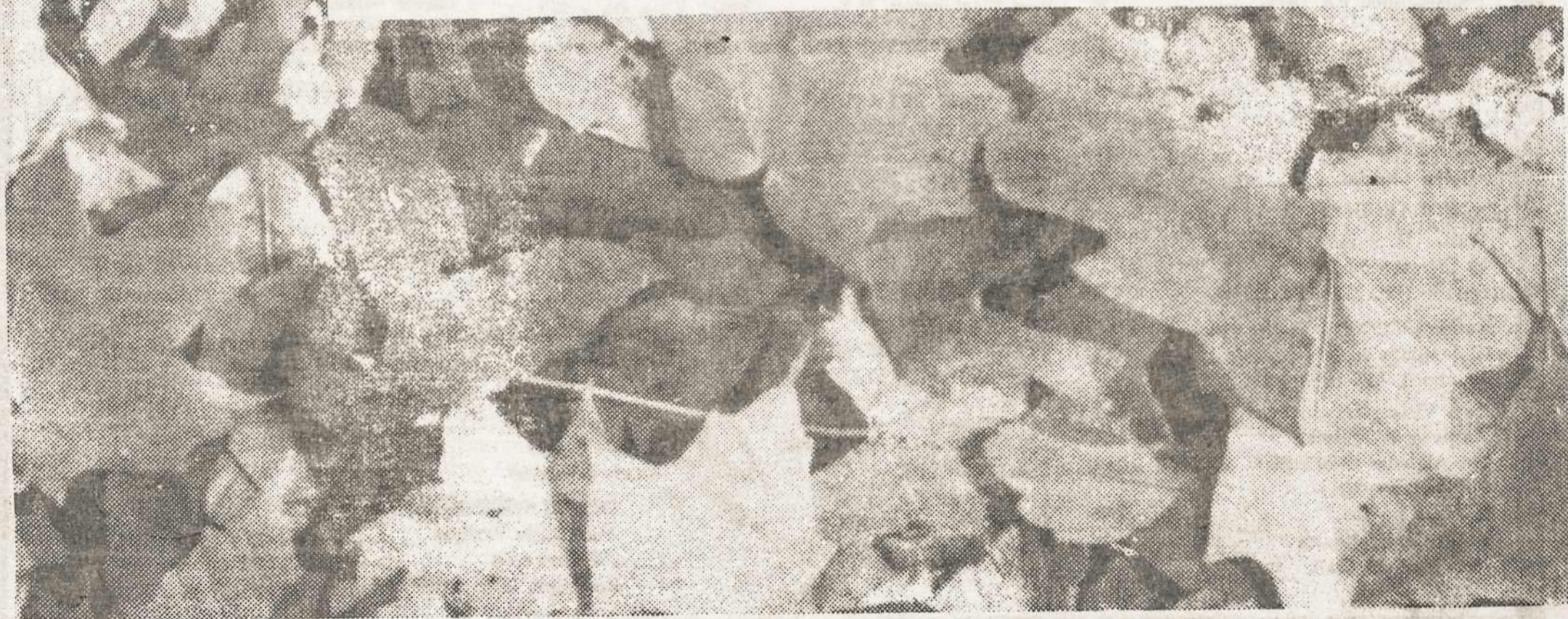




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THANKS *by* GIVING

It is the year 2021 A.D....the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving Day. Americans still remember that historical event, when in 1621 the leaders of the English Pilgrims in Plymouth Bay proclaimed a Day of Thanksgiving to the Lord for the bountiful harvest of that year and for his Providence which guided them across a dangerous ocean to a peaceful haven in the New World. Americans still continue their family get-togethers and the turkey dinner traditions. The President and the state Governors still issue special proclamations.

But there is something different. It is the way Catholics celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Catholics are no strangers to public thanksgiving to the Creator. Every Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God.

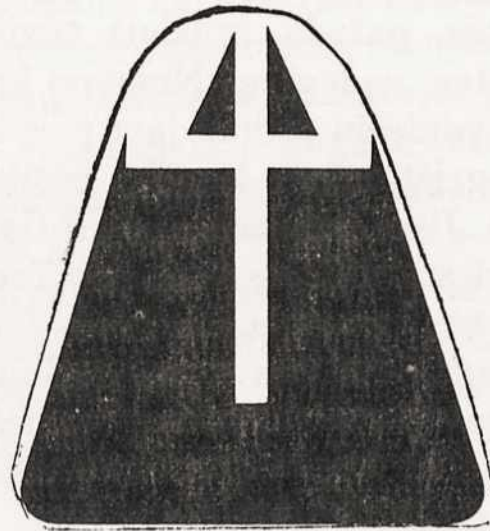
Now, in the year 2021, Catholics celebrate Thanksgiving Day not only as a civil holiday, but also, as a church Holy Day.

How did this come about?

Well, think back to the 1980's about 40 years ago. At that time church liturgists took up the question of Holy Days in Catholic worship. They sent out questionnaires to thousands of Catholics asking: should the Holy Days be retained? should new ones be established? should the celebration of Holy Days be transferred to the preceding Sunday?

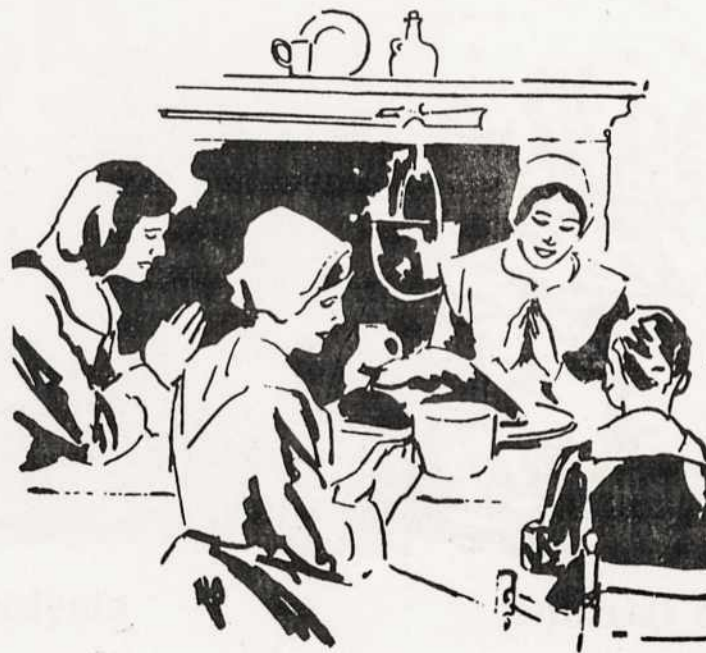
A vast majority of the people suggested that Thanksgiving Day should be made a Holy Day, that is, a day on which all Catholics would attend Mass, just as on Sundays.

That is how it came about, by popular demand, so to say.



However, in order to make Thanksgiving Day a special meaningful Holy Day, it was decided, also by popular demand, to have the Masses only on the day itself, on Thursday, not on the day preceding, as is done for Sunday Masses. It was also decided that the Masses would be held in the afternoon and early evening.

But that was not all. Thanksgiving Day Mass was made a FAMILY Mass, that is family members came to church together, sat in the same pew and prayed together. This custom was established, because frequently at Sunday Masses the entire family could not attend the same Mass and pray together. On Thanksgiving Day,



after the meal and festivities, the entire family could do so...with togetherness and gratitude and joy.

One more change was introduced in this special Thanksgiving Day Mass: there was no collection. The Offertory Procession became deeply meaningful. Each family group joined in the Offertory Procession to express "thanks-by-giving to God for God's poor."

The head of the family (father, mother or oldest child) would present the family offering to the Lord (ten percent of the family weekly income). It was an unbreakable rule that ALL such offerings, every penny would go only for food, clothing or medicine directly to the truly needy and destitute, whether in the United States or abroad.

So, now you see how Thanksgiving Day has become both a meaningful holiday and Holy Day.

But we are living in 1980. The 2021 is so far away. Who knows whether we will live to see that year? So, in the meantime, what...?

Well, we can put more meaning into Thanksgiving Day this year by emphasizing THANKS-BY-GIVING to those less fortunate than ourselves. We can celebrate it by THANKS-BY-PRAYER at Holy Mass on Thursday morning.

I think it is time we Catholics broke away from the attitude that we go to Mass only when we have to. Why not go to Mass when we want to, like when we want to thank God for his blessings great and small, or when we want God's help in the difficulties of daily living? Why not?

—A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

VYTAUTAS DIDYSIS LIETUVOS KUNIGAİKŠTIS

Viktoras Gidžiūnas, O.F.M.

Šiais metais spalio 27 d. suėjo 550 metų nuo Vytauto Didžiojo mirties. dėl to pravartu šią sukaktį paminėti.

Vytautas, Kęstučio sūnus, gimė apie 1350 m., nes, mirdamas 1430 m. turėjo 80 metų. Po tragiškos tėvo mirties, pabėgęs iš kalėjimo, nuvyksta pas vokiečių ordiną, jo padedamas stengiasi atgauti Trakų kunigaikštiją. Čia jis 1383 m. spalio 21 d. Tapau miestely pakrikštijamas Wygandu.

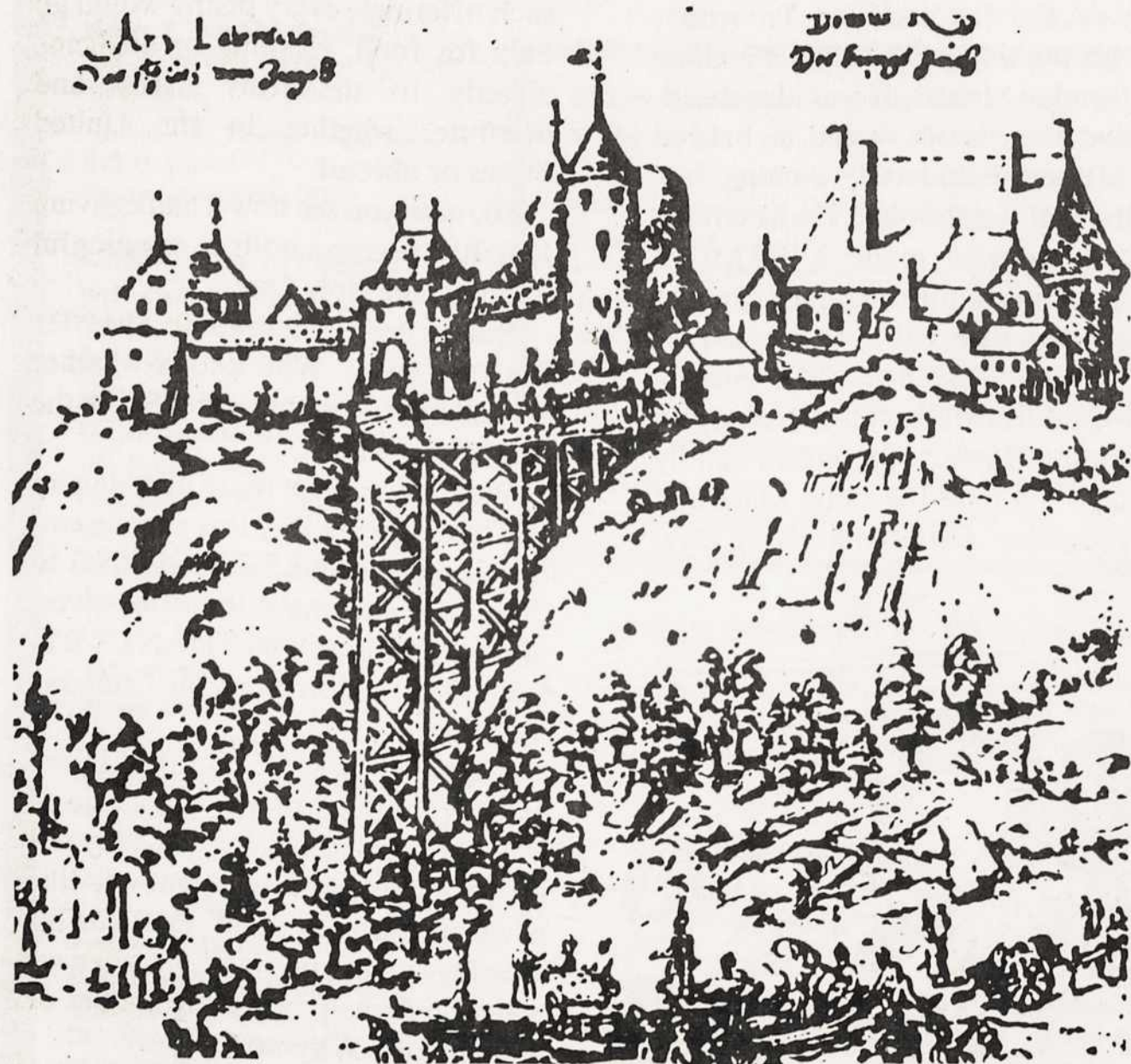
Jogaila, gavęs pakvietimą į Lenkijos karalius, kviečia Vytautą grįžti ir pažada gražinti tėviškę. Vytautas, sudeginęs Nemuno krantuose vokiečių ordino jam pavestas pilis, grįžta, bet Jogaila nesilaiko žodžio. Jis jam duoda valdyti Gardino ir kitas gudiškas žemes be Trakų, kol jo brolis Skirgaila atgaus Polocką. Kadangi jis gavo stačiatikių žemes, tai Jogailos paragintas priėmė stačiatikių krikštą ir gavo Aleksandro vardą.

Po Krėvo unijos Vytautas lydi Jogailą į Krokuvą ir, pasak Dlugošo, kartu su juo 1386 m. vasario 15, aprikštijamas ir Vytautas Aleksandro vardu. Mūsų istorikai sako, kad jis tik atnaujina krikšto pažadus.

Kadangi Jogaila, išvykęs į Lenkiją, Lietuvos valdžią atidavė Skirgailai, skyrė lenkus valdininkus ir atgautą Polocką, atidavęs Skirgailai, o Vytautui negražino Trakų, tai Vytautas pradėjo savarankišką politiką ir ruošė perversmą Vilniaus pilyje. Perversmui nepasisėkus, netekęs jam pavestų žemių, vėl buvo priverstas ieškoti vokiečių ordino pagalbos. Tada jis su savo šeima 1390 m. pabėga į Prūsus ir iš čia su kryžiuočiais ir jam ištikimais žemaičiais griauna Skirgailos pilis ir apgula Vilnių. Nors Vilniaus nepaėmė, bet gavęs Nemuno krantuose vokiečių ordino pilis, darėsi pavojingas Skirgailai ir Jogailai.

Tada Jogaila, lenkų patartas, vėl kviečia Vytautą grįžti ir pažada jam didžiąją Lietuvos kunigaikštiją, Vytautas vėl, sudeginęs kryžiuočių pilis, 1392 m. grįžta ir tampa didžiuoju Lietuvos kunigaikščiu. Nuo dabar jis jau veikia sutartinai su Jogaila. Abu, 1410 m. Žalgirio mūšyje, sumušę vokiečių ordiną, atgauna Žemaičius ir Sėduvą ir apkrikštija žemaičius.

Netrukus Vytautas tiek pagarsėjo, kad jo didikai 1398 m. apšaukia jį Lietuvos ir Rusijos žemių karalium, o 1429 m. Lucko suvažiavime imperatorius Zigmantas pasiėlo karūnotis karalium. Jogailai sutinkant, Vytautas priėmė imperatoriaus pasiūlymą, bet pačią karūnaciją pavedė apsvarstyti diddikams. Lietuviai sumanymui pritarė, bet



Vytauto pilis Gardine

pasipriešino lenkai. Jie nujautė, kad Vytautas karūnuodamasis, nori nutraukti unijos ryšius. Bijodami valdovų spaudimo, jie apleido Lucką, išsiveždami ir Jogaila.

Suvažiavimo darbams nutrūkus Lucką apleido imperatorius ir Vytautas. Kelyje imperatorius gavo Jogailos laišką, kuriuo jis atšaukė duotąjį sutikimą ir atkalbinėjo imperatorių nuo Vytauto karūnacijos. Laiške Jogaila paaiškino savo elgesio priežastis, kad karūnacija prieštarauja unijai, nes Vytautui mirus, Lietuvos bajorai galėtų išsirinkti kitą karalių ir tuo būdu unija iširtų.

Zigmantas savo sumanymo nepakeitė ir, atsakydamas Jogailai, stebėjosi jo nepastovumu, o Vytau-

tui pasiuntė laiško nuorašą. Ji Vytautas gavo Eišiškėse ir perskaitė savo bajorams. Juos laiškas labai įžeidė. Tada Vytautas parašė Jogailai laišką, pabrėždamas, kad jis savo elgesiu gegalo ją įžeidęs. Žinodamas, kad karūnacijos priešai yra lenkų didikai, išdėstė, jog unijos aktai nesipriešina karūnacijai, pridūrė: "Jei norėčiau vainikuotis, tai nežinau, ar zjūsų Didenybės patarėjai galės man sutrukdyti". Jogaila atsakė, kad laišką imperatoriui buvo rašytas be jo žinios.

Karūnacijos klausimą svarstė ir Lančicos suvažiavimas, kur Lietuvos delegacija, išdėsčiusi Vytauto norus, reikalavo galutinio atsakymo "Ar karalius sutinka, kad Vytautas

karūnuotusi?". Jogaila atsakė, kad čia permaža lenkų didikų, dėl to jis negalys atsakyti. Tada lietuviai pareiškė: "Ar Jogailai patiks ar ne, Vytautas vistiek karūnuosis!". Tai pasakiusi delegacija išvyko. Tokio delegatų pasisakymo lenkai pabūgo. Jie pasiuntė savo delegaciją, Vytautui nuo karūnacijos atkalbėti. Kai tai nepavyko, jie siūlė Vytautui Lenkijos karūną. Šį begėdišką pasiūlymą Vytautas atmetė.

Artėjo karūnacijai skirtoji diena, 1430 m. rugpiūčio 15 d. Imperatorius siuntė dvi delegacijas: pirmąją karūnacijos apeigoms paruošti, antrąją vainikams nugabenti. Lenkai griebėsi paskutinės priemonės: apstatė pasienius sargybomis ir sučiupę pirmąją delegaciją, atėmę dokumentus paleido; antroji patyrusi, kas atsitiko, sugrįžo atgal.

Toks lenkų elgesys labai įžeidė Vytautą, bet jis neskelbė karo. Karūnuotis jis taip pat neatsisakė, dėl to karūnaciją nukėlė į rugsėjo 8, o vėliau į rugsėjo 29 d., bet ir iki tos dienos karūnos nesulaukė. Žmona ir draugai jam patarė karūnuotis Vilniuje nukaltomis karūnomis. Bet tuo metu atvyko Jogaila su nauju karūnacijos projektu, pagal kurį Vytautas karaliautų iki gyvos galvos, o paskui karūna atitektų vienam Jogailos sūnų. Šiam projektui vėl pasipriešino lenkai, bet Jogaila juos pasiuntė namo.

Išleidę lenkus, Vytautas su Jogaila vyko į Trakus. Kelyje Vytautas, nusilpęs nukrito nuo žirgo ir, žmonos vežime atvykę į Trakus, jau nesikėlė. Pramatydamas mirtį, sušaukė saviškius, pavedė Jogailai globoti savo žmoną ir Lietuvą ir, iš vyskupo rankų priėmęs šv. sakramentus, spalio 27 d. mirė. Jis buvo palaidotas Vilniaus katedros rūsyje. Taip mirė Vytautas Didysis, iškęs Lietuvą iki aukščiausio garbės ir galybės laipsnio, palikdamas ją laimingai ateičiai.



Vytautas Didysis

THE DOVE

An Article by
ALDONA RYAN

The shiny-clean pews of Sacred Heart Church in downtown Dayton, Ohio were slowly being filled with an assortment of people when the tiny dove flew in through the huge front doors. He perched on the ledge of a back window and sat silently as if waiting for the mass to begin. He looked small and insignificant in comparison to the massive dome of the church.

The congregation on this bright June day was not composed of regular parishioners. The entire setting seemed different. Television wires crossed back and forth between the aisles. Television and news cameramen were everywhere. A team from CBS was preparing to tape the mass for their Sunday morning program on national television. News reporters moved about quietly and interviewed a variety of people.

The Sacred Heart Church choir was seated in its usual place behind the altar but another choir, a Lithuanian choir, was seated in the front of the church - a church which was not its regular church.

Outside of the church a United States Army Color Guard stood waiting on the steps. The black bands on their sleeves hinted that this would be a funeral mass. What great celebrity had died to deserve such an honorable parting?

Three priests and an entourage of altar boys with candles and fragrant incense made their way down the center aisle. The Lithuanian choir started singing "Marija, Marija" and the sonorous church bells sounded the single tone that has greeted the dead for hundreds of years by the Roman Catholic Church.

As if by a signal, the dove flew up the main aisle and took his position on the ledge of the great center win-

dow above the altar. He sat there motionless as the body of Elias Joseph Barauskas was brought to the altar beneath him.

Who was Elias Joseph Barauskas? A mystery. An enigma. A stranger and yet a well known man.

He appeared on the streets of downtown Dayton sometime in the 1970's. Most people say it was around 1972. He seemed to come from nowhere and yet he could be seen everywhere.

He was quite tall but he walked as if he carried all the crosses in the world on his weary shoulders. His nose seemed prominent on his boney, angular face. It was the kind of a face that portrayed a man who went hungry often. Grayish-white whiskers covered his chin.

But it was his light blue eyes that everyone remembered. For the look in his eyes was indefinable and indescribable. It was not a wild look, a hypnotic look nor was it a questioning look. It was not pitiful nor was it magnanious. It was described by some as a look of intelligent curiosity. Some said it was the look of a man at peace with himself and others said it was the look of a man without peace. He seemed a man apart from the world and yet he was a daily figure in the mainstream of a busy modern downtown scene.

When he was around, everyone noticed him. He did not hide in the back alleys of the city where his appearance suggested he belonged for he was not of that ilk. He was clothed in rags from head to foot. In the seasonal weather of southern Ohio there must have been many days when he was very warm and other days when he was extremely cold.

A heavy, dark cloth covered the long, unkempt white hair. Layers



Rags in 1977

and layers of old clothes covered his body completely and only long, boney fingers could be seen placed on his chest in an almost immobile position. While he wore neither shoes, boots nor sandals, his feet were never bare for many dark rags had been wound around his legs, ankles and feet.

Hundreds of concerned, friendly people offered him shirts, coats, gloves, sweaters, shoes and even handknitted caps but he always declined the offers - graciously but firmly. Occasionally, he would accept small amounts of money.

"One day I gave him a dollar," said a friend to me. "He said, 'Thank you very much. God bless you.' and that night at bingo, I won the jackpot."

He did not drink. He did not smoke. He had no home but the parks and doorways of the city. He said his name was Lee but the people called him "Rags" a name which he disliked but which was used affectionately.

If approached, he would answer questions in a deep voice - very intelligently and frankly. If he did not care to answer a question, he would merely remain silent. He spoke perfect English with no accent of any kind.

When he shuffled down the street, people would step aside and let him pass and then turn around and stare in wonder at him - this great, gray creature like a strange bird from some other world.

Over the years the familiar figure became a constant sight and a point of news in local papers and television shows, even though he begged for privacy. When he would disappear for a few days, there were many who wondered and worried about him.

Over the years there were many conjectures and opinions to the puzzlement of him. For he would not talk about himself. There were those who thought he had been a doctor who had failed and had taken up street life. Others thought he was a million-

aire who had rejected society. There were many other high opinions of that type.

There were some who sneered and called him "just a bum" who did not live a meaningful life or give any gainful contribution to the community.

He did not smile or laugh. He did not look morose and no one had ever seen a tear in his eye. What manner of man was this?

On Sundays, he would often appear in the lobby of Sacred Heart Church from which he would watch the mass. The priests invited him to come in but he never did so.

He spent many hours reading in the downtown public library until he was asked to leave due to complaints about his appearance.

Early on the morning of May 5, 1980, he came into a downtown coffee shop and asked for a drink of water. He collapsed and the paramedics were called. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Miami Valley Hospital at 7:30 A.M.

A very short time later, he started breathing again and the news media reported he was alive on all of the noon news shows.

Hearing this, Father Charles Holencamp, a priest who had had some contact with him, rushed to the hospital and gave him the last rites of the church. A few hours later, he died again - permanently.

Then the speculation began. Who

was Lee? Where did he come from. Did he have relatives somewhere? Who would bury him and where?

Someone said he was Elias John Borauskas and he had a brother in Cincinnati. Others said he came from New Jersey. Or was it New York? Or maybe Connecticut?

The Lithuanians in the area said he must be Lithuanian and many calls were made to friends and relatives, trying to solve the puzzle.

As the days and weeks passed by, the body lay in the morgue - unclaimed and unidentified. A concerned black woman started a memorial fund and small contributions trickled in from the community.

Seventeen days later, a geneologist tracked down the truth. His real name was Elias Joseph Barauskas and he was born in Waterbury, Connecticut. He lived across the street from St. Joseph's Church where he was baptized. It was a Lithuanian church.

He and his two brothers, Leon and Alphonse, had attended school at St. Joseph's Church and they were altar boys there. After graduating from high school, Elias entered a trade school and studied carpentry.

During World War II, he joined the Army and he was later honorably discharged.

During that time, the family had moved to Tampa, Florida. After his discharge from the Army, Elias entered a Jesuit Seminary in Tampa.



Elias Barauskas, center, in photo taken when he was in a Jesuit seminary

When he was thirty years old, his mother died in Tampa. He was given a religious furlough to attend her funeral and to visit with his family. Her funeral and burial was in Connecticut.

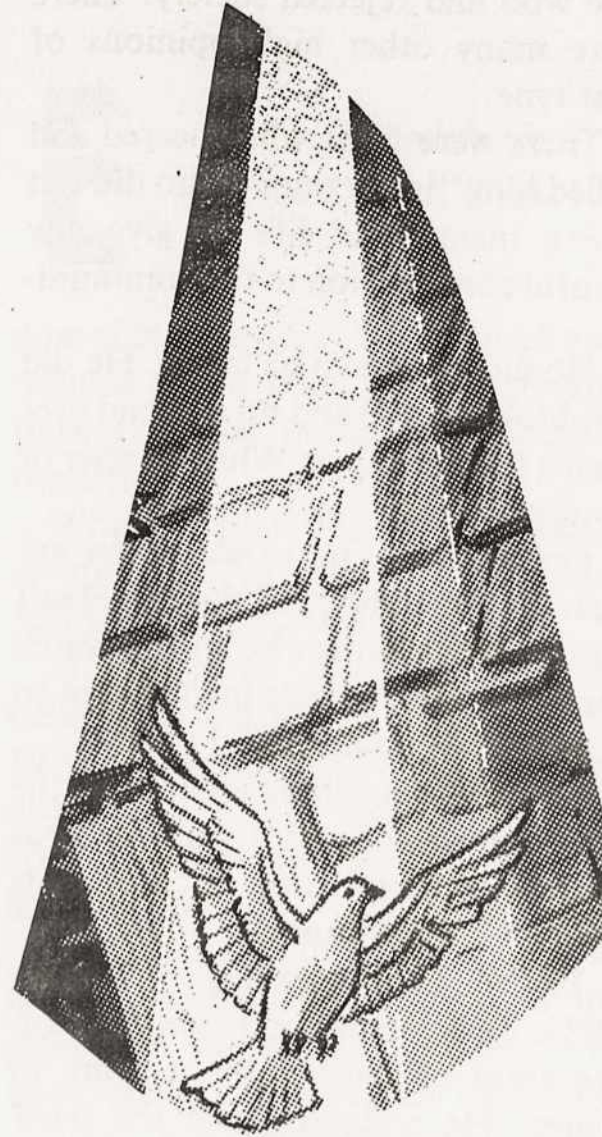
He met an auburn-haired girl on the train who lived across the street from the family in Tampa. He became romantically involved with the girl and began to have doubts about his religious calling.

The girl moved away from Tampa and Elias Joseph Barauskas had a nervous breakdown. He never went back to the Seminary.

His family lost track of him and that part of his life will remain a mystery forever.

At the time of Rags' death, both brothers were unable to attend the funeral due to health problems. The U.S. Army said they would bury him in a veteran's grave at their cemetery.

The priests at Sacred Heart Church decided to give him a Catholic burial. The pastor, Father Roger Griese, knew the Lithuanians in the area for just three years ago, he had led the Knights of Lithuania, Council 96 annual retreat. He invited Father Vaclovas Katarskis of Holy Cross Church to be a co-celebrant at the funeral mass together with Father



Hollencamp, the priest who, on his own intuition, had annointed the deceased.

The Lithuanian Cultural Council of Holy Cross Church sent a check to Father Griese to pay for the expenses of the mass and the organist. They also stated that they would pick up the tab for any outstanding expenses

not covered by the memorial fund.

Plans and arrangements snowballed. Details were front page news in the area and the television media carried progress reports.

Thus it was that the day of the funeral arrived and everything went as planned except for the unexpected visit of the dove.

During the mass, the Lithuanian choir sang "Jezau, pas mane ateiki" during the communion service. The Sacred Heart Church choir sang the usual English funeral mass hymns.

During the sermon, Father Hollencamp said, "He would walk and walk - around and around - with rags on his feet - his tired weary feet. He was a man who did not put importance on material things. I believe he was in Dayton providentially. I believe his very walking the streets had a purpose, whether he believed it or not. He brought us all a message."

At the end of the mass, as the army-clad pallbearers, the priests, and the altar boys began their slow walk down the aisle accompanying the body of Elias Joseph Barauskas out of the church, the dove flew over the coffin, straight down the aisle ahead of the procession and swooped out the doors to disappear into the blue sky above.

LOOK TO THIS DAY

Look to this day,
For it is life,
The very life of life.
In its brief course lies all
The realities and verities of existence,
The bliss of growth,
The splendor of action,
The glory of power—

For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision.
But today, well lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day.

A Sanskrit Proverb

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ED KRAUSE OF NOTRE DAME

by Tony Yuknis



Ed (Moose) Krause

Ed (Moose) Krause majored in journalism at the University of Notre Dame, but his chosen vocation was delayed for half a century. Instead he became the subject of hundreds of articles and news items written by sportswriters throughout the country.

He was born in Chicago's Holy Cross parish (Town of Lake) on February 2, 1913 as Edward Walter Krauciunas. The two brothers, Ed and the late Phil, participated in and excelled in all types of sports.

The 135 lb. youth matriculated at De LaSalle High School with a desire to become a running back on the football team. It was here that he learned the Notre Dame system from Coach Norman Barry, the former blocking halfback for the legendary George Gipp. However, after a long summer vacation, Krause returned to school weighing 175 lbs. The flabbergasted coach asked, "What have you been doing during the summer you big moose?" Thereafter everybody

called him "Moose". Barry shifted the Moose to the line.

Moose won All-City honors in football, baseball, basketball and track. He won national recognition for three years in basketball, leading the De LaSalle teams to two national Catholic prep titles.

Coach Barry introduced Krause to the magnetic Knute Rockne and the youth was drawn to an athletic career at Notre Dame. Later Ed recalled, "Rockne was a great psychologist and one of the most inspirational men I've ever known."

Freshman Moose (6' 3" tall and weighing 195 lbs.) scrimmaged against the Notre Dame national champions football team and looked impressive. As a sophomore he replaced an injured player in the Northwestern University game, played out the season, was named on the All-Western team. The next two years Krause became an All-American tackle.

Then Ed played center on the basketball team and displayed great skill. He broke all of the school's scoring records. Krause was named All-American in 1931-32-33. A Chicago

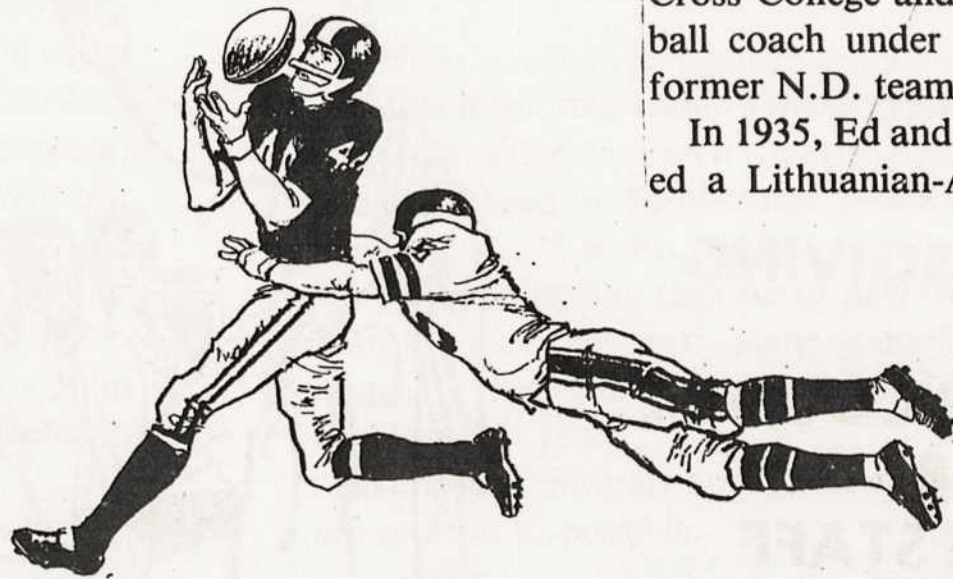
Tribune sport page article read: "In basketball he may be safely called the most colorful, most popular and greatest all around star Notre Dame has ever had." The student body so admired the performances of this brilliant athlete that they presented him with a trophy. It has never been done again.

In 1934, when Krause was 21 years of age, he was elected to play in the first All-Star game in Chicago's Soldier Field. Then he received the highest number of votes of any player in the polls conducted by the Chicago Tribune and cooperating newspapers throughout the country.

The All-Stars elected the 240 lb. Moose and George Sauer of Nebraska as co-captains. Krause vividly recalls he was assigned to block the might Bronko Nagurski of the Champion Chicago Bears. Every time Nagurski carried the ball through Moose's position it was devastating. Krause thought he was trampled by a wild bull. However, the collegians put up a great battle and held the Bears to a scoreless tie.

Krause accepted the job of athletic director and coach of all sports at St. Mary's College in Minnesota. Five years later he transferred to Holy Cross College and became line football coach under Joe Sheeketski, a former N.D. teammate.

In 1935, Ed and brother Phil, joined a Lithuanian-American athletes'



group on a trip to the then independent Republic of Lithuania. Their Olympic competition was in basketball, boxing, water polo, track, swimming and volley ball. The Americans were welcomed with great enthusiasm. Phil Krause remained in Kaunas for two more years. He coached Lithuania's team to the basketball championship of Europe in 1939. Phil was rated the greatest all-around athlete at De Paul University.

Ed Krause returned to N.D. in 1942; he accepted the positions of assistant football coach to Frank Leahy and assistant basketball coach to George Keogan.



Our protagonist went to war in 1944. He was a lieutenant in The Pacific war theater serving as an Air Combat intelligence officer. Two years later he returned to Chicago and joined the Darius-Girenas Post 271 of the American Legion.

Krause became the head basketball coach of the "Irish" in the 1946-47 season. That season the team compiled a 20-4 as record crowds came out. He coached the teams for eight winning years.

In 1948, Krause was named athletic director. He supervised intercollegiate sports, scheduled games, made speeches, was TV commentator of football game reruns for Sunday viewers. His department established football policies and administered them. Under his administration the university gained in national prestige. In 1972, Terrence Cardinal Cooke, in a ceremony in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, inducted Krause into "The Knights of Malta." This is

the highest honor a Catholic layman can receive.

In 1976, Krause was inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame. Former sportswriter Jim Enright commented, "Krause was completely awesome as a muscular pivotman. He was the first of the power players, made up for lack of speed with strength and agility."

Grandfather Krause had three children: The Rev. Edward, Phillip, and Mrs. Mary Carrigan. He resides with his wife, the former Elizabeth Linden of Chicago, in South Bend, Indiana.



Krause will belatedly retire at the end of June, 1981. There is a strong possibility he might, after a long, long, intermission, enter his chosen field of journalism. He might write a book. The memories of Ed (Moose) Krause at Notre Dame would certainly become a best seller.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

NEW VYTIS STAFF MEMBER

Aldona Ryan, new Associate Editor of VYTIS, was born in Dayton, Ohio. She is a lifetime member of Holy Cross Church and a Fourth Degree Knight.

Her parents were Povilas Latovas and Zabele Gaizunas. Both were immigrants from Panevezys, Lithuania.

Aldona is a graduate of Miami Jacobs College of Business and she majored in communication arts at the University of Dayton. She has taken—and continues to take—courses in creative writing and journalism to keep up with modern techniques and phraseology.

As a child, she won a limerick contest and she has been writing ever since. Numerous poems, articles, short stories and features, written by her, have been published.

As the National Cultural Chair-



man, she wrote and distributed 36 issues of cultural information sheets called "The Amber Web" to councils in 50 cities in the United States during a three-year period. She is the immediate Past President of the Mid Central District.

For the past two years, she has been writing feature stories for the Dayton Daily News (circulation 220,000).

She married her first husband, Ralph Laux, in 1943. He died of cancer in 1955. She married Joseph Andrew Ryan, Professional Aerospace Engineer with the U.S. Air Force, (now retired and a Third Degree Associate Member) in 1957. The Ryans have three daughters, Terese, Karen and Michelle and seven grandchildren.

We welcome her to our staff.

To All Financial Secretaries

As you all know, in my annual report I stated that 197 members had not paid dues for 1980.

Unfortunately for the first time in 10 years, this caused our membership to drop from 1979's annual figures. Our membership has been steadily increasing since 1970 with the largest increase of over 200 members in 1977-78 when Anthony Miner was president.

As financial secretaries, we can try to stop this decrease. Make sure dues are paid before the National Convention. Start collecting dues immediately. Send letters to those members who are not attending your meetins on a regular basis. Try to contact them by phone. Advise your members of the Membership Drive being conducted by John Adomenas, Second Vice-President. Make sure all checks are made payable to the "Knights of Lithuania."

START NOW!

Another reminder . . . When signing up new members, it

is ESSENTIAL that the "recommended, by:" space be filled in. If it is not, the new card will be returned and a delay will result in processing the new member.

Ann Marie Kassel
Nat'l. Financial Sec'y.

Officer's Rosters

Officer's rosters lists have been forwarded to all councils. It is most important to the Supreme Council Officers and Committee chairmen that these rosters be completed and forwarded to the National Recording Secretary, Anna Wargo, 125 S. Morris St., St. Clair, PA 17970, immediately following election of new officers.

In the past few years, some councils have been lax in returning these lists. Several councils did not send in any new lists last year.

We would sincerely appreciate all rosters to be submitted as soon as possible.

Anna Klizas Wargo
Nat'l. Recording Sec'y.

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Lithuanians in The

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



In commemoration of the 5th anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Accords, President Jimmy Carter hosted a meeting at the White House on July 29th, which was attended by Dr. Kazys Sidlauskas, President of the Lithuanian American Council, and Stanley Balzekas, Jr., a director.

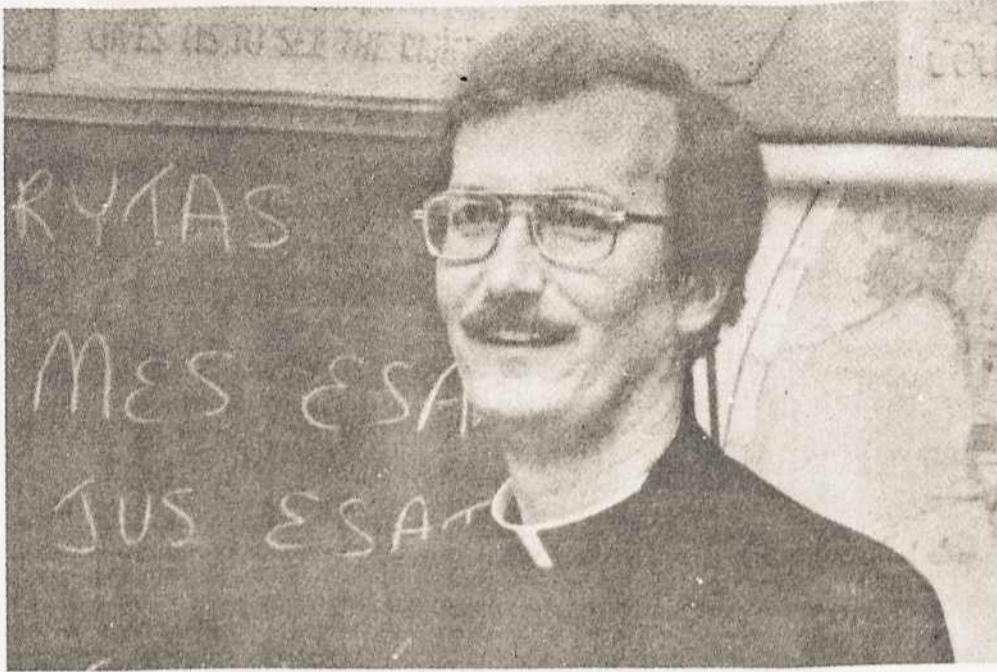
Pictured are President Carter and Stanley Balzekas, Jr., member of C-36.

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Photo P. Maleta

A crowd of close to 800 area residents lined Lithuanian Plaza Court in Chicago on the 9th of September to get a glimpse of Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan. Illinois Governor Jim Thompson led the three-block stroll as Reagan stopped frequently to shake hands. The walk ended at Ramune's Restaurant where the group partook of Lithuanian pastries. When Reagan asked the restaurant owner Anna Konkulevicius what she would like to see him do if he were elected president she replied, "free Lithuania and fight communism." She added that Reagan promised to revisit the restaurant if he were elected President. The Republican nominee was presented with several Lithuanian mementos, including an amber necklace for his wife, Nancy, and a book on Chicago's Lithuanian community.



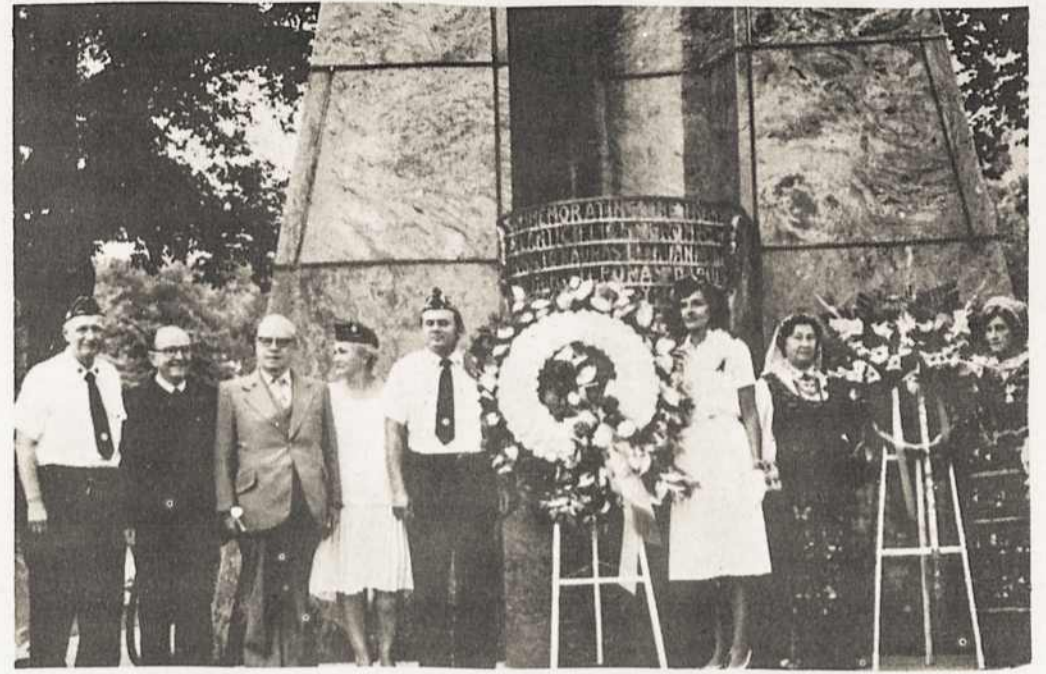
To better serve his parish, Father William Zavaski took lessons and now preaches in Lithuanian

The Catholic Church recently featured an article about Father Bill Zavaski who was born and raised in St. Bartholomew's parish, Waukegan, Ill. Father Bill says he was a generation too late to learn the Lithuanian language at home. After his ordination in 1969, he served as associate pastor at St. James in Arlington Heights and St. Zachary in Des Plaines. When Father John Kuzinskas learned he was to be transferred from St. Bartholomew's, he asked Father Zavaski to consider coming home to be pastor. Father Zavaski accepted the appointment, but with the self-imposed stipulation that he learn the Lithuanian language, since he knew it was important to the parishioners. He started taking lessons from a tutor, Stella Tamasauskas of Waukegan, in April and by June was able to say Mass in Lithuanian. His gift to his parishioners at Christmas was his first Lithuanian sermon, which was translated from English by his tutor's son, Al Tamasauskas.

Father Zavaski's efforts have sparked new interest in their ethnic roots among members of the parish. 25 people from 11 to 60 years old are now learning Lithuanian from teacher Albina Petrolunas. Classes in Lithuanian straw ornament making were held and instructions were given in Lithuanian egg dyeing.

"It is good for us to keep our cultural roots" said Father, "but I also have to be sensitive to the needs of the third and fourth generations, who are more comfortable in English, and to the challenges of opening up to the new nationalities coming into the parish. My next language will probably be Spanish."

The article stated that chances are Father Bill Zavaski is unique among the priests of the archdiocese. A lot of them have learned Spanish in recent years, but you'd be hard pressed to find another who has taken up Lithuanian.



On Sunday, July 27, 1980, the occasion of the 47th anniversary of the death of Capt. Stephen Darius and Lt. Stanley Girenas, the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post #271, Chicago, Ill., recalled their brave adventure and saluted them for their courage, their skill and their patriotism at the monument constructed in their memory in Marquette Park.

JOHN PAUKSTIS, member of C-36, past Commander of the Post, was chairman of the Commemoration, which began with a parade consisting of many American Legion Units, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, Amvets, Boy Scouts, Knights of Lithuania, Balzekas Museum Group, 40 & 8 Honor Society, U.S. Army Band, U.S. Army Marching Unit and Colors. The program consisted of entertainment by the K of L Choir, the Sauliu and K of L Dancers, and the Musichorale Choral Group. Algird Brazis, C-112, sang the American and Lithuanian national anthems. The Invocation was given by the Rev. Monsignor D. A. Mozeris, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church. Among the honored guests and speakers were: the Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis, Consul-General of Lithuania; Congressman John G. Fary (D., 5th); James Felton, state commander of the V.F.W., who was presented the Veteran of the Year Award; Brother Luke Lynch, President of DeLaSalle High School; Sister M. Joanella, Mother General of the Sisters of St. Casimir.





SONETA S. SENFERAS has been awarded a full scholarship through the Youth for Understanding Corporate Scholarship Program by the Quaker Oats Company of Chicago. Through the International Student Exchange Organization, Soneta resided this past summer with a specially selected family in Curitiba, Parana, Brazil, South America. Mis Senferas is the daughter of Stanley and Birute Senferas of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania (Harrisburg Council 146) and a recent honor graduate of Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School. Being the first from her school to be awarded this scholarship grant, she is among a select few who have demonstrated extraordinary academic excellence and personal maturity. Soneta was selected from a large number of applicants to personally represent our nation in this student exchange program. She returned this Fall to enroll as a Freshman at Florida Institute of Technology in the field of Nuclear Medicine.

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A fifth generation Lithuanian from Westville, Ill. was chosen as "Miss Illinois National Teenager". 17 year old MELISSA VOGEL is an excellent student and active in many sports. She hopes to complete her education at the University of Illinois. Although she didn't win in the National competition, she's a winner among Lithuanians everywhere. Westville, a coal mining town where some of the first Lithuanians settled, is proud to claim Melissa as one of its own.

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The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 4012 South Archer Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60632, is requesting information on Lithuanians who have received medals and decorations from other countries in order to compile a list of Lithuanians who have contributed to freedom throughout the world, as well as information on Lithuanian decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Alones are in charge of the medal collection, which will go on display at the beginning of 1981. Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Alones, Robert Adomaitis, and (standing) Frank Passic, head of Balzekas Museum's numismatic department, at work compiling a catalog of a collection of Lithuanian medals and military decorations.

(See photo at left)

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Father Adolfas Stasys, member of C-36, has retired after 33 years of service in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He had been associate pastor at Holy Cross Parish since 1947 when he came to Chicago from Lithuania. Father is now residing in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla. While in Chicago he was an active member of the Lithuanian Community. He has been an officer of the Lithuanian American Council for more than 20 years.

Born Oct. 23, 1905, in Rokiskis, Lithuania, he studied for the priesthood in his homeland and was ordained Nov. 11, 1928, in Kaunas. Father Stasys celebrated his 50th anniversary in the priesthood with a Jubilee Mass at Holy Cross Church in 1978.

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At the Ninth Annual Awards Banquet sponsored by the Lithuanian American Republican League of Illinois in April, DON W. ADAMS (Adomaitis) was presented with the Man of the Year Award for his many years of distinguished service in government, political organizations and business. He is recognized as an outstanding citizen of Lithuanian heritage. Don has been chairman of the Illinois Republican party since July 1973. He is on the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee and is head of the Midwest Republican State Chairmen's Association. In terms of service, he is the most senior of all the Republican State Party Chairmen; yet when first elected, he was the youngest Republican State Central Committeeman in Illinois. During the Republican Presidential Nominating Convention in Detroit last July, Don was head of the convention media subcommittee (TV, radio and press).

In governmental service, he has been chairman of the Illinois Electoral College, vice chairman of the Illinois State Board of Elections and a member of the Springfield Public Buildings Commission. As a businessman, Don Adams is President of the Lincoln Center Shopping Complex in Springfield, Ill.

Don and his wife reside in Springfield with their three sons and one daughter.

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The April issue of "Lithuanian Days" featured an article about Aloyzus Peciulis, a recently arrived dissident, who was guest speaker at a gathering organized by Rimas Paskauskas and sponsored by the Lithuanian Students Association together with the Campus History Club at California State University at Northridge. Peciulis, who was born and raised in Punkskas, Poland, 3.5 km. south of the Lithuanian border, spoke about the current social and political conditions facing Lithuanians living in the Polish annexed region of Suvalkija. The audience came away with an appreciation for the Lithuanian peoples' love and struggle for retaining their culture and they learned that to those immigrants who come here today from behind the Iron Curtain, America is still a land of much promise and opportunity.

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Don W. Adams

CAROL L. GRABAUSKAS (c-146, Harrisburg), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vitty Grabauskas, graduated with highest honors from Harrisburg Area Community College in May 1980. Studying a liberal arts-social science major while at HACC, Carol maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. She was listed on the Dean's list for five semesters. She also received other honors recognizing her achievements. Ranking among the top 10 students academically at the college this past academic year, Carol received the Board of Trustees Academic Achievement Award for the highest grade point average for 60 credits of work at HACC. As a recipient, she received a \$50 cash award and her name will be engraved on a plaque which is displayed in the college library. Another honor she received was a \$100 scholarship from the HACC Alumni Association for her second year at HACC. In addition to her academic achievement, Carol was also involved in student activities. She is an original member of the International Student Organization, a newly formed student group which gives international students at HACC an opportunity to meet with each other as well as have a base of orientation.



Carol Grabauskas (C-146, Harrisburg, Pa.) pictured with her grandmother, Helen Venis (C-110, Maspeth, N.Y.) at the Harrisburg Area Community College graduation.

A.A. PRANAS VAŠKAS - GARBĖS NARYS



Newarko Lietuvos vyčių 29-ta kuope neteko savo nario ir organizacija neteko garbės nario, vieno iš ryškiausių asmenybių. Pranas Vaš-

kas mirė š.m. rugpiūčio 4 d. Mirė prieš pat 67-tąjį Lietuvos vyčių seimą. O seimuose jis visuomet dalyvaudavo. Jo karstą laidotuvių namuose grausiai lankė vyčiai ir pažįstami. Bažnytines apeigas ir paskutinį patarnavimą labai rūpestingai ir gražiai atliko Newarko lietuvių Šv. Trejybės parapijos klebonas, prel. Jonas Šernas. Mišias atnašavo penki kunigai. Mišiose dalyvavo ir Prano Vaško giminaitis, tėvas J. Vaškas iš Chicagos. Po Mišių ilga vilkstinė mašinų palydėjo velionį į amžiną poilsio vietą Arlington kapinėse.

Pranas Vaškas gimė ir augo Newarke. Gimė 1903 m. rugsėjo 24 d. Newarko Lietuvos vyčių 29-tos kuopos nariu buvo 36 metus. Buvo darbštus ir sumanus, kuopos ir centro valdyboje ėjo įvairias pareigas. Vadovavo sporto vienietui, kuopos biuletenio „Rakto“ leidimui, daug rašė korespondencijų į

vyčių žurnalą „Vytį“, 8 metus buvo Ryšių su visuomene komisijos vadovu.

Pranas Vaškas atlikdavo visuomeninį darbą su visu rūpestingumu, buvo visiems vyčiams Amerikoje pavyzdys. Jo veikla ir darbai vyčių organizacijai ir brangiai Lietuvai yra be galo dideli. Jam nebuvo sunku dirbti dėl Lietuvos. Ir jis visuomet žinojo, kad Lietuvos vyčių organizacijai gyvybinis reikalas yra išlikti nenutautėjus, pasilikti lietuviams. Lietuvių kalba buvo jam graži ir turtinga, ir brangino jis lietuviškus papročius. Niekuomet nebuvo pavargęs, rašė laiškus aukštiesiems Amerikos pareigūnams, gindamas Lietuvos reikalus ir keldamas laisvės bylą.

Tau, Pranai, tegul būna lengva Amerikos žemė. Newarko ir visos Amerikos vyčiai Tave prisimins maldose.

A. Žukauskas

THE LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE

The Lithuanian language has had a long and interesting history. There are probably three million people who speak this language in Lithuania, and another million or so in the rest of the world, mostly in the United States. It is an ancient language and one of the original and oldest of the indo-european languages that is still spoken today. It is older than French, Spanish, German or English.

Just how old is Lithuanian?

Well, we have to go back in time to about 2000 B.C. to find the original speakers of this language. We would find them in the territory of present day Lithuania.

Where they came from is a deep mystery, but some historians and archeologists believe that they came from the East, from some part of the Asian continent. One thing is certain: these early tribes remained where they were, speaking their own language for about 2000 years, until they were discovered by Tacitus, a Roman historian, about 100 A.D. Tacitus called these people "aestians". The language they spoke was strangely similar to Latin and Greek and Sanscrit. Latin and Sanscrit are no longer spoken. They are called dead languages. But Lithuanian still lives on.

As we go on in time, we find that history forgets the "aestians", the original Lithuanians, for about 700 years, up to the time of Charlemagne, Emperor of France, when Charlemagne's explorers brought back information about the certain people on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Charlemagne's chroniclers recorded that the name of these people was Lithuanians. Thanks to the French Emperor Lithuania

was brought into the mainstream of European history.

Now, let us go back again in time to get a closer look at how the Lithuanian language itself developed.

Language experts surmise that around 2000 B.C. the "aestians" spoke a language which we may call Proto-Baltic. This language continued to develop for 1500 years, gradually subdividing into two branches: East Baltic and West Baltic. The West Baltic language became Prussian, which lasted over a thousand years and disappeared around 1700. It was absorbed into German.

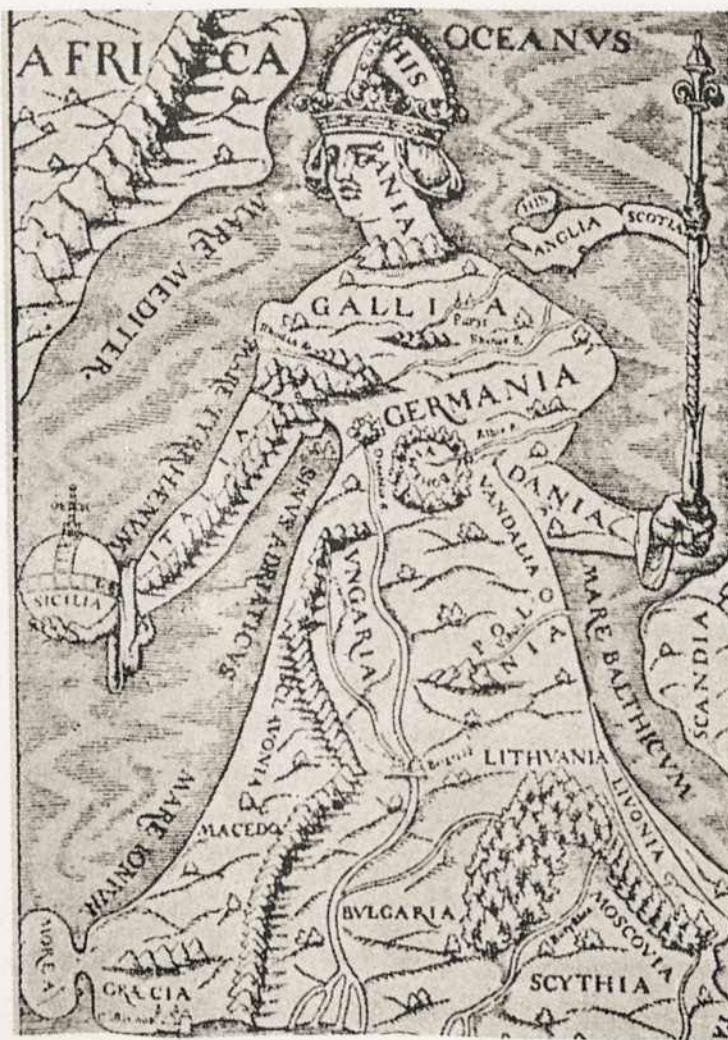
The East Baltic language, also, subdivided into two branches around 1000 A.D. One branch became known as Lithuanian and the other as Lettish. As the centuries rolled on, Lithuanian continued its

development and Lettish became modern Latvian. So, we see that these two sister languages go back, back, back to the Bronze Age of prehistoric times.

Even though Lithuanian is one single language spoken all over Lithuania, there are two main dialects: the Lowland and the Highland. For instance, the highlanders pronounce the word for bread: duona, while the lowlanders pronounce it: दौरa, дuna, or dona.

The Highland Lithuanian dialect, in time, became the standard language of the country, which was officially adopted in the early 1920's, and this is the language that is spoken today. It is not at all like Polish, or Russian or German. It is a language all its own, one of the most interesting and most ancient in Europe.

— A.A.J.



Kingdom of Lithuania in a medieval map of Europe

CARTER TOWN MEETING IN DAYTON, OHIO

President Jimmy Carter held a "Town Meeting" at the Convention Center in Dayton, Ohio at noon on October 2, 1980. As the new Associate Editor of VYTIS, I was able to attend the meeting and to represent the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian people of southern Ohio.

It was like a movie scenario! First, I had to give pertinent information to the U.S. Secret Service at the White House Advance Press Office. I was given a "Press Pass" with very little trouble.

Then I asked if I could have a pass for my husband, Joseph Ryan, as my photographer. With the help of Ricke Carne, Office Manager for Congressman Tony Hall (Dem. Ohio), my husband was given a ticket to admit him to the meeting also.

It appears that VYTIS is a magazine that has established a very good reputation for I was treated respectfully and with dignity.

Then an area-wide lottery was held for 1400 seats for the general public to attend that meeting and I won a seat there, too!

Only one-third of our Convention Center was used for the meeting—a hall which normally holds 8000 people. My purse was examined at the door by the Secret Service and German Shepherd dogs sniffed for explosives throughout the hall and especially around the battery of television cameras.

We were able to get good seats toward the front. I brought my tape recorder and I was allowed to record the entire meeting.

President Carter appeared at the exact moment—12:00 Noon—as scheduled. He was dressed in a navy

blue suit with white shirt and a diagonally striped tie. He was friendly, affable and he seemed very relaxed.

During the hour-long session, he answered questions and talked about subjects suggested from the floor. Some of the statements he made which might be of interest to all of us are as follows:

—"Americans are the most free people of any country on earth."

—"We are trying to eliminate chemical warfare and the threat of chemical warfare by others."

—"We can get along without oil from Iran and Iraq but the rest of the Western world cannot so we will do what is required to keep the Strait of Hormuz open."

—"I guarantee that any young person can go to college if he is qualified as a learnable student either by government grants or loans whether his family is rich or poor."

—"We are the strongest country in the world—militarily, politically, and

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economically. Our morals and ethic sense are unequalled on earth. The American people are committed to peace."

—"Every president before me—Truman, Johnson, Kennedy, Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford—have favored negotiating with the Soviet Union to agree that we have equal nuclear weapon arsenals. Reagan says we should abandon the SALT II Treaty. This is the kind of proposal that is very serious. It directly violates our commitment to our allies."

—"Since I have been in office, federal money for education has increased 73%. We are planning a 2 billion dollar increase for vocational education."

—"I see in the future, an exciting life for the American family, a life of more leisure and enjoyable times, a life of higher quality, a life of greater freedom and equality among the American people who are different from one another. We have the best life in the greatest nation on earth."



VYČIAI IR PAVASARININKAI - 1927



Ši nuotrauka yra daryta 1927-tais metais prie Kauno miesto Rotušės, pirmosios Vyčių ekskursijos į Lietuvą metu. Skandinavijos linijos transatlantinis laivas „Lithuanica“ plaukė be sustojimo iš New Yorko iki Klaipėdos uosto. Dėl vandens seklumo negalėjo laivas priplaukti iki pat kranto.

Didįjį laivą pasitiko mažūsnis laivas „Smetona“, kuriame grojo Šaulių dūdų orkestras. Jame taip pat buvo prez. Antano Smetonos ir Ateitininkų atstovai ir Pavasarininkų šefas prof. Juozas Eretas, kuris 1926-tais metais buvo atvykęs į Ameriką ir Vyčius pakvietė į didžiulį Pavasarininkų Kongresą.

Ilgai truko džiaugsmingų Lietuvos organizacijų atstovų ir Amerikos Vyčių sveikinimai. Nuo jaudinančių sveikinimų ir Lietuvos kvapių gėlių mergaitės

susigraudino džiaugsmo ašaromis.

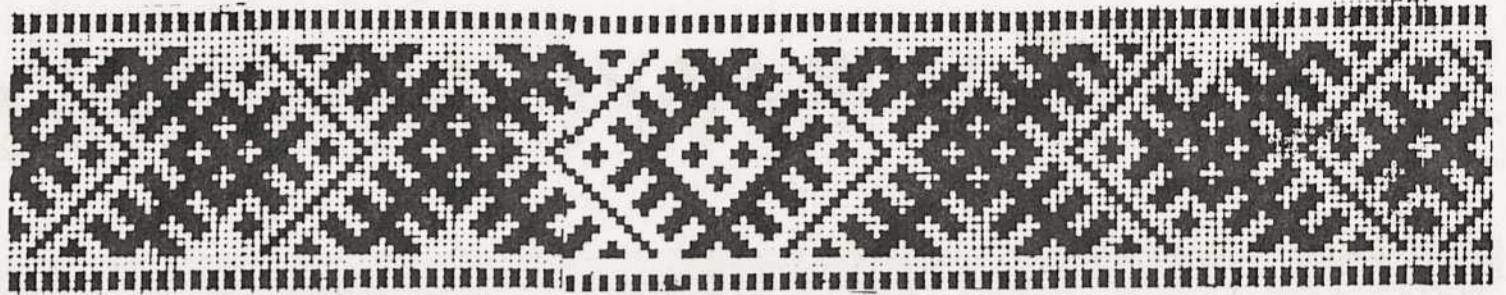
Iš dviejų kartų Vyčiai buvo pervežti į Viktorijos viešbutį, kur laukė iškilmingas Vyčių priėmimo bankietas, vėliau nakvynė.

Šioje ekskursijoje Vyčiai išgyveno neužmirštamus įspūdžius. Šioji pirmoji Vyčių ekskursija buvo pati didžiausia. Ji nuvežė aukso kardą generolui Silvestrui Žukauskui, kuris su savo nedidele armija ryžtingai išvijo bolševikus iš Lietuvos, tuo būdu išgelbėdamas Lietuvos Nepriklausomybę. Čia Vyčiai pasižymėjo savo tikra meile bei prisirišimu prie savo tėvų žemės Lietuvos.

Vyčiai yra pasižymėję gražiu vieningumu ir taiku. Lai ir toliau gyvuoja Vyčių idealai.

Adelė Gabalienė-Rubliauškaitė

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N O V E M B E R

- 8 C-12, Manhattan, CRAZY HAT DANCE, Our Lady of Vilnius Rev. G. Gurinkas Hall.
Music by Joe Thomas Orchestra
- 29 C-26, Worcester, DINNER DANCE, featuring Wally G's Polka Band, Maironis Park,
Shrewsbury, MA

D E C E M B E R

- 6 C-50, New Haven, CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE / KALĖDINIS KERMOŠIUS
featuring Music & Refreshments. St. Casimir Hall, New Haven, CT
- 24 C-12, Manhattan, 11th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOSPITALITY, after 8:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Rev. Gurinkas Hall, Broome
St., New York City, K of L Visitors to New York most welcome.

F E B R U A R Y

- 14 C-36, Chicago, ANNUAL HEARTS' DANCE, K of L Building, Chicago, IL

M A Y

- 16-17 "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" LITHUANIAN HOUR 40th ANNIVERSARY and
2000-th BROADCAST CELEBRATION. Sat. - Concert, featuring VAIVA
Ensemble of Chicago, Lithuanian Cultural Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. Sun. - Banquet,
after 12:00 Mass, Holy Trinity Church and Hall.
Dr. Jack J. Stukas, H.M., Director, cordially invites all K of L-ers to attend.

A U G U S T

- 68th NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION, University of
Scranton, Scranton, PA. Councils 74 (Scranton), 143 (Pittston), and 46 (Forest City)
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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The July 4th weekend began on the 3rd in Chicagoland and was truly a Lithuanian event. It began with a special dinner honoring Vyts Beliajus' 47th anniversary with Lith. dance groups. Vyts organized the 1st Lith. dance group in Chicago and currently in addition to his continued interest in folk dance, he is the editor of "Viltus" folk dance journal. The dinner was held in the Garden Room, Martinique with Frank/Eleanor Zapolis and Margi/Ed Mankus in charge of the arrangements for this most successful event.

On July 4th, our IID held its annual K of L Day Picnic. K of L Gardens and Bldg. Pres. Al Brazis expressed his appreciation to picnic chairman Harry Petraitis, Treas. Irene Sankus, Chairmen - Kitchen Vince Samaska, Prize Booth Gerry Mack and Monica Kasper, Raffles Estelle Rogers and Eleanore Kasputis, Candy Game Kazimiera

Petrulis, Horse Game Al Mockus, Juniors Booth AnnMarie Kassel, all of the members who worked as cashiers, bartenders, servers, ticket-takers, etc. and to those who attended the affair and helped to make it the success it was.

Among the guests attending were VLIK Pres. Dr. Kazys Bobelis of Florida, Rev. Adolfas Stasys of ALTAS, Dr. Jack Stukas and Loretta Stukas of New Jersey, BALF Pres. Mary Rudis and Anthony Rudis, Marty Rusgi of New Jersey, and John Andrulis of Cleveland.

On Sat., July 5th, the main event of the weekend was held - the K of L Dancers with Frank Zapolis as in-

structor, the K of L Choir, and Faustas Strolia, who was the musical director for the entire event. We are truly proud of Faustas, Frank, the K of L Dancers and our K of L Choir for their untiring efforts.

The final day of the weekend, Sunday, was Lithuanian Day on Lithuanian Plaza Court (formerly 69th St.) in the Marquette Park area. The street (mall) was closed to vehicular traffic and the merchants and various organizations displayed their wares, ran side-walk cafes, etc. to the delight of the thousands of visitors to the area.

We again participated in the Darius-Girenas Memorial Day Program hosted by the D-G American



Among guests at IID 4th of July Picnic: Rev. A. Stašys, Dr. Jack Stukas, Dalia and Dr. Kazys Bobelis, Irene Sankus, Aldona & Al Brazis

Legion Post at the site of the monument in Marquette Park dedicated to the two Lith. heroes and pioneer flyers, Captain Stephen Darius and Lt. Darius Girenas. John Paukstas of C-36 was the coordinator of this successful commemoration.

Our official IID delegates to the 1980 National Convention were Ann-Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus, who served on the Mandate and Nominating/Press Committees, resp. Bernice Pupinek, representing C-36, also served on the Mandate Committee.

Congratulations to Ann Marie Kassel, Faustas Strolia and Irene Sankus on re-elections to the National posts of Financial Secy., Lithuanian Language Coordinator and Public Relations Chairman, resp.

The members of the IID attending the convention reported that the So. Boston hosts outdid themselves with hospitality and good feelings overflowed. C36-112 Juniors Georgianne Kassel and Paul Strolia received Junior Conventionships and also reported that they enjoyed the activities planned for them.

Our Annual Convention meeting was held in Sept., K of L Bldg., with Pres. Algerd Brazis presiding. After the completion of the regular business, Nominating Committee chr. Al Zakarka conducted the elections of officers for 1980-81 with the following results: Pres. Vincent Samaska C-36; 1st Vice (Juniors) AnnMarie Kassel C-36; 2nd Vice (Membership) Eleanor Kasputis C-112; 3rd Vice (Seniors) will be appointed by the Chicago Senior Council; Secretaries Irene Sankus and Sophie Nieminski, both of C-112; Treas. Emily Petraitis C-112; Trustees Paul Binkis, Jr. and Harry Petraitis, both of C-112; Sgts-at-Arms Antanas Sereika and Louis Rogers, both of C-112. Long-time Sgt-at-arms Jerome Jankus resigned because of health reasons but will assist whenever possible.

Algerd Brazis will now serve as Chairman of the Board.

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Prof. Aleksis and Irene Sankus at Convention

C-112 — Chicago, IL

Best wishes to the delightful Maria Zakarka on her engagement to a charming gentleman, Ed Deksnis (incidentally Ed has joined our council and is already an officer). Maria began her K of L career as a junior member and then served not only as a junior counsellor but also is very active in our council activities. We are all looking forward to their wedding in 1981.

Maria's parents, Council President Al and Julie Zakarka recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a very special party for friends and relatives at the K of L Bldg. We all wish Julie and Al many more years of happiness. Their family life and dedication to the Knights of Lithuania is an inspiration to all.

As usual our council members were in the forefront as workers and participants at the IID Annual K of L Day Picnic. Harry Petraitis was the chairman and was assisted by Al/Aldona Brazis, Irene Sankus, Al/Julie Zakarka, Al/Ruth Dagis, Paul Binkis, Jr., Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper, Eleanor Kasputis, Estelle Rogers, Ed Krivickas, Antanas Sereika, Eleanore Laurin, Algis Skudra, Kazys Rozanskis, Emilija Pakalniskis, Sophie Nieminski, Bern-

adine Rogers, Maria Zakarka, Ed Deksnis.

Congratulations to the members of our council who participated in the 6th Šokių Šventė held during the July 4th holiday week-end. Choir President Estelle Rogers was very proud of our choir, which was one of 4 choirs invited to participate. The general combined choirs rehearsals were held at the K of L Bldg. and the hall was the scene of lively activities.

The 1980 National Convention in Boston was graced by Charlotte Brazdzionis who was our council's official delegate. Irene Sankus represented the IID and both ladies reported a good time was had by all.

Paul Binkis was unable to attend the convention due to his participation in the England Language Seminar sponsored by the Lithuanian Youth Organization in Canton, Ohio. Following the seminar, he journeyed to Camp Dainava along with Fr. Casimir Pugevicius and then to Pennsylvania for the C-144 Lithuanian Day Picnic. Paul expressed his appreciation to the Penna. people for their hospitality, especially Rita Shevokas, dance group leader, Helen Ambrose and Ann Valinsky.

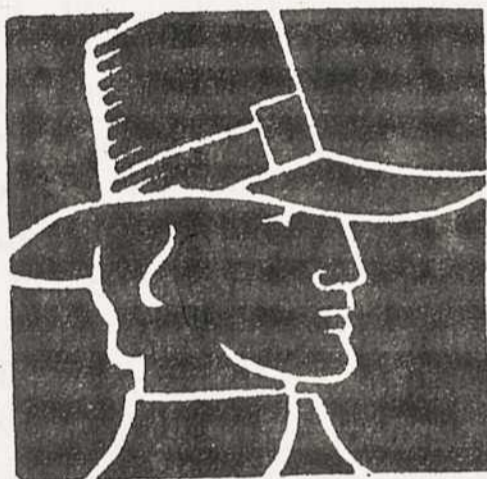
The September Board meeting was held at the home of Ruth and Al Dagis. As usual they were excellent hosts and the Board members enjoyed the socializing after business.

Traditionally our council members participate in the Our Lady of Siluva Procession at our home parish, Nativity BVM. This year we were joined by members of C-36 and the Chicago Seniors. The services had a capacity group and we were privileged to meet our new parish priest, Rev. Anthony Markus. Father Tony is most interested in the K of L and we hope to see him actively participate.

Our annual convention meeting and elections of officers was held in September and the officers for 1980-81 will be: Pres. Albert Zakarka; Vice Pres. Paul Binkis, Jr.; Rec. Secy.

Sophie Nieminski; Fin. Secy. Alice Cekanor; Corres. Secy. Betty Boezc; Treas. Monica Kasper; Trustees Albert Cekanor, Delores Wainauskis, Eleanor Kasputis; Sgts-at-Arms Louis Rogers, Antanas Sereika, Ed Deksnis. Our congratulations to them and we are certain they will lead our council to greater glory.

Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas will remain as our Spiritual Advisor.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-26 — Worcester, Mass.

We listened to Ann Bender as she gave complete coverage of the National Convention and concluded that our organization is indeed a viable, proven operation...67 conventions worth! Ours was a unique and great organization 67 years ago and it is just that even today. All of us have inherited a tradition that is bigger than any of us. We have an enviable record. We've been good at what we do. While people, events, and times change, the organization remains strong, a credit to our leaders, both lay and clergy, who believe in it and work to make it strong. Those who complain and lose hope are left behind. Those who believe in what the Knights of Lithuania can accomplish will continue to succeed.

Ann Bender and Rita Pinkus were our council's delegates to the Convention and were Convention secretaries as well, the busy gals!

Helen Gillus vacationed in the Berkshires. Dorothy & Al Seilius flew

to Colorado (with friends Ann & Steve Walinsky) to visit their son, Ralph, who had just completed the first plateau of studies at the Naval Air Force Academy.

Dr. Jeffrey Burl, a star on our council's bowling team, has completed his residency at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester and opened up a private practice in Paxton, Mass., located just outside Worcester. Congratulations and much success.

Joseph Godek, a pharmacist, has started his own business, operating a pharmacy in Gardner. Our best wishes in this new enterprise to out to Joe in full measure.

August was a sad month for two of our K of L families. Al Grudzinskas, husband of Eva and father of Michael, died suddenly, and Bill Leseman's father died. To the Grudzinskas and Leseman families we offer our prayerful condolences.

Ann Bucinskas spent some time at St. Vincent's before we even heard she was ill. But she recovered quickly...knew our best wishes were with her.

Ginny Lelakis tells us that the dinner dance to be held at Maironis Park on Nov. 29 will feature WALLY G'S POLKA BAND and hopes for a better-than-ever success.

Mary Duggan, Marion Shapiro and Agnes Law, with help from a few more, never fail to offer the best in goodies at the K of L table for the parish picnic. This year's picnic at Point Rok took place Sept. 7. Ellie & Steve Walinsky had a ball planning for the children, with their races and games and loads of balloons.

Father Robert Markunas, our parish son and a graduate of our parish school, St. Casimir's, was "home" during the summer. He celebrated Mass one Sunday with our pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC. Father Bob is a priest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus order. He gave a brief summer homily in excellent Lithuanian, interspersed with English

and sign language. EVERYONE understood! Father is stationed in a parish in San Antonio, Texas, and we boast that he is our newest member.

The men of the council's bowling team did not sit back once the season was over, waiting for the new season to begin. They filled that would-be void by playing basketball. They used Maironis Park's courts, and worked out each Thursday. The number of men involved made two teams possible and so were able to play against each other. Involved in this sports pastime were Peter Ivaska, Jim and Joe and Tony Zalieckas, Richard and John Godek, Jeff Burl, Joe Steiny, Jim Bender, Chuck Juskowiak, Jack Mesale and Mike Grudzinskas.

Su Diev, meili Vyciai, iki sekancio numerio!

Dzukele

C-103 — Providence, RI

August of 1980 developed some important changes for our Regulars council. Dynamic Ann Krecioch moved to Galveston, Texas. She is majoring in marine biology at Texas A & M, as a junior. Ann was a \$400 scholarship recipient at the Natl. Convention. Talented musician Susan Gudeczauskas of Coventry has parted for Philadelphia, Pa. She will be living with her sister, and has plans for transferring her K of L membership to the Philadelphia council. Second Degree Knight Paul Stoskus has moved from the Yale campus in New Haven, Conn. to Washington, D.C. His new domicile is eight blocks away from the White House. Katherine Krecioch has transferred from the main campus of the University of R.I. to its Extension Division in Providence. She will be a daily commuter.

The National Convention of our organization held in Boston was well attended by our members. Delegates and alternates were Pres. John Walaska, Treas. Anthony Gudec-

zauskas, Helen Gudczauskas, John Stoskus, Mrs. Irene Walaska, Joseph Waitonis, Ruth Krecioch and Irene Landanski. Mrs. Bertha Stoskus, NED President, was elected co-chm. of the presidium. Father A. Jurgelaitis and John Walaska were appointed to the Resolutions Committee. The Greetings Committee had the capable services of Helen Gudczauskas.

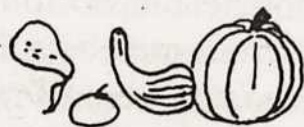
Father Vaclovas Martinkus, Spiritual Advisor of our Providence councils, attended the opening session and the cultural program Thursday evening. Ann Krecioch represented the Regulars as their delegate, Lori Bader the Junior's delegate. Mr & Mrs. Victor Mathieu were guests during the entire Convention and donated \$500 to the Natl. Scholarship Committee. Other members attending the various functions were Mrs. Agnes Waitonis, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Danicevicz, Regina & Marcella Krecioch, Peter Landanski and Mark Holmes.

The host Councils 17 did a remarkable job with the Convention. Our congratulations are extended to all the committee.

Vincent T. Ciuryla from Allentown, Pa. is to wed in November. He is the son of members Vincent & Bette Ciuryla and whose mother is a member of the NED Ritual Committee.

This writer had the distinct privilege of knowing the late Frank Vaskas, who died in August, for 44 years. His beloved cousin, the Rev. Joseph Vaskas, was one of my mentors at Marianapolis High School and College. We had the pleasure of hosting Frank's visits, both to Chicago, and Providence, on a number of occasions. May we remember him in our daily prayers.

Jonas



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-12 — New York, NY

Our last meeting, until the fall, took place June 8. It proved to be a bittersweet one. We were all happy to start well-deserved vacations, but at the same time, this was a sad reflective occasion, remembering Baisusis Birzelis.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Tomalonis, pastor of Ausros Vartu parish. Pres. Joseph Sleder presided. He urged members to keep our kuopa in mind throughout the summer, that is, selling tickets to our Nov. 8 Crazy Hat dance. For our kuopa there never is a vacation; we are never still. The vytika viekla is always foremost in our minds. Members participated in the July ceremonies of Captive Nations Week, and the August Natl. Convention.

Ritual Chm. Helen Yurkus officially welcomed our new member, Peter Zupkus. He was presented with a Vyciu pin, and our membership sang our anthem.

We then recalled the terrible days of June, 40 years ago, in Lithuania, written in blood in the pages of Lithuania's history. Elena Saulyte, a most dependable and hard-working guest-member of our council, moderated the commemoration. She pointed towards our trispalve draped in black and reminded the membership, "It is a sad day for all." Helen Matthews started the program by reciting a poem by Maironis, "Nedau-

gel Musu." (It was a special favorite of our late member, Milly Paskasimis, who had recited it for us last year.) Al Monkevicius read from "The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania," - "Mes ne vieni" (We are not alone), in which the Catholics of Lithuania thank the vyciai for their support. Maestro Mykolas Cibas, the organist of our parish, and his talented wife Eufemia, provided the musical part of the program. They presented a melo-dramatization of the poem "Paskutinis Birzelis" (The Last June) by Birute Pukeleviciute. It is a dramatic poem set to music which, a few years ago, was awarded first prize in a contest. Many of the more emotional members could not refrain from shedding a tear during this recitation, listening to the sweet but painful refrains.

Our main speaker for the occasion was Rev. Vytautas Pikturna who, with deep emotion recited the happenings of those very sad June days. Again the tears came. He urged us to do all within our power to aid the people in Lithuania. Many doors are open to us which are closed to them. He distributed copies of the "Chronicle" and urged all to read it carefully. The membership gave Father a standing ovation at the end of his talk. Elena closed the commemoration with prayer, and the members sang the Lithuanian and the Vyciu himnai.

The delightful fragrances drifting from the kitchen returned us to present day affairs. Larry Janonis invited all to the table which was heaped with a variety of delicacies. We must say, our council does not lack great cooks. This time even the mother of the famous Simas Kudirka made a culinary contribution.

But we cannot say that our entire June meeting was a sad reflective affair. During the refreshment period, our artist in residence, Joseph Boley, and member Helen Matthews, presenting a most amusing skit dealing with a situation in the life of a

"happily" married couple. All begged Joe to have more of the same in the future. It seems, besides cooks, we also have excellent actors.

It appeared as if nobody wanted to go home. All lingered a few minutes more saying their farewells. But soon they would be seeing their dear friends again - at the Captive Nations Week ceremonies, the Natl. Convention, and the picnic in Lakewood. And you can be sure, musu kuopa ten buvo!

Dalia

C-144 — Anthracite, Pa.

Spring ended on a beautiful note for the council with the very impressive Awards Night presented by our Ritual Chm. Helen Chesko. Aciu sirdingai, Helen. We are so fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated chairman.

Anne Sikora chaired the Annual Family Picnic at St. George's Grove and everybody had a ball. Anne always does everything well.

To Rita Shevokis, Anne Sikora and Tessie Balulis, we add a million aciu's for the tremendous job they did training the Jr. Knights "Marijos Varpeliai" in song and dance. They looked so good in their new Lithuanian costumes and the girls and boys performed beautifully.

Sincere condolences to John Koons on the loss of his brother, to Frances Rauba on losing her beloved husband Ignatz, and to Helen Chesko whose brother died suddenly while vacationing in Tel Aviv. We offer prayers for the return of health to Helen Haluska and Frances Stefanek, and all our sick. We are happy to see Helen Ambrose recovered after recent heart surgery.

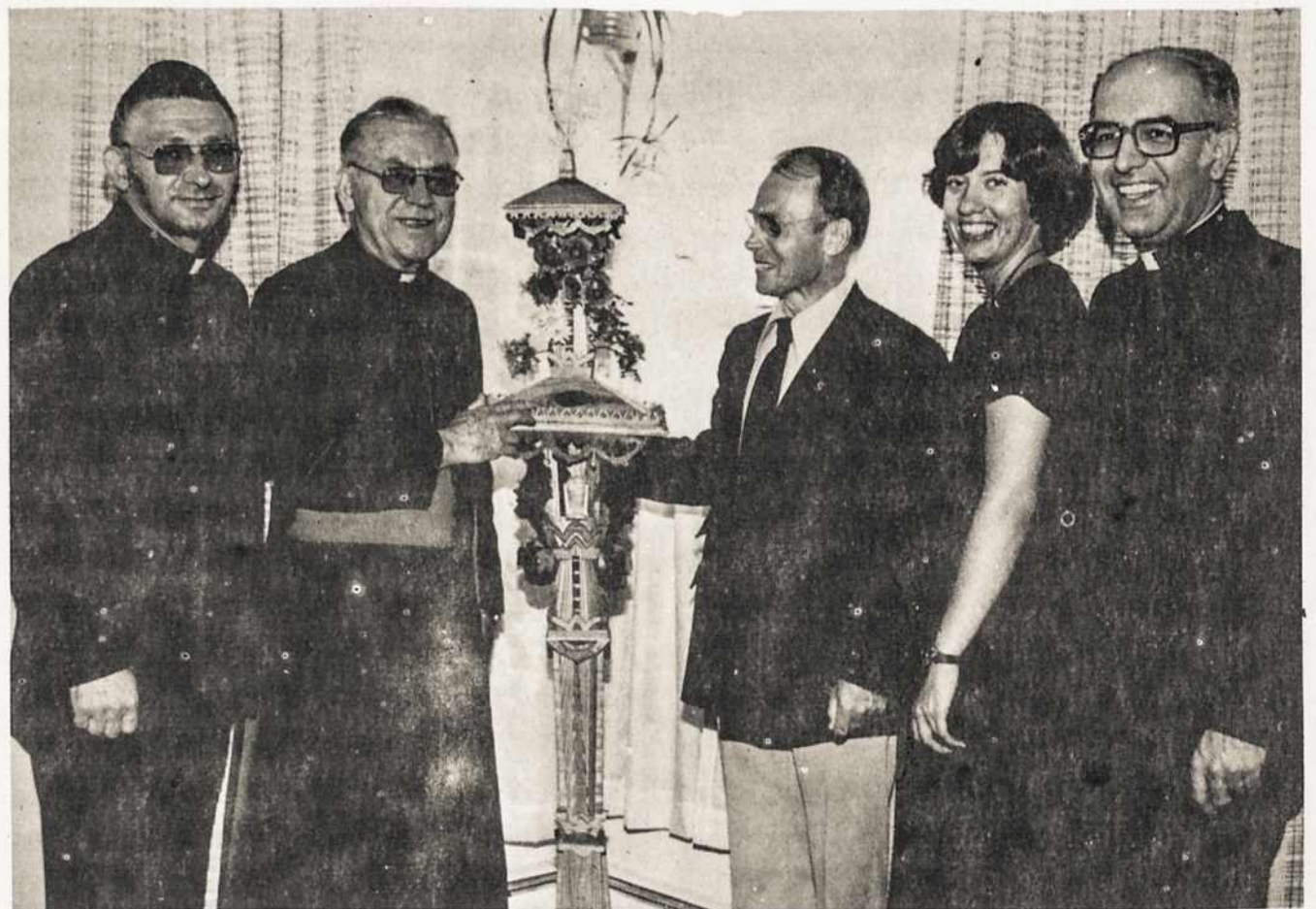
We are grateful to Bernice Mikatavage and her Lithuanian Affairs Committee who are doing such a tremendous job in letter writing. Our sincere congratulations to Anne Zaldaris who was presented with a

100-letter award at the Natl. Convention. Keep up the good work, Anne. Many of our members have adopted a Prisoner of Conscience and are writing to them. Anne Panchari and her committee are arranging for packages to be sent to the families of some of these people.

We also appreciate our Pres. Elsie Kosmisky's arranging the bus trip to attend the Natl. Convention in Boston. Everyone enjoyed it, and two of our members were elected to national office - Anne Wargo as Recording Secy. and Helen Chesko on the Ritual Committee. It was great seeing all the friends we made in the past few years and we thank the So. Boston councils for their hospitality. Our good friend, Gintaras Karosas of Baltic Associates, kept us all entertained. On the bus trip home, we had the loveliest mock-wedding with bride Anne Zaldaris and groom Stanley Burkevage. Is this a sign of what's to come, Anne and Stanley?

Of course, the big event of the summer was the 66th Annual Lithuanian Day. Joseph Yezulinas and his committee are to be commended for a job well done. The weather was perfect, the crowd was great, and the entertainment was terrific. Proceeds will be used for our new cultural center. It was so good to see our good friend, Father Dambrauskas, there, and he was able to get many signatures on the petitions for the beatification of Archbishop George.

The Pre-Lithuanian Day Banquet was also a success, thanks to Marge Yezulinas and Anne Sikora. Msgr. Neverauskas was honored with many citations, including the President of the U.S., the Governor of Pennsylvania, and many others. The beautiful Mass which was concelebrated by Msgr. Neverauskas, Father Al Bartkus, and Msgr. Anthony Muntone (who represented our bishop) was really awe inspiring. The talks given by Ginte Damusis and



C-144 Pre-Lithuanian Day Banquet, honoring Msgr. J. Neverauskas for his 40 years service to the Lith Community. l.tor. Rev. Al. Bartkus, Msgr. J. Neverauskas, Simas Kudirka, Ginte Damusis (Assoc. Dir. L.C.R.A.), Msgr. A. Muntone of Allentown, Pa. Diocese

Simas Kudirka at the banquet left everyone there moved and inspired. Stanley Vaicaitis was M.C. for the evening, and the Schuylkill County Lithuanian Chorus, Zarija, sang. After the banquet our friends from Boston, led by Gintaras Karosas, entertained. It was truly a grand night. Commissioner Al Matunis, who is always a big help to the council, had the flag flown over the Schuylkill County Court House.

The summer went by very quickly. Our best wishes to all our broliai ir seserai Vyciai for a warm, comfortable winter. Geriausios sekmes visiems.

Ona

C-100 — Amsterdam, NY

Birute & Stanley Ralys celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 14. A surprise party was staged May 24 by Regina Hartvigas with the assistance of the couple's daughter Kristina and the two bridesmaids, Gene Govis and Regina Kot, at the Sleepy Dutchman Restaurant. Prof. George Gravrogkas and wife, Dr. Aldona Baltch, attended from Loudonville. Father Baltch gave the invocation. Leonard Ralys of Richmond Hill, N.Y., who had sung at his brother's wedding, attended with his children. Our very best to Birute and Stanley.

Our annual summer outing was held on June 8. Mary Stanionis and her crew were busy on the phone contacting all members as to the covered dishes they would bring. A fairly good-sized group, including the Jrs., congregated at the summer residence of Dr. & Mrs. Adam Kindar at Galway, N.Y. Summer... it was not! After a morning downpour, the weather cleared, but the temperature dropped, and with it came strong cold gusts of wind. However, this did not stop everyone from eating a hearty meal and enjoying the activities. Mary Stanionis called everyone to gather around accordionist John

Whelly. She handed out song books and the voices rang out in the cold, cold wind. From "When It's Springtime in the Rockies" to "Daug, Daug, Daineliu" could be heard sung in excellent harmony.

The kitchen seimininkes included Judy Kastravickas, Mary Stanionis, Ann Radzevich, Betty Kuzmich, Helen Wojcik, Helen Radzevich, Spohie Malkowicz, Jennie Burimauskas, and Sadie (Petruše) Allen. Sadie, how did you get the nickname Petruše? Does it have anything to do with the apron you were wearing?

Chairing the event were Sophie Olbie, Gene Govis and Anthony Radzevich. Also assisting were Walter Malkowicz, William Burimauskas and Peter Sargalis. Thanks, too, to Jack Sweet for doing his part.

Leave it to the Jrs. to get wet! Somehow a canoe tipped over and six very wet Jrs. - Alan Drenzek, Bob Vennet, Lisa, Bill & Tim Saikal, and Jr. Pres. Michael Mikolaitis - appeared at the house seeking the warm glow of the fireplace to dry themselves. Joe & Stanley Rimkunas and Gerry Drenzek were lucky; they didn't join the group in the "wet frolic."

We had a visitor from our neighboring Syracuse council, Marija Vizgaitis, who was a house guest of Ed & Polly Ziausys. Aciu for joining in our singing, Marija!

Edna Stokna's donation to the outing was won by Regina Kot. Our newly appointed Supervisor, Virginia Valikonis, drew the lucky name.

Smile & Sparkle

C-110 — Maspeth, NY

Our council sent 25 delegates and one guest to the M.A. Dist. Meeting held June 1 in Philadelphia, Pa. Pres. John Adomenas and his gracious wife Antonette were conferred with Third Degree ritual awards at that time. Mr. & Mrs. Adomenas joined

our council in January, 1977. John served as vice president of the council before his election to presidency, in which he is serving his second term. He is also serving as Natl. 2nd Vice President, and as Membership Secy. of the M.A. District. Antonette is in her second term as Chairlady of the Ritual Committee. Through John's leadership, membership in our council increased from 30 to 171 members. He has been successful in implementing many social, religious and cultural events in response to the purpose of the organization summed up in its motto "For God and Country."

The Barn Dance held June 20 was a tremendous success. The caller was excellent, and the dancers responded by swinging their partners, that is, when they were not in the custody of Sheriffs George & Al Kuchinskas and George Dagus. Others who did a yeoman job to make the affair a success were Al & Stasia Kraujalis, Adele Dauzickas, Frank & Nellie Yuskevich and Terry Dagus. A special thanks goes to Father Bulovas, pastor of Transfiguration Parish, for allowing us the use of the hall.

Members of our council, led by Pres. John Adomenas, participated in Captive Nations commemoration ceremonies during Captive Nations Week. About 100 vyciai representing the K of L councils in the Metropolitan area attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and later, marched up Fifth Avenue under the Knights banner carried by M.A. Dist. Pres. Larry Janonis to Central Park where a rally was held.

We sent 20 delegates to the Natl. Convention in Boston in August. Maspethites elected to the Supreme Council were incumbents, Pres. Philip Skabeikis, Chm. of Lithuanian Affairs Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, and 2nd Vice Pres. in charge of membership John Adomenas. Next year's Natl. Convention will be held in Scranton, Pa.

Msgr. John Balkunas was a visitor

at our September meeting. He spoke about the development of the St. Petersburg, Fla. C-147 and their various well-publicized activities under the direction of Pres. and Honorary Member Antanas Mazeika.

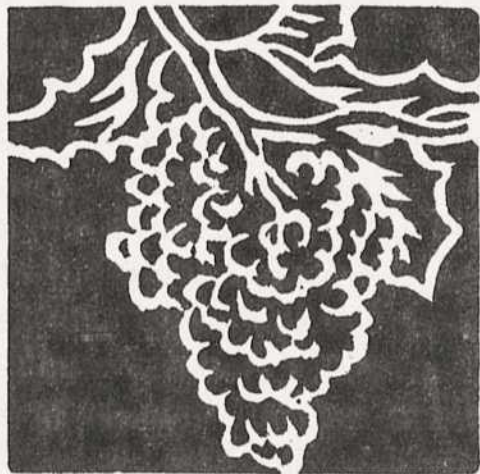
Congratulations to Donatas Uzas who was the September winner of the 50/50 club.

The Spring of '81 is now our target date for the erection and dedication of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine at Transfiguration Church.

Attendance at the 11 a.m. Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month at Transfiguration Church is improving. We ask each one of you for extra effort in this area.

Ramybes visiems.

Peter J. Yuskevich



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-96 — Dayton, Ohio

Quite a few members headed to Cleveland for the Spring MCD Meeting & Annual Mid-West Bowling Tournament the weekend of May 16-18. It certainly proved to be a very gratifying weekend. Of our four teams entered, they came in first, second, fourth & sixth. Good showing! The First Place team comprised the following: John A. Berczelly, Harley Karns, Mark Seikierka, Chris Mantz & Diane Kavalauskas. Individual winings went to John A. Berczelly, August Blum, Eleanor Mantz & Fran Petkus. We are looking forward to next year's host, DuBois.

MCD Pres. Aldona Ryan must be congratulated for the fine district meeting held on the 17. It was most productive. Delegates from our council were Eloise Berczelly, Mary Ann Blum, Eleanor Mantz & Fran Petkus. To our hosts, C-25, we can't say enough for their warm hospitality. Aciu labai!

Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis made special arrangements with the diocese for the council to hold its K of L Prayer Day with Mass in the evening at 7 P.M. on May 19. This enabled more members to attend and participation was good.

Members took part in the No. Dayton Booster's Club Memorial Day Parade on May 24. Under the helm of the committee, Cecelia Lisankis, Karl & Helen Keivel, and Bill & Ann Gitzinger, members and friends decorated a flat-top truck in a Lithuanian theme. Members wore their costumes, and music was heard coming from the float, thanks to Cecelia and her accordian. The parade, with an ethnic theme, was held in honor of the deceased from all wars.

The weekend of May30-June 1 saw the Holy Cross Parish Lithuanian Cultural Council take part in Dayton's 6th Annual World A'Fair at the Dayton Convention Center. Elinor Sluzas, Mary Ann Blum, Rita Ambrose & Judy Petrokas were in charge this year. Sally Miller chaired the Lithuanian ornament booth for our council while Ada Sinkwitz managed the egg decorating booth. Special recognition was given to one of our younger members, Greg Blum, for his time, patience & beautiful handwork in decorating the eggs. As in the past, it was good to see so many council members do their share to help make this parish project the success it was. As stated in past, if all nations could share the love tht flows out from all nationalities on this annual weekend, the world would be a beautiful, peaceful place in which to live.

Many thanks to Bea Noreikas for the treats she served following the June meeting. Bea was proud we brought home the traveling trophy as it is special to her. It was donated by our council in honor of her husband, Joe. Special guest at the meeting was Rev. Voldemaras Cukuras. At the August meeting, thanks to Joe Mantz, we celebrated Joe's birthday!

A warm welcome is extended to James & Connie Geiger, our newest members. Congratulations, Jim, for completing qualifications for the First Degree. Many active years ahead for all of you.

Social Chm. John A. Berczelly with his committee of wife Joyce, Judy Petrokas, Rita Ambrose, Chris Mantz & Harley Karns, hosted a true Hawaiian Night. The food was authentic Hawaiian cooking made from scratch. Turnout was terrific with everyone feeling great from the Mai Tais & Hurricanes! Nothing was wrong with the Pina Colada cake either. Matched for the mood of the evening was Leo & Elynor Matkins. To the committee and everyone who helped, especially at cleanup time, labai aciu.

Eloise Berczelly, Bea Noreikas, Stan Vaitkus and Fran & Michael Petkus were our delegates to the Natl. Convention in Boston. Their reports praised the fine sessions held. They were very impressed with Rev. Michael Bourdeaux, M.A., B.D. Upon learning that the Ford Foundation helped to fund Rev. Bourdeaux's book, "Land of Crosses", we urged members to write to the foundation thanking them for this support. Our delegates felt the panels were most interesting and all are looking forward to reading them in the VYTIS. Dayton delegates thought the Boston councils did a fine job in hosting the Convention. We congratulate Stan Vaitkus on maintaining his position of 3rd Vice Pres. in charge of Seniors, and Fran Petkus stepping up as Chm. of the Natl. Ritual Committee.

It is good to know that Mrs. Monica Petrokas is doing well. She is an inspiration to others with her good attitude. Jimmy Kavalauskas is also doing fine after a recent hospital stay. Prayers are sent to Tony Alexander, Torrington, that everything is going well for him. Eloise Berczelly, Bea Noreikas & Fran Petkus had a good visit with Tony and Pat on the way out to the Convention.

Our Lithuanian community was hit with three untimely deaths in less than a week. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Marie & Rosemarie Preidis on the loss of Tony, husband & father; to Jr. Knight Brian Fletcher, on the accident that took the life of his 17-year-old brother Tom; and to the family of the late Kay Sluzas. Although Kay was not a member at the time of her death, she was active in times past. Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.

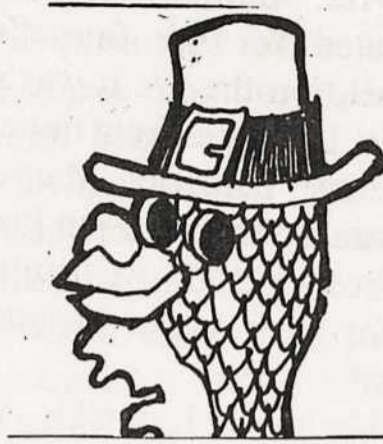
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C-25 — Cleveland, Ohio

Rev. Father Gediminas Kijauskas, SJ, our council's as well as the Mid-Central Dist. Spiritual Advisor, celebrated the 20th anniversary of his priesthood on June 18. The parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help honored him with a beautiful party and get-together, attended by many of his friends and members of our council. Pres. Gene Kunsitis & wife Ursula, Mr. & Mrs. P. Luiza, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Karklius and Nellie Arunski were among the many to help make Father's special day memorable.

Former members Vic & Betty August are now very active in the St. Petersburg council. We wish them both the best in their new Florida home.

We wound up our summer activities at a swim party held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Jakubs, who were kind and generous to allow us the use of their beautiful home and pool. In spite of the inclement



weather (rain), we all had a wonderful time. Our sincere thanks to the committee of Ursula Kunsitis, Joanna Shigo, Nellie Arunski, Nelda Machutas and Alice Karklis.

We missed Helen Garnis who is still doctoring from a fall at our Bowling Tournament. We all missed you, Helen. The heavy rains also kept Agnes & Bruno Bartkus from attending.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Machutas held a graduation party for daughter Linda, to which all members of our council were invited. It sure was nice seeing Mr. & Mrs. George Mikalauskas and family from Dayton at the party.

Your correspondent who recently was hospitalized for a heart attack is well on the road to recovery and wishes to thank everyone for their get-well wishes and cards.

Our council had good representation at the Mid-Central Dist. Pilgrimage in Pittsburgh, Pa. in October. We were glad to see many of our sister council members and friends there also.

Al Shigo

C-79 — Southfield, Mich.

The edge of autumn has already begun in the air, first a gentle coolness in the evening, then the softening of the long shadows. These are melancholic moments and a time to treasure, a sense of loss and regret to see summer slipping by.

This sense of loss has been exaggerated during a primary summer, and doubly so during the Republican Na-

tional Convention in Detroit where your columnist "tackled" a trip downtown and walked through the crowds, jotting down odds and ends. It was history in the making, a report card for all of us. The delegates with badges and credentials aflutter swelled the crowd wearing slogan-emblazoned "Detroit Loves a Good Party" buttons. A flock of newsmen and reporters everywhere looked and searched for "exciting" news. There was food, fluid and friendly action everywhere as struggling convention participants wound down the day's activity. The musical entertainment at the Hart Plaza amphitheater was a real treat, and a fleet review on the Detroit River gave a fantastic scene, with beautiful weather for an added attraction.

Back at Cobo Hall numerous booths displayed loads of literature and the media in action. There, you correspondent and hubby encountered a personal meeting with Mr. T.V. - Walter Cronkite. Greetings followed. Inevitably, my mood rushed from tongue-tied content to precious significance. Yes, he does enjoy good humor and smiled frequently. He looks better and younger in person than on T.V. A young girl in pigtails chased after Mr. Cronkite and asked for his autograph to which he complied, smilingly. (Now why didn't I think of asking for one?)

The sights and sounds of another convention are over, but the memories still linger on. We mean, of course, the Natl. K of L Convention in Boston. There, our council delegates were put into action almost immediately upon arriving. Marie Kase was on the Greetings Committee, Bertha Janus on the Mandate, and Maggie Smailis on Resolutions. Pres. Frank Zager, who represented the Mid-Central Dist., had been instrumental serving on the Nominating Committee. Sophie Zager wrapped up serving as Supreme Ritual Comm. Chairman.

All convention reports were concise, informative and productive. Natl. Pres. Philip Skabeikis gave one of the most formidable "State of Supreme Council" reports that we have heard in a long time. Father Pugavicius appealed for the support of the "Chronicle."

During a speakers' forum we were advised not to discard old records, books and other Lithuanian material belonging to our ancestors, that we should place them in the archives. There was a definition of family names, and we were urged not to have the names Americanized. What is the greatest contribution of Lithuanians in America, we were asked? "Take interest in your heritage and you will understand other cultural groups."

Other delegates who represented our council included Julie Belickas, Geo. Kase, Anthony Dainus and Chip Newberry. Chip also participated with the Boston Juniors.

Our pride swelled during the banquet when Tony Dainus was bestowed

with an Honorary Degree. Prof. A. Aleksis, HM, who just a few hours earlier himself had been honored with a special award, highlighted memorable thoughts of Tony's numerous accomplishments. In his acceptance message, Tony emphasized the determination and integrity of early immigrants who were instrumental in the building of Lithuanian churches and contributed to the organizational growth and cultural foundation of the K of L. Because of this inspiration Tony implemented his activities and sense of dedication to the K of L motto "For God and Country". Congratulations, Tony, and labai aciū to the Honorary Comm. for all their efforts.

Many thanks to the Convention Comm. for their warm hospitality and hard work in making the convention successful. Despite the grueling agenda, most of the exhausted delegates went home with smiles on their faces and registration in mind for next year's Natl. Convention in

Scranton, Pa.

A gala wedding reception on June 29 followed a special 50th Anniversary Mass for Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kratage at Divine Providence Church. Nine clergy were present who in the past have served as pastors or had other spiritual significance in their lives. The reception was hosted by their 3 children, Robert of Florida, Virginia of Birmingham, Mich., and Marion of Washington, D.C., and their families. The couple have six grandchildren. Among greetings received were some from Bierut, Lebanon and the Jordan. A musical program with some favorite songs of the "vintage year" was rendered by a delightful duet of Chicago. Ilgiasiu laimingu metu!

Stella & Walter Hotra seem to be echoing a happy tune. Their daughter, Valentina Bulota & family, have moved back home to Detroit. Stella will see more of her grandson, Anthony, and a hearty welcome is extended to the Bulotas.

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Jr. C-96 — Dayton, Ohio

May, the month of our Blessed Mother, saw the Jrs. continue their tradition of crowning our Lady's statue on Mother's Day, May 11. Elena Mikalauskas had the honor this year of placing the wreath on our Blessed Mother's head. Annmarie Sluzas and friends from C.J. High School, along with other Jrs., comprised the choir for the 8 a.m. Mass. Our group were servers and offertory bearers, also. Members sat in a body sharing the Mass for our living and deceased mothers.

After Mass, all were invited down to the church basement for a buffet breakfast served by the Jrs. and their advisors, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Petkus.

The food was certainly plentiful. We had a special "crazy hat" show in the Mother's Day theme which was quite original. We hope our mothers and fathers enjoyed it. Our thanks to Jack Zilinkas who helped with the cooking and to other members who helped with the cleanup.

Belated thanks to Mr. & Mrs. George Mikalauskas for entertaining the Jrs. with lunch and a bowling trip. Mary Lou Lastoski is thanked for making special arrangements at a local bowling establishment giving our Jrs. a discount.

During July 13-20 we went camping at Lake Hope under the supervision of our advisors, Mr. & Mrs. Petkus, and their two older sons, Chucky and Paul. Because of the work we had done in the past, we had

enough money to rent a cottage, which was laid out as dorms. The week was filled with all kinds of exciting activities. We went fishing, horseback riding, hiking and boating. Any free time was spent at the beach trying to get a suntan. In the evenings, we built campfires, roasting hot dogs, smores, and pies. We stayed by the fires for hours singing songs and telling stories. We all had a wonderful time. It was a fun week with Mother Nature doing her share by giving us good weather. We plan on taking part in a flea market at the Convention Center, and having a paper drive. We hope to put back some of the money in our treasury for future "fun" activities.

Our Jr. members say "hello" to all other Jr. council members throughout the organization. Labas!

Elena Mikalauskas

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Thank you for a job well done.

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