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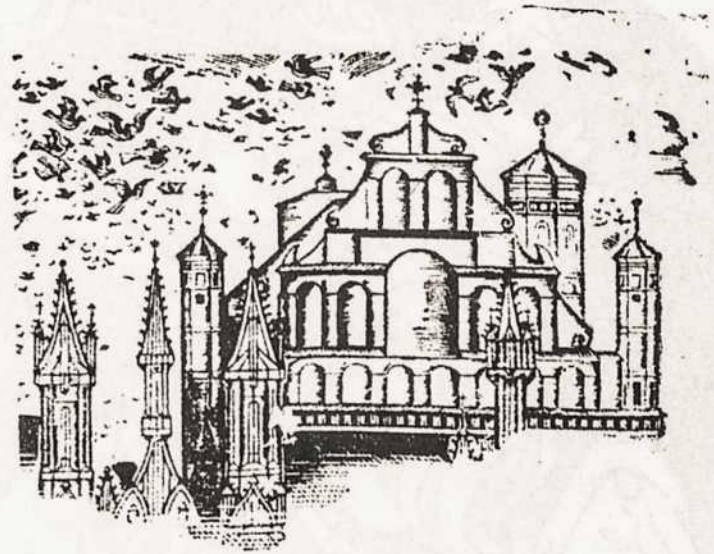
## ARTOJŲ MALDA KALĖDŲ KRISTUI

Juoda naktis. O žemėj balta, balta...  
Nuo Mūšos lig Šešupės spindi žvaigždės.  
Pro naktį didelę, pro juodą ir pro šaltą  
Iš tolimų skliautų šviesi giesmė ataidi.

Ir klauso jos laukai, kalnai ir kloniai,  
Ir girių gelmės ją kaip ryto gandą girdi,  
Ir iš pilkų, beprasmiškų dienų kelionės  
Giesmės aidan pabudę šaukia širdys — — —

— Mes be Tavęs, Kalėdų Kristau, pūga,  
Mes be Tavęs tiek metų žiemą šalom, —  
Tegu paliaus čia siaurės vėtros stūgaut,  
Tegriš pavasaris į mūsų vargo šalį...

Kalėdų Kristau, laimink mūsų pirmą vagą,  
Palaimink grūdą, kritusį į juodą žemę,  
Te Tau, kaip žvaigždės, prakaito lašai mūs dega,  
Te iš Tavęs auksinės varpos derlių semia.



Palaimink protėvių kapų kalnelį šventą,  
Ir našta knygnešių, ir ištremtųjų kančią,  
Ir amžių palikimo didį testamentą,  
Ir kruvinas rankas nuo darbo ir nuo pančių...

Palaimink, Kristau, jauną žalią gojū,  
Ir pagriovėlio baltąją ramunę,  
Ir baudžiavoj parpuolusį artoją,  
Ir amžių amžiais gyvą panemunę!

Palaimink, Kristaus, dobilo atolą,  
Gera ranka paglostyk kviečio varpą brandžią,  
Pjūties gubų ledai tencužpuola,  
Ir iš pastozės nebeidyk baltų balandžių

Palaimink, Kristau, mūs žiemkenčių sėją,  
Ir duonos daigo te pikta šalna nešaldo,  
Sodybas saugok nuo pagairių ir nuo vėjo,  
Išgirsk, Kalėdų Kristau, mūsų malda,

— — — Ir klauso jos laukai, kalnai ir lankos,  
Ir girių gelmės ją kaip ryto gandą girdi, —  
Ir Dievo Kūdikis viršum namų, viršum visų laukų ištiesia  
Ir tyliai laimina visų artojų širdis... /ranką



*Naujos Anglijos Apskrities*

*Šventų Kalėdų*

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**NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT**

# ARTISTRY IN STRAW

by Theresa Strolia

Mrs. Ursula Astris of Grand Rapids, Mich. is a very unassuming person when you first meet her. However, one look at the art she creates and you realize that you'd better look twice.

Shortly before Christmas, Mrs. Astris brought her "straw paintings and ornaments to Chicago for an exhibit. Most Lithuanians are probably unfamiliar with this unique folk craft. Mrs. Astris immerses the straw in hot water. When it is softened, she slits and flattens it. Then it is ironed.

She cuts the pieces into the shapes and sizes she needs to make her lovely pictures and Christmas ornaments.

These raw pieces are glued to black velvet or other cloth, then formed and covered with glass.

If you are lucky enough to possess one of these pictures, you soon find it is an instant conversation piece. As an example of Lithuanian folk art, it is a unique and beautiful expression of the wealth and depth of our cultural heritage.



*Mrs. Ursula Astris and Theresa Strolia.*

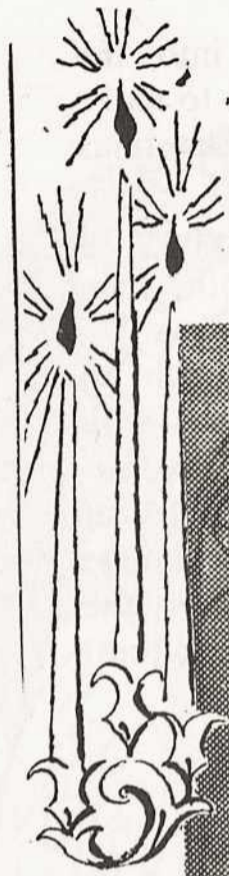


ARTISTRY IN STRAW

*Naupis Anglice Apokrypha*

by Thomas Storer

# REJOICE



**C**hrist the Savior is born again! As you celebrate, may all your prayers and hopes be fulfilled bringing you peace and contentment.

*[Faint, illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

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## WHEN MIRACLES HAPPEN...

When miracles happen, people stop short, become puzzled; they experience a shock of doubt: Can this really be? No, it's impossible! But I saw, I heard... it happened!

When a miracle happens, an event takes place that cannot be explained by the ordinary laws of nature. Some cool evening start a fire. Not any place, but in a fireplace, of course. When the flames are leaping merrily upwards, toss in a ten dollar bill. Watch the tongues of fire lick it, envelope it, gently toss it about. Now, close your eyes for about five minutes. Open them. There on the bricks is the ten dollar bill unblackened, unscorched, totally unharmed.

This was a miracle. Nature's law that fire burns paper did not work. Some power above nature suspended the law.

Such events (miracles) do not happen too often; and when they do take place, the explanation is to be found in the Giver of Nature's laws, in God, Himself.

The amazing fact is that sometimes God chooses to share with people (some people and very few people, at that) this power to override certain natural laws.

The greatest miracle-worker was Jesus Christ. Rising from the dead Himself, restoring life to others, instantaneously healing the sick are but a few of the miracles of Christ.

Historical records show that at times other persons were given that power to surpass the ordinary course of nature. These persons were looked up to as something special, and such they were. They are called Saints. Miracles and Saints seem to go together.

If ever you meet up with a Saint, watch carefully, you do not know when he or she may be touched by God's special gift to work a miracle.

And on the other hand, if ever you chance upon a real, true miracle, look around and you will find a Saint nearby.

Notice that the word Saint is being written with a capital "S". This is being done deliberately to point out that only the Church has the authority to proclaim a Saint and only the Church can approve a miracle and declare that it is the result of the special intervention of God.

In the long and complicated process leading up to Sainthood the Church studies and evaluates the entire life of the candidate—written thoughts, spoken words, deeds and accomplishments. The Church, also, looks for miracles, not only during the person's lifetime, but even after death. Ordinarily, two miracles (real,

true, first class) are required for the first step, which is Beatification and two more for the second step, Canonization.

So, when miracles happen, we know we are dealing with a person favored by God, a very holy person, indeed.

Archbishop George Matulaitis died in Kaunas, Lithuania, on January 27, 1927. In 1934 his body was transferred from the Cathedral of Kaunas to his home parish in the town of Marijampole. Accompanying the body to its new resting place and riding in the hearse was Father Ladislaus Polanskis, pastor of a nearby town of Veliuona. For many years he had been suffering from a sore that just would not heal. As he was riding, a sharp pain in his side inter-





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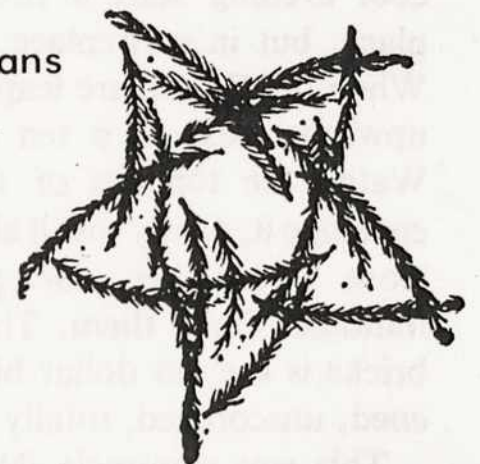
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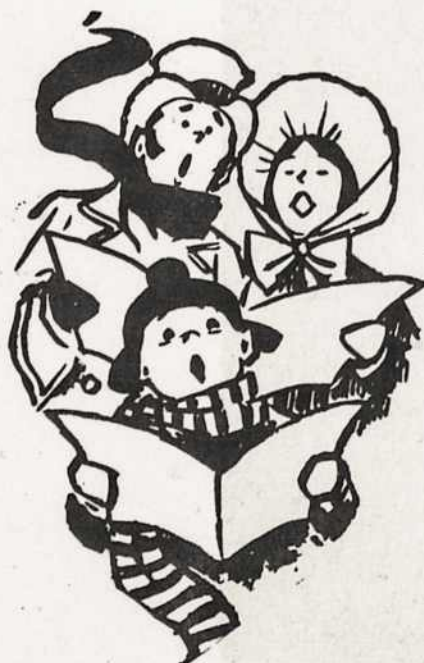


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rupted his prayers *for* the Archbishop and almost in desperation Father Polanskis whispered a prayer *to* Archbishop Matulaitis for health, for a cure.

Two or three days later Father Polanskis realized that something strange had taken place and that something was oh, so good. His festering wound was completely dry and healed. It dawned on him that Mother Nature does not work so swiftly, especially on a fistula that resisted all medical treatment for several years.

A miracle?

So it seemed.

Many such extraordinary healings have been documented in the Process of the Beatification of Archbishop Matulaitis. But the Church has not yet officially approved any of them. However, there are indications that some of these cures may be "approvable" as real, true, first class miracles.

Lithuanians the world over are hoping and praying that Pope John Paul II will soon pass favorably on the holy life of Archbishop Matulaitis and approve the miracles which have been submitted and declare him Blessed.

We, Knights of Lithuania, com-

mitted ourselves at the 1980 Convention to make a second and greater effort to help in the Beatification of our Lithuanian Archbishop. We are calling this Phase II in which through prayer we ask God for this favor and through signed petitions we request the Holy Father to examine his saintly life and the favors granted at his intercession and then, if it be the Will of God, to declare officially and infallibly that Archbishop Matulaitis is with the Saints in Heaven and may now be invoked as Blessed.

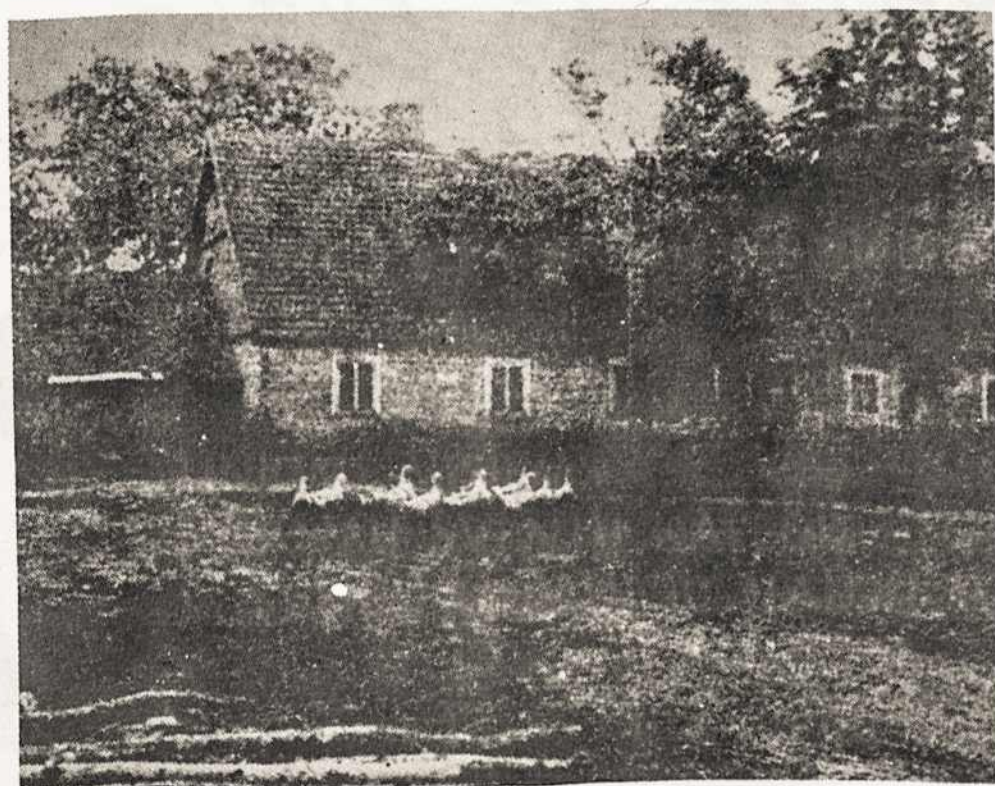
Some favors God grants without our prayers, other favors He will grant, only IF WE PRAY—and pray enough.

Today, right now, is a good time to say a little prayer. And tomorrow is a good day. And the next day, too. Every day is a good day to pray for the Beatification of Archbishop George.

—A.A.J., op



The room where he was born.



The yard and house where little George ran and played.

1871-  
1927

## PRAYER

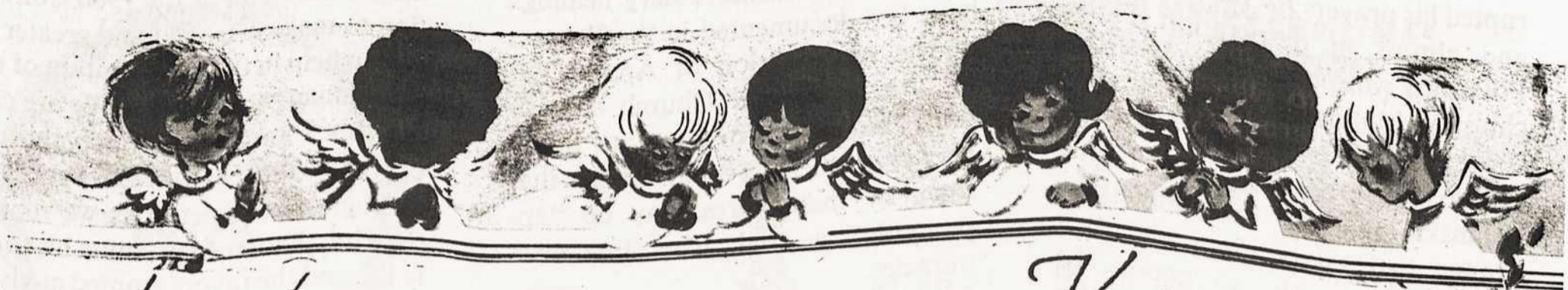
for the

*Beatification and Canonization  
of the Servant of God,*

ARCHBISHOP GEORGE

O Most holy and indivisible Trinity, Who in life makest Thy abode in the hearts of those who serve Thee faithfully, we humbly beseech Thee that Thy servant, Archbishop GEORGE, who, with the help of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, has served Thy Church with apostolic zeal, through her intercession be crowned soon with the aureole of the saints. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory be . . .



Sveikiname visus Vyčius  
 Šventomis Kalėdomis  
 Linkėdami visiems gausių  
 Kūdikiėlio Jėzaus  
 Malonių, palaimos ir Jo ramybės.  
 Teatneša Naujieji Metai visiems  
 Laimės, sveikatos ir ryžto  
 Vytiškai darbuotis  
 Tautai  
 ir  
 Bažnyčiai!



ANTHRACITE



144-toji kuopa

## Prayer To Saint Lucy Protectress of the Eyes



Oh blessed and beloved Saint Lucy, Protectress of all who are suffering visual problems and eye diseases, preserve our most precious gift of sight, so that it may be easier to praise our Lord.

Grant us, oh beautiful Martyr of Syracuse, that in contemplating the beauty of the sky, the serenity of the forest and the sea, the starlit nights - our eyes may see in all this, the glory of God who directs and rules over all. You, who even in your name carry the splendor of light, grant that our eyes may be opened to the wonders He has set before us and always closed to the ugliness of sin.

Oh dear Saint Lucy, we beseech you to ask our dear Jesus to protect the light of our eyes so that we may make good use of them, for the well-being of our souls and for the benefit of mankind.

Amen.

*This prayer was written by Dr. J. J. Mikatavage as a conclusion of a talk on Glaucoma to the Marian Guild of Palmerton Pennsylvania, on the thirteenth day of December 1964, the feast day of Saint Lucy.*



(Courtesy of Bernice Mikatavage, C-144)



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## TYLIĄ NAKTĮ

1. Ty - lią nak - tį Šven - tą nak - tį glo - bia pa - lai - ma vi - sus  
2. Ty - lią nak - tį Šven - tą nak - tį sku - ba pie - me - nys ban - dos  
3. Ty - lią nak - tį Šven - tą nak - tį gi - mė Die - vas ir žmo - gus

Nedideliame Austrijos bažnytkaime Oberdorke, netoli Zalcburgo, 1818 metais Kūčių vakare sėdėjo klebonijoje kunigas Juozapas Mohr ir susimąstęs žiūrėjo į besileidžiančią saulę. Priešais sūtemomis gaubėsi kalnai, o jų viršūnes glamonėjo paskutiniai spinduliai. Slėnys, susitraukęs tarp kalnų, atrodė tarsi koks išsiketrojęs medis. Sakytum, tarsi Kalėdų eglutė.

Kunigas žiūrėjo į kalnus, į slėnį, į žieminius rūbais apsigarbsčiusius žmones, einančius į bažnyčią. Kunigas Mohr galvojo, ką šianakt pamoksle pasakys per Bernelių Mišias.

Pradėjo sklaidyti Šv. Rštą. Jis atsivertė šv. Luko Evangeliją, kur jo dėmesį patraukė dziugūs Viešpaties Angelo žodžiai nusigandusiems piemenims: "Nebijokite, nes štai aš skelbiu jums didelį džiaugsmą, kurs bus visai tautai, kad šiandien jums gimė Dovido mieste Išganytojas, kurs yra Kristus Viešpats."

Kai kunigo mintys pradėjo ausiti gerosios naujienos turinį, staiga kažkas pasibeldė į duris. Moteris, apsigaubusi skara, paprašė kunigo, kad jis pakrikštytų neturtingo miško darbininko šeimoje ką tik gimusį kūdikį.

Kunigas Mohr užvertė Šv. Raštą, užsidėjęs skrybėlę, išskubėjo su

vėlyba viešnia. Pakrikštijęs kūdikį, palaiminęs laimingą motiną ir palinkėjęs linksmų Kristaus gimimo švenčių, kunigas apsisukęs išėjo namo.

Tą vakarą, bažnyčioje kunigas Mohr pakilia dvasia aukojo Bernelių Mišias ir kaip įkvėptas kalbėjo apie Betliejaus prakartėlę, apie džiaugsmo himnus giedančius angelus ir gimusį kūdikį...

Kai grįžo į namus, buvo glūdi naktis. Ramybė klostė visą Oberdorko bažnytkaimį. Žiburėliai vienas po kito gėso mažučiuose languose. Tačiau kunigas Mohr negalėjo miegoti. Jis atsisėdo prie stalo, pasiėmė plunksną ir mėgino rašyti. Viduje subrendusios mintys ir išpuzdžiai doštoši į žodžius, žodžiai į eilutes, eilutės į nuostabią giesmę.

Ir taip gimė nemirštama giesmė:  
Tyli naktis, šventa naktis  
Miega visi, budi tik  
Šventoji pora vienuoj.  
Miegok, Dievo Kūdikėli,  
Dangiškoj tylumoju...

Kalėdų rytą kunigas Mohr padavė savo giesmę mokytojui Gruberiui ir kukliai prasitarė:

- Pažiūrėkite, ką jūs galėtumėt su tuo padaryti.

Mokytojas perskaitė giesmės žodžius vieną, paskui kitą kartą ir nušvitusiu veidu šūktelėjo:

-Kunige, tai tokia Kalėdų giesmė, kokios mes ištikrujų reikalingi...

Mokytojas Gruber užsidegė sukurti giesmei muziką. Netrukus jis grįžo linksmam šypsodamasis ir laikdamas rankoje pribraižytą lapą.

O Ma - ri - ja prie Sū - ne - lio  
Ly - di an - ge - lų gies - me - - lė  
I - tam - sas ir nu - liū - di - mą

Buvo lengva, sušuko jis - nes jūsų žodžiai patys gieda. Mokytojas Gruberis paėmė į rankas seną gitarą, pirštais brūkštelėjo per stygas ir kambaryje pasklido lengva ir džiugi giesmės melodija. Kieme belakstą vaikai nutūno - jie klausėsi negirdėtos, bet tokios gražios giesmės...

Praėjo Kalėdų šventės... Netrukus Oberndorko bažnytkaimyje atsilankė garsus vargonų meistras

Karlas Mauracheris. Pasitaisęs tironiškus drabužius, užsuko į kleboniją ir tuoj pradėjo taisyti sugedusius vargonus.

Kai darbas buvo baigtas, Gruberis atsisėdo prie vargonų, juos pabandė ir pradėjo groti Tyliają naktį...

Meisteris Mauracheris susižavėjęs klausėsi jam negirdėtos muzikos

- Ar jūs neturėtumėt nieko

prieš, jei aš ją su savimi pasiimčiau? - paklausė nudžiugęs meisteris. - Mano gyvenamos vietos žmonėms ji tikrai nepaprastai patiks...

Atsisveikinęs su savo bičiuliais, meisteris Mauracheris patraukė per slėnius ir kalnus, ir kur tik ėjo, visur mokė naujosios giesmės. Giesmei sklindant iš vieno bažnytkaimio į kitą, žmonės pradėjo ją vadinti Dangaus Giesme...

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ne - ša švie - są at - gi - mi - mą pa - lai - mą — dēl

nus, — dan - giš - kus — sap - nus. —  
sos, — prie dan - gaus — švie - sos. —  
mūs, — pa - lai - mą — dēl mūs. —



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to all

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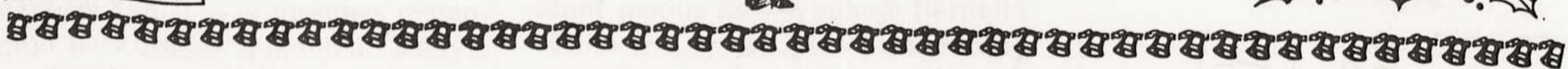
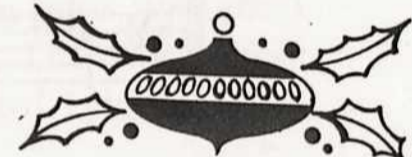
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### THE K of L SCHOLARSHIP

#### WHAT IS IT?

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

Scholarships are awarded annually as a *grant*. Applications may be submitted no later than June 30 of each year. The awards, totalling up to \$1,000.00 are paid to the recipient in two installments. In exceptional cases, the grant may be made in one lump sum. Scholarships are awarded to different Knights each year and a second award will not be made to the same individual.

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

Scholarship awards may be made to a person for under-

graduate or graduate work. There is no age limitation. Organizational activity within the Knights of Lithuania is one of the most important criterion for obtaining a scholarship along with the following requirements and stipulations:

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

#### How Do I Apply?

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# Lithuanians in The

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**Dr. Joseph B. Jerome**, C-112, Chicago, was recently honored at the U.S. Pharmacopeial convention in an unusual ceremony that took place on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington. The ceremony was described as "an historic moment in medicine and one of the rare occasions when the House has allowed non-members to conduct a ceremony in its chambers."

Known throughout the world as "Mr. Nomenclature", Dr. Jerome is considered the man most responsible for the coining of names for generic drugs. The American Medical News, official publication of the American Medical Association, stated: "Dr. Jerome is widely credited with designing and implementing the systematic method that is used for naming generic drugs. He has made it into a science, not only for the United States but for the entire world. Thanks to his efforts, people in all parts of the world can know precisely what is meant when a generic drug name is cited."

Dr. Jerome is director of the AMA's Department of Medical Terminology and Nomenclature, has served as executive secretary of the U.S. Adopted Names/Council, and also as chairman of the World Health Organization nomenclature committee.

Aside from his notable work in drugs, Dr. Jerome has also been very active in Lithuanian Affairs, the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce, the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation, and the Knights of Lithuania. Currently he is serving as vice-president of the American Lithuanian Council and treasurer of the World Lithuanian Catholic Federation.



America's Ethnic Heritage - Lithuanian Culture Series - was presented for eight weeks during the months of September and October at the Chicago Lawn Branch of the Chicago Public Library. Every Wednesday night various topics were covered with talks, films, displays and discussions by prominent Lithuanian speakers. The purpose of the program was to acquaint the American community with Lithuanian literature and culture.

Pictured from left are Naza Tiwana, area director of the American Ethnic Heritage programs of the Chicago Public Library; Dr. Marija Stankus-Saulaitis, professor at the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus; Elizabeth Woods, Chicago Lawn Branch Librarian; Josephine Dausvardis, C-112, Lithuanian Consul General; and Stanley Balzekas, Jr., C-36, member of the public library board of directors and President of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture.



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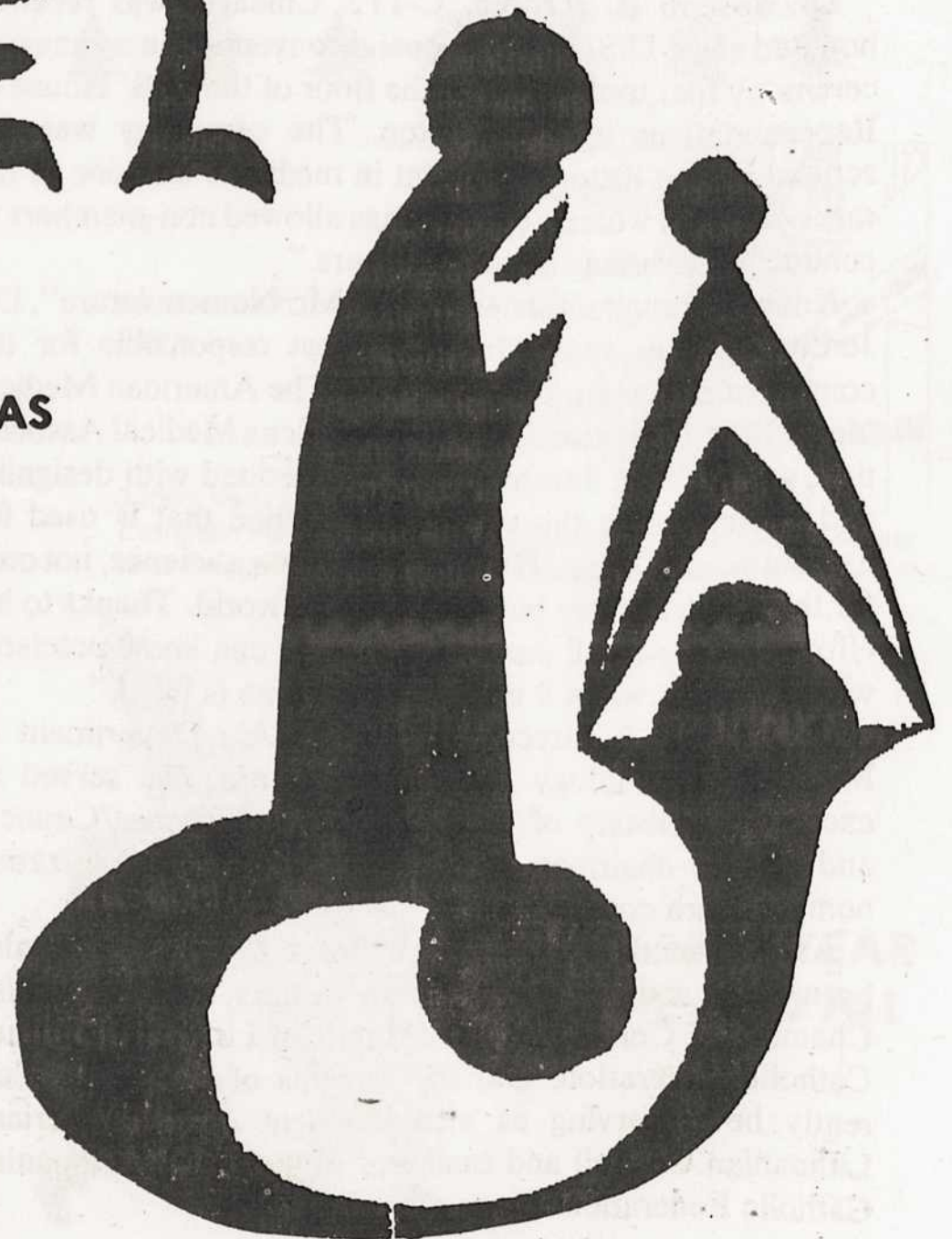
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**A HAPPY AND A HOLY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**

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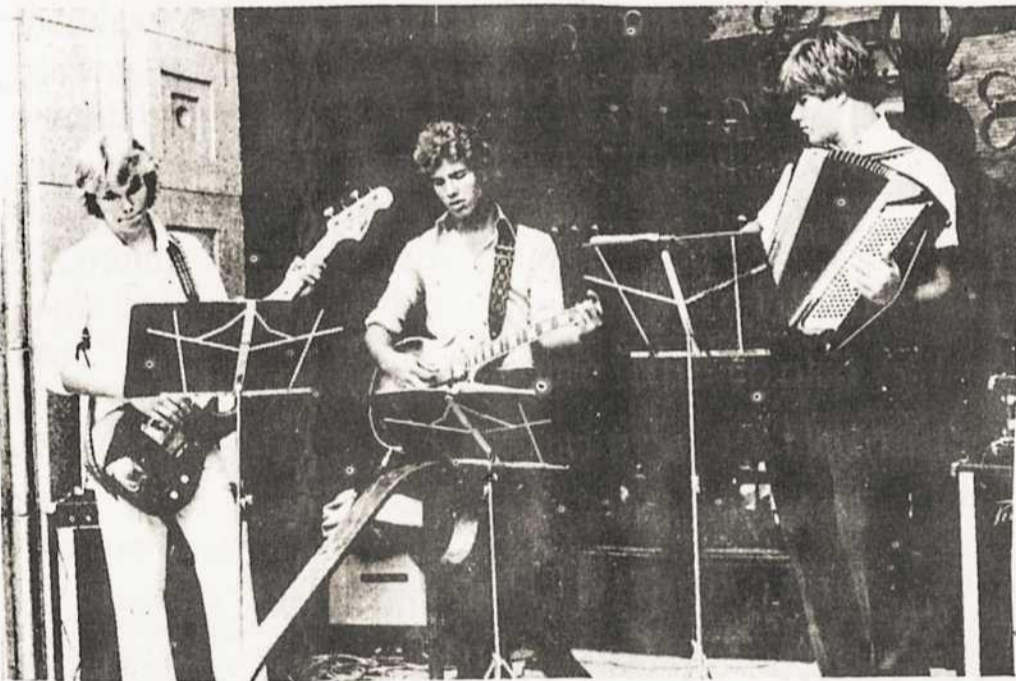
**ST. GEORGE PARISH  
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**AND**  
**Monsignor JOSEPH NEVERAUSKAS**  
**Author of**  
**"The adventures of Ziggy Zilch"**





**William A. Sidtis**, member of C-110, Maspeth, was recently inducted into Phi Alpha Theta. This is an international society in History. The membership of Phi Alpha Theta is composed of students and professors who have been selected to membership upon the basis of excellence in the study of the writing of History. It is the largest of the accredited honor societies holding membership in the Association of College Honor Societies. Mr. Sidtis is presently attending St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn Campus, majoring in History with a Business concentration.



**Thomas and Paul Strolia**, C-36/C-112 Juniors, and **Darius Polikaitis**, have formed a group called the "Aidas" orchestra and are shown entertaining at the "Draugas" picnic recently. Thomas and Paul are the sons of **Faustas and Theresa Strolia**, C-36.

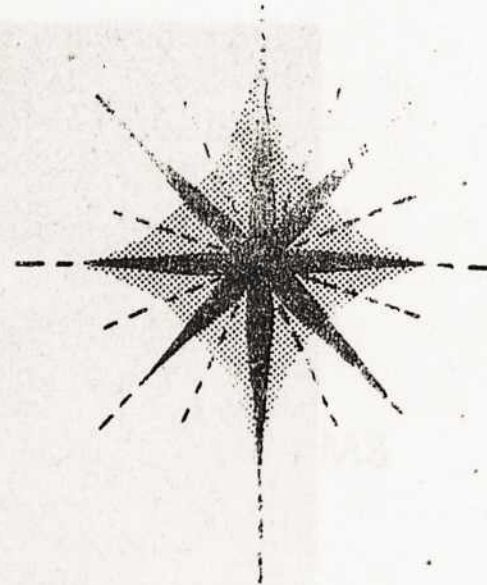
"Dining in the Bloomingdale, Ill. home of **Praurima Ragas** is like watching a musical - you never know when someone will burst into song," as quoted from the Suburban Trib. The Lithuanian custom of singing at home and at family gatherings fostered Praurima's love for her native country's folk songs. She received her training at the Chicago Conservatory of Music and at the studio of **Izabele Motekaitis**, a once famous opera singer in Lithuania. She has sung for the Lithuanian Operetta Company, in recitals and on tours. Praurima's first record was released in May, a collection of songs and arias from operas with a folk song flavor entitled "Praurima sings 'There is a Land'."



Native Lithuanian costumes highlighted the annual outdoor procession in honor of Our Lady of Siluva at Nativity BVM Church, Chicago, Sept. 14th. More than 1,000 people participate in the procession each year.



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A charming story appeared in the Philadelphia Bulletin in July entitled "Granny's a tough cookie". Lillian Stulpon was one of the boat people of 1913. She was 22 years old and held her 2-year old daughter in her arms as she sailed into New York harbor. She stood at the rail along with other immigrants from her native Lithuania and she can still recall what she said to herself as the New York skyline came into view: "What a great country this must be".

Mrs. Stulpon was being interviewed by Libby Demp Forrest, a free-lance writer, who laughed and sometimes wept when Mrs. Stulpon told about the life she has lived in this country, a life that's an eloquent testimony to the strengths, joys and adversities millions of immigrants have found within our shores. Mrs. Stulpon has lived through 2 widowhoods, wars, the Depression, illnesses and an explosion when the Dupont plant blew up 10 years ago.

Mrs. Stulpon has received the last rites seven times. Her granddaughter stated, "everytime Granny had a heart attack, Mom would yell, 'Get the doctor', but Granny would yell, 'Get the priest!' Granny has great faith".

When the Dupont plant blew up, the rescuers found Granny covered with what they thought was blood and rushed her to the hospital. It wasn't blood, it was strawberry juice. She had been hulling strawberries when the explosion rocked her home and, in the excitement, sat down on them.

Mrs. Stulpon lost her first husband in the flu epidemic. She, her husband and daughter all came down with the flu. Granny was left at home to die while her husband was sent to a hospital. He died and Granny Stulpon lived on.

Her second husband was also Lithuanian. They moved from Philadelphia to Penns Grove, N.J. and had a son. She became a widow again and while her son went off to serve in the Navy during World War II, Granny made novena after novena, walking miles each day to church. Her son's ship was hit by kamikaze and the ship's locking devices sealed off the next compartment. Her son talked to the men there until they died. He survived.

Granny said, "It's hard, but life in this country is good. I came to America with nothing. We are five generations now." Her granddaughter stated that the name Stulpon had been shortened - it was given a new twist by an immigration officer at Ellis Island. "It means 'steel' in Lithuanian", she said. "Granny didn't get that name for nothing." Granny Stulpon lives on.



Cellist **Augustinas Vasiliauskas**, a member of the Soviet Union's Vilnius String Quartet, after performing at the Kuhmo music festival in Central Finland, happily stepped to the podium to accept a third round of applause. Suddenly, he tripped and fell on his prized 300-year old Ruggieri cello, shattering it so completely it cannot be repaired.

On July 26th, a Lithuanian Religious Hour took place at St. Ann's Passionist Monastery, West Scranton, Pa. sponsored by K of L Council 74, Scranton, at the closing of St. Ann's Novena. The services were conducted by Rev. Clement Kasinskas, C.P., a member of the Congregation of the Passion. Both men and women of Lithuanian descent, attired in Lithuanian costume and the Sisters of Jesus Crucified from St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, took part in the services by rendering the readings and presenting gifts during the offertory procession. Among the gifts presented were amber from the Baltic Sea, the Lithuanian flag and Lithuanian works of art. Lithuanian hymns were sung to the accompaniment of Mrs. Helen Genys Morgan, organist.

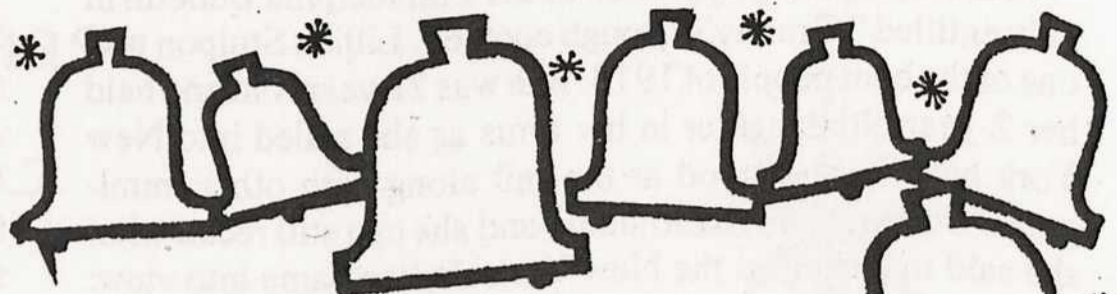


*Pictured from left, 1st row: Margaret Laibinis, Anna Galenas, Mary Kazokas, Betty Hanas, Patsy Simms; 2nd row: Eva Kazokas, president, C-74; Sister Verna, C.J.C., Mother Superior; Anna Patalunas; 3rd row: Anna Matulevich, Sister Aloysius, C.J.C., Julia Krutlies.*



**Konstanty J. Jutt** (Konstantas Jutkevicius) of Westfield, Mass. recently celebrated his 96th birthday. He is the father of seven children: one son, **Rev. John C. Jutt**, former pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Worcester, Mass., was a member of that diocese's marriage tribunal and very active with the Knights of Lithuania until his death in 1971; twin sons - Rev. Anthony J. Jutt, pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Housatonic, Mass. and Rev. Julius A. Jutt, pastor of St. James Church, South Deerfield, Mass. Another son, Joseph, resides in Walpole, Mass. and daughters, Mary, Nelle and Anne, reside with their father. Mrs. Jutt died in 1977 after 63 years of married life. Mr. Jutt, now retired, enjoys fairly good health. He is the oldest member of St. Casimir's Church in Westfield.

*Holiday  
Greetings*



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*May the peace  
 and joy  
 of Christmas  
 be with you  
 all through the  
 year*

The Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine, hosted their annual Lithuanian Festival last July, which attracted busloads of Lithuanian-Americans from Boston, Worcester, Providence and other New England cities. The festival has been held every year since the Lithuanian Franciscans founded the monastery community in 1948. This year, the monastery featured a new shrine on its grounds, a memorial to those who have fought for the freedom of Lithuania. The activities ranged from a Lithuanian version of roulette and American beer-drinking to a concelebrated Mass, speeches, choral performances and the undisputed stars, the Lithuanian folk dancers of South Boston. As the dancers danced it was easy to see that for many of those watching, the performance once again stirred visions of a free and independent Lithuania.



*At the ALTAS Convention - Vinc Samoska, K of - IID President greets the gathering in the name of the Knights of Lithuania. On the presidium pictured are Dr. L. Kriauceliunas, Dr. J. Valaitis, Dr. Lazauskas, Dr. V. Simaitis and Dr. K. Sidlauskas.*



*Lithuanian American Council Convention. / Oct 18, 1980, in Chicago. pictured are Dr. L. Kriauceliunas, K of L ALTAS Representative, Rev. A. Stasys who was elevated to Honorary Membership in the organization and Dr. J. Valaitis*

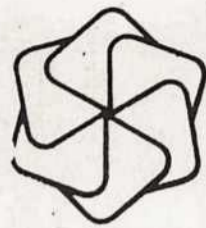


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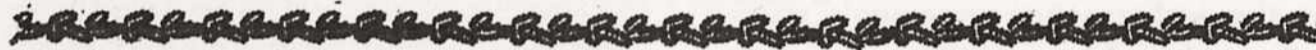
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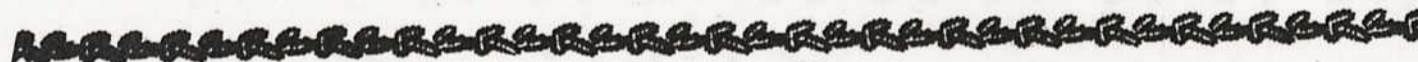
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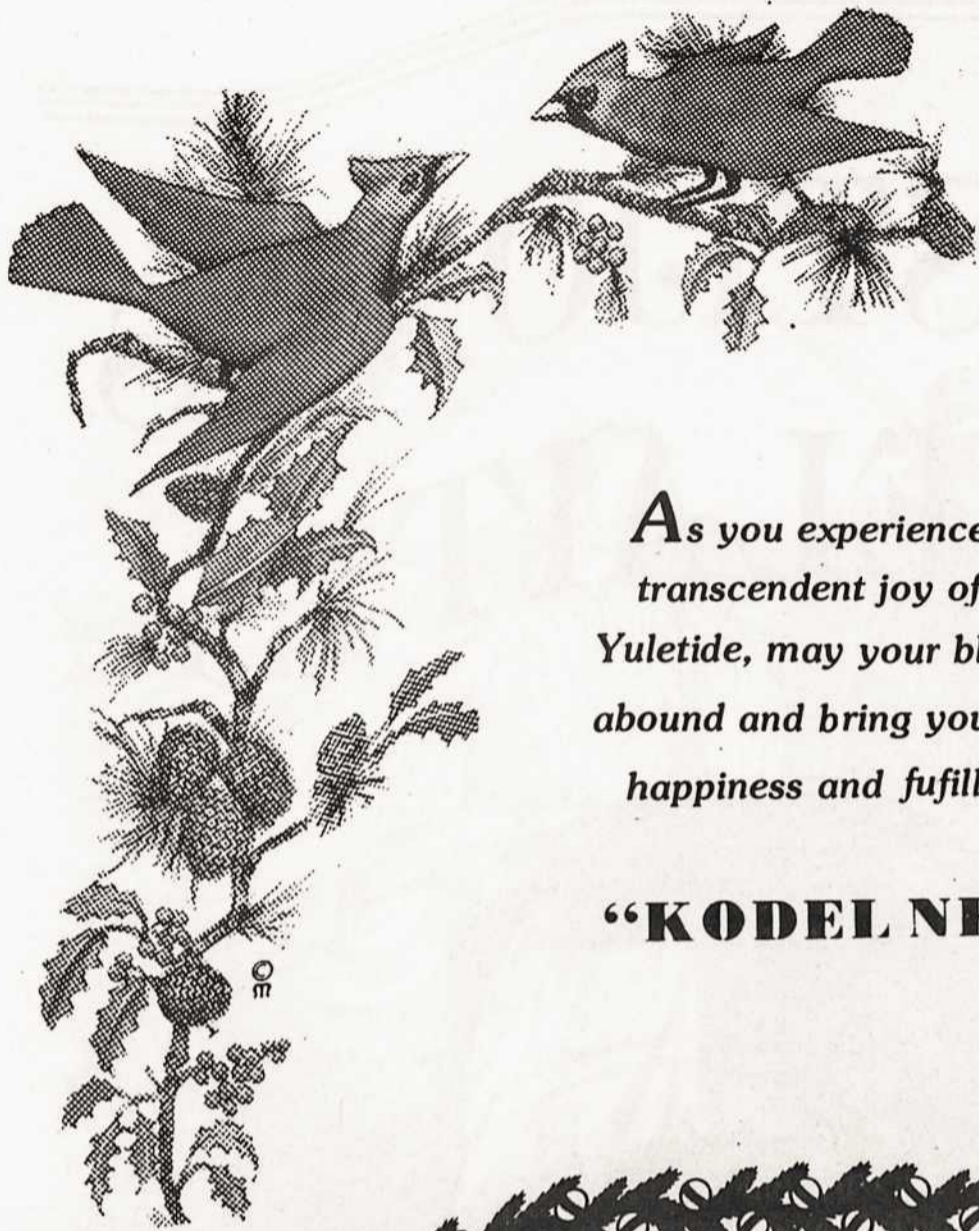


Times change,  
and we change with them,  
but not in the way we feel  
about CHRISTMAS and  
GOOD FRIENDS!

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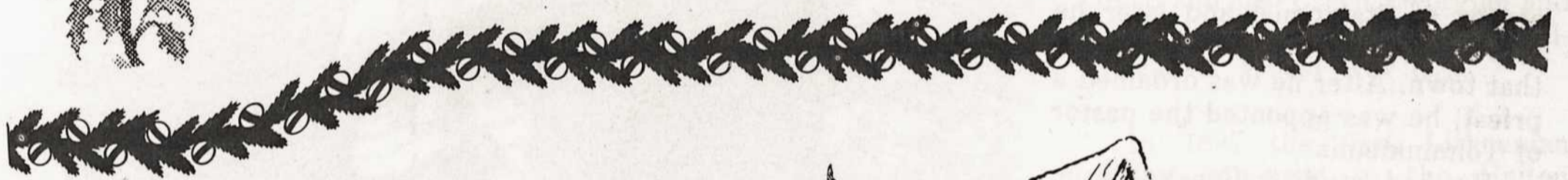


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Yuletide, may your blessings  
abound and bring you every  
happiness and fulfillment.*

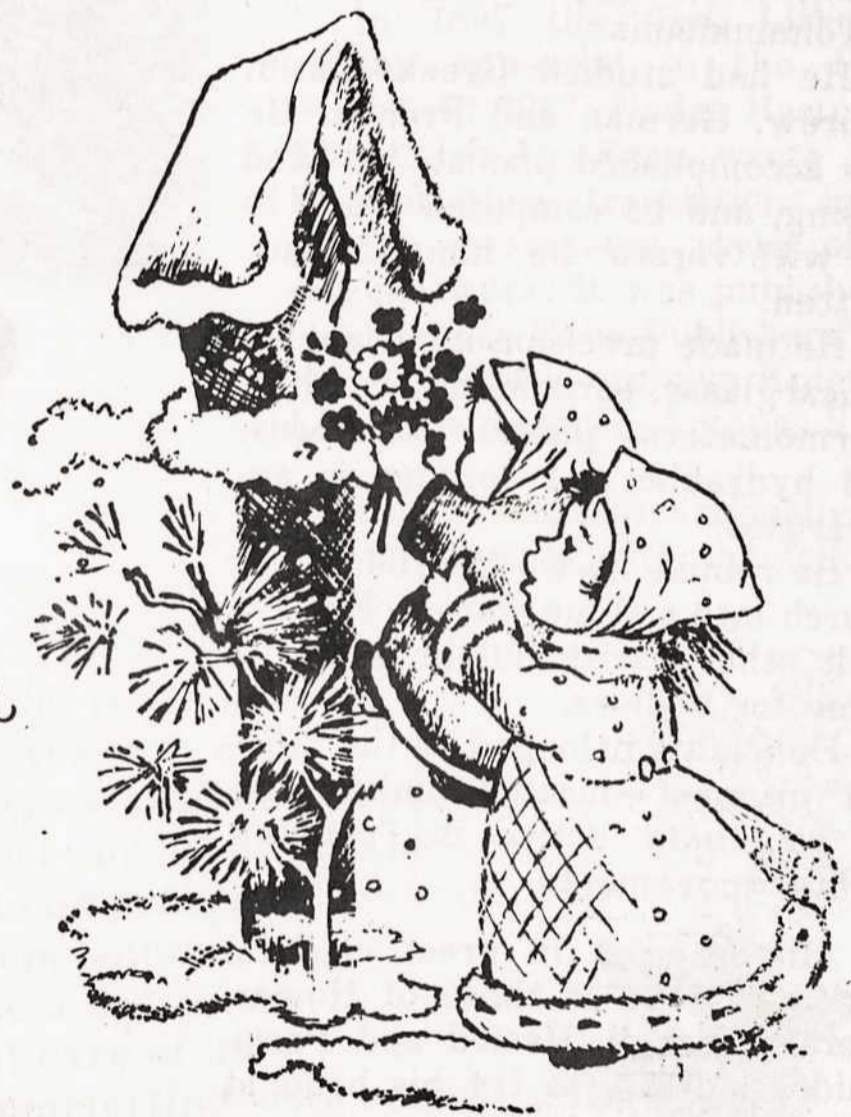
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*a Merry Christmas*

*and every happiness in the New Year*



**Council 112, - Chicago, Illinois**

By Aldona Ryan

200 years ago, on February 18, 1780, Kristijonas Donelaitis died in Tolminkiemis. Who was he? What did he do? Why do we remember and honor him?

He was born on January 1, 1714 in Lazdineliai, district of Gumbine, in Prussian Lithuania. Shortly after his birth, his father died and left his mother and her seven children in a much poorer situation than that of the average peasant family.

He received his primary education at the Cathedral School in Karaliaučius where he sang in the choir and worked in other ways to pay for his education. He majored in theology at the university there and also at the Lithuanian Seminar.

After graduation, he became the cantor at Stalupenai and later he served as the rector of the school in that town. After he was ordained a priest, he was appointed the pastor of Tolminkiemis.

He had studied Greek, Latin, Hebrew, German and French. He was accomplished pianist, he liked to sing, and he composed music to go with verses he himself had written.

He made precision instruments, optical glasse, barometers, watches, thermometers, pianos, clavicords, and hydraulic and aerometric apparatuses.

He rebuilt his wooden, burnt-out church into a stone church. He also built other parish buildings and a home for widows.

Donelaitis belonged to the "Pietist" group of educated thinkers and he was very active in "people's rights" movements.

His interest in great classical writings such as those of Homer, Horace, Vergil, Hesiod and Parmenides led him to try his hand at poetry and it is his poetry that made him world famous.

# KRISTIJONAS DONELAITIS

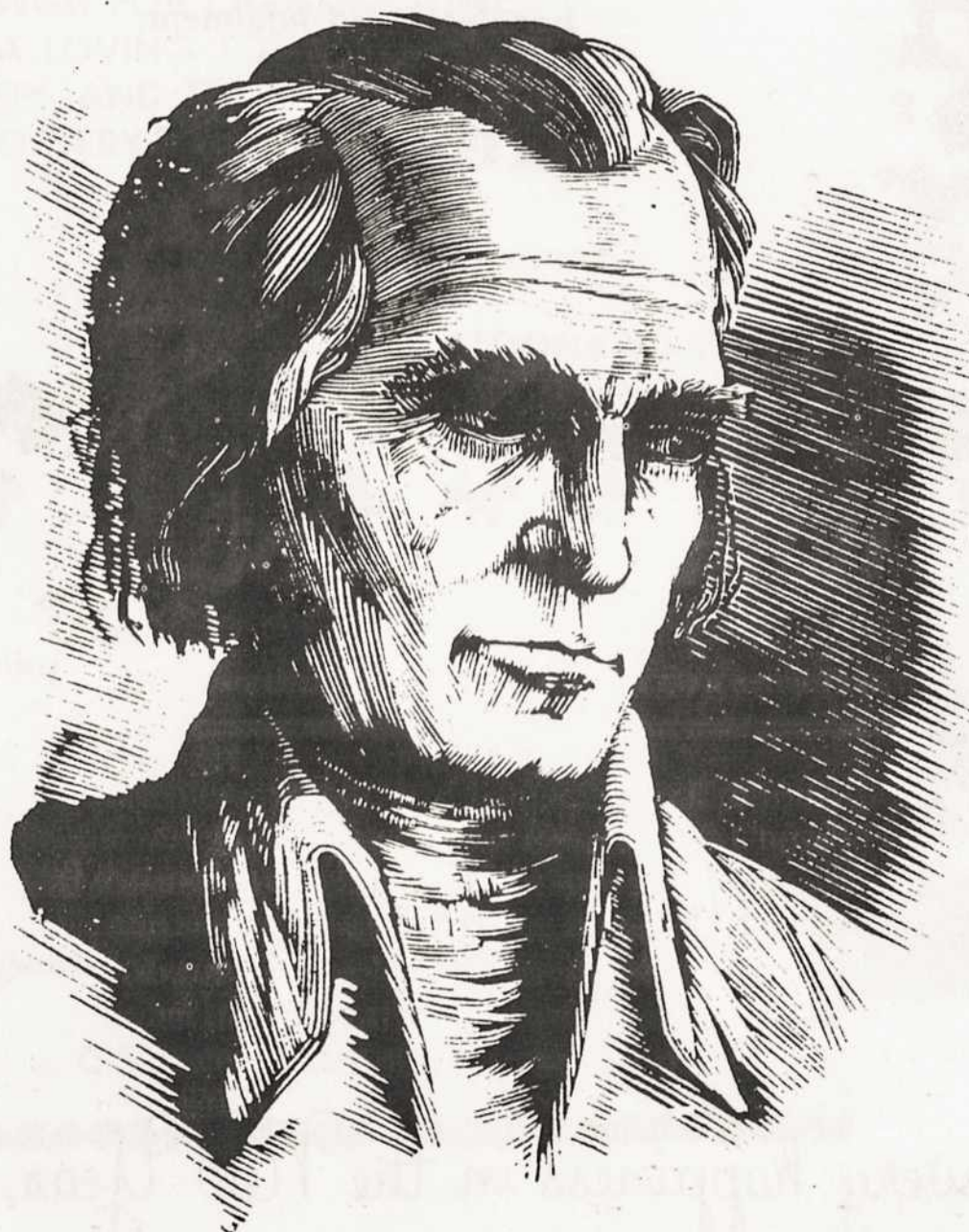




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This multi-talented genius starting writing verses while in college in both Lithuanian and German to entertain his friends. Only three German poems remain. He wrote six Lithuanian fables adapted from Aesop which are known to us at this time.

His greatest work was the poem "Metai" which was translated into English as "The Seasons".

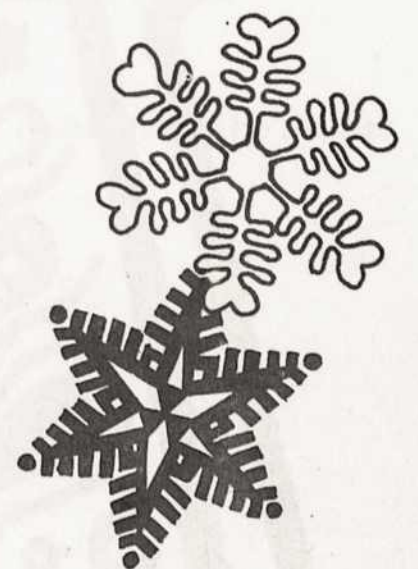
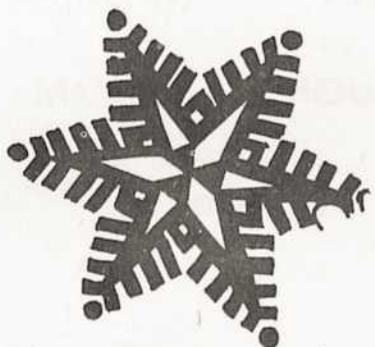
This didactic epic consists of 2997 hexameters (lines) and portrays the lives of the Lithuanian peasants of the 18th century. It was written in four parts: "Joys of Spring," "Summer Toils," "Autumn Wealth," and "Winter Cares."

Sadly, none of the writings of Kristijonas Donelaitis were published during his lifetime. "Metai" was translated and published for the first time in the German language in 1818. Other translations include Latvian (1882) Russian (1865) Polish (1883) and also Czech, Georgian and Hungarian translations were published after World War II.

In 1897 the first Lithuanian edition appeared in the United States. In 1967, Nadas Rastenis, a Lithuanian-American, wrote the best English translation in the precise hexameter style of the original work. It was published by "Lithuanian Days Publishers" whose editor is our own Knights of Lithuania member, Antanas Skirius

This great, internationally famous poem ends with the following lines:

"Thou, o God, sustained us in all the years gone by  
 And Thou will succor us in all the years to come.  
 What the next summer will give us, we can't foresee,  
 But Thou already knowest how great our needs will be.  
 For we, with shallow minds, can't comprehend Thy deeds,  
 And Thy eternal thoughts to us seem bottomless,  
 E'en when at times we dare to take a deeper look.  
 Therefore, o Father, take paternal care of us  
 And all our needs, and when the summertime doth come,  
 Aid us afield, when we again shall toil and sweat."



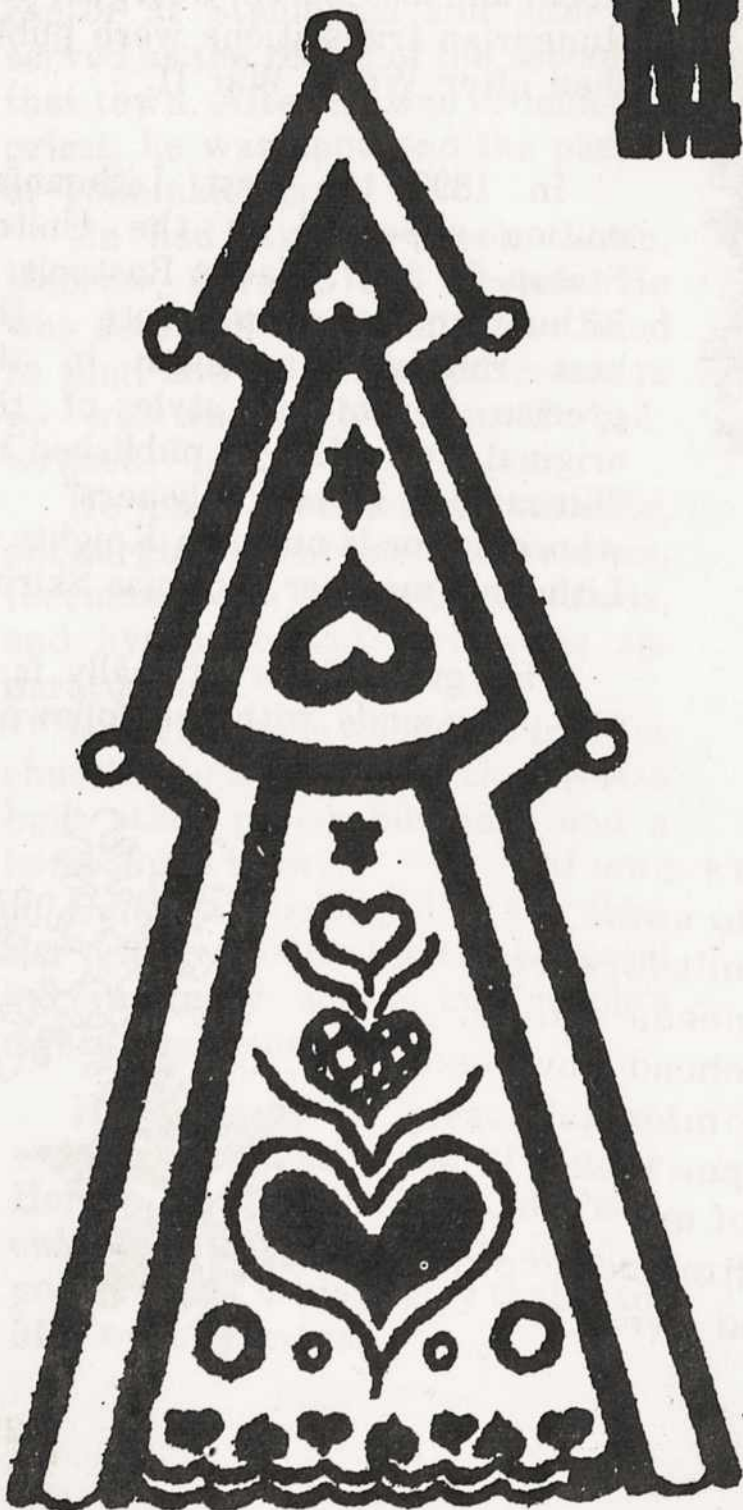
WE COMMEND YOU,  
 THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA,  
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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



"SO NOW, WHERE WE BEFORE  
 ADORED THE HAPPY SPRING  
 AND GLADLY GATHERED  
 RAINBOW-COLORED BUDS AND BLOOMS,  
 AND WHERE WE LATER ENDED  
 HEARTY SUMMER JOYS,  
 THERE NOW THE DRIFTING SNOW  
 MAKES RANGES OF WHITE HILLS  
 AND WINTER'S FINGERS WEAVE  
 PEARL BLOSSOMS ON THE BOUGH"

Donelaitis

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# KUCIOS

We all nostalgically remember the old fashioned "Kucios" our mothers prepared for Christmas Eve. We still love to carry on this tradition and pass on to our children these recipes for them to treasure, but with the pressures of modern times and working mothers, plus the many pre-holiday activities now so popular, we dread the thought of preparing all those complicated recipes at the last minute and still enjoy a beautiful Kucios Feast with our family and friends.

In view of our modern times and hectic schedules, plus the fact that many of our young generation don't especially care for the "old time foods", I have attempted to modernize some of the traditional dishes using short cuts and do-aheads where possible. I will try to help you prepare foods which will be palatable to all generations and still allow everyone to enjoy a real old fashioned 12 course Kucios dinner.

This meal is traditionally meatless, but in view of the new Catholic dietary dispensation you may prefer to substitute a meat dish for the fish if your family so desires; you may delete any of these dishes and add some of the old favorites which your mothers made, but remember that there must be no less than 12 kinds of foods (in honor of the 12 Apostles); and spread a little hay under your white linen tablecloth in memory of the Christ Child's Manger. In setting the Kucios table the first food placed must be the blessed "Plotkeles" arranged on your best crystal plate. These wafers are shared by all at the table signifying a spirit of love and unity. After recitation of Grace and breaking of Plotkeles with one another commence your feast.

GERO APETITO IR LINKSMU KUCIU VARKARIENES!

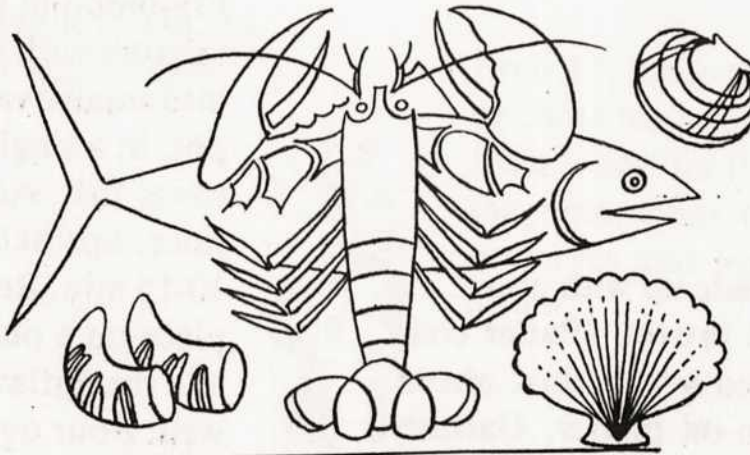
Mary L. Lucas

## MENU

### CHRISTMAS EVE SUPPER (KUCIOS)

1. Christmas Wafers (Plotkeles)
  2. Beet-Mushroom Soup\* Barsciu Sriuba su grybzis
  3. Herring Tid Bits in Wine Sauce (Silkes)  
(to save time and work - purchase this in a deli or supermarket)
- and/or
- Seafood Cocktail (shrimp/crabmeat/lobster) with cocktail sauce
4. Beer Batter Smelts\* (Keptos Seliavos)
  5. Jellied Fish Balls\* (Zuvies Maltiniai) with horseradish and dill pickles
  6. Cottage Cheese-Potato Pudding\* (Varskes-Bulviu Apkepas)
- or
- Macaroni and Cheese Casserole

7. Pea Salad\* or Buttered Peas with Mushrooms  
Marinated Cucumbers
  8. Homemade or Purchased Lithuanian Bread  
Sweet Butter
  9. Dried Fruit Compote\* or Fruit Gelatin Mold
  10. Bowl of Fresh Fruits (oranges, apples, bananas, grapes, tangerines, etc.)
  11. Bowl of Mixed Nuts - in the shells
  12. Ausukes\* or Asst. Christmas Cookies or  
Decorated Birch Log Cake\*
- Coffee, Hot Tea\* with Strawberry or Red Raspberry Preserves and Lemon Slices, Hot Chocolate, Krupnikas\*, Asst. Wines and Liguers, Homemade Candies

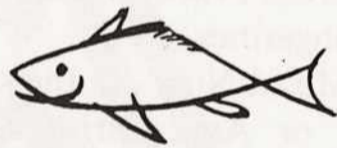


(All starred \* dishes have the recipes printed here).

## Raudonų Burokėlių Sriuba Su Džiovintais Baravykais (Meatless Beet & Dried Mushroom Soup)

- 6 cups cold water
- 1 stalk celery (cut up)
- 1 medium onion (diced)
- 1 sm. can tomatoes (16 oz)
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 whole allspice berries
- 1 t. salt
- 1 T. instant beef bouillon
- 1 t. M.S.G. (Accent)
- dash of black pepper

Combine all of the above ingredients in a 3 qt. pot. Bring to a boil then turn heat down and simmer for ½ hr. Meanwhile, rinse 3 dried mushrooms under running water to remove sand or dirt. Place in small bowl and cover with ½ c. boiling water. Set aside. Open 1 16-oz. can cut beets and reserve the juice. Shred the beets on a fine shredder. Set aside. Strain the vegetable broth into a bowl, pressing all juice from the vegetables. Discard vegetable pulp. Remove mushrooms from water and slice very thin. Pour mushroom water thru a filter paper into broth. Add the mushrooms and shredded beets and cook until mushrooms are soft (about 10 min.). Add 2 t. lemon juice and 1 T. vinegar, plus 2 t. sugar. Let all come to a boil, then turn off heat and add the reserved beet juice. Adjust the seasonings to suit your taste if necessary. This soup can be made 2 days ahead and refrigerated. At serving time heat to medium warm. Serve with a tablespoon of sour cream in each bowl (optional). MAKES 6 (1 cup) SERVINGS



## Beer Batter Smelts (Alaus Tešloj Keptos Seliavos)

- 30 smelt (frozen or fresh)
- 1 egg (beaten)
- 1 cup flour
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 cup beer

Thaw frozen smelt. Dip in batter made up with above ingredients. Deep fry in hot fat until brown. (Batter coats about 35 smelts.) These can be fried several hrs. ahead and served at room temp. Arrange on platter. Garnish with parsley sprigs and radish roses.

## Pea Salad (Žirnių Salotas)

- 1 can peas (drained)
- 2 hard boiled eggs (chopped)
- 1 t. dried chives
- ½ t. salt
- ⅛ t. white pepper
- ½ c. real mayonaise
- ¼ c. canned pimentos

Mix all ingredients lightly. Line a glass bowl with lettuce leaves. Fill bowl with pea salad. Garnish with strips of pimento - chill.

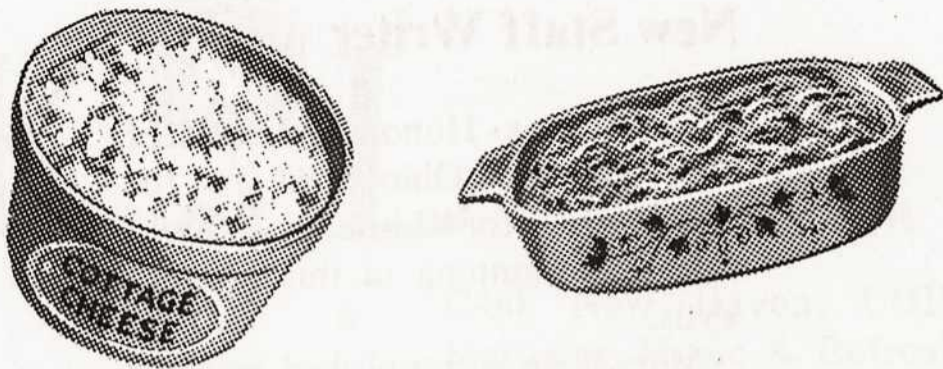
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In some regions of Lithuania, peas are a must on the Kucios menu. This is a lovely and delicious way to serve them.

## Jellied Fish Balls (Zuvies Maltiniai)

- 1½ lbs. boneless white fish or pickerel
- 2 slices white bread (soaked in water squeezed out)
- 2 T. butter
- 1 med. size onion (chopped)
- 2 eggs (beaten)
- 1 t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 whole allspice
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1 envelope Knox Gelatin
- 1 pinch spanish saffron
- 1 carrot (cut in circles)

Clean and wash fish. Remove skin and bones. Grind fish several times thru meat grinder, also the softened bread. Fry onion in the butter until transparent. Add to the fish mixture with the eggs, salt and pepper. Mix well and form into small oval shapes. Place fish in a large Dutch oven or pot, in a single layer. In a tea kettle, boil enough water to cover fish. Add the bay leaf, allspice, 1 t. salt and lemon juice. Sprinkle with saffron threads. Cover and cook for 10-15 min. Remove the fish balls with a slotted spoon and place on a platter or in a fish mold. Strain the liquid and add the unflavored gelatin. Correct the seasonings and stir well. Pour over arranged fish balls. Chill. Serve with beet horseradish and dill pickles. SERVES 6



### Cottage Cheese Potato Pudding (Varškės-Bilvių Apkepas)

- 1 lb. cottage cheese
- 2 lbs. Idaho potatoes
- 3 eggs
- 3 T. flour
- 4 T. margarine or butter
- 1 med. onion
- ½ c. sweet cream or milk
- salt & pepper to taste

Heat the cream or milk. Peel and grate fine, the potatoes, into the milk. Add sieved cottage cheese, beaten eggs, flour, salt and pepper. Fry the chopped onion in the butter and add to the above mixture. Mix well. Pour into a buttered casserole. Bake for 15 min. at 400°. Reduce heat to 375° and bake another 30 min. or till golden brown. Serve with sour cream. SERVES 6-8

### Dried Fruit Compote (Džiovinu Vaisių Kompotas)

- 1 pkg. mixed dried fruits
- 1 miniatue box raisins
- 4 T. sugar
- 2 sticks cinnamon
- 4 whole cloves
- 3 slices lemon
- 8 cups water

Wash fruit, cover with water and soak overnite. Next morning, boil in the same water adding spices and lemon. Simmer till fruit is tender. Add 1 small can pineapple chunks or tidbits. Turn off heat. Serve warm or chilled. This can be made several days ahead and refrigerated.



### Lithuanian Crullers (Ausukės)

- 2½ c. flour
- 1 T. sugar
- ½ t. salt

Sift above ingredients together in a bowl. Add:

- 6 egg yolks
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 T. vinegar
- 1 T. whiskey
- 1 T. vanilla

Knead well, adding more flour as necessary until mixture is no longer sticky. Divide dough in half. Dust pastry cloth and rolling pin sleeve heavily with flour. Roll paper thin. Cut, twist and fry in Crisco Oil, turning once, till delicately browned.

### Lemon Liqueur (Citrininis Krupnikas)

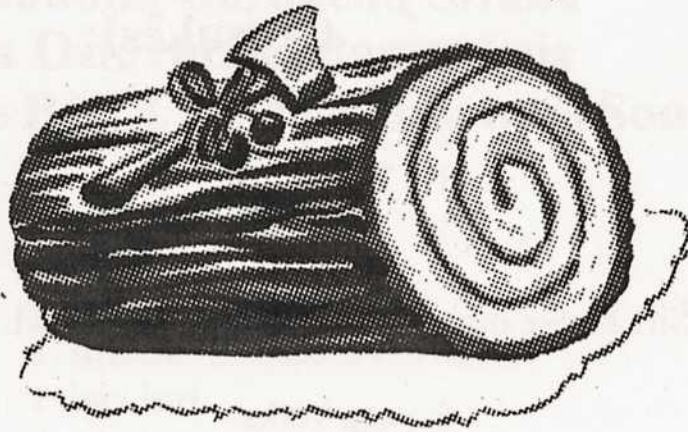
- 4 c. water
- 4 c. sugar
- 8 lemons
- rind of 1 lemon
- 1 qt. grain alcohol.

Soak the rind in 1 cup alcohol for 24 hours. Wash and quarter unpeeled lemons, add water, sugar and rind with alcohol in which it was soaked. Boil carefully 15 minutes. Cool. Strain. Add the remaining alcohol. Bottle and cork tightly.

### Hot Tea

*with strawberry preserves or red raspberry preserves  
(do not buy the jelly)*

Brew 1 t. loose tea for each cup of boiling water in a silver or china tea pot. Cover and let steep for 10 min. A tea infuser is best for this. Or to save time, use tea bags. At serving time, pour tea into tall glasses with holders. Pass preserves and lemon slices studded with whole clove in center.



### Birch Log Cake (Beržo Šaka)

9 egg yolks  
10 egg whites  
1½ c. sugar  
1¾ c. flour  
1 t. baking powder  
juice of 1 lemon  
grated rind of 2 lemons

Cream yolks and sugar. Add lemon juice and rind. Beat egg whites until stiff, add to first mixture alternately with sifted flour and baking powder. Pour into jelly roll pan lined with waxed paper. Bake 15-20 minutes and invert onto linen dish towel. Cut off and remove ⅓ of the cake. Spread filling on remaining cake and roll up. Roll the reserved portion of cake into 3 or 4 smaller rolls (branches) of unequal thickness. Cut one end of each roll diagonally, attach to the large roll (log) with icing, at different angles. Frost the entire log with white frosting. Make birch-bark markings with chocolate icing.

#### Filling

1 lb. dried prunes  
½ lb. butter  
2 T. cocoa  
2 egg yolks  
1 t. vanilla

Boil the prunes. Strain and remove pits. Force pulp through sieve or food mill. Cream sugar and butter, add yolks, beat well. Add prune pulp, vanilla and cocoa. Beat well.

(From Mrs. Dauzvardis' "POPULAR LITHUANIAN RECIPES")

### New Staff Writer

Mary Lucas - Honorary Member of C-96 Dayton, Ohio, will be the special writer for "Lithuanian Cooks Corner" beginning in this issue of Vytis.

Mary is an accomplished gourmet cook, having had her own professional catering business for many years (now retired). She will be submitting Lithuanian (and other) recipes in each issue of Vytis starting with this menu for a fabulous Kucios Feast which she will prepare for her family and relatives on Christmas Eve. She has graciously offered to share her recipes and suggestions with us.





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## of DECEMBER

6 C-50, New Haven, CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE / KALĒDINIS KERMOŠIUS featuring Music & Refreshments. St. Casimir Hall, New Haven, CT

14 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J. immediately after 12:00 Mass.

21 C-110, Maspeth, ANNUAL KUCIOS, Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth N.Y.

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.

### JANUARY

4 C-143, Pittston INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### FEBRUARY

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

16 Raising of the Lithuanian Flag at the Luzerne County, PA Court House in Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day

### MARCH

1 C-143, Pittston, COMMUNION BREAKFAST, St. Casimir Church Hall,

8 MAD ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND DISTRICT CONVENTION. 10:30 A.M. Mass, Breakfast and Meeting immediately afterward, Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J. C-29 Hosts.

### APRIL

25 C-143, Pittston, EASTER DINNER DANCE, St. Casimir Hall, Pittston

26 NED SPRING CONVENTION, Westfield, MA, C-30 Hosts

### MAY

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.

### AUGUST

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

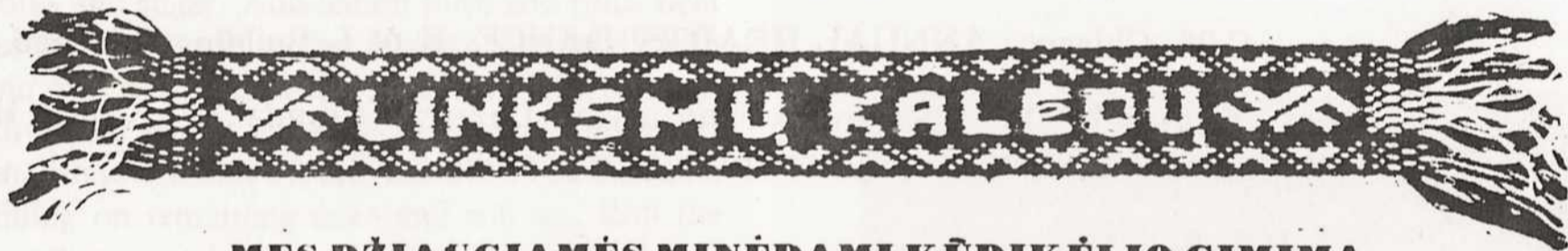
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AS WE CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON,  
LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY  
FOR OUR LITHUANIA AND FOR HER PEOPLE  
THAT THEY SOON WILL BE FREE

## Mid-Atlantic District

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## ***Council Activities***

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### **C-199/200-Sometown, U.S.A.**

#### **Our December Meeting**

At the December meeting of our council, the newest council of the K of L, we were told that we did not have a number yet. The Supreme Council established two councils on the same day and the President promised to send us the charter, explaining that our council would be C-199. However, the S.C. Secretary wrote to say that we would be C-200. So, there we were either C-199 or C-200; in other words C-199/200.

Well anyway, our President began the meeting: "Let's get started." He nodded to the Spiritual Advisor.

"God, our Father, why did you keep your Chosen People of Old Testament times waiting so long, for thousands of years, before sending the Redeemer to save them? Was it because you knew that your people, by waiting and hoping for the Promised Redeemer would appreciate His coming all the more?"

Tonight we thank you for sending your Son to us. Bless us and our families, our meeting and our activities for your glory and the good of our Lithuanian people all over the world."

"Amen," loudly and clearly.

Our President (new at his job), a man of few words, but great ideas, turned to the Spiritual Advisor and nodded again: "Father."

No minutes of the last meeting, no

reports, no old or new business. You might think that he did not know Parliamentary Procedure. (Remember, he was new at his job.) But one thing was clear. He believed that it was more important for the K of L, from what he read, to give first attention and top priority to increasing the knowledge of the Faith and the Lithuanian Heritage of the members.

Father started his monthly talk.

It's almost Christmas and Christmas is more than a holiday. Christmas is a mystery. Of course, we have an historical fact to start with: a baby boy was born in Bethlehem during the reign of Caesar Augustus, while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. The historians, Mark and Luke,

recorded this fact. In addition, they stated certain things that underlined the mysteriousness of it all. They wrote that the mother of the child was Mary, a virgin, and that her child was "of the Holy Spirit." Joseph was mentioned, but only as husband of Mary and foster-father of the Boy. So, the historical fact of the Bethlehem Christmas does raise a lot of questions.

We accept as history the fact that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, but we *believe* that the Babe of Bethlehem was God. This is the mystery part. Even as we firmly believe, we cannot help asking questions: Was it fitting and proper for God to become man? Was it necessary for God to become man?

We could say, "No, it just does not seem right to join the highest Being to one so low, for God to appear in a human form. Yet, if we think about it, we shall find that God in creating man did something like that already: God created man as a union of spirit (so high) and matter (so low) - a material body infused with an immaterial, spiritual soul. "...and God saw that this was good."

At that first Christmas God took one mysterious step further. He sent His only Son, "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God," to be born of Mary, to take up a real human body and in that mysterious way to join God with humanity, the highest with the very low. Thus, He accomplished the greatest wonder in the universe.

It was fitting and proper for God to do this, because by taking up a visible, human body the invisible God could show His mercy, wisdom, power and love more convincingly. In this divine plan God not only decided to *show* His goodness, wisdom and power, but He, also, chose to *share* His perfections with man, so that man's joy would be real and everlasting.

God chose to manifest His goodness in the most excellent way: God

the Father's greatest treasure, His Son, was given to us, to be shared by us as a new born Child "wrapped in swaddling clothes." Can anyone imagine a greater generosity? And this Child, grown up, at the age of perfect manhood, gave Himself up to die for us as Ransom for our sins. Furthermore, He gave us inspired teachings, He gave us a Church, He gave us the Sacraments, including the one in which He gives Himself to us as Food for our souls.

I think we can accept the idea that it was right and fitting for God to become man. But, was it necessary? Did God have to become man and suffer and die to redeem the world. Was there no other way through which He could have freed His people from their sins?

Yes, we must say that it was possible for God to find another way. The Wisdom of God is limitless. We must say that from God's point of view it was not necessary for Christ to suffer and die for mankind. No one, nothing can force God to do anything.

But from the human point of view it was necessary for someone to atone for the disobedience and sin of Adam, original sin and all sin. Even if a person could, with God's help, atone for actual sins and God would accept his sorrow, no one person could ever atone for original sin. Adam and Eve sinned in the name of the whole human race. Adam, the sinner, represented all men and women, including you and me. A representative of the whole human race was needed to bring about the atonement and restoration to favor with God. An mystery of mysteries, God sent his Son as a second Adam, the sinless, to represent the whole human race and in one supreme act of love offer Himself as the Sacrificial Victim for the sins of the world.

So, Christmas was not absolutely necessary for God, but, oh, so necessary for us. For one thing, it strengthens our faith. In the Old Testament God spoke through His prophets: "The Lord God says..." In the New Testament we hear: "But I



say to you..." It is God, Himself, speaking to us through the human lips of Jesus, Son of Mary. Who would you rather listen to and believe? A holy prophet or the God-Man!

Then, too, Christmas increases our love. If we remember that the Child of Bethlehem was God's Gift to us, "born for us, given to us," we will respond with a strong "Thank you, God. You showed me your love, now I will show you mine."

Half-love had no place at Bethlehem, nor on Calvary, either.

People have hearts of different sizes, but no matter what size heart God has given each of us, He expects wholehearted love, the kind that puts the Lover first in thought and word and deed.

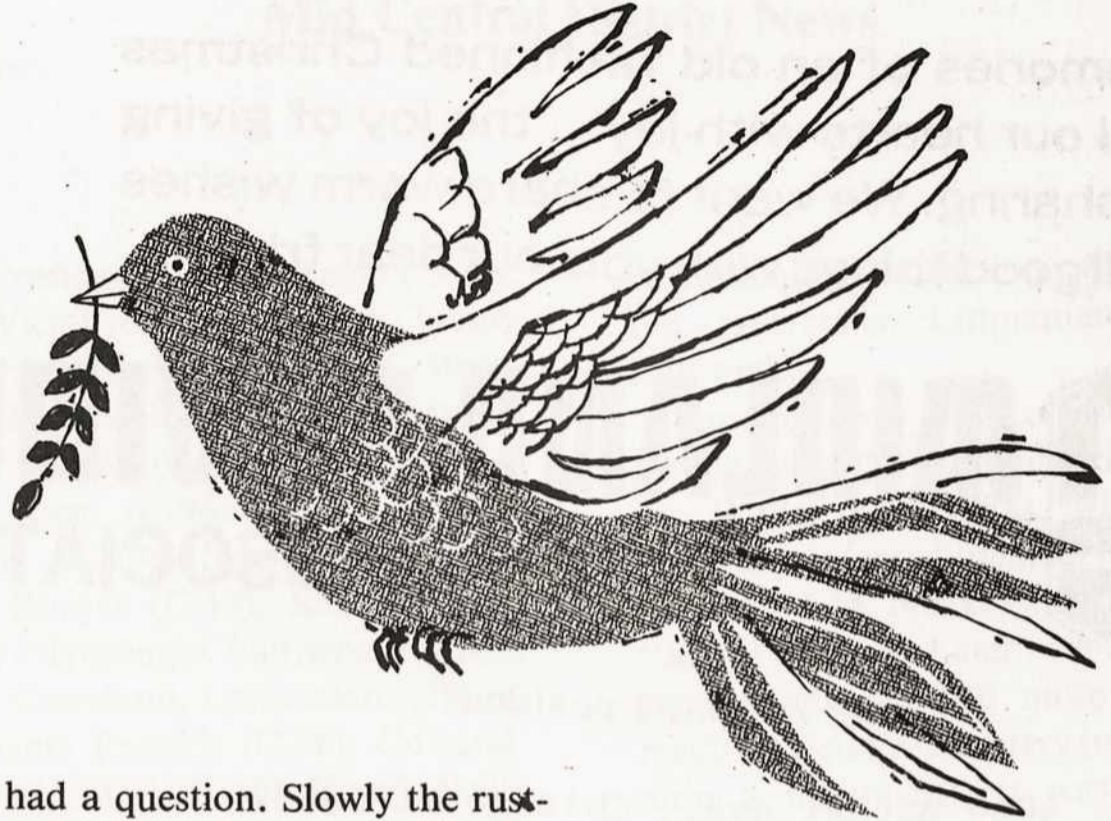
It is rather difficult to love an invisible God, but it is not hard to love God become man. Christmas has given us a God-with-us, Emmanuel.

What do we do with a gift like this?

Well, we're supposed to get to know Him better. Getting to know Him is what Christmas demands: to know Christ in His Birth, in His public life and preaching, in His death and resurrection. And why this demand? Because greater knowledge will bring greater love. That's why.

Are there any questions?"

There was the usual, awkward pause that follows a serious talk. No



one had a question. Slowly the rustling and whispering began. Finally, our youngest member, who was a Junior K of L'er from another council in another city, but is now old enough to be a Regular member spoke up.

"I have a question, Father."

The Spiritual Advisor smiled, "I was beginning to think that you would forget to ask. Read your question, please."

Holding up a little card, the ex-Junior read: "You said that getting to know Christ is what Christmas demands. How do we *really* get to know Him?"

"The answer is," said Father, "we learn by reading, we love by loving. Reading the Good News of Christ slowly, thoughtfully, repeatedly go-

ing over the New Testament will lead you to fall in love with the Man, the Wise Master, Jesus Christ the Lord. You will be drawn to keep His words ever in mind and heart. Try it, you'll like it."

At the *Lietuviskos Kucios* which followed the talk, some one at our table remarked that it was funny that the ex-Junior had the question all typed out on a card ready to ask and no one knew what Father was going to talk about. Later we found out that Father had "planted" the question.

Secretary and Correspondent  
C-199/200



(Thanks to all our supporters!)

# Hallelujah

We exult in the glory of the Birth of Our Lord. With thanks we greet this wondrous holiday.

**Supreme Council Officers  
and the "VYTIS" Staff**

Memories of an old fashioned Christmas fill all our hearts with joy... the joy of giving and sharing. We want to share warm wishes for all good things with you, our dear friends.



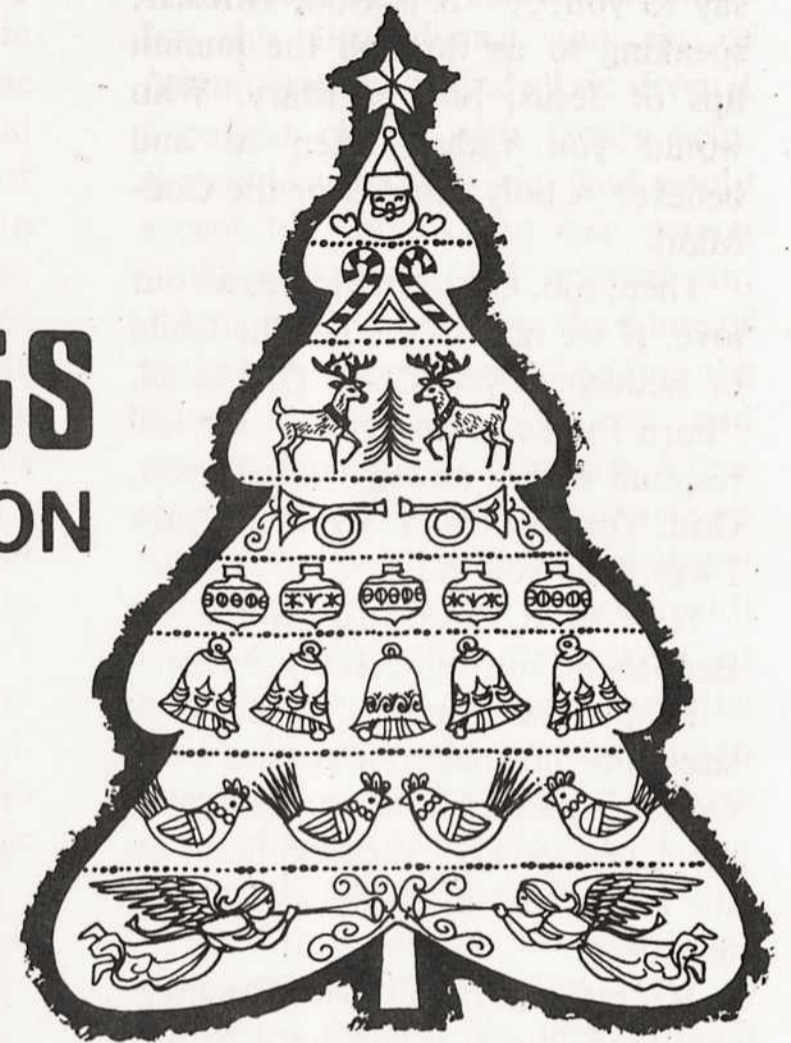
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### -- A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Mid-Central District annual fall meeting and Pilgrimage took place in Pittsburgh, Pa. on October 11 and 12, 1980. Our hosts were C-19. Approximately 50 delegates attended.

The meeting followed a sumptuous lunch. Though no monumental decisions were made, it was interesting to hear from each Council, District officer and committee chairperson concerning his or her efforts and achievements.

Officers selected for the coming year are: Spiritual Advisor, Fr. George Kijauskas (C-25); President, Peter Luiza (C-25); 1st Vice-President, Christine Mantz (C-96); 2nd

Vice-President, Sophie Zager (C-79); 3rd Vice-President, Mary Trainy (C-25); Recording Secretary, Benedict Radzavich (C-86); Treasurer, Frank Zager (C-79); Trustees, Aldona Ryan (C-96) and Magdalena Smailis (C-79); Sgt.-at-Arms, Andrew Rozger (C-19); Religious and (next) Pilgrimage Chairpersons, from C-25, Cleveland; Lithuanian Affairs, Stephania Rastikis (C-96); Cultural Mildred Chinik (C-19); Ritual, Nellie Arunski (C-25); Public Relations & "Vytis", Bertha Janus (C-79).

Our two get-togethers in 1981 were decided on—the Spring Meeting and Bowling Tournament will be held in Dubois, Pa. in May, to be arranged by C-86 and the date to be announced later. The October Meeting and Pilgrimage will be hosted by Cleveland C-25. That date also is forthcoming.

After the meeting we were escorted to the University of Pittsburgh for a lavish ethnic dinner. Under the direction of Sisters M. Francesca and M. Alverna we were entertained with Lithuanian songs by a Chorus which was recently organized by the Sisters. The choristers came from a Lithuanian language class (taught by the Sisters), where some students are not

of Lithuanian extraction. A tour of the University Lithuanian room followed.

Sunday mass was celebrated at awe-inspiring St. Casimir's church by Fr. Walter Karaveckas, where our District's deceased members were remembered. A breakfast followed at "Royal Too." Later we swerved around and climbed more hills to reach St. Peter's Cemetery (naturally, atop a mountain). It was an impressive site, but due to inclement weather, our scheduled recitation of the Rosary was cancelled till we reached the St. Francis Academy. The kindly Sisters accompanied us in their beautiful chapel during the Rosary and Benediction, led by Fr. Karaveckas.

The Sisters and ladies of our host Council provided the goodies for a tea and coffee "klatch," which preceded a tour of the Academy. Later, farewells were exchanged and all departed to our respective homes, with feelings of gratitude, good-will and friendship toward our gracious host Council.

Aciu again!

B.J.

## Christmas Greetings

From Hot Springs  
National Park

EDWARD J. PLATT

Council 36



## LINKSMŪ ŠV. KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ IR SVEIKŲ NAUJU METU.

Jovita & Joseph Sleder

Joey, Edith & Jaclyn Sleder

Karen, Eddie, Melissa  
& Edward Grill

Council 12



We share the Spirit and Joy of the Season  
 Because for us there is a Special Reason  
 A Day in August had come  
 To expand our humble pride, some  
 Slowly our members trekked out East  
 To a Convention - nine of us at least  
 South Boston is a place to remember  
 Be it January, August or December  
 When one of our members, Anthony Dainus, was bestowed  
 An Honorary Degree that he sincerely holds proud.



## LINKSMŲ KALĖDŲ IR LAIMINGŲ ŠVENTŲ NAUJŲ METŲ

**COUNCIL 79**

**Southfield, Michigan**



Kalėdų šventės teatneša tyro džiaugsmo ir  
 Naujieji metai stiprybės ir vilties!

Best wishes for a holiday season  
 to all K of L members

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## C-79—Southfield, Mich.

September 3 signalled the first meeting of the fall season. Convention reports of our delegates occupied much of the meeting. For some of our people like George & Marie Kase and Julie Belickas, it was their first "National" K of L Convention. Although George maintained that he was "an observer" only, the combined reports of the delegates were most informative and precise.

Summer was still in vogue when the 79'ers took time to escape on Aug. 23 to catch up on family fun for our annual Family Day Picnic. Outdoors, at Divine Providence Parish grounds, there was no lack of activities. A horseshoe tournament was under full gear with Ed Sackle in full control. There was a shoe-kicking contest for the womenfolk, and a dart-throwing game for anyone who cared to participate. Stepping forward in various games were the kiddies and the grand-kiddies under the supervision of Anthony Dainus. It was a fun time for all.

In addition, those who wanted good food stepped to a nearby concession stand for ample homemade kapusta, sloppy Joe's, wieners and much more.

Particularly noteworthy was that we took this occasion to present the

First & Second Degree awards to several of our members. First went to Antoinette Baron, Charles Milius, Lucille Smilgis, Vera Tulauskas, and Ann Uzdavinas. Second degree recipients were Vince Bridgevaitis, Virginia Kirst and Carol Zager. Congratulations to them all.

Many thanks to a great Family Day Committee which consisted of Chm. Maggie Smailis, Nellie & Charles Milius, Violet Panavas, A. Dainus, Ed Sackle and Chip Newberry. The lucky winners were Ed Sackle in the horseshoe tournament, Karan Panavas for the dart game, and Leo Smilgis, the 50-50 drawing.

A former member of our council, and one of Detroit's well-known athletic figures, Peter Padolski, died on Sept. 16. Although he was best-known as a sponsor of amateur baseball, Peter's moral obligation to the Lithuanian youth propelled his desire to sponsor sports teams such as bowling, basketball and other athletic activities. He dominated his activities as manager of basketball, as well as participating as a player. He had sponsored the K of L Bowling league for many years. Mr. Padolski wanted to do quality things. In 1961, his Class-A team in the Detroit Amateur Baseball Federation won the world's baseball championship. He has been honored on many occasions with pla-

ques and trophies that graced the shelves and walls of his place of business.

For many years, Pete owned and operated the Alytaus Bar in Detroit. Mr. Padolski was a native of Lithuania, and named his bar after the town in which he was born. He was a dedicated K of L'er, a Fourth Degree member, and had attended numerous K of L Nat'l Conventions. Among other organizations in which Pete was a member were the Knights of Columbus, the Darius-Girenas Club, the Old Time Baseball Players Assoc., Lith. Chamber of Commerce, the Optimists Club and Kushmakers Club. Our condolences go to his beloved wife, Rose, and family. Pete will be greatly missed. May he rest in eternal peace.

In an era when many spend their time with adventurous recreation that bind them together, Helen & Clem Patocki chose a trip to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. There, Clem and his high-school alumni were among members of classes going back to 1930 who gathered to celebrate the school's 50th class reunion. They enjoyed looking through an old yearbook, and reviving old memories.

The F. Petroski's also went East to Newport where Frank spent his Navy days. They took in the quiet New



*C-79 Southfield, Mich. members presented with First Degree awards by (l to r) Ritual Chm. Bertha Janus: Lucille Smilgis, Vera Tulauskas, Charles Milius, Antoinette Baron and Ann Uzdavinas.*



*During Aug. 23 K of L Family Day, C-79 Southfield, Mich. members (l to r) Lucille Smilgis and Ann Uzdavinas (3rd) with Second Degree recipients Carol Ann Zager, Vince Bridgevaitis and Virginia Kirsh. Ritual Chm. Bertha Janus stands at the right.*

England villages and rustic scenery along Cape Cod.

Clem Patocki and friends toured Lithuania, collecting an armload of mementos and an earful of serenades, all part of the welcoming treatment. The highlight of their trip was permission received to visit the hometown where Clem's parents were born. For Mike Vale, it was his fifth trip to Lithuania this summer. Already, plans are in progress for the next visit.

Condolences are extended to the family of our member Joseph Grazulis who died in August. He was an usher at Divine Providence Church and one of the faithful members who always attended Rosary services for our deceased members. Also our sympathy to Ruth Grasha and family, upon the death of her beloved mother, Mrs. Eleanor Grasha. May they rest with the Lord's blessing.

"Get well" wishes to to Joe Chaps who was in a serious auto accident. Ruth Grasha was hospitalized for major surgery. Alice Burt has been in a "slump" following a fall and a back injury. Hope all will recover real soon.

At this time, we wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

SOFFI

## C-96—Dayton, Ohio

Our annual visit to the cemetery, where we reminisce and pray for our deceased members, took place the first Sunday of September. We began the day with 8 a.m. Mass. Mary Lucas, with the help of her daughters, Elaine Pacovsky & Marilyn Grant, served a "light" buffet breakfast for us at her new home. Religious Chm. Elinor Sluzas led us in

prayer and related background stories so members who never met those whose graves we visit could feel a little closer to our deceased. Taking charge of the flowers for the day were Fran Petkus and John A. Berczelly. Again, the Good Lord gave us a beautiful day and turnout by our members was good.

The day ended with a Family Picnic at Triangle Park. This, as in the past, was a fun day. Everyone brought their own dinner and the council supplied the supper. Our thanks go to Chm. Chris Mantz and helpers Eleanor Mantz and Susan Smiley. We had one invalid member that day, Eloise Berczelly, who sprained her right hand at work. (What a way to get attention!)

Visiting out-of-town deceased members on Sept. 21 were Eloise Berczelly, Fran Petkus and Joe & Eleanor Mantz. In one day they covered



## Christmas

greetings from

The REMEIKA FAMILY

Joseph A., Sr. C-12

Beatrice C., C-12

Joseph A., Jr.

Raymond, C-12

Mary

Bruce and Anne Weiler

John

Gerald

Beatrice M.

Anthony

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Ona Dailide

Kazimieras Gaizutis

Ursule Gaiziutis

Marija Gesmantas

Alphonsas Mikulskis

Antanas Maciokas

Salome Nastopka

Kazimiera Petkunas

Roze Sankalas

Stella Sankalas

Antanina Visockas

Jule Salavicius

Ignas Visockas

Kazimiera Titas

Darlene Warren

Mary Trainy

Juze Zoruba

Clevelando Vyčiai Senjorai



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IR LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ

Adele & Andy KERAGA  
Muriel & John LEKSTUTIS  
Helen & Anthony YAKAITIS

All of C-110, Maspeth



To all K of L-ers

CONNIE & MONK

from Council 12



over 160 miles to take flowers to these two members, but it is worth every inch.

With arrangements made by Religious Chm. Elinor Sluzas, the council sponsored a mini-retreat at Holy Cross Church on Sept. 27. Fr. Tom Fortkamp was our moderator. Father has a very special place in the hearts of our parishioners, as he took care of us many times throughout the years, especially when Fr. Titas Narbutas was ill. He did not disappoint us one bit with his dynamic homilies. Fr. Tom is now stationed in Ft. Wayne, Ind. but stays in close touch with many of our members.

During break-time, a supper was served in the church hall. Rita Ambrose took full charge with the help of Gus & Mary Ann Blum. Even though this was a mini-retreat in size, much was received from the prayers, homilies and sharing.

Cultural Chm. Ada Sinkwitz has started the holiday craft classes preparing for our council's annual participation in Dayton's Holiday Hello Bazaar. Concentration will be on Lithuanian Christmas ornaments. Hostesses for the first few gatherings were Ada Sinkwitz, Mary Lucas and Sally & Annadel Miller.

Karl Keivel made arrangements for members to attend a special Dayton Univ. football game. A local K of C council was sponsoring the game, with proceeds going to a charitable function. Mary Lucas had a pre-game cocktail party at her home and later, all returned to Mary's to celebrate the victory.

With our Trophy Case needing a good clean-up, Harley Karns spent one solid evening, after work, using strong "elbow grease," that left the case and trophies gleaming from a job well done. Much thanks, Harley.

Belated congratulations to fellow MCD Knight, Anthony Dainus of Detroit C-79, on his elevation to Honorary Membership in the Knights.

Belated congratulations to Aldona Ryan who has taken on the challenge of Associate Editor of the VYTIS. Good luck, Aldona.

Congratulations are in order for Richard & Dorothy Conrady on the occasion of their Silver Anniversary. We wish them many more healthy, happy years ahead.

Ed Sluzas has joined our list of out-of-town members making Los Angeles, Cal. his new residence. Ed, who has a "guardian angel" in the disguise of Rev. Vincent Bartuskas, is embarking on a career in the entertainment world. Ed has had the opportunity to meet and get to know Ruta Lee. Much luck, Ed. Also joining the out-of-town list is Al & Albina Wallis. They have moved back to

Merry Christmas to

Linda, Husband & Family

STELLA PRUSKA C-110, Maspeth

Special Christmas Greetings

William & Ann  
BARCUS SENKUS

C-52, Elizabeth



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GENEVIEVE CHASE  
GENE GOBIS  
REGINA KOT  
SOPHIE OLBIE

Amsterdam, NY C-100





**May the joys  
of the season  
abide with you**

Council 14  
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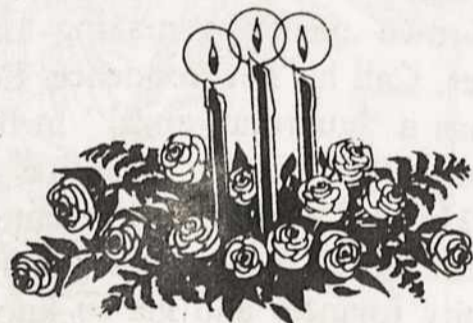


**May the Blessings of  
the Infant Jesus Inspire  
the Lithuanian Spirit in every  
Knight**



**Saint  
Anthony  
Savings**

Joseph Gribauskas, Executive Secretary  
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Member of Knights of Lithuania



**JOY TO  
THE WORLD!**

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture

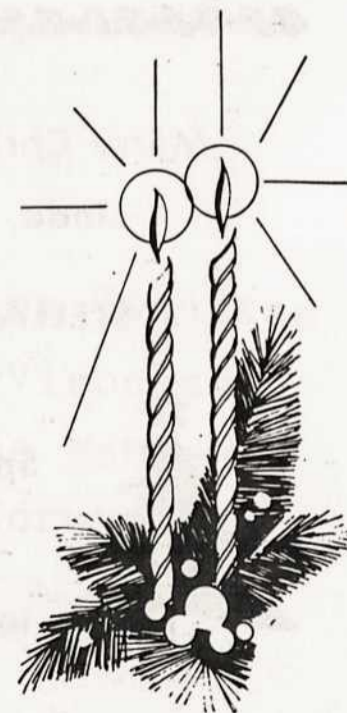
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**Needed for the Archives...  
old photos of Lithuanian  
families, functions, activities,  
both in Lithuania and the U.S.  
Also - old magazines and letters.**

**Linksmų  
šv. KALĖDŲ  
ir laimingų  
NAUJŲ METŲ**

**sveikiname visus vyčius**

**Chicagos  
Senjoru  
Kuopa**



their original home town of Cleveland. We shall miss them as they are two members you always find working quietly in the background. They were always doing their share for the council and the Dayton community. We wish them well. Taking Al & Albina's place on the North Dayton Community Board/Food Pantry are Joe and Aldona Ryan.

Good to know things are going well for Gus Blum after his recent surgery. Prayerfully, Gus' allergies will all subside. Aldona Ryan was one of the Dayton residents chosen to sit in recently at the Dayton Convention Center for a town hall meeting with President Jimmy Carter.

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## C-102—Detroit, Mich.

Congratulations to the Supreme Council officers on their re-election. Congratulations also, to Tony Dainus on his Honorary Membership. Being their sister council, members of 102 are proud of Tony and know he is worthy of the honor.

Their vacation schedule prohibited Maryanne & Joe Guerriero from attending the Nat'l Convention meetings, but they were able to attend the Saturday Night Dinner-Dance and Sunday Mass. They enjoyed themselves immensely at the Dinner, sharing a table with "Pusbrolis" Frank and his wife, David & Holly Peterson, and Frank & Isabel Peterson from the Syracuse, N.Y. council. Frank & Isabel Peterson are former members of our council, Frank having been a former president. They are now residing in Connecticut and are looking forward to joining the new council being formed there. After the convention, the Guerriero's toured the New England States. That completed their visiting all the United States, except Alaska. There can't be an American citizen more proud of the beauty of her country than



*C-102 Detroit, Mich. members enjoying their Meadowbrook outing (clockwise): Pres. Grazina Vaskelis,*

*Ann Uznis, Donna Bunikis and Maryanne & Joe Guerriero.*

Maryanne. She has seen the sun rise from the Atlantic in Maine and set in the Pacific in Oregon.

Our council was saddened by the news of the passing our Charter Member, Peter Padolski. Pete was an avid sports fan, sponsored many sports teams, and in 1961 his Class A team, in the Detroit Amateur Baseball Federation, won the world's amateur baseball championship. Pete also sponsored a bowling team in our league for at least 30 years, until he sold his bar named Alytaus Bar, after the Lithuanian town in which he was born. Our deepest sympathies to his wife, Rose, and son and daughter. May his soul rest in peace.

Deepest sympathies are also extended to Gena Baibak and Emil Poszius, upon the death of their mother. Mrs. Poszius was an elegant beautiful woman always impeccably dressed. May God grant her eternal rest.

"Get well" wishes are extended to Jo Jonulate's mother, who is home recuperating from a hospital stay.

The annual summer Meadowbrook outing was enjoyed by our members again this year. The weather was perfect for our potluck picnic supper and for later listening to a

Gershwin concert under the stars. We missed Frank Bunikis because of illness.

We thank all those who planned, worked, and participated in our Rummage Sale, which was a successful event.

Merry Christmas to all!



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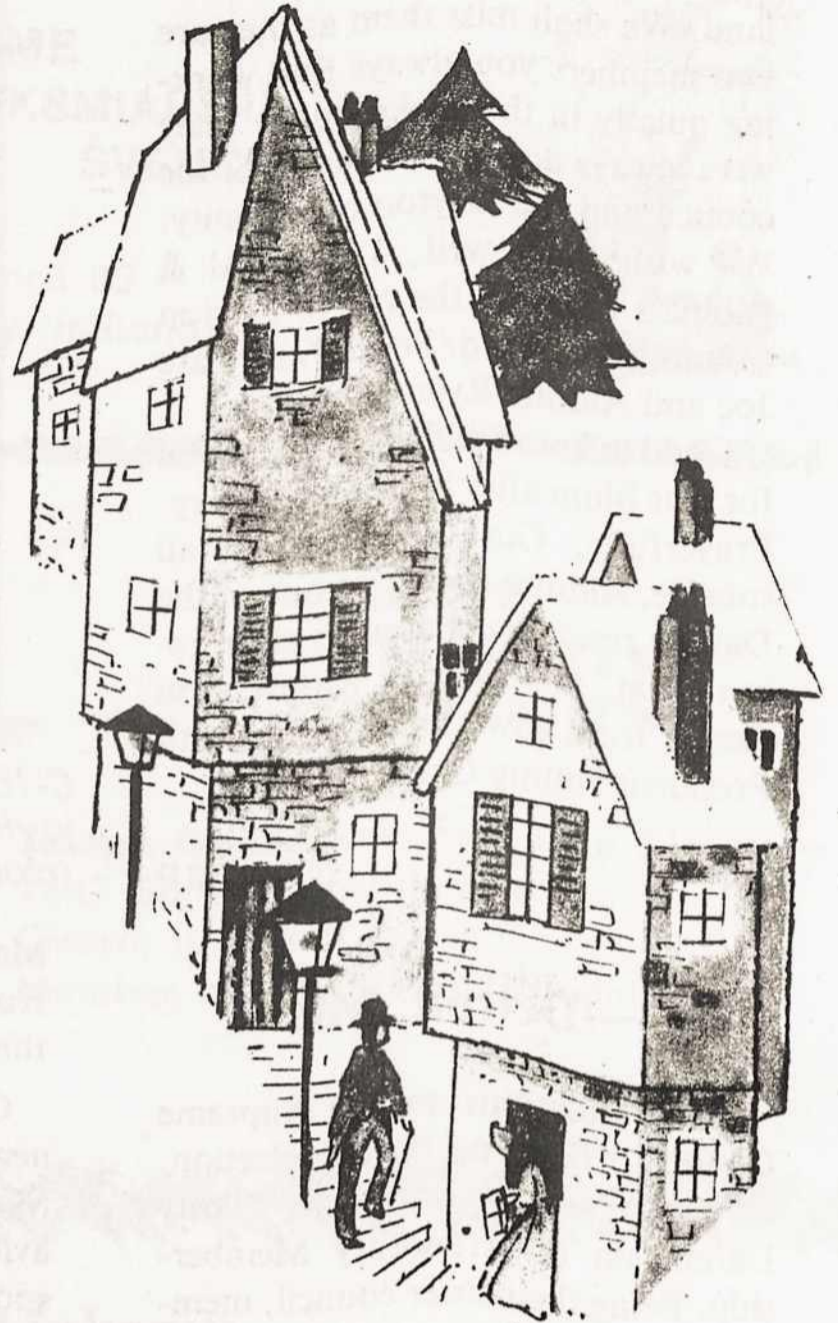
## C-10—Athol-Gardner, Ma.

Our summer steak outing took place Aug. 24 at Frank Anoris' summer home on White's Pond. It was an ideal beautiful day, and the large group in attendance enjoyed barbecuing their steaks, boating, swimming, and renewing old friendships. Out-of-state members in attendance were Lil Genaitis Erickson and chil-



**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 17  
AND  
COUNCIL 17 JUNIORS**

**WISH  
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
TO ONE AND ALL!  
LINKSMŪ SVENCIU VISIEMS**



**LINKSMŪ ŠVENČIŪ!**

**A BLESSED**

**AND**

**A JOYOUS HOLIDAY!**



**COUNCIL-17 SENIORS  
SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

dren, and Margaret Davidonis Senk and husband. Thank you, Frank, for your hospitality!

Our council was well represented at the Fall Convention in Waterbury, Conn. A big thank-you goes to C-7 for a fine time, great Lithuanian food and K of L hospitality. It truly was a fruitful day.

Seen at the Nat'l Convention were Nel Melaika, Rita Besseck and the Genaitis.

Brone Wisniauskas spent a month in Poland this summer and returned just prior to the strikes. She found food prices high and scarce, especially meats. She reported it rained throughout June and July, which means a poor harvest, which will mean more shortages and strife that could spread to the other Russian controlled countries.

Again this summer, Father Stepon-

aitis had a beautiful flower garden around the church property. He surely would take 1st prize in any competition. The church hall has beautiful wall-to-wall carpeting that enhances the hall.

Congratulations and best wishes to Alice Harasimowich and Bill Zarem-ba on their recent marriage in Holy Cross Church in Templeton. The candlelight service and the Worcester Chorale singing was just beautiful. Alice has been a generous contributing member of our council and the entire membership wish the Zarem-bas many years of happy wedded life. Our own Blanche & Charles Genaitis were the attendants. Ilgiausiu Metu!

Pauline Rodski spent several weeks in Oregon where she attended the wedding of her son, Paul Wesockes.

Member of the Month: We have chosen to speak briefly about Dr.

Henry Gailiunas. Dr. Henry was born and raised in Athol. After graduating from high school, he attended and received his B.S. at Boston College and then entered Georgetown Univ. of Dentistry in Washington, D.C. He served two years in the Navy and on his return to civilian life, opened an office and now is practicing dentistry. "Doc" is an active member of St. Francis Parish, and holds membership in the Parish Council, and the local Lions & Rotary clubs. Dr. Gailiunas was a charter member of our council. Doc, we all wish you many successful years in your field of dentistry (and we also have a wish to see you more often at our meetings).

Thought for the Month: During November, our hearts and minds turned towards Thanksgiving and a bountiful harvest. Let's all thank



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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C-135 Ansonia, Conn.

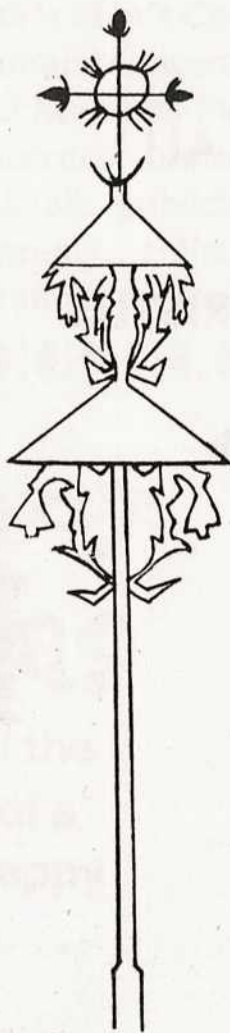
The home of the wayside cross  
Celebrating our 30-th Anniversary

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Sec'y - Annie Sabulis  
Treas. - Mildred Driznus  
Fin. Sec'y -  
Mildred Stachowicz



C-141, Bridgeport, Conn.  
St. George Church  
443 Park Ave.

Spiritual Advisor -  
Rev. Francis Prancus  
President - Alphonse Trainis  
1st V.P. - George Radzwillas  
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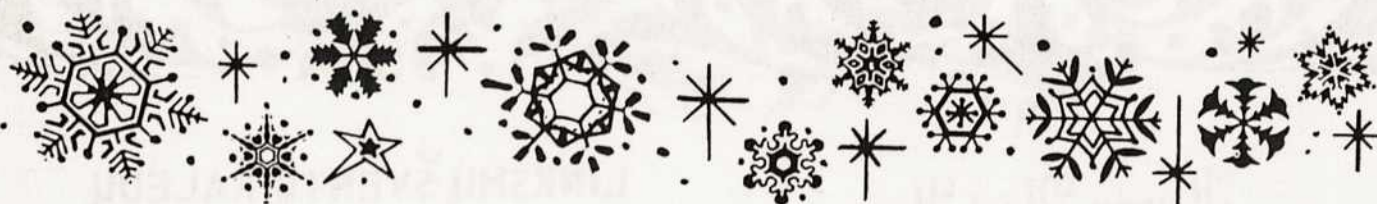
THOUGHTS OF WARM FRIENDSHIPS  
FOND MEMORIES, TOO  
TIED UP WITH CHRISTMAS LOVE,  
ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

**Council 26**

**Worcester, MA**

**- St. Casimers -**



**GOD'S GRACE TO ONE AND ALL!**

**TEBUNA PAGARBINTAS JEZUS KRISTUS**

**St. Casimer's Lithuanian Parish**  
**339 Greene St.**

**New Haven, CO 06511**

**Pastor - Rev. Albert Karalius**  
**and**  
**Knights of Lithuania**  
**Council 50**

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## Linksmu Šv. Kalėdu

**ANNA KLIZAS  
VARGO**

Nat'l. Recording  
Sec'y

ir

## Laimingu Naujuju Metu!

**HELEN SHIELDS**

Hon. Memeber  
Nat'l. Trustee



God we live in the U.S.A. where all enjoy not only a good assortment of material goods but also the fundamental liberties.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and joyous Christmas.

Vincukas

### C-26—Worcester, Mass.

"It's time for a little horn-blowing," says our Fin. Secy. Marion Racicot. In the first eight months of 1980, we've gained eleven new members: Dwight & Virginia Cummings, Charles & Frances Kulakusky, William & Ann Leseman, Frank & Geraldine Tagman, Ronald & Clair Stalulonis, and Gadamin Troupes. A warm welcome to all!

The first line of popular Christmas

carol, "Good King Wenceslaus looked down on the Feast of Stephen," reminds us to greet our two Walinsky Steve's (Sr. and Jr.) on the occasion of their Dec. 26 name day. Ilgiausiu metu!

Francis Ginkus, retired Lt. in the Worcester Fire Department, was honored this past summer by his peers as he embarked upon that happy state of retirement. Incidentally, long after he retired, we learned that Joe Ivaska, too, is among the fire-fighter retirees. We wish them both good health throughout a long and happy life.

Francis (Algis) Glodas, president of St. Casimir's Men's Choir, chaired the second annual concert and dinner dance held at Maironis Park on Nov. 1. He concerned himself with a myriad of detail: publicity, posters, menu, programs, collating music, and still found time to attend the

twice-weekly rehearsals. K of L'ers in the parish choir (Ritual Committee, please take note) include Frannie, Francis Degutis, Walter Grimaila, Alex Pridotkas and Steve Walinsky, Sr. Anyone we may have missed will see his name in another issue.

Adele Degutis and Helen Gillus, bowling league chairpersons, advise that the league this year is **made up of** six highly competitive teams. You may look forward to hearing some terrific scores!

Carol & Bill Grigas chaired the Oct. 24 clam bake held at the Lithuanian War Veterans. They and their committee work so hard over those steaming pots...but the result is good eating, enjoyed by all. The NED picnic took place at Maironis Park on Oct. 26. Virginia Lelakis chaired the Thanksgiving weekend dinner dance, also held at Maironis Park. Our member, Kazys Adomavi-



for

## Christmas

Wishing you the  
finest joys of a  
bright and happy  
Christmas . . .

**Council 145  
Holyoke, Mass.**

cius, who is president of Maironis, is more than pleased to see so many continue to labor under the name of Lithuania. "Gerai, gerai," he frequently comments.

Our delegates returned from the Waterbury, Conn. Dist. Convention, telling us we missed a great time. These affairs are a good time to combine work and play, and many wouldn't think of missing such an event.

Tradition dictates that the executive board must host the annual council Christmas party. Accurate information is much more beneficial than rumor, so we appreciate the "secret" confided by one of the officers. In that (Christmas) spirit, we share with you the promise that this is to be one of the merriest Christmas gatherings ever! And speaking of spirit, this is the time of year when

Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, takes his red beret, scarf, socks and mittens out of the moth balls!

We're now busy with happy preparations for Christmas like shopping, writing greeting cards, choir rehearsals, etc. There is so much to be done before the 25th. Al Seilius is lining up those special "cherubs" we call altar boys for the beautiful Christmas Mass schedule.

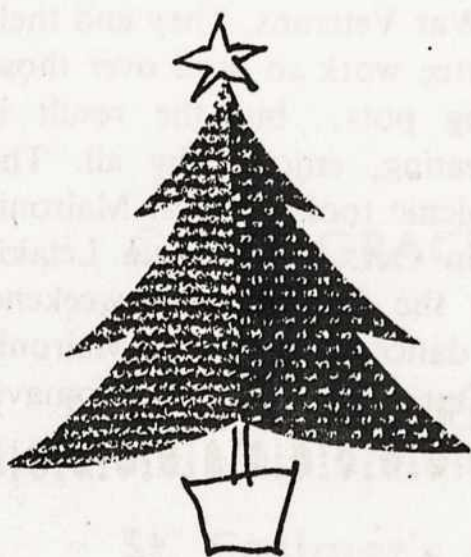
Sister M. Ignata was back teaching before we knew she had been hospitalized. Thank God, she's feeling much better and Sister hopes it will just be a memory before long.

We have a good council because we work, are responsive, motivated. We're not perfect, but then we'd rather not work with "perfect" people. We make errors, sometimes hurt one another. We're not so bad, each of us in our way. But we can all im-

prove. What we need is to accept one another, not try to change one another. We can resolve to work with positives, the goods, the strengths and not waste time by falling into bogs of abuse, criticism, cheap shots. To our way of thinking, putting a little happiness into the holiday season for our family, our council, our parish, neighbors, friends, the sick and the sorrowful, certainly is one of the "necessities" of life.

And now we close this final column for 1980 with this Christmas message: Rita Pinkus, our President, Father Uzdavinis, MIC, our spiritual director, Father Miciunas, MIC, our pastor, and our entire membership, join together to sing for our friends near and far, "Sviekas Jezau Gimusis!" A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

"Dzukele"



**Linksmų švenčių  
visiems vyčiams**

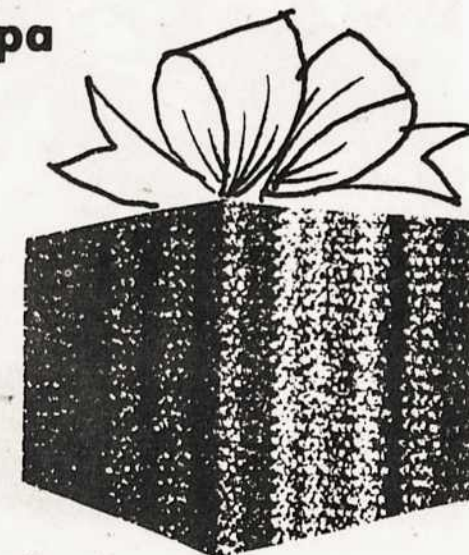
**linki 102 Kuopa**

**Detroit, MI**

**Šventų Kalėdų  
ir Naujųjų Metų proga  
sveikiname vyčius  
linkėdami ištvėrmės ir  
pasiaukojimo  
Dievui ir Tėvynei!**

**19-toji Vyčių Kuopa**

**Pittsburgh, PA**





## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

### C-142—Washington, D.C.

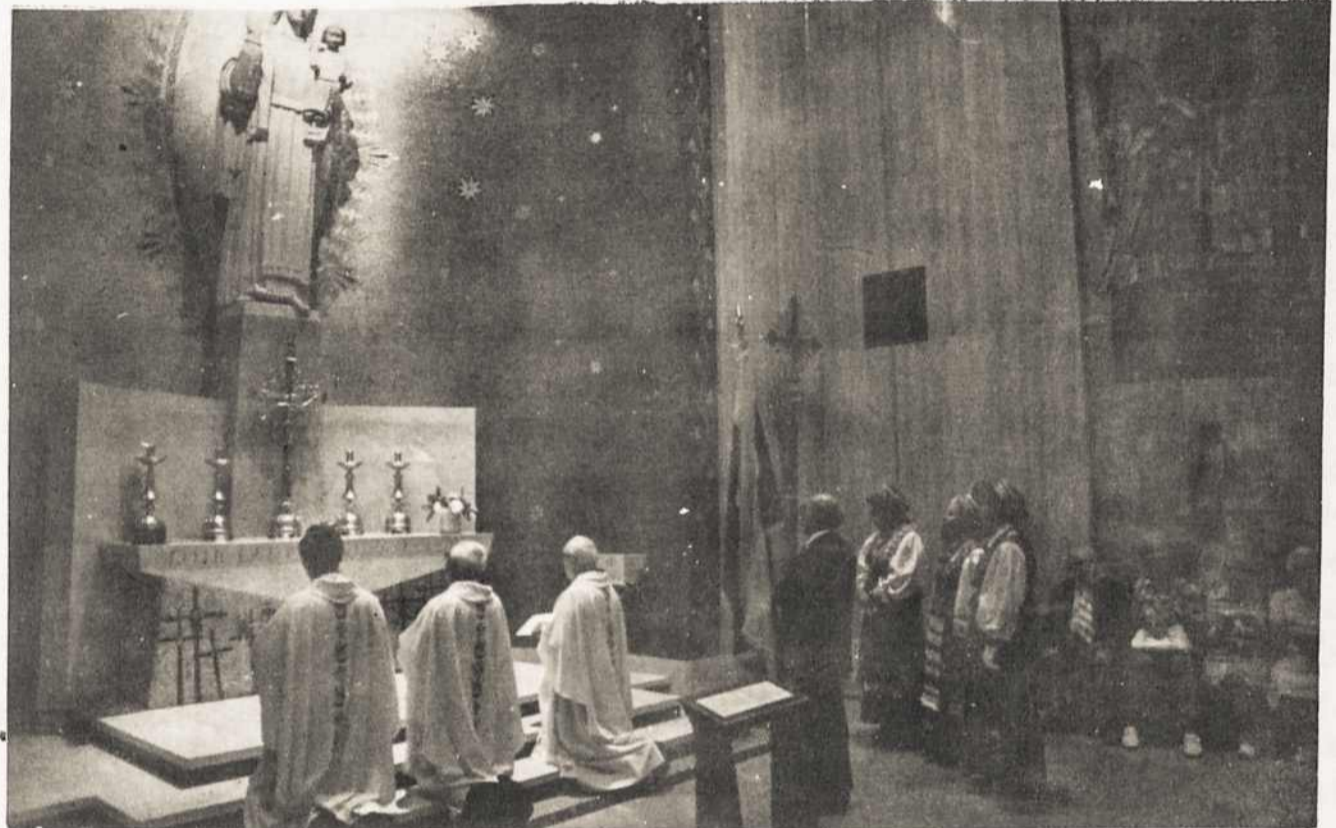
Our council had a picnic and meeting on July 20, at the home of Mr. Balsys, in his big backyard. Responsible for the delicious Lithuanian food table was our Secy. Bertha Stann. In addition to the Lithuanian dishes prepared by Bertha's mother, Mrs. Zebris, Mrs. Elena Jurgela brought her delicious Lithuanian meatballs and Julia Burlen some of her outstanding desserts. Bertha's husband Frank was the congenial bartender, and Julia & Ulises Consuegra provided the music. Despite the 102 degree heat, a good feast and good time was had by all.

Vice Pres. Ladislaus Esunas was again responsible for the Catholic War Veterans Rosary Memorial Service held July 27 in observance of Captive Nations Week. People of many different nationalities participated in the rosary.

Seen at Lakewood Lithuanian Day in August were members Pat LaBarre, Emily Paukstitus, and Frank Paliokas. Representing our council at the Nat'l Convention in Boston, Mass. were Eva Migonis, Ladislaus Esunas, Bertha & Frank Stann, Mary Semel and Jean Lutwin.

Present at the Family Festival in honor of Archbishop James A. Hickey, the new leader of the Metropolitan Washington area's 400,000 Catholics, which was held at the grounds of Catholic University on Aug. 8, were council Pres. Eva Migonis manning the Lithuanian table, assisted by Julia Burlen and two vol-

unteers from the Ateitininke, Mrs. Dambrunas and Mrs. Vitenas. At 4 p.m. at the National Shrine, two of our Juniors, Deidre LaBarre and Elyte Mangis, dressed in Lithuanian costumes, assisted in carrying the gifts during the Mass. After the Mass, 7,000 people gathered to greet the new Archbishop. Eva Migonis



*Blessing of the Lithuanian flag at Our Lady of Siluva Chapel, Washington, D.C. on Sept. 7th (l to r): Rev. Dennis Morrow, Msgr. Jonas Balkunas, Rev. Jonas Gasiunas, Mr. Stanley Grusas, Mrs. Victoria Jacobson, Mrs. Stanley Grusas, Mrs. Grazina Roze Mainelyte-Jasinskiene.*

Photo credit: Juris Bilmanis



*C-142 Wash. D.C. members (l to r) Elyte Mangis, Pres. Eva Migonis Bertha Stann, Deidre LaBarre, with (back row) Rev. Dennis Morrow, Msgr. Jonas Balkunas, Rev. Jonas Gasiunas and Jonas Vaitkus at the Lower Crypt Church at the National Shrine.*

Photo credit: Juris Bilmanis



**LINKSMŲ ŠV. KALĖDŲ IR  
LAIMINGŲ IR SVEIKŲ NAUJŲ METŲ.**

***Knights of  
Lithuania.***

***in the***

***Nation's Capital  
COUNCIL 142  
Washington, D.C.***



**MAY PEACE**

**ABIDE IN YOUR HEART AND HOME**

**THIS SEASON AND IN THE COMING YEAR**

**COUNCIL 140 — SYRACUSE, NEW YORK**



**MAY THE PEACE AND JOY  
OF CHRISTMAS  
BE WITH YOU ALWAYS**

**Council 30**

**Westfield, MA**



**LINKIME VISIEMS  
LINKSMŲ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ  
IR SVEIKŲ LAIMINGŲ NAUJŲ METŲ**

**12-ta Kuopa**

**Manhattan, NY**

stood in line until 7:30 p.m. to shake hands with the Archbishop, at which time she asked whether he was aware of the persecuted Catholic Church in Lithuania. Archbishop Hickey replied "yes," that he received copies of the Chronicles of the Lithuanian Church from Bishop Brizgys in Chicago. It was very gratifying to find the Archbishop so knowledgeable of the problems confronting the Catholic churches in Lithuania.

Thanks to the participation of Mrs. Victoria Jacobson and C-147 of St. Petersburg, Stanley Vaicaitis's choir from Frackville, Pa., and Joe Mackalonis of Lemoyne, Pa., our council's 14th Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Siluva Chapel was an outstanding event.

The Pilgrimage began Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6, at the National Shrine's conference room with a panel discussion on Human Rights in Lithuania. Participants in the panel discussion were Dr. Elena Armanas, well-known attorney from Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Constantine Jurgela, council historian and author; Dr. Domas Krivickas, and Rev. Dr. Thomas Ziuraitis, who were taped for rebroadcast by the Voice of America. The panelists were also recorded by our council on cassette tapes and their presentations are available upon request. The reception that followed gave everyone an opportunity to meet Msgr. Jonas Balkunas, Father Jonas Gasiunas, Mrs. Victoria Jakobson, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Grusas, and Mrs. Grazina Roze Mainelyte-Jasinskiene who had just arrived from St. Petersburg and New York. Mrs. Jacobson had brought the videotape cassette of Channel 10's broadcast at Tallahassee, of C-147's presentation of the Lithuanian flag to the Capitol of Florida in April, which was an added treat.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Siluva Chapel, Msgr. Balkunas blessed the Lithuanian flag, while the Frackville, Pa. choir sang.



*Mr. Butenas, Voice of America, recording Frackville, Pa. choir led by Stanley Vacaitis, at Our Lady of Siluva Chapel, Wash., D.C.*

Photo credit: Juris Bilmanis

Again, the choir was recorded for rebroadcast by the Voice of America. After the blessing of the flag, there was a procession from the Chapel to the Lower Crypt Church for Mass concelebrated by Msgr. Balkunas, Father Gasiunas, and Father Morrow from the Grand Rapids, Mich. Diocese. Stanley Vaicaitis and his choir provided the music and singing, Junior members Deidre LaBarre and Elyte Mangis carried flowers, and Pres. Eva Migonis and Secy. Bertha Stann presented the gifts.

After the Mass, Charge d'Affaires and Mrs. Stasys Backis invited the guests to visit the Lithuanian Legation. Everyone enjoyed the tour conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Backis of the beautiful artwork, amber collections and dog collection housed at the Legation.

Monday afternoon, Sept. 8, members Julia Burlen, Jean Lutwin, Ladislaus Esunas, and Eva Migonis attended the presentation of the Lithuanian Flay by Mrs. Victoria Jakobson at the Florida House on Capitol Hill. After a brief presentation by Dr. Kazys Bobelis, Mrs. Jakobson addressed the assembly as follows: "Today the Knights of Lithuania are presenting in the name of free Lithuanians another flag to the people of Florida in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the forced occupation of the Republic of Lithuania by the Soviet Union. We hope

that both flags will stand, one in the capitol at Tallahassee and the other here in Florida House, in Washington, for many years to witness the faith and hope of American Lithuanians for restoration of freedoms in the land of our forefathers." (Wouldn't it be nice if everyone in the 48 states would follow Victoria Jakobson's example and have the Lithuanian flag placed in their State Capitol?) Council Pres. Eva Migonis presented the Florida House with Dr. Constantine Jurgela's latest book "Lithuania, The Outpost of Freedom" for its library.

Thus ended the three event-filled days with the K of L in Washington, D.C.

L. Esunas

## **C-110—Maspeth, N.Y.**

Did you know that our council was founded in 1924, and that one of the original founders, Walter Brusack, is still a 110 K of L member?

We bid a fond welcome to new members Francis T. Razickas, Charles & Bernice Abt, Stephen & Nellie Donella, Eddie & Isabel Raizys, and Vyto & Stella Matulonis.

Pirmininkas Jonas Adomenas was most pleased with membership turnout on Sept. 7 for "Tautu Svent" at the Transfiguration Church in Maspeth. Members commemorated the



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**Council 103**

Providence, Rhode Island

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!**

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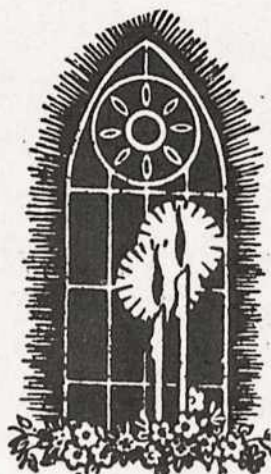
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occasion by participating in a High Mass celebrated by our spiritual advisor, Fr. Stasys Ralia. The Pastor of Transfiguration Church, Fr. Frank Bulovas, delivered the homily.

In a little town in Lithuania named Skiemonys, it is alleged that the Virgin Mary appeared to a certain Ramute Macuyte (then about 14 years old) in the year 1962. This has not been officially confirmed by the church; nevertheless, thousands of people flock to this field to bring flowers, sing hymns and pray every week. It is frequently turned into an emotional demonstration against communism.

On Sept. 21, the K of L sponsored a celebration at the Lithuanian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, honoring the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Mother Maria Kaupas, foundress of the Order of Saint Casimir. The commemoration ceremony included a

High Mass in Lithuanian with Fr. Pugevicius as the celebrant. He also delivered the homily. Sister Maria was born in Ramygala, Lithuania, on June 6, 1880. She received her religious training in Switzerland and in the United States. Because of her efforts, on April 19, 1907, Pope Pius X approved the establishment of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir, a Lithuanian Order. Mother Maria opened her first school in Mt. Carmel, Pa.; a motherhouse was dedicated in Chicago in 1911. Other schools and hospitals followed. Mother Maria died at the age of 60 on April 17, 1940.

Plaudits to Muriel Lekstutis and Stella Stripeikis for their great job co-chairing the Sept. 13 annual dinner-dance. We commend Frances Migliore on the control she exercised over the tickets.

The Dec. 3 meeting will be our

Christmas Party. Members are requested to bring a gift for the Grab Bag (\$3.00 worth) marked "male" or "female."

Our "Kucios" will be held on Dec. 21. Linksmu Kaledu visiems!

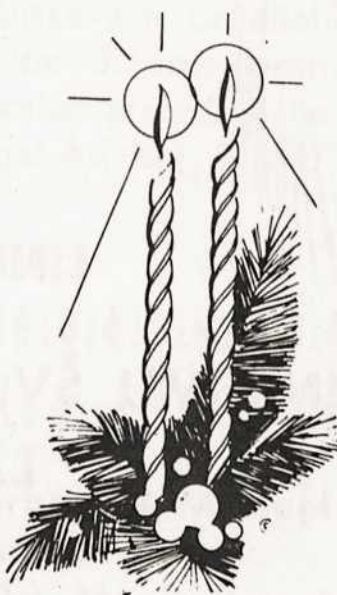
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### **C-46—Forest City, Pa.**

Several of our members motored to Brooklyn, N.Y. to attend the commemorative celebrated Mass at the Lithuanian Cultural Center for the saintly foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, Mother Maria Kaupas. It was held on Sept. 21, on the occasion of her 100th birthday and the 40th anniversary of her death. We loved the Lithuanian Mass and Lithuanian hymns, and were delighted to meet our former native sisters, the Antanaitis girls, and their brother Balis

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**The GRIGALIUNAS Family  
Mike and Helen  
Michael, Jr., Ellen  
and Joseph**

**C-67, Bayonne**

As we celebrate this Holy Christmas Season and reflect on that Silent Night almost Two Thousand Years ago, may the Peace and Contentment that surrounded the Virgin Mother Mary and Her Newborn Child, Jesus, fill our hearts and dwell there always, reminding us of the True Spirit of Christmas, the Birth of our Saviour



**C-110 Maspeth, N.Y.**  
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and wife, and also the Kudirka's. The dinner served was most delicious. Our six members had left Forest City that morning at 6 a.m., and though one wrong turn was made on the turnpike, we all arrived home at 10 p.m., tired but happy. Those enjoying that wonderful day were Isabel Kaminskas Dewitt, Mary Kaminskas, Celia Slick Ritenburg, Dorothy Andzulis, Frances Bulotas Yavorosky and Mary Paukstis Prezelski.

A few of our members also attended the dinner-dance hosted by Scranton C-74 on Sept. 27. It was truly an enjoyable time.

Ann Zalinskas

### C-144—Anthracite, Pa.

Lithuanian Day 1980 is over, and the council will be able to rest for a few months until the '81 festivities are planned. Thanks again to Joe Yezulinas and his committee. Msgr. Neverauskas also thanks everyone who honored him at the banquet.

Many of our members attended the beautiful wake service for deceased member, Helen Haluska. Our thanks to Father Al, assisted by Father Matthew, and to all the members who attended. Helen was a good member until her illness prevented her from doing anything more, but her heart was always with the K of L. She will be missed.

The Zarija Choir and members of the council journeyed to Washington, D.C. in September for the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva at the National Cathedral. The Choir, which has many K of L members, sang at the Shrine. All



*Members of Anthracite, Pa. C-144 after a Lithuanian Christmas demonstration: Bernice Mikatavage, Flo Kobluskie, Annie Morgalis, Anne Wargo and Anne Panchari.*

went to the Lithuanian Legation afterward and had an enjoyable time. Thanks to Anne Sikor for organizing the bus trip.

Election of officers was held at the September meeting with the following elected: Pres. Elsie Kosmisky, Vice Pres. Anna Zaldaris, Secy. Eva Yurkewicz, Treas. John Buzas, Fin. Secy. Alma Linder, and Trustees Bernice Mikatavage, Anne Wargo, and Stanley Burkevage. Installation took place at the October meeting with church services preceding the meeting by Spiritual Advisor, Father Al Bartkus.

We thank Father Bartkus for his guidance. Without him we could not have the council we do. He has truly been our Spiritual Leader and in November at his birthday, all members sincerely wished him "Ilgiausiu Metu."

A very successful Lithuanian Day was conducted at Fairlane Village Mall by our council, with Joe Petro-sky as chairman. Joe is a new member and did a tremendous job. A bake sale was held and the proceeds were sent to the "Washington 18" to help with their legal fees. The Junior Knights from Minersville and the Zarija Choir performed.

Many thanks, too, to our Junior Counselors in Minersville, Tessie Balulis, Anne Sikora and Bernice Mikatavage, and in New Phila., Rita Shevokis.

"Ilgiausiu ir Lamingiu Metu" to newlyweds Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Keyes. Mrs. Keyes is the former Anne Marie Shevokis.

Helen Rugenius was on the sick list and we wish her well.

Our new cultural center is slowly taking shape. Hopefully, by Spring, it will be fully opened.

In the planning stages are our annual "Kucios" and a Lithuanian Festival at our newly-opened Frackville Mall. The Lithuanian Affairs Committee is busy writing letters to prisoners, and will continue to do so.

Our council members wish all our Vyciu Broliai ir seserai "Linksmiu Kaledu ir laimingu Nauju Metu." God be with you all.

Ona



**Rev. Frank Bulovas**  
Pastor, Transfiguration Church  
Maspeth, NY

*Merry Christmas*

**Barbara & Michael**  
**Kartanowicz**  
C-12, Manhattan, NY



**Mr. & Mrs. Paul**  
**Trucilauskas & Ed**  
C-61, Paterson, NJ



LET US KEEP CHRISTMAS,  
 HOLDING IT CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS  
 FOR ITS MEANING NEVER ENDS  
 AND ITS SPIRIT  
 IS THE WARMTH AND JOY  
 OF REMEMBERING FRIENDS . . .

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*Merry Christmas*  
 AND

EVERY HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

**Council 29 - Newark, N.J.**



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**A BLESSED AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY!**

**COUNCIL 74**  
**Scranton, Pa.**

**Rev. Michael C. Ozalas**  
 Spiritual Advisor

## C-29 — Newark, N.J.

The October meeting was opened with a prayer by Monsignor John Sharnus.

New members Mary and Valeninas Tumelis were welcomed to Council 29. Rose Zukauskas read a thank you note from the L.C.R.A. Director, Father Pugevicius, because Albinas Zukauskas sold 38 Chronicles.

Monsignor J. Sharnus gave a talk about the Propagation of the Faith. He also enlightened us on the Mormon faith.

Helen Rædisch read a telegram sent

to President Jimmy Carter, to drop the charges against the Lithuanian American demonstrators who were arrested in Washington D.C. including Rev. C. Pugevicius, Director of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, and noted freedom-fighter Simas Kudirka. The Lithuanian Affairs Committee read the response from Sen. Bill Bradley in reference to the recognition of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Council 29 successfully celebrated its 65th anniversary on October 11th. A report was read on the outcome of the dinner dance by Chairlady Mary Stonis.

Council 29 recently held officer elections. Here are the results: President-Kazys Sipaila; Vice President-Rose Zukauskas; Financial Secretary-Mary Stonis; apprentice-Rita Sussko; Recording Secretary-Margie Brazaitis; Treasurer-Adele Urbanas; Trustees-Antanas Grazulis, Ann O'Neil, Bernie Skripata; Corresponding Secretary-Ann Abromaitis. The meeting was adjourned and concluded by a prayer by Monsignor Sharnus, and the singing of the Vytis Hymn.

Rita Grazulis



*Guests at C-29 Denver Dance: Alice Zupko, C-12, Adele Dauzickas, C-110, Connie Siatis, C-12, Al Monk, C-12*



*C-29 Honored Guests: Heler Shields, H.M., C-3, John Adomunas C-110, Joanne Janonis, C-12, Joe Bal y, H.M. C-4*

## JUNIORS CORNER

### Jr. C-144—Minersville, Pa.

A September meeting of the 7th, 8th and 9th grade girls of our Junior Knights was held, and it was decided to form a separate group. We now call ourselves the "Ruteles" when we perform.

Officers were elected at this meeting: Pres. Therese Krusnoski, Vice-Pres. Madonna Balulis, Secy. Samantha Rsucavage, Treas. Susan Balcavage, and Debbie Vesay will be

in charge of property and supplies.

We have performed during Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park, Ethnic Day at Fairlane Village Mall in September, and modeled Lithuanian costumes and sang for the Catholic Daughters, Mahanoy City Chapter, in October.

All are looking forward to making straw Christmas decorations at our next meeting.

Samantha

**- IN MEMORIAM**  
Please remember in your prayers..

**KAZYS MERKIS**

Member, C-17 Srs  
So. Boston, MA  
died August, 1980

**JOSEPH GRAZULIS**

Member, C-79  
Southfield, MI  
died August 1980

**PETER PADOLSKI**

Member C-102  
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