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# THE MAGIC OF

# WINTER

by

Aldona Ryan

When the great hunter, Orion, rides high in the sky at night, followed by his dog (star), Sirius, then we know that beautiful winter is here. For the winter stars are the brightest and a full moon in January, shining on a snowcovered earth, turns our world into a land of brilliance and fantasy.

It is then that the snow lovers break out of their cocoons where they have been polishing their skis and cleaning their sleds and are ready with zest and vigor.

It is then that the indoor swimming pools, the racquet ball courts, the bowling alleys and health clubs are crowded to capacity.

The activities of summer can be simulated indoors but winter's sports cannot be duplicated. Winter can seduce you. Winter is heaven sent.

Winter is the time to gaze at the snow in rapture. It is a time to read a good book by a fireside. It is a time for families to gather together with games and hot soups and feel warm and secure.

It is also a time to get out your woolies and your mittens and go outdoors. Enjoy God's miracle of wonder. To catch a snowflake is to look at an angel's wing. To step on the layers of soft snow is to walk on a cloud. To see the sparkle of sunlight on a patch of ice with its millions of facets and brilliant colors is to see a diamond bigger than any mined from the earth.

Our ancestors, the descendents of the tribes who followed the tundra after the last ice age, survived the climate. Perhaps our genes remind us of those days and we are a little homesick for them. To be out in the

snow is to be carried back through time to the days of our ancestors thousands of years ago. Some little part of us "remembers" and feels "at home."

In true snow country, people have learned to adapt to the ways of winter. Perhaps snowshoes were the first equipment devised for they have changed very little since the time of primitive man. Where snow has piled up more than two feet is almost impossible to walk without them. Each step will carry a man's body down into the snow above the knees. It is a very simple task to take a long twig of

an ash tree, bend it into a round shape, fill the inside of the shape with a webbing of leather strips and tie them to your feet. Presto - you can glide over the snow as easily as walking on water with water skis.

With snowshoes, a winter hike in the woods is possible. It takes no special skill to "snowshoe" and it is one of the safest "winter sports." Snowshoes are very light in weight and seldom skid, even on slopes. Different types of snowshoes have been engineered for various terrains and uses. Long, narrow snowshoes are used for fast travel on windpacked



snow in open country. Oval-shaped ones are very maneuverable for hikes in brush country and hill climbing.

Our great grandparents in Lithuania probably owned snowshoes and used them often. Snowshoes, survival equipment of ancient man, is now an \$80 per pair industry to satisfy the needs of snowshoe clubs which have been organized all over the world.

Early man who devised snowshoes, also probably found out that long, flat board attached to the feet would glide over the snow very quickly and skiing was born. It is a mistake to think that you have to live in the hills or travel to the hills to ski. Considering the world wide participation in this sport, cross-country skiing is the most popular version. People who love to walk, hike, jog and run in the summer months take up cross-country skiing. It was used as the primary means of transportation in northern Europe for many, many years.

A more accomplished skier can take to the hills and to the mountains and race downhill with the wind. The sport of skiing has developed into a billion dollar industry all over the world. Machines that make "man-made snow" have been devised and, what used to be everyday fun for the poor, has become a favorite sport of the wealthy.

In archeological digs, traces of rounded bones attached to shoes have been found. Ice skating is a very ancient sport. Wooden runners replaced



the bones and ice skating was a popular means of transportation during the middle ages. Metal skates were known in northeastern Europe during the 17th century.

As in many such diversions, the sport became a form of competition. The art of staying on balance and appearing graceful and elegant resulted in certain movements, becoming classified into "steps" and choreographed into "dances" and figure skating was born. In 1849, in Philadelphia, the first skating club was organized in the United States. Olympic competitions, speed skating, and ice hockey are the results of machining tempered steel into various types of skates that can be purchased today. Indoor rinks are found all over the world for the less hardy skater.

In books about the history of



Lithuania, we read about the "book carriers" who, with the help of their woodcarving friends, managed to keep the Lithuanian language in print alive by the secret pockets in their sleds and sleighs. Lithuanian museums show wonderfully carved, ornate sleighs that were the handwork of many hours of loving, skilled hands. Sleds, sleighs and toboggans have been known to mankind before written history. By attaching a horse or a team of dogs to a sled, early man found his quickest way of travel, for runners on snow would go faster than wheels on dirt.

Sledding is the most popular sport in winter and every child in snow country has his own sled. In 1974, sled manufacturers made some changes in the steel used in small sled runners and now they are faster than ever. Also, the one-piece, rigid control bar has been developed into a two-piece, cross-piece steering device that gives the sledder about 50% more control.

Here in the United States, children glide downhill on the snow on sliding mats, innertubes and cardboard boxes. They play games which they think are new but which are really ages old.

In Scotland, Ireland and Wales, a fun game which all of the members of the family can play is called "curling." All you need is a flat rock and some old brooms. A player gives a push to a flat rock toward the goal and the rest of the team guides the rock to the goal by sweeping a path ahead of it with brooms. Shouting and hollering as they sweep in frenzy, the players spend a "warm" and exciting afternoon.

In the old, old days, if you got hungry, you could catch a fish by chopping a hole in the ice and luring the fish that could live in the icy waters. If you get together with a group of anglers today, they will start on their fish stories and talk about the fun of ice fishing.



The industry that has developed with the sport of ice fishing is great indeed. Besides battery-powered augers to cut smooth holes in the ice, fishermen are tempted to buy special little stoves, special tents, and even tiny houses made especially for living in - next to the ice hole.

Then there is hunting, trapping and a myriad number of other activities such as snowball fighting, making snowmen, special snow games and ice-sculpturing. People travel further north to view glaciers and to wonder at the brilliant display of the aurora borealis in the north countries.

Meteorologists will tell you that the weight of the snow falling pushes all of the particulate matter down ahead of it and the air is purer and cleaner than usual in the winter time. With proper clothing, care and common sense, winter can be a joyful, healthful, cleansing period.

So get up, get out, and get going. Now is the time to enjoy all of God's wonder and glory in our magical world of winter.

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PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Edgar A. Guest

Grant me the strength from day to day  
 To bear what burdens come my way  
 Grant me through this bright New Year  
 More to endure and less to fear.  
 Help me to live that I may be  
 From spite and petty malice free.

Lord, as the New Year dawns today  
 Help me to put my faults away;  
 Let me be big in little things,  
 Grant me the joy which friendship  
 brings,  
 Keep me from selfishness and spite  
 Let me be wise in what is right.

A happy New Year! Grant that I  
 May cause no tear in any eye.  
 When this New Year in time shall end  
 Let it be said: I've played the friend;  
 Have lived and loved and labored here  
 And made of a happy year.



## PHASE II

# ARCHBISHOP GEORGE MATULAITIS

We, Knights of Lithuania, learned about Archbishop George Matulaitis from Father Joseph Dambrauskas, MIC, Provincial of the Lithuanian Marian Fathers. The "MIC" means Congregation of Mary Immaculate, the organization of religious priests and brothers that was saved from extinction and renewed by Father George Matulaitis in 1909 by his taking of vows at the feet of the last remaining Lithuanian Marian Father, Vincent Senkus. The Russian Tsars has suppressed all religious Orders and Congregations in the 1800's, so by 1909 there was only one Marian Father left. Father Matulaitis joined the congregation with the express intention of preserving and renewing this congregation that had done so much for Lithuanian Catholics in the past.

No wonder Father Dambrauskas is so zealous and tireless in working for the Beatification of Archbishop George.

We have agreed by National Convention Resolution to help in this project.

Archbishop Matulaitis was an exceptional man: learned, a leader, a planner, strict with himself, but gentle and most considerate of others, a very holy priest and bishop. He died on January 27, 1927 in Kaunas, at the age of 56.

Members of the beatification process in Chicago. Seated left to right: Fr. Provincial J. Dambrauskas, Msgr. E. Smaza, Bishop A. Abramowicz, Msgr. D. Mozeris, and Fr. V. Mikolaitis. Standing: Fr. F. Skrodenis, Fr. J. Kuzinskas, Fr. J. Rolek, Fr. F. Kelpšas, and Fr. A. Nockūnas.

After his death, it dawned upon the many people who knew him in Lithuania, in Rome, in the United States, that here was an exceptional man, who was outstanding, even heroic, in virtue, with a strong faith and an all embracing charity. These are the ingredients of sanctity. Further information and events of his life supported these suspicions. Here was a man who seemed worthy of the honors of the Church, to be recognized and proclaimed a Saint of God.

In 1953, the Marian Fathers began the official process of Beatification. After each step of these rigorous investigations, it became more and more evident that Archbishop George possessed the qualifications of Sainthood. But, as is well known, only the Pope can officially declare a person a Saint, or Blessed.

At the present time, according to Father Jonas Vaisnora, MIC, Postulator of the Process (a "postulator" is the priest-director of this whole effort), all the documentation and testimony of witnesses and even notarized reports of the miracles

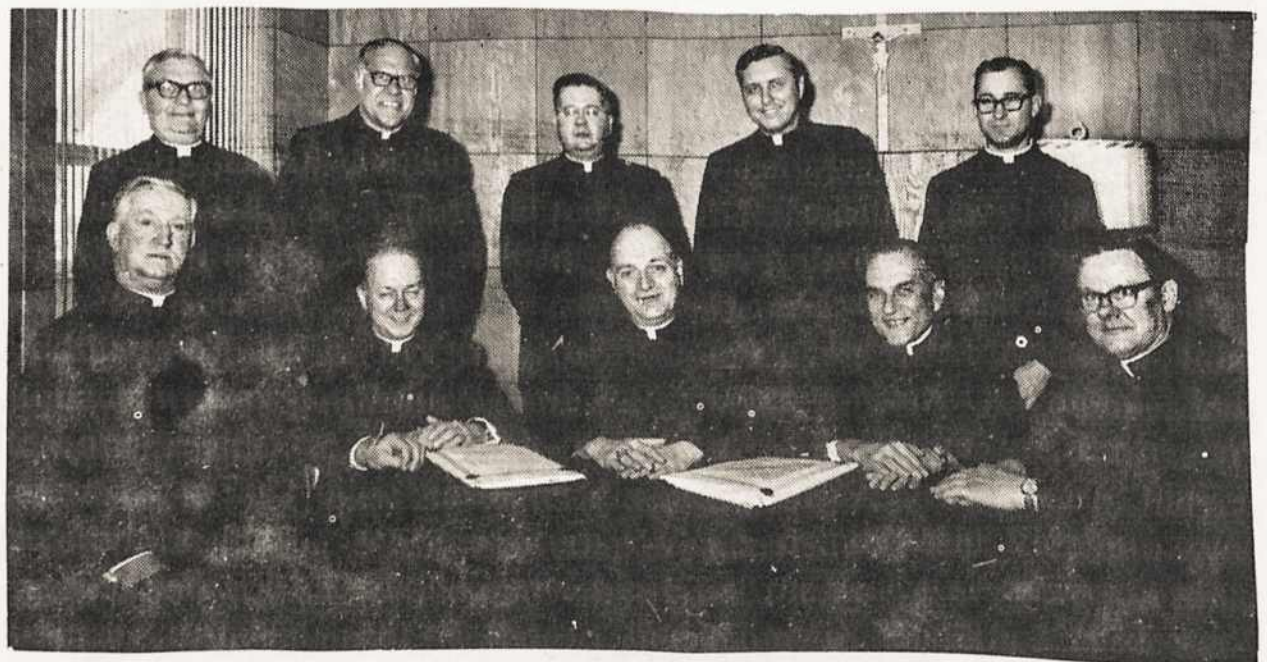
worked through the prayers of Archbishop Matulaitis have been collected and printed in one huge volume (almost 1,000 pages).

This volume with the Latin title: *Positio super virtutibus* (Statement concerning virtues) must now be formally presented to the Holy Father, together with the prayers and petitions of the Lithuanian people, begging Pope John Paul II, in his wisdom, to honor the saintly Archbishop with the title of Blessed.

Here is where we, Knights of Lithuania, come in.

In the past two or three years we have been gathering signatures, requesting the Holy Father to approve the heroic sanctity of Lithuania's truly outstanding Church leader, Bishop of Vilnius, reorganizer of the Marian Fathers, Founder of the Poor Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who laid the foundations for the dioceses of independent Lithuania.

To date, between five and ten thousand signatures have been collected. (I cannot be more accurate than that; I do now know the exact figures.)



**PHASE TWO** of this project is to collect many, many thousands more. How many more?

Well, I ask you to think for a few moments about points A and B as follows:

A. Lithuanians in the United States, youth and others (including help from the K of L) collected and presented 150,000 signatures to the United Nations requesting freedom for the Baltic countries.

B. Catholics in Lithuania collected and sent over 149,000 signatures to Brezhnev, requesting the return of their parish church in Klaipeda, built with their own funds and then taken over by the government for a concert hall.

I feel that we K of L'ers can hope to equal or better those numbers to place on our letter to Pope John Paul II, asking him to proclaim a new Saint for Lithuania.

No, we can't.

Yes, we can...

No we...

Yes, we can, yes we can, **YES, WE CAN!**

Here's how.

Previously, we collected individual signatures and we obtained thousands. Now, we are seeking signatures *by families*. We can easily collect many times more.

This past year, 1980, was observed as the **YEAR OF THE FAMILY**. What we are doing is prolonging the impetus of this Family Year into 1981, as we use our families as a starting point in this **PHASE TWO**.

Come on, look over my shoulder as we do some more figuring. There are about three thousand members of our organization. Each member is related to two families: the father's side and the mother's side. Automatically, we reach 6,000 families, reaching parents, uncles, aunts, children, cousins, and a whole additional family of in-laws.

But, we do not intend to stop there. After we have signed up every single member of our families, we plan to

approach our next door neighbors. We might get five, ten or even more such signatures. We then branch out to our co-workers and friends.

Now, take a step further. It is no secret that we Knights of Lithuania have a very solid reputation in the United States. In the parishes in which we have councils we are known for our activities. We plan to approach our sister Lithuanian organizations for support in this **PHASE TWO**: Choirs, Scouts, Ateitininkai, other parish organizations.

We will ask their support and signatures to persuade the Cardinals and the Holy Father that Archbishop Matulaitis is the Saint for our troubled times, especially for the Catholics in Lithuania, a Saint who would encourage and inspire Lithuanian Catholics in their homeland, now so harshly oppressed by their atheistic rulers.

The possibilities are not yet exhausted. What about the parishes in which there are no K of L councils? They are on our list also.

Now, where's my calculator?

Let's press a few buttons...

If each K of L'er (3,000) collects 10 family signatures and 10 neighbor's signatures, we have  $3000 \times 10 = 30,000$  plus  $3,000 \times 10 = 30,000$  which results in 60,000 signatures. Am I right?

If each K of L council distributes 50 signature leaflets to fifty other families in the city or town in which they live we could get 50 families time 10 signatures = 500 signatures in each council area, and this times 55 (number of our councils) we get another 27,500 signatures. Right?

And finally, if we approach the pastors where we do not have K of L councils, we can hope to obtain another 30,000 signatures. The grand total could be well over 120,000 signatures.

One last thing, as I conclude: Do you remember *The Chronicle of the Catholic Church of Lithuania*, Number 37? That was the issue that singled out the Knights of Lithuania as an organization having shown noteworthy moral support for the struggling Church in Lithuania in petitioning the Catholic Conference of Bishops in the United States for a Day of Prayer nationwide for the suffering Church in that country. The *Chronicle's* editorial, expressing the appreciation and thanks of Catholic leaders in Lithuania, is our inspiration and stimulus now. Our **PHASE TWO** efforts will hasten the day for the Beatification of Archbishop Matulaitis and will bring untold blessings upon our people in Lithuania. Our 100% dedication and support of this project will renew our solidarity with our Lithuanian Catholic brothers and sisters in the land of our heritage. Our zeal will prove that our concern for human and religious rights in Lithuania is genuine and stronger than ever.

For further information and guidelines, keep in touch with your local council, read the VYTIS faithfully.

And start singing and keep singing: "Yes, we can, yes, we can, **YES, WE CAN!**"

Fr. A.A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.  
Sup. Council Sp. Advisor

#### IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...

**Rev. VACLOVAS MARTINKUS**  
Member, Council 103S  
Pastor of St. Casimir Church  
Providence, R.I.  
died Nov. 15, 1980

**Msgr. PRANCISKUS JURAS**  
Honorary Member  
Died Nov. 23, 1980  
at Putnam CT

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**EDWARD J. GENEVICH**  
Member C-41  
Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y.  
died Nov. 20, 1980

## THE START OF A SACRED CRUSADE



### MOTINA MARIA KAUPAITĖ

For the past year, the Sisters of St. Casimir have been taking serious measures to promote the Cause for the beatification of Mother Maria Kaupas, the foundress of their community. During the month of July 1980, John Cardinal Cody received permission for them to open the study of this Cause from the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of the Saints in Rome. Among the directives and procedures given them, one calling for immediate action was that of getting information about Mother Maria from those who had some personal contact with her as well as from those who had heard about her from individuals who knew her personally. Such information is essential in this the preparatory stages of the Beatification process.

The Sisters have prepared a brief questionnaire relating to the information that would be pertinent to the Cause. A copy of this questionnaire can be obtained by writing Sister M. Joanela, General Superior of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629 or by calling 312-776-1324. In order to have the information available for the proper Church authorities in the future, it is essential that responses be received as soon as possible.

### A Letter from HM Bishop Vicent Brizgys

Brethren,

January 6, 1980 marked the centennial of the birth of Kazimiera Kaupaite—Mother Maria, the foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Bound up with personality is the far-flung apostolate of the Sisters of St. Casimir in the U.S.A., Lithuania and Argentina. No other Lithuanian congregation or organization in our country can match what the Sisters of St. Casimir have done for the people of Lithuania or Lithuanian emigrants.

Mother Maria Kaupaite personally guided the development and work of the Sisters of St. Casimir until her death on April 17, 1940. While still alive, Mother Maria was so highly regarded by the entire Lithuanian nation that in 1933, the Lithuanian government honored her with the Order of Gediminas.

After being mislaid for several years, her papers were located in 1979. These papers were so in-

teresting that a non-Lithuanian specialist who examined them wrote an interesting report, and together with other competent individuals has urged the Sisters of St. Casimir to initiate proceedings for the beatification of Mother Maria Kaupaite.

The writings of Mother Maria are presently being translated and should soon be published in Lithuanian and English.

May I suggest that the centennial of the birth of Mother Maria Kazimiera Kaupaite be appropriately marked in Lithuanian parishes and organizations?

If you wish, we will be glad to send you appropriate material or arrange for a speaker. Please direct your inquiries either to me or to Father Casimir Pugevicius at Lithuanian American Catholic Services, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Bishop Vincent Brizgys

### Mother Maria Remembered

On Sunday Sept. 21, 1980, the Mid Atlantic District sponsored a Seminar commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Mother Kaupas. The program featured Lithuanian and English readings on Mother Maria's life and a slide presentation on the history and ongoing work of the order she founded, the Sisters of St. Casimir. The program was preceded by concelebrated Mass, chief celebrant being National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Rev.

Casimir Pugevicius. Hymns were provided by the Sisters' Choir from Holland, Pa. conducted by famous composer Sister Bernarda. Supreme Council President Philip Skabeikis greeted the more than 100 persons in attendance and congratulated the District and the event's coordinator, Bro. George Petcavage of C110, Maspeth. The commemoration took place at the Kulturos Zidynys in Brooklyn, NY.



# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### From The President's Desk

Let me first take this opportunity to wish all members the very best in the New Year! The start of the New Year usually finds people planning ahead and making all kinds of resolutions. This is the ideal time to start doing the same for an important Knights of Lithuania event, the 1981 National Convention. Too early, you say? Not at all.

As per our National Constitution, the Convention date is fixed by the Host Council and announced by the Supreme Council President six months in advance. Let's make it official then. The 1981 National Convention will be held August 19-23, 1981 at the University of Scranton and hosted jointly by Council 46 Forest City PA, Council 74 Scranton, PA and Council 143 Pittston, PA. I had the opportunity to inspect the facilities and meet most of the Host Committee and feel assured that both will provide a satisfying experience.

I would like to address two other areas intimately associated with the National Convention that benefit from advance planning. The major vehicle for change in the Knights of Lithuania is the National Convention RESOLUTION. All Districts, Councils and Individuals should be formulating Resolutions *now* and should forward them to the Supreme Council through their District Presidents. Please keep in mind that Resolutions dealing with Constitutional changes must appear in VYTIS at least three months before the Convention. That creates a deadline of about March 31st. If a resolution does not require a Constitutional change this deadline does not apply. Early submission of all Resolutions is encouraged to give the entire membership time to discuss and consider

proposed changes and as needed, to prepare for Convention debate. Maximum advance work serves everyone's best interests. The hasty spur-of-the-moment effort often reflects poor planning and proves ill-advised. To paraphrase the League of Women Voters, formulating organization policy is not a spectator sport.

Just as important as organizational policy, are the leaders chosen to implement and initiate new policy. The 1981 National Convention will be faced with the responsibility of filling a number of vacancies on the Supreme Council and National Chairmanships. Constitutional limitations on succession will produce vacancies in the offices of President, II Vice President, Treasurer and one Trustee. In addition, several National Chairmen have announced their intention of stepping down. Again, advance planning appears most desirable. Councils and Districts should be looking within their ranks for prospective candidates for National office. Ideally, each District should present a slate of officers. Candidates should make themselves known so that there is some opportunity for the membership to learn what their priorities are. Decisions to take on a year of national responsibility should not be made lightly, nor on the spur of the moment.

Discussing and setting organizational priorities and selecting leaders are responsibilities we all share and are worthy of more than our passing attention.

Vytiskai,  
Philip Skabeikis

### ST. CASIMIR AND OUR LADY OF SILUVA BOOK LETS AVAILABLE

The Knights of Lithuania recently republished two very interesting and important booklets, featuring some important facts of interest to the Faithful of Lithuanian descent...and as so, to all Knights of Lithuania. The booklets, entitled *The Life of St. Casimir*, and *Our Lady of Siluva* are based on those prepared and published earlier, by Rev. Albert Contons and Rev. John C. Jutt (RIP), resp., and were updated and revised by Rev. A. Jurgelaitis and Rev. C. Pugevicius. H.M. Anthony Young graciously donated a generous sum for the *Our Lady of Siluva* booklet publication, to make it more readily available to all members.

Both booklets are available for a token sum of \$.50 each. A quantity discount of 10% is given for orders of 50-100, and 20% for orders of over 100. The booklets are pocket size, and make easy and interesting reading. Why not order some for yourself, your council, your friends, today. To obtain your order, please write to:

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### **K OF L REPRESENTED AT FEDERATION**

The Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation held its 45th Congress in Southfield, MI. on October 17-19. The Supreme Council was represented by Stanley Vaitkus of Vandalia, Ohio and Ann Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus of Chicago. The delegates reported many favorable comments expressed about the K of L and its activities. Many other K of Lers were in attendance including HMBishop Vincentas Brizgys and National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Rev. Casimir Pugevicius. The K of L is a member organization of the Federation according to our Constitution.

### **K OF LERS ELECTED TO FEDERATION BOARD**

At the above mentioned meeting, National Public Relations Chairman Irene Sankus was elected to the five person Executive Board of the LRCF. Congratulations!

### **SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN**

The 1980 VYTIS Christmas Campaign was by far one of the most successful yet. Thanks to the many councils, individuals, businesses who joined in with their advertising, a sizeable dent was made in the many expenses of publishing VYTIS. Special thanks go to Irene Sankus, whose efforts and personal contacts brought in about 1/4 of the total receipts. Ačiu to you all.

### **K OF L JUNIOR MOVEMENT TO BE STUDIED**

National President Philip Skabeikis has appointed a TASK FORCE of former National First Vice Presidents to study the state of our Junior movement. The TASK FORCE is chaired by current National First VP Susan Bumila and consists of Stanley Vaitkus, Ann Marie Kassel, Marian Skabeikis and each District's First VP for Juniors. Through primarily personal or telephone contact, this group will contact all Junior Councils for an analysis of their activities and then all other councils to determine their potentials for establishing a Junior group.

Through RESEARCH and subsequent ANALYSIS they should be able to make some valuable recommendations to the Supreme Council and National Convention.

### **K OF L CORRESPONDENTS TO THE LITHUANIAN PRESS**

News items regarding K of L activities should be sent to Mrs. Emilija Pakalniskis, 3948 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago, IL 60632, for possible inclusion in our weekly VYCIU VEIKLA column in DRAUGAS, the Lithuanian daily. Similar items should be forwarded also to Ms. Dale Bulvicius, 341 Highland Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11207, for possible inclusion in DARBININKAS, the Brooklyn Lithuanian weekly. English or Lithuanian copy is welcome.

## **Mid Atlantic District Annual Convention**

The Annual Convention of the Mid-Atlantic District was held in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Sunday Oct. 5, 1980. Before the convention, delegates attended Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Council 52 was Host for the gathering.

After breakfast in the parish hall, the meeting opened with a prayer by Rev. Peter Zemeikis, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul and words of welcome from Annie Mitchell of C-52. Larry Janonis, District President, conducted the meeting. After reading of the minutes of the June mini-convention in Philadelphia, reports were given by the outgoing officers. The Mid-Atlantic District currently has 19 councils and six junior councils.

Because of the success of the Lithuanian Festival on April 20, 1980,

another is planned for Sunday, April 26, 1981, also at Transfiguration Hall.

Interesting reports on the 67th National Convention were given by Jovita Sleder and Adele Dauzickas. Plans are underway for the 68th National Convention, to be held in Scarnton, Pa. August 19-23, 1981.

Father Frank Bulovas spoke about "Faith."

Election of Officers showed the following results: Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Frank Bulovas; President, Larry Janonis; 1st Vice President, John Antanavicius; 2nd Vice President, Brother George Petcavage; Secretary, Jeanne Janonis; Membership Secretary, John Adomenas; Treasurer, Connie Siatsis; Trustee, Helen Shields; Lithuanian Affairs, Helen

Yurkus, Bernice Aviza, Dale Bulevicius; Public Relations, Adele Dauzickas; Cultural, Regina Kot; Ritual, Jovita Sleder, Antonine Adomenas, Joseph Remeika, Eva Kazokas.

Loretta Stukas, VYTIS Editor, spoke about the high cost of publication of VYTIS and urged all to participate in the Christmas Greeting campaign for VYTIS.

The Mandate Committee reported that 105 persons attended this Convention.

Delegates from the various councils spoke about their activities.

The Convention was closed by President Larry Janonis, after a closing prayer by Rev. Bulovas.

All were treated to a delicious supper, by members of Host Council 52.

Helen Venis

# Letters

## TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



August 15, 1980

Dear Walter:

I do not think I can truly express my deep feelings of gratitude to the Knights of Lithuania for the Scholarship Award given to me at the 67th National Convention. I was truly surprised and overjoyed by the fact that the Scholarship Committee had selected me to be the recipient of first prize.

I will work very diligently to live up to the standards expected of me and do my Lithuanian heritage proud. I plan to continue my interests and activities in the Knights of Lithuania.

Thank you and the Scholarship Committee again. I feel truly honored.

Sincerely,  
*Adele Martus*  
(C-17 Jr. Pres.)

The Lithuanian Scholarship Committee:  
c/o Walter Svekla  
44 Clemson Road  
Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034

Dear Fellow Lithuanians:

I have written this letter in response to the kindness I have been granted. Thank you so very much for the scholarship. My thanks to the scholarship committee and especially to my fellow Knights of Lithuania, because without their help, this honor wouldn't be possible. I wish the scholarship committee continued success in granting these scholarships. Once again, I thank you for so great an honor and so kind a gift.

Vytiskai,  
Lisa Saikal

Dear Mr. Svekla:

I would like to sincerely thank you and the scholarship committee for having enough faith in me and my future to award me a scholarship. I am truly grateful for the money which will help defray the high cost of a college education.

Sincerely yours,  
Leon Stungurys

To: The Knights of Lithuania  
Supreme Council  
Scholarship Committee  
Walter D. Svekla - Chairman

Dear Committee:

It is with great pleasure and much honour that I accept the Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council Scholarship of \$500. It shows great foresight on the part of the K of L to realize the vital importance of preserving one's heritage through the arts — particularly music. Music is often referred to as the only real international language. More importantly, however, Lithuania is known throughout the world as "the land of song" - a well deserved title when one considers the abundance of Lithuanian folk songs - liaudes dainos.

Although I am aspiring towards an operatic career, there is absolutely no evidence that I will forsake my liaudes dainos for the more enticing "world of arias". On the contrary, these liaudes dainos, of which we are all very fond, become a refreshing change and a source of education to my audience. Hence, it is my aspiration by the end of my pursuit of a musical career to familiarize each of my audience with the beautiful and fascinating world of the liaudes dainos. To this end I was more than delighted to bring before the 67th National Convention a small taste of our Lithuanian

Heritage. I hope that all K of L'ers present felt a closer tie with their ancestral background. Once again, a sincere thanks.

Vytiskai,  
Jusu dainininke  
*Maryte Bizinkauskas*

October 24, 1980

Dear Mr. Svekla:

This is a note to show my deepest appreciation for receiving the National Scholarship this past year. Receiving the scholarship has made me feel more at ease about attending college. Knowing that most of my college expenses would be taken care of by this award took a lot of worries out of my mind.

Once again, my deepest appreciation goes out to you, Mr. Svekla, and the members of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee for awarding me this National Scholarship.

Sincerely,  
*Paula Keaney*  
(C-17 Jrs.)

Dear Mr. Svekla:

After having spent an enjoyable evening at the dance Friday night, nothing could have given me more pleasure than the dinner and the program which followed on Saturday night. There seemed to be so many eligible individuals applying for Scholarships this year, that I was very pleased to be one of them. I would like to thank you and the Scholarship Committee for choosing me as one of the recipients of the Knights of Lithuania National Scholarship. I will be putting it to good use towards my tuition this semester at Texas A & M University.

Sincerely,  
Ann Krecioch

## CONVENTION NEWS

### Knights of Lithuania Convention Site

the site of the 68th National Convention, co-hosted by the Forest City, Scranton and Pittston Councils, will be the University of Scranton. The University, since its founding as St. Thomas College by the Christian Brothers in 1888, and with the coming of the Jesuits in 1942, has stood in the Catholic tradition.

It has a modernistic "city" campus overlooking downtown Scranton. The historic nucleus of the campus is the Victorian mansion built in 1870 by Joseph Scranton, great grandfather of William Scranton, former Governor of Pennsylvania and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. The mansion and estate grounds were given to the University by the Scranton family.

Scranton, the 4th largest city in the state, is the principal city in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It is the county

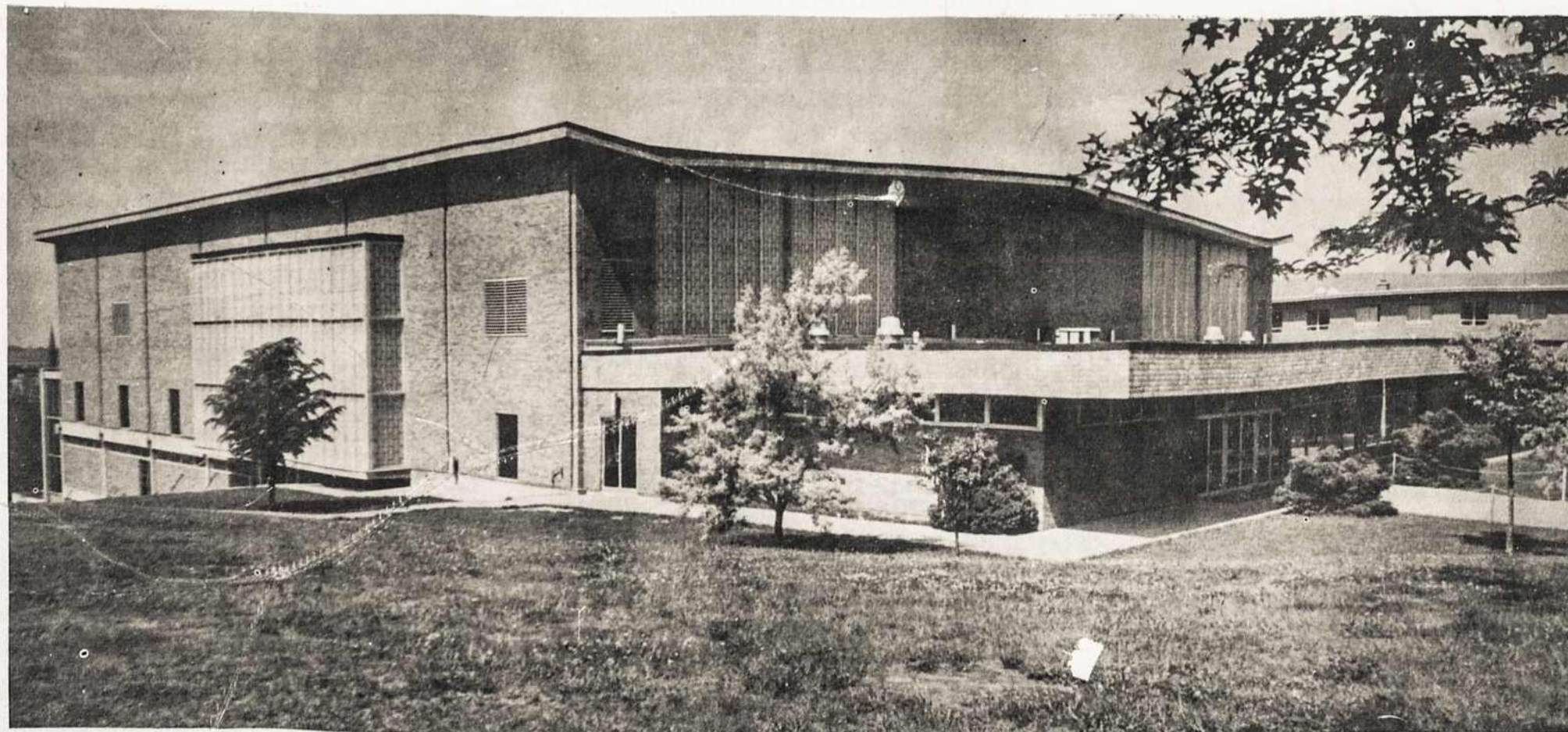
seat of Lackawanna County and was chartered as a city in 1866 when the boroughs of Hyde Park, Providence and Scranton were merged.

Scranton had its beginnings in coal in 1840. The entire Lackawanna valley had one of the richest hard coal deposits in the world. The mining industry attracted thousands of immigrants from diverse nationalities who were signed up on the docks of New York for work in the mines. Coal was king and jobs were plentiful. The people brought with them their customs and traditions. Today, 30 ethnic groups are represented, giving Scranton one of the most diverse populations in America. An example of the various groups working together was the "Ethnic Christmas Tree Exhibit" held at the Everhart Museum in the city's Nay Aug Park during the month of December.

There were ethnic trees on display, including our Lithuanian tree decorated with beautiful, white straw ornaments.

With the collapse of the Anthracite industry, the city faced a great challenge. Today Scranton is principally a manufacturing city with a wide range of industries.

Scranton is located in the midst of scenic beauty abounding with mountains, streams and over 150 natural lakes. The Pocono Mountains, the Endless Mountains and the Susquehanna River resorts are only an hour away. The city is the center of a network of interstate highways. It is less than 3 hours by car from New York and Philadelphia. The Scranton-Wilkes Barre International Airport at Avoca is served by Eastern and Allegheny Airlines as well as a fine commuter service.



University of Scranton, John Long Center

Photo Terry Connors

# Lithuanians in The



Edited by **RUTH KAZLAUSKAS**

## A LETTER OF THANKS TO "LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS" CONTRIBUTORS

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who have sent in articles and clippings for the "Lithuanians in the News" column. You have made my work so much easier, please don't stop. I will try to include everythin I've received, where possible, in future issues.

Wishing you a Joyous New Year,

Vytiskai,  
Ruth Kazlauskas  
Lithuanians in the News Editor

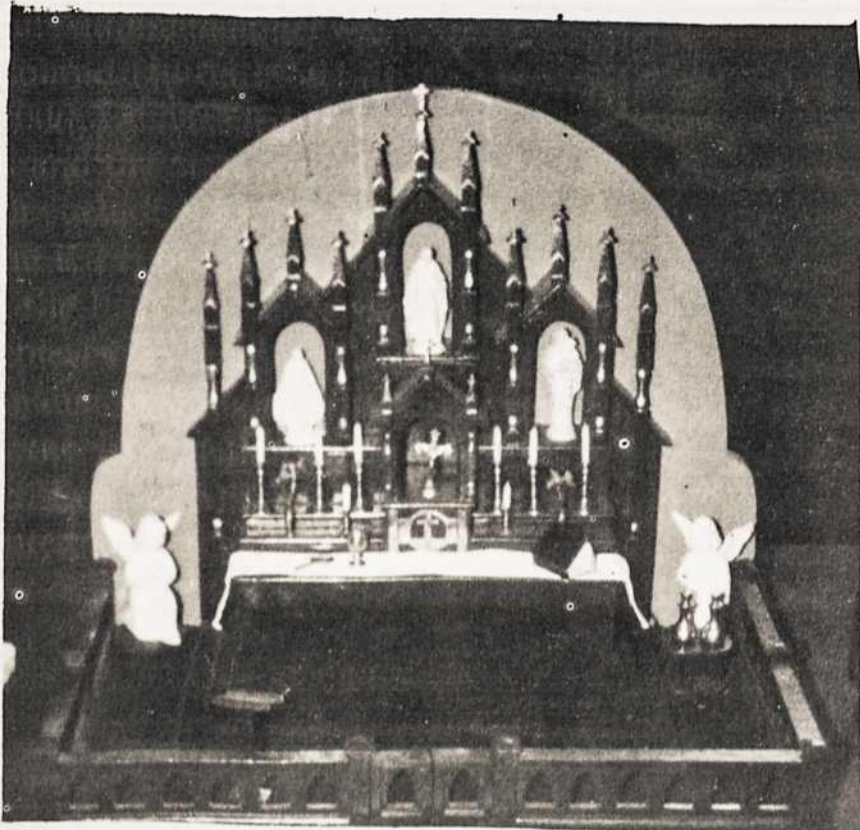


**REV. PETER PAURAZAS**, pastor of St. Adrian's Church, Chicago, is shown chatting with Pope John Paul II just outside the Vatican last summer. To the left of Father Peter is the Rev. Jeremiah Duggan, pastor of St. Bede's parish, and to the right is the Rev. William Martin, pastor of St. Leonard's. They celebrated their 25th anniversary in the priesthood together with a trip to the Holy Land, including a week-and-a-half stay in Rome. Father Peter is the nephew of the late Elizabeth Paurazas who was very active in the K of L in Detroit.



Patty Stukes Bobko (center) with some of her "patients"

The Elizabeth, New Jersey, "Daily Journal" recently featured an article about a child life program designed by the Elizabeth General Hospital which considers the emotional turmoils of children, some of whom are plagued by a fear of abandonment, loss of a body part or guilt during their hospitalization. **MRS. PATRICIA STUKES BOBKO** is program coordinator and a certified specialist in this field. The children's needs are met so the hospital experience can be positive rather than negative. Children are shown such toy items as intravenous equipment, blood pressure sets and needle injections, here they may perform these "tests" on dolls. The equipment is intended to lessen anxieties as well as inform the child of what's going on in a way that is simplified and encouraging. Working with one other staff member, Mrs. Bobko has used her educational background to best advantage. Certified in special and elementary education, she holds a master's degree in counseling and social work from Seton Hall University. Patricia is the niece of H.M. Dr. Jack Stukas, Past National President of the Knights of Lithuania.



**JERRY SODITUS**, member of Anthracite C-144, won five prizes for the beautiful hand carved work he displayed at the York, Pa., Woodcarver's Show recently, which was sponsored by the Woodcarver's Association at York College. One hundred twenty-five exhibitors participated from as far away as Michigan. These shows, covering all of the Northeastern United States, are for true wood carvers only. Their suppliers are international, offering commodities from all corners of the globe. Picture is one of Jerry's exhibited woodcarvings. C-144 is proud to claim Jerry as a member.

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**ALDONA GYLYS**, C-112, has been promoted to Manager of Wigs de Paris, as mentioned in the Ford City News (Chicago). Aldona has been with the company for one year. She enjoys water skiing, painting, music and singing, and took part in the Lithuanian Dance Festival at the International Amphitheatre this past July.

The De La Salle Institute's annual Alumni banquet was held November 28, 1980 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. This dinner marked the 300th anniversary of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1930, which included **EDWARD WALTER KRAUCIUNAS**. As he is better known **ED "MOOSE" KRAUSE** grew up in the Back o' the Yards area of Chicago and went on to achieve coaching fame at Notre Dame. The Knights of Lithuania are honored that Ed "Moose" Krause will attend the IID Memories of Lithuania Banquet, February 8, 1981, at the Martinique, Chicago, where he will be presented with their annual award of distinction.

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The "Nasvytrac" looks like the inside of a bank-vault lock. It's something engineers know as the planetary traction drive. This invention is due to the genius of **ALGIRDIS NASVYTIS** of Cleveland. It was named to the Industrial Research 100, a prestigious annual listing of the top technical innovations worldwide. Nasvytis brought the idea to the space agency's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, about 10 years ago. In place of gears, the Nasvytrac transmits power via a cluster of smooth, cylindrical rollers, which look like steel hockey pucks. The Nasvytrac will turn up initially in high-speed pumps and industrial tools, but Nasvytis is developing a traction drive with plastic rollers to make air conditioners and other household appliances quieter and more efficient. He predicts that the gas-turbine auto engine, long deemed impractical because of its high speed overwhelmed gear transmissions, will benefit noticeably from the Nasvytrac transmission.

Now 70, Algirdis Nasvytis, inventor, came to the U.S. after being imprisoned briefly during the Soviet invasion of Lithuania.



The late **LEE BALKUS**, who had been principal of Stony Creek School in Alsip, Illinois, for 20 years, was honored recently by School District 126 when one of the schools in that district was renamed "The Lee Balkus Learning Center." Miss Balkus, who died May 9th after an illness of several months, had been responsible for many innovative programs within the district as well as at Stony Creek. Surviving are her two sisters, both Sisters of St. Casimir, Sister Constance and Sister Mary.

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*Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Stanley P. Balzekas, Stanley Balzekas, III, Mrs. Stanley P. Balzekas, and Robert Balzekas.*

**STANLEY BALZEKAS, III**, recently received his Law Degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. His undergraduate work was completed at Northwestern University. Mr. Balzekas is the oldest son of Stanley Balzekas, Jr., member of C-36, and the late Irene. He is active in Balzekas Motor Sales, which was founded by his grandfather, Stanley P. Balzekas, 56 years ago. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, which was founded by his father, Stanley Jr., and is one of the originators of the Chicago Map Club at the Newberry Library.

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## COOK'S CORNER

*by Mary Lucas*

### PORK CHOP-POTATO CASSEROLE

*Great for a cold, wintry day*

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| 8 lean pork chops          | 1 large onion (chopped) |
| 6 medium potatoes (sliced) | 1 can mushroom soup     |
| salt & pepper (to taste)   | 1 pkg. onion soup mix   |
| Crisco oil                 | ½ cup water (hot)       |

Slice potatoes into a buttered casserole or roasting pan. Season with salt and pepper. Brown chops on both sides in a little oil until lightly browned. Add the onion and fry until the onions are transparent. Place all on top of potatoes in casserole.

Blend the mushroom soup, onion soup mix and the hot water. Pour over the chops, covering completely. Cover



and bake at 350 for 1 hour. Uncover and bake for 20-25 minutes more adding about ⅓ cup boiling water at the side of the pan. Serve with sauerkraut and applesauce on the side.



*Cheers for the New Year*



**K of L**  
Calendar

J A N U A R Y

- 4 C-143, Pittston INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
24 IID, K of L. Choir ANNUAL DANCE, K of L Hall, Chicago, IL

F E B R U A R Y

- 8 IID ANNUAL "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" DINNER-DANCE, Martinique Grand Ballroom, Chicago, IL  
Honoring Ed "Moose" Krause  
14 C-36, Chicago, ANNUAL HEART'S DANCE, K of L Hall, Chicago, IL  
16 Raise of the Lithuanian Flag at the Luzerne County Court House in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

M A R C H

- 1 C-143, Pittston, COMMUNION BREAKFAST, St. Casimir Church Hall, Pittston, PA  
8 MAD ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST and DISTRICT CONVENTION. 10:30 A.M. Mass, Braekfast and Meeting immediately afterward, Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J., C-29, Newark, Hosts

A P R I L


- 25 C-143, Pittston, Easter Dinner Dance. St. Casimir Church Hall, Pittston, PA  
26 NED SPRING CONVENTION, Westfield, MA, C-30, Hosts

M A Y

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

- 16-17 MCD CONVENTION and MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, DuBois, PA

A U G U S T

- 19-23 68th NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CONVENTION, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA. Hosted by Councils 46, Forest City, 74, Scranton and) 143, Pittston
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# Welcome, Welcome

We are pleased to announce the formation of a new council, Council 149, in Saginaw, Michigan.

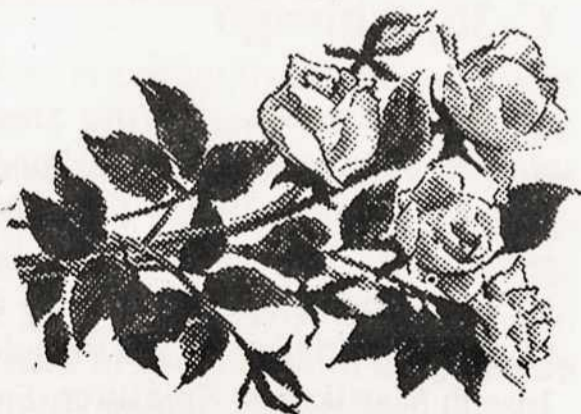
This new council was organized by Stella McLeod who has been a member of our organization for several years. She became interested in the Knights of Lithuania through a relative living in Pennsylvania and joined Council 74, Scranton.

Although Stella was unable to participate in her Council's activities because of the long distance, she became very enthusiastic and attended the 1980 Convention in Boston. At that time she submitted seven applications for the new council.

On September 28, Ann Marie Kassel (Nat'l Financial Secretary) and Theresa Strolia (Past Nat'l Cultural Chrm) attended the first meeting of Council 149. They were introduced to the new and prospective members. After the Charter was presented by Ann Marie Kassel, who was representing the Supreme Council, Stella McLeod opened the meeting. Officers were elected and a discussion followed concerning the goals of the organization as well as the mechanics of committees and monthly meetings.

Everyone left the meeting filled with enthusiasm and ready to pursue K of L aims. Ten more persons completed membership applications and Council 149 now has 17 members.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Theresa Strolia explaining Cultural and Lithuanian activities



Ann Marie Kassel presenting Charter to Stella McLeod

# Vyčiai Veikia



## Council Activities

EDITED BY MRS. ALDONA RYAN



**Hope it's a bang-up New Year for all our friends**

### ILLINOIS-INDIANA

#### DISTRICT

### C-112 — Chicago, Ill.

Father Anthony Markus, the newest member of Nativity BVM Parish staff, is a welcome addition to the Marquette Park area and especially to our Council. Father Tony joined the K of L and was the featured speaker following our October business meeting. He spoke of the meaning and origin of Lithuanian crosses. Father also spoke on the same subject to the Women's Guild of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture.

Our condolences to Julie Zakarka and her family on the death of her brother, Thomas Grecius.

Board meetings continue to be a prime function of our officers. The October meeting was held at the home of Irene Sankus. Not only were final plans made for our annual council fund raiser, but everyone discussed the upcoming IID "Memories of Lithuania" dinner-dance, Feb. 8,

1981. Paul Binkis, as board chairman, did his usual commendable job in running the meeting and everyone enjoyed the goodies served and the socializing after the meeting.

Our 1st "Saints and Sinners" Ball was a grand success. The committee, headed by Council prexy Al Zakarka, is to be commended for all their efforts. Julie Zakarka and Ruth Dagens headed the food facilities; Al Mockus, Estelle Rogers and Eleanor Kasputis, the Big Project; Monica Kasper and Sophie Nieminski, admissions; and the balance of the Board members and many other council members saw service as bartenders, barmaids, ticket sellers, etc. As usual, Wally Tenclinger and his musical group played appropriate music to add to the evening's festivities. The highlites were special guests: The Witchy Witch (played by the beautiful Eleanor Kasputis); the Devilish Devil (none other than Al Shulicke); and the Guest Kitten (enacted by non-kittenish Aldona Gylys). The many prize winners and everyone in attendance had a great time, and of course, everyone was a "saint."

Sophie Nieminski, our council's secretary, spent several weeks cruising in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island and returned home safe and sound, but, alas, a fall at home resulted in a broken ankle. But you can't keep a good gal down - broken ankle and all, she attended the Ball and with the exception of missing a few dances, enjoyed the evening with her entire family.

Council pres. Al Zakarka announced the following committee appointments: Ritual-Ruth and Al Dagens; Cultural-Paul Binkis Jr.; Membership-Estelle Rogers; "Vytis"-Irene Sankus; Lith. Publicity-Emilija Pakalniskis; Social-Julie and Maria Zakarka; Courtesy-Monica Kasper. We know the officers and chairmen will do their usual outstanding job in keeping our council in the forefront of the Knights of Lithuania.

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### C-36, Chicago

Congratulations to our newly-elected President, Ruth Kazlauskas! Our other new officers for 1980-81 are: First Vice-President, Lucille Kilkus; Second Vice-President, Ona Naureckis; Third Vice-President, Joseph Martikonis; Treasurer, Frank Svelnis; Secretaries, Bernice Pupinik

and Ann Marie Kassel; Trustees, Vincent Samaska and Scotty Zukas; Sergeants-at-Arms, Jerome Jankus and Michael Marcinkus.

Our next event will be our annual Hearts Dance which will take place on Valentine's Day at the K of L Building.

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**May the festive holiday spirit remain with you throughout the New Year.**  
Warm thanks.

**MID-CENTRAL**

**DISTRICT**

### **C-25—Cleveland, Ohio**

Our last monthly meeting was held Oct. 4 at the home of Ben & Alice Karklis. Election of officers was held and all former officers were reelected. Delegates were also chosen for the Mid Central District Meeting to be held in Pittsburgh in conjunction with the annual pilgrimage.

Mr. & Mrs. Vic August, now of St. Petersburg, were guests at the meeting and we all were very happy to see them, and also to wish them well in their new environment.

Thank you Ben & Alice for the wonderful food and refreshments that you served after the meeting, and also for the use of your home. It was most generous of you both.

Congratulations to Bill & Helen Jakubs. The wedding of their daughter, Barbara, to Ken Schmidt was a great success as most of Council 25 will attest. May Barbara & Ken have a healthy and happy life together.

Our many thanks to the Pittsburgh Council on their very successful program for the Mid Central District Meeting & Pilgrimage which was attended by Bill & Helen Jakubs, Charles & Nelda Machutas, Pete & Alvina Luiza, Al & Joanna Shigo, Nellie Arunski, Adele Svet, and Ruth Guzauskas from C-25 as with other members from Dubois, Detroit, and Dayton, who made the annual trek to the various pilgrimages thru the years.

Congratulations to Pete Luiza on his new office as President of the Mid Central District and also to Nellie Arunski on accepting another term as a member of the Ritual Committee.

The 1981 MCD Pilgrimage will be hosted by Cleveland C-25 and we sure hope it will be well attended as we will try to fulfill both your spiritual needs as well as cultural and entertainment.

Our newest members, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Wallis, formerly from Dayton who recently moved to Cleveland, were involved in a very serious accident and were both hospitalized at the Lake County Memorial Hospital, Willoughby, Ohio. Hopefully they will be on the road to recovery at the time of this publication.

Sunday, Oct. 26, C-25 sponsored the coffee clatch at the Lady of Perpetual Help Church which was most successful. Our former spiritual advisor, Father Ivanaukas, Pastor of St. George's Church is retiring Dec.

1980. A retirement party sponsored by the St. George's Cath. War Veterans was held Oct. 18 and just about all our council members attended. It sure was nice meeting our old friends & parishioners of St. George's. Good Luck and Happy Retirement to Father Ivanaukas.

Gene & Ursula missed attending the pilgrimage as well as Father Ivan's Retirement party, as they were vacationing along the coast of the Carolina's and Cape Hatteras. Nice to have you back.

Sat., Oct. 25 was a cold, windy, rainy, sleeting, day in Cleveland. Pete & Alvina had a "clambake" planned for their family. It turned out almost a council picnic as we all sort of invited ourselves and, knowing Pete & Alvina, we were all welcomed.

The steamer was cold. A tent was improvised, Al Shigo & Pete kept the fire going, the chicken was finally taken to the ovens and hours later, we all enjoyed our clams except Pete. The last to eat, he was elegantly preparing his chicken while someone cleaning the tables thought his clam shells were empty and discarded them in the garbage. So Pete ate chicken.

Better luck next time, and many thanks for the great time we all had.

Al Shigo

### **C-79—Southfield, MI**

October 11-12 was the weekend to wander the Eastern countryside oohing and aahing over the panorama of beautiful autumn colors as we drove to Pittsburg, Pa. for the Pilgrimage and the Fall meeting of the Mid Central District.

For our four delegates of C-79 (Bertha Janus, Sophie Zager, Magdalena Smailis and Frank Zager) Rte. 51 framed an indelible memory. Just ask them "Why" and that is the reason Bertha & Maggie were "late" for the meeting. However, that was all too

quickly "passe" when we were treated to a lavish buffet of many favorites at Howard Johnsons where the MCD meeting was held.

Father Walter Karaveckas, Sp. Adv. of C-19, offered a prayer which opened the meeting. Host Pres. David Wenslovas extended a welcome address with a touch of humor which put everyone in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Pres. of MCD, Aldona Ryan extended greetings and well-conducted meeting was on the way.

Soon, all our four delegates emerged holding office as follows: Sophie Zager-V.P. II (Membership); Frank Zager-Treas., Maggie Smailis-Trustee and Bertha Janus-Public Relations-Vytis Chmn. The new MCD Pres. is Peter Luiza. Congratulations. And Labai Aciu to Past Pres. Aldona Ryan who did a great job.

Hardly had the meeting closed when we were "off and running" to a Cultural event on Saturday Night. This event is celebrated annually by the Lithuanian colony in Pittsburgh. We loved all the ethnic hors d'oeuvres and the Lithuanian gourmet food. There was everything imaginable in menu selection.

The musical entertainment that followed gave us beautiful, melodious songs under the leadership of Sister Francisca and Sister Alverna, who organized the choral group about a year ago. They deemed an encore!

This event brought a reunion for Sophie Zager who met a former nun who had taught school in St. Casimir's parish, Amsterdam, N.Y., some 40 years ago. She was Sister Mary Felicia.

Following the program, we strolled to the University of Pittsburg to visit the Lithuanian Room. Ordinarily, the room at the university is closed after 5 p.m. But after some "maneuvering," exception was made and the delegates were able to visit the lovely Lith. Room. It is designed with linen-



Mid Central District Officers installed in Pittsburgh. Left to right - Kun. Walter Karaveckas, Ritual Chairman Nellie Arunski, President Peter Luiza, Sgt.-at-arms Andrew Rozger, Cultural Chairman Mildred Chinik, Trustees Aldona Ryan and Magdalena Smailis, Publicity Chairman Bertha Janus, 2nd V.P. Sophie Zager and Treasurer Frank Zager.

covered walls, and carefully selected paintings of Lith. kings. We also found other interesting art objects depicting customs of Lithuania.

Father Karaveckas, pastor of St. Casimir's, Pittsburg, set the tone of patriotism and dedication of our Lithuanian immigrants who were the taproot of strength in America, during his sermon on Sunday. Further, he expounded on the true meaning of a pilgrimage—that our ancestors in Lithuania had travelled many, many miles (kilometers) in stimulating "pilgrim" spirit to attend various shrines and churches. By a token of this spirit they worked very hard in steel mills and factories, and motivated themselves to build beautiful churches in Pennsylvania and other areas throughout the U.S.A. Father urged a strong revival here of the old country customs and a greater need of religious participation of the Knights.

Due to some cool, rainy weather the pilgrimage services at St.

Casimir's cemetery had to be canceled and, instead, were held in the chapel.

It was nice of the Sisters of St. Francis to extend a welcome mat for the delegates, ascending the steps of St. Casimir's Academy for a visit with them, following Rosary and Benediction in the chapel. Tea and goodies seemed sufficient "glitterate" to fill our pilgrim needs. Following refreshments, the nuns divided us in groups and led a tour of the convent—the meticulously arranged corridors and collectors' rooms, particularly the rooms containing the prestigious awards of scientific value related to Sr. Gabrielle (Mazeliauskaite). Through her remarkable leadership, Sister Gabrielle instilled new stimulation in the area of science and technology. Creating new interest in science has brought many awards for the nun. She was featured in the May 1978 issue of the Vytis.



While on tour of the academy, it was evident that sports activities are an integral part of their "Curriculum." There was perpetual motion in the T.V. room as the nuns rooted for their Pittsburg heroics. Friendly and committed, the nuns gave us a delightful day that will be long remembered, indeed!

There may have been bigger and better MCD events in the past, but none surpassed it for friendliness of C-19. We thank Pres. Dave Wenslovas, and your members for super hospitality.

Mrs. Antoinette Baron and Family celebrated the marriage of her daughter, Janet Anne, to Douglas Curt Gerhold, on Oct. 4. Members of C-79 who attended the gala wedding reception had a marvelous time. On hand were also many relatives who came in from Florida. We wish Janet and Douglas many years of wedded bliss and happiness. Ilgausiu Metu!

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## C-96—Dayton, Ohio

Oct. proved to be a very busy month for the council. The Jrs., with the help of their counselor, Sarah Petkus, had a very successful Flea Market/Bake Sale the earlier part of the month followed by a very successful Paper Drive the end of the month. The Jrs. were very pleased with all the donations from the members.

The weekend of Oct. 11-12th saw Joe & Aldona Ryan and Stefanija Rastikis head for Pittsburgh for the Fall MCD Convention/Pilgrimage. C-96 members regret more could not attend due to prior commitments. Our delegation came back with nothing but praise for the perfect weekend they had. Much thanks to C-19 members for being great hosts. We congratulate Chris Mantz on retaining her position as 1st Vice-Pres.; to Stefanija Rastikis remaining MCD Lith. Affairs Chrm.; Aldona, stepping down from three years as MCD Pres., has taken on the duties of Trustee. We were sorry to hear of the problem Tom & Jean Bruzga had with the breakin of their new van. Thanks to Julie Aleshunas and Antoinette Naujelis, more damage wasn't done.

The same weekend, Stanley Vaitkus, Nat'l 3rd Vice-Pres., attended the SC meeting in NY. Stan, HM & SC officer "headed-up" the K of L delegation to the 45th Lithuanian Catholic Federation of American Congress, Southfield, MI, on Oct. 17-19th. Stan addressed the congress in behalf of our Nat'l Pres. Philip Skabeikis, the Supreme Council, and the entire organization by extending warm greetings and best wishes for a successful congress to all the officers, clergy, delegates and guests. Representing the K of L was Bishop Brizgys, Fr. Pugevicius, Fr. Krisciunevicius, Juozas Laucka, Frank &

Sophie Zager, Grace Vaskelis and the SC appointed delegates, Irene Sankus & Ann Marie Kassel, along with Stan.

Charles Petkus chaired a very successful dance at the Lith. Club. Our parish's Angler's, of which many council members belong, recently held a super carryout supper of Kugelis, Cabbage Rolls, Turtle Soup, etc. Congratulations!

Mary Lucas chaired a great Altar Society Bake Sale for the parish. In a special drawing the following members were winners: Joe Mantz, Michael F. Petkus, Judy Petrokas, Julius Rastikis, Rick Noreikas, Ray Steinbrunner & Jr. Knight Barbara Lastoskie.

Oct. 26th saw many members joining Mary Lucas in a surprise Birthday Party. Her daughters, Elaine Pacovsky and Marilyn Grant, along with the help of family & friends, planned this "gala" affair. What age? Ask Mary! Many, many more ahead!

Congratulations to Joe & Sue Noreikas on the birth of their second baby, Joseph. Proud grandmother is Bea Noreikas. Congratulations to Stan & Ida Kavy on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

We were so sorry to hear of the head-on automobile accident Al & Albina Wallis had shortly after their move to Cleveland. Remember them in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Helen Vaitkus recently visited her mother at the Matulaitis Nursing Home in Putnam, Conn. Between visitations, Helen spent her time with some of her "old gang" from the Providence C-103, especially Bertha Stoskus & Ruth Kracioch. I know that wonderful feeling getting together with friends from your old council.

Many members attended the International Festival held in Cincinnati on Oct. 19. It was great to see the



"Ciurlionis Ensemble" from Cleveland perform. Members participating were: George & Frances Mikalauskas, Eleanor Mantz, Lou & Kitty Prasmantas, Elinor Sluzas, Mary Lucas, Ada Sinkwitz, Sally & Annadel Miller, Aldona & Joe Ryan, Ray & Mildred Steinbrunner, Steve Bucmys, Joe & Eugenia Gecas, Bernardas & Elana Poderis, Stefanija Rastikis, Laima Rastikis, Jrs. Annamarie Sluzas, Vida & Irene Gecas and Fr. Katarskis. Also Jr. Knight Elena Mikalauskas.

With the church hall being closed recently, Mary Lucas hosted a craft night at her home. It is great seeing Diane Kavalas in attendance. Diane is one of our younger members and it is good to know the craft, Lithuanian Straw Christmas Ornaments, is being learned by our younger "set." Chris Mantz and others have helped, also. Aldona Ryan received special recognition for her participation as one of the writers for Dayton's Cultural Guide Book. Also, Aldona participated in a special gathering, commemorating the book at Hawthorne Hill, home of the Wright Brothers.

Our very deepest sympathies are extended to Judy Petrokas on the death of her mother, Monica. Mrs. Petrokas was a special friend of C-96. She was one of those parents who always backed all our activities with donations and support. Monica had a beautiful attitude about her health problem that should set an example for all of us. We know her soul is at peace with God.

FRP



## C-102 — Detroit, Mich.

Once again it's that time of the year, and our Bowling League started off with a bang. We were proud to add two more teams to our league this year, making a total of 12 teams. We welcome back the bowlers from Sister Council 139, Alex and Albina Kurpowic and daughters, Tina and Barbara. We missed 139's bowlers last year.

Our Rummage Sale was the most successful yet. We had an over abundance of donations from our members, and, per usual, the "100% time donation" to make this a success goes to Grace Vaskelis, Donna and Frank Bunikis, Edna Klucens, and Joe and Maryanne Guerriero. A lot of help was received by Vytala Vaskalis, Terry Medonis and Bob Boris. We did miss our saleslady of the year, Jo Jonulate who is spending a lot of time with her ailing mother. Get well wishes to her, Jo. Get well wishes, also, to Tony Smolak.

Retirement is getting to be a habit with our council. This month's retiree is our new member Frank Kay, after 40 years with Chrysler. Frank is also going through a complete physical at Ford Hospital. Good luck, Frank.

The big social of this month, Cleveland's "Ciurionis Lithuanian National Art Ensemble" at Mercy College, was attended by Bob Boris, Donna and Frank Bunikis, Ann Uznis and Grace and Vytalia Vaskelis. The next day St. Anthony's Parish was honored at the 10:00 A.M. Mass by the Ciurionis Choir and Kankles players singing the High Mass composed by Mr. Mikulskis. After Mass, all enjoyed St. Anthony's Festival at the Lithuanian Hall. Jo Jonulate donated a lot of her time serving the dessert at this festival which was a great success.

Madam President, Grace Vaskelis, enjoyed a visit with out of towners, Irene Sankus, Ann Marie Kassel and Stan Vaitkas, who were in town for the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Council.

Happy New Year!

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**May the festive holiday spirit remain with you throughout the New Year.**

## New England District

The New England District Convention was hosted by C-7 Waterbury, Conn. on September 28, 1980. An able and energetic committee provided a sumptuous breakfast buffet following Mass held by Fr. Vilciauskas, pastor at St. George's Church. Welcome and greetings were extended by NED president, Bertha Stoskus. Following reports of the presidents and various chairmen of all the councils describing and announcing their local activities, an election of officers was held. The following are the current officers of the New England District for 1981: President: Bertha Stoskus, C-103 Providence, R.I.; 1st V-P Chg of Jrs.: Helen Gillus, C-26 Worcester, Mass.; 2nd V-P Chg of Membership: George Kiselis, C-50 New

Haven, Conn.; 3rd V-P Chg of Seniors: Charles Genaitis, C-10 Athol, Mass.; Rec. Sec'y: Adele Martus, C-17 So. Boston, Mass.; Cor. Sec'y: Irene Adomaitis, C-116 Worcester, Mass.; Treasurer: John Walaska, C-103 Providence, R.I.; Trustees: Alex Akule, C-17 Srs., So. Boston, Mass., John Sobolis, C-135, Ansonia, Conn.; Chairman: Ritual—Bill Wisnauskas, C-10 Athol, Mass., Betty Ciuryla, C-103 Providence, R.I., Marion Racicot, C-26 Worcester, Mass.; Cultural—Nellie Ruggles, C-145 Holyoke, Mass.; Scholarship—Rev. Jurgelaitis, C-103 Providence, R.I.; Blanche and Charles Genaitis, C-10 Athol, Mass.; Public Relations—Marion Hobitz, C-78 Lawrence, Mass.

The important thoughts for action to be brought back to local councils from this convention were: 1—Support Pro-life programs and activities in your local communities. 2—Keep writing letters to elected officials supporting the prisoners of conscience in Lithuania.

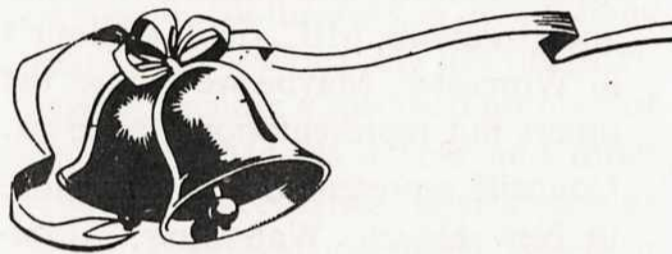
The New England District Cultural Picnic was held October 26, 1980 at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. Good Lithuanian food, music and artwork were enjoyed by a capacity attendance. We were happy to see Edmund Tamulevich doing "his thing" at the Lithuanian artifacts table. "Ed" is recuperating beautifully following complicated heart surgery at Massachusetts University Hospital in Worcester. Sorry to hear that Mr. Victor Mathieu, spouse of Beatrice (Savickas) Mathieu, C-103 Providence, R.I., was hospitalized for kidney problems—we wish him speedy recovery.

Casimir Vindasius of Klaipede, Lithuania was guest of John & Bertha Stoskus, Providence, R.I. for an extended stay in the United States, he is a cousin of Bertha Stoskus, Ruth Krecioch and Bertha Mathieu, all of whom are life members of the K of L.

The highlight of the picnic was the awarding of the New England District Scholarship. The following were the worthy and happy recipients: Maryte Bizinkauskaite—Brockton, Mass., Ann Krecioch—Providence, R.I., Adele Martus—So. Boston, Mass. Success in your chosen fields of endeavor!!

Spring New England District meeting will be held April 26, 1981 hosted by C-30 Westfield, Mass.

Marion Hobitz



## New Year Greetings

### C-7 — Waterbury, Conn.

It's been a long, long time since any news has appeared in the Vytis from C-7, Waterbury, Conn. Oh, we are very much alive and very active. In fact, we are so very active that we're too tired to write of our goings on.

We had a very busy year which was filled with showers, weddings, christenings, parish outings, dances, District Convention. In between these events, we had to find time for our vacations.

To recall a few of the events: Mr & Mrs. Albert Crochet's daughter, Debby, was married to Richard LeCuyer; Mr. & Mrs. Edmund White's son, Raymond, married Roseann Rubo; Mr & Mrs. Walter Blinstrubas' daughter, Judy, was married to Frank Vecchitto. We wish all the above newlyweds a long and happy wedded life.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kumpikevich became grandparents for the second time. A grand-daughter, Kristen Laura Rofsky, was born in July. We hope Kristen grows up to be a future "Miss America."

All the members worked very hard on the Parish Outing which took place June 29th. This took weeks of preparation and a lot of cooperation together with hard work. As a result we were able to present our parish with a substantial check. With Danny and Jerri heading the committee and Ann Cheplick pushing the admission tickets, what else can you expect but a very successful affair.

The fall convention of the New England District was chaired by Danny Kumpikevich and Pat Richards and Jerri Kumpikevich was in charge of preparing the Brunch and Buffet Supper. Once again, most of the members were there to give a helping hand. We tried to make it an enjoyable visit for our delegates and friends. One of the highlights of the convention were the elections. Bertha Stoskus once again took over the presidency. Congratulations to all the officers who will be our leaders in 1981. Best wishes for a successful term. Hope to see you all at the Spring Convention in April in Westfield—God willing.

Now that we are in the Fall season, we have a lot more activities planned. Our Octoberfest has taken place already. A delicious Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings, topped with Kugeli was served. Barbara Rickevicius chaired the event with her faithful assistants, Toni White, Joan Benaitis, Doris Blinstrubas, Ann Cheplick and a few of the fellows—Danny Kumpikevich, Ed White, Wally Blinstrubas, Tom Herbert and Albert Crochet. Our biggest admiration goes to Jerri Kumpikevich who got up from her sick bed and came down to supervise the cooking. That is real dedication.

We usually are called on by the Parish Council to help out with the Parish Affairs. The Annual Parish Banquet took place Nov. 9th in St. Joseph's Auditorium. This affair brought together the present and former parishioners and a lot of reminiscing went on.

Our local council elections took place at our October meeting and congratulations to the following: Chaplain: Fr. George Vilciauskas, President: Daniel Kumpikevich, Vice Pres.: Edmund White, Rec. Sec'y: Patricia Richards, Fin. Sec'y: Ann Cheplick, Treas.: Albert Crochet, Sgt. at Arms: Tom Herbert, and the Board of Directors: Walter Kalick, Victor Vaitkus, James Danauskas, Walter Blinstrubas, Zigmund Macio-kas, Antoinette White, Justine Kumpikevich and Barbara Rickevicius. Serve your council with dedication and hold true to our Motto "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY."

#### FLASH AND ESTELLE



#### C-26—Worcester, Ma.

Maybe it's unfortunate, but it is true. You can't interest everyone all the time. But the Knights of Lithuania certainly try. Our activities cover

a broad range. We invite you, if you've been absent from recent programs, to read what's been happening. In capsule, we remind you of last August's National Convention hosted by the Boston council. This was certainly a case of "something for everyone." Then again, in October, came the annual New England District Cultural Festival held at Maironis Park. Foods, exhibits of every nature, old friends, new friends, all this made for a perfect day. Mingling with guests were Father Jurgelaitis, OP, of Providence College, a Sister (we didn't get her name) from Brockton, Father Stepnaitis of Athol, and Fathers Miciunas and Uzdavinis, MIC, of St. Casimir's in Worcester. Maybe we missed the others but representation was great.

Councils represented included those in New Haven, Waterbury, Athol-Gardner, So. Worcester, Worcester, Boston, Ansonia...and it was SO pleasant. Ed Tamulevich, president of the Lithuanian Naturalization Club (and husband of Irene, president of C-116 at Our Lady of Vilna) was busily occupied which in itself seems miraculous. Just a few weeks previous he had undergone open heart surgery. Now he is taking his post at the Cultural Festival. Unbelievable. We wish him very, very well!!

Then there's bowling, a very popular activity. Helen Gillus tells us that, so far, Phil Flaherty and Ellie Walinsky hold high single status with Richard Godek and Clair Grigaitis at high triple. High average, so far, is held by Helen Gillis and Jim Zalieckis.

The October meeting was preceded by a pot luck supper so EVERYONE served on that committee. The November meeting was preceded by a pigs-in-the-blanket supper. These goodies were prepared by Frances Kulakusky, Dorothy Sielius, Marion Racicot and Ginny Lelakis. There probably were more but their names are not yet available.

John Bender may have been singing, "I'll build you a stairway to the stars," but, alas and alack, his foot slipped, the ladder went in the other direction, and the mood became solemnly serious. His fall resulted in a very painful crushed and fractured heel. Jack Kazlauskas spent time in the hospital having leg surgery. Claire Grigaitis also had leg injuries early in 1980. Needless to add, we wish good health with strong, strong limbs, to all three! And, soon!!!

Rita and Ted Pinkus and Joan and Bob Krusas traveled to Las Vegas. They bragged that their trip resulted in "expenses paid." The barrels they brought along "just in case" were left behind. They traveled home in grand style!

We're planning for Lithuanian Independence Day already. St. Casimir's Men's Choir will sing the 10 o'clock Mass on February 15th. Following Mass, our Council 26 along with St. Casimir's Men's Club and the local chapter of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance (did you know that our pastor, Father Miciunas, is their National Spiritual Advisor?) will plan a light breakfast following Mass. It may be just coffee "and," but this is another opportunity to "see what it's all about."

Bill and Carol Grigas are planning a ski weekend for the end of January. They would be delighted to have you join them, even if you don't ski!

We're working and praying to hasten the beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis, MIC. Ann Bender, president of the St. Casimir Sisters Auxiliary, has recently sent out literature on Mother Marie Kaupas, S.S.C., whose beatification, also, is being sought.

If you haven't seen the fruits of their talents, sometime when you're visiting Ann and Steve Walinsky, Sr., ask to see Ann's paintings and Steve's sculptures. Lovely to behold.



The K of L seems to command:  
Thou Shalt Not Produce Boredom!  
Come. Join us. Linksmu, sventu,  
svieku Nauju Metu nuo musu visu!

Dzukele

### C-103 — Providence, R.I.

John and Irene Walaska are expecting their third grandchild in June. John is now the ex-president of our Council and the re-elected treasurer of the New England District.

Nell Grande was hospitalizaed at Mirian Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Nell McKenna is making plans to visit her daughter in California.

John and Bertha Stoskus had an unexpected surprise when they stopped for gas on their way to Chicago recently. They met Frank and Julia Wasilewski (Betty Ciuryla's sister) who were on their way to their new residence in California.

Father Martinkus went to Florida to visit his ailing sister and to visit with friends in the various Lithuanian communities there.

Vincent Ciuryla won an award from Electric Boat Co. in Groton, Conn. "Vinnie," a 25 year employee, designed a fixture to eliminate four operations on making parts.

Dr. Vincent Ciuryla and Chris Cumbers were wed in Bethlehem, Pa. on Nov. 8, 1980. His brother, Joe, was best man and Pat Cumbers was the maid of honor. They had their honeymoon in the Virgin Islands. The proud parents of the groom are "Vinnie" and Betty Ciuryla. Betty is a member of our district's ritual committee.

The NED Cultural and Scholarship picnic was a tremendous success with the splendid cooperation of the various councils. C-103's liquor basket event was in the capable hands of "Eddie" Wilkins. Irene Tamulevich, President of C-116 in Worcester, was the chairperson of the affair.

Installation brunch was held at the Heartstone Motor Inn in Seekong, Mass.

Agnes and Joe Waitonis were in charge of a day trip to New York City. Irene Landanski, John and Bertha Stoskus, John and Irene Walaska and Agnes and Joe Waitonis were just a number of our members who made the trip.

On November 5, 1980 our brother Knight and Honorary Member, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Francis Juras, was taken to Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Conn. Monsignor was elevated by the Vatican in Rome to the distinguished rank of Proto Notary Apostolic for his work in the Catholic church in America. He has the privilege of reciting a specified number of Pontifical Masses a year and other church beneficiaries. Melskimes uz musu organizacijos dideli vekeja ir remeja. Lai buna Dievo valia!

John A. Stoskus

### C-10—Athol-Gardner, MA

C-10 elected the following slate of officers for the coming year: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Justin Steponaitis, V.P. Howard Beaudette, Treas. Nellie Melaika, Fin. Sec'y Lennie Davidonis, Cor. Sec'y Charles Genaitis, Cultural Chairman Brone Wisnauskas, Tel. Chairman Blanche Genaitis, and Photographer Lennie Davidonis. After the meeting, Julie served a nice lunch. Thank you, Julie!

A typical Lithuanian "Kucios" was observed by our group on Sunday, Dec. 7th. Preliminary plans are being formed for the annual commemoration of Lithuania's Independence on Feb. 8th. The "Perkunas Ensemble" of New York will perform and also sing for Mass.

Helen Simkunas commemorated the 25th anniversary of her husband's death with a Mass, recitation of the rosary, and a wonderful lunch at-

tended by a large group of friends and relatives. Helen was widowed at an early age and brought up her only son, Tony, with a lot of hardship.

Our own Stan and Alice Perekslis gave a slide presentation of their recent trip to Rome to the St. Francis Guild.

Father Stepie did well by having Father O'Orio appear at St. Francis with his healing service which was attended by a thousand persons that packed the upper and lower church. Many healings, both physical and mental, were attested to at that time.

Our council was well represented at the cultural festival. Howie Beaudette demonstrated the art of Lithuanian straw Christmas ornaments, Brone Wisnauskas presented her Lithuanian cultural display, and the Genaitis's were in charge.

Thought for the month: Let us all, as true K of L'ers, try to initiate into our lives those Lithuanian customs and traditions that we may have forgotten since our early days with our parents. Such observances as Kucios and Velykos will all come back naturally and it is a lot of fun.

"Vincukas"



### C-100—Amsterdam, N.Y.

Labas from Amsterdam! At the Sept. meeting, Gene Gobis and Pres. Radzevich reported on the national convention. Rev. Michael Bourdeaux, recipient of the "Friend of Lithuania Award" was ordained into



the Anglican Church by the Rt. Rev. Gerald Colin, Bishop of Lincolnshire, England who recently spent seven weeks at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Amsterdam.

While shopping, Gene met Bishop Colin and she showed him a picture of Rev. Bourdeaux, his wife and Pres. Radzevich. He uttered, "I ordained Michael!" Gene explained to him how she happened to have the picture. The Bishop said he knew that Rev. Bourdeaux had a deep love for the Lithuanian people. He then told the owner of the store that the world was very small indeed!

Delegates to the Convention included Sophie Olbie, Anthony and Ann Radzevich, Bernice Aviza, Willard and Jennie Kensell, John and Regina Kot, Jack and Mary Sweet and Gene Gobis.

Our junior member, Lisa Saikal, was awarded a K of L Scholarship for \$700. Congratulations, Lisa! She is attending Niagara University and is taking a pre-med course.

During the honors to Prof. A. Aleksis, Loretta Stukas presented him with a poem written by our member, Polly Ziausys, expressing the gratitude of all for his deep devotion and many years of service to the K of L. Regina Kot and Bernice Aviza had a hand in the artistic part of the presentation. Aciu visiems to all of the Boston K of L'ers for their hospitality.

At that meeting, Genevieve Chase and Eleanor Olechowski were appointed to the nominating committee. Refreshments were served by Regina Kot, Regina Hartvigas, Helen Druziak, Birute Ralys and Gene Gobis.

When Congressman Sam Stratton, former recipient of the "Friend of Lithuania Award," is in town, his favorite hangout is the Community Pharmacy which is owned by Stanley Stankes, member of C-100.

Prior to the Oct. 13th meeting, our members attended a Lithuanian Mass held by our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Robert K. Baltch. Readings during Mass were done by Polly Ziausys and Anthony Radzevich.

At the meeting, Gennie Chase, Regina Kot, Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis reported on the MAD Convention held in Elizabeth, N.J. on Oct. 5th. Two C-100 members were elected to district offices. Regina Kot was re-elected District Cultural Chairperson and Bernice Aviza, District Lithuanian Affairs Chairperson.

The members voted unanimously to accept the nominating committee's recommendations and the following slate of officers for 1981 were elected: Pres. Anthony Radzevich, V.P. Gene Gobis, Sec'y Eleanor Olechowski, Treas. Sophie Olbie, Sgt.-at-Arms Charles Karbocius and Peter Sargalis, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Edward Baranauskas, Cultural Chairmen Regina Kot and Polly Ziausys, and Ritual Chairman Mary Stanionis.

When Pres. Radzevich thanked Nellie Liberis for her ten years of service to our council as secretary, a ring of applause broke out from the council members.

Father Baltch showed slides of his recent trip to Lithuania.

Prizes for novel costumes were awarded to Frances DiBart, Regina Kot, Gene Gobis, Eleanor Olechowski and Annacetta Guzielek. The committee in charge of refreshments were Frances Bobines, Sadie Allen,

Helen Radzevich, Eleanor Olechowski and Gen Chase.

On Nov. 10th, we attended a Mass for all the deceased members of C-100 at 7:00 P.M. prior to the meeting.

News Bits: Get well wishes to Peter Sargalis who is recuperating from a recent operation. Gene Gobis renewed her friendship with Mary (Motecus) Mackelis during the MAD Convention. Gene and Mary attended the Eucharistic Congress in Munich in 1960. This was the last K of L tour headed by Father Contons. Sophie Olbie, Regina Kot, Gen Chase and Gene enjoyed seeing Annie Mitchell and Sister Pierre. Sister Pierre taught in Amsterdam and one of her students was our K of L member, Rev. Bernard Gustas. Our member, Virginia Valikonis, won in the political race for Third Ward County Supervisor! Valio, valio, Ginny!

SMILE & SPARKLE

## C-110—Maspeth, N.Y.

According to our Financial Secretary, Edward Sirgedas, as of October 1980, our council numbers 181 members. We would like to see your children become involved.

We went by bus to the MAD convention in Elizabeth, New Jersey on October 5th. An election of officers was held. Maspethites elected to office were: Father Frank Bulovas, the Pastor of Transfiguration Church, appointed as Spiritual Director; John Adomenas, Chairman of the Membership Committee and Adele Dauzickas, to Chair the Public Relations Committee.

Among the resolutions passed were: that all councils participate in obtaining signatures for the beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis and that weekend seminars be held to improve the effectiveness of the leadership of the organization.

The completion of the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine is delayed until Spring. President Adomenas reports that Arthur Nelson is devoting most of his spare time to the project.

Election of officers was held at our October meeting. The new executive board is: Pres.: Jonas Adomenas, V.P.: Peter Yuskevich, Rec. Sec'y: Adele Dauzickas, Treas.: Nellie Skabeikis, Fin. Sec'y: Edward Sirgedas, Jr. Counselor: Mariya Stungurys, Trustees: Karen Diagis and John Lekstutis, Sgt.-at-Arms: Muriel Lekstutis and Tony Yakaitis, Cultural Chairman: Mariya Stungurys, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman: Donatas Uzias, Program Chairman: Brother George Petcavage, O.F.M., Public Relations/VYTIS Correspondents Co-Chairmen: Peter Yuskevich and Kazimieras Vainus, Ritual Committee Chairman & Members: Antonine Adomenas and Helen Yakaitis and Violet Zvirblis, Spiritual Advisor: Father Stasys Raila.

Many thanks to our nominating committee consisting of Frances Migliore, Violet Zvirblis and Helen Janis, for a job well done.

Seventeen of our members were enrolled in the first degree at our October meeting. They are: Jean Budenis, Walter Casper, Edward Dagis, Joan Dobias, Susan Gill, Uzias Donatas, Victor & John Kuchinskas, John Klimas, John & Alice Kuchunas, Anthony & Sophie Kamage, Eleanor Murphy, Ruth Zupka and Mary Yuskevich. Congratulations, Vycia.

Our regular meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Transfiguration Hall in Maspeth.

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Peter Yuskevich

### C-144—Schuylkill, Pa.

At a very impressive service conducted at the Annunciation B.V.M.

Church, Frackville, Spiritual Director, Father Al Bartkus, assisted by Ritual Chairman, Helen Chesko, installed the following officers for the 1980-81 term of office: President, Elsie Kosmisky; 1st V. Pres., Anne Sikora; 2nd V. Pres., Anna Zaldaris; Rec. and Cor. Sec'y, Eva Yurkevicz; Treasurer, John Buzis; Fin. Sec'y, Alma Linder; Trustees, Bernice Mikatavage, Anne Wargo, and Stanley Burkevage. Committee chairmen are Ritual, Helen Chesko; Lithuanian Affairs, Bernice Mikatavage; Cultural, Annie Morgalis; Public Relations, Anne Wargo, Theresa Vesci, and Anna Zaldaris; Vytis Correspondent, Anne Wargo.

A very special thanks to the Calling Chairmen. Since our council is comprised of members from several towns, one person in each town is responsible for calling members for any special occasion. This is sometimes a long and tedious job and we say "Sirdingai Aciu" to Anna Radzievich, Helen Labadis, Helen Chesko, Frances Brillius, Evelyn Prep and Esther Bartashus.

Several of our members had a very memorable trip to Lithuania in September. They were Anne Panchari, Flo Kobluskie, Sara Beckett, Helen Smulkstis, Joe and Marge Yezulinas, Marci Davis, and Eva Yurkevich. Eva told of her trip and what a thrill it was to visit the "Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva" and to see the grave of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

Get well wishes to Stanley Burkevage, Anna Butts, Anna Zaldaris and Margaret Gervalis who were all hospitalized. We wish them all well.

Under the Chairmanship of Joe Petrosky, the group participated in the holiday bazaar held at the new Schuylkill Mall.

Anne Wargo and Helen Chesko journeyed to New York to the Supreme Council meeting and then to the 65th Anniversary of C-29, in Newark. What a beautiful affair it was and we all add our congratulations to C-29 on their 65th Anniver-

sary. Elise Kosmiskly was appointed L.R.C.A. Chairman at the Supreme Council meeting.

The Council journeyed to New York on Nov. 8 to the Lithuanian Cultural Center and thoroughly enjoyed "Viva Europa."

Happy Birthday and Ilgiausiu Metu to Father Bartkus who celebrated on November 9. Simia Metu, Father Al, we all love you.

Plans are well under way for the Lithuanian Cultural Center, and with the guidance of Father Al and Msgr. Neverauskas, it should be opened sometime in the spring.

Welcome to Father Wm. Linkhorst, the new pastor at St. Casimir's parish in St. Clair.

Congratulations to Jerry Soditus who won five prizes at York, Pa. at the Woodcarvers Association Show. We're all proud of you, Jerry. Sara Beckett was chairman for this year's Kucia. With a cook like Sara, it was good.

To all our fellow Vyciai, we wish Laimingu ir Sveiku Nauju Metu.

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### C-147—St. Petersburg, Fl.

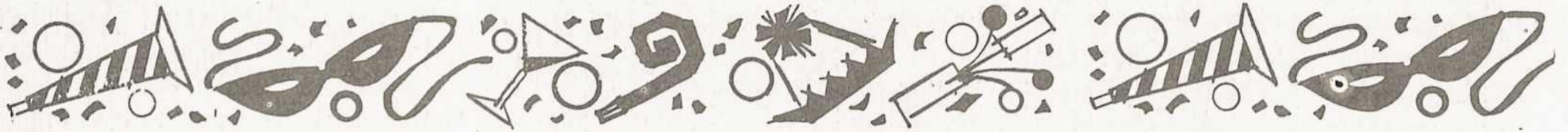
The parade of Lithuanian flags continues and now, with the sponsorship of our K of L Council #147 and the efforts and expenditures of Victoria Jacobson, our colors are on display in Washington, D.C. in the "Florida House."

This took place on September 8, 1980 with members and friends from our Council attending, namely: Mons. J. Balkunas, Fr. J. Gasiunas, Victoria Jacobson, Dr. K. Bobelis, E. Grusiene, S. Grusas, G. Jasinskiene and J. Bobelis.

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The ceremonies began with a symposium on Sept. 6th, with the theme "Human Rights in Lithuania." The speaker, Dr. K. Jurgela, spoke very eloquently in English.

The next day began with Fr. Gasiunas, our Council's spiritual advisor, blessing the flag at the Siluvos Marijos chapel. Godparents were Mons. J. Balkunas and E. Grusiene. Mons. J. Balkunas gave a very inspiring sermon to an audience of about 200.

The flag was brought to the Florida House with a great deal of pomp and ceremony which was touching to both the Lithuanians and outsiders. It was accepted by Nancy Elliot, Director of the Florida House, on behalf of Lawton Chiles, U.S. Senator of Florida, who that day was not in Washington, and Bill Young, U.S. Congressman, who sent his regrets at not being able to attend, due to a congressional session.

Amongst the participants were two long time K of L members from Washington, D.C., former Voice of America (Lith. Sec. Div. Dir.) Dr. Kostas Jurgela and Jos. B. Laucka, Supreme Leader of Ateitininku Federacija and former Voice of America & Radio Liberty (Lith. Sec. Div. Dir. in Germany.).

The speakers, Mons. J. Balkunas, Victoria Jacobson, Dr. K. Bobelis, Pres. of C-142, E. Migonyte, Washington, D.C., all spoke with such

feeling and pride that our flag was so honored, even though Lithuania itself does not have the privilege of raising the flag in its own native country.

Our thanks to Eve Migonyte, President of C-142, and all the members that took part in making the arrangements, as it would have been a very difficult task to do this from Florida. Our sincere appreciation to the Penn. "Zarijos" choir, who provided the music and their conductor, Stan Vaicaitis, former National Cultural Commission chairman.

The flag blessing and presentation to the House of Florida was broadcast to Lithuania on the Voice of America program.

Our annual meeting of C-147 was held in October and the following officers were voted in: Rev. Jonas Gasiunas-Spiritual Advisor, Anthony J. Mazeika-Pres., Juozas Petrikas, M.D.-V.P., Terese Liutkus-Membership, Victoria Klevia-Sec'y, Maria Zigaitis-Treas., Aleksas Kraujalis-Fin. Sec'y, Msgr. Jonas Balkunas and Charles P. Vilnis-Trustees, Rev. J. Gasiunas-Spiritual Prog. Chmn., Victoria Jacobson-Lith. Affairs & Amer. P.R., Grazina Jasinskas-Cultural Chmn., Kazys Kleiva-Lith. Public Relations, Helen Vilnis-"Vyitis" Correspondent, Anthony J. Mazeika-Ritual Chmn.

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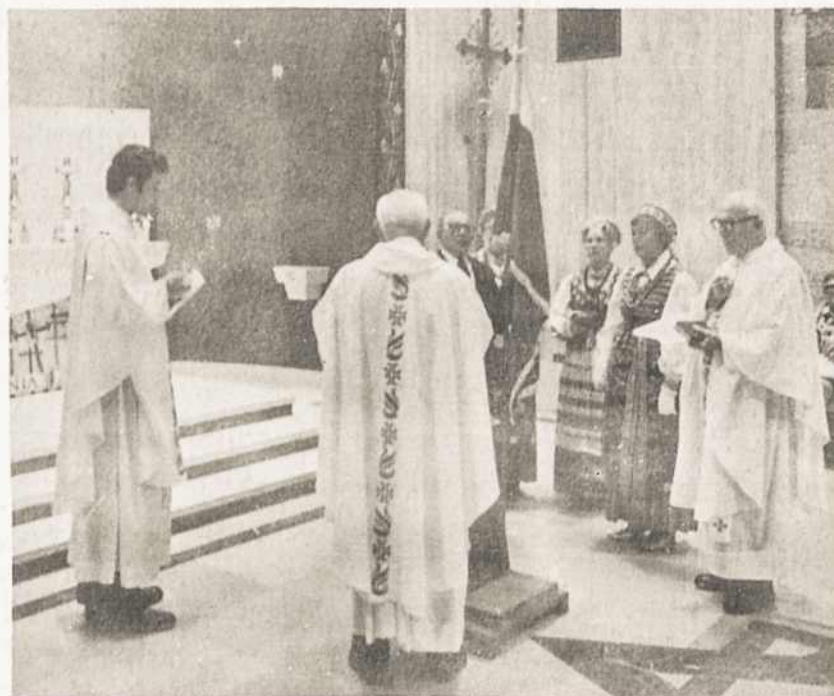
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Extreme left, Kun. D. Murray. In the middle Rev. J. Gasiunas, Spiritual Advisor of Council 147, blessing the Lithuanian flag. In the back row: left to right - St. Grušas, hidden by the flag Victoria Jacobson, Gražina Jasinskas, Emilija Grušas and Mons. J. Balkunas