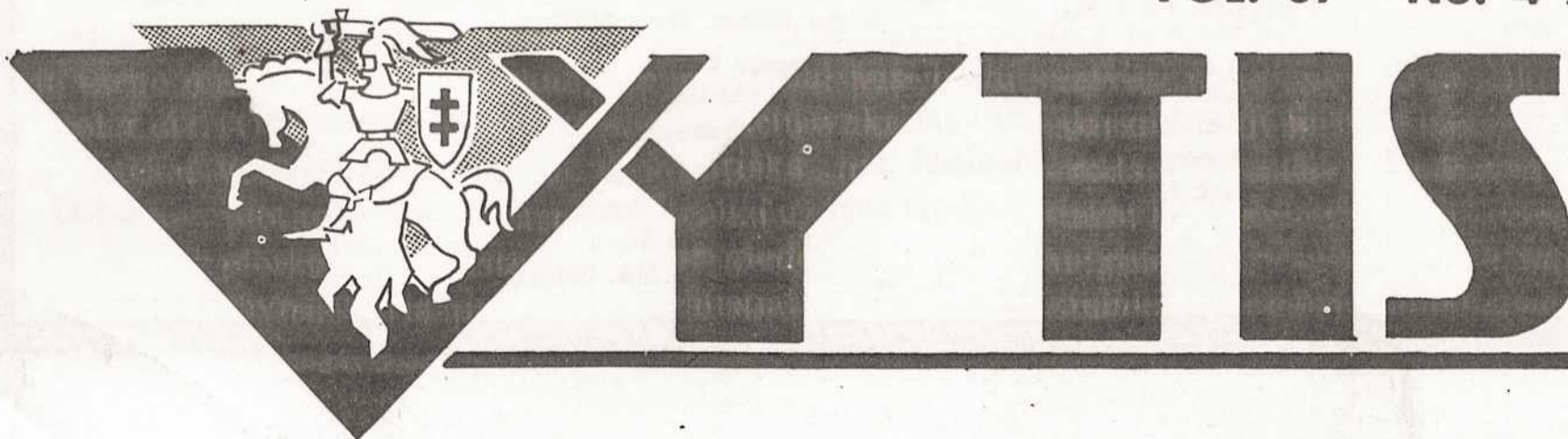




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FROM EASTER MISTERY TO BRILLIANT TRUTH

Our Faith, unique, holy and universal, admittedly, contains a multitude of mysteries: One God in three Persons, God, the Eternal Father, Who out of mercy and love sends his Eternal Son into the world to preach a new (and mystery-filled) Way of Life that leads those who believe to unending joys, Jesus Christ, Son of Mary, true man, yet, mysteriously true God, a living Church, His Mystical Body, and a Most Holy Sacrament, the Eucharist, ever abiding with and in that Church. Truly, our Faith is one big mystery, which we accept in all its dimness, solely, because God said so.

From the heights and depths of this Grand Mystery brilliant truths explode, like fireworks in the darkness of the night. We who believe can only ooh and aah at their splendor.

The Easter season presents us with several bursts of color and light, truths revealing the mysterious activity of the mercy and love of God to us who believe and accept God's Word.

"Christ died. Christ rose again," is a truth as solid as any historical fact could be. The truth of Christ's Resurrection does reveal a slight glimpse, but a precious one, of the workings of a merciful and loving God towards his people on earth.

If we remember that when Adam, father of the human race, disobeyed

God's command, he sinned, so to speak, in the name of all men and women to be. His sin was a grave crime against God, by which he lost for himself, for Eve and for his offspring all rights to God's promises, and rewards that were to come to him and all mankind for fidelity to God's Will. Relations between mankind and God were blocked by the barrier of the deliberate insult to God which resulted from Adam's sin. Man alone could not make things right again. Only someone equal to God could say the words and perform the action needed to reconcile fallen man with God again.

Who would that Person be?

God still loved the human beings He created. His mercy continued as great as ever. His mysterious plan to reinstate fallen man was set in motion.

The Son, born of God before time began, willfully, eagerly undertook the task of restoring mankind to His Father's favor again.

Easter tells us the glorious story: the sacrifice of love and life, the death on the Cross that first Good Friday, the "Forgive tem, Father!" recall to our minds the words and the action of the Person (equal to God, now clothed in human flesh, a man, truly born of Mary) who could say "I'm sorry, Father" in the name of all Adam's sons and daughters — past, present and future. Christ's words and action were more than sufficient to repair Adam's damage by his insult and reconcile God's people to Him once again.

The Easter mystery reveals the divinity of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Only God has total power over life and death. Jesus showed that power. He is true God.

Jesus spoke many times during his three year public life of a sacred sign by which men and women would be "reborn" of God, restored as "adopted" sons and daughters of the Father. We all have shared in this sacred sign of Baptism and now share in the merits Christ regained for us. Eventually, we will share in the rewards promised to those who are faithful to the Father, if we believe and love God and God's loved ones (meaning all people).

Another burst of brilliant light and truth flowing from the Easter mystery is this: Christ was the first born of many, many brothers (and sisters). He is God's Son by nature. Through his death and resurrection he obtained for us that gift of God that we might be "born again" and become his brothers and sisters by adoption. Hence, Christ is our Elder Brother.

Through Baptism we "put on Christ", we come to resemble Him. Through Baptism we truly "belong to Christ" and God sees Christ, His Son in those who believe and love as Jesus taught.

So, Easter is an annual challenge to all who belong to Christ to become more like Him, to resemble Him more perfectly in thoughts and words and actions.

Easter's "Son — rise" focuses a brilliant light of truth into the deepest of mysteries. To enjoy it more perfectly and to live in the peace that it brings —

Let the SON — SHINE into your daily life!

... and this just happens to be my Easter prayer and wish for all Knights of Lithuania and their loved ones.

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

ST. GEORGE - SAINT OF SPRING

April 23rd, is the Feast of St. George....It has been written, that St. George was martyred during the reign of Diocletian. In the 12th Century, legends have it, that St. George, as a courageous Knight on a horse, slew a dragon — which represented evil in the world. St. George is still very popular in Eastern Europe. His Feast Day has become entwined with the real beginning of Spring.

In Lithuania, St. George is one of the most popular of saints. As in other countries, he is held as the patron of animals, especially horses. In old Lithuania, on the Feast day of St. George, one could not till the fields with horses, or disturb the earth, as it was necessary to let the horses rest — for it was their holiday. If this was not done, it was

believed you would go against the saint's wishes, your animals would get sick and die, especially horses, who would then be prone to the wolves. It was also believed, that St. George protected animals, while they grazed in the fields, therefore during His Feast Day, the animals were first let out to graze following the end of winter. In the Fall, on returning the animals to their stalls, it was said that their protection was then taken over by St. Michael. In several stalls in old Lithuania, you would find a picture of St. George, who would see to it that the animals would favorably multiply. On His Feast Day, animals would also be better fed and attended, and never would they be punished, or hit. In the Alytus region of Lithuania, before the dawn of St. George, call-



ed "Jurgines," horses would be led to rivers or lakes to bathe, for it was said this would make them more beautiful, and free of parasites throughout the year.

With traditions associated with animals and pasture, came legends and stories associated with plants and grass. St. George was petitioned to unlock the good earth, render essential dew, and help the grass grow green and thick. In Western Lithuania, maidens would plant their gardens of rue or rutas, national flower of their country, so that they would grow beautifully. If the Feast Day of St. George was cold, it was a good omen: the harvest would be good and the hay bountiful. In Liskiava, Lithuania, three prayers would be said to St. George, so that their animals would be protected from wolves, who were also under the saint's jurisdiction.

As a good harvest and bountiful animals were attributed to the graces of St. George it isn't surprising that the farmers gave many offerings to him. On his Feast Day, they would bring eggs and milk products, and place them in front of his statue or picture in the village church. Some gave food in His name to the parish priests, or offered mass to St. George for the health of their animals. In the Gerveciai section of Lithuania, two loaves of bread would be baked, with 5 eggs each added to the batter. The two loaves would then be borne around the field 12 times. One would later be buried in the ground, the other consumed, in order that the wolves would not attack the sheep and the cows would be healthy throughout the year. This, actually, was an offering to Mother Earth.

As the egg is a symbol of fertility and new life, it also played a role in folklore surrounding the Feast of St. George. Eggs were colored during "Jurgines," as well as at Easter. These are just a few of the many traditions and customs surrounding the celebration in old Lithuania, of the popular feast day of St. George....

GUIDING THOUGHT OF SPIRIT"

As we begin PHASE II of our K of L effort in assisting in the Beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis, it becomes necessary to strengthen our conviction that this is a worthwhile cause. Once we become firmly convinced that this is truly a worthy K of L cause in line with our ideals and one which will bring many benefits to our Lithuanian people and to ourselves, it will be easy to plunge into the task and do what must be done in a spirit of helpfulness and cooperation.

In 1910 Archbishop Matulaitis wrote a small booklet, 72 pages, entitled: "Vedamoji Mintis ir Dvasia" — Guiding Thought and Spirit. It was written for the members of the newly reorganized Congregation of the Marian Fathers and Brothers. This booklet was subsequently adapted for the use of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in 1921.

The author's purpose was to give the Fathers and Brothers and Sisters some fundamental ideas on how the communities should live the religious life.

As I read and reread this booklet I began to realize how far ahead of his times the Archbishop was. He foresaw the need of renewal, long before Popes Pius XI and XII made it the foundation for several of their encyclicals. Renewal was also one of the basic purposes of the Second Vatican Council.

The "Guiding Thought", however, is not only a guide for religious life, but contains fundamental thoughts on organization life, in general.

Let me point out a few of these ideas that could be very useful for our K of L organization.

Archbishop Matulaitis writes of the necessity of "having firm prin-

ciples and a flexibility of ways and means by which those principles are put into practice." This is what keeps an organization dynamic and progressive. Holding fast to DIEVUI IR TĖVYNEI — God and Country, we can adopt various activities and functions and projects. The PHASE II is but a new, contemporary way of working for God and Country.

We come across the phrase: "CONCENTRATION AND PENETRATION." By this, the Archbishop meant gathering together the total power of an organization and focusing it upon one object, one goal, as circumstances demand.



George Matulaitis—Bishop of Vilnius.

How successfully we could use this idea!

Archbishop George then goes on to point out the importance of SELECTIVITY AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL. In every well run organization it is fundamental to seek out, "select" or elect the best qualified leaders and, in addition, to make the effort to prepare them and train them for their positions. In this way the continuity of the important activities of the organization is assured. There will be no "ups and downs", only "ups and ups" — a steady progress.

Another point he makes is "OUTWARD ORDER — INWARD DEDICATION", meaning that any organization, including our K of L, should strive to show a united front in the essentials, a unity and zeal to make the sacrifices of time and effort — and money, too, needed to prove by actions what we declare in words. We might call this "authenticity", being what we say we are.

One very interesting "guiding thought and spirit"

is the following: "The members must strive to specialize in some area of organization activity." This could be any skill, "know-how", art or craft that would benefit the whole organization and aid mightily in the attainment of its ideal.

Again, how profitably we could apply this bit of organization advice to our K of L activities! What a powerful K of L we would have, if each member would share his or her expertise or skill: more writers for "VYTIS", artists, photographers. And what about experts in Lithuanian cooking, dancing, songs, history, contemporary affairs, letter writers, fund-raisers . . .

Each K of L'er can do something better than some one else. By developing and sharing that "specialty", all of us would be enriched and benefits to our people would be enormous.

From this brief run-down of some of Archbishop Matulaitis' "guiding thoughts", we can see why he was called "an organization man", why he was so successful in reorganizing the Marian Fathers and establishing the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception... which are fundamentally "organizations," God-centered organizations.

Our organization is not a religious organization, as such, but a lay Catholic organization, that can use the Archbishop's wise and learned organization ideas. This should encourage all 3000 of us to undertake PHASE II eagerly and energetically, expend every effort to assist in the Beatification of the wise and saintly Archbishop.

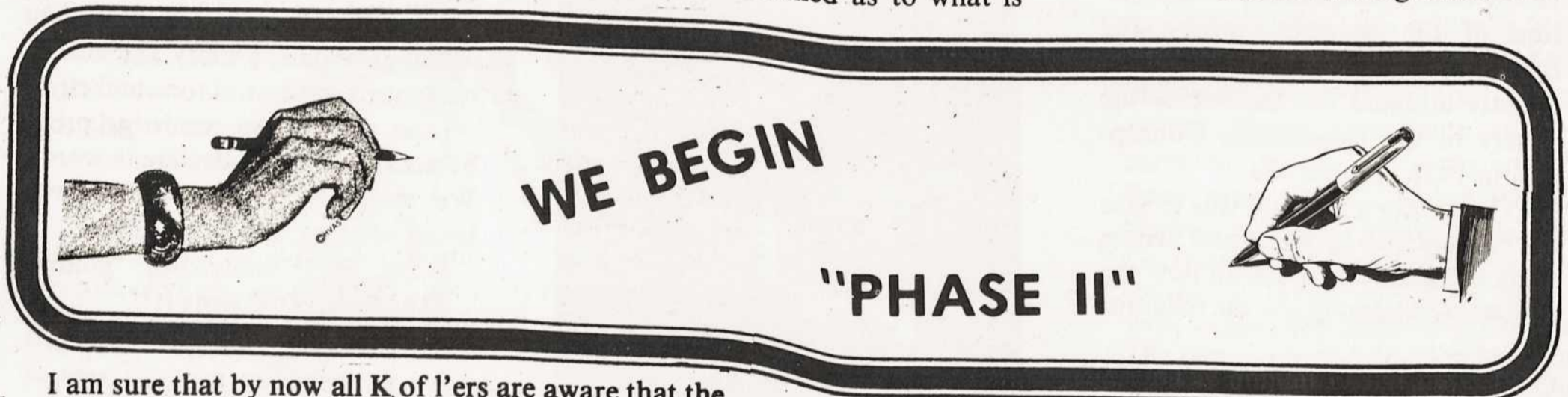


The Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of B.V.M. in Marijampole, Lithuania, founded by Archbishop George Matulaitis.

(Shortly, Materials and complete instructions will be mailed to all Councils and to "VYTIS", so that if you miss your local K of L meeting, you will be informed as to what is

expected of you and how you are to share in PHASE II. Please keep a ball point pen in readiness.)

Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.



I am sure that by now all K of L'ers are aware that the 1980 Convention passed a Resolution to continue the efforts of the Knights of Lithuania in gathering signatures to be presented to Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, that he act favorably on the Beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

In Phase I several thousands of petitions were collected and transmitted to Father Joseph Dambrauskas, M. I. C., Provincial of the Marian Fathers, for presentation to His Holiness.

A thoughtful survey of the results led to the decision that the "several thousands" did not represent the full potential of the K of L, nor of the wide sentiments of Lithuanian Catholics in the United States. In other words, what was needed were tens of thousands of signatures.

We agreed at that 1980 Convention to renew our ef-

forts to reach that goal, hence this thing called Phase II.

A new petition form has been prepared, which is being sent to all K of L Spiritual Advisors for distribution to the councils. It reads as follows:

"Most Holy Father,

Prolonging the "Year of the Family-1980", OUR FAMILY, neighbors and friends humbly place in your hands this Petition for the Beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

Your granting our request, giving glory to God, would encourage and support our people in Lithuania, who amid constant persecution are struggling valiantly to preserve their loyalty to Christ the Lord. We feel Lithuania needs a modern Saint from among its own people in these present perilous times.

Thankfully and obediently yours,"

Since 1980 was the Year of the Family, we are taking advantage of that fact and making our effort primarily a "family" affair. But, notice that we also include our neighbors and friends.

Below the petition are spaces for signatures, but there is a third column: **relationship**. This will allow all members of our family to indicate their position and allow for our neighbors, friends and co-workers to join us.

There may be several branches of your family — brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles. Send them a sheet with an urgent letter explaining our task.

The head of each family will sign the petition under "Thankfully and obediently yours," and then have the other members sign. After that one or another member of the family would ask neighbors and friends to join us.

If you have relatives out of town, be sure to send them a sheet and ask their help. They will not refuse.

You can distribute sheets to other members of your parish, because the petition is in the name of all Lithuanians, though it is undertaken by the Knights of Lithuania.

I believe that by starting with our own immediate families and by reaching out to others we can easily obtain the **tens of thousands** of signatures that would impress our Holy Father.

Since this project falls so neatly under "Dievui ir Tevynei", I am confident that there will be a 100% cooperation by the members.



Now, let's make a few calculations. There are about 3,000 members in the Knights of Lithuania. If each member were to obtain only ten names, the total would be 30,000 petitions. And suppose that each member collected 20 names, the total is doubled and reaches the **tens of thousands** we hope to get. And what about 30 signatures per K of L'er?

Wouldn't this make our Holy Father's face beam with delight?

Even if you signed a Phase I petition previously, you may sign again. You see, this time we are requesting this favor as families and friends of the K of L.

Completed petition sheets should be collected and returned by Council Presidents before July 1st, 1980, so that they could be tabulated and bound in time for the 1981 National Convention in Scranton, Pa.

The "tens of thousands" of signatures will be presented to the Holy Father in the Fall of 1981.

Council Presidents are requested to send the completed signature sheets to: Father A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P., Providence College, Providence, R.I. 02918.

Additional forms may be obtained by writing to the above address.

You will be informed in this column each month about the progress we are making. There will be nothing to report; if you do start immediately to do your part.

Vytiskai,
Anthony Miner
Fr. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.
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Cook's Corner

By MARY LUCAS



Easter Day, in my parents' home, was always a joyous occasion. All preparations were planned and done ahead because of Holy Week Services on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings which all the members of the family were expected to attend.

By Easter morning, everything was already cooked, baked, roasted and prepared because the traditional Easter Feast was served immediately after the 6:00 A.M. Resurrection Mass. No cooking was done that day except for making hot boiled eggs and coffee and heating the sausages.

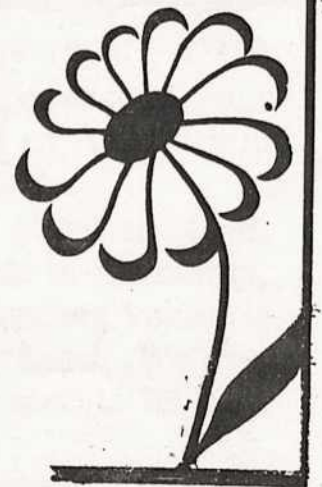
The day was reserved for visits from relatives, friends and neighbors. That is when we enjoyed the egg games such as — Rolling and breaking of eggs to see who collected the most.

At the beginning of Holy Week, we decorated eggs of all kinds; onion-skin dyed, wax and scratch decorated, and colored eggs of all hues.

Then homemade sausages, ham, koseliena and pastetas were made and refrigerated. Next we made the breads (pyragai), cakes and pastries. The veal roast and suckling pig quarter were roasted and the salads and desserts assembled, on Saturday.

In these modern times, we have deleted some of the traditional foods because, let's face it, how many of us can now afford the price of a leg of veal or where can you now buy a suckling pig?

Here is a sampling of my mother's Easter Menu many years ago. Several of the recipes are enclosed in the section of "Cook's Corner." Pick what appeals to you and your family and enjoy a LINKSMŪ ŠVENTŲ VELYKŲ!





MENU

for BETTER
EASTER
DINING

MAMYTĖS VELYKŲ VALGIAI (Mother's Easter Menu)

Virti Kiaušiniai
Margučiai
Saldus Sviestas

Hot Boiled Eggs
Decorated Easter Eggs
Sweet Butter - in attractive
mold

Lietuviškas Sūris
Vištikių, Kepenių, Pastetas
su Ruginės Duonos
Raiteliais

Lithuanian Cheese
Chicken Liver Pate
With Party Rye Slices

Keptas Kumpis
Košeliena
Versienos Kepsnys
Keptas Paršiukas

Baked Ham
Jelled Pig's Feet
Roast Veal
Roast Quarter of Suckling
Pig

Raudoni Krienai
Rauginti Agurkai
Žalių Pomidorų, Mišinys
Burokėlių, ar Svogunų
Salotas

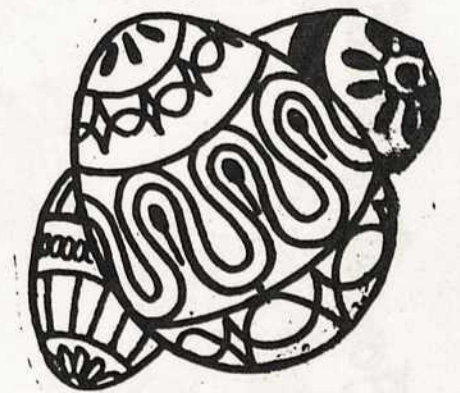
Red Beet Horseradish
Dill Pickles
Green Tomato Chow Chow
Pickled Beet and Onion
Salad

Bulvių Salotas
Vaisių Salotas
Kiaušiniai Lizde,

Potato Salad
24 hour Fruit Salad
"Eggs in a Nest" Jello
Mold

Velykų Pyragas
Kiaušinių Tortas
Avinelis
Ausiukės
Kava, Arbata
Balta ir Juoda Duona
Lašiniai
Likeriai ir Dektinė

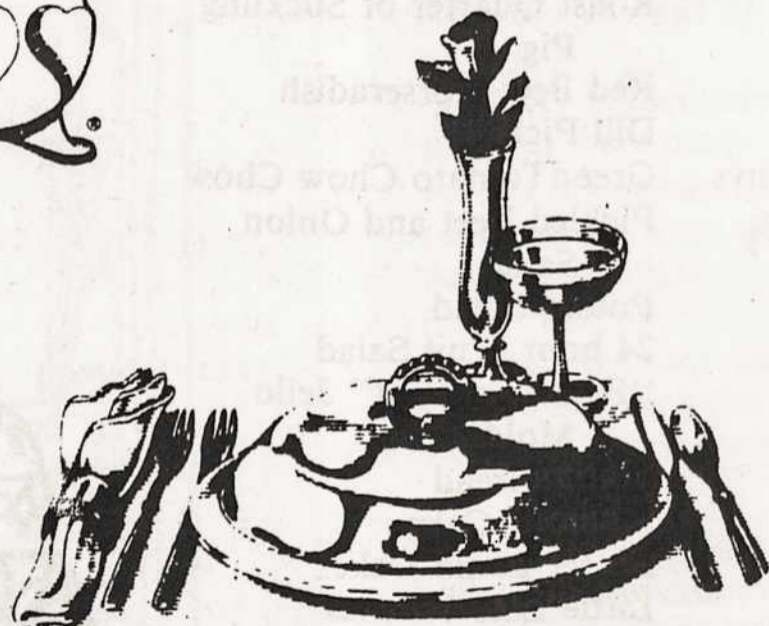
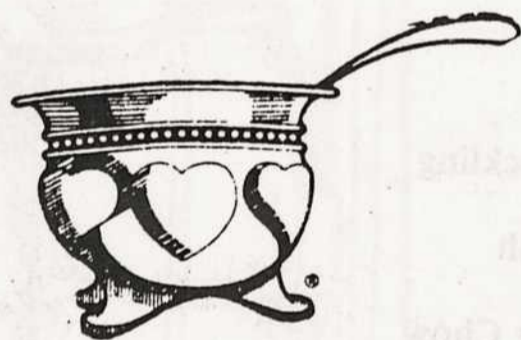
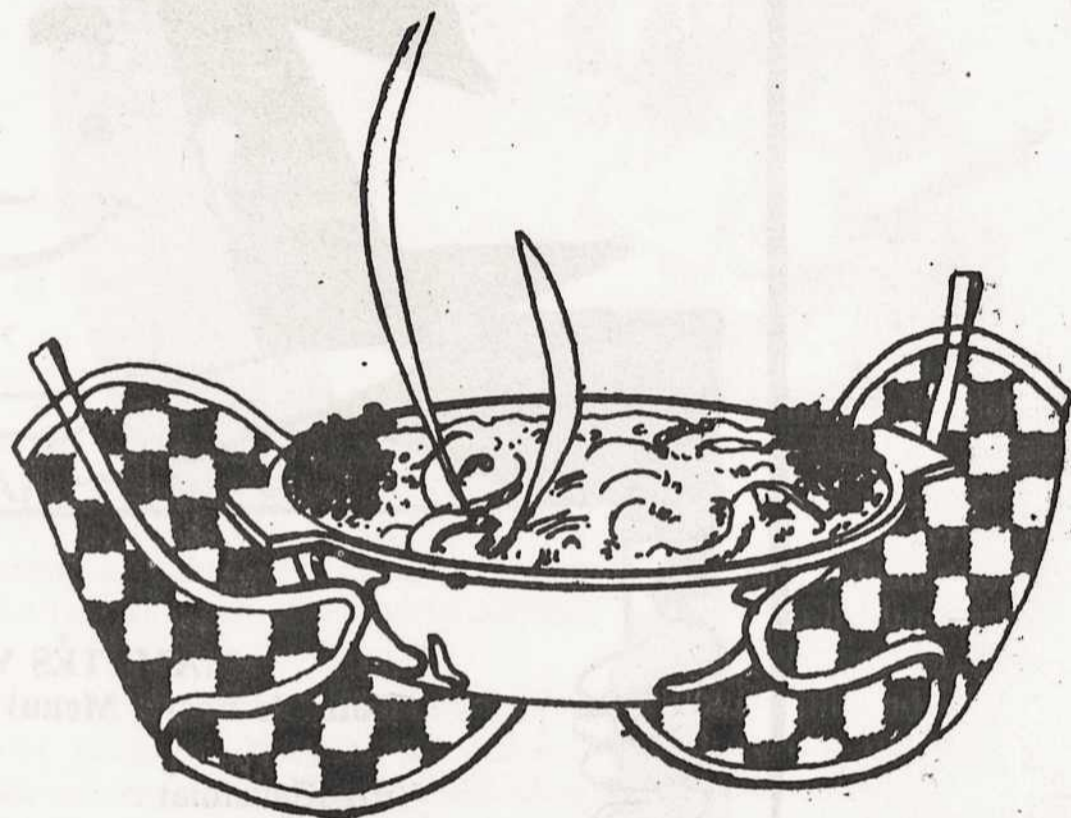
Easter Bread
Daffodil Cake
Easter Lamb Cake
Little Ears Pastries
Coffee, Tea
White and Rye Bread
Bacon Buns
Cordials and Liquor



KOSELIENA (Jellied Pig's Feet)

- 3 Pig's feet (cut into halves)
- 2 Fresh pork hocks
- 1 large onion
- 2 T. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- 4 whole allspice berries
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 carrot (whole, peeled)

Rinse and clean well the feet and pork hocks. Place in a 4 quart cooker. Add 1 Cup cold water. Add rest of ingredients. Secure cover, place pressure cap in place. When steam begins to emerge, reduce heat and cook for 1 hour being careful so gauge does not go beyond "cook" area. Remove from heat and let pressure go down to "off". Then carefully remove gauge and lid. Remove feet and hocks with a slotted spoon. Set aside the carrot. Strain broth into another pot. Remove all meat, skin and gristle from bones and cut into small pieces. Return bones, contents of strainer (onions, etc.) to original cooker. Cover with water and cook for ½ hour after it comes to a boil. (Use ordinary lid.) Strain again. Add the meat and broth to cooked water from the bones. Correct seasonings adding more salt if desired. Also add 1 t. M.S.G. powder. (Accent) Let all come to a boil again but DO NOT PRESSURE COOK. Cool. Fill glass baking pans with mixture and refrigerate. When ready to serve, scrape fat from top. With knife, cut around edges to loosen. Invert onto platter or tray and garnish with carrot slices and parsley sprigs.



Mom's Chicken Liver Pate

- 1 lb. fresh chicken livers (washed and cleaned)
- ½ lb. sliced bacon
- 3 large onions (cut into chunks)
- salt and pepper to taste
- ½ t. M.S.G. (Accent)

Place bacon slices into medium sized skillet. Fry half way. Pour off bacon fat and continue frying with the onions until onions are transparent. Add the livers and stir fry until all liquid has cooked away and livers are browned. Remove to bowl and let cool.

Put mixture through fine grinder. Also grind 2 small raw onions into liver mixture.

Add 2 T. Worcestershire sauce and ½ Cup of Hellman's Mayonnaise.

Meanwhile, hard boil 3 eggs. Peel and reserve two of the yolks. Grind remaining yolk and the whites and mix everything together. Adjust seasonings to taste.

Pack into foil lined bowl or mold and refrigerate.

At serving time, invert pate onto a glass plate. Remove foil and press the 2 egg yolks through a coarse sieve drifting over the pate. Serve with Melba Toast or cocktail rye slices.

Decorate Easter Eggs



"EGGS IN A NEST" JELLO MOLD

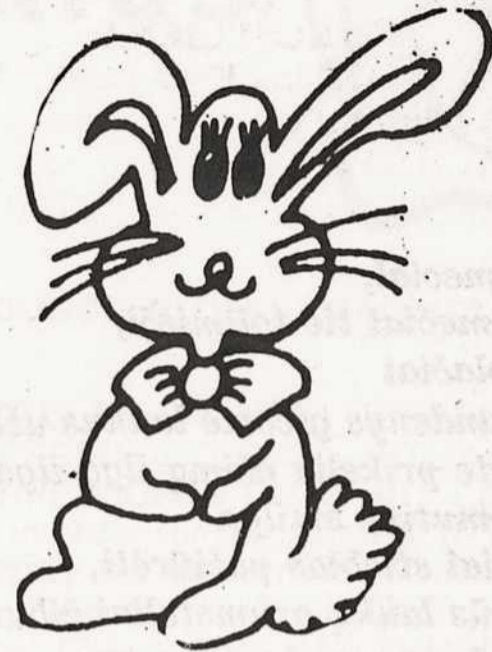
- 2 large boxes lime jello
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 cups cold water
- 2 cups whipped cream

Dissolve lime jello in boiling water. Mix well to dissolve all granules. Add cold water and mix again. When jello starts to thicken, mix in the whipped cream. Lightly oil a 10" spring form pan and pour mixture into it. Let chill in refrigerator until firm.

Meanwhile dissolve 1 small package each of raspberry, orange, lemon, blackberry and punch flavors of jello into separate bowls according to package directions but use about 1/2 cup less water than called for in each package.

Wash, dry and oil 15 plastic egg halves (the kind that pull apart in the middle.) Fill 3 halves with each of the five flavors. Place each filled half in empty egg cartons to hold them steady. Refrigerate until set. (Any left over jello can be poured into custard cups for another meal.) When lime base has set, remove springform side. (Do not remove the jello from the bottom plate but place onto a large plate with rim.)

Shake jello eggs loose from plastic egg halves and arrange on lime base with flat side down — mixing colors artistically. Sprinkle border with green tinted coconut.



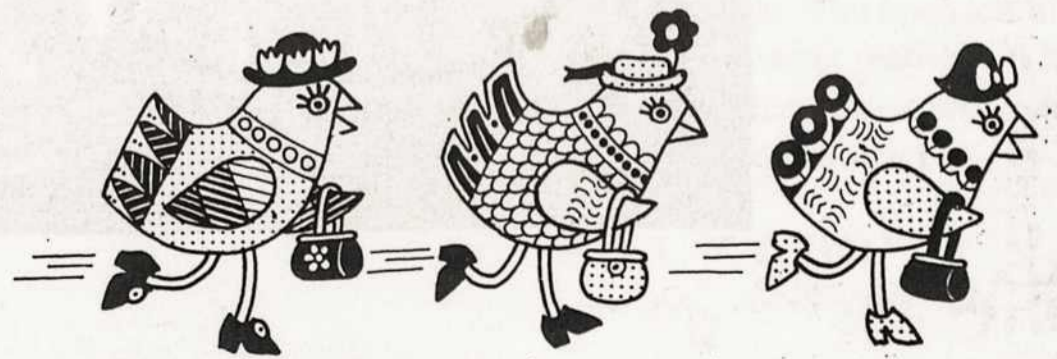
VERŠIENOS KEPSNYS (Roast Veal)

Wash and dry a leg of veal or a 4 pound veal roast. Rub with salt, pepper, paprika and flour. Place into roasting pan and brush with melted butter. Add 1 sliced onion and 1 clove garlic. Place into 400° oven and roast uncovered until browned — about 45 minutes. Add 1 cup boiling water, place lid on roaster and continue roasting, basting with pan juices until meat is tender when pricked with a fork. Cool and refrigerate. To serve, place on a platter and garnish with parsley sprigs and spiced crab apples.

DESROS PORK SAUSAGES

- 5 lbs fresh pork shoulder (boneless)
- Hog casings
- 1 large onion (grated)
- 1 T. freshly ground black pepper
- 1 t. ground allspice
- 2 T. salt
- 1 garlic clove (crushed) optional
- 1 Cup cold water

Cut meat into 1 inch cubes, then put them through a coarse grinder. Add grated onion and the rest of the seasonings. Mix lightly, then add the water. Mix well and stuff into washed casings. Tie at 6 inch intervals. Refrigerate. Boil in water to cover for about 1 hour. Next morning, fry in fat taken from the top of the water in which sausages have been cooked. Brown on both sides.



Velykų rytas

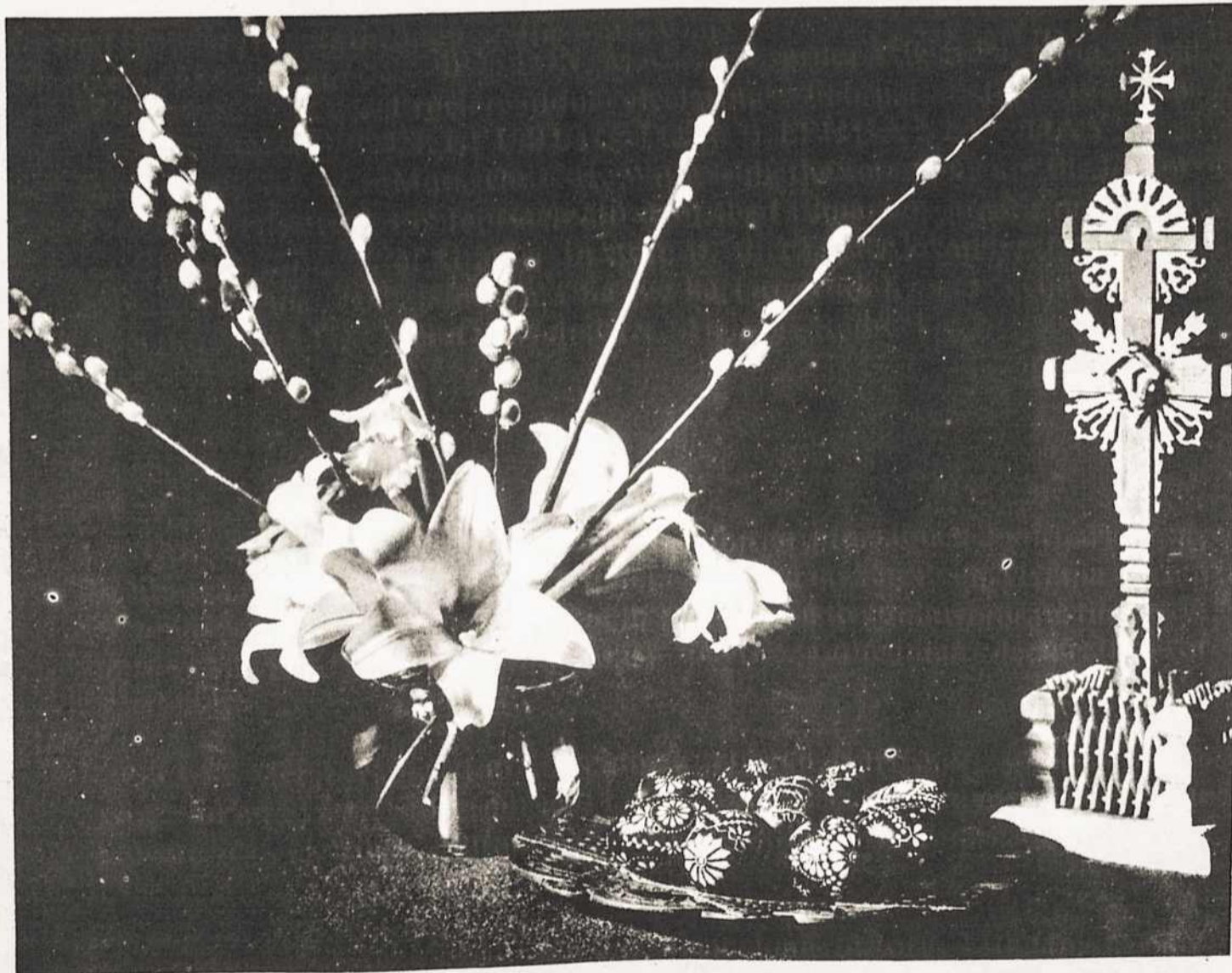
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Kada plačiai
Kaip vandenys giesmė laukus užlieja
Ir bokšte prikelia ošimą ilgą ilgą;
Kai pirmutinė smilga
Nedrasiai stiebias pažiūrėti,
Kaip mūs laukų grumsteliai žiburėti —
Ne, ne! kaip paauksuotos tavo rankos žvilga.*

*Ir Tu eini,
Tu, Užmirštasis, tris kartus eini.
O gluosnių pumpurai raini,
Plaukuoti tarsi kirmėlaitės
Ant tavo tako susiraitę
Ir nusižeminę vis renkasi prie kojų,
Lyg prieš savaitę
Mes palmių Tau su mirtomis nebūtum kloję.*

*O šiandien vėl Tu mus kvieti.
Pagruodžiu dunda žingsniai mūs kieti.
Jau tuoj, jau tuoj prinokusiom su diršėm
Ir mes nusvirsim —
Visi mes paskutinio vėjo pakąsti
Nusvirsim prieš Tave, auksinis Tu Kviety!*

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ANTANAS JASMANTAS



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OFFICIAL NEWS



1981 SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the 24th Annual K of L Scholarship Award will be presented to a deserving Knight(s) at the 68th National Convention, August 20-23, 1981, in Scranton, PA.

Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate work or graduate work in degree programs. The Scholarship Committee will base its award decision primarily on K of L activity but also will consider scholastic achievement, financial need and various recommendations. The scholarships are awarded to different Knights each year and a second award will not be made to the same individual. However, if a qualified Knight applies for a scholarship and is not selected for that particular year, he or she may reapply for a scholarship in a subsequent year. Please urge qualified members in your council to apply before the deadline of June 30, 1981. Requests for applications and additional information should be sent to the Scholarship Chairman at the address below.

The Scholarship Committee has awarded more than \$9400 over the last four years to eighteen deserving K of L members. These awards as well as the others made in the previous years were made possible by the generosity of various K of L Districts, Councils and individuals. Unfortunately, college tuition keeps rising and the Committee would like to increase the amount of the annual award as well as maintain a balance that would insure future presentations.

For the 1981 Scholarship Appeal, the Scholarship Committee again requests all Districts, Councils and individual members to participate in this very commendable project of the Knights of Lithuania either by making outright donations or by sponsoring some type of fund-raising event. Even though there will be no raffle involved with scholarship donations this year, we hope that contributing to the Scholarship Fund has become a habit after the past two years wherein Lithuanian hand-crafted articles were chanced off.

Donations can be made as outright gifts or in memory of (I.M.O.) a deceased K of L member, relative or friend. All donations will be acknowledged and will be published in the Vytis. Donations (which are tax-deductible) should be sent to the Scholarship Committee Treasurer at the address below.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity, I remain

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SUPREME COUNCIL RITUAL COMMITTEE INFO

PLEASE NOTE: ALL FOURTH DEGREES MUST BE ON THE SUPREME COUNCIL RITUAL COMMITTEE'S CHAIRPERSON'S DESK NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 1981 in order for the material to be processed and completed by the committee to incorporate your members into the Supreme Ritual Committee's report for the National Convention. ANYTHING RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Please do not disappoint your members who are eligible for this degree. Please note a few changes since the last Ritual Report was submitted to the VYTIS — Oct. 1978:

Ritual Chairperson — 6 points
Fourth Degree Medals — \$6.00
Third Degree Medals — \$4.50

If your council has special council projects that warrant points, list them as 'Special' and explain why. The Supreme Ritual Committee will then make approval or disapproval of said report. Keep in mind....all points are not 'automatic'. If a chairperson or committee member does not earn the full points listed feel free to give less.

Please DO NOT procrastinate. Take care of all Fourth Degree Reports now!

Fran Petkus, SCRC Chrm.

ST. CASIMIR AND OUR LADY OF SILUVA

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.

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 today. To obtain your order, please write to:

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STAFF CHANGES AND SHIFTS

As has been previously announced, the VYTIS Staff is undergoing some changes, some minor, some major. Several new staff members have been added, responsibilities are being shared or shifted, new techniques are being investigated. Please be so kind as to help us evaluate the new techniques, new features and where appropriate, new look with your comments, oral or written, so that we may plan for the future, according to our readers' needs, desires, likes and dislikes. Please send your critiques to the editor, Loretta I. Stukas, 234 Sunlit Drive, Watchung, N.J. 07060.

ABOUT "IN MEMORIAM"...

Several years ago, the VYTIS began a special section, entitled "IN MEMORIAM", which would be used to announce the death of members, and to request other members to pray for their souls. For this section to really be effective, it is important that the Editor be informed as soon as possible of the death of a member.

Currently, the Staff of VYTIS receives information about a deceased member in one of a variety of ways... direct communication from the family or council of the deceased, mention in Council News, personal knowledge, or from another member of the Supreme

Council. As a result, the death of some members is announced quickly, other announcements take several months. While it is true that "Eternity knows no time", and prayers offered at any time are important, we would like to treat all members equally, and let the "IN MEMORIAM" column be as effective as possible in notifying members of the death of fellow members quickly. Also, it is important that the National Spiritual Adviser and National President, be informed, so that they may offer a Mass for the deceased, and express sympathy to the family, respectively.

THEREFORE, to assure proper treatment, please do the following: Upon the death of a member, a representative of the Council (President, Secretary or a designated member) should write IMMEDIATELY to the National Spiritual Adviser, the National President and the VYTIS Editor. For faster action, the Editor may also be called, to get the news in the first possible issue after the death.

All addresses involved are printed in the inside cover of the VYTIS. Please follow the guidelines for best results. And remember, the National Officers and VYTIS Staff members are human also...occasionally, an error occurs, a name is missed or misspelled, or a Mass or card is not sent. If this should happen, please understand, and notify the appropriate parties again.

J A U

Jau verbų šakelė kadugiu pakvipo,
Mėlyna žibuoklė atvėrė akeles,
Čirena vyturėlis viršum lauko pliko.
Pavasaris sėja pievose gėles.

Ateina Velykos, stebuklu praverintos,
Kaip į rojų vartai daros atdari,
Angelas, prie kapo akmenį atritęs,
Dievą jis išleido į dangaus erdves.

Iš perdurto šono kraujas dar ištryškęs,
Aprasojo žemė kryžium ir kančia,
Suskambėjo varpas, prisikėlė Kristus,
Žmogui jis atleides nuodėmes visas.

Tavo rankos laiko verbą, palmės rykštę,
O dvasia vainiką deda ant galvos,
Atsibusk iš miego, Kristus kėlės rytą,
Ir su juo žmogus kaupias prie maldos.

Šviečia veidas saulėj, sieloj šventė gieda
Giesmę siųstą tiesiai žmogui iš dangaus,
Tegul nyksta kančios, tenelydi skundas,
Kristus mus atpirko po kryžium klupdams jau.

Alb. Kašiubienė



CONVENTION NEWS

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, SCRANTON

The creation of the parish of St. Joseph in 1894 brings to mind the heroic immigrants, pioneers of Lithuanian descent, who came to a new world and laid the foundations. These immigrants had a need for a church of their language and an edifice to fulfill their spiritual needs. With permission from the first bishop of Scranton, the Most Rev. William O'Hara, they began to raise funds to purchase land upon which the present church stands at the corner of Theodore St. and North Main Ave. in Providence (North Scranton). Our ancestors recalled the first Christian home and placed their church under the patronage of a humble laboring man, St. Joseph.

The first pastor of the unbuilt and unorganized church was Rev. A. Pieza. The cornerstone for a new church was laid and blessed by Bishop O'Hara. Upon the departure of Rev. Pieza and because of the shortage of Lithuanian priests, the parish was assigned to the Pastorate of St. Casimir's Pittston, Pa. Rev. Michael Sedvydis, the pastor of St. Casimir's came to Scranton every Sunday to provide the spiritual needs of the people.

In 1897, Rev. Anthony Kaupas, newly ordained priest

from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., received the appointment as pastor of the still floundering church. Many conflicts arose and Mass was held at St. Thomas College Hall for several years until all conflicts of the time had been settled. Father Kaupas was given complete Pastoral Jurisdiction over his flock and with much patience the church was completed. On January 1, 1901 the Most Rev. M.J. Hoban, D.D. Bishop of Scranton, dedicated the new structure.

Father Kaupas was a man of tremendous intellectual capacities and had been responsible for much in regards to Lithuanians. He was one of the Innovators helping to found the Community of the Sisters of St. Casimir, founded or helped found many Lithuanian organizations, like the National Organization of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance, the Knights of Lithuania and the Lithuanian newspaper the Draugas.

In 1907 Rev. Anthony Kaupas was transferred to St. Casimir's Pittston. He was succeeded by Rev. John Kuras. His pastorate lasted 30 years and during his tenure the first Lithuanian grammar school in this part of Pennsylvania was established and staffed by the



Photos by Anthony Kabillus

Sisters of St. Casimir. After many years of service, Rev. Kuras passed away.

On March 8, 1937 Monsignor Joseph Miliauskas was appointed as the 4th pastor of St. Joseph's parish. Monsignor remained pastor until he retired February 19, 1969. The following day February 20, 1969, the present pastor Rev. Michael Ozalas was appointed fifth pastor.

On Sunday, September 23, 1973, Knights of Lithuania, Council 74 was reorganized under the auspices of Rev. Ozalas and Miss Eve Kazokas. Six members of the Supreme Council attended the first meeting and received the first 20 members. Today C-74 numbers 83 members. Their membership roster includes 2nd and 3rd generation Lithuanians as well as native born Lithuanians. To most of the members St. Joseph's

Church is home. C-74 is co-hosting the 68th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania this August.

Located next to St. Joseph's Church is the beautiful Lithuanian Roadside Cross Memorial. It was dedicated and blessed May 26, 1975. The bronze plaque is inscribed: "Tribute to those men and women who heroically died in defense of our country, suffering and oppressed Lithuanian people behind the Iron Curtain and deceased members of St. Joseph's Lithuanian parish."

Delegates and guests of the Knights of Lithuania 68th National Convention who visit St. Joseph's will have the opportunity to step back into history — and visit the site of an important institution from the cradle of Lithuanism in the U.S.A.

ST. CASIMIR CHURCH, PITTSTON

The year 1869 marked the beginning of Lithuanian immigration to American soil. The Lithuanians left their homeland for a better world and freedom to live and worship in "the land of the free and the home of the brave".

The first Lithuanian to arrive in Pittston was Andrew Tepliusis in the year 1869. Then followed Andrew Klimavicius in 1870. Little by little and year after year, more and more immigrants from Lithuania settled in Pittston. Because of the attitude of Americans at that point in time and the hardships they endured, they in turn began to organize among themselves. Hence, they began to concern themselves with their spiritual obligations.

So in 1866, the first Lithuanian priest, Father A. Varnagiris came from Freeland to Pittston to hear confessions in the native Lithuanian tongue. Also Father Abromaitis from Shenendoah came at times to help them. By that time Father Alexander Burba from St. Casimirs, Plymouth, Pa began to attend to the spiritual needs of the Pittston Lithuanians.

In the beginning of 1885 the Lithuanian residents of Pittston organized a St. Casimir's Society for mutual aid and assistance toward one another. However, they were also concerned to establish and build a church of their own.

In June 30, 1889 the blessing

ceremony of the cornerstone took place. Fr. Alexander Burba, pastor of St. Casimir's, Plymouth was appointed to say the first Mass in the newly organized parish. Due to an accident enroute to Pittston by horse and buggy he never made it. So Bishop O'Hara then read the first Mass in the new church with the assistance of a few priests from the lower coal regions. Although

they had a church or parish, **they did not have a resident pastor.** However, Fr. Burba from Plymouth travelled to Pittston to say Mass for the Pittston Lithuanians.

In 1890, Father George Kolesin-skas came to America and was assigned as the first resident pastor of St. George's Parish in Chicago, Ill. About that time 1891, Bishop O'Hara ordained a priest named



Father J. Zlotozinkas to the Holy Priesthood and appointed him as pastor of St. Casimirs in Pittston.

In 1896, Rev. Fr. M. Sedvydis was appointed pastor and remained until 1907 when Rev. Fr. A. Kaupas became the new pastor. On May 16, 1912 the Rev. Fr. John Kasakaitis was appointed pastor of St. Casimirs in Pittston, and here he remained until his death (1967).

In September of 1966 Bishop J. Carroll McCormick appointed the Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas as pastor and still serves the parish in that capacity.

St. Casimir's Parish, home parish of C-143, will be the site of the National Convention's Cultural Night, Thursday, Aug. 20, 1981.

CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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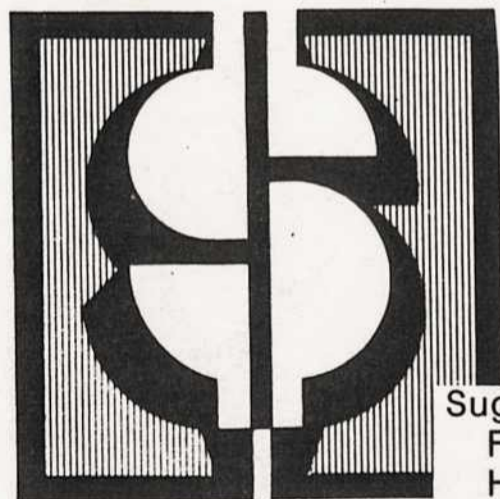
Seated left to right: Eve Kazokas-Convention Coordinator; Ruth Yanish-Secretary; Ann Challan-Pittston Co-chairman. Standing left to right: Charles Czauskas-Forest City Co-chairman; Casimir Yanish-Scranton Co-chairman; Edward Tamosaitis-Treasurer.

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The Knights of Lithuania program Book Committee invites you to extend greetings to all your Knights of Lithuania friends and associates, by printing your good wishes in the 68th NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK.

To place your greeting, please send your greeting and check to:

Knights of Lithuania Convention
Program Book Committee
116 Theodore Street
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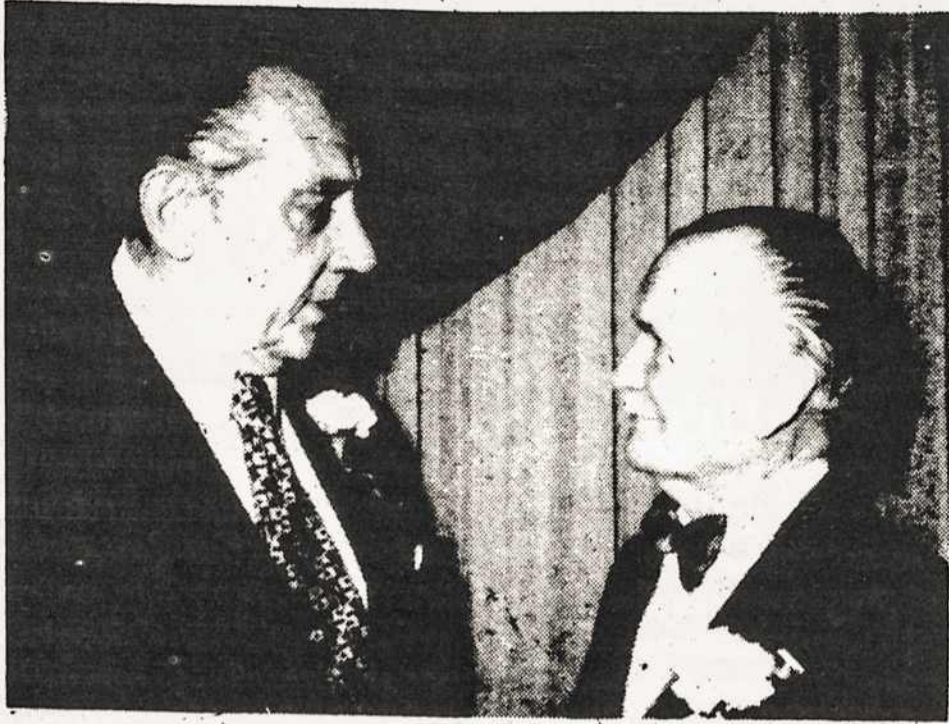
Thank you most sincerely for your cooperation and for your past support of the Knights of Lithuania.

May God reward you for your generosity!

Gratefully,
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Lithuanians in The

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



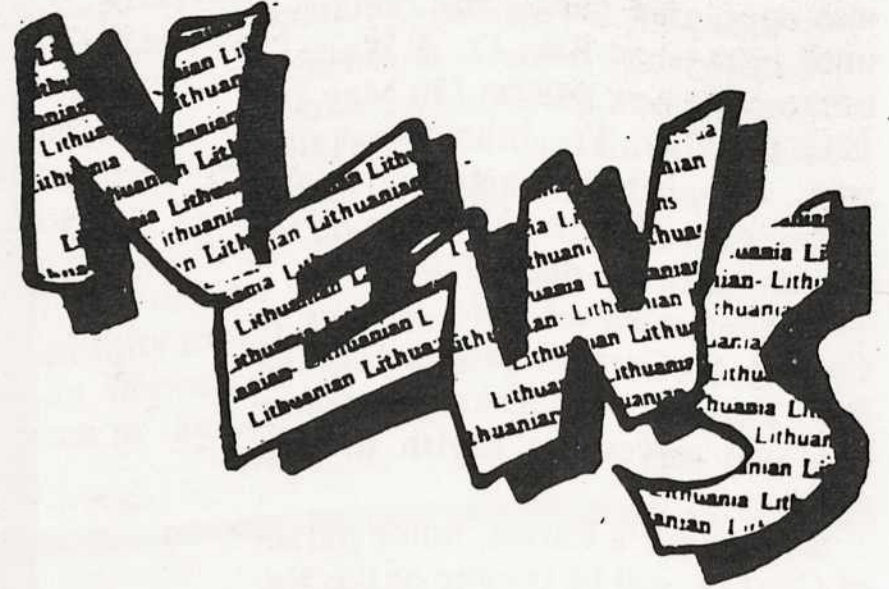
Ed "Moose" Krause and Konnie Savickas at Memories of Lithuania Banquet.

ED "MOOSE" KRAUSE who served as athletic director of Notre Dame for the past 31 years, talks over "old times" with KONNIE SAVICKAS, C-112, Chicago, head of Ordinance Enforcement for the City of Chicago. Ed was honored at the 21st Annual Knights of Lithuania "Memories of Lithuania" banquet, held February 8th at the Martinique Grand Ballroom in Evergreen Park, Ill., where he was presented with a lifetime membership in the K of L.

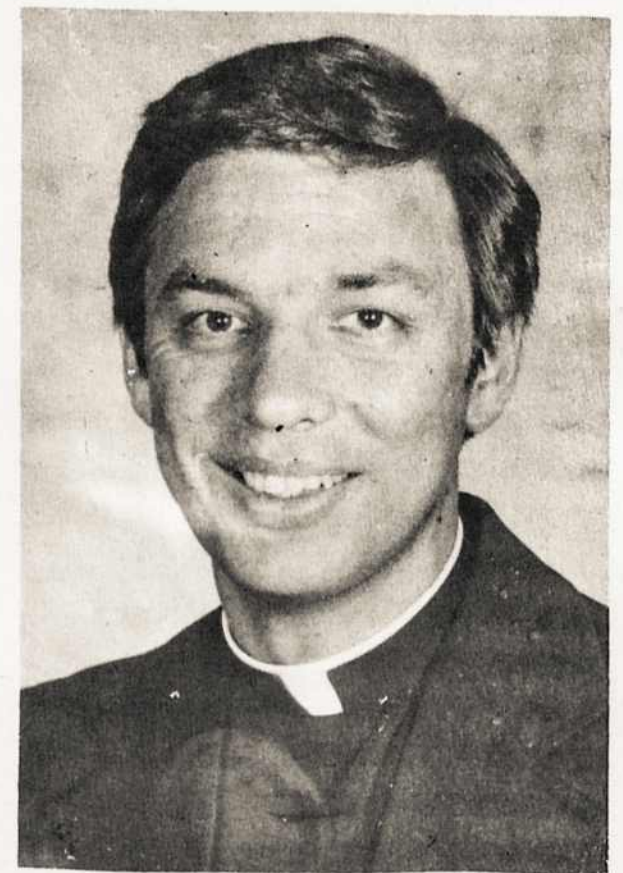
In 1935, Ed participated in the Lithuanian Olympic Games in Kaunas, Lithuania, after which he served as Athletic Director in Winona, Minn. at St. Mary's College. Konnie Savickas was also one of the participants in the 1935 Lithuanian Olympics and served as master of ceremonies at the dinner.

An article in the Catholic League Newsletter last July states that FATHER PETER M. J. STRAVINSKAS has joined the staff of the Catholic League as regional director of development. In his new capacity, Father Stravinskas will work to strengthen existing East Coast chapters and to organize new chapters in that region. Among his specific goals will be to establish rapport with pastors, to lecture on the Catholic League's goals and activities, and to develop curriculum packets on civil and religious rights for use on the high school level. Father is on leave of absence from the diocese of Boise, Idaho, where he served as associate pastor of St. Mark's Church. A prolific writer, Father Stravinskas has had articles published in "The Monitor", "Our Sunday Visitor", and many others.

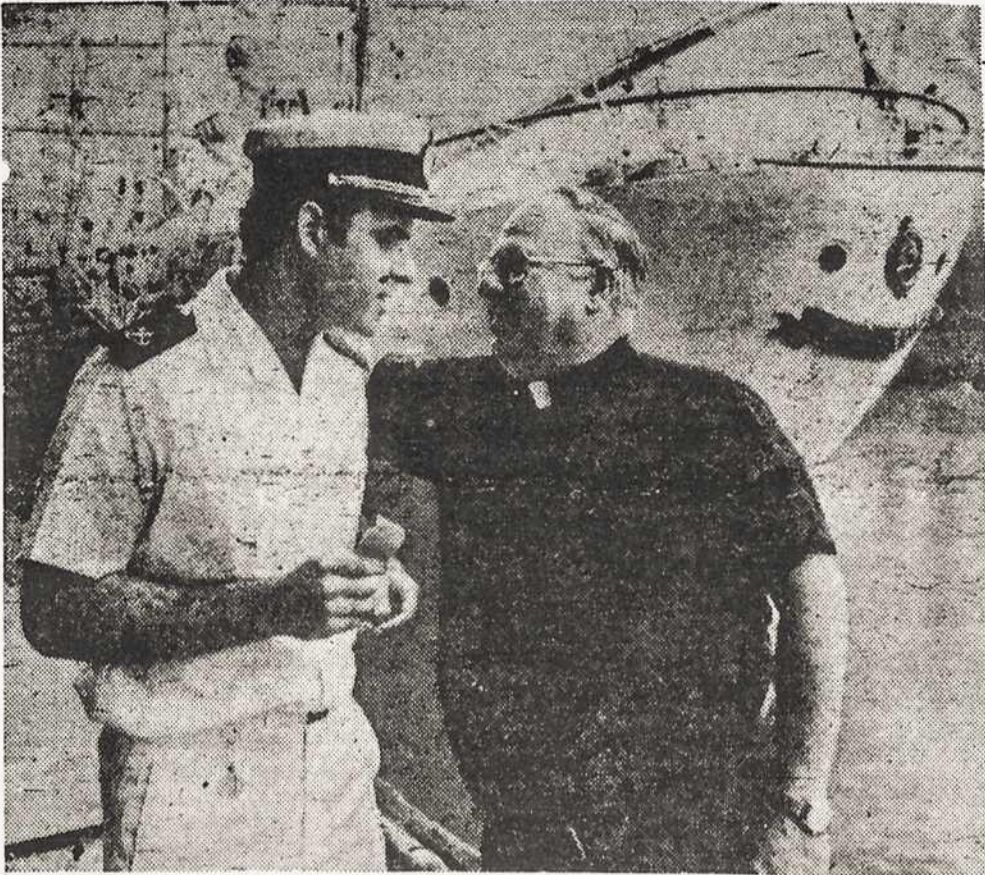
His two special interests, ecumenism and Catholic schools, are reflected in the titles of his two published books:



"The Church after the Council, A Primer for Adults" (1975) and "Catholic Education, A New Dawn?" (1977). According to League President Rev. Virgil C. Blum, S.J., Father Stravinskas is a man of extraordinary energy and talents and they are delighted to have him on their staff.



Father Peter Stravinskas, member of Catholic League staff



Midshipman Jorge Ardah greets his cousin, Brother George Petcavage

The New York Daily News last July featured an item about an American destroyer and an Argentinian frigate which had the honor of leading the parade of ships that cruised down the Hudson to celebrate the 4th of July. From the dock at Pier 92, the eyes of Franciscan **BROTHER GEORGE PETCAVAGE**, from Brooklyn, N.Y., searched the faces of the South American sailors until he spotted his cousin, Midshipman Jorge Ardah. Brother George hadn't seen his cousin in eight years. He had just graduated from the Escuela Naval Militar, and this was his first cruise as an officer. The Argentinian officials granted permission for Jorge to leave the ship and visit with his cousin, Brother George. The two relatives then had a laughing time trying to understand each other. Brother George is a K of L member, from Council 110, Maspeth.

CHERYL SKABEIKIS, 15, of Frankford, New Jersey, was cited with an award from a Boy Scout Explorer Troop and a citation from President Carter for her quick-witted action while baby-sitting a year-old child. The child swallowed a small toy and began to choke. She immediately gave him four back blows and up came the toy. Trained in both first-aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, Miss Skabeikis thinks what she did was an instinctive reaction which anybody could have done. An A and B student at Frankford High School who aspires to be a radiology technician, Miss Skabeikis finds doing things for others comes naturally. Her mother works for the Red Cross and Cheryl and her older sister work with Red Cross bloodmobiles. She is someone who likes to get involved with helping people.

PAUL J. BARTOSZEWICZ, his wife Kathy, and daughter Kelly, are happy to be living in Amsterdam, New York, according to "The Recorder". Both Paul and Kathy are active in the community. Paul is vice-president of the **American Lithuanian Club**, vice-commander of the **ALC Veterans Club**, and an usher at St. Casimir's Church. Kathy is vice-president of the **ALC Women's Auxiliary**. Paul works in the Advertising Department of the Recorder, and Kathy works for the State Department of Audit and Control in Albany. Originally from Rochester, N.Y., Paul says he would never move back because it's a nice quiet community. The citizens are concerned enough to build a new Amsterdam — they take pride in their city.



Paul, Kathy and Kelly Bartoszewicz

CAPTAIN BILL AKASTEN, an American-Lithuanian, has been appointed Officer in Charge of the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction in West Boylston, Mass. Among his credits are capturing an escapee on foot while off duty and unarmed.

An outstanding priest of Lithuanian descent, **FATHER FRANCIS J. RIMKUS**, had a remarkable career before his death last July 21st at the young age of 38. His father was Lithuanian, his mother Irish. Massachusetts born and raised, Father Rimkus was ordained in 1968 by Cardinal Cushing. After a 4 year assignment at St. Mary's, East Walpole, Mass., and a 3 year temporary, shared-time assistant on the editorial staff of "The Pilot," the official publication of the Boston archdiocese, he pursued graduate studies in journalism at



SISTER DOROTHY KAZEL
Ursuline Nuns of Cleveland.

The September 1980 issue of the Foreign Service Journal, the official publication of the US diplomatic service, announced the winners of the prestigious Foreign Service Merit Awards for children of Foreign Service personnel. Among the winners is CAROL ANNE CIZAUSKAS, daughter of Albert and Genovaite Cizauskas, both members of C-142, Washington, D.C. Carol was born in Germany, traveled in Holland, Spain, Italy, Greece, Switzerland and France. She graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School where she helped edit the school newspaper, participated in theater, contributed to the literary magazine, was involved in the Latin and German clubs, held office as a student government representative and worked in other clubs and activities. She was also a member of the National, German and Latin Honor Societies. Presently she is attending Notre Dame University, majoring in liberal arts with future hopes to go on to law school.

Carol's father, Albert, is a retired Foreign Service Officer, currently on the staff of the World Bank in Washington.

One of the four missionary co-workers slain near San Salvador, El Salvador, last December, was Ursuline SISTER DOROTHY KAZEL (KAZLAUSKAS). Her parents reside in Cleveland, Ohio, and her aunt is Sister Lucy Marie Kazel of The Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God, Whitehall, Pa. The funeral Mass for Sister Dorothy was held in St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, and burial was in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Ohio. Memorial Masses were held in St. Mary of Mercy Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Divine Providence of God, Whitehall, Pa.

Sister Kazel had joined the Cleveland diocesan mission team in 1974 and had served in El Salvador since then. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, she attended Catholic elementary and secondary schools and St. John College in the city before joining the Ursulines in 1960. She taught at Ursuline-Sacred Heart Academy and at Beaumont School for Girls, both in Cleveland.



Carol Anne Cizauskas, winner of the Foreign Service Merit Award

The Bulletin of The Victorian Society in America featured an article recently about KRISTINA BUTVYDAS who was appointed Executive Director of the Victorian Society. Prior to joining the society she served as Historic Preservation Policy Analyst for the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. She has also worked as a Historic Preservation Specialist for the National Register of Historic Places in

Washington, D.C., served as a consultant to the National Capital Region of the Park Service and to the Architectural Heritage Foundation in Boston. She holds a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture and Planning. Kristina brings the Victorian Society in America a wide range of experience combined with energy and enthusiasm. The Victorian Society is located in Philadelphia, Pa.



Kristina Butvydas, Executive Director of The Victorian Society

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., where he received a Master of Arts degree in journalism. In 1977 he was named managing editor of "The Pilot" by Cardinal Medeiros. He became involved in a variety of Catholic educational projects and sport activities with the young. He covered the funeral of Pope Paul VI and the election of Pope John Paul I, and later the funeral of Pope John Paul I. During Pope John Paul II's visit to Boston, Father Rimkus directed "Information Center: the Pope in Boston, 1979". As managing editor Father Rimkus instituted many innovations in "The Pilot". After a visit by late Jesuit Father Vembre, then in residence at the Lithuanian parish in Lowell, Mass., he began to publish more news about the plight of Catholics in Lithuania.



BOSTON, MASS. Governor Edward J. King signed Proclamation declaring February 16, 1981 as "REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA DAY" in Massachusetts. Witnessing the ceremony are the following representatives of the Lithuanian American Council of Greater Boston; (l. to r.) — Alexander J. Chaplik, Chairman; Ona Ivaska; Governor King; Felicija Grendal, Secretary; and Dr. Algirdas Budreckis.

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Gov. Dick Thornburgh proclaimed February 16 as "Lithuanian Independence Day" in Pennsylvania during ceremonies held in Harrisburg to commemorate the sixty-third anniversary of the Lithuanian declaration of freedom.

K of L Members of C-146, Harrisburg, joined with the governor and Louis Skeparnias, executive director of the Governor's Heritage Affairs Commission, for the proclamation signing.

"Throughout their long history, Lithuanians have consistently demonstrated their pride in their heritage and their fierce desire to be free," the governor said.



Members of C-146 and president Joseph Yanalaitis, join with Gov. Dick Thornburgh and Louis Skeparnias, executive director of the Governor's Heritage Affairs Commission, for the governor's proclamation of Lithuanian Independence Day celebrated February 16th in the Keystone State.

"It is vital that we remember all those individuals who came from around the world to share our freedom and, through a commitment to a common goal, helped to build the land and life we cherish," he added.

As a highlight of the ceremony, the governor was presented with gifts of authentic Lithuanian jewelry by Sharon Rekus, a representative of the Knights of Lithuania who was dressed in native garb.

In concluding the ceremony, Gov. Thornburgh urged all Pennsylvanians to "reflect on their own liberty and to recognize that there are others throughout the world who do not share this precious gift."



Sharon Rekus and President Joseph Yanalaitis of C-146 present Lithuanian craft pieces to Gov. Dick Thornburgh.



"Knights of Lithuania" Choir of IID and director Faustas Strolia, performing at ALTAS Convention
Photos - P. Maleta

The Chicago Chapter of the American Lithuanian Council (ATLAS) celebrated the Anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuanian Independence with a giant rally and cultural program, in Maria High School, Feb. 15, 1981. Knights of Lithuania members figured prominently in the Commemoration...DR. JACK STUKAS, H.M. and past K of L National President was featured speaker, special remarks were also made by H.M.'s JOSEPHINE DAUZVARDIS, Lithuanian Consul at Chicago and VERY REV. VINCAS BRIZGYS, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. The cultural program featured soloist ALGRED BRAZIS and accompanist ALDONA BRAZIS (both C-112), and the Knights of Lithuania, IID, Choir, directed by FAUSTAS STROLIA (C-36). IRENE SANKUS, C-112 and VINCE SAMOSKA, C-36 were active members of the planning committee.

In his talk, Dr. Stukas stressed the need among Lithuanians for "UNITY WITH HONESTY", urging all Lithuanians to become active in the fight for Lithuania's freedom in a UNITED way, to offer credit to others for work done, and to be careful NOT to interfere in the work of others seeking the same goal. We should unite with other Lithuanians in our work, and where possible, also join with other Baltics for the common cause of freedom for the Baltic States.



Dr. Jack Stukas, guest speaker, explains program to Ill State Senator Richard Daley, son of the late mayor of Chicago

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REV. PIUS CHESNA, R.I.P.



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The Rev. Pius C. Chesna, pastor emeritus of St. Joseph Lithuanian R.C. Church, Mahanoy City, Pa., and a charter member of the Knights of Lithuania, Anthracite Council 144, died on January 14, 1981.

He was a priest for 65 years and Jan. 15 would have been his 92nd birthday. He served as pastor at St. Joseph Church for 49 years, retiring in 1969, when he was named pastor emeritus. He was the oldest priest of the five-county diocese of Allentown, Pa.

Father Chesna was born at Vilkaviskis, Lithuania, Jan. 15, 1889, a son of the late Pius and Magdalene Pautienius Czesnas Chesna. He attended school at Bardauskai, Lithuania, Mariampole College, and college at Vilnius, all in Lithuania.

He came to Mahanoy City in 1910, to visit his uncle, the Rev. Simon Pautienius, then rector of St. Joseph's Church, Mahanoy City.

The Most Rev. P. J. Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia, and sent him to study for the priesthood at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake Mich. He was ordained into the priesthood December 1915, by the Most Rev. J.J. McCort. Father Chesna celebrated his first Mass in St. George Church, Shenandoah.

His first appointment was at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Tamaqua, and to mission parishes at St. John's in Coaldale and St. Michael's, Easton.

In 1916, he was transferred to St. George Church, Shenandoah, as assistant rector to his uncle. He was appointed in 1919 to St. Casimir parish, Philadelphia and a year later was named rector of St. Joseph Church, Mahanoy City.

He was the last member of his family.

A scripture service was conducted in St. Joseph Church, Mahanoy City. The Very Rev. Joseph F. Gasho, dean of East Schuylkill County Deanery, and pastor of SS Cyril and

Methodius Church, Coaldale, the celebrant, with participation by the Rev. Joseph J. Shelonis, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Coaldale, the Rev. James J. Lofton, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Girardville, the Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, Our Lady of Siluva Church, Maizeville and the Rev. Joseph A. Lukach, assistant director of the Catholic Social Agency, Diocese of Allentown.

The Mass of Christian Burial was also concelebrated in St. Joseph Church. Allentown Bishop Joseph McShea, the Rev. Stanley J. Luksys, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Tamaqua; the Rev. John S. Luksys, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Minersville; the Rev. Anthony F. Wassel, St. Joseph Church, Mahanoy City, and the Rev. William J. Linkhorst, St. Casimir Church, Saint Clair. Monsignor Joseph A. Neverauskas, St. George Church, Shenandoah preached the homily.

Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, Mahanoy City.

The Knights of Lithuania expresses sincere "Amzina Atilsis" for the soul of Rev. Pius Chesna.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in prayers...

JOHN CHEPLIK

Member, C-7
Waterbury, CT
died Jan. 10, 1981

ANN OLIVA

Member, C-110
Maspeth, NY
died Jan. 16, 1981

JOSEPH MONDELLO

Member, C-61
Paterson, NJ
died Jan. 1981

EDWARD S. KRIVICKAS

Member, C-112
Chicago, IL
died Mar. 2, 1981

SOPHIE T. PATRICK

Member, C-143
Pittston, PA
died Mar. 15, 1981

A P R I L

- 25 C-143, Pittston, Easter Dinner Dance. St. Casimir Church Hall, Pittston; PA
 26 NEP SPRING CONVENTION, Westfield, MA, C-30, Hosts
 26 MAD / SECOND ANNUAL LITHUANIAN FESTIVAL, Transfiguration Hall
 Maspeth, N.Y. 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M.

M A Y

- 9 C-100 Maspeth, BARN DANCE, Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth N.Y.
 16-1 "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.

- 17 MCD CONVENTION and MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, DuBois, PA
 C-86, Hosts

K of L Calendar

68th
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CONVENTION

Aug. 19-23, 1981
 University of
 Scranton, PA

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- 15 67th ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY CELEBRATION,
 Barnesville, PA Hosts - Antracite Council 144
 19-23 68th NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
 CONVENTION, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA.
 Hosted by Councils 46, Forest City, 74, Scranton and
 143, Pittston

SEPTEMBER

- 26-27 MCD FALL CONVENTION and PILGRIMAGE,
 Cleveland, OH C-25 Hosts
 26 C-110 Maspeth, FALL DINNER-DANCE.
 Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, NY

OCTOBER

- 10 C-29, Newark, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE,
 Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, NJ

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Council Activities

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Our main concentration in the district at the present time is that we are sponsoring a membership drive and asking for support in an all-out super effort to increase membership in our K of L organization.

Thanks to our Dist.'s 2nd Vice Pres. George Kiselius from New Haven, Conn., who is in charge of membership, there will be a reward at the end of the drive, "a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," so to speak. Through George's efforts, we are



fortunate to have an anonymous sponsor who has offered to donate a lifetime membership of \$150. to the first person responsible for signing up fifteen (15) members by National Convention time. Needless to say, all members in all of our councils are busy interviewing prospects.

Good luck to all you hard-working K of L'ers, — and if I don't receive that lifetime membership, I hope that you do!

Marion Hobitz

C—103 — PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Our January meeting was held at the home of John & Irene Walaskas, after which a pot-luck supper was shared. The members brought all kinds of delicious dishes. We have been doing this during the winter months to conserve oil to heat the parish hall, where we usually meet. One thing each member did NOT bring was a gallon of heating oil to show our gratitude for the host and hostess of the evening.

Joseph Waitonis, council trustee, resigned recently as president of the Lithuanian Beneficial Club of Providence, after serving seventeen years. The club will miss an able leader.

Among the officially invited guests to the President's Inauguration was Sophie Sakalys, who left immediately after the meeting, tak-



ing with her the best wishes of our council. Paul Stoskus, who presently lives in Washington, also attended this event.

Council Pres. Bill Piacentini is going to Spain to see what the Madrid Conference is all about; that is, he is taking a trip to Spain with a group of students.

Looking ahead to June, our council will hold its meeting on the 13th in Bristol, R.I., at the home of Vic & Bea Mathieu. For the past several years now, Vic and Bea have arranged for a Mass to be said at their parish church, St. Mary's to commemorate the "terrible days of June." This has become a "special" event, because through the kindness of the pastor, our council is permitted to tell Lithuania's story to the people in Bristol. Members are urged to wear the Lithuanian national costume.

Lithuanian classes at Providence College, sponsored by our council, are well into the second semester. Fifteen students are enrolled. Conversation and correct pronunciation is stressed. Besides the Lithuanian

language, we are given a brief talk on some historical or cultural aspect of Lithuania. Our talkative professor makes sure that each student gets lots of practice in pronouncing correctly the a, e, i, o and u. Our professor, by the way, is Father Jurgelaitis, who lives on the top floor of the building in which the classes are held.

Iki pasimatymo!

Helen Denisewich

C-10 — ATHOL — GARDNER, MASS.

Howie Beaudette was the chaperone for a bus full of Boy Scouts traveling to Washington, D.C. for a week. Howie has been active in the American Legion troop for many years, devoting many hours of his leisure time. His guest on the trip was his godson, David Rodski.

Seen enjoying themselves at the Policeman's Ball were the Genaitis', Rodski's, Marshes, and the Wisniauskas'.

At the January meeting, our council members celebrated the birthday of Julia Strach, the devoted

housekeeper of St. Francis Parish in Athol. Julia recently retired from her duties, but is seen in the rectory almost as often as before. She has been a true friend to us all. Happy birthday, Julia, may you live to see many more. Sto lat, Julia!

With the release of the American hostages, a new spirit of unity and patriotism has spread across the land. It seems to be like a tonic for our nation that has been divided and confused.

This writer and all members of the council wish the readers of the Vytis and its staff a joyous and blessed Easter. Linkim sulaukti daug grazių, margučiu!

Vincukas

C-135 — ANSONIA, CONN.

Since we have not had any council news published in the last few copies of the Vytis, one might assume that whatever news is printed must be "old hat." But one good feature is that for some members, it is the first time they will know what has happened, and can ask questions to learn more details, if interested.



C-10 members Blanche & Charles Genaitis celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary reception given by the K of L council on Dec. 7th, St. Francis Parish, Athol, Mass.

Last June, St. Anthony's Annual Fair was held. Every year since the fair started, it has become more popular with the people in the town and more profitable for the parish. Our members have worked hard to help achieve these goals throughout the years. This year was no exception. We ran three concessions, one for the oldsters (bottles of cheer), one for the youngsters (grab-bag packages) and one for the bargain seeker (a used-but-not-abused stand which included paper-back and hard cover books for the intellectual, jewelry, and knick-knacks). Our members were everywhere. Some worked all day, every day, while others took turns relieving each other to work at other stands for the different societies they belonged to. It was tiresome, but rewarding, because of the good results achieved for our parish. Again this year, as last, Millie & Walt Stachowicz organized and ran the Clam Bar and the Pizza Hut. Their efforts added considerably to the success of the day, as these stands entice their own clientele to the fair.

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Father Edmund J. Budrecki who died unexpectedly last April 30, 1980. Many of us knew him as **Father Bud**. He was 61. To refresh your memory, he was heavy



Brone Visniauskas and Howard Beaudette of Gardner, Mass., members of C-10, at their Lithuanian Christmas display at the Gardner Museum.

in stature and always wore a smile. He would travel to Ansonia from Marianapolis on different Sundays to celebrate Mass during Father Paul's tenure

Mrs. Julia Slushinski, mother of William Slushinski, died on January 10. We pray that her soul is at peace with the loving God.

During the last few months some of our members have been in the hospital, Millie Stachowicz, John Sabulis, Donna Svelnys, Casey Svalnys, Floyd Trapkauskas and Dot Martin. "Get well" wishes to all.

Double congratulations are in order for Millie & Walt Stachowicz. First, their son Walter was promoted to rank of Major by the Commanding Officer of Officer Candidate School, Marine Corps Development & Education Command, Quantico, Virginia. He is now Commanding Officer of Company L. OCS at Quantico. Then, on Sept. 3, Major Walter P. Stachowicz announced to his parents that they have a new grandson, Peter Scott. Leave it to the Marines!

Congratulations to John A. Sabulis, our council president. John was named as the third member of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Ansonia. John was Alderman for six years, with the last four as president of the Aldermanic Board. Before his aldermanic career, he was a Supernumerary Patrolman for twenty years. Good luck, John, Ansonia couldn't have made a better choice.

Our officers continue the same as last year. To refresh your memory, our Spiritual Advisor is Father Ray, Pres. John A. Sabulis, Vice Pres. Al Shurkis, Secy. Anne Sabulis, Treas. Mildred Driznus, and Fin. Secy. Mildred Stachowicz.

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C-26 — WORCESTER, MASS.

The 1981 membership drive is into its fourth month, according to Steve Walinsky, Sr. A warm welcome to our newest members,

Leonard Ramsdell (son of Ruth and Leonard), and Vincent Zigmont. How can we attract others? By giving best effort. Best efforts have a cumulative effect. Best workers know they don't really do it by themselves. There's help and team work. When EVERYONE pushes, the effect is incredible. Let's make a recommitment ourselves and most certainly we'll get others to join our VERY SPECIAL ORGANIZATION.

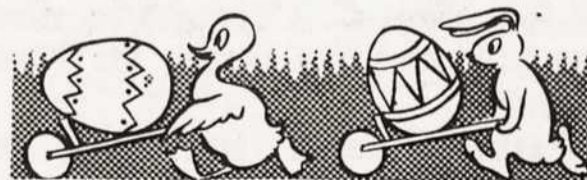
Adele Degutis announces first-half bowling results. First place winners are Bob Krusas and his teammates Mildred Lapinskas, Rita Pinkus, John Karpicus and Jimmy Zalieckas. Losing first place by only FOUR POINTS is the second place winning team of Rick Zinkus. High average for men, Richard Godek; women, Helen Gillus, Both high triple and high single for men, Jimmy Zalieckas; for women, Joan Krusas. These excellent bowlers are now well into their second half and the competition is stiff!

The St. Valentine's Day supper meeting featured spaghetti and meatballs. Chm. Ann Walinsky was assisted by Adel & Francis Degutis, Carol & Bill Grigas, Dorothy Seilius, and Elly & Steve Walinsky.

Ann Bender, chairman of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, is reactivating this committee. If she hasn't gotten to you yet, sharpen your pencils anyway, because sooner or later, she will!

The annual Easter party preparations are underway. All our Christian-Lithuanian traditions will be featured, including egg rolling, decorated egg exhibits, Easter bonnet competition, and much more.

Although both families have been residing in their new homes for some time, it's not too late to wish Dan & Betty Shimkus and Phil & Pauline Flaherty and their children, much happiness, good health and safe living in their respective abodes.



Marion Racicot advises there are but few members whose dues remain unpaid. She asks those members to help her make ours a 100% paid-up council, and thanks you in advance for the favor.

What does Florida have that Massachusetts lacks? Helen Gillus was the latest to join that group of sun and warmth seekers.

Late April will find a caravan of delegates travelling the Massachusetts Turnpike to attend the Spring N.E. Dist. Convention in Westfield at St. Casimir's Church there, birthplace and parish of our late pastor, Father John C. Jutt.

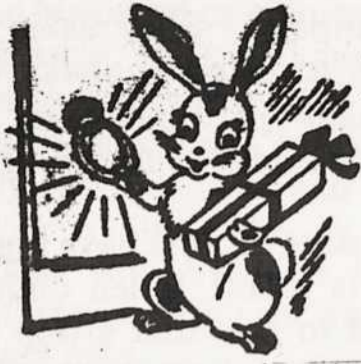
Mrs. Nell Thompson, Bill Leseman and Kazys Adomavicius all were hospitalized during the month of January. Quicker-than-quick "get well" wishes to all.

A little snow bunny enjoying her flying saucer in the snow and cold was spotted last January by a news-photographer. The front page news write-up identified her as little Audra, daughter of Eddie & Wanda (Pajeda) Lescord.

An awesome task of several weeks duration awaits the Marian delegates in Rome, Italy when they gather on April 22 to begin the General Chapter of Marians. Our own pastor, Father Anthony J. Miciunas, MIC, is an elected delegate to this General Chapter. When the kaleidoscopic agenda has been completed and the mosaic settled into a pattern, the Superior General and his Council will have been elected, the Order's Constitutions studied, and short and long range deliberations completed. May Our Lord hover over this meeting with His blessings. We wish Godspeed to Father Miciunas and all participating Marians.

In closing, our president, Rita Pinkus; her executive board; along with Father Uzdavinis, our spiritual director; Father Miciunas, our pastor; and all our members; join to sing, "Linksma diena nusvito jau!" Sveiki sulauke Sventu Velyku! Happy Easter; happy springtime!

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

CHICAGO IL., COUNCIL 112

Everyone should volunteer to serve as a council officer or committee chairman because our Board meetings are always delightful socials. After the council business has been completed, the host or hostess always prepare a great array of refreshments and there is much socializing. The hosts for the December Board meeting were Alice and Al Cekanor, and the January hosts, Al & Julie Zakaraka. An Additional treat in January was the piano playing of Ellie Kasputis and Ruth Dagis; Such talented ladies!

Continuing with the regular after-council meeting programs, veep Paul Binkis Jr. scheduled former Nativity parish priest, The Rev. Tony Puchinski, now of Oak Forest, to show a slide presentation of his recent trips to Lithuania. Everyone enjoyed the slides and comments. It was great having Father Tony with us again. Following the December meeting, a special Christmas social was presented by our hostesses, Maria and Julie Zakarka. Christmas carols, Lithuanian and English, were conducted by Ruth Dagis.

The Annual Fall Festival of Nativity BVM Parish was held in November and again our council members did their share of not only manning the two K of L booths, but also assisting wherever necessary. Arrangements were made by Pres. Al Zakarka and our ever-capable treasurer Monica Kasper.

IID's Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Members was held at our home parish with council spiritual advisor, Canon V. Zakaruskas as

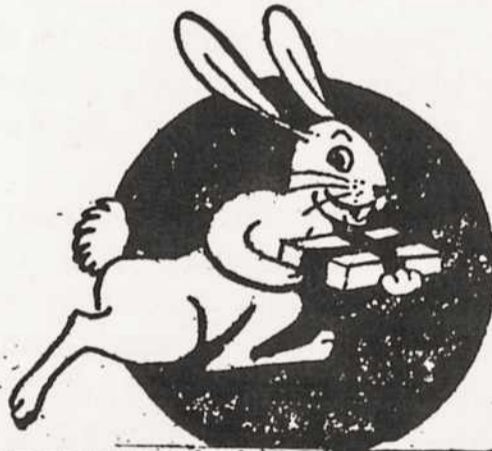
the mass celebrant. We were honored to have our distinguished Honorary Member, Lith Consul General Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis join us for the Mass and the brunch following at Sharko's West. Former IID spiritual advisor Rev. John Savukynas also joined us for the brunch.

Our council's official Christmas Party was held at the Oak Lawn Moose Lodge and chairlady Ruth Dagis reported a good time was had by all. Of course, many unofficial council parties were also held during the holiday season.

Council condolences: to Dolores Yuknis and her family on the death of her husband, Andrew, who was a former council president; to Alice Cekanor and her family on the death of her mother; to Al Kachinskis on the death of his father; and to Irene Ditchman on the death of her mother. We shall remember them all in our prayers.

Congratulations to council members who were elected to serve on the Board of the Don Varnas American Legion Post — namely: Anthony Paragauskas, Edward Pocius and Adam Anderson.

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

ANTHRACITE, PA. C-144

The Anthracite council and the Lithuanian community in Schuylkill County was saddened by the death of Rev. Pius C. Chesna who died Jan. 14, one day before his 92nd birthday.

Father Chesna was born in Vilkaviskis, Lithuania, on Jan. 15, 1889. He attended school at Bar-

dauskai, Lithuania, Mariampole College, and the college at Vilnius.

He came to Mahanoy City, Pa. in 1910 to visit his uncle, Rev. Simon Pautienius. He studied for the priesthood in St. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Mich. He was ordained into the priesthood Dec. 23, 1915, and celebrated his First Mass at St. George's Church, Shenandoah. Father Chesna was the oldest priest in the Allentown diocese.

He served as pastor of St. Joseph's Church for 49 years, retiring in 1969 when he was named Pastor Emeritus. Father Chesna, in some way, has touched the lives of every parishioner of St. Joseph's and will be deeply missed.

He was largely instrumental in initiating Lithuanian Day and had worked with the Lithuanian Day committees since it started in 1914. Father loved his Lithuanian heritage and was instrumental in preserving Lithuanianism in the Anthracite Region. When we joined the Knights of Lithuania, he joined with us, and although he could no longer do any physical work, he supported the Knights in all their endeavors. Until he became ill, he attended whatever meetings he could.

He would have been proud of the beautiful Vytis Wake Service, led by Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas at St. Joseph's Church. Sincere thanks to the almost 100 members that attended. This beautiful service is inspiring to everyone, and the church was filled to capacity.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Father's family, to the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Mahanoy City, and especially to Helen Ambrose. Helen was Father's devoted housekeeper for over fifty years, and to the very end, took very good care of him. There must be a place in heaven for people like Helen, who devote the greater part of their lives to the well-being of others.

Our winter has been severe and many of our members were stricken with the flu. Commissioner Al Matunis, Florence Kobluskie, and

Dan Rolenaitis were hospitalized and we wish them well. Our sincere condolences also go to Mamie Pieri who lost her dear sister.

Preparations were made for our Annual Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration on Feb. 15 at Annunciation B.V.M. Hall, Frackville. This year's chairperson was our very competent Ritual Officer, Helen Chesko. Whatever Helen does, she does well, and indeed, it was a successful affair.

Special tribute this month is paid to our Junior Counselors Rita Shevokis, Tessie Balulis, Anne Sikora and Bernice Mikatavage, and also to Annie Morgalis for teaching her crafts to our youth. These women dedicate many hours every week teaching the Lithuanian language, folk songs, hymns, and dances to the Juniors. With the help of Anne Panchari, they were able to make the girls' Lithuanian costumes. They took the Junior groups this year to entertain at nursing homes and visited some of the elderly shut-ins in their homes at Christmas. Through them, our Lithuanian heritage is being transmitted to the youth. We cannot lose our beautiful language and customs, and if our young people do not learn it, it will be lost.

Our hats are off to you, ladies Simta aciu for taking the time to teach our young people all our beautiful customs. Tegul Dievas palaiminia junis.

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C-12—NEW YORK, N.Y.

The traditional "coffee and..." after the Christmas eve Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church was carried out, as always, in Father George Gurinskas Hall. Mary York, who usually saw to it every year that all ran smoothly, was off to spend Christmas in Merrie England with a Historical Society tour of that isle across the sea. It's her first trip abroad since the K of L trip to Rome in 1970. Connie Siatsis and Al Monkevicius played host and hostess this year. Connie, in spite of an extremely busy schedule (she had

to pick up her son and newest grandson at the airport) made time to take charge of the after-Mass social with her usual competence and charm. The church looked beautiful with its nativity scene and of flourishing display of poinsettias, compliments of our generous members Peter & Alice Zupka.

At long last, Our Lady of Vilnius Church has a new altar which enables the priest to celebrate Mass facing the congregation. Rev. John Bida, the administrator, is filling in beautifully until we get a new Lithuanian pastor. As much as we appreciate and respect Father Bida, we pray for a soon-to-happen "back to Lithuanian" 11 o'clock Mass every Sunday.

New Year's eve was a most enjoyable affair at Peter & Alice Zupka's beautiful home. Many members attended and enjoyed themselves until the "wee hours."

Our January meeting was postponed due to the excessive snow and cold weather. Thus, at our February meeting, we had much to discuss.

At the Mid-Atlantic Dist. meeting in Philadelphia last year, a request was made by the Center for Migration Studies for a set of Encyclopedia Lituanica. At that time, this request was refused. Our council took matters into its own hands and collected the \$130. for the set. In March, during the Feast of St. Casimir's Communion breakfast,



"Crazy Hat" Dance bartenders of New York C-12, Joe Ksenaitis, Joe Sleder and Al Monkevicius, taking a "cheese" break.

our president, Joe Sleder, presented the set to a representative from the Center. It was given in memory of member Milly Paskacimas, whose first anniversary of death took place in March. It will be a loving and living Lithuanian memorial to our devoted former member.

Preparations were made for the commemoration of Lithuania's 63rd Independence Day celebration, and the M.A. Dist.'s Communion breakfast and meeting on Mar. 8.

The District's Bazaar is coming up on April 26 at the Transfiguration Church hall in Maspeth, N.Y. We hope to see everyone there. Iki pasimatymo!

Hill and Dale

C-110 — MASPETH, N.Y.

The January meeting was cancelled due to the cold weather, ice and snow.

Art Nelson reports that plans for the Wayside Shrine have been submitted to Father Bulovas. The building of the shrine is on target for spring installation.

The members of our council participated in a Christian Wake Service held for Ann Oliva, an active Second Degree member, who died Jan. 6. Condolences to her husband, John. Prasom Dieve duok jai amzino atsilso.

Edward Yuskevich, a member of our council and a graduate of Brooklyn Law School, was admitted to the bar to practice law in New York.

Make your plans to attend our Barn Dance on May 9. The people who attended last year demanded a repeat performance. See Al Kraujalis for tickets.

We welcome five new members into our fold, Paul A. Yakaitis, Roland & Nijole Volod, and Peter & Elizabeth Purus.

We give you some Lithuanian proverbs to think about:

Obuolys nuo obels netoli nukrinta.

Kaip pasiklosi, taip išmiegos.

Ką pasesi, tą ir piause.

The Mid-Atlantic District is

holding their second Annual Lithuanian Festival at the Transfiguration Hall on April 26 from 12 noon (after 11 o'clock Mass) to 5 p.m. Last year's festival was very successful, drawing people from all over the city.

Our Fall Dinner-Dance will be held Sept. 26. Mark your calendar.

April 14 has been designated as our council's day of prayer for the persecuted church and the suffering people of Lithuania. On that day we will participate in the 8 p.m. Mass at the Franciscan's, Lithuanian Cultural Center (Zidinys) in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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

SVENTU VELYKU, VISIEMS.

C-100 — AMSTERDAM, N. Y.

The Northeast has been in the "CHILLED" area of the USA, but this did not bother 32 of our council members from attending the Jan. 12 Lithuanian Mass and meeting.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Pres. Anthony Radzevich called the meeting to order and prayers were said by Father Anthony Grigaitis.

A most informative article on the origin of the Lithuanian national dress and the accessories was read by Cultural Co-Chm. Regina Kot.

Agnes Rokit, chairlady of the Christmas banquet, summarized the expenses, and thanked her committee of Jack & Mary Sweet, Willard & Jennie Kensell, Helen Hugo, and her husband John Rokit.

Preparations for the 63rd commemoration of Lithuanian Day were discussed. Polly Ziausys advised the members that entertainment would be provided by the "Sutar-tine," a group from Rochester, N.Y. Sophie Olbie presented the menu. The program took place Feb. 14. Peter Sargalis, Peter Hayes and Jack Sweet volunteered their services and were added to the committee. Regina Kot did the art work for the programs.

A special presentation was made to Father Baltch. Edward & Polly

Ziausys purchased a beautiful Lithuanian flag which they donated to our council. Vice Pres. Gene Gobis, in turn, presented it to Father Baltch and asked that it be blessed at our 63rd Lithuanian Day commemoration Mass. The flag is for St. Casimir's Church.

Junior recipient of the K of L Scholarship Award in Boston, Lisa Saikal, home for the holidays, visited us. She attends Niagara University and is majoring in pre-med.

Our good friend, Rev. Matthew Cyvas, pastor of St. George's Church in Albany, N.Y. celebrated his 40th anniversary on Jan. 25. Ilgiausiu metu, teveli. Linkėjimai nuo Amsterdam Vyčių!

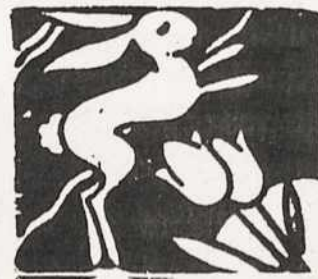
Father Baltch spoke of future events of our parish. He had a new book on Vilnius filled with exceptionally good colored photos.

The refreshments were served by a group of our male members, with John Whelley as chairman. His assistants were Anthony Radzevich, Peter Sargalis, Jack Sweet, Father Grigaitis, Father Baltch, Peter Hayes, Ed Ziausys and Willard Kensell.

Birthday greetings were expressed to Edward Ziausys (Jan. 10).

A very happy Easter to all our K of L friends!

Smile & Sparkle



**MID-CENTRAL
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C-96 — DAYTON, OHIO

With activities in the council at a slow-down during January, a recuperative period followed the holidays. We in Dayton have been fortunate, so far, weatherwise, as winter has been pretty gentle. We have been hit with much of the various flus that have hit the States

and many were bedridden with bad colds. Spring is just around the corner and there is no doubt we shall be all well and ready to go again.

Very belated congratulations to

Mary Lucas, chairperson of our Holiday Bazaar at the Dayton Winters Tower. Her committee was comprised of many members who donated much time, and other members who made individual donations, which made this project the tremendous success it was. Daytonians look forward to our display. We can't make enough baked items to fill the demand. Our Lithuanian Christmas ornaments always gather a crowd which result in sales. Special acknowledgement goes to Ray Steinbrunner and Karl Keivel for the straw cutters they designed and made. Also, recognition must go to two other male members for the work they put into this project, Bill Gitzinger and Joe Ryan. There are too many ladies who did much, especially those who attended all the craft sessions, to list their names. Special thanks to them! Moral support was always there in the presence of Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis.

We thank our Cultural Chairperson Eleanor Mantz, and her helpers, Joey Mantz and Jerry Roberts, for putting up our annual Christmas tree at the altar of our patron, St. Casimir. The tree, which only displays Lithuanian ornaments, really looks great each year and certainly adds to the occasion.

Congratulations to Anne Louise Conrady for completing qualifications for her Second Degree which was presented at our January meeting.

With illness hitting Pres. Aldona Ryan, Ann Louise, as First Vice Pres., had to conduct our January meeting (a "first" for her). It was a job well done! As Junior Advisor, Ann Louise is to be congratulated, also, for guiding the Juniors to another successful paper drive.

Indirectly, illness brought two other members to our meeting, Dick & Dorothy (Miller) Conrady. When

Recording Secy. Marie Preidis was unable to make the January meeting, Ann Louise delegated her mother, Dorothy, as secretary for the evening. This was nothing new, as Dorothy held that position many years ago in the council.

Here's something we just learned. For the past few years, when the Dayton Opera group host the visiting performers at a pre-opera rehearsal supper, our own Kitty Prasmantas has been in charge of making baked items for the occasion. Her pastries have given Kitty a "household" name with these opera stars who have performed throughout the country and various parts of the world. That's great, Kitty!

Much luck is wished Michael F. Petkus on his enlistment in the U.S. Marines. Upon completing basic training at Paris Island, S.C., Michael will be a part of the Marine Reserves. Mary Agnes Mikalauskas is establishing a name for herself in the entertainment world locally as a member of "The Dates". This musical group performs in nite spots in the Dayton area, so far.

Good to hear that Dist. Pres. Pete Luiza is doing well after a stay in the hospital. Prayers are sent to Ann Desko who is seriously ill at this time. Al & Albina Wallis are mending and on the way to recovery after their terrible automobile accident. We are sorry to lose them as members; they have transferred to Cleveland C-25. Our loss is Cleveland's gain. Prayers go to our Hialeah, Fla. member, Pete Petkus, for a speedy recovery. Special to Mary Lucas . . . walk more carefully!

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Elynor Matkins on the loss of her sister, Ann. May her soul rest in peace.

Prayers are sent to our shut-in member, Ernest Omlor. Even though your speech has temporarily left you, Ernie, your smile says it all.

A Success Thought . . . The difference between you and a loser is the difference in the way you think. God gave us each two ends to use;

upon one to sit and the other to muse. Success depends on which you use; heads, you win — tails, you lose.

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C-25 — CLEVELAND, OHIO

Members of the entire council offer their deepest sympathy to the Kazel family on the great loss of their daughter, Sister Dorothy Kazel, who gave her life Dec. 2, 1980 in the service of the Church and the people of El Salvador. The Kazel family were very active in church affairs as well as in social activities. Sister Dorothy had her early schooling at St. George's School and was always proud of her Lithuanian heritage. Our prayers will always be with her.

Our council hosted the "coffee hour" on Feb. 22 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, which was chaired by Alice Karklius. Our sincere thanks to the members for their donations and help, which made it a terrific success.

The Senior council hosted the St. Casimir's Day observance on March 8 at St. George's Church with 10:30 a.m. Mass and dinner following at the church hall.

Our designated Day of Prayer for Lithuania is set for April 30 at 7 p.m. at OLPH Church.

Bowlers, beware! Members are starting their bowling warm-ups early for the upcoming tournament in DuBois in May. The first session was held Feb. 8. A social affair was held immediately after, hosted by Gene & Ursula Kunsitis at their home, where all enjoyed food and refreshments. We very much thank Gene & Ursula for their warm hospitality, and also the committee.

We are very happy to say "welcome home" to members Alvina Luiza and Helen Jakubs who were hospitalized and underwent surgery. Joanna Shigo had also been hospi-

talized with pneumonia and pleurisy. All are now well on the full recovery road.

Charles & Nelda Machutas vacationed in Florida. Sure hope they didn't get caught in the deep freeze.

Hope to see all our old and new friends in Du Bois during the Midwest Bowling Tournament.

Albinas

C-79 — SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

"What A Day!" dominated the headline of one Detroit newspaper on the freedom of the 52 American hostages, which included Charles Jones and Joseph Subic, Jr., from our area. We thank the good Lord for their safe release and, hopefully, good adjustment upon returning to their homes.

THE BIG NEWS IN Michigan generated around the weather. For our first meeting of the New Year, the Detroit area was covered by an eight-inch blanket of snow that began as a Christmas present but had overstayed its welcome. Those attending the meeting were J. Belickas, A. Dainus, R. Grasha, E. Grasha and guest, C. Nashlon, Jean Yakstys, M. Vale, I. Pavlichek, Joe Yakstys and Frank Sophie AGER.

THE SOUNDS OF Arctic Circle continued to be heard in our weather reports for the K of L coffee "Pyraga" Social held Jan. '1 for the parish. But the single-digit temperatures did not dim the spirits of Mr. Mrs. Geo. Ke, Mike Vale, the Frank Zager's, Estelle Gogelis and Helen Tucker who served. Many thanks to them, and "labai aciū" to Helen Tucker and Domicile Marcisauskas who were hostesses for the December meeting. They brought hearty portions of goodies, humor and holiday fellowship.

Numerous holiday visits were plotted around the council members. Marie George Kase were visited by their son, Richard, and his wife, Faith, and their children, from the East Coast. Also, other family relatives gathered to celebrate the Christmas holidays, almost "swelling" Wayburn West.

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Tony Dainus and his sister, Julie belickas, were visited by their sister-nun, Sr. Agnes of Pittsburg. She also visited another sister, Isabelle Pavlichek, and other family members during her holiday stay.

"Ilgiausių Metų" to Mary Yekulis, mother of Helen Tucker, who observed her 85th birthday on Jan. 25. Helen hosted a neat fete in her honor.

Never one to let any grass grow under her feet, Cynthia Jackson had "plotted" a trip to combat the winter blahs. Returned from an enjoyable European trip, and among countries visited, were Austria and Germany.

The Jackson family enjoyed a large celebration in honor of baby girl Kathleen Marie, who is the first girl born among an all-boy family. Our congratulations. And we hope Kathy will become a K of L member someday.

As always, Julie Belickas gave an interesting report at the January meeting. She informed the members of the oldest living person in Lithuania, Barbara Jasaite of Plunges, Rajono, who is 125 years old, and whose sister is 85 years "young" living in Klaipėda. Julie also

reported on an informative article about Lithuanian amber "gintara", written by Dr. Patty Rice, assisted by Stefanija Kaunelis.

One of our former members, and an old-time parishioner of St. George's parish, passed away Dec. 12. For many years she had been a choir member and soloist of St. George's Church. Agatha was a thoroughly extraordinary person who enjoyed music, and was always heard singing during Mass at Divine Providence Church. Likewise, she had a consuming interest in just about everything in life. Our sympathy to her family of Kenneth Kathy Snooks and their children. Reiškiame amžiną atilsį jos sielai.

Lithuania's Republic was celebrated on Feb. 16 with observance by the two parishes of Detroit, and Divine Providence of Southfield, followed by featured speakers and a musical program at the Lith. Cultural Center.

The commemoration, which was staged by the Detroit Lithuanian Organization Centre, observed a time of courage, hope and fierce pride in the Lithuanian people who were forced to leave their homeland

and faced innumerable adversities following World War II.

The program included tributes to Lithuanian War Veterans, and to our early Lithuanian immigrants who came from Eastern Europe before WW II. They usually came without money and settled in the humblest neighborhoods where they established their own churches, schools, trades and newspapers.

During this commemoration there was a renewed interest in human rights, and the unity of various captive-nation groups in the U.S. enhance the prospects of eventual independence.

This yearly event generated a kind of oppressed tradition of fellowship and hope that binds together culturally the Lithuanian people whose lands have witnessed suffering, and movement back and forth of alien armies. This unquenchable hope breeds a heroic desire that somehow this time, this day, next year, their oppressed yearning to be free that has marked so much of the history of Lithuania and the Eastern European countries, will be real, very real.

A Happy Easter to everyone!

SOFFI

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

Chicagos Vyčiai Senjorai gruodžio 21 d. 2 val. surengė kūčių vakarienę, kuri įvyko Vyčių gražiai papuoštoje salėje.

Pirm. V. Brazas visus pasveikino o dvasios vadas kun. P. Činikas sukalbėjo maldą ir palaimino gausius kūčių valgius.

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Iš viso dalyvavo 147 svečiai, kurių tarpe matėsi kun. A. Markus, F. Strolia, ALTO pirm. E. Mikužiūtė A. Samaška, V. Stankutė ir kiti.

Laužėme plotkeles, jų tarpe buvo viena plotkelė atsiųsta iš pavergtos Lietuvos, kurią pasidali-

nome su kun. Činiku, kun. Markum, pirm. Brazu, A. Gabaliene, E. Mikužiute ir kitais svečiais.

Visi dalyviai buvo sužavėti šaunia kūčių vakariene ir skirstėsi su šventiška nuotaika, dėkodami F. Stroliai už kalėdines giesmes, kurias visi giedojome, taip pat valdybai, komisijai ir visiems talkininkams.