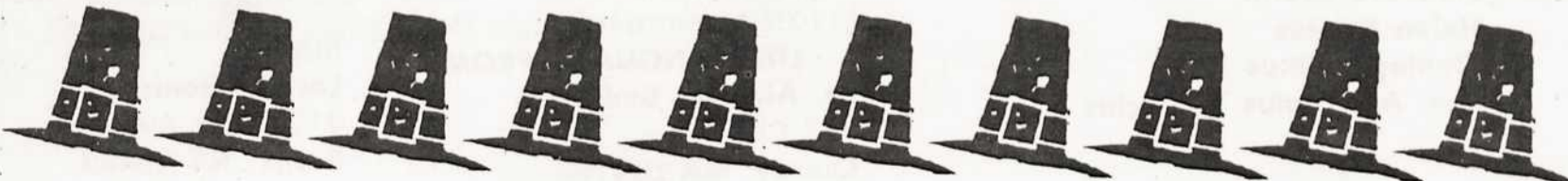
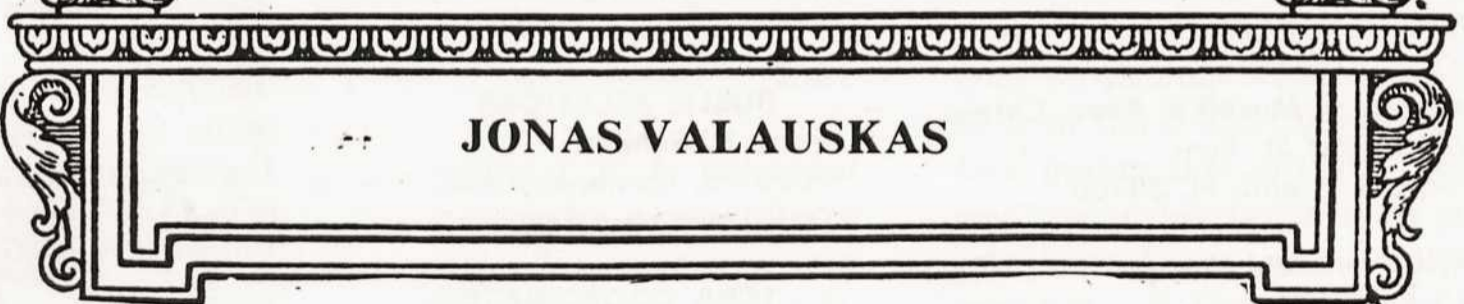




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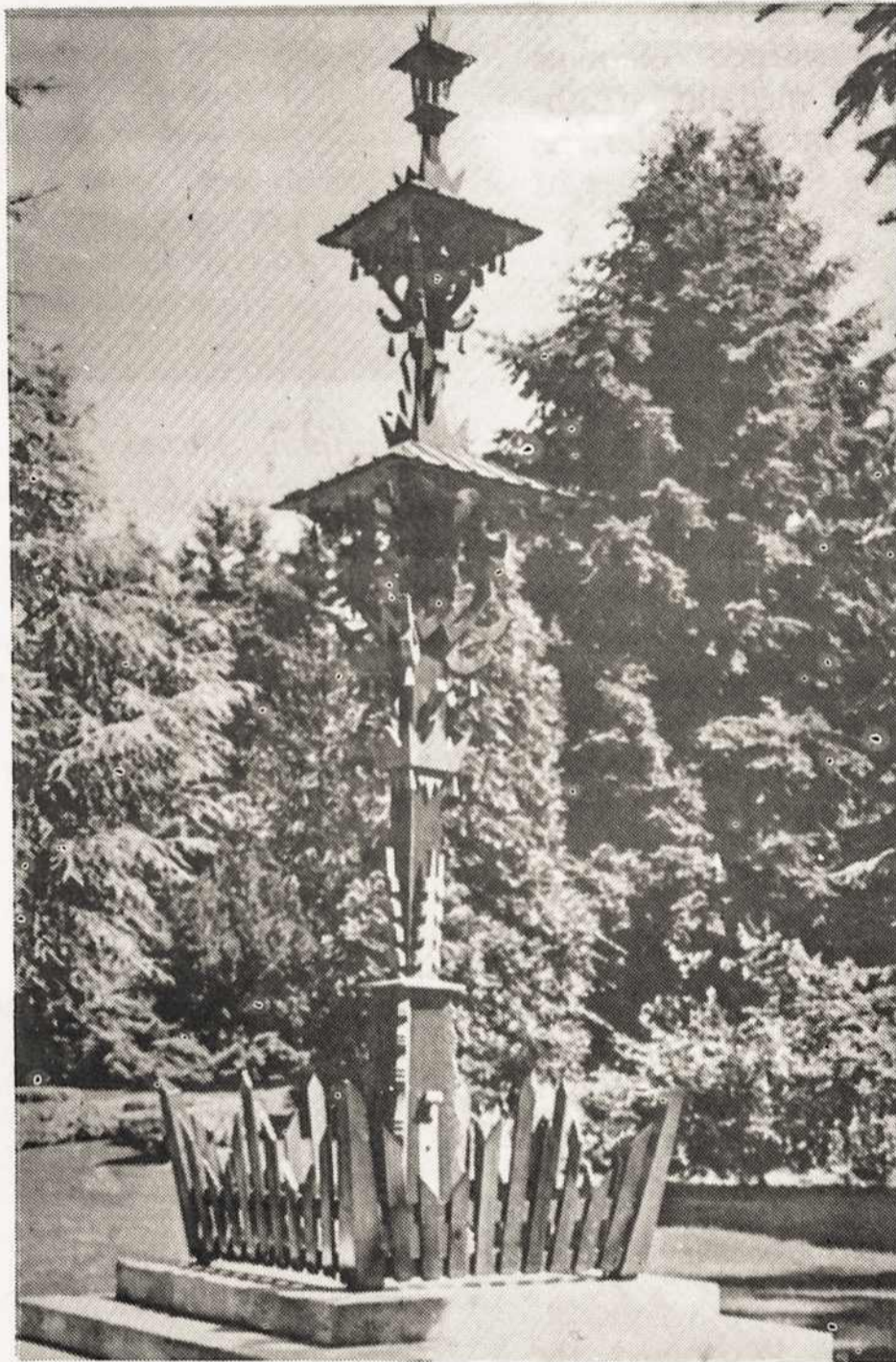
The importance of ARCHIVES

Jonas Valauskas — Donator Of \$5000 For Our Archives Room

Over the course of 68 years, our organization has accumulated a vast amount of documents, books and various other papers and belongings. Many of these have great historical value.

In order to preserve these records of the past, an ARCHIVES COMMITTEE was established. Their task was to find a suitable repository for those things.

Jonas Valauskas, life member of Council #147, St. Petersburg, Florida, solved this problem for us. His donation of \$5000 to the ALKA Museum of Putnam, Conn. established a permanent home for these precious valuables.



LIETUVIŠKAS KOPLYSTULPIS PORTLANDE, OREGONE

1962 m. Portlande, Oregone, Jono ir Idos Valauskų iniciatyva, yra pastatytas didingas, gražuslietuviškas paminklas ir dedikuotas Lietuvos partizanams ir Sibire žuvusiems kankiniams pagerbti.

Kasmet tėvų Servitų šventovėje J. ir I. Valauskai užprašo šv. mišias už Lietuvos Laisvės Kovotojus, Sibiro kankinius ir Romo Kalantos sielas. Šiais metais jie taip pat užprašė šv. mišias ir tėvų Pranciškonų koplyčioje St. Petersburg, Floridoj. Abiejose vietose pamaldos būna atlaikytos birželio 14 d.

Kad paminklas būtų išlaikytas tinkamame stovyje,

reikia lėšų, todėl paminklo iniciatoriai prie Lietuvių Fondo atidarė sąskaitą Nr. 2077 ir prašo visus lietuvius, o ypač partizanų, Sibire žuvusių ir išvežtųjų gimines stoti bent su šimto dolerių įnašu į Lietuvių Fondą, nurodant, kad įnašas turi eiti Nr. 2077 sąskaiton. Iš tų įnašų nuošimčių bus prižiūrimas paminklas. Tai būtų kukli gyvųjų auka ir pagerbimas tų, kurie savo gyvybes paaukojo už Tėvynės laisvę

Paminklo Iniciatoriai
Jonas ir Ida Valauskai

Mr. Valauskas was born in Chicago in 1900. His parents returned to Lithuania in 1914 and they took Jonas back with them. He was still a student in Lithuania during World War I.

In 1922, he joined Šaulių (Lithuanian Freedom Fighters) and he became their chief. At the time that Lithuania was in its 10th year of freedom, he was awarded "Lietuvos nepriklausomybės medaliu" (Lithuania's freedom medal). Later, he was awarded the Šaulių "Order of the Star".

While in Lithuania, he was in the military service and in the court system. During the German occupation, he was arrested for resisting.

He received his education in both Lithuania and Germany.

During the 1950's, he moved to Chicago where he was active in numerous organizations. Not only did he participate physically, he was noted for his donations to worthy causes.

In 1962, John and Ida Valauskas initiated the building of a Lithuanian shrine in Portland, Oregon. Annually, he donates money for masses to the Servite Fathers in Portland for the freedom of Lithuania. His many donations in St. Petersburg are also famous.

Upon retirement, he moved to St. Petersburg where he joined the Knights of Lithuania in March 1978.

He is a Third Degree member and has now become a life member.

The Knights of Lithuania are very proud to have Jonas Valauskas as a member. We are most grateful to him for his generous contribution to the Archives Committee.

We thank him for our permanent home for our historical documents and valuable belongings. Labai, labai ačiū!

Aldona Ryan



Anthony Mazeika, President of C-147, talks to Aldona Ryan about Jonas Valauskas

Archives Committee



Longinas Svelnis
Knights of Lithuania
Archives Chairman

The persistent search for a satisfactory repository for Knights of Lithuania Archives was achieved by seeking out a benefactor and receiving approval of the Supreme Council.

The good news followed the sad news in our loss of H/M Msgr. Francis M. Juras who died the past year. After a well attended Knights of Lithuania Wake Service, I learned of the benefactor who wished to sponsor the K. of L. Archives Room. With the cooperation of Msgr. John Balkunas, Rev. Rapolas Krasauskas and Msgr. Balciunas all restrictions were removed. It required many letters and telephone calls.

I have been invited to join the ALKA Board which governs the operation of the American-Lithuanian Kultural Archives in Putnam, Ct.

The Knights of Lithuania room adjoins that of the Late Msgr. Francis M. Juras.

The Supreme Council meeting held at Our Lady of Vilnius Hall, New York City, February 28, 1981 approved the Knights of Lithuania Archives Room at ALKA in Putnam, Ct. which our benefactor, Jonas Valauskas, made available. We shall have a plate on the door of the Knights of Lithuania Archives Room with the benefactor's name inscribed.

Now the Archives Committee has five members with Teresa Trainis joining the existing committee consisting of Alexander Akule, John Stoskus, Joseph White and I as Chairman.

The initial meeting was held at ALKA on Saturday, May 9, 1981 with John Stoskus, Alexander Akule, Rev. Rapolas Krasauskas and Longinas Svelnis. First we measured the dimensions of the room: 136" long x 97" wide x 92" high, base heating will keep storage cabinets 3" from back wall.

Presently we have double racks for sorting, chair, two books for record keeping and some of the material I have accumulated at my home. I have requested permission to move bound Vytis's in ALKA display area to the K. of L. Archives Room and have received tentative approval of the following mailing address:

Knights of Lithuania
c/o ALKA
P.O. Box 608
Putnam, Ct. 06260

My first request to the 68th National Convention Committee to furnish one Complete set of Official Letters, badges, program book, pictures, newspaper releases, prior, during and after the convention.

The second request is Supreme Council and District Secretaries filled books, letters from invited guests, speakers and Public Officials. A cabinet should contain Lithuanian Affairs and Lithuanian Life-line material from the past to the present.

During the second visit on June 27th to the Knights of Lithuania Archives Room, the sorting rack was assembled. We received a key to the room and we measured surfaces for applying sealant to the floor, walls and ceiling. There are four large ventilation openings which I hope to cover with perforated metal. We must acquire 3 storage cabinets dimension 78" high x 24" wide x 18" deep which cost \$200.00 each, but the committee is shopping to get used equivalent, also a table, desk light and a few misc. items.

A letter was sent to the Budget Committee to include \$600.00 our estimate for the coming fiscal year.

The committee met for the third time on Sunday, July 26, 1981 at 3:00 p.m. and in attendance was Joseph White, Teresa Trainis and Longinas Svelnis. It was recommended and approved that initial listing of items received would be on 3 x 5 cards. A review of past meetings and goals for the future, meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Editor's Note:

Since the last meeting of the Archives Committee, two used cabinets have been purchased and installed.



FIRST SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION



LORETTA STUKAS
National President

The newly-elected Supreme Council met for its first full session on Oct. 3, 1981, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J., to review the present status of the Knights of Lithuania and to plan for the future.

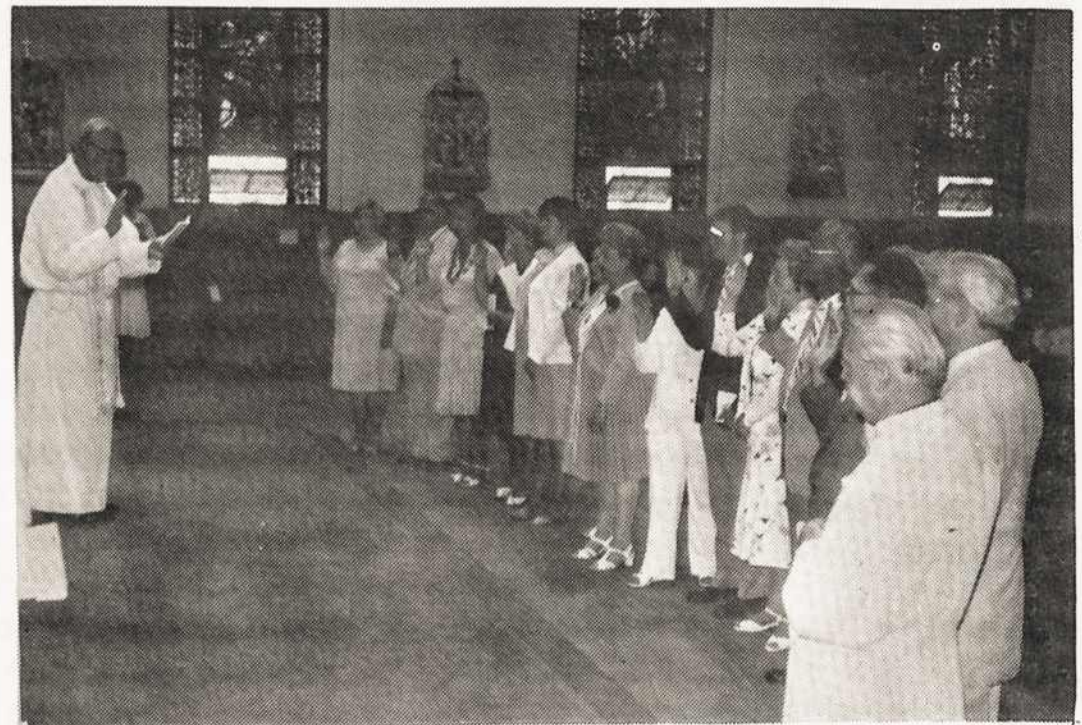
Attending were: Loretta Stukas, President; Susan Bumilla, 1st V.P.; Frank Petrauskas, 3rd V.P.; Nancy Miro, Rec. Sec'y.; Ann Marie Kassel, Fin. Sec'y.; Alphonse Trainis, Treas.; Paul Binkis and John Adomenas, Trustees; Dr. Jack Stukas, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman; Anna Wargo, Cultural Chairman; Irene Sankus, PR Chairman; Aldona Ryan, VYTIS Editor; Frances Bumilla, Youth Coordinator; Helen Chesko, Ritual Comm. Member; Albert Jaritis, Scholarship Comm. Member; Larry Janonis, MAD Pres.; Thomas Bruzga, MCD Pres., Honorary Members Kazys Sipaila, Ann Mitchell and Helen Shields, Rev. John Scharnus, Holy Trinity Parish Pastor, and guests Teresa Trainis, Jeanne Janonis and Joseph Ryan.

C-29's Spiritual Advisor and Holy Trinity Pastor Msgr. Scharnus and C-29 President welcomed those gathered and wished them God's help in their deliberations.

Officers and committee members presented their reports and included their plans for the year where appropriate. Decisions were made and plans approved as the reports were presented. Following are the highlights of the plans and decisions made.

JUNIORS — The Junior By-Laws should be published, and Susan Bumilla will obtain estimates from printers. She has been in touch with several councils in an effort to organize more Junior activity.

MEMBERSHIP: President Stukas reported that a special mailing of the Aug./Sept. VYTIS, accompanied by K of L Membership Brochures and a cover letter was made to members of the Kansas City Lithuanian community, inviting them to learn more about the Knights of Lithuania with an eye to becoming members or subscribers to VYTIS, and that she and the Membership VP Elsie Kosmisky will follow up the mailing by continuing their contacts with key members there, in the hope of organizing one or more councils in the area. A membership drive will be conducted nation-wide,



Father Anthony Jurgelaitis administers the oath of office to the members of the Supreme Council 1981 - 1982

with details being outlined in future issues of VYTIS. Approval was given to run ads in various Lithuanian newspapers inviting prospective members to join the organization. A new council was announced as reorganized in the Illinois-Indiana District (C-38, Kenosha, Wisc.), and several others are being looked into.

SENIORS: Frank Petrauskas, Seniors VP, is busy outlining special projects for Senior Councils. Among the suggestions made was one that Senior members be interviewed, on tape, to record interesting events from the past history of their involvement in the Knights of Lithuania, and that these tapes might provide otherwise forgotten or unknown information about the early history of the Knights of Lithuania.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nancy Miro has official stationery available for all officers who need and request it. Councils should notify Nancy as soon as possible after their elections of their new officers, committees, so that she can pass this information to national officers.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Ann Marie Kassel reported that we now have 51 councils and 3216 members. 1982 dues are now being collected and financial secretaries are urged to turn over dues monies as soon as possible, to keep their councils on the active list, and to provide the Supreme Council with needed working funds. Members whose dues are in arrears will be reminded of their "dues delinquency" early, so that their council's right to be represented at the National Convention will not be questioned, and so that their VYTIS subscriptions will be continued.

TREASURER: Alphonse Trainis reported that all K of L finances are in order, bills have been paid, IRS reports filed, and investments secured.

TRUSTEES: Paul Binkis attended the Ateitininku Convention as a representative of the Supreme Council, and also attended the LRCA meeting, both held in Chicago during the weekend of Sept. 5-7.

John Adomenas reported that he is currently contacting various councils in search of a site for the 1983 National Convention.

VYTIS: The change of editorial staff has gone smoothly, and Aldona Ryan is busy preparing for the next 3 issues of VYTIS. Helen Chesko has been appointed Council News Editor, and other staff members will be announced later. Christmas greetings have already begun to come in and associated monies have been turned over to the Treasurer.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL: Ann Klizas Wargo reported on plans to provide councils with bulletins for special holidays, and special purposes. She plans to issue directives on appropriate Lithuanian costumes, "where-to" bulletins on finding books, records, etc. on Lithuanian lore, and "how-to" bulletins on making ornaments and other Lithuanian folk art. Regular cultural articles for VYTIS will also be submitted.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Irene Sankus reported good coverage of the National Convention in both Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian papers. She will be in touch with district and council PR people, outlining her PR campaign for this K of L year.

RITUAL: Helen Chesko reported on plans to update and streamline the degree-awarding process, so that all districts and councils will have a standard procedure to follow.

HISTORY: Helen Shields was given authority to officially contact Rev. William Wolkovich, asking him to begin collecting material for the K of L History to be published in 1988, in connection with the K of L 75th Anniversary. A fund drive for the History will be outlined shortly.

LEGAL ADVISOR: Although Mr. Anthony Young declined reappointment as Legal Advisor, he has agreed to file the necessary papers with the IRS for the Fiscal Year 1980-81, and will assist the new legal advisor with details of this position. Several names were given to the President as possible candidates for Legal Advisor, and she was given the authority to select an appropriate candidate and make the appointment, after checking the credentials of the suggested candidates.

DISTRICTS:

All four districts reported elections in Sept. The new presidents are:

NED — Peter Bizankuaskas

MAD — Larry Janonis

MCD — Thomas Bruzga

IID — Vincent Samaska

New plans are being made for all districts, and will be reported in VYTIS and at future meetings.

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS: Chairman, Dr. Jack Stukas, announced the appointment of Bernice Aviza as Bulletin Editor, and Ruth Kazlauskas (IID) and Stephanija Rastikis (MCD) as committee members. Other committee members will be appointed to represent the NED and to perform other duties as needed. The Supreme Council voted unanimously not to support the hiring of the Hanaford Agency to do public relations for work for the Lithuanian cause, on the grounds that the monies required to pay the Hanaford Agency would be better spent by our own Lithuanian organizations in performing the needed work, and that Lithuanians, who have a personal interest in their cause, and who have access to all the needed information for this kind of work, are better equipped to promote their own cause.

The October issue of the Lithuanian Affairs Bulletin is being readied for mailing, and the November issue is in preparation.

NATIONAL CONVENTION — 1982

Because no bids for the 1982 National Convention were made during the past convention, the Supreme Council was entrusted with the task of selecting a site. President Loretta Stukas reported contacting . . . and receiving a bid from . . . C-25 of Cleveland, to host the next convention. The C-25 members are in the process of finding appropriate headquarters and of setting a date. The first week of August was suggested to C-25, to avoid conflict with C-144's Annual Lithuanian Day in Pennsylvania on Aug. 15, and with the early opening of schools later in August. Details will be announced in the VYTIS.

APPOINTMENTS:

The following appointments were made, for the 1981-1982 year:

ALTAS Representatives — Leonas Kriauceliunas, Leonard Simutis, Jr., Ann Marie Kassel

"Year of the Parish" Coordinator — Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, OP St. Casimir 500 Jubilee Coordinator — Phil Skabeikis

History Coordinator — Helen Shields

RESOLUTIONS:

Several resolutions, to be submitted to the 1982 National Convention, were discussed, and will be formulated for the next meeting. Specifically, resolutions will be formulated to clarify the status of Associate Members after the death of their spouses and to make the Archives Committee a permanent committee and to define the duties and makeup of this committee.

GREETINGS: Special greetings were sent to:

ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARCINKUS, on his elevation to Archbishop and his appointment to the post of pro-president of the Vatican City State,

VYTS BELIAJUS, editor of VILTIS Magazine, on the occasion of 40th Anniversary of the VILTIS Magazine. The greeting was accompanied by a \$40.00 donation.

PROF. ALEXANDER ALEKIS, on the occasion of his 95th Birthday.

CONVENTION STREAMLINING: An open forum was held, to discuss ideas for streamlining the National Convention. Several ideas were presented, and will be passed on to the National Convention committee, and will be considered in preparing the official program for the Convention.

The next Supreme Council meeting is scheduled for March 20, 1982, in Cleveland, Ohio, hosted by C-25. The subsequent meeting is scheduled for June 12, 1982, in the New York / New Jersey area.

Following the meeting, members were treated to a buffet dinner and liquid refreshments, compliments of C-29. Special thanks go to Rose and Albinas Zukauskas, for preparation of the food, and to their assistants Bernie and Viola Skripata, and Joe and Ann Chapulis. Special thanks also go to Msgr. John Scharnus, pastor, for providing the facilities for the meeting (and for the "warming" refreshments during the meeting), and to C-29 President, HM Kazys Sipaila, for making arrangements for the meeting.



Mid Atlantic District Convention held in Patterson, N.J. on June 21st. Delegates from C-100 Amsterdam were l. to r. - Polly Ziausys, Bernice Aviza, Anthony Radzevich, and Regina Kot.



NOVEMBER

ALL SAINT'S and ALL SOUL'S DAY

by Anna Klizas Wargo

To our Lithuanian forefathers, the deceased were very much alive and All Saint's and All Soul's Day were part of this belief.

The people believed that on All Saint's Night, all souls were released from Purgatory to walk around to visit their former relatives and friends. The Souls had Midnight Mass in the church. However, it was dangerous for a living person to be there as the Souls recognized them as intruders and persecuted them.

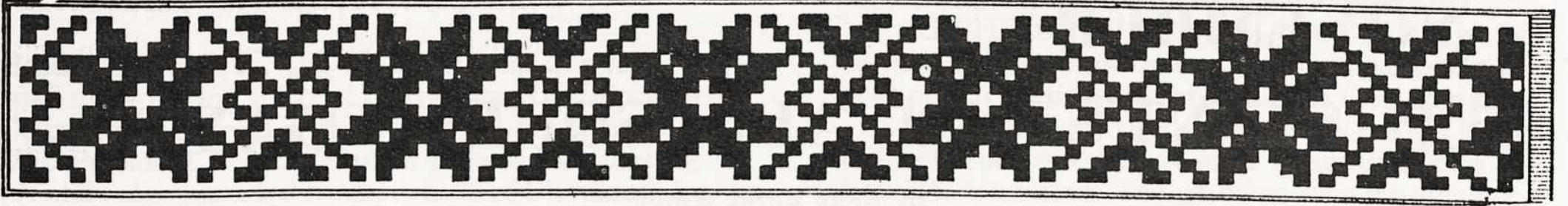
People stayed home that night because, if they went out, these wandering souls were disturbed. Even the herds were kept inside on both days. The kiln was heated and left empty because the Souls were then able to warm themselves. The people did not sing or dance on these days. They did not throw water or trash outside as they could hit one of these Souls.

On All Soul's Day, everyone gathered in the church to sing hymns and pray for their deceased relatives. It was said the Souls went to church to collect the prayers said for them and thus shortened their time in Purgatory. The cemeteries were visited and the graves were decorated. Some placed lit candles on the graves of their deceased.



Alms were given to the beggars and poor people. Good deeds were done in memory of their loved ones. It was believed that a child born on All Saint's Day could see Souls.

Such a person had a difficult life. He had to stay away from the paths of wandering souls or he would have to carry them on his back.



LANGUAGE LORE

Del Tvarkos —

Point Of Order!, Part I

By Dr. Algirdas Budreckis



Since the late 19th century Lithuanians have been joining various **draugystės** and **susivienijimai**, **sajungos** and **federacijos**, not to mention **klubai**. Meetings were open, off the floor (and sometimes off the wall as well). During these formative years, the Lithuanians acquired skills in direct democratic parliamentary procedures, as well as a vocabulary.

Before we participate in a formal Lithuanian **susirinkimas**, let us brush up on terms that would be used.

1. **absoliutinė dauguma** (skaičius balsų, sudarančių daugiau kaip pusę, turinčių teisę balsuoti) — absolute majority — half of those eligible to vote plus at least one.
2. **aktyvas** — hard to translate, but means the active element in an organization.
3. **aktyvus** - or **veiklus**, **energingas** — active or energetic, as in **aktyvus veikėjas** — an active civic leader.
4. **ALTAS** the acronym for Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba or the Lithuanian American Council
5. **antrininkas** — pavaduotojas, padėjėjas — an alternate, a substitute, assistant. For example: *Vyčių Seimą sudaro atstovai ir jų antrininkai, kai patys atstovai negali dalyvauti*: The K. of L. Convention is comprised of delegates and their alternates (when the delegates cannot attend).
6. **Apygarda** — an administrative unit equal to a region.
7. **apylinkė** — a territorial unit smaller than an **apygarda**, a neighborhood.
8. **apyskaita** or **apskaita** (also **atskaita**) — an annual statement: **atliktų darbų apyskaita** (summary of accomplished tasks), **pajamų ir išlaidų apyskaita** (account or report on income and disbursements).
9. **apskritis** — actually a county, but in most Lithuanian organizations **apskritis** means district. (Note, this word is feminine in gender and should use the feminine genitive ending in phrases like: **apskritis suvaziavimas** — district meeting.
10. **aplankraštis** — bulletin.
11. **atstovas** — a representative or delegate: **seimo atstovas** — convention delegate; **spaudos atstovai** — representatives of the press.
12. **atstovauti** — to represent: **atstovauja organizacijai** — (he) represents the organization.
13. **Balfas** — an acronym for Bendrasis Amerikos Lietuvių (Šalpos) Fondas or the United Lithuanian American Relief Fund.
14. **balsas** means voice, but it can also mean vote or ballot.
15. **balsavimas** — voting.
16. **balsuoti** — to vote.
17. **bendruomenė**, when used with a small “b” means community, when used with a capital “B” it means Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenė — the Lithuanian American Community, Inc.

18. **biudžetas** (in pure Lithuanian: **pajamų ir išlaidų sąmata**) — budget.
19. **biuletėnis** — bulletin, the more Lithuanian form would be **aplėnkraštis** or **bėndraraštis**.
20. **Blankas** — a paper letterhead or form.
21. **centras** (usually **centro valdyba**), the executive board of an organization.
22. **charta** — a charter.
23. **dalyvis** — a participant, one who participates: **susirinkimo dalyviai** — participants in a meeting.
24. **darbotvarkė** — order of business, agenda, as in **posėdžio, susirinkimo darbotvarkė**.
25. **dauguma** — the majority at a meeting or in a group: **nutarimas priimtas balsų dauguma** — the majority of votes was for the resolution.
26. **daugumas** — a large number, most people: **daugumas žmonių kitaip galvoja** (most people think otherwise).
27. **debaitai** — a debate.
28. **deklaracija** — **viešas iškilmingas pareiškimas** — a declaration.
29. **delegacija** — a delegation.
30. **delegatas** — a delegate.
31. **demokratija** — democracy.
32. **didžiuma** — plurality. For example, the president won by a plurality of votes: **pirminėnkas laimėjo su didžiuma balsų**.
33. **dienotvarkė** — **dienos darbų tvarka suvažiavime** — order of business, or agenda.
34. **diskusija** (usually in plural form: **diskusijos**) — discussion: **diskusijos dėl pranešimo** — discussions about the report. (Note: recently Lithuanians have been using the Lithuanian form **svarstybos** instead of **diskusijos**: **jis dalyvavo svarstbose**: he took part in the discussions).
35. **draugija** — society, organization.
36. **finansai** — finances.
37. **finansų sekretorius** — financial secretary.
38. **frakcija** — a faction at a congress or convention.
39. **informacija** (often in the plural: **informacijos**, also **žinios, pranešimai, nurodymai, paaiškinimai** — information).
40. **instrukcija** — instruction.
41. **interview** (also **pokalbis**) — an interview.
42. **įsakas, pasakymas**—order, decree, command.
43. **įstatai** — by-laws.
44. **įstatymas** — law or statute.
45. **įždas** — treasury. Thus **įždo globėjas** means trustee.
46. **įždinėnkas** — treasurer.

As we pause midday in brushing up on our terms to be used as budding **parlamentarai**, it should be pointed out that certain terms in Lithuanian are only used in the plural, nemely: **debatai, svarstybos, lėšos** (cash), **varžybos** (competition), **derybos** (negotiations).

(To be continued)



SAY GRACE IN LITHUANIAN

PRIEŠ VALGĮ - BEFORE MEALS

Palaimink, Viešpatie, mus ir šias dovanas, kurias valgysime iš tavo malonės. Per Kristų, mūsų Viešpatį.

Amen.

PO VALGIO - AFTER MEALS

Ačiū tau, visagalis Dieve, už tas dovanas, kurias valgėme, ir už visas mums suteiktas gėrybes, kuris gyvenimi ir viešpatauji per amžius.

Amen.



FIRST THOUGHTS ON THE YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN PARISH

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

We Lithuanians are rightly proud of our heritage, our history, our beautiful and ancient language, our deep religious roots. Even in pre-Christian times our people were known for their belief in a Supreme Being and for their zeal in their practice of worship. With the coming of Christianity and the Good News of Christ's Redemption, a stronger commitment was made to the One True God and His Son Jesus Christ. With Christ came the knowledge and love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother. The very first churches were dedicated to her honor. Devotion to Mary spread widely and sank deeply into the hearts of the Lithuanian people. Recall, if you will, the love and devotion to Mary shown in the lives of our own mothers.

This is the reason why we turn to Mary, Mother of the Church, as we begin the Year of the Lithuanian Parish. In a way, our parish is the Church. We are concerned for the survival of both. We see the need of a revitalization of our parish community, so that our spiritual heritage would not go to waste.

We turn to Mary, Mother of God, who is most powerful with God in her intercession for us.

We turn to her as Mary of the Dawn Gate. The "dawn gate" was one of the four gates to the city that were constructed when Vilnius was walled in to protect it from its attackers — the Tartars, who were pillaging the land. Though the city was walled in within a year, the work was not completed until 1522.



Vilnius Aušros Vartai 16th Century

As soon as the Dawn Gate was constructed, a painting of Jesus, the Savior, was placed over the gate on the outside and one of the Blessed Virgin was placed on the inside. After half a century or so, the original paintings deteriorated. New paintings were commissioned. It is believed that the present painting goes back to 1570.

What is remarkable about Our Lady of the Dawn Gate is that her shrine at the gate soon became a center of devotion and many favors and miracles were granted through her intercession, as pilgrims visited and prayed before this ancient painting. Over the centuries it has become the central, or national shrine of Marian devotion in



Vilnius Cathedral 1783 - 1801

Lithuania. In 1927, Our Lady of the Dawn Gate was "crowned", that is, given Church approval. A gold crown was affixed to the painting, giving it special recognition and approval as a pilgrimage site, where many favors were granted and miracles occurred.

Even today, under Communist domination, thousands of people come to the Dawn Gate to pray for Mary's intercession in these perilous times.

We, too, pray that Mary of the Dawn Gate will protect her beloved Lithuanian people, and in a particular way, our own parish community.

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Lithuania has been called "the Land of Mary", not only by recent Popes, but also by those who ruled centuries ago. One reason for this privileged title was the fact of the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to some shepherd children in the village of Shiluva in 1608.

As these children were tending their flock, a beautiful woman appeared standing on a rock near which the shepherd were playing. Her long hair fell over her shoulders and she carried a child in her arms. She was weeping in deep sorrow. The children ran to their pastor, a Calvinist minister, (the Protestant Reformation had swept over Lithuania some years previously and the local Catholic church had been taken over by the Protestants). He would not accept their story.

On the next day, however, when he went to the place of apparition, the Blessed Mother with Her Son appeared again. The Calvinist pastor asked her: "Why are you weeping?" She replied: "In former times my beloved Son was worshipped in this place, but now it is used for plowing and planting."

So, Lourdes and Fatima are not the only places in Europe, where Our Blessed Mother appeared. This Shiluva Apparition was granted approval by the Holy See.

In the course of time a shrine and church were built on the spot and here, too, many favors and miracles were wrought for those who visited Shiluva in a spirit of confident prayer. Our Lady of Shiluva is the second most popular title of the Mother of God among the Lithuanian people.

Pope Alexander VII on May 13th, 1656, granted King John Casimir's request that Our Lady of Shiluva be named Protectress of Lithuania and Poland.

Recent events in Lithuania, now under atheist, Communist control, reveal the courageous Faith of the people, who disregard Communist ridicule and oppression and travel in great numbers from all parts of Lithuania to the shrine in Shiluva to pray to the Mother of God. On Mary's principal feasts thirty to forty thousand pilgrims will assemble to show their unwavering love for Mary and her Son. The threats and harassment of government officials serve only to strengthen their Faith.



During the Year of the Lithuanian Parish our parishes should become "little Shiluvos", centers of Faith and Love.

As we mentioned above, May 13, 1656 was the date on which Lithuania was placed under the protection of Mary, Our Lady of Shiluva. By a strange coincidence May 13th was the date on which the Blessed Virgin appeared to the three shepherds of Fatima in 1917. This was the first of six apparitions to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco with a serious and urgent message to a sin-laden world.

Mary's pleas were for penance (a turning away from sin) and prayer (a return to Christ her Son). She pointed out that praying the Rosary was the sure way of returning to the Father as individuals and as nations.

The following prophecies of the Virgin of Fatima are of special interest and urgency to us, as we begin the Year of the Lithuanian Parish:

"If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her terror throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated.

"In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted and a period of peace will be granted to the world."

Think seriously about these prophecies. If we strive zealously to revitalize our parish communities through prayer — prayer as Mary requests — we shall be renewed in spirit, Russia will be converted, Communist oppressed peoples will become free. All this can come about through our sacrifices of time and effort in our own parishes during this **Year of the Lithuanian Parish.**

MANO MALDA

Išvertė
Vincas Gražulis

Viešpatie, duok, kad aš rasčiau laiko pažvelgti į gėless, kurios auga prie kelio.

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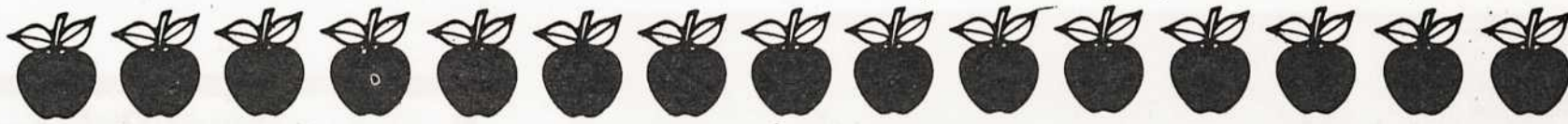
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Duok, kad aš rasčiau laiko aplankyti draugą, kuris šiandien vargsta.

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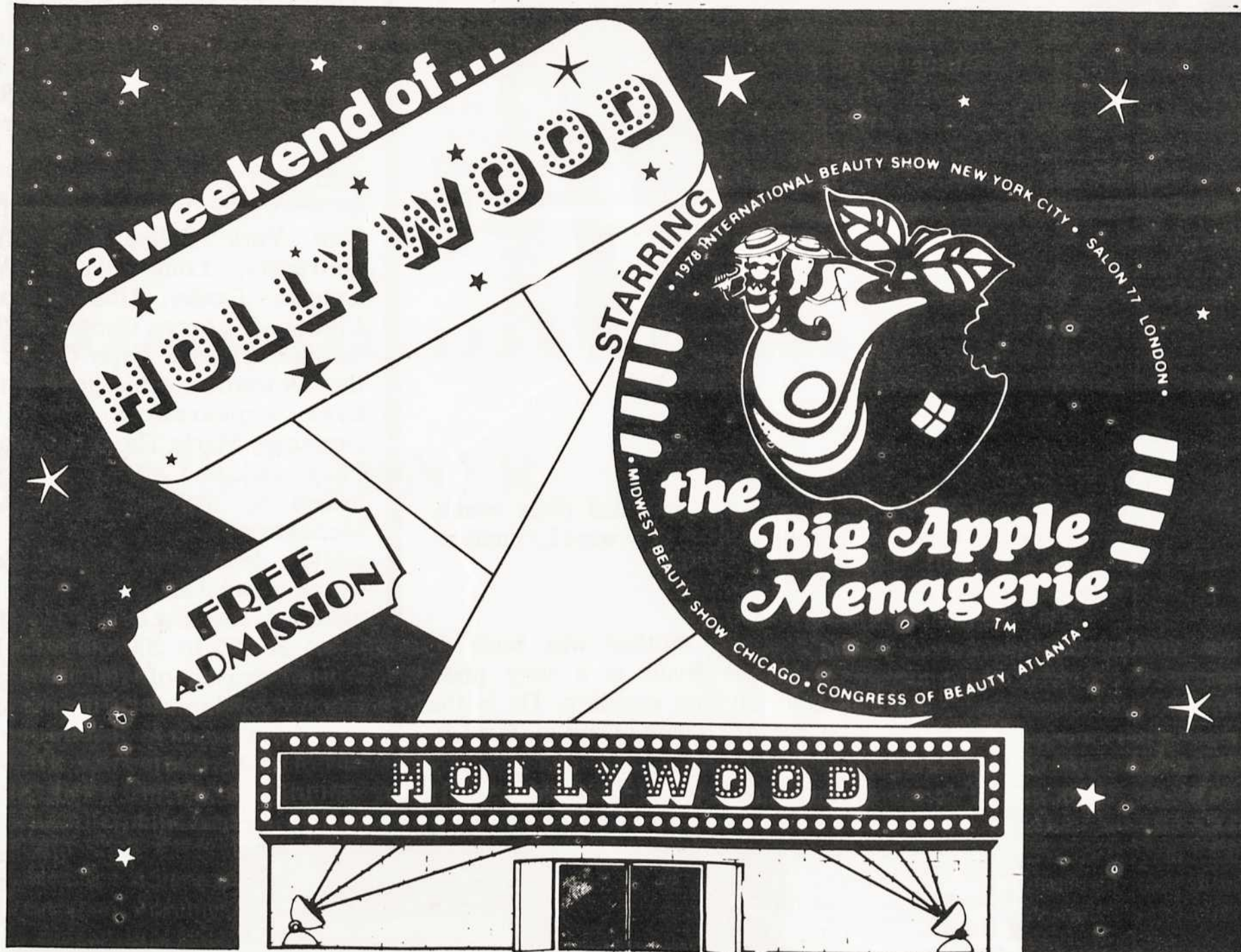
Ir duok, kad aš rasčiau laiko praleisti tyliąją valandą su Tavim, Viešpatie;





A Lithuanian Happening

By Aldona Ryan



A RAY BUCMYS/RANDY JOHNSON PRODUCTION

When the Big Apple Menagerie comes to your town, make it a point to go see it. Its location will be the center of the biggest Mall in your town. Admission will be free.

You will find a magnificent, Hollywood-type set-up. Great stages, dressing rooms, batteries of lights, sound systems, and beautiful models abound.

Go back stage and find its manager and co-owner, Raymond Bucmys. Say to him, "Hey, I am Lithuanian and a K of L member." You might even give him a kiss. For he is one of us.

Ray was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His parents, Janina and Ildefons Bucmys, were refugees from Latvia and Lithuania. The family arrived in Dayton in 1957 and are active members of Council #96.

When Ray was in the second grade at Our Lady of the Rosary School, he met Randy Johnson. They became inseparable friends. They attended the same schools during their student days. Raymond received his BSEE in Engineering at the University of Dayton.

During their college days, times were rough and they got a job working together selling beauty products. In a very short time, they decided that going door-to-door was not for them.

They devised the "soft-sell" system of selling beauty products in such a way that the "customer comes to us."

Randy, who's background as a disc jockey at WING radio and a continuity director at WKEF TV, is quick witted, talks a mile a minute, and does the "up-front" jobs.



Randy Johnson, Ted Ryan and Ray Bucmys

Raymond, with his engineering background, is perfect for the task of managing light and sound systems and staging productions.

Their Big Apple Menagerie has now expanded to five copyrighted shows: A Weekend of New York, A Weekend of Hollywood, Great American Theatre, the International Beauty and Fashion Festival, and a Weekend of Las Vegas.

They have been endorsed as the world's only international hair and fashion theatrical modeling troupe. Lori Tritschuh does the choreography for the seven models that always appear in fashions from local stores of the mall where the show is appearing. Bookings are running a year ahead and they are appearing all over the world.

When the Dayton Mall decided to celebrate their 10th anniversary, they invited Ray and Randy to bring in one of their shows. Other media followed suit and the event became a giant celebration.

"Daytime Dayton" a popular morning television show, decided to hold a breakfast with their stars, a live, one-hour broadcast from the mall, and a luncheon in conjunction with the Big Apple Menagerie.

Joe and I attended these events because, to us, they were Lithuanian happenings.

Ted (my mother was born in Lithuania) Ryan is a very good friend of long standing. He is the co-star of Daytime Dayton. Sue Lilly, a very pert, talented celebrity is his partner in the show.

Press Release

The "Big Apple Menagerie", the world's only International Hair and Fashion Theatrical Modeling Troupe has had the honor to perform over the last 5 years at the Wembley Conference Centre in London, England as well as the Lyceum on the Strand Ballroom where past Miss World Contests have been held. The list of show credits goes on to include the New York Hilton, New York Coliseum, Hofstra University, Long Island, World Congress Center, Atlanta Georgia, Living History Center, Philadelphia, Chicago Expo Center and the Downtown Chicago Marriott. Live appearances with Phil Donahue, Marlo Thomas Donahue, Paul Lynde and Allan Ludden have helped to make the Big Apple Menagerie's reputation as the world's leading runway modeling troupe as solid as the American people they represent. Audiences from 75 to 20,000 to 200,000 plus have had the pleasure of experiencing this one of a kind show group that offers something for the entire family.



Don Hastings, Sue Lilly, Joe Ryan and Ted Ryan talk about Lithuania on live television

One of the features of Sue Lilly's presentations is a "Beauty Makeover". Joe Ryan was chosen to be the male recipient of that feature on this day.

He received a new hair style and new glasses as gifts for his efforts.

During the live interview, Joe Ryan and Ted Ryan talked about Lithuania.

Featured on this show was Don Hastings, (Doctor Bob) on "As The World Turns" and the new cheering team, the "Bengals". They all asked questions about Lithuania after the show.

After the luncheon, we went to the staging of the Big Apple Menagerie. They gave away numerous prizes donated by the local merchants such as a mink hat, free haircuts at local hairdressers, and many pieces of clothing.

While homebase is in Dayton, Ray is seldom found there with his lovely wife, Cathy and 6-year-old son, Nathan.

The troupe has become so big that the managers have managers and the hustle and bustle is overwhelming. Our hats are off to Ray Bucmys, a local Lithuanian who made it big.



COOK'S CORNER

By Mary Lucas

LIETINAI

(Rolled Pancakes)

Our mothers made these long before crepes became popular.

- .2 eggs
- 1/3 Cup water
- 1/3 Cup milk
- 1/2 Cup flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Beat the eggs until light. Add the water, milk and the remaining ingredients. Beat with electric mixer until smooth.

Use a small frying pan (6" in diameter). Butter it lightly or use cooking oil, just enough to give it a thin coating. Heat to moderate temperature. Pour a few tablespoons of batter into the pan and tilt it to cover the pan lightly with the batter. Lightly brown on one side only. (This keeps the cakes tender.) Slide onto plate. Place 1 Tbsp. small curd cottage cheese in center of pancake. Fold envelope fashion. Place on a platter with folded side down.



Continue until all batter is used up. In large skillet, melt two Tbsps. butter. Place 4 cakes at a time in hot butter and fry until lightly browned on both sides. Serve with a sprinkling of sugar and cinnamon.

Alternate Fillings

- Stewed dried apricots
- Canned cherry filling.
- Sliced fresh strawberries

These pancakes can be filled and rolled jellyroll fashion and dusted with confectioners sugar. No further frying is necessary.

NUN ATTENDS HELSINKI HEARING IN WASHINGTON

By Sister Virginia C.J.C.

Sister Aloysius, a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified residing at St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, had been invited by Rev. Casimir Pugevicius to join a group of witnesses in Washington, D.C. in behalf of Vytautas Skuodis. The invitation was extended when it was learned that Sister Aloysius is a relative of V. Skoudis who has been sentenced to a slave-labor camp in Siberia for his part as a Helsinki Monitor and for his fearless stand for human and religious rights for the people of Lithuania.

On July 28, three members of Congress initiated House Resolution 200 in which deep concern and opposition of the United States is expressed over the imprisonment of the American-born Benedict Scott (Vytautas Skuodis) and calls upon President Reagan to take every opportune action to secure release from prison this American citizen. House Resolution 200 was sponsored by Brian Donnelly, Charles Dougherty, and Cardiss Collins.

On August 5, Sister Aloysius was able to attend the public hearing in Washington, D.C. on the topic of "Religious and National Dissent in Lithuania," sponsored by the Baltic American Freedom League. While breakfast was served at the University Club on 1135 - 16th Street, N.W., Washington, journalists conferred with the Chairman of the Baltic-American League, Anthony Mazeika. Also interviewed were Rev. Casimir Pugevicius of the Lithuanian Information Center, the Lithuanian defectors Simas



Sr. Aloysius

Before going to Washington, Sister Aloysius received a letter from Dante B. Fascell, Chairman of the CSCE (Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe) assuring her that the case of Vytautas Skuodis (as he is known in Lithuania) had been brought to the attention of Soviet officials at the Madrid Meeting.

Kudirka (1972) and Vladas Sakalys (1980), and Sister Aloysius C.J.C., relative of Benedict Scott.

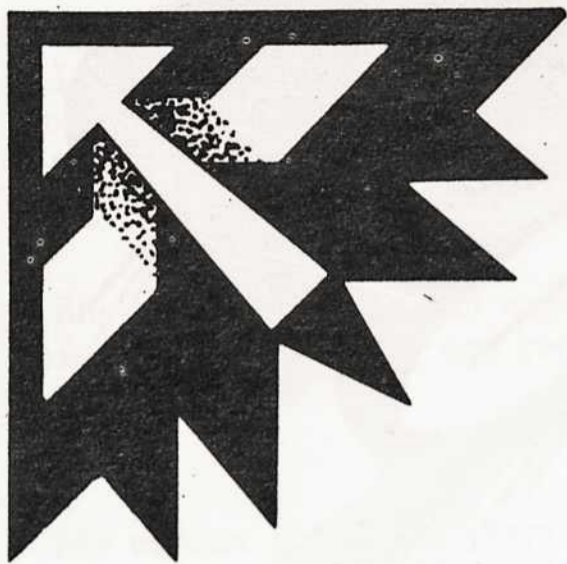
That afternoon at the 3:00 p.m. hearing of the Helsinki Commission in the 2200 Rayburn House Office Building, Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick (R., N.J.) served as Chairperson.

Witnesses at the hearing were: Stephen Palmer, Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs at the Department of State; Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, Chairman of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid; Ray Chesonis, Vice-President of the Lithuanian-American Community; and Vladas Shakalys, a recent refugee from Soviet Lithuania who knew Benedict Scott (Vytautas Skuodis).

Among other things, Vladas Shakalys described Scott as "a man of integrity, deep patriotism, and strong religious convictions, whose heroism should be regarded with pride not only by Lithuanians but by all Americans as well. Benedict Scott upholds the highest ideals and patriotic traditions of the United States of America."

An evening candlelight service across from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. ended the special gathering. All participants, some in national Lithuanian garb, prayed and sang in Lithuanian. Although the drapes of the Soviet Embassy windows were tightly drawn, it is believed the Soviet officials were nonetheless fully aware of the Lithuanian-American demonstration in behalf of Benedict Scott (Vytautas Skuodis) who is allegedly unjustly sentenced by the Soviet government in Lithuania.

The public hearing in Washington, D.C., attended by government officials and the news media, is a prelude to the fact-gathering efforts of the United States government to bring to the attention of the Soviets when the Helsinki Accord signers will meet in October.



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Vyčių seimo proga

Šį savaitgalį Scrantone, Pa., vyksta metinis Lietuvos vyčių seimas. Sveikiname seimą ir linkime kuo geriausio pasisekimo. Išrinkite kuo geriausią savo valdybą ir sudarykite veiklos planus ateičiai!

Džiaugiamės ir didžiuojamės Lietuvos vyčių veikla. Į savo organizaciją sutraukėte čia gimusį ir išaugusį jaunimą, aktyvų lietuvių, kuris, gerbdamas ir mylėdamas Ameriką, drauge gerbia ir myli savo tėvų žemę. Į organizaciją ateinate vedami tos tėvų žemės meilės. Juk nebūtų jokios prasmės įsijungti į ją, jei nerūpėtų Lietuva.

Įsikūrėte 1913 balandžio 27. Išplitote visame krašte, suorganizuodami daugelį kuopų, sutraukdami daug ir labai daug jaunimo. Savo organizacijos tarpe jūs lavinotės, auklėjotės, mokėtės lietuviškai kalbėti, dainuoti, kūrėte savo tautinių šokių grupes, vaidinote. Visokiais būdais palaikėte kolonijos lietuviškumą.

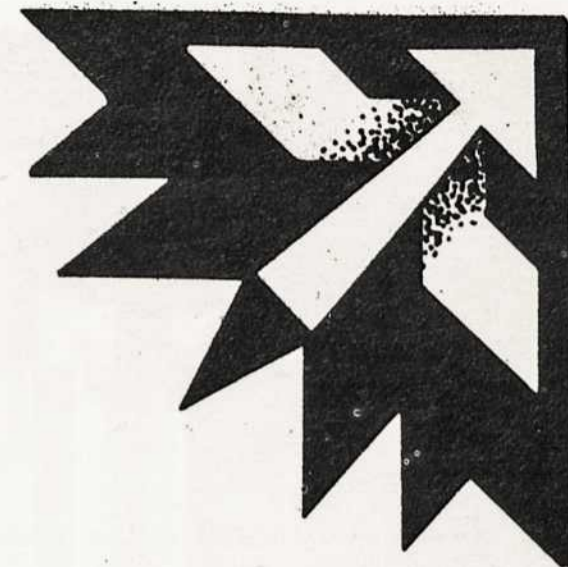
Ir dar daugiau — jūs lietuviškus reikalus išnešėte į amerikiečių visuomenę, į spaudą, radiją. Gerai mokėdami angliškai, jūs išnaudojote kiekvieną galimybę priminti amerikiečiams Lietuvą.

Kai Lietuva kūrėsi nepriklausomam gyvenimui, juk ne vienas vėtytis vyko į Lietuvą, stjo savanoriu į jos kariuomenę ir kariavo dėl jos nepriklausomybės. Karams pasibaigus, jie grįžo į šį kraštą ir tęsė organizacinę veiklą.

Vyčiai reagavo į įvykius Lietuvoje — rengė protestų mitingus, rašė į spaudą laiškus. Taip buvo, kai Lenkija įteikė ultimatumą, kai vokiečiai atplėšė Klaipėdą.

Antrojo pasaulinio karo metu vyčiai jungėsi į Balso ir Alfo veiklą. Buvo jų organizatoriai, patys uoliai dalyvavo visuomeninėje veikloje ir kitus skatino, judino, jungė į bendrą darbą.

Po karo, kai Lietuva nebeteko savo nepriklausomybės, vyčiai ir vėl stjo į aktyvų darbą — kelti Lietuvos bylą, nuolat ją priminti amerikiečiams. Ir čia nuveikta labai daug. Vyčiai parašė tūkstančius laiškų laikraščiams, senatoriams, kongresmanams. Jie suorganizavo ir Lietuvos reikalų komisiją, leidžia net biuletinį, kur nurodoma, kam rašyti, ko prašyti. Iš visos Amerikos kampų ima plaukti laišukai į prezidentūrą, į senatą ar kongresą. Pasiekia tuos, kurie teigiamai pasisako dėl Lietuvos laisvės. Jiems padėkoja ir juos net apdovanoja.

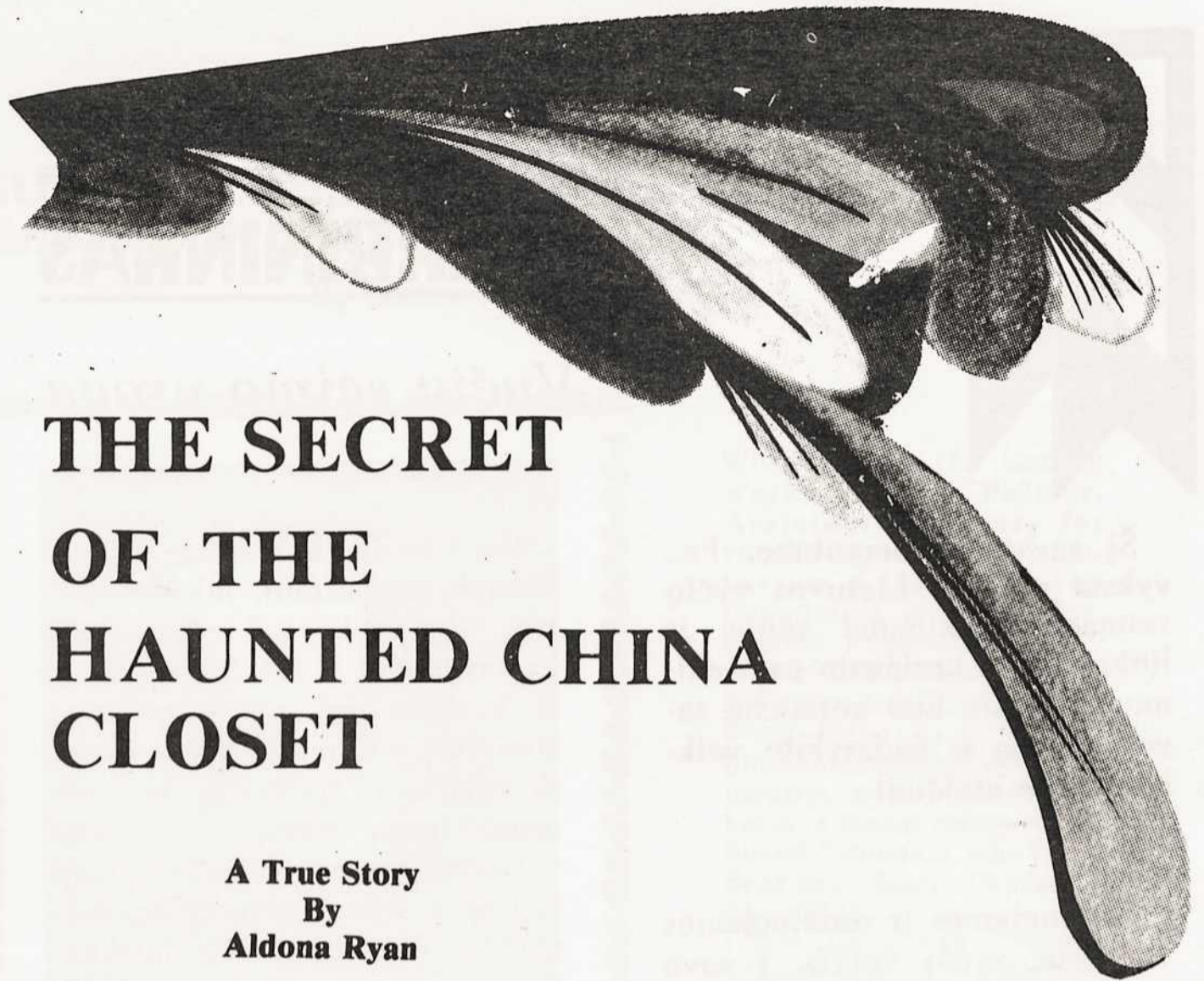


Jau eilė metų vyčiai suteikia medalį nelietuviui amerikiečiui, kuris aktyviai veikia ir kovoja dėl Lietuvos laisvės. Tai yra nepaprastai gražus jų darbas, kuris konkrečiai įvertina kitų triūsą ir už jį atsiteisia. Jie didina Lietuvos draugų skaičių.

Savo laiku jie buvo lyg pavargę. Ilgai veikusios kuopos sumažėjo savo narių skaičiumi, kitos net užsidarė. Bet jau kuris metas jų veikla vėl atsigavusi, sustiprėjusi. Pritraukė daug jaunimo. Tas jaunimas jau yra trečios, gal net ketvirtos kartos. Kartais jau nebemoka lietuviškai, bet štai pajunta būtinybę stoti į vyčius ir triūsti Lietuvos labui.

Linkime vyčiams po seimo, išsirinkus naują centro valdybą, su dar didesne energija plėsti savo veiklą. Sujunkite kuo daugiau čia gimusių ir augusių lietuvių. Pritraukite prie savo organizacijos. Nesvarbu, kad jie nemoka lietuviškai. Bet tėvų žemės prisiminimas jiems daug duos ir paskatins juos veiklai.

Dirbkite, triūskite, uoliai tarnaudami Tėvynei ir Bažnyčiai!



THE SECRET OF THE HAUNTED CHINA CLOSET

A True Story
By
Aldona Ryan

When my father retired from work in the early 1950's he and my mother decided that the old house with nine rooms and two stories was too big for them.

They found a small cottage close to Holy Cross Church that sat in the midst of many Lithuanian families. Delighted, they purchased the house and moved in.

The little house had many windows and five rooms all on one floor. It contained a complete basement — even a room under the front porch. Altogether, there were four small rooms and one large room under the house.

In the farthest, darkest, gloomiest basement room, they found a very lovely antique china closet. It sat in a corner all alone — covered with a mantle of dust and cobwebs. It appeared as if the door to that room had been closed and no one had entered for many years.

The china closet was quite large, almost six feet tall, and made of solid oak. It had three large, carved, movable shelves and a fourth bottom shelf. Part of the back was mirrored. The front three sides were made of heavy curved glass. The feet and side posts were ornately carved.

My mother was thrilled with her discovery and she was quite pleased when the previous owner of the house told her nonchalantly, "you keep it."

She scrubbed it and polished it and filled it with her finest dishes and gadgets. It glistened and sparkled in her living room for a couple of years.

With some difficulty and a little expense, my father found a locksmith who fashioned a lock and key for it.

When visitors inquired about its contents, my mother would carefully unlock the china closet and take

out some of the precious pieces and pass them around. Afterwards, she would put everything away again, lock the door and slip the key into her apron pocket.

In later years, my parents bought new carpeting and new furniture and the antique china closet was taken back to the basement. When I expressed my surprise, she said, "I am tired of taking care of that key in my pocket."

After my father died, my mother became too ill to live alone. My husband and I partitioned our family room into two rooms for her. When she moved in, she had a difficult time choosing what furniture to bring with her and what to give away or sell.



I was so enamored with the china closet that I persuaded her to bring it to our house with the rest of her things.

She had graduated from wearing aprons and now the key was kept in a vase on top.

My mother died three years ago and I inherited this beautiful antique.

About a week after the funeral, my brother and sister visited me and we divided my mother's "show pieces" among us. The china closet was almost bare.

I repolished it and filled with my own treasures. I was so proud to be its new owner! But somehow in the type of turmoil that follows the funeral of your mother, the key to the china closet was lost. No matter. I did not own anything of great value anyway.

About three weeks later, one bright, cold day in January, I sat down in the big chair next to the china closet and gazed at it fondly. Suddenly, the door flew open and I felt a rush of air pass by me. I leaped out of my chair. My heart was pounding and I felt shakey and frightened. I was alone in the house and it was such an unexpected thing to happen.

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Very gingerly, I pushed the door shut and moved across the room to sit on the sofa. The door stayed shut.

As I waited and watched, I pondered deeply. I began to understand many things.

In its some hundred years of history, how many women had polished it and admired it and had been frightened by it, I thought.

How many times had it changed hands and always ended up in some dark basement to be locked away from sight and mind?

No wonder the previous owner of the cottage had told my mother to "keep it".

Doors that open by themselves and rushes of air found only in haunted houses. This was indeed a haunted china closet for I had witnessed the opening and I had felt the air rush by me.

My mother's own mind was filled with stories of ancient Lithuanian spirits and their deeds and wanderings. She knew the ancient prayers and songs to the spirits of her culture. Even though she was a devoted Catholic, she had never completely disassociated herself from ghosts and goblins. How frightened she must have been, I thought.

But she had solved the problem of the ghost in the china closet. She had locked him in and kept the key in her pocket!

Knowing what she must have been thinking, how brave she had been when people were around to open the china closet and reach inside, I thought. I wondered why she had never told me about it.

But then, I am a very hardy soul and too modern and too educated to believe in ghosts. The door is very heavy and the china closet is probably leaning forward, I thought.

I went out to the garage and piced up Joe's big level and then I checked it out. The china closet was sitting absolutely level.

The door did not open itself again that day or even that same month.

One day late in February of that year, I walked into the room to find the door open again. I closed it quietly and sat down again to think.

It reminded me of the first time I found Samantha, our big king snake, sunning herself on the sidewalk by my back door. I was at home alone and had just moved from the city into the country.

My education told me that the snake was harmless and could not hurt me but I could not get myself to go outside.

When my husband got home from work, I told him about this big, black monster and, together, we went out to find her but she was nowhere around.



Later, after I got used to the presence of Samantha's presence (and the presence of her descendents) I was able to find her "home" and it never bothered me to "clear brush" or walk alone in the woods.

But, I must confess, that first day I felt very jittery. The china closet was giving me the same kind of jitters, I thought.

Over the past three years, I have closed that door about a dozen times. Somehow, I always felt silly talking about it and I kept the secret to myself. I did not even tell my husband. I bravely (?) polished it and cleaned it out and often sat next to it. The "ghost" and I lived peacefully together.

Last week I saw a TV show about a haunted house in which a cupboard door mysteriously kept opening itself. The show was very spooky and scary. It got me to thinking seriously about my haunted china closet again.

The thought occurred to me that the china closet had a very inactive ghost. The door opened itself only about three or four times a year. It never opened itself during the summer or at night or on a cloudy day. Unlike most ghosts in stories, it did not like dark nights or thunderstorms. It was addicted to sunlight.

Actually, I didn't really believe in the ghost but the explanation eluded me and it became a puzzle.

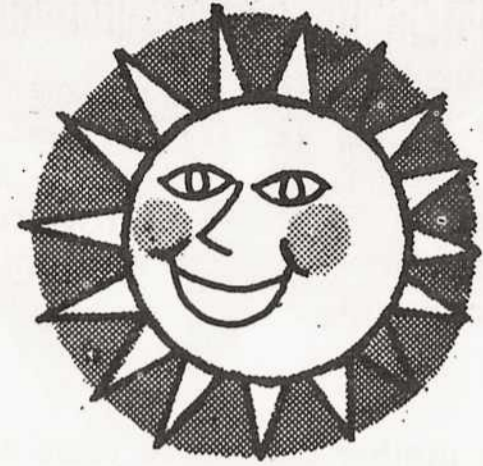
When I walked into the room this morning, the door was open again. But this time, I sat down and solved the puzzle.

My big, heavy, well-built china closet has a mini-climate of its own.

Our family room has electric ceiling heat. During the winter we turn the heat down during the night. Every morning, I open the drapes and turn up the thermostat. In a very short time, the temperature in the room is very warm but the temperature in the china closet is still cold. In the evening, the room cools down quickly but the air in the china closet is "locked in" to a different temperature than that of the room. On those days, the door does not pop open.

Three or four times a winter, we forget to turn down the heat. We wake up to a bright sunny morning and the temperature in the china closet is warm. For a short time, the winter sun shines in through the far corner of the east window directly into the mirror of the china closet. On those days, the door pops open and the heated air rushes out.

In my mother's cottage, the china closet sat in the sunlight a good part of every day in late afternoon. With



all of that glass and mirrors, the air inside must have heated up to the bursting point. Just about dark, it would finally burst open.

Now this may seem like a silly story to tell but I have a friend who thinks his basement is haunted. I thought that, if he read about my experiences, it might help him solve his own enigma.

Come to think of it, I should have known all along that the china closet could not contain a ghost. After all, ghosts never enter a room that contains a mirror. Or do they?



The Autumn Tree

— Vida Gecas

There the lovely Queen stood in
her gown
Of gold, yellow, red and brown

The Prince of Sun did kiss her cheek
And life it seemed was at its peak

Then the Knight of Winter came
And stole the Queen's heart and
put it aflame

The Prince of Sun then did flee
Leaving her alone with her un-
known enemy

But the Knight was very cruel
and harsh
When he left, she was stripped of
her gown and left sparse

Now she stands with her long, ugly
limbs outstretched
Tears flowing from her eyes
leaving them drenched

She mournfully waits for her
fate to end
When Spring will come and she
can smile again

Vida Gecas is president of
C #96 Juniors.

JUNIORS CORNER

C-144 — ANTHRACITE — JUNIORS

The Junior Knights of Minersville now have two groups. Five of us older girls — Madonna Balulis, Susan Balcavage, Theresa Krusnoski, Samantha Ruscavage, and Debbie Vesay — are now known as the "Ruteles." With the help of Tessie Balulis, Ann Sikora, Annie Morgalis, and Bernice Mikatavage we have received our second degrees as Knights.

We have been very busy. We recently had Algis Vitkauskas from Baltimore and Ausra Bagdanavicius from Philadelphia teach us two new dances. Our sincere thanks to them.

We performed at Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park and had a stand at Super Sunday in Minersville. We sold T-shirts with our new slogan. The other Junior Knights participated in a skit. They represented the Lithuanian immigrants coming to Minersville. It was appropriate for Minersville's 150th Anniversary.

Our group had a tragic incident. Theresa Krusnoski, a "Ruteles" member, and her sister, Donna, a Junior Knight, had a severe fire which destroyed their home. We pray that everything will go well for them in their new home.

We are going to make woven straw wreaths for Christmas and hope to again decorate a Lithuanian tree for the school.



The "Ruteles" group are now sophomores in high school. We would like to hear from other Junior Knights our age.

SU DIEV — Madonna

...FROM THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS...



Dear Mr. Walter Svekla and the Knights of Lithuania,

I am taking this opportunity to thank you and the Knights of Lithuania for the scholarship I have received. This award means a great deal to me and I appreciate it, because it will help pay for my studies and gives me added incentive to achieve my goal in life.

My career lies in the medical field where I will be finishing my education in Nursing.

Another goal in my life is to visit Lithuania and my relatives living there.

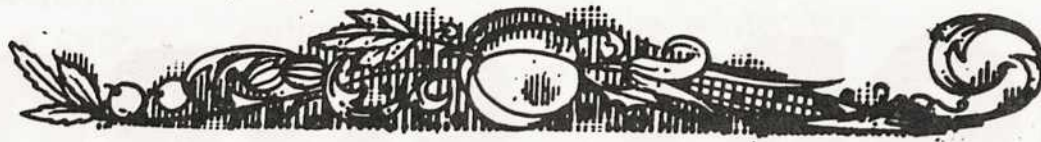
Ačiu labai,
Rita J. Gecas

Dear Fellow Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the committee for finding me worthy of a scholarship. After having the scholarship awarded to me, at the Convention, many people congratulated me and asked me not to forget the Knights of Lithuania. I would like to assure all that I could never forget this great organization that has taught me about my Lithuanian heritage and has opened many new doors for me.

Once again I would like to say "Thank You".

Vytiškai,
Marija Stungurys
Council 110 Regulars



LITHUANIAN *in the* NEWS

BISHOP PAUL C. MARCINKUS, head of the Vatican bank, was elevated to the rank of archbishop and named pro-president of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City state, placing him in full charge of Vatican employees, offices, courts, and museums. As "mayor" or "sovereign" of Vatican City, his only superiors are the Pope and the cardinal secretary of state, who automatically holds the titular presidency of the commission.

The post of pro-president usually carries a red hat, and Vatican observers expect Archbishop Marcinkus be elevated to cardinal at the next consistory, perhaps later this year. Archbishop Marcinkus is the first non-Italian to hold the post. Until the cardinal's biretta is placed on his head, he is expected to continue as president of the bank, officially known as the Institute of Religious Works.

The new archbishop said in a telephone interview with the Chicago Tribune that he had accepted his new post in a spirit of obedience and that he did not yet know all that his new post entailed.

In Chicago John Cardinal Cody called the appointment "renewed evidence of the confidence of the Holy Father in Archbishop Marcinkus' splendid abilities."



PAUL SIKORA, son of Joe and Anne Sikora, members of Anthracite C-144, was the only student to graduate with High Distinction in the Earth Sciences program of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University. He had the top cumulative grade point average of any of the graduates for the Summer 1981 term. Paul graduated on August 29, 1981, with a B.S. Degree in Earth and Mineral Sciences, and a B.A. Degree in History. He was a member of the Newman Club, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Golden Key Society, and Keystone Honor Society. He will attend graduate school in Austin Texas, at The Texas University, to earn his Master's Degree in Paleontology.

Like most immigrants in Chicago, they needed a special place to go when they had a problem — a place where they would be understood despite language barriers; where they could get answers to their many questions; where they could feel someone really cared.

Twenty-one years ago, a Bridgeport priest saw the need of Lithuanians in his community and formed an organization to deal with their problems. Today, the **DAUGHTERS OF LITHUANIA** has more than 700 Chicago members who reach out to their fellow Lithuanians in need. They operate from their headquarters at 2735 W. 71st St. Organization members provide a variety of services to persons of Lithuanian descent, including visiting the sick in institutions, hospitals and homes; helping persons apply for food stamps, circuit breaker taxes or other forms of financial relief; taking care of funeral arrangements; and grocery shopping and housecleaning for those unable to help themselves. The Daughters of Lithuania is a totally self-supporting corporation which raises some \$10,000 annually for the needy. The organization consists of mainly women volunteers, many middle-aged, although a few young women are also active.

In addition to the Chicago headquarters, the corporation has branches in other states and Washington, D.C. The group plans several fund-raising activities throughout the year, including banquets, garage sales and picnics where women prepare and sell homemade Lithuanian foods.

Honorary Member Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, the consul general of Lithuania, member of C-112 Chicago, serves as honorary president of the not-for-profit organization.



ANN JILLIAN, talented actress of Lithuanian heritage, was a guest on the Johnny Carson show the night of September 24th. She gave an exceptionally dynamic singing performance which was well received by the audience. Ann's new TV series "Making a Living" will be shown on Fridays starting in October.



Chicago Southwest News-Herald photo shows Daughters of Lithuania volunteers providing assistance for three Lithuanian gentlemen who have been given shelter by the organization. From left are Jadviga Kolis,

an administrator of the group, Jonas Vaskevicius, Jonas Kukeckis and Bruno Aleksas, residents; Brigita Tamosiunas (standing), fundraiser; and Frances Masionis, a vice president

The Fourth Lithuanian Symposium on Arts and Sciences, sponsored by The Institute of Lithuanian Studies, Inc., Lithuanian American Medical Association, Inc., American Lithuanian Engineers and Architects Association, Inc., and The Lithuanian American Community of the United States, Inc., will be held November 25-28, 1981 in Chicago, Illinois.

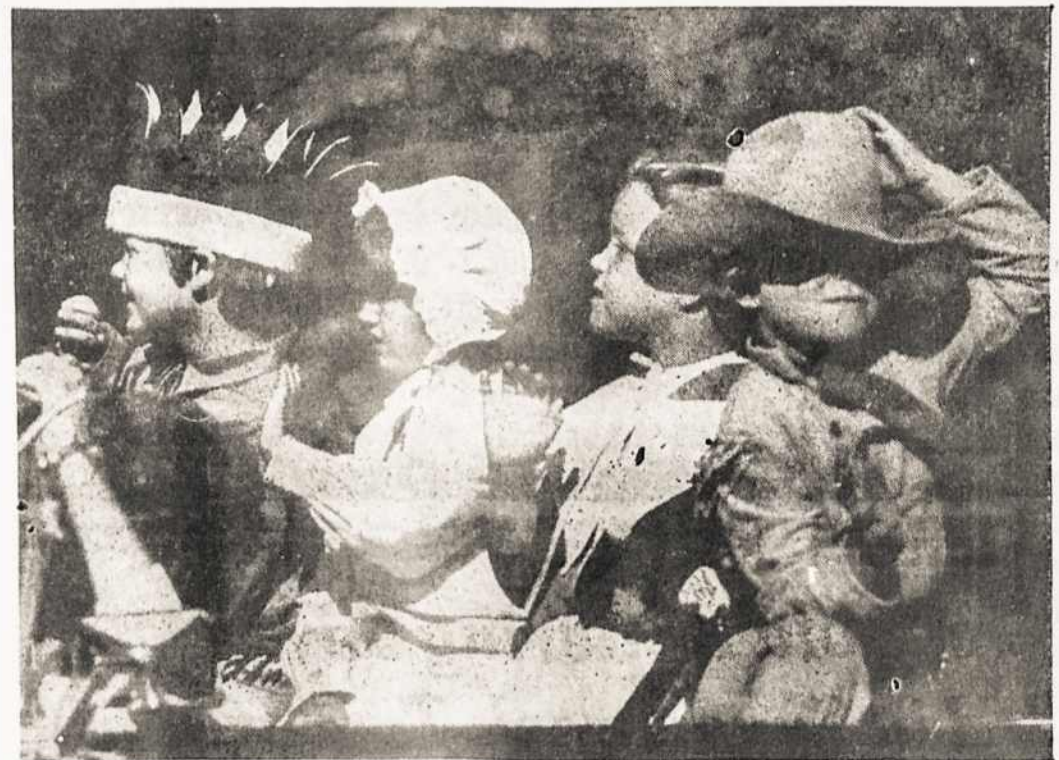
The main objectives of the Symposium is to unite scholars of Lithuanian descent, strengthen their ties with the whole Lithuanian Community, provide a forum for exchanging experience in the areas of common interest, and promote their scholarly and professional activities. The program will consist of invited lectures, paper presentations, and several special events: a pre-Symposium mixer, a concert, and a banquet.

The Symposium will be convening with the memories of the 400th Anniversary of the University of Vilnius still fresh. This anniversary was widely observed because of the great significance of the University of Vilnius in the advancement of science in general and in the cultural development of the Lithuanian nation in particular. By emphasizing the contributions to science and arts by Lithuanian scholars in emigration, the proceedings of the Symposium will be dedicated to this venerable institution of higher learning in the old capital of our nation. The Symposium will cover a wide range of subject areas of science, technology and arts.

Juozas Rimkevicius, Chicago, Ill., is Chairman of the Organizing Committee. The Technical Program Committee consists of the following members: Pranas Zunde, Chairman; Jonas Bilenas, Science, Technology and Architecture; Rimgaudas Nemickas, Medicine; Ina Uzgiriene, Liberal Arts and Humanities; and Leonard J. Simutis (C-112, Chicago), Music and Arts. Leonard is the son of the late Honorary Member Leonardas Simutis, the brother of John and Raymond Simutis, both members of C-36, Chicago, and Ruth Kazlauskas, C-36, "Lithuanians in the News" Editor.

Xenia, Ohio, held its "Old Fashioned Days Festival" in September. The parade featured 115 units, including a number of marching bands, floats, and politicians, and treated thousands of local residents and visitors to a fun-filled Saturday afternoon. Among the parade royalty were 7-year old "Queen" ANNIE BEDROWSKY, and 6-year old "Prince" AARON BEDROWSKY. Annie, who lost her crown to the wind, was dressed as a pilgrim and Aaron was dressed as the Lone Ranger.

Annie and Aaron are the children of Kitty and the late Jerome Bedrowsky, and the grandchildren of Aldona Ryan, "Vytis" Editor.



The royal car in the Xenia, Ohio, Old Fashioned Days parade carries (from left to right) King Craig Falls, Princess Jennifer Wassner, Queen Anne Bedrowsky and Prince Aaron Bedrowsky.



One of the members of the senior dance group of the Zaibas Ensemble takes a break at the Lithuanian Festival in Worcester, MA



The Asbury Park press recently featured an item about BETSY GELENITIS, member of the Metedeconk River Yacht Club, who was named to the honorable mention list of the IYRA 1981 All-America sailing team, the first Tufts University woman sailor to earn that distinction. Betsy led Tufts to a 20-6-3 record this year and a second place finish in the national women's championship. She now lives in California where she recently won the U.S. women's single-handed championship for the second time in four years. Betsy is the daughter of Eleanor Gelenitis, member of C-90, Kearny, N.J., and the late Frank Gelenitis, and is a former C-90 Junior.



There was a Lithuanian Festival at the Galleria in Worcester, Mass., last June which was described by feature writer Jane M. Silks of the "Worcester Magazine." She said that the office of the magazine seems to have more people who are all or part Lithuanian than Lithuania does. Robert Tarutis, staff reporter, is the resident full-blooded Lithuanian, photographer Barry Donahue and typesetter Pat Brown are half Lithuanian, and office manager Cindy Walsh and sales representative Gerry Brophy have Lithuanian blood in their veins. Therefore, their office became strewn with "Lietuva" pennants, "Ski Lithuania" bumper stickers and "Kiss Me, I'm Lithuanian" buttons, which were all being sold at the festival.

So, Jane Silks went to the festival not sure what to expect. She was treated to a feast of Lithuanian delicacies that were irresistible. The most striking part of the festival was the display of unusual crafts — amber that is worked into jewelry in intricate patterns ranging from floral designs to sun symbols to Lithuanian crosses, and wooden carvings that ranged from crosses and shrines to pipes and walking canes. Ten little girls, part of the senior dance group of the Zaibas Ensemble, dressed in colorful handwoven folk costumes, performed Lithuanian folk dances.

Although gaiety and celebration are part of any ethnic festival, there was an underlying current of sobriety and sorrow in this one. Alongside the brightly colored bumper stickers such as "Happiness is Being Lithuanian" or "It's Exciting to be Lithuanian" were "Human Rights in Lithuania" and "Lithuania Wants Freedom." Even during the folk dancing the announcer told the crowd, "These are traditional folk dances that are no longer performed in Lithuania because of the oppression there. It is up to us to see that these traditions do not die and to preserve the Lithuanian culture for the rest of the world to see."

Ms. Silks stated that she was glad she had the opportunity to see the festival, that the Lithuanian culture is definitely a rich one and well worth preserving.



From an item in Maggie Daly's column in the Chicago Tribune, TONY MOCKUS JR., 22, got his Master's Degree in Business from the University of Notre Dame in June, but he is singing and dancing and performing with his father, TONY MOCKUS SR., in "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" at Chicago's Forum Theater. Tony Jr. said: "It's a dream, I thought I'd be 40 before getting such a role. I always wanted to get on stage with my father. The Master's Degree is for security."

Tony Sr. is a fine actor who started his career with a walk-on part in "Mister Roberts," starring Henry Fonda.

SOPHIA DAUKAS, daughter of Chicago Lithuanian Radio fame Aldona Daukas, was recently selected as 1981 Queen of the Chicagoland Dahlia Show which was held at the Ford City Shopping Center in Chicago on September 5th and 6th. The event is sponsored by the Southtown Dahlia Club, which has more than 200 members from five states. In addition to a display of 5,000 dahlias, 36 flower arrangements in baskets were featured. Among 18-year old Sophia's duties was to present dahlia awards to the winners.

Sophia is a 1980 graduate of Maria High School and is presently attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she is studying business law.



Sophia Daukas, Queen of the 1981 Chicagoland Dahlia Show.



Teresa E. Vaitkus

TERESA E. VAITKUS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Vaitkus, Honorary Member, of Vandalia, Ohio, has been accepted into the Master of Fine Arts Program at the School for American Craftsmen, Rochester Institute of Technology. Teresa received her BFA in sculpture and philosophy from Ohio University and was the Assistant Director of Seigfred Gallery while in Athens. At the Institute she plans to study glass sculpture. Her brothers, Mark and Steven, are currently pursuing their doctorates at the University of Michigan and the University of Toronto, respectively. Steven was recently a Visiting Scholar at the University of Bielenfeld, West Germany

The Recorder, Amsterdam, N.Y., recently featured an article about CHRISTINE ZAKARKA, daughter of Edward and Leona Zakarka of Amsterdam, N.Y., who is presently serving a two-year period in the Peace Corps in Africa where she teaches mathematics at the Ipelegeng Secondary School in Lobatse, Botswana. During her arduous training period she spent six hours a day, six days a week learning the Selswana language. She lives at the teachers' quarters at the school with another Peace Corps volunteer and native teachers where there is no electricity or hot water — a far cry from the comforts of her hometown. Christine plans to continue her studies and pursue a master's and doctorate degree in anthropology after her two-year period in the Peace Corps is over. She is the niece of Albert Zakarka, President of C-112, Chicago.



Christine Zakarka

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Dr. Jack J. Stukas, newly-elected Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, urges all members to take part in the important work of this committee. Clippings of newspaper items dealing with Lithuania, with correct names, addresses and dates of the newspapers in which the article appeared should be sent to him directly.

Our concentrated effort in this vital aspect of the work of our organization must be continued. All Lithuanian Affairs correspondence should go to:

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Knights of Lithuania New England District

By TERESA TRAINIS

Members of the New England District Knights of Lithuania and their friends gathered together at the newly dedicated Convent of the sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Putnam, Connecticut for a Retreat week-end on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday (June 26, 27 and 28th). Thereby, implementing the motto of our organization: "For God and Country".

The program was divided into four Conferences and it was conducted in English. At the initial Conference on Friday evening, the Retreat Master, Reverend Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. outlined the theme for the four "Conferences" and spoke on:

"God". There is only one God and to know God is to know that he loves his people. God is most real and near to us in many ways as He is all-knowing and His powers are limitless.

Saturday morning — English Mass — followed by breakfast and the 2nd Conference "Non-God". Adam and Eve turned against God. This weakness, passion and emotion was passed on to all mankind. We must strengthen our weaknesses and control our passions and emotions, otherwise this can be damaging. There remains in this world much unbelief and the Church is sensitive to the fact of atheism and is aware of the various reasons for the alienation of men from God. Many people are non-believers because of pressures of their government policy to atheism. Today, there is a feeling throughout the world that "Sin is not sin anymore"! Those who do not know God are the victims as they are lacking in their attitudes and behavior as they are shutting out God in their consciousness.

Coffee break.



1981 June Retreat Weekend - Knights of Lithuania New England District



Ruth Krecioch, Teresa Trainis, Verna Krzywicki, Agnes Vanyo. 2nd row: John Walaska and Irene Walaska

3rd Conference: "Man God". God is the life of the world in many different ways and Christ is the teacher of life which leads to conversion. There are many kinds of conversion and it is not to be considered a once in a lifetime affair. It can come from nothing or something to religion, as conversion is related to faith. It can come from sin to grace; from grace to higher grace. It comes from within.

As all Lithuanians know, it is our heritage to "urge" their friends and guests to "eat more and to drink more". Father told the story of the Lithuanian Highlander (Aukstaitis) who went to visit his relatives in the Lowlands (Zemataitis). When he returned home, his family asked about the visit. He was non-committal and said that the visit was so-so. When further asked, he admitted that the relatives had prepared for his visit and had an abundance of everything for him, but they did not urge him to eat more, did not urge him to drink more, did not urge him to stay another day — so-so.

Do we need to be urged to get closer to God?

We adjourned for a Lithuanian noontime dinner, and for rest and relaxation until the last afternoon Conference. As this was a "first" visit to this Lithuanian Convent, some of the retreat members took this opportunity to visit the grounds and to see: The Stations of the Cross, the Shrine of our Lady of Fatima; and to visit the Lithuanian cemetery. Teresa Trainis gave a tour of the Mindaugas castle being reproduced by Reverend Stays Yla; and Larry Svelnis, Chairman of the Knights of Lithuania Archives, gave a guided tour of the ALKA museum.



1st row: Sr. Margaret, ICC; Larry Svelnis C-17, Teresa Trainis, C-14; Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, OP, Retreat Master. 2nd row: Mrs. Evelyn Conley, Irene Walaska, Mrs. Josephine Miskins, Helen Chesko C-144, John Walaska C-103 also Treasurer, New England District. 3rd row: Ruth Krecioch, 1st VP New England District, Gene Krecioch, C-103, Verna Krzywicki and Agnes Vanyo.

4th Conference — Sister Ann Mikaila, I.C.C. was the Leader for this Conference and it was an extension of the previous session. She reminded us that in the month of June we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus and also the Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Heart is the center where all decisions are made. Holiness attracts the human heart and when goodness touches the sinful man, he is struck by awe and fear. In this world God acts freely in the hearts of man and faith is a gift from God. Faith is a recommitment to God — a conversion. This can be considered also as an encounter — a person making the first step toward Jesus. Today, we are living in a pagan environment as life is full of idols, astrology, atheism, money, etc. Our lives need to be turned over to God. A false God is on your back, but true God carries you. We must exercise the power to forgive as we think of Jesus on the Cross. We must first begin to forgive ourselves and then to make an "Act of Will" to forgive all the people we come in contact with in our daily lives. We adjourned for a Lithuanian supper.

Although our time had been spent with spiritual and inspirational messages, our Saturday evening had its lighter side of the week-end. We were introduced to Lithuanians living in another continent. Sister Superior, Sister Margaret, I.C.C. gave a presentation of her trip, visiting Lithuanians in Australia, through colorful slides. We were treated to a bottle of wine by John Walaska, which made this evening a social event.

Our group met informally outdoors in the beautiful sunshine after the Sunday Lithuanian Mass to discuss the events of the week-end; to exchange thoughts and ideas on the up-coming National Knights of Lithuania Convention and just to enjoy the company not only of our immediate group but also of the other guests and residents of the Convent.

After a bountiful Lithuanian Sunday dinner we left in different directions. We really did not say good-bye only, until we meet again, "iki pasimatymo!".

1981 m. rugpiūčio mėn. 30 d.

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Lietuviai savo tvirtu prisirišimu prie religijos ir Dievo, pilnai jau užsitarnavę kito šventojo, kuris, šalia šv. Kazimiero, būtų mūsų tautos antras ir tautiniai nedalomas šventasis. Šių modernių laikų lietuvių tautos šventasis būtų neišmatuojamos Dievo dovanos suteikimas, ne vien mums, bet ir visam pasauliui, nes jis 'gerai pažinojo materialistinį komunizmą savo vyskupavimo laikais Vilniuje.

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Partuošus tokius laiškus ir surinkus kiek galima daugiau parašų po jais, juos pršome siųsti šv. Tėvui dar šiais metais oro paštu.

Taigi, gerbiami Klebonai ir Pirmininkai, pasistenkime įvykdyti tautos ir Dievo valią pagreitinant Dievo Tarno arkivyskupo Jurgio Matulaičio kanonizacinę eigą. Visa lietuvių tauta laukia ir tikisi to iš mūsų. Neapvilkite jos. Belskime ir bus atidaryta. Prašykime ir bus mums duota.

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TO THE EDITOR: VĒL PASIGEDOME MŪSŲ JUOZO

Nors seimas buvo skaitlingas, daugelis seimo dalyvių jautėme, kad trūksta visos eilės mūsų buvusių kolegų. Trūksta dar taip neseniai su mumis bendravusio, to didžiojo Clevelandiečio, a.a. Juozo Sadausko.

Viename savo laiške, po 1977 m. seimo, jis vadina 64-jį seimą vieną iš parinktinausių. Jis prisipažįsta dalyvavęs net 33-se Lietuvos Vyčių seimuose, „bet paskutinis seimas man geriausiai patiko dėl jojo tvarkos ir viso pravedimo.“

Tame laiške jis taip pat prisimena apie savo teatrinę veiklą. „Pats esu suvaidinęs,“ jis rašo, „apie šimtą įvairiausių veikalų, kurių tarpe ir iš Lietuvos istorijos: Keistutis, Keistučio mirtis, Kauno išgriovimas pilies, Vytautas pančiuose; taip pat Piloto duktė ir kitus didelius ir mažesnius veikalus bei komedijas. Istoriniams veikalams mes nuomavome metalinius kostiumu. Veikalą „Vienas iš mūsų turime apsisvesti“ suvadinome net septynis kartus ir vis žmonių prieidavo jį pamatyti . . . Kai buvau jaunas, tai didžiausias roles buvo lengva išmokti kaip niekas.“

We get letters...



Garbės narys Juozas Sadauskas

Gimė Lietuvoj. Atvykęs į JAV ir įsikūręs Cleveland, Ohio, įsijungė į vyčių veikimą. Buvo 25-to skyriaus pirmininkas, vicepirmininkas, išdininkas ir narys įvairių komisijų, taip pat daugelį metų pirmininkavo skyriaus chorui. Nuo 1922 m. skyriaus teatro režisierius. Vyčiams jaunamečiams lituanistikos kursų įsteigėjas ir mokytojas lietuvių kalbos bei Lietuvos istorijos. Ohio, Michigan ir vak. Pennsylvania valstybių apskrities organizatorius, „Vyčio“ ir kitų katalikiškų laikraščių bendradarbis jaunimo temomis.

Iki paskutinių savo dienų, jam rūpėjo pasidalinti su lietuvių visuomene žiniomis apie vyčius ir ypač apie jam artimą Clevelando koloniją. Ir savo laiške neapsieina ne pridėjęs paraginimo: „Kaip būtų gerai, kad į „Vytį“ parašytumėt lietuviškai apie Lietuvos Vyčių bėgamuosius reikalus. Pats bandau kiek parašinėti į „Draugą.“ Man didžiausias vargas yra, kad mano ranka kiek dreba kai rašau. Turiu

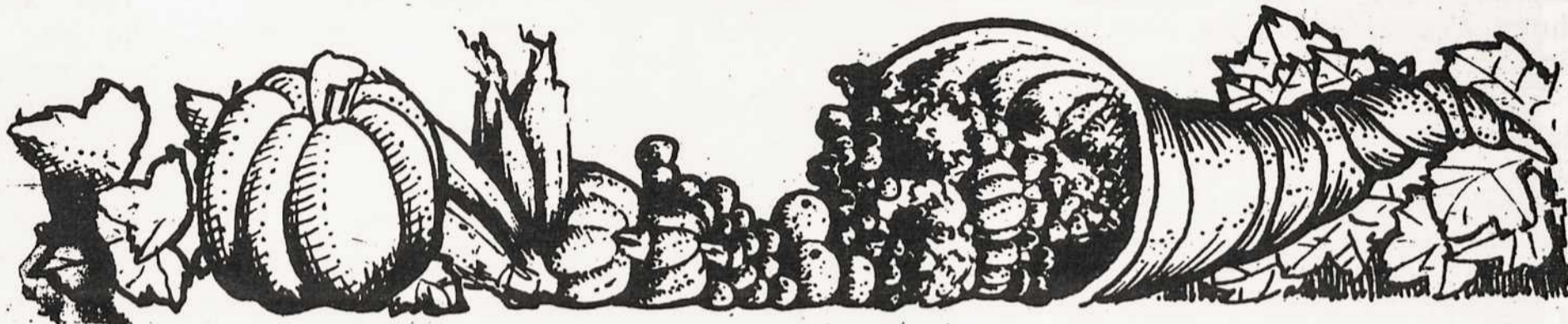
kiek iligau rašyti, koeli apsiramina mano ranka.“

Likę be Juozo, mes tik klausiamo viens kito, ar atsiras tokių, kurių ranka dar nedreba, bet su vytiška dvasia paseks Juozo pavyzdį ir parašys į „Vytį“ lietuviškai? O, brangus Juozai, kaip giliai mes tavęs pasigendame.

Vytiškai,
Joseph Boley

Vyčiai Veikia

Council Activities



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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-7 — WATERBURY, CT

The big event of the summer, Our Family Parish outing is over; and to quote most of the workers, "We're glad it's over." In spite of all the hard work and aggravation, everyone gained a certain satisfaction. Our goal was reached, a substantial amount of money was realized, and it will be used to help defray some of our parish expenses.

Jerri and Danny Kimikevich, co-chairmen, who have chaired this event for the third year, deserve a lot of credit for taking on this enormous job and making a success of it. Our co-chairmen are exceedingly grateful to all who were involved. Thanks to the ticket committee for pushing the admission tickets and getting such a large attendance, the food committee for preparing and serving the food (this includes the short order cooks who braved the smoke and heat), the traffic control

for an excellent job of parking cars, the raffle committee for selling tickets which was responsible for a good deal of the profit. We can't forget all the good people who donated so generously, our bartenders, soft drink servers, and the transportation committee for delivering all the essentials to the picnic area in borrowed trucks. Of course, we cannot forget the cleanup gang and all others who helped in some way to make this affair the great success it was. Cooperation is the final answer to any successful project.

Soon our fall meetings will commence, and we will be straining our ears to hear about the exciting places members visited this summer and their plans for their next adventure. I believe our tour director, Ed White, has some interesting plans for this year.

Al and Natalie Crochet have married off their second daughter Susan. Don't fret, you single guys, there's two more left and a son for the gals. Our best wishes to Susan and Warren Smith for a long and happy marriage.

Walter and Doris Blinstrubas also married off a third daughter Nancy to Daniel Spinazzola in June. Our best wishes to Nancy and Danny.

Our deepest sympathy to Dr. William Shukaitis on the loss of his beloved wife Doris. She will be greatly missed by her many friends. May she have a peaceful rest.

We are happy to see Jimmie Danauskas doing so well after his serious illness this summer. Jimmie is one of our long-time members.

Congratulations to Joe and Helen Blinstrubas! They welcomed their sixth grandchild, a sweet baby girl, on August 24.

We hope to tell you more about what is happening in our council in the next issue of Vytis. Till then, be patient and a fond farewell.

FLASH AND ESTELLE

C-10 — ATHOL GARDNER

Our Annual Summer Outing was held on July 19 at the home of Frank Anoris on White's Pond. The day was just gorgeous, and we enjoyed all the activities. We were happy that Bea and Richard Marsh, Joe Pinkus, Joseph Radski and several Athol girls came to our outing. F. Stepic related his experiences in Lithuania in June. Thank you, Frank! You were an excellent host.

Mary Gauronsky and Pauline Radski were hospitalized recently and are recuperating at home. We all wish you well.

Condolences are extended to Pauline Radski and family on the untimely death of her brother, Anthony Wesockes of Athol. May he find peace in his heavenly home.

The Wisnaukases enjoyed four days in our Nation's Capitol. They also report receiving letters from Poland asking for parcels of food and everyday necessities.

Al Radski's father retired in June at age 86 after many years of devoted service at the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital in Gardner. We wish him a long and healthy retirement.

Father Steponaitis visited Lithuania in June and had a rough time going through Russian customs.

The Genaitises, Lennie Davidonis and Clara Zetkousky were seen at Lithuanian picnics sponsored by the religious communities this summer.

Charles and Blanche Genaitis attended the Supreme Council Convention in Scranton as delegates from NED and C-10, respectively.

In closing — a thought for the month — at this Thanksgiving time, let us all give thanks and praise the Lord for the abundance bestowed on us in the USA, God's chosen land!

VINCUKAS

C-103 — PROVIDENCE, RI

Our K of L meeting was held on July 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gervelis where a pot luck supper was shared by all members. Father Cukuras and Father Jurgelaitis said the opening and closing prayers of the meeting. Many thanks to our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. John Gervelis.

Our Cultural Chairperson, Ann LaButti, wrote an article on Lithuanian venerated animals and objects. Francis Kapiskas read it.



Teresa Trainis, C-141 Bridgeport receives Catholic Charities Award for developing Volunteers Program from the Most Rev. Walter W. Curtis, S.J. Bishop of Bridgeport

Delegates and alternates to the K of L National Convention were selected. Our official delegates were Council President William Piacentini, Ruth Krecioch, Father Jurgelaitis, Betty Ciuryla, and John Jacknevich. Alternates were Joseph Waitonis and Sophia Sakalys. Two of our delegates accepted responsibilities on the Supreme Council. William Piacentini was elected Chairman of the K of L National Scholarship Fund and Father Jurgelaitis continues as Spiritual Advisor. Due to illness, John Stoskus was unable to receive Honorary Membership in person, but NED was granted permission to present it to him at a future solemn district meeting.

We look forward to our K of L Lithuanian Class to resume at Providence College. After the "Graduation" last June, many more members are interested.

Let's not forget our convention motto: "Dieve, Laimink Musu Teyne."

HELEN DENISEWICH



CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.-C-133

Metinis Lietuvos Vyciu susirinkimas ivyko liepos 12 d. Petro ir Onos Barkausku rezidencijoje North Hollywoode. Susirinkima pradejo pirm. J. Kiskis ir pakviete sekretore S. Zukauskiene perskaityti protokola.

Buvo diskutuoti nariu pakelimo i aukstesnius laipsnius ir dalis nariu uzpilde reikiamus pareiskimus. Nutarta daryti darbiau susirinkimus, bent kas trys menesiai. Sekantis susirinkimas numatyta susaukti rugsejo 19 d. S. Zukauskienes patalpose, 3167 Rowena Ave., L. A. (pries pat Sv. Kazimiero baznycia). Buvo pasiulyta tada padaryti Bingo zaidimus.

I naują valdyba isrinkti: pirm. — J. Kiskis, vicep. — Ed. Bartkus, izd. — Leo Oksas, finansu sekr. — A. Skirius, nairu — P. Barkauskas.

Seimininkai Barkauskai visus pavaisino uzkandziais, kavute, pyragaiciais ir saltais gerimais.

Po L. Vyciu susirinkimo Barkausku rezidencijoje buvo atzymeta Juliaus ir Marytes Kiskiu 40 metu vedybine sukaktis.

Jie vede 1941 m. Worcester, Mass. Sv. Kazimiero baznycioje. Abu buvo vyciai ir iki siol per 40 metu tebera tos organizacijos nariais. Los Angeleje M. Kiskiene keleta metu buov sekretore, o Julius ejo ivairias pareigas ir dabar apie 10 m. yra 133 Sr. kuopos pirmininku.

Buvo iteiktos Kiskiams dovanos ir paliketa dar daug metu laimingo gyvenimo.



MCD Convention and Pilgrimage Benedict Radzavick, Pete Luiza, Chris Mantz, Father Gediminas Kijauskas, Gene Kunsitis



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Mid-Central District Fall Convention and Pilgrimage was held on September 26 and 27 in Cleveland. Peter Luiza (C-25), president, opened the convention at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 26, at the Holiday Inn. All MCD councils were well represented. Secretary Benedict Radzavich (C-86) read the minutes. According to each representative's report, all councils are eagerly working to achieve their goals — "Dievui ir Teyne" and also to promote Lithuanianism.



MCD Delegates march into Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

The following officers were elected for 1982: Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, SJ (C-25), Spiritual Advisor; Tom Bruzga (C-86), President; Christina Mantz (C-96), First Vice President; Sophie Zager (C-79), Second Vice President; Mary Trainy (Cleveland Seniors), Third Vice President; Benedict Rad-

zavich (C-86), Recording Secretary; Frank Zager (C-79), Trustee; Andrew Rozger (C-19), Sergeant-at-arms; Stefanija Rastikis (C-96), Lithuanian Affairs; Sally Miller (C-96), Cultural Chairman; Nellie Arunski (C-25), Ritual Chairman; Vincent Grazulis (C-25), Public Relations.



Father Kijauskas presents Fourth Degree Awards



Sunday Dinner at Gintaras Restaurant

The evening festivities were held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall. Through the efforts of Rev. Kijauskas and Ursula Kunsitis (C-25 Secretary), there was an exhibit of Lithuanian Culture. This was set up by Geen Popeliene of Brooklyn. The variety of wood car-

vings, jewelry, linens, paintings, etc., was very impressive. The delegates gathered in the upper church hall for a merry get-together. Movies of council activities of past years were seen by the Knights. A beautiful buffet was set up by the committee of C-25.

On Sunday morning, we gathered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to make a formal entrance into the church for 10 a.m. mass. Fr. Kijauskas officiated at mass. Knights of Lithuania Fourth Degrees were awarded to the following members: Alvina Luiza, Adele Svet, Council 25; Eleanor Mantz, Christine Mantz, Mary Ann Blum, Elinor Sluzas, Council 96; Ignas Visockas, Cleveland Seniors. Kazimera Petkunas, Cleveland Seniors President, was with the recipients to have her third degree badge blessed. Fr. Kijauskas gave an inspiring talk on the goals of the Knights of Lithuania. The church services ended with the singing of Vyčiu Hymnas.

The delegates then proceeded to Gintaras Restaurant at the Lithuanian Village. A banquet was served through the efforts of Vyto Balas (C-25). All feasted on good Lithuanian cooking. Past president Peter Luiza introduced the new MCD officers. Nellie Arunski, MCD Ritual Chairman, presented the fourth degree certificates.

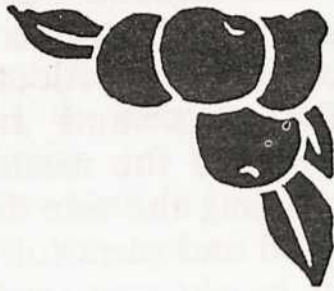
At 2 p.m. the convention delegates assembled at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Euclid, Ohio, to complete our convention and fall pilgrimage. In the beautiful chapel. Fr. Kijauskas officiated at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. During the ceremony a seven-day vigil candle was lighted in memory of all deceased members of each council. As Tom Bruzga, president, recited the names of the deceased, a council delegate carried the lighted candle to the altar.

The ceremony concluded with the installation of MCD officers, who pledged to work whole-heartedly for God and country and to promote Lithuanianism. The convention ended on a high note with a renewed spirit.

The next Mid-Central District Fall Convention and Pilgrimage will be announced in a future issue of Vytis.

VINCAS GRAZULIS (C-25)

MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT



C-79 — SOUTHFIELD, MI

Too quickly comes the end of our precious summer days. In the sweltering humidity of August, the anticipation of fall and winter becomes sweet.

A scene that is kept "sweet" is our Annual Family Picnic held on August 1 in the Divine Providence Grove. Crystal blue skies and soft summer breezes wafted the scent of food across the grounds. Various games and activities kept the 79ers busy and thirsty, leading them to the refreshment stand.

Labai ačiu to Chairman Joe Yakstys, his lovely wife Jeanne, and their great committee. Something of everything was at the "Wishing Well," sponsored by C-79, during the Parish's Annual Bazaar. Chairman Frank Zager and his reliable crew of Yakstys, Nashlon, Smailis, Keller, S. Zager, M. Hopp, and R. Danielak were among the craftspeople who did a sterling job of collecting items. There were paintings, handmade crafts, wares and other functional items.

The Amber Ball, a presentation of twelve debutantes, was held on June 6. Vida Ann Gogelis, daughter of Estelle and Kazys Gogelis, was among those presented. This traditional event with Lithuanian setting was held at Divine Providence Cultural Center under the sponsorship of "Tevu Komitetas." Congratulations to Vida!

Lots of handshakes, many hugs, some tears and fifty years of memories greeted Sister Mary Alverna Walls on her Golden Jubilee at a get-together following a Mass of Thanksgiving on August 2 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.



Magie Smailis and Marge Nashlon manning the 79ers "Wishing Well"



Chairman Frank Zager and Joseph Yakstys at the "Wishing Well" game sponsored by C-79 at the Divine Providence Parish Bazaar.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dillon and family, relatives of our late member Bolis Walls, hosted the reception filled with nostalgia and surprises.

Frank Zager met a long-time St. George's member, M. Urbon, who showed some snapshots of President Reagan enjoying a visit on Mary's front porch during a campaign stop in Hamtramck, Michigan.

Pastor K. MacKinnan of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church recounted Sister Alverna's years of administering to the spiritual needs of the people and thanked her for her dedicated commitment to the religious life of St. Francis. May God grant her more years and our congratulations.

Belated congratulations to Eleanore Mickey whose daughter and son-in-law presented her with her first grandchild, Marissa, on April 2.

"Širdinga aciū" to Stella Bulota, Sophie Zager, Bertha Janus and Julia Medinis for providing members with some grand socials following K of L meetings.

A "woman of worth" — that's what she was. And her end came August 11. That person was Julia Medinis, a dedicated K of L member, past president of Chapter 54 and past national president of Moteru Sajunga.

The K of L convention is over but memories linger. Maggie Smailis represented the Mid-Central District. She served on the Nominating Committee and was elected to the Supreme Council Ritual Committee. In her report at our September meeting, she presented a sterling account of the warm friendship, super business sessions, good Lithuanian food and socials, prominent clergy participation, and comfortable living quarters at the University of Scranton. Chip Newberry, her grandson, represented C-79 and participated in the junior activities.

Al Kurpowic, a bowler and active member of sister Council 139, passed away in May, two weeks after the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Our sympathy to the Kurpowic family. May the Lord grant Al eternal peace.

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C-96 — DAYTON

This will be a "catch up" column for C-96.

On July 12 we went to Lake St. Mary's to spend the day at the Lithuanian Anglers Cottage. The weather was great and the turn out good. Thanks go to Kitty Prasman-tas who prepared the meats which were delicious and plentiful. The many side dishes were prepared by

the women of the council. No one went home hungry. A co-worker of George Mikalauskas took us out for boat rides. On one trip music filled the air and waterways when Cecelia Lisankis Yankus played her accordion. It was a fun day.

Our Second Family Picnic took place on September 13 at the home of Joe and Aldona Ryan. Judy Petrokas and her committee prepared the meats with members bringing the side dishes. Food was good and plentiful. The day began



C-96 Picnic at the Ryans

Photos by Joe Ryan



with members attending 8:30 a.m. mass in a body, paying homage to the living and deceased members of C-96. After mass, we went to HM Mary Lucas' home for a light breakfast. Then, we went to Calvary Cemetery where we visited the deceased. As flowers were placed at each grave, Elinor Sluzas, Religious Chairman, shared thoughts of each member before we offered prayers. This is a special time our council sets aside each year to remember our deceased members. Participation by members, regular and juniors, was good. Sergeant-at-arms Joe E. Mantz led the group with the Pilgrimage Cross which George Mikalauskas hand crafted and donated to the council.

Fran Petkus was the only member from C-96 to attend the national convention as a delegate. Aldona Ryan represented the MCD and Joe Ryan was photographer. They came back with nothing but praise for the convention committee. The Scranton, Pittston and Forest City Councils did a good job. Congratulations to Aldona Ryan who was named Vytis Editor. It will be a job well done as Aldona is knowledgeable in the field of journalism. Fran Petkus was elected to the chairmanship of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid.

Twenty-one members of C-96 attended the MCD Fall Convention and Pilgrimage in Cleveland on September 26 and 27. We thank our dear friends of C-25 for a great weekend. Congratulations go to Chris Mantz, maintaining the position of First Vice President, Sally Miller as Cultural Chairman, Stefanija Rastikis remaining as Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. Stefanija gave an excellent report at the session. If all of us would do something about Stefanija's appeal, there would be hundreds of letters written. Congratulations go to four of our members who were presented their Fourth Degree Medals — Mary Ann Blum, Christine Mantz, Eleanor Mantz and Elinor Sluzas.

We thank Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas, MCD Spiritual Advisor, for the inspiring homilies he gave at mass and at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. Father's warmth projected to all of us during the pilgrimage. After Benediction, candles were lighted and the names of each deceased member in the district were read by newly-elected MCD President Tom Bruzga. We of C-96 were saddened when we learned of the loss of Alex Kurpowic, C-139,



*Patti Highfill, Wing Radio Director,
and H. M. Mary Lucas*



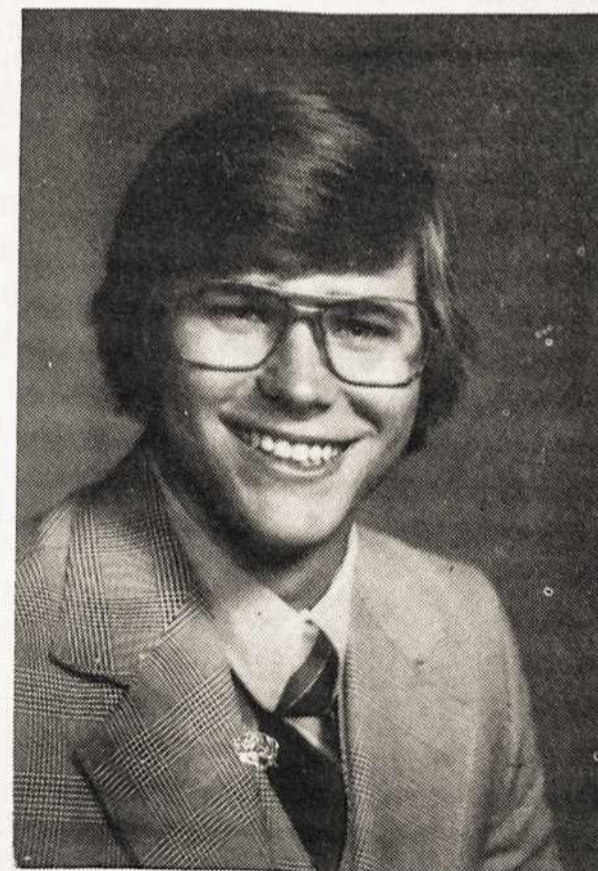
*H. M. Mary Lucas Ada Sinkwitz
Elaine Pacovsky, Kitty Prasmantas*

Detroit. To Alvina, her children, Alex's brother Joe, family and friends, Dayton extends its deepest sympathy. Alex, we know you are at peace with our dear Lord.

Sympathies are also extended to Paulette, John and Charles Petkus, Eleanor Mantz, family and friends of Peter Petkus. Pet's loss will be felt by his wife, son, brother, sister and family. Pete was a member of the council for well over 30 years. Prior to moving to Florida, Pete was very active in the council on many money-making projects and sports activities. God keep you in His care!

We can't thank Social Chairman Judy Petrokas and her committee enough for the terrific social they held recently. The theme was "A Royal Wedding". The food was delicious and plentiful. The dinner was topped off with a royal wedding torte — scrumptious."

Congratulation to Joe Mantz on his graduation from Carroll High School. Joe is continuing his studies at Sinclair Community College. We also congratulate Rita Gecas upon being awarded a K of L Scholarship at the national convention in Scranton.



Joe Mantz, Jr.

Congratulations to Cecelia Lisankis on her marriage to Lewis Yankus. Many happy years ahead for both of you. Congratulations to Diane Kavalauskas on her engagement to Ken McGill.

Congratulations to HM Mary Lucas and her committee, Ada Sinkwitz, Kitty Prasmantas and Elaine Pacovsky, for the successful Community Club Awards project. Our council received her first place in the category of Small Clubs.

Continue to keep our Holy Father, John Paul II, in your prayers.

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C-102 — DETROIT, MI

Our meetings for the summer closed with a session at the home of President Gražina Vaškėlis, Maryanne Guerriero reported on the district meeting and the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Du Bois. Grazina and her sister Vytalia, hosted a lovely barbecue.

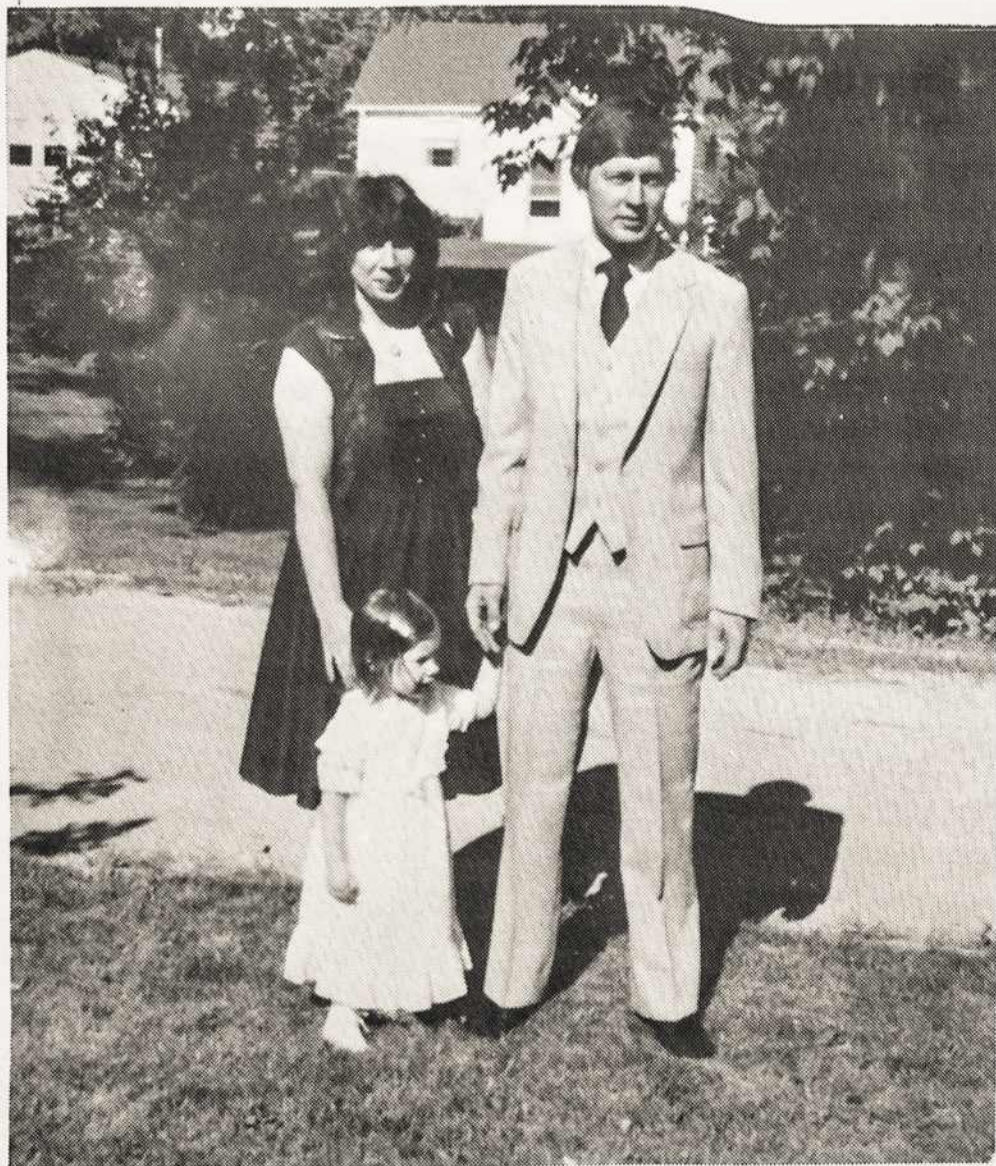
The social meeting of the year was not only in England, but here! Joe and Maryanne Guerriero's handsome son, Joe Junior, took beautiful Karen Cummings as his bride on June 27. Out-of-town Knights attending the gala affair were Frank and Isabel Peterson, Maryanne's brother and wife. Frank and Isabel joined a Connecticut council. Frank is a past president of C-102 and former Supreme Council officer. From the Syracuse Council, David Peterson, Maryanne's nephew, his wife Holly and daughter Krissy attended.

After the wedding, Evelyn Galinas vacationed in Florida for two weeks. Gena and Gus Baibak toured Omega County in Northern Michigan by train. This country is especially beautiful in fall when the leaves change colors.

Ann Uznis, our long-lost member, returned to our fold after spending the winter in the Kay Key Island of the Bahamas. Nice to have you back, Ann, we missed you.



Maryanne and Joe Guerriero with son Joe, Jr., and his bride Karen



Holly, David and Krissy Peterson of the Syracuse Council at the Guerriero wedding.



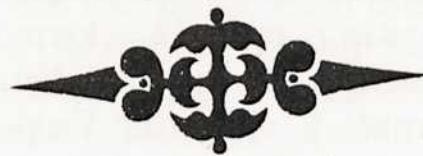
C-102 Knights at Joe, Jr., wedding from left to right Ann and Wally Lniski, Bob Boris, Ann Uznis, Frank and Donna Bunikis, Ray and Terry Medonis

Our bowling league was saddened by the passing of Alex Kurpovic of C-139. Alex and Albina spent a beautiful weekend with their daughters at the Mid-West Bowling Tournament where he won a prize for his great bowling. Our deepest sympathy to Albina and her family. May his soul rest in peace.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Council 112, Chicago, on the passing of their member, Eddie Krivickas. Eddie was a happy and joyful visitor to Council 102, and we will miss his happy personality. May Eddie's soul rest in peace.

With the bowling season in full swing, we hope to see you all on the alleys.

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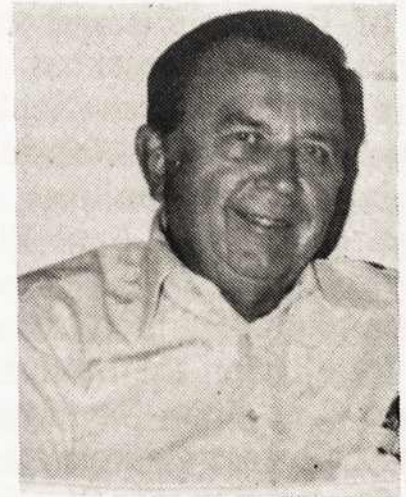
ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

After many years of effort on the part of several members of the IID, Council 38 of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was reorganized. The current president is Theresa Balciunas, formerly Theresa Fedorovic of Council 36. A big welcome to the IID to all the new members.

Father John Savukynas was one of the principal organizers, along with Kazys Laukaitis of the Combined Lithuanian Organizations Committee and Saulius Kuprys of the LRCF, in organizing the protest rally at the Dirkson Federal Building and the prayer vigil and mass held at Our Lady of Vilna Parish for Vytautas Skuodis (Benedict Scott), who was born in Chicago and baptized at the OLV Church.

COUNCIL 139 Detroit, Mich.

Alex Kurpovic was a true Lithuanian. He was born in the United States but he loved everything about Lithuania and the Lithuanians. He was very active and he supported his council in all of their activities. He attended the Mid Central District Pilgrimage and the Midwest Bowling Tournament from the first year that he joined the Knights. He has made many friends in DuBois, Cleveland Pittsburgh and Dayton. The members of C-139 are saddened by his loss.



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Congratulations to C-14 member Joseph F. Gribauskas and the Board of St. Anthony Savings (supporters of K of L and VYTIS) on the opening of a branch office in Willowbrook. Many K of L members and other Lithuanians were seen at the various "grand opening" festivities.

K of L members continue to participate in the activities of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, the 15th Anniversary Banquet honoring Stanley Balzekas Sr., and the family picnic held at Stone Crest Manor, New Buffalo, Michigan. Del Zunas of C-112 and Frank Zapolis, C-36, are prominent members of the museum.

K of L colors and members were present at the Annual Darius-Girenas Monument Day commemoration.

As usual, our own Algerd Brazis, Chairman of the Board of IID, gave an outstanding performance in the Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago's presentation of "I Lithuani." Many out-of-town K of L members, the Rev. V. Krisciunevicius and Robert Boris of Detroit, attended along with a large representation of local K of L members.

The 68th National Convention is now a memory and a most pleasant one of Eastern Pennsylvania. The district was represented by Ann Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus, who served on the Mandate and Nominating Committees, respectively; along with Paul Binkis Jr. who served on the Resolutions Committee; Sabina Klatt and Bernice Pupinik on the Mandate Committee; Rev. John Savukynas, HM Adele Gabalas, Georgianne Kassel, Paul Strolia, Thomas Strolia, Wally Tenclinger. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality of Councils 46, 74 and 143 and the planned activities. Our

congratulations to the following members who were elected to national office: Ann Marie Kassel, Financial Secretary; Paul Binkis Jr., Trustee; Irene Sankus, Public Relations and Rev. John Savukynas, Scholarship Committee. A special note of congratulations to a former Chicagoan — Loretta Kassel Stukas — on her election to the office of National President. We wish all of the officers a successful term of office.

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IŠKILMINGA SUKAKTIS CHICAGOJE

Prieš penkias dešimtis metų ką tik įšventintas jaunas kunigas Vaclovas Zakarauskas buvo paskirtas Kauno bazilikos vikaru. Per radiją girdėdavo žmonės jo gražius pamokslus. Paskui buvo kapelionu ir mokytoju Kauno Aušros mergaičių ir berniukų gimnazijose.

Užplūdo Lietuvą komunistai, 1944-tais metais kun. V. Zakarauskas kartu su kitais lietuviais pasitraukė į vakarus. Vokietijoje buvo kapelionu Augsburgs gimnazijoje ir technikos mokykloje. 1948 metais buvo pakeltas į garbės kanauninkus.

1950-tais metais atvyksta į Chicago. Sustojo lietuviškoje šv. Mergelės Marijos Gimimo parapijoje, kur ir dabar tebeina vikaro pareigas. Gražūs yra jo pamokslai, kaip ir anais nepriklausomybės laikais. Jau daug metų yra 112-tos vyčių kuopos dvasios vasu. Parašė keletą religinių knygelių ir dalyvauja periodinėje spaudoje.

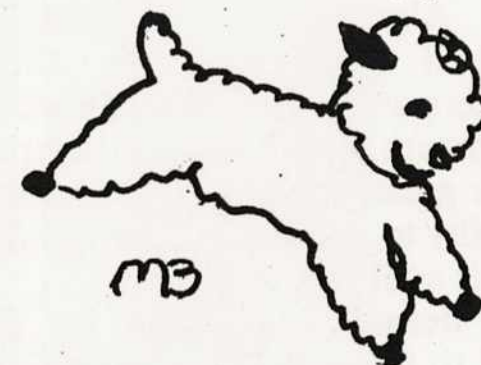
Buvo surengtas kan. V. Zakarausko kunigystės 50 metų jubiliejaus minėjimas. Rengimo komiteto pirmininku buvo 112-tos vyčių kuopos narys dabar jau mirs a.a. dr. Zenonans Danilevičius.

Komiteto garbės pirmininku buvo Illinois-Indiana apygardos dvasios vadas kun. Antanas Zakarauskas. Komitetą sudarė 14-kos organizacijų atstovai.

Iškilmės prasidėjo šv. Mergelės Marijos Gimimo bažnyčioje, kur jubilias atnašavo iškilmingas mišias, asistuojant aštuoniems kunigams. Mišių metu giedojo parapijos choras ir solistai. Po mišių, parapijos salėje įvyko minėjimo akademija ir banketas. Vyskupas V. Brizgys sukalbėjo invocaciją, Svečiai kėlė šampano taures, tauriam lietuviui ir garbingam kunigui linkėdami ilgiausių metų, kad dar ilgai galėtų eiti Aukščiausia jam skirtas pareigas. - būti religinės ir tautinės sąžinės balsu,

Buvo meninė programa, kurią atliko parapijos choro solistai: A. Underienė, D. Varaneckienė ir J. Burgess. Buvo sveikinimai žodžiu ir raštu. Vyčiai įtvikė savo dvasios vadui dovaną. Dovanas įteikė ir kitos organizacijos. Jubilias dėkojo visiems už dovanas ir linkėjimus, ir už tų iškilmių suorganizavimą.

E. Pakalniškienė



C-112 — CHICAGO

Our June business meeting was highlighted by Father Tony Markus as the after-meeting speaker. Father Tony spoke on St. Casimir and the dedication of the new statue of St. Casimir for our home parish, Nativity BVM. The statue was donated by Mary Banky in memory of her late husband. The Banky family and K of L members were present for the dedication of the statue — a beautiful addition to our church.

Proud parents of the bride were council president Al and Julie Zakarka when their daughter Maria was married to Edward Deksnis. The wedding mass was held at Nativity BVM with Father Tony Markis officiating, and the reception was in the Garden Room of the Martinique.

Proud parents of the groom were Emilija and Alexander Pakalniskis Sr. when their son Aloysius was married to Daina Skruodzis. The wedding was held at St. Anthony Church in Cicero and the reception at the Jesuit Youth Center.

Our congratulations and best wishes to both delightful couples.

Officers and committee chairmen continue to meet monthly for planning meetings. Board meeting hosts and hostesses for the past months were Al and Ruth Daxis in July, Al and Julie Zakarka in August and the newly-married Ed and Maria Deksnis in September.

Newly-retired Sophie Nieminski, who golfed every Wednesday during the summer months, surprised everyone and mostly herself by shooting a "birdie" on the 7th hole at the Palos Country Club. Previous to this achievement, Sophie was not playing a very good game so this really made her day.

Congratulations to the beautiful Sophie Daukus who was chosen the Dahlia Queen. Sophie is the daughter of Aldona Daukus, hostess of the Sophie Barcus Radio Programs.

Also, we congratulate Dr. Birute Pumputis, who after many years of study, opened her own medical office. Birute is a long-time and active member of our K of L Choir.

Estelle Rogers, our very active Public Relations and K of L Choir lady, was temporarily incapacitated for part of the summer months due to a serious foot injury. We missed her charming personality at the July 4 picnic and other K of L activities.

Condolences to Al Brazis and his family on the death of his father, Telesforas Brazis; to the family of Louis Riley on his death.



C-12 Commemoration Committee

Connie Siatsis, Dale Bulvicius, Elena Saulyte Helen Mathews (standing)

Council delegates to the 1981 National Convention at the University of Scranton reported that a good time was had by all. Paul Binkus Jr. served on the Scholarship Committee and was elected to the office of National Trustee. Father John Savukynas was elected to the Scholarship Committee for a three-year term. Irene Sankus represented the IID, served on the Nominating Committee and was re-elected to the office of National Public Relations Chairman. Congratulations to all!

This year our council reached a record high of 210 members due to the efforts of Alice Cekanor, Financial Secretary, and the Membership Committee — Estelle Rogers, Eleanor Kasputis and others. The council was awarded second place in the National Membership Drive. Eleanor Kasputis also received an individual second-place award and a gift of a Lithuanian plate. Eleanor conducted the IID Membership Drive and enrolled many new members. Congratulations to the council and to our effervescent Ellie!

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-12 — NEW YORK

May was indeed a busy month for our Vyciai. First of all, there was the huge undertaking of our parish dinner. The dinner was successful and brought much-needed cash for the parish of Our Lady of Vilnius. We thank all who helped, especially a big hand to Milly Kesnaitis Pietz who donated three much needed stoves for the parish kitchen in memory of her mother Mrs. Kesnaitis, a faithful Knight for many years.

The mass before our meeting proved to be extra special. Thanks to the talented maestro Liudas Stukas. Our organ was heard once more as beautifully as if our beloved fellow Knight and organist Mykolas Cibas were playing it. During the meeting, Elena Saulyte announced that by popular demand and much discussion our council adopted the Parish of Kedainian, St. George. The adoption ceremonies would take place in church during mass at the June meeting. A special treat was the showing of slides of the various churches in Lithuania by the Rev. Walter Jeskevicius of Fordham University. Thank you Father; mum labai patiko!

The beautiful month of June is one of sadness for Lithuanians. Council 12 also remembered these sad days. Our sister council, 110 of Maspeth, was represented by President Jonas Adomenas, his wife Ann and a few other members. During mass, the Parish of Kedainian was officially adopted; the Godparents were Milly Pietz and Vincent Mascolla. A coat of arms of Kedainian, painted beautifully by Paulius Jurkus, was blessed by Father John Bida. After mass, the commemoration continued in Father George Gurinskas Hall. Back for the second year by popular demand was Rev. Vytautas Pikturna. Father was a prisoner in the dreadful Nazi concentration camp at Dachau for three years. He chose as his topic "A Day in the Life of Dachau Concentration Camp," patterned after the famous opera by Alexander Solzhenitsyn "A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich." Although the topic was tragic, Father brought much humor into it. He ended with this: "Ar rudas (Nazi), ar raudonas (Soviets), abudu velniai."

As the program continued, our talented Connie Siatsis recited a poem by Maironis, "As Noreciau rikelti." Elena Saulyte, our irreplaceable mistress of ceremonies, led the program with a fact-filled talk about the different

shrines dedicated to Our Blessed Mother in Lithuania. At the end, she asked all to join her in singing "Lietuva Brangi," the unofficial national anthem of captive Lithuania, since the official one, "Lietuva Teyne Musu," is forbidden.

We are a very close council and to disperse for two whole months was difficult. But never fear, we will get together for the parade down Fifth Avenue during Captive Nations Week. Then, there is the picnic in Lakewood and the convention in Scranton. Iki pasimatymo mieli draugai!

Helen/Dale

C-100—AMSTERDAM, NY

President Anthony J. Radzevich presided at the June 8 meeting. Opening prayers were said by our Jubilarian Father Anthony Grigaitis. A thank you note from our convalescing member John Whelley, Polly Ziausys' poem to Pope John Paul II "Brangiam Sven-tue Tevui" and MAD secretary's letter on the results of the March 8 district convention were read.

Regular meeting continued with the minutes, treasurer's report and acceptance of the reports by the council members.

Co-cultural Chairman Regina Kot stated that she was asked to speak at the June 21 district convention. She chose the topic, "Tragic Events 40 Years Ago in Lithuania." She briefed us on some of the experiences that occurred to friends of her family.

Comments were heard from Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Edward Baranauskas and MAD Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Bernice Avis. Bernice said that it was recently discovered the Lithuanian designed eggs were not included in the Easter egg display in Washington. However this omission would soon be corrected.



Michael Mikolaitis, Pres. of C-100 Jrs. at St. Casimer's Cemetery on Memorial Day



Commander Edmund A. Liberis and Capt. Joseph Shatas, Jr. Memorial Day Services C-100

Father Baltch spoke on our adopted parish, Truskava in the county of Ramigala, region of panevezys. The 1940 population in the village was 200. The parishioners of the church in 1890 totaled 2600 and in 1940, 3600. During World War II, the church was completely demolished by fire. Father had a large map of Lithuania and showed us the location of Truskava. Šauliai was the first community in Lithuania to have a mall built. He located Druskininkai on the map and stated that Čiurlionis had lived there.

Refreshments were served by Gen. Chase, Aldona Abeling, Ann Radzevich and Edna Luzinas. A huge birthday cake was brought out by Gen. Chase. She extended birthday greetings to the following members celebrating birthdays in June: Gene Gobis, Anthony Radzevich, Edna Luzinas and Peter Hayes. Geminians missed at the meeting were Matthew orante, Edna Stokna, Regina Hartvigas and John Whelly.

News Bits

Get well wishes to our good member, Peter Sargalis, who recently underwent surgery.

Our deepest Sympathy to Anthony and Jane Karbocus in the recent loss of Jane's dad, Anthony Luzen. May he rest in peace!

Congratulations to our member Dr. Aldona Baltch (Gravrogkas) who is now Professor of Medicine at the Albany Medical College. In addition, she is Chief of Medicine of Infectious Diseases at the Albany Veterans Hospital and Associate Professor of Pharmacology at Albany Medical College. Her husband, George Gravrogkas is Chairman of Humanities and Professor of Foreign Languages at Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, New York.

We wish "Happy Anniversary and Ilgiausiu Metu" to our beloved Father Anthony Grigaitis who celebrated his 50th anniversary in the priesthood on June 14. The

Most Rev. Edward Maggin, DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Albany, presided at the mass which our Jubilarian celebrated at 4 p.m. at St. Casimir's Church. A jubilee banquet followed at which our K of L members Rev. Peter Jonaitis gave the invocation and Rev. Bernard Gustas said the benediction. Willard Kensell was the general chairman. A large group of our members served on the committee.

The Sisters of Jesus were represented by Sister Mary Annunciata, Mother General of the order and Sister Mary Geraldine who is in charge of St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Brockton, Mass. Rev. Robert K. Baltch, our pastor, was honorary chairman of the event. He put in many long hours with the planning committee making certain that the day would run smoothly.

Captive Nations Week in Albany was commemorated on July 12 at the Empire State Plaza. Bernice Aviza was in charge of the Lithuanian display. She made the Channel 6 (Albany) news where she appeared in Lithuanian dress and was interviewed by the reporter. Albany Mayor Corning was present as was Congressman Samuel S. Stratton, former recipient of the Father John Jutt award.

Lithuanian Friendship Day was held on July 26 at Putnam, Conn. A bus from the Albany, Schenectady and Amsterdam area was planned by Bernice Aviza and Polly Ziausys. Many attended from Amsterdam. Many attended from Amsterdam.

Four delegates attended the MAD convention in Patterson, NJ, June 21; namely, Bernice Aviza, Polly Ziausys, Regina Kot and Anthony J. Radzevich.

SMILE AND SPARKLE

C-110—MASPETH

Ar jus esate Lietuvis? Ar jus gerai kalbate Lietuviskai?

Kad ne kalbese Lietuviskai tai ne išmoksit.

I regret to report the death of one of our members, Mary Kuchinskas, on August 19. A Knights of Lithuania Christian Wake Service was held for by members of our council. Please remember her in your prayers. Šventas Kazimieras, melskis už ją.

Nineteen of our members attended the National Convention in Scranton.

Congratulations to Phil Skabeika and John Adomenas who completed three terms as president and vice president of the Supreme Council, respectively.

Nellie Skabeikis and Anne Adomenas served on the Greetings Committee.

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. Joel Pointis, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mordes, Irene Zekis and the Rev. Peter M. J. Stravinskas as new members of C-110. We look forward to meeting and working with you.

Father Bulovas, pastor of Transfiguration, addressed the membership at the September meeting. He expressed his pleasure and appreciation to the members for their efforts in erecting the Wayside Shrine.

Larry Janonis, president of the Mid-Atlantic District, and his wife Jean were present.

As I was reading "Praise the Lord, All You Nations," by Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC, she writes about a Lithuanian poet, Jurgis Baltrusaitis (1887-1944). She states that his life-long endeavor was to create a world community equally just and significant to all peoples. His poem describes with compassion Lithuania's path of pain and sorrow while seeking through the years her freedom and identity in the Christian Family of Nations.

The membership meets first Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at Transfiguration Church Hall in Maspeth. The council also participates in the Lithuanian mass every third Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in Transfiguration Church.

Happy Thanksgiving Day — Linksmu Dekingū Diena!

Peter Yuskevich

To The Crucified Homeland

An orphan's fate, to stray and
stumble
On ways of blood and fire is Thine
Yet in your wordless grief, my
humble
Believing heart awaits the sign.

Hail beats your crop, stark
lightnings cleave it.
Your ancient shields are sighs
and groans.
Yet He who built this land, believe
it,
Makes wine of tears and bread of
stones.

Your labor painfully and slowly
Through fruitless days of blight
and sleet,
Yet trust and deem divine and lowly
Mute stigmata and bleeding feet.

And through your pain seems daily
greater,
And blessings bitter from above,
Lift up your head to your Creator
And the last victory of love.

Jurgis Baltrusaitis

C-144—ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

As we say "Su Diev" to summer, we look back on one that was busy and fruitful. The 67th Annual Lithuanian Day was a huge success thanks to the wonderful committee with Evelyn Prep as chairperson and Ann Wargo as co-chairperson.

The Pre-Lithuanian Day Banquet was well attended and many of our Vytis friends were there. Joe and Isabelle Jacobus from the Patterson Council never miss any of our affairs. Also present were Emily and Al Paukstaitis from Washington; friends from Scranton, Cleveland and New York. The entertainment by the "Apreiskimo Quartetas" from Brooklyn was just wonderful. These beautiful young people should go far. Vladas Sakalys was inspiring. A special tribute was paid to our Spiritual Advisor, Father Al Bartkus, who is truly deserving. The presentation to Father by Al Gin-

taras Karosas of Baltic Enterprises was a grand surprise.

Lithuanian Day was a beautiful day despite all the dreary weather forecasts. The thousands of people who attended were a great crowd. We had buses from Connecticut, New York, Philadelphia. All our Vytis friends again responded and we say "Simta Ačiu." The entertainment by our Junior Knights, Marijos Varpelai, was really beautiful. We all enjoyed the dancing of the Aušrine Dancers from Philadelphia and the singing of the Schuylkil County Lithuanian Chorus, Zarija. Now we will start working on the 68th Annual Lithuanian Day.

After a few days rest from the big day, we all went to Scranton for the Convention. Our "Ačius" go to the three councils who did such a fine job in preparing this convention.



Rev. Al Bartkus greeting Vladas Sakalys at Annunciation Rectory for 67th Annual Lithuanian Day

Three of our members were elected to national office: Elsie Kosmisky, Second Vice President; Ann Klizas Wargo, National Cultural Chairman; Helen Chesko, National Ritual Committee. Congratulations to Helen for being selected Council in the News Editor for Vytis. We are also proud that our Council Godmother, Loretta Stukas, was elected National President.

Congratulations to Al and Bernice Mikatavage on the celebration of their Silver Wedding Anniversary in August — ilgiausiu metu to Bernice and Al. Bernice was the first president of our Council and is currently the very active Lithuanian Affairs Chairman.

As fall approaches, we look forward to the election of new officers. A nominating committee of Ann Wargo, Anne Sikora, Marge Yezulinas, Mamie Pieri and Helen Smulkstis was selected and will present the slate at the September meeting. Our cultural center is well on its way and should soon be completed. We have accomplished much this past summer and look forward to a good fall and winter.

With all our very best wishes to all our Vytis friends.

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C-147 — FLORIDA

Some of our Lithuanian residents here in St. Petersburg, Florida, are being accused and harassed by the Jewish Defense League, and rising to the occasion is our own K of L member, Victoria Jacobson, with articles regarding this situation, both in the local newspapers and through our own radio station.

In August she spoke on Talk Show Radio WPLP about this, and the following is just a small segment of her conversation and I quote:

"We feel it is our moral commitment to bring to your attention what we consider to be an historically true fact the first Holocaust that nobody talks about, that is not written about, and that remains as a hidden fact of a horrendous part of history.

The first Holocaust, occurring in Lithuania, resulted in boxcar deportations, freezing long walks, torture, maiming and ultimate death of millions of Lithuanians, eventually resulting, as Russia swept through swept through the Lithuanian corridor and on into the Ukraine and Poland, in a genocide, mainly through famine, of six million human beings — a genocide of incredible magnitude, an occurrence that the whole world seems to know little about, since the spotlight has always been focused on the Nazi Holocaust, which brought about the murder of six million Jews. Who is not heartsick and sorry for the innocent in that most terrible event!

“But please know that there exists a surging unrealized wish in our hearts and minds that, above all, the Western world becomes aware of those people who died of famine and outright murder at the hands of the Russians and their collaborators. The Lithuanian people also suffered hardships of indescribable measure; they were shipped to Siberia, beaten, robbed, tortured, maimed, their homes and their lives destroyed. Now some 40 years later there are Lithuanians being persecuted and facing possible deportation — thus sure death — because they are accused of past cruelty to Jews.”

We are grateful to Victoria Jacobson for her all out efforts, to help in some way these beleaguered people, out of this situation, which is cruelty beyond measure, to bring forth these accusations after 40 years, from which they have already been cleared, and bring them unnecessarily to a poing of despair, when most of them are in their seventies.

H. Vilnis



JULIA MEDINIS
Member of C-79
Southfield, Michigan
Died August 11, 1981

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Please remember in your
prayers...

MARY KUCHINSKAS
Member of C-110
Maspeth, New York
Died August 19, 1981

EVA MIGONIS
Member of C-142
Washington, D.C.
Died October 18, 1981

ANTANAS BROKEVICIUS
Member of C-36
Chicago, Illinois
Died October 3, 1981



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