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# O, Holy Night

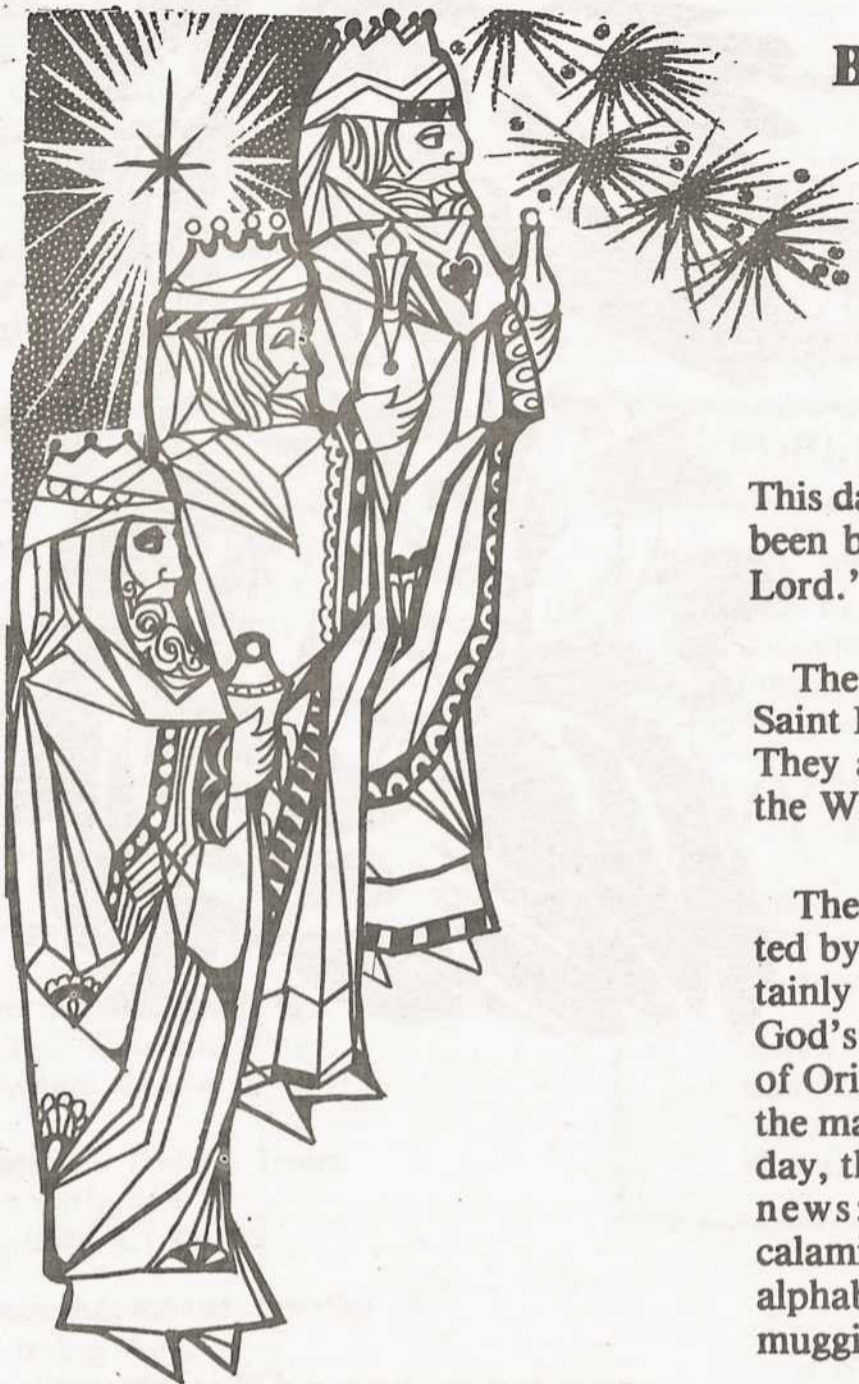
May that special star that guided the  
Wise Men to the manger, shine forever  
more in the heart of all mankind.



**GOD'S CHOICEST BLESSINGS OF THIS  
HOLY SEASON OF CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA**

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## Buy A Book

### For The Baby

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

This day in David's city a Savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord." (Luke 2, 10-11).

There were no gifts that night. Saint Luke says nothing about that. They arrived later with the visit of the Wisemen.

There was a news flash transmitted by living, angelic satellite. It certainly was "GOOD NEWS" to God's people carrying the burdens of Original Sin and overwhelmed by the malice and ignorance of sin. Today, the news we read or hear is bad news: abortions, bombings, calamities (all the way down the alphabet) famines, murders and muggings, all sorts of evil things.

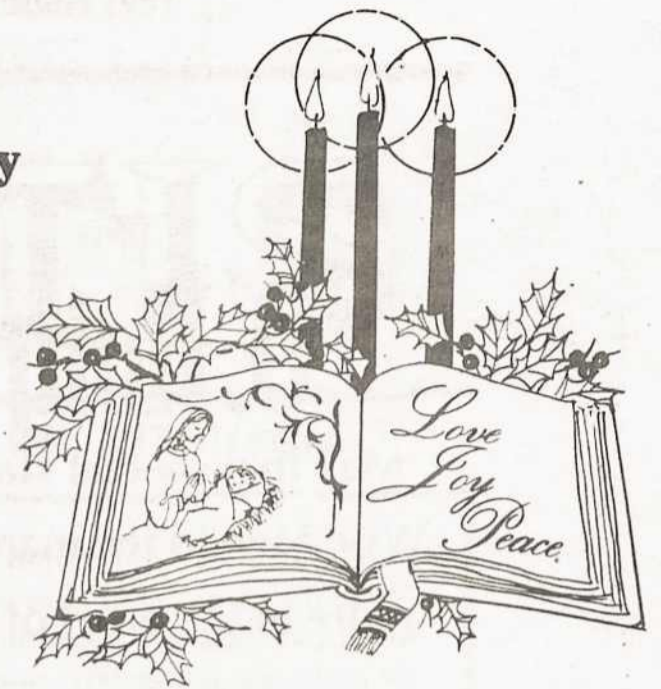
Christmas reminds us that there is good news that burst upon the world that cold winter's night. Even though this "GOOD NEWS" was a one time event — "Son of God becomes Son of Mary," nevertheless, it became ongoing, never-ending "GOOD NEWS", because it linked God and man, eternity and time, deserving proclamation every year, and even daily. The good news proclaimed by the angels became the cornerstone of our Faith.

We recall that gifts were brought to the new born Child by the wealthy Wisemen...and by poor shepherds, as well. I suppose that this started the whole idea of Christmas presents. We imitate the Wisemen in our Christmas giving. If we look a bit more closely, we will notice that we do not quite imitate the Magin. We give gifts to each other; the Wisemen give gifts to God!

The Christmas season is many, many things: cash registers jingling, Santa's coming, fingers tired from writing cards, ankles swollen from shopping sprees, Christmas carols and hoarse throats, presents and parties and Midnight Mass.

Yuletide, Xmas, Christmas. Did you ever see it written — CHRIST-mas? This would be one way of underlining the deepest meaning of this holy day.

On the first Christmas Day there was none of the above except for angelic Christmas carols. Oh yes, there was a Christmas message, not written, but proclaimed by the angels: "I come to proclaim good news to you — tidings of great joy to be shared by the whole people.



Do we put God at the top of our Christmas present list?

The three Kings offered gifts of gold and myrrh and frankincense. What could the Christ Child do with all that? Joseph could buy food for the gold. But what about the incense and ointment?

Their gifts, we are told, were symbolic. Thy myrrh fortold his future death and burial, the incense hinted at his divinity, the gold suggested tribute to royalty.

Now, if we place God at the top of our Christmas gift list, our gift to Him will, also, have to be symbolic. Think for a minute: what symbolic gift could we offer to God in order to express our faith and love and service?

How about a book? A book for the Babe of Bethlehem.

This may seem silly at first sight: babies can't read. Absolutely right. But adults can read to children. Parents always do this. So, if we buy a book for the Baby, we will have to read it.

The question now is: what book will we buy?





# PEACE



**C**hristmas brings warm hearts, happy voices and laughter, shared with those we hold most dear. We join the holiday merriment with cheery wishes and thanks to you and yours!

**Supreme Council Officers**

**and the "VYTIS" Staff**



None other than "THE GOOD NEWS" by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, otherwise known as "THE GOSPELS" and which is most often found in "THE BIBLE".

The book we buy for Jesus and which we read in his presence will be a symbol, a sign of our faith and love and service. A few pages (or even a single page) read each day will keep us in touch with the "GOOD NEWS" that never grows stale, that we really need to lead a Christ-centered life. Daily readings

from Scripture will sweep us up into a divine rhythm, strengthen God's life in us, gradually unveil God's other mysteries, make us wiser in solving our problems, encourage us to do things God's way, which, after all, is the only way to go.

If you have not already done so, there is still time — until the sixth of January, the Feast of Wisemen, to buy a book for the Babe of Bethlehem, the book YOU will read in His presence every day of the New Year, and thereafter, too.

—Fr. A. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.

May your Christmas be joyous!  
May your New Year be "GOOD NEWS"  
Day after day after day.

Fr. J.



**The Virgin and Child by Sr. Mercedes**





## CULTURAL CORNER



### Christmas in Lithuania

By Anna Klizas Wargo  
National Cultural Chairman



The solemnity of "Kucia" ends with the Shepherds' Mass on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day is a time for resting, singing of carols and enjoying good food.

On the first day of Christmas, no one goes visiting. It is a day to be spent with family. The Christmas table is laden with food. The traditional menu includes ham, goose roasted with apples or sauerkraut, a suckling pig, leg of veal or mutton and various sausages, among these is "Skilandis". All this is accompanied by relishes, vegetables, freshly ground horseradish and "Kaledu Pyragas." There are cakes, pastries and cookies. The poppy seed rolls and special cookies are in the shape of mushrooms, birds, walnuts, etc. There is much to drink and, in many households, the favorite "Vyritas" or "Krupnikas" served hot and made with honey and spices.

In old time Lithuania, only the old folks visited their neighbors. They would enter a home and say "Tegul bus pagarbintas Jezus Kristus; Sveiki sulauke Sventu Kaledu". The head of the household would then reply "Ir su tamsta."

On the second day of Christmas, the hired help would leave to go to their homes for the holidays. The farmer and his wife would try to talk them into staying on another year. They would then give the hired help, whether they were staying on or not, some good food and drink to take home. This was a kind of Christmas bonus. The help would then leave, some to return after the holidays and other to remain in their homes.

The rest of the second day was then spent visiting friends and relatives and guests would be entertained with song and dance, good food and drink late into the night.

The third day of Christmas was observed as "Day of Hail". No work was done in the fields. This was supposed to be a precaution against hailstorms in the summer.

During the whole Christmas season, which lasted until Epiphany, no hard work was done. There was no spinning or milling; there was no heavy work in the fields. Often this time was used to make the feather pillows and comforts used in the household. There was much merry-making and some form of entertainment every evening.

The final day of Christmas was January 6th, "Triju Karaliu". On this day, whatever Christmas decorations were used were put away. The hired help returned from their homes and the following day it was work as usual. Another Christmas season had passed.



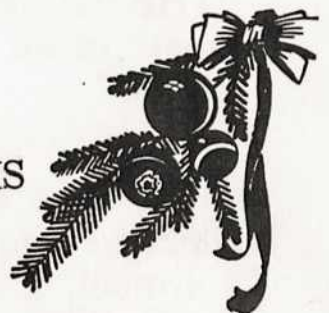
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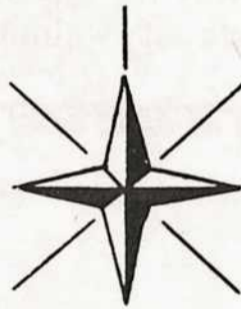






We wish each and every one of our friends and fellow knights a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Jack & Loretta Stukas**



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

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

to all my friends in the  
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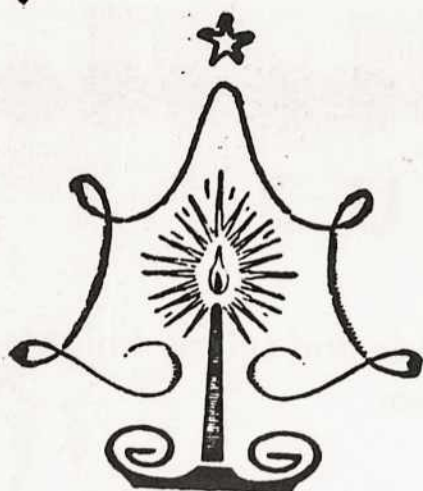
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## The Christmas Tree (Kaledu Eglute)

Anna Klizas Wargo



The Christmas tree did not become popular in Lithuania until the early twentieth century and then it was not widespread. After World War I, the custom spread in the cities and, later on, in the country.

In earlier times, the wedding tree, a symbol of youth and fertility, was used among Lithuanians. At the wedding feast, it hung from the ceiling above the Bridal Pair. It was usually decorated with beautiful straw ornaments.

When the Christmas Tree was introduced to Lithuania, all agricultural materials were used in the decorating of these trees. The Lithuanians excelled in the use of supple grain straw. From wheat and rye, they wove ornaments of great delicacy; chandeliers, baskets, stars, chains and an infinite variety of beautiful geometric forms.

They fashioned some lovely ornaments related to the harvest and, on their Christmas trees, one might see figures of farmers carrying wheat and others holding candles to light the way for baking. Tiny birds were made of walnut shells with

wings and tails of birch bark or small feathers. A straw cross was generally placed on top of the tree made to resemble the beautiful Lithuanian Wayside Cross.

Underneath the tree was always placed a humble manger some figures were carved of wood and some made of straw. The tree was decorated by all members of the family on early Christmas Eve or, in some homes, several days before Christmas.

The tree and manger were left standing until the feast of the Epiphany, in Lithuanian "Triju Karaliu."



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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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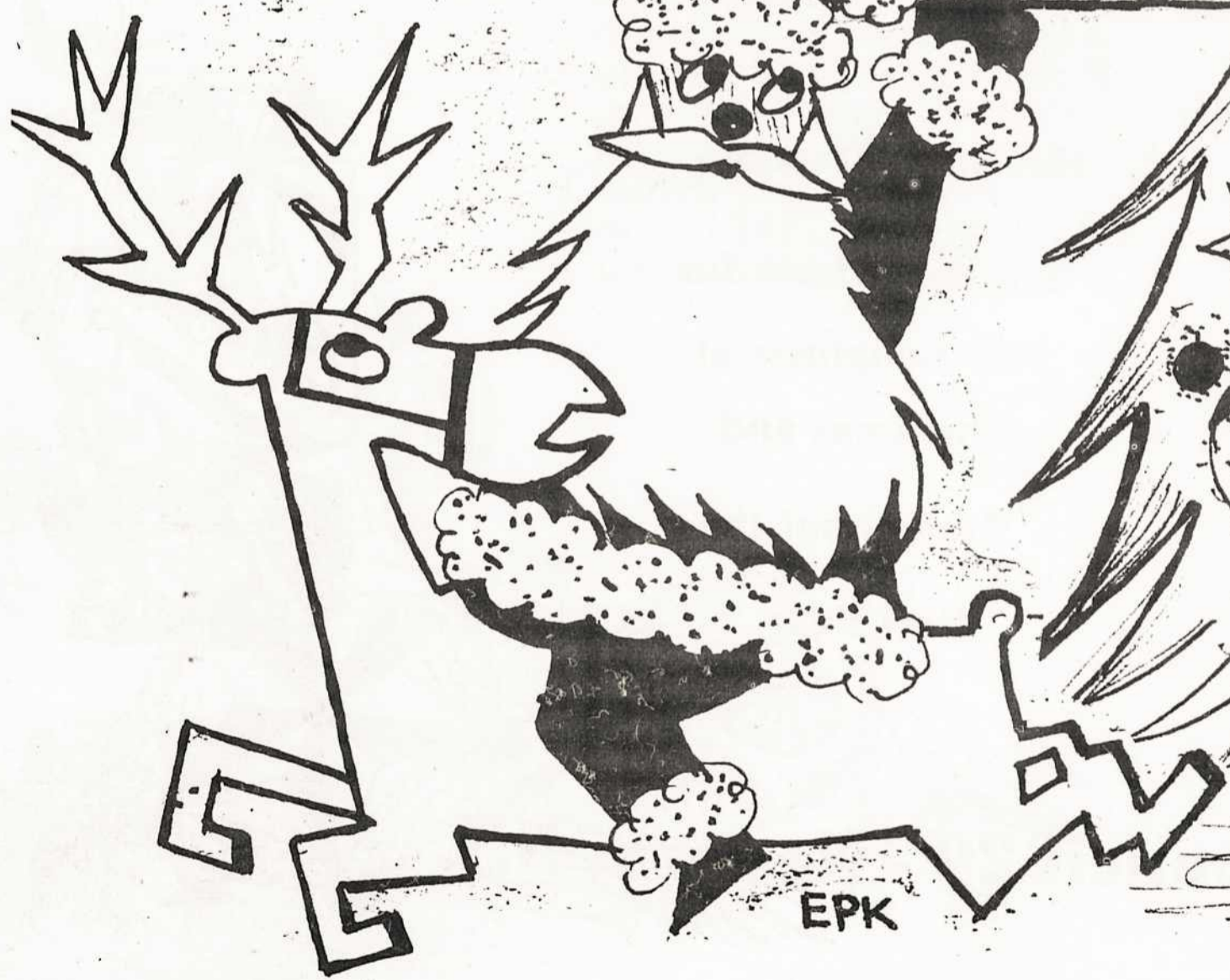




A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year



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May the Peace  
and Joy  
of Christmas  
abide with you  
throughout  
the coming year.

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**Heartiest Greetings**  
**and best wishes for**  
**your happiness at**  
**Christmas and**  
**throughout the**  
**New Year**



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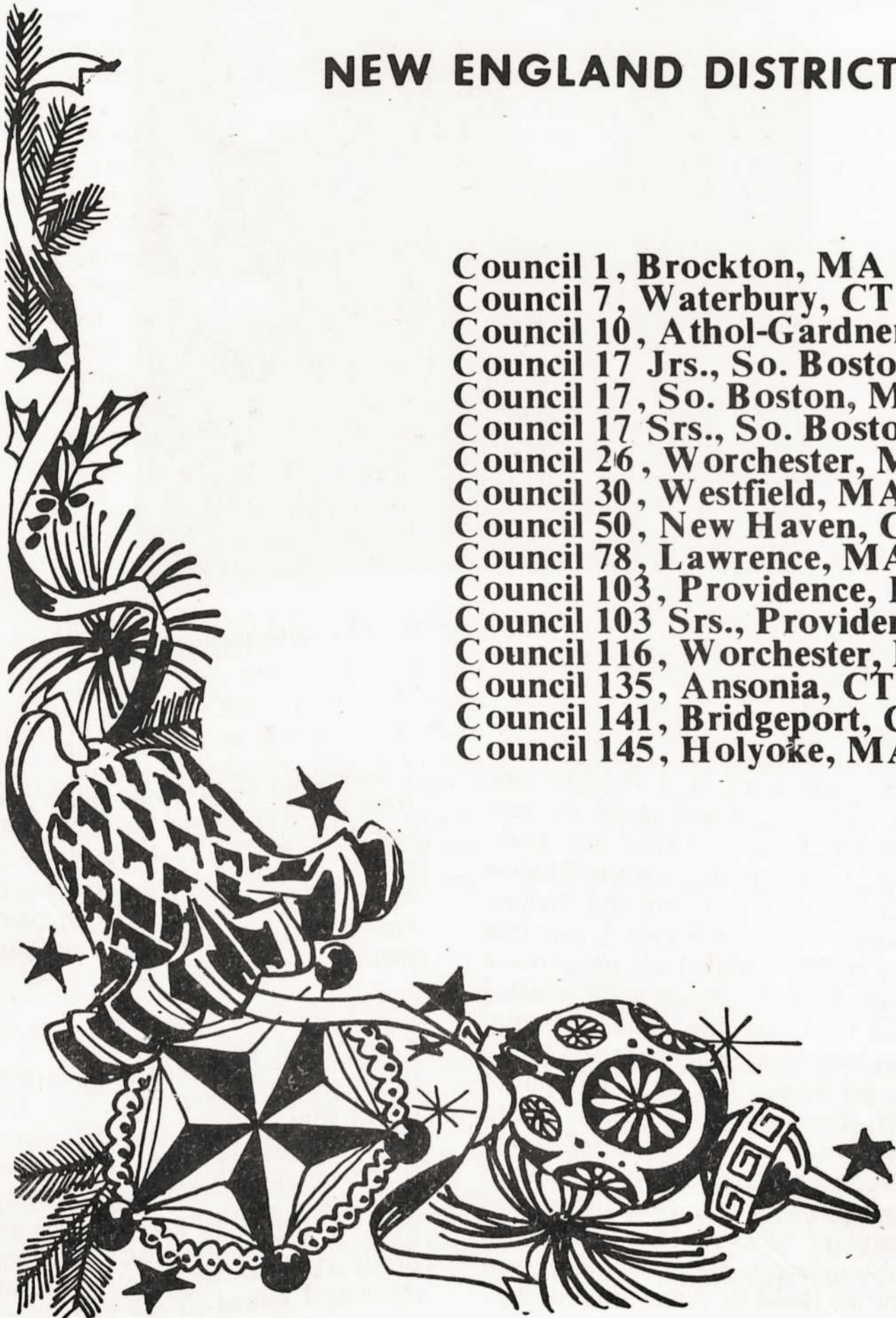
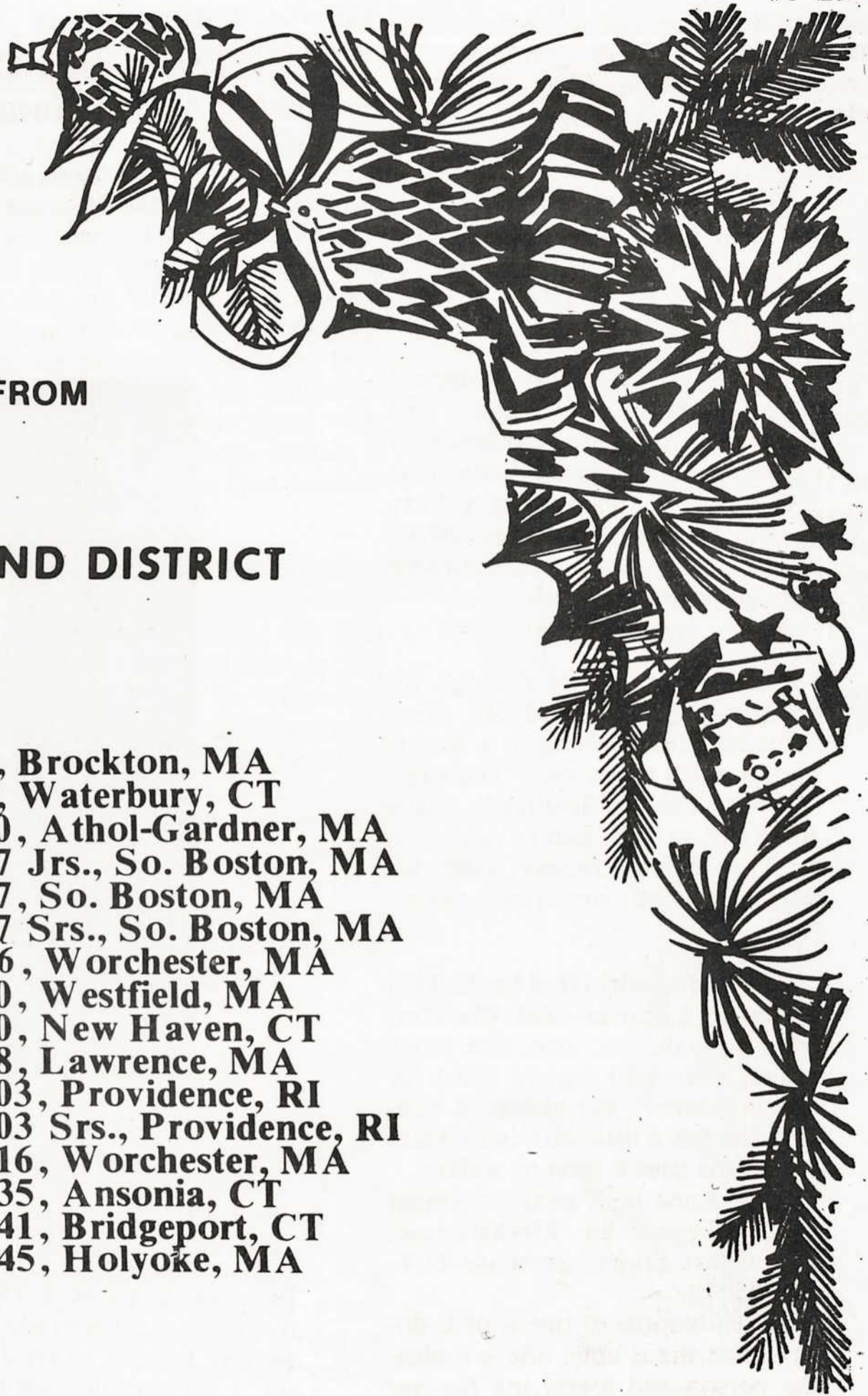
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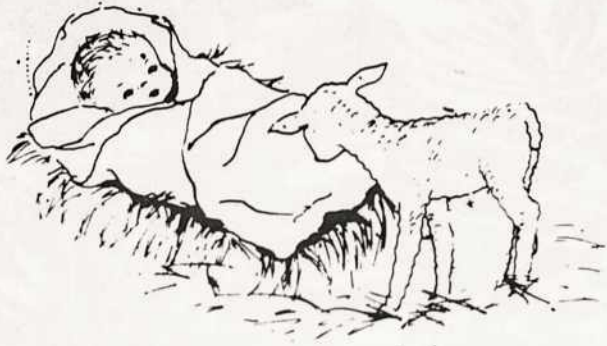
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## Sister Anne, OSF Sister Anne Adomavicius

By Frank Petrauskas  
C-140 Syracuse



Sister Anne was born on June 7, 1899 in Westfield, Mass. She, Helen, was one of ten children born to Thomas and Onna Adomavicius. The other children were John, Kate, Peter, Thomas, Francis, Mary, Ann, Joseph and Julie. Her father worked on the railroad.

I met Sister Anne through my sister-in-law, Julia Siedlicki. Sister Anne and Julia belong to a Rosary Group which meets every Thursday.

We invited the Siedlicki's, Sister Anne and another nun to our house for Thanksgiving Dinner, 1980. We have been good friends ever since.

Sister Anne celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a nun in 1980. She is of average height and size. She has a radiant smile and a good word for all with whom she comes in contact. She has a little difficulty walking, so she uses a cane or walker.

Sister Anne is in semi-retirement at the Franciscan Motherhouse, 1024 Court Street, Syracuse N.Y. 13208.

She attends some of our K of L doings when she is able. She is a pleasant person and a real joy for our members. She is a real inspiration to all of us. We think she is a living saint.

She worked very hard with the lepers under difficult conditions.

Here is her own story:

It was Sunday, June 24, 1923. I went out to pray at the Shrine in Fiskdale, Massachusetts, in honor of St. Anne. I stayed there all day, praying for a change in my state of life. I was thinking about being a nun, but was afraid to take the step.



*Sister Anne, OSF in center with walker celebrating her golden jubilee - May 1980*

Two days later, on a Tuesday nite, at 4:45 p.m., I was about to leave the box factory where I was working. I was pushing up the window because of a lightning and thunder storm. The wind blew my hair into the machine pulled me up about a foot from the bench upon which I had been standing. I had no pain, but I was getting very hot and I tried to get away. The scalp was pulled off. The weight of my body pulled me down. I sat on the bench. I was bleeding to death but had no pain. I looked up at the scalp and started praying: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me. Holy Mary, pray for us. Good St. Anne pray for us."

I looked up at the scalp again and from the very place I heard St. Ann say: "Don't be afraid. you'll be all right." I repeated the same words again. I felt strong, had no pain, and waited to see what would happen.

My employer heard the commotion, came downstairs, had the power shut off, and said the doctor would be there in a few minutes. For fifteen minutes I sat there praying until the doctor and ambulance arrivee. I was still conscious. They brought me to the hospital and all the way I talked to the ambulance



driver, Peter Simon, a friend of my brother's. I said: "Peter, why don't you go faster? The blood is getting me all wet!" Peter said the doctor told him not to shake me up too much.

"We were met at the hospital by the doctors and nurses, whom I heard whispering words to the effect that I would die. The doctor said: "Miss Adams, you'll have to take ether." I said: "Doctor, I want to see a priest." I remembered that the Sisters in school always said that if we went to the hospital, we should have a priest! When Father Shaunessey came in, the nurses and doctors stepped aside. I said to Father: "Father, I went to confession Saturday and received Holy Communion Sunday. Father, I want to be a Sister." Grace came to me then, because I could never say those words before. Father said: "When you get well, Helen, you can be a Sister." But he anointed me and prepared me for death.

I was given ether. The doctor tapped my skull to let it drain. Then he sewed up my neck, which had been ripped in such a way that my head hung on my shoulder. My right ear had been torn off but I never lost my hearing. Over a period of eleven months, I had twenty-four skin-grafting operations. The skin was taken from my own body to cover the head. At the end, about twenty doctors examined me and said it was a miracle that the skin grafting was so successful!

My mother's prayers helped me a great deal. One eyebrow was gone and in its place was a hole deep enough for me to insert the end of my finger. My mother applied Our Lady of La Salette water. The next morning the doctor looked and found skin growing there. He never had to try to do skin grafting again on that spot.

The Sunday after I left the hospital, I went to Fiskdale to thank St. Anne for what she did for me. It was here that I met Mr. Andrew Ahearn for the first time. My head was bandaged and I wore a black cape. He said: "Little girl, were you in an accident?" I told him my story and he said: "Next Wednesday we go to the big Shrine in Canada. Would you like to go?" I asked my mother for permission, and she said yes. I used some of my insurance money to go. I went six times with Mr. Ahearn's pilgrimage before I found the place where God wanted me to work.

Six years later, on September 24, 1929, I entered the Franciscan Order of Syracuse, New York. At that time, they had a novitiate on the Island of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands. This is where I entered the convent and received the beautiful name of Sister Anne. I was given charge of the babies of leprous parents at Kapiolani Home, and for the past sixteen years I have been with the leper women and young girls of the Island of Molokai, made famous by Father Damien.

This is where my friend Agnes Doviak helped me. We had just come from Forty Hours' Devotion and Agnes invited me for breakfast. She handed me the Sunday Visitor and I put my finger on an ad that said: "Mother Marianne wishes Sisters to work with the lepers." A Honolulu address was given. I said to Agnes: "This is where I want to go." She said: "I know you will be happy there as you have always wanted to be a nun. Let's sit down and write the letter now." So we wrote it together and mailed it. I waited three months for an answer.

At last a letter arrived stating that I could come. I made my last trip to Canada to say goodbye to St. Anne, and then began my long trip to Westfield, Massachusetts by train and then by ship from the West Coast to Honolulu. I left September 13 and landed September 24.

After twenty years, I am back again on a thanksgiving jubilee trip to St. Anne de Beaupre, thanks to Mr. Ahearn and very kind benefactor, Father Joachim.  
(Annals of Good St. Anne de Beaupre — February 1955)

I was a missionary for thirty-one years in Hawaii. I cared for leper people and children there in Molokai. I loved my work. God's will be done.

I'm with the Legion of Mary now in Syracuse, and we pray the rosary and visit the sick and shut-ins. Please pray your rosary every day, as Our Lady of Fatima wishes it for peace in this world.

Thank you.

Sister M. Anne, OSF



**A Prayer to Good St. Anne**  
O Mother of God's Mother  
Who taught her how to pray,  
Who guided her in childhood,  
We humbly ask this day,  
To help us bear our crosses  
And when our life is done  
To obtain a happy welcome  
From your child Mary, and  
Jesus, your grandson.  
(Sister M. Anne, OSF —  
April, 1978)





## We get Letters . . .

Mieli Vyčiai,

Norėčiau Jums nuoširdžiai padėkoti už finansin pagalbą, kurią maneuteikėte duodami stipendiją mano mokslui. Bandysiu stropiai atlikti studijas, kad Jūsų vertingi darbai ir pastangos nebūtų veltui. Esu dėkinga Jums ir ypač Stipendijų Komitetui.

Kadangi gyvename taip toli nuo Lietuvos ir dažnai jaučiamės bejėgiai prieš komunistus, atrodo sunku tėvynei pagelbėti tiesioginiai, bet aš galvoju, kad veikimas

lietuviškose organizacijose padeda Lietuvos gyventojams. Šitaip Amerikos jaunimas išmoksta apie lietuvių vargus ir stengiasi teikti pagalbą. Prie to dar, kai šios organizacijos suteikia pagalbą tsti aukštesnius mokslus, jaunimas gauna progą išsilavinti, įsigyti profesijas ir subrendusiai galvoti kaip išsprsti gyvenimo problemas. Gal kai daugelis žmonių turės išsilavinimą ir pilną komunizmo supratimą, tai kartu dirbant galės išsprsti Lietuvos išlaisvinimo problemą ir išvystyti meil jai.

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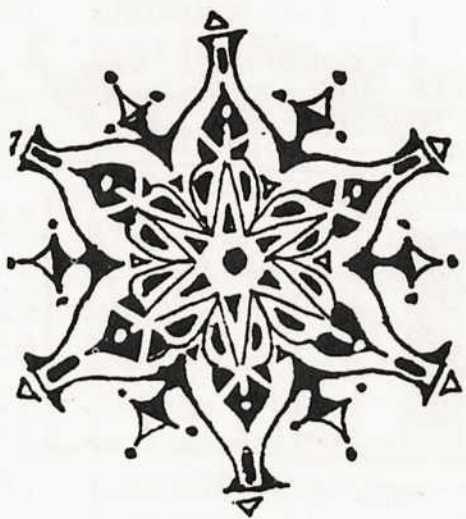
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While enjoying the blessings  
of the season,  
help us help them  
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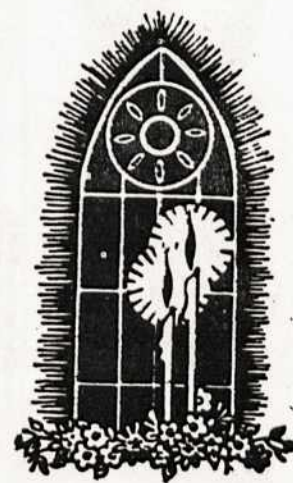


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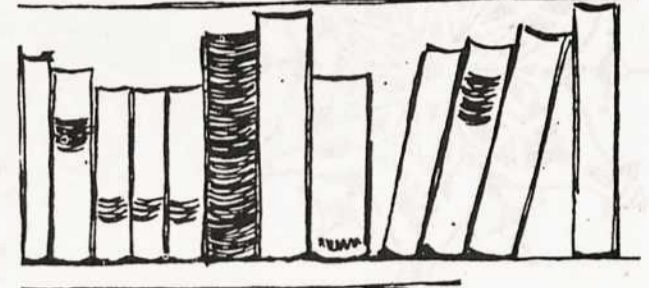
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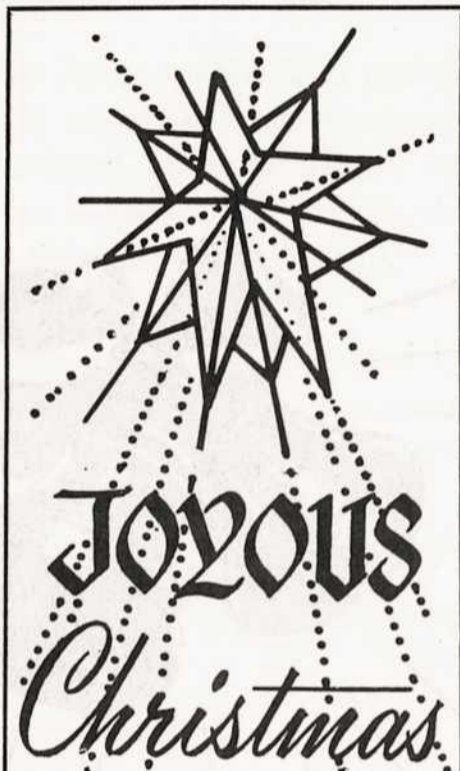




# LANGUAGE LORE



## Del Tvarkos — Point Of Order! Part II



*From our house  
to your house,  
bright blessings  
and warm  
appreciation at  
Christmastide.*



Dr. Algirdas Budreckis

As we proceed with our review of parliamentary and meeting procedural terms, it should be noted that the words or terms listed are or have been used by Lithuanian Seimas (parliament), political, civic, and cultural organizations both in Lithuanian and America. In other words, they have become standard usage. Of course, pronunciation is fifty per cent of mastering a language. Unfortunately, it is out of the question for us to give you phonetic sounds on papers. However, we hope that this terminology will become familiar to you, at least in a visual sense, so that, if you see: **dienotvarkė** on a sheet of paper, you will recognize that it means; **agenda**. Let us proceed!

47. **kadencija** — term of office.
48. **kandidatas** — candidate.
49. **kandidatuoti** — to be a candidate, to stand or run for office.
50. **kandidatūra** — candidacy.
51. **kasa** — treasury.
52. **kasininkas** — treasurer (Note: recently this term has come to mean cashier more than treasurer.)
53. **klubas** — club. (Please, please, drop the archaic **kliubas!**).
54. **koalicija** — coalition.
55. **komisija** — organizacijos asmenų grupė, kuriai pavesta ką nors atlikti — a commission, a group of members who were entrusted with a task.
56. **komitetas** — vadovaujantys veiklos organas — a committee, especially an executive organ.
57. **komunikatas** — communique.
58. **konferencija** — conference.
59. **kongresas** — a congress.
60. **konstitucija** — organizacijos istatymas, nustatantis santvarką, tikslus, teises ir pareigas — a constitution, setting forth the structure, aims rights and duties of an organization.
61. **kontrolė** — patikrinimas — audit or financial review: kontrolės komisija (audit committee).
62. **kvorumas** — a quorum.
63. **lyderis** — a leader of a political group or faction.
64. **lygiateisis** — having equal rights.



65. **maršalka** — a sergeant-at arms; also the gavel used by a chairman.
66. **memorandumas** — memorandum.
67. **nominacijos** — nominations. **nominuoti kandidatus** — to nominate candidates.
68. **opozicija** — opposition. **parlamentarine opozicija** — parliamentary opposition.
69. **pakomisė** — subcommittee.
70. **paragrafas** — paragraph.
71. **pareiga** — duty.
72. **parlamentarizamas** — parliamentarianism.
73. **paskaita** — lecture.
74. **paskaitininkas** — lecturer.
75. **pilnateisis** — having full rights: **pilnateisiai nariai** — fulfilled members.
76. **pilnatis (Plenumas)** — plenary meeting; **pilnatis sesija** — plenary session.
77. **pirmininkas** — chairman, president: **organizacijos pirmininkas, susirinkimo pirmininkas, valdybos pirmininkas, skyriaus pirmininkas** (president of the organization, meeting chairman, chairman of the board, council president).
78. **posėdis** — executive board or committee meeting; closed session.
79. **potvarkis** — rule, regulation, ordinance.
80. **prakalba** — speech: **prakalbininkas** — speaker or orator.
81. **prezidentas** — president (In Lithuanian **prezidentas** denotes a head of state, in most cases organization or committee heads are called **pirmininkai**).
82. **pranešimas** — report.
83. **programa** — program.
84. **projektas** — project.
85. **protokolas** (susirinkimo eigos ir natarimų užrašai) — minutes of the meeting: **protokolu sekretorius** — recording secretary.
86. **raportas (pranešimas)** — report.
87. **reforma** — reform.
88. **reguliaminas** — a set of rules.
89. **reorganizacija (pertvarkymas)** — reorganization.
90. **reprezentacija (astatovavimas)** — representation.
91. **rezoliucija** (also **nutarimas, nuosprendis**) — a resolution or decision.
92. **rinkėjas, rinkikas** — an elector, a voter.
93. **rinkimai** — election.
94. **sąmata** — proposed or estimated budget.
95. **sąrašas** — a list, **kandidatų sąrašas** — a list of candidates.
96. **sąskaita** — a bill, invoice.
97. **seimas** — a parliament; a convention or an organization.
98. **sekretorius (raštininkas)** secretary.
99. **sekretoriatas** — secretariat.
100. **skyrius** — a section; in the Knights of Lithuania it denotes a council.
101. **sueiga** — a meeting.

102. **suėjimas** — a gathering.
103. **susirinkimas** — a meeting, session.
104. **suvažiavimas** — a convention, gathering, conference.
105. **taisyklė** — rule: **Roberto taisyklės** — Roberts' Rules of Order.
106. **taryba** — council.
107. **teisė** — a right, a law.
108. **teismas** — a court: **Garbės teismas** — court of honor.
109. **vadovybė** — leadership.
110. **valdyba** — executive board.
111. **vardošaukis** — roll call.
112. **veikėjas** — activist.
113. **veikimas** — activity.
114. **veikla** — activity.
115. **veiksny** — a factor (in political and social affairs). In Lithuanian circles, **Altas, Vlikas** and **Bendruomene** are collectively referred to as the **veiksniai**.
116. **vėliava** — flag, banner.
117. **vienbalsiai** (also **vienu balsu**) — unanimously, as in: **vienbalsiai išrinktas** — unanimously elected; **vienbalsiai nutarta** — unanimously decided.
118. **vykdomasis** — executive, as in **vykdomasis komitetas** (executive committee), **vykdomoji valdžia** (executive branch of government), **vykdomasis vicepirmininkas** (executive vice-president).
119. **vicepirmininkas** — vice-chairman. In Lithuanian "vice" is used as a prefix in compound words; **vicedirektorius, viceprezidentas, vicesekretoris**. It is never written separately.
120. **visuomenė** — society.
121. **visuomenės veikėjas** or **visuomenininkas** — civic leader.
122. **Vlikas** — an acronym for **Vyriasis Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komitetas**, or Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania.

(To be continued)

Wishing all our fellow

Knights and Ladies

Blessed and Happy Holidays

COUNCIL 139

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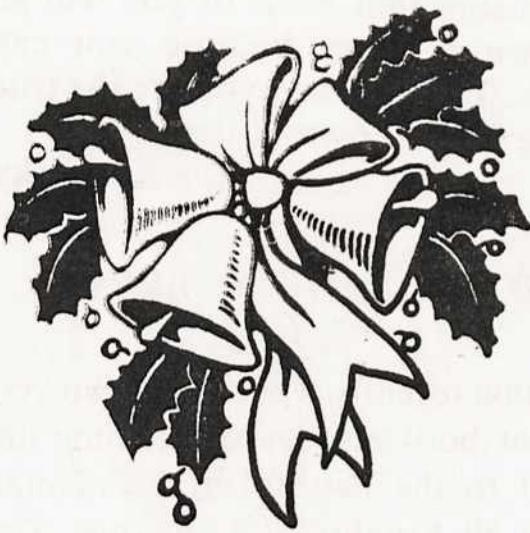
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# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS



Pay your Dues Now!

### Rules for the 1981-1982 Membership Drive 100% Paid-Up Awards

Awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid up. All dues should be paid up by March 31, 1981

1st Category ..... 1 to 49 Members  
2nd Category ..... 50 to 99 Members  
3rd Category ..... 100 and over

#### New Members Award

We will use the same categories for awards as in 100% paid up. Awards will be presented to the council having the largest percentage increase over last year with a minimum of 10% increase.

#### Individual Awards

Using the same categories as in 100% paid up, we will give an award to those individual members with the most total points. Signing up a new member will earn 10 points, signing up a previous member will earn 5 points. A new member is defined as someone who has not been a member during the last 36 months.

You can secure your membership cards from your council or district membership chairperson.

Elsie Kosmisky  
Membership Vice-President

#### Membership

We in the Knights of Lithuania must have the vision not just to survive but to go on to new heights of dedication, accomplishment and responsibility. Bringing into the organization those people whom we know and associate with daily, can assure the continued success of the Knights of Lithuania.



I would ask each member to reflect for a moment and visualize the K of L with double the membership tomorrow. Visualize, if you can, what new membership means, new friends to bring in vitality, new friends to carry on the great traditions we have woven into heritage, new friends to stimulate our vision to a greater tomorrow.

If only each of us could visualize the potential in one new member each. I am sure that some of you will go out and bring in a new member because you can visualize a greater K of L. To you I say, you are the true missionaries. To you the K of L owes its destiny.

Elsie Kosmisky

### ST. CASIMIR AND OUR LADY OF SILUVA

The Knights of Lithuania recently republished two very interesting and important booklets, featuring some important facts of interest to the Faithful of Lithuanian descent... and as so, to all Knights of Lithuania. The booklets, entitled *The Life of St. Casimir*, and *Our Lady of Siluva* are based on those prepared and published earlier, by Rev. Albert Contons and Rev. John C. Jutt (RIP), resp., and were updated and revised by Rev. A. Jurgelaitis and Rev. C. Pugevicius.

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

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## President's Message New Legal Adviser

After many years of faithful service as Knights of Lithuanis Legal Adviser, Honorary Member Anthony J. Young declined reappointment to that post, for family and health reasons. The Supreme Council and the entire organization expresses its sincerest thanks to Mr. Young for his service and generous sacrifice of this time and talents, and for so efficiently handling the various aspects of this position. We wish him a happy, relaxed, and healthy retirement, and trust that he will continue his interest in the organization.

During its meeting in October, the Supreme Council gave me authority to select and appoint a new Legal Adviser for a list candidates presented by various districts. All the candidates were contacted, interviewed, and found to be qualified for the position, making the job of selection an especially difficult one!

However, I did select one, and am happy to announce the appointment of JOHN NARUSIS as our new Legal Adviser.

John is a member of C-112, Chicago, Ill., and has been active in the council and in the Illinois-Indiana District for over 10 years. He currently resides and practices general law in Crystal Lake, Ill. More about John will appear in a future issue of VYTIS.

## New District Presidents

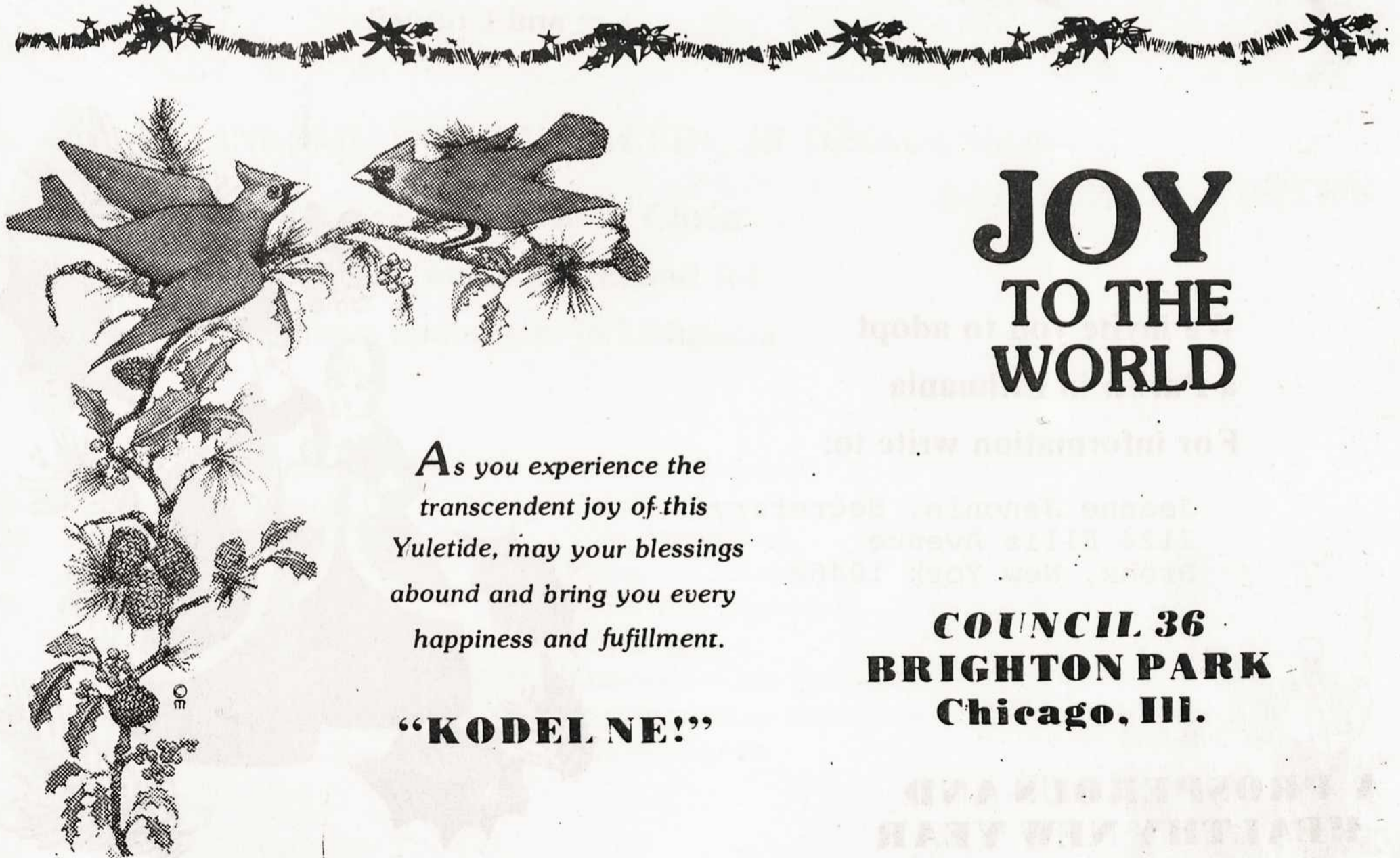
Congratulations to the newly-elected District Presidents - New England District, Peter Bizankauskas (C-1 Brockton) and Mid-Central District, Thomas Bruzga (C-48, DuBois), and to reelected presidents of the Mid-Atlantic District, Larry Janonis (C-12, New York) and of the Illinois-Indiana District, Vince Samaska (C-36, Chicago). Under the Constitution of the K. of L., District Presidents are also voting members of the Supreme Council. We welcome them and urge them to participate fully in the meetings and activities of the Supreme Council.

Our congratulations also to all newly elected District and Council officers everywhere. We wish you all a most successful and fruitful year, and again offer the support and assistance of the Supreme Council and its Committees in your work. Our names and addresses are listed on the inside cover of VYTIS. We look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of the entire Supreme Council and myself, "LINKSMŪ ŠVENTŲ KALĖDŲ ir LAIMINGŲ METŲ". May the Infant Jesus smile upon you and your work and smooth your path to fruitful activity during the New Year.

Vytiskai,

Loretta I. Stukas  
National President



*As you experience the transcendent joy of this Yuletide, may your blessings abound and bring you every happiness and fulfillment.*

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# Christmas Greetings

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As we celebrate the birth of Christ  
let us pray for world peace, and for  
our brothers and sisters in Lithuania



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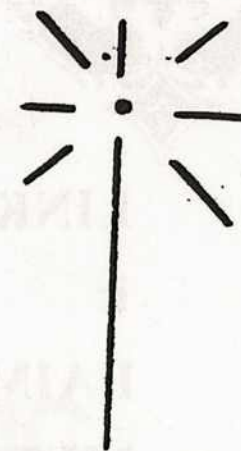
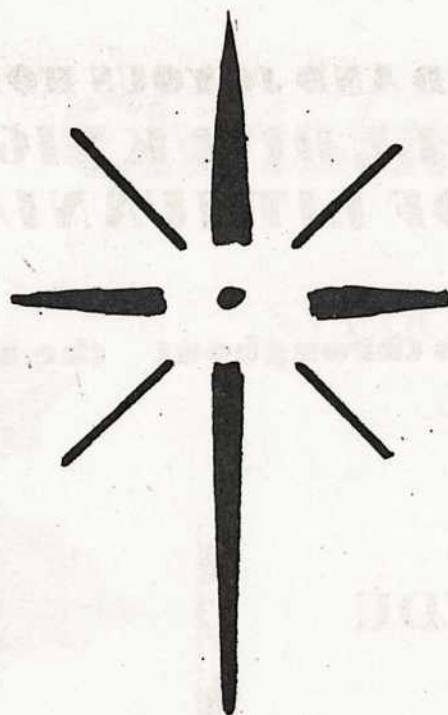
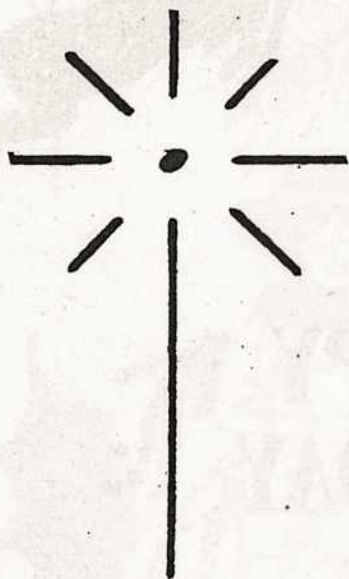
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## **Anthracite Council 144**

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# HOLIDAY Food

Mary L. Lucas

## Entertainment Ideas for the Holidays

This month I will give you several recipes which you may like to try for the pleasure of your guests during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

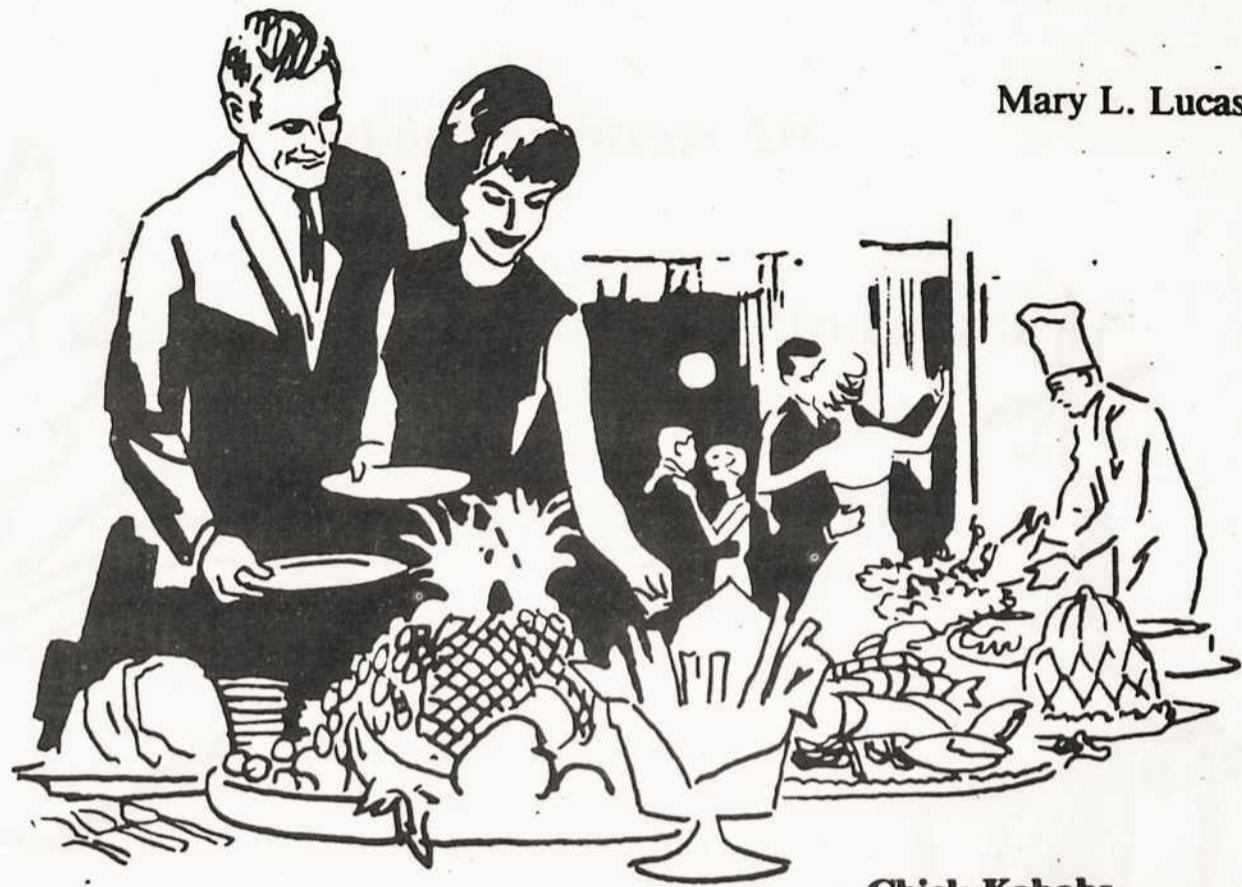
The Stuffed Mushrooms recipe is an original creation of my own. It won me first prize in a recipe contest sponsored by Rudolph Foods, Inc. (A trip to Las Vegas for two).

The other recipe: "Chick-Kabobs", also one of my prize winners, is a favorite of many of my friends. Try the recipes which appeal to you and Bon Appetit!

### Pieninis Krupnikas Milk Liqueur

- 1 Bottle Whole Grain Alcohol
- 2 Lbs. Cube Sugar
- 1 Vanilla Bean Stick
- 6 Oranges
- 3 Lemons
- 1 Qt. Fresh Milk

In a flat bottom pan, cut up oranges and lemons into small wedges. Mash fruit with a potato masher. Put all in a wide mouth glass gallon jar. Add sugar cubes, vanilla stick and the alcohol. Stir well. Let stand for 3 days. At the end of 3rd day add 1 quart milk and let stand for 10 days. On the 11th day strain thru coffee filters lined in med. size mesh strainer. Use spoon to squeeze out all juice. You will have to change filters occasionally. Discard the fruit pulp then filter the liquid again several times. It will now appear as a beautiful clear amber color. Put into 2 bottles.



### "Porkeyrooms"

(Stuffed Mushrooms)

- 20 Medium Size Mushrooms
- 1 Bag 2-3/8 Ozs. Fried Pork Rinds
- 5 T. Margarine
- 2 T. Finely Chopped Onion
- 1/8 t. Black Pepper
- 1/2 C. Fine Bread Crumbs

Wash Mushrooms under running water. Drain on paper toweling. Remove stems and chop fine.

Put pork rinds thru fine blade of food grinder or blender, or food processor.

Place 3T. margarine in a medium size skillet, add the chopped onion and mushroom stems. Fry till onion is transparent and mushrooms release their juice. Add the ground pork rinds, pepper and M.S.G. Blend thoroughly till mixture is moistened. Fill mushroom caps with this mixture. Melt remaining margarine in skillet, add bread crumbs and mix together.

Dip filled mushroom caps into buttered bread crumbs. Place in a 9" pie pan and bake for 15 minutes in 350° oven. Dust with paprika and garnish with parsley.

These may be made ahead, refrigerated, then baked before serving. Makes 20.

### Chick-Kabobs

- 4 Bonless Chicken Breasts each cut into 8 cubes
- 1 Can Water Chestnuts cut into 16 pieces
- 16 Med. Size Fresh Mushrooms
- 8 Wooden Skewers (City Chicken size)

### Sauce

- 1/3 C. Honey
- 1/2 C. Soy Sauce
- 1/2 C. Dry White Wine
- 1 Clove Garlic (crushed)
- 2 Grated Fresh Ginger Root
- 1/3 t. Crushed Dry Red Pepper

Mix all above ingredients together. Using 4 cubes of chicken, 2 halves water chestnut and 2 whole mushrooms, thread the meat and vegetables onto each skewer beginning with meat and alternating the vegetables between each meat cube.

Arrange Kabobs in a 9"x13" pan. Pour sauce over, cover and let marinate overnite, turning several times.

Three-quarters of an hour before serving, place the pan in preheated oven 375°. BAKE uncovered till glazed, turning occasionally, for about 45 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature.

(For smaller Kabobs, use 16 shorter skewers and use one-half as much meat and vegetables on each skewer.

Makes 8 large or 16 small Kabobs.





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trokštame, kad naujai užgimes Dieviškasis  
Kūdikėlis atneštų pasauliui taiką ir ramybę,  
o mūsų tėvų žemei — Lietuvai — laisvę**



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## Lithuanian Straw Art

### Lithuanian Christmas Tree Ornaments

#### Made From Paper Straws and Glue

By Aldona Ryan

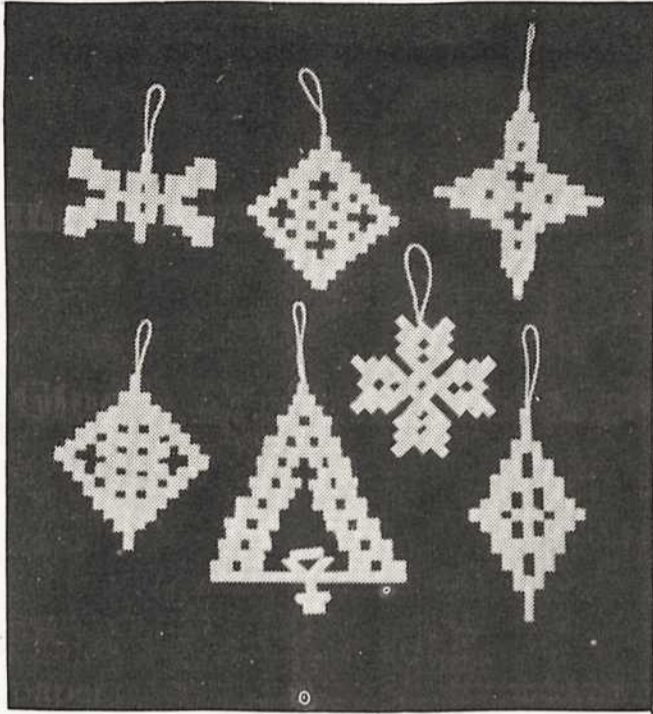


Photo by J. Ryan

About ten years ago, the women in our parish learned how to make Lithuanian Christmas Tree Ornaments out of white, plastic straws. We sewed them into intricate shapes and designs with a large needle and white crochet thread.

This type of art form remains a very popular item in our area. We have advanced to bird cages and other accessories for year around use.

Then, about three or four years ago, we learned a different type of straw art. We started making ornaments out of white paper straws by gluing them together.

This type of art form does not take any more skill but, possibly, it does take a little more patience. Perhaps you might like to try it.

The nine patterns that you see on the next pages are only a small part of a great variety. Due to lack of space, large patterns could not be included. By changing the hanger threads to different locations, a total of fifteen different ornaments can be made.

These patterns have been drawn by hand on homemade graph paper and are not perfect, but quite useable.

The bell, church, and Christmas tree are my own design. The designer of the other patterns remains unknown. It might be fun to make your own patterns at some future date.

#### You will need:

- A pattern printed on graph paper
- A piece of stiff cardboard
- Clear, plastic sheeting such as Saran Wrap (or plate glass)
- White paper straws
- Elmer's Glue (Or Sobo or any craft glue that dries clear)
- A bottle cap
- Toothpicks
- Single edge razor blades
- A pancake turner
- White crochet thread (Or any strong white thread)

Place pattern on cardboard and cover both with plastic sheeting. (This is done so that glue isn't put onto pattern directly.)

Put some glue into bottle cap. (Putting out ~~too much~~ glue will be wasteful as it dries quickly and becomes unusable.)

With a sharp, single edged razor blade, cut a piece of straw the length needed for the longest piece in the pattern. (Or start from the center and work outward. Sometimes it is better to turn the pattern upside down and work from bottom up.)

With a toothpick, place two or three dots of glue directly on plastic on spot where the cut piece of straw is to be placed. Put straw down and allow it to dry to the sheeting.

While the first straw piece is drying, cut straws the right lengths for the second row.

Put dots of glue on the **SIDE** of the pasted down straw where the second row will touch the first straw.

With the help of your toothpick, slide second row into place.

Continue cutting and gluing the rows to the sides of the preceding rows until pattern is finished.

Cut a three inch piece of thread and tie ends together to make a loop.

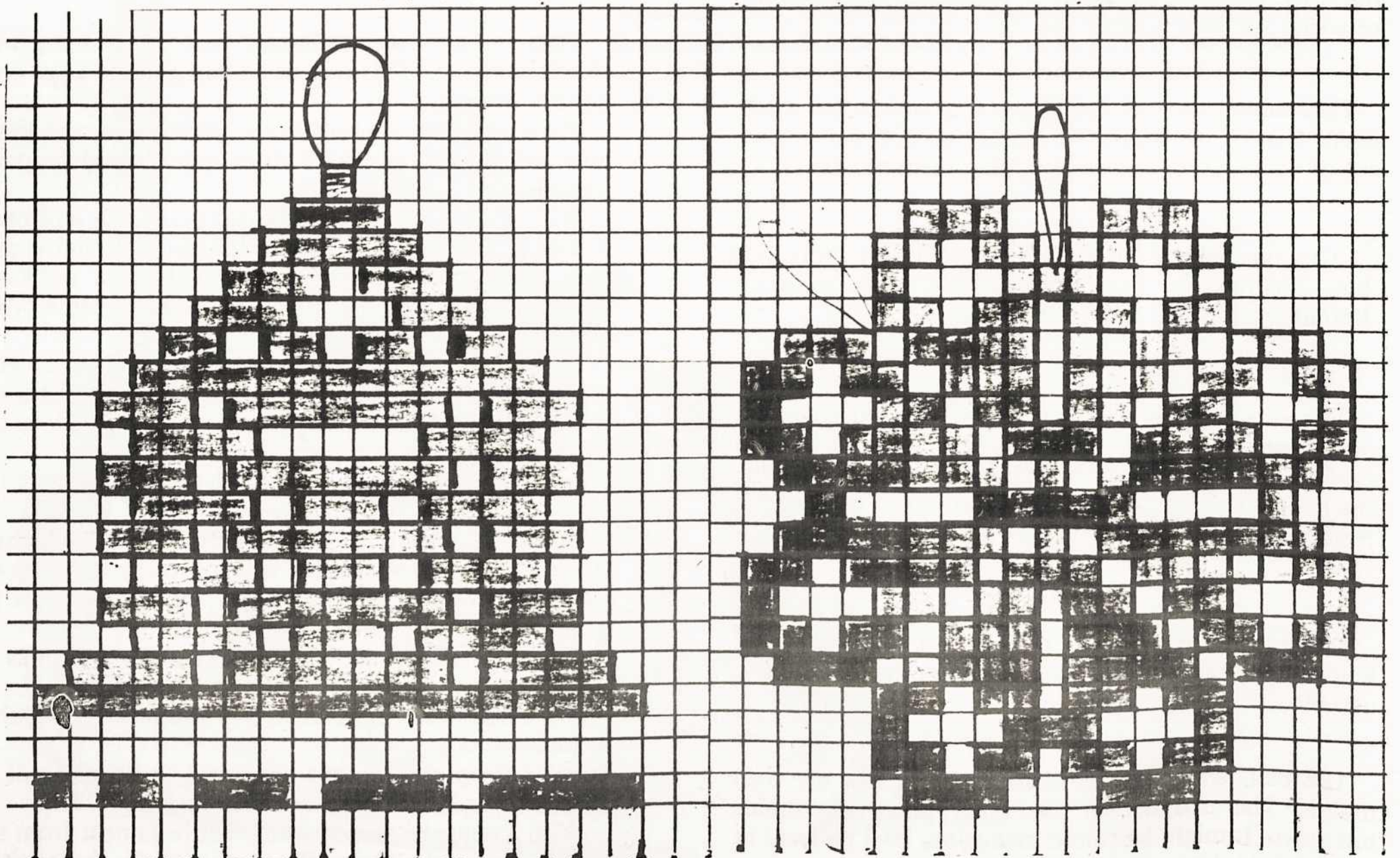
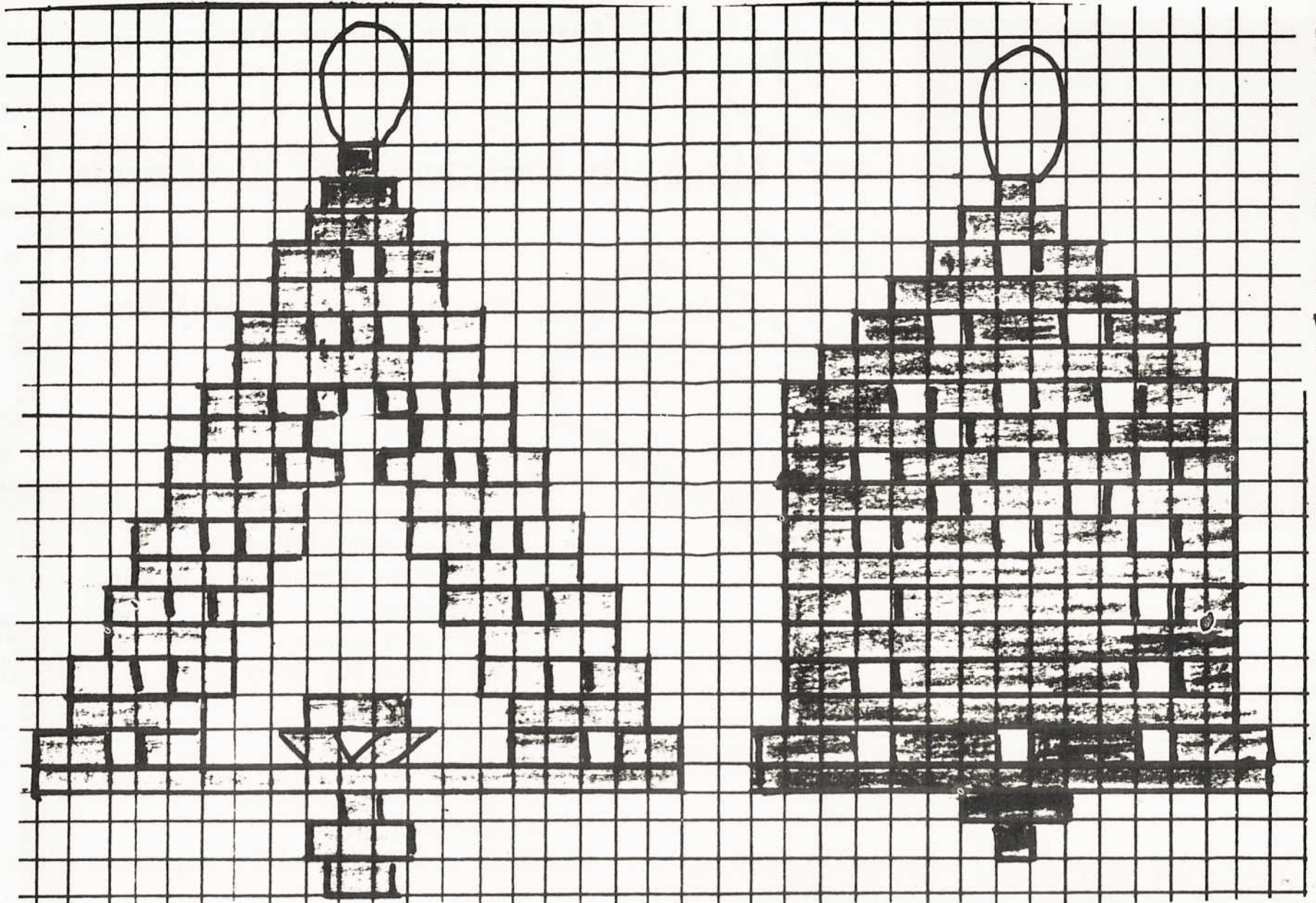
Put a drop of glue into top straw and push knot of looped thread into the glue for a "hanger".

With a pancake turner, gently lift ornament from the plastic sheet and place on flat surface to dry thoroughly.

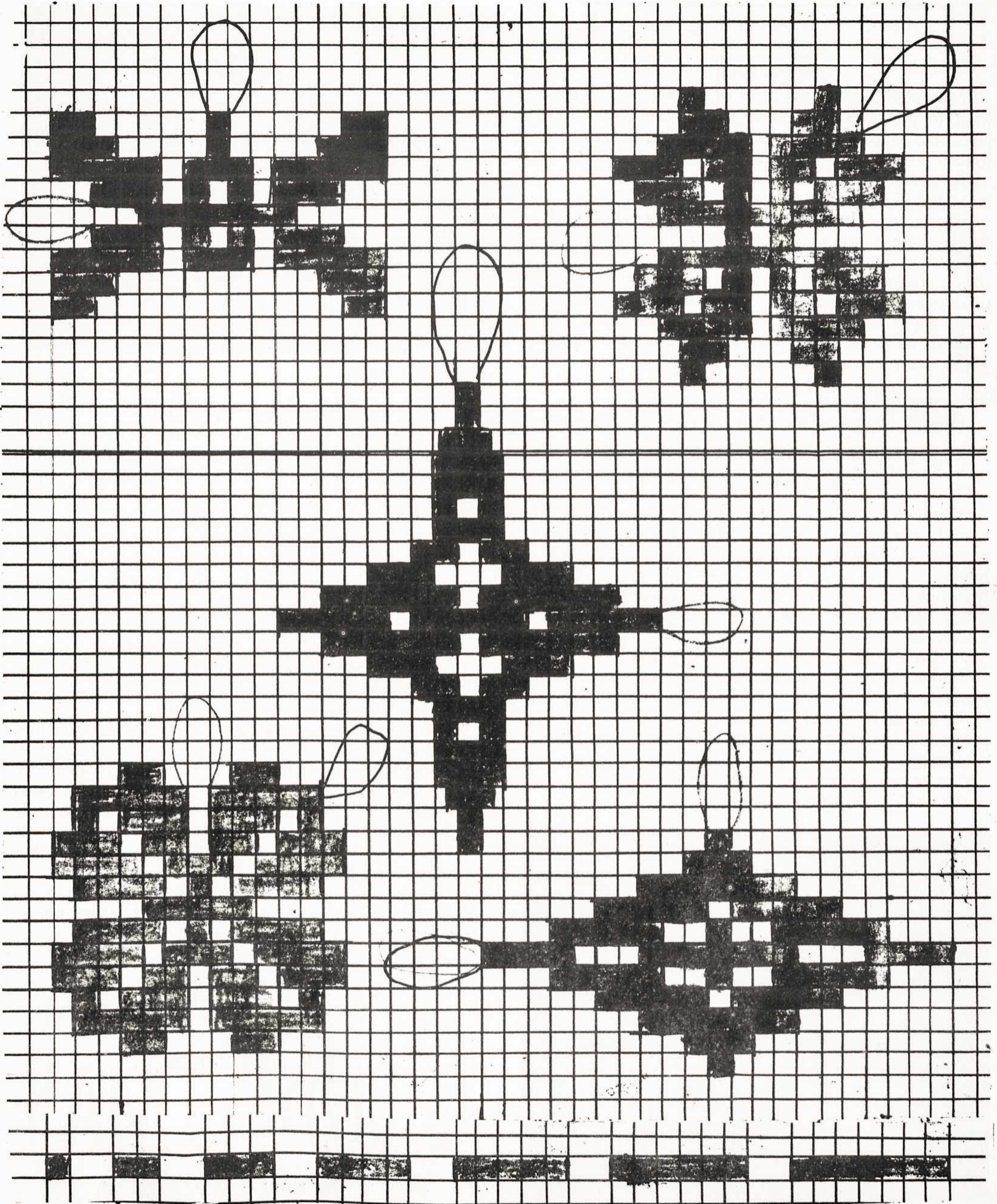


LITHUANIAN

STRAW ART









## PAPER STRAW ORNAMENTS

### Helpful Hints

If you plan to make a number of ornaments, you may want to pre-cut your straws. In five containers, cut pieces the lengths most often used: 1 space, 2 spaces, 3 spaces, 4 spaces and 5 spaces.

Use a sharp razor blade to cut the straws and try to make the edges as straight as possible.

Using glue too generously will end up in a sloppy back side as the glue will ooze down and fall to the bottom.

Try to match the straws with your graph paper. If straws are too big, they will cover the pattern too soon to continue with the work. You can make your own graph paper to fit the width of your straws.

Learn to work deftly with your toothpick to push pieces into place and to hold them together.

## Homemade Clay For Ceramic-Type Ornaments, Figures or Jewelry

By Aldona Ryan

Dissolve 1/2 cup of cornstarch in 1/3 cup of water in a bowl. In a separate pan — mix 1 cup salt and 1/3 cup of water and heat stirring constantly until brine starts to bubble.

Remove from heat and stir in the cornstarch solution.

Stir hard until mixture is stiff enough to knead. Knead until smooth.

Store in airtight container or plastic bag.

Can be rolled flat with rolling pin and shapes cut with cookie cutter.

No baking is needed. Air dry to hard texture.

For lasting beauty, paint with clear varnish for white ornaments.

Can be painted with oil colors or poster paints.

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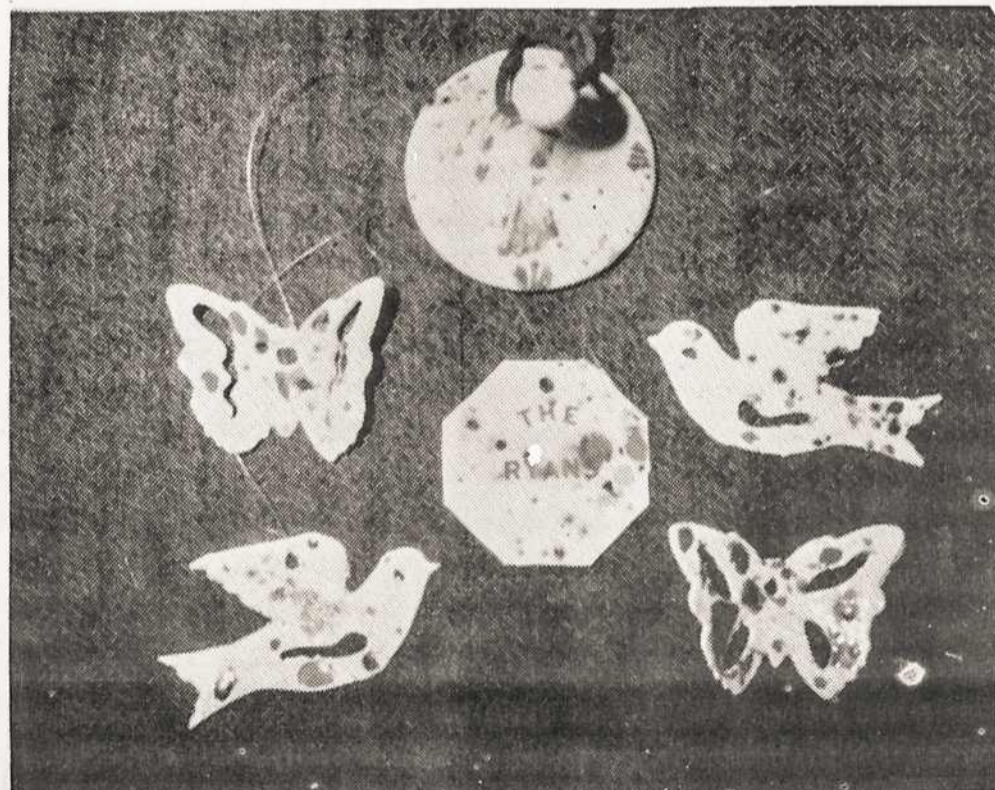


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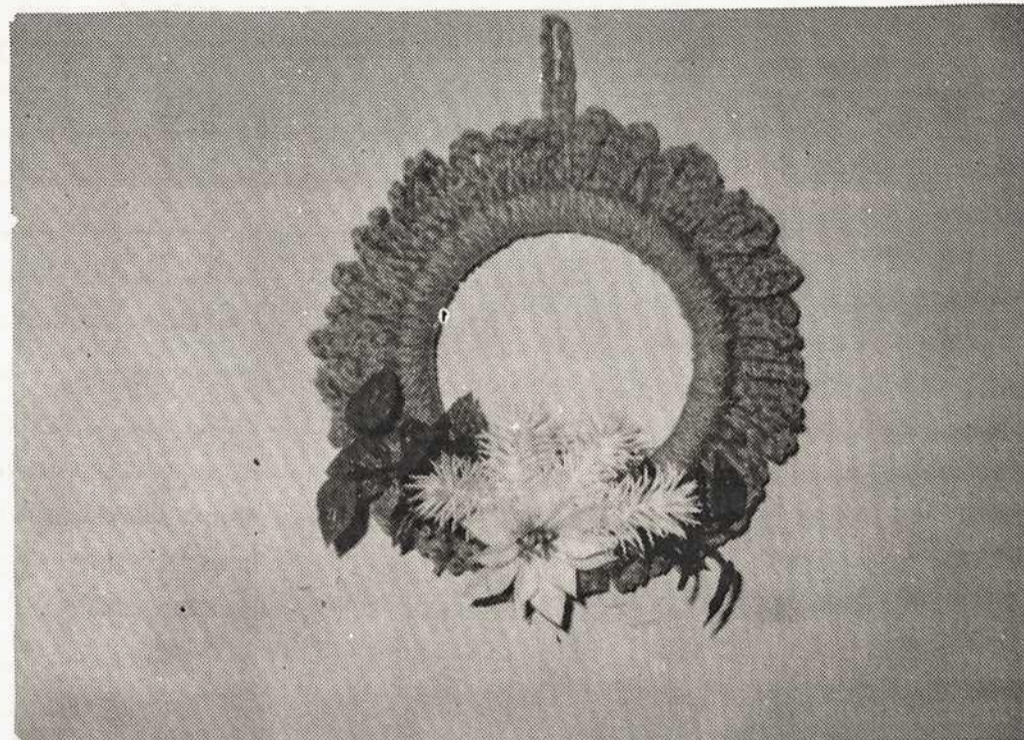


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## Chain Stitch Wreath

By Aldona Ryan

You will need:

3-ply yarn (rug type)

large crochet hook

plastic lid from coffee can

Cut the center of a plastic lid leaving a 1/2 inch circle or ring to use as the base for the wreath.

Put one chain stitch on your crochet hook.

Place crochet hook through the center of plastic ring and pull thread through the chain stitch — thereby casting one loop over the plastic ring.

Make 10 chain stitches and then cast another loop over the ring. Pull thread through the last chain stitch

Make 10 chain stitches and then cast another loop over the ring. Pull thread through the last chain stitch

Make 10 more chain stitches and cast loop over the plastic ring.

Continue with this process until the plastic ring is completely covered.

At the very end, make 18 or 20 chain stitches and pull through the last loop. This long loop will be your hanger at the top of the wreath.

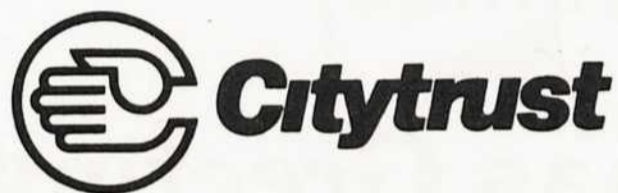
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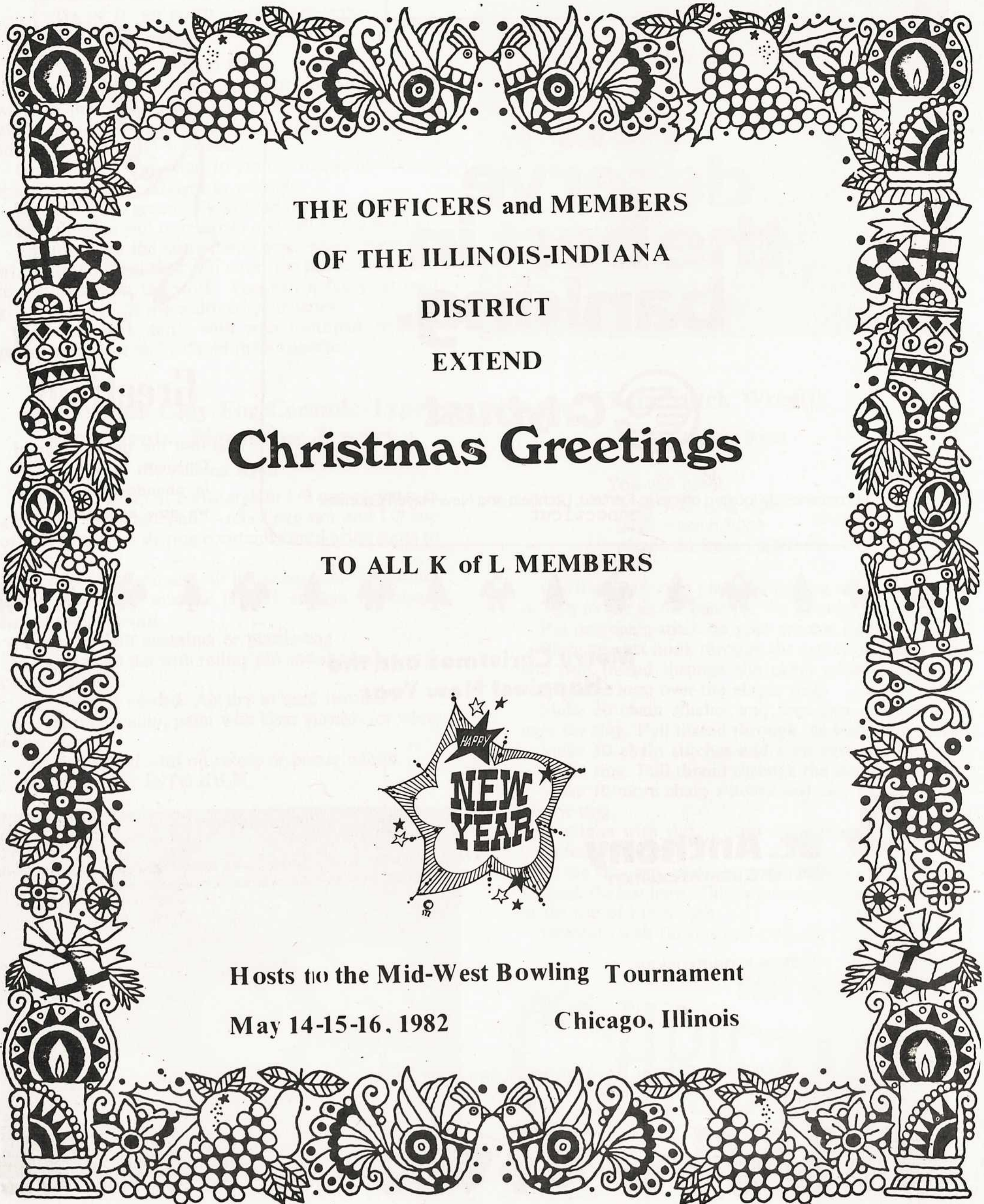
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# Lithuanians in The

# NEWS



Edited by

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The noted Lithuanian composer, prof. JUOZAS ZILEVICIUS, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, was honored in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 18th. A concert, featuring his compositions, was presented by the famed Ciurlionis Ensemble. The main speaker at the event was DR. LEONARD J. SIMUTIS, member of C-112, Chicago, past director of the K of L Choir in Chicago from 1941 thru 1951, and presently Chairman of the Department of Music at Chicago State University.

ALEKSANDRAS ALEKSIS, another noted Lithuanian composer, celebrated his 95th birthday on October 10th. His most famous work is the Knights of Lithuania anthem. He is an honorary member of the Knights of Lithuania, and resides with his wife Marcella in Waterbury, Conn.

A new book "Pegasus On Stilts" has been released by author AREJAS VITKAUSKAS, who is Editor-Manager of the World Wide News Bureau in Jersey City, N.J. The book contains thirty funny satirical poems which are simple yet unique. Vitkauskas began his writing career while in the army in the first days of Lithuania's independence. After coming to America in 1933, he was a correspondent for periodicals in Lithuania until the occupation in 1940. Since then, he has established himself as an American writer and distributes worldwide a weekly column entitled "American Scene."



*Representatives of Chicago's Lithuanian musicians visit with Prof. Juozas Zilevicius. Standing from left to right: Algis Simkus, Alice Stephens, Dr. Leonard J. Simutis and Aloyzas Jurgutis.*

MARGUTIS, the popular Lithuanian Radio show in Chicago, directed by Petras Petrutis, marked its 50th Anniversary with a banquet at the Lithuanian Youth Center on October 24th. The program originated with the late Antanas Vanagaitis, noted composer.



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*Nancy Miro, left, 1st vice president of the Connecticut Association of Paralegals, shown with her fellow officers following their installation*

**NANCY MIRO**, Recording Secretary for C-141, Bridgeport, Conn., and newly elected National Secretary, is the first vice president of the Connecticut Association of Paralegals (CAP), as reported in the Bridgeport Post. Paralegals — a young profession of legal assistants growing from within the increasing complexities of the legal profession — can do anything a lawyer can do except advise clients and represent them in court. CAP was formed in 1975 at Sacred Heart University by a group of students enrolled in the legal assistant program. Nancy, a real estate paralegal with the law firm of Dworkin, Minogue and Bucci in downtown Bridgeport, Conn., is an alumna of Sacred Heart University's Legal Assistant Program.



*Martha Smilgis with Bob Hope at his home in Palm Springs following an interview for People Magazine.*

“TIME” Reporter **MARTHA SMILGIS** was featured in the May issue of Lithuanian Days magazine. Martha is the Show Business Correspondent of Time Magazine and is stationed in Los Angeles, CA, to cover West Coast events. Born in Chicago, she moved with her parents to Hollywood when she was six months old. There she was educated, attending Blessed Sacrament Grammar School and Immaculate Heart High School with several other Lithuanians who were her friends through school. She received her journalism education at the University of California in Berkeley.

The biggest Lithuanian influence in her life was her grandmother who treated her with sour milk, homemade bread and kugelis. It was from her grandmother that she learned to speak Lithuanian, which she no longer speaks, but still understands.

Martha has been associated with Sports Illustrated Magazine, People Magazine, where she did screen stories about people such as John Travolta and other celebrities, and now she's with the Time Magazine where she concentrates on the floundering theater and movie section in Los Angeles. Her future remains in writing — for the present about show business, but ultimately she wants to write fiction.



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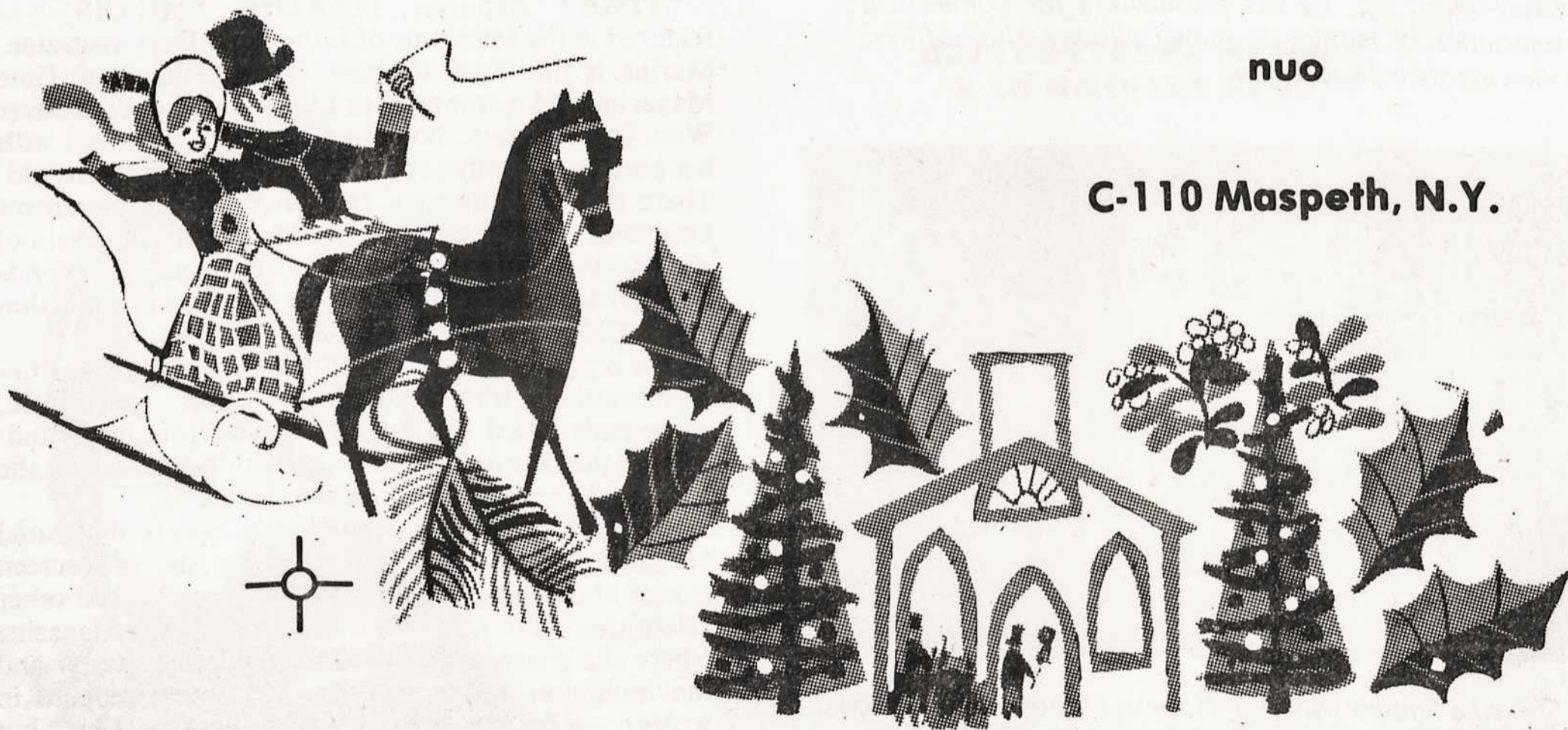
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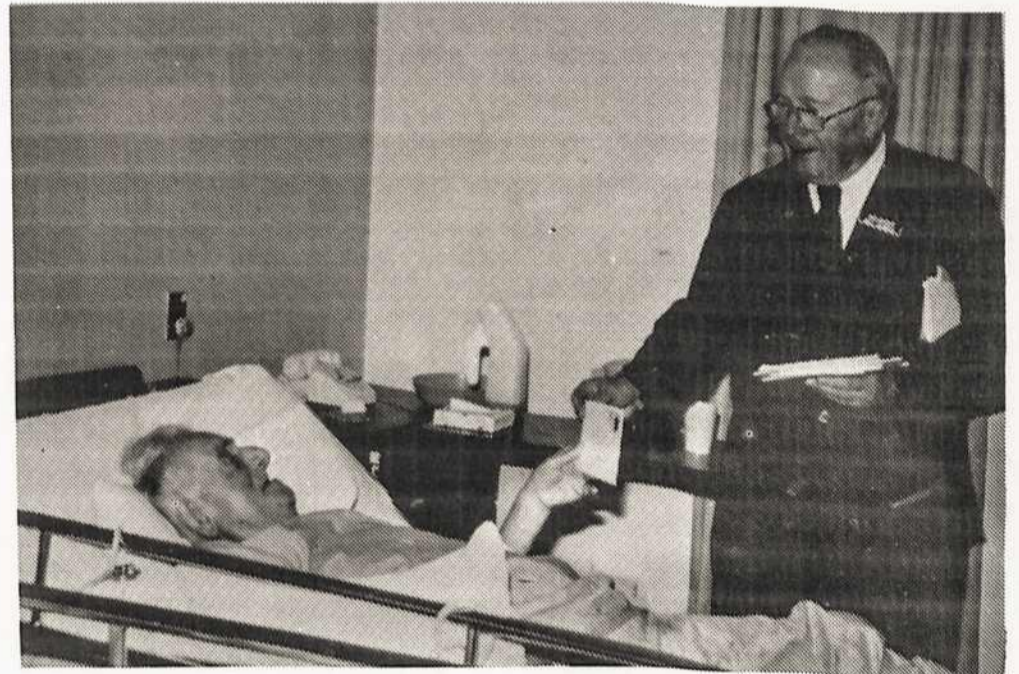
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**C-52 - ELIZABETH, N.J.**



**WILLIAM SENKUS**, member of C-36, Elizabeth, N.J., recently received a letter of thanks from Nathas R. Einhorn, Chief of the Exchange and Gift Division, The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., for submitting *The Story of Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Inc.*, a historical booklet which he wrote and compiled on the past activities of the Lithuanian Liberty Hall Association. He has served for 20 years as Treasurer of the Lithuanian Savings and Loan Association, which was renamed Liberty Savings & Loan Association, headquartered at the Hiberian Club building. He is a former vice president and recording secretary of the Lithuanian Liberty Hall Association. Bill is also a 3rd Degree member of the Elizabeth Knights of Columbus, and has been the recording and corresponding secretary of the Linden Retired Men's Club since 1977.

Being an active member and officer of the Holy Name Society of St. Peter and Paul Church in Elizabeth, he has been seeking financial aid from parishioners and the public in defraying the cost of the removal of the twin steeples on the church. He retired from The Singer Company in 1977 after 42 years and is very active in many organizations.



*William Senkus, volunteering his services at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth, N.J.*

**LITHUANIAN FLOAT WINS** said the news item in "The Kansan", Kansas City, Kansas' only daily newspaper, and the "Wyandotte County Star".

The Central Avenue Betterment Association, sponsor of the biggest parade in Kansas City, on October 10th awarded trophies for the three best entries out of 47 floats in the parade. First prize went to the colorful **LITHUANIANS OF AMERICA** float which featured costumed twirling folk dancers.

**RITA AND TONY SAKALYS** of Clarendon Hills, Illinois, and their children, Richard, Audrey and Paul, follow many of the traditions of their Lithuanian heritage at Christmas, according to an article featured last November in the "Doings" newspaper, published in Hinsdale, Illinois. There is usually a large family group at the Sakalys' home on Christmas Eve where gifts are exchanged after Santa's visit or after dinner and then they attend midnight Mass together.





*The Sakalys family planning a beautiful Christmas tree.*

Christmas Eve dinner is heaped in tradition — a meatless meal consisting of 12 dishes, one for each of the 12 Apostles. An extra place is always set in memory of members of the family who have died. The tablecloth is spread over straw, symbolizing the lowly manger Jesus was laid in. After dinner, each person draws a straw from under the cloth. The person drawing the longest straw, it is said, will live longest.

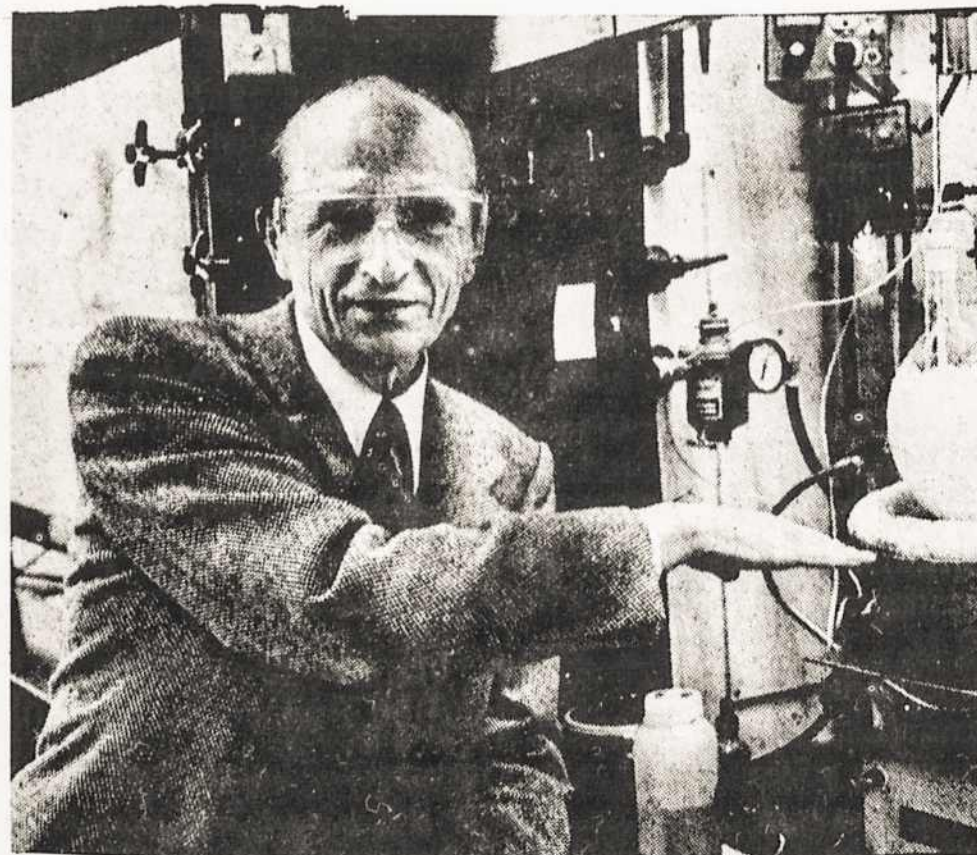
The meal begins with sharing of the bread, together with a prayer. A large wafer is split and each person receives a share. This in turn, is divided so that each person gives the other persons a piece of their wafer. Dinner consists mainly of fish, stuffed or baked, herring, beet salad, fruit compote, cranberry pudding, and "little ears". A Christmas Eve biscuit with poppy seed milk is always included.

The Lithuanian Christmas tree traditionally is put up and decorated on Christmas Eve day and taken down on Epiphany. The tree is completely decorated with straw ornaments handmade into intricate shapes. In a Lithuanian home, Santa Claus comes on Christmas Eve after dinner to deliver his gifts to the young children.

A staff scientist at DeSoto, Inc., recently was awarded his 100th U.S. patent for the invention of an exterior latex paint that combines the benefits of oil and water based paints. KAZYS SEKMAKAS, Des Plaines, Illinois, who has more than 200 foreign patents, received the patent for a paint that is available to consumers under the Sears' "Weatherbeater" trade name, according to the American Paint & Coatings Journal and Crain's Chicago Business newspaper.

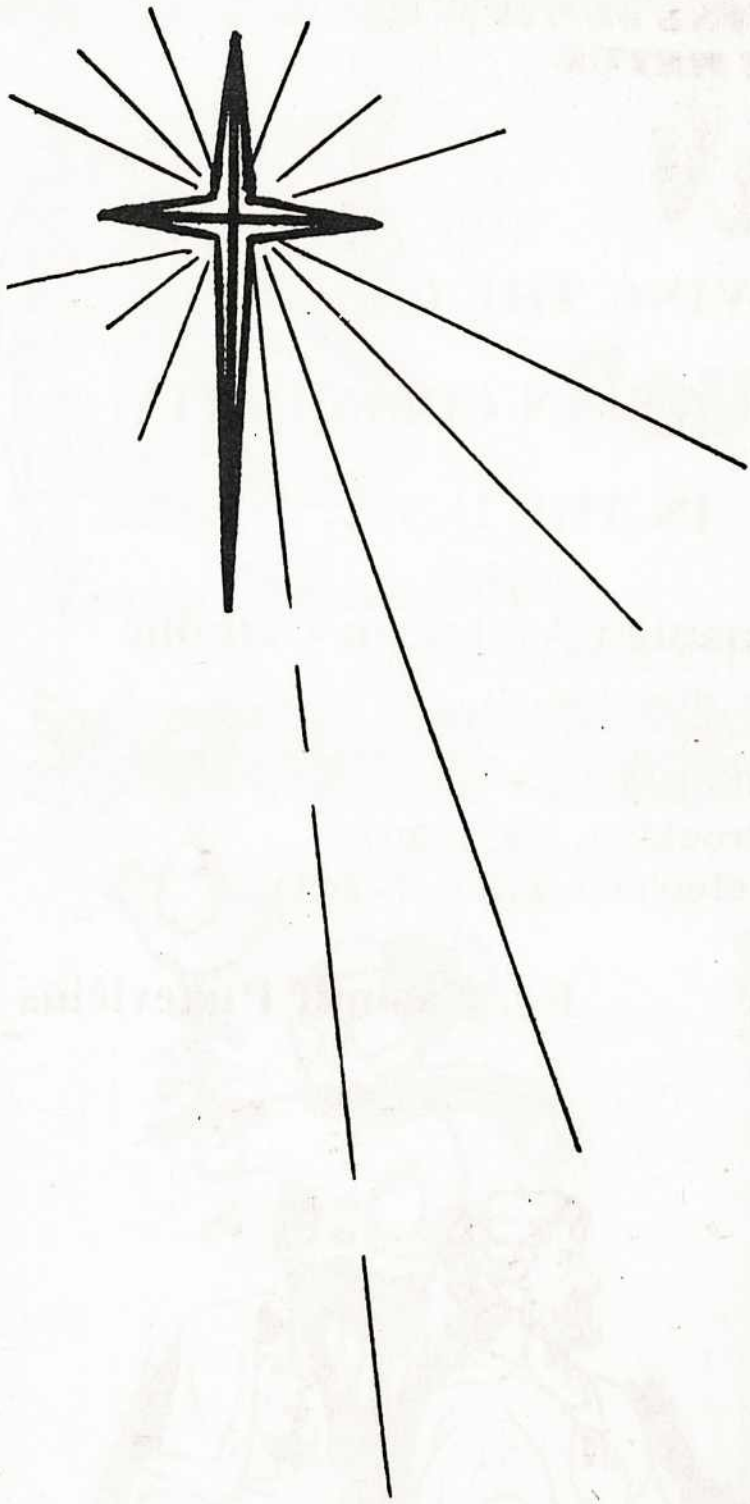
The paint, it is said, has a thick texture and applies smoothly as do oil-based paints. It also provides resistance to chalking, fading and mildew, promotes better adhesion and cleans up with water as do latex paints.

A polymer developer for more than 30 years, Sekmakas' technology is used in aerospace, appliance, construction and packaging industries. He was born in Lithuania and received M.A. degrees in organic chemistry and chemical engineering from the University of Kaunas, Lithuania. He became a U.S. citizen in 1955 and joined DeSoto in 1957.



*Kazys Sekmasas, Scientist.*





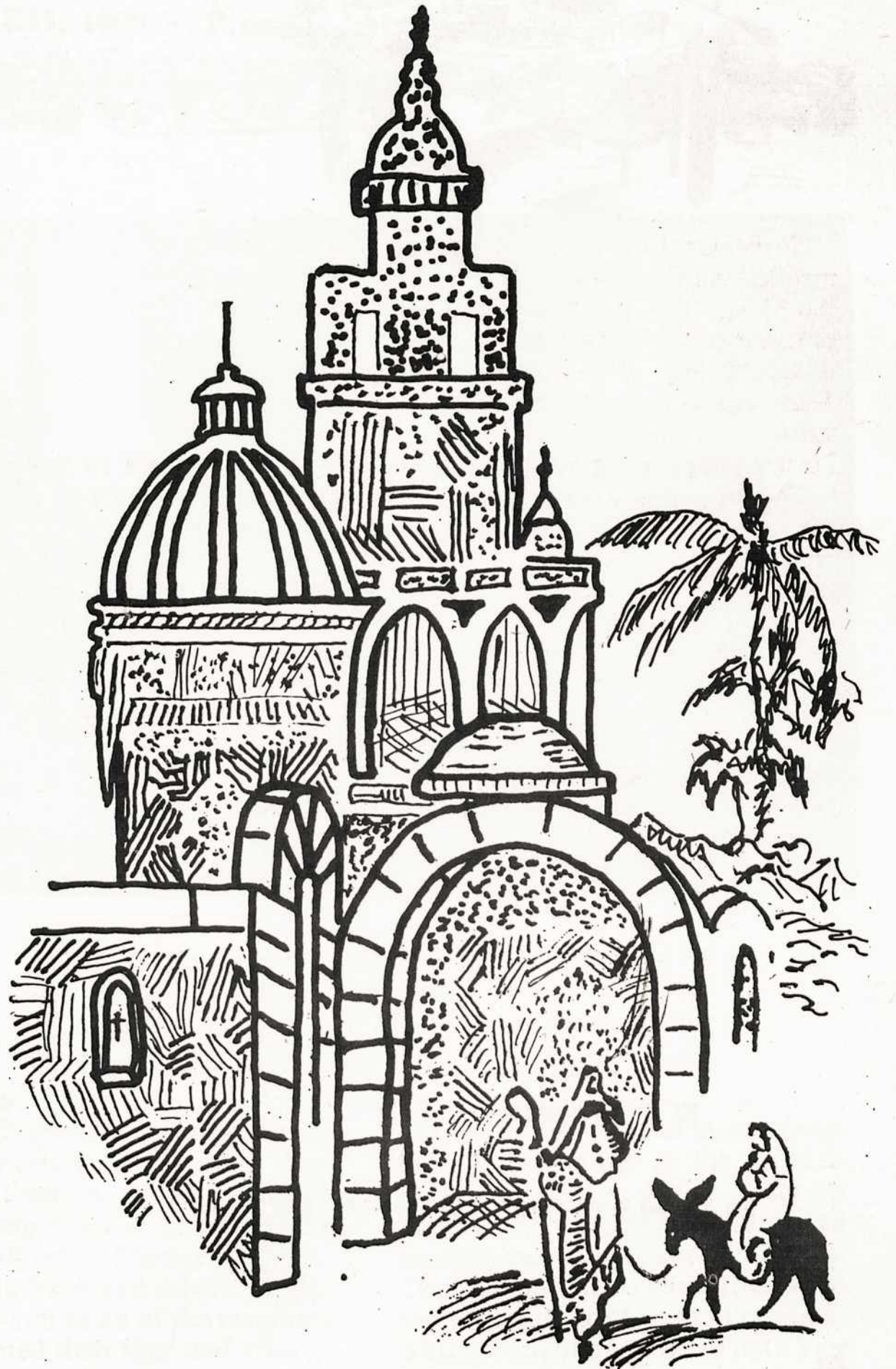
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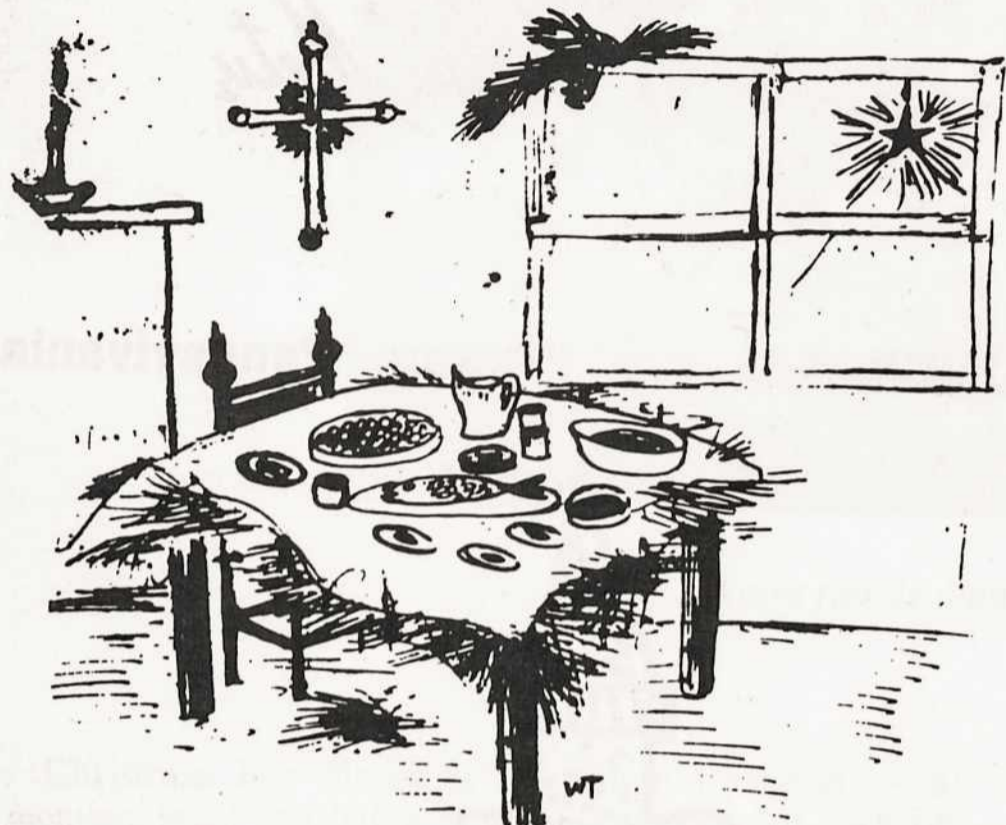
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# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities



*Merry Christmas*

*Happy New Year*

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## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The July 4 Annual K of L Day Picnic was again a grand success. Chairmen Vince Samaska and John Paukstis and their committees are to be congratulated. Raffle Chairmen Algerd Brazis and Irene Sankus express their appreciation to everyone who participated in the raffle and to the following gift donors: Anthony and Mary Rudis; Standard Federal Savings; Joseph Gribauskas of St. Anthony Savings; John Paukstis; Frank Zogas of Midland Savings; Norman Burstein, Furrier; Gifts International; Vince's Flower Shop; Rev. John Savukynas; Wood-Mac Bowling Lanes; American Travel Service; A & J Meats; Sharko Restaurants; Jean Vance; Ireome Jankus; Wagner Lumber; Chicago



*Vincent Samaska, Prse. IID, addresses delegates during the Chicago ALTAS Conference. Seated: Pres. E. Mikuzis, Consul General of Chicago, the Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis, and S. Mankus. Photo: M. Nagis*

Savings; Kazimiera Petrulis; Gerry Mach; Andrijauskas Liquors; Ann & Leon Pauksta; Council 36; Al Brazis; Irene Sankus; parama Food Store; Saltinelis; Stanley Gimbut; Argo State Bank and others. A big, big thank-you to all of the members who donated their time and effort.

The IID Convention meeting was held in September in the K of L Building. Gerry Mack, Monica Kasper and Vince Samaska served as after-meeting hostesses and host. Congratulations to the officers for the 1981-82 K of L year: President, Vince Samaska C-36; First Vice



President (Juniors) Ann Marie Kassel C-36; Second Vice President (Membership) Eleanor Kasputis C-112; Third Vice President (Seniors) to be appointed by the Chicago Seniors; Secretary, Sophie Nieminski C-112; Treasurer, Irene Sankus C-112; Trustees, Paul Binkis Jr. C-112 and Peter Jasaitis C-112; Sergeants at Arms, Louis Rogers C-112, Antanas Sereika C-112 and Joseph Martikonis C-36.

Algerd Brazis will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board and the Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas will continue to guide us spiritually.

**DATE TO REMEMBER:** February 7, 1982, is the date selected for our annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet, Martinique Grand Ballroom. Everyone is invited to join the IID for this event.

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### C-36 — CHICAGO

After a short summer vacation, our first meeting was held on September 28.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Spiritual Advisor; John Paukstis, President; Wally Tenclinger, First Vice President; Irene Norushis, Second Vice President; Bernice Pupinik, Third Vice President; Ann Marie Kassel, Recording Secretary; Georgianna Kassel, Corresponding Secretary; Sophie Zukas, Financial Secretary; Frank Svelnis, Treasurer; Vince Smoska and Sabina Klatt, Trustees; Jerome Jankus and Joe Martikonis, Sergeants at Arms.

The following were named as committee chairmen: Cultural, Ona Naureckas; Lithuanian Affairs and English Publicity, Ruth Kazlauskas; Lithuanian Publicity, Salomeja Daulys; Vytis Correspondent and Public Relations, Sabina Klatt.

Congratulations to all the new officers and a great big thank you for all outgoing officers on a job well done.



*Pictured at the Farewell Party for the Petraitis', former IID officers, are: Board Chairman Algerd Brazis, Harry Petraitis and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Petraitis Photo C. Janula*

Congratulations are also in order for Vince Samoska who was re-elected to the presidency of the Illinois-Indiana District. Ann Marie Kassel was re-elected as First Vice President. Ruth Kazlauskas will chair Lithuanian Affairs, and Sabina Klatt will serve as Choir President and Chairman of Civic Affairs.

Bernice Pupinik and Sabina Klatt assisted Ann Marie Kassel on the Mandate Committee at the National Convention in Scranton. Georgianna Kassel, Maria Klatt, Tom and Paul Strolia attended and tucked away many memories of the convention.

Loretta Stukas, our former member, has our best wishes for a very successful term of office as President of the Supreme Council. Ann Marie Kassel and Ruth Kazlauskas continue as National Financial Secretary and Editor of Vytis "Lithuanians in the News," respectively.

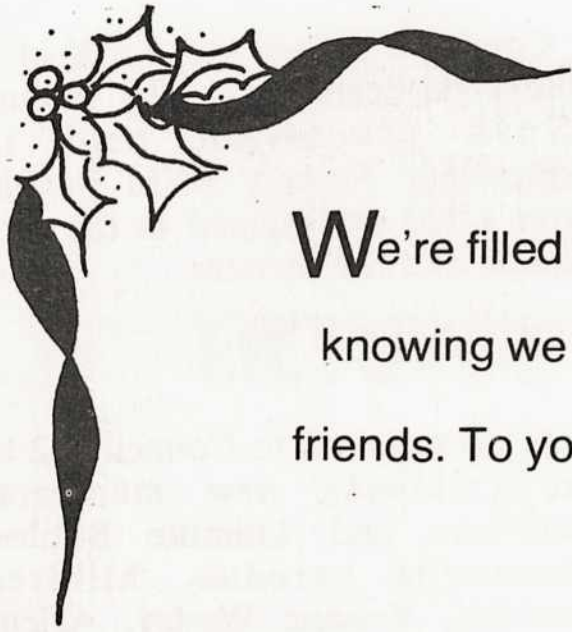
Congratulations to Ruth Kazlauskas and Sabina Klatt for receiving the 100 Letter Award.

Rev. Pugevicius made the presentation at the Sunday morning brunch at the convention. We're proud of our members.

On October 25, the K of L Choir under the direction of Faustas Strolia performed at the Annual Dinner of the Sisters of St. Casimir at Maria High School. It was a great success. From our council, Salomija Daulys, Lucille Kilkus, Margaret Norvaisis, Theresa Strolia, Ann Marie Kassel, and Sabina Klatt participated and truly are helping to keep the Lithuanian heritage alive with the beautiful Lithuanian songs that were sung. The sisters and guests complimented Faustas Strolia on how beautifully the choir sang.

November 22 will be a very interesting and exciting day for Maryann Nunn, Joe Martikonis' daughter. This year, her home was one of four chosen to be decorated in ethnic for Christmas Eve. Of course, it will be Lithuanian. She is busy making straw ornaments to hang on her tree. Plans are being made for Lithuanian displays which will turn her beautiful home into a





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knowing we have so many wonderful  
friends. To you all . . .



*Knights of Lithuania members*

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true Lithuanian home. She expects about 800 people to tour her home in Beechers.

December 8 is Lithuanian Day at the Science and Industry. The K of L Choir and Dancers will perform under the direction of Fausta Strolia and Frank Zapolis. Please circle your calendar and attend.

It was sad when our member, Antanas Brokevicius, died in October after a long illness. Many of our members gathered for the special wake service with Father Kireilis officiating. Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him and all our deceased members.

John Paukstis, President C-36, appointed Lucille Kilkus as Historian and Ann Marie Kassel as Parliamentarian.

Don't forget to attend our meetings — we need you!

**SABINA KLATT**



*Lithuanian Commemorative Mass at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, home parish of C-112 Chicago*





*C-112, Chicago - Outgoing President Albert Zakarka hands the president's gavel to new President Paul Binkis, Jr.*

Council members and our K of I colors participated in the annual Siluva procession held in September, Nativity BVM Parish. Over 1,000 participated in the procession and the services.

A big welcome to Council 112 to the following new members: Genevieve and Laimute Stitiles, Domicella peredna, Mildred Rochkes, Yvonne Wesley, Arlene Gaps, LaVerne Wopereis, Bruno and Ann Simon, Thaddeus and Marie Tomesk, Michael Yuknis, Vladas Simaitis, Vilhelmina Stuoges, Ausra Aukstudius, Juozas Malusevicius, Edmund and Rosemary Jurjonas, James and Margaret Adamaitis, and to Lifetime Member, Edward (Moose) Krause.

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### **C-112—CHICAGO**

Congratulations to outgoing president Albert Zakarka and his corps of officers on completing another successful K of L year.

At our September business meeting, officers were elected for the coming year; namely, Paul Binkis, Jr., president; Edward Deksnis, vice president; Sophie Nieminski, recording secretary; Alice Cekanor, financial secretary; Monica Kasper, treasurer; Albert Cekanor and Dolores Wainauskis, trustees and Louis Rogers and Albert Zakarka, sergeants at arms. Our best wishes to them for a productive year.

Canon V. Zakarauskas will continue to serve as our spiritual advisor. Committee chairmanships will be announced in a future issue of VYTIS.



*Council 112 (Chicag) members attending Bishop Deksnis' Anniversary Party. Saulius Kuprys, Rev. Anthony Markus, Irene Sankus, Paul Binkis, Jr., Eleanor Kasputis and Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas (Banquet Chairman)*



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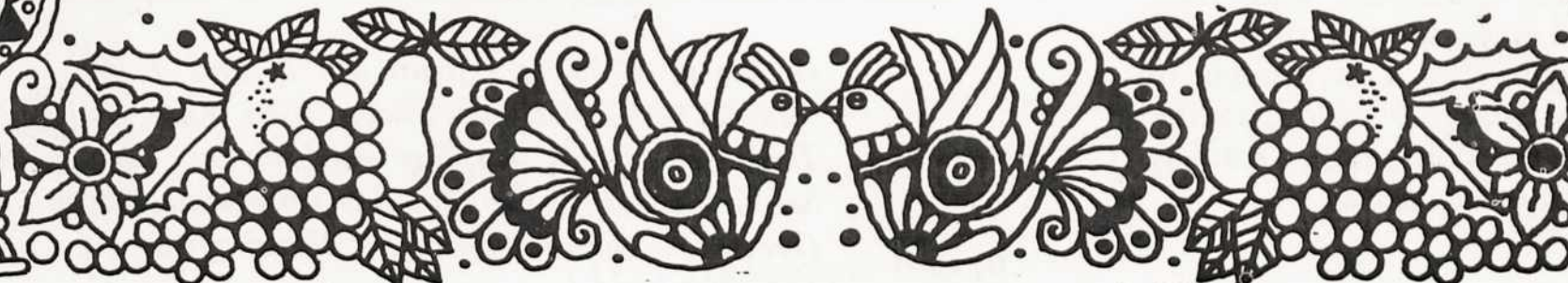


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## MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT



### Seasons Greetings

#### C-79—SOUTHFIELD

Time flies! We have jobs; we have hobbies; we have responsibilities — and Christmas is coming. It's another way of pausing for reflection.

After more years than we can remember, Ruth Grasha relinquished the post of recording secretary due to ailing health. She has done a remarkable job. Thanks, Ruth, for your timeless effort.

At our first fall meeting in September, we were happy to have Virginia Kirsh and Marianne Newberry Hopp present. Virginia after a prolonged absence enrolled her mother, Judy Rukstele, into C-79 membership. A big welcome to all.

Congratulations to Richard Danielak, son of Mary Keller, and Ann Erdman, Mary's sister, who were conferred the First Degree by Ritual Chairman Bertha Janus.

A big tribute to the Family Day Picnic Committee consisting of Chairman Joseph Yakstys, Jeanne Yakstys, Marge and Chet Nashlon, Maggie Smailis, Marianne Newberry, George and Marie Kase, Richard Danielak, Mary Keller, Julia Belickas, A Dainus, Ed Sackle and Violet Panavas. They made it possible for members and their families to have a great time. The lucky people were Leo Smilgis in horseshoes; Marge Nashlon, raffle; Lenny Salas, half-gallon Amber; Marge Nashlon in darts.



*Helen Tucker, pres. of ALRC Alliance pinning Honorary Award to Ann Valatka, who also is member of C-79*



*Pres. Frank Zager of C-79, chatting with resident - one of July birthday celebrants, visited by members at "Marian West" Housing for Seniors*



*Group of C-79'ers - from left S. and F. Zager, Ann Valatka of "Christian Services", Geo. Kase, Stella Hotra, Tina Bulota and son Ray Anthony at "Marian West" Senior Housing, for birthday observance of residents. (Front row Supervisor of Sr. Housing - Sr. M. Corrine)*





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Estelle and Charles (Kazys) Gogelis can be counted upon to sponsor fundraisers to benefit the Lithuanian Voice Radio Program. On September 20, a family picnic was held at the Divine Providence Grove. There was a wide variety of food. Although the day was cool and breezy, there was enough sunshine to bring lots of friendliness and good cheer.

Mr. Gogelis has aptly portrayed his dedication to the Lithuanian Voice for over 25 years. During its reign, every Sunday morning, the radio program has provided its listeners a link to all that is Lithuanian—culturally, socially, religiously and politically. Various personalities provide up-to-date news of Lithuanian activities here and abroad. Listeners are treated to melodic songs of Lithuania and her beautiful language which Charles masters gracefully. Religious leaders provide inspirational messages. Our "sirdingu" tribute to Charles and his staff for their sacrifice and outstanding contribution to great listening.

Occasionally, this writer spots something that deems interest. On Highway 10 in the middle of Mason County, a neon sign blinks a welcome to Custer, Michigan. It says "Johnny's." Although the village was named for General George Armstrong Custer, the ill-fated Indian fighter, it is Johnny Urban, second-generation Lithuanian, who has made the hamlet a landmark. Urban is president of Custer's village council and owner of the town's biggest business, an entertainment complex consisting of an outside dance floor and an ice cream parlor. By his own admission, he's Mason County's oldest teen-ager and busiest baby-sitter. "On any Saturday, six hundred to a thousand kids turn up," say Urban. Live, wholesome entertainment is limited to local talent. Rules of conduct and dress must conform to code. Although Johnny Urban shrugs off being a Mr. Nice Guy, he

provides a rewarding civic service by keeping teen agers off the streets in West Michigan.

Great food, great company and a great program highlighted the Divine Providence Dinner-Dance on September 26 at its annual parish commemoration of the building of the church and cultural center. A delightful concert followed the cocktail hour which provided a good mood for dancing. Council members enjoyed every minute of the evening.

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!  
SOFFI

### C-96 — DAYTON

Now that everyone has recovered from filling themselves with turkey and visits from family over the Thanksgiving Day weekend, preparations are in full swing for Christmas. Our council craft classes have been busy preparing for the annual Dayton Holiday Hello Festival. Sally Miller has taken charge of the craft items while HM Mary Lucas and Stefanija Rastikis are handling the baking department.

Under the chairmanship of HM Mary Lucas, her committee and workers prepared Lithuanian style foods for the Olde North Dayton Day Festival on October 18 at Stuart Patterson Park. Now knowing how many to plan for, the food sold in a hurry. Response to this function was more than the neighborhood committee had anticipated. It certainly was a successful project! We thank Mary and the members for seeing that C-96, Holy Cross, were represented.

The Dayton Area Community Clubs Award will begin its next undertaking on December 29. HM Mary Lucas, Ada Sinkwitz, Kitty Prasmantas and Elaine Pacovsky have volunteered to undertake this project again. They have a "good track record" to follow. Our council came in first place for small organizations in this CCA project.

On October 18 Eloise Berczelly, Fran Petkus, Joe and Eleanor Mantz completed the annual visit to our deceased members by taking flowers to our two members who are buried out of town. The trip covered 150 Miles.



Members gathered at Fr. Titas Narbutas' grave as we begin our Calvery Cemetery Visit for 1981. The Pilgrimage Cross that Joe P. Mantz is holding was handcrafted by George Mikalauskas.

Photo by Joe. E. Mantz



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VALIOS LIETUVIUS  
LINKIME DAUG LAIMĖS  
IR DŽIAUGSMO ŠVENTĖS  
PROGA, TAIKINGU IR LAIMINGU  
NAUJU METU.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FRIENDS AND  
MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Michelle and Gary Baker, Cedar Brook, N.J.

Nellie Ruggles, Joan Laframboise

and Margaret Picard



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Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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At the last monthly meeting Joe and Aldona Ryan brought us up to date on the Supreme Council news as a result of attending the meeting in Newark on October 3. They certainly had a fine trip. Eleanor Mantz treated after the meeting to celebrate her receiving the Fourth Degree. Acui!

Belated congratulations to the Juniors on the fine paper drive they had recently. George Mikalauskas did a fine job in helping with the restoration repairing and painting of Holy Cross Shrine of the Three Crosses. Prayer and stay well wishes are sent to Dorothy Conrady, Sophie Bitner, Bill Gitzinger and Jimmy Kavalauskas. Congratulations to Julius and Stefanija Rastikis on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary!

Belated congratulations to HM Mary Lucas for having received a Distinguished Achievement Award for helping to make Dayton the City Beautiful. The award came from the Mayor of Dayton and the City Commissioners for the outstanding appearance of her home.

Special congratulations go to Carol Dichito who was presented with her Certificate as a Professional Secretary from Professional Secretaries International, a professional and educational organization working toward making those persons who choose a secretarial career more competent and professional. The examination is given once a year and covers six different areas of business. Only 360 secretaries have been certified in the State of Ohio.

On October 31 our council had a big day — Election Night! The evening began with mass at 6 p.m. Prior to mass, Mildred Steinbrunner was officially presented her Third Degree medal with Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis blessing the medal. A buffet dinner was served by Elaine Pacovsky caterers. Thanks to Joe Gecas for handling the refreshments from the bar.

The following is our leadership team for the 1981-82 term: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis; President, Eleanor Mantz; First Vice President in charge of Juniors, HM Mary Lucas assisted by Elaine Pacvosky; Second Vice President—Membership—John Lougeman; Recording Secretary, Marie Preidis; Treasurer, Sally Miller; Financial Secretary, Frances Mikalauskas; Trustees, George Mikalauskas, Richard Noreikas; Sergeant at Arms, Joseph E. Mantz, Joseph P. Mantz.

Committee chairmen and other personnel are as follows: Religious, Christ Mantz; Lithuanian Affairs, Stefanija Rastikis; Cultural, Rosemary Preidis; Rituan, Fran Petkus, assisted by Eloise Berczelly and Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis; Vytis, Fran Petkus assisted by Stefanija Rastikis; Bulletin Eds, Kitty Prasmantas, Cecelia Lisankas Yankus; Historian, Rita Gecas; Condolence, Mary Ann Blum; Sarysis, Joe Gecas; Telephone Squad Chairman, Joyce Berczelly; Sports, Joe P. Mantz; By-Laws, Joseph Ryan, Ray and Mildred Steinbrunner; Public Relations, Cecelia Lisankis Yankus; 50/50 Ray Steinbrunner.

To our new leaders, we wish you a successful busy year ahead. To the outgoing staff, we thank you for all the time and effort you put into making the past term a great year!

FRP

#### C-102 — DETROIT

After a beautiful summer in Michigan, our council meetings resumed with a mass at St. Anthony's, followed by a meeting in the newly enlarged recreation room in the school. President Grazina Vaskelys gave a report on the National Convention. She served on the Mandate Committee. Vytalia Vaskelys also attended with her sister. We are happy to have Vytalia back as an active member. She was transferred from Lansing on her job.

Congratulations to Loretta Stukas as National Supreme Council President. Best wishes to Jo Zukas on retirement as Council News Editor and welcome to Helen Chesko.

Donna and John Stanevich joined the Meadowbrook goers this year. An enjoyable evening under the stars is enjoyed by our council every year. Donna and Frank Bunikis chair the event every year and order perfect weather for the picnic supper before the concert.

Joe and Maryanne's USA trip this year took them to the Carolinas where they enjoyed beautiful Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach.

The family of Donna and Frank Bunikis kept them going this past summer. Their son married in the spring. Daughter Mary made a beautiful bride when she took Monty Park for her husband in August. After the wedding, Donna flew to California where Daughter Margie and son-in-law Jeff Krieg presented them with their first grandchild, Genevieve Michelle. Margie and Jeff are California members of C-102. Donna is active in our council, and Edna Klucens joins her in serving "Meals on Wheels" to senior citizens in their homes and apartments.

It was nice to have Carl Gobis at our meeting this month and hope he continues to attend. Our Christmas Kucios will be held at Bob Boris' beautiful home. Deepest sympathy to Ray Medonis on the death of his brother.

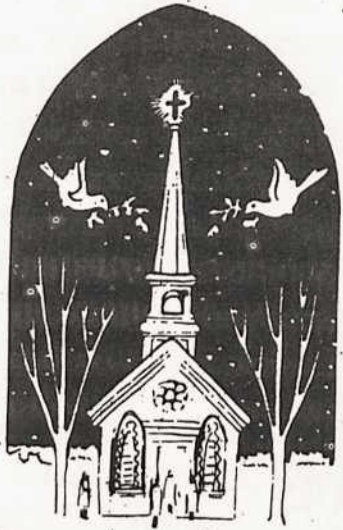
Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Pastor St. Marks Parish, Warren and Spiritual Advisor of Council 102, celebrated his 35th year in the service of the Lord. Father Stan celebrated a beautiful mass with many of his colleagues present. Sunday, November 1, was proclaimed Father Stanievich Day in Warren by the Mayor. A reception, arranged by his parishioners, followed immediately after mass. His mother,



Brother John and sister-in-law Donna and their children couldn't have been more proud. Congratulations, Father Stan, from Council 102!

Until next month — MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MERIUTE



*Christmas Greetings*

**MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT**

**COUNCIL 100 — AMSTERDAM**

DR. and Mrs. Adam Kindar recently hosted members of Council 100 at their summer home in Galway, New York. The Junior of K of L'ers also attended. The event was a combination of the annual outing and the first meeting of the season. Mrs. Sophie Olbie was the general chairman. Covered dishes were brought by each member.

The meeting was called to order by President Anthony J. Radzevich; Rev. Robert K. Baltch recited the opening prayers; minutes were read by Eleanor Olechowski.

Gene Gobis, delegate to the national convention, presented an in depth report on the sessions. Additional remarks were made by Sophie Olbie, Regina Kot, A. J. Radzevich, Jack Sweet and Willard Kensell. President Radzevich congratulated Mrs. Olbie on her elevation to the Fourth Degree.



*Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Spiritual Advisor of C-102 on his 35th year of service to our Lord*



*At Auriesville Shrine - L - R. Gene Gobis (Amsterdam) Sister Anne (Syracuse) Ann Radzevich (Amsterdam) Irene Patrauskas (Syracuse) Helen Druziak (Amsterdam)*





**May the  
Joy and Peace  
of Christmas  
be with you  
through  
The Coming Year**

**COUNCIL 30  
WESTFIELD, MASS.**



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IR LINKIME**

*Linksmu  
Kalėdu Švenčiu*

*Nauju Metu!*

**Council 145  
Holyoke, Mass.**



## Happy Holidays

Kur kalnai, kalneliai, sniegumi baltuoja,  
Kur Mohawk upė į Hudsoną vingiuoja  
Ten Vyčių Kuopa 100-ji gyvena  
Ir sveikina sesę, brolių, mažą, jauną, seną.  
Linksmiausių šventų Kalėdų  
Ir laimingiausių Naujų Metų!



**Kuopa 100**

**Amsterdamo Vyčiai**



A report of the MAD convention, Paterson, June 21, was given by President Radzevich. Other delegates were Regina Kot, Bernice Aviza and Polly Ziausys.

The Festival of Nations will be held Sunday, October 4, at the Nelson Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany. Bernice Aviza, assisted by Regina Kot and Polly Ziausys, is the chairman of the Lithuanian Pavilion. Three members of the Ciurlionis Lithuanian National Art Ensemble of Cleveland will perform. Each will be playing a different type of kankles — soprano, alto and bass.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Anthony J. Radzevich, president; Gene Gobis, vice president; Sophie Olbie, treasurere; Eleanor Olechowski, secretary; Peter Sargalis and Charles Karbocius, sergeants at arms. The following will serve as chairman of the listed committees: Edward Baranauskas, Lithuanian Affairs; Regina Kot and Polly Ziausys, Cultural; Mary Stanionis and Betty Kuzmich, Ritual; Gene Gobis, Public Relations; Regina Kot and G. Gobis, Junior Counselors.

Rev. Baltch reminded the members to participate in the Lithuanian mass on Monday, October 5, 7 P.M., prior to the regular meeting. Rev. Anthony Grigaitis closed the meeting with a prayer.

#### NEWS BITS

Congratulations to our newlyweds — Mr. & Mrs. Matthew LaTorre. Mrs. LaTorre is the former Sadie Allen.

Vacationing in Maine for a week during the fall foilage season were Tony and Ann Radzevich, Annacetta Guzielek, Frances DiBart and Helen Dylong.

Virginia Valikonis was named woman of the year by the Amsterdam Business and Professional Women's Club on October 15. Ginny is a member of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors. In addition to the K of L, Ginny is a charter member of the American Lithuanian Club and an active



*Entrance to Auriesville Shrine - Rev. C. Pugevicius, Rev. M. Bourdeaux, wife and son of Rev. Bourdeaux, Bernice Aviza, Phil and Marian Skabeikas*

member of the American Cancer Society. We're proud of you, Ginny!

Get well wishes to Leonard Olechowski!

**SMILE & SPARKLE**

#### C-110 — MASPETH

Father Frank Bulovas addressed the membership at the September meeting. He expressed his pleasure with the efforts of the members for the erection of the Wayside Shrine.

The Wayside Shrine is the big story of the year. After three years, it's become a reality and stands on Transfiguration grounds for all to behold — a beautiful work of art, magnificently designed and built by Arthur G. Nelson. John Adomenas and John Kuchinskas were his number one helpers.

On September 27, Transfiguration Church was filled to capacity for the mass which preceded the dedication of the shrine. Bishop Francis J. Mugavero presided.

Father Bulovas, the pastor was the celebrant. Father Pakalniskis, Annunciation Church, gave the homily. Father Raila, C-110 Spiritual Advisor, explained the meaning of the offertory gifts consisting of a portrait of St. Casimir, a replica of the Wayside Shrine, Vytis National Emblem, a portrait of St. Anne (Patron Saint of Lithuanian youth) and a "Ruta Vainikas" (symbol of innocence, purity and protection). Kazimieras Vainius and Nellie Skabeikis did the readings.

Eight hundred faithful watched as Bishop Mugavero blessed the shrine after mass. Greetings were received from the Office of the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, the State Assembly, the Mayor of the City of New York and various Lithuanian Communities from many states. Among those present were Anicatas Simutis, Lithuanian Consul General; Congresswoman Geraldine Ferrara and State Senator Martin Knorr.





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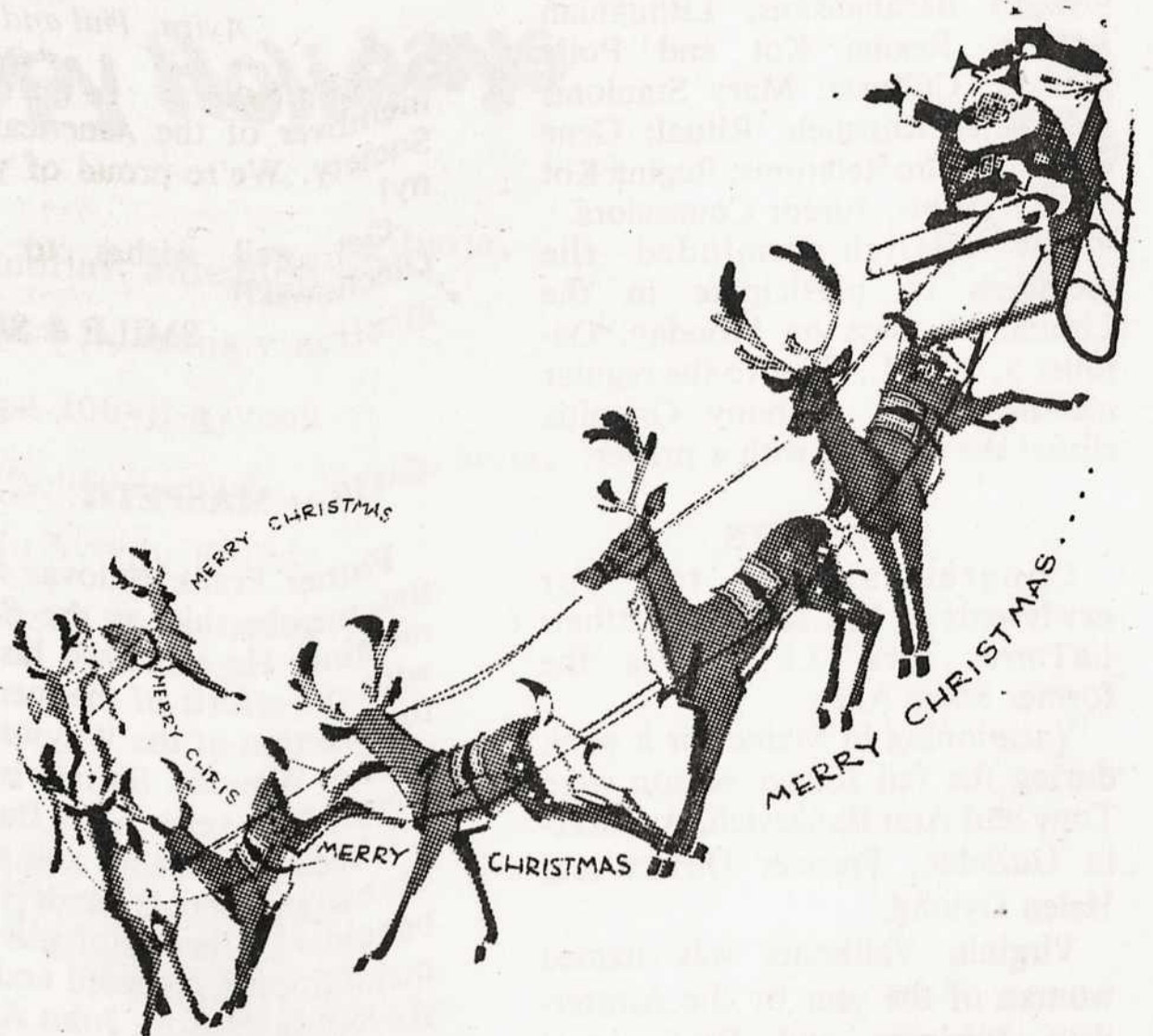


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The reception afterwards was also a tremendous success. The hall overflowed with people offering their congratulations, good wishes and commendations to the organization. Needless to say, John Adomenas added many names to our roster. John Adomenas asked me to express his profound gratitude to those who donated and participated in making his dream a reality and the day of dedication a success.

The replica of the Wayside Shrine, raffle prize, was won by Al Kraujalis.

Did you see those K of L 110 aprons worn by the women at the affair? They were made by Stasia Kraujalis. Beautiful!

The Mid-Atlantic District Meeting followed. During the meeting Father Bulovas received the Third Degree. Congratulations, Father!

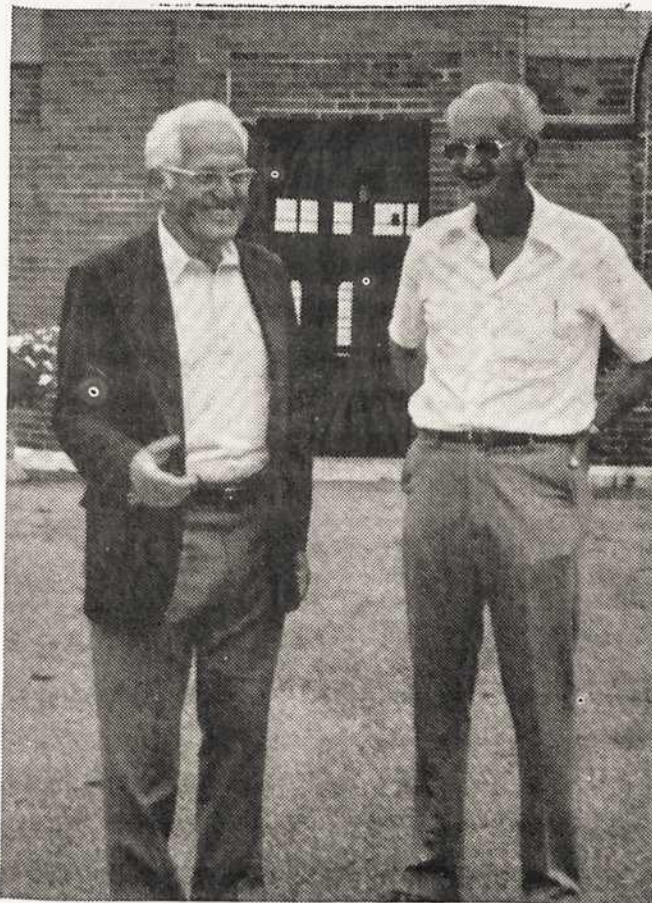
he winner of the 50/50 at the September meeting was Terry Pointis. Helen Matulaitis is chairing the Annual Kucios Dinner to be held in Transfiguration Hall on December 20. The Annual Dinner Dance chaired by Lottie Ulrich was held on October 3 at Transfiguration Hall. It was a most enjoyable and successful evening with 230 attendees doing the "Noriu Miego," the finger polka, the domino polka and other dances with gusto.

Council 110 meets at 8 p.m., Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, on the first Wednesday of the month. The December meeting will be our Christmas Party. We also participate in the 11 a.m. mass at Transfiguration on the third Sunday of the month.

LINKIU SVENTU KALEDU IR  
LAIMINGU NAUJU METU!  
PETER J. YUSKEVICH

#### C-140—SYRACUSE

Oh, where did the summer go? We had a beautiful one with a lot of sun and very little rain. Our members were busy as beavers all summer — going here and there —



*Council Presidents in front of  
Auriesville Shrine - Amsterdam,  
Anthony Radzavich, Syracuse,  
Frank Petrauskas*

doing this and that. It's a good thing we don't have meetings in the summer.

We'll back up a bit and say four of our members received their second degrees at the May meeting. They were Father Garstka, Marija Vizgaitis, and Loe and Della Marcaitis.

Also, we adopted Varena I and Varena II as our parish in Lithuania. This was the home area of our member Marija Vizgaitis. Marija has some relatives still living in that area.

Our annual picnic held in July was a good one. Attendance was down a little; but the good food, drink, spirit and good time were there as usual.

Seventeen of our members attended the National Convention in Scranton and all reported a real fine time. Norman Klimas, attending his first convention, was so overjoyed that already he is making plans for the next convention. C-140 was happy to see Frank Petrauskas elected to the Supreme Council.

A passing thought — Life is a flower of which love is the honey.

PUSBROLIS

#### C-142, Washington, D.C.

##### Elena Jurgėla, R.I.P.

Elena Apollonia Jurgėla died on March 3, 1981, at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C. Elena, the colorful and active American-born daughter of Michael Čepinskas and Antonia nee Banylis, was born in Brooklyn, NY, on Jan. 5, 1912. As a two-year-old she accompanied her mother on a trip to Lithuania — they did not know a war would intervene — returning only in 1928 after World War II, the German occupation, and Lithuanian wars for independence.

While in Lithuania, Elena was supported by her father's brother, a Lithuanian physicist and Rector of the University of Kaunas, Professor Vincas Čepinskas.

On her return to New York, she attended Queens College, sang and acted in the Lithuanian Operetta Chorus, as soloist in "Išėivis" (The Emigrant), and was active in sponsoring the Trans-Atlantic Flight to Lithuania by Captain Stephen Darius and Stanley Girėnas in 1933.

Married to Dr. Constantine R. Jurgėla, the Secretary of the Consulate General of Lithuania in New York, she was active in the women's organizations, the Baltic American Society, the Lithuanian Day at the New York World's Fair in 1939 and the Baltic States Day in 1940. During the war she was very active in the "New York at War" Parade, in the American Red Cross and the War Bonds campaigns, the Lithuanian American Council, the Baltic American Society, United Lithuanian Relief campaigns, and in the presidential campaigns of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1932 and 1936, for Wendell Wilkie in 1940, and in the Thomas Dewey, John Foster Dulles, Fiorello LaGuardia and other political campaigns. Her husband entered the State Department service as Chief of the Lithuanian Service of the Voice of America in



New York in 1951, in which capacity they moved to Washington, D.C. in 1954 and settled in Bethesda, Md. She became very active in the local Lithuanian American Society, Knights of Lithuania, United Lithuanian Relief Fund, and various charity drives.

She is survived by her husband, Historian Dr. Constantine R. Jurgėla, son Algis and grandson Algis in New York, daughter Elena and granddaughter Elytė Mangis in Bethesda, and an aunt Vicotira Andruška in Putnam, Conn.

In Council 142 of the Knights of Lithuania, Elena Jurgėla was known as the "Hostess with the Mostest", and for her gracious hospitality. Every Council affair displayed some of her culinary specialties. She was such an active and vital person, that she will be greatly missed in Council 142.

#### C-144 — ANTHRACITE

Sincere congratulations and best wishes to our newly elected officers: Joseph Yezulinas, President; Mary Gustas, Vice President; Alma Linder, Secretary; Helen Ambrose, Treasurer and Anna Radzevich, Financial Secretary. Trustees are Elsie Kosmisky, Bernice Mikatavage and Joseph Petrosky; and, of course, our very best wishes to our Guiding Angel, Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Algimintas Bartkus. The installation service under the supervision of our Ritual Chairman, Helen Chesko, and Father Al was very beautiful. Many thanks, too, to the Zarija Choir for singing during the Benediction.

Choir Director, Stanley Vaicaitis of the Zarija Choir received a letter from Lithuania telling him that the Zarija Choir was heard over the Voice of America singing at the 67th Lithuanian Day. His letter stated that when the person heard them singing "Lietuva Brangi" she cried.

Congratulations to Alphonse and Tessie Balulis who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. They were surprised with a lovely party by their five children. Ilgiausiu Metu to Phonsie and Tessie and also to Flo and John Kobluskie who also celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary with a surprise celebration given to them by their children.

Ann Marie Lithkowsky and Anne Wargo journeyed to Scranton to the wedding celebration of Eva Kazokas and Bob Kaboskie. Our council wishes Eve and Bob the best of everything.

Condolences to Anne Milbut Nardini and Margaret Marousky on the loss of their husbands. Our deepest sympathy!

The All Souls Eve Procession held in the Frackville cemetery and led by Father Al Bartkus and Father Matthew Jarasunas with singing by the Zarija Choir was very impressive. The old Lithuanian custom of visiting the cemetery on the Eve of All Souls Day was revived. During the procession the choir sang the Georgian Chant. The procession was led by the altar boys with a cross and lighted torches, followed by the priests, the choir and the people with lighted candles. After the services, the candles were placed on the graves in the old Lithuanian tradition. I am sure those of our departed dear ones looked down on this occasion with great love.

The Junior Knights of Minersville, along with their adult advisors, Tessie Balulis, Anne Sikora, Annie Morgalis and Bernice Mikatavage, were really thrilled to receive a letter from TV star, Ann Jillian, after the Juniors wrote her a fan letter. In her letter she told them how proud she was of her Lithuanian heritage. We are all proud of Ann Jillian, too, and the girls of Minersville are her devoted fans.

Annie Morgalis, Rita Shevokis and the Junior Knights were featured on the Ethnic Week of Television Station WDAU-TV.

The renovation of the Cultural Center is progressing. Joe Yezulinas has really been devoting much time

to see that the workmen were doing a proper job. Joe has been doing some of the work himself along with Ed Carlitus. We are grateful to both of them for their untiring efforts.

As our new officers take over, we look to a good year. We will not prepare for our annual Kucios, for our Lithuanian Independence Day affair and for the Mid-Atlantic St. Casimir's Breakfast. Along with that, we must continue to work on the Cultural Center, and we must do what we can to help Father Al finance his Lithuanian Radio Program. His Lithuanian Mass is broadcasted every Sunday morning. We also take this opportunity to thank Father Matthew Jarasunas who has a Lithuanian Mass the last Sunday of each month in Maizeville at Our Lady Siluva Church with the Zarija Choir singing the Lithuanian Mass.

Linksmu Kaledu cisiems Vyciem: ir laimingu Nauju Metu!

ONA



#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Our fall convention was hosted by C-26 in Worcester at St. Casimir's Church. An able and energetic committee provided an excellent breakfast and following the meeting a sumptuous buffet supper. During a holy hour which followed the meeting, Rev. Albin Janiunas, Spiritual Advisor NED, was presented with his Fourth Degree medal and certificate which he accepted with a gracious speech.



The following were elected for 1981-1982: President, George Kisielius; Third Vice President, Charles Genaitis; Recording Secretary, Mary Martus; Corresponding Secretary, Irene Adomaitis; Treasurer, John Walaska; Trustees, Alex Akule, John Sabolis; Ritual, Betty Ciuryla, Marion Racuot, Cookie Couch; Lithuanian Affairs, Ann Stotkus; Cultural, Nellie Ruggles; Public Relations, Marion Hobitz; Scholarship, Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, Blanche Genaitis; Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albin Janiunas.

The NED Cultural Festival was a great success. Good food, great music and beautiful artwork were appreciated by a capacity attendance. In the midst of these festivities, we missed our long and staunch supporter — John Stoskus. God speed, John, we miss you and are hoping to see you attending K of L functions real soon.

The purpose and highlight of the festival was the presentation of the scholarship award. This year the lucky recipient was Elena Gaja Valiuskis C-103, Providence. She is attending Providence College and majoring in social work. In 1979 she attended Vilnius University in Lithuania for a summer Lithuanian language seminar. Good luck, Elena, in your chosen field of endeavor.

A closing thought — No one knows what he can do until he tries.  
MARION HOBITZ

#### C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

At the September meeting of our Council we celebrated Father Steponaitis' birthday and the name day of Blanche Genaitis; Brone Narkevicius, our newest member and Brone Wisniauskas. The feast of St. Bronislaw falls on September 4. May they live to see and enjoy many more.

The Genaitises returned from the National Convention in Scranton invigorated in the K of L spirit.



*Brone Wisniauskas teaching the art of making Lithuanian straw Christmas ornaments at K of L Festival*



*Straw Picture Display by Aldona Simininkas at Maironis Park during K of L Festival*



Charlie gave a detailed report and said it was the largest and the best that he attended.

Father Steponaitis gave the sermon at the annual Siluva Festivities held on Labor Day at the Sister of Jesus Crucified grounds in Brockton.

The Lithuanian Outing Association of Gardner, a familiar place to our K of L'ers celebrated their 55th anniversary and the burning of their second mortgage on September 17. Many local Knights attended and several were working chairmen for the event.

Our council was well represented at the Annual Cultural Picnic held on October 4 at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury. Brone Wisniauskas had a Lithuanian Christmas display and gave a demonstration on making Lithuanian straw ornaments. Blanche Genaitis was in charge of the highly successful raffle that benefited the scholarship fund. Lennie Davidonis donated and sold chances on a tote bike and realized a nice sum to be used for the scholarship fund. The festival was a big success with hundreds of people in attendance.

C-10 attended the Fall NED Convention at St. Casimir's in Worcester in full force. Thank you C-26 for the fine hospitality. Our own Charles Genaitis was elected third vice president, and his wife Blanche was re-elected as a member of the scholarship committee.

Maryte Bizinkauskas was soloist at St. Francis Parish, Athol, Eucharistic Day services.

Stanley Perekstis, owner of Stan's Super Market, was ill and has recovered nicely.

Condolences are extended to the family of the late Rev. John Bakanas who passed on to his eternal reward on September 17 in Worcester. We, in Atol-Gardner, remember Father John as a devoted worker among his people, charitable and dedicated to his priestly and Lithuanian ideals. Lai Dievas sutikia tau amzina atilsi.

At this time, I introduce to you our "Member of the Month," Michalina Lapinskas Marsh, a member of long and good standing. Micky, as we all call her, was born in Athol, graduated from Athol High, married Leonard March, and is the proud mother of three daughters, all graduates of Anna Marie College in Paxton. Micky is a registered Graphologist. Micky and Chip have a large lot, the farm as they call it, and are both excellent gardeners. We wish the nice couple many more years of wedded life and membership in our council.

Christmas greetings are extended to all the readers of VYTIS. May it be a holiday full of rich Lithuanian traditions and customs.

VINCUKAS

#### C-50—NEW HAVEN

Our summer picnic was held on August 2 at the Haven East Marina, Mansfield Road Grove, East Haven. Our hosts were Steve and Alice Cyrly and John and Emily Aunce. They are newcomers to the area and joined our council in February.

It proved to be a very unusual picnic. It was an especially beautiful sunny day and our spirits were very high when our hosts invited us to take a cruise of Long Island Sound on their 60-foot yacht.

We climbed on deck with the help of a ladder. From then on we were mariners of the high seas, moving from lower to upper deck and then down a few steps to the cabin. There you could just sit back and relax. It was fascinating.

The pavilion where we spent the remainder of our day was built and designed by Steve Cyrlo. He has done a remarkable piece of work to maintain the natural rustic appearance throughout the pavilion. There is also an open porch attached. It was here we laughed and sang and had the best time ever.

At the picnic we welcomed two new members — Father Gradeck, a retired priest, who returned to live in New Haven and John Radziunas who is a member of the Military Reserve Forces.

On September 27, seven delegates represented our council at the NED Convention in Worcester at St. Casimir's Church. It was another great turnout for New England with 69 delegates attending.

The annual cultural get-together was held on October 4 at Maironis (Shrewsbury) Park, Worcester. Ann Rinkievicius, Nellie Perrelli, Rose and George Kisielus attended. They came back filled with joy. The hall was bustling with all kinds of activities.

The following officers were elected for 1981-82: Frank Peterson, president; Albert Gutauskas, first vice president; George Kisielus, second vice president; Julie Kapavitch Glynn, recording secretary; Isobel Peterson, treasurer; Albert Gedrim, financial secretary; Helen Balchus, corresponding secretary; George Kisielus, Lithuanian Affairs; Bernice C. Barile and Helen M. Balchus, Ritual Committee; Eleanor Gutauskas, Sunshine Chairmen; Ann Meskins and Anthony Kordorsky, sergeants at arms.

On October 13, Father Karalis, our spiritual advisor, celebrated a noonday mass for John Stoskus to ask our Lord to comfort him in his endurance of pain and suffering. Mae Jacob, Joan Augustine, Al Gedrim, Frank Peterson and Helen Balchus attended.

The board meeting on October 17 proved to be disastrous to five board members who just could not find the gravel driveway leading to President Peterson's home. Finally, we joined those present for perfect attendance. Nevertheless, we had a wonderful planning session while snacking and toasting beverages.

Michael Yuzakevitch, First Lieutenant, USA, MPDH, stationed in Japan was promoted to Captain. Congratulations!



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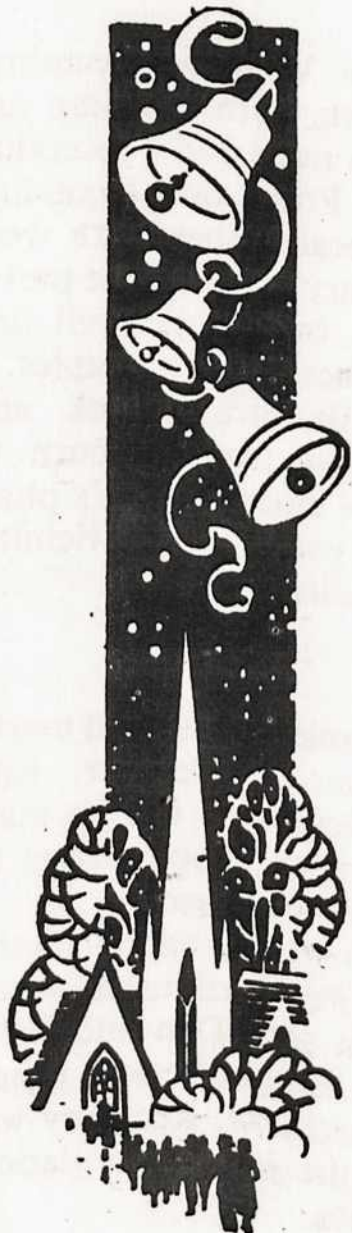
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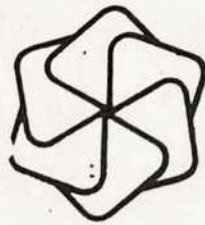
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Prayers for the speedy recovery of John Aunce and Frank Rogers who are currently undergoing surgery and therapy.

Our Ex-president George Kisielus is still sponsoring and ardently working to keep the Raktis publication printed each month. He has a mailing list of 100, half of them K of L'ers. It is unbelievable the news he obtains.

HELEN BALCHUS

## C-76 — WORCESTER

Early fall is a very busy season for most council. It's the same with ours. Here are some random thoughts.

Our member, Kazys Adomavicius, is president of Maironis Park. He hosted a most successful members' dinner in September.

Our Council hosted the NED Convention the same month with our president, Rita Pinkus, and her committee working diligently to welcome New England Councils. In addition to our Pastor, Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, and our Spiritual Director, Father Ben Usdavinis, MIC, we were privileged to have with us that day National Spiritual Advisor, Father Anthony Jurgelaitis, OP, of Providence College. Father Albin Janiunas, NED Spiritual Advisor, received his Fourth Degree in our St. Casimir's Church. Warmest congratulations to Father!

Congratulations and promised support to Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas of Brockton who was elected president of the NED. Peter succeeds Bertha Stoskus, who now goes into history as a fine and diligent president of NED. Her husband, John, has been hospitalized. Having undergone surgery in Providence, John knows our thoughts and prayers are with him for a complete and rapid recovery.

Council members who are in our special intentions for good health are Withold Ivaska, his brother Joe Ivaska, Anne Buckley and Mrs. Kausevicius, that wonderful cook at Maironis. "Karstos maldos had pasveiktu visi ko grieciausia!!"

Bill Karas, his daughter Mildred and her husband, Charles Lapinskas, with Aunt Nancy Gordon, travelled to Las Vegas. Exciting! Rita Brazauskas recently visited Atlantic City and Wildwood, New Jersey; Helen Gillus travelled to Quebec; Rita and Bill Karrytais just returned from Lithuania; Ruth and Leonard Ramsdell and their son, Lenny, spent most of the summer in Maine.

Remember that delightful nun, sister M. Laurine, SSC? She and Sister M. Ignata were winners in an Easter Bonnet contest a few years ago. Sister Laurine has been ill and a card or note would cheer her on to good health. She is presently at 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, Illinois 60629.

Franics (Algis) Glodas is busy with preparations for the parish choir concert in mid-November. Thanks to Elly and Steve Walinsky, Rita and Ted Pinkus for hosting July and August meetings at their homes.

Congratulations to Sister Helen Caroline, SSC, Father Ben's sister, who celebrated her Golden Jubilee in August. Sister is a teacher in our parish school. Ilgiausiu metu, Sesele!

Dwight and Virginia Cummings celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with mass and a reception last summer. Frank and Geraldine Tagman celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary at a surprise party. Frank is still on the get-well list. Very best wishes to both couples.

Joe and Barbara Godek and children moved from Auburn to Gardner to be closer to Joe's pharmacy. If ever you are in the vicinity, stop in at Robillard's Pharmacy and say, "Hi!"

Sue and Frank Roland will marry off a daughter in October. Rita Delonis Karpicus also will be married in November. Good wishes to the soon-to-be newlyweds.

Best wishes to the happy family — John and Peg Kazlauskas — on the birth of a son. Dan and Betty Shimkus' son escaped serious injury in a bicycle accident. Recovery was promised to the joy of the patient and his parents.



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SEASONS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!



Father John Bakanas died in September. He was born in our parish, served here as curate and administrator, and was in retirement the last ten years. Father Steponaitis of St. Francis Parish in Athol gave the Lithuanian eulogy. Father Micunas was the English eulogist. We were asked to remember Father John Bakanas' works, teachings and his counsel. Eternal rest!

Christmas — a most beautiful word! May this beautiful season of Christmas bring much joy to your hearts and to the hearts of those you love. And a happy and healthy 1982 to all! "Sveikas Jezau Gimusia!"

"DZUKELE"

### C-103 — PROVIDENCE

Our September meeting was held in St. Casimir's Church Hall. William Piacentini, President, said the opening prayer. Father Jurgelaitis, our K of L National Spiritual Advisor, said the closing prayer.

We welcomed two new members — Raymond and Ruth Savickas. Our Cultural Chairwoman, Ann LaButti, wrote and read on Lithuanian crosses, statues and miniature chapels.

William Piacentini's name was omitted as delegate to NED convention in Westfield. Betty Ciuryla gave a report on the National Convention in Scranton.

Delegates who attended the NED Convention on September 27 in Worcester were William Piacentini, Anthony and Helen Gudeczauskas, Bette Ciuryla, Ann LaButti, Nellie Grande, Helen Denisevich, Raymond and Ruth Savickas, Bertha Stoskus and Ruth Kricioch. John and Irene Walaska went with the Bridgeport group to Washington for the 15th Anniversary of the dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva.

Gaja Valuiskis is the recipient of a Supreme Council Scholarship.

Let us pray for the speedy recovery of our Honorary Member, John Stoskus, who is in the Miriam Hospital.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us remember and pray for our brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

"Linksmų Šventų Kalėdų —  
Laimingų Naujų Metų!"

HELEN DENISEWICH

### C-135—ANSONIA

St. Anthony's Parish Fair held on June 6 and 7 was successful again this year in surpassing all previous years. Council 135 was responsible for reaching this goal. Millie and Walt Stachowicz dug clams all day for Walt's Clam Bar, an old standby at our fair. Millie also ran a Jar Booth which proved to be a huge success. John and Ann Sabulis chaired a raffle of bottles of cheer. Lil Chaplik and Violet Brazitis, our Sanford & Son, conducted a Used-but-not-abused Booth. As in the past, our members helped where their services were required. St. Casimir and St. Anthony make a good team.

Congratulations to Allan Norwid, son of Lil and John Norwid. Allan graduated from Syracuse Institute of Technology in June and is presently employed at AVCO.

Gloria and Walt Trella renewed their wedding vows at a mass commemorating their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Good health and good luck!

Lil and Stan Twerian were feted by family and friends on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. After a family dinner at the Red Coach Grill in West Haven, they were greeted by friends who were preparing refreshments in their home. To their surprise, invited guests started to arrive. Among the guests were Mrs. Ann (Pauza) Galgot, maid of honor, and Paul Loda, best man. The Twerians were married in St. Anthony's Church on September 27, 1941. Rev. Vincent Karkauskas performed the ceremony. The Twerians have two children, Susan E. Greene of Ansonia and Wayne T. of Naugatuck, and two grandchildren, Wade and Karen Twerian.

Millie and Walt Stachowicz just can't stay out of the news. Their son, George, will marry Maureen Savarese in October. Millie, don't forget to mark another birthday on your calendar — Maureen's. Writing birthday cards and attending birthday parties, you and Walt can't afford to grow old.

What do you want to know about Cape Cod? Just ask Ella John Ellis. This year they spent a week before the tourist season opened to see that everything was in order and a week after the regular season closed to see that everything was left in shipshape order. Their report stated, "Cape Cod A--OK--Recommended."

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## Safekeeping

—St. Francis DeSales

Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life in fear; rather look to them with full hope that, as they arise, God, whose you are, will deliver you out of them. He is your keeper. He has kept you hitherto. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand and He will lead you safely through all things; and, when you cannot stand, He will bear you in his arms. Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. Our Father will either shield you from suffering or He will give you strength to bear it.

From Vincas Grazulis C-25





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- 20 LITHUANIAN KUČIOS - Chicago Seniors Council at K of L Building in Chicago
- 20 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING to homes of aged and infirm - C-96, Dayton, OH

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- 23 ANNUAL Kof L CHOIR BENEFIT DANCE at K of L Building in Chicago

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- 13 VALENTINE DANCE, C-36, at K of L Building in Chicago

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