

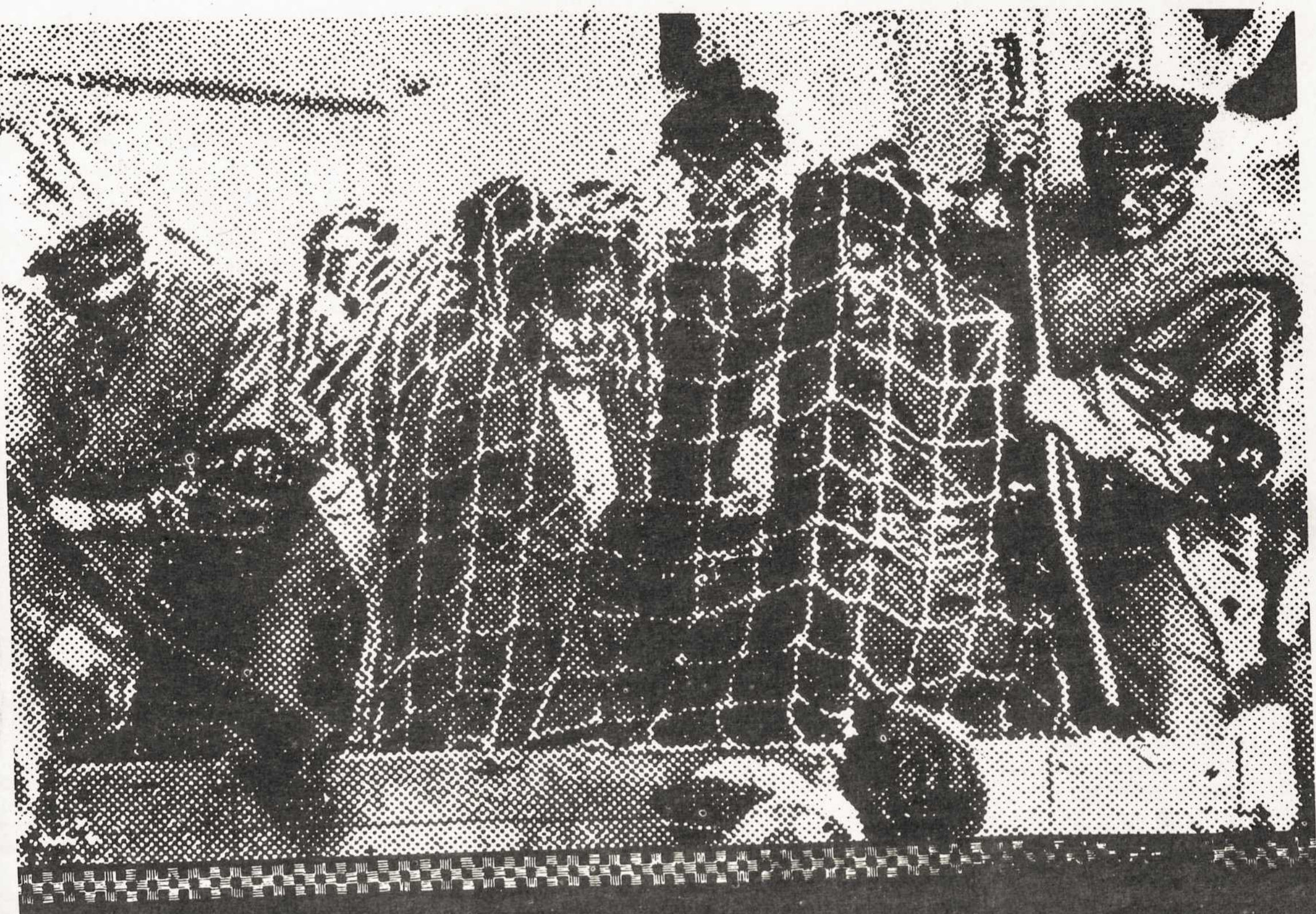
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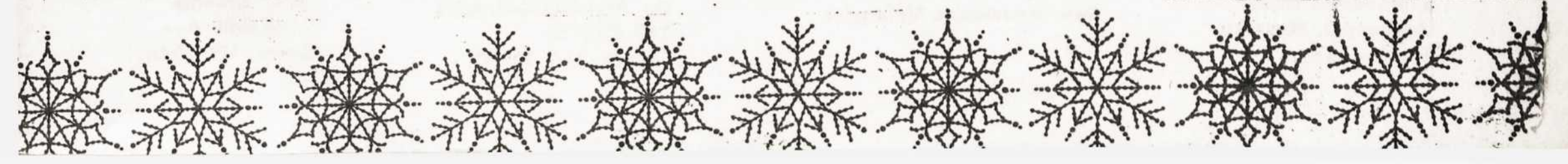
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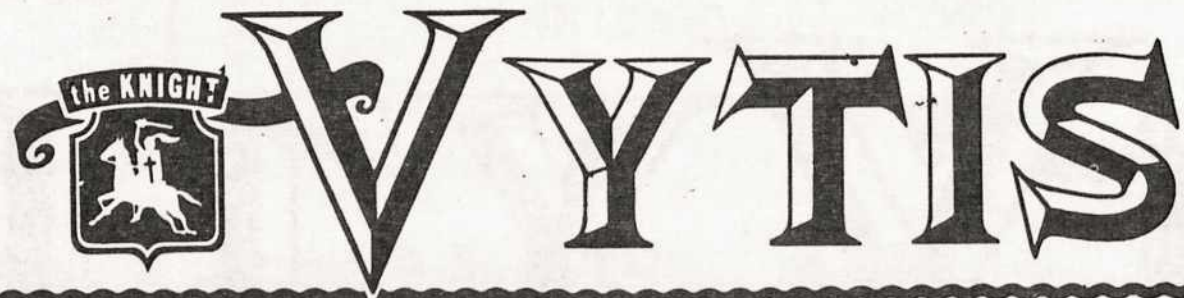
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church In Cleveland, Ohio

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (the "New Parish") is located at 18022 Neff Road in Cleveland, Ohio. Groundbreaking took place on November 1, 1950. The church was completed in 1952 and is designed in a modified Romanesque Basilica style. It can be said that all major planning, design and artwork was executed by Lithuanians. Of course, the principal builder was Father Juozas Angelaitis who retired on August 24, 1974 after serving the parish for 35 years.

On October 19, 1952 at 11:30 A.M., a High Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Archbishop of Cleveland. The Lithuanian Bishop, The Most Rev. Vincentas Brisgys, gave the Homily. The Parish Choir under the direction of Regina Brazaitis and the Ciurlionis Ensemble under the direction of Alfonsas Mikulskis sang during the Mass.

There are approximately 25 organizations active in the parish now.

The Knights of Lithuania were active under the auspices of St. George parish but when Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was founded, K of L members were among the original founders of the "New Parish" — Juozas Sadauskas, honorary Member, now deceased, was very much among them.

All of us, young and old, must now realize that we live in a new age. With it comes the age of the new priest: the priest who aware of the dignity of his calling, seeks to be with his people, works together with them probes the dept of every human hurt, shares in the joy of human experience....the yough with all their dreams, with all their doubts and problems, are his special concern. With the new kind of priest came also the new kind of parishioner, a new concept of a Christ-centered parish, touching on every aspect of human existence.



Father Gediminas Kijauskas, S.J. holding wooden plate - hand carved in Lithuania

The Most Rev. James A. Hickey, Bishop of Cleveland, considered these new challenges and ideas when he invited the Lithuanian Jesuits to come to Cleveland. The Jesuits agreed to accept Bishop Hickey's invitation and in August 1974, Father Gediminas Kijauskas S.J., became the Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and today is most ably assisted by Father Jonas Kidykas, S.J.

Today the Parish consists of Lithuanians living throughout the greater Cleveland area and in the suburbs. This then is the face of a national parish; yet, it grew to encompass people of other cultures, nationalities and traditions who live in the neighborhood, wholeheartedly they support Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and they have become an integral and cherished part of parish life.

By Eugene Kunsitis, Pres.
C-25 Cleveland



DID YOU KNOW?...

Gediminas' columns (Gedimino Stulpai) is a figure of seven straight lines representing a gate in a fortified wall of a city. It is known that, at the time of Vytautas the Great, grandson of Gediminas, this emblem was used concurrently with Vytis (The Knight) as the national emblem of Lithuania.

The symbol is more closely associated with the gates of a city, that is, with the capital of Lithuania, Vilnius, which was sometimes called the city of Gediminas; consequently the symbol is also referred to as the Gates of Gediminas (Gedimino Vartai).

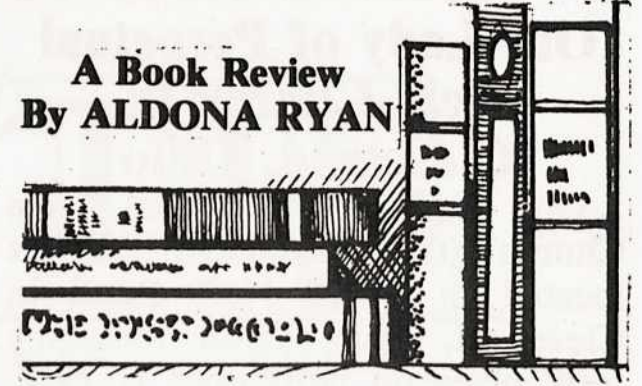
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LITHUANIANS IN SIBERIA

A Book Review
By ALDONA RYAN



Kun. Dr. Juozas Prunskis

Father Juozas Prunskis, prolific author and oftentimes writer of articles for VYTIS, has edited a wondrous book that should be of interest to all of us.

It is a large book and it is printed in very readable type on heavy paper of fine quality.

Even though it is written in the Lithuanian language, the many pictures and illustrations tell the story and the book is worth the price of \$20 for those who cannot read Lithuanian. For those who can read the Lithuanian language, the book is a revelation.

From the English introduction, we quote:

“This documentary book attempts to depict the torment of 350,000 Lithuanians who were deported from their beloved country to die in the slave labor camps of Siberia, where they perished from the extreme cold, starvation and unbearably difficult work in mines and forests without the proper clothing or food, under the cruel oppression of unscrupulous guards.”

“This book contains many documentary eyewitness accounts by deportees who managed to survive and reach the free western world. Also presented are excerpts from the hundreds of letters received by relatives and friends from the deportees, together with numerous photographs of deported Lithuanians in Siberia. No one was permit-

ted to take photographs in the slave labor camps or in the mines. These photographs are not of prisoners but of those in exile, taken on some solemn occasion such as a wedding or a funeral.”

Included in the book, there is a large map of Siberia and the location of cities and labor camps. A list tells how many Lithuanians were taken to which camp in June 1941.

The book also contains full page illustrations by talented artist, Jonas Strungys.

Poems, prayers and songs written by Lithuanians in Siberia are also found there.

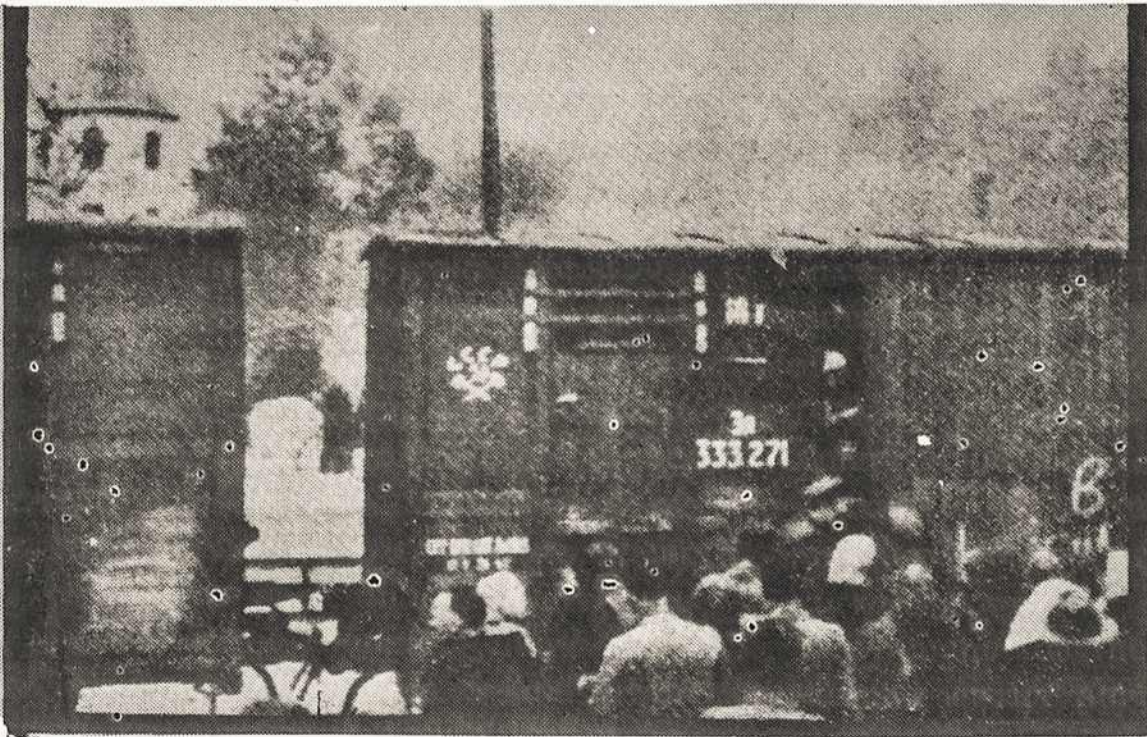
This great book transports the reader to a strange land far away. It depicts a moving scenario of life, love, horror and hope that is indescribable in its depth.



Lithuanian priests secretly holds services



Railių residencija 1957 m.



Varo į gyvulių vagoną



*Pilviškėčiai Sibire 1958 m.
Poilsio diena.*



Aušrelė Jurgelytė funeral



(I personally found that I could only read a few pages at a time. The tears would begin to flow and I was plunged into such a mixed abyss of love, sympathy, horror and hatred that I could not go on. Then, as if hypnotized, I would pick the book up again and continue for another few pages.)

Father Prunskis, his staff, and all of the people who contributed to this edition are to be commended most highly. The gathering of so much information and so many letters and photographs must have been a gigantic task.

Every Lithuanian-American should have a copy of "Lietuviai Sibire" and it should be kept in a prominent place as a reminder of what it is truly like in Siberia.



Mykolas Norkūnas 1915 metais

There have been Lithuanians in America from almost the beginning of its history. A few Lithuanians served in the Army under George Washington. During the Civil War, there were quite a few Lithuanians in the Union Army.

Great numbers of Lithuanians arrived in the United States around 1863 after the insurrection against the Czar. In the early 1900's there was another surge of Lithuanian immigrants.

These people were hardworking laborers who loved their newfound freedom. They prospered and their communities grew. They remembered their homeland and they dreamed of restoring full freedom to Lithuania and its people.

They built churches and formed societies and progressed in their ways. But, as they grew older, they began to worry about the future of their Lithuanian children in America.

So it was that, on April 9, 1912, a society known as "The Hope of the Lithuanians" held a meeting at Orchard Lake, Michigan to discuss and make plans for organizing their young people. Many more meetings were held.

OUR HISTORY IN BRIEF

By Aldona Ryan



Stasys Bugnavičius

The same year (1912) the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance held their convention in Boston. A flag maker from Lawrence, Mass. was one of the delegates. He was Mykolas Norkunas. He had black, curly hair, hazel eyes and a forceful manner. Another delegate was Stasys Bugnavičius of Lewinstown, Maine. These two men made an appeal to the convention which resulted in action. The Alliance would begin the task of organizing the Lithuanian youth in the United States.

Norkunas immediately began a campaign by publishing appeals. Every Lithuanian newspaper in the country carried the news. Again, many more meetings were held.

On April 27, 1913, a "constituting convention" was held in the parish hall in Lawrence, Mass. A constitution and By-Laws were proposed by Norkunas, Bugnavičius and Father Jusaitis. They decided to call the new group "The Lithuanian Falcons" and they elected the first slate of officers with Norkunas as president. Then it was agreed to refer their actions to the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America for approval.



Kun. Antanas Kaupas



Kun. Dr. Motiejus Gustaitis

At the convention of the Alliance that summer in 1913, the Rev. Father Kaupas pointed out that the historic symbol of Lithuania was the knight and therefore very suitable for a youth organization. The name "The Lithuanian Falcons" was dropped and the new society became "The Knights of Lithuania." They decided that their theme would be "For God and Country".

In the first year of its existence, twelve councils were formed with a membership of 700. Among the students who were active leaders of the Knights of Lithuania at that time were such notables as Ignas Sakalas, Aleksandras Aleksis, Leonard Simutis and Paulina Dauzvardis.

In July of 1914, the second convention was held in Brockton, Mass. Father Gustaitis, a noted poet and author, revealed he was writing the words of a Knights of Lithuania anthem. That year it was decided to use the colors of the Lithuanian flag — red, green and yellow — as the colors of their official flag. It was also decided to establish a youth section in the daily newspaper DRAUGAS for communication purposes.

A system of degrees was established whereby hard work would result in official merit. President Norkunas was the first recipient of an Honorary Degree.



The organization grew by leaps and bounds. When the third convention assembled in July 1915 in St. George's Church in Chicago, there were forty delegates representing a membership of 3000.

The official anthem with words by Father Gustaitis and music composed by Professor Aleksis was adopted.

An official magazine called the VYTIS was established. Leonard Simutis was named its manager. By 1917, VYTIS had reached a circulation of 4000.

The 1918 convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio. More than seventy delegates attended.

By 1921, there were 102 councils and over 5000 members. The largest and most active group was C-25 in Cleveland. By-laws for Junior Departments were written that year — 60 years ago.

Then, the national organization became cumbersome and the councils were divided into districts.

During the years of its existence, the Knights of Lithuania sponsored thousands of activities. They gave countless causes hard-earned funds. They paid for the printing of books. They established choirs and drama groups and dance groups. They were interested in all facets of their heritage and traditions. They studied the history of Lithuania and the Lithuanian language.

They were supreme in letter-writing campaigns for the freedom of Lithuania and its people. Many Lithuanian writers and poets got their beginnings in VYTIS magazine. Junior and Senior councils were established.

At this time, councils now exist from New England to Florida to California. The realization that our future is in our youth is still of great importance.



**ANNA KLIZAS WARGO
NATIONAL CULTURAL
CHAIRMAN**

February is the month we commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day. As Lithuanians all over the world gather at this time, to pray that the land of their forefathers will once again know the Independence that was all too briefly theirs from 1918 to 1941, I would like to reflect, briefly, on those early Lithuanian-Americans who came to this land to escape the tyranny of another Russian ruler, the Tsar.

My parents were among those who came to this country early in this century. They left their beloved homeland to better their lives and for freedom, a freedom they cherished as long as they both lived.

My Father, Kazys Klizas, was about to be drafted into the Russian army, a life he did not want. His father, who owned a farm, arranged for him to come to the land of golden opportunity, the United States of America. He arrived in Philadelphia on February 17, 1903 and came to a small mining town where his brother, Antanas, lived. In the small village of St. Clair, there were many Lithuanians and he soon obtained work as a coal miner but he thought someday he would return to his native land when it was safe for him to return.



My mother, Ona Klizaite, came to Brooklyn several years later to stay with her sister Maggie Obieliene. Another sister lived in St. Clair, and she came for a visit, met and fell in love with Kazys and they were married July 24, 1912.

They settled in their little Lithuanian American community and, by the time Lithuanian Independence was declared, they were American citizens and had four children. They were busy raising their small family and in the next 8 years there were two more to raise. In all this time, they taught all to love independence and to never forget their heritage.



I was the last born of these six children and I spoke Lithuanian before I learned English. My mother was one of the few Lithuanians in the town who could read and write and she wrote letters for many of her friends to Lithuania and read them to them when they got a reply.

In their hearts, the love of Lithuania and the love of freedom was burning brightly and we were taught to respect both from an early age. We were taught to be proud of our Americanism and our Lithuanian heritage. Honor and pride were two words that were frequently used in our household — „Nepamesk honorą!“ „Nepamiršk Lietuvybę“.

They struggled in this new land, as did all those early Lithuanian

immigrants but they were strong and proud. They worked hard and raised their families to be good American citizens and good Lithuanian Catholics. They sent whatever little money they could to help their families in Lithuania and, although they loved their new country, they never forgot their old.

They, too, knew what oppression was from the Russian rulers. They were not allowed to go to school. What schooling they had, had to be secret. They left the families and the homes they loved, never to see many of them again, to make a new life in a new land. To these, our parents and grandparents, we owe much for they taught us to love and respect our country and our forefather's country.

We must never forget what they taught us. We must teach our children and our grandchildren to be good Americans and to love the beautiful heritage of their Lithuanian ancestors. We must keep the culture alive. As February 16th approaches, it is our duty to commemorate this day with prayer, with cultural displays and with publicity.

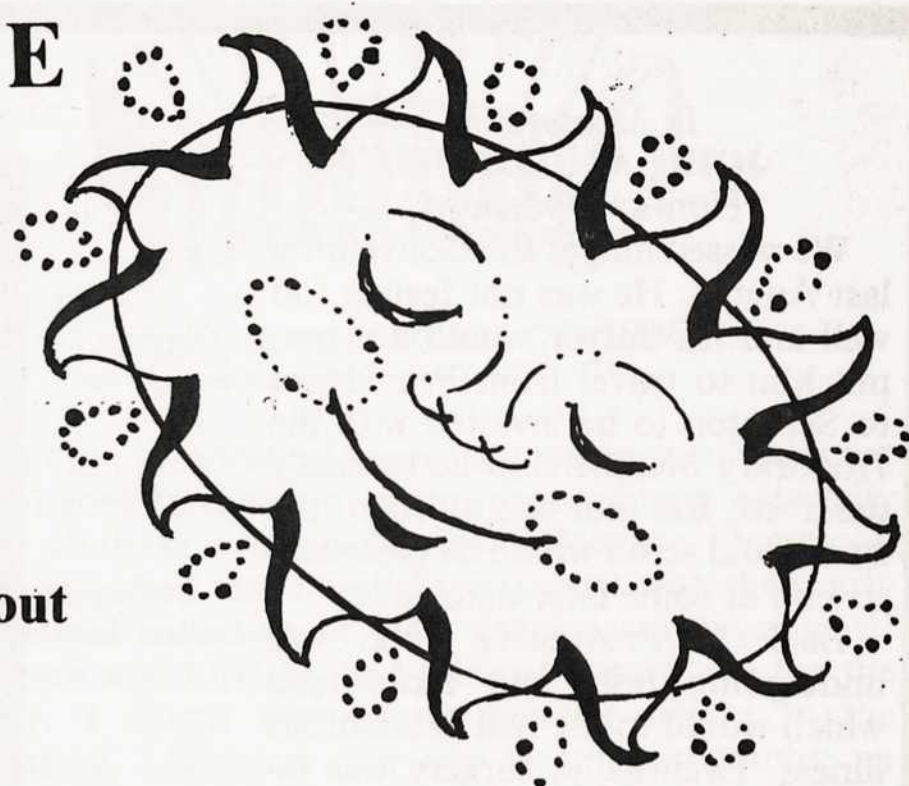
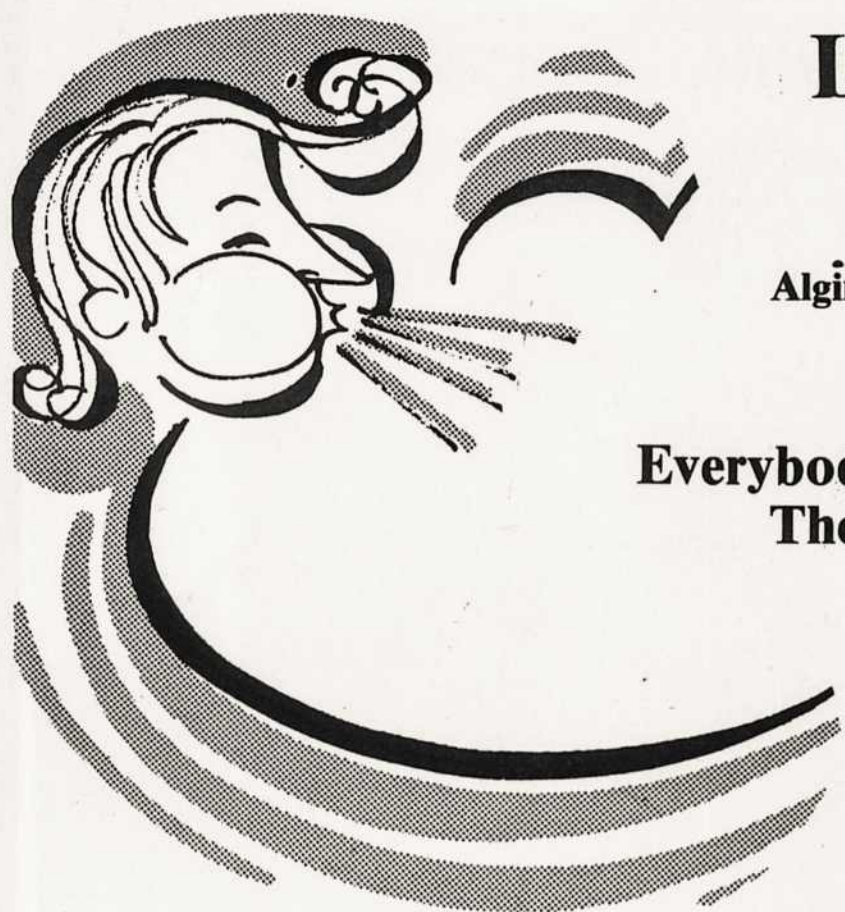
Every Lithuanian should do something special on this day and we, as Knights of Lithuania, should be in the forefront. As Cultural Chairman, I ask all Council Chairmen to have some sort of program, a cultural display. Work with your Pastor and Religious Affairs chairman to have a special mass with Lithuanian hymns and show the world that the Lithuanian heritage is being kept alive.

Let us all pray that that brief shining moment of Independence in Lithuania will soon return to her gallant and courageous people.

LANGUAGE LORE

Algirdas Budreckis

Everybody Talks About The Weather



Well it's that time of year when everybody takes notice of the weather. The Lithuanian word for "weather" is **oras**, the same as that for "air". Thus, **gražus oras** means "fine weather"; **blogas oras** — bad weather, but **grynas oras** — means "pure air", **šviežias** or **švarus oras** is healthy (clean) air. One must watch out for **tarša** (pollution). The four seasons (**metai**) are; spring (**pavasaris**), summer (**vasara**), autumn (**ruduo**) and winter (**žiema**). Each season (**metas** or **sezonas**) has its own characteristics.

Thus, **pavasaris** is **šiltas** (warm), **šlapias** (wet) or **drėgnas** (damp). Blossoms bloom (**žiedai žydi**). Everything turns green (**viskas žalioja**).

During the **vasara**, plants grow (**augalai auga**). The weather is hot — **oras karstas**. There are distinct terms for the hot weather in Lithuanian: **karstis** — heat, **kaitra** — boiling heat, **sutra** — the muggies, **tvanka** or **tvaika** — swelter. And then, the opposite occur: **sausra** — draught.

Ruduo is noted for cool weather (**vėsus oras**), winds blow (**vejai pucia**). There is frost (**salna**). The leaves turn color. In Lithuanian, there are distinct verbal terms for the turning of color. Leaves — **lapai geltonuoja** (turn yellow), **raudonuoja** (turn red) or to wax poetic: **liepsnoja** (assume flaming colors). Finally, the leaves fall — **lapai krinta**. The Lithuanian for November is **lapkritis**. (Guess what happens then?).

In **ziema** the ground hardens (**gruoduoja**), ice forms on water (**vanduo uzsala** or **ledas atsiranda**). It is cold — **salta**. The cold (**saltis**) brings snow (**sniegas**), ice (**ledas**), hoarfrost (**gruodaso**) and even icicles (**ledtakiai**). There are blizzards (**pugos**), which create snow drifts (**pustymas**). Extreme, biting cold is **zvarblumas**. And then there is thaw (**atodrekis**, **atolysis**).

The Lithuanian language provides one with an entire vocabulary for conversing about nothing, but the weather.

What is the weather today? **Koks oras šiandien?**

It's bad weather today. **Šiandien yra prastas (blogas) oras.**

It's cold. **Šalta.**

It's cool. **Vėsu.**

It's warm. **Šilta.**

Is it raining? **Ar lyja?**

Yes, it's raining. **Taip, lyja.**

No, it's not raining. **Ne, nelyja.**

It's snowing. **Sninga.**

It rains (snows) here every day. **Čia lyja (sninga) kiekvieną dieną.**

It's beginning to rain (to snow). **Pradedą lyti (snigti).**

It often rains (snows) here. **Čia dažnai lyja (sninga).**

It will rain (snow) tomorrow. **Rytoj lys (snigs).**

It rained (snowed) yesterday. **Vakar lijo (snigo).**

It has stopped raining (snowing). **Nustojo lyti (snigti).**

It's windy. **Vėjuota.**

There's a lot of fog. **Daug rūko.**

The sun is rising. **Saulė teka.**

The sun is setting. **Saulė leidžiasi.**

How is the weather? **Kos (yra) oras?**

I need an umbrella. **Man reikia lietsargio.**

Will it be cook there? **Ar ten bus viesu?**

Will it be damp there? **Ar ten bus drėgna?**

It's drizzling. **Lynoja.**

It's misting. **Migloja.**

Dew is forming. **Rasoja.**

Kruša krinta. Hailstones are falling.

It's foggy. **Ukanota. Apsiniaukus.**

There is lightning. **Žaibuoja.**

Thunder rolls. **Perkūnas trenkia (dunda).**

It's freezing. **Šala.**

There is sleet. **Dargañoja.**

Snow is melting. **Sniegas tirpsta.**

In Memoriam
JOHN A. STOSKUS
 Honorary Member

We missed him at the Convention last August. He was not feeling too well and his doctor would not permit him to travel from Providence to Scranton to be invested with the Honorary Membership he so richly deserved. But that was all right, the medal and scroll would be presented to him at some later date.

Back in Providence John was undergoing tests and more tests which would to the real cause of his illness. Eventually, surgery was indicated and performed successfully. Post-operation complications arose. Days and days of intensive care followed. The doctors were hopeful. He was removed from the ICU. Hopes rose. But, on Friday, November 20th, a new crisis came up. which could not be resolved. Saturday evening, November 21st, the Lord called our faithful, dedicated Knight and Honorary Member to Himself.

John Stoskus, H. M., was a Knight of Lithuania for over three decades, always a man of thoughtful action, outspoken and persuasive at the local (C-112 and C-103), district and national levels. In retrospect one can see clearly that he truly exemplified the "Dievui ir Teynei" ideals of our organization. His early education at Marianapolis College and his several years of seminary training in Chicago formed in him an enlightened Catholic layman's attitude toward parish and Church, toward God and country. His many years of Social Work in Rhode Island increased his awareness and sympathy for people's needs, those on behalf of whom he worked and all others with whom he came in contact.

The Wake was held on Tuesday, November 24th. Many groups of K/of L'ers drove in from Lawrence, Worcester, Boston and Brockton. In the afternoon, NED Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Albin Janiunas, conducted a prayer service. It was he



who arranged to have the Honorary Membership medal pinned on John's lapel, for all to see how highly he was esteemed by his fellow Knights. In the evening Father Voldemaras Cukuras, Pastor of Saint Casimir's and K of L Spiritual Advisor, conducted the Christian Wake Service. The K of L Ritual Service was led by Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P.

The Funeral Mass was at 9 A.M. the next day. It was concelebrated by Father Cukuras and Fathers Petrauskas, MIC, Jurgelaitis, O.P., Contons, Maknys and O'Connell. The Homily was preached by Fr. Jurgelaitis, who interwove Lithuanian and English, so that everyone could follow his thoughts almost simultaneously. One thought stands out: "John's Catholic Faith made him a better Knight of Lithuania,

and his membership in the K of L made him a better Catholic."

Seven Sisters of Immaculate Conception provided the music and Lithuanian hymns for the Mass.

After the Mass John was flown to Chicago, his birthplace for burial in the family plot, accompanied by his wife Birute, his son, Paul and his sisters Julia and Helen.

We extend our deepest sympathy to them.

We have all been saddened at losing John, but our sadness is strengthened by Christian hope. If our belief in the communion of saints means anything, it assures us of the never-ending Goodness and Mercy of God, which will not be withheld from John, his faithful servant.

May John rest in peace, in everlasting joy with God.

Father Jurgelaitis



Vytautas Skuodis

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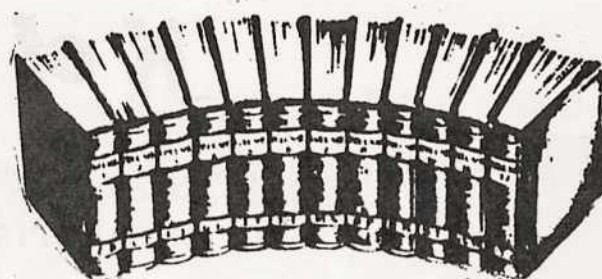
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The following is a letter from Vytautas Skuodis, also known as Benedict Scott, who was born in Chicago, March 21, 1929 and is now imprisoned in the USSR. Professor Skuodis writes:

"...I have finally arrived at my destination. I arrived here on February 9th. I wanted to write you immediately, but here were new impressions, new concerns and new acquaintances; finally, the illness I brought here with me prevented my doing so. A combination of flu, cold bronchitis and something mysterious forced me to spend more time in than out of bed. I still cannot work.

We left Vilnius on January 9th (I was arrested also on January 9th). The journey was long, but interesting. After the trial, I regretted that I was not placed in the lukiskis "correctional work institution." However, to my great satisfaction, I had occasion to acquaint myself with this type of institution in Pskov, Yaroslavl, Gorki, Ruzayevk and Poima. During my stopovers I associated with thieves, robbers, murderers and others like them.



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Since I am 'a moral' and especially dangerous,' I did not feel uncomfortable in such surroundings, especially since all those 'crooks' did not disdain me. One crook even suggested that I 'enlighten' myself with the nearly completed collection of 1980 "Mokslas ir gyvenimas" (Science and Life) he had pilfered somewhere for the paper. I found very many familiar names in the magazine. I lingered over two large photographs: an academician-physicist and a PhD in geology. I am pleased that my acquaintances continue to rise upward. But I don't envy them. Every one is happy in his own way.

"In Gorki, I left behind my fellow trial-mates and continued my journey here with a man from Kaisiadorys whom I met during my stopover in Pskov.

"Conditions in this strict regimen correctional labor camp are, of course, very different. Here you can at least walk around the yard when you want. I really don't know what I can write about my present living conditions. And I truly want all my letters to reach you. Now only my letters, but also those sent to me, will be checked. I am permitted to send no more than two letters a month. So, one goes to you and another to Panevezys. (Skuodis' mother lives in Panevezys at Gogolio 65-2 - Ed. Note.) Theoretically the number of letters I can receive is not limited. But that does not mean all the letters sent arrive here. I would like you to number your letters individually...I await your letters very, very eagerly.

"I derive great moral strength from your determination to visit me.

"...My current state of health and mind are good. It will improve even more when I recover completely. I have no complaints about life even here. My only worry comes from not having any news from you. I will always eagerly, albeit patiently, await your letters. I will answer all your letters, even if only with one covering all

"Always with you. Goodbye! Vytautas."

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SKUODIS, Vytautas

Taken from the Chronicle of The Catholic Church in Lithuania — No. 47, March 19, 1981 edition.



K of L Calendar

- MARCH** 6 "A LITHUANIAN CULTURAL EVENING" - 75th Anniversary of St. George's Parish, Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, CT
- 7 ST. CASIMER'S DAY COMMEMORATION - C-36 Hosts at Immaculate Conception Church in Chicago
- ST. CASIMER'S DAY MASS and BREAKFAST at St. Casimer's Church in Pittston, PA
- ST. CASIMER'S FEASTDAY COMMEMORATION - C-103 Philadelphia, PA
- 14 MAD ST. CASIMER'S DAY BRAEKFAST AND CONVENTION in Frackville, PA C-144 Hosts
- 20 SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING IN CLEVELAND, OHIO C-25 Hosts
- MAY** 15-16 MCD MEETING AND MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT in Chicago
- AUGUST** 5 - 8 NATIONAL CONVENTION AT HARLEY HOUSE IN WILLOUGHBY, OH C-25 Hosts

CONVENTION NEWS

August 5-8 NATIONAL CONVENTION

HARLEY HOUSE IN WILLOUGHBY OHIO

JOHN YORKUS

Member C-12, New York City
Died Sept. 22, 1981

JOSEPH ALUKONIS

Member C-17 Srs. Boston
Died Dec. 13, 1981

FRANK PETROSKI

Member C-79, Southfield, MI
Died Dec. 20, 1981

TERESA THOMAS

Member C-12, New York City
Died Dec. 28, 1981



BERTHA MACK

Mother of Gerry Mack
Member of C-112, Chicago
Died Nov. 25, 1981

MICHAEL TIMEK

Member C-143, Pittston, PA
Died Jan. 1, 1982

BRUNO JANONIS

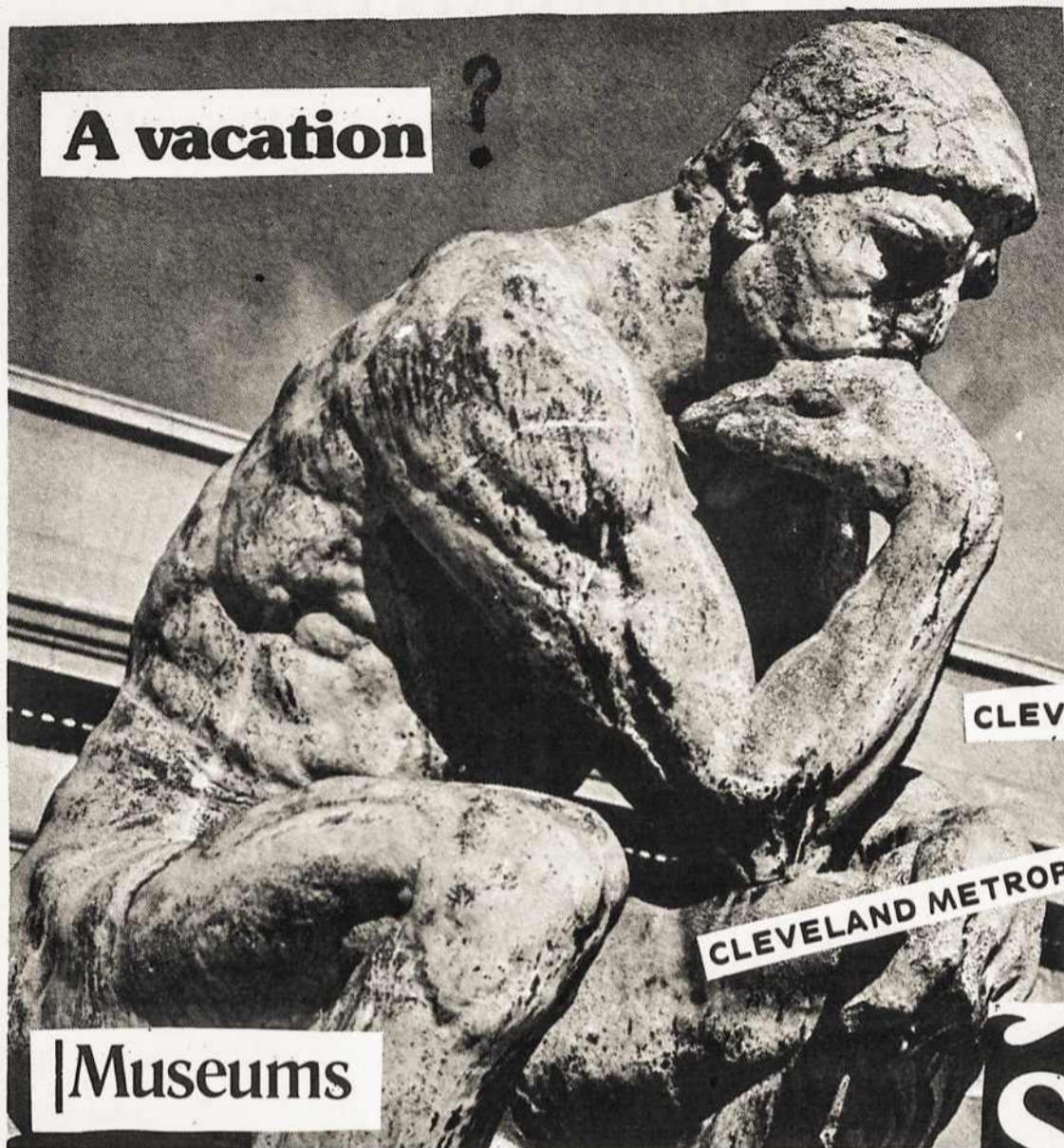
Father of Larry Janonis -
MAD President
Died Jan. 5, 1982

BERNARD VITCHUS

Member C-79, Southfield, MI
Died Jan. 3, 1982

JOHN SCOTT

Member C-96, Dayton, Ohio
Died Jan. 9, 1982



A vacation ?

Museums

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Your Headquarters will be the beautiful **HARLEY HOUSE of CLEVELAND EAST.**

Your Hosts are **COUNCIL-25, Cleveland, Ohio.**

"CLEVELAND The Best Location in The Nation—

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Let's tie up the loose ends of the National Convention held in Scranton:

Thanks to Bernice Aviza and Regina Kot, secretaries for that Convention, we find that the following greetings were overlooked:

Frank Katilus, Secretary of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance

Sister Eugenia for the Sisters of Jesus Christ Crucified
Father Albert Contons on behalf of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests League

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Bear with me, fellow Knights, for I am still learning in this great task of putting together your VYTIS.

Please accept my apologies for the appearance of the Lithuanian straw ornament in the December issue. I had been told that light blue would not photograph in the printer's camera but I did not know that shading with a pencil also would not photograph.

Perhaps, by looking at the photos on the previous page of the patterns, you can color these in to make them usable.

The Midwest Bowling Tournament will take place on May 15-16th. The National Convention will be held in Cleveland on August 5th-8th.



GUIDELINES FOR CORRESPONDING WITH LITHUANIAN PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE AND THEIR FAMILIES

1. Write regularly.
2. Letters can be written in any language: Lithuanian, English, etc. In your first letter, ask which language is preferred.
3. Letters should convey personal greetings and messages of good-will. Discuss day-to-day activities and topics of mutual interest, such as occupation, hobbies, friends. Send photographs of your family, printing each person's name and date of birth on the back. Write about places you have visited and your impressions. Number your letters, Letter #1, #2, etc. Date your letters also.
4. Inquire about birthdays, anniversaries, etc. and send cards to celebrate these events. Cards should also be sent for the religious holidays such as Christmas, Easter.
5. In general, letters should not be political. Mention no group affiliation.
6. Soviet postal regulations prohibit the enclosure of the following items destined for the USSR: postage stamps, Soviet currency, recording tapes, medicines, vitamins, chewing gum, thread, motion picture film.
7. For addressing the envelope, use the following procedure:
USSR
Name of Republic (Lithuania, etc.)
Name of City (and zip code, if known)
Street Address (Name, number and apartment number)
Name of Person (Last name first)

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Charge d'Affaires,

February 1, 1982

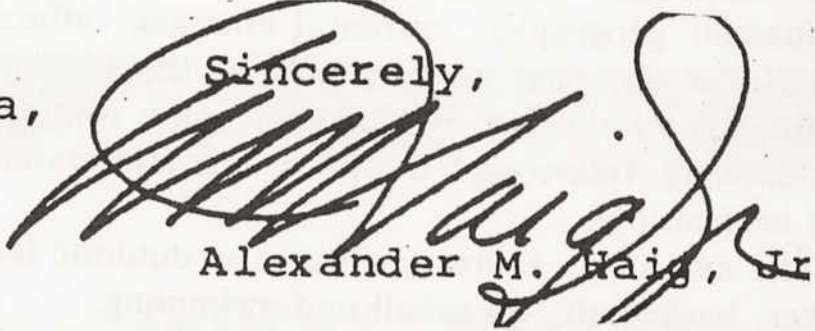
On behalf of the Government and people of the United States, I am honored to send greetings and congratulations on the occasion of the sixty-fourth anniversary of Lithuanian independence.

The founding of the Lithuanian Republic on February 16, 1918 gave form and meaning to Lithuania's commitment to freedom and self-determination. Lithuanians, as do Americans, remain devoted to these fundamental principles today. The United States cannot permit the violation of Lithuania's national integrity to be forgotten. Therefore our policy of not recognizing the forcible incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union remains fixed and will not change.

The American people share with you and your countrymen an unshakable belief in the ultimate triumph of liberty.

Dr. S. A. Backis,
Chargé d'Affaires of Lithuania,
Lithuanian Legation,
2622 16th St., NW,
Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,


Alexander M. Haig, Jr.



Lithuanian Legation Building

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Our LITHUANIAN LEGATION BUILDING is in dire straits! Urgently needed is repairing of outmoded plumbing, wiring systems, refurbishing and general remodeling.

The Lithuanian flag has flown over this building since 1924. Our Legation Building is our official connection with the diplomatic world. It represents the citizens working for a FREE LITHUANIA.

Sitting in a neighborhood of other embassies such as those of Spain, Mexico, Italy and Poland, it should be a shining example of our devotion to our ancient heritage.

Paint is peeling, wallpaper is faded, furniture is sparse and worn.

Is that the picture you want to represent you to the outside world?

A special drive is being conducted by all of the organizations in America to make our Legation Building sparkle and shine.

Let's all of us join in and do our part. Send a check made out to: "Lithuanian Legation." Mail it to: Dr. Stasys A. Backis, Lithuanian Legation, 2622 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009

Include a note telling Dr. Backis that you are a member of the Knights of Lithuania and that you support the Lithuanian cause.



LITHUANIAN HERITAGE CAMP

at
Youth Camp Dainava
 from
August 8 to August 15, 1982
 for
Children of Ages 7-17

LITHUANIAN HERITAGE CAMP at Youth Camp DAINAVA of Manchester, Michigan will provide an excellent opportunity for children of Lithuanian descent to discover their roots.

Qualified staff will instruct the campers in Lithuanian language, history and culture. Sessions on Lithuanian geography, current Lithuanian affairs in that Soviet-occupied country and in the Lithuanian community of the free world, Lithuanian folklore — folk-dancing, folk-songs, tradition, arts and crafts will also be featured.

The camp has sports facilities for outdoor tennis, socker, basketball, volleyball and swimming.

Campfires, talent shows, dances and game nights are among the leisure activities scheduled for the campers.

CAMPING FEES

LITHUANIAN HERITAGE CAMP carries a registration fee of \$15.00, payable in advance. The general fee for the one week camp program is \$75.00.

Families wishing to register more than one child, need only pay \$65.00 per week beginning with the second registrant.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Pre-registration is required. Pre-camp details will be sent to pre-registered applicants only.

2. Please return \$15.00 registration fee at the earliest possible time. The deadline is April 15, 1982.

3. Your check (in US \$) should be made payable to:
 Mail to:

LITHUANIAN HERITAGE CAMP
 c/o Mrs. J. Damusis
 25830 Forestview
 Southfield, MI 48034
 Tel. (313) 354-0746

COUNCIL 36 & 112 Jrs.

C-38 Kenosha, Wis. was invited to participate in Milwaukee's Ethnic Festival on Nov. 21. They then asked the Juniors to come along and do a few folk dances. They all were very well received by the audience.

On Dec. 8 they performed at the Museum of Science and Industry doing seven dances. They also enacted a play depicting Lithuanian Christmas Eve customs. The District Choir enhanced the evening by singing a few Carols.

Paula Skudra

JBANC ANNOUNCES 1982 INTERN PROGRAM

The Joint Baltic American National Committee has announced the continuation of the highly successful intern program for the summer of 1982.

One student from each Baltic nationality will be selected to work for eight weeks in the Washington area offices of JBANC and for two weeks with the central organization of their respective nationality. Each intern will be paid \$1,500 for the summer and will be reimbursed for official travel expenses.

Last year's interns met with staff members of over 50 congressional offices, the state department, and human rights activities. The program provides students with the chance to gain first-hand experience in Washington interest group lobbying and a thorough knowledge of Baltic issues.

Interns will be expected to be fluent in the language of their nationality (and English), at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and have access to a car during their stay in Washington. Preference will be given to those students who are majoring in either political science, journalism, Baltic or Soviet studies, history, or sociology.

A cover letter and a resume (in English) should be sent by March 15th to the Joint Baltic American National Committee, Box 432, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.

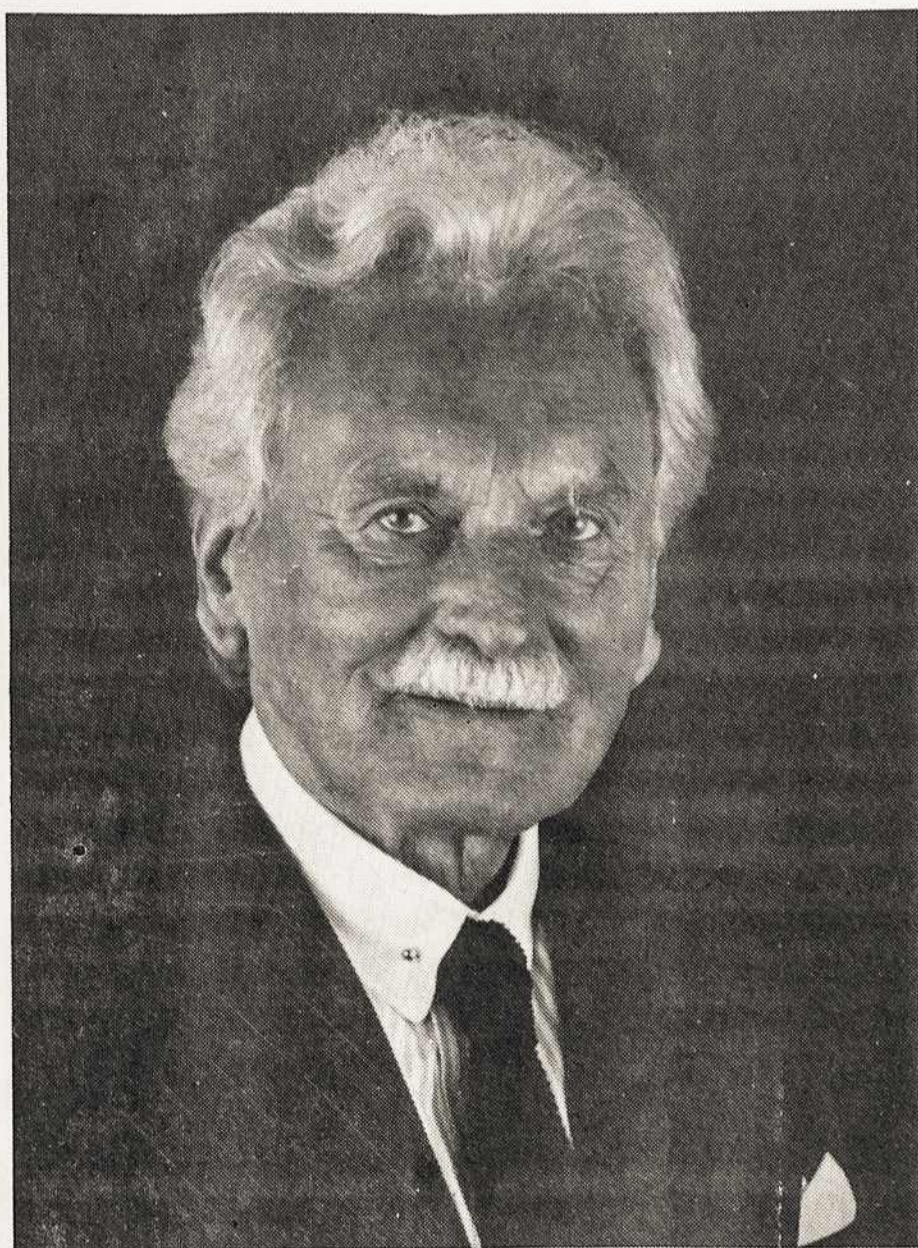
JUNIOR NEWS

Council 36-112 juniors held their meeting on Nov. 6, 1981. We held elections. President, John Strolia; Vice President, Tom Strolia; Secretary, Matthew Strolia; Treasurer, John Kilkus and Vytis; Correspondent Paula Skudra. After elections we had a cultural demonstration by Ona Naureckis. She taught us how to make pictures from straw. The regular councils joined us for this demonstration.

Maria Klatt
Vytis Correspondent
Council 36-112 Juniors



Ona Naureckienė, C-36 Cultural Chairman, demonstrating the art of Lithuanian straw pictures to the Illinois-Indiana District



JUOZAS ERETAS,

lietuviškas šveicaras

Baselyje, 1981 XI. 16

Didžiai Gerb. Ponia Stukiene,
Lietuvos Vyčių Pirmininke,

Jūs buvote tokia maloni mane Lietuvos Vyčių vardu pasveikinti 85-tojo gimtadienio proga. Už tokį gražų žestą dėkoju Jums ir visai Centro Valdybai iš visos širdies.

Su malonumu prisimenu savo viešnagę Amerikoje, kur 1926 metais mane globojo Jūsų Vyčiai ir net išrinko savo organizacijos garbės nariu. Tų išpūdingų dienų niekad neužmiršiu ir toliau dirbsiu Vyčių idealų naudai.

Su padėka bei pagarba pasilieku,

Jūsų ištikimas narys,
Juozas Eretas

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narys, nuoširdžiai sveikina visus Vyčius.

Heritage

Lithuania, land of my
grandparents,
Lithuania, people of their people,
I feel a need to be part of you,
To share a moment I thought was
lost.

Lithuania, land from where they
came,
Lithuania, land of their roots
and mine.
I want to hold you near my heart,
To embrace you forever, close
within me.

Lithuania, your land has inspired
me,
I will never forget you,
I feel an inner peace and
tranquility
To think of you and dream of you.

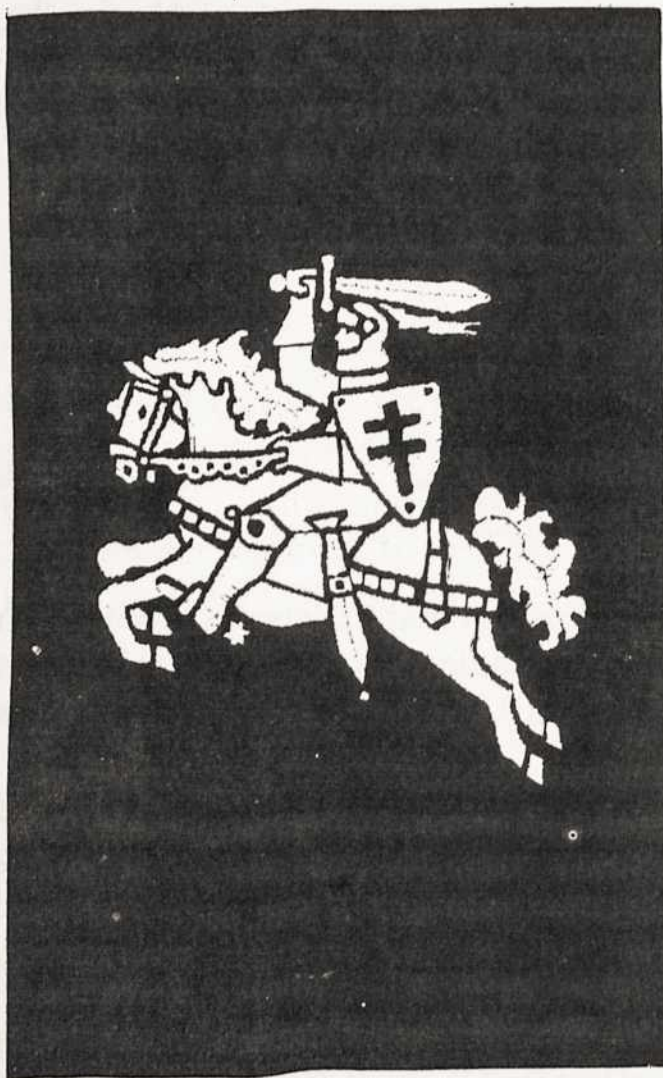
Lithuania, your language is foreign
to some.
To me it is all of my young years.
I feel comfortable hearing your
words,
To go backward in time, make my
todays more meaningful.

Lithuania, you have strengthened
my convictions.
Your people, your language and
your courage are ours.

Our love, our prayers, and hopes
are yours.
Each day of our lives, we remember
to ask God —
Grant Lithuania and her people
freedom.

Lithuania, we long for you to be
free.
Lithuania, your land of rivers and
fields.
We want you to feel the freedom
we feel.
We add to our daily prayers, God
Bless Lithuania!

Mary Ann Lepera
117 Boulder Rd.
Plymouth Mtg. Pa. 19462
Phila. Council 3



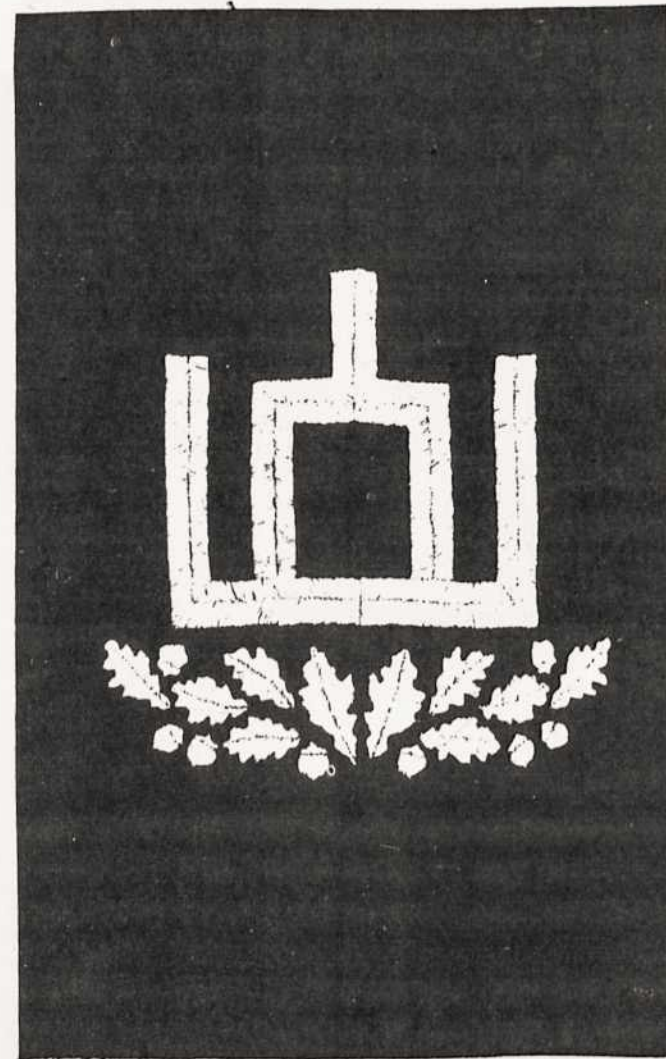
Vytis

LITHUANIAN EMBROIDERY KITS ANNOUNCED

Lithuania's two great national symbols, VYTIS and GEDIMINO STULPAI, stand proudly against red backgrounds on two unique stitchery kits being offered for the first time by Walnut Studios. When completed, the brilliant red and white embroideries can be framed for heirloom gift giving and house warming.

Walnut Studios specializes in only top quality kits which it designs, manufactures, and sells directly to those who want the best for their families and friends. The Lithuanian kits are fourth in a series of ethnic kits offered by Walnut Studios. Both embroideries will fit a standard 11" x 14" frame (frame not included). Everything you need to complete the stitcheries is included... cloth, floss, instructions. The kits — truly a keepsake for every Lithuanian-American family — are priced at just \$10 each, or both kits for \$19.

Orders and inquiries should be sent to Walnut Studios, Dept. 14A, 204 S. Walnut Street, Englewood, Ohio 45233.



Gedimino stulpai



by Mary Lucas

Cook's Corner



Appetizer Puffs

Soften 1-8 Oz. Pkg. of Cream Cheese at room temperature, then cream till soft. Add 1t. grated onion, 1/2t. Baking Powder, 1 Egg Yolk and Salt and Pepper to taste. Blend all thoroughly.

With 2" cookie cutter, cut 18 rounds of white bread from 6 slices (3 from each slice). Toast in oven (300°) until delicately browned, turning to toast under side.

Spread each circle lightly with Mayonnaise, then spread 2-2½ Oz. cans of Underwood Deviled Ham on top of Mayonnaise. Squeeze a rosette of the cream cheese mixture on top of the deviled meat using a decorating bag and large rosette tip. Or use the tip of a teaspoon. Sprinkle with paprika. Place all rounds on a cookie sheet and bake in oven at 375° for 8-10 minutes or till rounds are lightly browned and puffy. Serve hot.

Caviar Cheese Spread

1 8 Oz. Pkg. Cream Cheese
Softened

1/2 C. (2 Ozs.) Shredded Monterey
Jack Cheese

1 T. Chopped Sweet Onion

1 t. Lemon Juice

1 2 Oz. Jar Red Caviar
(drained)

2 Hard Boiled Eggs (chopped)

1 Hard Boiled Egg (sliced)

Lettuce Leaves

Rye or Pumpernickel Slices

In small mixer bowl, beat cream cheese on med. speed of elec. mixer till fluggy. Beat in the Jack Cheese, onion and lemon juice till well blended. Reserve 2T of the Caviar for garnish. Fold remaining Caviar into cheese mixture. Fold in the chopped eggs. Turn mixture into a cheese cloth lined 1½C mold. Cover and chill 4 hrs. or overnight. Unmold onto lettuce lined plate garnish with Caviar in center of mold. Arrange egg slices around edge. Serve with bread half slices.

Hot Buttered Rum

(1 Serving)

In a hot mug with a handle, place 1t. Powdered Sugar, add 1/4 cup boiling water, 1/4 cup dark Rum, 1T Butter.

Then fill mug with boiling water. Stir well. Sprinkle with nutmeg. This is a wonderful drink after you get home frozen from skiing, ice skating or caroling.

This is an old time New England idea of an individual portion.

Curious, isn't it, that the Puritans made drinks like this one, which has been said to make a man see double and feel single.

LIETUVIS NIEKAD NEPRAŽUS

Nebenurims mano krutinė,
Nebenurims mano širdis,
Kol pavergtai mielai tėvynei
Saulėtas rytas nenušvis.

Mano širdis ir mano protas
Planuos į laisvę jai kelius
Nors dar dangus tebėr miglotas,
Nors broliai kenčia vargelius.

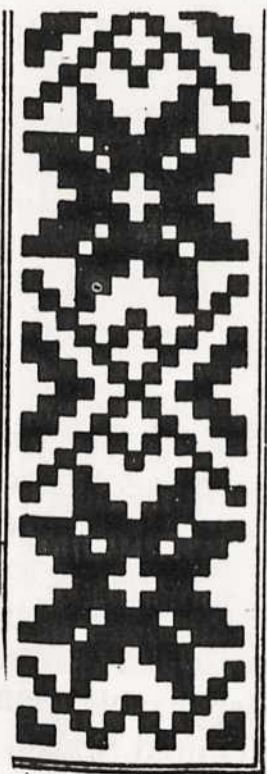
Aš skatinsiu visus lietuvius
Vieningai dirbti ir kovoti!
Tėvynė mūsų nebus pražuvus,
Tik reik tikėti, nepasiduoti.

Ji prisikels tą skaistų rytą,
Nutrenks į šalį retežius!
Bus taip, kaip pranašo sakyta:
"Lietuvis niekad nepražus!"

L. Šilalis
1948 m. balandžio 3 d.

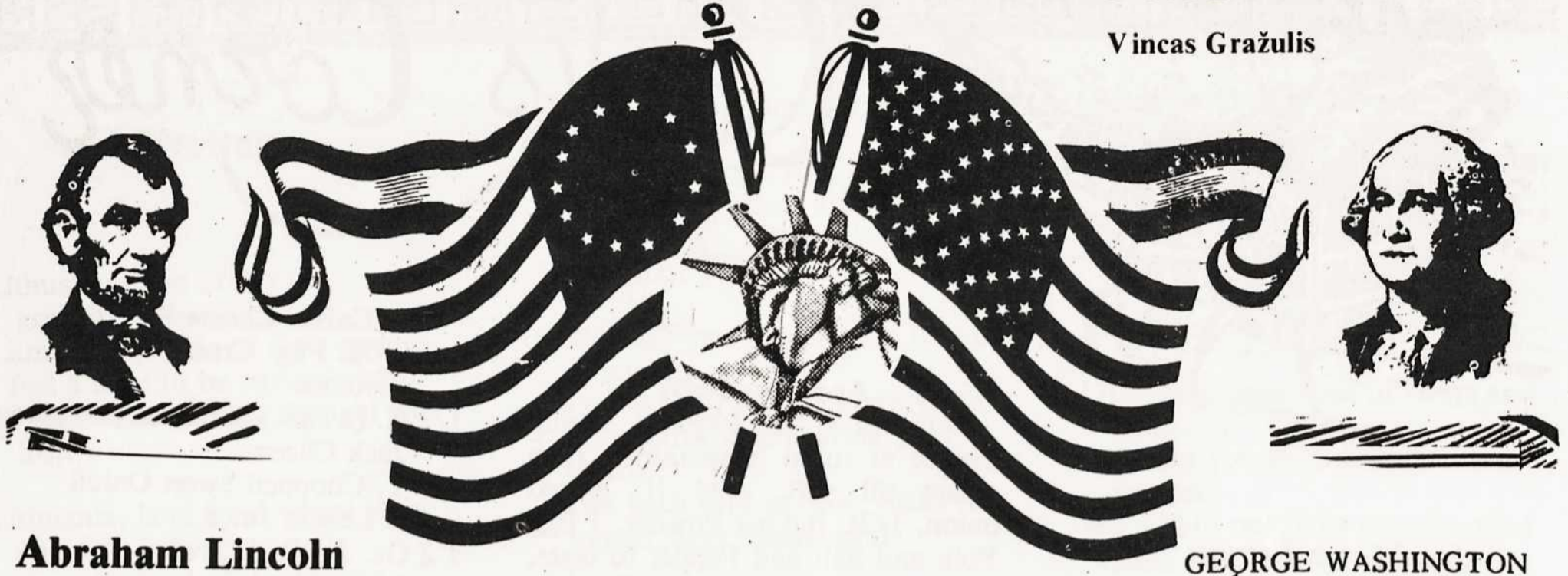
Leonardas Šimutis, Honorary Member
1892 - 1975

Courtesy of the Leonardas Šimutis Archives
Dr. Leonard J. Šimutis, C-112, Chicago, Director
Lt. Col. John C. Šimutis, C-36, Chicago,
Ruth Šimutis Kazlauskas, C-36, Chicago
Raymond Šimutis, C-36, Chicago



NATIONAL HEROS WE HONOR THIS MONTH

Vincas Gražulis



Abraham Lincoln

GEORGE WASHINGTON

The Father Of Our Country

"I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and say there is no God."

Abraham Lincoln

Of all our U.S. presidents Abraham Lincoln is quoted most. Maybe it was because his heart went out so much for the love of his country and fellowman. His deep religious convictions, his faith in the ever ruling hand of God emphasizes his submission to almighty supreme being. In his second inaugural address, he pointed out that both sides (the north and the south) "Read the same bible and pray to the same God."

Abraham Lincoln was not described as a handsome specimen of a man, yet he had a reputation as a clever lawyer and keen debater. He was "Ludicrously tall, angular, and awkward in gait and gesture," looked like something from the backwoods. The sleeves of his coat barely reached his bony wrists; his trousers bagged at the knees, and his stovepipe hat (inside which he kept valuable papers) emphasized his gawkiness. Yet, Lincoln was a formidable opponent for all who debated him. He could tell a good story and clarify his points with picturesque illustrations. Above all he had a genius for clear, logical thinking.

"Preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican model of government are justly considered, perhaps, as deeply, as finally, staked on the experiment intrusted to the hands of the American people.."

— George Washington, 1789

Washington's practical training had been in agriculture and military service. Because of lack of experience in government and limited knowledge of political science and history, he felt himself unfitted to be chief magistrate.

Although Washington doubted his own capacities, his countrymen regarded him with admiration bordering on awe. No sooner had he won his first victories at Trenton and Princeton than a Philadelphia newspaper wrote of him:



If there are any spots in his character they are like the spots on the sun, only discernible through a telescope. Had he lived in the days of idolatry he would have been worshipped as a God."

As president, he was far more than a symbolic figurhead. He knew the United States as well as any man alive, having traveled in every state except Georgia and having met or exchanged letters with most of the prominent men of the country.

He saw the continuance of slavery as leading to national disaster. "Not only," he wrote a British friend, "Do I pray for the abolition of slavery on the score of human dignity, but I can clearly foresee that nothing but the rooting out of slavery can perpetuate the existence of our union., by consolidating it in a common bond of principle." In his will, Washington freed all the Negroes he owned and provided that they should be educated at the expense of his estate.

On April 30, 1789, he took the oath of office and gave the first inaugural address, an event celebrated by the ringing of church bells and the firing of cannon. The public rejoicing over Washington's taking office was fully justified. He was perhaps the only indispensable man in the history of the United States.

Lithuanians in The



Edited by

RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the death of the late Consul General of Lithuania, the HON. DR. PETRAS DAUZVARDIS, commemoration services were held on December 13, 1981, at the Lithuanian Youth Center in Chicago. Holy Mass was concelebrated by Msgr. J. Balkunas, who gave the sermon, Rev. Dr. V. Rimselis, Rev. A. Zakarauskas, Rev. J. Vaisnys, Rev. J. Borevicius, Rev. P. Daugintis, Rev. J. Savukynas, and Rev. J. Prunskis. Assisting at the Mass were soloist M. Momkiene and the Lithuanian Opera Company's men's chorus directed by A. Gecas and accompanied by A. Vasaitis.

Following the Mass, a commemorative program was held with Dr. Leonas Krauceliunas as master of ceremonies. Principal speakers were Consul General Anicetas Simutis and Jonas Jurkunas. A musical program was presented by solosits M. Momkiene and Algird Brazis.

The memory of Dr. Dauzvardis remains as a guiding light to the Knights of Lithuania to carry on with the work towards freedom of Lithuania, the goal to which he devoted his life.



Msgr. J. Balkunas delivers sermon



10 Anniversary for Dr. Peter Dauzvardis - from left: Consul General of Lithuania, the Hon. Anicetas Simutis, the Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis, son Peter Dauzvardis, and wife Dolores Dauzvardis,

The Cultural Committee of C-K6, Chicago, held a straw art workshop last November in the home of ONA NAURECKAS, C-36 Cultural Chairman. The workshop was attended by many K of Lers from the Chicago area and others interested in the art. Ona gave instructions in the preparation of the straw and the cutting and applying of prepared straw to effective backgrounds suitable for framing. The workshop was greeted with genuine enthusiasm, indicating a great desire for knowledge of our cultural heritage. C-36 plans more workshops in the future.

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From the "Philadelphia Inquirer" — "EDDIE THE LITHUANIAN," they called him. He had a habit of getting up in bars and nightclubs and singing outrageously funny songs nobody had ever heard before — his own songs. Then he met pianist Andy Trackman who stunned Eddie with a dazzling concept, the idea of getting paid for singing his songs in bars. The two thus became the Big Daddy Graham Show.

Andy and Eddie now play regularly at places like the Kyber Pass, the Back street Tavern and Red Eye in Springfield, Delaware County, and soon will be appearing on a local television show. Now everybody calls Eddie the Lithuanian (last name unknown) "Big Daddy."

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TONY DOUGALAS, pharmacist/owner of the Medicine Shoppe, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, was selected from hundreds of pharmacists across the country to be "Pharmacist of the Year" for 1981. The nationally recognized award is presented to the pharmacist most involved in curbing drug abuse. Exceptional dedication to state and community programs plus drug and pharmaceutical expertise distinguished Douglas.

Besides counseling teenage drug addicts, teaching at King's College, and lecturing community organizations about drugs, Douglas devotes considerable time to law enforcement training in drug abuse. He addresses local officers and park rangers meetings and assists with drug security inspections of Pennsylvania correctional institutions.

Tony was awarded the "Pharmacist of the Year" plaque at the National Association of Retail Druggists convention in San Antonio, Texas, last September. Parke Davis, Inc., a pharmaceutical company, sponsors the award that will honor the pharmacy school of Douglas' choice with a \$1,000 scholarship.



C-36 Cultural chairman, Ona Naureckas, displays one of her straw art creations. Shown with Ona are Ruth Kazlauskas and Salomeja Daulys, committee members.

The Lithuanians of America sponsored its first festival in Kansas City, Kansas, last September. The festival included authentic foods, crafts, music, games and historical displays of Lithuania. Entertainment was provided by Don Lipovac, internationally renowned accordionist, the Aušra dance group from Omaha, Nebraska, and the Lithuanian's own accordionist, Charles Purduski.

In 1880, immigrants from Lithuania came to Kansas City, Kansas. Sometime during the 1940s the spirit of Lithuanians died and the community dwindled. Now, some 35 years later, the second and third generations of these immigrants are regrouping to reestablish and preserve the culture and traditions of their parents and grandparents.

Founders of the Lithuanians of America in Kansas City, Kansas, are DON ZEMAITIS, Overland Park, and CHUCK ZEMAITIS, Kansas City.



Kansas City Festival Float



An article in the New York Times indicated that JOSEPH E. KASPUTYS, has been named president and chief executive officer of Data Resources Inc., the economic forecasting company that handles an estimated 50 percent of all such activities in the country. Mr. Kasputys holds a doctorate from the Harvard Business School in managerial economics. Much of his career was spent in Federal service at the Defense and Commerce departments and at the Maritime Administration. He joined Data Resources in 1977 as a vice president and manager of its Washington region, becoming executive vice president and chief operating officer in 1979. Data Resources Inc. is located in Lexington, Mass.



James Coco, Joan Hackett, Neil Simon, Algirdas Gustaitis and Marsha Mason

Well known actress MARSHA MASON is of Lithuanian heritage, according to the November issue of "Lithuanian Days" magazine. At a press conference at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Hollywood, California, on September 17th, she informed Lithuanian press representative ALGIRDAS GUSTAITIS and other members of the press in attendance that her mother and grandmother are Lithuanian.

Mr. Gustaitis was invited to attend the dinner following the premiere of "Only When I Laugh," noted playwright Neil Simon's latest film. Neil Simon is the husband of Marsha Mason.

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Officials of the World Wildlife Fund, which has fought to preserve the giant panda in the mountains of China and the humpbacked whale in the seas of Hawaii, visited the lost colony of the rare and elusive prairie sphinx moth last summer at a secret site on the high plains of northeastern Colorado. Scientists had feared that the species had become extinct. It was here, in 1979, that a team of graduate students led by a Wyoming state research biologist, DR. KAROLIS BAGDONAS, discovered the world's last known colony of the moth.

Lepidopterists (scientists who specialize in the study of moths and butterflies) prize the moth for its beauty and rarity and sometimes refer to it as the "holy grail" of the insect world. According to Dr. Bagdonas, who is directing the moth study when he is not working as a research biologist with the Wyoming Department of Fish and Game, the survival of the moth colony is constantly threatened by weather, insecticides and the persistence of unscrupulous collectors. Dr. Bagdonas team of 13 students spends the entire summer on the site. The group is known at the University of Wyoming at Laramie, where Dr. Bagdonas once taught, as "Bagdonas's Flying Circus."



Russell E. Train, Pres. of World Wildlife Fund and Dr. Karolis Bagdonas, research biologist at site where prairie sphinx moth was found.



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**COUNCIL
ACTIVITIES**



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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-10 — ATHOL- GARDNER

On December 7, our council observed Kucios, the Christmas Eve supper of the Lithuanian people. After the appearance of the evening star, we all gathered around the tables and began our Kucios with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year and a wish that we remain healthy and together during the coming year. Father Steponaitis blessed the plotkeles and shared his with each of us and we, in turn, with each other.

The meatless Kucios, consisting of 12 courses in memory of the 12 apostles, began with clam chowder,

baked fish, several varieties of herring, kugeles, mushroom virtinai, vegetables, sli,ikai, salad molds, Lithuanian suris, pastries, coffee and wine. No hard liquor is ever served with the Kucios.

The group of about 25 sang traditional Lithuanian and English carols. On request, the Wisniauskases sang several Polish carols. The tables were beautifully decorated by Fr. Stepie. The group presented Father with a Lithuanian linen altar cloth.

Our Kucios was rescheduled to Monday evening because of the storm. However, 28 altar boys of the parish were treated to their Christmas party on Sunday. After a meal and bowling, they were presented gifts from Santa. Both newspapers carried write-ups on the events.

St. Francis Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas. The Nativity scene was exceptional as was Midnight Mass. Several members were seen on New Year's Eve at Maironis Park along with many Worcester K of L'ers.

Howie Beaudette chaperoned the Gardner American Legion Boy Scouts on a 12-day trip to Disney World, Florida. David and Peter, sons of Al and Pauline Rodski, enjoyed the trip.

Lennie Davidonis donated a Lithuanian cookbook and Christmas album to the Athol Library.

First and second degrees were presented council members.

Stan Perekslis looked fine at Kucios and recuperated from his recent illness. Fr. Stepie's housekeeper, Julia Strack, was hospitalized. She has been an excellent host to our council. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Julia!

Condolences to the family of John Stoskus of C-103 who died recently in Providence. John will be remembered by all as a devoted K of L'er and a perfect gentleman.

The writer of this column congratulates his cousin, John Paukstis, on his election to the presidency of Council 36, Brighton Park, Chicago.

Thought for the Month — In March, let us all remember our patron, St. Casimir, in a special way. It is also time to think about the 500th St. Casimir observance for 1984.

VINCUKAS



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-61 — PATERSON

Our council experienced a growth in membership from three to thirty-five members during the past three years. In the future, we anticipate additional members.

Election of officers was held in September. Vytautas Rubonis, one of our youngest members, was reelected to the presidency. This demonstrates our confidence in his leadership.

Other officers are Fr. Vytautas Palubinskas, Spiritual Advisor; Paul Trucilauskas, Vice President; Connie Scheibelhut, Recording Secretary; Theresa Melanis, Financial Secretary and Treasurer; Edward Vadeika MD, Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs and Cultural; Raymond Meseika, Trustee and Liaison Officer.

Our council has been active in obtaining the release of Vytautas Skuodis by means of mailgrams to our Congressmen and petitions to President Reagan. Also, Bishop Rodimer of Paterson was advised of the Skuodis situation and is supporting our efforts. We humbly thank him!

On Sunday, November 22, our council held a combination bake and white elephant sale. In addition, Lithuanian bread, cheese and sausage were sold. Due to the dedication and cooperation of council members, the sale was a financial success.

At our December meeting, we were pleased to have Miss Ann Klemn, a well-known authority on Lithuanian culture and customs. Miss Klemn demonstrated the making of traditional Lithuanian straw ornaments. We extend our sincere thanks to her for taking time out of her busy schedule to share her knowledge with us.

RAY MESEIKA

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

On November 9, a Mass in memory of our council's deceased members was celebrated by Rev. Robert K. Baltch, pastor of St. Casimir's Church and spiritual advisor of our council. Junior member, Gerard Drensek, assisted. Readings were by Polly Ziausys and Regina Kot. Gene Gobis, vice president, read the list of deceased — William (Auciunas) McCune, Louis Allen, Eleanore Baranauskas, Eugene Dylong, Frances Derwicki, Matthew Kazlauskas, Michael Kerbelis, Charles Maldutis, Josephine Nikstenas, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Atty. Anthony C. Stokna, Pauline Urban, Joseph Valikonis and Anna Yunker.

Matthew LaTour was inducted as a member of the council during the November business meeting. Willard Kensell read an article about a strictly Lithuanian golf tournament. Gen Chase spoke about the petitions she prepared to seek release from imprisonment by the Soviets of American-born Vytautas Skuodis (Scott). Father Baltch

talked about the amber mosaic of St. Paul that Bishop Pavilionis of Lithuania presented to Pope John Paul II in Rome on October 14. Anthony and Sadie Alexander gave a short talk on their recent trip to Japan, China, Hong Kong and Singapore. They displayed their beautiful souvenirs.

Refreshments were provided by Regina Hartvigas, Birute Ralys, Sophis Olbie and Gene Gobis.

Our Christmas Banquet was held on Sunday afternoon, December 13, at the Holiday Inn. Large ceramic bells filled with pine branches decorated the tables. Genevieve Chase, chairman, introduced the Rev. Bernard Gustas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Schenectady, as the master of ceremonies. He spoke on Lithuanian customs for Christmas Eve. Those in attendance participated in one Lithuanian traditional custom. Wafers were broken and each wished the other a Merry Christmas. Invocation was given by Rev. Robert K. Baltch and dinner was served.

Christmas carols were rendered by the duo with audience participation.



Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Master of Ceremonies Rev. Bernard Gustas and President Anthony Radzevich



Santa Claus - Frank Di Bart. Seated l. to r. is Mildred Botaitis and Mildred Whelly

Rev. Gustas' humorous and witty stories brought tremendous laughter and applause. He introduced Rev. Peter Jonaitis, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Gloversville, who extended seasons greetings. Rev. Anthony Grigaitis spoke in Lithuanian. "Christmas," he said, "is the most important holy day which we celebrate. Christ's love should burn in your hearts throughout your life." He concluded with the hope that the New Year will shine on everyone's pathway of life with good health. President Radzevich thanked the committee for a well-planned event.

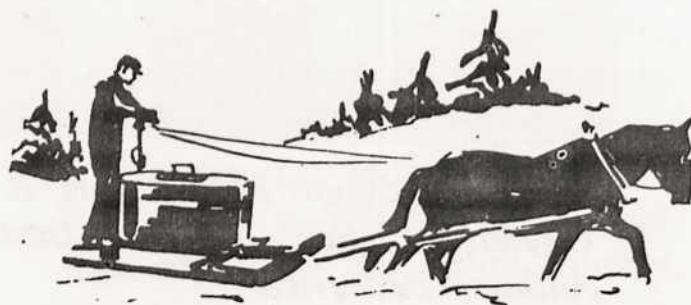
Rev. Robert K. Baltch told of a Christmas Even in Flanders, Belgium, in 1914. In the midst of battle, silence fell and a German soldier could be heard singing "Silent Night" in "No Man's Land." Suddenly an American started singing the melody. There was peace for a little while on the Christmas Eve. In conclusion, he stated, "The Prince of Peace is coming! May we all have peace of mind."

Santa Claus (Fran DiBart) made an appearance with a huge bag filled with gifts for everyone. Mrs. Chase presented Rev. Baltch and Rev. Grigaitis with gifts from the council.

Rev. Gustas commended the committee: Genevieve Chase, Aldona Abeling, Helen Druziak and Eleanor Olechowski. He welcomed into the organization two new members — Walter and Olga Wilkevitch. Prizes were won by Ben Botaitis, Susan Dansevitch, Helen Hugo, Mildred Whelly and Jan Bagdon. Algis and Anele Dekorius traveled the farthest to attend — South Bethlehem, New York.

Ed Baranauskas is traveling to Lithuania to take a bride. Our best wishes go out to Ed!

SMILE & APARKLE



MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT



C-19 PITTSBURGH

Iš Pittsburgh'o Vyčių 19- tos kuopos veiklos

Bridgeville, apie 11 mylių nuo Pittsburgh'o gyvavo šv. Antano parapija su maža medine bažnytele, kuri prieš antrą karą jau buvo bimirštanti.

Pasibaigus karui į Pittsburgh'ą atvyko iš Lietuvos pranciškonai, kurie pradėjo rūpintis parapijos atgaivinimu. Su dideliu pasišventimu ir energija, be to parapijiečių pagalba, pirmiausia pasistatė svetainę, susirinkimams, bei kitiems parengimams.

Šv. Antano parapija greitai padidėjo ir vietoj mažos medinės bažnytelės išaugo moderniška mūrinė bažnyčia, kurią suprojektavo ir pastatė Vytautas Jonynas.

1956 m. buvo pastatyta ypatingai graži Fatimos Šventovė, kuria visi parapijiečiai labai džiaugiasi, net ir apylinkių lietuviai vieškeliu pravažiuojantys sustoja pasižiūrėti ir pasimelsti.



*Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima St. Anthony Church,
Bridgeville, Pennsylvania*

Aplink Šventovę gražiai ap-
sodyta amžinai žaliuojančiais
krūmais ir medžiais, o prie Mergelės
Marijos statulos žaliuoja iš Lietuvos
parvežtos rūtos.

Dabartinis ilgametis klebonas,
Tėvas Aleksandras Žiubrys,
O.F.M., kuris priklauso Lietuvos
Vyčių 19-tai kuopai. Jis daug
darbuojas ir rūpinasi Lietuvos
išlaisvinimo reikalais. Kiekvienais
metais jis daugiau surenka pinigų
Lietuvos Katalikų Religiniai šalpai,
negu didžiosios Pittsburgh'o parapi-
jos. Be to ir neatsiliko parašų
rinkime Arkivyskupo Jurgio
Matulaičio Beatifikacijos reikalams.

Pittsburgh'o 19-tos Vyčių
kuopos nariai renkasi kiekvienais
metais birželio mėn. antrą sekma-
dienį į Šv. Antano bažnyčią bendrai
komunijai. Tėvas A. Žiubrys visus
gražiai priima, o Šv. Antano
bažnyčios parapijietės-vytės visus
skaniai pavaišina.

Rugsėjo mėn. netikėtai mūsų
gerbiamą kleboną ištiko didelė
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nupiauta koja ligi kelių. Po ilgo
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sveiksta ir stiprėja namuose.

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C-96 — DAYTON

From all of us to all of you a belated Laimingu Nauju Metu!

Aciu labai must go to Barbara Goecke for taking care of all the arrangements in setting up the Ladies Annual Christmas Dinner. Attendance was good and certainly everyone enjoyed themselves.

Annual Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins and older parishioners of Holy Cross, thanks to Religious Chairman Chris Mantz, took place on December 20. We saw 35 parishioners. Each received a fruit basket from the council. The day ended with a hot supper prepared by Chairman HM Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacovsky. After filling up, it was fun to sit and reminisce about the day. The smiles and warmth we received from our visits continue year in and out to make us feel we get more than we give on this day. Our singing this year was accompanied by Bob & Helen Keivel's sleigh bells.

We are proud of the Juniors on the success of their Holiday Bazaar that was held in the church hall on December 19 and 20 under the guidance of their advisors, HM Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacovsky. We congratulate you.

At the December meeting, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Stefanija Rastikis, was happy to share with us the letter writing which Alice Petkus has maintained with Congressman Tony Hall. Congressman Hall has kept Alice informed on his congressional record, efforts for the Lithuanian community, etc.

Thanks to Rose Mary Preidis, Cultural Chairman, for setting up our annual Lithuanian Christmas Tree in front of the St. Casimir altar.

Annual disbursements from our charity fund took place at the December meeting. This fund is created by taking 10 per cent from all proceeds earned throughout the fiscal year. Every December we decide on how to use this fund. This year the following were recipients of our charity fund: Balfas, North East Dayton Food Pantry, a reserve fund which has been allocated for repairs to the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, DC, and another sum for a future K of L drive to sponsor an issue of the Chronicles.

A warm welcome to our newest member, Elena Mikalauskas. Elena has moved up from the ranks of our Juniors. Many active years ahead, Elena. Much luck to Christine Kavy who volunteered to represent our parish at the North East Priority Emergency Center.

Special Project Fund winners for the year 1980-81 are Rita Ambrose, Sophie Bitner, Mary Ann Blum, Eugenia Gecas, Karl Keivel, Frances Mikalauskas, Annadel Miller (2), Bea Noreikas, HM Mary Lucas, Rosemary Preidis, Joseph Ryan and Charles Vangas. Ray Steinbrunner who chairs this project does an efficient job. Proceeds go to our MCD treasury and our council charity projects.

Mary Ann Blum played Santa Claus again this year for our parish's Annual Children's Christmas Party. August Blum did his share to complete the morning. CCD lay teacher and council members, Jim & Connie Geiger, did a fine job with their young class. The students presented their ideas on what Christmas meant to them.

Our Midnight Mass for Christmas was enhanced this year with our new Women's Choir under the direction of Elinor Slu,as. Annamarie Slu,as and Mary Agnes Mikalauskas, accompanied by a friend from school, sang solo and duet numbers. Organist was Julius Rastikis.

Congratulations to Ildefonsas & Janina Bucmys on the birth of their newest granddaughter. Parents are Ray & Kathy Bucmys who were featured in a recent issue of Vytis by Aldona Ryan.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Ken Goecke on the sudden and untimely loss of his brother Brian at the age of 26. Our deepest sympathy to our very dear friend of C-79, Betty Petroski, on the death of her husband, Frank. Betty and Frank were special friends to the members of C-96 for many years. Not only did we get together at MCD functions but Betty & Frank came to Dayton many times to join us in council functions. C-79 lost a very special member in Frank. May Brian's and Frank's souls rest in the peace of our Lord!

FRP