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1982 METAI — LIETUVIŠKŲ PARAPIJŲ METAI

Brangūs broliai ir sesės lietuviai,

Prieškarinių laikų lietuvių išeivijos karta šiame krašte įkūrė daugiau kaip šimtą lietuviškų parapijų. Tada iš savo sunkiai uždirbtų centų lietuviai pastatė puikias bažnyčias, įsteigė mokyklas, įrengė sales. Tai jų sunkaus darbo ir prakaito vaisius. Apie lietuviškas parapijas sukosi ne vien tik religinė, bet ir tautinė veikla. Parapijose veikė chorai, vaidinimo būreliai, tautinių šokių grupės, seselių vadovaujamos lietuviškos mokyklos, įvairios draugijos, brolijos ir katalikiškos organizacijos. Čia po ilgos ir sunkios darbo savaitės lietuvis sutiko lietuvi, garbino Dievą savo gimtąja kalba, lankė organizacijų susirinkimus, palaikė gražias lietuviškas tradicijas. Parapijos centras lietuviui buvo pagrindinė maldos, atgavos ir pramogų vieta.

Po antrojo pasaulinio karo nauja lietuvių banga pasiekė šį svetingą Amerikos kraštą. Lietuviškos parapijos sutiko juos išskėstomis rankomis ir atviromis širdimis. Tai buvo tartum šviežias kraujas Amerikos lietuvių gyvenime. Tačiau neužilgo Amerikos miestai pradėjo žymiai keisti savo veidą. Iš įvairių vietų gyventojai veržėsi į miestus, o kiti bėgo į priemiesčius, kur kėlėsi ir daug lietuvių. Pakito ir daugelio mūsų parapijų vaizdas, Gamta tuštumos nemėgsta, todėl lietuviams išsikeliant į priemiesčius, jų vietas užėmė kiti. Daug kur lietuviškos parapijos buvo apsuptos svetimųjų.

Po Vatikano II suvažiavimo, įvedus liturgijon tautines kalbas, lietuvių parapijos daug kur tapo beveik grynai lietuviškomis, nes kitataučiai, nesuprasdami lietuvių kalbos, pasitraukė iš jų bažnyčių. Tačiau lietuviai neužpildė jų vietų, o skubėjo į priemiesčius. Tokiu būdu kai kurios mūsų parapijos smarkiai sumažėjo savo narių ir rėmėjų skaičiumi, o kai kurios visai išnyko.

Mieli lietuviai, kova už tikėjimo išlaikymą ir šiandien yra neatskiriama lietuvių tautos kovos už išsilaikymą dalis. Ir Lietuvoje, nors okupantas deda milžiniškas pastangas izoliuoti lietuvių nuo lietuvių, jį visiškai nužmoginti, tačiau neįstengia sunaikinti tikinčiųjų bendruomenės. Tai mums akivaizdžiai liudija „Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronika“, kurios skelbiami duomenys rodo religiją esant galinga tautiškumo atrama ir vilties šaltiniu.

Nors turime pilną religijos laisvę šiame krašte, tačiau susiduriame su religijos ir tautiškumo išlaikymo problemomis. Pagrindinis uždavinys šiuo atžvilgiu yra išlaikymas savo tautinių parapijų. Kristaus Bažnyčia yra kiekvieno antroji tėvynė, amžinosios tėvynės jungtis ir simbolis.



Šventas Kazimieras, mūsų globėjas

Norėdami pagelbėti lietuviškoms parapijoms išlikti ir geriau atlikti savo uždavinius, mes, žemiau pasirašę, vadovaudamiesi savo organizacijų nutarimais, skebiame 1982 metus **Lietuviškų Parapijų Metais**. Jų laikotarpyje ir vėliau sieksime šių pagrindinių tikslų:

1. Sugrąžinti visus lietuvius į savas lietuviškas parapijas. Mūsų visų pareiga sunkiu darbu ir prakaitu pastatytas lietuviškas šventoves išlaikyti, lankyti ir nepamleisti, nors ir būtų tekę toli nuo jų savanoriškai išsikelti. Tai yra visų lietuvių pareiga Dievui ir tautai, nežiūrint kokiai religinei bendruomenei priklausytume.

2. Lietuviškoji parapija ypač išeivijoje turėtų būti kiekvieno lietuvių antrieji namai. Įžengdami į savo bažnyčią, turėtume giliau pajusti savo gyvenimo prasmę bei savo tėvynės dalį. Todėl šiandien, išauginti lietuviškų, krikščioniškų tradicijų dvasioje, visi lietuviai turėtų jausti gyvą pareigą visomis jėgomis prisidėti prie tautinės sąmonės stiprinimo ir lietuviškų parapijų išlaikymo. O mūsų parapijos turi atsinaujinti dvasioje. Savoje lietuviškoje parapijoje lietuvis turi gauti tai, ko neranda jam artimiausioje parapijoje. Lietuviška parapija privalo spindėti lietuvių bažnytinėmis ir tautinėmis tradicijomis. Joje lietuvis tepajunta kampelį Lietuvos.

3. Visais įmanomais būdais išlaikykime dabartines lietuvių parapijas, o kur tai neįmanoma, perkelkime jas į lietuviams patogesnę vietą. Kada parapiečiai nori savo parapiją perkelti kiton vieton, tada jie turi teisę prašyti, kad dijecezija, už jų kitiems atiduotas parapijas, pagelbėtų lietuviams pastatyti bažnyčią kitoje vietoje.

Tų uždavinių siekiant:

1. Lietuviškų parapijų kunigai ir tikintieji raginami palaikyti gyvą tarpusavį kontaktą, pavyzdžiui lankant savo parapiečius.

2. Lietuviška parapija tepasilieka centrine mūsų veiklos vieta. Tik tada ji turės gyvybinės reikšmės išlaikyti gyvą mūsų vieningumo ryšį, stiprią moralę ir atsparumą mus ardančioms įtakoms.

JAV Lietuvių Bendruomenė ir visos šį atsišaukimą pasirašiusios organizacijos per savo apylinkes, apskritis ar skyrius ragins visus lietuvius grįžti į lietuviškas parapijas, nepaisant kaip toli kuris gyventų nuo jų centrų, organizuos vėjus ir minėjimus lietuviškoms parapijoms stiprinti, jas pagyvinti ir išlaikyti.

3. Visiems tiems darbams planuoti, derinti ir skatinti sudaromas centrinis iniciatyvos židinys, o paskirose vietovėse — jo skyriai, kurie talkins parapijų komitetams ir taryboms jų pastangose stiprinti ir išlaikyti lietuviškas parapijas.

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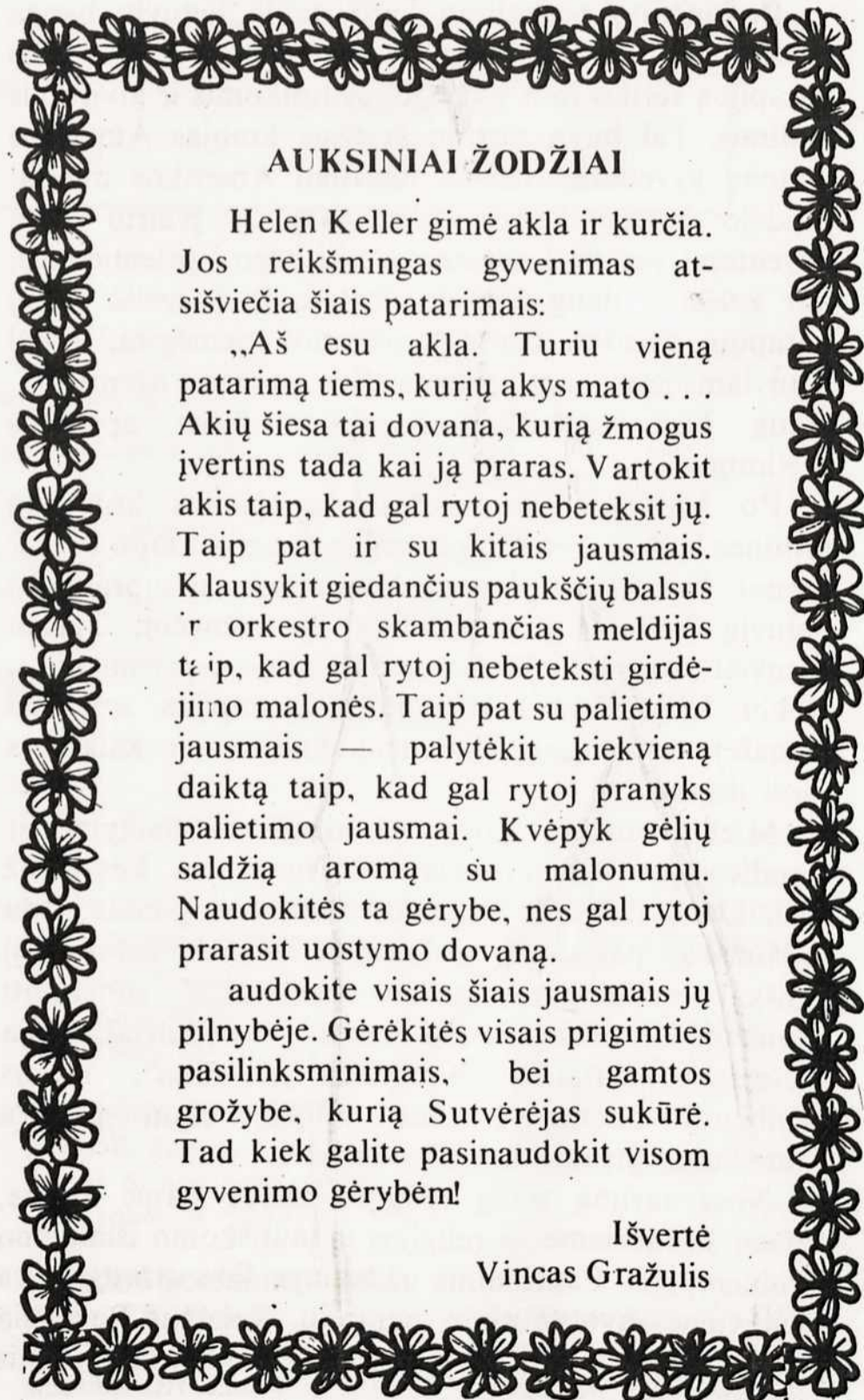
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Nobelio laureatas Czeslaw Milos, lenkų autorius, skaitys savo poezija vienoj sesijoje. Akademines sesijas tęsis tris dienas ir jų metu bus rodomi filmai, bus etninės dainos ir meno paroda, balius. Pabaltiečių studijų ugdymo draugija — The Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies — buvo įsteigta 1966 m. plėsti akademinis tyrimus, leisti knygas ir organizuoti studijines konferencijas, nagrinėjant temas, liečiančias Estiją, Latviją ir Lietuvą bei kitas tos srities tautas.

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Helen Keller gimė akla ir kurčia. Jos reikšmingas gyvenimas atsišviečia šiais patarimais:

„Aš esu akla. Turiu vieną patarimą tiems, kurių akys mato . . . Akių šiesa tai dovana, kurią žmogus įvertins tada kai ją praras. Vartokit akis taip, kad gal rytoj nebeteksit jų. Taip pat ir su kitais jausmais. Klausykit giedančius paukščių balsus ir orkestro skambančias meldijas taip, kad gal rytoj nebeteksti girdėjimo malonės. Taip pat su palietimo jausmais — palytėkit kiekvieną daiktą taip, kad gal rytoj pranyks palietimo jausmai. Kvėpyk gėlių saldžią aromą su malonumu. Naudokitės ta gėrybe, nes gal rytoj prarasit uostymo dovaną.

audokite visais šiais jausmais jų pilnybėje. Gėrėkitės visais prigimties pasilinksminimais, bei gamtos grožybe, kurią Sutvėrėjas sukūrė. Tad kiek galite pasinaudokit visom gyvenimo gėrybėm!

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A DREAM COME TRUE



By Sister Mary
Angela Balchunas, C-3

I would like to begin with a thought from Katherine Burton's Book, LILY and Sword and CROWN, a life of Mother Maria Kaupas, which she wrote to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Sisters of Saint Casimir fifty years ago.



MOTHER MARIA KAUPAS

"For the Sisters of Saint Casimir, their beginning was a dream. It was a dream which had various homes.....In Lithuania, in the heart of a young girl.....In Switzerland, in the mind of a brilliant priest, Father Milukas.....In the United States, in the hopes of the Lithuanian clergy who had gone to that country to bring spiritual help to their people. They all saw a great need...and from that need came a dream...and the dream was love of God and love of neighbor too. It began in the old world; it came true in the new world."

Seventy-five years ago, on August 29, 1907, at the Motherhouse chapel of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Scranton, Pa., three young maidens, Casimira Kaupas (Sister Maria), Judith Dvaranauskas (Sister Immaculata) and Antanina Unguraitis (Sister Concepta) made a commitment to God to live a life of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. With these three courageous souls, the community of the Sisters of Saint Casimir came into existence. A new flower, one of its very own kind,

blossomed in the Lord's Vineyard. Mother Maria received great assistance from Rev. Anthony Staniukynas, who helped with the early formation of the young community.

Mother Maria was concerned with the evangelization of her people. She wanted to preserve the faith they had brought from their fatherland, and so her first apostolate was that of education. The first parochial school was opened in Mount Carmel, Penna. In the years that followed, the Sisters, at the request of Pastors, staffed many parochial schools in the United States.

Once the Motherhouse was established in Chicago, the Sisters opened their first high school, then known as St. Casimir Academy. From the Academy at the Motherhouse, it has grown into a gigantic Maria High School with an enrollment of over 1300 students today.

While Father Staniukynas was still living, he often expressed the hope that some day a branch of the Sisters of St. Casimir would be

established in Lithuania. After much prayer and overcoming many obstacles, Mother Maria received word that Pope Benedict XV had granted the permission. After World War I was ended and Lithuania had gained her independence, Mother Maria with her small band of sisters, Sister Immaculata, Sister Anna Marie, Sister Catherine and Sister Angela established a branch at Mount Peace, Pazaislis, Lithuania.

Through these past seventy-five years, with God's grace, the Community has grown and expanded into other apostolates.

In 1928, Holy Cross Hospital staffed by the Sisters, opened its doors to take care of the sick.

In 1932, Villa Joseph Marie, a boarding school for girls, was founded in Holland, Penna. (not too far from Philadelphia). Today this little boarding school is one of the modern high schools in Bucks County providing education for students from parishes in and around that area. Since a need arose in the vicinity for children's day schools, Sisters have opened a kindergarten on the Villa grounds for the pre-school children. St. Joseph Home for the Aged is also found on the same grounds providing health care for the aged. As the Sisters of St. Casimir celebrate their 75th Anniversary, Villa Joseph Marie will commemorate its 50 fruitful years of service to God's people.

In 1939, Loretto Hospital in Chicago was established and staffed by the Sisters.

A Home for the Aged, Holy Family Villa, under the administration of the Sisters of St. Casimir is located in Lemont, IL (outside of Chicago)

In the 1940's a group of sisters set sail to open a new mission in Argentina, South America. Today there are three missions flourishing in that country.

From the Apostolate of teaching on every level, from kindergarten to College; into Health Care, Nursing,



Sisters of St. Casimir Choir



Sisters of St. Casimir - relaxing between activities



Sisters of St. Casimir - Community day

Hospital Pastoral Ministry and Caring for the Aged; extending its works in various mission fields and even at one time, in the year 1919, taking charge of an orphanage which was established in St. Casimir's parish in Philadelphia, the Sisters, in the footsteps of their Foundress, Mother Maria and Father Staniukynas, are fulfilling their hopes and dreams for God's greater glory and love of neighbor.

After a fruitful life, Mother Maria went to her eternal home on April 17, 1940. The Sisters then regarded her as a holy person, as did the laity who had known her.

Interest in beatification process developed in 1970. After Vatican II, with the interest in a renewal of life in the spirit of the founders, the sisters were encouraged to study and reflect on her letters and to delve more deeply into her life and her charism (spirit). As interest grew, the sisters were encouraged to do something before all the witnesses die. Hopefully, formal process for the beatification of Mother Maria Kaupas will be inaugurated.

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir are looking forward to the Diamond Jubilee year with thanksgiving to Almighty God for His Divine Providence and graces showered, and to the celebration with the Community and all the good people who shared and gave us assistance and support in many ways through these 75 years, helping this dream come true, to flourish and grow.

Sister M. Angela Balchunas, C-3 P.S. Anyone wishing to learn more about Congregation, a book has been just published, Mother Maria's own account of the FOUNDING OF THE SISTERS OF ST. CASIMIR. Copies at \$6.00 (plus .50 for postage and handling) may be obtained by writing to Sister M. Angela, 2601 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago, IL 60629.



Caring for the aged



Teaching little ones





Frank Petrauskas (3rd V.P.)

Most of us make up a Will which is good policy. We make arrangements to pass on our possessions to our next of kin. That way we know it will be the most equitable distribution with each receiving what we want them to receive.

Have you ever thought about how much of your Lithuanianism you've passed on to your children and, possibly, grandchildren? Aside from giving them birth and your name, what else Lithuanian have you given them?

Many of our members belong to Lithuanian parishes. Their children are products of the parochial school systems. They attended the local church where they received their sacraments. Even after marriage many still belong to the local church.

Why are these children and grandchildren of ours not members of the Knights of Lithuania? Why are some completely turned off about anything concerning Lithuania and Lithuanianism?

I don't know all of the answers but I have some strong thoughts on this subject. Over the years I've discussed this subject with many people and here are some of my findings.

WHAT WILL YOUR LITHUANIAN LEGACY BE TO YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN?

First of all, we have many different home situations. We may run from the ideal Lithuanian home to a real mixed up one. The ideal home is where the Mother and Father are always involved in Lithuanian activities and as a result the children are raised in that atmosphere becoming involved themselves. They will always take part in Lithuanian activities because it was instilled in them at an early age. The next Lithuanian home may be the exact opposite. The parents never become involved in Lithuanian activities and they, in turn, never encourage the children to become involved.

Another situation is mixed marriages. One parent is Lithuanian and the other is another nationality. In this case we have a lot of fluctuation because a lot depends on the strength and control of the Lithuanian parent. We may see a situation where the parent and/or parents and children are deeply involved in Lithuanian activities to a contrast where the children don't even know they are one half Lithuanian.



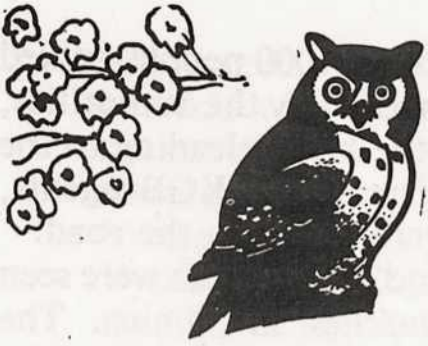
All of these examples show us that we must get involved ourselves and we must start our children at an early age. Some ways are: (1) learn and speak our native language, (2) take part in song and dance fests, (3) take up arts and crafts, and most important is (4) read and study about Lithuania past and present. There are many good books on Lithuanian history.

Now, how do we get our grown children involved -- how do we sign them up to K of L membership? The most direct way is to ask them. Tell them of the happiness you've had being a K of L member. Tell them of the beautiful religious celebrations, the exciting conventions, the gala parties and other affairs you've attended. You must be a salesman -- you must communicate.

If they show even the least bit of desire to join, then get a membership application, have them fill it out and you pay their first year's dues. Yes you read right -- I said, "You pay their first year's dues". This is a nice warm gesture on your part and it brings them into the organization without any financial sacrifice. Once they become members and become involved, most likely they will continue.

So, my friends, what will your Lithuanian legacy be? Are you proud enough of your Lithuanian nationality to pass on your Lithuanianism to others? Or are you content to be just a bump on a stump? With some effort on your part much can be accomplished.

LANGUAGE LORE



Understanding the Lithuanian Language I — Dr. Algirdas Budreckis



Each language has its unique characteristics and logic. Lithuanian is no exception to the rule. A better understanding of the language can be acquired by studying its basic characteristics. **The Lithuanian language is phonetic, organic, analogous, and literal.** We repeat; phonetic, organic, analogous, and literal. Over the next four issues we will analyze these characteristics.

Lithuanian is a phonetic language. This means the Lithuanian language uses a set of symbols (letters) in transcription and that there is a **separate symbol for every speech sound that can be distinguished.** Lithuanian remained a phonetic — purely spoken language since pre-history because, written Lithuanian came rather late in the 15th century. The Lithuanians living in dense primeval forests lacked the basic materials and technology for writing: Lithuania had no soapstone, clay tablets, papyrus. The primitive Lithuanian's world was one of sound and not sight with symmetry, and form. The Lithuanian language abounds in words that convey animal sounds and bird cries, the sound of rustling leaves and trickling streams. Onomatopoea or words imitating the natural sounds associated with the object or action involved are very numerous in Lithuanian.

A few examples point this out: bitė **zvimbia** (the bee buzzes), pušis **ošia** (the fir sighs), kibirkštis **O kibirkšt!** (a spark — flash) **pliaukšt!** — **plop!**, **trakšt!** — crackle! (said of a twig or brittle ice), **pikšt!** — **pop!** Or take a uniquely animal sound of **garunkšt!** — **chomp!** (a horse chomping on an apple).

Because of its phonetic character, the Lithuanian language does not employ superfluous letters (double ss, rr, mm, nn, pp), nor does it employ certain letters or combinations of letters. The combination of vowels (diphthongs): aa, ae, ee, ea, oo, ou are never used as diphthongs because their very sounds are foreign to the Lithuanian ear. "Aa" and "ae" appear as two distinct sounds in Lithuanian: pa + aukoti (to sacrifice), re + a-lus (real). The Greek diphthong "eu" is usually pronounced as "au" (English "ow"). The double "oo" is expressed "u".

Certain consonants of Greek and Latin origin are substituted by phonetic combinations. Lithuanian does not use Q, X, W. In place of Q a Lithuanian would use the phonetic KV. Here is how some words of "international origins" are Lithuanianized:

quāck! — kvak!	quaestor — kvestorius	quartet — kvartetas
Quadrant — kvadrantas	Quaker — kvakeris	
Quebec — Kvebekas	quadrate — kvadratas	
quality — kvalitetas	quadroon — kvadrunas	
quarat — kvorta		

X at the beginning of a word becomes ks in Lithuanian:

Xavier — Ksaveras	Xenophobia — ksenofobija
xenia — ksenija	Xerox — kseroksas

In the words of Germanic and Polish origin, the letter "V" is substituted for "W".

Washington — Vasingtonas	Wanda — Vanda
waffle — vafle	Walter — Valteris
watt — vatas	Wroclaw — Vroclavas

However, with certain names of English origin, "W" becomes "UE" or "UO": Wall Street — Uolstrytas, Wales — Uelsas, Welshman — uelsietis, ward — uordas.

The letter "C" in Lithuanian is pronounced "TS" which means that it is retained in international words of Latin origin that are pronounced as "se":

cent — centas	circus — cirkas	central — centralinis
cinnamon — cinamonas	center — centras	circle — cirkulas

The English sound "CH" becomes "C" in Lithuanian: Chester — Cesteris, Churchill — Ciurcilis.

In words of Greek origin with "CH", the Lithuanian would say "H" as in "loch": chemistry — chemija, chronology — chronologija.

Words beginning with the letter "C" that are pronounced "K" are written with a "K" in Lithuanian:

cadence — kadencija	calender — kalendorius
cadet — kadetaskoke (coal) — koksas	comedy — komedija
calcium — kalcis	commission — komisija

The prefix "ex" is rendered "eks" or "egz": expert — ekspertas, export — exportas, exodus — egzoda, exotic — egzotiškas.

The sound "PH" is always rendered "F": phonetics — fonetika, philosophy — filosofija, photography — fotografija.

The English "SH":

Shah — šachas	chimpanzee — šimpanzė
Washington — Vašingtonas	chocolate — šokoladas
sheriff — šerifas	chance — sansas
shilling — šilingas	chief — šefas
shrapnel — šrapnelė	

And remember all words connected with America take a "K" in Lithuanian: Amerika, amerikietis, amerikonas, amerikonzmas, amerikietiškas, amerikoniškas, amerikonzacija, suamerikoninimas, suamerikoninti, suamerikonėti, etc.

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New Lithuanian Underground Publications

"Vytis" (No. 6), "Ausra" (Nos. 25 and 27), and "Perspektyvos" (Nos. 20 and 21)

an incomplete issue No. 6 of *Vytis* (The Mounted Knight) has reached the West about one year late. It was published late in 1980 and it focusses on the treatment of Vytautas the Great (1350-1430), one of the outstanding rulers of Lithuania, by the Communist regime. The KGB in Lithuania took special steps to prevent a festive commemoration of the 550th anniversary since Vytautas' death. Undaunted by those measures, over 1000 Lithuanians converged on the town of Trakai and honored Vytautas, whose name symbolizes the idea of independent Lithuania. *Vytis* also contains a satirical poem. "The Red Paradise", by Kostas Kubilinskas, ridiculing the Soviet Russian invaders during the first year of Moscow's occupation of Lithuania (1940-1941).

The 550th anniversary since the death of Vytautas the Great

"The 550th anniversary since the death of Vytautas the Great was marked in Trakai on October 25, 1980... The head of KGB, Jonas Petkevicius, had great worries". Preparations to block the commemoration were started several weeks in advance. A large number of individuals were summoned to the Vilnius CP Committee and cautioned against any special commemorative activities. Special attention was paid to members of ethnographic circles and of the Folk Song Club. They were told that no official commemoration would be held; warnings were issued about "forces inimical to us" that were planning a commemoration. KGB Lieut. Colonel J. Cesnavicius told Andrius Tuckus that Vytautas was a "robber, a feudal chieftain, who had only a few good traits, and therefore Soviet people are not obligated to honor or to commemorate him". A lecture about the battle of Zalgiris (the defeat of the Teutonic Order in 1410 by joint Lithuanian-Polish forces under Vytautas' leadership), which was scheduled for October 30, 1980, at the Palace of Scholars, was cancelled.

On October 25, all roads leading to the town of Trakai were patrolled by militiamen and KGB agents. (The Castle of Trakai has many historic associations with the name of Vytautas). Many buses and cars were stopped and turned back. Three members of The Catholic Committee for the Defense of The Rights of Believers — **Alfonsas Svarinskas, Sigitas Tamkevičius and Jonas Kauneckas** — were stopped on their way to Trakai. The town itself was full of KGB agents. A festive Mass was celebrated in the crowded local church. In his sermon, the Rev. **Vincas Jelinskas** emphasized that "in these difficult times, Lithuanians should regard their history as the most important book after the Scriptures". He told the assembled that they must justify

Vytautas courage. A crowd of over 1000 people walked towards the Castle, which was closed by the authorities, ostensibly for repairs; part of the bridge leading to the Castle across the lake was dismantled. KGB agents, plainclothesmen, militiamen were watching the road.

On October 26, militiamen and KGB agents were seen at the entrances to some churches in Vilnius. The museum of the Gediminas Castle and the path to the Gediminas Hill were closed. A group of high school students on their way to the top of the Hill were turned back; their film was confiscated and their parents and school authorities were informed of the "trespass". When the museum was reopened, the bust of Vytautas, which used to stand in front of the map depicting the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, was gone. Some employees of the Institute for Conservation of Monuments and of the Ethnographic Museum were threatened and intimidated with losing their jobs.

"Vytautas must have been truly great if, five and a half centuries after his death, the mere memory of his name inspires horror among the keepers of the Socialist empire and its collaborators", the article concludes.

(From *Vytis*, The Mounted Knight, No. 6, 1980)

550 years since the death of Vytautas the Great

"...Not a single word was said officially about Vytautas... Was it because he was a hero of the Lithuanian nation, a defender of Lithuania's freedom and independence? Why then such an extensive celebration of the 600th anniversary since the Battle of Kulikovo... The Battle of Kulikovo, which temporarily halted the attacks of the Golden Horde and which, as one might say, served merely the interests of Russia, was it more important than the activity of the Lithuanian great dukes, especially of Vytautas, which determined the future and the destiny of both the Eastern and the Western nations"? (The defeat of the Mongol-Tartar armies of the Golden Horde by the Russians at Kulikovo Pole was the first important step in the freeing of Russian territories from the Tartar rule. Ed.).

"It does not require special political or historical education to realize that Lithuania of that time was the biggest and strongest barrier, which at the price of blood and supreme sacrifice, stopped the Tartar-Mongol westward flood and the eastward expansion of the Germanic crusading knights".

(From *Ausra*, The Dawn, No. 25, December 1980)

Why is the past of the Lithuanian nation disdained?

(An open letter on the Coronation Day of Vytautas, Grand Duke of Lithuania, signed by 24 Lithuanians, September 8, 1979).

"In the town of Jurbarkas... there is a dreary park that once bore the name of Vytautas, Grand Duke of Lithuania... The monument of Vytautas stands there, defaced and neglected... In a place like this, one inevitably remembers the universally demonstrated respect for the monuments of imperialist Russia...

Monuments of tsars are repainted, renovated and adorned with fresh flowers... In Lithuania, analogous respect for the past of one's country is not only not fostered, but even punished". In 1973, nine students of Vilnius University placed flowers at the monument of Vytautas in Perloja. Three of them were expelled from the University; they were accused of having honored "a feudal ruler and robber, which is incompatible with the principles and patriotism of a Soviet citizen and that of a Communist youth".

The open letter points out the glorification of the 13th century "feudal ruler" Alexander Nevsky in Russia. Meanwhile, Vytautas' merits to Lithuania and Russia were much greater. "When Russia, split into many petty principalities, was under the heavy and humiliating Tartar yoke, Lithuania was a centralized and most powerful European State... In the battle of Durbe in 1260, Lithuanians killed 150 Teutonic knights, i.e., seven times as many as Nevsky's troops in the battle of Lake Ciud in 1242. But the battle of Durbe is not even mentioned in Lithuanian high school textbooks. "For 250 years (1185-1435) Lithuania was the chief power in the struggle against the Teutonic Order... Lithuanians gave direct assistance to the Russians in the defense of their lands from the Germans... Lithuania contributed to saving Western Europe from the Mongol-Tartar flood".

B. Dundulis, a regime historian, is quoted as writing that Vytautas' victory in the battle of Zalgiris (Grunwald) in 1410 "destroyed the plans of the Teutonic

Order to create a large German State in the eastern Baltic area and to secure German domination of East Europe". The Russian historian J. Lappo emphasizes Vytautas' tolerance, which distinguishes him from his contemporary monarchs.

"We must add", the open letter says, "that the ideas of INDEPENDENT LITHUANIA, which were fostered by Vytautas, continue inspiring our nation today and providing it with spiritual fortitude. Meanwhile, the hatred of Lithuania's historic past was demonstrated immediately after Lithuania's incorporation into the Soviet Union. Already on July 25, 1940, the University of Vytautas the Great in Kaunas was divested of its name. Even the Germans did not dare to do that, although they never forgot Žalgiris (Grunwald).

During World War II, when Lithuania was occupied by Germany, the Soviets tried to exploit Vytautas' name to foster anti-German patriotism. This ended immediately after the war, when "Stalin declared to any 'feudal or bourgeois' past of Lithuania". In 1946, the University of Vytautas the Great in Kaunas was deprived of its name for the second time". It is difficult to estimate today how many cultural values were destroyed during this barbaric rage". The neglected monument of Vytautas in Jurbarkas is one of those gaping wounds of Stalinism".

(From Vytis, No. 6, 1980).



ŠV. KAZIMIERO MALDA

*Naktis iš ilgesio ir pasakų supinta
Besprogstančių verbų kvape.
Girdi, kaip rasos nuo lapelių krinta
Kalbėdamos su šakele šlapia.*

*Eini su troškuliu alpingu,
Nemirštančia širdim ir troškuliu didžiu
Ir taip labai graudu ir ilgu —
Ir driekias miglos nuo žvaigždžių.*

*Namų langai — kaip akys užmiegotos,
Palydi nuotrupas dienos...
Užgesęs spindulys ant rūmų grotos —
Tik žymės šviečia ant vartelių rankenos.*

*Ties Katedros aikšte aušrinė suliepsnoja,
Virš Gedimino kalno plyšta vortinklis,
Ir raiteliai, kaip debesėliai balzgani, išjoja
Šaukliais į miegančias šalis.*

*Skaistus šešėlis tiesiasi bažnyčios šonu,
Nušviesdamas nišas. Malda tylia
Prie durų klūpo karalaitis apsiaustu raudonu.
Ir nejučiomis sukumpi šalia.*

*Kad Dievo karalystė mums ateitų...
Jo valią skelbtų kloniai ir kalnai...
Kad neužgultų debesys tėvynės vartų.
Iš dulkių keltųsi naujieji milžinai.*

*Iš ašarų vainiko perlai krenta...
Užlieja miestą rimtimi vėsos, banga.
Kazimiero karūnoj naujas rytas švinta,
Mes einam pasitikti jo su sprogstančia verba.*

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LITHUANIAN MUSICAL FOLK INSTRUMENTS

**Anna Klizas Wargo,
Cultural Chairman**

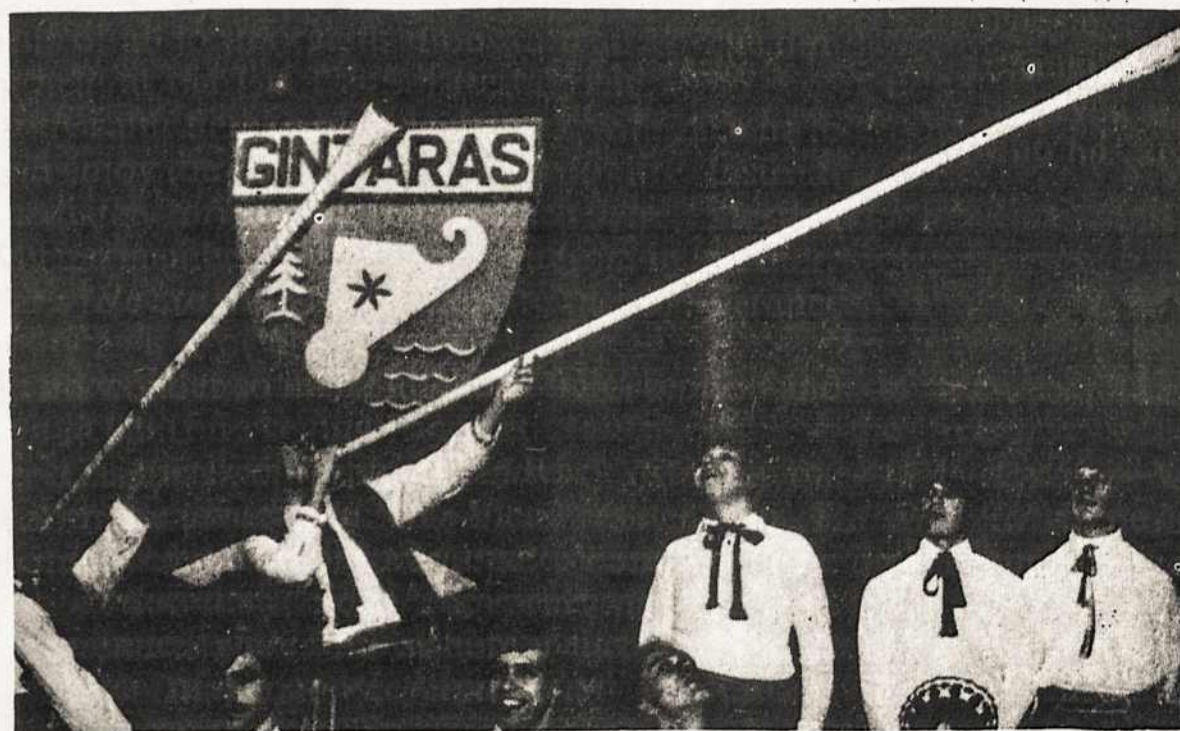
Popular parts of the Lithuanian heritage are the antique Lithuanian musical instruments. These instruments, in ancient times, had practical as well as entertaining use. Today, many have been reproduced by some of the beautiful Lithuanian Folk Groups.

These instruments are an important part of the Lithuanian Cultural heritage:

KANKLĖS

The Kankles is the national instrument, the only string artifact among the known ancient Lithuanian Folk instruments. The Kankles is a Lithuanian string instrument of ancient origin. It is played by plucking the strings, which are stretched over a flat wooden soundbox, with either the fingers of the right hand or a plectrum. The fingers of the left hand are used to silence the remaining strings.

The acoustically advanced trapezoid soundbox, in use today, has evolved from a single piece of wood. The bottom side of the soundbox is made from willow, birch, elm or juniper while the top is usually made from a thick piece of spruce which is decorated with flowers or stars. In addition to being a decoration, these carvings function as soundholes which enhance the instruments acoustical properties. The strings, which in the early days were made of sheep or goat gut, are today made of steel and are fastened to the end of the soundbox, where they are raised by a wooden or stone bridge. They are tightened at the opposite end by wooden pegs. The most ancient versions had five strings. Today's more refined and complex instruments have nine to thirteen strings.



**MONTREAL LITHUANIAN YOUTH
ENSEMBLE "GINTARAS"**

BIRBYNĖ

This is a pipe of wood with a mouthpiece at one end, a resonant horn at the other end and several holes along the length of the cylinder. Sound is generated by blowing to vibrate a tiny elastic tongue attached to the mouthpiece. This tongue may be made of straw, goose-feathers or wood. Pitch is regulated by finger combinations on the hole, producing sounds of tender timbre.

DAUDYTĖ OR TRIMITAS

Daudyte or trimitas is a long straight wooden tube wrapped in birch bark with a length of 1.4-2.3 meters with the end blaring out in a ball shape. In ancient times, this instrument was used for pastoral or hunting, as signals.

LUMZDELIS (LITTLE PIPE)

This also is called svilpyne (little whistle). It is a stem of ash 20-21 cm long and about 3 cm in diameter. The stem is drilled or burned to produce a passage 15.2 cm in diameter. A whistling aperture is made at the butt end, with 6-8 pitch holes along the length. This instrument provides a clear, whistling sound, strong in the high register, weak in the lower. It is similar to the piccolo.

OŽRAGUS (BUCKHORN)

Ozragus is a wind instrument of 30-40 cm long. It consists of the long horn of a goat with the tip cut, hollowed out by drilling with 3-4 holes along the length. It was originally used mostly by shepherds.

RAGAS (HORN)

The Ragas is similar to the Daudyte, but shorter in length, slightly conical in its entire length, but without the bell-like ending. The ragas is made by clearing a wooden stem, scooping out the pith, reforming the two halves with resin and tight birch wrapping. The horn was used singly, in duets and even quintets.



Montreal Lithuanian Ensemble "Gintaras"

SKUDUČIAI (REED PIPES)

Skuduciai are whistles played in sets. The pipes are of ash ranging from 1-20 cm long, hollowed out by drilling or burning with one end closed. The pipes are shaved to a wall thickness of 2-3 mm. The open end is held vertically at the lower lip, and is played by playing into the opening. A set of skuduciai usually consists of 8 to 12 pipes played by 3 to 6 performers.

SKRABALAI (CRACKLERS)

This is a wooden percussion instrument made of a series of scooped out maple or elm bowls, 8-16 cm long, 5-9 cm deep, 3-5 cm thick. Pitch varies with the size of the bowl, producing short, sonorous sound when struck by wooden sticks or shin bones of a stork. Skrabalai is not only an accepted member of the folk instrument family for orchestral use, but is also an instrument for a virtuoso solo performance.

TABALAS (PENDENT)

The Tabalas is a percussion board of maple or ash attached loosely with ropes to a horizontal bar. The board is 60-100 cm long, 15-20 cm wide and 3/4 cm thick. Two sticks are used for striking a rhythmic beat. Originally the Tabalas was a pastoral device for signaling and an instrument for accompanying outdoor dances. It is also the name of a traditional folk dance for men only.

One of the most popular Kankles groups is the Ciurlonis Ensemble in Cleveland, Ohio directed by Ona and Alfonsas Mikulskis.

The only orchestra of Lithuanian Folk Instruments in the N.A. Continent is the Canadian Montreal Lithuanian Folk Group Ensemble, "Gintaras" directed by Rasa Lukosevicius, Algis and Andrius Lapinas and Ina Klicius.

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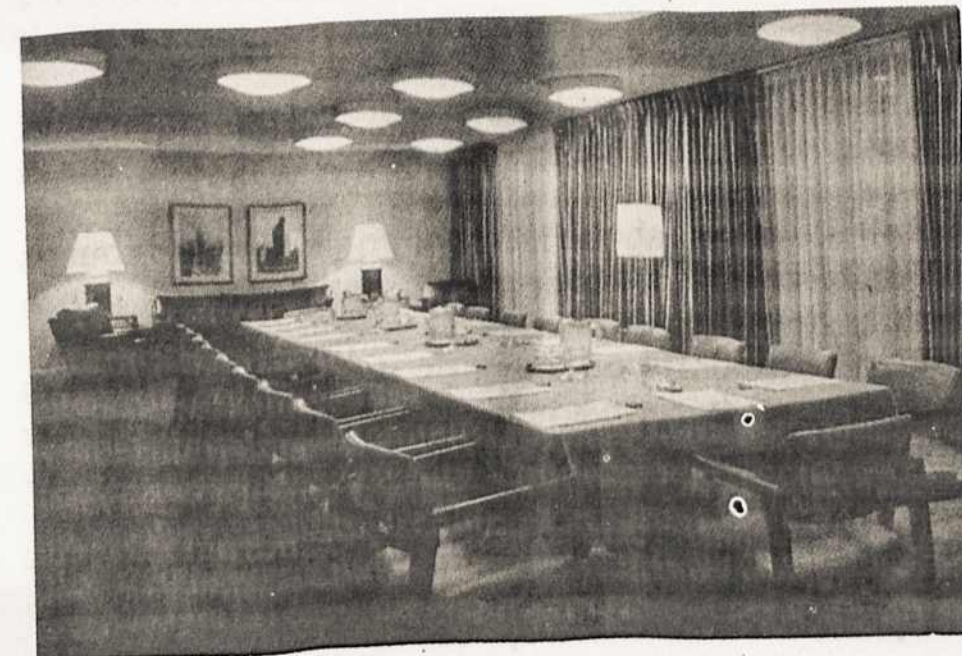
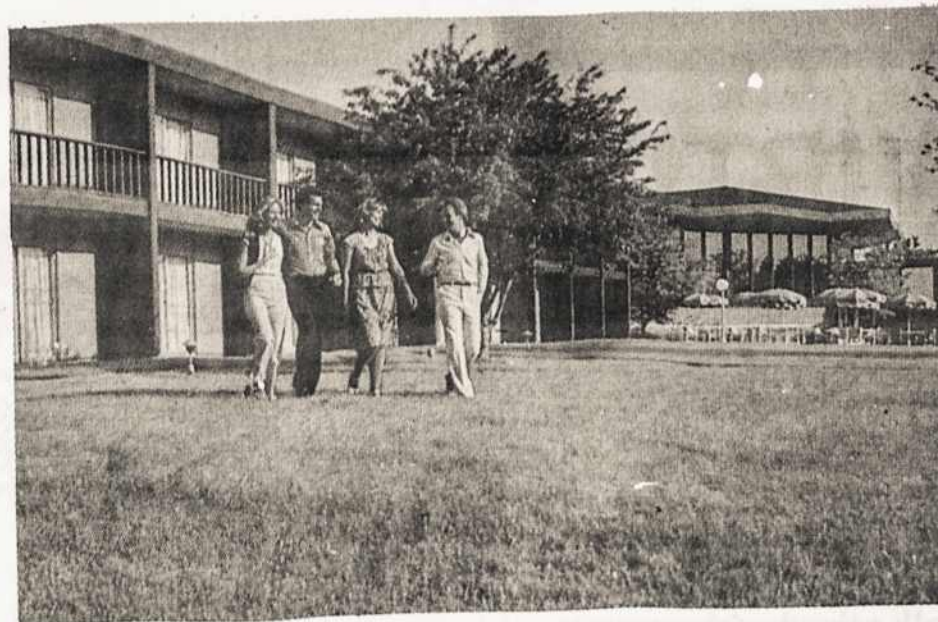
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The Tale of the Caterpillar

By Vida Gecas



As I spun my cocoon
For the long, cold winter that was drawing soon,
I reflected on my old family tree
And recalled a famous mystery which I was told would
also happen to me.

I spun the last of my cocoon and closed up the door
Remembering my ancestors and the belief that we cater-
pillars could soar.
As I chuckled to myself - I fell into a sleep
Not just any old sleep - but a sleep that was deep.

I awoke with a start - what seemed centuries later
Realizing the sky was much bluer and the wind no
longer contained a chilling burr.
It was Spring at last - it had finally come.
I could now escape my treacherous home.

I began to knock out one of the sides
When suddenly I realized my ancestors had not lied.
I was not myself at all. I was much newer.
I was not the same old, ugly caterpillar.

I had shed my old, slimy green suit
For two graceful and beautiful wings and antennas to
boot.
So off into the air I flew
Knowing my ancestors were right - Spring is a time for
all to start anew.

VIRTINIAI

(Filled Dumplings)

- 2 Cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. Crisco shortening
- 1/2 Cup cold mashed potatoes
- 2 egg yolks

Mix the flour with the salt. Work in the shortening with the fingers. Add the mashed potatoes and the egg yolk mixed with enough cold water (start with about 3/4 cup) to make a medium soft dough. Add more water if necessary.

Knead on a floured board or pastry cloth until smooth. Divide the dough into 2 parts. Cover with a bowl and let stand for about 10 minutes.

Roll the dough about 1/8 inch thick Cut into rounds with a large biscuit cutter or cut dough into 2 x 2 inch squares.

Place a spoonful of filling on the round (or square) and fold over to form a half circle or triangle. Press the edges together tightly making sure edges are free of filling.

Drop dumplings one at a time into a large pot of boiling, salted water. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Remove to hot platter with a slotted spoon.



COOK'S CORNER

by Mary Lucas



Suggested fillings

1. Ground leftover roast beef mixed with gravy to hold meat together.
 2. Dry cottage cheese (about 2 cups) mixed with 1 beaten egg and salt to taste.
 3. Chopped mushrooms fried with 1 onion, chopped fine in 2 to 3 Tbsps. butter and salt and pepper. Remove from heat and beat in 2 egg yolks. Chopped dill may be added for flavor. Chill.
 4. 2 pounds ground chuck, sauteed in 2 Tbsps. butter, salt and pepper to taste. Moisten with canned mushroom soup and cook together.
- Top with any of the following toppings after removing dumplings from boiling water.
1. Bacon bits and chopped onion fried together.
 2. Melted butter and salted sour cream.
 3. Buttered bread crumbs.
 4. Melted butter or bacon drippings and a sprinkling of cinnamon.

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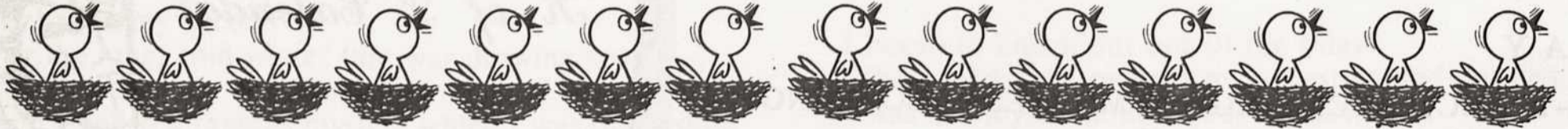
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Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



For 40 years the dream of the Franciscans at St. Anthony's Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine, has remained the same — to leave the serene beauty of the Kennebunk River to return to their native Lithuania. It's a hope shared by many of the estimated 1.5 million Lithuanians in the United States.

During the summer, the monastery is a haven for Lithuanians who want to speak their native tongue, eat traditional foods and observe social and religious tenets of their culture. Second-generation Lithuanian-Americans come to St. Anthony's to find their roots. REV. GEORGE GAILIUSIS, superior of the monastery, with seven other priests, three brothers and 10 novices, keeps the palatial grounds of the monastery. Lithuanian women from Brooklyn, N.Y., run an 80-room hotel and serve up three meals of simple Lithuanian food daily.

While the monastery is open to all tourists would not refuse to serve or board anyone, Rev. Gailiusis shuns publicity for fear it will corrupt the simple ritualistic lifestyle of the Franciscans. Although Rev. Gailiusis is dedicated to the goal of returning to a peaceful and unoccupied Lithuania, states the "Portland Maine Press," he cannot hide his pride at the accomplishments of Lithuanians in America. "When we came here it was just the monastery," he says. "Now we've got shrines, the chapels, a swimming pool, gardens and tennis courts. We have concerts and conventions."

A reproduction of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross, sitting among the sweeping, well-manicured grounds and imposing shrines, serves as a reminder of humble beginnings. The Grotto sums up the hopes of the Lithuanian-Franciscans in their temporary home. "Immaculate Queen of Heaven and Earth, protect us and our beloved fatherland," reads the inscription beneath the fluttering American and Lithuanian flags.



Statue of St. Francis of Assisi at St. Anthony's Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine

Brooklyn, New York's famed Lundy's Restaurant, closed since 1979, has been sold to developer VITAS VEBELIUNAS, who plans a multi-million-dollar redevelopment that will include shopping centers, restaurants, boutiques, condominiums, a marina and pier and possibly a hotel. His plans include rebuilding the original restaurant.

A front page article in the "Leader", a Starke and Pulaski Counties (Indiana) publication, featured a story about Honorary Member STANLEY PIEZA'S journalistic career. He is the only living American reporter who has talked to four Popes. In the 36 years he has worked as a newspaper reporter, his career has taken him around the globe and to the Vatican City 24 times. Not only has he interviewed Popes Pius XII, John XX-III, Paul VI and John Paul II, Mr. Pieza has talked to Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman, John Kennedy, Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt and his wife, Eleanor.

Among the endless list of celebrities he has written about are the Dionne Quintuplets, the King of Sweden, Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, Eddie Cantor, Bing Crosby and Roy Rogers, to name a few. His endeavors have been rewarding. A 1968 Medical Journalism Award for his articles on the exploration of the medical and ethical aspects of heart transplants, a Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. of America certificate of appreciation for outstanding services in interfaith religions and an award of merit from the Immigrant Service League of the Chamber of Commerce are just a few of the awards he has received. He became known among the staff of the Chicago American as the writer with the most awards.

Although his career has taken him far from home several times, his wife Anne became used to the hectic pace of a reporter's life. As a former general reporter, women's section editor and police reporter for Chicago's Southwest News Herald, she has seen her share of the fast pace life. Even though he retired from journalism 11 years ago, Stanley Pieza still takes a lively interest in his career field. Not only does he freelance for several publications, he is collaborating in writing a book for a Wilmington, N.C., publisher. He is on the board of directors for the Starke County Council on Aging, the Little Company of Mary Health Facility and the Catholic Press Society which publishes the Lithuanian Daily Draugas. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Chicago Press Club, is an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania, and teaches CCD religion classes for high school students at All Saints Catholic Church in San Pierre, Ind., where he and his wife are parishioners. He is past national director of the Hearst Newspapers oratory and history contest conducted by 32 Hearst newspapers from coast to coast.

In what little spare time he has, Stanley tends to his library in his North Judson, Ind., home which has over 1,000 books and several souvenirs he has collected during his 36 year career which took him all over the world.



H. M. Stanley Pieza and his wife, Anne, in the library of their home

An article by PETER GELZINIS in the Boston Herald American last June seems appropriate now in this Year of the Lithuanian Parish. St. Peter's Lithuanian Church sits in the heart of the D Street Housing Project in South Boston, Mass. The church and rectory are the lone remnants of an earlier neighborhood that was changed by a master plan called urban renewal. More than 300 Lithuanian families were displaced and scattered all over the city. Now St. Peter's is quite literally buried alive beneath the burned out layer of a younger neighborhood already devastated by a social cancer. It is an island within an island — a church cut off from its parishioners, located in the middle of a housing project cut off from the rest of the city.

Today, nearly all of the church functions and Masses are conducted outside the project, in a small chapel on East Seventh Street. St. Peter's Lithuanian Church once the focal point of a community's life, remains locked and empty. "It's a shame," says REV. ALBERT CONTONS, pastor of St. Peter's "Here I am with one of the loveliest churches in the area and hardly anybody to enjoy it. Our parishioners simply won't come down here." And Rev. Contons is the first person to understand their fears. Over the last 15 years St. Peter's has been an outpost under siege in the middle of a free fire zone. In one year, under the previous pastorship of Rev. Anthony Baltrushunas, St. Peter's rectory was broken into 12 times. Most of the project buildings adjoining the rectory by now have been ripped apart from the inside out, and though the intensity of the harassment has lessened, it still goes on.

St. Peter's is the home parish of C-17 and C-17 Seniors, South Boston, Mass.



ANDREW KRUSTAPENTUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. peter Krustapentus of Athol, Mass., graduated last summer with honors from Worcester State College with a B.A. in Geography and a minor in Computer Science. He is New England Division champion and record holder in the shotput and discus and was given the Lancer Alumni Society award for the most outstanding senior student-athlete. Andrew's parents are members of St. Francis parish in Athol.

An article last summer in "The Daily Journal", Elizabeth N.J., featured **WALLY and ANN SCOIDAS**, proprietors of an unassuming mom and pop grocery store sandwiched between multiple homes in the Elizabethport section of Elizabeth. The neighborhood has changed with many Spanish speaking people replacing those of Polish, Lithuanian and Ukrainian heritage. While stores have come and gone, Scoidas at 136 Inslee Place has remained a traditional stop for shoppers who relish authentic Lithuanian foods. Many attribute the store's 60-year presence in the neighborhood to a special recipe for Lithuanian sausage made by the Scoidas, owners since 1950. people who used to live in the area still come back to buy sausage, and some send it or deliver it frozen to relatives in places as diverse as Alaska and Italy.



Lady Diane's Lithuanian Costume



Andrew Krustapentus, Honors Graduate

An item from the "Lithuanian Museum Review," published by the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Chicago, Illinois indicates that Lady Diane has been presented, as a wedding gift, a beautiful Lithuanian National costume by the Lithuanians in England. The costume was handwoven by **ANASTASIA TAMOSAITYS**, artist, with the sash woven by **ALDONA VESELKA**, noted Chicago weaver and folk artist. The silver brooches were handcrafted by **ANTANAS TAMOSAITYS**, artist. The costume's design is from the Vilnius region.

The idea germinated to give the costume to Lady Diane when Prince Charles, earlier in the year, opened the folk fair in England. He was attracted by the beautiful Lithuanian costumes at the fair. **MRS. ZINKUS** of Darby, England, thought that with the wedding coming, a costume would be a beautiful wedding gift from the Lithuanians in England. Lady Diane said she would be very pleased to accept such a gift and selected the costume design from the book, **LITHUANIAN NATIONAL COSTUME**, by Antanas and Anastasia Tamosaitis of Canada. The costume was referred to on English radio as Lady Diane's "second wedding dress."



**SPECIAL MEMO
TO OUR MEMBERS
AND
READERS**

During the latter part of January, a package containing Council News was lost by the Postal Service. It turned up after a "tracer" was put on it - but - too late for publishing the items in the February issue. Therefore, this March issue contains two sets of Council Activities.



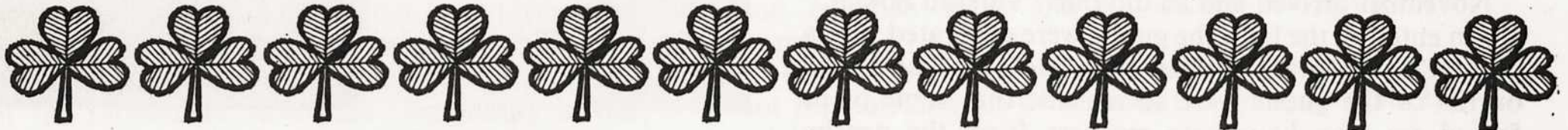
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Council Activities



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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-3—Philadelphia

The election results for C-3 are as follows: Rev. Eugene Wassel, Spiritual Advisor; Walter Mameniskis, President; John Mickunas, Vice President, Dianne Drumstas, Recording Secretary; Albert Macelis, Financial Secretary; Alberta Weigand, Treasurer; Alex Ushka, Trustee. Ritual Committee: Irene Timinskis, one year; Elaine Kelmer, two years; Jewel Ushka, three years; Cultural Committee, Joe Yanulaitis; Lithuanian Affairs, Maryanne Lepera. Our congratulations to all and our best wishes for a fruitful and successful tenure.

Our heartfelt thanks to our outgoing officers under the leadership of Joe Drumstas. We appreciate the time and effort they put into making C-3 a successful council.

Our delegates to the National Convention told us they enjoyed themselves. It is always a good feeling to both make and renew K of L friendships. Our council was represented by Walt and Irene Svekla, Sister Angela, Jewel Ushka, Victor Stepalovitch and Agnes and John Mickunas. We congratulate all the new members of the Supreme Council who, under the leadership of our good friend Loretta Stukas, will do their best for the good of the K of L.

Our thanks to Bill Miller for making the arrangements for our council's Christmas party at the Silver Lake Inn. Bill is a new member, and we heartily welcome him into our fold.

Our council took part in the Lithuanian Music Hall Folk Fair. Our thanks to the members who volunteered their time; namely, Walt Mameniskis, Dianne Drumstas, Alberta Weigand, Anne and Tom Danicaite, Irene Ozalis, Bill Miller, Victor Stepalovitch, Annetta Zulick, Marge Petronis, Maryanne Lepera and Anastasia Binkis.

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C-12—New York

After a restful summer, the council went happily back to work in September. There was so much to discuss, starting with the picnic at Lakewood and ending with the convention in Scranton, that President Joe Sleder had a difficult time calling the meeting to order.

It was nice to see Julia Gomes with us once more. After a difficult summer with family problems, she was her cheerful self once again. But there was also a bit of sadness which mingled into our happy reunion. A long-time member John Yurkus had passed away. Our condolences to his wife Ona and her family, also his brother Walter and sister-in-law Helen.

In October we elected council officers. We also had the pleasure of a visit by Supreme Council Trustee Paul Binkis. He was in town for a Supreme Council meeting. Our new officers are Helen Yurkus, President; Walger Yurkus, Vice President; Al Monkevicius, Second Vice President; Connie Siatsis, Recording Secretary; Millie Pietz, Treasurer; Julie Gomes, Membership Secretary; Jovita Sleder and John Antanavicius, Trustees.

Committee members are Cultural, Beatrice Romeika and Anthony Yakavonis; Ritual, Jovita Sleder, Joe Sleder, and Joe Romeika; Lithuanian Affairs, Jean Janonis and Barbara Kartonowitz; Historian, Barbara Kartonowitz; Public Relations, Halen Matthews and Dale Bulvicius; Sergeant at Arms, Joe Kscenaitis. Past President Joe Sleder thanked all for past help and wished Helen Yurkus success.

Telegrams were mailed to Bishop Marcinkus on the occasion of his elevation and to Prof. Aleksis on the occasion of his 95th birthday. Happy returns, Maestro!

We continually remember our adopted parish in Kedainiai, Lithuania — St. George's. Ona Kscenaitis, mother of a few of our members, was baptized there. During mass we remembered our suffering brethren and also with special prayers after our meeting. With each meeting we get to know the parish a little better. In order to aid the Lithuanians behind the Iron Curtain a Letter to Lithuania Project was established. Besides the letters, there are parcels with various gifts for those in

need. We donated \$100 for postage expenses. Millie Pietz is in charge of this project.

We congratulate our Fourth Degree recipients — Helen Matthews, Joe Kscenaitis, Al Monkevicius and Joe Sleder. We are proud to have you in our council. Wear your medals proudly!

In October, we all worked hard to make our parish dinner a success. Nooks and crannies were explored for "treasures" to be donated for the raffle at the dinner. This is always the highlight of the program and very few of the guests go home empty-handed. Besides that, they had a most delicious dinner.

November arrived and so did our "Valkatu Sokiai." Upon entering the hall, the guests were decorated with a corsage of "valkatu krepsio on a stick." Some of the outfits of the guests were so realistic that some of us feared we may have gate crashers from the nearby Bowery. Joe Thomas, who is celebrating his 35th year in the music business, played most beautifully. The only "fly" in the ointment was the "Autumn Leaves" number. As Joe urged the dancers to shake the branches which decorated the hall in tune with the song, a blanket of dried leaves carpeted the floor. There were plenty of laughs as the cleanup crew glared angrily at our orchestra leader.

We were happy to see Julia Gomes win the prize for the most original costume. The boys on the Bowery would love you, Julia! Among the judges were Loretta Stukas, National President. In fact, we had the honor of having three presidents with us — Loretta (with husband Jack) on the national level, Larry Janonis on the district and Helen Yurkus on the council. The prizes awarded were pint bottles of "fire water," famous at the Bowery. Supper was served from giant pots and dished out with a laddle. A beautiful afghan was donated by Josephine Katkus to be raffled at the dance. Yours truly (Dale) was the happy winner. The dance was chaired by Alice Zupko, who with her husband Peter and an efficient committee did a marvelous job. Bravo to all!

So you see — dirbam Dievui ir Tevynei!

DALIA BULVICIUTE

C-74—Scranton

Since hosting the 68th National Conyention of the Knights of Lithuania at the University of Scranton in August, we were encouraged by the many compliments received from the participants to continue our activities with even greater fervor and zeal.

In order to attract the youth of the vicinity to join the Knights, Sister Virginia of St. Mary's Villa with the assistance of Pattie Jasuta of the Scranton School of Dance began a Lithuanian folk dance ensemble, "Saules Spinduliai." Twenty children ages 9 to 17, showed up every Friday evening at St. Joseph's Church Hall for rehearsal. The pastor, Rev. Michael Ozalas, was very cooperative and encouraging.



C-12 Deceased member, John Yurkus and his wife, Ona

To finance the weekly lessons, the children sold raffle tickets for a Lithuanian doll donated by Sister Virginia. Mr. & Mrs. Laske sold tickets to the Knights and parishioners. To further help the cause, the council generously donated \$50 from their treasury.

It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of the children as they gathered every Friday for dance rehearsal. Ten younger members came to the Villa every Sunday to learn the Lithuanian words of "Sveikas Jezau Gimusis" which they accompanied with sacred choreography, expressing the words with bodily movements.



Saulės spinduliai Dance Ensemble sponsored by Sister Virginia. 1st row, l. to r. Kristen Rakshys, Stacey Meyers, Robyn Kurzwil, Stephanie Sakevich, Sandra Stanilka, Nancy Laske. Top row, l. to r. Steve Rakshys, John Rakshys, Candal Sakevich, Ann Marie Glucksnis, Dena Kurzweil, Anita Sakevich, Judy Stanevich, Elena Drazdauskas, Wendy Stanavich, Michael Wharton, David Drazdauskas. Missing are Kathleen, Mary Beth and Mary Frances Roger.

Sunday, December 13, at 7 p.m. was Lithuanian Night at the Everhart Museum in Nay Aug Park. In early December, Helen Roginsky, assisted by her committee, dressed a tree with Lithuanian straw ornaments. Then, on Lithuanian Night, snacks and punch were served. Marie Laske displayed her amber jewels and Lithuanian weavings and carvings.

When it was time for the program to begin, Mr. Nasser, chairman of activities at the museum, marvelled at the crowd of people that assembled in the auditorium. Sister Virginia gave a word of welcome and introduced the evening's activities. The children danced and sang. The audience participated in a Lithuanian Christmas Carol Sing-along. A movie, "Spritis of an Amber Past," was shown by Regina Petrauskas, president of the Lithuanian American Community in our area.

A local newspaper reporter and a TV cameraman were present to take pictures. The Lithuanian doll, chanced off at that time, was won by Helen Roginski. The spirit of love and goodwill was evident that night as good wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year were exchanged by all present.

Our "Saules Spinduliai" are looking forward to their performance at Marywood College during "Global Awareness Week."

JULE GRADY

C-140—Syracuse

The Auriesville Celebration for the Suffering Church was a very impressive affair. It was held on August 30 with Bishop Elko and a number of Lithuanian priests leading us in prayer and celebrating a beautiful Mass. Bus loads of people came from all over the East Coast. It was like a continuation of the Scranton Convention seeing many of the same people. Father Pugevicius is to be complimented on a very successful affair.

Our September and October meetings were productive. A number of plans were made and much business transacted. Time was spent planning for our big Festival of Nations. Election of officers returned the same slate as last year.

Marge Migonis suffered double tragedy for which we are sorry. In September she was mugged in the vicinity of her apartment building which resulted in a break in her shoulder and the loss of her purse. Then, in October she lost her sister Eva who died in Washington.

Eva was a wonderful person. She was loved and admired by many. She was a worker — she got things done. This writer will always be indebted to her for her assistance with the Syracuse Convention. She wanted to help her home area. She was proud of us staging a National Convention even though we were only four years old. May your soul rest in peace Eva Migonis.

Millie Vaikness lost her brother, Frank Swingle, in October and Irene Petrauskas lost her father, Charles Lazor, in November. May their souls rest in peace.

The Lithuanian booth at the Festival of Nations was again a success. Chairman John Stanley assisted by his co-chairman Catherine Brandt, Marge Migonis, Marija Vizgaitis, Veronica Sutkus, and Frank Petrauskas, handled Festival Number 12 in good fashion. They were ably assisted by our members plus a few non-members. We work hard for this affair and it shows. Our Cultural Exhibit was beautiful with a wide variety of items. One was a fir tree with straw Christmas ornaments.

Our popular Lithuanian potato pancakes drew the long lines again. We just can't make them fast enough. It's good to see people waiting patiently with anticipation on their faces and a pancake crave in their stomachs.

Here is our closing thought: A man is called selfish, not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbor's.

PUSBROLIS

C-143—Pittston

Council 143 of St. Casimir's Church Pittston, participated at the Luzerne County Holiday Fair on December 4, 5 and 6 in the Rotunda of the Courthouse.

Holiday Fair presents the decorations, symbols, and music of the Christmas holiday season and highlights the unique and diverse customs of the ethnic and national groups which comprise Luzerne County.

We had a beautiful Christmas display including a tree with Lithuanian straw ornaments, compliments of Nellie T. Bayoras; a nativity set and in the background a painting of St. Peter & Paul Church, Vilnius, Lithuania, donated by Dorothy Banos. "Raguocius," a festive cake made in Lithuania, was served to the audience.

Nellie T. Bayoras, chairman, was assisted by Paul Patrick, John Wisnosky, Dorothy Banos, Anna Walatkas, Rosalie Kizis, Anne Challan, John and Alice Puscavage, Paul and Marie Lauck and Grace Kascavage.

Officers of our council were installed on January 3 at the 9 o'clock mass. Officers seated were Anna Challan, President; Marie Lauck, Vice President; Dorothy Banos, Recording Secretary; John Wisnosky, Treasurer; Nellie T. Bayoras, Financial Secretary; Grace Kascavage, Historian.

The following were named committee chairmen: Nellie T. Bayoras, Lithuanian Affairs and Ritual; Alice Puscavage, Vytis Correspondent and Publicity; Mildred Walsh, Cultural. Rev. Peter J. Alisaukas serves as our Spiritual Advisor.

For our Annual Communion Breakfast on March 7 in the church hall following the 9 a.m. mass, Rev. Peter J. Alisaukas is honorary chairman; Jack and Helen Piragus, co-chairmen; assisted by Dorothy Banos, Ann Challan, Nellie Bayoras, Rosalie Kizis, John and Alice Puscavage, Anna Walatkas, Helen and Leo Butsavage, Frank and Pep Orlando.

ALICE PUSCAVAGE



C-143 Pittston's display at Luzerne County Holiday Fair. From l. to r. Rozalie Kizis, Hellie Bayoris, Anna Walaitis and Ann Challon

C-144—Anthracite Council

On December 5, we had our annual Kucios at Annunciation Church in Frackville with Ann Carlitus as chairman and Marge Yezulinas as co-chairman. Members from Shenandoah served on the committee. Father Bartkus, Father Jarasunas and Msgr. Neverauskas opened with the Kucious Prayers. President Joseph Yezulinas acted as the head of the family and began the passing of the "plotkeles." the meal included all the traditional foods.

Stanely Vaicaitis explained the Kucious customs and the Zarija Choir sang the traditional Christmas Carols. Many thanks to the committee for a wonderful evening and special thanks to Ed Carlitus for his delicious "vyritas." We were also happy to welcome Sister Joenella, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Casimir, to our affair.

Thanks to our talented Annie Morgalis, the Council was honored by the Governor's Ethnic Commission. Annie along with Bernice Mikatavage, Anne Sikora and Anne Wargo journeyed to the State Capital in Harrisburg where they trimmed a beautiful Lithuanian Christmas Tree with Annie's original natural straw ornaments. Fourteen nations were represented with their trees, and the Lithuanian tree was by far the most beautiful one.

Through the efforts of Joseph Mackalonis of Council 146, Harrisburg, several members were invited to the Governor's reception on Saturday, December 19 at the Executive Mansion for ethnic leaders of Pennsylvania. John and Annie Morgalis, Bernice and Al Mikatavage, Joe and Anne Sikora, National Cultural Chairman Anne Wargo, President Joe and Marge Yezulinas, Choir Director Stanley and Eleanor Vaidaits, National

Vice President Elsie and Clem Kosmisky, National Ritual Officer Helen Chesko, Anne Panchari (whose lovely Lithuanian items were on display in the museum) and Jerry and Florence Soditus (Jerry's beautiful wood carvings were also on display).

On Saturday, December 20, two busloads attended the opening ceremonies of Christmas...An Ethnic Experience at the William Penn Museum, Harrisburg. Governor and Mrs Thornburgh personally complimented Annie Morgalis on her beautiful work. Comments from other ethnic communities were most gratifying.

In the afternoon the Council sponsored the Zarija Choir in the Ethnic Program at the Forum, Helen Chesko served as coordinator for the bus trip.

Our council is saddened at the loss of a member, Julia Brehony. Julia was a fairly new member, but she attended meetings. Amzina atsils, Julia!

Thanks to our members, the Lithuanian Radio Hour will continue for another year. At the Kucious, President Joe Yezulinas presented Father Bartkus with a check for \$1500 for another year of the program. Because of this, we will enjoy Lithuanian programs every Sunday.

We were saddened at the news of the deaths of Eva Migonis of Washington and John Stoskus of Providence. John was a most gracious host when we attended our first convention in Providence. To Bertha and the Stoskus family we offer our sincere sympathy. We extend heartfelt sympathy of Eva's family. We were with her on many occasions in Washington. She will be sorely missed.

Anne Wargo was named chairman of the MAD Communion Breakfast for St. Casimir's Day. The council is happy to be hosting this affair. We look forward to seeing all our friends from the district in Frackville.

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Anthracite Council 144 - Joseph Yezulynas, Pres. and Helen Ambrose, Traes. present a check for \$1560 to Father Al Bartkus, Spiritual Advisor, for the Lithuanian program on Sundays for one year.

C-146—Harrisburg

Our Fourth Annual Kučia was celebrated on December 13 with about fifty people in attendance. Volunteers from the council prepared the traditional foods which were sampled by all. Other members brought a large selection of meatless foods. Later in the evening, we joined in singing Christmas Carols.

On December 19, several members attended a reception that Governor Dick Thornburgh gave at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg for different ethnic groups as part of Pennsylvania's 300th Birthday Celebration.

Sunday at the William Penn Museum there were opening ceremonies for Christmas...An Ethnic Experience in Memorial Hall of the William Penn Museum. Governor and Mrs. Thornburgh reviewed all the Ethnic Trees and especially enjoyed the Lithuanian Tree decorated by Annie Morgalis and her committee of Council 144. On the tree were dozens of handmade straw ornaments in the shapes of crosses, stars, wayside shrines, feather-light mobiles and many others. Our sincere thanks to Annie Morgalis who has the marvelous talent for making these straw decorations.

At 3:30 p.m. that day we went to the Form where we enjoyed the entertainment of many ethnic groups who performed in song and dance. Representing the Lithuanians, under the sponsorship of C-144, was the Zarija Choir of Schuylkill County, Stanley Vaicaitis, Director. We were very proud to have Zarija Choir among the ten nationalities performing in the Lively Arts Presentation.

HELEN GRABAUSKAS

C-147—St. Petersburg

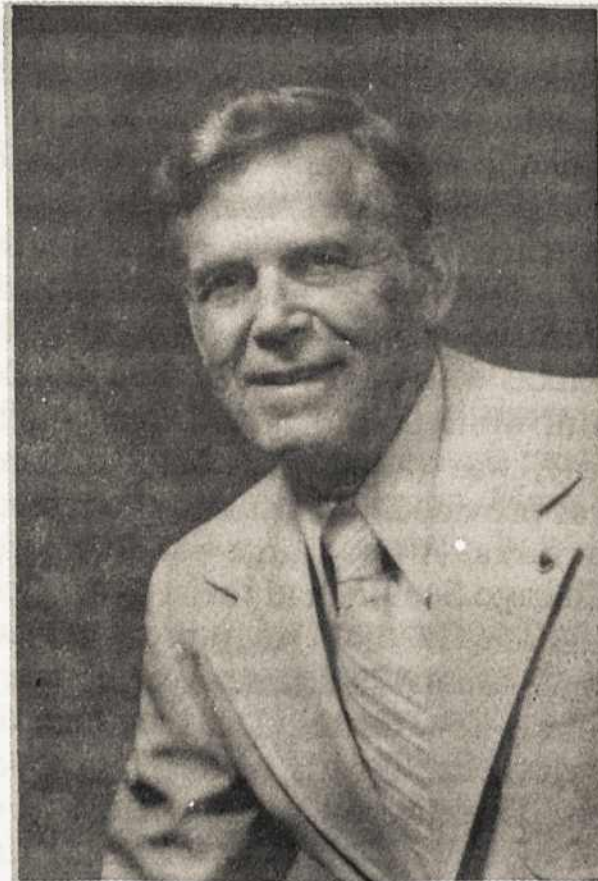
In October our President of Council 147, Anthony Mazeika, celebrated his 75th birthday and also his 55th year as an active member of the Knights of Lithuania. He became a Fourth Degree member in 1939 and LV Garbes Narys in 1947.

All members and friends, including presidents or vice presidents of all local organizations, attended. The dinner was held at the Isla Del Sol Restaurant.

Anthony came here to Florida with his wife Zuzana to retire and enjoy the sun and an easy way of life. Instead, he immediately organized the Council here. Starting with only ten members, we have grown to 72 in not quite four years. We are still growing, due to his perseverance and loyalty as a K of L'er.

It was no wonder so many attended the reception and made it a delightful evening for all.

Father Gasuinas, our spiritual advisor, started the evening with the invocation. Our Vice President, Dr. J. Petrikas, delivered a short introductory speech. Mrs. Kleiva, our Secretary, read the previous meeting's shortened minutes with a bit of humor included. Kasys Kleiva, master of ceremonies, presented R. Kestutis Butkus, who represented St. Casimir's Mission. He spoke of Anthony's and Zuzana's devotion to their Catholic religion and also praised them for their untiring work in the organization. Charles Vilnis, whose



Anthony Mazeika

friendship to Tony dates back to 1932 when they were both members of K of L, gave a short biography of Anthony's accomplishments. It had to be short as in 55 years there were just too many to mention them all.

Other well-wishers from the various organizations were Pres. J. Balkunas, J. Kalpokas, J. Vaitekunas, P. Dalinis, A. Gruzdis, S. Sukys, A. Gudonis, A. Armalis, and last but not least O. Galvydiene. She presented Anthony with a pin from Balfas since J. Valauskas, President, could not be there himself, due to illness. A very beautiful wood-carved picture, donated to Mr. Mazeika and Zuzana from all participants, was bestowed by G. Bakiene and Dr. Petrikas.

The last speaker was Anthony himself, with a deep expression of much appreciation to all in attendance. The audience then sang "Ilgiausiu Metu" and "Lietuva Brangi." There was much congratulating. It was so well deserved an evening by Anthony and, of course, Zuzana who has always been by his side.

H. VILNIN

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

C-36—Chicago

"Gime Kristus, Aš Mačiau" was one of the songs sung by the K of L Choir under the direction of Fausta Strolia on December 8 at the Science and Industry Museum. A number of our members attended the Lithuanian Christmas Eve Program. The Junior Dancers under the direction of Frank Zapolis performed. Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis (C-112), our Lithuanian General Counselor, spoke at the 40th Anniversary of this great event.

Our very special Christmas party was held on December 14 with many new members attending. John Pauksta, our president and his lovely wife Lillian, greeted all the members. The food was delicious. Of course, Vince Samaska prepared the food. His helpers in the kitchen were Lucille and John Kilkus, Irene Norushis, Ann Marie & Georgianna Kassel and Marge. John prepared a very nice program. He presented Sophie Zukas with her Life Membership Certificate and a beautiful white orchid. The Times watch, which was raffled off, was won by Sue Susky. Congratulations! Music was provided by our famous concertina player — Tony Samoska. A good time was had by all.

The Chicago Seniors had their "Kucia" on December 20. Mrs. Adele Gabalas (HM), president, was MC. Rev. Mykolas Mikolaitis said the prayer before the meal and later spoke a few words. The members of Council 36 broke "plotkelius" with wishes for good health and happiness. There were 12 different foods, one representing each of the apostles. No meats or dairy products were served in observance of the Lithuanian tradition of fasting on Christmas Eve while awaiting the Birth of Christ. Christmas songs were sung. Father Vincent Daugintas entertained on his harmonica. It was an enjoyable time for all.

We wish Bernice Pupinick a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. She is missed by all.

Let's make '82 a year to sign up new members and participate in all functions.

SABINA KLATT

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-79—Southfield

Our Annual Fall Festival was chaired by President Frank Zager. The event attracted the Straw Game with the "Sweet Six" crew of J & J Yakstys, C & M Nashlon, M. Smailis and M. Newberry at the helm.

A combined Flea Market & Christmas Boutique was managed by B. Janus, A. Baron, A. Uzdavinas and A. Erdman. A sunning Holiday Cheer Basket was arranged by Ann Kratage and V. Chepelonis. The personable Tony Dainus entertained kiddies with the dart game. he was assisted by one of our new members, Richard Danielak.

The calendar for our festival said November 8, that the balmy temperature felt like early September. Therefore, enough refreshments were on hand to quench the thirst of George Kase and his every-ready team.

In the food department, Sophie Zager, assisted by Estelle Gogelis, Mary Keller, Betty Petroski, Julia Jensen, Jadvyga Rukstele, Virginia Kirsh, Mike Vale and Frank Zager provided a menu of kugele, balandeliai, desrios su kepustu, hot dogs and variety of



Bertha Janus and Ann Erdman at the Christmas Boutique during Festival sponsored by C-79



Antoinette Baron mans the Book Fair at the Fall Festival C-79

relishes. The terrific Millard Trio—Bernice, Sidney, and Allison—kept a super pace in the dish department.

Sirdingu Aciu to our friends, Sophie & Al Kacy for making and bringing three large pans of delicious kugele. Many thanks to all the members who made and donated stuffed cabbage and kugele for the festival and our deep appreciation to everyone who donated toward the prizes for the straw game and others.

Marie Kase and Ann Valatka were in charge of the bread and pyragu sales as well as the parish coffee social during the festival. Aciu, Marie & Ann. Our appreciation to Violet panavas for tickets and Marge Nashlon for the 50/50 drawing. The holiday cheer basket was won by Nicole Zager, youngest granddaughter of Frank & Sophie Zager.

"Ilgiausų Metų" was heard at the Ordination Anniversary on November 1 in honor of Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, former National Spiritual Advisor of K of L, as he observed his 35th anniversary in the priesthood. During Mass at St. Mark's church, Fr. Charles O'Neill, a classmate and friend, gave a short summary of Fr. Stan's life. After the church services a jubilee banquet followed with comments by priest friends, K of L'ers, family members and guests. Fr. Stan expressed his utmost thanks to everyone and commented that "35 years is a long time to serve in the Lord's vineyard."

Currently, Fr. Stanievich serves as pastor of St. Mark's Church in Warren. Our pastor, Fr. V. Krisciunevicius, and former pastor, Fr. Michael Kundrat, were also present. We congratulate Fr. Stan and wish him God's blessings. Hope that he will grace his 50th!

We congratulate Aldona Ryan on her Editorship of Vytis. Her first issue on the Convention was interesting, newsy and humorous. We wish Aldona and her Vytis staff much success.

Condolences are extended to Joe Yakstys, his sister Sophie Kacy, and their families on the untimely death of their brother Victor Kalosis. May he find peace and eternal rest in his heavenly home. Our sympathy to his dear wife Anne.

There was no letup for Joe Yakstys. He chaired the New Year's Eve party, sponsored by the Divine Providence parish. Everyone had a great time!

In the holiday spirit, C-79 presented gifts to the Capuchin Fathers to feed the needy and to the Draugas Lithuanian Newspaper.

A special treat of homemade pizza by the Zagers was in store for the members during the social hour following the December 2 meeting. A Christmas motif with a Nativity scene enhanced the buffet table.

Get well wishes to Julia Belickas who underwent surgery. Also, our prayers for Frank Petroski who has been seriously ill for a long time.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-26—Worcester

Willingly and enthusiastically have our 1982 Board of Officers accepted their positions, thus insuring another year of ongoing effort for the Knights of Lithuania. Spiritual Advisor, Father B. Uzdavinis, MIC, administered the oath of office last November to Rita Pinkus, President; Stephen Walinsky, Sr., Vice President; Frances Kulakusky, Recording Secretary; Theodore Pinkus, Treasurer; Marion Racicot, Financial Secretary; Charles Kulakusky, Auditor, Anthony Anton, Sergeant-at-arms; Marion Shapiro, Cultural Chairperson; Ann Bender, Lithuanian Affairs Chairperson and "Dzukele," Vytis Correspondent. And we promise them our support!

Helen Gillus and Adele Degutis, our bowling committee, report that Richard Godek's team is in first place. High triple scores: Jim Zalieckas and Joan Krusas. High Single: Phil Flaherty and Helen Gillus. High average: Tony Zalieckas and Helen Gillus.

Elly and Steve Walinsky wanted their Shis-ka-bob Committee of last July to receive proper recognition: Paula and Joe Bunevith, Dorothy and Al Seilius, Carol and Bill Grigas, and Ann and Steve Walinsky, Sr.

The "Coffee and Cake Table" of ours has a reputation to be envied! It can be seen at almost every function, be it the council picnic, or the parish picnic, or the NED picnic, manned by Adele Degutis, Mary Duggan, Tillie Zaleski, Agnes Law, Antoinette Ivaska and Marion Shapiro.

Any time spent in the hospital is a "bitter pill," but a holiday makes it just that much worse. Mrs. Katherine Grigas, mother of our Frances Grigas suffered a fall just before Thanksgiving. We wish Mrs. Grigas a speedy return of good health!

Rita Delonis Karpicus and Anthony Margosian were married in St. Casimir's on November 15. Our sincere wishes go out to the newlyweds for a long, happy and healthy lifetime together.

No longer will our committees who plan, prepare and present various programs and activities have to clean up as well! Marion Shapiro volunteered to chair a clean-up committee for each event. Bravo, Marion!

Ann Walinsky was in charge (with a big assist from Adele Degutis) of the "Pigs-in-the-Blanket" dinner (Lithuanian style, Balandeles) which preceded the November meeting. Mmmm, good! Serving on this committee were Dorothy Seilius, Frances and Charles Kulakusky, Francis Degutis and Steve Walinsky, Jr. Enjoying this fine fare included Bill Buckley, Clair and Ron Stolilonis, Ann and Bill Leseman, Ruth and Leonard Ramsdell, Ann Bucinskas, Ruth and Vito Gadilauskas, Rita and Gregory Sokol, Walter Grimala, Bart and Marion March, Pastor Father Anthony Miciunas, MIC, and Spiritual Advisor Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC.

Incidentally, Father Ben travelled to Puerto Rico last November where he visited his brother George who is a professor at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico.

JUST THINKING...that our Council 26 will commemorate its 60th Anniversary in 1982...that the council is planning a trip "to the dogs" in Plainfield, Connecticut...that Mary Ulevich and Veronica (Jurgelionis) Scarbeau, our newest members deserve a warm welcome because they have raised our total membership to a healthy 156...that the Sisters of St. Casimir are commemorating the 75th Anniversary of their Order's founding...that Virginia Lelakis asks our prayers as she plans a very special future...that we lament the passing of John Stoskus (C-103 Providence) and extend prayerful sympathies to his widow, Bertha, and their family. He bequeathed to us a beautiful example: He never looked for faults in another. He'd search for the tiniest

virtue and augment that instead. God rest his soul...that space is becoming a premium and so we'll be in touch again next month! Iki sekancio numerio, Su Diev!

DZUKELE

C-50—New Haven

November 22 — Turkey Raffle Shoot. To initiate a new seasonal event into our yearly program, we started by having a son of our new member show slides of one of his many trips to Lithuania. We had visitors from surrounding towns who took this opportunity to get a glimpse of their ancestors' homeland. Our photographer, Leon Kazlauskas, is to be complimented for making his presentation enjoyable and interesting.

Then, we had our raffle of a turkey and several other goodies to go with a Thanksgiving dinner. It proved to be successful socially and financially. Rose Kisielus and Edith Kazlauskas sold over 150 books. Good work, girls! We also gained seven new members — Edward Alleshunas, Francis and Lucy Rook, Mr. & Mrs. Alphonses Martenenis, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Geipel.

December 13-14 — Our Christmas Boutique or Mystique, Whatever! Isabelle Peterson was chairlady and Helen Medley, co-chairlady. Ann Meskins, Helen Case, Emily Saulys, Helen Maculaitis, Nellie Perrelli, Bernice Barile, Emily Aunce, Alice Kirlo, Helen Balchus, Mary Jezukavitch, Ann & Al Gedrim, Eleanor & Al Gutauskas, Julia & Vincent Glynn, Ann & Toni Kordorski, Edith Kazlauskas, Joan Augustine, Frank Peterson, Albina Lipcuis contributed in some way or other; namely, selling raffle tickets, baked goods, craft items, books, clothing, plants, used toys, etc. We also sold "desra" (Lithuanian potato sausage) made by our good and generous parishioner, Mr. Girdauskas.

After the closing, we had our Christmas party. A delicious menu of salmon and roast beef, kugele, beets and mushrooms was served. Al Gutauskas provided the entertainment. He proved to be our jolly old St. Nick. His Ho-ho-ho's, etc. made us jump with joy and laughter. He also dropped a small gift at each place. Next, we conducted our raffle. There was an abundance of prizes, making it possible for a great many winners. It was another project well done.

At the same time, four of our members attended C-141 Kucious supper at St. Charles Church in Bridgeport. They were Viola Gradeck, Marci Eimutis, Helen Case and Joan Augustine. They came back very pleased with the food and hospitality of our neighboring council.

We also gained five new members during our boutique. They were Leo & Pat Tamulis, Richard & Ruth Parrett and Stephen Verdeckas. Welcome!

Al Gedrim became a proud grandfather again. A son was born to his youngest son and daughter-in-law, their first child. They named his Jason. Congratulations!

HELEN BALCHUS

C-103—Providence

We are very saddened by the death of our K of L Honorary Member, John Stoskus, on November 21, 1981. NED Spiritual Advisor Fr. A. Janiunas, NED President Dr. Peter Bizanskauskas of Brockton, and K of L members from Worcester, Brockton, South Boston and surrounding areas including Connecticut attended the wake and funeral Mass. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Choir of Putnam sang at the Concelebrated Mass. John Stoskus will be greatly missed by C-103. He was a Knight who really loved the K of L. May he rest in peace. Let us remember John Stoskus in our prayers.

On November 8, the K of L pot luck supper and meeting was held in St. Casimir's Church Hall. There was an excellent turnout. The opening prayers were said by Father Cukuras. Lithuanian Affairs Vito Kapiskas gave a talk on Lithuanian Boy Scouts, not affiliated with U.S. Boy Scouts, but belonging to the International Boy Scouts. They are very active in Lithuanian parishes.

Our elected officers were installed by our C-103 Spiritual Advisor, Father Cukuras. For the most part, they are the same as last year.

Looking ahead to Lithuanian Independence in February, our Council began plans to participate in the event. Let's not forget to add prayers for independence for our brothers and sisters in Lithuania in addition to public observance.

A number of our council members joined in making our Annual Parish Dinner a huge success. They are always helping to keep St. Casimir's alive and growing. Fr. A. Jurgelaitis was the speaker for the occasion. Featured, also, was an entertainer, "Rokas Rolius" (Rock and Roll), allegedly from Lithuania, who spoke in a humorous way about life in Lithuania as he strummed on his guitar. It turned out that "Rokas Rolius" was one of our members, well known to many K of L members. His initials are A A J. I think you know who I mean.

Our deep sympathy to Biruta Cunningham and her family on the death of her beloved father, Edvardas Ciocys. Pray for him.

HELEN DENISEWICH

St. Patrick's Day



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-12 — NEW YORK

The last two months of 1981 were busy ones for the members. In November, we had a most enjoyable Hobo (or Vlkatu) Dance. December was filled with the usual holiday festivities. Our Christmas party was a huge success with wall to wall kids. Everyone brought either his children or grandchildren. Joe Sleder was generous Santa.

Those who attended the Christmas Eve Mass found it an uplifting experience. The get-together in the hall after Mass was also enjoyable over fragrant coffee and delicious snacks. As always, Alice and Peter Zupko had the gang over for New Year's. The council wishes them success in their new business venture.

January started off sadly for the council. Our dear member and President of the Mid-Atlantic District lost his father — Bronislavas Janonis. Bruno (as his daughter-in-law, Jean Janonis, tells us) was born on September 3, 1914 in Panevezys, Lithuania. He came to the United States in 1913. On June 16, 1918, he married Petronelle Navalinkas at Our Lady of Vilnius Church in New York. They had two sons — the late Albert and Lawrence Janonis. Bruno always prided himself on the fact that he found employment one day after his arrival in the US. He did not retire until age 75.

Many members and some from Council 110, Maspeth, journeyed to the Bronx to wish Larry's Dad farewell. Father John Bida and Helen Yurkus presided over the Knights of Lithuania ceremonies. Although Bruno was not a member, he embodied all the good qualities of a good Knight. His life was for "God and Country" and therefore we honored him. The council joins in expressing deepest condolences to the whole family. May God grant him eternal rest.

Council 12 expresses heart-felt sympathy to our member and favorite band leader, Joe Thomas and family, on the occasion of the death of his wife Teresa.

Dale Bulvicius

C-29 — NEWARK

Council 29 extends congratulations to Loretta Stukas, our new Supreme Council President.

On November 14, 29 council members enjoyed a trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City. Our sincere thanks go to Walter Berzaitis for arranging the wonderful trip. We all had a fantastic time. Unfortunately, there were not big winners.

Our Annual Christmas Party was held on December 13. Margie Berzaitis served as chairlady and did a wonderful job. The food was delicious!

We welcome John and Betty Benish of Rutherford into membership in our council. Welcome back John and Helen Sisak of Hazlet and congratulations on your 25th Wedding Anniversary.

In November we elected the following officers: Kazys Sipaila, President; Roze Zukauskas, Vice President; Adele Urbanas, Treasurer; Rita Susko, Financial Secretary; Elizabeth Luciw, Corresponding Secretary; Joseph Chapulis, Ann O'Neil and Bernard Srkipata, Trustees; Msgr. Sharnus, Spiritual Advisor.

Our committee chairpersons are Mary Honeyman, Spiritual; Emilija Skruodys, Cultural; Albinas Zukauskas, Lithuanian Affairs; Rita Grazulis, Public Relations; Viola Skripata, Ann Chapulis, Eva Coll, Ritual; Helen Radisch, Supervisor.

Council 29 adopted the Lithuanian Parish of Pajavonys. The godparents are Joseph Chapulis and Rita Grazulis.

RITA

C-74 — SCRANTON

Marie Laske, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman C-74, and her sister Amy Benson decorated a Lithuanian table at the annual Calendar Party of the Catholic Women's Club of Scranton. The centerpiece was a beautiful wayside cross with ruta and straw decorations. The table featured a variety of Lithuanian food which was sampled by those in attendance.

Sister Virginia CJC honored all the guests by saying grace. Marcella Kukaitis, Ann Bagdon, Helen Roginski, Ann Losawsky, Anne Galenas and Ona Matulevich in Lithuanian costumes attended. One won the door prize by drawing the longest straw.

Our traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve supper Kucios was held at St. Joseph Hall, North Scranton. Ann Galenas, chairman, was assisted by Marie Laske and Margaret Laibinas as co-chairmen. Julie Grady and Betty Tomasaitis handled the reservations. Rev. Michael Ozales is pastor at St. Joseph's.

Breaking of the plotkeles took place before serving the meatless meal of twelve food items. President Edward Tomasaitis assisted in the presentation of the gifts. Members engaged in pulling straw from underneath the tablecloth to determine the length of life. Frank Katilus led the singing of Lithuanian Christmas carols to close the festive evening.

JULE GRADY

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

A Lithuanian Mass with the singing of Lithuanian Christmas carols was held on January 4 by Father Baltch. Our regular January meeting followed with Father Grigaitis saying the opening prayers.

Letters from Congressman Samuel S. Stratton, Senator Alfonse D'Amato, and Congressman Mitchell were read by Gene Gobis. They were replies to petitions signed by our council members for the cause of Vytautas Skuodis.

The Harmonija Quartet from Brooklyn, Victor Ralys, his sister Birute Malinauskiene, Petras Tutinas and Rasa Bobelyte, performed at the commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. Jack Sweet served as chairman of refreshments.

Cultural co-chairman Regina Kot read an article by Aldona Ryan on the Christmas tree.

Father Baltch presented some interesting articles from the "Pasaulio Lietuvis" magazine. He also told us that a Chair of Lithuanian Studies would be installed at the University of Illinois in Chicago. The sum of \$750,000 is needed for the project. The University will donate \$150,000. The Lithuanian Community will have to make up the difference.

The refreshment committee was chaired by John Whelley who was assisted by Willard Kensell, John Rokit, Anthony Radzevich, Jack Sweet, Charles Karbocius, Edward Ziausys and Ed Bablin. The men put on a real treat. Sirdingai aciui!

A surprise 25th wedding anniversary was put on by Bob and Gen Chase for Gen's sister and brother-in-law, Aldona and Paul Abeling, on January 9 at their home. Eleanor Olechowski, maid of honor, and Gene Gobis were among the guests. Ilgiausiu metu! Members of Council 100 wish Aldona and Paul a future of health and happiness.

SMILE AND SPARKLE

C-140 — SYRACUSE

Our November meeting was a happy one as we hashed over another successful Festival of Nations. It was

a lot of work, but the good feeling of accomplishment far outweighed the work. It is also our only source of income so that is an extra incentive to our members. We received a nice letter from our members in Niagara Falls — Mary and Chster Nowak.

Our Council Christmas Party was held at the beautiful Fireside Inn, Balswinsville, Sunday, December 12. There were 34 members and guests in attendance. After a most enjoyable dinner, a Polka Band set up and we danced and danced. It was a lovely afternoon and evening. Acius are in order for Chairman John Stanley who arranged the affair.

At our January meeting, we laid plans for our Independence Day and St. Casimir programs. Ritual Chairman Jack Brandt informed us who is eligible for certain degrees. It looks like we'll have some testing for both the second and third degrees. After the meeting, Veronica Sutkus treated us to some of her delicious goodies, and Norman Klimas treated us to some of his favorite jokes. We missed Father Bernie who had two molars removed and had to rest.

In closing we'll give you two goodies for the price of one. "Farmers think of their hen house as an egg plant" and "Stay spiritually fit — jog to church."

Pusbrolis

C-146 — HARRISBURG

Due to bad weather our council did not have a January meeting.

Harrisburg Council 146 is proud of one of its younger members, Lorraine Grabauskas. In 1979 she attended the Chicago convention with her grandmother, Helen Venis of Maspeth Council 110. She also attended the Scranton convention with her parents. At Fun Night she won the contest for Queen of Vilnius and was awarded a beautiful Lithuanian doll. At the banquet she was the recipient of a \$500 scholarship.

Lorraine Grabauskas writes as follows:

"At this time I would like to renew my feelings of appreciation to the 1981, Scholarship Committee. These days, with college costs rising as quickly as everything else, the money helps a great deal.

"In May of 1982, I shall be graduating from Harrisburg Area Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Police Administration. I hope to continue my education elsewhere in the fall.

"Since I was elected secretary of Council 146 for this year, I am continuing my activities in the Knights as I plan to do for many, many years to come.

"Acui to the Knights of Lithuania for helping me in continuing my education."

HELEN

C-147 — ST. PETERSBURG

In preparation for the Christmas Holy Days, Benediction of the Holy Eucharist at Holy Name Church was celebrated by Rev. Gasiunas on December 22. Confessions were heard. Many non-members attended and were welcome. After Benediction, a showing of slides of the Holy Land was presented by Mrs. & Mrs. Kazys Kleiva. Mrs. Kleiva made the trip last summer. To make the day complete, we had coffee, cakes, cookies and torts baked by our ladies.

President Anthony Mazeika and Kazys Kleiva, our Public Action Chairman, have recovered very well from recent surgery.

Mass was offered for the soul of member Stanley Ivanauskas who passed away recently.

The first K of L meeting of 1982 was held on January 11 at the Lithuanian-American Hall. As usual, we had good attendance.

Our Spiritual Advisor Rev. John Gasiunas installed the following officers and standing committee chairmen: Anthony Mazeika, President; Joseph Petrikas MD, Vice President; Victor August, Second Vice President; Teresa Liutkas, Membership Chairman; Kazys Kleiva, Lithuanian Public Action Chairman; Victoria Kleiva, Secretary; Marija Zigaitis, Treasurer; Alexas Kraujelis, Financial Secretary; Msgr. John Balkunas and Charles P. Vilnis, Trustees; Rev. John Gasiunas, Spiritual Program Chairman; Victoria Jakobson, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman.

Our council keeps growing each month. Our new members are Aldona Valys, Anele Sukys and Alphonsas Sukys, who is President of the Florida ALTO organization.

We were honored by the presence of our Supreme Council President Loretta Stukas and her husband Jack Stukas, Supreme Council Lithuanian Affairs Chairman. Their encouragement and praise of work done by our members in the few years C-147 has been in existence was greatly appreciated.

After the meeting, we had dinner with our honored guests at the Fish House in Pasadena.

Professor Alexander J. Aleksis celebrated his 95th birthday. Wishes for ilgiausiu Metu to you, Alexander, from all of us. Alexander is the only person living that attended the very first K of L Convention.

Alphonsas Sukys organized a Solidarity March in support of our Polish neighbors in Lithuania. Jany of Polish, Latvian, Estoian and Ukrainian descent joined us K of L'ers in native costume.

E.M.A.



**NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT**



C-147 marches in Solidaryti Parade

C-1 — BROCKTON

Our council started the 1981-82 year with elections. Brockton's new officers are Patricia Achorn, President; Veronica Bizinkauskas, Vcce President; Marion Dillis, Secretary; Doris Fralick, Treasurer; Susan Bumila, Financial Secretary.

The officers were installed at an impressive ceremony during Mass at St. Casimir Church. Fr. Shakalis, pastor and spiritual advisor, conducted the ceremony. Before Mass, Father called attention to a flower arrangement in a yellow, green and red motif, a gift of the council. He tehn noted that the organization consists mainly of American-born Lithuanians who are dedicated to preserving their Lithuanian culture and their Lithuanian heritage through the church. The new officers were presented for installation by Peter Bizinkauskas, President of the New England District and Council I member. Our prayers for a productive and rewarding year to NED President Bizinkauskas!

On December 13, Sister Helen of Our Lady of Sorrows Convent spoke on Lithuanian traditions and the Christmas Eve custom of Kucios.

Frances Bumila chaired the supper; members prepared samples of Kucios food. The Kucios was also open to the parish members.

Members are preparing for the 38th Snowflake Ball to be held at the Canoe Club in West Bridgewater with Joe Paseika and his orchestra. Proceeds benefit the council scholarship fund and activities as well as the parish. Doris Fralick and Joyce Piscitelli were appointed to co-chair the Ball.

Thank you, Susan Boroskas! Due to her efforts, Council I members will be able to examine personal files to check the dates of their degrees, the offices held, and the number of degree pints earned toward the next degree. A tedious and time-consuming job well done!

PATRICIA E. ACHORN

C-10 — ATHOL-GARDNER

Condolences are extended to Stan and Alice Perekslis on the death of Dominica Jesionis, mother of Alice Pdrekslis. Mrs. Jesionis was buried in Norwood on January 2.

Julia Strack, Father Stponaitis' housekeeper, was hospitalized recently but has mended nicely and returned to her home. Julia is a special friend of C-10.

Tina Shatos entertained both daughters over the extended Christmas holidays.

Our council members received their second degrees at the January council meeting.

Joseph Godek and family moved to Gardner from Worcester. They are owners of Rubillar Pharmacy in Gardner; we wish him and his family success. The Godeks were active members of C-26 Worcester.

C-10 will host the New England Fall Convention in September. Plans for the event were formulated.

The writer of the column wishes a Happy and Joyous Easter to all Vytis members. Linkiu visiems Vycio skaitytojams sulaukti sventu Velyku ir ne užmirškite mūsų Velykų papročių.

Vincukas

C-26 — WORCESTER

Apt comments and friendly expressions indicated that guests were having a fine time. The occasion? The annual council Christmas party held in St. Casimir's parish hall on December 8. Delicious food prepared by Rita Pinkus, Adele Degutis, Ruth Ramsdell and Ann Bender; eye-catching decorations made by Ann Walinsky and Dorothy Seilius; lovely table settings arranged by Ginny Ivaska; Christmas cheer served by Al Seilius and Steve Walinsky, Sr. — all combined to make this a wonderful party. Among those present were Rasa and Ed Grigaitis, Claire Grigaitis, Ronnie Grigaitis, Bill and Anne Leseman, Adele and Francis Degutis, Carol and Patricia Kardokas, Wanda Lescord, Ruth and Leonard Ramsdell, Joe and Antoinette Ivaska, Withold and Ginny Ivaska,

Adele Ceraska, Virginia Fikoski, Bart and Marion March, Arthur and Marion Racicot, Ruth and Vite Gadilauskas, Ann Bucinskas, Charles and Mildred Lapinskas, Bill Karas, Teresa and Kazys Adomavicius, Ellie and Steve Walinsky, Jr., Ann and Vinnie Grázulis, and Bea and Tony Anton. We wish Bea a speedy mending of her broken arm! Father Miciunas, our pastor, and Father Uzdavinis, our spiritual advisor, delivered beautiful Christmas messages; carols were sung; gifts were exchanged. And peace and good will abounded!

Mrs. Elena Kausevicius, head cook and hostess at Maironis Park for many years, died on December 4. She was genuinely loved and respected by the Knights of Lithuania because of her unfailing and willing assistance in every endeavor conducted by the K of L at Maironis Park. To her family, we extend our deepest sympathy. Her loss will be sorely felt.

Mrs. Stella Drumstas died just before Christmas. Her son, Joseph, now living in Philadelphia, was once a very active member of our council. To Joe, his wife Diane, and the other members of the Drumstas family, we extend our sincere condolences.

A few short words can hardly do justice to ten years of devoted service. February 1982 is an anniversary of great significance. Following the untimely death of our beloved former pastor, Rev. John C. Jutt, in June of 1971, our parish was concerned about the availability of a Lithuanian priest to continue an orderly succession. The Marian Fathers of Chicago most graciously accepted the invitation of the Bishop of Worcester, and the first delegation of Marians arrived in February of 1972 to begin their ministry at St. Casimir's Church. Our pastor for all this time is Rev. Anthony J. Miciunas MIC. Father Miciunas' associate for the early part of the decade was Rev. Joseph Budzeika MIC, followed by

Rev. Benjamin Uzdavinis MIC for the latter part. It is fitting that we acknowledge our appreciation to Rev. Joseph Dambrauskas MIC who was at that time the Provincial of the St. Casimir Province of Marians. Father Miciunas is Vice Provincial. Therefore, our council president, Rita Pinkus, is joined by her executive board and entire membership in offering thanks and appreciation to the Marian Fathers. We pray they be blessed with good health, peace and perseverance — and loyalty from those they serve. May the association between the Marian Fathers and our parish continue for a long time to come.

The Knights of Lithuania joined the Worcester Area Council of Lithuanians in the observances of Lithuania's Independence Day and St. Casimir's Feast Day. Also, Eduard Meilus, Jr., host of the twice-weekly FM Station WICN Lithuanian Radio Hour broadcasts, prepared special broadcasts for these occasions.

To all the Casimirs and Casimiras and to all the Josephs and Josephines, we sang "Ilgiausiu, sveikiausiu, laimingu metu!"

Su Diev iki sekancio numerio!
DZUKELE

C-50 — NEW HAVEN

Our first meeting for 1982 got underway January 10. President Frank Peterson's decision to change the date from January 3 met with much rejection. However, we had a rousing, enthusiastic get-together to start the new year.

We had installation of officers at the 10:30 Mass before the meeting.

Edward Alleshunas, Johanna and Alfonsas Martinenas and Mary and Charles Geipel were installed in the First Degree.

George Kisielus, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, was instructed to proceed with the adoption of a parish in Lithuania. Recording Secretary

Julia Glynn recommended the council prepare a budget. Albin Lipcius was appointed to handle Lithuanian Independence Day program in our parish hall.

Emily Saulys, Frank Rogers, Mae Jackub and John Aunce who were recently hospitalized are home and doing well. Keep well and come to our meetings!

Wedding bells rang for Joe and Doreen Kordorsky on September 3 at St. Francis Church. Joe's parents are worthy Knights and good parishioners. Godd luck!

Helen Balchus

C-103 — PROVIDENCE

We thank our K of L members, Ruth Krioch, Vyto and Francis Kupiskas, for setting up the Christmas Manger in our church. Also, a thank you to all parishioners for the donation of Christmas decorations and flowers.

The K of L Christmas Party was held at the Greenville Inn on December 13. It was a joyous occasion with the singing of Lithuanian and English Carols. Susan Gudeczauskas played the accordion for our entertainment. A special thank you to Susan!

The celebration of St. Casimir's Feast Day was planned by our council. St. Casimir is not only the patron saint of the K of L but also of our church.

Congratulations to John Walaska, our member and NED Treasurer, on his appointment by the Bishop as Trustee for St. Casimir's Chrucl.

Let us not forget our brothers and sisters in Lithuania. Pray for them.

Helen Denisevich

C-145 — HOLYOKE

The Christmas Boutique was, as usual, well attended and financially

rewarding. The entertainment was provided by the Birzelis Dance Group from Hartford under the direction of Dolia Dzikas. They were an attractive group of young Lithuanians who gave a professional performance. The craft items sold well, especially the straw tree ornaments. The free refreshments to our guests kept the workers on their toes.

The council's Christmas party was held at the Northampton Hilton Hotel. Our thanks are extended to Helen Kazimeraitis, our hostess who made all the arrangements.

On December 24, our local listeners to radio WHMP were treated to very beautiful recordings of Lithuanian Christmas Carols. The program was sponsored by Serio's Market. Music was selected by our spiritual advisor, Fr. Julian Jutt.

Plans for '82 were discussed at the January meeting. In observance of St. Casimir's Day, Fr. Jutt will celebrate a Mass in St. James Church in So. Deerfield. Members will gather for brunch at 1704 Restaurant. An egg decorating session with prizes for the different skills in this popular art of the Easter season is scheduled for April 3.

Margaret Picard spoke on Lithuanian culture. She suggested that the council remember deceased members by holding an Annual Memorial Mass. She donated the initial contribution.

Mary Barkowski



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The 10th anniversary of the death of Dr. Petras Dauzvardis was commemorated in December. The Lithuanian Jesuit Auditorium was filled to capacity for the celebrated Mass. Principal celebrant was Msgr. Jonas Balcunas of Florida and K of L was represented by IID Spiritual Advisor Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas and Rev. John Savukynas MIC. Following the Mass, a special program was presented with Anicetas Simutis, Lithuanian Consul General, Jonas Jurkūnas, Algerd Brazis and Margarita Momkus as speakers. The Lithuanian Opera's Men's Chorus presented the musical program. Dr. Leonas Kriauceliūnas chaired the event. Irene Sankus and Vincent Samaska served on the committee.



Dr. Leonas Kriauceliūnas
Master of Ceremonies for
Dr. Petras Daužvardis
10th Anniversary Commemoration

The IID quarterly business meeting was held in December at the K of L Building in Chicago. Following reports of the officers and chairmen, donations were appropriated to our Lithuanian press — "Draugas," "Sandara," "Naujienos" — and the Lithuanian radio

programs — "Sophie Barcus," "Margutis," "Liet. Aidai." The ever-talented Emilija Pakalniskis baked her famous Lithuanian napoleonas for the Christmas social which followed the meeting. Monica Kasper was the hostess for the social.

President Alexander Mockus and Building Manager Clemente Vidzius were reelected as K of L Building Trustees. Our building trustees are a dedicated group of men and women who do a yeoman's job of running the K of L Building. A big thank you to all of them!

Our Chicago Seniors are becoming experts in hosting a traditional Lithuanian "Kucios." The K of L Building became a Lithuanian home for this event. The hall was filled to capacity. Everyone expressed their appreciation to Clemente Vidzius, Adele Gabalas and their committee. Bernice Pupinik, former Seniors Council President, was hospitalized and her charming smile was missed.

Congratulations to Mary Rudis, national president of BALF, who was selected as "Woman of the Year" by the Lithuanian Catholic Womens Organization.

Among the many guests in attendance at this banquet were Congressman Ed Derwinski, Consul General of Lithuania Josephine Dauzvardis, His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys and Nativity BVM Pastor Rev. Anthony Zakaruskas.

A Christmas House Walk in Beecher featured a Lithuanian Christmas, held in the home of Donald and Mary Anne Nunn, daughter of Joe Martikonis. Each room of the Nunn home was decorated in a different Lithuanian theme with a special "Kucios" table. Vince Samaska, Sabina Klatt, Ann Marie Kassel and others assisted with the preparations.

Estelle Rogers headed the K of L group which attended the annual Christmas party of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture.

Our K of L Dancers, under the leadership of Frank Zapolis, and the K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia, again presented the Lithuanian Day program during the Museum of Science and Industry's "Christmas Around the World" pageant. The large audience truly enjoyed the dancers' presentation of Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis' Lithuanian Christmas play, their lively dancing, and the choir's musical program.

Belated congrats to Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Shotas C-112, K of L golf winners. Our annual golf day is held in conjunction with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce.

A wish for a successful K of L term to HM Adele Gabalas, Chicago Seniors President and John Strolia, K of L Juniors President.

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C-36 — CHICAGO

Council 36 honored Past President Zofia Zukas before a capacity crowd of members and friends on Monday December 14, at the K of L Center, by presenting her with a "Life Membership Award" for her many years of dedicated service to the national, district and local Knights of Lithuania. Mrs. Zukas has been an active member of Council 36 since 1948.

President John L. Paukstis, in making the presentation, praised Mrs. Zukas for her outstanding record and great contribution in the constant fight for Lithuania's freedom and for keeping alive Lithuanian history and customs.

Ona Naureckas chaired our Valentine Dance. A good time was had by all.



Officers of C-36 witnessing the presentation to Zofia Zukas are: Standing l. to r. Sec'y Georgianna Kassel, Lith. Affairs Chm. Ruth Kazlauskas, Parliamentarian Ann Marie Kassel, President John Paukstis awarding Life Membership to Past. Pres. Zofia Zukas, Trustee Vince Samaska, Sgt-at-arms J. Martikonis. Seated l. to r. Sgt-at-arms Jerome Jankus, V.P. Irene Norushis, Historian Lucille Kilkus and Lith. Culture Cmn. Ona Naureckas.

Our sympathy is extended to Peggy Zakaras on the death of her sister, Kate Dumas.

"Welcome Home" to Bernice Pupinick after being in the hospital over six weeks. She is in good spirits and will be staying with her daughter, Ann Marie Kassel, until she is stronger. We all wish her well. She thanks everyone for the get-well wishes.

Irene Norushis has been ill for quite some time with the flu. We wish her a speedy recovery.

President Paukstis hopes that everyone keeps his New Year's Resolutions to bring in new members and attend meetings. C-36 meets on the fourth Monday of the month. Let's make 1982 a great year.

Sabina

C-112 — CHICAGO

President Paul Binkis, Jr. appointed the following to head the various council committees: Lithuanian Affairs — Rev. John Savukynas; Ritual — Ruth and Albert Dagis; Cultural — Eleanor Kasputis; Membership — Estelle Rogers; Publicity — Lithuanian, Emilija Pakalniskis — English, Ruth Dagis; "Vytis" — Irene Sankus; Social — Maria Deksnis and Susan Bolanos; Courtesy — Monica Kaspar; Assistant Corresponding Secretary — Julie Zakarka.

The new council officers and chairmen held their first meeting at the home of Irene Sankus in October. The November and December Board Meetings were hosted by Al and Alice Cekanor, Ellie Kasputis, respectively. Vice President Ed Deksnis, Board Chairman, led the lively and productive meetings.

Special guest speakers and socials continue to highlight our council meetings. Following the October meeting, the Rev. Vyto Mikolaitis, Nativity BVM's new vicar and former pastor of Holy Cross Church, spoke on the history

of the Lithuanian parishes in Chicagoland. He gave us much insight on the situation but saddened us with the many closings due to the changing neighborhoods.

Following the November meeting, our social committee held a Turkey Raffle. The December meeting was highlighted by a Christmas buffet with members bringing their specialties. Carols in English and Lithuanian were led by Ruth Dagis, Al Shulicke, Estelle Rogers and Adele Druktanis, our west coast guest.

Our annual fund-raiser was entitled "A Knight in the Old West," a western theme party with guests in blue jeans, gingham dresses, 10-gallon hats, boots, etc. The K of L Building resounded with western music and song. Al and Alice Cekanor's large group of "smoothies" added to the fun. Al Mockus, Al and Julie Zakarka, Ruth and Al Dagis, Paul Binkis, Ed and Marie Deksnis, Susan Bolanos served on the committee.

In order to prepare for the Midwest Bowling Tournament, a bowling social was held at Miami Bowl followed by pizza at Caesar's Inn. Superbowler IID President Vince Samaska chaired the event.

The official council Christmas Party was held at "Beyond the Reef." All in attendance enjoyed the repast and the company of K of L friends.

Our own Father John Savukynas MIC has been re-assigned to St. Mary's Church in Darien. He is attempting to organize a new council. The first activity at the church was the annual IID Memorial Mass.

Congratulations to John Narusis on his appointment as the New Supreme Council Legal Advisor.

Cultural Chairlady Eleanor Kasputis arranged for a Lithuanian book display which was organized by Kazys Rozankis. This display and sale gave many of us an opportunity to expand our Lithuanian libraries.

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C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

We despise the shoveling, getting stuck in the snow and all the effort in getting to places on time. However, there was no effort in being on time for the New Year's Eve Party held at the Cultural Center. A wonderful turnout of members contributed to its success. After the opening prayer and welcome address by Rev. V. Krisciunevicius, pastor of Divine Providence, the place sparkled with activity. There was lots of good food, champagne, party favors, and dancing to music of the "Romantikos," and a bevy of glittery, high-fashion gowns and party dresses.

Although the party was sponsored by the Divine Providence Parish Council, Joseph Yakstys of C-79 chaired the event. His objective of bringing in the New Year in a grand old manner with everybody partying and socializing in good fellowship was accomplished. Labai aciui to the Parish Council and Joe and his helpers.

The year was only three days old when we were saddened to learn of the sudden death of our member Bernard (Bernie) Vitkus. Ironically, he died two and a half months after his beloved wife Adeline. Bernie will be remembered for his excellent work

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on pre-Lenten dinners, New Year parties, festivals and other activities. At one time he served as chef on the Delphine yacht of the Dodge family. Whatever the event of activity, Bernie always put his "heart and soul" into it. We have great reason to miss him. Our sympathy to his children — Bernie, Jr., Leonard and Barbara Milligan, and their families. May he rest in eternal peace.

Sincere sympathy to Dorothy Sackle upon the death of her husband Anthony, a member of C-79, on January 18. Also, our condolences to Ed Sackle. Lord grant unto him eternal rest.

Undeterred by the bitter, bitter cold weather on January 10, eight members helped serve coffee and pyragu for the parish coffee social. Thanks to George & Marie Kase, Antoinette Baron, Sophie & Frank Zager, Estelle Gogelis, Cynthia Jackson and Jadvyga Rukstele.

Dull moments are few and far between with the 79ers. The cold months found our members going on the double. George and Marie Kase enjoyed a two-week visit with their eldest son and family in Connecticut. Antoinette Baron spent some time visiting her daughter Kathy and son-in-law Bob in Naples, FLORIDA. Pete and Albina Stanulis flew to Oregon for a visit with their two married sons and families. Bertha Janus visited Al and Emma Mikenas in Arizona.

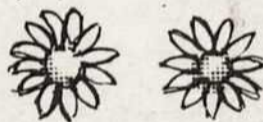
John "Chip" Newberry was presented his Second Degree on January 6 by his grandmother,

Magdalena Smailis, member of SC Ritual Committee. Congratulations, Chip!

Finally — the Super Bowl XVI is over! Many people will remember Detroit and Pontiac for a long time. Despite snow and chilly temperatures, there was a blizzard of shows, games, souvenirs, bands, parties and super hospitality all over town. Bourbon Street North, the temporary New Orleans-cum-Saginaw Street entertainment strip in Pontiac, sparkled with people smiling, crowds all over, plenty of ethnic food, music, arts and crafts. Revellers enjoyed a super "Fourth of July" display of fireworks in January.

Our warmest wishes to all the visitors, fans and neighbor Ohioans — hoping that they will long remember our city's friendly welcome!

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C-102 — DETROIT

Our Christmas Kucios once again was held at the beautiful home of Bob and Vince Boris. This is the best attended social of our council. Every year we are happy to see familiar faces of the past; namely, Emil and Marie Podzius, Rose Podolski and her daughter. The evening always begins with a beautiful Mass celebrated by our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Stan. Our carols this year were sung in Lithua-

nian. After the Mass, a beautiful Kučios supper was enjoyed by all. The dessert, a beautiful Lithuanian torte, was baked by Angela Buksnis. Ann Uznis and Donna Bunikis were the hostesses.

Vince Boris, whom everyone is happy to see and hear about his yearly experiences, was home for the holidays. Dr. John Stankievich and family visited his parents.

Our council was saddened by the death of Tony Smolak. Tony and his wife Helen were C-102 members since the late thirties. Helen is a past president of our council. Helen and TONY WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS UNTIL THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS WHEN Tony's health curtailed their activities. Tony's pride of his Knight's membership was shown as he lay in state with his Fourth Degree Medal. Our deepest sympathy to Helen and his family. May ony's soul rest in peace.

Frank Petroski, a bowler from C-79, was also laid to rest in December. Frank and Betty were fun bowlers. Frank's illness prevented them from bowling with us, but they came to the bowling alleys to visit with the league bowlers. Our deepest sympathy to Betty and children. May Frank's soul rest in peace.

Our bowling league enjoyed a beautiful Christmas party this year. Nellie Mellis C-79, Chris Kryniec and Albina Kurpowic C-139 together with Joe Guerriero C-102 served on the committee. Everyone enjoyed the food and socializing.

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