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# OUR LORD'S EASTER GIFT

**P E A C E**



You've noticed, I am sure, in the Gospels read on the Sundays after the Resurrection that the word "peace" was constantly on the lips of Our Risen Lord: "Peace be to you". While it is true that "peace" - Shalom - was a common greeting among the Jewish people, when Christ spoke, he gave that word a very special meaning.

The word "peace" is found almost three hundred times in the Old Testament and over one hundred times in the New Testament.

It is, of course, not used in exactly the same way each time. "Peace be to you." may be a greeting, but "My peace I give you." is not a greeting. The Christmas angelic hymn, "Peace on earth, to men of good will" was God's Christmas gift to men. "My peace I give you." is Our Lord's Easter gift to us. It includes God's grace and love and joy.

We may ask ourselves: just what does the word "peace" mean? Saint Augustine's basic definition was: "tranquillity of order," that is, a satisfaction that comes about when we realize that all things are right, in order, between two persons (or nations).

When Christ used the word "peace" as gift, his primary intention was the contentment and joy that comes when there is a right order and relation between God and man, and between person and person. Once our relationship is right with God, it's easy to make things right between persons and even nations.

The basic ingredient of peace is love of God, charity, which results from recognizing the correct ordering of all things and persons and giving top priority to God, His Will, His Law.

By the way of contrast, peace (Communist style) is none of the above. It is in reality violence and hatred. It is strange, but I think it is true to say that the Communist Party, which ruthlessly controls the atheistic world, has written and spoken the word "peace" more often in the past sixty years than Christian writers, preachers and speakers combined.

For Communists, too, peace has different meanings. They make it mean whatever they choose. Thus, for them "peace" has become a counterfeit word. Sometimes they use it in the sense that we do: a period of "non-war", no fighting between nations, as in "peaceful coexistence". But most often Communist "peace" is a camouflage for the following realities:

- Power
- Expansion
- Atheism and Aggression
- Conquest
- Extermination.

Peace, therefore, Communist style, signifies military power, motivated by imperialism, pushing them to expand all over the world, denying God, seizing lands and peoples with a single thought: to exterminate the freedom of peoples and of nations and of all human rights.

What a contrast to the peace of Christ!

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. Not as the world gives, do I give you." (John 14, 27). We are reminded of these words at every Mass just before the Communion.

Peace, then, is Christ's Easter gift to us, not just for Easter Sunday, but for every Sunday and every day. This gift of Our Lord is meant to be used and enjoyed, like the gift of the

Eucharist. We start by fitting ourselves into God's Plan. There is only one way in which we fit. **GOD FIRST**, whether we eat or drink or work or play. When we have done this, we immediately sense "the tranquillity of order" in our lives. We soon realize that God's Plan is permeated with love. We fall in love with those whom God loves. The result? We have and enjoy peace.

Peace like charity is something we just cannot keep within ourselves. We have to share it. We must want everyone everywhere to have and enjoy it. This is God's Plan, too.

How do we go about sharing Christ's gift of peace with others?

We pray for peace.

The way things are at present in this world (the two superpowers poised for confrontation) we can expect war at almost anytime. One world news analyst recently declared that war is extremely likely during the 1980's! This is frightening. This is horrible!

Christ said: "These things I have spoken to you, that **IN ME** you may have peace ... have confidence, I have overcome the world." (John 16, 33)

We have one other strong encouragement to pray for peace: Our Blessed Mother's message spoken at Fatima in 1917 (and I quote): "If my requests are granted," Mary said, "Russia will be converted and there will be peace."

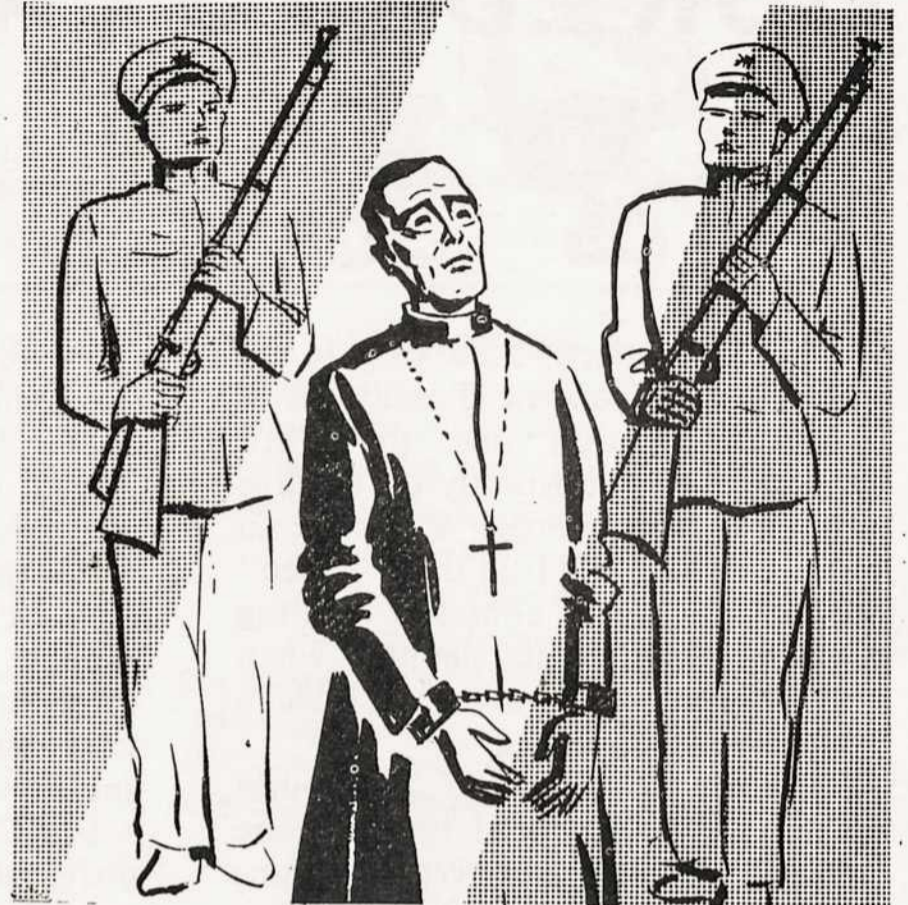
What more need be said?

Pray for peace.

Pray **THE ROSARY** for peace.

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

# WAS THIS MAN A CRIMINAL?



## Chronology Of A "Criminal"

Secret police and security agents in a totalitarian state are very careful to keep secret reports of their investigations and activities. This is true in Soviet occupied Lithuania. The following article is an attempt to pierce that curtain of secrecy to show the communist mind at work, as it proceeds to uproot religious beliefs. We take the case of "V.J.", one of the thousands in secret files.

The very first notations to be found in this case state: V.J. born August 9, 1948; rather imprisoned for anti-Soviet activities; mother believed to possess information regarding participants in illegal activities. Customary interrogations to be made.

1960-66: High school years. Unsatisfactory Soviet orientation. V.J. shows dangerous attachment to anti-athiest mentality. Ordinary surveillance recommended.

1966: V.J. has applied for admission to Intradiocesan Theological Seminary in Kaunas. Application refused.

1967: V.J. renews application to Seminary. Interrogated by Security. Declared unsuitable. Request denied.

1968: V.J. made a third request for admission to Seminary. Rector of Seminary persuaded to inform candidate: "This year your request is denied. Please reapply in May of 1969."

1969: (May): Rector's response: "You are hereby informed that your request is denied and that you will not be permitted to study at the Seminary."

1970: Rector of Seminary ordered to send the following reply to V.J.: "We cannot satisfy your request to enroll in the Saminary this year. We suggest you reapply next year."

1971: Security recommendation: No reply is to be sent to V.J.'s sixth consecutive application to enroll in the Seminary.

1972: Report on surveillance of V.J. Subject obtained position as driver; is also part time construction worker in renovation of house of cult in town of Pajevonis.

1972: Informant via telephone describes suspicious activities by V.J. Investigate "disturbance of peace" — door to door visitations by suspect.

V.J. arrested, interrogated, apartment search discovered hundreds of signatures collected by him attached to memorandum demanding freedom of beliefs for Lithuanian citizens.

V.J. sternly warned of serious consequences of such illegal activity. Released.

Memo: Rumors persist that V.J. continues signature collecting; no further evidence discovered. Begin high level surveillance.

1973: Second search of V.J.'s apartment uncovered illegal publication of booklet "I seek your face". Evidence: Twenty stencils of above-mentioned anti-Soviet booklet. Hold suspect for trial for violation of par. 68 of the Criminal Code (possession and distribution of illegal publications) and par. 199 (lies and slander against the Soviet system).

1974 (April): V.J. tried by Supreme Court of Soviet Lithuania, sentenced to two years in County jail in Pravieniske

1974: Prison warden's report: Prisoner V.J.'s health rapidly deteriorating. It would greatly damage Soviet power, if V.J. should die in prison. From Chief, Secret Police: "Prisoner V.J. must not be permitted to die in prison. Release prisoner at once. Return to his domicile.

1978: Ex-prisoner V.J. employed as sacristan in house of cult, Kybartai. No new suspicions of illegal activity discovered.

1978 (Nov. 1st): Ex-prisoner V.J. began exercising functions as minister of cult in Kybartai. Fullscale, TOP PRIORITY, investigation to determine circumstances and accomplices in illegal "ordination".

1980 (February): Medical report: V.J. gravely ill, dying.

1980 (February 17): Ex-prisoner V.J. died on this date.

1980 (February 19): All secret agents investigate Vatican Radio report concerning death of V.J. Highest level surveillance of Kybartai area to be initiated.

1980 (Feb. 21): Dangerous manifestations of people observed. Thousands of people participated in funeral of V.J. One hundred ministers of cult attended. Anti-atheistic sentiments expressed in sermons. Special grave site selected near steeple of Kybartai house of cult.

(This secret file on "V.J." terminates with death. For the TRUTH about "V.J." please read GLORY OF THE UNDERGROUND on another page of this issue.)



## THE OAK TREES

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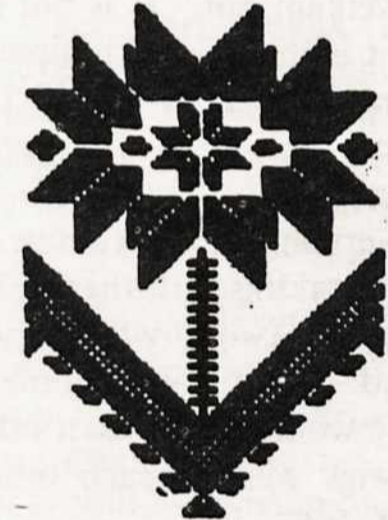
They are coming: the gigantic, rigorous mass.  
Slowly swaying their overburdened tree-tops,  
And like faraway thunder, like the drums  
Echo their strange, vibrating song:

- we are bearing the sky —
- we are bearing the blood-red sky —
- we are bearing the extinguished sky —
- we are bringing the darkness.

Their tremendous, shadowy arms,  
With ravaged, mutilated fingers embracing,  
Supporting the solidified cloud:  
Like an enormous, black coffin.

They are coming. They are bringing the sunset.  
Slowly swaying gigantic, rigorous mass.

—Henrikas Nagys



### ONA PIEZA

Wife of H.M. Stanley Pieza  
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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Please remember in your**  
**prayers...**

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In Lithuania, on Palm Sunday, the parents would awaken their children by gently hitting them with a twig of juniper (Verba). They would say, "Ne aš mušu, verba muša, linkiu tau sveikam but." It is not I hitting you, it is the twig of juniper. I wish you health." They would then announce that in a week it will be Easter.

Everyone in the family went to church, taking with them a bouquet of juniper twigs, where they were blessed. On the way home, young people would strike each other with the twigs wishing each other good health.

During Holy Week only work connected with the Easter Holiday was allowed. The house had to be cleaned on maundy Tuesday.

On Good Friday it was forbidden to dust, lest the dust fall in Christ's Eyes. No one could thrash grain, grind flour or wash clothes. They were not allowed to plant on that day.



## CULTURAL CORNER

### LITHUANIAN EASTER CUSTOMS

by Anna K. Wargo



On Holy Saturday, the most important ritual was the blessing of the fire and water. These were brought home from church and later were used for all kinds of protection.

On Easter morning, people hurried to church before sunrise for the Resurrection Mass. The service began in the morning with a procession three times around the church. The people sang "Linksma Diena, mums nušvito." (A happy day has dawned for us). The High Mass followed the procession and after Mass, the blessing of the food baskets took place.



Upon arriving home, the blessed food was placed upon the table. After the strict fasting of Lent, the Easter Breakfast was a solemn event. There was the paschal lamb, ham, pyragus, and baked goods. A basket of margučiai was in the center of the table. The children would take the eggs and strike them. The one who cracked the other's egg kept it. Easter Day was always devoted to the family.

The young people spent the second day of Easter in merrymaking. The most popular game was the rolling of eggs. They would make a small incline and roll two eggs — the one who was able to crack the other's egg was the winner.



In some sections of Lithuania, young men called "lalauninkai" would visit their neighbor's homes asking for Easter Eggs and singing Kristukas (a resurrection hymn). The lalauninkai walked from house to house with musicians, greeting the landlords and wishing them well. For unmarried women they would sing a romantic song called lalinka in order that they would get married fast.

The other people would visit friends and relatives on this second day of Easter. The Easter festivities continued until Low Sunday.

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# LANGUAGE LORE

## Understanding the Lithuanian Language II

— Dr. Algirdas Budreckis

ant-super-supra  
ap-, api- apy- = about,  
around  
at-, ata-, ato- = re-, back,  
retro-  
be- = without  
i, in-, im- = in, into  
iš- = from, out of, ex-  
ne- = non (negative)  
pa- = by, beside, sub-  
nuo-, nuo- = from, complete

par- + = across, through,  
trans-  
per- = through; thoroughly  
po- = post-, after, sub-  
pri- = to, by, ad-  
prieš = against, anti-, ante-,  
pre-  
pro- = through, trans, pre-  
-si- reflexive, when used be-  
tween prefix and root.  
su-, sam-, san-, sa- = with,  
together  
už = pro-, beyond, complete

Let us see how the use of the root “darb-” and “dirb-” used together with prefixes and suffixes creates a vocabulary. The basic word **darbas** (work) can be used to form nouns and adjectives: **darbininkas** (worker), **darbuotojas** (striver, achiever), **darbdavys** (employer), **bedarbis** (unemployed), **nedarbas** (unemployment), **uzdarbis** (wage), **darbietis** (laborite), **darbovietė** (place of work), **darbymetis** (working hours), **darbotvarkė** (schedule, agenda), **rankdarbis** (handicraft), **juodadarbis** (common laborer), **darbštus** (industrious), **darbštumas** (industriousness), **darbininkija** (labor), **darbingas** (working), **darbingumas** (industriousness), **įdarbis** or **įdarbinimas** (on the job training). “Darb-” could also be used to form verbs: **darbuotis** (to strive, to work toward some goal) and **įsidarbinti** — to train on the job.

The root “dirb-” can also be used to form nouns: **dirbtuvė** (factory), **dirbtinumas** (artificially from **dirbtinis** — artificial), **dirbinys** — product, **išdirbystė** (manufacture, craft), **išdirbimas** (manufacturing).

For the most part, **dirb-** is used in forming action verbs: **dirbti** (to work), **dirbinėti** (to work frequently), **apdirbti** (to fashion, to work about; also to besmear), **atidirbti** (to serve, to repay by work), **apsidirbti** (to compromise oneself), **atsidirbti** (to serve out), **išdirbti** (to work out; to slander), **įsidirbti** (to become soiled), **nedirbti** (not to work), **padirbti** (to work a while; to counterfeit), **pardirbti** (to work through), **perdirbti** (to rework, to transform), **pridirbti** (to soil), **prisidirbti** (to soil oneself), **sudirbti** (to beat, to put down), **uždirbti** (to earn), **užsidirbti** (to earn for oneself).

Like most organic languages **Lithuanian is an inflected** language. In other words, Lithuanian words undergo change of form to mark such distinctions as those of case, gender, number, tense, person, mood or voice. Thus, there are seven cases in modern Lithuanian, two genders, two numbers (with traces of dual number), and four tenses.

Lithuanian is an organic language. An organic language is one which is able to take basic, inherent words or their parts and use them to build up systematically a larger vocabulary. An analogy would be chemistry, whereby a scientist uses basic building blocks (atoms) to form compounds and mixtures. An organic language is able to use native words to create new words.

The basic elements in word formation are: roots, suffixes, and pre-fixes.

Root or base words are stems to which prefixes and suffixes can be added. They are the most elementary words in the language. The Lithuanian language has between 3000 and 4000 such stems, as for example: **tev-**, **mot-**, **nam-**, **balt-**, **juod-**, **salt-**, **silt-**, **med-**, **vilk-**, **eis-**, **darb-**, etc. From such roots we can easily form basic words: **tevas** (father), **motina** (mother), **moteris** (woman), **namas** (house), **baltas** (white), **juodas** (black), **saltas** (cold), **siltas** (warm), **medis** (wood or tree), **vilkas** (wolf), **eismas** (traffic), **eiti** (to go), **darbas** (work).

A suffix is a syllable, group of syllables or word added at the end of the word or word base to change its meaning, give it grammatical function, or form a new word. There are several hundred suffixes in the Lithuanian language, most of them give diminutive or endearing shades of meaning to the base word (**mazas**, **mazutis**, **mazutėlis**, **mazuciukas**, **mazyliis**, **mazelis**, **mazulaitelis**, etc.) Others are archaic and are no longer used to form new words. In the case of the nouns, the following endings or suffices are still used to form new nouns: **-ininkas**, **ytojas**, **-iklis**, **-ynas**, **-ine**, **-ilke**, **-umas**, **-is**. A few modern examples are: **trumpabangininkas** (“radio ham”), **įtaigotojas** (lobbyist), **variklis** (motor), **saugykla** (depository), **salynas** (archipelago), **draustinė** (game preserve), **tirpiklė** (fuse), **radioaktyvumas** (radioactivity), **rubidis** (rubidium).

A prefix is a syllable, group of syllables or word united with or joined to the beginning of another word to alter its meaning or create a new word. Many prefixes in Lithuanian are prepositions. The following prefixes occur in standard Lithuanian:



## THE GLORY OF UNDERGROUND

“V.J.” are the initials of Virgilijus Jaugelis, FATHER VIRGILIJUS JAUGELIS, the first known priest to be trained in the Underground Seminary of the Catholic Church in Soviet occupied Lithuania. Its location, professors and students remain a closely guarded secret. The Lithuanian Catholic Church was forced into the underground to train its future priests, because the government Seminary in Kaunas limits admissions to a mere handful each year, in spite of the fact that about 20 priests die each year. In this way the Communists quietly strangle the ministry of the Catholic Church in Lithuania.

Virgilijus was an exceptional character from his earliest days. As a child he would accompany his devout mother to Mass daily. As soon as he was old enough, to go to church alone, he would do so, arriving at church long before Mass would begin to pray the Rosary, to make the Stations of the Cross or just to kneel and pray. He soon became a regular server at Mass.

During his high school years this son of “an enemy of the people” began to feel an attraction for the priesthood. As soon as he received his diploma (1966), he applied for admission to the Seminary in Kaunas. Seven years in a row he was refused, not because he was academically unprepared or unsuited in character for the priesthood, but only because of the general government repression of religion. The Secret Police vetoed his application each time. Seminary officials were helpless to change their decisions.

Jaugelis never lost hope, even after he was told that he would not be permitted — ever — to study for the priesthood. He got a job as a driver. He worked as a construction worker helping to rebuild a Catholic Church in his neighborhood.

In 1972 a copy of the underground publication “Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania” fell into his hands. He was fired with an extraordinary zeal to serve the Church. He immediately involved himself in the dangerous

activities of duplicating and distributing this underground “Chronicle” of the persecutions of Catholics in Lithuania.

That same year (1972) he actively participated in gathering signatures from Lithuanian Catholics on a petition demanding religious freedoms. Seventeen thousand signatures were collected by Jaugelis and others. This petition finally did reach Soviet authorities in Moscow and even the United Nations. Someone reported this activity to the Secret Police; Jaugelis was “detained” by Security for interrogations. Perhaps, because this was a first offense, he was only warned and threatened with severe penalties, if he persisted in this kind of criminal activity against the Soviet system.

But he did not change his convictions or activities. He continued collecting signatures for other petitions. He went on collaborating in the work of the “Chronicles”, longing all the while to become a priest.

He was placed under strict surveillance by the Secret Police. In 1974 Virgilijus Jaugelis was arrested, his apartment raided, and



evidence of so-called "illegal publications", namely, 20 stencils of a religious booklet entitled "I seek your face", were found in his apartment. He was also accused of printing 100 copies of number 6 of the "Chronicle".

He was jailed to await trial. Brutal prison conditions gravely undermined his health. At his trial before the Supreme Court of Soviet occupied Lithuania, which began on September 3, 1974, he maintained a dignity and showed a courage worthy of an ancient Christian martyr. He was found guilty, sentenced to two years of loss of freedom in a general regime prison colony.

Harsh prison conditions undermined Jaugelis health almost totally. Prison officials, fearing bad publicity, if he should die in prison, secretly spirited him out of prison and dumped him on his own doorstep to die.

Miraculously, or almost miraculously, Virgilijus regained his health, though severe pains never left him.

At this point he found employment as a church sacristan. He rejoiced at the opportunities to pray — especially for the persecuted Church in his homeland. His desire to become a priest was as solid and strong as ever.

While Virgilijus Jaugelis was walking his personal way of the Cross — rejection by Seminary officials (forced to do so by Soviet Secret Police), harassments, trial, imprisonment, a painful illness — the Church opened up for him a secret door to the Underground Seminary. Virgilijus quietly and secretly began his studies for the priesthood.

During these years of preparation the people of the parish of Kybartai noticed only that their sacristan became an avid reader. Virgilijus always had a book in his hands or nearby.

Imagine, then, their amazement and surprise, when, on November 1st, 1978, someone else came out to light the candles and **Father** Virgilijus Jaugelis stepped up to the altar to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass.

This was truly an act of courage on the part of Father Jaugelis. According to Soviet law every minister of cult (as priests are called in the Soviet Union) must be registered, must have a work permit. Father Jaugelis had not complied with this law.

What would happen now? Arrest? Another trial? Deportation to a slave labor camp in Siberia? Father Jaugelis was not afraid. He obeyed God's calling. He was a priest for ever.

His health began to fail again, his physical pains increased. The thirty year old priest took to his bed.

On February 17th, Father Jaugelis received the Last Rites and soon thereafter passed through death to Life Everlasting, signed with the sacramental seal of the Eternal Priesthood of Christ, his childhood dream fulfilled.

The report of his death and funeral were broadcast over Vatican Radio on February 19th. Over one hundred priests participated in the Masses, thousands of people, old and young, attended. The memorial services lasted four days.

In the funeral homily Father A. Svarinskas described Father Virgilijus as "a torch which during the times of raging Godlessness shows the road to the ideal, the goal". At the close of his trial in December, 1974 Virgilijus Jaugelis was allowed to make a closing statement to the Supreme Court. Instead of defending himself (at the beginning of the trial Jaugelis refused a defense attorney saying: "My defender will be God") ... he defended the Church and the religious rights of the Lithuanian people.

Here are some excerpts from the closing statement made by Virgilijus Jaugelis:



*Funeral Procession of Father V. Jaugelis*



*Fr. A. Svarinskas delivering sermon at funeral of Fr. V. Jaugelis on February 21, 1980.*

"Who are we in the eyes of the atheists? Fanatics, ignoramuses, out of step with life. Who will speak for us? Who will aid us, if all government positions are filled with atheists, and we, the faithful, are left at the very bottom of the proletarian class?"

"How do you understand the word 'freedom'?" Perhaps as the closing of churches and their conversion into warehouses and concert halls? Perhaps, as the imprisonment

of priests for catechising children? Or perhaps, as the turning of children against their believing parents? Why are our natural rights ignored?

"Here we stand before the highest tribunal. Here should be the fairest people. And what do we see? Betrayal, lies and coercion.

"Millions of martyrs died for and suffered for Christ, for the truth that He preached. Let not the atheists think that there are none to-

day who are unafraid to suffer for the truth, for their faith and the needs of the Church."

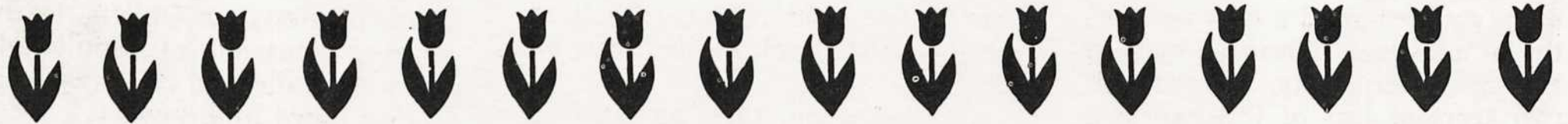
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Can anyone read about heroes like Father Virgilijus Jaugelis and not awaken a stronger determination to do more to help the suffering Church and suffering Catholics in Lithuania?

— Fr. A.A. Jurgelaitis, O.P.



## KIAUŠINIŲ KROKETAI

(EGG CROQUETTE)

- 6 Kiaušiniai (Eggs)
- 2 Šaukšt Alyvos (2 t Oil)
- 2 Tryniai (2 egg yolks)

Francūziška bulka (French Roll) soaked in milk squeezed out.

Žalių krapų arba petruškų. (Fresh Dill or chopped Parsley)

6 kiaušinius kietai išvirti, padėti į šaltą vandenį, išėmus nulupti ir smulkiai sukapti ar sumalti. Įpilti 2 šaukščiukus alyvos., įdėti 2 trynius ir išmirkytą piene ir išspaustą bulką. Dar pridėti šaukštą sutrinto Parmezano sūrio. Viską gerai ištrinti. Tešlą padalinti į 12 ar 14 lygių dalių, padaryti pailgus pyragėlius. Pavilgyti kėšinyje ir apvolioti sausainiuose. Paskui sudėti į karštą sviestą ar alyvą, kad paraustų. Apversti vieną kartą. Išimti koštuvėliu, sudėti ant sugeriamo popieriaus. Paduoti šiltus apibarstant petruškom arba krapais. Arba galima apipilti grybų padažu.

## COOK'S CORNER

By Mary Lucas

### Tuna-Noodle Casserole

- 3 Cups dry noodles, cooked in salt water and drained
- 2 Hard boiled eggs, coarsely chopped
- 1 6 oz. can chunk tuna
- 2 T. chopped pimientos
- 1 4 oz. can button mushrooms
- 1 Can mushroom soup
- 2/3 Can milk plus 1/2 stick butter
- 1 Cup crushed potato chips
- 1 Cup shredded Colby cheese
- Paprika



Using 1/3 of each of the first 5 ingredients, layer into a 2 qt. buttered casserole.

Bring the mushroom soup and milk to a boil, add the butter. Pour 1/3 of it over the first layer. Build second layer same as first. Use second third of soup mixture. Add the last layer of ingredients. pour the rest of soup mixture over all. Spread the shredded cheese on top. Sprinkle with the crushed potato chips and paprika.

Bake in 350° oven till bubbly and lightly browned on top.



May Easter Day and the days to come hold much happiness and many blessings for you.



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## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY - August 5

Registration - 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
Opening Mass - 3:00 P.M.  
Buffet - 4:30 P.M.  
1st Plenary Session - 6:00 P.M.

### FRIDAY - August 6

Registration - 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
2nd Plenary Session - 9:00 A.M.  
3rd Plenary Session - 2:00 P.M.  
Optional Program for Juniors  
Concert - 7:30 P.M.  
Semi-Formal Dance - 9:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY - August 7

4th Plenary Session - 9:00 A.M.  
"Juniors" Session - 9:00 A.M.  
5th Plenary Session - 2:00 P.M.  
Closing Banquet - 7:30 P.M.

### SUNDAY - August 8

Closing Mass - 10:00 A.M.  
(Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church)  
Convention Photograph - 11:00 A.M.  
"Farewell" Luncheon - 12 Noon  
(Lithuanian Club)

(On-site Swimming Pools, Tennis, nearby Golf Courses, Theatres, Cleveland Zoo, City Tours, River Cruises, etc. available for "Early Birds".)

# C'mon Out! Just for the fun of it.

# A DAY IN ROME

by Joseph Boley



*Archbishop Jonas Bulaitis second from right*



*At the Bishop's Consecration*

It was an unforgettable experience!

On the morning of the Feast of the Epiphany, our contingent of Londoners and other friends and relatives of Monsignor Jonas Vytautas Bulaitis, breakfasted early in a spirit of nervous excitement.

At 8:30, we were picked up at Villa Lituania, where we were lodged, and driven by bus and cars through narrow, winding cobblestone streets in exceedingly heavy traffic. We arrived at St. Peter's Basilica at the appointed hour of nine o'clock.

Each of us had been ticketed beforehand and directed to a seat location according to the color of our ticket. With my white ticket in hand, I was privileged to sit with members of the family in the third row of our section, slightly to the left of the sanctuary. The front center rows were soon to be occupied by red-robed bishops and cardinals.

The Mass, in Latin, started at ten o'clock. The celebrant was Pope John Paul II. The organ and the Vatican Choir frequently resounded throughout the vast space of the largest church in all of Christendom.

Some local clergy estimated that there were at least 10,000 people in the church that day. Among American guests were Msgr. Balčiunas, Putnam, Conn.; Elena Gagas, New Milford, N.J.; and fellow-knight, Father Casimer Pugevičius.

Early in the Mass, two surpliced attendants placed nine pillows across the floor in front of the altar. After the reading of the Gospel, the nine about-to-be-consecrated bishops, including Msgr. Bulaitis and also two Americans, Msgr. Thomas J. O'Brien of Phoenix, and Msgr. Anthony M. Milone of Omaha, made their entrance into the sanctuary.

In unison, they prostrated themselves on the floor and remained in that position during the singing of the entire Litany of all the Saints. Then the bishops, one by one, went up to the Pope who, from his Papal throne, pronounced the first words of consecration. More prayers were said when the Pope held an open book of gospels over each bishop's head and then prayers were chanted by the Pope when each bishop received his mitre.

One beautiful, heart-warming scene was created when the cardinals and bishops witnessing the ceremonies came up to greet and bestow on their new confreres a brotherly kiss.

With the intoning of the Credo, the Mass resumed. At Communion time, formally attired ushers assembled the close relatives of the new bishops in the center aisle to receive Communion from the Pope. The rest of the congregation received

Communion in their seat locations from one of dozens of priests who filed out from the sanctuary into every section of the Basilica.

After Communion, the Choir and the assembly joined in to sing "Te Deum".

At the end of the Mass, the Pope with the new bishops who had circled around the altar, sang "Tu est Petrus" ("You are Peter and upon that rock I shall build my church"). They then descended to the lower level and disappeared out of sight. There was total silence for a minute or two. I was beginning to think we had reached the end of the Service.

But soon the hymn was heard again and, one by one, the group

reappeared in the sanctuary. We realized they had been down to pay homage to St. Peter whose tomb lies directly underneath the altar.

There was another joyous moment when the new bishops, wearing their mitres and accompanied by two attendants, walked down the center aisle blessing the people. Several, on reaching their cluster of friends, were greeted with applause.

Following this series of benedictions, those holding white tickets were escorted to the Chapel of the Pieta. Each group gathered around its own bishop and awaited the visit from His Holiness. Many of the guests had the opportunity to exchange a few words and to shake his

hand. So ended the three-hour ceremony.

Back at our guest house, we had a friendly reception for our Archbishop Bulaitis. His plans on that afternoon of Trijų Karalių Šventė were to leave before long for a two weeks' stay with his family in London. After a brief stop in Rome, he would then assume his duties as Titular Archbishop of Naronia, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio in the Republic of central Africa and Congo, and Apostolic Delegate in Chad — these duties which he had acquired, to the joy of his fellow Lithuanians, on that memorable day in Rome.



## MANDATES

### ATTENTION COUNCIL PRESIDENTS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:

As you all know, a resolution was passed at the 1980 convention changing the date ending our fiscal year from July 31 to June 30. This means that all dues for 1982 must be paid by June 30.

You will be receiving your Mandates sometime in July. The number of members paid by June 30, 1982, and the number of eligible delegates will be listed on your Mandate. Please have them completed, signed and returned to me by August 1, 1982, since our convention will begin on August 5, 1982.

Ann Marie Kassel,  
Financial Secretary,  
Supreme Council

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS



## ZIP CODES

Several towns in our mailing list have recently changed zip codes (mine included). Every time a zip code or address is changed, the post office returns your Vytis to the return address on the Vytis with the correction. Each returned Vytis costs us a **minimum** of 75 cents. Since it takes the post office at least six weeks to return a Vytis, there are usually two more in the mail going to the wrong address before the printer can update his records. As you can see, our cost is at least \$2.25 for each change of address or zip code.

Please be sure to inform your council financial secretary well in advance of a change of address or zip code. This could save the Vytis Fund several hundred dollars each year. You will also be spared the inconvenience of having issues of the Vytis missing.

Financial Secretary,  
Supreme Council

## But In The Hamlet It Is Greener

*translated by Antonia M. Wackell*

No where is there such a forest, just like our own—  
On the pine trees, like little bells, the pine cones ring.  
And the small birds, as tho from the books, I would say,  
When they alight they swing and sway on the branches—  
Now they chirp and coo, now they warble, or they twitter  
So that even the songs ring thru the forest green.  
No one did see, nor did they hear, and do not know  
Of others so white, so vibrating as this grove.

We come to life again and glow to recall  
We had been there before to wait for Whitsunday.  
On the paths poured all over were yellowish sands,  
Oh that birch tree, that birch's foliage of green!  
Curving curving down its leafy branches slowly,  
When they change to red, the little cuckoo sings out...  
The summers come, the cummers pass as in a dream,  
Winds are blowing, and the forest will howl again.  
Oh how angry it is, when the winds send in their rage—  
And fill it with white legends and drifts of white snow.  
—Antanas Miskinis



I still find each day too short for  
all the thoughts I want to think, all  
the walks I want to take, all the  
books I want to read, and all the  
friends I want to see. The longer I  
live the more my mind dwells upon  
the beauty and the wonder of the  
world.

John Burroughs

Mailed in by V. Grazulis



A Year Round Garden For Club  
Members by Fleda A. Rittenhouse

1. Plant five rows of P's: Presence,  
promptness, preparation,  
perseverance, and purity.

2. Plant three rows of squash:  
Squash gossip. Squash criticism.  
Squash indifference.

3. Then sow five rows of lettuce: Let  
us be faithful to our club, let us be  
unselfish and loyal, let us have good  
fellowship, let us work for new  
members, and let us be kind to one  
another.

4. No garden in complete without  
turnips: Turn up for all meetings,  
turn up with a smile, turn up with  
new ideas, turn up with determina-  
tion to make everything count for  
something good and worthwhile.

From  
Anna Klizas Wargo



## K of L Calendar

### APRIL

24 C-96 DAYTON, OHIO Celebrates their 50th  
ANNIVERSARY at Marriot Hotel

### MAY

15-16 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT and  
MCD CONVENTION in Chicago. IID Hosts

### AUGUST

5- 8 NATIONAL CONVENTION at Harley Hotel  
in Cleveland East C-25 Hosts

15 ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY in  
Lakewood Park, Barnesville, PA

### OCTOBER

9 C-29 NEWARK - 67th ANNUAL DINNER and  
DANCE at Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.

# So, you want to learn lithuanian



Algirdas Budreckis

What is available for learning the Lithuanian language? Are there any Lithuanian-English dictionaries? Who sells these materials? These are frequent inquiries that the Lithuanian language section receives.

Material is limited, yet available! There are several dictionaries that the Lithuanian-language newspapers DRAUGAS and DARBININKAS sell through their bookstores. Antanas Lalis' **Lithuanian-English and English-Lithuanian Dictionary** is the oldest lexicon (circa World II!). The second part contains over 100,000 English terms with Lithuanian equivalents. The problem is that Lalis' dictionary is outdated; it contains too many archaic terms and foreign barbarisms.

Rev. Pewtress' **Lith-English and English-Lith Dictionary** is a slender volume of some 300 pages which appeared in the mid-30's in England. Its drawback is that it contains a limited vocabulary and tracks with the King's English rather than with American usage. Its publisher was Marlborough Press, Ltd.

In 1949 V. Peteraitis published a **Lietuviskai-Angliskas Zodynas** (i.e., Lithuanian English Dictionary) in Germany. Mr. Peteraitis is an English language scholar from Klaipeda who had studied in England and has a perfect command of both languages. Peteraitis **Zodynas** also contains dialect Lithuanian terms (zemaiciu, dzuku, aukstaiciu, etc.). It is an excellent

reference for one wishing to translate from Lithuanian into English. DRAUGAS press has reprinted the dictionary in America in several editions.

In the 1960's the Soviet Lithuanians published two small dictionaries: Baravykas' **English-Lithuanian** and Piesarskas' **Lithuanian-English** dictionaries. They each contain about 30,000 entries (falling far short of Lalis' pioneer effort). These dictionaries have been reprinted here in the United States. These two dictionaries have three shortcomings as far as the erstwhile student is concerned: 1) Often linguistic accuracy is subordinated to Soviet ideology and double-think terminology, 2) the lexicographers utilize the King's English, and not American usage, and 3) there are serious mistakes in translation and meaning in both the Lith-English and English-Lith. portions.

Richard Scary's **My Dictionary** is a picture-book dictionary with delightful illustrations. A Lithuanian language version — **Mano Zodynas** appeared giving over 1500 terms in both Lithuanian and English. And believe me, this book is useful to adults as well as urchins!

The British foreign language learning book firm Marlborough Books, Ltd. published Miss

Variakozytes **Lithuanian Self-Taught** as part of their multi-language self-taught series prior to the War. The Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers Press (DARBININKAS) obtained permission to reprint **Lithuanian Self-Taught**, a concise brochure of 100 pages. The booklet has its limitations: 1) it lacks modern, postwar terms, 2) the pronunciation parts are based on British pronunciation, and 3) many of the English terms are strictly British. All-in-all, it's still a handy guide.

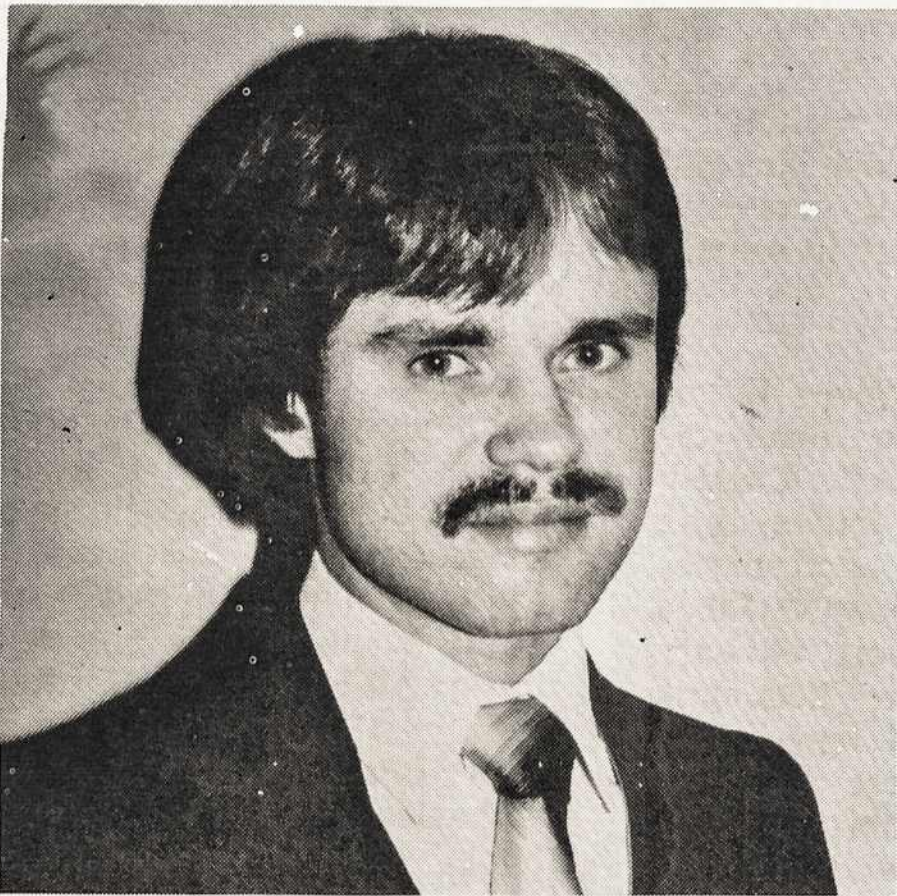
**An Introduction to Modern Lithuanian** is a college-level textbook prepared by professors Schmalstieg, Klimas and Dambriunas. Although it is the only complete treatise on Lithuanian grammar in English, it is really geared for the scholar and the philologist. A Supplementary record album can be obtained with the textbook.

Now these works can still be obtained from Lithuanian book dealers and from the two Lithuanian-language newspapers mentioned earlier: DRAUGAS, 4545 W. 63rd St., Chicago, Ill. 60629, and DARBININKAS, 341 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207. And of course there is the unflagging **BALTIC ASSOCIATES, LTD.**, P.O. 8248, Boston Ma. 02115.

Other publications are either inadequate, dated or unobtainable today.

# LITHUANIAN *in the* NEWS

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



*Robert Klucens, C-102, Detroit, Mich., one of the "1981 Outstanding Men of America".*

ROBERT KLUCENS, C-102, Detroit, Mich., has been selected as one of the "1981 Outstanding Young Men of America". He was nominated by Congressman Dennis M. Hertel (D-Mich.).

Bob, 28, has a Master of Public Administration degree, and is currently a Governmental Analyst for the City of Detroit. He was the Vice President of C-102 from 1971-75, and has been active in many community, church and political affairs. His other activities include being Parish Council President and Vicariate Representative of St. Raymond's Parish (Detroit), Membership Chairman of the Michigan 14th Congressional District Democratic Organization, and a Democratic precinct delegate. Bob is also interested in photography. His photographs have been exhibited in various places in the Detroit area and some have appeared in the "Vytis".

Bob's parents are Bill and Edna Klucens who have been members of C-102 for many years. Edna is presently C-102's Corresponding Secretary.

Standard Federal Savings and Loan Association in Chicago, Illinois, observed the 62nd Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence on Tuesday, February 16th, by serving Lithuanian delicacies and coffee in each of its three Chicago offices.

In the lobby of Standard Federal's home office at 4194 South Archer Avenue, an exhibition of intricate weavings, amber jewelry and wood carvings was displayed through the courtesy of VINCENT SAMASKAS, C-36, Chicago, and President of the Illinois-Indiana District, from his own personal collection.



Healthy Food Restaurant, 3236 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Ill., serves the kind of meals that are part of everyone's biography, according to the Chicago Tribune recently. Open seven days a week, the Lithuanian restaurant is one of Bridgeport's best kept secrets. It has been drawing lovers of honest food through its doors for 40 years.

Here love is measured in quantity: coffee cups have no bottoms, and sour cream comes in scoops, not dollops. The menu goes on for two pages, and to make decision-making more difficult, it's single-spaced. High tonnage best describes the fare. No one goes home broke or hungry. Besides the hearty soups, pumpernickel and Lithuanian rye bread, daily specials include chicken stew, roast pork, pot roast, roast leg of lamb, to name a few. Blynai, Kugelis and Koldunai top the list.

On a blustery Saturday the counter and the booths were packed with children, grandmothers and couples huddled over soup bowls. Half the city's policemen, it seemed, were at the tables. The welcoming atmosphere is accented by Lithuanian decor of pictures and wood-carvings:

The restaurant is owned by the Biciunas family and managed by Grazinas Biciunas Sandosky.





*Sisters of St. Casimir*

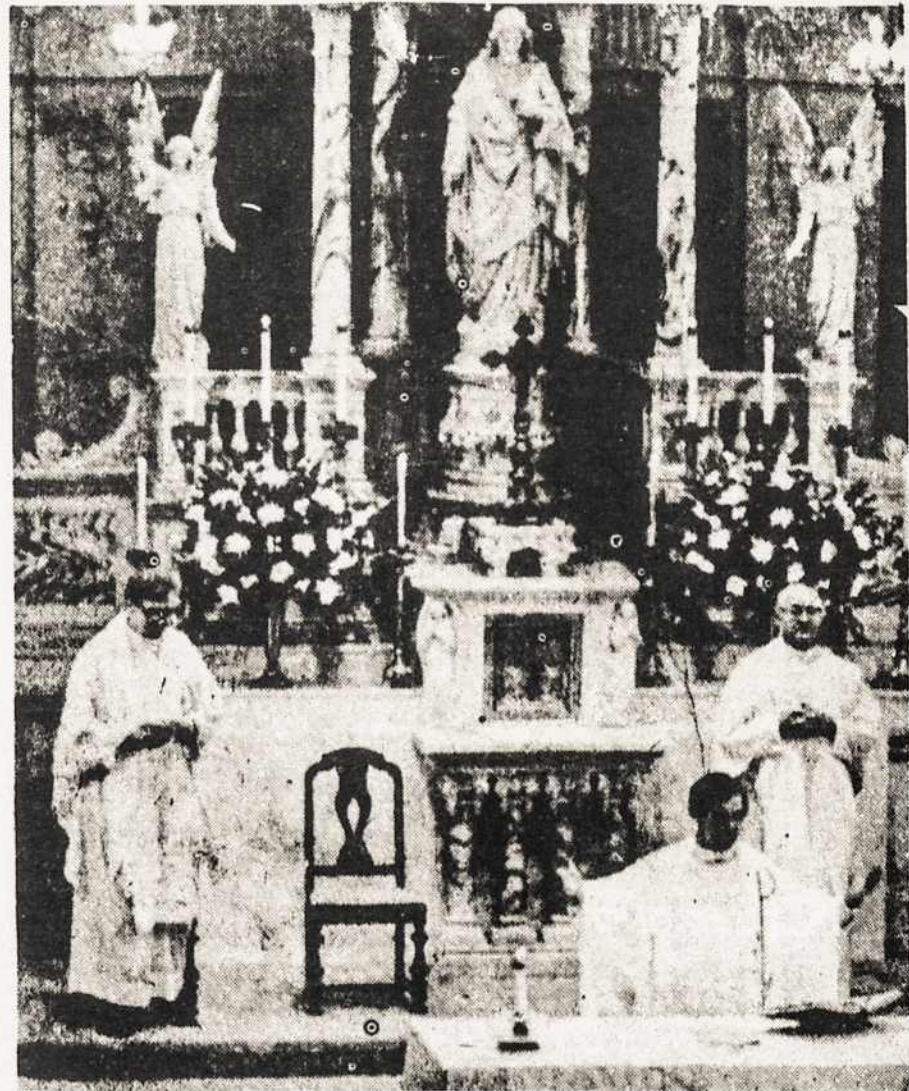
The Sisters of St. Casimir were highly praised for their contributions and work in the health care apostolate by Father Leroy A. Wickowski, Cardinal Cody's representative for hospitals, during the first special event marking the sisters' jubilee year. "On this festive occasion, during the 75th jubilee year of the Sisters of St. Casimir, we thank you for your contributions to health care in the Archdiocese of Chicago," Father Wickowski said.

The occasion was a jubilee Mass, program, and reception held at the Motherhouse, 2601 West Marquette Road, Chicago, Ill., on January 24th, for the administration and personnel of Holy Cross and Loretto Hospitals in Chicago, and Holy Family Villa Home for the Aged in Lemont, Ill. All of these health care facilities are operated by the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Principal celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Wickowski. Presiding was the Most Rev. Vincent Brizgys, Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania. Concelebrants were Rev. Frank J. Kelpas, director of pastoral care and chaplain at Holy Cross Hospital; Rev. Henry Nitz, O.F.M., chaplain assistant at Holy Cross Hospital; Rev. Stanley C. Gaucias, chaplain for the approximately 80 sisters at the Motherhouse; Rev. John P. Stankevicius, pastor of St. Anthony Church and former Holy Cross Hospital chaplain; and Rev. Anthony J. Zakarauskas, pastor of Nativity B.V.M. Church, and also former chaplain of Holy Cross Hospital. Father Zakarauskas (C-112, Chicago) is also Spiritual Advisor of K of L Illinois-Indiana District. Following the Mass a slide show on the founding of the congregation was presented and tours of the Lithuanian museum were conducted.

The sisters launched the jubilee year with a holy hour on December 31, 1982. Events will be held throughout this year in observance of the jubilee year.

From a photoeditorial in "The Chicago Catholic" on January 29, 1982 - Sisters of St. Casimir gathered this week to celebrate the diamond jubilee of their congregation, founded in Pennsylvania by a native of Lithuania who is remembered by the world as MOTHER MARIA KAUPAS. Mother Maria died at the Motherhouse in Chicago in 1940. The work of the sisters at Holy Cross and Loretto Hospitals, at Maria High School and in elementary classrooms, is famous. It is the fame of good works, the fame of Christ touching those who serve and those in need.



*Diamond Jubilee Mass in chapel of Sisters of St. Casimir. l. to r. Rev. Frank Kelpas, Rev. Leroy Wickowski, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas*

FRANK PETRAUSKAS, a Syracuse, N.Y., landscape contractor, was elected chairman of the 1983 Eastern Regional Nurserymen's Trade Show and Convention. Frank served as co-chairman of this year's show which was held in January at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake. His duties will be to plan and coordinate the 1983 show.

The Concord show is one of the largest nursery trade shows in the U.S. with more than 450 booths and about 5,000 persons attending. The Eastern Regional Nurserymen's Association is the parent association of nine state associations which run from Maine through Pennsylvania. Each state is represented on the Trade Show Board.

Frank is President of C-140, Syracuse, and 3rd Vice President of the Supreme Council.



*The Lithuanian Christmas tree at the State Museum in Harrisburg, PA. From left: Governor and Mrs. Dick Thornburg, Annie Margalis, and Joseph Mackalonis, C-146, Harrisburg.*

The Lithuanian Christmas tree at the Pennsylvania State Museum in Harrisburg last year was created by Cultural Chairman Annie Margalis, C-144. Governor and Mrs. Dick Thornberg congratulated Annie on her creativity and the beauty of her natural straw ornaments.

On display also were some of Annie's etched "Margučiai" (Easter eggs), wood carvings by Jerry Soditus and items from Lithuania loaned to the Museum by Anne Panshari.



*Governor Dick Thornburgh recently signed a proclamation designating February 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the Commonwealth. Seated at the table with the Governor are Joseph Yazalinas, President of Council 146 of the knights of Lithuania (left) and Louis Skeparnias, Executive Director of the Governor's Heritage Affairs Advisory Commission. Standing from left to right are Bernice Mickatavage, Marge Yezalinas, Charles Bojanic, GHAAC Chairman and Serbian Commissioner, Anne Pancharis, and Annie Morgalis.*



*William Senkus, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J., at work as an Alexian Brothers Hospital volunteer*

The very active WILLIAM SENKUS, C-52, Elizabeth, N.J., has done much to help the Senior Citizens in the State of New Jersey. Among his accomplishments, through his initiative, was a reduction in fees for Senior Citizens' fishing licenses. He was nominated by the Linden Retired Men's Club as their Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year in 1980 and received a certificate acknowledging his outstanding services to the community.

William submitted a copy of a Resolution by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, resolving that February 16, 1982, be declared "Lithuanian Republic Day" in Union County for the purpose of highlighting the Board's support for the eventual freedom of Lithuania. This Resolution was distributed to Gov. Thomas H. Kean, N.J., U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley, Congressman Matthew Rinaldo, Assemblyman Raymond J. Lesniak, the media, the Lithuanian American Community and the K of L Lithuanian Affairs Committee.



### **The Sooner — The Better**

A Viennese woman once asked Sigmund Freud, "How early should I begin the education of my child?" "When will your child be born?" Freud asked. "Born?" she exclaimed. "Why, he is already five years old!" "My goodness, woman," the famous psychoanalyst cried, "Don't stand there talking to me — Hurry Home! You have already wasted the five best years!"

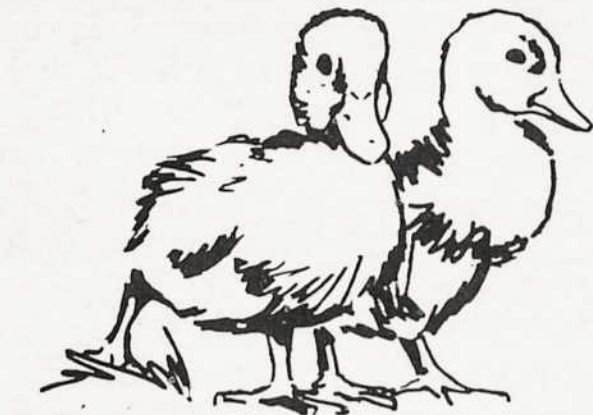
**Mailed in by V. Grazulis**





# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

Edited by HELEN CHESKO, 1000 E. Pine St., Mahanoy City, PA 17948



## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

### C-36 - CHICAGO

John Paukstis was happy to see the large number of people who braved the cold weather to attend our meeting. Rev. Fabian Kirelis, our spiritual advisor, gave us an inspiring talk. After our business meeting, President Paukstis chose the winning name for the Free Attendance Award. He said, "It is fitting for this special person to win the Ansco Pocket Camera as a successful benefit dance was given in his honor at the Darius Girenius Legion Hall on January 23 and presented the award to Bruce Neberieza". John chaired the affair.

Under the direction of our Fausta Strolia, Salomija Dauliene, Ann Marie Kassel, Lucille Kilkus, Sabina Klatt, Margaret Narvaisis, Ona Naureckas, Theresa Strolia and the other K. of L. Choir members were proud of the success of the annual dinner dance. In spite of the weather, many people attended and enjoyed the program, dinner, dancing and the sing-along. The hall was beautifully decorated by Ona Naureckas and Salomija Dauliene. Thanks to all the choir members who made our affair a special memory to all.



*"Free Cffee and Cake at Immaculate Conception Parish" on Sunday, January 31st. Left to right... Receiving the "first" cup of coffee is President John Paukstis, Ona Naureckis, Mary Kincius, Lillian Paukstis, Sue Suski - Standing - Jerone Jankus, Sabina Klatt, Sharon Martinaitis, John Henson, Val Martinaitis, Vince Samoska, Lucille Kilkus and Don Smith*

John Paukstis prides himself on the success of the Free Coffee and Cake Social which was held at Immaculate Conception Church School Hall on January 31. After all masses, parishioners were invited to attend. Everyone enjoyed the smiling faces of the K. of L. members who served baked goodies donated by members and friends. We explained our Lithuanian organization. Vince Samoska displayed his amber and articles from Lithuania. Don Smith, Anita Bosas, Vince Samoska and Sabina Klatt co-chaired the committee which consisted of Veronica and Frank

Kilkus, Sue Suski, Sharon and Val Martinaitis, Ona Naureckas, Salomeja Daulys, Lucy Kilkus, Joanna Zelvis, Ceil Gay, Irene Norushis, Mary Smith, Albina and Lillian Kodis, John and Lillian Paukstis, Robert Gawryla, Mary Kincius, Sally Nebrieza and Ruth Kazlauskas.

The annual Memories of Lithuania Dinner Dance was held on February 7 at the Martinique. Vanagaitis of the Margutis Radio Program was honored on the 50th anniversary. We were proud to see Vince Samoska at the speaker's table. Al Brazis C112 sang two

beautiful songs composed by Vanagaitis for the program. Fausta Strolia played his accordion for a sing-along with Al Brazis and other choir members, Pete Gagle C112, Gediminas Janula C122, Sabina Klatt, Ona Naureckas, Theresa Strolia, Al and Julie Zakarka C112, moving from table to table.

Lacy valentines, hearts and words of love were everywhere at the Valentine Heart of My Heart Dance on February 13. Without a shadow of a doubt, it proved to be a great success. Ona Naureckas, chairlady, and her wonderful committee did a great job. Thanks to Wally Tenclinger, Georgianna Kassel and their committee for the decorations. John Paukstis was the top ticket seller. The music was by Aida.

Sabina Klatt

#### C-112 - CHICAGO

Welcome, new council members - Frank Zogas, Antoinette Barvitz, Wanda Urbonas, Stanley Balzekas III, Martin Rudis, Robert Balzekas, Kurt Velius, Jonas Naujakas, Ralph & Sophie Palubin and Rita Zakarka. Several have already become active in the council. Signing up people as card-carrying members is not difficult, but signing up people to become active K. of L. members is truly an asset to our organization.

As usual, many of our council members were active with the IID's 22nd Annual Memories of Lithuania Dinner Dance. Algerd Brazis served as chairman of the event. Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas presented the IID's Award of Distinction. Honorary Member Josephine Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, was the principal speaker. HM His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys delivered the invocation. Paul Binkis Jr. represented the Supreme Council. Rev. John Savukynas gave the invocation and Illinois State Senator Frank Savickas extended greetings. Irene Sankus, Aldona Brazis, Estella Rogers, Gerry Mack, Susan Bolanos, Al & Julie Zakarka, Emilija Pakalniskis, Monice Kasper,

Sophie Nieminski, Michael Yuknis, Eleanore Kasputis, Edward & Marie Deksnis and Dolores Yuknis served on the committee. Congratulations on a job well done!

Council members also attended the K. of L. Choir Dinner Dance and C36 St. Valentine's Party.

The Board members enjoyed the hospitality of Susan Bolanos who hosted the February Board Meeting. Maria & Susan Deksnis hosted the socials after the January and February business meetings.

Following the February meeting, the I. held First and Second Degree Presentations at Nativity BVM Parish Hall. Council members receiving the Second Degree were Maria Deksnis, Mary Mathes, Alexander Mathes, Ona Sliteris, Laime Koch. First Degree recipients were Mildred Rochkas, Wanda Urbonas, LaVerne Wopereis. Congrats to all. The Ritual Ceremonies were conducted by IID Ritual Chairpersons Ruth and Al Dagus, assisted by Cannon V. Zakarauskas, Albert Zakarka and Irene Sankus.

Algerd Brazis has been in great voice. He was the soloist at the ALTAS commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day at Maria Auditorium and a special star at Cook County Board Chairman George Dunne's Dinner at the Conrad Hilton.

Al and Aldona Brazis became grandparents again with the birth of a daughter to their youngest daughter Susan and her husband, Jerry Pines.

Harry & Emily Petraitis, our Florida members, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary in the Sunny South. We truly miss their smiling faces and talents in Chicagoland.

Condolences to Honorary Member Stanley Pieza on the death of his lovely wife, Ona, who also was an Honorary Member.

Members of 112 are looking forward to seeing their friends from the Mid-Central District during the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, scheduled for May 15-16 in Chicago.

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*The K of L Valentine Dance held February 13th. Pictured from left are K of L C-36 President John L. Paukstis and dance chairlady Ona Naureckas presenting a "giant" size invitation to George W. Dunne, President of the Cook County Board*



IID'S 22nd ANNUAL "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET. Honored guest (l to r) top: Valdas Adamkus, escorted by Valeria Stanaitis; Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Ruth Kazlauskas; Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, Michael Yuknis. (2nd row) Dr. L. Kraiuceliunas, Eleanor Kasputis; M-C Mary Rudis,

Joseph Stanaitis; State Senator Frank Savickas, Dolores Yuknis; (3rd row) Vincent Samaska, Scotty Zukas; Algerd Brazis, Sabina Klatt; Rev. John Savukynas, Estelle Rogers; (4th row) Paul Binkis Jr., Maria Deksnis; Petras Petrutis, Maria Klatt; Ramune Tricyte, Edward Deksnis

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### C-7 - WATERBURY

We have a great staff heading Council 7 this year. They are Rev. George Vilciauskas, Chaplain; Daniel Kumpikevich, President; Walter Kalick, Vice President; Patricia Richards, Recording Secretary; Albert Crochet, Treasurer; Ann Cheplick, Financial Secretary; Edmund White, Steward; Tom Herbert; Sergeant at Arms; Diana Kundrotas and Ralph Baril, Trustees. Serving on the Board of Directors are Edward Bebria, Walter Blinn, Jerri Kumpikevich and Edmund White. With these people as our leaders how can we help but accomplish great things in the days to come.

A great big thank you to Jerri Kumpikevich and Ralph Baril who chaired our Christmas Raffle which filled our coffers and we can stay solvent for another year. Jerri and Toni chaired the Christmas Party on the night of the raffle. It was a fantastic party and one of the greatest. Our expert "Kugeli Maker" Danny Kumpikevich and his assistant Wally Blinn are getting good at making this delicacy that they should open a "Kugeli Emporium". I'm sure that Ziggy Maciokas, who, we discovered, is an expert at peeling potatoes with Ed White, a close second, would join the production line.

No party would be complete without the help of the following girls: Coris Blinn, Ginny Maciokas, Joan Benaitis, Natalie Crochet, Ann and Diana Kundrotas, Justine Kump and Karen Rofsky. We also can't get along without Tom Herbert's help and Al Crochet who is the keeper of the till and pays the bills.

It was a big day for Antoinette and Edmund White forty years ago on the tenth of January. To celebrate their anniversary, their children, Virginia Maciokas, Patricia Hamilton and Raymond White gave a dinner dance to honor their parents and invited all their relatives and friends to take part in

this gala occasion. This was such a great party that we are looking forward to the fiftieth. Stay well and happy and we'll be there to join in.

The following day we had to get ready for another big event. Frank Shaknaitis gave away his youngest daughter, Lois, to a very handsome young man by the name of Timothy Aston. This adorable couple was married on January 9 at St. Joseph Church. Strange as it may seem, Lois chose the same month, only one day's difference and forty years later, as her aunt and uncle, Antoinette and Edmund.

And so to leave space for other NED Councils, we'll stay happy and warm till spring breaks thru.

ESTELLE

### C-103 - PROVIDENCE

On January 10 our K. of L. meeting was held in St. Casimir's Church Hall. Father Cukuras, our spiritual advisor, said the opening

and closing prayers. We welcome two new members to our council - Mrs. Alice Grybas and Mrs. Elizabeth Tribuisis.

A special Mass requested by our council for the soul of our HM John Stoskus was held on January 9. All members attended.

On February 14, we celebrated the commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day with a High Mass for this intention. Mass was said by our pastor and K. of L. spiritual advisor, Father Cukuras.

A special prayer service with Benediction in memory of those who died defending the freedom of Lithuania was held. St. Casimir's Church Hall was filled to capacity for this celebration with Lithuanians and their friends as well as guests from Massachusetts. The guest speaker was Almis Kuolis from Boston. President William Piacentini and Francis Kapiskas were on the platform. Our president read the official proclamation issued by



*Delegation of Lithuanian American Council of Greater Boston witnessing the signature of PROCLAMATION issued by Governor Edward J. King at the State House, Boston, Massachusetts. Left to right: Alexander J. Chaplik, President; Ona Ivaska, Director of Lithuanian Folk Dance Group; Bronius Paliulis; the Governor; Antanas Andriulionis; Felicija Grendal, Secretary; and Dr. Algirdas Budreckis, Master of Ceremonies. Guest speaker at the principal commemoration of the 64th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence (February 16th) was Edward V. Meilus, Jr. of Worcester, Mass. (member of K. of L. C-26)*

Governor J. Joseph Garrahy. Gaja Valiuskis, NED scholarship recipient, read selections in beautiful Lithuanian from the poems of Maironis, an outstanding Lithuanian writer. Refreshments and social hour followed.

This event was organized by the Providence Chapter of the American Lithuanian Community, assisted by the Lithuanian Heritage Sub-Committee of Rhode Island, Lithuanian Club and K. of L. Council 103.

At our February meeting, we decided to adopt a parish in Lithuania most in need of prayer. The committee will research the Chronicles and recommend the parish which was mentioned most frequently.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

Helen Danisewich

## MID-CENTRAL

### DISTRICT



### **C-25 - CLEVELAND**

Greetings from Convention City '82! The convention planning committee headed by Charles Machuta is moving along. Father Kijauskas, our spiritual advisor, is helping us go all the way in making this convention the greatest.

Our Christmas dinner was held at the Red Baron. Bruno Bartkus, who was with us, made a great recovery from his recent surgery. Ray Vanagas, our new member, joined us in all the Lithuanian songs. Ray is taking courses in the Lithuanian language, and I am sure he will be a great asset to us. Joanna Shigo and Nelda Machuta did a fine job in planning this affair.

Helen and Bill Jacobs hosted a house party after the dinner.

Laurels to Vince Gray, our cultural man, for the informative subjects he discusses at our meetings.

Council 25 is starting bowling sessions early. We're looking for the trophy in Chicago this summer.

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### **C-96 - DAYTON**

Mother Nature had her own way of slowing us down a bit by hitting our area with very cold, snowy weather during January and most of February keeping activities at a minimum. With Spring coming in with her warmth from the rays of the sun, we will be coming out of hibernation.

At our January meeting, after officially receiving word of the needs of our Lithuanian Legation Building in Washington, we voted to increase our donation to this special Building Fund Drive. Fr. Vaclovas Katarskis and Aldona Ryan co-chaired the Dayton Drive for Holy Cross Parish. A job that was well done! At the same meeting, Joseph P. Mantz completed the requirements for his Second Degree. Congratulations! Joseph E. Mantz volunteered to chair a very important event for C96 in 1982 - Our Fiftieth Anniversary. This will be a Gala Event on April 24.

Mary Lucas HM, Junior Advisor, reported at the February meeting that our Juniors had a successful Holiday Food Fair. Special winners at this event were herself (Mary said it wasn't fixed) and Janina Bucmys. Mary announced that we have seven new Junior members. A junior council is so vital for the life of a council. You can look on C96's roster and see how many Juniors, since we reorganized in 1955, are now active in the regular council.

Under the leadership of Mary Lucas, the Community Club Award Program of the Dayton Area is now in full swing. With her committee of Ada Sinkwitz, Kitty Prasmantas, Larry and Elaine Pacovsky, they are aiming for a first again. Last year, we netted enough money for three of our charity projects.

Congratulations to our newest retirees, Charles and Fran Vangas.

They celebrated by heading for Florida. Enjoying the fun in the sun were Stan and Ida Kavy; Mike, Alice & Mary Petkus; Al & Albina Wallis; Ada & Jim Sinkwitz, former C96 members now with C25, Cleveland.

We are thankful to the Good Lord that Elinor Sluzas was not injured any more seriously than she was when she was hit by a car in front of her home. Elinor, recovering from three broken bones in one ankle and bruises, is impatiently recuperating at home. Speedy recovery wishes are sent to Eloise Berczely, recovering from back problems; to Elizabeth Scott, our Arizona member, recovering from eye surgery; Veronica Omlor and Jimmy Kavalauskas, resting after recent surgery. Get well soon as there is much to be done.

Congratulations to Laima Rastikis on her marriage to Donald Vermillion on February 6. Laima was the first member of C96 to receive a national scholarship award.

Congratulations to Aldon Ryan who was one of the winners in a recent writing contest sponsored by the Lithuanian-American Council of Chicago. Aldona submitted two of the articles she had written for the Dayton Daily News. This is not Aldon's first award in writing. Sponsored by a Lithuanian organization makes it special.

In the dictionary "active" has two of many meanings - contributing, participating. Hope all of you are that type of member, plus more. Your success and fun from the K. of L. will total to the time you are "active".

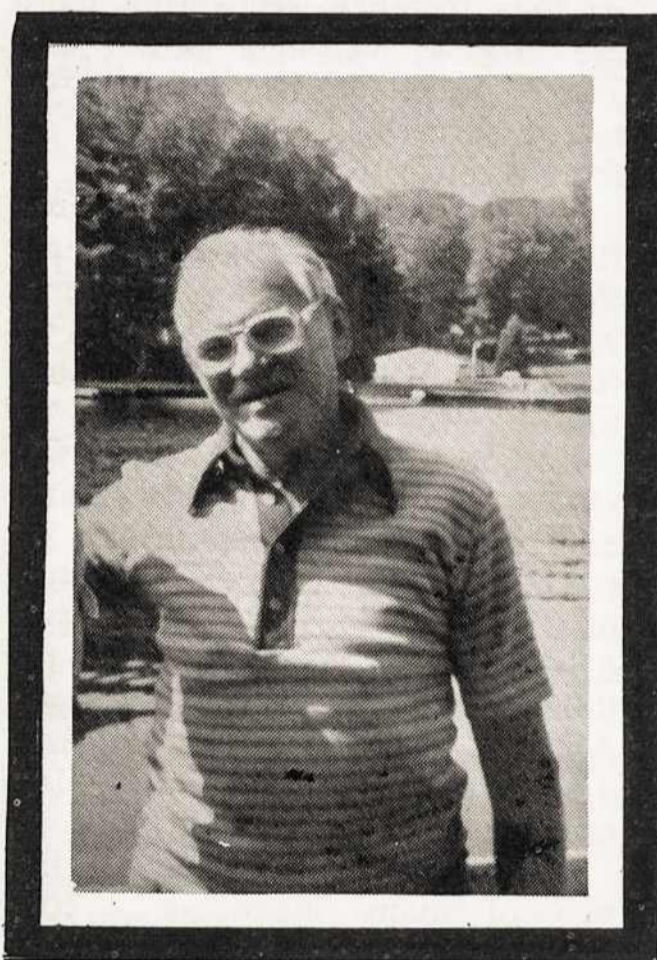
Our Arizona members, Tom Scott and daughter Donna Jean Dailey, were in town recently but not for the type of visit one would like to have. We were all saddened by the sudden death of John Scott. John was a member of C #96 since 1932. He was a Fourth Degree Knight. John was a lifelong member of Holy Cross Parish. He was a daily communicant and led the parish in the Rosary every day. Many of you may remember John from the 76 National Convention here in

Dayton. John and Ann's Lithuanian Shrine was on the 'route' of Lithuanian Shrines in the north Dayton area during that convention.

Our deepest sympathies go to Ann, son Jerry and daughter Judy Ksiezpolski, brother Tom, sister Polly Pietrzak, niece Donna Jean and John's many relatives and friends. We know John is at peace with our Lord.

The following is a tribute to John by his daughter Judy read at John's Mass:

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## A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER, JOHN P. SCOTT

by Judy Scott-Ksiezopolski  
at Holy Cross Church  
January 12, 1982  
Dayton, Ohio

We live and we die . . . But how we live our lives is going to determine how we face death . . . Many of us do not even think about death, until today . . . a loved one dies. Then, as time wears on, we soon forget again . . . How foolish we are . . .

The day of dying will come for each of us. There is no exception. There is no way to evade it. So, why not face the fact that our time is coming.

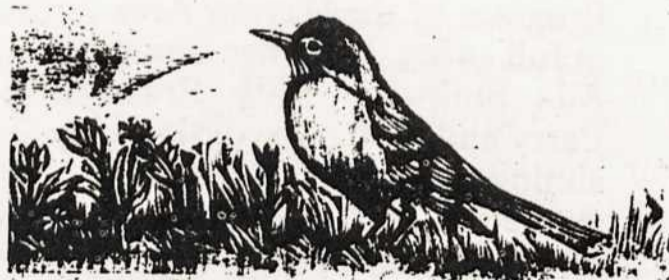
I can honestly say that my dad lived his life with great faith . . . He lived his life for this day . . . He was truly a saint . . . That is not to say he didn't have his flaws, as we all do. He was a character, but at the same time he had much character. He was educated, especially when it came to knowing and understanding his faith. His love for God and the people around him was strong . . . If a person was wandering around on Leo Street, you can be sure Dad would take him under his wing with a kind word or just a friendly hello, or offer them a porch to stand on out of the rain.

Just an old man being nosy . . . I'd say no, just an old man really in love with God and his fellow man. If I have learned any thing at all from this man, it is that our faith in God is the most important thing in our lives . . . Not money, not position in life, not clothes on our backs or houses over our heads . . . It is love for God and neighbor. It is this day that we are all living for. That is why we should not mourn his death, but rejoice in his passing from death to eternal life with Jesus.

I am sad, yet I am happy . . . I will miss him very much, he was the most influential person in my life when it came to my faith in God.

I wish as my dad would have wished, that you walk away from here today with a deeper faith in God.

So as he did, you too, may live preparing for this day of Eternal Glory.



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT



## C-41 BROOKLYN

### Brooklyn Vyčių 41-mos kuopos metinis susirinkimas

Šiais metais sausio 31 d. Katalikų Federacija Apsireiškimo parapijoje suruošė Arkvivyskupo Jurgio Matulaičio mirties sukakties minėjimą, kuriame dalyvavo 55 41-mos kuopos vyčiai.

Po minėjimo turėjome metinį susirinkimą, kur buvo išrinkta nauja kuopos valdyba 1982 m.:

kun. Antanas Račkauskas —  
Dvasios Vadas  
Helen V. Kulber — pirmininkė  
George Tumasonis — vicepirmininkas  
Beatrice Hoff — Sekretorė  
Veronika Kazlauskis — finansų raštininkė  
Joseph Shovelski — išdininkas  
Helen V. Kulber — Lietuvos Reikalų Vadovė  
Joseph Boley — Kultūros reikalų pirmininkas  
Eugenia Karpus — ritualo pirmininkė  
Veronika Kazlauskis — parengimų šveimininkė  
Emilija Sandanavičius — korespondentė.

Labai apgailestavome, kad turėjome atsisveikinti su aktyviu kuopos nariu Vytautu Radzivanu, kuris išvyksta į Australiją pas savo šeimą. Tik tiek buvo džiugu girdėti, kad jis nors ir gyvendamas tolimoje Australijoje pasiliks mūsų kuopos nariu.

Visi linkėjome jam daug laimės ir sėkmės, sugiedodami „Ilgiausių Metų“.

Vytiškai  
Emilija Sandanavičienė





### Ann Jillian Adds Glamour to New York City Hall on February 16th ...

Before Mayor Edward Koch presented the Proclamation to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the Declaration of Restoration of the Independence of Lithuania in 1918, pictured were (L. to R.) Peter Wytenus, Councilman Walter Ward, Ann Jillian, Mayor Koch, Alphonse Marcel, Helen V. Kulber, Beatrice Hoff and Thomas Cuite, Vice President of the New York City Council. The portrait is of the former Mayor Abraham Beame.

Mr. Ward introduced a resolution denouncing the forcible occupation and oppression of Lithuania by the Soviets, since 1941 which was passed by the City Council. Mr. Marcelynas is the 1982 Chairman of the Lithuanian Independence Day observance, sponsored by the Lithuanian-American Council and other organizations. Knights of Lithuania members on the committee are Helen V. Kulber and Beatrice Hoff, Council-41 President and Secretary, Peter Wytenus - President, American Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Block of Nations (AF-ABN).

Ms. Jillian graciously autographed the picture of herself, in Lithuanian costume, with Gary Collins on TV-s "HOUR MAGAZINE" which appeared in the January VYTIS magazine, for Beatrice Hoff and her daughter, Ellen Carroll ... Best wishes and God Bless, adding her Lithuanian name, Jurate Nausedaite.

Sunday, February 14th, Ann Jillian performed at Radio City Music Hall in the "Night of 100 Stars" benefit for the Actors Fund. Her husband, Andy Murcia, called Helen Kulber Tuesday morning to thank her for her invitation and the American/Lithuanian flag pin, and to say that they would be at City Hall that afternoon. Both and friends arrived early and were most cooperative, posing for pictures and chatting with everybody. Ms. Jillian made a speech reiterating her pride in her Lithuanian heritage, as she always does in press, radio, TV interviews - and expressed hope for freedom for Lithuania. She is more beautiful and charming than she appears as "Cassie" in the Making a Living TV series.

Ms. Jillian was leaving the next day for Mexico for filming of the Perry Como Easter TV Special. The "Mae West Story" in which she stars will be on TV early in May.

Helen V. Kulber

### C-74 - SCRANTON

Northeast Bank Plaza was the scene of a flag raising ceremony under the sponsorship of Council 74 with Rev. George Staliwitz, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church, Cynon, who said, "We hoist the flag of Lithuania on this 16th day of February, 1982, to commemorate the Independence of Lithuania and to protect against Soviet oppression of our countrymen. We raise the flag as a manifestation of one of the oldest living cultures in the world and to keep alive in the hearts of all Lithuanians throughout the world the hope that freedom for Lithuania will again be restored".

"What can this small gathering of Lithuanians and their friends from Scranton accomplish?"

"As an individual isolated action, very little. But when taken as one of many such groups in other cities, significance is added to our united action. Our appeal throughout the world takes on understandable meaning and purpose."

"This year Lithuanian Independence Day brings to us all a sober sense of personal obligation to defend and preserve with all our might, those inalienable rights and responsibilities Christ declared to be inherent in every human being. We are aware that this whole Christian philosophy is violently opposed by the Kremlin and, more than ever before, we realize that the peace and justice for which we strive and depend upon the preservation of Christ's concept of the worth and importance of every individual person. May our defense of this precious heritage be so strong that all people throughout the world may soon have both the right and the desire to enjoy peace on earth among men of good will."

Marie Laske and Helen Roginski distributed small Lithuanian flags to the pupils of St. Joseph School in North Scranton as part of C74's commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

Helen Roginski, cultural chairman, displayed Lithuanian artifacts at the Scranton Public Library.

President Edward Tamosaitis is busily engaged in activating all committees. Jean Kavelynas, ritual

chairman, is dedicating her time to rewarding members with rightfully earned degrees.

Sister Virginia is teaching her Juniors new songs and dances for their appearance at Marywood College.

JULE GRADY

#### C-100 - AMSTERDAM

Even the icy road conditions in Amsterdam did not keep one-third of the members from attending the February meeting.

Cultural Co-chairman Polly Ziausys told the members of three letters given to her by Miss Josephine Wierzbowska, an officer of the Polonaise Society. They were from Lithuanians living in Suvalkai, a Lithuanian section in Poland. Polly, deeply moved by their descriptions of hardship, sent each one a package. She was assisted by Regina Kot. Council members loudly applauded her action.

Frances DiBart, chairman of the refreshment committee, unrolled a scroll and began to read the document proclaiming February 17 as Rev. Robert K. Baltch Day. It was very cleverly done in a witty tone. The following signatures appeared on the scroll: Helen Dylong, Anacetta Guzielek, Helen Hugo, Regina Kot, Ann Radzevich, Josephine Redding, Mildred Whelley and Polly Ziausys. She then presented a most surprised Rev. Baltch with the scroll. A huge lighted birthday cake, baked by Ann Radzevich, was brought out for Father Baltch. A vase of long-stemmed red carnations surrounded by a variety of delicacies graced the refreshment table. Polly Ziausys also celebrated her birthday in February. Ilgiausiu metu, Apolonija and Father Baltch!

Amsterdam's St. Casimir Church had a special Mass in observance of the 64th anniversary of Lithuanian independence. Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, and Rev. Dr. Joseph Grabys, pastor of St. Brigits Church, Watervliet, NY, concelebrated the Mass. The homilist was Fr. Grabys. The theme of his sermon was on Lithuania and his grandparents hands - seeking direction. "The land of the Blessed



C-74 in Scranton; PA Flag-raising on Independence Day

Virgin, Lithuania, the land where faith and love of God is so deeply imbedded that no human hand can remove it," said Fr. Grabys.

In addition to St. Casimir's Church Choir and organist John Nye, the Harmonija Quartet with organist Matthew Yatkaukas of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elizabeth, NJ, sang a number of Lithuanian hymns and soprano soloist Rasa Bobelis sang "Ave Maria".

There were 130 people who attended the dinner and program held after the service with the invocation

given by Fr. Grabys. President Anthony Radzevich welcomed guests from Cleveland, Boston, Wethersfield, Elizabeth, Brooklyn, Syracuse, Menands, Albany, Watervliet, Schnectady, Scotia, Haganan and Amsterdam.

Proclamation by Gov. Hugh L. Carey and Mayor Mario Villa, designating February 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the State and City of Amsterdam were read. A copy of a letter to Dr. S. A. Backis, Charge D'affaires of Lithuania, Lithuanian Legation in

Washington, from Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig was read. On behalf of the Government and the people of the US, Haig sent greetings on the occasion of the anniversary. "The American people share with you and your countrymen an unshakable belief on the ultimate triumph of liberty."

"The Lithuanian flag will fly over Amsterdam's City Hall as well as over the Albany State Capitol," stated Miss Gobis.

Bernice Aviza, MAD Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, was commended on her excellent presentation of Lithuania's history over Station WGY, Schenectady.

Fr. Baltch spoke of the staunch religious faith and nationalism of the Lithuanians.

The principal speaker, Dr. Alfonsas Stankaitis of Wethersfield, CT, touched on the history of Lithuania from 1253 to the present. He stated that the Communists are trampling on the peoples' freedoms and thousands are forced to leave Lithuania for Siberia. "There will always be a Lithuania," he declared. "Freedom is the greatest fortune we have."

Benediction was given by Rev. A. Grigaitis.

Superb entertainment was provided by the Harmonija Quartet of Brooklyn. Victor Ralys, director and tenor; Rasa Bobelis, soprano; Birute Malinauskas, alto; Peter Tutinas, bass, made up the young, vibrant and colorful quartet. Their beautiful blend of four-part harmony of old Lithuanian folk songs was most impressive. Their accompanist was Matthew Yatkaukas. Their performance was loudly applauded and received a standing ovation. The program was concluded with their inspiring rendition of "America the Beautiful".

Toastmaster Joseph Shatas thanked the committee and acknowledged them as follows: Gene Gobis, general chairman; Rev. Baltch, program; Regina Kot, program cover artist; Sophie Olbie, ticket chairman; Jack Sweet, refreshments chairman; Polly Ziausys, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Radzevich. Also assisting were Willard Kensell, Peter Hayes, Mr. &

Mrs. Matthew LaTorre, Nellie Liberis, Frances Wolan, Mr. & Mrs. John Whelly, and Edward Ziausys. Special thanks were extended to all the members who donated hors d'oeuvres.

The program concluded with the singing of the Knights of Lithuania Hymn.

And a news bit - Victor Ralys and Birute Malinauskas of the Harmonija Quartet are nephew and niece of K. of L. member Birute Ralys and husband Stanley.

#### SMILE AND SPARKLE

#### C-110 - MASPETH

Members of K. of L. Council 110 attended Mass at Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, on Sunday, February 14. Rev. Frank Bulova offered Mass and Rev. Stanilaus Raila said the sermon in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

Organist Vytautas Kerbelis led the choir in hymn and concluded with the choir and members singing the Lithuanian Himnas. Helen Matulonis, Adele Dauzickas, Helen Jambor, Stasia Kraujalis, Helena Zedar, Marija, Antanina and Iona Sturgurys in Lithuanian costumes presented the offertory gifts, as well as a flower arrangement which was later placed at the Lithuanian Shrine outside the church.

After Mass, members assembled in the church hall. Jonas Adomenas, president, opened the program. Helen Matulonis was the first speaker. Anna Zinke recited a poem. Other participants in the program were Kazemerias Vainis, Helen Venis and Demie Jonaitis. Rev. Frank Bulova concluded the program with a prayer.

Under the capable direction of Antonine Adomenas and Lottie Ulrich, refreshments were served.

Helen Venis

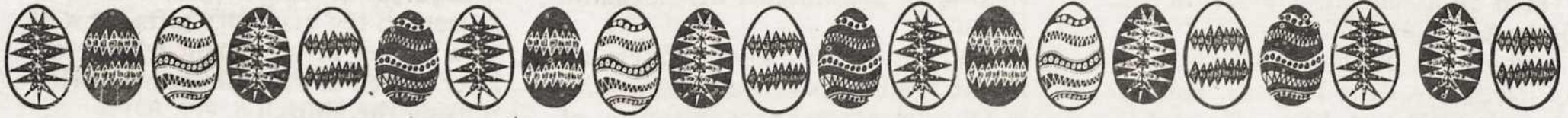


Governor and Mrs. Dick Thornburgh Annie Morgalis - Joseph Yezulinas, President C-144 presented amber cuff links to the Governor

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#### C-144 - ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated by our council beginning the week of February 11. On that day, President Joe Yezulinas and his wife Marge, Bernice Mikatavage, Ann Panchari, Ona Morgalis journeyed to Harrisburg to witness Governor Dick Thornburgh signing the Proclamation for Lithuanian Independence Day. Joe presented Mrs. Thornburgh with a basket of her marguciai. Both the Governor and his wife were very pleased with their gifts.

On February 11, the Schuylkill County Commissioners also presented a proclamation on Lithuanian Independence Day. Commissioner Al Matunis made the formal presentation at the celebration at Annunciation Hall in Franckville on February 14.

St. Casimir Church in St. Clair, St. Francis Church in Minersville and St. George Church in Shenandoah had special Masses for Lithuanian Independence Day. The council had its special Mass at Annunciation Church with our great Spiritual Advisor, Father Al Bartkus and our old dear friend, Rev. Casimir Pugevicius. Father Pugevicius was the guest speaker at the afternoon program. The cultural displays were as attractive as ever. Entertainment was provided by the Zarija Choir, the newly-formed Junior Knights of Franckville and the Shomoskie and their committee for an excellent job. The Lithuanian food was delicious and it was a lovely day.

Our members, Al and Mary Sockel, who resides in Allentown, are busily engaged in forming a council in the Lehigh Valley.



*Seated: Joseph Yezulinas, President C-144, Dick Thornburgh, Governor of Pennsylvania, Louis N. Skeparnias, Executive Director of Governor's Heritage Affairs Commission. Standing: Bernice Mikatavage, Ann Panchari, Charles Bojanic, Chairman and Serbian Commissioner Heritage Affairs, Margaret Yezulinas, Annie Morgalis. Following the signing of the Proclamation for Lithuanian Independence Day*

Remember - Al and Mary celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary at the Scranton Convention. They have approximately 40 prospective members and have scheduled an organization meeting. We are proud of them and their K. of L. interest.

Joe Yezulinas suffered two fire losses in a year. His home was severely damaged; then, in February his paint store was totally destroyed by fire which started in a nearby pizza parlor and spread to adjoining buildings. Through all this, Joe and Marge keep smiling and working for the K. of L. They are true Vyciai.

President Yezulinas devoted many hours to complete the

Cultural Center before the MAD St. Casimir's Day meeting. We are grateful to Joe for his work as well as the assistance of Joe Petrosky and Ed Carlitus. Many hours of hard labor have gone into the project.

Anne Wargo chaired the MAD St. Casimir's Day meeting. In addition, she was guest speaker at Council 143 Pittston St. Casimir's Day Breakfast.

This has been a long hard winter and many members have suffered illnesses. To all of them, we wish "gera sveikata".

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