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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Are You And Your Council Prepared For The National Convention?

Perhaps the most important annual event in the organizational life of the Knights of Lithuania is the National Convention.

The Convention brings together delegates from all parts of the USA and from all levels of organizational activity. They come with a common purpose — to learn about their organization and to exchange ideas for bettering home council activity as well as improve their districts and the national organization. Clearly, the more prior preparation, the more effective the Convention.

What can YOU do to add to the effectiveness of the Convention and to guarantee the fullest participation in that Convention by our Council? Whether or not you plan to attend, your help is still needed.

First, be sure YOUR OWN DUES are paid up and you are a member in good standing, and also make your council dues to the National Financial Secretary. To be allowed participation in the Convention, your Council must be in good standing nationally. The number of delegates your council is allowed depends on the total PAID UP members you have as of June 30, 1982. According to our Constitution, a council is allowed one delegate for each 10 members in the council. Any deviations from this rule must be approved by the National Convention.

Councils should select their delegates and alternates carefully and the selections should be made early. When

Selecting delegates try to include some newer members in the roster of delegates, and wherever possible, encourage YOUNGER members to be delegates. We need their energy and new ideas to keep the organization vibrant and up to date.

Mandates listing the council's delegates should be submitted to the National Financial Secretary well before the Convention, so that she can verify the



Loretta I. Stukas
National President

delegate's credentials and the council's right to delegates. Prior verification will avoid embarrassment at the Convention and make for less confusion at the registration desk. It is much easier to verify last minute changes in a roster of delegates than to check the entire roster when hundreds of delegates are arriving at once.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Convention, insist that your Council become familiar with the topics to be discussed at Convention panels and with the resolutions to be considered. The Convention plans, business and social, plus some of the proposed resolutions will be published in VYTIS as they evolve. Discuss these topics at your meeting and give your delegates an idea of how you feel about them, so they know how to vote and what problems to bring up for discussion.

Discuss also what, if any, resolutions you think should be presented for Convention consideration, and submit these resolutions in advance to your District or National President.

If you plan to attend, please try to REGISTER EARLY! The Supreme Council is planning interesting business sessions, and the hosts are also planning some exciting social and cultural events. To be most effective in all parts of the Convention, we need to know in advance how many attendees there will be.

Finally, if you are a regular attendee, we look forward to seeing you again. If you have never attended a National Convention, try it! We're sure you will enjoy it. Besides being tools for increasing organizational awareness and activity, the Conventions provide wonderful opportunities for "lifting your spirit" spiritually, culturally and socially as well.

Here's to a happy, inspiring and fruitful Convention!



Anšros Vartų Marija — Mater Misericordiae — Our Lady of the Dawn Gate, Vilnius



LITHUANIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS' LEAGUE OF AMERICA
AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ ROMOS KATALIKŲ KUNIGŲ VIENYBĖ
Founded 1909

The bishops of Lithuania last year asked their people to observe this year of 1982 as a Year of Devotion to Mary in preparation for the 500th anniversary in 1984 of the death of St. Casimir. Our own Lithuanian organizations in the U.S. and Canada proclaimed 1982 to be the Year of the Lithuanian Parish.

We suggest a more solemn consecration of the parishioners to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in church on the Sunday closest to May 13 in this Year of the Lithuanian Parish. How beautiful if each family received a picture of Our Lady of the Dawn Gate to have as a center of devotion and prayer in the home.

Here at St. Peter's, S. Boston we ask families to invite the priest to their home to conduct the prayer service in the presence of the family and, should they wish, relatives and friends. After a break for coffee and cake we have a religious discussion. Each family is asked to pray for the Church in Lithuania until the next family is visited. At one family visitation four generations, fifteen families came together. Each requested a copy of the picture for their home. Our people love Mary and want to display her picture. That is why our parish has ordered 400 copies.

May Our Lady in this Year of Mary and the Lithuanian Parish obtain for you and your parishioners abundant blessings and graces, and for the people of Lithuania freedom and peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Albert J. Contons

President, Lith. R.C. Priests' League

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FAMILY DEVOTION TO MARY

Rev. Antoninus Jurgelaitis, O.P.

We Lithuanians are rightly proud of our heritage: our beautiful and ancient language, our deep religious roots. With the coming of the Good News of Christ's Redemption to Lithuania in the 1200's and the baptism of Grand Duke Jogaila in 1387 a strong commitment was made to the Catholic Faith. Devotion to Christ and His Mother Mary spread widely and deeply into the hearts of the Lithuanian people. This is why we turn to Mary, Mother of the Church, in this Year of the Lithuanian Parish — 1982.

OUR LADY OF THE DAWN GATE, VILNIUS — To deepen and strengthen our faith, to revitalize our parish communities, we turn to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Dawn Gate, Mother of Mercy.

The Dawn Gate (facing east) was one of the four gates constructed when Vilnius was walled in to protect it from the Tartars. As soon as the Dawn Gate was finished, a painting of Jesus the Savior was placed over it on the outside, and one of the Blessed Virgin was placed on the inside. When these original paintings deteriorated, new paintings were commissioned. The present painting of Mary, it is believed, goes back to 1570.

What is remarkable about the shrine of Mary of the Dawn Gate is that many favors and miracles were granted to those who prayed before that ancient painting. Over the centuries it has become the national shrine of Marian devotion in Lithuania. In 1927 Our Lady of the Dawn Gate was "crowned," that is, a gold crown was affixed to the painting, giving it special papal recognition as a pilgrimage site.

Today, even under Communist domination, thousands of people come to the Dawn Gate to beg Mary's intercession in their struggle to preserve the Faith.

OUR LADY OF SHILUVA — Lithuania has been called the Land of Mary by ancient and more recent popes. One reason for this was the Apparition of Our Blessed Mother to some shepherd children near the village of Shiluva in 1608, at a time when there was no longer a Catholic Church there because of the inroads of the Protestant Reformation. She appeared standing

on a rock, her long hair falling over her shoulders, carrying a child in her arms. She was weeping. The children ran to their Calvinist pastor, who did not believe their story. The next day he himself went to the place of apparition. The Blessed Mother appeared again. The Calvinist pastor asked her, "Why are you weeping?" She replied, "In former times my beloved Son was worshipped in this place, but now it is used for plowing and planting." Devotion to Our Lady of Shiluva brought about the construction of a new Catholic Church on the site, and resurgence of Catholic Faith throughout the area. Pope Alexander VII on May 13, 1656 granted King John Casimir's request that Our Lady be named Protectress of Lithuania and Poland.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA — By a strange coincidence May 13 was also the date on which the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherds near Fatima in Portugal in 1917. This was the first six apparitions to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco with a serious and urgent message to a sin-laden world.

Mary asked for penance, prayer and consecration to her Immaculate Heart. She pointed out that praying the Rosary daily and the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays was the sure way for individuals and nations to return to the Father.

Of special interest and urgency is the prophecy of Our lady of Fatima: "If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."

On May 13, 1951 the Lithuanian bishops in exile, gathered in Rome, consecrated Lithuania and Lithuanians throughout the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

OUR LADY IN YOUR HOME — Preparing for the 500th anniversary of the death of St. Casimir, March 4, 1484, the bishops of Lithuania asked that in the year 1982 we pay special attention to the purity of St. Casimir and his love for Mary, because a people devoted to St. Casimir must be "morally healthy, its youth chaste, its families faithful and strong."

During this year of the Lithuanian Parish — 1982 — each family is urged to foster a deeper love for Mary. When Jesus was dying on the cross, we read in the Gospel that Mary, His Mother, and His beloved disciple John were standing nearby. Jesus said to His disciple, "Here is your mother." The Gospel relates, "From that time on, this disciple took her into his home."

You are invited to take Mary into your home by:

- 1) inviting your parish priest to consecrate your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to bless your home,
- 2) displaying and honoring the picture of Our Lady of the Dawn Gate, Vilnius as a center of Marian devotion in your home, and by
- 3) being united in prayer with the persecuted Church of Lithuania.

Blessing Of The Home And Consecration Of The Family To The Immaculate Heart Of Mary

1. Blessing of the home

(The Priest) Let us pray. Heavenly Father, graciously send Your holy angel from Heaven to watch over, to cherish, to protect, to abide with and to defend this family, and all who dwell in this home. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

(All) Amen.

2. Sacrifice of the Mass or Rosary

3. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4. Blessing of the picture of Our Lady of the Dawn Gate, Vilnius

(The Priest) Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless this picture of Our Lady of the Dawn Gate, Mother of Mercy and Mother of Your Divine Son Jesus. Grant that this family and all who honor the Blessed Virgin may by Her merits and prayer obtain an abundance of grace, peace and happiness in this life and everlasting joy and glory in the life to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

(All) Amen.

5. Consecration of the family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(All)

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Mercy, we offer ourselves to you.

Take our joys and sorrows.

Take our consolations and difficulties.

Take our sacrifices in reparation for insults and offenses against you and your Son.

We consecrate to you our family and home.

Keep us under the protection of your motherly heart.

Guide us in our work and prayer.

Help us to fulfill our duties conscientiously.

Make us true followers of your Son, whether at home, in school or at work.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, direct all hearts to your divine Son.

Free us from all that drags us down.

Fix our thoughts on things above.

Help us to live worthy lives.

Make us one in heart with your Son Jesus, one in mind with His Church,

one in prayer with you, O Mary,

Mother of Jesus, Mother of the Church, our Mother.

You were the Mother of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Be the Queen and Mother of our family and home.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Mercy, foster the spirit of holiness in our family.

Let us feel your motherly care.

Make our home a shrine where you and your divine Son, Jesus, are always honored and loved.

Amen.



6. Prayer for the church in Lithuania

(All)

Mary of the Dawn Gate, Mother of Mercy, Lithuania has often been called the Land of Mary. Just as once your Heart was pierced by the sword of sorrow, today the heart of Lithuania is torn by suffering.

Families are persecuted for their faith — fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters

Some are in prisons, others in exile, still others have died as martyrs.

Lithuania, your Land, O Mary, has become a Land of sorrow and tears.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, come to the aid of persecuted believers.

Keep families faithful. Console the suffering. Bring home the exiles.

Mother of Mercy, obtain mercy for that nation which persecutes our brothers and sisters in the faith. Obtain for its people and leaders sincere repentance, the light of faith, the grace of conversion.

Mary of the Dawn Gate, obtain for us the grace of sorrow for sins so that our hearts may be at peace with your Son.

Obtain freedom for the people of Lithuania and all oppressed lands.

And obtain a just and lasting peace among all nations for you are the Mother of Mercy and the Queen of Peace.

IMPRIMATUR Humberto Cardinal Medeiros

February 22, 1982



VYČIAI-VYTĖS – LIETUVIŠKŲ PARAPIJŲ STIPRINTOJAI

Kun. Stasys Raila



Lietuviškų parapijų metų paskelbimo pradinei minčiai Vyčiai buvo vieni pirmųjų, kurie su visais Lietuviais ryžosi — 1982 — stiprinti lietuviškų parapijų išlaikymą ir išsilaikymą. Jie nuoširdžiai įžvelgė į lietuviškų parapijų dabartinę būklę ir ateitį savo metiniame Seime 1981, Scranton, Pa. Lietuviškų parapijų metų seminarui vadovavo dv. vadovas Kun. A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. su Kun. A. Contons ir vyčiu A. Astravu, kur vyčiai parodė labai didelį rūpestį lietuviškų parapijų išlaikymu ir išsilaikymu. Jie sutarė prasmingai veikti lietuviškų parapijų metais ir ateityje, kad lietuviškos parapijos stiprėtų.

Pagarba naujai L. Vyčių pirmininkei Loretai Stukas, kuri savo parašu L. Vyčių vardu paskelbė lietuviškų parapijų metus. Tuo metu Lietuvos Vyčiai įsipareigojo labiau negu kada sielotis, gyventi, aukotis ir aukoti lietuviškų parapijų gyvastingumui. Kaip? Čia norima išskirti vyčiams galimus būdus stiprinti lietuviškas parapijas.

Pirmiausia reikia arčiau susipažinti su lietuviškų parapijų metų paskelbimo atsišaukimu, kurį čia ištisai ir atspausdiname:

„Brangūs broliai ir sesės Lietuvosiai,

Prieškarinių laikų lietuvių išėvi-
jos 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 netrukus 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 kitataučių.

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 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, jis 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.

Norėdami pagelbėti lietuviškom parapijom išlikti ir geriau atlikti savo uždavinius, mes, žemiau pasirašę, vadovaudamiesi savo organizacijų nutarimais, skelbiame 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 **laikyti, lankyti ir neapleisti, nors ir būtų toli nuo jų savanoriškai išsikelti. Tai yra visų lietuvių pareiga Dievui ir tautai, nežiūrint, prie kokios religinės bendruomenės priklausytume.**

2. Lietuviškoji parapija, ypač išėivijoje, turėtų būti kiekvieno lietuvi 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, perkeldime jas į lietuviams patogesnę vietą. Kada parapiečiai nori savo parapiją perkelti kiton vieton, tada jie turi teisę prašyti, kad diecezija, už jos kitiems atiduotas parapijas, pagelbėtų lietuviams pastatyti bažnyčią kitoje vietoje.

Tų uždavinių siekiant:

1. Lietuviškų parapijų kunigai ir

tikintieji raginami palaikyti gyvą tarpusavio kontaktą, pavyzdžiui lankant savo parapiečius.

2. Lietuviška parapija tepasilieka centrine mūsų veiklos vieta. Tik tada ji turės gyvybinės reikšmės išlaikant 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, joms 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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Dv. vad. Kun. A. Jurgelaitis,
O.P. savo taikliu straipsniu „The
Year of the Lithuanian Parish”,

„Vytis”, Nr. 1, 1982 ryškiai pavaizdavo lietuviškų parapijų dabartinę krizę ir kaip lietuviai galėtų stiprinti savo parapijas kad ir sunkiomis sąlygomis aplinkybėmis. Todėl siūlau L. Vyčiams su didžiu dėmesiu pasvarstyti savo dv. vadovo iškeltus būdus ir kiekvienai kuopai pagal tai susidaryti planą savo lietuviškos parapijos stiprinimui. Jis puikiai nusako kodėl yra reikalingos ir naudingos lietuviškos parapijos.

Antra, raginu visus vyčius taip pat nuoširdžiai įsigilinti į vyčio Aloyzo Astravo praktiškas mintis, ten pat, „Vytyje” Nr. 1, 1982.

Pirmiausiai ir labiausiai vyčiai kuopose gali naudingai padėti lietuviškoms parapijoms stiprėti ir išsilaikyti. Vietos vyčiai yra parapijiečiais savo parapijoj. Todėl jie visi ir kiekvienas privalo būti jautrūs, aktyvūs, pasiaukoją parapijiečiais, netik prisirašydami, bet dirbdami ir pasiaukodami lietuviškai parapijos dvasiai palaikyti ir parapijos egzistenciją paremti. Todėl Vyčiai visokiais būdais remia parapijas, jos organizacijas, dalyvauja pamaldose, parapijos Tarybos darbuose, rūpinasi lietuviškų pamaldų įvedimu ir kilniu pravedimu — giesme, žodžiu, malda.

Jei kartais pirmieji Vyčiai nebūdavo įjungiami į lietuviškų parapijų veiklą dėl įvairių priežasčių, tai dabartiniai vyčiai yra ir turėtų būti sėkmingiausia grupė, kuri palaikytų, padėtų išlaikyti lietuviškas parapijas dar ilgus metus.

Prie jau iškeltų būdų kaip geriau išlaikyti ir stiprint lietuviškas parapijas, galima prijungti keletą naujų būdų.

1. Kiekviename Vyčių susirinkime pasiraginti ir svarstyti lietuviškų parapijų stiprinimo būdus.

2. Kiekviena LV kuopa sutaria bent vieną sekmadienį mėnesyje bendrai dalyvauti lietuviškos parapijos lietuviškose pamaldose.

3. Kiekvienas vytis-vytė priklauso lietuviškai parapijai, nors gyventų toliau ir priklausytų prie vietos parapijos.

4. Vyčiai rūpinasi, kad lietuvių bažnyčiose būtų lietuviškos mišios, lietuviškos pamaldos, kuriose dalyvauja vyčiai.

5. Vyčiai noriai jungiasi į lietuviškų parapijų choras, o kur jų nėra, vyčiai organizuoja lietuviškus choras.

6. Palaikymui gyvos veiklos lietuviškų parapijų, vyčiai organizuoja savo narių grupes, kurios ryžtasi ypatingai remti lietuviškas parapijas savo dalyvavimu pamaldose ir visoj

veikloj. Vyčiai aktyviai dalyvavę praeitą mėnesį lietuviškų parapijų gyvenime, mėnesiniame susirinkime yra paminimi vardais, kad ir kiti pasiragintų ir įsijungtų į lietuvišką religinę — aktyvią veiklą.

7. Pagalvoti ar nebūtų paskatinimu skirti žymenį — atsižymėjimo ženklą — dovaną vyčiui — vytei už uolumą stiprinant lietuvišką parapiją. Pav. 1-as atžymėjimas už dalyvavimą kiekvieną sekmadienį lietuviškose pamaldose. 2-as už dalyvavimą 30 sekmadieniu

metuose pamaldose lietuviškoje bažnyčioje ir 3-ias už dalyvavimą 12 sekmadienių metuose lietuviškoje bažnyčioje, lietuviškose pamaldose.

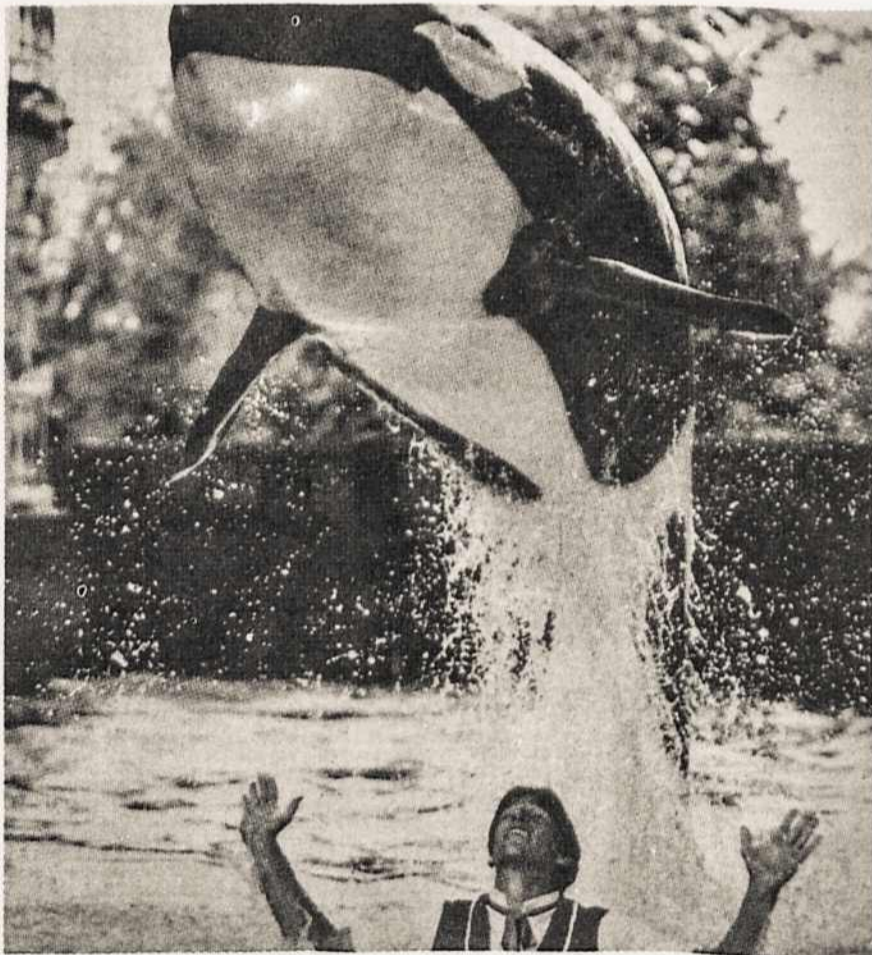
8. Kiekviena vyčių kuopa sutaria specialų planą savo lietuviškai parapijai palaikyti — surengiant lietuvišką šventę su lietuviška programa, lietuviškos muzikos koncertą, suorganizuoti chorą, dalyvauti aktyviai lietuviškose pamaldose, atlaiduose, procesijose, surengti lietuviškų sukakčių minėjimą ir t.t.

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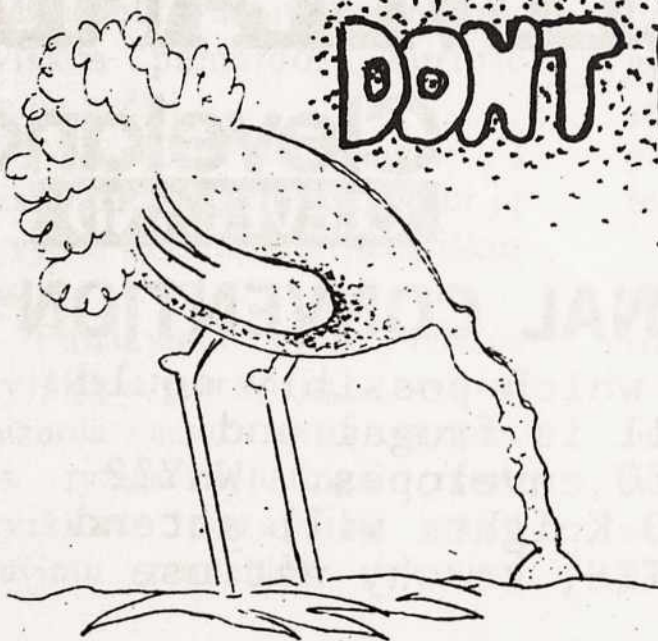
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In The Observance Of Memorial Day

By Joe Valikonis

In the observance of Memorial Day, let it always be in our hearts, never to forget — to remember those — who made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

It all began, in this once beautiful country, just 206 years ago — when natives, or should I say newcomers, had the fires kindled in their hearts. INDEPENDENCE and FREEDOM.

Chains of the British rule were broken. A new country — a new flag was born. The banner was raised high — alternating red stripes for the blood that was shed and white stripes signifying the purest of intent and the bright stars shining in the blue sky.

If the early forefathers listened, "I never promised you a rose garden" could have been the words from above. Anything of value, any

priceless possession, is expensive and may cost you dearly. And, it was so that the United States discovered that fact.

After many encounters, we come to World War I, not too much later, World War II, then Korea, and Viet Nam.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who gave up their lives prematurely. Not by choice — but by chance — they happened to be at the wrong place at the particular moment.

How about those men, now little publicized, that have been wounded. Those that have been — and still are — prematurely destroyed, without arms, without legs, the living shells of men, the LIVING DEAD. Let us never forget them. They cannot forget — ever. Once in a while, let us say an extra prayer for them.

If all the tears that have been shed by mothers, fathers, wives, brothers and sisters were to be collected, there surely would be a new lake. We may ask, "But why should it be?" I do not know the answer and I don't think any of you do. The one who does was nailed on the cross nearly 2000 years ago.

We, of Lithuanian heritage, though we may have only a drop of that blood in our veins, have one peculiar trait which runs parallel to the basic American ideals. What we believe in — we believe with our entire heart and soul.

Under the banner of Lithuania, a tri-color of yellow — for the golden wheat and rye, nourishment for the body, green representing the forests, the evergreens and the beautiful landscape signifying hope and red for blood shed to attain the goals.

For years and years, the aims of our forefathers has been FREEDOM no territorial expansion. Just a simple "LET US BE FREE" attitude. We are a stubborn lot. After all — we were the last pagan country in Europe, the worshippers of Perkunas — the Druids and other Gods. But — when we converted, we became Christians in almost absolute entirety.

Therefore, let us keep instilled in our hearts, the memory of those who left their lives on the sacrificial altar — all those that have entered eternity — all those in the VA hospitals — the living dead. Pray for them in the observance of Memorial Day.



Housewalk

By Ann Marie Kassel

On November 22nd, C-36 participated in an Ethnic Festival in Beecher, Ill. This was arranged by means of a "Housewalk". Four homes in St. Paul's Parish were chosen to be decorated in National Traditions. The Lithuanian house was sponsored by Donald and Mary Ann Nunn. Mary Anne is the daughter of Joe Martikonis, one of our C-36 officers.

The complete Kučios was described by Sabina Klatt. The traditional 12 courses, mostly fish were provided by a Lithuanian delicatessen.

Ann Marie Kassel, along with other members of Mary Anne's committee, explained the origin of amber as our Lithuanian gem. Many Lithuanian artifacts were provided by Vince Samaska and Terry Strolia.

More than 600 persons attended the Housewalk. This festive occasion was a perfect setting to share our Lithuanian customs with the Beecher community.



C-36 Members Ann Marie Kassel, Ray Wertelka, Vince Samaska, Sabina Klatt and Joe Martikonis



MARY RUSAS KOBER
Great Neck, L.I., New York (Council 109) Honorary Membership Candidate.

Mary (Rusas) Kober joined the Knights of Lithuania organization (C-109) on June 4, 1934 at the age of 13 (no Junior councils at that time). Charter member of Council 109, she has served on numerous committees since that date, without interruption, for over forty-eight years.

Mary has done much to bring the Lithuanian cause and the Knights of Lithuania's work, particularly on the council, district and national level, before the public's eye. She undertook all kinds of committee tasks in the local Council as President, Vice-President; Financial Secretary; Ritual Committee; Lithuanian Affairs Committee Chairperson of C-109 in 1951; Membership Committee Chairperson of her Council in 19667; and VYTIS correspondent. Served as district and/or council delegate at various National Conventions from 1935 (Hartford, Conn. 10 1966 — Worcester, Mass.). Among her District activities included delegate to District Conventions and member of Public Relations Committee.

Mary was bestowed the 1st K. of L. degree in January, 1936; 2nd in February, 1938; 3rd degree in

MARY RUSAS KOBER HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATE

July, 1940 and 4th degree in June, 1967. Each year, she was elected to some committee such as Ritual, Lithuanian Affairs, Membership and delegate to all district and national conventions. She has also been correspondent for local activities in the VYTIS. In 1967 she was elected Recording Secretary in the Supreme Council. Her work as assistant to the Editor of VYTIS cannot be overlooked. Mary did typesetting of Council News Activities and also other typesetting that was required by the Editor. She held the title as that of Assistant Council News Editor of VYTIS. Also, co-editor of the New York-New Jersey District Bulletin, later becoming Editor and in 1975 assuming the title of Publisher. Without Mary's capabilities, the District has admitted it would be very difficult to publish a Bulletin as is presently done by the Mid-Atlantic District. Mary has felt it important to spread the Knights of Lithuania word around, and assumed her duties with great pride and joy.

During the World's Fair in 1937, Mary was selected by Consulate General of Lithuania in New York City to represent the Knights of Lithuania at the Lithuanian Pavilion. She was employed as Hostess in Pavilion (her native Lithuanian costume which she wore during World's Fair — donated to her by the Lithuanian government and from that time on she became very interested in her heritage and learned to speak, read and write the language fluently. Knowing a great deal of the history, she became greatly interested in the organization and felt that Lithuania and

Lithuanians must not be forgotten and, up to the present time, she has done a magnificent task of publicizing Knights of Lithuania activities in a community that was not Lithuanian nor did it have a Lithuanian church to fall back on. Her articles, written in local newspapers, always mentioned the Knights of Lithuania activities.

Since 1967, when Mary received her 4th K. of L. degree, she continued to be active in the Knights of Lithuania and helped re-activate Council 109 during Membership Drives and enrolled no less than 50 members. As an exemplary member herself, she aroused interest, activity and loyalty to the Knights of Lithuania organization in those members she enrolled and worked with. She has given herself to the Knights of Lithuania for so many years since 1934 and the Knights of Lithuania was the beneficiary of every such unselfish effort.

Mary was also involved in many of the religious and social activities including Retreat Activities, Communion Breakfasts, Lithuania's Independence Day Celebration. She also found time to devote to the Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary of Transfiguration Lithuanian Church in Maspeth. Not residing within the immediate vicinity of a Lithuanian Church, Mary has also been active in the Women's Organizations of the local Catholic Church, St. Peter of Alcantara. Being associated with non-Lithuanians in her daily and social activities, she has brought the name of Lithuania to many who have never heard or knew of the country. Being employed with the Great Neck Public Schools, she always made it known that she was a Lithuanian; volunteered to conduct

KAZIMIERA PETRULIENĖ

KANDIDATĖ Į GARBĖS NARYSTĘ

Chicagos Vyčių seniorų kuopos nariai susirinkę Vyčių salėje, Geg. 5, 1980, - visi pasirašę, įteikė seniorų susirinkimui pasiūlymą KAZIMIERA PETRULIENĖ kandidatę į Garbės Narystę. Nariai vienbalsiai ir su plojimu priėmė.

Su pasisididžiavimu seniorų kuopa aukštai vertina Kazimierą Petrulienę, kuri be pertraukos ištiesai 53 metus dirba su meile, su visa siela ir su pilnu atsidėjimu Vyčių idealams. Ji turi tikrą Vyčių dvasią. Chicagoje ji Vyčiams yra žinoma kaipo didžiausia Vyčių organizacijos darbininkė. nežiūrint jos pagyvenusio amžiaus. Tai reta asmenybė.

Kazimiera gimė sausio 24, 1904 Lietuvoje. 1929 metais įstojo į Vyčių 4 tą kuopą. 1931 metais persikėlė į Vyčių 36 tą kuopą, ir nuo pat 1945 senior kuopos įsisteigimo, be pertraukos tebėra aktyvi narė abiejose kuopose.

1946 metais kuomet Vyčiai seniorai ir Vyčių apskritys susitarę pirkti Vyčių namą, į namo pirkimo direktorių tarybą buvo išrinkta

Kazimiera Petrulienė. Beveik be pertraukos buvo Vyčių namo direktorijate, kur ji padėjo neapsakomai daug darbo su a.a. Antanu Petruliu. Jie dirbo veltui o kaip kada gavę kokį sumok jimą jie paauskodavo ir dar pridėdavo. Seniorai tvirtina, kad buvo pavyzdgingiausia tvarka, kada Kazimiera talkininkavo ir viena pati ar su kitais seniorų savanoriais ir apskričio darbininkais.

Kazimiera Petrulienė daug metų tarnavo kaipo senioru išdininkė ir sugeba rūpestingai atlikti įvairių komisijų darbus abiejose kuopose, apskrityje ir namo direktorijate. Ji yra beveik nuolatinė ligonių lankymo

komisijoje, lanko žymius lietuvių parengimus, ypač Vyčių, dalyvauja lietuvių patrijotinėse ir kultūrinėse parengimuose ir ragina ir primena kitiems dalyvauti. Mes ją matome lietuviškoj operoj, koncertuose, "Captive Nations" paraduose su tautiniais rūbais, ar bet kur reikalinga iškelti Vyčių ar lietuvių vardą.



Kazimiera Petrulienė

Kazimiera yra pavyzdinga lietuvė ir sąmoninga katalikė. Ji visuomet primena Vyčių susirinkimuose kad naujai įstojantieji nariai turi būti parapijos nariai ir praktikuojantys katalikai. Ji nuolat skelbia daryti artimui gerus darbus ir taikiai sugyventi, lankyti ligonius ir laidotuves. Depresijos laikais ji yra pagelbėjusi kaikiuriems Vyčiams, priimdama ias save kol susirasdavo darbo. Yra priėmusi vieną kitą prie mirties ligonį, kuris neturi savųjų. Ji yra pasižymėjusi labdaros darbuose. Petruliai yra pavedę Vyčių apskrityje metinę atminimą mirusiųjų minėjimą su mišiomis, pietums ir akademija.



MARY KOBER CONTINUED

a one-day Workshop to the staff on LITHUANIA AND HER CULTURE. The Workshop was accepted with great enthusiasm and she has been asked to conduct this on a yearly basis. In her adult education classes on ARTS & CRAFTS, she always mentioned Lithuanian arts and crafts and devoted at least one session on anything Lithuanian. She also was a

member of the committee which sponsored an INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL NIGHT at the Great Neck High School.

One of Mary's most successful accomplishments was to involve in and to have the Town Supervisor in Town of North Hempstead designate one week as Lithuania's Independence Week with a display of handicraft and amber items. On

February 16th, she spent the entire day at Town Hall dressed with her Lithuanian costume, promoting the Lithuanian culture and showing her display of arts and crafts.

Mary visited Lithuania in 1977 and, because of that, she further understood her heritage, learned the language better and feels that the Knights of Lithuania organization is a major part of her life.

Petrulienė yra energinga ir mėgsta jumorą. Ji pasižymi praktiškumu, ekonomišku tvarkingumu, sugyvenimu su žmonėmis, yra socialaus būdo. Turėdama kiek laiko ji kuria poeziją; kai kurie eilėraščiai buvo spausdinti "Vytyje". 1979 metais vyčių 36 ta kuopa įvertindama Kazimieros Petrulienės didelius nuveiktus darbus. jos 75 metų amžiaus sukaktuvių proga, buvo jai duota 36 tos kuopos Garbės Narystė ir įteikta dovana.

Prie šio rašto buvo pridėta dar ištraukos (8 lapai) iš seniorų kuopos protokolų knygos, kaip paliudymas jos be pertraukos darbuotės Vyčių seniorų kuopoje.

Chicagos Seniorų Vyčių kuopa siūlo Kazimierą Petrulienę kandidatę į Garbės Nares, ilgametę, garbingą, pavyzdinę ir tikrai Vyčių dvasios. Vyčių organizacijos narę.



She joined the K of L Council 4 in 1929, a few months after her marriage to the late Antanas Petrulis, who was one of the original K of L

members when it was organized in the 1913, 1914 era. Kazimiera and Antanas transferred from Providence of God parish to Council 36, Immaculate Conception parish in 1931 and continued their dedicated services for God and Country under the K of L banner.

Kazimiera was one of the prime organizers of the Chicago Seniors Council in 1945. Her activities, in brief single sentence excerpts from the Seniors Council minutes, crowd eight single space typewritten pages. For example: Treasurer, 1946, 47, 69, 70, 71, 73; Vice President, 1974; District Delegate, 1950, 51, 54, 62, 66, 68, 69; Chairlady and/or Committee member for St. Casimer Day Commemorations — 1946 through 1982, Picnics — 1945 through 1981, Visiting the Sick — 1945 through 1982, "Kucios" socials — 1955 through 1982; District Delegate 1950 through 1970; Convention Delegate 1950 and 1979, etc., etc.

Then, there is work with the K of L Building Committee from 1946 through 1982, including being building manager for most of the years between 1959 and 1970. There is no one other K of L member who has spent as much time and physical effort on improving and maintaining our building and picnic garden. She has cooked, tended bar, painted, scrubbed, tiled, cemented and in between, donated materials and money to keep our K of L home a profitable investment and a place of pride to all.

Honorary Membership Candidate — Kazimiera (Zubavičiute) Petrulienė For 53 Years A Paragon Of Abiding Service For The K Of L

While doing all this, Kazimiera still continued being an active participant, with her fellow K of L's, in both Council 36 and Illinois-Indiana District. Her list of credentials is equally too lengthy to enumerate. For 50 years, she seldom missed lending her assistance for the July 4th Picnics, New Year's Eve parties, dances, bingos, banquets, deceased member memorials, socials and meetings.

No greater than her love and devotion to the K of L is Kazimiera's love for God and country. She is an exemplary Catholic, with compassion for the needy and the sick. She is a patriotic American with a fervent love for her motherland, Lithuania, encouraging the use of the Lithuanian language, song, literature and customs.

It will be a proud moment for Knights of Lithuania when Honorary Membership is bestowed upon Kazimiera Petrulienė, a paragon of abiding service for the K of L.

By Eleanore Laurin

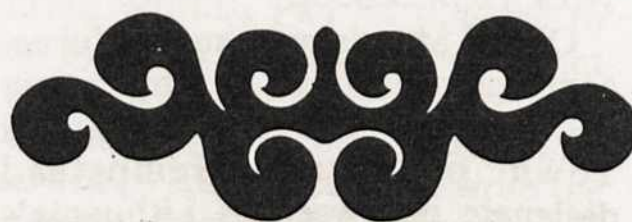


The Prelate Versus Einstein

A German Catholic prelate, Cardinal Von Faulhaber of Munich, once had a conversation with the physicist Albert Einstein.

"Cardinal Von Faulhaber," Einstein remarked, "I respect religion, but I believe in mathematics. Probably it is the other way around with you."

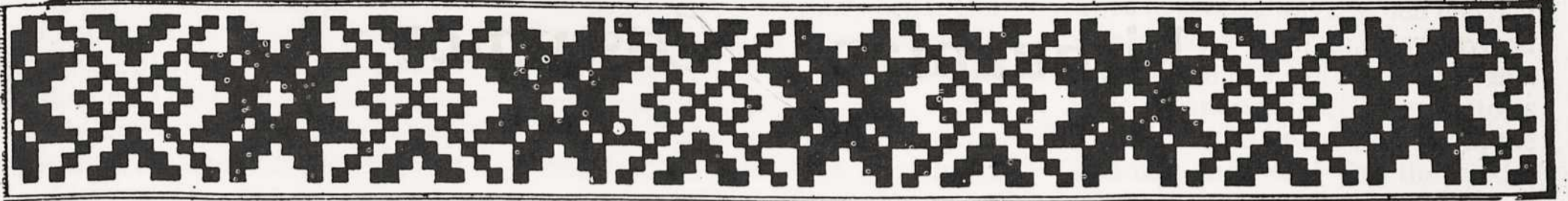
"You are mistaken," the Cardinal replied. "To me, both are merely different expressions of the same divine exactness."



"But, Your Eminence, what would you say if mathematical science should someday come to conclusions directly contradictory to religious beliefs?"

"Oh," answered the Cardinal, "I have the highest respect for the competence of mathematicians. I am sure they would never rest until they discovered their mistake."

by V. Grazulis



LANGUAGE LORE

Understanding the Lithuanian Language III
— Dr. Algirdas Budreckis

The Lithuanian language uses analogies. In linguistics an analogy is a correspondence between the members of pairs or sets of linguistic forms that serves as a basis for the creation of another. More simply put, it means that if you understand the pattern followed in forming types of words, you could coin new ones using the same pattern.

For example, the verb infinitive ending — uoti is frequently used to form verbs from nouns and adjectives: daina (song), dainuoti (to sing), raudonas (red), raudonuoti (to become red, to redden), balsas (vote), balsuoti (to vote). These examples are taken from native Lithuanian words. However, because of its adaptable and easy formation, this ending is often used to form verbs borrowed from other languages.

to adopt—adoptuoti	to finance—finansuoti
to bombard—bombarduoti	to lacquer—lakuoti
to concentrate—koncentruoti	to nominate—nominuoti
to dictate—diktuoti	to propagate—propaguoti
to export—eksportuoti	to risk—rizikuoti

Since the noun form indicating action for verbs with the infinitive suffix **-uoti** is **-avimas**, then the action nouns for the above-given verbs are: adoptavimas, bombardavimas, diktavimas, eksportavimas, finansavimas, lakavimas, nominavimas, propagavimas, rizikavimas.

Analogies are also used in Lithuanianizing foreign words by applying the suffixes applied to earlier Lithuanianizations. Thus, if the Latin suffix for abstractions **-tion** is rendered **-cija**, if nation, ration became nacija, racija in Lithuanian, then nouns such as abstraction, constitution, resolution, insurrection, contribution, revolution become: abstrakcija, konstitucija, rezoliucija, insurekcija, kontribucija, revoliucija.

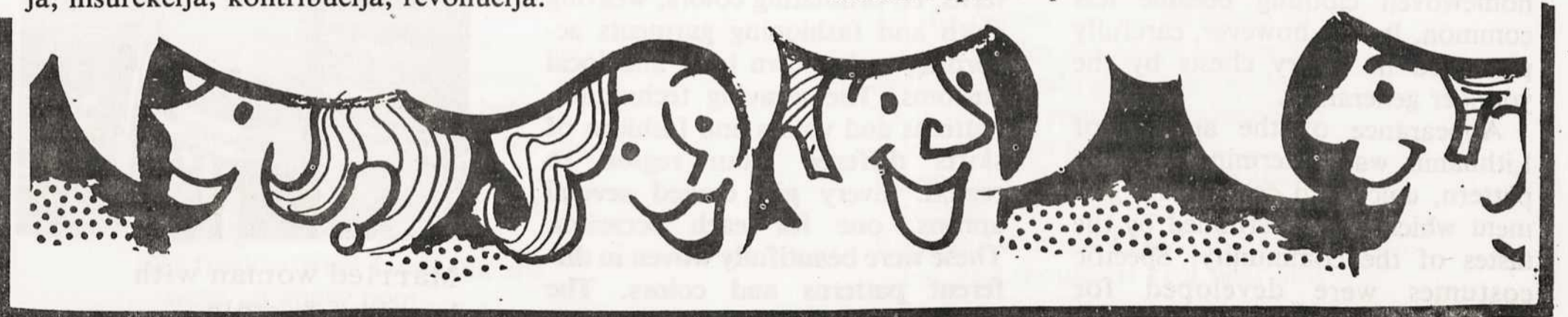
If an agent who performs work (darbas) is a darbininkas, and one who sings a song (daina) is a dainininkas, then, by analogy, countless nouns indicating an agent, actor, or operator can be formed by using the ending **-ininkas**. Here are some obvious, and less obvious formations of words:

giesmė (hymn) — giesmininkas tauta (nation) — tautininkas medelis (landscape tree) — medelninkas miškas (forest) — miškininkas blaivus (adj. sober) — blavininkas (tee-totaler) irklas (oar) — irklininkas laida — puslaidininkas (semi-conductor) karas (war) — karininkas (officer) muitas (customs) — muitininkas valdžia (government) — valdininkas (official) eksportas (export) — eksportininkas gėlė (flower) — gėlininkas.

Sometimes old forms are studied and by analogy new words are coined. Thus, kareivis (soldier), keleivis (traveler), and jūreivis (sailor) are old words. New words were coined using the ending **-eivis**: upeivis (river pilot), moksleivis (high school student), pirmeivis (progressive), oreivis (airman).

Any number of endings and prefixes could be studied and used to form new words. In limited cases, especially in olden times, the Lithuanians coined words by imitating word formations in other languages. The German "Uebermensch", English "Superman", and Russian "najcelovek" became antžmogis. "Overtime work" became viršlaikis or "viršvalandžiai, antlaikis or antvalandžiai. The Italian Risponsibilita, English Responsibility and German Verantwortung (that is, to have to account for or reply to) became atsakomybė

By the way, a very modern use of analogy, is to translate spaceship as erdvėlaivis.



Lithuanian Costumes

By ANNA K. WARGO



Young girl

Lithuania is almost the only country in Europe where, until the end of the 19th Century, every country girl wove herself festive clothing from homespun linen and woolen thread which was often dyed naturally. At the beginning of the 20th Century, when it became possible to import fabric from other countries, homewoven clothing became less common. It was, however, carefully preserved in dowry chests by the younger generation.

Appearance of the apparel of Lithuania was determined by the pattern, color and cost of the garment which was determined by the tastes of the community. Specific costumes were developed for festivities, religious occasions, ritual

observances and for married and single women. It is the holiday dress of the Lithuanian people which is known as the folk costume.

The weaving of the national costume consisted of a number of steps, spinning raw materials or fibers into yarns, dyeing the yarns, selecting the colors and patterns, and weaving the cloth. The costume was then sewn and ready to be worn.

The women's national costume's appeal lay in the many and varied weaving methods, colors, patterns, cuts and designs. It tended to emphasize the femininity and age of the wearer. The design of the headdress indicated both the age and marital status and was an indication of the region in which the woman lived. The headdress was chosen for weddings, religious festivals and all special occasions.

The shirt had wide intrinsically patterned sleeves. The collar or neckline varied. The edges of the patterned shoulder tabs, collar, front and cuffs were carefully embroidered, edged with half diamonds, pleats or loops. Necklaces and pendants, made of amber, glass, bronze, silver or coral were worn to adorn the costumes.

Every girl prepared a dowry before her marriage by creating patterns, co-ordinating colors, weaving cloth and fashioning garments according to her own taste and local customs. The weaving techniques, patterns and colors and fashions of skirts differed from region to region. Every girl owned several aprons, one for each occasion. These were beautifully woven in different patterns and colors. The bodice was distinguished from other

parts of the costume by its weaving colors and style of cut. The features of the bodice also made it possible to distinguish in which part of the country it was woven. To complete the costume, the women wore sashes (Juostos). This was used to fasten, adorn or trim a garment.

Unmarried girls wore headpieces that differed from those of married ones. Her headdress was designed to enhance her hair. On festive occasions the girls went bareheaded or only covered the tops of their heads with a small wreath of ruta, a bobbin lace band (pynikas), a galloom brocaded or done in pic-up technique with gold or silver thread, a headdress plaited from two narrow ribbons, bands or sashes or one in overlay or pickup patterns and with



Married woman with kerchief & stole

an open top (pakilka), or a headband that was woven or strung of small colored glass beads (karieline). Two ribbons which hung loosely down to the waist were attached to the back or side of these headdresses. This was the headdress for special occasions. At other times, a lightweight kerchief covered the head.

The head and hair of a married woman was always covered. After the wedding, the wreath of ruta was

removed from the bride's head. Her head and hair were then wrapped in a wimple (nuometas) or kerchief (muturas) woven of pure white linen. Apart from the wimple, married women also wore headshawls and variously sized kerchiefs that were tied in a number of ways, under the chin, on the forehead, in back of the head or around it.

The stole was also part of the married woman's apparel. It was long, narrow or wide and could be

worn in several ways. When married women wore wimples, they covered their shoulders with a one panel stole (panuometis). These stoles were woven of linen or cotton in the summer and wool for the colder months.

Taken from the Lithuanian National Costume by Antanas and Anastasia Tamosaitis.

I would recommend every Lithuanian household to purchase this book.



IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers...



NELLIE GUMBULEVICH

Member C-135
Ansonia, CT
Died February 21, 1982

FRED BENNINGTON

Husband of Daive Bennington
Member of C-3
Philadelphia, PA
Died March 8, 1982

My Rag Doll

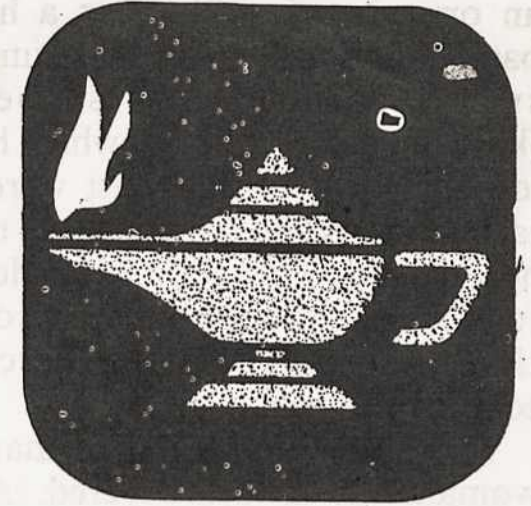
By Vida Gecas

Many years ago, when I was much younger,
I packed away my rag doll, thinking that I was much older,
In a big, brown box in a faraway nook,
Up in the attic she went without another look.
Then one day before going to college, I went to the attic to see
If there was any "old junk" that I could bring with me.
I rummaged and rummaged and found nothing to take
When, all of a sudden, in a corner, I noticed an old, dusty crate.
I opened it up and lo and behold, I spotted my friend, Annie, my old rag doll.
Her dress was tattered, her hair falling out,
Her freckles were faded but she wore no angry pout.



She looked up at me with a pretty red smile
And seemed to ask, "What have you been doing all the while?"
Then I remembered what a good friend she was to me
All the parties she sat through, all the troubles she heard willingly.
Well, I decided right then and there
That she was much too valuable to leave in this attic so bare.
I descended the stairs with Annie tucked under my arm
Realizing that old friends are priceless and should be kept near and warm.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP'S COMMITTEE

Annual Knights Of Lithuania Scholarship Award

The Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the Annual Scholarship Award will be presented at the 69th National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. The Scholarship Program is intended to help worthy and deserving Knights obtain a college education. Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate or graduate work in degree programs. The scholarships are awarded to different Knights each year; a second award will not be made to the same individual. Any qualified Knight who was not selected for an award in a particular year may reapply for a scholarship this year.

The Scholarship Committee will base its award decision primarily on K. of L. activity, but also will consider scholastic achievement, financial need and various recommendations. The scholarship awards are made possible by the generosity of various of K. of L. Districts, Councils, and individuals. Donations can be made as an outright gift or in memory of a deceased K. of L. member, relative or friend. All donations will be acknowledged and published in the *Vytis*.

For the 1982 Scholarship Appeal, the Scholarship Committee again requests all Districts, Councils and individual members to participate in the most commendable project of the Knights of Lithuania. The Scholarship Committee has awarded more than \$12,100 to twenty-two deserving members over the last five years. Truly, Knights and Ladies may be proud of this accomplishment. Truly, "nor will the Lithuanian spirit die in our youth with special efforts such as yours."

This year, unfortunately, prospective college students will be confronted with ever increasing college tuitions and cutbacks in federal funding to aid college students. The need for the Knights of Lithuania scholarship has never been greater; it could mean the difference between attending or not attending college for a deserving Knight. Please consider a donation to the Scholarship Fund today! make the donation tomorrow. Be generous.

Requests for applications or additional information should be sent to the Scholarship Chairman at the address below:

William J. Piacentini
362 Webster Avenue
Cranston, R.I. 02920

Donations (which are tax-deductible) should be sent to the Scholarship Committee Secretary/Treasurer at the address below:

Vitalija Vaskelis
6124 Cronin Road
Dearborn Heights, MI. 481-27

Scholarship Committee members are the following:

Albert C. Jaritis
South Boston, MA
Rev. John Savukynas, M.I.C.
Chicago, IL

Clemencine Miller
Trumbull, CT

Anthony J. Mazeika
Treasure Island, FL

Eva Kazokas
Council 3

A Modest Proposal Pledge To Underwrite a K of L'ER For Scholarship

*****Join the 24 Club*****

Just imagine with me for one minute. There are approximately 3200 members in the Knights of Lithuania. If each Knight or Lady donated \$24 to the Scholarship Fund that would equal \$76,800. That amount would allow the Scholarship Committee to increase the amount of the annual award as well as create a balance that would insure future presentations. It can't be done? Just think about these figures:

\$24.00 = ONE annual donation of \$24.00

\$24.00 = TWELVE monthly donations of \$2.00

\$24.00 = SIX bi-monthly donations of \$4.00

\$24.00 = FOUR quarterly donations of \$6.00

Does it seem so hard now? Is it too much of a burden on an individual who budgets the donations? Isn't the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship worth the effort? Isn't the Lithuanian heritage worth the price?

Think about the "24 Club" today; make your first payment tomorrow!

Albert C. Jaritis
South Boston, Mass.
Scholarship Committee Member

Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, Article V. Section 3.e) be modified by adding the following sentence:

Upon the death of the spouse of an Associate Member, the Associate Member retains his/her membership status as long as other requirements of the Constitution are upheld."

March 18, 1982

To all Council Cultural Chairmen:

I wish to thank all the Chairmen who sent me a resume, a program or a newspaper clipping of their programs for Lithuanian Independence Day.

It is very gratifying to know that so many of you commemorated this day so beautifully. As long as we keep the Lithuanian spirit alive on days like this, our brothers and sisters in Lithuania will know they are not forgotten and will know that we keep them in our hearts and prayers.

Ačiu širdingai,

Vytiskai,
Anna Klizas Wargo
Cultural Chairman

Special Notice:

As of this issue of the VYTIS, on recommendation of the delegates of the 68th National Convention in Scranton, Pa. and, with approval of the Supreme Council, the LCRA Committee has officially opened the Knights of Lithuania Drive to sponsor an issue of the CHRONICLES.

All donations received by the Committee, so far, will go towards this Drive — \$648.00. Cost to publish one issue of the CHRONICLES is approximately \$2500.00. Make all checks payable to the LCRA — this is tax deductible.

Our wish is to be able to announce, at the Convention in Cleveland, that we have reached this goal.

LCRA Material

The following material was taken from issue #48, June 29, 1981 of the 'CHRONICLES':

Vilnius

On June 11, 1981 Nijole Sadunaite wrote a statement to the Chief Judge of the Lithuanian SSR Supreme Court, requesting a copy of the verdict in her June 16-17, 1975, trial because the document of the court verdict had been confiscated from her by the Barashev, Mor-dovia, labor camp administration the day she arrived at the camp and had not been returned, despite her written requests that the document be returned.

On June 24th, Assistant Judge M. Ignotas of the Lithuanian SSR Supreme Court sent the following reply to Sadunaite's request:

"This is to inform you that a copy of the verdict in your criminal case was given you once and copies of verdicts in this type of case are not issued a second time."

Documents of court verdicts are immediately confiscated from all political prisoners and are not returned. (Ed. Note)

Vilnius

To: The Director of the Postal Authority of the Ministry of Communications

Copy to: The Director of the Vilnius Post Office

A Statement from Jonas Sadunas, res. Vilnius 43, Architektu 27-2.

On October 3, 1980 (receipt No. 912) I sent a registered letter with receipt requested, to the Federal Republic of Germany.

On October 6, 1980 (receipt No. 431), October 8 (receipt No. 82) and on October 18 (receipt No. 348) I sent registered letters with return receipts to Israel from the Vilnius Central Post Office (Lenino No. 9).

Not a single return receipt came back. I later learned that none of the above letters reached their destinations.

Please let me know why my registered letters do not reach their destinations.

To: The Director of Agency zx 385/3-5

A Statement from: Jonas Sadunas, res. Vilnius 43 Architektu 27-2

For five years I corresponded with Petras Paulaitis. He used to receive nearly all the letters I sent him. Recently, he received only four of the 16 letters I sent. Not only letters, but cards, also, are confiscated. I sent two cards in every letter.

Please let me know what is being done to assure that P. Paulaitis receives my letters.

Vilnius

In April 1981, in Vilnius, during a meeting with Julius Sasnauskas at the Security Committee, Chekist Cesnavicius threatened Sasnauskas' 75-year-old grandmother, Sofija Niksiene, simply because she had signed some petitions: for the return of the Klaipeda church to believers and against the detention of Petras Cidzikas in a psychiatric hospital. He threatened:

Don't stick your nose where it doesn't belong, we'll crush it. I'll call the social services department and your pension will be cut," shouted Cesnavicius.

The elderly woman was not intimidated and she told the chekist: "You can take your pension...."

Julius Sasnauskas writes in his May 11th letter:

"This month is called the month of Mary, so dear to us with her heart pierced with the sword of sorrow or standing at the foot of her Son's cross. But that is not mere sorrow, for we know nothing that happened there was in vain...."

They also mentioned they would move me from prison to prison only until June 11th and would then change my status (internal exile begins on June 11th — Ed. Note). I will somehow manage to drag out these few weeks. My best wishes to everyone. God be with you!"

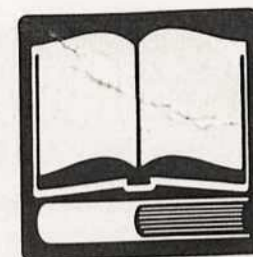
Donations toward the 'CHRONICLES' may be sent to:

Mrs. Frances Petkus
800 Haldeman Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45404

Make all checks out to: LCRA

We get Letters . . .

News From Kent State University



In a letter from Dr. John Cadzow, he writes:

"Enclosed is an outline of the goals of the Lithuanian Research Institute which will be established at Kent State University. We need to build a permanent administrative building to assure the continuation of the work here. All too often in the past, programs have centered on one person and, once that person is gone, the program ceases to exist. The Lithuanian Program here has thus far been built on a permanent, solid foundation and this last step is needed to assure its continued growth."

Lithuanian Research Institute

The Lithuanian Research Institute will provide the following services.

1. Research services for scholars working on a Lithuanian theme.
2. Coordination of the collection and preservation of Lithuanian material.
3. Development of bibliographical sources.
4. Microfilm deteriorating or rare Lithuanian material.

5. Assist the Lithuanian World Archives and ALKA in the proper cataloguing of their material.
6. Coordinate the entire Lithuanian program at Kent State University.

The interest from the \$200,000, which will be collected for the Institute, will be used as follows.

1. To hire personnel with preference being given to individuals, who speaks, reads and writes the Lithuanian language.
2. Telephone expenses.
3. Postage.
4. Duplicating and printing related to the Institution.
5. General office supplies.

Donations may be mailed to:

Dr. John Cadzow
Ethnic Heritage Program
729 Wright Hall
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio 44242



Cook's CORNER

Goulash Soup With Sauerkraut

— By Mary Lucas



- 1 T Vegetable Oil
- 2 Lbs. Lean Pork (cut in 1/2" cubes)
- 3-4 T Butter or Lard
- 4 Lg. Onions (finely chopped)
- 4 Carrots (finely chopped)
- 2 Celery Stalks (finely chopped)
- 1 Lg. Garlic Clove (minced)
- 2-3 T Sweet Paprika
- 1/2 t Dried Thyme
- 1/2 t Dried Savory
- 1/4 t Whole Caraway Seed
- 3 Qts. Homemade Beef Stock
- 2 Cups Canned Tomatoes in Puree
- 1 Cup Chopped Celery
- 1 Lb. Sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
- 2 Lg. Potatoes, peeled and cut into small cubes
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/2 Accent Powder
- Sour Cream (optional garnish)

Preheat broiler. Lightly coat shallow baking pan with 1 T Oil. Add Pork Cubes in single layer. Broil quickly until well browned on all sides. Drain thoroughly on paper towels.

Melt Butter or Lard in 8 Qt. heavy pot or Dutch oven over medium high heat. Add Onions, Carrots, and Celery and cook until onion begins to brown. Stir in Pork, Garlic, Paprika, Thyme, Savory and Caraway. Add Beef Stock, Tomatoes and Cabbage. Reduce heat, cover partially and simmer about 1-1/2 hrs. Stir in Sauerkraut and simmer 30 minutes. Add Potatoes and simmer another 30 minutes. Season with Salt and Pepper and Accent Powder. Serve in bowls. Garnish with dollop of Sour Cream if desired.

Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



*New Trooper Ann Stanalonis gets a kiss from dad
Maj. Bernard Stanalonis*

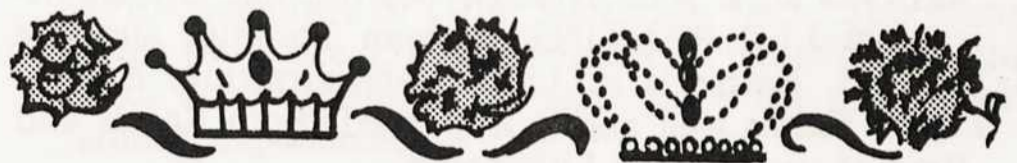
Among the new graduates of the 43rd cadet class at Pennsylvania State Police Academy was ANN STANALONIS, 24 of Harrisburg, Pa. According to the "Sunday Patriot News" the state police are a family affair. Her father is MAJ. BERNARD STANALONIS, director of the Bureau of Patrol, and the new trooper said she worked for a number of years as a secretary at state police headquarters before deciding she had the qualifications to be a Pennsylvania state policewoman.

Stanalonis personally presented his daughter with her diploma, saluted her, then removed his hat and gave her a kiss, to the delight and applause of the audience. Maj. Bernard Stanalonis is a member of K of L Council 146, Harrisburg.

According to "The English Vieniye," a UPI story covering the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, indicated that Prince Charles of England is descended from Polish-Lithuanian royalty. This story was reported to UPI by the official Polish news agency, which cited as proof a huge work on genealogy by Professor Wlodzimierz Dworzaczek of the University of Poznan. This fact has been known to Lithuanian historians for some time.

Prince Charles is a direct descendant of Grand Duke Gediminas, who ruled Lithuania from 1316 to 1341 and founded what came to be known as the House of Gediminas. Gediminas passed his throne on to his son Algirdas, who in turn passed it on to his son Jogaila. Grand Duke Jogaila in 1386 became King of Poland and served simultaneously as Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland. Jogaila had a son Casimir who ruled Poland and Lithuania as Casimir IV. One of his sons was St. Casimir. One of his daughters, Sophie married a member of the Hohenzollern dynasty, namely, Prince Frederick of Brandenburg, who governed the German principalities of Ansbach and Bayreuth. This Lithuanian princess was the great-great-great-great-great-grandmother of Prince George of Hanover, who in 1714 became King George I of England. King George is the direct ancestor of the present-day Queen Elizabeth II and her son, Prince Charles, heir-to-the-throne. This makes Charles a direct descendant of Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas. Therefore, a small portion of Prince Charles' heritage is Lithuanian.

All of European royalty still living today is in some way related to the Gediminas dynasty. The Poles prefer to call this dynasty the Jagellons, in honor of Jogaila who brought it to Poland. But as it goes back to Gediminas, we Lithuanians call this dynasty the "Gedimainaičiai," or Gediminians in English.





Audronė Simonaitis-Gaižiūnas (foreground) and Dana Stankaitis sing a duet during "Der Freischutz" by the Lithuanian Chicago Opera Company

From the Syracuse, N.Y., "Herald Journal" — Next season in the Demi-Dome, they might be shouting out picks and screens in Lithuanian if 6'9" JOHN KARPIS signs with Syracuse. Karpis, like Orange tri-captain LEO RAUTINS, is from Toronto, and like Rautins, Karpis is of Lithuanian extraction. Rautins knows Karpis well and is impressed. Both Karpis and Rautins speak fluent Lithuanian.

The Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago presented Carl von Weber's "Der Freischutz" in three performances at the Maria High School Auditorium in Chicago, on March 6th, 7th, and 13th. As quoted from a review in "The Chicago Tribune:"

"Spirits ran high backstage. Clusters of flax-haired women in colorful peasant costumes chatted with burly men dressed in tunics and leather. The heady smells of perfume and makeup mingled with the oversized sounds of singers warming up. The orchestra, clad in formal black and white, mixed with the throng; there was none of the aloofness that sometimes separates players from singers. On other nights, the Lyric Opera Orchestra had accompanied Callas, Tebaldi and Pavarotti. Tonight its members had come to Marquette Park to play for Stankaitis, Vaznelis, and Simonaitis-Gaiziunas."

Promptly at 8 the house hushed and conductor Al Vasaitis, a computer systems analyst by day, carefully maneuvered through the tiny orchestra pit that had crammed with 33 instrumentalists. Vasaitis bowed briskly to the applause, turned and brought down his stick. The horns answered with the sylvan chords that hinted at the darkling mood and mysteries to come. Excitement mounted through the overture, and then the red velvet curtain opened on a forest-green glade in 15th Century Bohemia, a medieval rifle range with a contest in progress. With a shot and a shout "Der Freischutz" leaped to life in a burst of fire and song."

Chicago's Lithuanian Opera Company stands unique — for 26 years the only ethnic ensemble regularly performing full-scale international grand opera. Rehearsals start in September and the chorus works nights and weekends devoting hundreds of hours on what must be considered a labor of love.



An article in "The Chronicle," Milford, Delaware, recently, told of the anxiety of ALEXANDER and BIRUTE BLAZEVICIUS. Their thoughts on Christmas Day were in Poland where loved ones lay under the blanket of Soviet martial law. The Milford couple did not try to make contact for they believed that doing so might place their relatives in jeopardy. On January 16th a letter finally arrived, but it did little to relieve the minds of the Blazevicus, for the brief Christmas greeting was lodged in an envelope that had been ripped open and stapled back together.

The Blazevicus are both of Lithuanian descent. They speak with strong emotion when reciting the troubled history of their homeland. The fear that they have for their family, however, does not stem from any written word, but rather from their own memories and experiences.

Connecticut-born Alexander Blazeivicius traveled to Lithuania to attend school in the mid-1930's and it was then that he met his wife-to-be, Birute. He returned a few years later to marry her and together, they lived in Warsaw. The Blazeiviciuses were in Warsaw the day that Hitler dropped his bombs, triggering World War II and they returned to Lithuania only to find the Soviet army at their doorstep. Because of his American citizenship, Alexander was allowed to return to Connecticut, but not so Birute. While he spent the next year appealing to every diplomatic channel, she awaited in lengthy lines, daily, for Soviet clearance. It had not come by the time the Germans invaded Lithuania, but she and other members of her family made their way into Switzerland. In 1946 she joined her husband in Connecticut.

Birute now speaks freely of Soviet tyranny for she says she desperately wants her American neighbors to be aware. There was a time when she would lie awake at night trying to recall every word that she had spoken that day. The wrong ones could, literally, have been her passport to Siberia.

The memories are refreshed for the Blazeiviciuses every day that Poland continues under Soviet martial law, everytime that a package is confiscated, a letter censored. They happen to know that their relatives in Poland and Lithuania do not receive every issue of National Geographic which they send. She and her husband are reluctant to send packages despite the shortage of goods and food that they know exists.

They believe that their only recourse is to spread the word among their American neighbors, advocating that the United States remain strong and do everything it can, short of war. The answer, in their estimation, lies in America's moral support and that support is the hammer which the Blazeiviciuses intend to use at Poland's door...until it is opened.

RANDY and KATHY STEP of Livonia, Mich., have emerged as winners in their own finishing achievement of the 140-mile Ironman World Triathlon, which included a 2/4 mile ocean swim, a 112 mile bicycle race and a 26.2 mile marathon — all in sequence and all in one day.

The Triathlon, which took place February 6th, on Kailua-Kona (the Island of Hawaii), attracted 600 participants from 41 states and six countries. This was only the third year that women have been included in the competition. The Steps, one of 10 married couples in the race, didn't just survive the triathlon and "we didn't want to just finish — we wanted to finish well." Kathy ran the marathon in 4 hrs. and 15 minutes. Randy's event times were: swimming, 1:36; bicycling, 7 hours; and running, 3:47.

The Steps are very athletic. They're avid marathon runners and race every other weekend. They belong to the Livonia Family YMCA Pacers Club and run in as many club races as possible. Randy, who works as a



William G. Balchunas

Harrisburg, Pa., has its first ombudsman in the city's history, appointed by Mayor Stepeh R. Reed. By dictionary definition ombudsman means "a government official appointed to receive and investigate complaints made by citizens against abuses or capricious acts of public officials."

WILLIAM G. BALCHUNAS, who previously has served as a city police officer and Reed's transition office manager, was designated by Reed to receive and investigate complaints on acts of local government and administrative agencies and recommend changes designed to safeguard the rights of local citizens. In making the appointment, Reed said he selected Balchunas for his experience as an investigator and as an individual who is trained to address citizens' complaints and quickly resolve them.

Balchunas, a resident of Harrisburg, had previously been a civilian police dispatcher for the city, served as a city police officer from 1973-1979, and prior to that was a rehabilitation counselor with the Pa. Department of Justice's Bureau of Corrections. He is a graduate of the Harrisburg Area Community College where he holds a degree in Police Science and Administration.

funeral director in the family business at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, claimed the event was billed as "the most grueling test of human endurance." Kathy is a registered nurse and works for the Visiting Nurses Association. Randy is the son of CHARLES and JODY STEP, members of C-79, Southfield Mich. The young Steps (both are 25) are planning to participate in the sixth world triathlon and agree the event was a great athletic experience.



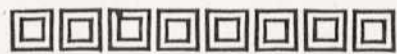
Mr. and Mrs. Adomas Kantautas, Stanley Balzekas, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Mackevicius

Adam and Filomena Kantautas of Alberta, Canada, recently presented to the Balzekas Museum library, their book **Supplement to A Lithuanian Bibliography**. This book, which took ten years to complete, was made possible through the great dedication of Mr. and Mrs. Kantautas and the sponsorship of the Canadian government.

The Balzekas Museum has one of the largest libraries and archives in the free world.

Pictured from left, Mr. & Mrs. Adomas Kantautas, Stanley Balzekas, Jr., holding A Lithuanian Bibliography also by Mr. and Mrs. Kantautas and which is also in the Museum library, Mrs. F. Mackevicius and Mr. Mackevicius of Lockport, Illinois.

Supplement to a Lithuanian Bibliography contains a further check-list of books and articles held by the major libraries of Canada and the United States.



The Children's Museum of The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 4012 Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, every Sunday afternoon 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., features a puppet presentation by Daniel A. Swanger, Curator of the Children's Museum — a guided tour of the history of Lithuania via the rare map exhibit.

Children are invited to attend with their parents and enjoy walking through Lithuanian history. They are given the opportunity to touch bricks from the ancient castle of Trakai and to wear costumes of the knights and princesses.



Bread Be Gentle With It

—Anonymous

Be gentle when you touch bread. Let it not lie uncared for and unwanted. So often bread is taken for granted. There is so much beauty in bread: beauty of the sun and soil, beauty of patient toil. Winds and rains have carressed it, Christ often blessed it. Be gentle when you touch bread.

From Vincas Grazulis C-25

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor **RICHARD KRISCIUNAS**, 31, featured in the "Detroit Free Press", has tried some of the most highly publicized cases in Detroit Recorder's Court in his six years as an assistant prosecutor. After giving the prosecutor's office a "good name," he has bowed out in style after winning another conviction, and assumed a new assignment as floor docket manager — he will oversee, but not try, the prosecution's cases before the five judges on one Recorder's Court floor.

Recorder's Court Judge Michael Sapala said, "He has a clear, concise mind and can get the case across to the jury. He speaks directly to them it's almost folksy. And he has good body language too. He's a big guy, but moves around the courtroom effortlessly. He's fluid, like a good third baseman."

Wayne County Prosecutor William Cahalan said simply: "Rich is outstanding. He's taken the really tough cases, and it's been his sheer ability that wins. An assistant prosecutor here can try more cases in one year than an attorney in private practice does in a lifetime. You give something of your life everytime you try a case. Everytime, you die a little."

The only child of Lithuanian refugees, Krisciunas did not speak English until after his fifth birthday. Even today he at times feels uneasy with the language. His style is demonstration, to act out a lot of things for the jury. He says, "A lot of times something visual is better for the jury to understand than just describing it."

Krisciunas, once voted Most Valuable Player in the Detroit, Mich., Lawyers Softball League, at first wanted to be a sportswriter and applied to law school only to please his father. His Dearborn Heights home — containing equal parts Sherlock Holmes and baseball memorabilia — reflects this conflict.

"Right now, I don't think I'll miss the courtroom," says Krisciunas, "but ask again in six months and I'll probably want to get back in there."

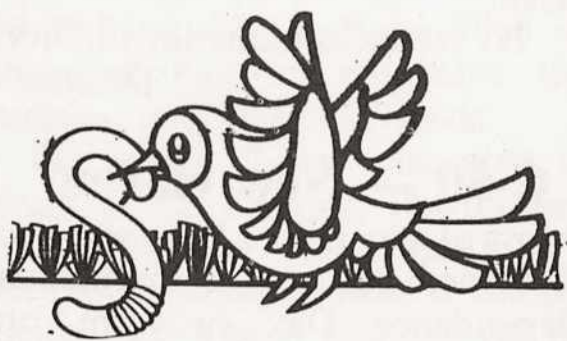


Richard Krisciunas in court

Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-10 — Athol-Gardner

Our council did it again! On February 21, together with Fr. Stepie, we sponsored the 64th Anniversary Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. The festivities began in St. Francis Church at 10:30 with a Solemn High Mass offered for suffering Lithuania by Rev. Justin Steponaitis who also delivered the sermon appropriate for the occasion.

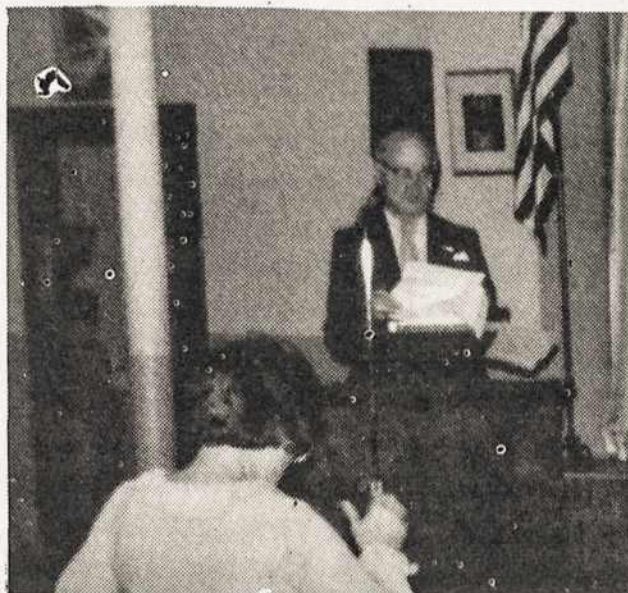
Liudas Stukas of New Jersey was the soloist and organist at Mass. Bill Wisniauskas was the lector. The Genaitises brought up the offertory gifts. The church was attractively decorated in our national colors. Father wore a set of Lithuanian linen vestments. After Mass our national hymns were sung impressively. Following Mass, we and our guests were served fish chowder and bulkies.

The activities continued at 2 p.m. in the parish hall with approximately 125 persons in attendance. Father Steponaitis gave the invocation. Council President Bill Wisniauskas served as master of ceremonies.



Bill Wisniauskas, Father Justin Steponaitis, Loretta Stukas and Liudas Stukas

Loretta Stukas, our National President, gave the main address on her impressions of Lithuania — its people, culture, present plight and the hope for the future. She also showed slides of her trips to Lithuania. She really captivated her audience.



Charles Genaitis

Liudas Stukas was guest soloist and rendered several Lithuanian folk songs which were well received. Charles Genaitis read Mayor Charles McKena's proclamation designating February 16 as Republic of Lithuania Day in Gardner. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Lennie Davidonis read Secretary of State Alexander Haig's proclamation that the US cannot permit the violation of Lithuanian national integrity to be forgotten; therefore, the policy of not recognizing the forcible incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union remains fixed and will not change.

The program closed with the singing of "Marija, Marija."

Refreshments were served by the following committee members: Brone Narkevicius, Helen Simkunas, Nellie Melaika, Pauline Rogers, Tina Shatos, Lennie

Davidonis, Frank Amoris, Mary Sauronsky, The Genaiteses, Wisniauskases, Perkslises, Bea Jodaitis, Richard & Clara Zetkousky.

Thank you, Father, for the encouragement you give us. We could not exist as a council without your concern, love and devotion. Truly, the parishioners are blessed in having Father Stepie as their pastor. *Lai Dievas tave laimino!*

Both dailies carried nice write-ups on the event.

A big *Lietuviska aci* for Father, Loretta, Liudas and our nice audience.

THOUGHT FOR MAY: Let's remember our dear Mother, living or deceased, in a special way and attend May Devotions at your parish church.

Vincukas

C-26 — WORCESTER

Three keys to recent meeting success: A beef stew supper prepared by Joe and Antoinette Ivaska, Adele and Francis Degutis; a spaghetti supper catered by Steve and Ann Walinsky, Steve and Ellie Walinsky, Bill and Carol Grigas, Dorothy Seilius; a chili supper sponsored by Marion Shapiro, Frances Kalakusky and Tillie Zelesky. The greatest compliment to these cooks and their assistants is the fact that Father Ben Uzdavinia, MIC, our spiritual director, offered not one word of criticism. Father is quite the chef in his own right.

The Marian Fathers of our St. Casimir's Church welcomed NED President Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas and his officers to our parish for a meeting in January. Council 26 was host.

Is there a perennial problem around? A bottleneck? A break in the communications link? An opportunity to increase the challenge of being an active K of L'er awaits you at the NED Convention on April 18 in Ansonia, Connecticut, where your ideas are most welcome and, in fact, most sincerely requested.

Our pastor, Father Anthony J. Mičiunas, MIC, installed the officers of the Lithuanian Charitable Society, operators of Maironis Park. Members of Council 26 serving as officers are Kazys Adomavicius, President; Ann Bender, Secretary; Withold Ivaska, Director; Stephen Walinsky, Sr., Auditor. Congratulations to all!

Our recent sick list includes Bill Karrytais, Joe and Antoinette Ivaska, Charles and Adele Tagman, Frank Tagman, Nell Thompson, Beatrice Anton, Anna Bacys, Anne Bucinkas, Jack Kazlauskas, Anthony Morkunas, Withold Ivaska, Alex Prodotkas and Bill Leseman. "Welcome, Sweet Springtime," say they!

Mrs. Helen Ciginskas, widow of Council 26's first president, Anthony Ciginskas, died in January. Our condolences to her daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Kazys Adomavicius.

Our council member, Sister M. Laurine, SSC, died at Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago in January. We join Sister's religious community in praying for her sweet soul. She was preceded in death by just a few days by Sister M. Esther, SSC. Sister Esther taught at our school many years ago; Sister Laurine taught here more recently. God rest their souls.

"We've only just begun!" is our feeling for this year's February 16 Commemoration. So much has been done with so much more yet due. Edward Meilus, Jr., host of the Lithuanian Hour, dedicated the month of February, with a total of eight broadcasts, to this cause. Alternately, the "official" Mass is held in one of the two Lithuanian parishes in Worcester. This year it was hosted by Father Alphonse Volungis, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church, home of C-116. Irene Tamulevich is president of C-116. Our St. Casimir Men's Choir sang at the Mass and the civic commemoration in the afternoon at Maironis Park. Accompanist was Ann Walinsky. His Excellency, Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, graced

the beautiful Mass with his presence and a memorable homily on suffering Lithuania. Secretary for the preparations was Teresa Adomavicius. The official representatives for Council 26 were Rita Pinkus, president, and Ann Bender, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman.

Congratulations to Ann and John Bender, grandparents, and to Aunt Helen Bender, on the birth of Erica Ann, daughter of Patricia and Dick Dustin. Also, congratulations to grandparents, Virginia and Withold Ivaska, on the birth of Lynn Marie, daughter of Peter and Donna Ivaska.

Iki sekančio numerio, su Diev.
"Dzukele"

C-50 — New Haven

Most of our K of L'ers, new and old, turned out for the Lithuanian Independence Day program on February 21. Mrs. Albina Lipcius was the chairman. She obtained a prominent speaker and author, Ignatz Budrys. Our beautiful choir sang for the occasion. Frank Peterson, our president, read the proclamation from Governor O'Neal. Mayor Ben Delieto was present. A Ukranian delegation representing Human Rights and Independence issues was also present. Food and refreshments were plentiful as usual, and it was a great day.

On March 7, our Communion Breakfast honoring St. Casimir was a huge success. We gathered for the 10:30 Mass celebrated by Father Karalis. The choir participated in the Mass. Father Karalis added his own special selections for this very solemn day to St. Casimir. We were especially fortunate to have with us Mr. & Mrs. Phil Skabeikis. Mrs. Skabeikis gave a most enlightening discourse on the events in our patron saint's life. She was remarkable. Thanks for coming to New Haven. We are thankful to Mr. Karjanis for catering the delicious breakfast.

As this is the year of the Lithuanian Parish, Father Karalis has assumed the role of interior decorator. What ingenuity! With

the help of such ambitious people as Al Gedrim, Bruno and Theresa Strimaitis and Al Gutouskas, our church is being repainted. The transformation taking place is something to behold. Father, we appreciate the new look that has come about at St. Casimir's Church. John Saulys, Anthony Leikus and John Macis, parishioners also contributed time and effort to the project.

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C-103 — Providence

A pre-lenten pancake festival was held in our parish hall after the 10:30 Mass. The hall was filled and everyone had an enjoyable time meeting new and old friends.

On March 7 we celebrated the Feast of St. Casimir, Patron Saint of St. Casimir's parish and K of L. At the 10:30 high Mass, C-103 participated in a body and received Holy Communion for their special intention.

After Mass, the K of L members assembled in the church hall for the monthly meeting. An LaButti gave a short talk on Lithuanian decorated eggs, "Margučiai." Father Cukuris, our Spiritual Advisor, showed slides of Jerusalem. After the meeting, we had our traditional brunch.

Helen Danisewich

C-135 — Ansonia

We started the New Year with a great slate of officers who are Rev. Raymond Yuskauskas, Spiritual Advisor; John A. Sabulis, President; Al Shurkis, Vice President; Geraldine Skuches, Secretary; Christine Slushinski, Treasurer; John C. Gursky, Financial Secretary and Al Barauskas, Ritual Chairman. Congratulations to them and let us support the officers fully. Thanks also to the outgoing officers for a job well done.

We were all saddened by the sudden passing of Thomas Palmer, son-in-law of Walt and Millie Stachowicz, in California and our fellow Knight Nellie Gumbulevich. Nellie was the mother of Peter Gumbulevich, Ruth Tyson and

Frances Barsevich, all members of our council. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to them and their families. We pray that they rest in peace.

February 16, Lithuanian Independence Day, was celebrated by morning ceremonies at the Ansonia City Hall with Mayor James J. Finnucan proclaiming that day to be Lithuanian Independence Day. The Mayor also took part in raising the Lithuanian flag on the city hall flag pole where it waved proudly all day for everyone to see in the bright sunlight. The delegation was led by Father Ray, John Gursky and Al Barauskas. Another job well done!

Winter Vacations: Gerri Skuches travelled to Hawaii and vows to return. John P. Sabulis, her son, at the same time visited Spain and Africa. Carol Bujanauskas was skiing down the slopes at Innsbruck, Austria, and didn't get hurt. And to enjoy the warm sea breezes for health and fun were Lee and Olga Gray who took the TV ad seriously and visited Jamaica.

Our St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, March 7, at St. Anthony's Church Hall with a large crowd attending. Our guest speaker this year was a local Lithuanian celebrity, Walt Devanas, Meteorologist at Radio Station WICC of Bridgeport. Walt is also Vice President of C-141 Bridgeport. Walt entertained and informed the audience in the art of meteorology and early Lithuanian culture using his unique wit and humor.

We extend special thanks to our superb kitchen crew of Chris Slushinski, Millie Stachowicz, Pat and John Gursky, led by the "Master Chef" Walt Stachowicz for satisfying our appetites. Of course, we don't want to forget all those "speedy" waiters and pretty waitresses who were delivering the food to the hungry.

Congratulations to our long-time industrialist, Floyd Trapkauskas who "packed it in." He's going to take it easy and relax, but we understand that's only temporary as wife Gloria got some chores lined

up. Drop in on us at one of our meetings.

A tip of the old "Skrybele" to "INO" for a job well done in bringing us the news through these pages over the past years. Take a break and enjoy — you deserve it.

Pulling out all "stops" and working diligently to prepare our qualified candidates for the third degree are our President Johnny Sabulis and Ritual Chairman Al Barauskas. The NED meeting will be hosted by Ansonia in April and third degrees will be bestowed upon Frances Barsevich, Dorothy Martin, Al Shurkis, Millie Stachowicz, Lil and Stan Twerian and Al Yurevich. Good luck to all of you!

"NAKTES PELEDA"

C-141 — BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Lietuvių Kultūros Vakaras Universitete.

Sacred Heart universitetas, Bridgeport, remia etninių grupių kultūrą, prisidėjo prie Lietuvių Kultūros vakaro suruošimo. Vakarą ruošė: vietos Šv. Jurgio parapijos /anksčiau grynai lietuviškos/ klebonas kun. Pranciškus Pranckus, Marijos Nekalto Prasidėjimo seselės, Putname, ypač ses. Margarita Bareikaitė, ir vietos Lietuvos vyčių veikėjai — Alfonsas ir Teresė Trainiai, Vakarą suruoštas kovo 6 d., didžiojoje universiteto salėje. O univers. bibliotekoje suruošta lietuviškos tautodailės parodėlė, kuri tęsis 2 savaites. Vakarą tikslas: parodyti bent dalelę lietuviškos kultūros pasireiškimų amerikiečių šviesuomenei, jų mokslo institucijoje. Vakarą pelnas lietuvių katalikų jaunuomenei paremti.

Vakaras susidėjo iš trumpo ivado ir meninės programos. Pranešėju buvo klebonas kun. Pranckus, jis ir pradžios maldą sukalbėjo. Klebonas paminėjo, kad Šv. Jurgio parapija dabar švenčia savo 75 metų sukaktį. National anthem giedojo Ann Marie McEvoy, o Lietuvos himną — Mildred Petrus. Margaret Melady, univers. prezidento žmona ir etninių grupių centro vadovė, sviekino

susirinkusius ir pasidžiaugė, kad vakaras suruoštas univers. patalpose. /Prezidentas buvo išvykęs/.

Meninę programą atliko: solistė Gina Čapkauskienė, akompanuojama muziko Sauliaus Cibo, ir aktorius Vitalis Žukauskas, kuris yra lietuvių kalbos profesorius tame univers.

Solistė Čapkauskienė išpildė įvairių solo kūrinių programą, kurioje buvo italų, prancūzų, vokiečių ir, žinoma, lietuvių kompozitorių, kūrinių. Solistė turi nepaprastai gražų, striprų, bet švelnų balsą. Gražūs perėjimai iš žemų į aukštus tonus ir atvirksčiai. Jos labai gera tartis, net svetimų kalbų žodžiuose. Nepaprasto grožio traliavimai /kolorature/. Neveltui ji yra vadinama lietuviškąja lakštingala. Isitikinti — užtenka išgirsti tik vieną jos atliekamą muz. Kuprevičiaus kompanuotą "Lakštingalos giesmę". Po netrumpos jos išpildytos programos, klausytojai priprašė solistę duoti dar tris kūrinius bisui.

Aktorius Vitalis Žukauskas, solistės programos tarpais, įstengė klausytojus, sužavėtus solistės dainavimo grožiu, gražinti žemėn savo humoristiniais paskojimais. Kai kurie tų ilgai liks klausytojų atminyje ir gal bus kartojami.

Vakaram susirinko virš 200 žmonių, kai kurie ir iš toli, pav.: iš Putnamo /110 mylių nuotolio/. Dalyvavo vietos vyskupas ekselencija Curtis, keli universiteto profesoriai, studentai ir pan., bet dauguma lietuviškos kilmės amerikiečiai. Daug norinčių dielyo auti neatvyko, nes buvo išgąsdinti sniego audiros.

Programą pabaigus, visi buvo pakviesti į univers. biblioteką pabendravimui ir užkandžiams, taip pat pamatyti parodėlę. Univers. vadovybė net šampano parūpino.

Ačiū rengėjams už šio vakaro suruošimą, ačiū programos atlikėjams, davusiems tokio aukšto lygio meninę programą. Sveikintinas rengėjų užmojis parodyti lietuvių kultūros dalėlę amerikiečių mokslo institucijoje.

Prie progos. solistė Gina Čapkauskienė skatinama šiais metais išleisti savo įdainuotą plokštelę. Visi prašomi paremti plokštelės isleidimą, nes tai nepaprastai brangus darbas. Sudarytas plokštei leisti komitetas. Plokštelė galima užsisakyti iš anksto, įmokant bent 10 dol., o mecenatai ir rėmėjai prašomi paremti didesnėmis sumomis. Pasiteiravimams ir aukoms adresas: Juozas Šulaitis, 1287 Woodside Road, La Grange Park, Illinois 60525.

Dr. Juozas Kriaciūnas

Už faktus atsakau
Dr. Juozas Kriaciūnas

C-146 — Holyoke

On March 14, C-146 observed St. Casimir's Day with a Mass at St. James Church. Father Julian Jutt, our Spiritual Advisor, read the Mass. The annual Mass in the old New England Church is now a tradition with our council. Later we enjoyed a bountiful brunch at the 1704 Restaurant. We were fortunate to have a fine day after almost a week of very unpleasant weather. We had 24 members and 7 guests present.

Father Jutt spoke on the renewed concerns for the people in Lithuania. Persons of non-Lithuanian origin are beginning to show interest in the needs and problems of Lithuania. He urged us to continue to be interested in our heritage, to be aware of the cultural affairs where we could offer support.

Father Jutt finished his talk with a short account of his recent trip to China. No one seemed in a hurry to leave this friendly occasion.

Mary M. Barkowski
Scribe 146

C-19 — Pittsburgh

On June 14, 1981, C-19 Quarterly Communion was held at St. Anthony's Church, Bridgeville. After the Mass and a pleasant brunch, our council welcomed a new member, Rev. Alexander Ziubrys, OFM, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church.

Our council had the pleasure of honoring Sister M. Alverna on her Golden Jubilee. A testimonial dinner was held at the Mona Lisa Lounge, Whitehall, on October 25, 1981, which was well attended by council members and their friends. Sister Marian, OSF, Mother Superior at St. Francis Convent, Whitehall, gave a heart-warming speech, after which everyone present expressed their good wishes, prayers and God Speed to Sister M. Alverna.

In November 1981, two of our talented members, Margaret Papeaka and Mary Vaglia volunteered to teach a few patients at Kane Hospital, a large center for the disabled and aged in Pittsburgh, the art of making Lithuanian Christmas straw ornaments. These ornaments were later placed on a special Lithuanian tree at the hospital. After several sessions of instruction, both Margaret and Mary succeeded in promoting a little of our Lithuanian art and customs. We are fortunate to have these enthusiastic and willing members who help keep our Lithuanian heritage alive in this area.

At our recent council election, Margaret Papeaka was elected our president. We wish her a happy and successful term of office. To our outgoing president, David Wenslovas, thanks for a job well done!

Mary H. Tamy

C-96 — Dayton

Under the chairmanship of Mary Lucas, our parish Lithuanian Cultural Committee hosted the celebration of the 64th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Lithuania's Independence on February 28. The event began with Mass at noon at

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Holy Cross. Our K of L Juniors, CCD students and young people of the parish marched into church bearing Lithuanian artifacts which were placed on the altar. Julius Kazenas of Cleveland was the soloist.

After Mass everyone went to the church hall for the balance of the program. Mary Lucas was MC with many Knights taking part. Main speaker of the day was Sarunas Lazdinis, PhD. His inspiring talk was delivered in both languages and was well received. Julius Kazenas, accompanied by Barbara Woyniak, entertained us in song. What a delight! Stefanija Rastikis and Mary Ann Blum were in charge of food arrangements. We thank the parish cultural committee for again preparing a very memorable Independence Day celebration.

On March 7 we honored our patron, St. Casimir. Members marched into church in a body for the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Offertory bearers were Eleanor and Joe P. Mantz. Readers were Stefanija Rastikis in Lithuanian and Chris Mantz in English. Chris also gave a homily on the Life of St. Casimir while Eleanor Mantz, President C-96, lead in the Prayer to St. Casimir. Organist Steponas Bucmys closed Mass with Vyciu Himnas. A light breakfast was served in the church hall by Joe and Aldona Ryan. Arrangements were handled by Chris Mantz, Religious Chairman.

Following Mass formal presentation of degrees was held. Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacovsky made the presentation to Juniors receiving their First Degree. They were Irene and Veda Gecas; Marilyn, Michael and Barbara Lastoskie; Elena Mikalauskas and Jamie Pacovsky. Fran Petkus, C-96 Ritual Chairman, presented Rita Gecas and James Geiger with First Degree. Joseph P. Mantz received the Second Degree. Congratulations to all!

Attending the Supreme Council meeting in Cleveland on March 20 from Dayton were Aldona Ryan, Vytis Editor, and her husband; HM

Stan Vaitkus, Honorary Membership Committee; Frank Petkus, LCRA Coordinator and HM Mary Lucas, Vytis Food Editor. The meeting was most productive. C-25 Cleveland, site of the 69th National Convention presented an excellent format for the convention. We stayed at the comfortable facilities that will be "home base" for the delegates. C-25 hosted lunch and supper. If this is a touch of what's to come, better lose some weight before the convention. It was good to hear we have a new council in the fold. Former C-63 will be known as Lehigh Valley Council. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ray Steinbrunner, General Chairman; Karl Keivel, Co-chairman; August Blum, Auditor; Mildred Steinbrunner, Secretary, for the fine job on the parish's Annual Archbishop's Fund Drive.

Welcome back to council membership, Sarunas Lazdinis. Happy retirement to Steponas Bucmys. Thanks to Aldona and Joe Ryan for the treats after the March meeting. We celebrated Aldona's Lithuanian Writer's Award. Mary Lucas also had goodies for us.

Get well wishes are sent to Karl Keivel. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Eugenia Gecas on the recent death of her mother, Elzbieta Burduliene of New York.

It was good to see the Knights supporting a recent Fish Fry the Lithuanian Club held under the chairmanship of Jimmy Kavalauskas.

At our last meeting Stefanija Rastikis, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, and Aldona Ryan, Vytis Editor, encouraged members to write to Freedom House, 20 W. 40 St., New York, NY 10018. It was brought to our attention that a map omitting the Baltic Countries was being distributed. We were also asked to write to the National Education Association regarding a film entitled "The Unknown War," prepared by Russia, with pressure being exerted to force our educational system to use this film.

Members were encouraged to write our leaders on this matter.

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C-79 — SOUTHFIELD

With the snow melting in Detroit, there is an indication that spring is here and the lush promises of summer are near.

Apparently, mother nature was ticked off on February 3, and her revenge was a "monster." No way could she be placated that day when we had to call off our C-79 meeting. It was the first snow blast of the three storms in one week.

However, warm temperatures scored relief when our winter-weary Detroiters basked in 40-degree weather for Lithuania's Republic Observance on February 14. Grazina Vaskelis, president of our sister Council 102, did a fine job as MC. Vida Gogelis, daughter of Estelle & Charlie Gogelis, read the proclamation from William G. Milliken, Governor of Michigan. Also, highlighting the occasion was the presence of Senator Donald Riegle of Michigan. Featured speaker was Algis Kasulaitis of Cleveland. Symbolic of Lithuania's Republic observance were comments of Lithuanian pride in their heritage and continual fight for independence.

Memorable comments were expressed on the spirit of Lithuanian descendants. "The early immigrants, as well as those who came later, brought their identities with them, their names, their history, and their language. They made an impressive record of achievement as public officials, scientists, poets, artists and professionals. The speaker urged each generation to grow and build on the achievements of their predecessors. In celebrating their own rich cultural past, those of Lithuanian ancestry must search for keys in gaining Lithuania's freedom."

A spread of homemade cakes and other pyragu delicacies were available for parishioners and guests who attended the event. For bigger appetites, there were "desrio"

dishes prepared by members of Moteru Sajunga. Kudos (Glory) to President Tina Bulota for all her great efforts. C-79 President Frank Zager, Joseph Yakstys, Mike Vale and Joseph Chaps, an auxiliary of sorts, gave a helping hand. The event was a success for the benefit of the parish.

Congratulations to Valentina Bulota, daughter of Stella & Walter Hotra, upon her election to the presidency of Moteru Sajunga, Chapter 54.

Nancy Angelwicz, daughter of Bertha Janus, is quite proud of her husband Clifford Angeliwicz who was named president of Volvo Automated Systems which will produce high technology units. We, too, are proud...and congratulations to Cliff.

Thomas Zager, son of Frank & Sophie Zager, received a Technology Award in Design Excellence from Honeywell Corporation of Minneapolis at a banquet on February 23. Valio! Hurrah! ... Tom.

On February 17, five members went to a birthday celebration at the St. Clare Oakland West Housing for Seniors. Residents celebrating birthdays in February were honored with gifts and a cake and ice cream treat. Thanks to Ann Valatka who coordinated the event. Joining her were Regina Pikunas, Michael Vale, Frank & Sophie Zager. While ages were not revealed, the members went ahead and sang "Ilgiausū Metu." The residents requested another Lithuanian song. Ann Valatka, Reggie Pikunas and Sophie Zager volunteered and gave an outstanding rendition of "Kaip As Turejau Kaime Mergele." Our critics gave a nod of approval to the three stars. Everyone had a great time. This birthday event is sponsored by the Christian Services of Divine Providence Parish Council and included representatives of Council C-79.

Randy and Kathy Step, son and daughter-in-law of Charlie and Jody Step, emerged as winners in the 140-mile ironman World Triathlon



Group of 79'ers: Mike Vale, S. Zager, F. Zager and Ann Valatka with Sr. M. Kate at St. Clare Seniors' Home in celebration of a February Birthday Party. Mrs. R. Pikunas (far left) represented Divine Providence Parish

which included a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112-mile bicycle race and a 26.2-mile marathon — all in sequence and all in one day. The Triathlon on February 6 on Kailua-Kona, the Island of Hawaii, attracted 600 participants from 41 states and 6 countries. The Steps, one of 10 married couples in the race, are very athletic. They belong to the Livonia Family YMCA Pacers Club and are avid marathon runners. Randy, who works as a funeral director in the family business of Charles R. Step Funeral Home, claimed the Triathlon was billed as the "most grueling test of human endurance." Kathy is a registered nurse. Both are planning to participate in the sixth world triathlon.

Labai aciu to all the dedicated volunteers who helped and served during the K of L Parish Coffee Hour on our Sundays: Marie & George Kase, J & J Yakstys, M & M C Nashlon, The Frank Zagers, Antoinette Baron, Maggie Smailis, Ann Valatka, Estelle Gogelis, Cynthia Jackson, Virginia Kirsh and Mike Vale.

On February 28, the Detroit Free Press carried a feature article, "He gets the bad guys — with words," spotlighting a story on Richard Krisciunas. He is the son of Jonas Krisciunas of the Lithuanian Radio

Voice program. Richard is Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor who in his six years as assistant prosecutor has tried some of the most highly publicized cases in Detroit Recorder's Court. He admits that "my style is demonstration — to act out a lot of things with words for the jury." Krisciunas, once voted the most valuable player in the Detroit Lawyers Softball League, at first wanted to be a sportswriter but applied to law school only to please his father.

At our March meeting Public Relations Chairman Anthony Dainus' report was accepted; and we have adopted a Queen of Peace, "Karliene Taikos" Church in Klaipeda, Lithuania for our own parish. Following the meeting, a "springtime" social was hosted by Mary Keller. Aciu, Mary for a fine treat!

A nice group of 79-ers attended St. Casimir Day event at St. Anthony's Church. The event was hosted by C-102 with a good brunch and social program following Mass at St. Anthony's. Our council's flag in the march in church added a highlight to the occasion. "Ilgiausū Metu" to Fr. M. Kundrat and Gerry Zager who celebrated birthdays on March 7.

On March 14, Kazys (Charlie) Gogelis was host for the Aidas Concert sponsored by the American Lithuanian Radio Voice program. The group which travelled from Hamilton, Ontario, attracted a large attendance at the Divine Providence Cultural Center. Highlighting the program was pianist-conductor, Jonas Govedas. He was the vivid spark for the 25-member singing group. Rimas Strimaitis endeared himself to the audience by his great performance. The Aidas Choir toured Europe and South America and had an audience with Pope John Paul II.

An Easter motif was the theme of our April meeting with Bertha Janus and Ann Erdman serving as hostesses. Thanks Bertha and Ann! The meeting focused on the Mid-West Bowling Tournament and Mid-Central District meeting in Chicago on May 15-16.

Congratulations to Sidney Millard, daughter of Beatrice and Jack Millard, who was married to Edwin Bayer. One of the bridal attendants was Ann Marie Yelmokas of Boston. Ann Marie and Sidney were introduced through his column when Soffi mentioned Sidney's desire to write to a pen-pal of Lithuanian heritage. Both of the girls were about ten years old. Ann Marie responded to the Vytis request and started a true and everlasting friendship in the sixties. Sidney will continue with her work in speech pathology, and Eswin is an attorney with a firm in Ann Arbor.

Easter Vigil Mass was especially significant to Mark Zager, former Junior K of L member. His wife, Sandra, converted to Catholicism and received First Communion with their daughter, Tanya Marie. Mark and Sandy marked their 10th Wedding Anniversary on April 7. Ilgiausu Metu!

It's nice to see Julie Belickas up and around these days following a long illness.

Due to inadvertently omitting an obituary sent in previously on Frank

Petroski, this column extends sincere sympathy to his beloved wife Betty and family. Frank was one of the greatest members and will be missed. May he rest in Eternal Peace.

Since the month of May is dedicated to honoring our Blessed Mother, we extend our best wishes to all the mothers and grandmothers. A Happy Mother's Day!

We hope everyone has a nice summer. Stay safe and well!

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C-86 — Du Bois

With this article, Council 86 makes its debut in the "Council Activities" column. We were slow in getting around to it, but hopefully we will be a regular contributor in the future.

First, I'd like to fill in the readers about some of our individual member activities. Ann and Tom Metrovich are spending the winter months in sunny Florida. We miss them a great deal since they are both so helpful with our monthly bingos which we hold for the benefit of our

\$90,000 Improvement Drive for St. Joseph Church. Dick and Millie Radzavich have returned from a two-week sojourn to Sun City, Arizona, where they visited Dick's brother-in-law, John Andrulis. Hopefully, when I retire, I'll have just half the energy of Johnny "Twinkletoes" Andrulis. Dick is thinking about retirement, and maybe he was "testing the waters" of that great retirement area. It was good to see our honorable member, Joe Shupienis, up and around lately. Joe's been in and out of the hospital, and we're hopeful for his complete recovery. Jeanne Bruzga has had her health problems, too. But you can't keep a good woman down. She just keeps getting up off the mat. And Regina Rusonis is still on the road to recovery. She had surgery in Cleveland and is returning for a checkup. Our prayers are with her for a speedy recovery.

Dick Radzavich is organizing some K of L bowling each Sunday at the Lithuanian Club. A number of our members and friends are participating. We're establishing our handicaps for the upcoming bowl-



Presentation of Gift. Recently, the Knights of Lithuania in conjunction with the Holy Name Society presented a check of \$5000 to Father William Cici, Administrator of St. Joseph Church, Du Bois. The donation was to be used toward the paving of the parking lot, part of the \$90,000 Parish Improvement Drive. Shown presenting the check to Gather Cici is Paul Sekula, President of the Holy Name, and Twila Petrosky, President of Council 86, Du Bois

ing tournament in Chicago. We hope to have three or four teams representing us.

On Lithuanian Independence Day, we attended evening Mass in a body. Despite the terrible weather, we had a good turnout. Father Leopold's homily about Lithuania was well received. We followed the Mass with a special prayer led by our President, Twila Petrosky.

On March 7, Council 86 had a Mass in honor of St. Casimir. We decided to commemorate the occasion on a Sunday to take advantage of the larger attendance. It was an unqualified success! We followed the suggestion of Ann Wargo, National Cultural Chairman, for the presentation of special gifts during the offertory. Even though the parish is no longer strictly Lithuanian and we don't have a Lithuanian priest, the reception to this special occasion was heart-warming. A group of people came to the altar to inspect the amber artifacts and the miniature Lithuanian shrine.

parishioner learned a bit about St. Casimir and Lithuania.

I'm getting carried away with the first "editorial" so I'll close for now. Hope to see all our friends of the MCD and IID in Chicago in May.

Tomas



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-74 — Scranton

At our March meeting, we discussed our trip to Frackville and bragged about the delicious food and wonderful hospitality of our C-144 hosts. The ride home was enjoyable; Dick laske kept everyone

awake with songs and humor. Everyone sang along. Bill Grady ran a 50-50 and Ann Ulinowski won.

Lithuanian Day will be celebrated at St. Ann's Shrine on Monday, July 26, with a Lithuanian Mass at 10:30 and Stations and Benediction at 4 o'clock. All Lithuanians are urged to attend and wear their ethnic clothing or national colors. Father Kasinkas will preside. Marie Laske is Chairperson.

Helen Romeika reported on the Communion Breakfast which was well attended in spite of the inclement weather. Helen's beautiful daughter is our newest member. Welcome Donna!

Saules Spinduliai, our Juniors, entertained the guests at St. Mary's Villa on April 18. Formed in October of 1981, the group received training from Patti Jasuta of the Scranton Dance Studio and are under the direction of Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC. The group has studied the Lithuanian language in order to sing Lithuanian folk songs.

Marie Laske gave a demonstration of the art of Lithuanian egg decorating with beeswax and dye. All members observed and many tried their artistic skill. They turned out rather beautiful for beginners.

Arrangements for our annual bus trip to Lithuanian Day in Barnesville on August 15 were made by Ann Lasowski. C-74 members were asked to get their reservations in early, any remaining seats will go to our friends.

Jean Kavelines is working very hard on her ritual job, and many have qualified for their hard-earned degrees.

The Sunbeams have performed both singing and dancing at the Everhart Museum during the Lithuanian ethnic festival and at Marywood College during Global Awareness Week.

Council 74 thanks all members of C-144 for the beautifully planned District meeting and Mass. It was a day to be remembered.

C-110 — Maspeth

The March meeting of Council 110 was held at Transfiguration Church Hall. Al Kraujalis reported on the Barn Dance. Helen Venis gave a report on Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. Helen also read an interesting article on "The Year of the Lithuanian Parish." Evelyn Walles spoke on Easter Customs. Plans were finalized for the Mid-Atlantic Convention. Our guest speaker was member Edward Yuskevich, son of Vice President Peter Yuskevich. His topic was "Wills." A question and answer period followed.

Members attended Mass at Transfiguration Church on March 7. Rev. Frank Bulova offered the Mass. Rev. Stanislaus Raila dedicated his homily to St. Casimir, Patron Saint of Lithuania, Youth and Knights. Rev. F. Bulova and Rev. S. Raila officiated as 13 members received Second Degrees as follows: Anthony and Sophie Kamage, Adele and Andrew Keraga, John Klimas, John and Victoria Kucinkas, Jean Mactutis, Julia Matulewich, Donatas Uzas, Evelyn and Igni Walles, and Kazimieras Vainis.

After Mass, all were invited to the church hall to a breakfast prepared by Chairladies Antonine Adomenas and Louise Dausickas with help from John Kucinkas. Lottie Ulrich made delicious Lithuanian cheese.

President Jonas Adomenas introduced Robert Kerrigan who spoke on "Lithuania — the Lost Nation." Anna Zinke summarized the life of St. Casimir. Honored guests were Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro, Assemblyman Fredrick Schmidt, and State Senator Martin Knorr.

Rev. S. Raila installed the following officers: Jonas Adomenas, President; Peter Yuskevich, Vice President; Adele Dausickas, Secretary; Jean Mactutis, Financial Secretary. Treasurer Karen Dagus was not present.

Helen Venis

C-140—Syracuse

In March, we buried our spiritual advisor, Father Bernard Garstka. We lost a truly wonderful priest and friend.



*Rev. Bernard Garstka
Pastor at St. Stephen's*

Father Bernie had a history of heart problems and diabetes, but he seemed to be in fair health. However, a heavy chest cold forced him into the hospital. He was recovering nicely but a sudden heart attack was too much.

Father was laid out in his beloved St. Stephen's Church, where he was Pastor for 11 years, for the first day and night. The next day the body was transferred to nearby Sacred Heart Church which was his first assignment after ordination. He laid in state there until his funeral Mass the next day.

The funeral Mass was a real tribute to Father Bernie. It was beautiful with Bishop Harrison celebrating, and being assisted by about 100 priests. The church which seats about 1,000 people was filled to capacity. Many people took time off from work to pay their last respects to a wonderful saintly man.

Many of you who come to Syracuse for "Upstate in '78" met Father Bernie. he was so thrilled, so excited to be participating with his "Lithuanians" even though he was Polish and Pastor of a Slovak Church. St. Stephen's was at our disposal. We were free to use or do with it what we desired.. That's how much he loved us. He held us in high esteem, often talking about his good Lithuanians.

We in turn did much for St. Stephen's. We gave money gifts to him and the church each year. We redid the landscaping of the church and rectory and we do the landscape maintenance each year. We also have a number of Masses each year.

Ours was a good relationship. We had a church, he was our spiritual advisor and we had a hall to hold our meetings.

But life must go on — C-140 will continue. Thank you Father Bernie for those good years we had together. May the Good Lord watch over your soul in eternity.

Frank Petrauskas

C-143 — Pittston

A special Mass was offered at St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, on the 64th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, pastor. Offertory gifts were presented by William Daileda, Ann Challan, Agnes Kishel, Paul Patrick and Mary Stanonis. During the processional John Pusavage, Leo Butsavage and Attorney Ronald Kamage carried the Papal, Lithuanian, and American flags, respectively.

On February 16, Lithuanian Independence Day was commemorated at the Luzerne County Courthouse. Nellie T. Bayoras was general chairperson for C-143. Resolutions were read during the ceremony by Thomas McLaughlin, Mayor; County Commissioner Edward Brominski; Congressman James Nelligan and Paul Petriwski who read Governor Thornburgh's proclamation. invocation at the flag raising ceremony was offered by



Helen Kulber, Chairman of the World Affairs Committee of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Bay Ridge, spoke at a dinner-meeting about the United Nations Association. Pictured are l. to r. Mildred Nilsen, Esther Momrow, Gladys Hughes, Helen Kulber, Thalia Pizzarello, Margaret Horan and Barbara Malek.

Photo by Ottaviano

Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, Spiritual Advisor. The National Anthem and Lithuanian Hymn were sung under the direction of Professor Ramanos.

Nellie T. Bayoras had a Lithuanian program on WARD.

On March 7, a special Mass in honor of St. Casimir was offered in St. Casimir's Church. Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas was the celebrant. A solemn procession was led by Charles Dajnowski with the American flag; Adam Montville, the Papal flag; Filbert Bartoli, the Lithuanian.

Council members presented offertory gifts as follows: President Ann Challan presented a statue of St. Casimir, patron of the Knights; Joseph Tuncavage carried the lily, signifying purity of St. Casimir; Jack Piragus offered a wayside cross, symbolizing the undying devotion of St. Casimir to Christ; Albert Walsh brought Vytis the Knight, Lithuania's state emblem, a symbol of valor; Casimir Kizis presented a picture of Archbishop George Matulaitis, because Lithuanians are praying for his beatification; Dorothy Banos brought the ruta, national flower of Lithuania; Alice Puscavage concluded with a basket of wheat and "marguciai" representing the rich culture the rich culture of Lithuania.

The choir under the direction of Mary Ann Dula sang Lithuanian hymns "Alyvu Darzely and Sventas Kazimierai." The recessional was Vyciu Himnas. Annamarie Sewatsky served as narrator. Alice Puscavage was in charge of Public Relations. Ann Klizas Wargo, guest speaker, was unable to attend due to inclement weather.

FUTURE EVENTS — LAS VEGAS NIGHT — September 11, 1982; **LITHUANIAN KUCIOS —** December 5, 1982.

Alice Puscavage

C-144 — Anthracite Council

Anthracite Council 144 hosted the Mid-Atlantic District St. Casimir's Day Breakfast and Convention on March 14 in Frackville.



St. Casimir's Day Mass in Pittston, PA

At noon, a concelebrated Lithuanian Mass was offered in Annunciation BVM Church with Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas, pastor St. George Church, Shenandoah, as celebrant. Concelebrants were the Rev. Algimintas Bartkus, C-144 Spiritual Advisor and pastor Annunciation Church; Rev. Peter Alisauskas, C-143 Pittston Spiritual Advisor; Rev. Joseph Shelonis, pastor St. John the Baptist, Coaldale and Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, pastor of Our Lady of Siluva, Maizeville. Also attending the Mass was the Rev. William Linkchorst, pastor St. Casimir Church, St. Clair.

The Zarija Choir, directed by Stanley J. Vaicaitis, sang the Lithuanian Mass. Communion offerings were presented by Frackville Junior Knights in Lithuanian costume.

Loretta Studkas, National President, and Helen Chesko, member National Ritual Committee, presented Ann Abromaitis of C-29 Newark for installation into the Fourth Degree. Rev. Bartkus performed the ceremony.

After Mass, President Joseph Yezulinas welcomed delegates and guests to the family style brunch and convention in Annunciation Church

Hall. Chairperson Anna Klizas Wargo served as toastmaster for the program which followed.

Father Bartkus offered the invocation and Msgr. Neverauskas gave the benediction. Father Bartkus also spoke on the 500th Anniversary of St. Casimir to be celebrated in 1984. The Frackville Junior Knights, led by sister Verna SJC and Sister Angela SJC entertained with Lithuanian folk songs and dances in honor of St. Casimir.

Gabriel Maironas, president of the Lithuanian Community of America, Philadelphia Chapter, was guest speaker. He spoke about 1982 as being the "Year of the Lithuanian Parish." He emphasized the importance of keeping the Lithuanian Parish alive.

National President Loretta Stukas brought greetings from the Supreme Council and spoke briefly on St. Casimir, patron Saint of the Knights.

Over 300 delegates and guests attended from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. Also in attendance were National Third Vice President Frank Petrauskas and National Trustee Jonas Adomenas. Members of Council 144 serving on

the National Board are Elsie Kosmisky, First Vice President; Helen Chesko, member National Ritual Committee and Anna Klizas Wargo, National Cultural Chairman.

Larry Janonis, President MAD, conducted the meeting. Twenty-six Knights were presented with Third Degrees. Members of C-144 receiving the Third Degree were Helen Ambrose, Mary Brennan, Joseph Martunas, Anna Radzavage, Stanley and Eleanor Vaicaitis, Joseph and Margaret Yezulinas, Father Bartkus and Msgr. Neverauskas.

Congratulations, Bernice Mikativage, on your editorship of the first K of L Newsletter from the Anthracite Vein which was distributed at the MAD Convention.

Fortunately, Joe Yezulinas and his assistants, Ed Carlitus and Joe Petrosky, completed preliminary renovations to the Cultural Center for inspection by MAD delegates. Marge yezulinas, Helen Ambrose and Ann Sikora added the woman's touch of cleanliness prior to March \$4. Donations will be gladly accepted. We hope to officially open the center on August 15.

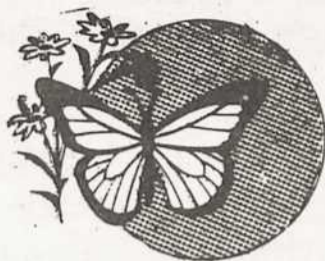
"Simta Aciu" to all those who worked to help make this event a success. Many thanks to all the members who contributed goodies for the dessert table. A special word of thanks for all the beautiful prizes donated by members for the successful raffle. A word of appreciation to Sisters Angela and Verna and the Frackville Junior Knights. Another word of gratitude to Father Bartkus for his unceasing devotion to C-144.

Elsie Komisky, Anna Klizas Wargo and Helen Chesko attended the Supreme Council Board meeting in Cleveland on Marcy 20. We appreciated the hospitality of C-25. Plans for a chartered bus to Convention '82 are in progress.

Ed Carlitus and Bill Cebulski accepted chairmanship of Lithuanian Day, August 15. Ann Carlitus will serve as secretary and Helen Chesko, treasurer.

Happy Springtime to all our
Broliai ir Seserys Vyciai!

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Illinois-Indiana District

Our K of L Choir held its annual benefit dinner dance in January. The K of L Building was filled to capacity and everyone enjoyed the evening. Our thanks to Choir President Sabina Klatt, Director Faustas Strolia, and their committee for all their efforts.

The 22nd Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner Dance was held on February 7, Martinique Grand Ballroom. Again the event was most successful. Our appreciation to Chairman Algerd Brazis and the following committee members: Irene Sankus, Vincent Samaska, Gerry Mack, Clemente Vidzius, Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Sabina Klatt, Paul Binkis Jr., Aldona Brazis, Ruth Kazlauskas, Emilija Pakal-

niskis, Estelle Rogers, Jean Vance, Julie and Al Zakarka, John Paukstis, Frank Zapolis, Monica Kasper, Eleanor Kasputis, Susan Bolanos, and Sophie Nieminski. The IID Award of Distinction was presented to the "Margutis" Radio Program on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. Board Chairman Valdas Adamkus and long-time Program Director Petras received the award. Honored guests were His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Consul General of Lithuania Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, Rev. John Savukynas, Illinois State Senator Frank Savickus, BALF President Mrs. Mary Rudis, ALTAS Representative Ramune Tricyte, and Supreme Council Representative Paul Binkis Jr. A special thank you to Mary Rudis, who was designated as the event's honorary chairlady, but at the last minute served as our mistress-of-ceremonies. This event is becoming a tradition in Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian circles in Chicagoland.

As a reward for the success of the "Memories" banquet, committee members were treated to a special evening at the Drury Lane Theatre



"Memories of Lithuania" banquet - Rev. Fabian Kereilis, Spiritual Advisor of C-36, IID; President Vincent Samaska, Rev. Ignas Urbonas, Spiritual Advisor C-82 (Gary) and Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas, Spiritual Adviser C-112. Photo J. Tamulaitis

as guests of the Martinique management.

Our K of L Choir, along with soloist Algerd Brazis and musician Balys Pakstas, presented a special program at Chicago's Daley Civic Center on February 16 in observance of Lithuanian Independence Day. Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis attended the event. Preceding the program, the Lithuanian flag was raised along with the American and Chicago flags at the Center. K of L members were also active in the Lithuanian Council of Chicago (ALTAS) commemoration and program at Maria Auditorium.

First and Second Degrees were presented to worthy members following C-112 business meeting in February. The IID Ritual Team consisting of Ruth and Al Dagis, Canon V. Zakarauskas, Irene Sankus and Albert Zakarka.

In preparation for the Mid-West Bowling Tournament, the IID sponsored a bowling social in February, and all non-league bowlers were trying to establish averages or remembering how to bowl. Of course, Vince Samaska, Ellie Kasputis, Gerry Mack, Alice and Rita Tomczak and Rich Janik, all pros, showed us the right way to bowl.

Council 36 hosted the IID St. Casimir's Day commemoration with Mass at Immaculate Conception Church with concelebrants Bishop Brizgys, Rev. John Savukynas and Rev. Fabian Kereilis. Luncheon and a program was held at the K of L Building. Congratulations to Third Degree recipients — Eleanore Kasputis and Elizabeth Zibas, both of C-112 — and to Ruth Kazlauskas of C-36 and Emilija Pakalniskis of C-112 on receiving k of L Member of the Year Awards. In addition to being active in their respective councils and the IID, Ruth is the Editor of the Lithuanians in the News section of "Vytis" and Emilija is the Editor of the "Vyciu Veikla" column in "Draugas." A hearty round of applause to chairlady Irene Norushis, Council 36 President, John Paukstis and their members

for a job well done. We were especially pleased to have a group from our newest council, C-38 of Kenosha, Wisconsin, join us. The group was headed by Theresa Balciunas, President.

The IID Quarterly Business Meeting was held in March. Donations were approved for ALTAS, the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, and the Lithuanian Consulate in Chicago. Following the meeting, a social honoring our Casimirs, Patricks and Josephs (Ca-Pa-Jo) was held.

The March Supreme Council meeting in Cleveland was attended by our National Financial Secretary Ann Marie Kassel, National Trustee Paul Binkis Jr., Public Relations Chairman Irene Sankus. They reported that convention plans and facilities are excellent. They not only enjoyed the hospitality of C-25 but also the socializing with members of C-96 Dayton.

Our condolences to Honorary Member Stanley Pleza, Chicago Senior, on the death of his beloved wife, Ann.

All arrangements have been made and members of IID are looking forward to hosting the Mid-Central District during the 1982 Mid-West Bowling Tournament.

Date to remember and reserve — July 4. Join us for the annual K of L Day picnic, K of L Building and Gardens from 12 noon on!

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C-36 — Chicago

Our meeting of February 22 was a very important one. The dance report was given by Ona Naureckas. John Paukstis thanked everyone who attended with special thanks to Frank Savickas, F. Brady and G. Dumas. A very grateful thanks was extended to the following workers: Ona & Paul Maureckas, John & Lillian Paukstis, Anne Marie & Georgianna Kassel, Sabina Klatt, Joanna Zelvis, Theresa Strolia, Lucille & John Kilkus, Ray Wertelka, Wally Kalvaitis, Don Smith, Wally Tenclinger, Donald Forsberg, Ruth Kazlauskas, Scotty

Zukas, Irene Norushis, Salomija Dauliene, Sue Suski, Vince Samaska, and Sharon Martinaitis. Everyone is still buzzing about our successful Valentine Dance.

The Knights of Lithuania Choir sang at the Richard Daley Center on Lithuanian Independence Day. Many people of all nationalities were present and enjoyed the program. Sabina reported on the favorable reaction to the choir under the direction of Fausta Strolia. Al Brazis of C-112 sang his special songs, and B. Pakstas played the Lithuanian instrument.

Our attendance award, a Sigma II Spartas Electronic Alarm Clock, was won by Frances Samaska. Congratulations! Who will be our next winner...come to our meeting and see.

Get well greetings to Frances Biala. We wish you a speedy recovery.

St. Casimir's Day Commemoration, hosted by C-36 on March 7 at Immaculate Conception Church, was very well attended by K of L members from everywhere within the IID District. It was good to see Bernice Pupinik at the Mass with her daughter, Ann Marie Kassel, and granddaughter Georgianna Kassel. It was Bernice's first time out since her recent illness.

The Mass began with a procession led by the color guards from Darius Girenas Legion Post, the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Lithuania, followed by His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. John Savukynas C-112 Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Fabian Kireilis C-36 Spiritual Advisor and the K of L members. The all Lithuanian Mass was beautiful, especially with the assistance of the Immaculate Conception parish Choir and the Ave Maria and Panis Angelicus sung by Eleanor Zapolis of C-36. Bishop Brizgys gave an interesting and inspiring talk about St. Casimir. The Mass ended with the singing of the Vyciu Himnas. Everyone then proceeded to the K of L Hall in anticipation of a delicious brunch.

Irene Norushis, chairlady of the event, welcomed everyone and introduced Frank Zapolis, Master of Ceremonies. Frank introduced the head table as follows: Paul Binkis, Jr., Supreme Council Trustee and President of C-112; Stephanie Uginacius, President C-14 Cicero; John Paukstis, President C-36; Ruth and Al Dagus, IID Ritual Chairmen; Theresa Balciunas, president Kenosha Council; Vince Samaska, President IID and Irene Norushis, Chairlady. After short speeches by Bishop Brizgys and Father Savukynas, the presentation of awards took place. John Paukstis, President C-36, presented an award to Ruth Kazlauskas for her activities in C-36 and as Vytis Liths in the News Editor. Vince Samaska, IID President, presented a similar award to Emilija Pakalaiskis for her many years of editing the "Vyciu Veikla" in Draugas. The awards were beautifully designed wooden Vytis plates with their names and dates of presentation.

Following the awards, Ruth Dagus presented Third Degree Medals to Eleanor Kasputis and Elizabeth Zibas of C-112.

After the program, a sumptuous buffet was served. Everyone ate heartily and then participated in an appealing sweet table of a variety of goodies.

Emily Petraitis, former District Treasurer, now residing in St. Petersburg also attended. It was good to see her.

A cordial welcome to our new members...Peter & Helen Vilkelis, John & Elizabeth Vilkas, Carmen & Geraldine Bucci, Donald & Rase Forsberg, Vytaut Abraitis, John Derbas, Rosalie Braxton, David & Ken Gaidas, Bruno Batlis, John & Beverly Paukstis, Frank & Joan Schipplick, Cleopata Shimkus, Edward & Mary Tyszka, Joanna Zalvis, Indie Biskis, Dr. M. Indreika Biskis, Donatas Bacinskas, John & Anita Bosas, Jerome & Marilyn Cevicius, Stanley Gimbut, Stephen & Ceil Gaydos, Mrs. A.

Juozaitis, Edmund Kancevicius, Theodora Kuzas, Frank & Val Martinaitis, Vincent Neberieza, Alice Paskauskas, Ben & Catherine Pocius, Raymond & Junia Shlaustas, Rimas Zailskas, Don & Mary Smith, Peter & Akvilia Maleta, Bruce & Sally Neberieza, Mykolas & Regina Simokaitis, Bruno Gramont, Terrence Owens, Adolph & Marialice Dockus, Stanley & Donna Gapshis, Walter Kalvaitis, Nancy Radke, Edward & Donna Schuman, Marijona Treinavich, John & Denise Vaikutis, Tony Waker, Ray Krasauskis, Joseph Kulya, Justin & Mary Kincius, Robert & Dorothy Blazas, Genny DeMatteo, John Galminas, Helen Jazwicz, Anthony & Ann Kasputis, Van Koncevicius, Ona Lipinis, Sharon Martinaitis, Gary Hochspring, Casimir Petkunas, Sue Suske, Frank & Dana Zailskas, and Bernice Zemgulis. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Sabina



C-36 February 16th - Mayor Byrne - The Chicago Council on Fine Arts commemorated Independence Day at the Richard Daley Center. The K of L Choir participated. Al Brazis, Opera soloist (fourth from

left), J. Daužvardienė, Lithuanian Consulate, Aldona Brazienė, Balys Pakštas, Faustas Strolia, Choir Director and Sabina Klatt, Choir President

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**Knights Of Lithuania
69th National Convention
August 5-8, 1982**

HEADQUARTERS:Harley House of Cleveland — East
6051 S.O.M. Center Road
Willoughby, Ohio 44094**HOSTS:** Council 25 — Cleveland, Ohio**CONVENTION SCHEDULE****THURSDAY — August 5**

Registration—9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Opening Mass—3:00 P.M.

Buffet—4:30 P.M.

1st Plenary Session—6:00 P.M.

(includes 1 hour panel chaired by Father Anthony
Jugelaitis: "The Year of the Lithuanian Parish")**FRIDAY — August 6**

Registration—9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

2nd Plenary Session—9:00 A.M.

(Panel chaired by Dr. Jack Stukas: "Our Participation
in Lithuanian Affairs")

Mass—12:00 Noon

3rd Plenary Session—2:00 P.M.

("What more/What better") chaired by Paul Binikis
and Nancy Miro

Optional 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.

Mass—12:00 Noon

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 Photo—11:00 A.M.

Farewell Luncheon—12:00 Noon

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NER and DANCE at Holy Trinity Hall,
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