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ŠEIMOS PAMALDUMAS Į MARIJĄ.

Kun. A. JURGELAITIS, O.P.



Mes lietuviai tikrai galime didžiuotis savo paveldėjimu: gražia, sena savo kalba ir giliu religingumu. XIII amžiuje su Gerosios Kristaus Atpirkimo Naujienos-krikcionybės atėjimu ir kunigaikščio Jogailos krikštu 1387 m., Lietuva tvirtai įsijungė į Katalikų Bažnyčią. Pamaldumas į Kristų ir ypatingai į jo Motiną Mariją greitai įaugo į visų lietuvių širdis. Tai todėl ir dabar 1982 m. paskelbtuose LIETUVIŠKŲ PARAPIJŲ METUOSE mes krepiamės į Mariją, Bažnyčios Motiną.

AUŠROS VARTŲ MARIJA.—Mūsų gilesniam savo tikėjimo pažinimui ir jo sustiprinimui, lietuviškų parapijų gyvastingumo atgaivinimui, — mes krepiamės į Vilniaus Aušros Vartų Mariją, Gailestingumo Motiną.

Aušros Vartai /vartai į rytus/ buvo vieni iš keturių vartų Vilnius tvirtovės apsaugos sienoje, kuri saugojo ją nuo totorių. Kai tie Aušros Vartai buvo baigti statyti, viršų buvo iškelti, išlaukinėje pusėje, Jėzaus Išganytojo ir, vidinės pusės koplytėlėje, Nekaltos Mergelės Marijos paveikslai. Jiems, laikui bėgant, sunykus, jie buvo pakeisti naujais. Dabartinis Marijos paveikslas, manoma, buvo nutapytas 1570 m. Aušros Vartų Marijos paveikslas pasižymi gausių malonių ir stebūklų suteikimu tiems, kurie meldėsi į Mariją prie to paveikslo: Šimtmečių bėgyje ta koplytėlė tapo Marijos kulto Lietuvos tautine šventove. 1927 m. Aušros Vartų Marijos paveikslas buvo vainikutos auksine karūna suteikiant jam popiežiškąsias privilegijas. Besimeldžiantiems prie to paveikslo į Mariją, Popiežius Klemenisas XIV suteikė atlydus.

Ir šiandien, nežiūrint komunistinės priespaudos, tūkstančiai žmonių meldžia Marijos užtarymo savo religijos išlaikymui.

Čia, savo namuose, mes meldžiamės, kad Aušros Vartų Marija, Gailestingumo Motina, suteiktų ištvėrmės Bažnyčiai Lietuvoje ir padėtų mums atnaujinti savo parapijas.

ŠILUVOS MARIJA.—Viduramžių ir šių laikų Popiežiai Lietuvą pavadino Marijos Žeme, nes 1608 m. Švenčiausioji Motina apsireiškė piemenėliams prie Šiluvos. Tuo laiku protestantizmas skverbėsi į Lietuvą naikindamas Katalikų bažnyčias ir Šiluva jos jau nebeturėjo. Su kūdikiu rankose Marija pasirodė stovinti ant didžiulio akmens. Ilgi plaukai dengė pečius. Ji verkė. Vaikai nubėgę pas Kalvinistų pastorių papasakojė ką matę, bet jis jiems nepatikėjo. Sekančią dieną tas pastorius nuėjo į Marijos pasirodymo vietą. Švenčiausiajai Motinai vėl pasirodžius, jis paklausė jos: “Kodėl tu verki?” Ji atsakė: “Anksčiau šioje vietoje mano mylimasis Sūnus buvo garbinamas, bet dabar šioj

vietoj yra ariama ir sėjams.” Tų pasirodymų sukeltas pamaldumas į Šiluvos Mariją iššaukė naujos Katalikų bažnyčios statybą apsireiškimo vietoje ir visoj apylinkėj paskatino žmonių grįžimą į Katalikų tikėjimą. 1656 m. Popiežius Aleksandras VII patenkino karaliaus Jono - Kazimiero prašymą suteikdamas Šiluvos Marijai Lietuvos ir Lenkijos Globėjos titulą. Tai buvo gegužės 13 d.

FATIMOS MARIJA.—1917 m., keistu sutapimu, taip pat gegužės mėn. 13 d. Portugalijoje, netoli Fatimos, Nekaltoji Mergelė Marija pasirodė trims piemenėliams: Liucijai, Jacintai ir Pranciškui. Iš šešių pasirodymų šis pasirodymas buvo pirmas su svarbiais ir primygtiniais nuodėmėj skęstančiam pasauliui.

Marija prašė atgailos, maldos ir pasiaukojimo jos Nekalčiausiajai Širdžiai. Ji nurodė, kad kasdien kalbamas Rožančius ir Atsilyginimo Komunija kiekvieno mėnesio primąjį šeštadienį yra tikras kelias atskirų žmonių ir valstybių sugrąžinimui prie Tėvo.

Nepaprastos reikšmės ir neatidėliotino būtinumo yra Fatimos Dievo Motinos Marijos pranašystės: “Jeigu mano prašymai bus išpildyti, Rusija atsivers ir bus taika. Priešingu atveju, Rusija paskleis pasaulyje savo klaidingumą, kuris sukels karus ir Bažnyčios persekiojimus. Gerieji bus kankinami, Šventasis Tėvas turės daug kentėti, daugelis tautų bus sunaikinta.”

1951 m. gegužės mėn. 13 d. Romoje susirinkę lietuviai vyskupai tremtyje paaukojo Lietuvą ir visam pasaulyje išblaškytus lietuvius Nekalčiausiajai Marijos Širdžiai.

DIEVO MOTINA MARIJA JŪSŲ NAMUOSE.—Ruošdamiesi 1984 m. kovo mėn. 4 d. šv. Kazimiero 500 metų mirties sukati paminėti, Lietuvos vyskupai prašo atkreipti 1982-se metuose ypatingą dėmesį į šv. Kazimiero skaistumą ir jo meilę Marijai, nes tauta pašvęsta sv. Kazimierui turi būti “moraliai sveika, jos jaunimas skaistus, jos šeimos tikinčios ir tvirtos.”

Per šiuos Lietuviškų parapijų Metus kiekviena šeima yra skatinama ugdyti didesnę meilę Marijai. Kristui mirštant ant kryžiaus, Evangelijoje toliau skaitome: “Ir nuo tos valandos mokinsys pasiėmė ją pas save.” /Jn. 19, 27/

Jūs esate irgi kviečiami priimti Mariją į savo namus

1. pasikviečiant savo lietuviškos parapijos kunigą pašvęsti Jūsų šeimą Nekalčiausiajai Marijos Širdžiai ir pašventinti jūsų namus,

2. laikant ir pagerbiant Vilniaus Aušros Vartų Marijos paveikslą, kaip maldos centrą į Nekalčiausiąją Mergelę Mariją savo namuose, ir

3. susijungiant maldoje su persekiojama Bažnyčia Lietuvoje, Marijos Žemėje.

NAMŲ PAŠVENTINIMAS IR ŠEIMOS PASIAUKOJIMAS NEKALČIAUSIAI MARIJOS ŠIRDŽIAI

1. NAMŲ PAŠVENTINIMAS

/KUNIGAS/ Melskimės. Išklausk mus, šventasis Viėspatie, visagalis Tėve, amžinasis Dieve, ir atsiusk iš dangaus šventą savo angelą kad jis saugotų globotų užtartų, lankyto ir gintų šią šeimą ir visus šių namų gyvento jus. To prašome per Kristų, mūsų Viešpatį.

/VISI/ Amen.

2. ŠVENTOS MIŠIOS ARBA ROŽANČIUS

3. ŠVENČIAUSIOS MERGELĖS MARIJOS LITANIJA

4. AUŠROS VARTŲ MARIJOS PAVEIKSLO PAŠVENTINIMAS

/KUNIGAS/ Melskimės. Visagalis amžinasis Dieve, Tu mus skatini gerbti dangaus šventųjų paveikslus bei statulas, kad, žvelgdami į juos, kiekvieną kartą trokštume sekti jų darbais ir šventumu; todėl palai / + / mink šį paveikslą, skirtą Aušros Vartų Marijos, Gailestingumo Motinos, garbei ir atminimui; tegu ši šeima ir kiekvienas, kuris prieš šį paveikslą garbins ir šlovins Švenčiausiąją Mergelę Mariją, jos nuopelnų ir užtarimo dėka susilaukia Tavo malonių šiame gyvenime ir amžinos garbės dangi je. To prašome per Kristų, mūsų Visepatį.

/VISI/

5. ŠEIMOS PASIAUKOJIMAS NEKALČIAUSIAI MARIJOS ŠIRDŽIAI

/VISI/ Nekalčiausioji Marijos Širdie, Gailestingumo Motina. Tavo garbei mes aulojame savo džiaugsmą ir skausmus. Priimk mūsų sielos romumą ir visus mūsų vargus, kaip mažą atsilyginimo dalelę už nusikaltimus Tau ir Tavo Sūnui. Tau mes aukojam savo šeimą ir namus. Motiniško ji Tavo Širdis tesaugo mus. Parodyk kelią darbe ir maldoj, Kad būtum teisūs mes Širdy Tavoje, Kad sektume mes Tavo Sūnų ir Tave Namuos, mokykloje ir darbe. Nekalčiausioji Marijos Širdie, nukreipk mūsų širdis į savo dieviškąjį Sūnų. Išlaisvink mus nuo žemiškų rūpesčių. Nukreipk mūsų mintis į dvasinius turtus. Parodyk mums gyvenimo tikrąją prasmę. sujung mus širdyje su savo sūniumi

Jėzumi,

Kad būtume kartu su Jo Bažnyčia ir Maldoje su Tavimi.

O Marija, Jėzaus, Bažnyčios ir Nazareto Šventosios Šeimos Motina, Būk Karalienė ir Motina mūsų šeimos ir šių namų.

Nekalčiausioji Širdie Marijos, Motina Gailestingoji,

Tu mus, savo vaikus, ir Lietuvą globoji. Brandink Šventumo mintį mūsų šeimoje Kad visada mes būtum Tavo globoje. Tebūna mūsų namai šventove paskirta, Kur Tavo Sūnų Jėzų ir Tave Mes garbintume su meile visada.

Amen

6. MALDA UŽ LIETUVOS BAŽNYČIĄ.

/VISI/ Aušros Vartų Marija, Gailestingumo Motina,

Lietuva juk buvo pavadinta Marijos Žeme.

Kaip Tavo Širdį vėrė kalavijo skausmas,—

tai toks pat skausmas drasko Lietuvą šiandien.

Šeimas išdraskė dėl jų tikėjimo. Tėvai, motinos, broliai ir seserys kenčia kalėjimuose ar į Sibiro tremtį išvežti.

Daugelis jų mirė kankinių mirtim.

O Marija, Lietuva, Tavo Žeme, tapo skausmo ir ašarų žeme.

Marija, Gailestingumo Motina, užstok nekaltai persekiojamus.

Šeimas laikyk tyras. Paguosk kančioje, gražink ištremtus į namus.

Gailestingumo Motina, išmelsk pasigailėjimo ir tai tautai, kuri persekioja mūsų brolius ir seseris tikėjime.

Išmelsk jai ir jos vadams, kad jie nuoširdžiai apgailėtų savo kaltes.

Apšviesk juos tikėjimo šviesa ir atsivertimo malone.

Aušros Vartų Marija, išmelsk ir mums nuodėmių gailėsčio malonę, kad ramybė ir taika su Tavo Sūniumi būtų mūsų širdyse.

Išmelsk laisvę Lietuvai ir visom pavergtom tautom.

Išmelsk teisingą ir niekad nesibaigiančią taiką visiems žmonėms,

nes Tu esi Gailestingumo Motina ir Taikos Karalienė. Amen.

IMPRIMATUR

Humberto Cardinal Medeiros
1982 m. vasario mėn. 22 d.





GOLDEN JUBILEE 1932 - 1982

**Council 96
Dayton, Ohio**



Loretta Stukas at podium

On behalf of Council 96, we wish to thank everyone who has helped us celebrate our Golden Anniversary.

In looking back we can see...the many friends we have acquired through the years...the wonderful, hectic trips...the hayrides...dances...programs...weekend religious retreats...oh yes, there were failures and much criticism too...a lot of arguments and a lot of work.

After 50 years of exemplary leadership and guidance we have separated the wheat from the chaff, and now have one of the finest councils in the country. We may not speak Lithuanian as fluently as many of the others...our council may not be as large...but we have a determined unity...pride in our heritage...love of our country and complete devotion to our God. These are the characteristics of all good Lithuanian-Americans.

Message from the President of C-96

WHAT ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA IN THE FUTURE...

We all know about the Knights in the past but what of our future? It's all up to you. The time is now to develop more in growth...become more active.

We are a closely knit Lithuanian family just like our own families. We laugh, cry in times of sorrow and even argue, but when all is said, we love one another.

There are periods of time in our lives while we are raising a family we lag behind, but we come back strong. When the chips are down, we help one another.

Through our organization, it is up to us to let people know of our Lithuanian heritage, customs, traditions and to keep them alive. We are a Catholic community and work closely with our Church.

We need to strive to encourage our youth because they are our future. Without them, there will be no K of L tomorrow. Today the young are more concerned about their roots and what's to become of them. We need to give them a chance to strengthen, encourage and support their ideas. Remember, once we were young K of L'ers.

Let's all work to become a stronger family of good Catholic American-Lithuanians. We all have something to give and must take time to listen to one another. We must rededicate ourselves and move forward.

In our fifty years, many have served our Council well and continue to do so. We need you.

Ačiu Labai Vyčia,
Eleanor Mantz

EXCERPTS OF TALK GIVEN BY LORETTA I. STUKAS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA (at the C-96 50th Anniversary Dinner-Dance, Marriott Hotel, Dayton, Ohio — April 24, 1982)

On behalf of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Lithuania, I am pleased to extend greetings and congratulations on this wonderful anniversary and to thank you for your loyalty and contributions to the Knights of Lithuania. Please accept my personal good wishes too. Dayton has many happy memories for me and your council members have been my dear friends for many years.

Although this is officially the 50th Anniversary of "continuous" activity of C-96, in reality, the Knights of Lithuania came to Dayton long before...

In April of 1916, when the Knights could boast of over 4000 members, Dayton organized C-96, and began K of activity with 23 members. The council stayed active for about 5 years, until 1921.

The year 1932 was a year of national pride for Lithuanians in America. Jack Sharkey became Heavyweight Champion of the World. Darius and Girenas planned for the historic trans-Atlantic flight...and in Dayton, Holy Cross Lithuanians reorganized the Knights of Lithuania council and joined in again with other Knights to promote their Lithuanian heritage and to strengthen their Catholic faith.

Council 96 history is too full and varied to provide all the details tonight, but it has a history to be proud of, in the true tradition of our motto, "Dievui ir Tėvynei". In their lifetime, C-96 Knights have collected thousands of dollars for Lithuanian cultural, political and religious needs. They have been the backbone of Holy Cross Church, providing constant moral and physical help whenever needed.



Golden Jubilee Mass at Holy Cross Church

They have been active in every phase of National Activity. Why, as early as 1937, just 5 years after their reorganization, they hosted an outstanding National Convention of the K of L, with Bishop Reimys of Lithuania as their special guest.

In my memory, C-96 has produced many leaders, on a National, District and council level... Juniors, Seniors, Cultural committee, VYTIS, all have enjoyed the pleasure of C-96's talents.

It is truly a credit to C-96 activity that there is so much family activity, and that parents and children, brothers and sisters, all are active together. It is not surprising that this closeness has led to C-96 leadership in Junior activity, that so many young adults are active in the council, and that Associate Members... Non-Lithuanian spouses of members are almost as active as (or in some cases more active than) some full-bred Lithuanians!

In a word, the Knights of Lithuania in Dayton, as elsewhere, have expended much work, time, energy and expense promoting the causes of the Knights. One might ask "Why bother with this Lithuanian activity", especially when it is much easier to just "blend in" with the American Melting Pot? Just why are we so anxious to "be different"?

As members of the Knights of Lithuania, we are reminded of how fortunate we are, compared to our kin in Lithuania, and we can participate in a united effort to help them. As part of a National organization, we speak with a strong voice to spread our culture or help our less-fortunate kin. Through the Knights of Lithuania activity, we have all made numerous new friends, friends with the same background, the same traditions, the same Lithuanian genes. And many of us, myself included, have found our life's partners in the Knights of Lithuania.

It is up to us to educate ALL Lithuanian Americans and their spouses about Lithuania, its culture, and their heritage, so that they too can speak intelligently about

Lithuanian history, the Lithuanian language, and the plight of Lithuanians behind the Iron Curtain. How can we educate them? By bringing them into our organization, and encouraging them to become active.

Most important, assure the Knights of Lithuania a future by bringing local youth into your activities. Dayton Knights of Lithuania should be proud of their Junior program... which over the years has brought intelligent and active young people into the regular council. Keep up the good work, and continue giving these beautiful young people jobs of responsibility and respect, so that they don't lose their love of their heritage.

Finally, for 50 years, the Knights of Lithuania has helped you and your fellow Dayton Lithuanian Americans find yourselves in this great mass of cultures we call America. Stay true to the ideals of the organization and its motto, DIEVUI IR TEVYNEI by strengthening your resolve to work harder than ever to promote your heritage, to support Lithuania's fight for freedom, and to cherish your Catholic faith.

Loretta I. Stukas

We were privileged to have with us Marie Wareika Preidis, Bernadette Sluzas Noriekas, Mary Sinkwitz Lucas and Veronica Sinkwitz Omlor all Charter Members of C-96. Bernadette, Mary and Veronica shared with us some of their memories of the past fifty years and we hope you enjoy these reminiscences...

VERONICA SINKWITZ OMLOR —

In the very late 1920's, it became very obvious to me that Holy Cross Parish needed a young people's organization. Our mothers had their Ladies' Society, our fathers had St. Peter's Society. At one time we had a young ladies' Sodality, and Irene's Club that were pretty active but soon after I was old enough to join them, they disintegrated. Most young women stuck around but the young men sought out other parishes and a few of them even started to stray away from their

religion. Yes, we had a strong choir and the Theatrical Circle but they were for both the older and younger parishioners. The Theatrical Circle was fun but it drew only the young people who spoke fairly good Lithuanian and there weren't too many of us, especially young men. There was nothing in the parish to draw both young men and young women of our generation. I was old enough at the time to know that this was not good and it bothered me.

About that time, Ed Pavis was a frequent visitor to Dayton.

He was a very ardent worker for the Knights of Lithuania and tried to organize a council here but, hard as he tried, he didn't succeed. But he told me enough about the K of L organization that I remained very interested.

Not too long after that, Vincent Damasas came to make Dayton his home. We knew Vincent well. He was a seminarian with the Lithuanian Marianist Fathers and he liked to spend his summers in Dayton and helped our pastor with parish work. He also started Lithuanian classes and many of us learned to read and write from him. One summer Vincent came to stay permanently.

One evening at the church hall, there were a few of us young people for some kind of an occasion. Later, Vincent asked us, "How would you young people like to have your own young people's organization?" I was the first to answer, "Yes, let's organize a Vyciu council." He said, "If you want a Vyciu council, we'll have a Vyciu council."

After a month or so we decided we were ready to organize. Anthony Lapinskas, then national president, came to Dayton one week-end. We called a meeting of all the young people in the parish for that Sunday afternoon. Again, its hard fo remember how many showed up but evidently, enough that Anthony Lapinskas was impressed. he spoke to us and encouraged us to organize. We did just that. Our first officers were Rev. S. Bystras, Spiritual Advisor; Frank Gudelis, President; Helen Zilinkas, Vice-President; Teophla Wareika, Recording Secretary; myself, Veronica Sinkwitz, Financial Secretary,

The Supreme Council notified us that we will be known as Council 96 since that was the number given to the council formerly organized in Dayton in 1916 and that we actually reorganized an old council. This came as a real surprise to us as no one, even our parents, ever mentioned that once a K of L council existed in Dayton and in our parish.

But it seemed that our reorganized council 96 was destined for success right from the start. We invited young relatives and friends to join and we grew. No matter what function we planned, we were successful.

We were fortunate to have members like Joe Goldick who pulled in the young men. He started the athletic program. The trophy case in our church hall is witness to it's success under Joe's leadership. When the boys won championships, we held a testimonial dinner inviting prominent Dayton speakers.

In 1935 the American-Lithuanian Catholic Students organization was planning an excursion to Lithuania and invited the Knights of Lithuania to come along. This gave me the opportunity to realize my lifelong dream to visit Lithuania where I was born and all my relatives there. When Anthony Mazeika, national president, learned I was joining this excursion he wrote asking me to represent the Knights of Lithuania at Lithuania's First World Convention to be held that summer in Kaunas. Also at the Pavasarininku national convention to be held in Telsiai. Pavasarininkai was also a young peoples national organization in Lithuania and considered a sister organization to America's Knights of Lithuania. Anthony Mazeika met me in New York and gave me my credentials. That trip to Lithuania was a dream trip for me never to be forgotten. Being a K of L delegate gave me the opportunity to meet people from President Smetona and on down. In turn I tried to represent the Knights of Lithuania to the best of my ability and make a good impression for our young American-Lithuanians. On my return, I wrote a full report to the Supreme Council which was later published in the VYTIS.

I have never mentioned this before, but in April when the council commemorates Founders Day, honoring Mykolas Norkunas, founder of the Knights of Lithuania organization, I say a silent prayer for Vincent Damasas. If not for him and strong members like Frank Gudelis, we may not have a Council 96 at Holy Cross.

BERNADETTE SLUZAS NOREIKAS —

Bee, as she is fondly called, recalls of how active the council was in the beginning. She, too, remembers all the Sports activities and banquets the women prepared for. Not only did the council support euchre parties every Tuesday but every other Thursday they held socials. In 1932 the council formed a Theatrical Circle. One particular performance was the council's first Operetta in Lithuanian "Apkalbos Ir Meile." Approximately ten members took part in it.

In March of 1933 the council celebrated its First St. Casimir's Day Mass. Bee, Veronica and others prepared the breakfast following Mass. The council held may Hay Rides, trips to Coney Island and other activities that formed the foundation which has held the council together all these many years.

Bee recalls the council's first trip to visit an out-of-town council. It was in August of 1933. Host council was C-25 Cleveland. It was a picnic held at Hinckly, Ohio.

In October of 1938 the council held a Recession Party. Everyone wore old clothes. The ticket for the party, which included everything, was \$.25! In 1937 C-96 hosted the national convention. It was a big job for these young members but everything went well. In 1939 the council formed its first Junior Council. It was in existence until 1942. Members from that Junior council still active were Patronella Zelinskas Alexander, Mary Ann Ambrose Blum, Jimmy Kavalauskas and Eleanor,

MARY SINKWITZ LUCAS —

On this joyous occasion of our 50th Anniversary, I am going to speak of "Memories," and we all have so many, of the years that we have been members of the Knights of Lithuania.

In Webster's Dictionary, the word "GLUE" is defined as: an adhesive, to bond, to stick together. Well, that's what we really have plenty of. This "GLUE" has kept us sticking together for the past 50 years.

In 1932, having just been organized, we were still in the depression years and times were tough, but we were a determined small group and started planning small affairs at the church hall.

Later we got into summer picnics at the old Valley View Picnic grounds.

Other times we had Camp Suppers on Saturday nights

We were all single then and it was fun to see which girls and fellows would pair off for the evening. Nothing serious at first but eventually we did have quite a few weddings which culminated from these get-togethers. Our first wedded couple was Victor and Betty August (now of C-147, St. Petersburg). A week later Veronica and Ernest Omlor were married.

Our first out-of-town excursion was to Cleveland (which Bee also recalls). This was the beginning of our long lasting friendship with C-25. Later we traded invitations with Cleveland and Detroit C-102. I'm sure many of you have fond memories of those visits which lasted thru these many years.

We always stayed at the homes of our hosts and, we too, opened our homes to our visiting guests. This was especially true in the year 1937 when Dayton hosted the national convention. That was the first of four conventions held in Dayton.

A few years later, a group of us singles journeyed to our neighboring city of Springfield and there, in an old time Lithuanian "Kripas' Bar", in a back room, we organized C-16 of Springfield.

As we grew in age, so we grew in activities. Everyone had so many good ideas. There were trips to Coney Island (Cincinnati), boat trip aboard the Delta Queen on the Ohio River, successful basketball teams under the direction of now deceased member Joseph Goldick. The team was city champions in 1937 and 1938. Bowling leagues were formed and participation within the district at tournaments began. During one bowling tournament in Gary, Indiana, the Gary Hotel where we stayed had a big fire in their kitchen and all of us were routed from the hotel until things were under control.

During World War II, our council was on a little "shakey ground". With a lot of our male members being called into service and our married couples raising families, we didn't have time for participation in club affairs and our membership dwindled. Thanks to our Junior K of L members who were now transferring into the regular council because of age, they took over the reins and our council was able to function as before without any lapse in membership.

Our traditional events were the Annual Mother's Day Parties honoring our mothers living and deceased. We have movies taken by George Mikalauskas of these eventful happenings.

Annual "Lithuanian Day Picnics" at Eintracht Park were initiated and most times chaired by Mike P. Petkus who dedicated many, many hours toward the success of the picnics. Mike was also instrumental in setting up the "Building Fund" which has been our financial lifeline for the many special projects which we sponsor. Mike's name comes up again as being the instigator of our Annual Cemetery Visits to the graves of our deceased members. This tradition is still carried on to this day, with Mass being offered at 8:30 A.M., a light breakfast, then on to the cemetery where we go from grave to grave, one member carrying a cross, hand carved by George Mikalauskas, then prayers are said. Other members armed with grass shears, clip around tombstones while Elinor Sluzas reminisces about some outstanding or comical situation describing the deceased member. Flowers are placed at each grave. Here again is where our friend "GLUE" is with us, sticking together through life and death. This is not a morbid event, but a truly happy and satisfying time when we feel close to each other and to our deceased members, remembering the good times we had together.

We have contributed to our Spiritual obligations by attending many Retreats. The women attended at the Dominican Retreat House in Dayton while the men traveled to Gethsemane, KY and later to Milford Retreat House in Cincinnati. We also attended mixed retreats at Bergamo Center in Dayton. We have held Evening of Recollections at Holy Cross with such moderators as Rev. Dambrauskas, Revs. Fortkamp, Greise and Mahoney.

Another annual event is our Christmas Caroling to the aged and infirm parishioners of Holy Cross Church. We sing carols in Lithuanian and English and have gifts of fruit or flowers for each stop. The joy it brings to these people is only exceeded by the feeling of love and comradeship of the caroling group.

In our lifetime we have had many joys, happiness and successes. We have shared these together in weddings, christenings, graduations, and other happy occasions. We sent gifts to the newborn, to our newly weds, hospitalized or those members seriously ill at home. Our council members come through with cards, visits, gifts and prayers. The saddest times are when death has called our members. That's when our pal "GLUE" comes especially to join us together in sympathy and consolation.

We have fond memories of the many social events that we had arranged just for our own merriment or as money making projects...Dances, Bingo Parties, Card Parties, Fashion Shows, Luau's, Talent Shows, Mexican Fiestas, German Oktoberfest, St. Patrick's Day, Hobo Party featuring "This is YOUR life — Frank Gudelis", baseball and football excursions, Palm Sunday Bake

Sales, Christmas Bazaars, our Silver Anniversary..

In 1948, Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, having arrived in the United States, was welcomed into our council during a breakfast at Suttmiller's Restaurant. To this day Father remains as our Spiritual Advisor and our Special Friend.

During the next several years, groups of displaced Lithuanians began arriving in Dayton. We welcomed several of the families into our council. They have become very active members and a great asset to our organization, especially in the revival of the Lithuanian Language and culture of our fatherland.

Our District and National Conventions are the highlights of our membership in the K of L. We have traveled to cities throughout the United States from the shores of the Atlantic to the Pacific and have come home with glowing reports on the progress of our national organization.

We are also proud of our Non-Lithuanian members for whom we fought tooth and nail at national conventions to gain for them recognition as Associate K of L Members. These are persons who are married to a K of L member and who have contributed a great deal in many ways to our organization. They come from several ethnic extractions. They have faithfully worked with all of us toward our ideals and goals to make this outstanding council. In C-96 we have seen many fine persons elected to the office of council President. The first and for several years was Frank Gudelis (D), Joseph Goldick (D), Charles Goldick, Bill Chappel, Anthony Alexinas (D), John Scott (D), Stanley Kavy, Stanley Sluzas, Ernest Sakalauskas, Peter Petkus (D), Mike P. Petkus (D), Charles Vangas, Ted Sluzas, Charles Petkus, Stanley Vaitkus, Judy Petrokas, Mary Lucas, Joe Noreikas (D), Anne Scott, Mary Ann Blum, Elinor Sluzas, Aldona Ryan and Eleanor Mantz.

In our 50 years of existence we have had only 2½ treasurers. The half Treasurer was Veronica Omlor who served as Financial Secretary-Treasurer for the first years of our organization. Frank Gudelis served many, many years and Sally Miller has faithfully held the post for eleven years. All our officers, past and present, have done a fabulous job.

As our council grew older, and our bank account grew larger, we became more generous. We have given gifts (monetary) to well known Lithuanian organizations. ...Balfas, Altas, Supreme Council Scholarship Fund, Lithuanian Religious Aid, Holy Cross remodeling, Shrine-Convent-Seminary Funds, and our latest to the Lithuanian Legation Remodeling Fund.

Well enough of this rambling, I'll end my reminiscing with the title of an old song which was popular in our younger days, "Memories are made of this". So, with the help of our old friend "GLUE", may we keep on sticking together for another 50 years and as we say in Lithuanian — "Kas bus, Kas nebus, Daytono Vyčiai nepražus."



Loretta Stukas with C-96
Honorary Members - Stanley
Vaitkus and Mary Lucas

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A special "thank you" to our GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE who worked so hard to make this indeed, a memorable event. Joseph E. Mantz, Chairman, Eleanor Mantz, Christine Mantz, Eloise Berczelly, Frances Petkus, Elinor Sluzas.

Since 1932, our Council has made great strides and has become a vital part of Holy Cross Parish and a strong link in the national organization. Today, we celebrate 50 uninterrupted years of activity. Even during World War II, when many councils ceased to operate, Council 96 continued to flourish. It is difficult to recount fifty years of accomplishments, but one need only to leaf through the "Minutes" Books of the council to find the thousands of religious, patriotic, social and philanthropic events sponsored by Council '96. We should be very proud to belong to such an organization. Let's celebrate the past and look forward to an exciting future for Council 96.

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CULTURAL CORNER

The Great Poet— Maironis 1862-1932

Anna Klizas Wargo

June 28, 1982 was the fiftieth anniversary of the death of one of Lithuania's greatest poets, Maironis. Jonas Mačiulis was born on Oct. 21, 1862 in Raseniai District. He was graduated from Kiev. The Kaunas Theological Seminary and the Theological Academy of St. Petersburg which awarded him a Masters and Doctors Degree in Theology.

In 1909, he took up a position as rector of the Kaunas Theological Seminary. he publicly addressed the seminarians in the Lithuanian language, thus breaking the custom of using only Polish or Latin. He supported the cultural endeavors of Lithuanian organizations beyond the walls of his seminary.

Upon the founding of the University of Kaunas in 1922, he was elected honorary professor and taught moral theology as well as Lithuanian literature and world literature. Earlier, he had been raised to the office of Prelate of the Samogitian Diocesan Chapter. He retained rectorship of the seminary until his death. He is buried at the wall of the Cathedral of Kaunas.

His first poem "Lietuvos Vargas" (Lithuania's Sorrow) later changed to "Miškas Užia" was first published in the underground newspaper "Ausra" in 1885. Under the pen-name of Stanslovas Zanavykas, he published this first book, "Lietuvos Istorija" (history of Lithuania) in 1891. His first collection of poems, "Pavasario Balsai" (Voices of Spring) appeared in 1895 under the pseudonym Maironis "

Maironis was not only a poet but a modern prophet. With his beautiful verses, he aroused the nation. He spoke of Lithuania's natural beauty, of her glorious and ancient past. Through his works, he inspired all with the love of Lithuania, of its language and of its people. His poetry urged love of the past, the language and the traditions. He was the first Lithuanian poet to use tonic verse, opening up more ways of creating music in poetry.

During the years of national awakening, Maironis' poetry won universal recognition and enthusiastic acceptance among the Lithuanian public. His poems were accessible to the ordinary reader because of their musical straightforward, lucid structure. The characters of his epic poetry were close to the Lithuanian Patriot of the Day.

Then and later, many Lithuanian composers set his verse to music. The popular poems became widely sung tunes, among these "Marija, Marija", "Lietuva Brangi," "Kur Bega Sesupė," "Ten Kur Nemunas Banguoja" and many others.

The Soviet Regime in Lithuania, at first did not allow anything of his to be printed. They were, however, unable to squelch the admiration for the Nations Great Poet. In 1947, on the 15th Anniversary of his death, the Soviet government allowed the people to commemorate this date. In the introduction to a selected edition of his writings in 1956, it was recognized that the best poetic works of Maironis have become an irreplaceable part of Lithuania's Cultural Heritage.



In this year of the 50th anniversary of his death, let us call to mind the beautiful words of his famous poem put to music, "Lietuva Brangi."

LIETUVA BRANGI

Lietuva brangi, mano tėvyne,
Šalis kur miega kapuos didvyriai!
Graži tu savo dangaus mėlyne,
Brangi, nes daugel vargų patyrei.

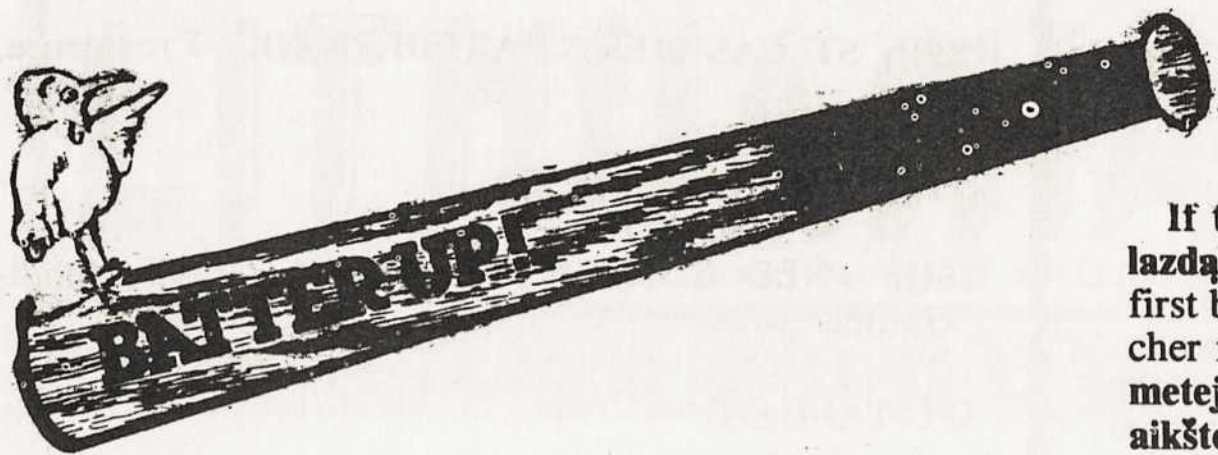
Kaip puikūs slėniai sraunios
Dubysos,
Kalnai, lyg rūtoms, miškais
žaliuoja,
O po tuos kalnus sesutės visos
Graudžiai malonias dainas
dainuoja.

Ten susimastęs tamsus Nevėžis
Kaip juosta: juosia žaliasias
pievas;
Banguoja, vaga giliai išrėžęs;
Jo giliai minti tekino Dievas.

Graži tu, mano brangi tėvyne,
Šalis, kur miega kapuos did-
tyriai!
Neveltui bočiai tave taip gynė,
Neveltui dainiai plačiai išgyrė.
Reference: Encyclopedia Lituanica

LANGUAGE LORE

Play Ball, Lithuanian Style!



By Dr. Algirdas Budreckis

For a game of **beisbolas** baseball, for the uninitiated, you need a **velenuota aikštė** (level field). The field is in the shape of a **kvadratas** with two long sides (**su pailgin-tais šonais**) which wet the **lauko ribos** (bounds or limits). On each corner of the **kvadratas** are **aikštelės**. They have specific names: **mušėjo aikštelė** (home), **pirmoji aikštelė**, **antroji aikštelė** and **trečioji aikštelė**.

The equipment used by the **beisbolininkai** is rather basic. First, you need a leather ball. Though standard Lithuanian calls this missile a **sviedinys**, the true grit **beisbolininkas** prefers **kamuoliukas** or **muštukas**. Another basic piece of equipment is the **medinė lazda**, one end of which is a **storas galas**. You hold the **plonas galas**. For protection some players or **žaidėjai** cover the face with a **kauke**, the **gaudytojas** and **teisėjas** (umpire) also wear a **krūtinsargis** and on their legs are padded **blauzdisargiai**. The **gynėjai** (defending team) wear **minkštai prikimštas pirštines** on their right hands, but if they are "kairiarankiai" wear them on the left.

The **žaidimas** or game of **beisbolas** is played by **dvi komandos** with 9 players-**žaidėjai**. The **komanda** at bat is called **puolėjai**, while the team covering the **aikštelės** (bases) and **laukas** (field) is called **gynėjai**.

Let's start with the **gynėjai**. In the center of the **kvadratas** on a **specialinė aikštelė** stands the **metėjas** with the **kamuoliukas**. Directly in front of him, standing behind the **mušėjo aikštelė** (homeplate, for the uninitiated) is the **gaudytojas**. At the **pirmoji aikštelė** is a **gynėjas**. There are also **gynėjai** at II and III **aikštelė**. As a backup to the **metėjas** is the **pusiaugynėjas** (short-stop). **Lauke** (in the outfield) are three **lauko žaidėjai**. When the **teisėjas** bedecked in black gives the signal (**ženklas**), "**metėjas svaido kamuoliuką gaudytojo link**." Which to every **aistrualis** (fan) knows to mean "the pitcher pitches the ball at the catcher."

Let's stop briefly to see what the **puolėjai** (team at bat) are up to. One at a time, they step up to the **mušėjo aikštelė** (plate) with the **medinė lazda**. The **puolėjas** with a **lazda** is called the **mušėjas**. His object, as the **radijo sporto komentatorius** says, is to "**atmušti ore lekiantį kamuoliuką į lauką**", that is, "slug the ball to the out-field."

If the **mušėjas** is successful, he drops the bat (**meta lazda**), begins to run (**pradedą bėgimą**). He must reach first base (**tikslas pasiekti pirmą aikštelę**), before the pitcher receives back the baseball (**kol kamuoliukas grįš į metejo rankas**) or before the **gynėjas** prie pirmos **aikštelės** gauna kamuoliuką. When the **mušėjas** starts running, he is called a **bėgikas**. If the ball is way out in the field, the **bėgikas** tries to "**pasiekti antrą, net trečią aikštelę**" (reach second and even third base). If the **lauko žaidėjai** fail to catch the ball (**pagauti sviedinį**) or fumble (**apsirinka** or **susimaišo**), the **bėgikas** dashes for his own (**mušėjo**) **aikštelę**. Having completed the whole **kvadratas** he has earned his team a run (**bėgimą baigdamas, laimi savo komandai vieną bėgimą**). Of course, the **bėgikas** cannot notice all of the moves of the **gynėjai**. So he is often advised by the **vadovas** of his **komanda** as to moves.

The **mušėjas** is out (**turi išeiti iš žaidimo**), if one of the following occurs: 1. **nepavyksta pasiekti norimas aikštelės** (fails to reach a base), 2. **gynėjas, stovintis prie aikštelės, palies jį kamuoliuku** (a baseman touches him with the ball), or 3. **tris kartus iš eilės nepataikys lazda į kamuoliuką** (strikes out three times at bat). The **teisėjas** would then shout: "**autas!**" **Trys autai ir pasikeičia vietas gynėjai su puolėjais!** (Three out and the teams change sides).

As the old Lithuanian umpire would say: "**Kiekvienai komandai devynis kartus puolimą sužadžius, žaidimas baigiamas. Laimi komanda, kuri padaro daugiau bėgimų.**" Or to put it in simple English: each team is up at bat nine times before the game ends. That team wins, which makes the most runs.

So you see: galima ir lietuviškai žaisti beisbolą!

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Historical note: The terms and expressions used by the editor are not his own concoction. Baseball was actually played in Lithuania! The famous aviator Steponas Darius of the Trans-Atlantic flight team of Darius-Girėnas, introduced baseball to his homeland. The sport was played by the Lithuanian military aviation, and athletes of Marijampolė. The first Lithuanian baseball championship was played in 1922 between the aviators and the sports association players. This Lithuanian "series" lasted five games. In 1923 a series was played between the Lithuanian and Estonian Air Force teams. The Lithuanian aviators won. Their coach was Steponas Darius. Later baseball declined in Lithuania.

The rules of the game were described in two Lithuanian publications: "**Beisbolo taisyklės**" in **Lietuvos Sportas** (issues 8-10 in 1922) and Steponas Darius' booklet "**Beisbolo taisyklės**" (Baseball Rules, 1924).

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K of L Calendar

AUGUST

29th ST. CASIMER'S PARISH PICNIC - Providence, R.I.

SEPTEMBER

26th NED CONVENTION - Hosts - C-10, Athol-Gardner, Mass

OCTOBER

2 & 3 MCD CONVENTION and PILGRIMAGE - Hosts C-96, Dayton, Ohio

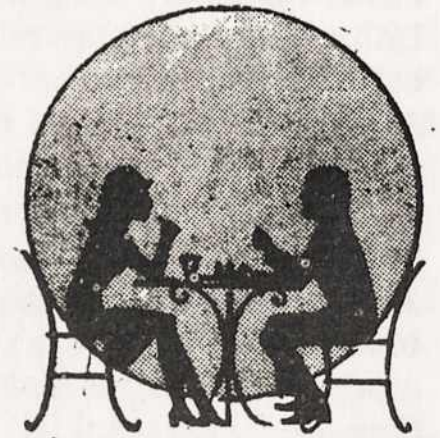
9th 67th ANNUAL DINNER and DANCE - C-29 Newark, N.J. at Holy Trinity Hall

24th NED "CULTURAL FESTIVAL" at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.



COOK'S CORNER

by H.M. Mary Lucas



(Here is a tangy dessert for warm Autumn days.)

Drain 1 can (30 oz.) apricots and 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, reserving juices. Cut apricots into quarters.

Dissolve 1-6 oz. package of Apricot Jello in 2 cups of boiling water. Add 1 cup of the reserved fruit juices and chill until slightly set.

Fold in 1 cup miniature marshmallows, the drained apricots and pineapple. Pour into 9"x13" pan. Chill until firm.

Combine 1/2 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, 1 egg and 1 cup reserved fruit juices. Cook and stir over medium heat just until thick. Remove from heat. Add 2 tablespoons butter.

When cool, fold in 1/2 cup whipped topping. Spread over gelatin. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup chopped pecans. Chill until serving.

Makes 12 servings.

Correction to previous month's Goulash recipe: Should read — "1 cup chopped fresh cabbage" instead of "1 cup chopped celery".

LITHUANIAN *in the* NEWS

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



Pope John Paul II greeting Peter Molis and his daughter Danute

PETER P. MOLIS of Shrewsbury, Mass. was presented to Pope John Paul II by His Eminence Cardinal Huberto Madeiros during his visit to the Vatican this past Spring. Mr. Molis and his daughter, Danute, a student at the Freiburg University in Germany, in the name of the World-Wide Association of Lithuanian Scouts, presented the Holy Father with a book entitled "Lithuanian Scouting." Following the audience, they spoke over the Vatican Radio to Lithuania about their impressions of the Holy Father and described scouting in the free world.

Mr. Molis, President of the Power Engineering Co., Inc., of Shrewsbury, Mass., is Vice President of the World-Wide Association of Lithuanian Scouts, Staff member of the Wood Badge Training Course of the Algonquin Council, Boy Scouts of America, and an active member of St. Casimir's Parish in Worcester where he is a lector and a member of the parish council. He is also a member of Council 116, South Worcester, Mass.

From "The Cleveland Press" — Security for Pope John Paul II's British tour, after two attempts on his life, was the largest police operation that country ever had. Unlike security for the Royal Family and government leaders, police closely protected the pope in seven major British cities, and operations involved 20,000 police and cost millions of dollars.

The Pope himself had been persuaded to wear a special bullet-proof vest and was guarded by an entourage of security men, many from Italy's top anti-terrorist unit. His personal bodyguard, 59-year old ex-American football player ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARCINKUS — also known as the "Pope's gorilla" — never left his side.

Governor Thornburgh of Pennsylvania recently announced the appointment of ANNIE MORGALIS, C-144, Harrisburg, as the Lithuanian-American Commissioner on his Heritage Affairs Advisory Commission.

The Heritage Affairs Advisory Commission is a non-salaried, bi-partisan group of community leaders working together to provide and encourage the awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the traditions and cultures of Pennsylvania's ethnic people.

Governor Thornburgh based his selection of Annie on her past involvement with the Commission and on her outstanding contributions to the "Christmas... An Ethnic Experience" programs of the past two years. Annie is known throughout much of the United States for her creativity and the beauty of her work in Lithuanian scratched Easter eggs, Lithuanian straw art, mushroom art, and her knowledge and love of Lithuanian culture.

She is Cultural Chairman for Anthracite C-144 and has also served as Cultural Chairman for the Mid-Atlantic District. A member of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Minersville, she works with the youth of the parish teaching them the arts and crafts of the Lithuanian culture.

With his 94-year-old mother in attendance, Father JOSEPH PRUNSKIS celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 23rd at St. Symphorosa Church on Chicago's Southwest side. Mrs. Ona Prunskiene, whose release from Lithuania was made possible after Father Prunskis personally confronted Nikita Khrushchev, was in the congregation for her son's golden jubilee Mass and the reception in the parish center.

Father Prunskis has written over 30 books and some 10,000 of his articles have been published. Many of his writings deal with life in Lithuania under Soviet occupation.

A graduate of the Theological Seminary of Kaunas, Lithuania, he was ordained in 1932. After escaping arrest by the Soviets in 1940, he fled to Germany where he was held in a Nazi concentration camp. He came to Chicago in 1941.

Active in journalism since 1936, Father Prunskis has served as editor of "Musu Laikraštis," "Laivas," and one of the editors of "Draugas." In November 1980 he traveled to Madrid, Spain, to attend a conference of 35 countries to review the 1975 Helsinki agreement. He attended a conference to make a plea for freedom for Soviet-occupied Lithuania. In 1979 Father published a booklet documenting efforts by Lithuanians to save Jews from the Holocaust during the Nazi occupation of Lithuania.

Father Prunskis currently serves as director of information at the Lithuanian American Council in Chicago. He has resided at the rectory of St. Symphorosa parish for the past six years and devotes much of his weekends to duties as a priest at the parish. He still makes time to contribute articles to newspapers and magazines, among them our own "Vytis" magazine.

The June 1982 issue of the "Chicago" magazine lists as one of its favorite places Ajay's Pizza and Lithuanian Cuisine, 2653 West Pope John Paul II Drive, Chicago, Ill. This is the only combination pizza shack and Lithuanian snack shop that they know of in Chicago, and undoubtedly, the only one in the world. Here you can feast on a 14-inch cheese and sausage pizza, or enjoy such treats as kugelis, virtinai, and cepelinai.

Recommended is the kugelis, a dense, perfectly textured grated-potato pudding sparked with bacon. Pair it with sauerkraut mildly spiced Lithuanian sausage, which the owners, JOHN and ANITA BOSAS (both members of Council 36, Chicago), stuff and season themselves. Another delicacy is virtinai, light, crimp-edged dumplings filled with either meat or cheese. Add a cup of cold beet soup, awash with sour cream and loaded with finely diced beets, cucumbers, scallions, and hard-cooked eggs.

It is suggested that since the food takes a while to prepare, either call ahead or, while you wait, tour the immaculate streets of Brighton Park.

REGINA BELECKAS, daughter of ANTHONY and ANN BELECKAS, members of Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y., has been awarded a \$100 John P. Gomulka Scholarship by the Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club.

Regina is a graduate of Amsterdam High School this year, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and co-editor of the "Rambler," the school newspaper. She plans to become a journalist and has been accepted at Johns Hopkins University.



Regina Beleckas



Michael Mikolaitis

MICHAEL MIKOLAITIS, President of the Junior Council 100, Amsterdam, N.Y., was one of the students chosen from Amsterdam and Bishop Scully High Schools last May for Student Government Day. They got a first-hand look at how city government functions. Each student was assigned to a specific governmental employee. Their tasks were to share the personal as well as the formal side of civic work. Michael was assigned to the water dept. manager.

Recently, Michael was selected as one of two students from Bishop Scully High School to represent Amsterdam American Legion posts at Boys State at the State University at Morrisville. At Boys State, students representing Legion posts throughout the state gathered to spend a week studying the working procedures of state and local governments.

Michael will be entering his senior year at Bishop Scully High School this year.

Another student, also Lithuanian, JOSEPH DIDZIULIS, was assigned to the City Court judge. The students participated in a mock Common Council session and were able to voice their opinions on 18 different resolutions which the students drew up.

Being as important to the Waterbury, Conn., Lithuanian community as St. Patrick's Day is to the Irish, the feast of St. Joseph was celebrated last March at St. Joseph's School. More than 300 members of the area Lithuanian community crowded into the school's gymnasium for a traditional meal.

Co-chairman JOSEPH SAMOSKA said the celebration of the feast was renewed in 1981 after an absence of several years. Traditionally in Lithuania, businesses, schools and everything else would close on that day, according to community leader VICTOR VAITKUS.

Students who performed the dances and songs dressed in traditional Lithuanian garb. The Rev. GEORGE VILCIAUSKAS, pastor of St. Joseph's, spoke at the event. Those attending ranged from very young children to elderly Lithuanian community residents.



From the front page of "The Recorder", Amsterdam, New York. AL BUDNIKAS, owner of Al's Farm Market, Route 30 in Perth, took advantage of early morning sun to do some planting, getting it in before the rains fell. Mr. Budnikas and his family came to the United States after World War II.



Al Budnikas

SAMUEL BAYLIFF

Husband of Dorothy Bayliff
Member C-141
Bridgeport, CT

MARIE C. LUBIN

Member C-17 Srs.
Boston, MA
Died April 24, 1982

NELLIE GATAVESKAS

Member C-144
Scranton, PA
Died April 22, 1982

KESTUTIS "CASEY" SVELNYS

Charter Member C-135
Ansonia, CT
Died May 8, 1982

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in your
prayers...

FRANK KILKUS

Member C-36
Chicago, IL
Died May 19, 1982

LEO C. DANSEVITCH

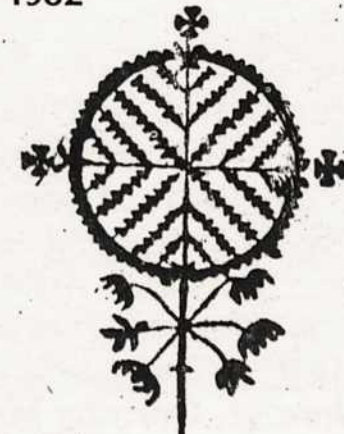
Member C-100
Amsterdam, N.Y.
Died May 1982

JULIA C. BELICKAS

Sister of Anthony Dainus, H.M.
Member C-79
Southfield, MI
Died June 13, 1982

FATHER VLADAS KARALEVICIUS

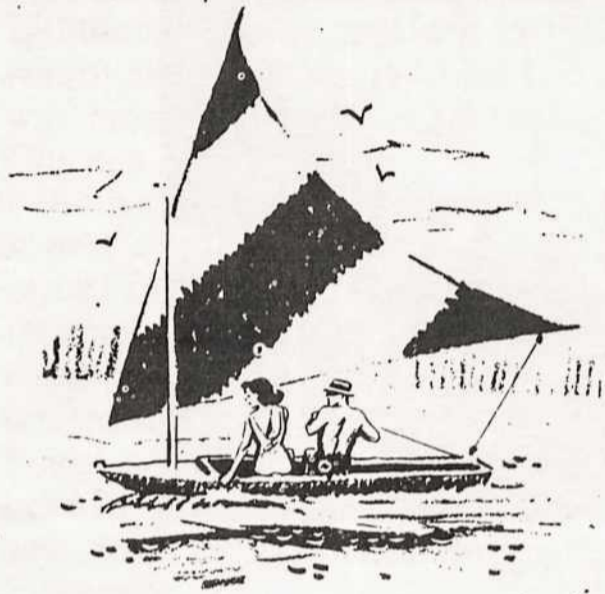
Member C-29
Newark, N.J.
Died June 17, 1982



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Council Activities

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The Annual New England District Spring Convention was hosted by Council 135 of Ansonia. All councils were well represented. Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, our president, was hospitalized. We missed you! Our prayers and well wishes for a speedy recovery, Peter.

Mass was celebrated by Father Raymond Yuskas; breakfast followed. Host Council President John Sabulis opened the business sessions and greeted the large attendance.

The highlight of the afternoon was the awarding of third degrees to the following deserving members: Rev. Benjamin Uzdavainis, Rev. Francis Pranekus, Alice Openasets, Mary Martus, Adele Martus, Aldona Kropas, Stanley Twerian, Lillian Twerian, Mildred Stachawicz, Dorothy Martis, Albert Sturkis, Francis Barsevich, Adele Martus and Alfred Yurevich. Congratulations!



NED SPRING CONVENTION - 1st row - Fr. A. Jurgelaitis, Frances Bumila and Fr. A. Janiunas. 2nd row - John Walaska, George Kisielius, Mary Martus and John Sabulis



NED SPRING CONVENTION - C-135 hosts Al Barauskas, Chris Slushinski, Walt Stachowicz, Carol Bujanauskas and Millie Stachowicz in foreground

We thank the energetic committee for the marvelous buffet of great Lithuanian foods and the beautiful dessert table. Many of us had at least a three-hour drive home so we were well fortified for the long trip.

The New England District Cultural Festival will be held at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury on Sunday, October 24. Blanche and Charles Genaitis are handling the scholarship raffle, and they will be happy to hear from you for prizes and chance booklets.

Date to Remember: September 26 - Fall Convention - Council 10 Athol-Gardner will serve as host council.

Delegates to the Supreme Council Convention were named as follows: Ann Bender and Cookie Coach; alternates Helen Balchus and Teresa Trainis.

MARION HOBITZ

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER

Our May meeting was preceded by May devotions offered for the persecuted church in Lithuania. Father Steponaitis gave a sermon on the shrines in Lithuania with emphasis on Siluva and Vilnius. He presented a large colored picture of Our Lady of Vilnius to all of us. Devotions ended with Benediction.

The meeting followed in the rectory and was well attended. Guests were Mr. & Mrs. Dye of Amsterdam, sister and brother-in-law of Petronella Richard. Plans were formulated for the Fall Convention to be held in Athol on September 26. The council cordially invites all district members to attend.

A group of C-10 members attended the Spring Convention held in Ansonia. A big thank you to Ansonia for their fine hospitality.

Stanley and Alice Perekslis spent a vacation in Greece. Pauline Rodski was under the weather. Wishing you the best for the future. The Wisniauskases were hit by a car and Brone had been seen wearing a neck collar.

One June 2 our council honored our spiritual advisor, Rev. Justin Steponaitis on the occasion of his 45th Anniversary of his ordination.



Bill and Brone Wisniauskas in Ansonia at the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine

It was held at the Lithuanian Outing Association Club in Gardner following the regular monthly council meeting. Father was presented a purse on behalf of the K of L by President Wisniauskas. The anniversary cake was baked by Gladys Richardson. The Gardner girls put

on the buffet. We also celebrated Father's name day that fell on June 1. We also sang "Ilgiausiu Metu" to Charles Genaitis, Beatrice Jodaitis Richard, Clara Zetkousky and Alice Zaremba. Both dailies carried nice articles on the event.

Condolences are extended to the Rodski family on the brutal murder of their sister, Anna Wesockes Storm, who was murdered in Gardner on May 28. Anna ran a thrift shop in town for years and was known for her jovial disposition and her generosity to the Crochet Mountain School for Crippled Children. The murder came as a shock to her hundreds of friends, business associates and her family. Anna was very proud of her Lithuanian ancestry. She will be remembered dearly by all. She is survived by her three children, her fiance whom she planned to marry in June, six sisters and three brothers. May she rest in peace and may her family find solace and comfort that her life was well spent.

Member of the Month: I would like to introduce to the readers of VYTIS our newest member, Brone Narkevicius of Gardner. She was born and reared in Naujamiestis Parish, County of Panevezys, Lithuania. She and her family fled their homeland with the onslaught of the Russians into Lithuania. They resettled in Germany and later came to the USA and settled with relatives. She is a widow and the mother of six. She is a kind



C-10 Delegates to NED Convention - Kunigunda Coach, Blanche Genaitis, James Rogers, Marcia Rogers and Charles Genaitis

neighbor with many talents. Her cooking and baking expertise are known to our council. We wish Brone many years with us along with good health.

It's September again and time to attend the Fall NED Convention to be held in Athol at St. Francis Parish on September 26. Please mark the date on your calendar. The trip to Athol, "God's Country," in the fall is truly worth it. We are noted for our beautiful scenery. Iki pasimatymo!

VINCUKAS

C-17 SENIORS - SOUTH BOSTON

After council elections, many events followed making for a busy fall and winter season.

St. Peter's Church annual bazaar involved many members who not only manned booths but made many beautiful handcrafted items which was eagerly sought by the community. The bazaar was co-chaired by President Alexander Akule and Josephine Zuzevich. We congratulate all our council members who helped make this a successful event. The 1982 Bazaar will be held Sunday, November 14, at the South Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club.

By popular demand the third highly successful German Nite was held at the South Boston Lithuanian Club on November 14 under the direction of Frank Markunis and Al Akule. A full house of happy Germans for a night sang lusty songs, ate hearty foods, guzzled beer and danced polkas. This year's German Nite will be held on November 22 at the Club.

Two members of our council were elected officers of SBLCC - Alexander Chaplik, president and Daniel Averka, vice president. Congratulations.

Two established events and always looked forward to are the K of L Christmas Party for its members and the Parish Christmas Party for its senior citizens. Although it is a busy time for the ladies of the council, it is a labor of love for them to help assemble, prepare and serve the delicious food for these events.

The annual observance of Lithuanian Independence Day was held on February 14, beginning with a morning Mass at St. Peter's and an afternoon program at the South Boston Lithuanian Club. Edward M. Mielus Jr., Lithuanian Radio Hour Director from Worcester, was the guest speaker. As usual, the council cooperated with ALTA in defraying the cost of the observance.

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated on March 7 at St. Peter's Church with a Mass followed by Communion Breakfast in the hall. Dr. Algirdas Budreckis, author and historian, was the guest speaker. Albert Jaritis was master of ceremonies. Thanks to the kitchen crew headed by Al Akule and Ann Norinkavich. Florence Casper, Ann Antanelis and Anne Carroll served on the decorating committee.

Many members made the long trip to St. Anthony's Church in Ansonia on April 23 to the NED Spring Convention. Aldona Kropas and Alice Opaneset received their Third Degrees. Aldona was council financial secretary for many years and Alice is our hard-working member who is involved in many council activities. Congratulations! We thank Council 135 for their gracious hospitality. We hope Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas, NED President, who was not able to chair the convention because of illness, is now well.

The council combined a bean supper with ritual presentation, and innovation for us, on May 22 at St. Joseph's Hall. Thirty-three members received their Second Degrees. President Akule presented each recipient with a Vytis pin. We congratulate our ritual committee - Ann Voveris, Patricia Akule and John Norinkavich for revitalizing the degree presentation program.

On April 24, Marie Lubin, a long-time and esteemed member of our council, passes away. She was the wife of member Joseph Lubin, local funeral director. Our condolences to her husband and son.

In conjunction with Council 17, the seniors present a scholarship award to a graduate of St. Peter's

School. This year, Mark Gendreau was presented the award by President Akule at graduation exercises on June 6. Mark is a Junior Knight and both parents are members of Council 17.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Peter's on June 12 to commemorate those terrible June days of 1941. Father Rafaelis Saklys, Franciscan from Kennebunkport, was the celebrant and Aloysas Astravas the reader. A program followed in the church hall with Stanley Aloyzas Astravas and Algirdas Budreikas Jr. as speakers.

Felix Zaleskas, our oldest council member, celebrated his 90th birthday with a Mass at St. Joseph's Chapel on June 13. Best wishes to you, Felix, from all of us.

At our June meeting delegates to the National Convention were chosen, and a full-page ad in the convention book was authorized. A sizeable group from Boston will attend.

Each July, Captive Nations week is celebrated at the State House in Boston with an appropriate ceremony by the various Baltic Groups. Again this year many K of L's will be involved including Alexander Chaplik who is president of the local chapter of ALTA.

This paragraph is a tribute to a special group of people - the religious leaders of our St. Peter's Parish. Since this is the Year of the Lithuanian Parish, these people are natives of South Boston. They attended St. Peter's Church and St. Peter Parochial School. They went their individual ways to further their education but have come back to enrich their community and parish.

Father Albert Contons, Honorary Member of the K of L, President of the Roman Catholic Lithuanian-American Priests League and Pastor of St. Peter's Church.

Father Robert Wolongavicz, Associate Pastor of St. Peter's Church and Spiritual Advisor to Council 17 Seniors.

Sister Eugenia SJC, Superior of St. Peter's Convent, Teacher at St. Peter's School and Recording Secretary of C 17 Seniors.

Sister Christine SJC, Principal of St. Peter's School, Teacher, Director of the 7th Street Neighborhood House.

We thank you for your dedication and love. Keep St. Peter's a Lithuanian Church.

Our council meetings will resume in September after a two-month summer hiatus.

JOSEPH WHITE
RASTININKAS

C-26.- WORCESTER, MA

Ritual chairperson, Marion Racicot, announces recent Degree conferrals to Rev. Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC, Third Degree; with Second Degree to Rita Sokol, Kazys and Teresa Adomavicius, Albin and Frances Nockunas; First Degrees to Stanley and Mary Kamendulis, Joseph and Antoinette Ivaska, Geraldine Tagman, Rita (Karpicus) and Anthony Margosian, and Eleanor Gadilauskas. Our newest members include Mary and Stanley Kamendulis, Frances Glaskas, Ann Skrocki. Congratulations to the recipients and welcome to the new members!

Bart and Marion March were honored by their children last May on the beautiful occasion of their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary. Ilgiausiu metu!

May's fish supper was prepared by Withold Ivaska, assisted by his wife, Virginia, and sister and brother-in-law, Adele and Francis Degutis. Among the dinners were Withold's son and his family (Peter and Donna and baby Lynn), Ann and Vinnie Grazulis, Edwina and Francis Ginkus, Emily Gudzevich and Jack Kazlauskas.

The bowling banquet took place on May 23. Helen Gillus reported that Vincent Zigmont's team took first place. His team members are John Gadilauskas, Richard Zinkus, Helen Gillus and Millie Lapinskas. Because Anne Leseman and Mildred Lapinskas worked hard as a team last April, the military whist was a huge success!

Condolences to Nancy Gorden whose brother died recently and to Adele Tagman whose mother also died recently. God rest their precious souls.

The June 6 picnic at Maironis was another social and financial "great". Bill Leseman was worried because this was his first big chairmanship. But, Steve Walinsky, Sr. was right there to help, as were Bill's wife Anne, Steve's wife Anne, Rita and Ted Pinkus, John and Ann Ridick, Ann Bender, Millie and Charles Lapinskas, Walter Grimaila, Agnes Law, Dorothy and Albin Seilius, Charles and Frances Kulakusky, Ann Bucinskas, Marion Shapiro and Tillie Zelesky. Vito and Ann Morkunas and sons paid us a visit that day, as did Tony Morkunas and Joseph Bacys (whose mom wasn't quite well enough to accompany him) and a host of others.

Hospitalization is over, thank God, for Mrs. Nell Thompson, Dorothy Seilius, Tillie Zelesky, and Sister M. Ignata, SSC. Treated at home were Gerry Tagman and Agnes Law. We hope their ailments will soon be just a memory! Sveikiausiu metu!

Wanda Lescord was on the committee for the Saint Casimir School Graduation this past June. The commencement Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Anthony J. Miciunas, MIC, who delivered the homily as well. The Sisters of St. Casimir have prepared many a class ... fond memories come to so many of us.

Elly and Steve Walinsky of West Millbury will host the July shish-kabob meeting. Rita and Ted Pinkus will serve barbecued chicken at their Rutland summer camp in August.

Travellers to Hawaii this spring included Millie Lapinskas, Nancy Gorden, Vito and Ruth Gadilauskas and Adele Ulevich. Rita and Bill Karrytais entertained a visitor from Lithuania recently. The American Lithuanian Community, Inc. (based in Chicago) conferred a special award to our own Francis (Algis) Glodas for his zeal and unceasing

labor for all things Lithuanian. Excellent choice! Frannie is our St. Casimir's Men's Choir president among many other interests.

Eleven of our members travelled to Ansonia for the April NED Convention. Each council of the District was represented, with over 100 delegates in attendance.

Charles Tagman was our parish Bishop's Fund chairman with Albin Seilius the Advance Gifts chairman. Giving Father Miciunas, the pastor, an extra assist this year were Millie Lapinskas, Rita Brazauskas and Mary Duggan. Ann Bender reprinted our late Father Bankanas' verse, "Mother Dear," in the May council newsletter.

Dorothy Seilius and Steve Walinsky, Sr. co-chaired the June pastromi supper with aid from Al Seilius and Ann Walinsky. Enjoying the fare included Gadamir Troupes, William Karas, Millie and Charles Lapinskas, Dwight and Ginny Cummings, Ruth and Leonard Ramsdell, Bill Buckley, Rita Sokol, Bea and Tony Anton, Walter Grimaila, Mary Ulevich and many more.

Our spiritual director, Father Ben Uzdavinis, MIC, visited his brother again in Porto Rico last May. He brought back with him candy treats which he served at our June meeting. Mmmm, good ... and it was pleasant for us to be so remembered.

Peter Molis is an active parish member, a member of C-116, and we'd like to share his excitement in that he and his daughter, Danute, were privileged to experience a 7-minute audience with the Holy Father this past spring. Ann Bender's Lithuanian Affairs Committee is "hot" and she invites one and all to join the band.

Iki sekančio straipsnelio, linkime visiems Vyčiams viso geriausio!

"DZUKELE"

C-50 — NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Our monthly meeting after the 10:30 Mass on May 2 was well attended. First degrees were given to the following: Richard & Ruth Parrett, Johanna & Alphonsus

Martenenas, Frank Rogers, B. Ivan and Ann M. Gaysunas, Lucy & Francis Rook, Stanley Kirla, Edward Alleshunas, Marcelle Aimutis, Vincent & Julia Glynn and Anthony Radziunas.

Second degrees were conferred on Joan Augustine, John & Sophie Aunce, Helen Balchus, Bernice Varile, Helen Case, Alex & Anne Gedrim, Viola Gradeck, Albert & Eleanor Gutauskas, Mae Jackub, Edith Kazlauskas, Alice Kirla, George & Rose Kisielius, Anthony & Ann Kordorsky, Evelyn Lepensky, Albina Lipcius, Helen Maculaitis, Helen Markiewicz, Helen Medley, Ann Meskins, Nellie Shuksta, Isabel Peterson, Anna Rinkevicius, John & Emilija Saulys, Bronus & Teresa Strimaitis and Mary Yezukevich.

At the New England District Convention in Ansonia, we had nine delegates as follows: Al Gedrim, Ann Meskins, Ann Gedrim, Rose Kisielius, Isabel Peterson, Joan Augustine, Helen Medley, Mary Jezukevich, Helen Balchus. Mary and Charles Geipel served as alternates. President Peterson and NED Second Vice President George Kisielus also attended. Mass was celebrated by Father Yuse. Our Ansonia hosts were most gracious and hospitable. We are thankful for the delicious food and drinks served to us.

Our Mother's Day Communion Breakfast, combining all the societies of the parish, was held after the 10:30 Mass celebrated by Pastor Fr. Karalius on May 9. We then went to the church hall for our program. As Fr. Karalius had already given a most inspiring homily. He again made a plea for us to honor our mothers. Our main speaker and chairperson for this occasion was our own Marijona Jokubaite. We cannot say enough to praise her, our most wonderful and beloved parishioner. She is well known in the Lithuanian Community. Her life has been devoted to her church and the Women's Alliance. C-10 appreciates having you as a member, Marijona.

HELEN BALCHUS

C-103 - PROVIDENCE

Our K of L May meeting was held in St. Casimir's Church Hall. The Seniors prepared and served our Annual May Breakfast which was a great success. Many friends and acquaintances attended and enjoyed the breakfast. Aciu, labai aciu!

President Bill Piacentini is hard at work distributing tickets to all members for the K of L Scholarship Fund.

Susan Gudeczauskas who was recently hospitalized after an auto accident advised us "Use your seat belt; seat belts save lives". We wish you a speedy recovery. Our prayers will help and cheer you up.

Our June meetings for the past six years were held in Bristol by the Sea at the home of Vic and Bea Mathieu. It is always special in many ways. First, we gathered at St. Mary's Church where Fr. O'Connell and the parishioners joined us in offering a Mass for the intention of the persecuted Catholics in Lithuania. Remembering the terrible days of June, we prayed for those who died in defending their faith against atheism. As a special intention, we prayed for the soul of HM John Stoskus of our council. Father Jurgelaitis, Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor, preached the homily. Bertha Stoskus, Bea Mathieu and Ruth Krecioch presented the offertory gifts. "Marija, Marija" was sung during the Communion meditation. We are thankful to Father O'Connell and his parishioners for their prayers for our people.

After Mass, we made our way to the Mathieu's home for a buffet supper. Even Julia Childs could not excel Bea and her assistants. We held our meeting on the lawn in sight of the American and Lithuanian flags fluttering in the ocean breeze.

The meeting was brief but historical. For the first time, Council 103 conferred the Friend of Lithuanians Award on Russell J. Boyle for his many, many years of generosity, understanding and helpfulness to the Lithuanians of St. Casimir's Parish as well as those of

the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island. Vic Mathieu presented an engraved scroll and mahogany plaque with the Lithuanian knight in burnished bronze. Vic originated the idea of a friend of Lithuanians award which was adopted by the Supreme Council about 20 years ago and today is known as the Fr. John C. Jutt Friend of Lithuanians Award. At sundown as the flags were lowered, the national anthems were sung.

The coolness of the evening forced the members to go back to the house where a surprise awaited them. The mysterious box that Susan Gudeczauskas brought with her proved that she was again hale and hearty after her auto accident. It contained a beautiful birthday cake which she baked. When the cake was set on the table, everyone knew whom it was baked. The lettering read "Ilgiausiu metu, Teveli". Smiling at Father Jurgelaitis, all sang the traditional birthday song. After testing the cake, Father thanked all present with special thanks to Susan for baking such a delicious cake and for being an excellent student of Lithuanian because she spelled the words perfectly. Susan was a student of Father's Lithuanian class this past season.

One more thank you goes to Helen Denisevich. The Larry Glick talk show of WBZ Boston featured a segment on Lithuania and the tragedy of the terrible days of June. Larry Glick had Father Jurgelaitis on his show by telephone for about 25 minutes. They talked about the language, the history, the mass deportations and many other events. As a result, Father J. was named Dean of Theology of the Larry Glick University and is entitled to wear the famous Larry Glick University T-shirt.

"Ei, Vyciai, gyvenam Tautai ir Baznyciai!"

HELEN DENISEWICH

C-135 - ANSONIA

It's hard to believe that another month has passed so quickly. When you're active and busy, time fleets!

A beautiful sunny, low humidity, cloudless Sunday from morning till nightfall was the type of day we had for our spring New England District Convention held here in Ansonia. The whole day was fantastic!

We had a large turnout for Mass. We had some visitors linger after Mass and ask questions regarding the church and the wayside cross which received much attention throughout the day. Many photographs were taken.

Following brunch, the scheduled business session took place with Fran Bumila, First Vice President, at the helm for our ailing President, Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas. Peter, you and the Mrs. missed a real goodie. Maybe sometime in the future, when your health does not interrupt, you will be able to pay us a visit.

Seven members received their Third Degree - Fran Barsevich, Dot Martin, Al Shurkis, Millie Stachowicz, Lil & Stan Twerian and Al Yurevich. Congratulations! Now let's go for the fourth.

During the mandate report, it was stated that every active council in the New England District was represented at this convention. Many old-time regulars stated that this was some kind of record since they could not remember this happening in many years. We're glad it happened here.

Following the business session, a delicious Lithuanian style supper was served to one and all. The food and dessert selection was too tempting to resist. It looked like the end of a Lithuanian wedding or shower with covered plates leaving. Sandwiches and goodies for the long-distance travelers were offered. It wasn't too tough to convince the good padres, Janiunas and Jurgelaitis, that they might get hungry. It was sad to see it all end so soon and promises were made to see each other in Athol in the fall.

Thanks to our kitchen staff headed by Walt and Millie Stachowicz and especially to our "cool and collective" Chris Slushinski who put it all together in the food department.



C-135 St. Casimer's Day Breakfast. Ella Ellis, Millie Stachowicz, Anne Sabulis and Pat Gursky

Of course, there were others ~~who~~ helped in making the whole convention a success. I will omit the names in fear of missing someone. I'm sure you all will understand.

Sadness has again struck our council. We lost our great Lithuanian artisan, designer, creator and builder of our wayside cross - Kestutis "Casey" Svelnys. Casey was a charter member of our council and will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife Donna, son Lenny and daughter Lillian and their families.

~~Our pot-luck~~ supper meetings are becoming more popular than ever. It never ceases to amaze me how they always turn out. Depending on what is served, sometimes, determines how the meeting will go. Ask Johnny Sabulis, our president.

It is always an event when K of L'ers get together, and it was no different recently when Anne and Johnny Sabulis visited with Mary and Bernie Minkus one night on Cape Cod. "Dar int bushus" was the comment made when these Westfield and Ansonia long-time friends got together.



C-141 Culture Night. Vitalis Zukauskas Alphonse Trainis, Saulius Cibas, Teresa Trainis, Most Rev. Walter Curtis, Gina Capkas, Sister Margaret, Rev. Francis Pranckus

I would like to correct an item that appeared in the May issue regarding vacations. It should have read that John P. Sabulis is the son of our president John A. Sabulis.

NAKTES PALEDA

C-141 — BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Council 141, in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of St. George's R. C. Church, co-hosted a Lithuanian Cultural Evening on Saturday, March 6, 1982 at Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The program featured Mrs. Gina Capkas (Capkauskiene) coloratura soprano from Montreal, Canada, Mr. Vitalis Zukauskas, humorist and Lithuanian language professor at Sacred Heart University, and Saulius Edmund Cibas, pianist from Massachusetts.

The evening was sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Council 141, St. George's R.C. Church, Sacred Heart University and the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Putnam, Connecticut.

The program opened with an invocation by the Rev. Francis J. Pranckus, pastor of St. George's and Spiritual Advisor of C-141. The National Anthem was sung by Miss Ann Marie McEvoy and the Lithuanian Anthem was led by Miss Mildred Petrus. Greetings were extended by Mrs. Margaret Melady on behalf of the Ethnic Studies Center at the University.

Dignitaries in the audience included the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, Bishop of Bridgeport, Dr. Thomas Melady, President on leave of Sacred Heart University, Dr. Evelyn Conley, Bridgeport Attorney and widow of the first president of Sacred Heart University, and Walter Davanis, radio personality and meteorologist for radio station WICC and a member of C-141.

The lovely Mrs. Capkas opened the entertainment portion of the program with several arias, including "La pastorella della Alphi"



Saulius Edmund Cibas, Gina Capkas, Sister Margaret, Vitalis Zukauskas

by G. Rossini and *Se geloso e il mio core* "Endimione e Cintia" by A. Searlatti. From the moment she stepped onto the stage, wearing a gown of burgundy chiffon delicately embroidered with beading, she had the audience in the palm of her hand.

Professor Zukauskas entertained with the first part of his comic monologue, and soon had the audience screaming with laughter. He was in his usual good form!

After a brief intermission, Mrs. Capkas again sang some Lithuanian selections, including "Dainas gininas" by H. Padausko and B. Budriunas; "Vandaens mal neliai" by A. H. Nagio and A. Stankevicius; and "Val Satysi" by A. Karvelytes and J. Gaidelis. Pianist Saulius Edmund Cibas was unable to perform his solo selections because of difficulties with the baby grand piano, but it was evident from his accompaniment of Mrs. Capkas that he is a most accomplished pianist.

Professor Zukauskas then returned to give the second half of his routine, and immediately had the audience right back where he had left them - roaring with laughter. He won many new fans and friends that evening.

After the entertainment portion of the evening concluded, the performers were honored at a champagne reception in the Sacred Heart University Library. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception had

beautifully decorated the showcases in the Library entrance hall with many items of our Lithuanian culture and heritage - amber, wood carvings, and weavings to name a few. The champagne flowed freely and the tables of hors d'oeuvres were rapidly depleted. All in all it was a very special evening.

Council 141 would like to thank the performers who gave so generously of their time and talent. The lovely Gina Capkas, whose beautiful voice will long be remembered - the very talented Saulius Edmund Cibas, who bravely contended with a less than adequate instrument - and the charming Vitalis Zukauskas, who once again proved that humor knows no language barriers.

All who shared the evening will long remember the Lithuanian Cultural Evening co-hosted by Council 141.

Nancy Pawasauskas Miro



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C-3 PHILADELPHIA

C-3's celebration of St. Casimir's Day took place on March 7. After attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, our council members, along with family and friends, adjourned to the eaves hall to enjoy a good old-fashioned breakfast of ham, eggs and home fries whipped up by our Master Chefs John Mickunas and Joe Drumstas. Many thanks to Charlie & Marge Petronis, Dianne Drumstas, Agnes Mickunas and Bill Miller for getting all the necessities for the breakfast. Aciu to those members who pitched in that day.

President Walt Mameniskis served as master of ceremonies for the program. Irene Timinskis, ritual chairperson, awarded First and Second Degrees. Recipients of the First Degree were William Miller, Annette, Maria & Nicholas Zulick; Anastasia and Edmund Binkis; Jeanette Mazeika and Alice & William Bacon. Second Degrees were conferred on Alex & Jewel Ushka and Victor Stepalovitch. Congratulations to all!

Our main speaker was Sister Joanna Marie who accompanied her remarks with a slide presentation on the life and works of Mother Maria Kaupas, Foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Our council was well represented at the MAD St. Casimir's Day celebration and meeting. Mary Ann Lepera, Anastasis & Edmund Binkis, Dianne Drumstas and Jewel & Alex Ushka attended.

Happy birthday to Alex Ushka who was 75 years young on March 22. *Ilgiasiu metu!*

Walter & Irene Svekla and their two boys vacationed in Arizona at Eastertime.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to John Mickunas who lost his father John Sr. on April 3. May his soul rest in peace.

Our best wishes to Al Macelis on his new career in the real estate business.

AGUTE

C-12 - NEW YORK

January arrived with its wind and cold and once again kayoed our meeting, but we made it up in the following months. February's meeting was dedicated to the commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day. Unfortunately our enslaved brethren in Lithuania could not join in. We prayed for them.

Our administrator Father John Bida opened our council meeting with a High Mass. There was Benediction at 3 p.m. when the membership returned to church to close with adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. No matter how much we enjoyed the learn at our meetings, prayer is never far away and especially for our adopted parish in Kedainiai.

At our commemoration program Elena Saulyte was the mistress of ceremonies. There were poetry recitations and singing of songs. Yours truly gave a speech on the meaning of freedom.

March was the month dedicated to St. Casimir and the Communion breakfast in his honor. Milly Pietz MC'd the event. Helen Matthews, Connie Siatsis and Al Monkevicius recited poetry about our favorite saint. During Mass, our talented organist Liudas Stukas played his own compositions honoring St. Casimir. He also accompanied our

songs. We even had a selection by Metropolitan Opera soprano Leontyne Price (on tape, of course) who sang Mozart's Alleluia while all had a minute of silence and meditated on our dear departed members.

The highlight of the program was the awarding of first and second degrees. The happy recipients were Ceres Siatsis, first; Alice Zupko, Peter Zupko, Bertha Stanwick and Mary Krabowsky, second. Congratulations to all. Our Supreme Council President Loretta Stukas honored us with her visit.

April was a happy month especially for yours truly. It is the month of my birthday, and this year I received a most beautiful gift - my third degree at the district meeting in Frackville. My fellow council members Julis Gomes and John Antanavicius were also honored. *Aciau labai organizacijai. Toliau dirbsim Uyciu veikloje.*

And indeed we did. All three of us plus assorted other members worked hard at our Annual MAD Bazaar in Maspeth. Although we are not a council who is lucky enough to count its membership in the hundreds like our sister council in Maspeth, we tried harder and matched them member for member at the fair. We seldom accomplish anything spectacular, but like the turtle and the hare "we keep on trucking".



TRYPTINIS Dance group performing at the MAD annual district Fair in Maspeth, N. Y.



C-12 Display at MAD Fair in Maspeth

We can give ourselves another pat on the back. On May 1 at the Philadelphia leadership conference, of the 50 or so members attending, we were there eight strong. We all learned as well as contributed. A big "Valio" must go to Elena Saulyte and her crew who organized this worthwhile endeavor. All agreed that we must have one at least once a year. We got home tired but happy and all looked bleary-eyed at our next day's meeting - but not too tired to give wonderful reports on a day well spent.

In a surprising way, it proved especially fruitful for Council 12 for inspiration struck. While visiting Elena's sister after the conference, we all admired her mushroom decorating scheme in her kitchen. The idea for our November 7 dance was born - Grybu Balius. You all come; mark the date on your calendar. We will not disappoint you. November is still a few months away. Before that our convention in Newark awaits us, Captive Nations Week in July, the convention in Cleveland and Barnesville picnic in August. So rest up, gang, we need all the strength in the future to work for Dievas ir Tevyne.

DALIA

C-29 - NEWARK

Well, Council 29 must be really excited about Atlantic City. On the 24th of April they were right down there again trying out their luck. This trip was organized by Bernie and Viola Skripata. This time we went to Caesars Palace.

Everyone loved the trip, from the luxurious bus to the gourmet dinner. The only complaint was that it was very tiring. The bus left Newark at 4 p.m. and returned at 5 a.m. It was a truly fun-filled night for the winners and losers. We want to thank the Skripatas for organizing the wonderful trip and are looking forward to the next one.

We are all sad to hear that our Vice President Rose Zukauskas and Albinas Zukauskas, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, are leaving us in the fall. The couple plans to move to their house in Juno Beach, Florida. We are really going to miss them. Good vice presidents and Lithuanian affairs chairmen are hard to come by these days. All I can say is New Jersey's loss is a great gain for Florida. We wish them all the best that life has to offer and good luck in their new home.

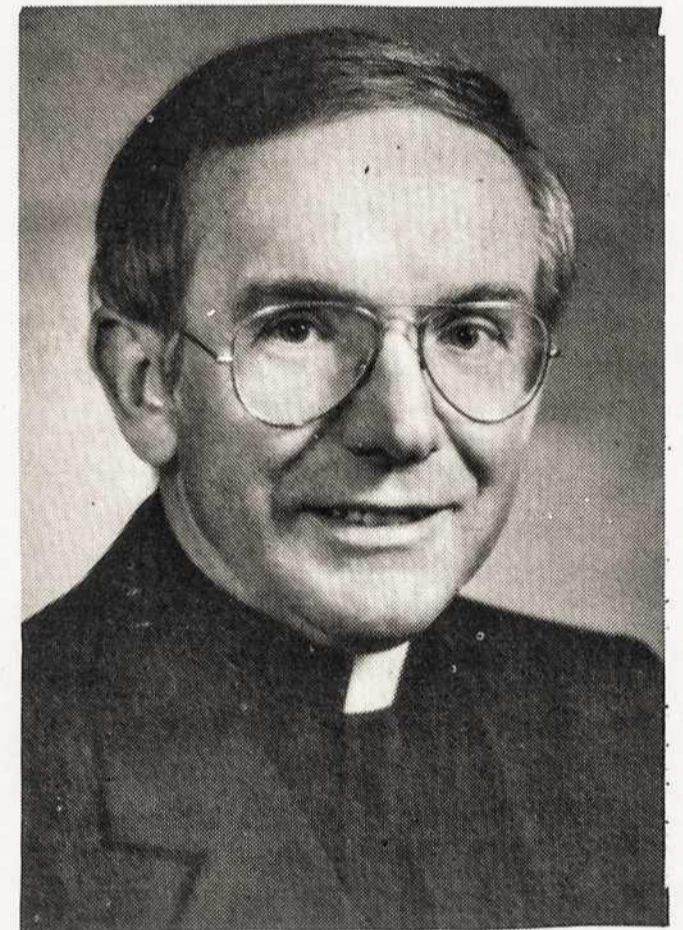
RITA

C-52 ELIZABETH, N.J.

Father Peter F. Zemeikis, born and raised within the shadow of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, graduated from the Parish Grammar School in 1945, Seton Hall Prep. in 1949 and Seton Hall University in 1953.

Father Peter was ordained on May 25, 1957, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland. His first assignment was at St. Michael's Lithuanian Parish, Bayonne, N.J. as assistant to the Pastor, Rev. John Starkus and later Rev. Vincent Svirnelis.

On March 8, 1969, Father Peter assumed his duties as administrator of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, where later, in 1978, he was installed as Pastor of the Parish.



Father P. Zemeikis

Peter F. Zemeikis was the first of three children born to Peter and Barbara (nee Bockus) Zemeikis of Clark Place, Elizabeth, N.J. His brother, Rev. Alfred Zemeikis is associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Newark, N.J.; his sister, Dorothy Bolanowski and two nephews (Casimir & Richard) reside in Cranford, N.J.

A Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving was said Sunday, May 23rd at 12 Noon. The Concelebrates were the Lithuanian Priests of N.Y. - N.J. and the Priests of Deanery 25. A dinner tendered by the Parish Community was held in the Parish Hall after the Mass.

Father Peter was Spiritual Director of the K of L - Council 67, Bayonne - 1957 thru 1969. Spiritual Director Council 52 Elizabeth from 1969 to present date. N.Y./N.J. District Spiritual Director 1962 to 1970.

Jackie Leonard

C-63 - LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

After two pre-organization meetings, the Lithuanians of the Lehigh Valley formally organized on May 23, 1982. The Lehigh Valley is Allentown, Bethlehem (the Christmas City), Easton and their surrounding areas. Interim officers elected until the September meeting include President, Albert V. Klizas (brother of Anna Klizas Wargo); Vice President, Adolph Klova; Recording Secretary, Mary Sockel; Trustees, Anthony Sockel and Robert Klova.

We do not have a Lithuanian Parish in our area; but we do have a good number of people of Lithuanian heritage in all walks of life. They have the desire and drive to develop a K of L Council that will be outstanding and one in which we will learn, help, make friends and enjoy ourselves.

We appreciate the fact that members of Anthracite Council 14th were instrumental in getting the ball rolling in the Lehigh Valley, especially Mary and Anthony Sockel. In addition, the first pre-organization meeting had quite a contingent of Council 144 members present, including members of the Zarija Choir whose singing was very well received. As a matter of fact, Council 144 made this meeting for which we say "Labai aciu!"

Lehigh Valley Council 63 is glad to be aboard. We will be an active chapter, and one which will be

heard. We have a goal of 50 members by September 30, and 83 in '83.

ALBERT V. KLIZAS

C-74 - SCRANTON

At a recent meeting, members were presented with "Ruta" plants. Marie Laske passed out 100 seedlings so that all members and friends could have a Lithuanian Ruta in their gardens.

Ann Parelunas was chosen chairman for the September Dance on the 25th. All neighboring Knights and friends are invited.

Council 74 invites all K of L Councils to participate in St. Ann's Annual Novena at St. Ann's Monastery in Scranton on July 26. Rev. C. Clement Kasinkas will celebrate a Lithuanian Mass. There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Lithuanian. Marie Laske, Chairman, requests that those who have Lithuanian costumes wear them or at least wear the colors. Food will be available on the church grounds. Make up a bus and bring all who are interested.

After our trip to Lithuanian Day at Barnesville, chaired by Ann Lisowski, our Lithuanian Roast and Keg Party will be held on a Sunday afternoon at the home of Marie and Dick Laske. Joseph Zubavich will be chef for the day.

We are proud of Dena Kurzweil, one of our Junior Knights and a member of the dance group. Dena received a Certificate of Merit in the recent John Hopkins University Office of Talent Identification and Development Talent Search. She is a student at West Side Intermediate School.

Casimir and Ruth Yanish's daughter had a beautiful wedding at the Scranton Country Club. Best wishes to her and her husband.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Nellie Gataveckas who died recently. Father Michael Ozalas read the Lithuanian prayers for the dead, and Helen Cravath

responded with all the Knights. An Honor Guard of K of L members flanked the front of the church. President Tamosaitis requests an honor guard in the future for every deceased member.

Our reliable hostess for monthly meetings is Betty Tamosaitis.

We wish our newest member, Helen Rekestis, well. We know she will be an asset to our council.

Congratulations to Jean Kavelines who bestowed the second degree on many of our members.

On October 3, Council 74 will participate as a family in the Family Rosary at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton.

Congratulations to President Tomasaitis and Vice President Yanish for your great work in inspiring us and for being the friendliest of officers. Thanks to Marie Laske for her devoted service to C-74.

Irene Shimkus, one of our youngest members of Council 74, was recently honored. She was selected from many readers who returned printed forms expressing their views on Pennsylvania Economy, a state-wide publication which appears in the Sunday Times.

She was presented a prize by Stewart Kearney, Director of Community Relations for the Scranton Times.

Irene is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Phanas Shimkus. She is employed by the Scranton School District as a dental technician. Congratulations!

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of our member, Nellie Gateveckas.

We also extend heartfelt sympathy to Marie Laske on the loss of her mother, Emma Sarnowski, a life-long resident of Scranton Area.

JULE GRADY

C-100 - AMSTERDAM

A Lithuanian Mass, celebrated by Rev. Robert K. Baltch, took place on May 10. Edward Ziausys and President Radzevich gave the readings. Beautiful songs honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary were sung by everyone.

The regular May meeting followed in the Social Center. President Radzevich asked the Rev. Anthony Grigaitis to say the opening prayer. Vice President Gobis read a thank you letter from Mr. Backis, Charge d'Affairs of the Lithuanian Legation. Mary Stanionis reported on the Communion brunch.

Bernice Aviza, Regina Kot, Polly Ziausys and Gene Gobis traveled to Philadelphia on May 1 to attend the MAD Seminar. Bernice moderated the Lithuanian Affairs panel. Regina Kot and Ann Wargo were the panelists for Lithuanian traditions. Gene Gobis reported that a good-sized group attended and it was a successful program. Member participation was excellent. Peter Yuskevich and Frank Petrauskas headed the Public Relations while Jovita Sleder and Helen Chesko conducted the Ritual panel.

The Philadelphia Council hosted the event and put on a tasty luncheon. Coffee and rolls were served during registration. The Amsterdam group also wish to thank Tom and Maryte Lepera for their terrific hospitality after the workshop.

In the absence of our cultural girls, Regina and Polly, President Radzevich read an article on the Lithuanian Saga (Sakme), a most interesting story about Joseph and Alexandra Kazickas. Mr. Kazickas, among other things, is the director of eight international industries.

Father Baltch spoke on the publication "Bridges" which has been taken over by the Lithuanian Community and the Baltic Publications and is published every two months. He advised members that Baltic Studies take place in June in Minneapolis. Lithuanian born, Polish poet Cheslov Milosz, will be the speaker.

Some interesting facts were discussed by Father Baltch on actress Ann Jillian, especially her pride in Lithuanian heritage.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Father Baltch. Cheese and wine, cake and coffee were served by Helen Druziak, Helen Dylong, Matthew LaTorre, Tony & Ann

Radzevich and Gene Gobis. We also had help from Matthew's wife, Sadie.

News Bits: We missed Frances DiBart, Annacetta Guzielek and Mildred Whelly. They were touring romantic Italy.

On May 12 our council was deeply saddened by the passing of our dear member, Leo C. Dansevitch. He was very active in our church activities. He was an usher, an Eucharistic minister and a member of the Holy Name Society. For many years he was involved with the Diocesan Development Program and served on its executive committee this year. We extend our sympathies to his beloved wife, Susan; his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Dansevitch; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Anthony & Jane Karbocus. A large group of our council members met at the funeral parlor and participated in the Lithuanian K of L Ritual for departed member, Leo. Rev. Baltch was assisted by President Radzevich. Amzina atilsi duok mirusiam, Viespati!

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-110 - MASPETH

Members of Council 110 enjoyed the bus ride to Frackville on March 14 to the MAD Convention. Many thanks to Council 144 from the welcome, good food and entertainment. It was a pleasure to watch the young children sing and dance under the direction of Sisters Verna and Angela.

A large delegation attended the MAD Convention in Newark on June 6. Thanks to C-29 for their hospitality.

A successful festival was held in Transfiguration Hall, Maspeth, on April 25. Our Spring Dance on April 17 was a success. Peter Yuskevich was chairman and Joe Thomas, the musician. Adele and Louise Dausickas worked at the bar with Anthony Yakaitis and Frank Yuskevich. Mickey Adomowitz won the raffle. Our next dinner and dance chaired by Muriel Lekstuhs, will be held on September 25 at Transfiguration.

The bus trip to Atlantic City on May 8 gave great pleasure to all who went. It is the second trip to Atlantic City by members of C-110. Both times, Lottie Ulrich was chairlady.

Twelve new members joined at the May meeting. Ann Adomenas passed out leaflets explaining the requirements for degrees. She does a good job as Ritual Chairlady.

Paul Masaitis, a black belt in Karate, and his friends gave an exhibition of Karate at the May meeting. Male and female performers in black and brown belts demonstrated how to defend ourselves from enemy. Thanks to Paul Masaitis. It was a great show of talent in Karate.

President Adomenas announced plans for transportation to Cleveland for delegates and guests to the National Convention.

Congratulations to Nancy and John Craddock who became parents of a baby girl, Allison Brenda. Proud grandparents are also members of C-110.

Our June meeting was held in Transfiguration Church Hall. Delegates were selected for the National Convention. Plans were made for trips to Lithuanian Day in Pennsylvania and Auresville. The meeting ended with a Spaghetti and Meat Ball Party. Theresa Dagus, Jean Macutis, Frances Migliore, Albert and John Kucinkas, Antonine Adomenas and Mafalda Kuchinkas served on the committee. Louise Dausiekas won the raffle.

On June 14, more than 200 people attended the Memorial Mass requested by our council at Transfiguration Church. Rev. Frank Bulovas officiated at the Mass. Rev. Stasys Raila spoke about the suffering of Lithuanians and the deportations to Siberia in 1941. V. Kerbelis, organist, led the assembly in prayerful hymns concluding with both National Anthems.

After Mass a candlelight procession with the recitation of the Rosary stopped at the Lithuanian Shrine to place flowers of remem-

brance and offer tributes in commemoration. Joseph Boley read "Last Night" with great feeling. President Adomenas concluded the ceremonies with the singing of "Marija, Marija" and "God Bless America".

HELEN VENIS

C-143 - PITTSTON

At the May meeting of our council in St. Casimir's Church, Ann Challan and Annamarie Sewatsky reviewed the functions of the Ritual, Cultural and Lithuanian Affairs Committees. They attended the MAD Seminar in Philadelphia on May 1.

Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, Spiritual Advisor, presented each member with a picture of Aušros Vartu Marija, Our Lady of the Dawn Gate, Vilnius.

Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, Paul Patrick, William Daildea, Anna Marie Sewatsky and Ann Challan were appointed to the by-laws committee.

On September 11, Council 143 will sponsor a Lithuanian Las Vegas Night in St. Casimir's Church Hall from seven to midnight. Various booths with handicrafts and a variety of foods will be offered. Fr. Alisauskas is honorary Chairman. Adam & Rosemary Montville are general chairmen. Alice Pusavage will handle publicity.

ALICE PUSCAVAGE

C-144 - ANTHRACITE

The first meeting for the 68th Annual Lithuanian Day was held in the meeting room of our new cultural building. Officers are Edmund Carlitus, Chairman; William Cebulskie, Co-chairman; Anne Carlitus, Secretary; Helen Chesko, Treasurer; Father Bartkus, Spiritual Advisor; Bernice Mikatavage, Program Coordinator; Elsie Kosmisky, Program Book Chairman; Joseph Petrosky, Anthony Waiksnoris, John Koons, Decorating Committee; Alphonse Mikatavage, Joseph Martunas, Car Tags; Anna Zaldaris, Awards Chairman and Anne Wargo, Publicity Chairman. Other committee heads will be announced later.

This year's entertainment will feature the Liepsna Dancers of Elizabeth, NJ; Nerija Linkus, a music education graduate of the Chicago Opera; The Harmonija Quartet of Brooklyn; Vitalis Zukauskas of New York; our own Zarija Choir and the Junior Knights of Frackville, Minersville and New Philadelphia. Proceeds will be used for finishing the cultural center.

We were very happy to hear that the Lehigh Valley Council was finally organized, and wish them much success. The writer is especially happy because her brother, Al Klizas, is its first president.

Thanks to Father Al, Sister Angela, Sister Verna and Msgr. Neverauskas, we will finally realize a long wished for dream. They will conduct a Lithuanian Day Camp for our children in Msgr.'s grove - an ideal place, situated in our beautiful Pennsylvania mountains. Aciu širdingai!

President Yezulinas formed a committee to help transport Al Tamashasky to the Geisinger Medical Center for his treatments. This is the meaning of the Vytis brotherhood. We all are praying for our brother Al. God be with him. He was a very active member until his illness. He also was a faithful member of the Zarija Choir. Eleanor Vaicaitis is coordinating the project.

President Yezulinas announced that Anne Klizas Wargo and Stanley J. Vaicaitis will be honored at this year's Pre-Lithuanian Day Banquet.

Helen Chesko, Elsie Kosmisky, and Anne Wargo journeyed to New Jersey to attend the Supreme Council meeting at the lovely home of our President, Loretta Stukas. They stayed over night to attend the Mid-Atlantic District meeting in Newark the next day.

Helen and Anne were honored to be invited to the new Lehigh Valley's meeting where first degrees were bestowed on our newest members. This group has a good start, and we wish them much success.

Congratulations to Fathers Stanley and John Luksys who celebrated the 40th Anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood. Also, congratulations to Father Stanley Norbutis who celebrated the 60th Anniversary. Ilgiausiu metu to all!

It was nice to see Dan Rolenaitis back in the fold after serious bypass surgery. Dan is a charter member and was always a good member. Stay well, Dan.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to our President Joseph Yezulinas who suffered two serious heart attacks. Joe has devoted much time and effort to the cultural center and to all Knights' activities. We pray to Archbishop George Matulaitis and to St. Casimir that he will soon be well and strong.

Our council was delighted with the news that Annie Morgalis, our very talented Cultural Chairman, was selected by Governor Richard Thornburgh to serve as Lithuanian Commissioner on the Cultural Heritage Committee. It is a great honor to be chosen for this Commission, and no one deserves it more than our Annie. She has spread out Lithuanian culture and heritage with her beautiful Lithuanian folk art.

On April 15, Ritual Chairman Helen Chesko and Spiritual Advisor Father Bartkus presented 34 first degrees and 21 second degrees at a special church service at Annunciation BVM in Frackville. Following the service and meeting, the men of the council hosted the social and did a terrific job. Aciu, vyriai!

We received a beautiful thank you from the Honorable Mr. Backis for our donation of \$100 to the Lithuanian Legation. Many members also sent individual contributions.

Most of the repair work is completed at the Cultural Center. Now we will work on placing the artifacts and getting the library and other displays together. A drive for necessary funds was started, and the Cultural Committee is planning to have the grand opening in September.

Ann Marie Lithkowsky, Annie Morgalis, Anne Panchari, Anne Wargo, Bernice Mikatavage, Flo Kobluskie, Anne Sikora and Tessie Balulis journeyed to Columbia for Lithuanian Night which featured the Kelvelis and Aras Dancers from Baltimore. They were happy to see many of their friends from Harrisburg Council. Stanley Senfaras called the girls "Lithuanian Gypsies" because they go anywhere there is something Lithuanian:

Annie Morgalis, Helen Ambrose, Joe Yezulinas, Anne Sikora, Helen Chesko, Anne Wargo and Elsie Kosmisky attended the Leadership Seminar conducted by the Mid-Atlantic District in Philadelphia. Helen Chesko and Anne Wargo served as panelists on the program. It was truly an enlightening day and everyone present was well pleased. After the seminar, Mary Ann Lepera, member of the Philadelphia Council and Joe Yezulinas' niece, invited the group, along with our good friends from Amsterdam Council, to her home for a delicious dinner. Mary Ann and her husband Tom were tremendous hosts. Everyone sang Lithuanian songs and Mary Ann read some of her poetry. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Binkus of the Philadelphia Council joined us for dinner.

President Yezulinas and Secretary Linder made arrangements for a chartered bus to transport 30 members and guests to the Folk Fair in Philadelphia on May 9. Mary Ann Lepera of C-3 Philadelphia was general and exhibit chairman of the Lithuanian Booth. The main attraction was an authentic replica of a Lithuanian "Bakuze". Helen Chesko and Jule Ushka C-3 represented Lithuania in the Parade of Nations.

ONA

C-146 - HARRISBURG

Vity Grabauskas, Ritual Chairman, assisted by Nell Berulis notified 30 of our members they were eligible for the Second Degree. On May 16, Helen Chesko, C-144 Ritual Chairman, installed our members in the Second Degree. We

were also honored to have Elsie Kosmisky, Second Vice President Supreme Council, as our guest.

As at most Lithuanian affairs, there was plenty to eat. The Lithuanian dinner we had was delicious with a variety of tempting dishes prepared by our members. Again, we realized how many good cooks we have in our council.

President Povailaitis presided at the short business meeting.

On May 22 we participated in the Carlisle Ethnic Fair. John & Stephany Povailaitis, Bob & Fabiola Matalonis and Olga & Leonard Branski worked hard the night before getting everything ready. It rained all day, but the hardy people who came out in that weather, enjoyed our potato pancakes. Many of our members donated baked goods to sell. We certainly hope next year's fair has better weather.

Our wishes for good health are extended to Joan Suders now that she is home from the hospital.

Our annual picnic was held on July 18 at Indian Echo Caverns in Hummelstown. Our council provided the beverages, and our members brought food to be shared.

Welcome home, Carol Grabauskas! Carol studied French at the Sorbonne.



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C-19 - PITTSBURGH

On June 13, Council 19 held their Quarterly Communion at St. Casimir's Church, South Side, Pittsburgh. At this service, Father Walter Karaveckas assisted by our

Ritual Chairperson, Mary Vaglia, presented the Third Degree to Sister M. Francesca, Sister M. Alverna, Vera Kolicius and Lilliam Gailys.

Second Degrees were presented to Sister M. Valeria, Betty Palma, Louise Perry and Anne Sloka.

After the Mass and awarding of degrees, our members enjoyed a hearty breakfast at Roberts Restaurant.

The lively and interesting meeting was conducted by President Margaret Papeaka and Secretary Mildred Chinik.

Delegates were selected to the K of L Convention at Cleveland. Further plans and activities will be discussed at the next meeting.

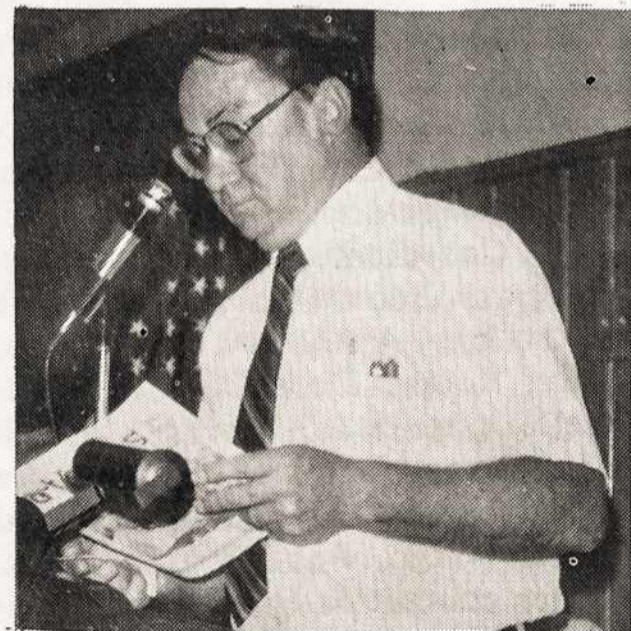
Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to our faithful C-19 member, Stella Zoog, who recently underwent major surgery, and is recuperating at her home.

Editor's Note: Mary and her husband visited Lithuania for the third time in May. Quoting from Mary's note, "Our people are as beautiful as ever and we can really be proud of them. Although we have no relatives, both our parents were born there and these are our roots. God willing and finances holding, we would like to go back again".

MARY H. TAMY

C-25 - CLEVELAND

The May monthly meeting was held at the Luiza's Residence. It was well attended. The convention committee gave an exciting report. All is go for a great convention.



Charles Machutas



Cleveland Delegation at MCD Convention and Midwest Bowling Tournament in Chicago

We were sorry to hear our new member, Lucy Montville, is indisposed with a bad hip, but hope she is in great shape before long.

Nelda Arunski, Vyto Balas, Pete & Alvina Luiza represented the K of L at the Celeste for Governor of Ohio Dinner.

Belated congratulations to Helen & Bill Facus, our favorite undertaker, on becoming grandparents. Daughter Barbara presented them with a baby girl.

Fourteen members represented C-25 at the Bowling Tournament in Chicago. Dolly & Tony Oberaitis, Carlie & Nelda Machuta with lovely daughter Laura, Al & Joann Shigo, Bruno & Agnes Bartkus, Peter & Alving Luiza, Nellie Arunski, Adele Svet and Frances Pranchevich participated in the tournament. Many thanks to Chicago for an entertaining weekend. Do it again!

Attention, John & Helen Garnis! We miss you, please contact us.

ALVINA LUIZA

C-79 - SOUTHFIELD

While we ponder on some past successes, we try to look ahead and make plans to improve new avenues. One avenue took us to ways and means of acquiring new members and especially a need for

young people in the K of L. It was good to see Leon Galinskas at one of our recent meetings.

The absence of Julia Belickas, HM Anthony Dainus submitted an interesting report on Lithuanian Affairs which included an informative article from an Arizona newspaper with a photo of Lithuanian Catholic clergymen in civilian clothes after their release from slave camp on Solovetski Islands. It concluded with "Lithuania's Catholics practice religion in spite of Soviet pressures".

Labai ačiu to Jadvyga Rukstele for a nice buffet social following the May meeting. We were glad to see Marie Kase after a lengthy illness and an absence of four months.

Good ethnic food, plenty of friendly conversation and a secret ingredient called hospitality were the events scheduled at the combined Mid-Central District meeting and bowling tournament in Chicago on May 15 and 16. Delegate Magdalena Smailis reported that it was a constructive meeting. Following reports from various officers and committee chairmen, members commented on the delay in receiving Vytis. Editor Aldona Ryan assessed the problems of printing and mailing

and will attempt to facilitate the mailing of Vytis.

Discussion followed on having a Darius-Girenas commemorative postage stamp for the 50th anniversary of the flyers' tragic trans-Atlantic flight in 1933. Members were urged to send letters to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Postal Service, Washington, DC 20260.

Congratulations to the two newly-formed councils in Kansas City and East St. Louis. We hope that you will savor in growth and success in the organization.

Ed Salas and Charlie Mykolaitis were among members of C-79 in the first place winning team in the Midwest Bowling Tournament. Council 79 made a bid for the 1983 bowling tournament to be held in Detroit. We extend a big welcome.

The Frank Zagers were intrigued by the culture and history of South America, the Panama Canal and parts of Mexico they visited on an extensive trip. Columbia, South America, was a sight of both modern and very old buildings, a lovely harbor, breathtaking cathedrals and historic landmarks. The rapid increase in both development and population brought

poverty and much begging. Their cruise included a stopover in San Blas Islands, three remote islands in the Caribbean near Panama. The Kuna Indians live in thatched houses with meager furnishings and perhaps farm animals on dirt-lined streets. The arrival of tourists is considered a festive occasion so the Kunas paint their small children in dark colors. Despite their primitive conditions, they were impressed to see them self-sufficient, reasonably healthy, well adjusted and very happy. Even the hot sun of 95 did not deter their happy smiles.

The jungles of the Yucatan Peninsula of Central America held fascinating attractions such as the ruins of Chichen Itza and Tulum. The Maya Indians lived in this area for thousands of years, flourished culturally and then mysteriously disappeared. The massive ruins are a collection of Mayan carvings in geometric shapes, decorated with huge serpents, jaguars, eagles and ancient gods. The trip through the Panama Canal was a highlight of the tour. Shopping and souvenir hunting in Cancun, Mexico, climaxed a super journey.

We were privileged to have President John Greketis of C-149 of Saginaw at our June meeting. Ada Schmidt, Catherine Lafferty and Stella McLeod accompanied him. They were eager to see, to learn and to obtain ideas for bettering their own council. Later, they were treated to a super buffet by Mary Keller and Ann Uzdavinas. Loads of thanks, gals!

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C-86 - DU BOIS

Since May is traditionally the month of Mary, it's only appropriate that as Catholics we honor her. The Blue Army has been sponsoring a Rosary March each year at the fair grounds in Clearfield. As usual, it seems K of L members are always present for such activities. Participating from Council 86 were Tom & Jeanne Bruzga, Ben & Fran Bruzga, Marie Matalonis, Helen Petrosky, Reggie Rusonis, Midge Basavage and Lillian Mitskavich.



Tom Bruzga, MCD President, speaking in Chicago

Good to see Tom & Ann Metrovich back from several months stay in Florida. Ozzie Abromavich and Joe Shupienis felt well enough to attend our May meeting. They've both had their health problems in the past. Here's hoping they've seen the last of hospital hospitality for a while.

Well, we all arrived home safely from our recent MCD meeting and Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Chicago. Although the distance was over 500 miles, we were represented by sixteen Du Boisites. It was made possible by the very successful fundraising project spearheaded by Dick and Sandy Radzavich. Thanks again to those two and all who helped them. Each of us was provided enough financial assistance to make the trip a reality. Our three teams came in 17th, 18th, and 19th in a field of 24 teams. Not exactly what you would call Trophy Class, but we had a lot of fun. Our thanks to the Chicago bunch who did such a great job in scheduling all the affairs. My special thanks to Irene Sankus and Vince Samaska for their cooperation and assistance.

I stayed over a couple days extra in the Chicago area and had the added pleasure of visiting the Lithuanian section of Chicago. I visited the Balzekas Museum and had the pleasure of meeting Stanley Balzekas Jr. I took pictures of the Darius-Girenas Monument, ate lunch in the Neringa Restaurant, saw the Maria High School and the Nativity BVM Church, toured the Lithuanian Youth Center and made several purchases in Gifts International. If you have not had such an opportunity, I would strongly recommend that you take a tour of the area the next time you're in Chicago. To anyone who is proud



Ruth Kazlauskas and Lucille Kilkus meet with Aldona Ryan (C-96) in Chicago

of their heritage, to quote a phrase, "It's like dying and going to heaven". Paul and Susan, thanks for the special map.

Tom Metrovich, Ben Bruzga, Dick Radzavich and Vic Rusonis of C-86, along with our good friends John Morris and Quinn Cochran, spent many hours completing the wayside shrine in St. Joseph Cemetery for the Memorial Day Mass. Thank you!

TOMAS

C-102 - DETROIT

CHICAGO OUR KIND OF TOWN the perfect hosts of the Mid-Central Bowling Tournament, sure SAID YES TO MICHIGAN. Our Council 102 members, Evelyn Galinas, Ruth & Mart Wagster, along with team mates from Council 79, Ed Salas and Chuck Mykolaitis, brought home the Traveling Trophy for the second year. Congratulations!

Other Detroit winners were Barbara McKenzie, Katherine Kurpovic, Chris Kurzyniec and Jeff McKenzie winner of the Jr's Bowling Trophy were from Council 139. Council 79 produced John Kolinske and Chuck Millius as winners. With Detroit taking most of the trophies, it didn't seem that any other states were represented. Thanks, Chicago for the good time.

Gena & Gus Baibak and Joe & Maryanne Guerriero enjoyed shopping in the Lithuanian Plaza even though they didn't win anything bowling.

Congratulations to Frank Bunikis on his retirement from General Motors and to him and Donna on their new home, a condominium. To celebrate his retirement, Frank & Donna vacationed in Florida and New Orleans. We hope you have many happy and healthy retirement years, Frank.

No sooner do we get Vytalia Vaskelys active in our council, she is transferred back to Lansing.

Our local Bowling League ended with Keg & Bottle winning for the third straight year. The team members were Gus Baibak, George Kayganich, Joe Guerriere, Rose



Members of C-102, Detroit, Bowling Team win the First Place Trophy for the second straight year at the Midwest Bowling Tournament held in Chicago.



C-102 St. Casimer Day Committee: Joe and Maryanne Guerriero, Father Babonis, Donna Bunikis, Gus Baibak, President Grazina Vaskelys, Gene Baibak.

Photo by Frank Bunikis

Sawnick and Karen Lindquist. It was a fun year and a close race for the championship with all the teams in the running.

See you in September! If anyone would like to join the league, con-

tact Joe Guerriero at 278-3020.

With summer and the beautiful weather upon us, hope everyone enjoys it.

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MCD CONVENTION and MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT Hosted by IID

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ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The District Ritual Team, co-chairmen Ruth & Albert Dągis, Irene Sankus, Vincent Samaska, AnnMarie Kassel and Rev. Fabian Kireilis presented degrees following a regular C-36 meeting. Council 36, under the leadership of Pres. John Paukstis has had a great increase in membership and a record number of 1st degrees - thirty four - were awarded. Second Degrees were presented to Rev. Kireilis and Raymond Wetelka. Congrats to all!

Member-of-the-Year awards were presented to two deserving ladies during the St. Casimir's Day commemoration: Council 36 presented an award to Ruth Kaslauskas of C-36 and the District, to Emilija Pakalniskis. Two very deserving ladies and dedicated K of L members and workers!

Our K of L Building Trustees headed by Pres. Al Mockus and Treas. Al Zakarka, along with the Bldg. Mgr. Clemente Vidzius and their committee held the annual rummage sale. Their hard work resulted in a substantial profit, which is greatly needed to operate the Bldg. The trustees expressed their appreciation to everyone who assisted in this event.

The K of L Choir presented the "Seven Last Words of Christ" at St. John Fisher Church, home parish of our choir director, Faustas Strolia. This year the organist was Robert Mockus, a most talented musician. Robert is the son of Ger-

rie & Al Mockus of C-112. The entire performance was truly a beautiful experience and Faustas is to be congratulated.

The 1982 Mid-West Bowling Tournament was hosted by our District with 28 teams of regulars and 3 teams of Juniors participating. The fun week-end was enjoyed by all with representatives from C-86 DuBois, C-79-C-102-C-139 Detroit, C-25 Cleveland, C-96 Dayton, C-19 Pittsburgh in addition to our members. The tourney winners were C-102 Detroit, team captain Mark Wagster! The 1983 tourney will be hosted by the C-79 bowlers of Detroit. A job well-done by District Pres. Vince Samaska, Chairlady Irene Sankus, and committee members: Gerry Mack, AnnMarie & Georgi Kassel, Ray Wertelka, Paul Binkis, Susan Bolanos, Frank & Lorraine Svelnis, Dolores Wainauskis, Algis Skudra, Scottie Zukas, Irene Noruskis, Sharon Martinaitis, Eleanor Kasputis, Ed & Maria Deksnis, and all of the committee workers. A special thank-you from the Chairlady to Al Mockus, who filled in at the last minute as the Sunday Awards M-C.

District condolences to Theresa Balciunas, president of C-38 in Kenosha, on the untimely death of her husband - Dr. Vytautas Balciunas. We will remember him in our prayers.

Our June business meeting was highlighted by the appearance of Joseph Poshka, who spoke and presented a photograph of a special tour to Lithuanian of K of L members. Present at the meeting was Mr. Poshka's former professor in Lithuania, Kazimer Povilaitis of the Chicago Seniors Council.

Congratulations to Vince Samaska and to Valeria Stanaitis on their election as President and Treasurer, respectively of the Chicago Chapter of ALTAS. The group commemorated the Lithuanian June Days of Tragedy with a special Mass at Nativity BVM Church followed by a commemorative program.

District and national board members, AnnMarie Kassel, Paul Binkis Jr., and Irene Sankus along with Natl. Pres. Loretta Stukas travelled to East St. Louis, to assist in the reorganization of former K of L Council 40. We are happy to report that their efforts were successful. A very warm welcome to our District to Council 40 and also to newly-organized Council 150 of Kansas City.

Due to widening area of our District, at our June meeting it was approved to change our District name. We will now be known as the "Mid-America District" to encompass the states of Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin-Kansas and if all goes well, probably other mid-America states as well.

The 1982 Amber Ball, sponsored by the Chicago Lithuanian Womens Club, was a very special one for K of L members, with Georgianne Kassel being presented as one of the "Amber Debs". Georgi, a dedicated K of L member for practically all of her life, comes from a K of L family. Her late father, Albert, was a Natl. Treas.; her mother AnnMarie, the current Natl. Fin. Secy.; her aunt and uncle, Natl. Pres. Loretta and Dr. Jack Stukas; another uncle and aunt, K of L Choir Director Faustas and Terry Strolia; grandmother, Bernice Pupinek, former K of L Senior council president; as well as many other family members who are all active members. All K of L members in attendance were justifiably proud of Georgi as she was presented by her uncle, Dr. Jack Stukas, and escorted by Tomas Strolia and John Paul Kilkus. Other K of L members directly involved in the program were Honorary Member Josephine Dauzvardis, Lithuanian Consul General, who introduced the "debs", choreographers Genevieve Maluska and Cecilia Matul and musical director Wally Tenclinger. A lovely, lovely event that makes us all proud of our heritage!

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A.A. Onai Piežienei-Rezgaitėi

Lietuvos Vyčių 36-tos kuopos garbės narei amžinybėn iškeliauvus

Ona Piežienė-Rezgaitė mirė vasario mėn 17 d. 1982 m. sulaukusi 74 metų amžiaus. Gimė Lietuvoje Vaiguvo miestelyje 1908 m. Ji su dideliu pasididžiavimu sakydavo, kad dainų šalyje yra gimusi ir su daina per pasaulį keliauja. Dievo apdovanota gražiu balsu, kuris vėliau išryškėjo puikiu sopranu. Jos sodrus ir spalvingas balsas skambėjo beveik visuose kultūriniuose rengimuose bei bažnyčioje.

Kai pavargo besireikšdama, kaip solistė, bei choro vadovė, pradėjo dirbti spaudoje. Daug rašė apie Lietuvą, lietuvių kultūrinį gyvenimą ir lietuvių operą.

Ji priklausė 36-tai Chicagos Lietuvių Vyčių kuopai, kur savo aktyvumu ir darbštumu užsitarnavo 1973 m. garbės narės medalį. Ona dalyvavo daugumoje Lietuvos Vyčių rengimuose ir visus žavėjo savo gražiu balseliu.

Praėjusių metų rugpiūčio mėn. Ona ir jos vyras Stasys atšventė 55 metų vedybinę sukaktį. Sulaukė aukštinio amžiaus džiaugėsi keturiais vaikais ir penkiolika anūkų. Labai mėgo skaityti ir knyga buvo jos nuolatinė palydovė.

A.a. Ona Piežienė-Rezgaitė palaidota Cisų Šventų parapijos kapinėse Aan Pierre, Indiana.

Tėgul ilsisi ramybėje! Jos gyvenimo istorijos lapas jau užverstas.

Stefanija Raštikienė



COUNCIL 36 HOSTS SUPREME COUNCIL PRESIDENT AT APRIL MEETING

from left to right. Special Events Chairman Ed. Schumann; 2nd Vice-President Irene Norushis; Rev. Vincent Daugintis of Immaculate Conception Church; National President Loretta Stukas; President of Council 36 John Paukstis, Spiritual Director Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Public Relations Sabina Klatt.



C-36 An exhibition of intricate weavings, amber jewelry and wood carvings were on display at Standard Federal Savings and Loan Association, as they observed the 62nd anniversary of Lithuania's Independence Day February 16th through the courtesy of Vince Samaska.

from left to right - John Paukstis, Mary Kincius, Lucille Kilkus, Vince Samaska, Ona Naureckas.



*Seated (l. to r.) Mona Krause, Chairlady Mary Kincius, Sharon Martinaitis, Mary Tyszka, Ruth Kazlauskas
Standing (l. to r.) Frank Zapolis, Chester Soprych, Irene Norushis, Roastee Vince Samaska Receiving Honor Plaque from President John L. Paukstis, Dave Gaidas, Al Zukas, Ray Wertelka and William Balis.*



From left to right: Vince Samaska (C-36) Illinois Indiana District President, Christine Cius, Alderman Mr. Roman Puchenski, Sabina Klatt, (C-36) Civic Affairs Chairman - K of L Organization Captive Nations Committee Remembering Afghanistan

C-112 - CHICAGO

Our ever-industrious Board continues meet and pre-plan council activities. The March meeting was a special party held at Little Joe's Restaurant to thank the Board and other council workers. The May

meeting was hosted by Father John Savukynas in Darien, and the June meeting was hosted by Dolores Wainauskis in Oak Lawn. Much business is transacted intermingled with socializing.

Following our regular council meeting, President Paul Binkis Jr. arranges special programs. Following our April meeting, Emilija Sakaldolskis spoke on the Easter customs in olden Lithuania. The Sisters of St. Casimir gave a slide presentation, moderated by Sister Angela, on the life of Mother Maria Kaupis and their Order following our May meeting. As usual, our social chairladies Susan Bolanos and Maria Deksnis prepared a delicious repast.

During the St. Casimir's Day Commemoration, Third Degrees were presented to two very deserving members - Eleanor Kasputis and Elizabeth Zibas. The District presented a K of L Member of the Year award to Emilija Pakalniskis for her efforts in the field of Lithuanian publicity and for her dedication to the K of L as the Editor of the "Vyciu Veikla" column in Draugas. Congratulations - ladies!

Council Pres. Paul Binkis continues to represent us at many

events. His out-of-town activities included attending Supreme Council meetings in Cleveland and Wat-chung, N.H.; a trip to Connecticut; and to East St. Louis, with Natl. Pres. Loretta Stukas, Irene Sankus and AnnMarie Kassel to acquaint the members of the Immaculate Conception Church with the K of L. Through their efforts, Council 40 of East St. Louis was reorganized.

Congratulations to council members who helped make the 1982 Mid-West Bowling Tournament (hosted by the District) a great success: namely, Chairlady Irene Sankus, Gerry Mack, Paul Binkis, Susan Bolanos, Al Mockus, Ed & Maria Deksnis, Dolores Wainauskas, Lorraine Svelnis, Al Skudra, Eleanor Kasputis, and all of the other council members who helped in any way. A special thank you from chairlady Irene to Millie Rochkes, who was not an official committee member, but helped in many, many ways during the weekend.

It is great to see Peter Gagle join us at regular council meetings and various social events following his accident. Pete is a long time member of our council and a dedicated K of L Choir member.

Congratulations to Zenonas Zukys on completing 25 years of service at the Western Electric Company.

Condolences to Mildred Rochkes on the death of her mother; to Father John Savukynas on the death of his brother; and to the family of the late Theofilias Labanauskas. We will remember them in our prayers.

We also wish to congratulate our sister council, Council 36 of Brighton Park, on attaining a membership of over 300 members. Keep up the good work!

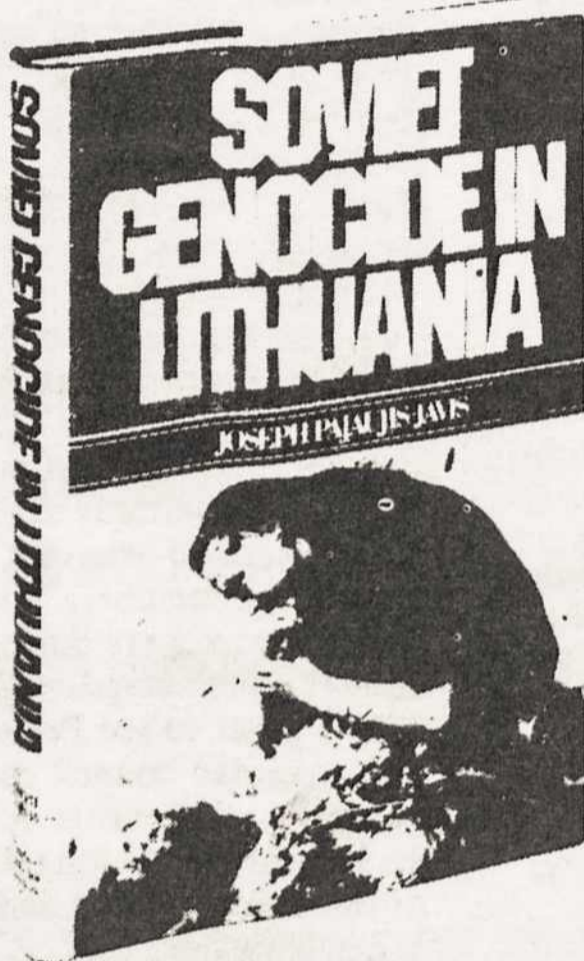
It was really terrific seeing our Florida members, Harry and Emily Petraitis, at a recent district meeting. We truly miss these hard-working and ever-energetic members, but are pleased to know that they are enjoying their new life in the sunny south.

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