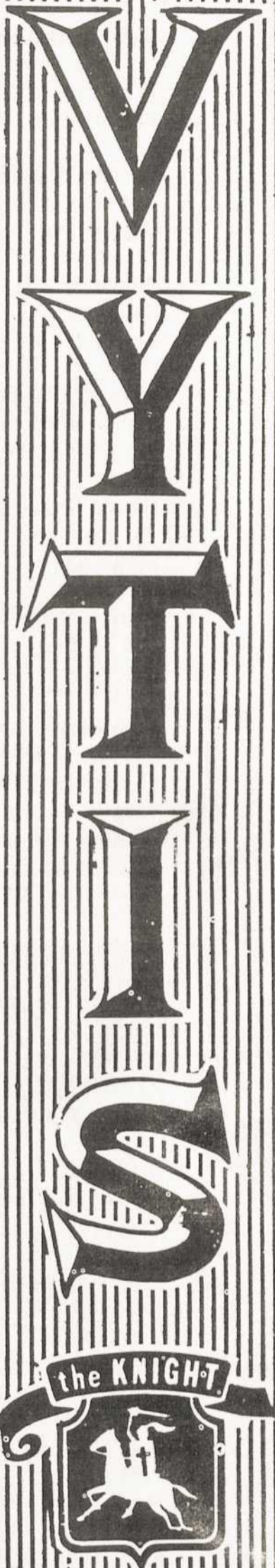


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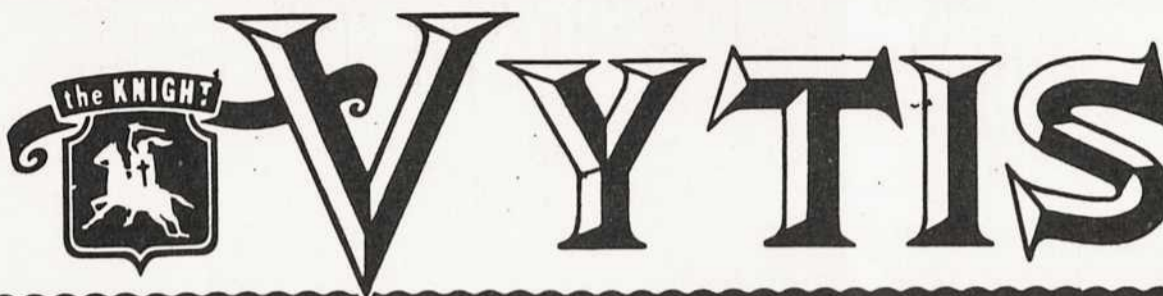
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LITHUANIAN PILGRIMS? OF COURSE...

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

November brings us Thanksgiving Day which does remind us of the Pilgrims who fled England seeking religious freedom and risking their lives on perilous trans-Atlantic voyages in order to attain it. Today, tourists flock to Plymouth, MA to gaze on the rock on which, it is said, the intrepid Pilgrims first set foot upon their arrival in the New World. As they began building shelters and homes, they kept in mind that a house of worship was also on their construction agenda.

On the first Thanksgiving Day, their uppermost thoughts were of thanksgiving to the Almighty for their safe journey, for the bountiful harvest and for the opportunities which opened up for them in the New Land. They grew and prospered under God's Providence and their ideals would be woven into the thinking and living of the people who, later, established a new nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

The Republic of the United States of America was in existence over 100 years when larger numbers of "pilgrims" (now called immigrants) began arriving from Eastern Europe - among them hundreds and thousands of people from Lithuania. They, too, had been persecuted for their beliefs and had been forbidden to print even prayer books in their own language. They also risked the dangers of lengthy voyages across the stormy Atlantic as they sought religious and other freedoms provided by America, the Land of Promise. So, why can't we call them Lithuanian pilgrims? Of course, we can.

The early Lithuanians who came to the United States did not all remain on the Atlantic coast. They pushed inland to the mining regions of Pennsylvania where the first thing they did was to look for a church, a Lithuanian church. Unfortunately, in the 1870's and 1880's, there were no Lithuanian churches, so they worshipped in Polish churches. As it was, many could understand Polish but deep down they longed for their own Lithuanian church where they could praise God in words and hymns in their own native language.

The delegates and guests who attended the K of L Convention in Scranton (1981) had a chance to visit the town where the very first Lithuanian Catholic Church was built in the United States. The "Pilgrimage to Pittston, PA" brought the Knights of Lithuanian to Saint Casimir's Church, the source of their Catholic American Lithuanian heritage.

Andrius Tepliusis, a layman and owner of a religious goods store, who had come to Pittston in 1867, organized a Saint Casimir Society for the express purpose of building a church. The incorporation documents are dated November 13, 1885. The church was completed in 1889/90.

At this point, we must not overlook the fact that the Lithuanians of Plymouth, PA had been worshipping in their church as early as 1885. This was a joint Lithuanian-Polish parish. It seems that the ideals of Plymouth, PA did not work well in Plymouth, PA.

Serious misunderstandings (to put it mildly) arose between the two groups and after a great deal of bitterness, the Lithuanians had to separate and build their own parish. The Plymouth parish of Saint Casimir was blessed in 1891.

What is remarkable about the anthracite districts of Pennsylvania is that their church soon became strong centers, not only of religion but also, of Lithuanian culture. This led the way for all later Lithuanian parishes.

We recall these moments of history during this Year of the Lithuanian Parish to strengthen our convictions of the value of our Catholic American Lithuanian



St. Casimir's Church in Pittston

heritage. If additional proof is needed to stimulate our convictions, we have only to recall the attitudes of our parents and grandparents.

Will their dedication, sacrifices and hard earned dollars be allowed to float away into oblivion? Do we not feel some responsibility to preserve our religious and cultural centers, our parishes?

Of course, you can fulfill your religious duties in any Catholic church, like the one around the corner. Yes, you ought to support the parish where your children are attending parochial school. No, these reasons, or others like them, cannot excuse us from neglecting, forgetting about our Lithuanian parishes. The necessity of preserving our language, traditions and customs may not be very convincing to some people. The task of preserving their Catholic Faith should have a higher priority.

Just recently, I discovered a most compelling reason for our greater participation in our Lithuanian parish activity. I believe this reason is strong enough to persuade even those who are drifting away from our parishes.

This reason is not based on language, or culture or customs. It is based on a people - men, women, children - who are suffering religious persecution and cultural deprivation. I choose to be close to my parish because, through my parish, I learn about their suffering and, through my parish, I can help them. My prayers can be more meaningful and my activities can be more effective in providing moral support for my Lithuanian Catholic brothers and sisters.

Just suppose, or imagine for a minute, that every Lithuanian

parish were to disappear tomorrow. On the day after tomorrow, who would defend and support our Lithuanian brothers' and sisters' fight for religious freedom? Who would speak out against the trampling of their human rights? Would there be anyone to proclaim to the world that Lithuania must be independent?

Would there be sufficient reason for the Knights of Lithuanian to continue in existence?

These few thoughts should provide a stronger incentive to all K of L Councils to take up and seriously discuss, with their Spiritual Advisors and Pastors, their part in implementing the goals of the Year of the Lithuanian Parish.

Since it is not in my power to demand, I strongly suggest that we make this effort our first priority for this year and next.



THE LITHUANIAN PARISH: A CELEBRATION OF OUR HERITAGE AND FAITH

The Committee for the Year
of the Lithuanian Parish's
Proclamation to American
Lithuanians

We, members of the Lithuanian Community, that is Lithuanians and those of Lithuanian descent, ought to have pride that our roots go back to a nation that, despite insufferable persecutions, has refused to succumb. It is a cause of celebration and renewal. God created the Lithuanian people and place in their minds and hearts an unyielding spirit. The love for one's homeland is a reflection of God's love for His people - the same love that made Christ weep over His beloved Jerusalem. To preserve, to treasure, to contribute to one's own culture must be an important part of our journey to salvation.

In Lithuania today, we are witnessing in the Church's struggles, a re-enactment of the Way of the Cross. Christ again must climb the hill of Calvary. The road this time is lined with the ruins of Churches and the remains of countless shrines. This same road has seen the blood of bishops, priests, and the faithful - it has been drenched with the tears of grieving mothers. This road has been equally decorated with the sacrifices of our own brothers and sisters - our martyrs, heroes, and unknown saints.

As loyal Catholics, we are open to the authentic teachings and the spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

We are a part of the American Lithuanian Church and recognize its historic mission and responsibility. This Church has five main objectives:

- To gather all Lithuanians and those of Lithuanian descent into Lithuanian Parishes

- That Lithuanian Parishes be served by Lithuanian priests

- That Lithuanian Parishes not only be religious centers, but also cultural and nationality centers

- That the Lithuanian Language be nurtured and Lithuanian National Religious Customs be revived and preserved

- That we pray particular attention to Lithuanian Education and upbringing of our children in their Faith Heritage

These objectives were announced by our Church and Community leaders earlier this year as they announced that 1982 is to be the YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN PARISH. In their announcement, they called for the formation of a central committee to plan, coordinate and encourage our parishes to pursue these stated objectives. We the undersigned committee have been appointed to undertake this task.

We understand the scope and importance of our goals, but we equally understand the community's capacity and our own limited capabilities. Our intention is not to

attempt to concretely aid all Lithuanian Parishes, but to show each individual parish's value and importance. Nor is it our intention to try to change each Lithuanian Parish's religious mission, but to demonstrate the central role or character of our religious, national, and cultural life. Nor is it our intention to change the Lithuanian Parish's social and liturgical life, but to urge our parishes' social and liturgical programs to incorporate the Lithuanian cultural forms.

Briefly, this committee will earnestly try during this year to direct all Lithuanian people's thoughts to the concerns of Lithuanian Parishes. We will equally attempt to involve as many Lithuanians - individuals, institutions, and organizations - as possible into concrete work in their own parishes.

We especially request and wait for help in this work from our Lithuanian and Lithuanian American clergy, religious, Parish Councils, organizations, and indeed, all Lithuanians and Lithuanian Americans.

We suggest that wherever there is a Lithuanian Parish, or at least a Lithuanian Community, that a Year of the Lithuanian Parish Committee be formed. We invite Lithuanian priests and laity, especially our younger people to make the successes as well as the concerns and hopes for the future known in the press.

We ask the Risen Lord to bless all our works and undertakings.

THE THEMES FOR THE YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN PARISH

To facilitate local and individual planning of the Year of the Lithuanian Parish the Coordinating Committee suggests the following themes:

Theme of the Year: Lithuanian Parish - A Celebration of Our Heritage and Faith.

Monthly themes:

1. May: Lithuanian Parish in the Universal Church.
2. June: Lithuanian Priest - Our Spiritual Father.
3. July-August: Our Parishes in Lithuania.
4. September: Our Youth - A Gift To Parish Vitality.
5. October: Lithuanian Parish as a Center of Spiritual Growth.
6. November: Rooted in the Past - Growing into the Future.
7. December: Lithuanian Family and the Lithuanian Parish.
8. January: Lithuanian Parish and the Caring God.
9. February: Loving Our Parish - Loving Our Fatherland.
10. March: Lithuanian Parish - My Responsibility.

The Feast of Saint Casimir, March 4, 1983 has been suggested as the most appropriate date for the Solemn Closure of the Year.

The Year of the Lithuanian Parish Coordinating Committee

LIETUVIŠKŲ PARAPIJŲ METŲ TEMOS

Palengvinti vietinį ir asmeninį Lietuviškų Parapijos Metų planavimą, Metų koordinacinis komitetas siūlo šias temas:

Metų tema: Lietuviška parapija — mūsų religiniai ir tautiniai namai.

Temos atskiriems mėnesiams:

1. Gegužis: Lietuviška parapija Kristaus Bažnyčioje.
2. Birželis: Lietuviška parapija ir lietuvis kunigas.
3. Liepa-rugpiūtis: Mano (tėvų, senelių, giminių) parapija Lietuvoje.
4. Rugsėjis: Jaunimas — lietuviškos parapijos širdis.
5. Spalis: Lietuviška parapija — dvasinio gyvenimo židyns.
6. Lapkritis: Lietuviškų parapijų praeitis — mūsų dabarties dalis.
7. Gruodis: Lietuviška parapija ir lietuviška šeima.
8. Sausis: Lietuviška parapija Dievo globoje.
9. Vasaris: Meilė lietuviškai parapijai — meilė tautai.
10. Kovas: Lietuviška parapija ir aš.

Siūloma Lietuviškų Parapijų Metus išklimingai užbaigti Šv. Mišiomis ar pamaldomis ateinančių metų Šv. Kazimiero ventėje, kovo 4 dieną.

Lietuviškų Parapijų Metų Komitetas

The Greatness of Man...

A man is as great as the dreams he dreams,
As great as the love he bears,
As great as the values he redeems,
And the happiness he shares.

A man is as great as the thoughts he thinks,
As the worth he has attained,
As the fountains at which his spirit drinks
And the insight he has gained.



A man is as great as the truth he speaks,
As great as the help he gives,
As great as the destiny he seeks,
As great as the life he lives.

C.E. Flynn
From V.G.

LIETUVIŠKŲ PARAPIJŲ METAI IR JŲ VYKDYMAS

Šie metai, susitarus ALRK Kunigų Vienybei, JAV Lietuvių Bendruomenei, Lietuvos Vyčiams, ALK Moterų Sąjungai ar ALR Kataikų bei Ateitininkų Federacijoms ir entuziastingai pritariant vysk. Vincentui Brizgiui ir Lietuvių Katalikų Tarnybos vedėjui kun. Kazimierui Pugevičiui, yra paskelbti Lietuviškų Parapijų Metais. Tuo norima atkreipti visos — tikinčios ir netikinčios — lietuvių visuomenės ypatingą dėmesį į vieną iš lietuviškojo išėivijos gyvenimo židinių, kuris turėjo mums nepaprastos reikšmės praeityje ir kuris dalį šios reikšmės tebėra išlaikęs ir gali išlaikyti ateityje.

Mes stengiamės ugdyti išėivijos lietuviškąją kultūrą, remti ir skatinti visas teigiamąsias mūsų tautos gyvenimo apraiškas. Lietuvių katalikų ar protestantų parapija daugelyje mūsų kolonijų yra pats pagrindinis ar bent labai svarbus mūsų religinio ir tautinio gyvenimo centras. Kaip ir kiekvienas gyvas organizmas, jis bent retkarčiais yra reikalingas atsinaujinimo ir sustiprinimo. Savaimė suprantama, kad per vienerius metus pilnai ar net tik ir patenkinamai tai atsiekti ne tikrai nėra lengva, bet ir apamai neįmanoma. Tačiau visiems lietuviams nuoširdžiai rūpinantis ir pdedant, net ir per vienerius metus gali būti padaryti ne tiktai sėkminga pradžia, bet padėti ir tvirti pagrindai tolimesniam šio darbo tęsimui.

Lietuviškų Parapijų Metų atsišaukime buvo numatytas centrinis iniciatyvos židinytis metų darbams planuoti, derinti ir skatinti. Tuo vadovaujantis, Clevelande

buvo sudarytas koordinacinis metų komitetas, kuris jau apsvarstė ir pradėjo vykdyti kai kuriuos svarbesnius darbus. Buvo paruoštas ir spaudai bei radio programoms išsiuntinėtas kreipimasis, kuris pakartoja šių metų siekinius, prašo kunigų ir pasauliečių paramos ir ragina sudaryti lietuviškų parapijų Metų vykdymo komitetus atskirose vietovėse. Šis kreipimasis lietuvių bei anglų kalbomis buvo taip pat pasiūstas asmeniškai JAV lietuvių parapijų klebonams, vienuolių vyresniesiems bei vyresniosioms ir organizacijų dvasios vadams.

Tiesioginis ir pagrindinis Lietuviškų Parapijų Metų vykdymas, be abejonės, priklauso vietovių komitetams, kurie geriausiai žino dažnai be galo įvairias kiekvienos apylinkės sąlygas ir galimybes. Jų darbo sėkmei didelės įtakos turės ir nuolatinis visų Lietuviškų Parapijų Metų paskelbimą pasirašiusiųjų organizacijų vadovybių dėmesys. Visos jos jau yra pasižadėjusios raginti ne tik savo narius, bet ir visus lietuvius jungtis į savas parapijas ir taip pat organizuoti vėjus bei minėjimus lietuvių parapijų gyvenimui stiprinti. Šiems ir panašioms darbams palengvinti metų koordinacinis komitetas paruošė temų sąrašą atskiriems metų mėnesiams ir jau ruošia kiek platesnį idėjų bei darbo galimybių rinkinį — informacinį aplanką, kurio pirmoji siunta, skirta gegužės-rugsėjo mėnesiams, turėtų būti baigta balandžio pabaigoje. Ieškodamas tinkamiausios datos Lietuviškų Parapijų Metų kulminaciniam taškui, komitetas taip pat nusprendė, kad iškilmingam metų užbaigimui labiausia tiktų ateinančių metų šv. Kazimiero šventė, kovo 4 diena. Tuo kartu būtų iškelta ir pabrėžta šio mūsų šventojo reikšmė, ruošiantis artėjančiai 500 metų jo mirties sukakčiai.



Vienu iš svarbiausių šių metų įvykių bus ypatingas suvažiavimas lietuviškų parapijų dabarties rūpesčiams ir ateities galimybėms aptarti, kurį, susitarus su vysk. V. Brizgiu bei organizacijų vadovybėmis komitetas planuoja šiam rudenii. Parapijų klebonai, vienuolių vadovybės bei organizacijų dvasios vadai, įvairių vietovių komitetų atstovai ir visi parapijų bei mūsų dvasinio gyvenimo stiprinimu susirūpinę lietuviai šiame suvažiavime galės pasidalinti jau pradėto darbo patirtimi ir iškelti naujų, konkrečių minčių.

Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenė šiais metais švenčia savo trisdešimtmečio sukaktį. Dažnai mūsų spaudoje matome Vilniaus Katedrą ir skaitome ją viso pasaulio lietuviškų bažnyčių Motina. Įdomiu sutapimu kaip tik šiais metais sukanka ir 30 metų, kai (1952) sovietų valdžios įsakymu buvo nuimtos trys katedrą puošusios šventųjų statulos.

Tai nebuvo „atsitiktinė nelaimė“, bet okupanto rūpestingai apskaičiuotas smūgis į kiekvieno lietuvių širdį, pasibaigęs visišku Katedros išniekinimu ketvėta metų vėliau, kada ji buvo paversta į „komunistinės kultūros centrą“. Mūsų sąmoningas ir išradingas dėmesys savosioms parapijoms išėivijoje taip pat neturėtų būti „tik praeinant atsitiktinumas“. Jis kartu yra ir neatskiriama visos lietuvių tautos dabartinės kovos dalis už pilną tautinę ir religinę mūsų gimtojo krašto laisvę.

Lietuviškų Parapijų
Metų komitetas

The Tragedy of Lithuania

(A Reprint — Catholic Telegram)

By Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin

Recently the five Catholic bishops of Connecticut published a statement stressing the dangers of international communism. They warned against permitting "the malignant doctrine of Marxism-Leninism to spread any further in the world or to take root here in the United States."

"In light of both man's weaknesses and his aspirations," they stated, "it is obvious that communism cannot be viable or efficacious. It can be called 'successful' only by the most naive — who choose to overlook its use of force and fear to spread its doctrines — or worse, by those 'masters of deceit' who knowingly seek to promote, by use of 'Aesopian language,' its doctrine of enslavement." The bishops challenged all those who believe in God to resist the communist menace "which threatens to take from us that which we hold most precious: our own human dignity and God." The deprivation of human rights for so many millions of people is proof of communism's moral bankruptcy and duplicity.

Just before I received this statement (which I encourage everyone to read), I read a booklet given to me by an American Lithuanian in Dayton entitled, "Catholics in Soviet-Occupied Lithuania." I had also just received an NC News Service article about a young Lithuanian priest who had been persecuted both before and after ordination and whose memory continues to be vilified by Soviet authorities since his death from cancer in 1980.

This booklet and article were the latest information I have received about the persecution of the church in Lithuania. For some time now, however, I have been receiving the underground Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, an illegal periodical that has documented violation of human rights in Lithuania since 1972. Copies of the publication usually reach the West several months after they are put out. These Chronicles detail one of the most vicious persecutions the church has ever experienced — one, unfortunately, that many people either do not seem to know about or choose to overlook.

As an example of the gross violations of human rights alluded to by the Connecticut bishops, I offer some statistics and facts about Lithuania, a predominantly Catholic country which, since 1940, has been part of Russia (The Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic). Its population in 1979 was 3,399,000 and it continues to be over 80 percent Catholic.

Comparative data for 1940 and 1975 will give some idea of the extent of the persecutions suffered by the Catholics of Lithuania. There continue to be six dioceses, but only four have bishops, and two of those four are banned from exercising their ministry by government authorities. The number of priests has been reduced by half, from 1,450 to 711, and of those who remain the number who are aged and infirm has greatly increased.

In 1940 there were four seminaries with 549 students; today the government permits only one seminary to operate and has limited its enrollment to 56. The 37 orders of men Religious and 85 orders of women of Religious have all been suppressed. There are no more lay organizations, orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aged, Catholic newspapers or publishing houses. Most of the church's activities must now take place underground.

Behind these statistics are countless stories of human tragedy: constant harassment, torture, arrests, imprisonment, execution. The priest in the article referred to above was Father Virgilijus Jaugelis, the first priest ordained from the underground Lithuanian seminary started in 1971. Here is how the article described his harassment before his ordination in 1978:

"After repeated searches, Jaugelis was arrested on April 9, 1974, for 'anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.' In December he and four other defendants were tried in the Lithuanian SSR Supreme Court for dissemination of prayer books, religious literature and the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania.

"He was found guilty of duplicating an issue of the Chronicle, preparing stencils for a religious book and collecting signatures on a 'slandorous document,' the 1972 appeal to Waldheim (then Secretary General of the U.N.). He was sentenced to two years in a general regime labor camp near Kaunas.

"Soon after his imprisonment, Chronicle reports say, he was severely beaten while praying and received no medical assistance for a week although he had received a hard blow to the head and a broken jaw.

"When he was taken to a hospital later, it was learned that he had intestinal cancer. During his transfer to the hospital he was mugged by unknown assailants.

"In 1975 he went on a hunger strike when his protests against abuses went unanswered. Soviet authorities released him on May 7, 1975, because they feared that his death in prison would create a new martyr for the Catholic Church in Lithuania. Left half-dead on the doorstep of his home, he crawled to the cathedral and collapsed."

In 1978 Father Jaugelis was finally ordained but two years later he died of cancer. Since his death, say Chronicle reports, Communist party officials have repeatedly smeared him as a criminal and reactionary because of his human rights activities, but Catholics regularly visit his grave to pray there.

We must not forget the courageous people of Lithuania and the many other countries under communist domination. Together with those who are persecuted by non-communist, authoritarian regimes, they give a heroic witness to the faith. They are today's confessors and martyrs, whose perseverance in the face of persecution and death gives life and vigor to the entire church. We must express our solidarity with them, both in our prayers and in the way we seek to encourage restoration of their rights through the public policy of our country.

Sermon by Bishop Anthony Pilla at Opening Mass

NATIONAL CONVENTION — 1982

My fellow Priests, Knights of Lithuania, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that I am here to celebrate this holy Eucharist with you, my brother priests of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests' League of America as you conclude your annual convention. With this Mass we prayerfully begin the annual convention of the Knights of Lithuania asking God's blessing for them.

I suggest that the gospel of today's Mass has special meaning for us. Jesus is trying to determine the faith of his followers. He asks His disciples: "And you, who do you say I am?" Peter replies: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God". Jesus then reveals a marvelous part of God's plan for the world: that the establishment of his Church will be intimately connected with Peter's declaration of faith.

From this time on St. Matthew tells us, Jesus began to reveal how he had to suffer first, be put to death and raised up from the dead. Peter is shocked and speaks to our Lord privately hoping that Jesus will be spared this pain and suffering and death. But Jesus knew well the essential relationship between the life of his Church and the suffering, death and rising to new life that he would experience. To this very day, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus is the life-giving mystery that sustains the Church.

Sometimes we are like St. Peter in today's gospel. We would prefer that Jesus would eliminate the pain and suffering of our lives, that he would not emphasize that aspect of his message. Conscious of the situation in Lithuania today, knowing the cruelty of persecution there, the loss of freedom of religion and other human freedoms, aware of the harassment, the punishments, the torture and imprisonments, it is

enough to endure. The difficulties and problems of Lithuanian parishes throughout the United States, the lack of Lithuanian priests to serve these parishes, the difficulty of gathering resources for new programs and projects are areas of great concern for us. The constant hard work and often thankless job of maintaining and fostering growth in a national organization such as the Knights of Lithuania is not a simple or painless task. We might well be tempted to use St. Peter's prayer that God would spare us these pains and sufferings.

The path paved by the Master was one from death to life, through suffering to joy. This is the way he invites us to walk when he says follow me. The Church in Lithuania, the beloved daughter of the Roman Catholic Church has suffered greatly in following the Lord. The faith of Lithuanians, your faith as Lithuanian-American priests and people has not been preserved or handed down except at the cost of great pain and sacrifice. We have not prayed Peter's prayer. We must join the life-giving mystery of Christ's suffering, death and rising to new life.

How well do Lithuanian woodcarvers understand this cycle of death to life, of suffering to joy as they carve statues that portray the Suffering Christ. A Christ who wearily holds his head in his hands, a bent over shadow of a man, nearly naked, head bowed down under the weight of a thorny crown. So often all of you have gazed at those images of the Suffering Christ and there saw reflected your own suffering and pain. Were it to end there - the pain and despair would be too great to bear - but you look beyond to see the Risen Christ and the triumph he won over death, the final victory over suffering.

Your past and present activities animate the faith you profess. Only those who believe in the triumph of

the cross will name 1982 as the Year of the Lithuanian Parish as your priests have done working for spiritual renewal and the flowering of Lithuanian culture. Only those whose faith is strong will meet for the 69th consecutive year as the Knights of Lithuania do to foster freedom for Lithuania and the promotion of Lithuanian culture here in the United States.

My hope is that your work will continue to bear fruit. Spend these days remembering the past, discussing the present situation here and in the homeland, and prepare yourselves for the future - dedicated in the words of your own motto "To God and Country".

Allow me, my friends, to offer some thoughts on three areas of concern as one who loves you and cares deeply about your work.

First, I ask you to share your sufferings with others, especially with those who are not of Lithuanian descent. Our country, our Catholic people, especially our young people, need to hear how Lithuanians today face life and death situations because they are Catholic. In an American culture where minor disagreements or petty misunderstandings seem to be reason enough to stop practicing the faith, the power of examples from Lithuania are needed. Tell us of pilgrims in procession to SILUVA who are detained and arrested; of young men denied entrance to seminaries; of forbidden processions, shrines, and underground publications; of murdered priests and of those men and women in prison today whose only crime was the practice of the Catholic faith. Use every possible means to share the accounts of the martyrs of modern Lithuania. We need to hear this.

Secondly, do not succumb to the thought that your efforts on behalf of Lithuania, your letters written to Lithuanian prisoners, your marches, protests and demonstrations

make little difference. The end result, the final liberation is in the hands of God. Rather than debate the value of these efforts, recommit yourselves to work in every way possible to do what you can today. Can you refuse when one of your brother Lithuanians, a prisoner in Soviet Russia concludes his letter with: "Tell them to write more often. I very anxiously await letters ..."

Thirdly, continue to hand down to your young people the holy faith expressed in the Lithuanian language and culture you yourselves have received. For the sake of those who suffer, for the youth in Lithuania who are denied their Churches, pray and work for God's grace to lead your children to a deep love for the Church and the faith. Give to them the precious stone which is the faith, encrusted in the golden setting that is your Lithuanian language and culture. Do not deny them so precious a heritage.

Finally, my brother priests,



Bishop Anthony Pilla and Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas

Knights and Ladies of Lithuania, my brothers and sisters, I pray that your work, your ministries, your lives be placed under the patronage and protection of Our Lady of the Dawn Gate. Turn to Mary, the Mother of God, the Sorrowful Mother for she understands your

sufferings. Look to her with hope as the Gate of Dawn for she knows the final triumph of eternal life with God. Let us remain close to her that she might lead us to her Son, Jesus to know the only perfect and eternal freedom that is heaven. May God be with you always.

K of L Calendar

November 14 -FALL FESTIVAL - C-79, Southfield, MI

December 10- HOLIDAY BAZAR - C-96, Dayton, OH

March 13 - MAD ST. Casimer's Day
Breakfast and Convention

May 1983 -MCD CONVENTION and MIDWEST
BOWLING TOURNAMENT
in Southfield, MI - C-79 hosts



Correction: In the article called „Our History in Brief” published in the February issue - Paulina Dauzvardis should have read „Petras Dauzvardis“.

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in your prayers...

HELENE CASPER
Member C-118
Hazelton, PA
Died July 4, 1982

ANTOINETTE NAUYELIS
Member C-19
Pittsburgh, PA
Died September 23, 1982

OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP COUNT

AS FOR AUGUST 1, 1982

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

		Total 1980	Total 1981	Regular	Assoc	Clergy	Life- Time	Honorary Members	1982 Totals
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT									
1	Brockton	35	32	29	2	1	1		33*
7	Waterbury	126	130	110	10		2	2	124
10	Athol-Gardner	33	33	29	6	1			36
17	So Boston	46	53	36	2				38*
17S	So Boston Srs	98	102	93	4	4		4	105
26	Worcester	146	160	132	7	3	1	3	146
30	Westfield	29	28	23	4	1			28
50	New Haven	33	49	63	6	2	1		72
78	Lawrence	16	23	14	2	1	2		19
103R	Providence	8	12	12					12
103S	Providence	42	46	36	6	2	3		47*
116	Worcester	60	58	54	4	1	1		60
135	Ansonia	59	66	51	9	2			62
141	Bridgeport	45	39	41	3	1			45
145	Holyoke	34	34	30	4	1			35
MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT									
3	Philadelphia	78	77	61	5	4		2	72
12	New York	77	68	62	3	1	6	1	73
29	Newark	128	135	131	8	1	1	3	144
41	Brooklyn	31	30	35		2	3	2	42
46	Forest City	29	34	28	5	1	1		35
52	Elizabeth	20	20	16		2	1	1	20
61	Patterson	29	30	32	2	4			38
63	LeHigh Valley	-	-	37					37
67	Bayonne	20	25	17		1			18
74	Scranton	83	87	68	9	5			82
90	Kearney	34	35	28	5	1		1	35
100	Amsterdam	105	108	89	12	4	1		106*
109	Great Neck	18	16	6		1		1	8
110	Maspeth	179	261	218	28	22	3		271*
118	Hazelton	-	-	11	3	1			15
140	Syracuse	49	47	39	9	1			49
142	Washington	45	40	32	3	1			36
143	Pittston	57	56	51	3	1			55
144	Schuylkill Ct	197	187	190	22	6			218**
146	Harrisburg	75	73	47	9				56
147	St Petersburg	63	73	69		6	2	1	78

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

19	Pittsburgh	46	46	36		6	3		45
25	Cleveland	45	45	38	6	2			46
Srs	Cleveland	30	29	28					28
79	Detroit	145	142	101	6	3		1	111
86	DuBois	53	59	42	10	1			53
96	Dayton	131	124	98	23	1		2	124*
102	Detroit	44	39	36	1	2		2	41
139	Detroit	18	19	23	1	1			25
149	Saginaw	19	29	22	1	1			24

MID AMERICA DISTRICT

5	Chicago	5	5	2	1		1	1	5
14	Cicero	17	19	24	1			1	26
36	Chicago	92	92	288	21	4	2		315*
Srs	Chicago	41	42	30				2	32
38	Kenosha	-	10	15					15
40	E St Louis	-	-	7	1				8
82	Gary	31	32						
112	Chicago	182	212	192	5	3	5	3	208
117	Darien	-	-	4	2	1			7
150	Kansas City	-	-	13	1				14

OTHER

133S	Los Angeles	54	50	40		1	1		42
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TOTALS

New England	810	865	753	69	20	11	9	862
Mid-Atlantic	1317	1402	1267	126	65	18	12	1488
Mid-Central	531	532	424	48	17	3	5	497
Mid America	368	412	575	32	8	8	7	630
Other	54	50	40		1	1		42

GRAND TOTAL	3080	3261	3059	275	111	41	33	3519
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Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Kassel

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Financial Secretary



Supreme Council Officers

and the "VYTIS" Staff

LANGUAGE LORE

Time and Seasons

Algirdas Budreckis

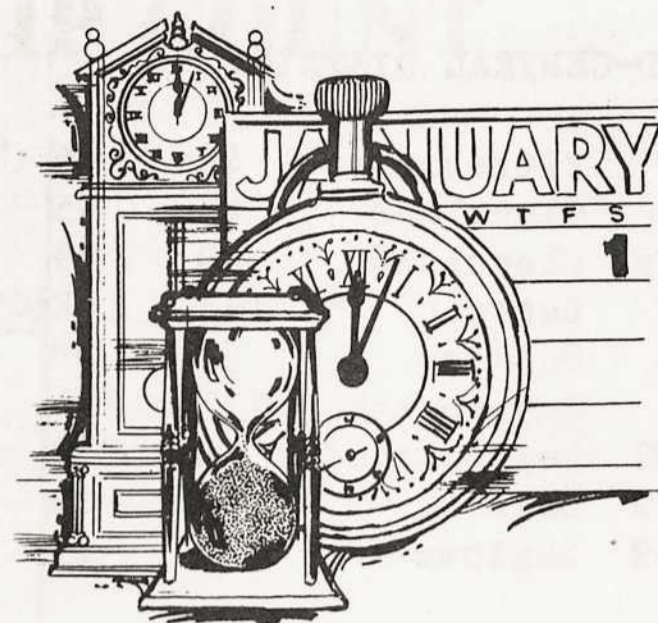
Like every other culture, the Lithuanian is influenced by time (**laikas**) and seasons (**sezónai**). Time-laikas is measured by the **laikrodis** (clock), **laikrodukas** (watch); what transpires on a daily or weekly basis is recorded in a **laikraštis** (newspaper), and on an annual basis by a **metrastis** (yearbook or CHRONICLE). An historical period of time is called a **laikotarpis** or **gdynė**. You will notice that with the exception of the Slavic loanword **gdynė** all of these compound words contain the root **laik** signifying time. Other time measuring devices are the **kalendorius** (calendar), **chronometras** (chronometer), **mėnraštis** (monthly publication), **savaitraštis** (weekly newspaper), **dvisavaitinis laikraštis** (bi-weekly newspaper), **dienraštis** (daily newspaper), and **dienynas** (diary). A magazine is called a **žurnalas**.

Philosophically time can be divided into **praetis** (the past), **dabartis** (the present), and **ateitis** (the future).

Let us begin with the present. The basic unit is the present (**dabartis**), now (**dabar**) or simply today (**šiandien**). This could also be simply rendered as the day - **diena**. Yet, like several other old Indo-European languages, the Lithuanian contains a word which means "A twenty-four hour period" and this word is **para**. Astronauts (**astronautai**) could adopt "para" from the Lithuanian while measuring time earth-style.

The basic words dealing with the present are:

the afternoon - **popietis**
 afternoon (adj.) - **popiet, po pietu**
 dawn - **aušra**
 day - **diena**
 evening - **vakaras**
 half-an-hour - **pusvalandis**
 hour - **valanda**
 in the evening - **vakare**
 mid-day, noon - **vidurdienis**
 midnight - **vidurnaktis**
 minute - **minutė**
 morning - **rytas, rytemtis**
 in the morning - **iš ryto**
 quarter hour - **valandos ketvirtis**
 second - **sekundė**
 sunrise - **saulėtekis**
 sunset - **saulėlydis**
 this evening - **ši vakarą**
 today - **šiandien**
 tonight - **šianakt**
 twilight time - **pavakaris**



The terms of past time are: day-before yesterday - **užvakar**; last month - **praeitas mėnesis**; last week - **praeita savaitė**; last year - **pernai** or **praėti metai**; long ago - **senų senovėje, senoveje**; once upon a time - **kadaise**; yesterday - **vakar**.

Future time is measured by: day-after-tomorrow - **poryt**; the day after the day after tomorrow - **užporyt**; next day - **rytdiena, rytojus**; tomorrow - **rytoj**.

Seven days (**septynios dienos**) comprise a week (**savaitė**). The days of the week in the Lithuanian language being on Monday, not Sunday. They are: **pirmdienis** (Monday), **antradienis** (Tuesday), **trečiadienis** (Wednesday), **ketvirtadienis** (Thursday), **penktadienis** (Friday), **šeštadienis** (Saturday) and **sekmadienis** (Sunday). They are always written in small letters. They are easy to remember because they are based on numbers: **pirmas** (first), **antras** (second), etc. By the way, one of the roots for **sekma-dienis** is **sekmas**, an archaic word for **septyni** (seven). Speaking of days, there are all sorts in the Lithuanian language: birthday - **gimtadienis**; Judgment Day - **Teismo Diena**; holiday - **šventė, šventadienis**; Labor Day - **Darbo Diena**; Memorial Day - **Paminklu Diena**; Week-day - **savaitdienis**; weekend - **savaitgalis**; name day or feast day - **vardadienis, vardynes**.

The year - **metai** (never the singular **metas** which in standard Lithuanian means a season) are divided into twelve months (**dvylika mėnesių**) which correspond to the Julian calendar months. These months (**mėnesiai**) are based on the Lithuanian agrarian seasons and their natural phenomena. Lithuanian month-names are probably the hardest to conceptualize by Anglo-Saxons who have adopted Latin names. The months in Lithuanian are: January - **sausis**; February - **vasaris**; March - **kovas**; April - **balandis**; May - **gegužis**; June - **birželis**; July - **liepa**; August - **rugpiūtis**; Septemeber - **rugsėjis**; October - **spalis**; November - **lapkritis**; December - **gruodis**. You will not that like the days of the week the months in Lithuanian are written in small letters. The exceptions are specific days: **Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Diena, Vasario 16 Diena, Lietuvos Kariuomenės Šventė-Lapkričio 27 Diena**.

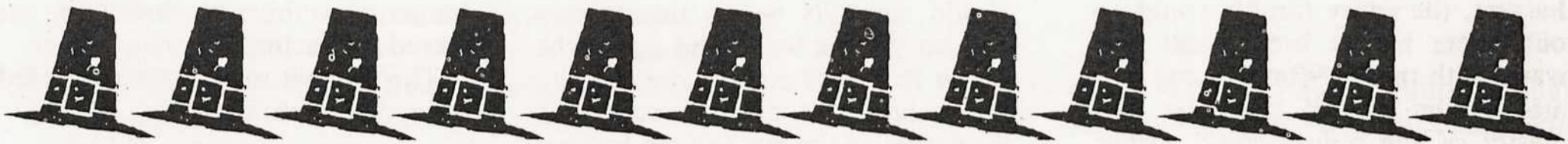
It is interesting to note that the month (mėnesis or mėnuo) of rugpiūtis) (August), which means "the rye-reaping time", precedes the month of rugsėjis (september), which means "the time for sowing rye". The uninitiated would ask: How can you reap a crop before you sow? The logic of this apparent inversion is that Lithuanian rye is a crop which is sown in early autumn, which germinates during the winter and is harvested in the late summer - August or rugpiūtis.

The year - metai is characterized by seasons. The singular word for season is metas or sezonas. The basic terms are: Spring - pavasaris, Summer - vasara, Autumn - ruduo, and Winter - žiema. The four seasons are based on the shifts in the solar position; there is vernal equinox - pavasarinis diėnonaitis, a summer solstice - vasaros saulėgraža, autumnal equinox - rudėninis diėnonaktis, and a winter solstice - žiėmos saulėgraža. If you prefer meteorological-astronomical terminology in Lithuanian: these four events can be rendered as pavasarinis ekvinoksas, vasaros solsticija, rudėnis ekvinoksas, and žiėmos solsticija.

There are terms to mark larger units of time: age - amžius; decade - dešimtmetis; quinquennial - penkmetis; triennial - trimetis; biennial - dvimetis; quarter of a century - dvidešimtpenkmetis; half of a century - puse šimtmečio; century - šimtmetis (also amžius); and millennium - tūkstantmetis.

Larger periods of time are reckoned with terms of Greek or Latin origin: eonas (eon), epocha (epoch), era (era), periodas (period). The division of human history is designated by two sets of abbreviations, namely: the Christian or tradition - B.C. (before Christ) Prieš Kr. (Prieš Kristų) and A.D. (anno Domini) - po Kr. (po Kristaus). The modern or secular designations are: Before Our Era - Prieš Mūsų Erą, and Our Era - Mūsų Era.

However, mindboggling periods of time have been fully Lithuanianized: light year - šviesmetis, light decade - šviesdešimtmetis, infinity - aibe or begalybė. Taigi, kiek laiko yra?



L. C. R. A. Report

Donations received since 8/21/82 -	
C #61 - Patterson	\$ 25.00
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Balance 8/21/82	1378.38
Total as of 9/13/82	\$1503.38
The K of L Goal is -	\$2500.00

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EXCERPTS from the CHRONICLES:

(In this time of Thanksgiving Season, we Americans have much to be thankful for. The freedom of speech and to move about without always looking over one's shoulder are two examples.)

The survival of the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA for an entire decade in a system which is replete with spies, armed with the best surveillance techniques, traitors and

wheelers is nearly a miracle. At first, if successful, the editors planned under the best of circumstances to publish some dozen issues and then go to prison. As a response we would like to quote here the words of Father Karolis Garuckas S.J. spoken at a very difficult time for the CHRONICLE editors: "God blessed the beginning, he will bless the end as well".

The CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA amazes people with its accuracy. In ten years it has collected a multitude of information. It would have been natural if many errors, which the editors were always prepared to correct, had found their way into the publication. It is truly amazing that even the KGB which manages to dig everything out, did not succeed in compromising the publication on the basis of facts, and during trials had to resort to falsifications or demagogical assertions that the CHRONICLE spreads slander and fabrications. The accuracy of the CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA is based on the deep faith of its collaborators, and their diligence and understanding that lies and tyranny can only be combatted with the weapon of truth.

Taken from issue No. 51, March 19, 1982

Fran Petkus
LCRA Coordinator



HARVEST TIME IN LITHUANIA

Anna Klizas Wargo,
Cultural Chairman

Reference: Encyclopedia Lituanica

The harvest in Lithuania began with appropriate customs which were called prapiovos. For the rye harvest, the entire family would go out doors taking bread, salt and water with them. After praying and making the sign of the cross, the master of the house would gather the first handful of ripe rye and cut it with his sickle. In later times, rye was harvested with a scythe.

In early times, a prayer to the sun was recited in thanksgiving. In some regions, the first sheaf, called the "Head of the House", (šeimininkas) was borne home and given a place of honor at the table. Elsewhere, it was taken into the barn for the mice "to break their teeth on".

Ten sheaves went into the first shock. The family would sit around it to partake of their bread, salt and water. A piece of bread would be buried under the shock as an offering to the earth.

May-making began with the head of the house cutting the first swath, after he had prayed and wished the mowers health, good weather and a heavy dew. The first bunch of flax was gathered by the oldest woman, the farmer's wife or a recognized village songstress.

The termination of work was surrounded with ceremonial actions and with festive celebrations. The completion of the harvest, the pagaigtuves, was especially colorful.

In some regions, a small section of high grade rye would be left standing. In Duzukija, the women would carefully weave this section and bury some bread and salt in the center as an offering to the earth.

In other areas, bread was cast into the center of the rye and the harvest was continued until it was recovered. The workers would then eat it, leaving a portion around which a wisp of the uncut rye was braided.

It was an honor to cut the last sheaf. From this, a wreath was woven for the lady of the house and a sash for the master. The girls would then weave a wreath of rye and bluebottle. The wreath was carried by the woman who cut the final sheaf. The sash was carried by one of the men.

Singing light hearted songs and bearing the last shock, the harvesters would make their way home where the mistress of the house would greet them with bread, salt and a beverage. The shock was treated like an honored guest. The lady of the house was then crowned with the wreath and the master was girdled with the sash.

Everyone would then celebrate, including vigorous singing, in the hope of a rich harvest the following year. During the feast, the wreath and sash were hung in a place of honor near the table. Threshed grain, including some from the first

and last shock was reserved for the first sowing of the next season. The wreath, preserved for a year or longer, was burned, indicating its sacred character.

The harvest season always ended in joyous celebration.

1982 Year of the Lithuanian Parishes Parish or Perish?

Our Lady of Vilnius Church (Aušras Vartai) pictured on cover is the only Lithuanian Church in the New York Archdiocese since 1905. For the past two years our church was administered by a non-Lithuanian priest who was very helpful in providing a Lithuanian priest once a month when possible, to hold the Lithuanian Mass.

Now, with the aid of Right Rev. Msgr. Tulaba of Rome, the New York Chancery and parish members, including K of L's and the willingness of Fr. Vytautas Palubinskas, Our Lady of Vilnius has a Lithuanian priest.

No, our parish will not perish and we at Our Lady of Vilnius have a reason to celebrate the year of the Lithuanian parish. Our goal is to follow Bishop Brizgys' suggestion to attend our Lithuanian church as often as possible.

Gyvuok Ilgai Musu Lietuviškoji Parapija.

COOK'S CORNER

OUR FAVORITE LITHUANIAN KUGELIS

by H. M. MARY LUCAS

This recipe is best made with California Long White Potatoes, which unfortunately are available only during the months of late May through early August, as they keep their whiteness during grating. Otherwise, shop for the best New Red, White or Idaho potatoes which you can find during the other months. Incidentally, if you are using Idaho's, add more milk to the potato mixture or you will have a dry Kugelis. (Use less milk when using New Red potatoes. The mixture should be more runny than thick.)

This recipe makes a large batch of Kugelis (it can be halved if you like) but fortunately, it can be divided into several pans, baked, covered with foil and frozen until ready to serve. It will taste freshly made when defrosted and reheated.

- 10 lbs. Potatoes, peeled & soaked in cold water
 - 1 lb. sliced Bacon, cut into 1/4" strips
 - 3 lbs. Onions, chopped fine. Save 1 whole onion for grating
 - 1 Dozen Eggs (large)
 - 1 large can Evaporated Milk
 - 1 Qt. Homogenized Milk (more or less as explained above)
 - 1 stick Butter or Margarine
 - 10 teaspoons Salt and 2 teaspoons White Pepper
1. Fry bacon strips in skillet until halfway crisp
 2. Add chopped onions and fry with bacon till onions are lightly browned.
 3. Add the stick of butter or marger. to bacon mixture. Remove from heat.
 4. Reserve about 1/2 cup of above grease for greasing pans.
 5. In a large pot, beat the eggs, can of milk and most of quart of milk. Mix.
 6. Grate the potatoes and the whole onion into egg-milk mixture stirring frequently to keep the grated potatoes from darkening.
 7. Add the bacon-onion mixture. Salt and pepper. Stir well tasting for additional salt if necessary, and the rest of the quart of milk if needed.
 8. Grease a lg. pan (approx. 12" x 18") with part of the grease set aside. Or use 2 medium sized pans or 4 small pans. (I use the Aluminum Foil Pans)
 9. Fill pans about 3/4 full and bake in 350 oven till nicely browned on top.



If you plan to freeze part of it, bake until just light golden on top. Taste test with a fork from the center of the pan to determine that potatoes are fully cooked.

To freeze — Cool completely. Cover with foil and place in freezer. When ready to serve for another meal, remove from freezer, defrost until beginning to feel soft. Place in 350 oven with foil still covering top. After 1/2 hour, remove foil and continue baking till steaming hot and nicely browned on top.

Lithuanian Mixed Vegetable Salad

Lithuanians are fond of winter salads made with vegetables and piquant flavorings, and served with game or poultry.

- 1 cup sliced cold, cooked carrots*
- 1 cup diced cold, cooked beets*
- 2 cups sliced cold, cooked potatoes*
- 1 cup cold, cooked green peas*
- 2 tablespoons minced dill pickles*
- 1 cup sour cream*
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne*
- Salt, pepper to taste*
- Crisp salad greens, washed and dried*

Combine vegetables and pickles in a serving dish. Mix sour cream, cayenne, salt, and pepper; add to salad. Refrigerate 1 hour or longer to blend flavors. Serve over greens. Serves 4 to 6.

Mailed in by Jo Zukas



Knights of Lithuania

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An open letter to our Lithuanian Priests

Reverend Dear Father:

You are an inspiration to all of us!

For many years Lithuanian priests have struggled to keep our Lithuanian parishes alive!

You have done more than you may realize to increase the stature of Lithuanians in the eyes of many Americans. I am very much aware of the power and status of the Lithuanian priest (as it should be) among his parishioners and community . . .

For this reason, I need your help.

As we are well aware, the Knights of Lithuania is a powerful organization for good as attested to, by their actions in the past. However, we need to look to the future. So, it is very important that we encourage our young people to become a part of this organization.

As First Vice President, it is my responsibility to try to strengthen our Junior Councils, form new ones and encourage young Catholic Lithuanians to become a part of this fine organization.

I understand the challenges that face us in this task.

On the one hand, many Lithuanian parishes are suffering from urban exodus, and we are losing many of our children to the suburbs. If at all possible, we need to keep our young people busy in the Lithuanian parish, and give them a reason to stay involved. The K of L can give them this opportunity.

I am also aware that some Lithuanians tend to characterize the Knights of Lithuania as not being "truly Lithuanian," due to the fact that today its membership is composed largely of second and third generation Lithuanian-Americans. While this may be true, we need to point out that the K of L has been a marvelous vehicle for preserving Lithuanian culture and representing Lithuanian concerns in our "melting pot" environment for 69 years.

Speaking from my own experience in Dayton, I can tell you truthfully that our Council 96 is the strongest and best working parish organization at Holy Cross Church. On numerous occasions, we have taken the opportunity to speak out for Lithuanian causes . . . in the voice Americans understand . . . on TV and radio, in magazines and newspapers, and on billboards.

Many other councils have done the same, and in addition promote dance groups, language classes, choirs, heritage councils, and first and foremost, the religion of our forefathers.

The fact is, while there are other good Lithuanian organizations to attract our youth, how many of these are wholly Catholic-Lithuanian?

This is an important point, I think, and is one reason the Knights of Lithuania is experiencing a resurgence in Lithuanian parishes today. When the parish and the Knights of Lithuania work hand in hand with the children . . . we prosper.

And so, dear Father . . . I ask you to help me and offer direction as to how I might help gather Lithuanian youth into this vital parish organization?

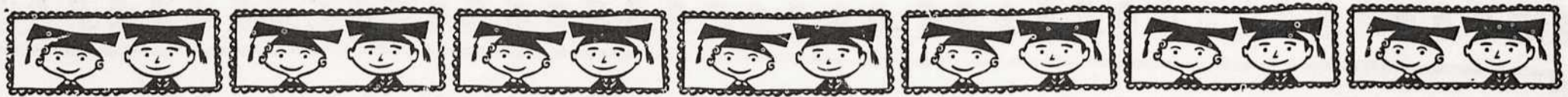
I am open to any and all suggestions.

Again, thank you my friend.

Sincerely and with much admiration,

Elinor Ambrose Sluzas
First Vice President - Juniors

P.S. If you or someone in your parish are interested in starting a Jr. Knights of Lithuania, we have the tools ready to help you in this most enjoyable and rewarding undertaking. Just let me know and I'll be happy to work with you!



JUNIORS CORNER



...FROM THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS...



Chairman of Scholarship
Committee

Dear Mr. Piacentini,

I would like to express my deepest thanks to the scholarship committee for my thousand dollar scholarship. This award will make it possible for me to receive a good college education. Today a college education is more important than ever. Without one, a good career is just a dream. Thanks for making dreams come true.

Širdingai Ačiu,
Paul Strolia

C-96 Dayton, Ohio

Aš noriu pareikšti dėkingumą Lietuvų Fondui už gautą \$500.00 stipendiją pradėti studijuoti Communications-University of Dayton. Aš su tėveliais, dviem seserim ir broliu gyvenu Dayton, Ohio ir priklausau Šv. Kryžiaus parapijai. Užbaigiau Vandalia-Butler gimnaziją. Priklausiau apie 8 metus Vėjuliai šokių grupėje ir priklausau 10 metų Vyčių organizacijoje.

Vida Gečas

Dear Mr. Piacentini,

I would like to express my gratitude to you and your committee for the scholarship I was awarded.

The award takes on even greater meaning when considering the economic state of our nation. Without this scholarship, I would have encountered several hardships in continuing my education.

I can assure you that the confidence you have displayed in me by this award will not result in a disappointment to you and your committee but rather it has provided me with additional incentives to meet both my own objectives and the objectives of the Knights of Lithuania.

Vytiškai,
Georgianna Kassel

To: The Knights of Lithuania
Supreme Council Scholarship Committee,
Mr. William J. Piacentini,
Chairman.

I would like to thank you and the scholarship committee for this award.

This money will help defray my high cost of a college education. It is with great pride of my Lithuanian ancestral descent that I humbly accept this award.

I thank God for my health and I thank my parents for their patience. I will work very diligently to achieve my goal and to live up to my proud Lithuanian heritage.

Thank you all - The Knights of Lithuania.

Vytiškai,
Joan Jasewicz
Jr. Council #100



Vida Gečas

LITHUANIAN *in the* NEWS

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

St. George Church, 3230 South Lithuanica, Chicago, Illinois, the first Lithuanian Catholic Church in the Midwest and one of the first in the United States, celebrated its 90th anniversary on April 25th. The anniversary was commemorated at all Masses followed by a parish dinner and special program.

While Lithuanians were among the immigrants who came to Chicago in the early 1800s, their numbers increased in the 1880s, according to the "Chicago Catholic." Their first organizational efforts included formation of the St. Casimir the Prince Society and as the community grew, Father Valentine Cizauskas was invited to come and minister to them.

In 1892 the St. Casimir Society asked Archbishop Feehan for a Lithuanian priest. He agreed and Father George Kolesinskis was their first pastor. He and the parish committee purchased land at 32nd and Auburn. An old wooden German Catholic building was bought and moved to the land, and it became St. George Parish Church.

The parish purchased additional land, repaired the church and in September 1894 opened the first Lithuanian school. The Sisters of St. Casimir have been in residence since 1923. Modernization of the church was implemented under the guidance of Father Alban J. Kishkunas, who is now pastor emeritus.

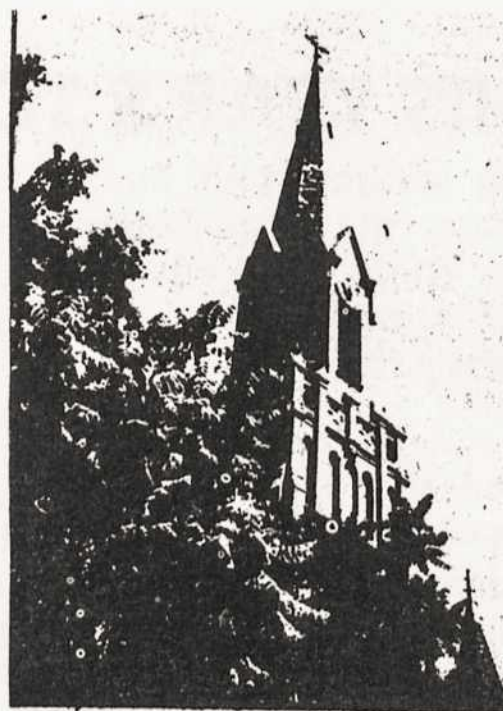
St. George School graduates have contributed significantly to the religious life, with many young men entering the priesthood and women entering religious life. Sister Julie Shainauskas, principal of Maria High School, Chicago, is a graduate, as is Father John P. Vysnauskas, pastor at St. George.

A Note to my Faithful Contributors and Readers —

For economic reasons "Lithuanians in the News" is limited to two pages. All articles submitted will be condensed as much as possible. If your item does not appear in a few months, it will appear eventually when space permits.

Thanks for your help and understanding.

Ruth Kazlauskas, Editor



St. George Church



Albert Cekanor

ALBERT CEKANOR, a Trustee of C-112, Chicago, was the recipient of the Chicago Park District Senior Citizen Award on May 27, 1982. Eighty guests attended the luncheon held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Al is a past president of the Marquette Park Senior Citizens Thursday Club.

GERTRUDE (POCIUS' and JAY HEYMAN, owners of Fabric Land in North Plainfield, N.J., were presented with the "Independent Retailer of the Year" Award last July by the Women's Fashion Fabric Association, a national organization of executives in the home sewing industry.

At a luncheon at Tavern on the Green in New York City, the Heyman's were cited for their outstanding contribution to the American home sewing field. They have been the recipients of many honors and awards. In 1980 they received the International Retailer of the Year Award from Intersew, the worldwide home sewing industry trade group. In 1981, Gertrude was voted into "Who's Who of American Women" and "Personalities of American Women" publications.

Gertrude, a former K of L member, is the daughter of Mrs. Ann Pocius, C-29.



Bernard Gecius and son Keith

KEITH GERCIUS, son of Bernard and Jacqueline Gecius, Summit, Illinois, was one of three Cub Scouts to receive the "Parvuli Dei" award on Father's Day, June 20th. Barnard is a new member of K of L Council 112, Chicago, and an active 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He hopes to recruit Keith as a Junior K or L member.

MARIJA STANKUS-SAULAITIS, member of C-36, Chicago, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in English at the University of Connecticut on May 23rd. Marija is on the staff at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle and teaches Lithuanian language, Literature and Culture.



Ann Jillian and Bob Hope

1st Lt. HEIDI KNIUPIS of the U.S. Air Force and formerly of West Roxbury, Mass., was killed in August in an aircraft crashlanding at March AFB in Riverside, Calif. Lt. Kniupis, 25, a flight instructor, was the daughter of Boston Police Sgt. Albert Kniupis and Elaine (Zabel) Kniupis.

Newspaper accounts indicate that shortly after becoming airborne, Lt. Kniupis reported that the plane's engine was overheating and she was returning to base. While attempting the crash landing, she did everything possible to avoid crashing into a base housing development and a swimming pool with about 90 persons in it.

A member of St. Theresa of Avila parish, she was a member and former Corresponding Secretary of the New England District of the Knights of Lithuania. She was buried with full military honors, from St. Theresa's Church in West Roxbury, with a 21-gun salute at New Calvary Cemetery.

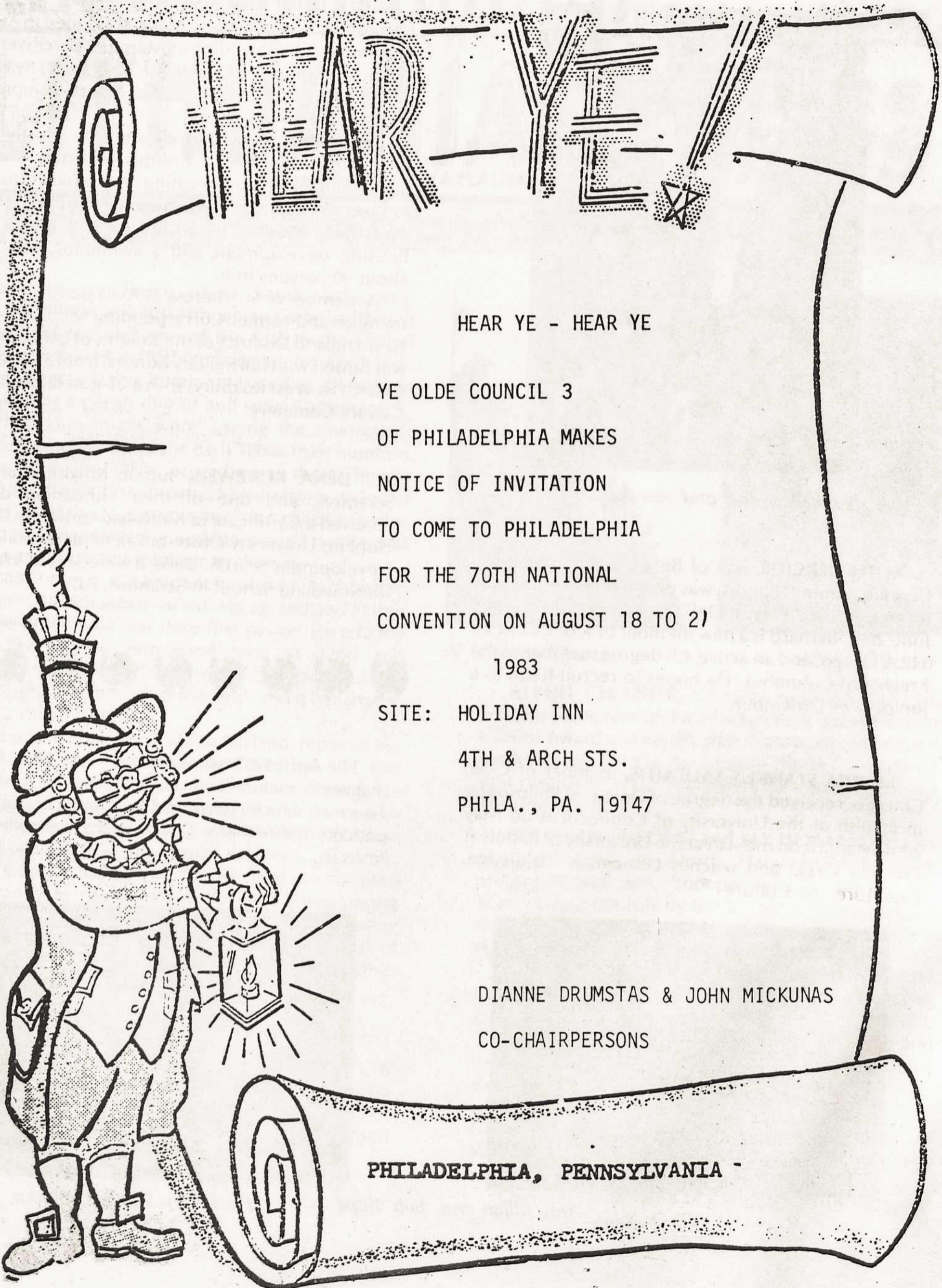
DENA KURZWEIL, Junior Knight from C-74, Scranton, and one of their Lithuanian dancers, received a Certificate of Merit last April from the John Hopkins University Office of Talent Identification and Development Search. Dena is a student at West Side Intermediate School in Scranton, Pa.



The April 1982 issue of Better Homes and Gardens magazine included an advertisement for Maryland Tourism which portrayed a group of Lithuanian dancers performing at one of Baltimore's folk festivals.



Photos by Stanley Valatka, C-52



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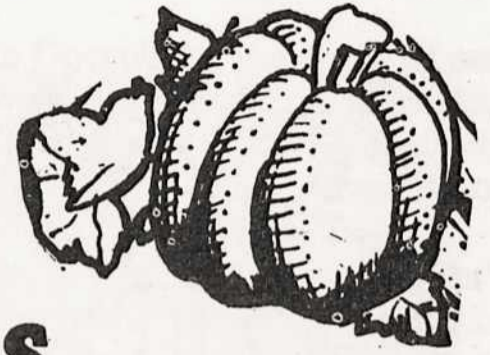
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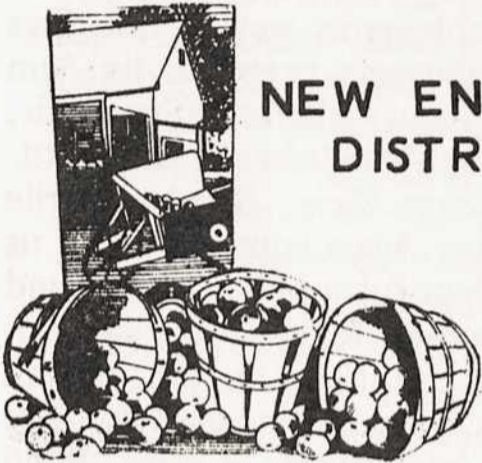
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Council Activities

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-10—Athol-Gardner

On Sunday, June 13, the Ladies Guild of St. Francis Parish sponsored the 45th Anniversary celebration of Fr. Justin Steponaitis' ordination to the priesthood at the parish hall attended by many parishioners and friends. Teveli, daug laimes ir geros sveikatos linke visa parapeja ir tavo daug draugu iš toli.

Paul Erickson, grandson of the Genaitises, was Valedictorian of the Class of 1982 at Bothell Washington High School. His brother Philip, now a cadet at Annapolis Naval Academy, earned the same honor in 1981. Peter Radski, likewise, was an honor student and received several prizes on graduation from Junior High School in Gardner.

In preparation for Lithuanian decorations for St. Francis Church at Christmas, Howie Beaudette gave the Athol girls instructions in making Lithuanian straw ornaments recently.

Our annual summer outing was held at the home of Frank Anoris on White's Pond in August. A large group of members and friends spent



Fr. Justin Steponaitis at his 45th Anniversary of his ordination

the day enjoying themselves in the water, fishing, boating and remembering old times. Thanks, Frank, for your most gracious hospitality.

Our September meeting was preceded by services in church in honor of Our Lady of Šiluva. Father Steponaitis spoke on the apparition.

Bea Richard recently visited Lithuania and returned with many fond memories of the land of her forefathers. Other persons returning from Lithuania report a serious shortage of food, consumer goods and little or no easement of the religious situation.

We count our blessings because there is no place like the USA.

Vincukas



Summer Outing at Frank Anoris' Home



Lt. Kniupis

C-17 Boston

Lt. Heidi M. Kniupis 25, an Air Force pilot, died August 7 in a plane crash at March Air Force Base in Riverside, CA.

Lt. Kniupas and student pilot, Lt. Britt A. Simpkins, were killed while trying to make an emergency landing shortly after reporting engine trouble following take-off while on a navigational training mission.

She was a member of Council 17 South Boston and served as Recording Secretary of the New England District. Her parents, Elaine and Albert, are also members of Council 17. Her sister, Laura, served as president of C-17 Juniors.

Please remember Lt. Kniupis in your prayers.

C-26—Worcester

The Cleveland Convention put us on the threshold of a new beginning with renewed aims and resolutions and much enthusiasm. Council delegates were Rita Pinkus and Ann Walinsky; Ann Bender was NED delegate. Helen Gilus, Ann Buciskas and Steve Walinsky accompanied them.

Steve and Eleanor Walinsky and their children, Lynne and Mark,

were hosts to the July shish-kebab supper meeting held poolside in July at their West Milbury Home.

Alena and Tony Birch of Philadelphia assisted Alena's parents, Rita and Ted Pinkus, at the Rutland summer home for the chicken barbecue August supper meeting. These summer meetings, with the warm hospitality of the hosts, the warm temperatures, relaxed atmosphere, good food, pleasant companions, are highly attended. Mingling and socializing were Rita and Greg Sokol, Fran and Charles Kulakusky, Tillie Gerulis, Mary Duggan, Bill and Rita Karytais, Ginny and Vite Ivanska, Vite and Ruth Gadilauskas, Marion and Arthur Racicot, Marion and Bart March, Ginny and Dwight Cummings, Emily Gudzevich, Frances Glaskas, Ann and Bill Buckley and Marilyn, Gad Troupes, Ben and Tony Anton, Frances Grigas, Stan and Mary Kamendulis, Irene Mamavich, Francis and Adele Degutis, and our spiritual director, Father Benjamin Uzdavinis, MIC.

Sister M. Aurelia is superior and principal of our parish St. Casimir School. Sister observed her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Saint Casimir. Our warmest congratulations on this happy and blessed occasion. Ilgiausiu metu!

The bowling season opened officially on September 9 with Helen Gillus and Adele Degutis as co-chairpersons.

It was right and fitting that the commemoration of "Poet-Priest Maironis" be held at Maironis Park, and organization of Catholic Lithuanians. Providence's pastor, Rev. Dr. Cukurus, celebrated Mass in the lower hall and later dedicated Maironis portrait which will hang in the upper hall. The main speaker was our St. Casimir's pastor, Rev. Anthony J. Miciunas, MIC, who pleased the audience with his biographical presentation of Monsignor Maironis. Eduardas Mailus Jr. sent information on Maironis over the airwaves on his bi-weekly Lithuanian radio hour. Through the initiative of Maironis Park's president, Kazys Adomavicius, it was

one of the most wonderful and memorable affairs ever. Giving Kazys an assist was Francis (Algis) Glodas and an able committee.

Dievui ir Tevynei! Valio!

Dzukele

C-50—New Haven

Our June 29 Parish Picnic held on the church grounds and hall was successful. Our appetites were soothed by the chicken, dešra, kugel, cabbage as well as hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by Ann Meskins and Theresa Strimaitis, assisted by Ann Johnson in the kitchen. Helen Case, Bernice Barile and Helen Maculaitis lavished us with a plentiful supply of cakes and other goodies. Rose Kisielius manned our busy ticket booth. Frank Peterson, our president, took care of the bar. Vinnie Carr's Band played some lively tunes. Joan Augustine and Helen Case chaired the raffle, a most popular and rewarding endeavor.

Viola Gradeck and Marce Aimutis were exuberant over the Cleveland convention. They were appalled by the formality and extensive proceedings crammed into four days. Isabel and Frank Peterson also attended.

Our picnic on August 15 at the New Haven Marina was hosted by Alice & Stanley Kirla and John & Sophie Aunie. Some went for a sail in their 60-foot yacht. Others just enjoyed an endless variety of refreshments. The picnickers thank our gracious hosts and hostesses.

Congratulations to: Trish Gedrim, granddaughter of Al, who won three scholarships to Paier Art School and exhibited in the library and municipal buildings in Guilford; Christine Kirla, daughter of Alice and Stanley, who enrolled at Fairfield University.

Helen Balchus

C-103 Providence

Our July meeting was held after Mass at St. Casimir's Church. A cookout in the churchyard was enjoyed by all present.

President Piacentini, Bertha Stoskus and Raymond and Ruth Svickas were our delegates to the National Convention. Alternates were Joseph and Agnes Waitonas, Sophie Sakelys and John Jackneovich.

Siluvos Marija, melskis už mus.

C-135—Ansonia

Who said that we do not have any leading Lithuanians in Ansonia? If you saw the Memorial Day Parade, you couldn't miss the smiling waving Lithuanian leading the entire parade. That was our council president Johnny Sabulis who is also the Commander of the local VFW Post. John was Chief of Staff of the city's Memorial Day celebration. Earlier in the day, John conducted impressive veteran ceremonies at the VFW Post home honoring the nation's veterans of all wars.

Some of the beautiful sunshine enjoyed that week could have been used for our annual church picnic on June 5 and 6 when the area was hit by heavy rains and a flood. More rain fell that weekend than ever recorded in the 80 years of the weather bureau's history.

Those who braved the weather to join us had a ball! John Gursky was General Chairman with "slave trader" Stan Twerian as Work Assignment Chief. It was hard to miss the K of L members at this function; they were everywhere!

Our Jar and Bottle Game Booth, catering to all ages, had its own cheering section led by Millie "Milda" Stachowicz, Chris "Blue Eyes" Slushinski, and Carol "Twinkle Toes" Bujanauskas. Violet "Chief Honcho" Brazaitis had her own audience at the White Elephant Arena that was doing a brisk business. Lil "Web Feet" Chaplik was home pumping out the water in her cellar. Ella Ellis and Anne Sabulis did a good job on getting the "Live Ones" as they passed the Spirits Booth.

The rain brought in some nice out-of-town K of L folks — Supreme Council Recording Secretary Nancy Miro from

Bridgeport, Supreme Council Trustee Paul Binkis Jr. from Chicago, Supreme Council Treasurer and C-141 President Alfonse Trainis and his lovely wife Terry.

Outside in the rain was our Deep Sea Captain Walt Stachowicz offering his tasty raw clams and hot chowder. Wet Backs, All Barauskas and John Ellis were the good guys who brought food to the hungry through the rain.

Congratulations to our Council Secretary Geraldine Skuches who was awarded a fellowship to the University of New Haven. Gerri, a chemist at Upjohn, is pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. She is a graduate of Albertus Magnus College in New Haven and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and Math. Keep up the good work!

Let the good time roll! That is exactly what happened at our council picnic held at Lake Quassy in Middlebury. Highlights were an egg toss contest and the tests of wits by Jack Tysonj and Jan Barsevich. Never did find out who won!

Sister "Heavenly Stars" Arline did a great job singing Lithuanian songs with Lil Chaplik. Lil dug into her song bag for some golden oldies. Al Shurkis and Joe Akelaitis were clam tasters and gave their seal of approval. The members also took time out to roam the fairway of entertainment and rides. John Gursky even took his wife Pat on a boat ride around the lake. On parting, everyone said, "We'll have to do it again."

Naktes Peleda

C-145—Holyoke

Our first meeting after the summer break was held on September 8 at the home of our president, Nellie Ruggles. The meeting was well attended. The enthusiasm with which the members approached the fall activities was most heartening.

We received a letter of appreciation from Dr. Backis for our contribution to the building maintenance of the Lithuanian Legation.

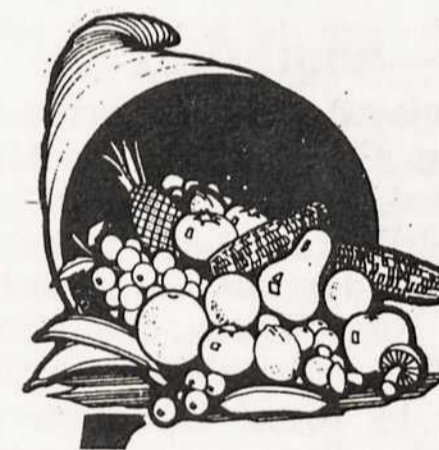
Brian Doerpholz, the apple of our eye, was awarded a scholarship from the council for continuing graduate studies at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

At this point the "big spenders" went to work on how to make money at our Christmas boutique at Wisteriahurst Museum in Holyoke. Members were urged to make craft items and to dust off their recipes for the baked goods sale. Already a handsome afghan was donated by Anna Docktor for the raffle as well as a bond by Marcella Tylunas. Many attractive items were donated to Isabelle Unsitis for her white elephant table.

Our entertainment will again be the Birzalis Dancers from Hartford. We never get enough of their colorful and professional performance. We invite all K of L members to join us on December 5 at this festive occasion.

I think the VYTIS is an excellent magazine. The diverse articles make excellent reading which I enjoy. Nice to be back.

Mary Barkowski



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-19 Pittsburgh

On Sunday, August 22, 1982, C-19 members were saddened by the passing of Stella Zoog after a short illness.

Stella was a well-liked, loyal K of L member who helped make our meetings more enjoyable by her presence. She will be missed by all of us. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

Please remember Stella in your prayers.

On September 23, we received more sad news. Our long-time devoted K of L member, Antoinette Nauyelis, passed away after a brief illness. Members attended Rosary Services led by sisters M. Francesca and M. Alverna at the funeral home. Antoinette was friendly, outgoing and well liked by all she came in contact with. She seldom missed any K of L conventions, meetings or events. Her many friends and acquaintances will most certainly miss her. We will remember her in our prayers.

On September 12, we observed quarterly communion at St. Anthony Church in Bridgeville. A meeting and brunch followed at the Carnegie Hotel Restaurant. Plans were discussed for attending the religious pilgrimage in Dayton. Car prayer day for the persecuted Lithuanians will take place at St. Casimer Church on October 13.

All members wish Andy Rozger, one of our most active members, bon voyage. Andy left for a reunion of his World War II buddies in France.

Mary H. Tamy

C-79—Southfield

C-79 enjoyed a very productive July meeting. Chairman Charles Milius presented details on the forthcoming Mid-West Bowling Tournament to be hosted by our council on May 20-22. Rita Bagdon and Charles Mitchell were installed in the First Degree by Ritual B. Janus. One hundred dollars was appropriated for the Lithuanian Legation in Washington and another \$100 was delegated for the Lithuanian Chronicle. Lietuviska aciu to our members. Maggie Smailia and Marge Nashlon hosted a delightful July social.

On Memorial Day at Divine Providence, we honored our Lithuanian Veterans, both living and deceased. Rev. Michael Kundrat of St. John Bosco Church, Rev. J. Walter Stanievich of St. Mark's Parish and Pastor V. Krisciunevicius participated in the Mass. A memorial wreath was placed at the foot of our

K of L Lithuanian Cross. Later, a super brunch was served by the Lithuanian Vets in the Cultural Center.

We deeply regret the passing of a grand lady, Julia Belickas, on June 13. Amzina atilsi sutek Julia ramybe! Our condolences to her brother, HM Tony Dainus; her sisters, Sister M. Agnes, Isabelle and Betty and their families.

The Harley Hotel was a beehive of activity as C-25 Cleveland hosted the National Convention. Remarkably interesting were the business sessions with outstanding participation by the delegates. Our delegates were President Frank Zager and his wife Sophie, Maggie Smailis, Bertha Janus, Mary Keller, Ed Bagdon and Ann Usdavinis. Rita Bagdon attended as a guest. Chip Newberry participated in the Junior Program. He was the recipient of a Junior Award for a Junior without a Junior Council and attendance as a Junior throughout the years. Bertha Janus served on the Greetings Committee and Magdalena Smailis was elevated to treasurer of the Supreme Council Ritual Committee. Congratulations to Jeanne and Joseph Yakstys and Violet Panavas who received the Fourth Degree at Sunday Mass.

At our September meeting some goals were discussed and activities planned. Nellie Milius and Bea Cramblett (C-102) provided a nice social. A big welcome was extended

to Delores Shaver, daughter of Albina & Jim Missel. Cultural Chairlady Stella Hotra gave an informative talk on Lithuanians in China. The first Lithuanian colony in Harbin was founded in the 19th century by a Lithuanian Jesuit priest, Andrew Rudamina. By 1909 Ausrios Society was formed to help immigrants with accommodations and employment. Marie Kase was appointed to serve as C-79 representative on the Divine Providence Parish Council.



Marge Nashlon and Leo Smilgis

A Family Day Picnic was held on parish grounds on August 14. Leo Smilgis won the horseshoe tourney. Marge Nashlon was the winner in the ladies dart game. Many thanks to the following committee: Joe and Jeanne Vakstys, Marge & Chester Nashlon, Marianne Newberry, Ed Sackle and Chip Newberry. A special thanks to Betty Petroski who made her delicious pot of kapustu.



Council 149 visitors, of Saginaw, Mich., at a June meeting of C-79 at Divine Prov. Cultural Center. From L-R. C. Lafferty, John Greketis, pres. of C-149 of Saginaw; Frank Zager, pres. C-79; Sophie Zarer; Ada Schmidt and Stella McLeod

Maggie Smailis chaired the annual event.

Ritual Chairman Bertha Janus installed Antoinette Baron and Michael Salas in the Second Degree; Ray Lukas and Mary Mitchell in the First Degree.



Tanya Zager, far right, with group of campers

Camp Dainava, located near Manchester, MI, was a rustic locale for over 80 children from August 8 to 15. It was the first American-Lithuanian Youth Camp for third and fourth generation of youngsters. Mrs. J. Demusis coordinated the camp and directed all activities. Vida Gogelis served as counselor of the girls. Tanya Marie Zager attended.



Mrs. Balsys, Ann Valatka, Mrs. Stoniene, Mrs. Lingiene and Mary Kazlauskas

A Senior Adult Outing at Camp Dainava was sponsored by Divine Providence on September 11. A brunch and dinner were served by Mrs. Stoniene. Bertha Janus, Maggie Smailis, Mr. & Mrs. George Kase, Ann Valatka and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zager enjoyed the outing. Mary Kazlauskas from Toledo joined the group.

Spiritual Advisor Father V. Krisciunevicius was honored on his 60th birthday at a dinner in Divine Providence on October 3. Ilgiausu metu Fr. Kris!

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“Why Me?”

by Anthony Dainus, H.M.

The Knights of Lithuania lost another member of longstanding, Julia Belickas. Perhaps one versed in scripture or dogmatic theology will be able to explain what follows.

When our council was organized a quarter of a century ago, she was a charter member and attended regularly. It was but a few years ago that our council president, Frank Zager, asked her to chair the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. She did so conscientiously.

She was also a member of the Lithuanian Women's Alliance (Moteru Sajunga) as was her mother before her. She was a junior. She belonged to the Telephone Pioneers (worked there for 31 years) Lithuanian Relief, Radio Clubs, St. Francis Convent, Dainava, etc. She wrote articles and letters to editors - following the example of her brother, Tony, who wrote about Lithuanians for 41 years.

She was a leader in donations to Divine Providence Church and to the needy. She loved little children. Perhaps that is why she helped me run kid's games at the K of L Fall Festivals.

She was shy. That is why you may not have seen her at national conventions. But she did go with me to Boston two years ago to see me receive the Honorary Membership Medal from Prof. Alexander Alexis.

She pulled about the biggest surprise of my life a year ago. When our council and the parish honored me with a banquet to formally mark my Honorary Membership in the K of L, she really surprised me in getting many of my old friends, relatives and clergy to attend. How she must have worked!

All the time - she had sensed that the handwriting was on the wall - an envelope was on her dresser for two



Julia Belickas C-79

years marked “When I die, open immediately”.

Oddly enough, exactly one week before she passed away, I took her to church because some time previous, she had requested a Mass for a “Special Intention”. She was devout. We requested many Masses, gave substantial donations to missions, charities, convents, etc. Apparently, we couldn't change the unchangeable. Hospitals - hospitals - she surely had her share of them.

What touched me once was what her hospital roommate told me. My sister was told she had a brain tumor. She said, “Why me?” and she cried her heart out. She already had had four major operations! One feels so helpless in such a situation. Why us? My big sorrow is that the moment she needed me, I wasn't there. I was at church. She died alone. How long will that memory haunt me!

She died suddenly on Sunday, June 13, 1982 at age 65, two weeks before we were to go on our annual vacation. The funeral was well attended. Masses were numerous. Four priests concelebrated her funeral Mass. She was buried next to her husband, John. She also leaves three sisters, Sister Mary Agnes (Pittsburgh Franciscan), Elizabeth Johnson and Isabelle Pavlicheck who is a member of C-79.

May she finally rest in peace!

C-86—Du Bois

On Sunday, August 22, Council 86 held its second annual picnic at the Du Bois Municipal Park. Our council provided hot dogs, hamburgers and liquids. Most of the members brought food of some type, and the selection was mighty fine. We counted nineteen members and eleven guests which made it a very successful event. Some of our guests were visiting in the Du Bois area from Cleveland and even Florida. It was nice to have them share with us. All in all, it was a marked improvement over our first affair.

We are now looking forward to our Mid-Central District Convention and Pilgrimage in Dayton. In addition to electing officers, we will hopefully have a learning experience about the duties, attitudes and responsibilities of both district and council officers. We will have a great time socializing as we always do. Our hosts of Dayton are well known for taking good care of their guests. We will especially enjoy participating in a small part of their celebration of their 50th anniversary.

We are excited about the arrangements made with the Du Bois Mall Association to have a Lithuanian display. It will be shown from November 7 until after Christmas. They have agreed to a window display of a Lithuanian Christmas tree and other artifacts we can assemble. There will also be two wall display areas. Who knows, this may be the beginning of an ethnic revival in the Du Bois area! We ask all the readers to say a prayer for the success of this project.

Tomas

C-96—Dayton

A very special event took place on April 24. C-96 members joined together to celebrate our council's Golden Anniversary. It was truly an eventful time. We began with Mass at 6 P.M. at Holy Cross. We were led into church by our flag bearers, John A. Berczelly and Joe P. Mantz; Cross Bearer was George



Members of C-86, DuBois, at Second Annual Picnic

Mikalauskas III. Altar boys were our Juniors. Readers were Ray Steinbrunner in English, Stefanija Rastikis in Lithuanian. Special prayers were read by Chris Mantz. Offertory bearers were Joe E. Mantz and Fran Petkus. Organist was Julius Rastikis and usher was Stan Kavy. The homily was delivered by K of L National President, Loretta Stukas. It was truly inspiring, relating to what the Knights have done and are doing in the fight to free Lithuania.

The Semi-formal Dinner Dance was held at the Marriott Inn. Fr. Vaclovas Katarskis led us in prayer, remembering those members who are not with us but without them our council would not be celebrating this joyous occasion — our deceased. MC for the evening was multi-talented Elinor Sluzas. Chairman for the event, Joe E. Mantz, introduced the guests of honor and read greetings. President Eleanor Mantz gave a touching talk. National President Stukas was the main speaker. Her kind words and information on our council's background was tremendous. Tribute was paid to our four charter members — HM Mary Lucas, Bernadette Noreikas, Veronika Omlor and Marie Preidis. Also introduced were HM Stanley Vaitkus, council members on the MCD and Supreme Council Boards, and representatives of parish organizations. The committee must be thanked for the fine job they did putting this function together.

According to tradition, Mothers' Day was celebrated with the Juniors holding their Annual May Crowning of our Blessed Mother. Breakfast followed in the church hall. We thank HM Mary Lucas, Junior Advisor and Assistant Elaine Pacovsky for the fine breakfast and program. Elaine came up with a new idea as a Mother's Day gift. She had caricatures of each Junior and their favorite activity painted on cards. Really sharp!

We congratulate the parish's Lithuanian Cultural Committee for the great job they did at Dayton's 9th Annual World A'Fair. Special thanks go to Co-chairpersons Mary Lucas and Elinor Sluzas plus Gus and Mary Ann Blum and Judy Petrokas. Sally Miller manned the Christmas decoration booth with Mary Lucas, Aldona Ryan, Greg Blum and Juniors Frank Ambrose, Brian Fletcher took charge of the egg decorating booth. It was good to see so many Knights helping.

Congratulations to HM Mary Lucas and her committee of Ada Ada Sinkwitz, Elaine Pacovsky and Kitty Prasmentas on the success of our participation in Dayton's CCA program. Income was not as great as last year, but we were in the top ten.

Aldona & Joe Ryan returned from the Spring MCD Convention and Mid-West Bowling Tournament with high praise for the fine hospitality of the host council — Chicago. Much to our regret, this is

the first time in many years C-96 did not have a team or more delegates in attendance. We extend our congratulations to C-102 Detroit for coming in first place.

Congratulations to our two graduates from high school Vida Gecas and Annamarie Sluzis have been K of L'ers since they were nine and are now in the regular council. Vida is Layout Editor for Vytis and plans to study communications at UD. Annamarie will make her career in the business world.



Annamarie Sluzas

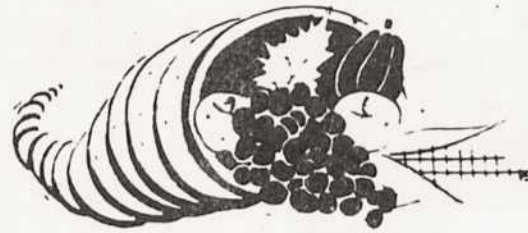
Under the leadership of Cultural Chairman Marie Preidis, classes have begun in Lithuanian Christmas ornaments for our annual participation in Dayton's Holiday Hello in December. Council members in conjunction with the Year of the Lithuanian Parish participate in the Lithuanian Mass every third Sunday. Hosting the Koffee Klutch in August was Chris Mantz, assisted by Eleanor Mantz and Sue Mantz Smiley. For September Elena Poderys was hostess.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Brother Geroge (Petkevicius) Petcavage. We shall miss his smiling face at the conventions. May his soul rest in peace.

The Cincinnati Diocese lost a

great leader when Most Rev. Joseph Bernardin was transferred to the Chicago Diocese. We in the Lithuanian lost a great friend. Archbishop Bernardin was most sympathetic to Lithuanian problems. Our loss is Chicago's gain.

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Mid-America District

Our K of L Dancers continued to perform during the summer months. They danced at the Lithuanian Day Festival in Marquette Park. The group, under the leadership of Frank Zapolis, has grown in numbers and always represents the Knights of Lithuania in good fashion.

The K of L Choir had a summer recess but is back in full swing with a special concert performance with Algerd Brazis as soloist for St. Anthony's Church in Cicero as part of the Year of the Lithuanian Parish activities. Choir Director Faustas Strolia and President Sabina Klatt have many plans for the coming year.

Condolences to C-38 President Theresa Balciunas on the death of her father.

Our Annual K of L Day July 4th Picnic was a grand success due to the efforts of many members. President Vince Samaska and Board President Algerd Brazis were the generals in charge. Vince handled the kitchen arrangements, capably assisted by Sabina Klatt and her crew of workers. Al handled the bar arrangements assisted by Al Zakarka and Clemente Vidzius and their capable barmaids and bartenders. Gerry Mack and Monica Kasper handled the Prize Booth; Al Mockus, the Horse Game; Stephanie Jonutis and others, the admissions. The biggest money-maker, the Raffle, was under the direction of Irene Sankus and Al Brazis and their many workers and



Knights of Lithuania MAMD District commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the death of their benefactor, the late DAN KURAITIS, with a service and placing of a wreath. Pictured: (kneeling) Eleanor Kasputis and Algerd Brazis, (standing) Estelle Rogers, John Paukstis, the Rev. John Savukynas MIC, Irene Sankus and Aldona Brazis.

(Photo: Jean Janula)

sellers. Top seller again was our leader Al Brazis, with Bob Gawryla of C-36, Clemente Vidzius of the Chicago Seniors, and Ed Deksnis of C-112 as runner-ups. A special thank you to the mother of Susan Bolanos of C-112 for her generosity in donating the top prize, a trip for two to the Bahamas. Other main prize donors were Standard Federal Savings, Frank Zogas of Midland Savings, Algerd Brazis and John Paulstis. Our appreciation to each and everyone who donated a prize or participated in the raffle and picnic.

Due to the efforts of Civic Affairs Chairman Sabina Klatt and President Vince Samaska, the Captive Nations Rally in Chicago had good K of L representation.

Our District was well represented at the 69th National Convention in Cleveland with the following representatives: MAMD — Anne Marie Kassel and Irene Sankus;

Chicago Juniors — Thomas Strolia and John Strolis; **Chicago Seniors** — HM Adele Gabalis, Kazimiera Petrusis, Clemente Vidzius and Jerome Jankus; **C-36** — John Paukstis, Vincent Samaska, Ann Marie Kassel, Georgianne Kassel, Paul Strolia, Sabina Klatt and Scottie Zukas; **C-38 Kenosha** — Theresa Balciunas and Jean Davis; **C-112** — Paul Binkis Jr, Mary Juzenas, Eleanor Kasputis and Estelle Rogers; **C-117 Darien** — Rev. John Savukynas MIC.

Congratulations to the following District members; Georgianne Kassel and Paul Strolia who each received \$1000 Scholarships, Kazimiera Petrusis who was elevated to Honorary Membership, Sabina Klatt and Scottie Zukas who received the Fourth Degree, John Paukstis who received a special Membership Award for enrolling over 100 members and whose Council was the first in our organization to reach a membership of over 300, Tomas Strolia and John Strolia who have both received Junior Conventionships.

District members served on the following committees; Paul Strolia, Sergeant at Arms; Irene Sankus, Nominating; Paul Binkis Jr. and Mary Juzenas, Resolutions; Ann Marie Kassel, Sabina Klatt, Georgianne Kassel, Mandate; Scottie Zukas, Greetings. A good record for the Mid-America District.

Members elected to National Office are Ann Marie Kassel, National Financial Secretary; Irene Sankus, Public Relations; Paul Binkis Jr., Trustee; Rev. John Savukynas MIC continues on Scholarship Committee; John Narusis reappointed as Legal Advisor. Congratulations to all!

Our special appreciation to Charles Machutas and our C-25 hosts for their hospitality during the convention and especially for their generosity in permitting the Chicagoans to take over their suite for a Champagne Party for our newest and most deserving Honorary Member, Kazimiera Petrusis.



Knights of Lithuania members at the annual Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce banquet honoring Frank Zapolis for his work with the Lithuanian youth and culture. Seated: Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, honoree Frank Zapolis and wife, Eleanor, Consul General Josephine Dauzvardis, Lorraine Svelnis and Dolores Wainasukas. (Standing, 1st row: Vincent Samaska, State Senator Frank Savickus, Irene Sankus, Frank Svelnis, C. Vertelka, Susan Bolanos, Alderman Frank Brady, R. Vertelka, Jr. (Standing, rear row) Paul Binkis, Jr., Joseph Stanaitis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Molis, A. Walen, Gerlad Vertelka. Raymond Vertelka.

(Photo Jonas Tamulaitis)

The K of L Golf Tournament was held in conjunction with the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce. K of L winners were Irene Macke and Dave Gaides Jr.

President Vince Samaska and others represented us at the Special Mass and Picnic held in Chicago's Grant Park for our new Archbishop Joseph Bernardin.

To commemorate the fifth anniversary of the death of our K of L benefactor Dan Kuraitis, district members placed a wreath on his grave and had a memorial service conducted by Rev. John Savukynas MIC. Father John also said a special Mass in memory of Mr. Kuraitis.

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CHICAGOS VYČIŲ CHORAS

Chicagos Vyčių Choras turėjo veiklius metus, net buvo kviečiamas atlikti dainų programas įvairiomis progomis.

Chicagoje veikia lietuvių kultūros muziejus, kuriam vadovauja St. Balzekas, Jr. Jis užsimojo lietuvių kalbos kursų programai įrašyti į magnetofonines

juostas lietuviškų dainų. Šiomis juostelėmis galėtų pasinaudoti lietuvių kalbos dėstytojai. Tam tikslui pakviestas vyčių choras birželio 16 d. įdainavo vienuolika lietuvių kompozitorių dainų: "Ko liūdi sesele", "Laisvės aidai", "Gimtinė", "Oi kada", "Jveža mane iš namų", "Susikalbėjo", "Palankėj", "Nuausiu juostą", "Žiema bėga", "Namo, namo", "Susikalbėjo", "Palankėj", "Nuausiu juostą", "Žiema bėga", "Namo, namo" ir Lietuvos himną. Dirigavo Faustas Strolia, pianinu palydėjo Darius Polikaitis, o gitaromis pritarė Tomas ir Paulius Strolios. Po trijų valandų įtempto darbo ponas Balzekas visus pakvietė į savo namus vaišėms.

Už dviejų dienų, birželio 18 tą, Chicagos Vyčių Choras buvo pakviestas atlikti dainų metinės programos liūdnujų birželio įvykių minėjime Jaunimo Centro kavinėje. Programoje dalyvavo ir poetas K. Bradūnas su savo kūryba.

Po savaitės, birželio 24-tą choras savo darbo sezoną užbaigė jaukiu pobūviu Vyčių salėje. Jame Faustas Strolia dėkojo choristams

už pasiaukojimą ir repeticijose sugaištą laiką. Padėkojo choro valdybos pirmininkei Sabinai Klatt ir kitiems valdybos nariams už darnų dendradarbiavimą, padėkojo ir solistui Algirdui Braziui bei jo žmonai Aldonai už nuolatinę paramą choro veikloje. Pasidžiaugė, kad vyčių choras padėjo jo parapijos chorui giedoti Septynių Kristaus žodžių kantatą. Kitais metais ta kantata būsianti giedama lietugiškai. Kadangi buvo Joninės, tai dviem Jonams (Stroliai ir Henson), o taip pat ir Vandai Urbonienei vardinių proga buvo padainuota "Ilgiausių metų", o po to ir Petru Gagle nes ir Petrinės buvo netoli. Choro valdybos pirmininkė Sabina Klatt padėkojo visiems už atsilankymą į šį pobūvį ir už uolų repeticijų lankymą. Irena Sankutė Centro Valdybos vardu įteikė padėkos lapus choro vadovui Faustui Stroliai, soistui Algirdui Braziui, Aldonai Brazienei, ir visiems choristams už programos atlikimą Springfield parodoje.

Po to visas choras buvo nufotografuotas ir dar ilgai vaišinosi. Vaišės paruošė Sabina Klatt, Elzė Žibaitė ir Elena Kodis. Nuotaiką kėlė ir bendros dainos, kurioms akordeonu pritarė iats choro vadovas Faustus Strolia.

A.P.B.

C-36 and C-112— Chicago Juniors

We welcome John and Cathy Svelnis to our council.

The Mid-America Bowling Tournament was held in Chicago in May. Juniors who bowled were John and Matthew Strolia, Paul Skudra, Irene Juraitis, John and Cathy Svelnis, Michelle Rogers, Denise Zakarka and Jeff and Debbie McKenzie.

The winners were Jeff McKenzie of C-139 Detroit and Irene Juraitis of Chicago.



VYČIU CHORAS L. *tor.* Aldona Gily, Gediminas Janula, Genevieve Stitilis, behind - Al Zakarka, Ellie Kesputis, behind - Al Matulis, Theresa Strolia, Pete Gagle, John Strolia, Betty Žibas, Al Brazis, Sabina Klatt - President, Faustus Strolia - Director, Ann Marie Kassel, Apolinaras Bagdonas
Not present but received awards:
Antanas Badauskas, Virginia Buzenas, Stasys Cepas, Salomeja Dauliene, Jonas Aukščiūnas, Antanas Marma, Ona Naureckas, Estelle Rogers, Laima Stitilis, Julie Zakarka, Stasys Stasiūnas.

Wendy Bruzgas of C-86 DuBois was a guest.

Hope you all had fun bowling!
Paul Skudra

C-36—Chicago

Eighty-three members attended the June meeting. Keep on coming and have a voice in all decisions.

Rev. Vincent Daugintas gave an inspirational talk. The attendance award, a Timex wrist watch, was won by Tony Samaska who deserves it because he played his concertina at the Roast for Vince. After the meeting, President Paukstis was honored at a surprise birthday party with cake and coffee.



John Paukstis, C-36 President, celebrates a birthday as well as attaining his goal of 300 members strong in June. Rev. Vincent Daugintas, Mrs. Paukstis, President John Ray Wertelka, Chairlady Irene Norushis, Lucille Kilkus, Mary Kincius



President John Paukstis presented Knights of Lithuania, Brighton Park, Council 36 T-shirts to the Liths Soccer Club, John Kulys, Club President and Gediminas Bielskus, Director

We are proud of Georgianna Kassel who made her debut at the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club Annual Amber Ball on June 26. It was an enchanting evening with John Kilkus and Tom Strolia serving as her escorts.

Another successful IID picnic was held on July 4. Vince Samaska served as co-chairman. Other members who worked at the picnic were Kazimiera Petruelis, Mary and Justin Kincius, Sabina Klatt, Sharon Martinaitis, Joanna Zelvis, Laime Kolch, Emily Pakalmiskis, Ann Sliteris, Wanda Urboniene, Betty Zibas, Ann Marie and Georgianna Kassel, Ruth Kazlauskas, Walter Kalvaitis, Joe Martikonis, and Jerome Jankus.

Ellie Kasputis, IID Second Vice President, presented John Paukstis with the first-place award for writing the largest number of members. Joseph Kuly and Joe Martikonis won second and third place, respectively.

Bob Gawryle proudly carried the American Flag and Kazimiera Petrueliene the Lithuanian in the Captive Nations Rally at Richard Daley Center.

Regina Dinkaitis won the travel clock while Joanna Zelvis was awarded a pocket radio at the July meeting. We had a special treat of "Pork Chop Kugeli" from Anita and John Bosas, owners of AJAY'S Lithuanian Cuisine. Thank you!

C-36 sponsored T-shirts for the Liths Soccer Team. Keep K of L in the limelight at Marquette Park.

Convention reports were given at the August meeting. Ann Marie and Georgianna Kassel as well as Sabina Klatt served on the Mandate Committee. Scottie Zukas was on the Greetings Committee and Paul Strolia was Sergeant-at-Arms. Congratulations to HM Kazimiera Petrueliene! John Paukstis received the first-place Supreme Council Membership Award. Georgianna Kassel and Paul Strolia received Scholarship Awards of \$1000. John and Tom Strolia were awarded Junior Conventionships. Betty Zukas and Sabina Klatt were installed in the Fourth Degree.

In addition to the above-mentioned, Vince Samaska, Jerome Jankus and Bernice Pupnik were C-36 delegates.

Renee Rorsberg won the August

attendance award.

Congratulations to Maria Klatt who was awarded a \$1000 State of Illinois Scholarship.

Space does not permit individually listing all new members, but the Knights of Lithuania extends a hearty welcome to 134 new readers from C-36 to VYTIS.

Sabina Klatt

C-112—Chicago

Our council held a Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church in Lithuania at Nativity BVM Church with our Spiritual Advisor Cannon V. Zakarauskas making the arrangements. Our appreciation to him and also our prayers for his speedy recovery from a serious illness.

The District's Annual K of L Day Picnic was again a great success due to the efforts of all members who participated. C-112 workers included Irene Sankus, Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Gerry Mack, Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Mary Juzenas, Al & Julie Zakarka, Al & Ruth Dagis, Yolanda Kausis, Elly Kasputis, Aldona Gylys, Al Mockus, Monica Kasper, LaVerne

Wopereis, Alice Cekanor, Mary Mathes, Eleanore Laurin, Emilija Pakalniskis, Kazys Rozankas, Antoinette Paskauskas, Anna Sliteris and our Florida member, Emily Petraitis.

A special Board meeting was held in July to cover our fall activities. Elly Kasputis, our hostess, entertained us royally.

Congratulations to Rev. John Savukynas who recently organized Council 117 in Darien and Eleanor Kasputis who completed a successful District Membership Drive.

Belated congratulations to Albert Cekanor who received a special Senior Citizen of Chicago Award. Al is council trustee and works for all events with his wife Alice, our hard-working financial secretary.

Congratulations to Adele Zunas who was appointed to the prestigious board of the National Society of Arts and Letters and was reappointed to the board of the Illinois Opera Guild.

State Senator Frank Savicas and 15th Ward Alderman Frank Brady, both council members, participated in Ethnic Days sponsored by the City of Chicago in Marquette Park. Estelle Rogers led the public in singing of Lithuanian songs and was joined by Mayor Jane Byrne.

Our council was well represented at the 69th National Convention in Cleveland. President Paul Binkis Jr. served on the Resolution Committee and was re-elected to another term as National Trustee. Irene Sankus, representing the District, served as chairman of the Nominating Committee and was re-elected as National Public Relations Officer. Mary Juzenas served on the Resolution Committee. Eleanor Kasputis and Estelle Rogers were shining examples of K of L hospitality.

Camp Dainava in Manchester, MI, was the site of an English-speaking Lithuanian Heritage Week. Our council was represented by Kathy Svelnis and Denise Zakarka. Both report they had a great time and that the Strolia Family of C-36 — Faustas, Terry, Paul, Tomas, John and Matthew — were

instrumental in making the camp a success.

During the week-long events welcoming Chicago's new Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, Saulius Kuprys, our member who represented the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation as National President, attended one of the special Masses at Holy Name Cathedral.

It was a sad moment when Sister Angela of the Sisters of St. Casimir's Mother House was transferred to Holland, PA. As sister stated, she was going back home. We will miss her but look forward to seeing her at the National Convention in Phillie, Sister's home council.



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-29—Newark

Council 29 hosted by MAD Convention at Holy Trinity Lithuanian Church Hall on June 6. President Larry Janonis presided. Msgr. John Scharnus, Spiritual Advisor C-29, opened the meeting with a prayer. President Kaczys Sipaila welcomed the delegates.

District Ritual Chairperson Jovita Sleder, assisted by Ann Adomenas and President Janonis, installed five members in the Third Degree. The Mandate Committee reported a total of 120 in attendance. Reports were given on the highly successful Lithuanian Festival and Leadership Seminar. Council 63, Lehigh Valley, was welcomed into membership. Council 118, Hazleton, was congratulated on their reorganization efforts. Adele Dausickas and Dale Bulvicius were named MAD Delegate to the National Convention.

Bernice Aviza along with eight council representatives presented an impressive Commemoration of the Deportation of the Lithuanians to Siberia. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Father Bulovas and the singing of the Vyčiu Himnas. A hot and cold buffet was served by the Refreshments Committee, chaired by Betty Luciw and Walter Brazaitis.

On June 17 we were saddened by the demise of our beloved Assistant Pastor Rev. Vladas Karalavicius known to all as Father Karal. Please offer a prayer for the happy repose of his soul.

Our final meeting of the season with President Sipaila presiding was held June 20. Albinas Zukauskas, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, gave a stimulating talk on the untrue propaganda coming from Lithuania. As evidence, he passed around a book containing photographs depicting the atrocities suffered by the Lithuanians. They were shocking!

Congratulations to the following eleven members who were installed in the First Degree by Ritual Chairman Viola Skripata: Jurgis Balbota, Sophie Drazdauskas, Joan Kubicky, Frances Kasper, Joseph Loviekas, Jennie Miklasavige, Nellie Nechiporuk, Kotryna Staneviciute, Brone Venckus, Josephine and Leonard Wadeyka. Refreshments were served by Walter and Marge Brazaitis who were celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Rita Sussko

C-74—Scranton

A Lithuanian Pig Roast and Keg Party for all paid-up members was held at the home of Marie and Richard Laske. An 85-lb. pig and many delicious ethnic foods were served.

Ann Huffstutler and Ann Galenas greeted the guests and pinned them with pig name cards made by Helen Roginski's son who is an art teacher. Decorations were created by Helen Roginski, Ann Lisowski and Ann Ulinowski.



C-74 Scranton Lithuanian Pig Roast and Keg Party

Marie Laske was mistress of ceremonies. A beautiful dance was performed by Patsy Simms and Ann Riccardo with Ona Matulevich on the Kankle. Casmier Yanish and Ann Dudewicz did a Hawaiian "Noriu Miego." A Mexican Hat Dance featured Ed Ramonouskas and Rose Stanches. Ann Galenas, Pranas Shimkus, Casmier Yanish, Joseph Saibaitis and Edward Tamosaitis led the Lithuanian sing-along.

Irene Shimkus distributed ruta seeds which her father brought from Lithuania to all the gardeners for a bit of Lithuania. Richard Laske served everyone their favorite "gerimas."

Gifts were presented to Bette Tamosaitis for being such a loyal hostess at our monthly meetings and Marie Laske for hosting the get-together and her many kindnesses during the year.

Council 74 has many terrific cooks. There was an abundance of food and merriment. This event will be something to be long remembered. As President Tamosaitis put it, "It was like a family outing."



C-74 Scranton Lithuanian Pig Roast and Keg Party
Members of C-74 Scranton with President Tamosaitis presented the gifts at the Lithuanian Mass on St. Ann's Day during the Novena to St. Ann at the Passionist Monastery with Rev. Clement Kasinkas as celebrant. Marija Choir of Schuylkill County, under the direction of Stanley Vaicaitis, sang the Mass. Rev. Peter Alisauskas said the Stations of the Cross in Lithuanian. Marie Laske, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, chaired the celebration.



Mrs. Anna Ramanauskas

Mrs. Anna Ramanauskas, a member of our council, recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. She was born in Dyviliskuis Kaima, emigrated to America in 1907 and married that same year. She became the mother of ten children, five of whom are living. Widowed in 1950, she has 22 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Ramanauskas was one of the first members of St. Joseph Lithuanian Church which was just being built when she arrived in the USA. Ona, ilgiausiu metu!

Jule Grady

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

In June members participated in a Lithuanian Mass held by Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert K. Baltch. The theme of his homily was the Lithuanian parish and the call of the youth to priesthood.

Delegate Bernice Aviza's report on the Mid-Atlantic District Convention in Newark was read. An article on Amber was read by Co-Cultural Chairman Regina Kot.

Junior President Michael Mikolaitis was congratulated on being chosen one of four boys to represent the Amsterdam American



Stations of the Cross - Rev. Joseph Grabys, Watervliet, N.Y., leader of prayers and National V.P. Frank Petrauskas



Polly Ziausys, Aleksandra Gerutis, John Kot, Philip Skabeikas, and Regina Kot



Auriesville, N.Y. - Helen Hugo, Marija Vizgaitis, Sophie Olbie



C-100 Sept. meeting celebration of birthday of Rev. Anthony Grigaitis l.r. Anthony Radzevich, Rev. John Jancius, Rev. Grigaitis, Peter Hayes, Eleanor Olechowski and Ann Radzevich

Legion Posts at Boys State and the State University at Morrisville. He was also presented the Pope Pius XII Award in Scouting.

Rev. Baltch showed slides on his recent trip to the Holy Land.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of our deceased Second Degree member Leo Dansevitch and Leonard Olechowski, husband of our council's secretary.

A congratulatory cake was presented by the refreshment committee of Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich, Sadie Karbocius, Jennie Burimaukas and Helen Radzevich to three members: Fr. Baltch who observed 33 years in the priesthood, Fr. Anthony Grigaitis on his Feast Day and President Radzevich on his Feast Day and Birthday.

We extend our condolences to Peter and Charlotte Sargalis on the recent death of Charlotte's father, Alexander Cosey. May he rest in peace!

Amsterdam's first K of L scholarship recipient, Daniel Kabasin, now senior project engineer at Rochester Products, General Motors Corporation, was married on June 5 to JoAnna B. Keane at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Colden. We wish Dan and his bride much happiness in their wedded life.

Smile & Sparkle

C-118—Hazleton

Welcome C-118 to VYTIS Council Activities!

Our council reorganized and hopefully we intend to grow and promote our Lithuanian heritage.

On the Feast Day of Sts. Peter & Paul, our Spiritual Advisor Father Dastick held Mass and installed our officers. The First Degree was conferred on all members.

The following are serving as officers: Rev. John J. Dastick, Spiritual Advisor; Albert Launikonis, President; John S. Lapinsky, Vice President; Doris Shanahan, Recording Secretary; Julia Solonski, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Sorrowfully, we report the loss of Miss Helene Casper, our first valuable member, who passed away on July 4. May she rest in peace!

J S L

C-143—Pittston

A Kucios supper, a Lithuanian Christmas Eve tradition, will be held on December 12 at St. Casimir's Church.

Rev. Peter J. Alisaukas is spiritual advisor and honorary chairperson. Leo Butsavage is chairperson and will be assisted by the following members: Ann

Challan, Helen Butsavage, Alice & John Puscavage, Rosemary & Adam Montville, Gene and Charles Dajnowski, Frances Evans, Paul & Marie Lauck, Ann & William Daileda, Grace Kazacavage, Mary Timek, Mary Makalusky, Adele Brooks, Anna Davala, Casimir & Carol Kizis, Chip & Marian Chepalis, Margaret Zukauskas, Joseph Tuncavage, Nellie Bayoras, Dorothy Banos, Helen & John Wisnosky, Jack & Helen Piragus, Anna Kyaystis, Agnes Kishel, Anna Marie Sewatsky, Phil & Marcella Bartoli, Casimir & Rosalie Kizis, Catherine Cremard, Mildred Walsh, Alberta Walsh, Frances Orlando, Mary Stononis, John & Stella Wasser, Eva Richards, Mary Burdett, Paul Patrick, Attorney Ronald Kamage, Ann Walatkas, and Julie Farrell.

Alice Puscavage



Leo Butsavage, chairperson, C-143, Pittston, Kucios Supper

C-144—Anthracite Council

Labai dekojam Lietuviu Dienos Komitetui, Chariman Carlitus and Co-chairman Cebulskie, for the wonderful job they did on the 68th Annual Lithuania Day. The banquet was a tremendous success. The



C-144 - Anthracite Council. Presentation of 1982 Lithuanian Man and Woman of the Year Awards. Joseph Yezulinas, Stanley Vaicaitis, Anna Klizas Wargo, Bernice Mikatavage

entertainment by the Harmonija Quartet and Soloist Nerija Linkus-Kasparas highlighted the evening. The presentations by President Joe Yezulinas to Stanley Vaicaitis as Lithuanian Man of the Year and Bernice Mikatavage to Anna Klizas Wargo as Lithuanian Woman of the Year were impressive. Father Bartkus was just marvelous as MC. It was truly a beautiful evening.

St. Casimir surely looked down on us for the celebration at Lakewood. The weather was perfect and over 20,000 people attended, the largest crowd in many years. Our Junior Knights from New Philadelphia, under the leadership of Rita Shevokis, were delightful. Everyone enjoyed the Liepsna Dancers from Elizabeth, NJ. Thanks to the Zarija Choir for their performance. It was a weekend to remember.

The official opening of our Cultural Center was held on November 14. Stanley Vaicaitis chaired the banquet and blessing ceremonies. Thanks to Bill Remus, our talented woodcarver who presented a sculpture of the Lithuanian Wolf. Members donated old and new Lithuanian artifacts. The Lithuanian library at Kent State donated duplicates of books from

their library. Rita Shevokis completed the music room. Helen Ambrose is in charge of the gift shop.

At the October meeting, officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed as follows: Rev. Algimantas Bartkus, Spiritual Advisor; Joseph Yezulinas, President; Mary Gustus, Vice President; Alma Linder, Recording Secretary; Anna Radzavage, Financial Secretary; Helen Ambrose, Treasurer and Stanley Vaicaitis, Trustee.

Ona

C-146—Harrisburg

Council 146 participated in the fifth annual International Fair held on Market Street in Center City Harrisburg on September 25. Music, food, drama and dancing representing a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds was featured at booths and stages lining the street.

The fair opened with a parade. Nell Berulis and Frances Boyle carried the council banner. Lithuanian Flagbearer Boyle proudly led the members under the supervision of Joanna & George Gilbert. Elsie Kosmisky, Ann Zaldaris, Susan Banditelli, Anna Radzavage, Beatrice Wasley, Helen Ambrose and Helen Chesko represented Anthracite Council.

Not only the aroma of breenies but also the colorful Lithuanian costumes attracted many people to our K of L Booth. Unfamiliar with this Lithuanian delicacy, many sampling them requested recipes. Other Lithuanian goodies were also available.

In addition to the above-mentioned members, President Povilaitis was assisted by Jeffrey Gilbert, Helen Wysocki, Fab Matalonis, Lorraine Grabauskas, Lillian Marazas, Joan Suders, Allison Turner, Sharon Rekus, Vity & Helen Grabauskas and none other than John & Stephany Povilaitis, his parents.

It was a day of fun when we celebrated our special differences and rediscovered our similarities.

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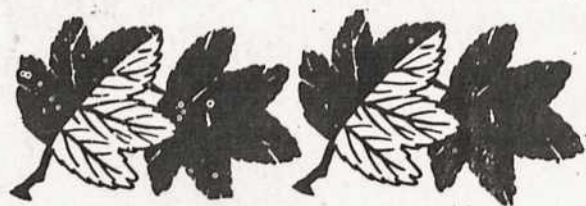
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