

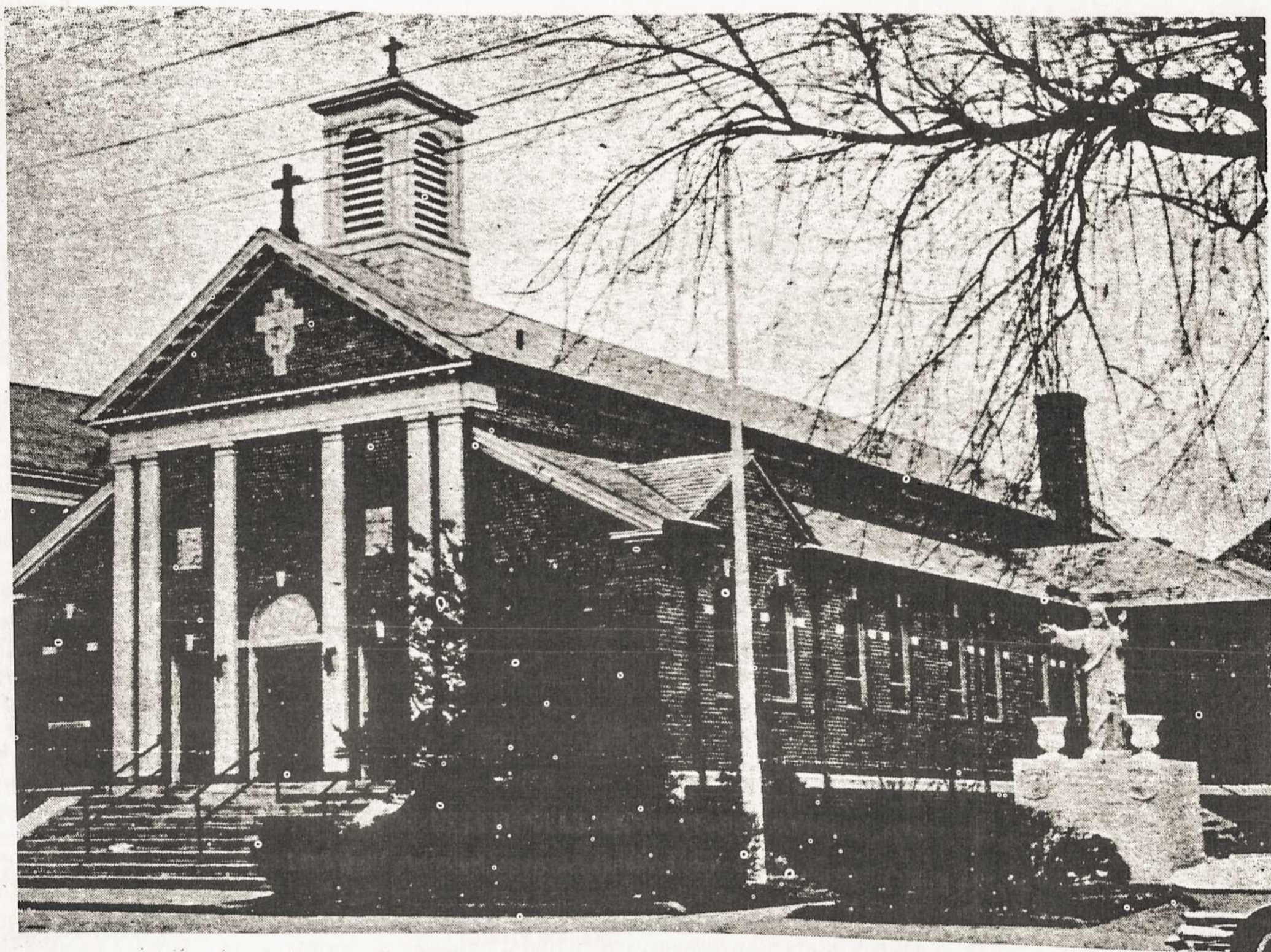
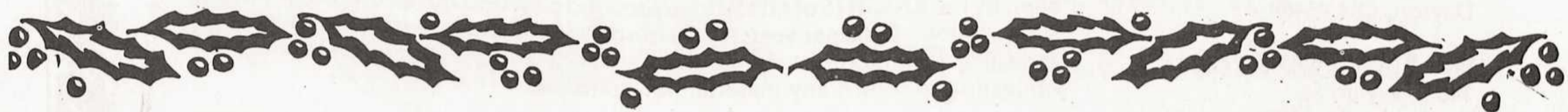
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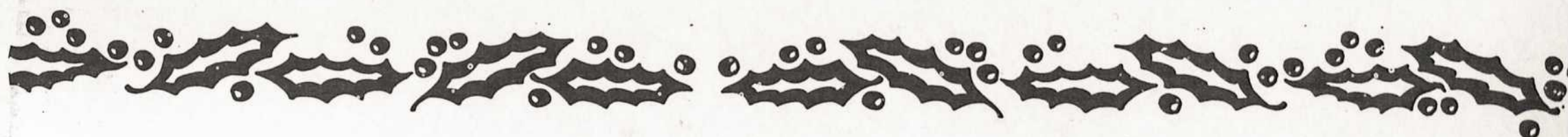
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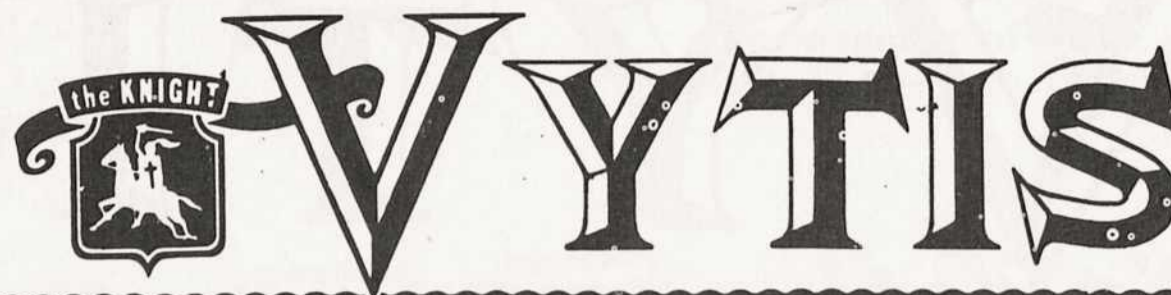
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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

St. Casimir's Church

Prov., R.I.,

by Phil Carter

On November 18, 1980, Father Martinkus died of a heart attack while shoveling snow.

December 2, 1980 — vandals broke into the church, but no great damage resulted in terms of money. A statue was broken, poor boxes ransacked, a brass candlestick holder was used to break the panel in the door leading to the choir, where the organ was damaged.

Father Maknys, who was retired, took over after Father Martinkus died until a replacement could be found. A search was on in Mass. and Conn. Father Val was asked to take over during the funeral. At that time he did not give an answer. He was a professor at a college in Conn.

December 11, 1980 an urgent meeting was held at St. Casimir's Church Hall to determine the future of the parish. Bishop Angell had called this meeting of parish members because of "special circumstances" surrounding the 71 year old ethnic parish, the only Lithuanian parish in the state. He confirmed that one possibility could be a merger of St. Casimir's with St. Patricks, two blocks away. More than 250 people attended this meeting. Television reporters from both the Catholic and local press were there. Many who could not come sent messages of support.

They expressed their feelings and did not want to merge with St. Patricks, but would try to find a Lithuanian priest.

Meanwhile, in another development, Jean Pike, chairwoman of the subcommittee of the R.I. Heritage Commission, declared that any attempt to shut down St. Casimir's — or even merge with another parish would be a disaster for the state's Lithuanians.

December 15, 1980 an Ad Hoc Committee of the Friends of St. Casimir's Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church was formed to offer assistance to the Diocese of Providence in its stated objective to maintain St. Casimir's as a Lithuanian parish. Mrs. Aldona Kairys was chairwoman of the committee. She wrote and met with Bishop Louis E. Gelineau stating our needs and our goals.

In desperation, Tony Bader of North Providence made a long distance call to Father Val who was teaching at a college in Conn. He was one of many who tried. Father Val, as he is called, accepted with the permission and blessing of Bishop Reily of Conn. and another Bishop, a native of Providence who is known to many of our parish as Bishop Angell of Providence.

Father Valdermar M. Cukuras S.T.D. Doctorate of Sacred Theology from the Gregorian

University in Rome and Philosophy from the Angelican University taught at many colleges and universities. Among them were Wesleyan Univ. and Amhurst College where he taught Lithuanian and literature. He also was chairman of the philosophy department and wrote many articles in Lithuanian to many papers and magazines.

What a change has taken place since he has been with us, a little over a year. He has met and talked to those who left the parish and moved to other churches to come back. He fixed up the rectory and modernized the bookkeeping system. Attendance has increased between 50 and 60 percent since he came to St. Casimir's. Next project is to paint the church. He buys fuel oil at \$1.00 per gallon. He is very precise.

Membership has increased in the K of L. Parishioners are giving more in their budgets. Ethnics of other backgrounds are joining. Yes — St. Casimir's is well and getting better all the time. Many thanks to Aggie Waitonis and husband Joe for the work that both have done with all the dinners and banquets that Aggie chaired. My apologies that others who have done so much that your names are not mentioned. Thanks to all who were deeply concerned and worked so diligently. Thanks to Father Val, we love you. But most of all Thank God.



Džiaugkimės ir giedokim, Jėzui garbę atiduokim

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL
AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU**

SVEIKINAME SU

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**As we celebrate this Christmas Season
let us remember to pray for
our Lithuania and for her people that
they soon will be free.**

**Let us especially remember
our adopted Parishes!**

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Hallelujah

**We exult in the glory of the
Birth of Our Lord.**

KALÉDOS

Anna Klizas Wargo

The most important holiday of the year for all Lithuanians was "Kalédos" Christmas. It was a holiday of quiet joy and hope, the celebration of the birth of Christ.

The advent weeks preceding the Christmas holidays were times of fasting and prayer. There was no merrymaking during these days. They were spent in contemplation of the coming of the Savior. During this time, the homes were thoroughly cleaned. By Christmas Eve, all the work was done and preparations for the holiest day of the year began.

The day before Christmas, "Kucios" only work concerned with the Christmas season was done. Christmas Eve was a day of complete fasting. After all the chores were done, the members of the family bathed and dressed in their holiday best.

When the first star appeared in the sky, Kučios, the Christmas Eve Supper, began. The table was covered with a hand-loomed white linen cloth under which was placed sweet, fresh hay, a reminder of how the Christ Child was born. A crucifix and a plate of plotkeles (Christmas Wafers) was placed in the center of the table. There was always a vacant place left at the table for an unexpected guest (perhaps the Christ Child.)

The head of the family began the meal with a prayer of thanksgiving for past blessings and a wish that the family remain intact for another year. He broke and shared the plotkeles with each member of the family, and they, in turn, with each other. All wished each other good luck, good health and prosperity.

The "kučios" meal then began. The meal consisted of at least twelve foods (commemorating the twelve apostles). Among these were kiselius (oatmeal pudding), fish (usually pike and herring), slizikai (hard baked small dumplings) served with poppy seed milk (aguonu pienus), red beet soup, mushrooms, sauer kraut salad, and prunes. The meal was generally finished with fruit and nuts.

After dinner, prophecies were made from shadows as to how long one would live. In some places, straws were drawn from under the tablecloth to determine the length of life. The single girls ran out and took a pile of firewood. When they were counted, if they had an even amount they would marry in the next year; if an odd amount, they would remain single for another year.

Food was left overnight on the table because the dead may come to visit their home or Christ may come.

After the "Kučios" meal, the family exchanged their Christmas gifts. When this had all been completed, the entire family would attend the "Berneliu Misios"



(Shepherd's Mass). After Mass, they would greet all their neighbors and friends and return home to a sumptuous breakfast.

Christmas Day was spent at home, singing carols and enjoying good food. The Christmas Feast included many meats some of which were ham, suckling pig, roast goose, sausage, veal with stuffing, home made pyragas, horseradish, vegetables. The table is laden with sweets among which were the cookies shaped like mushrooms, birds and other forms of nature.

The Christmas holiday was celebrated until the feast of the Epiphany with merry making, visiting friends and relatives. After the Feast of the Epiphany, the Christmas decorations were all removed until the following year and everyone returned to work.



We wish each and every one of our friends and fellow knights a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jack & Loretta Stukas



LIETUVISKOS KALĖDOS

J. Š.

PALANGOS JUZĖS IR VAIŽGANTO MOTULĖS DRAUGAI

Mano senelio tėvukas Severytė, kai jis mane iš namų svečion žemėn išleido, savo ažuolinėn lazdon per 127 metus buvo įrašęs, o jo tėvelis jau ir pats nežinojo kaip senas buvo — visas jo metų raštas klėtis sienoje ano karo metais sudegė. Vienu žodžiu, abu nejauni buvo, gerai ir gerai Žemaičių Vyskupą Valančiauskį, Palangos Juzės pasakojimus sekantį, pažinojo, o su Vaduvų krašto Burzguliu, Vaižganto Motute vienu namų giminės buvo, rėksnį Vaižgantuką ne kartą ant kelių šokindami, „Kamajuos baronkų pirktų“ jodino. O su Vaduvų Tūtinais, Bičiuliais — viena ranka buvo, drauge visi Alaušo varpo gaudesio klausydami, „Lietuviškąjį Žodį“ iš skenduoliškų Sietuvos gelmenų pavasario saulėn tarukė. Šie abu baltai balti seneliai dažnai pasakodavo mums, juos apsėdusiems, ne tik pasakas, bet ir senų dienų nutikimus, o ypač apie jų vaikystės Kalėdas.

NUO KŪČIŲ LIG TRIJŲ KARALIŲ

Seniau Kalėdų šventes pradėdavę jau Kūčių rytą ir pabaigdavę tik Trijų Karalių vakarą. Nebuvęs visas laikas viena ir nepertraukiama šventė, bet visos dienos kaip šventė: nedirbdavę sunkių darbų: tik svečiuodavęsi.



Kūčių rytą, jau nuo gaidžių, moterys kepusios visokius ragaišius iš plonai plonai aštriai išplaktomis gironomis sumaltų kviečių, persijotų kelis kartus tankiu, plonos drobės sietu. Vieni iš jų buvę kepami su aguonų pienu, kiti iškepti ir išvirti tokiaje aguonų piene, dar vieni — su tokia pienu, taukais ir kiaušiniai. O jau parpeliukai, kurių prikepėdavę liepinį skobinį pilnutėlaitį — net su kaupu, tartum, balti balti akmenukai buvo ir paristi geriau už klevines malkas skambėdavę. Tik parpeliukams nebevisada plonųjų miltų pritekdavę, kartais ir nusi-jotasis plėšinys buvęs sukepamas. Bet ne tik parpeliukus, o gi ir riestainius kepėdavę, ir taip iškepėdavę, jog dažnai ir gerų dantų pelytė savo dantukų begrauždama netekdavo.

BITELĖS KALĖDAIČIAI

Ragaišiai ragaišiais, kiti kepiniai vėl visai susiraitę, kaip senelio barzdos plaukai, visoje pirkioje kvapsnodami pūpsoję, visų akį į save viliodami. Bet greta jų iš už linus iš Rygos parvežto cukraus ir kvepiančio bičių medaus buvo miešimas liepos kibiračiuose miešamas ir kitos, sunku ir išskaičiuoti, švenčių gėrybės ruošiamos.

Tuo metu, kai moterys troboje švenčių vaišėmis prapuolusios buvo, vyrai ir nemažiau darbo turėjo. Iš tvartų išvesdavo arklius, išsukuodavo, išlygindavo jų plauką, pašokdindavo, kad per visą žiemą sveiki būtų, ir įvesdavo švariai švariai pakreiktan tvartan. Lygiai taip pat iš tvartų išleisdavo ir visus gyvulius, gerai įsižiūrėdami, kaip jie kūčias šokdami sutinka ir kokią sveikatą šią žiemą rodo. Paskui juos suvartydavo atgal švarutėlaičiais šiaudais, tartum jaunamartės lova, iškreiktan tvartan, laukti Šventosios Nakties:

Bitininkai apeidavo ratu viso sodo biteles ir pažadindavo, joms Kūčias pranešdami. Tada avilin įdėdavo mažytę duonos riekutę, gerai smulkiu, grūstiniu cukrum apibertą — „bitelių kūčias“.

Sode apeidavo medį, aprišdavo šiaudais, kad nakties metu paskiau užpiltų to paties miešimo, kuris sodo medžiams didį derlių ir gausą neša.

Jeigu taip betriusiant visą kūčių dieną, saulutė puikiai šviečia, sakydavo, — metai rugeliams bus geri, o jei vakare pradeda, ypač dar „ubago kąsniais“ snįgti — bitelės daug spiečių bus ir linai bus ilgi ilgi, jog ir žmogaus juostą sieks.



ŠVENTASIS KŪČIŲ VAKARAS

Vakare, grįžę iš karštos pirties, susirinkdavo troboje, moterims žuvį beverdant, padengdavo žaliu, rūtos žalumo šienu stalą, nepamiršdavo ir postalėje šieno padėti ir užtiesdavo baltu, kaip visi laukai, staltiese. Viduryje stalo padėdavo Mirusį Dievą ir jo Pyragus. Tada susirinkę pradėdavo Advento ir Kūčių giesmes iš „Balselio“. Po šių giesmių visi suklaupdavo plūkinėje, smėliu išbarstytoje, asloje ir pradėdavo ilgus poterius, prisimindami šeimos mirusius narius. Ilgai kalbėdavo poterius, ilgai melsdavosi už mirusius, klajojančias vėles be namų ir baigdavo žemės malda:

JUODA ŽEME, ŠVENTA ŽEMĖ,
TU MUS NEŠIOJI,
TU MUS PENI,
TU PRIIMK IR MANI.

Kalbėdavo šią maldą žemei, priglaudę kaktas prie šaltos aslos ir persižegnoję pabučiuodavo šventą žemelę — Maitintojėlę.

Sukildavo visi, susėsdavo aplink Kūčių stalą, palikdami krikštasuolį namų vėlėms. Tada seniausieji

šeimos nariai pradėdavo laužti Dievo Pyragus, pabučiavę ant stalo, pastatytą Mirusį Dievą. Lauždavo visi, visi dalindavos Dievo Pyragais, prisimindami prieš metus mirusius ar išvykusius, nebesančius šeimos narius.

Po Dievo Pyragų valgydavo silkę ir karštą žuvį, tada saldų kisielių, miešime parpeliukus, arba iš dvylikos rūšių grūdų „kūčią“ ir saldžiai paruoštus virtus kviečius bei aguonų pyragą su medumi; valgydavo kas ką norėdavo, ko širdis pageisdavo — visą dieną prieš tai be jokio valgio pasninkavę.

GAIDYS PASAKYS, KURI PIRMOJI IŠTEKĖS

Bekūčiuojant ir besekant pasakas, kada gyvuliai pradeda kalbėtis kaip žmonės ir sakyti didžią laimę ar sunkią bėdą nešančius metus žmonėms, apie vandenį virstantį saldžiausiu miešimu ar vynu, — prasidėdavo ir didžioji lėmimo valanda.

Šeimos nariai pasižiūrėdavo į šešėlius sienose ir, neradę kieno šešėlio, nuliūsdavo — tas šeimos narys kitais metais kūčias jau vėle tevalgys. Traukdavo iš po staltiesės šieną ir, kas ilgesnį ištraukdavo, sako, tas ilgo amžiaus sulauksias.

Po kūčių vakarienės mergaitės bėgiodavo pasiklaudyti šunų: kurioje pusėje jie loja, iš ten piršlių sulauksiančios; samdiniai — tame krašte kitus metus gyvensią. Jaunimas išbėgęs griebdavo nešti malkas ir skaitydavo: po porą — naujas gyvenimas; lieka — ir kitus metus „ant ruginių šiaudų“, t.y. netekėjusi, nevedęs kūčių sulauks.

Senukas tuo metu niokodavo mažoje geldutėje jaunų mergaičių batus: kurios batas pirma išlėkdavo, ta ištekės. Jaunimas, ištraukęs gaidį, pradėjęs matuoti nuo stalo durų link, žiūrėdavo, kuo duris pasiekia: galva — mergaitė ištekės, vyras ves ar iškeliaus, uodega — namie sėdės. Tas pats gaidys turėdavo lesti „kūčią“ ir pasakyti, kurie grūdai bus brangūs ir

kurie javai kitais metais derės. Paskiau tas pats gaidys turėdavo lesti grūdus iš asloje supiltų ir vardais pramintų grūdų krūvelių, spėdamas jų ateitį ir laimę. Tuo metu šeimininkas ir samdiniai išgrėždavo sienoje miazą skylutę ir, įdėję „kūčią“, užkaldavo šermukšniu, — „namų dalią“ padaugindavo („padalindavo“).

UGNIS IR VĖLĖ

Vidurnakčiais buvo sukuriama židinėje didelė ugnis ir spėjama namo grįžusių vėlių lėmimas, visa vėlių dalia. Jei malkos linksmai dega (skubiai ir negesdamos, — vėlės jaučiasi laimingos. Jei degdamos pradeda šaudyti, — jos linksmos, žada laimę jas prisimenantiems gyviesiems. Bet jeigu tos pačios malkos toli ir pikta šauda — įpykusios vėlės, kad jas pamiršo namuos likusieji. Jeigu židinėje pradeda malkos čypti ir vaitoti — sunki esanti vėlių dalia, ką jos naktį pareikšiančios vienam iš gyvųjų.

Senieji tuo metu šaukia paskiras vėles vardais ir pila saldų miešimą su kūčia ugnin — iššaukia atskiras vėles ir sužino iš ugnies jų likimą. Šaukia ir nežinamam likimui atskirus šeimos narius ištikus: židinio ugnis už juos atsako . . . Po šių „vėlių kūčių“ apeigų pradėdavo naują dalį — vaško liejimą, savo įvairios likiminės dalies spėjimą . . .

BERNELIŲ MIŠIOSE VAIKAI SU ŠVILPYNĖMIS IR GULBĖS PIENAS VAIŠĖSE

Kalėdų rytą anksti, su pirmomis gaidžiais, dažnai ir negulę, išskubėdavo Bernelių mišioms visi, tik reikalingus namams palikę. Į šiltus kailinius susupę išveždavo ir mažus vaikus: pirmosios mišios — jų mišios buvę, jie gimusį Dievulį pirmi pagarbino. Ir šitose mišiose giedodavo Mažam Dievuliukui visi vaikai, savo giesmei pritardami visokiausiais vamzdeliais ir

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lialiovimo pilna buvusi.

Po šių mišių jau kitos,
suaugusiųjų, buvusios ir vaikai,
jaunimas tylėdavęs, dažnai kur nors
saldžiai primigęs . . .

Su Kalėdomis visi skubėdami,
vienas kitą pralenkdami, namo
skubėdavo. Visas kelias buvęs tik
viena žvagių, skambalų ir varpelių
sutartinė gauda, kuri numirdavusi
besimeldžiančiam miške ar sušalusio
ežero nendryne. O virsdavo
bevažiuojantieji nuolat. Ir kaip
nevirs Kalėdų rytą ūkininkas ar
jaunimas, jei nuo to virtimo linų
derla priklauso. Kuo snieginesnis,
kuo daugiau virtęs parvažiuos namo,
tuo ir linai bus geresni, ilgesni ir už
žmogaus liemenį. O kas pirmas
pasieks namus, tas ir darbus užbaigs
pirmutinis.

Grįžus su Kalėdomis, kūčių šienų
pašėrus visus gyvulius, prasidėdavo
švenčių vaišės, vaišės, kuriose, sako,
seniau ir gulbių pieno būdavo. Bet ne
tik vaišės senelį Severytę linksmindavusios,
kiek netrukus pasigirdstas
kaime Kalėdų senelio balsas ir viso
kaimo vaikų bei jaunimo
nepaprastas juokas:

**VAIKAI, TARMAZOOO,
VAIKAI, TARMAZOOO!**

— šaukdavęs gatve eidamas viso
kaimo ir vaikų senelis.

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išverstais kailiniais, lininiais plaukais
ir barzda, su didele didele šiaudine
kepure, šakota lazda ir maišu, kurian

visus kaimo vaikus papykęs
sukišdavo, ir ten jie rasdavo tokių
gėrybių, jog prisimindamas senelis
Severytė dar ir dabar seilę nurydavo.
Šitame maiše, kurio galą vos dešimt
vaikų panešdavo, buvo ir riešutų, ir
kepinių, ir saldumynų . . .

Susirinkęs vaikus, senelis
Jonaudytė pradėdavo iš vieno kaimo
galo Gimusį Dievulį sveikinti.
Kiekvienan kieman užsukdavo, pači-
us mažuosius pakėkaudavo, riešutų
pasukdavo ir Mažam Dievuliukui
pagiedodavo. Kai namų žmonės
senelį ir jo vaikus pavaišė, jis su
visais vaikais jiems Jurgį daugelį
daugelį kitų, dabar išnykusių,
šokimų pašokdavo, parodydavo kaip
pipirus grūda, kokių gudrybių jo
„priaugimas“ moka. O pasakų,
pasakų prisekdavo, kokių niekas be
senelis Jonaudytės tikrai nemokeję.
Per visą dieną, gerai vakaro pridėję,
vos kaimą troba po trobos
išbrisdavę . . .



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As all herald the birth of Christ in the manger, we extend our wishes for an inspired and blessed holiday.

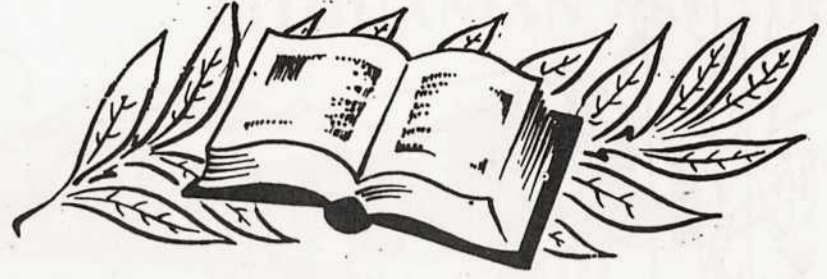
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“Research in Progress — The K. of L. History”



Research is itself a story. Since the K. of L. have secured my services to write the Knights' history, may I welcome the members to peer over my shoulders for the next three or four years to see how things happen.

To produce a definitive volume, one should, in theory, read all that has ever been written on a given subject. With most topics such an effort would be impossible. On a narrower issue, it is possible to come close to the ideal. Meanwhile, one must always be making judgments when to stop searching, because the law of diminishing returns is operating. The idea is that the more you investigate, the less you find, once you have the basic information.

Anyway, you begin your detective work and you start discovering pertinent data. How do you record it? The fundamental method of preservation is the use of 4x6 file cards. Suitable material must be handwritten or typed, by either summarizing or paraphrasing, or in more important cases, by setting down the exact quotation. Each card must have a heading for insertion into alphabetical order in a container. But since information often pertains to two or more possible areas of inquiry, it is necessary to cross-index under a different heading, once, twice or more, accordingly. Again, decision after decision.

If appropriate data exceeds a paragraph or so, then I photocopy such lengthier sections. This data is placed in a three-ring binder, containing leaves with alphabetical tabs. This binder in turn requires an index.

Indexing is absolutely necessary in order to make convenient retrieval of information when the time comes to organize it and start writing. It is impossible to remember the mass of data that quickly accumulates.

Besides the above-mentioned basic tools for storage, I use a lined notebook to list topics for further research, e.g. biographical information about an important figure, otherwise briefly or casually mentioned in a particular source. Finally, I have a small alphabeticized notebook for listing the sources I have already inspected, to avoid needless retracing of steps.

The K. of L. history, like any such saga, is hidden in bits and pieces for the most part, in a very large variety of books, newspapers, brochures, letters — both published and unpublished. One must add also the living word of oral history, obtained by interviews. Already I traveled to Waterbury, Connecticut to talk with Prof. Aleksandras Aleksis, a bright ninety-six-years of age, whom readers know as the composer of the Knights' anthem.

Where does one begin? Happily the K. of L. Room in the ALKA at Putnam, Connecticut houses a complete set of back issues of VYTIS. Reading through every single issue is imperative, and provides a major source to investigate. So far, I've read and made notes on the first three years, 1915-18. It will take a year or more to examine the thousands of pages in all the copies.

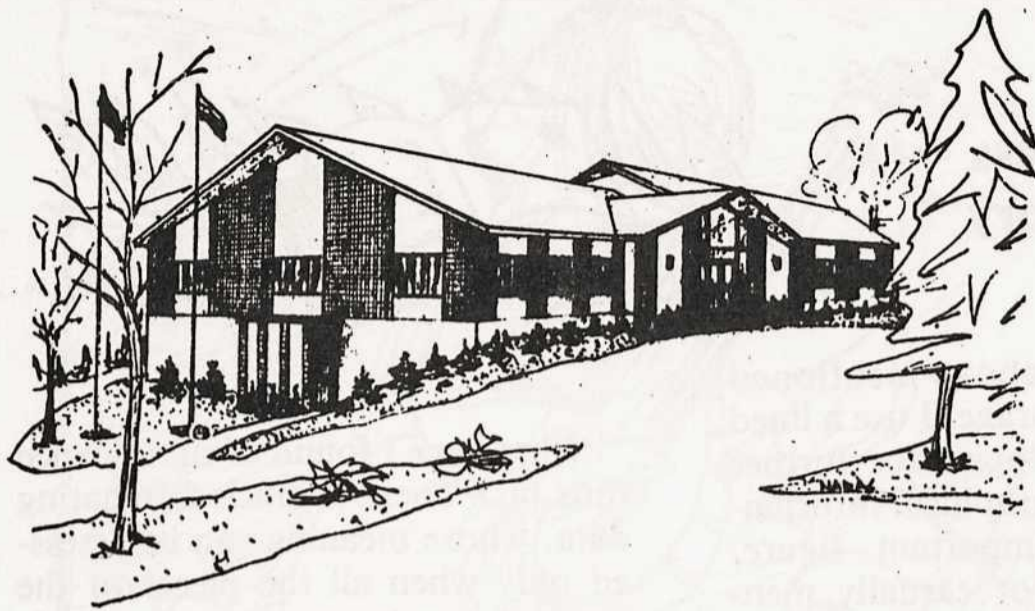
To provide a break in the monotony of adhering to the VYTIS, I have begun systematically to check every piece of literature in my own archives. Since many Lithuanian publications lack an index, one has to spend even more time sleuthing traces of the K. of L. Some Lithuanian newspapers have perished, but others are available, either in the original form or on microfilm. Here one should read extensively from at least one Catholic paper, and from one unsympathetic publication to gain a balanced outlook. Some travel to outside archives is also on my agenda.

What have I found of significance thus far? There is much fascinating data, whose meaning can be assessed only when all the pieces of the research puzzle merge together. This happens only after painstaking gathering, analysis, and organization. Meanwhile, one must constantly ask questions. What value is it to know that there was a council of the K. of L. in Bellshill, Scotland? Why was there opposition to the Knights on the part of some priests and organists, to say nothing of the obvious antipathy of socialists and freethinkers? What do these and similar episodes mean in the context of Lithuanian history, of interethnic history, of Catholic Church history, of U.S. history? It is questions such as these, and their appropriate answers that are the stuff of which serious historical endeavors are made.

In closing this first of my occasional chats with you members of the K. of L., may I remind you to send me any material you regard as significant. Or better still, let me make the decision about its value. So send it anyway. At times, what appears trivial to you, may well be a small segment of the enormous puzzle, shedding light on known data, or suggesting a new line of inquiry. My address is: 12 Plant Ave., Hudson, MAS 01749. If your mailing is a loan, I'll return it promptly. Otherwise, I'll place it in the ALKA for the K. of L. Room.

Father William Wolkovich
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Past, present and future: always in support of the undertakings of The Knights of Lithuania. All of us at Maironis Park (in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, bordering Worcester) join in extending our K. of L. friends everywhere the happiest of Christmas Seasons and a happy and healthy New Year!

The Appeal Of The Underground Press From Behind The Iron Curtain

By Father Joseph Prunskis

Millions of Catholics behind the Iron Curtain remain without any legal possibility to defend themselves against the arbitrariness and oppression of the atheistic government. The only hope for persecuted believers is the pressure of public opinion by the free world. The Soviets have shown some sensitivity regarding adverse propaganda.

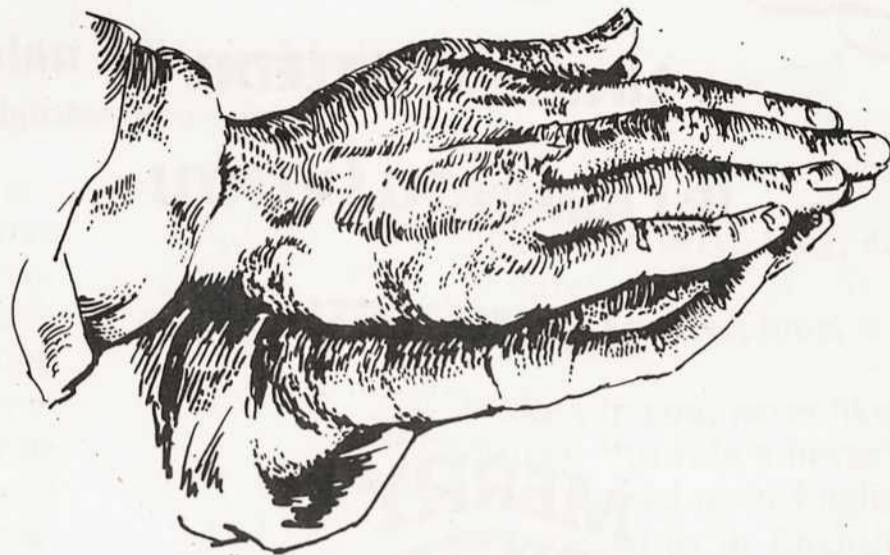
Therefore, the free world must know the facts about the real situation of believers under the atheistic yoke of the communists. The best and most prolific information is obtained from the underground press. The most regular and most numerous underground publication behind the Iron Curtain is "The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania". Already the 50th issue of this clandestine paper has recently been received in the United States.

It informs about the fighter for human rights and for religious freedom, Fr. Bronius Laurinavicius, who was murdered by being pushed under a approaching truck; as stated by witnesses for the "Chronicle".

Students are being interrogated and threatened by the communist teachers for attending church services or for taking part in retreats. Two students of the Vilnius University were dismissed for taking part in a secret retreat by the lake of Moletai. Prisoners of conscience, Petras Paulaitis, Vytautas Vaiciunas, Mecislovas Jurevicius, Viktoras Petkus, Julius Sasnauskas in their letters, reprinted in the "Chronicle" describe their severe difficulties in jails and concentration camps.

Occupational institutions are obstructing the young men who desire to study for the priesthood. in

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1981 Kazimieras Graziulis, Saulis Kelpas, Justinas Jekevicius, Audrius Teresius, Kestutis Zemaitis, Remigijus Ivanauskas were not permitted to be accepted for theological studies. Some of them even underwent difficult pressure to become informants of the secret police. They did not consent and, therefore, were not permitted to join the seminary. In the autumn of 1981, the KGB prevented 17 candidates from being accepted for theological studies at the seminary, and Aloyzas Volskis was dismissed from the fourth year of theological studies in the priests' seminary.

In Telsiai the chairman of the local communist committee has warned the pastor, Rev. J. Pacinskis and Rev. A. Vaicius, the administrator of the Telsiai diocese, that it is forbidden to bless monuments in the cemetery. During All Souls Day devotions in Telsiai the atheists were hindering services with extremely loud music.

In Vilnius, the lodgings of the brother of former prisoner of conscience, Nijole Sadunaite, were broken into and all her letters from the concentration camp were stolen.

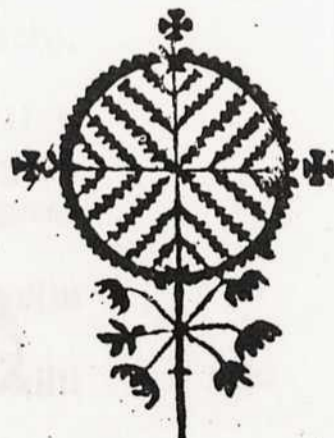
Edward Bulachas was condemned in Vilnius to one year in prison for his expressed desire to emigrate to the West. At Lukiskis jail he was even threatened with death if he would not renounce his religion.

In Akmene the monument of the grave of Msgr. K. Korsakas was destroyed.

When Rolandas Kausas expressed his desire to join the seminary and to be a priest, his mother, Jadvyga Kausiene, was forced to leave her position as a teacher in Sauliai.

For electricity the churches have to pay six times more than ordinary people. Atheistic theaters are being organized in schools wherein religion is being denigrated and mocked. In Pagiriai, children were interrogated by the police officials. They were forced to reveal who was teaching them prayers, catechism. At Prienai, a group of young people visited the old people in a nursing home on Easter Sunday. After that the students were interrogated and terrorized as to how dare they do such a thing.

Disregarding the pressure and persecution, the faith in Lithuania remains strong. In many places, even young people, erect wayside crosses, disregarding the fact that communists later destroy them. There is no lack of vocations for the priesthood and the secret convents and monasteries are strong. All efforts of Moscow to stop the underground Catholic press until the present have failed.





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**TO ALL MY FRIENDS...
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LANGUAGE LORE



Lithuanian Pronunciation

Algirdas Budreckis

A correct pronunciation of Lithuanian can be acquired in only one way: constant listening to native speakers, imitation of their pronunciation, and correction of faults by a native. Speech is learned from speech — not from a book. We would deceive you by stating the problem otherwise. But, a practical working pronunciation can be achieved from the outline below, one that should enable you to make yourself understood and to understand, when listening to the radio or conversation.

You are being provided with a statement of equivalents and essentials. You must refer to them again and again until you know them. Remember, to make mistakes is no crime. Never miss an opportunity of speaking with older Lithuanians; or with friends who know Lithuanian and can help you. Practice will bring fluency. Proceed slowly. Millions of people learned the Lithuanian language: so why not you?

But try to get the general principles into your mind: the pronunciation of the vowels (balses) and of those consonants (priebalsiai) which differ in pronunciation from their English equivalents. Remember there are no silent letters in Lithuanian.

The alphabet of the Lithuanian language consists of thirty-three letters:

A, A, B, C, CH, Č, D, E, Ė, Ę, F;
G, H, I, Į, Y, J, K, L, M, N, O,
P, R, S, Š, T, U, Ū, Ų, V, Z, Ž

| Character | Phonetic Pronunciation |
|-----------|---|
| A, a | "ah" is like a in above, shore, e.g., aras (ah-rah), "eagle" |
| A, a | "ah" is like a in father, long, e.g. kąsti (kahs-tee) to bite |
| B, b | "beh, pronounced as in English |
| C, c | "tseh" is like ts in cats, never like "k", e.g. cinas (tsee-nahs), "tin" |
| CH, ch | "khah" is like ch in Scottish word loch, e.g., chemija (kheh-mee-yah), "chemistry" |
| Č, č | "tcheh" is like ch in church, e.g., čia (tchiah), "here" |
| E, e | "eh" is like a in man, e.g. ten (tn), "there" |
| E, e | "yah" is like a in am, but longer, e.g. testi (tyahs-tee), "to continue" |
| E, e | "yeh" is like a in care, e.g. debe (dyeh-dyeh), "uncle" |
| F, f | "ehf" pronounced as in English |
| G, g | "geh" pronounced as pronounced as g in game, never as in gentle or general, e.g. geras (ghay-rah), "good" |
| H, h | "hah" is like h in hundred, e.g. harmonija (hahr-moh-nee-yah), "harmony" |
| I, i | "ee" is like e in to be or i in liberty, e.g. kilti (keel-tee) "to rise" |

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| I, i | "ee" is like ee in deep, long, e.g. drįsti (drees-tee), "to dare" |
| Y, y | "eeh" is like ee in beer, long, e.g. yla (eeh-lah), "awl" |
| J, j | "yot" is like y in you, never like j in James, e.g. joti (yoh-tee), "to ride a horse" |
| K, k | "kah" pronounced as in English |
| L, l | "el" pronounced as in English, but most frequently as the soft French "el" |
| M, m | "em" pronounced as in English |
| N, n | "en" pronounced as in English |
| O, o | "aw" is like o in orb, short, e.g. kolonija (kaw-law-nee-yah), "colony" |
| P, p | "peh" pronounced as in English |
| R, r | "err" pronounced as r in rest, never mute, e.g. rasti (rah-s-tee), "to find" |
| S, s | "es" is like s in see, e.g. samburis (sahm-boo-tees), "six" |
| Š, š | "esh" is like sh in she, e.g. šeši (shyah-shee), "six" |
| T, t | "teh" pronounced as in English |
| U, u | "oo" is like oo in book, short, e.g. kur (koo), "where" |
| U, u | "oo" is like oo in took, long, e.g. būti (boo-tee), "to be" |
| V, v | "veh" pronounced as in English |
| Z, z | "zet" is like z in zeal, e.g. mazgas (mahz-gahs), "knot" |
| Ž, ž | "zhet is like s in pleasure, J. in bonjour or z ir azure, ženklas (zhyank-lahs), sign. |

Note: The English "j" sound is produced by the double consonant dz, eg. džazas, "jazz"; the English "Q" sound is produced by kv, kvitas, "receipt"; and "X" by ks, e.g. Kseroksas, Xerox.

Diphthongs

The different letters of a diphthong are pronounced as one sound. In Lithuanian, the pure diphthongs are AI, AU, EI, IE, UI, UO.

| Diphthongs | Pronunciation |
|------------|---|
| ai | is like i in child, e.g. kaimas (KI-mahs) "village" |
| au | is like ou in ouch, e.g. augalas (Ow-gah-lahs), "plant" or like ow in show, e.g. prašai (prak-show), "please" |
| ei | is like ay in say or bay, e.g. peilis (pay-lees), "knife" |
| ie | is pronounced like yeh, e.g. Lietuva (Lych-to-vah), "Lithuania" |
| ui | is pronounced like ooy, e.g. zuikis (zooy-kees), "rabbit" |
| uo | is like o in one or like Wa in want, e.g. uolai (woh-lah) "rock" |

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Christmas Greetings

TO ALL K of L MEMBERS



CHRISTMAS JOY TO ONE AND ALL



Mums kalnai, ežerai upės,
Tik pora mylių nuo namų,
Bet, vyčiai broliai ir sesutės
Toli už tų kalnų...

Prie širdies savo priglausti trokštam,
Kalnai užstoja ir miestų bokštai,
Visus per Kučias prisiminsim,
Kai plotkeles padalinsim.

Per šventas Mišias bažnyčioj,
Namiė, svečiuose, ar koplyčioj,
Malda, suartins mus visus,
Vyčiai vieningi, visad bus.

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Amsterdamo Vyčiai

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JUNIOR CORNER

To all Junior Knights of Lithuania and Lithuanian children everywhere.

The following story is my conception of how Santa Claus came into being. If you have the opportunity ... perhaps at a children's Christmas Party, after the Carols have been sung and the beautiful story of the birth of Jesus has been told, you might want to read them this story ... after all it is a magic time of year and wonderful things do happen.

"CLAUS"

It was an unseasonably cold and snowy December night and the tiny village of Bethlehem was sound asleep. The only signs of life were the ever vigilant campfires of the shepherds, flickering in the distant hills.

Around one such campfire huddled a group of shepherds. All, for some reason, seemed unable to speak. Even the sheep were unusually quiet.

Claus, the oldest of the shepherds, quietly picked up his only possession, a tiny lamb which he had found lost in the hills. He hugged her tightly, trying to warm himself and the shivering creature.

Suddenly, the sky grew brilliant and, hovering low in the heavens, was a star the likes of which Claus had never seen in his seventy-five years on this earth. Looking back through time, he could see himself as a little boy, sitting by his mother and hearing the wondrous stories of a child who would one day be born of the tribe of David and this baby would be the Son of God!

With sudden realization that this must be the day, he jumped to his feet and, stumbling through the snow, he made his way to the only thing his eyes could see ... the star and, beneath it, a tiny, dirty stable nestled against the side of a hill. Brushing the snow and tears from

his wind-burned face, he quietly slipped into the one room shack. There, in the corner of the stable, was a trough filled with straw and, lying there, was a new born baby, sleeping peacefully, while a man and woman watched over it with tender care. The room was filled with a light ... not a blinding one as he had seen earlier that night but a warm, soothing light that seemed to emanate from the manger where the baby lay!

Filled with humility, Claus fell to his knees, sensing he was in the presence of a King. Taking his only earthly possession in his hands, his tiny lamb, he placed it at the feet of the child. Suddenly, the air was filled with music, and Claus didn't feel tired any more. The weight of his many years lifted and he was jolly and happy again. An angel appeared and said, "Because you gave everything, from this day you shall be called SANTA CLAUS and, on

the 25th day of December, you shall go through the world spreading peace and happiness and teaching others this lesson...

"Go break with others, sweet charities bread, for giving is living," the angel said.

"But must I give again and again without ever stopping?" asked Claus.

"Oh no," said the angel, "with your self be true, Just give, 'til the Lord stops giving to you."

As long as there are people who give, to THEM there will always be a Santa Claus!

Write to me if you need help or suggestions for any Junior Knights of Lithuania celebration or project. I also need your comments and support.

LINKSMU KALĖDU
Elinor Sluzas
First Vice President



Council 144 Junior Knights at 68th Annual Lithuanian Day - Lakewood Park, Barnesville, PA



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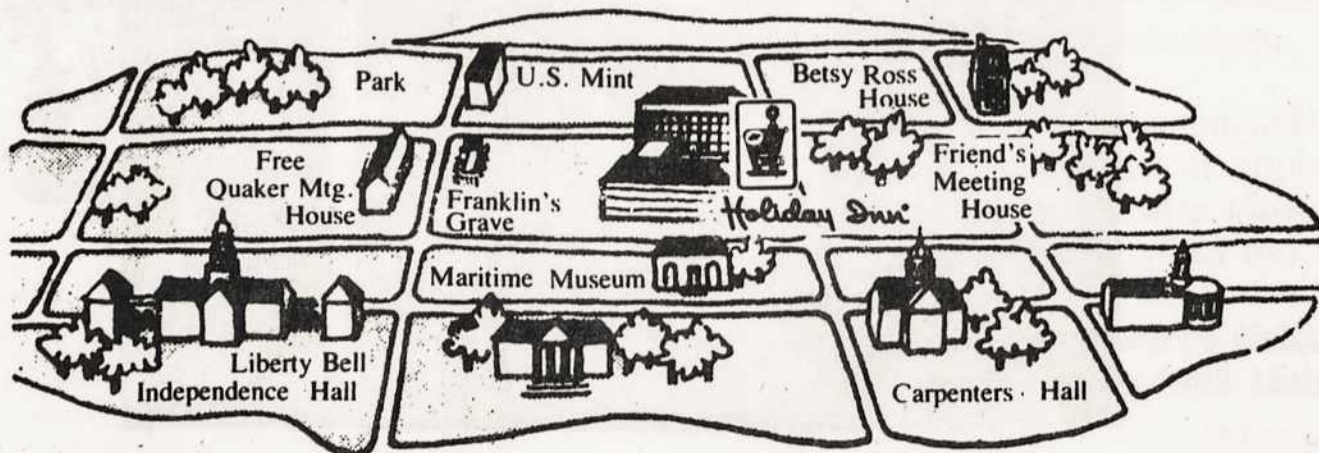
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When you feel the restlessness of the mood "To go", do glimpses of story-seas and story-shores haunt your imagination? When wind and cloud are your gypsy passage, do you feel certain more than ever that somewhere "such a sea and such a shore" really meet...somewhere?

Whether you are planning your first trip across or whether you are a seasoned traveller, tiny, ancient Lithuania offers you her seagirded stretch of horizons that melt and merge to a lyric loveliness truly beyond beauty.

Here the Baltic is a burnished sweep of turquoise ripples gently spilling against the motionless waves of "wandering" sand dunes... sands so smoothly firm, so white, they seem drifted from the space of desert dreams. No pebbles, no seaweed clutter this undulating symphony of sea and sand, with not infrequently little gleams of gold enmeshed in the silver.

For a distance of fifty miles, (the entire length of Lithuania's sea-coast), the pageant of these amber-strewn dunes continues...now a low-drifted expense level with the sea... now the silver masses fashioning a brooding sentinel not unlike one of the mythical giants...then a few days and the sway of little sea-winds will have shifted the pattern to diminutive ghost-haunted "piliskalniai", the ancient castle hills.

Over this panorama of sea and sand is the indescribably appealing Lithuanian sky...softly-blue and dove-grey...and in the background, the towering, interminable skyline of pine. From the saffron-pink of dawn, to gold, to purple, and finally to shadowed violet-grey, the mirrored reflections follow, until enfolding both sea and shore an enchanting night follows an enchanting day.

Then, imagine the spell of these "wandering dunes" when, above the sheer silver of their sands, a low-hung moon is a strange, exotic thing! Enthralled, you are willing

captive to a luminous mystery...a caress... as of silk gliding, as a fragrance, as of music. Enthralled, you listen. Silence here is a space where the heart may speak word-free...you listen, and you hear the slow, lilting swiftness of purest, sweetest melody...the plaintive ardor of the Lithuanian nightingale, as if it would capture into his song the profound, tender, the incomparably beautiful "dainos" of Lithuania!

Perhaps it is because Lithuanian, the most softly-shaded of all languages, is so near to music in its cadence and rhythm that the lyrical wealth of these "dainos" is so limitless. Countless in number beyond the thousands, these legendary songs are sung today as they were sung even before this fair-haired race founded its ancient home on the Baltic. Symbolic of the very spirit of the land, in the "dainos" are traced the historic vicissitudes of the nation, the battles of the still-pagan, nature-worshipping Lithuanian defending his hearth against the medieval crusaders, the dark melancholy days of his oppression.

And would you have a glimpse of the typical Lithuanian woman? Then you will see her quietly impressive face above her hand-loom, softly singing to herself all of the songs of her woman's life, and, as you watch her swiftly dexterous hands weaving from the thinnest, finest threads colors and patterns to intricate beauty, you will understand the seeming "charm" of her loom. She follows, unconsciously, the varying moods of her song.

In the atmosphere of appalling oppression of Lithuania's "dark ages", when ruthless forces were exerted to destroy, to obliterate the very entity of this race, neither national literature nor art could develop except furtively. Yet, the unquenchable need of the poorest peasant to pour forth his beauty-living soul found adequate expression. First, in the exquisite lyrics of his "dainos", second, in the in-

numerable hand-carved crosses and statuettes throughout the land expressing the passionate fervor interlaced with the serenity of his religious nature. Since, up to the fifteenth century, Lithuania was still a pagan country, often traces of remnant pagan traditions are combined with Christian motifs. Not a cemetery, not a wayside, not a grove of trees beside cottage or manor but what you see these unique examples of a beautiful and developed religious art.

It is the "fantasy shore" that will hold you the longest and haunt you to return, yet you will likewise want to know, to feel this storied spell of the Lithuanian forest. Never regarded as a background-wilderness but the intimate possession of the tiniest village, the old, proud forest stands. Its spaces entirely free from brush and undergrowths, your feet will wander...truly enchanted...through massive aisles of giant oak (sacred to the pagan Lithuanian)...through balsam-fragrant groves of spruce and pine..."spirit haunted" still... and when you enter the little trails threading the way through white-skinned birches, you will hear the sighing wind-voices enmeshed in enchantment and, which ever way you wander, you will come upon the rivers. Broad, clear, swift-currented, beloved of song and story, they encircle and enfold until the horizons of the land merge into the horizons of the sea.

How does the foreigner feel in Lithuania? There are no "foreigners" in Lithuania! It is a strangely commented fact that not even the visitor to whom the name of Lithuania is a very new post-war word never feels the foreigner. Instantly, you are at home...as if indeed, in the person of some ancient ancestor, you have "returned" to one of your own! This inexplicable feeling of "returning" creates at once a sympathetic, if invoiced, understanding with the reserved but singularly hospitable Lithuanian, with whom, indeed, you feel at home!

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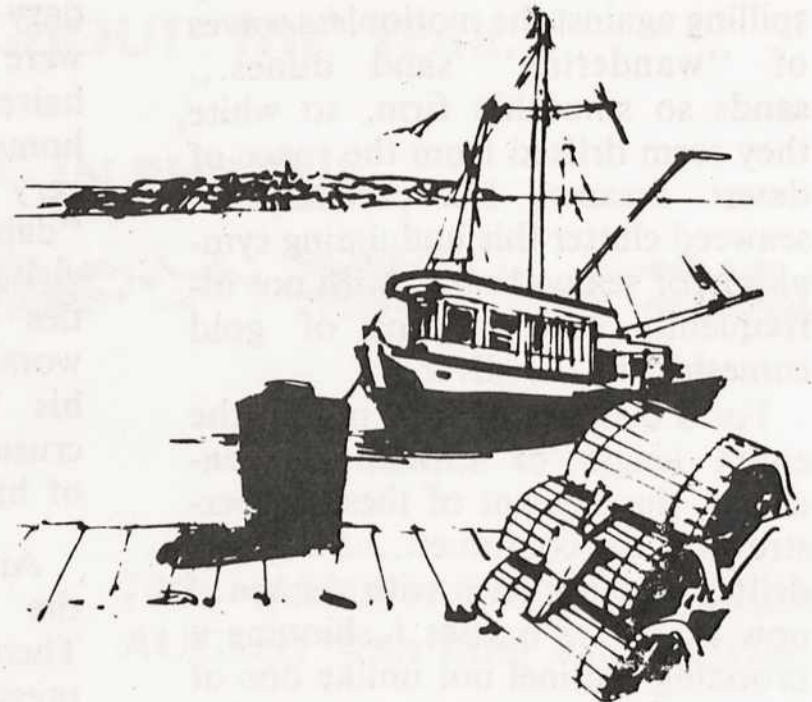
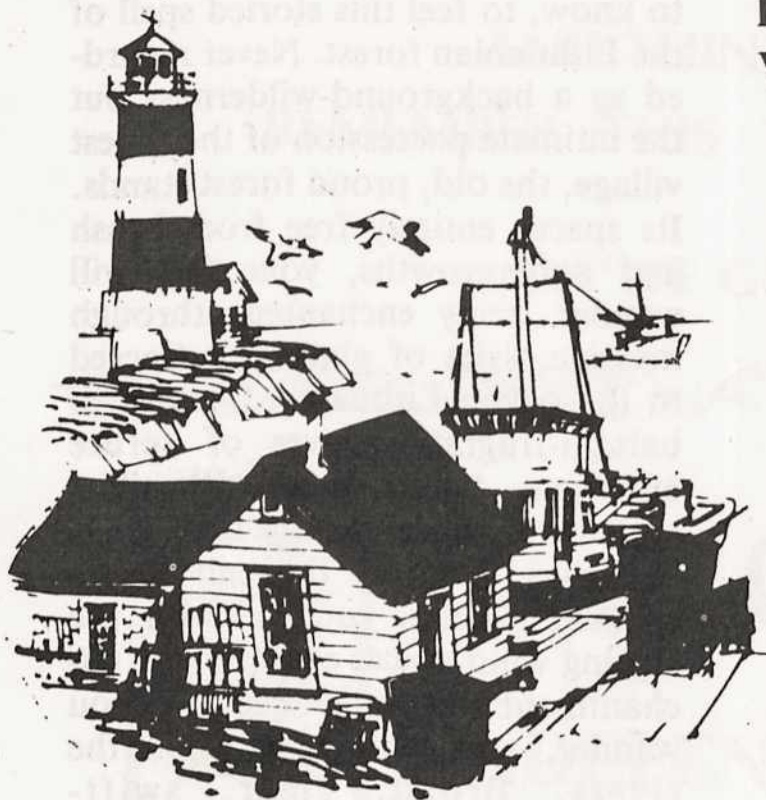


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OFFICIAL NEWS

Attention -- Attention

Now is the time to start thinking about the 1982-1983 membership drive.

Awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues paid up 100% by March 31, 1983.

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| 1st Category | 1 to 49 members |
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New Member Awards

We will use the same categories for awards as in 100% paid up. Awards will be presented to the council having the largest percen-

tage increase over last year, with a minimum of a 100% increase.

Individual Awards

Using the same categories as in 100% paid up, we will give an award to those individual members with the most total points. Signing up a new member will earn 1 point. Signing up a previous member will earn 1/2 point. A new member is defined as someone who has not been a member during the last 36 months.

You can secure your membership cards from your council or district membership chairperson.

Elsie Kosmisky
Membership Vice-President

Kalėdų Laikas

Polly Ziausys.

Štai atėjo linksmas laikas,
Šypsos senas, džiaugias vaikas,
Jau Kalėdos vėl čionai
Papuošti visi namai.

Gimė Kristus šiuo laiku,
Kad gyventų, tarp žmonių,
Sveikino Jį, piemenėliai
Ir tvartelio gyvulėliai.

Nešė dovanas Karaliai,
Mažam Dieviškam vaikeliui
Ir mes neškim dovanėlę,
Nematomą ryšulėlį

Į jį meilę mes sudėkim,
Gerų darbų nepagailėkim,
Maldas, už priešus ir draugus.
Džiaugsis Kristus ir žmogus.

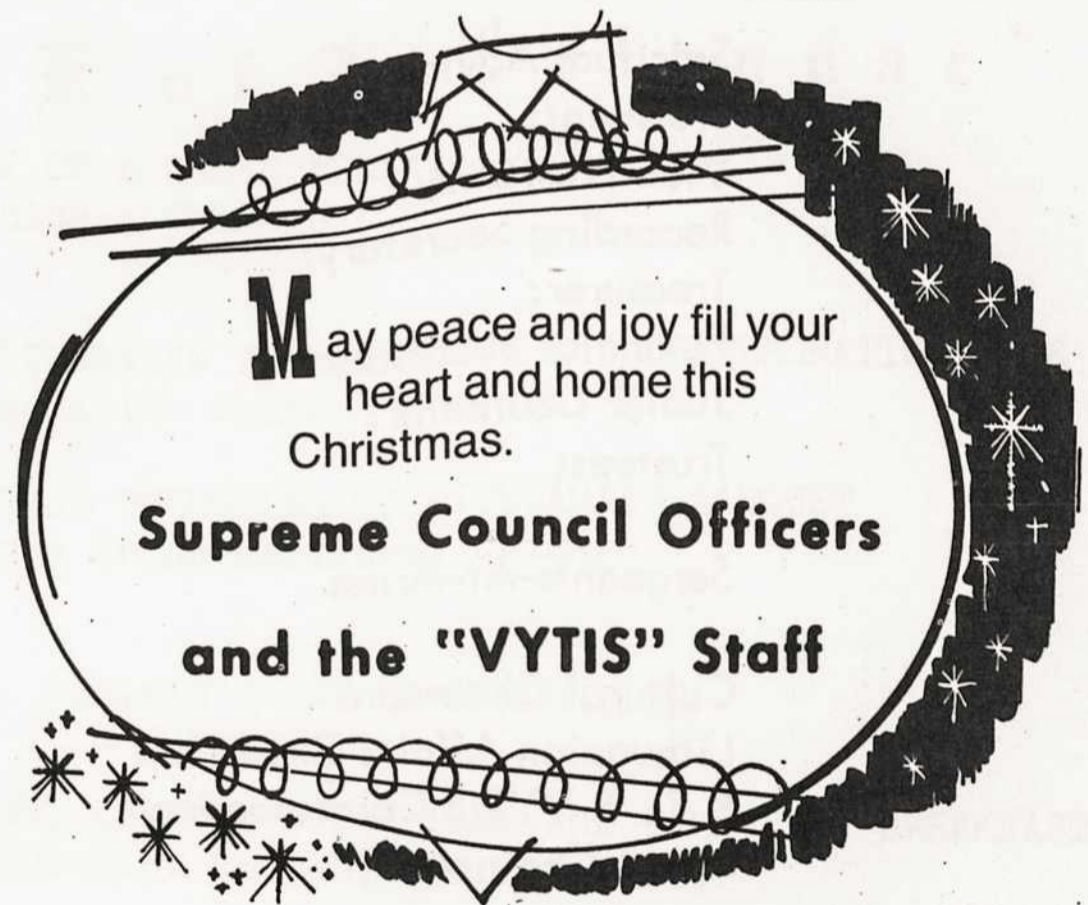


Searching for Christmas

Vida Gecas

Prickly evergreens, bright blinking lights
Gold and silver ornaments; dark, chilly nights
Lacy snowflakes, smartly-dressed gifts
Cold, wintry days, chapped frozen fists
Red-knitted stockings and candy galore
I said to myself, "Christmas must be something
much more."

I searched and searched everywhere, only to find
It wasn't hidden in the land or in the sky
Then low and behold, one day I saw
The answer was in front of me all along
When we give a hand to someone in need
When we smile and forgive and forget hate and greed
When we love those near us to our fullest extent
When we thank God for all the lovely things He has sent
Christmas is all these beautiful things and much more
For Christmas is really a part of our hearts and souls
My search has finally ended, for you see
I realized Christmas is in each one of us - you and me
Vidas Gecas



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Please remember in
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Dr. Joseph P. Gavenonis
Member of C-146
Harrisburg, PA
Died on May 14, 1982

Joseph Boza
Member of C-110
Maspeth, N.Y.
Died on October 9, 1982

Victoria Chepelonis
Member of C-79
Southfield, MI
Died on October 19, 1982

COOK'S CORNER

by Mary Lucas

Holiday Candies and Confections

With the coming of Christmas and the New Year's Parties, you will need plenty of these goodies. Kids and Adults too will enjoy trying all of these.

Candy Turtles

Mix together 1 cup Corn Flakes, 1 cup Cheerios, 1 cup Puffed Wheat, about 2 T. Grape Nuts (Plain)

Melt ½ lb. semi-sweet chocolate bits in a double boiler over hot water.

Remove from heat. Fold in the cereals gently. Drop by spoonfuls on pans covered with waxed paper and over pecan halves arranged so that one nutmeat becomes the head of the turtle, and other four it's feet. (Helps to draw circles on the waxed paper - about 30 of them and set the nuts in position on each circle.)

Put into the refrigerator to chill.

White Fruit-Nut Bark

Melt about 2 lbs. White Chocolate Coating in the top of a double boiler.

Meanwhile, finely chop 3 slices of candied pineapple, 1 small container of candied cherries, 1 cup white raisins, 1 cup pecans and ¾ cup toasted almonds.

Stir the coating until it is creamy then add the above fruits and nuts, stir. Pour onto a buttered large cookie sheet and let harden. Break into pieces, and store in tight fitting tin container.

Pecan Bark

The method is the same as above but use the chunks of dark chocolate and plenty of pecans. With spatula spread it thin. When hard, store in container.

Apricot Balls

1 lb. dried Apricots
1 med. Orange with rind
2 cups Sugar
1 8 oz. pkg. Coconut finely chopped
½ cup chopped Pecans
1 box Confectioners Sugar

Grind apricots and orange together in food grinder using fine blade.

Cook mixture with sugar till sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat, add pecans and coconut. Cool. Shape into balls the size of walnuts. Roll in powdered sugar. Store several days in closed container.

Yield 40 - 50 pieces.



Chinese Fried Walnuts

6 cups Water
4 cups California Walnut Halves
½ cup Sugar
Crisco Oil
Salt

(About 1½ hours before serving or up to 2 weeks ahead.)

1. In a 4 quart saucepan over high heat, heat water to boiling; add the walnuts and again cook to boiling; cook one minute. Rinse walnuts under running hot water; drain.

2. In large bowl, with rubber spatula, gently stir warm walnuts with sugar until sugar is dissolved.

3. Meanwhile, heat about 1 inch of Crisco Oil in an electric skillet to 350°. With slotted spoon, add about ¼ of the walnuts to the hot oil. Fry 5 minutes or till golden, stirring often.

4. With slotted spoon, place walnuts in a coarse sieve to drain; sprinkle very lightly with salt; toss lightly to keep walnuts from sticking together. Transfer to waxed paper to cool. Fry remaining walnuts same as above. Store in tightly covered container. Makes 4 cups.

Spiced Nuts

Mix together 1 cup sugar, ½ teasp. cinnamon, 1/8 teasp. ground cloves, 1/8 teasp. nutmeg. Put in a saucepan. Add ¼ cup Milk, diluted with 2 teasp. water. Boil to the soft ball stage 236° F. stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add ½ cup Pecans, ½ cup Walnuts and ½ cup blanched Almonds. Stir until the mixture won't stir any more. Turn out onto waxed paper. Separate the nuts. Let them dry. Package in sealtite can.

Green Grapes Supreme

(For Gift Giving)

This dessert is so simple that you can't imagine how good it is until you've tasted it.

Simple take seedless green grapes, spread with commercial sour cream, sprinkle with brown sugar (for ½ lb. grapes, about 3 Tablespoons sour cream, 1 Tablespoon of brown sugar). Let them stand at least 3 hours in the refrig., more if you like. Cover with Saran Wrap.

Virginia Peanut Brittle

- 2 cups Sugar
- 1 cup Light Corn Syrup
- 1 cup water
- ¼ Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Butter
- ¼ Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 2 cups Unroasted Peanuts (Raw)

Combine sugar, corn syrup and water in a 12" heavy skillet. Cook slowly over med. heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking until mixture reaches the soft ball stage (236°).

Add peanuts and salt; cook to just beyond the soft crack stage (290° to 300°).

Add butter and soda, stirring to blend, mixture will foam.

Pour onto 2 large buttered baking sheets. Lift candy around edges with spatula and run spatula under candy to cook it partially and keep it from sticking. While candy is still warm, but firm, turn it over and pull edges to make the brittle thinner in the center. When cold, break into pieces with a knife handle. Makes about 2½ lbs.

Tipsy Apricots

Simmer one 8 oz. pkg. of dried apricots in ½ cup of water (covered). When almost all of the water has been absorbed, take off of heat. Cool. Transfer to a pint jar and cover apricots with enough Apricot Brandy to cover. Let stand in cool dark place for one week. Remove fruit with a fork and let drain on rack set over a cookie sheet. Melt a 12 oz. pkg. of chocolate chips in top of double boiler. Dip each apricot in chocolate, covering completely. Let dry, place in crystal bowl, covered with Saran Wrap. Keep refrigerated.

Iced Cranberries

Frosted, not frozen. Make an icing with the white of an egg and confectioners sugar, beating till stiff.

With round toothpick, dip fresh cranberries in - one at a time. Put on a baking sheet not touching. Bake in a very slow oven (250° F.) for about 10 minutes or until the icing has set. While still warm, sprinkle cranberries with iced granulated sugar and let them dry. Fine for day-long munching on Thanksgiving or Christmas.

*Merry
Christmas*

to

Linda and John
Trina Teresa
John Paul

STELLA PRUSKA C-110, Maspeth

Best Ever Chocolate Fudge

- 1 cup Butter or Margarine (2 sticks)
- 4½ cups Sugar
- 1 7 oz. jar Marshmallow creme
- 1 14½ oz. can Evaporated Milk
- 8 1½ oz. milk chocolate bars
(broken in pieces)
- 1 12 oz. pkg. real chocolate chips
- 2 cups Chopped Walnuts

Combine butter, sugar, marshmallow creme and evap. milk in 3 qt. heavy saucepan. Bring to boil over medium to low heat, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves. Boil steadily over low heat 7 minutes. Stirring occasionally. Keep mixture at a fairly low boil all the time. The saucepan will be almost full of the cooking mixture. Remove from heat. Add milk chocolate bars, choc. chips and nuts; stir until chocolate is melted and blended into mixture. Pour at once into 2 lightly buttered 9" square pans. While warm, mark candy in each pan in 64 pieces or pieces the size you like; when cool and firm, cut. Makes about 5½ lbs.

Ohio Buckeye's

(Tastes like Reese's P-nut Cups)

- 2 lbs. Creamy Peanut Butter (room temp.)
- 1 lb. Butter (room temp.)
- 3 lbs. Confectioners Sugar
- 2 pkgs. (12 oz. size) Chocolate Chips
- ½ Bar Paraffin (Wax)

Mix butter with peanut butter. Add the confec. sugar gradually, kneading in until a smooth texture develops.

Form into small balls the size of Buckeyes. Place on cookie sheets and refrigerate.

Melt slowly the choc. chips and paraffin together in top of double boiler.

Using a round toothpick, dip cold buckeyes into hot chocolate mixture till ¾ covered, leaving a spot uncovered the size of a penny.

With a small knife slide candy off the toothpick onto a wire cake rake. Let dry and pack into tins, using waxed paper between layers or put each in paper candy cups. Makes about 300 Buckeyes.

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Best wishes for a holiday season
to all K of L members

ANNIE MITCHELL MATULEVIČIUTE

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Season's Greetings



WISHING YOU
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

ALSO TO THE OFFICERS OF THE SUPREME
COUNCIL, THE MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT,
THE VYTIS STAFF AND ALL THOSE WHO
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LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



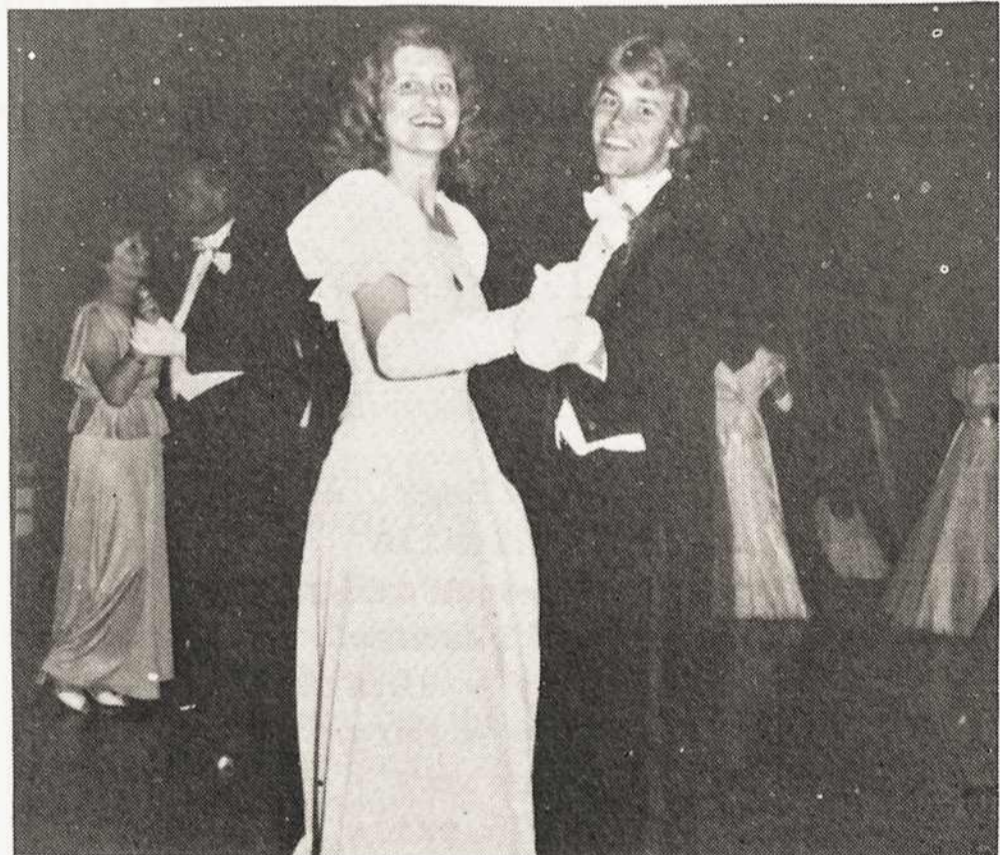
The Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club presented its twenty-second Amber Ball (Gintaro Balius) on June 26th in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Among the debutantes "gintareles" presented this year was GEORGIANNA KASSEL, daughter of Ann Marie Kassel, Supreme Council Financial Secretary and the late Al Kassel, and granddaughter of Bernice Pupinik, C-36/Seniors, Chicago. Georgianna was sponsored by her aunt, Loretta Stukas, National President, and uncle, Dr. Jack Stukas, National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman.

Georgianne graduated from Immaculate Heart of Mary High School is now majoring in Math at Lewis University. Along with receiving many bowling trophies, Georgianna was also treasurer of her school's bowling league. An active member of the Knights of the Lithuania, she has received their Conventionship Award for four consecutive years and belongs to the Knights of Lithuania dance group. This summer she received a K of L Scholarships at the National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

TERESA TRAINIS, C-141, Bridgeport, CN, was recently installed as President of the Bridgeport District Council of Catholic Women. Teresa is a past president of C-141 and former National Financial Secretary and National Treasurer. A very active lady!

The Asbury Park Press reports that Anthony Petrosky has won the 1982 Walt Whitman Award of the Academy of American Poets for his manuscript, "Jurgis Petraskas." His first book of poems will be published by Louisiana State University Press.

The publication "Editorial Pace" recently printed an interesting article about AREJAS VITKAUSKAS, Editor-Manager of World-Wide News Bureau, 309 Varick St., Jersey City, N.J. 07302. Jerry Sullivan, a reporter for the Hudson Dispatch, Union City, saw a possible story in the classified ads on "Discarding Books?" He interviewed Mr. Vitkauskas, a free lance writer, who spends a good deal of his time gathering books and sending them to avid readers in foreign countries.



Debutante Georgianna Kassel dances with one of her escorts, Thomas Strolia, at the Amber Ball. Both Thomas and her other escort, John-Paul Klkus, (not pictured) are active K of L members

An immigrant Lithuanian, Mr. Vitkauskas served in the volunteer army in Lithuania in 1919, and in America since 1933 he was American correspondent for publications in Lithuania until the Soviet occupation in 1940. He organized the first libraries in the Lithuanian army and was the founder and editor-publisher of the first Lithuanian regimental magazine. In 1940 he compiled a list of most newspapers and over 80 different trade, commerce and industry publications throughout the world, sent letters, and took out paid ads offering his services as a free-lance writer.

Mr. Vitkauskas has mailed hundreds of books (fiction and non-fiction) in response to requests from people behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains. These books are selected very carefully. Nothing is sent which might be detrimental to the U.S. This is his plan of action aimed at penetrating the Iron and Bamboo Curtains, to battle the forces who distort the truth.

In the article Mr. Vitkauskas requests readers to send him some books and magazines — that the people of the world are crying for them.



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Greetings



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For the second consecutive year, the Battle Creek, Mich., International Festival Queen represents Lithuania. MAUREEN ANNE WAYWARD, a third-generation Lithuanian-American from Marshall, Mich., was crowned Festival Queen for 1982 by last year's queen JACQUELINE PERUZZE, also of Lithuanian heritage.

Maureen played an accordion and sang three Lithuanian folk songs as part of her talent presentation. The annual International Festival is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Battle Creek.



International Festival Queen Maureen Anne Wayland (left) is crowned by last year's Festival Queen, Jacqueline Peruzze. Both represent Lithuania

WILLIAM J. MARKALONIS, C-86, Dubois, Pa., in his letter to the Postmaster General of the U.S. requesting the issuance of a Darius Girenas commemorative stamp in 1983, reported that he and his son Vincent, who was two years old at the time, flew with Capt. Stephen Darius during a fund raising tour in Cleveland, Ohio. Today, Vincent is a highly decorated officer with a long career in the U.S. Air Force and is in charge of the Special Projects Division of the U.S. Air Force in Atlanta, Georgia.

SHARON REKUS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rekus, C-146, Harrisburg, Pa., a student of Central Dauphin High School, is a foreign exchange student living in Brazil.



Estelle Rogers, C-112, Chicago, sings Lithuanian song at Marquette Park Festival

One of Mayor Jane Byrne's Neighborhood Festivals this summer was held on the Southwest side of Chicago on Marquette Park's Lithuanian Plaza Court. This beautiful weekend at the end of August attracted thousands to the booths of vendors selling food, arts and crafts, and souvenirs. Among the booths was a display of Lithuanian artifacts from Vincent Samaska's (President of Mid-America District) private collection, and Lithuanian delicacies provided by the owners of Ajay's Pizza and Lithuanian Cuisine, John and Anita Bosas, both members of C-36, Chicago.

Our Lady of Vilna Church, 2327 W. 23rd Place, Chicago, celebrated its 75th anniversary on October 10th with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Vincentas Brizgys and assisted by Rev. Donald Petraitis, M.I.C., and Rev. Victor Rimselis, M.I.C. The homily was given by Rev. John Savukynas, M.I.C., spiritual advisor to C-117, Darien, Ill. The K of L Choir under the direction of Faustas Strolia, C-36, sang during the Mass. A Jubilee dinner and program was held in the parish hall following the Mass.

By the turn of the century, Chicago was the home of thousands of Lithuanian immigrants who had fled Czarist oppression in their homeland. The Lithuanian colony on the West Side had grown to such proportions that they wanted their own church and school. Horse and buggy travel to other Lithuanian parishes was almost as difficult as overcoming the language barrier at nearby parishes.

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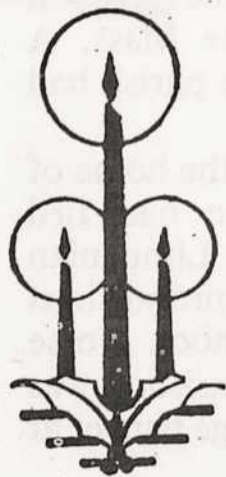
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But the birth of the parish was not without its hardships and setbacks. In 1904, a meeting was called to discuss formation of a new parish. When the committee met with Archbishop James Quigley, he frowned on the idea, pointing out that Lithuanian parishes were being formed in other parts of the city and debts on these should be paid before a new parish was started. Undaunted, the committee revised its strategy and again visited the archbishop, emphasizing the need for a school.

In 1906 their attempts were successful. Land was acquired and ground broken for a church and school. On Aug. 15, 1907, Archbishop Quigley came to bless the new church and confirm a large number of parishioners.

The dreams of these pilgrims from the Baltic shores had finally been realized. But as the years went by the makeup of the parish changed from Lithuanian to a

mixture of Polish, German, Italian and Hispanic. Today, only 180 families are listed as active members.

Throughout its 75-year history, however, the influence of the parish has been felt beyond its boundaries. Many parishioners have become prominent in the community. Our Lady of Vilna has seen its members sit on court benches; play for the Chicago White Sox, the Bears and the Cardinals; and act as grand knights in the Knights of Columbus.

Many have followed religious vocations, including Sisters of St. Casimir and Franciscan and Marian Fathers. Among them is Rev. Donald Petraitis, M.I.C., Vicar General of the Marian Fathers in Rome. The present pastor of Our Lady of Vilna is Rev. Anthony P. Kelpsas, M.I.C.

Of special note, Our Lady of Vilna is the church in which Vytautas Skuodis was baptized.



“Galėjo būti...”

Atsisveikinant su seimo šeiminkais po keturių darbingų seimo dienų, nustebau išgirdęs mažą kritikos žodį — ir tai iš vienos clevelandietės: “Galėjo būti seimo sesijose daugiau lietuvių kalbos.”

Nustebau, sakau, nes šį kartą seimo posėdžiuose lietuvių kalba buvo vartojama dažniau negu ankstyvesniuose seimuose. Dėl to įvertinant tas nors nedideles pastangas šioj kultūrinėj srity, gal nepravartu skūstis, kad “galėjo būti daugiau”.

Nustebau gal ir dėl to, kad buvau paveiktas, tų nepaprastai įspūdingų, sąmoningai suplanuotų, ir vos prieš valandą pasibaigusių lietuviškų sekmadienio ryto pamaldų. Kur ir kada, klausiau savęs, esame girdėję tokį kilnų, patriotinį pamokslą, kokį mes tą rytą girdėjome toje didingoje bažnyčioje. Ar girdėjome kada, Mišioms baigiantis, tokius lietuvių žadinančius, pačios lietuvių istorijos įkvėptus ir taisyklinga

lietuviška tarme perduotus, kokius taip nuoširdžiai perdavė tautiniais drabužiais pasipuošusi Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Pirmininkė. Ir po to dar lyg ir užakcentavo vytiškais patarimais mūsų nepavaduojamas Vyriausias Dvasios įvadas. Su kokiu iškilmingumu buvo atnešta aukos prie altoriaus! Ir koks įspūdingas buvo giedojimas, choro ir visų susirinkusiųjų!

O ką kalbėti apie kitus seimo parengimus. Puikus koncertas, irgi lietuviškas. Net ir angliška ištrauka iš “My Fair Lady” įdomiai nuskambėjo kaip “Su trupučiu sėkmės... su trupučiu, su trupučiu.” O per vaišes kaip nuotaikingai mus palinksmino jaunųjų dainininkų, gerai pasiruošęs būrelis. GĖRĖJOMĖS

ABIEJŲ CHORŲ DAINININKAIS IR VEDĖJ AIS. O clevelandiečiams jautėme gilų dėkingumą už jų taip sėkmingai padėtas pastangas į seimo pasiruošimą. Ir po tokio gražaus suvažiavimo visgi pasigirdo pastabėlė “Galėjo būt...” Taip, galėjo būt daugiau to pasigęsto lietuviškojo žodžio — per sesijas, tarpe sesijų. šokant ir valgant ir šnekučiuojant. Jei to

lietuviškumo nebuvo, kalti esame ypač tie, kurie to žodžio vertę suprantame bet savo kolegoms neparodome gero pavyzdžio.

Per dažnai susirinkimuose išgirstame tą, rodosi, viską pateisinantį įvadą, “Kad visi geriau suprastų, kalbėsiu angliškai.” Ir po to, lengva širdimi, varoma jau be jokio varžymosi. Ypač didelę gėdą sau darome, kai kuopos susirinkimą, ar net seimo sesiją, pradedame ar baigiame ne lietuvių kalba. Galime pasiteisinti, jog Dievulis supras mūsų maldą bet kuria kalba. Tiesa, bet Dievulis taip pat supras, jog mes savo tautybės, kurią iš Dievo rankų priėmėme, negerbiame. Pasirinkimas maldelės rodosi smulkmena, bet tai yra reikšmingas simbolis mūsų tautinio sąmoningumo.

“Galėjo būti.” Tikrai galėjo. Bet tas lapas jau baigtas. O kas bus ateity, priklausys nuo mūsų pačių. Jei lietuviškam žodžiui rasime vietos savo šeimoj, savo kuopoj, savo bažnyčioj, tas žodis plačiau skambės ir seimų sesijose.

Juozas Bulevičius

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Merry Christmas

Mid-America District

The Mid-America District cordially welcomes Council 117 of Darien, IL and Council 150 of Kansas City, KS. We are looking forward to having their members participate in our activities and to visiting their areas. C-117 has already invited the District to commemorate St. Casimir's Day 1983 in Darien.

Belated but sincere congratulations for the very successful District Membership Drive conducted by Second Vice President Eleanor Kasputis. Prizes were awarded to John Paukstis C-36, first place, a Lithuanian doll donated by Theresa Balciunas of C-38 Kenosha; Joseph Kulys C-36, second place, cash donation from The New Gold Coast Inn; Joseph Martikonis C-36, third place, an amber heart pendant also donated by T. Balciunas; Donald Zemaitis C-150, fourth place, a Rosary made and donated by Rev. John Savukynas MIC. We look forward to another successful membership drive as Elly was reelected as Membership Vice President.

Our Chicago Senior Council hosted a successful Fall Picnic with President HM Adele Gabalis and Building Manager Clement Vidzius as co-chairman.



Council 112 Chicago members enjoying a social event. Prudencija Bickus, Honorary Member Josephine Dausvardis Consul General of Lithuania, Dr. Vladas Simaitis Photo Jonas Tamulaitis

A super Workers Party for members who worked District events during the past year was hosted by Irene Sankus, Vince Samaska, Clement Vidzius and Al Brazis. A delicious meal was prepared by C-36 members John and Anita Boses of Ajay's assisted by Gerry Mack, Sabina Klatt, John Henson, and Betty Zibas. Liquid refreshment dispensers were Paul Binkis Jr., Millie Rochkes and Ray Wertelka. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a very pleasant social evening.

Our condolences to the family of Chicago Senior member William Kareiva whose daughter Marilyn Zelasko of New Mexico was a former "Vytis" Layout Editor.

Our MAMD National Officers, Ann Marie Kassel, Paul Binkis Jr. and Irene Sankus, attended the Mass and Dedication of the new K of L Archives Room in the ALKA MUseum in Putnam, CT, followed by a Supreme Council meeting chaired by National President Loretta Stukas. They reported that the Sisters of the Immaculate Con-

ception were most gracious hostesses. Thanks Bill Piacentini and Susan Gawesdauskas of Providence, Jack and Loretta Stukas of New Jersey for chauffeuring and entertaining them. Susan Bolanos of C-112 joined them and also enjoyed the weekend.

The October Convention meeting was well attended by our clergy with our Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas C-112, Rev. Fabian Kereilis and Rev. Joseph Daugintas of C-36, and Rev. John Savukynas MIC of C-117 participating. A first for the District!

Date to Remember: February 21, 1983, 23rd Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Dinner-Dance, Martini-que Grand Ballroom. All K of L members are cordially invited to attend this prestigious event.

The District's Convention meeting was held in October. The following were selected to serve: Vincent Samaskas C-36, President; Marija Deksnis C-112, First Vice President Juniors; Eleanor Kasputis C-112, Second Vice President Membership; Third Vice President Seniors to be selected by Chicago Senior Council; Ann Marie Kassell C-117, Secretary; Irene Sankus C-112, Treasurer; Paul Binkis Jr. C-112 and John L. Paukstis C-36, Trustees; Antanas Sereika C-112, Jerome Jankus C-36 and Robert Gawryla C-36, Sergeants at Arms. Congratulations to all!

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C-112—Chicago

Congratulations to Paul Binkis Jr. who was reelected as council president. Others who will serve with him are Albert Zakarka, Vice President; Mary Juzenas, Recording Secretary; Alice Cekanor, Financial Secretary; Betty Bozec, Corresponding Secretary; Monica Kasper, Treasurer; Albert Cekanor and Dolores Wainauskas, Trustees; Louis Rogers, Antanas Sereika and Edward Deksnis, Sergeants at Arms. We wish them all another successful K of L year!

Following the September election meeting, we were treated to a special kugelis-pork-chop dinner prepared by Anita and John Boses of C-36, the owners of Ajay's Catering. Our thanks to them!

Board meetings were hosted by Eleanor Kasputis in July and Ruth and Al Daxis in October in preparation for the national convention and our council's Masquerade Ball.

Our Spiritual Adviser, Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas, is slowly recovering from a serious illness. It was very nice to have him join us for our October meeting. We wish him a total recovery in the near future. During his absence, the Rev. Tony Markus attended our meetings and presented information on Lithuania's history.

Through the efforts of Susan Bolanos we finally had the opportunity to tour the Sisters of St. Casimir Museum at their Motherhouse. Everyone truly enjoyed the tour and especially the efforts of our most informative guide, Sister Perpetua. Sister also presented us with two special albums that were compiled by Mykolas Norkunas, our K of L Founder. The albums will be presented to the K of L Archives in the ALKA Museum.

Our national officers, Paul Binkis Jr. and Irene Sankus, attended the Mass and Dedication of the K of L Archives, ALKA Museum in Putnam, CT. The Supreme Council meeting was held at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, also in Putnam. Susan Bolanos joined them as an interested observer. In a truly delightful setting, the Sisters were most gracious hostesses.

The members of Council 112 Marquette park extend Holiday Greetings to all of our K of L friends!

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MCD Pilgrimage and Convention

The Good Lord was with the Mid-Central District Pilgrimage during the weekend of October 2-3, 1982 in Dayton, Ohio. The weather was ideal, the location was beautiful and the Host Council was most congenial.

Tom Bruzga (C-86) President, opened the convention on Saturday, October 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church Hall. The MCD Convention was well represented by Council Delegates. Secretary Benedict Radzevich (C-86) read the minutes. Reports were given by each council representative, and as in the past all were working eagerly to promote their goals: "Dievui ir Tevynei" and Lithuanianism.

For the 1983 year the following officers were elected: Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, SJ (C-25) Advisor; Tom Bruzga (C-86) President; Eleanor Mantz (C-96) First Vice President Jrs.; Sophie ZaGER (C-79) Second Vice President, Membership; Mary Trainy (Cleve. Srs.) Third Vice President, Srs.; Benedict Radzevich (C-86) Recording Secretary; Frank Zager (C-79) Treasurer; Aldona Ryan (C-96) and Magdalena Smailis (C-79) Trustees; George Kase (C-79) Sergeant-at-Arms; Marie Kase (C-79) Lithuanian Affairs; Lucy Montville-Tabbert (C-25) Cultural; Alvina Luiza (C-25) Ritual and Vince Grazulis (C-25) Public Relations.

The evening social was held at the Holy Cross Church Hall. A beautiful and delicious buffet of hors d'oeuvres were served after which the Knights watched slides of the persecuted and suffering Lithuanians under the rule of Soviet Communism. These slides were supplied to the free world by the Lithuanian Catholic underground through Alta. The evening took on a more joyous atmosphere with the group singing of songs of yester-year by Eleanor Sluzas and accompanied by the talented Cecilia Yankus on the accordian.

Sunday morning the delegates and their guests gathered at the Holy Cross Church. In procession, saying 10 Hail Marys, they grouped around the shrine of The Three Crosses. While President Tom Bruzga read off the names of the deceased members, a designated council delegate lighted a candle in their memory. The procession proceeded back to the church singing "Marija, Marija". Fr. Vacloves Katarskis awarded the Third Degree to Stephonas Bucmys (C-96) prior to the beginning of Mass. During the Homily, Aldona Ryan gave a brief description of each stained glass window and the Lithuanian art work found in the structure of the church altars. Holy Cross Church, together with the Shrine of Three Crosses, is indeed a museum of Lithuanian art.

After Mass everyone assembled in the Hall where all feasted on good Lithuanian cooking provided through the efforts of Mary Lucas and her family. The Convention ended on a very joyous note that keeps the Knights in close relationship - "Tikrai Lietuviškai".

The next Mid-Central District Pilgrimage and Fall Convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan sponsored by C-102.

Vince Grázulis (C-25)

C-19—Pittsburgh

October 13 was designated prayer day for persecuted Lithuanians. A special prayer service was conducted by Father Walter Karaveckas at St. Casimir Church, South Side. Council 19 regular monthly meeting followed.

On this same day, C-19 members were again saddened by the death of one of our life members, Mrs. Veronica Kolicius. Mrs. Kolicius was an enthusiastic member who faithfully attended meetings, conventions and special events. She was knowledgeable of all aspects of our Lithuanian heritage, and she never failed to contribute this knowledge to make meetings more interesting. Her enthusiastic ideas, her helpful



MCD PILGRIMAGE at the Shrine of the Three Crosses in Dayton, Ohio

contributions and unending support of the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania will be missed by all our members in Council 19. Our condolences to her daughter, her son Bill, a loyal council member, and other members of her family.

Mary H. Tamy

C-79—Southfield

A colorful fall atmosphere filled our annual Pilgrimage and Mid-Central District meeting in Dayton, hosted by C-96 on October 2 and 3. Delegates from C-79 were Bertha Janus, Magdalena Smailis, George and Marie Kase and Frank and Sophie Zager. The following from our council were elected to District offices: Sophie Zager, Second Vice President; Frank Zager, Treasurer; Magdalena Smailis, Trustee; George Kase, Sergeant at Arms and Marie Kase, Lithuanian Affairs.

MCD President Tom Bruzga explained the duties of officers, chairmanship responsibilities and other pertinent organizational matters. Council reports were refreshing and informative.

Saturday Night's Social provided nostalgic movies of past conventions and other events. The slides on the imprisonment, torture and death of many Lithuanians, young and

old, was more than enough to impress on us the atrocities committed during and after World War II.

A lively songfest led by Elinor Sluzas with great accordion accompaniment completed a most enjoyable evening. George and Marie Kase were honored with an appropriate number for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sunday's procession to the Three Lithuanian Crosses of the Holy Cross Church was impressive. Each council president or representative lighted a candle as MCD President Bruzga recited their respective council's deceased members. Sixty-six members departed from C-79 since our council was reactivated in 1959. May they rest in Eternal Peace.

We enjoyed Aldona Ryan's commentary during the Mass homily on the Lithuanian design work of the church and the beautiful windows. Following church services we savored in a sumptuous Lithuanian brunch. Thanks Dayton! Also, labai ačiu to Violet and Joe Panavas for hosting a "night-cap" treat after the Saturday night social.

Not long after we returned from Dayton, we were saddened by the death of our member Vicki Chepelonis on October 19. Vicki was a bubbly, fun-loving person who will be greatly missed. Our

sympathy to her sister Genevieve Vichunas and family.

Charlie Kazys Gogelis of Lithuanian Voice Radio Club sponsored the Saunioji "Grandinelle" Concert on October 17 at the Crestwood Auditorium with approximately 700 people in attendance. Congratulations to the radio club on its huge success.

May the New Year be wonderful in every way for you all. Let us pray and remember all prisoners and conscience in 1983.

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C-96—Dayton

Two special events took place recently in our council activities. The first was joining in with the parish in celebrating Father Vaclovas' 40th anniversary in the priesthood. The weekend began with a supper for all out-of-town guests. Following the concelebrated Mass on Sunday, dinner was served at the Lithuanian Club. Elinor Sluzas and Judy Petrokas co-chaired the weekend functions.

Rev. Justinas Bartasius of Winnipeg, Canada, and Rev. Pranas Kura of Spring Valley, IL, classmates who also celebrated 40th anniversaries joined Father on this special occasion. National Spiritual Adviser Rev. Antanas Jurgelaitis, OFM, of Providence was homilist.

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Happy New Year



Rev. Saulis Laurinaitis and Rev. Antanas Naujokas SDB from Columbus, Rev. Antanas Zvinklys of Hillsboro, WI, as well as many of the local priests participated.

The Cleveland Octet, under the direction of Rytas Babickas, sang at the Mass and dinner. For a truly great weekend we say "Labai aciu, Fr. Walter, with many, many more years ahead for you!"

The second special event was C-96 hosting the annual MCD Pilgrimage and Fall Convention. The turnout was tremendous. C-86 Dubois, C-79

COUNCIL 79

DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

Southfield, Michigan

Hosts of the
MCD Convention and
Midwest Bowling Tournament
May 21 and 22, 1983

Southfield, C-102 Detroit, C-139 Detroit, C-25 Cleveland were represented. President Tom Bruzga conducted a lively meeting. Congratulations to our newly-elected MCD First Vice President Eleanor Mantz and Aldona Ryan reelected MCD Trustee from C-96.

The Pilgrimage took place prior to Mass on Sunday. The Rosary was led by C-96 Religious Chairman Chris Mantz as we walked to the Shrine of the Three Crosses. Tom Bruzga read the names of each council's deceased members as a candle was lighted for each council, followed by prayers in Lithuanian by Joseph Gecas, in English by Chris Mantz.

After Mass a truly delicious with plenty to eat dinner was served in the church hall by Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacovsky Catering Service.

Congratulations to Steponas Bucmys on receiving his Third Degree Medal.

Cecelia Yankus supplied the music for our Saturday night get-together while Elinor Sluzas lead us in song that hit the heights. Pete Luiza and Maggie Smailis set the mood for a Mexican Hoedown. Chairman Aldona Ryan and her working committee did a tremendous job in planning the weekend.



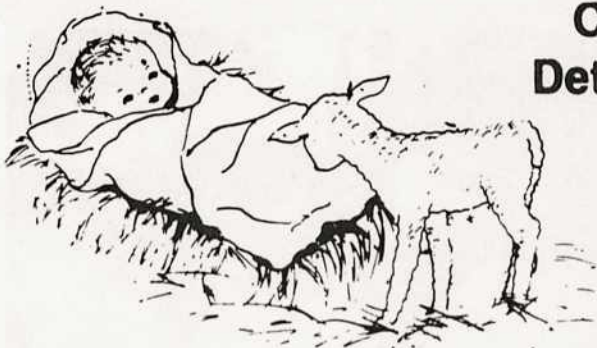
Kun. Justinas Bartasius, kun. Vaclovas Katarskis and kun. Pranas Kura celebrate their 40th Anniversary as priests



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May the Peace
and Joy
of Christmas
abide with you
throughout
the coming year



**COUNCIL 140
Syracuse, N.Y.**

Aldona did a great presentation during the homily at the Mass. Annamarie Sluzas hosted the out-of-town ladies in escorting them around town. The Gecas girls, Rita, Vida and Irene, all Juniors, hosted the Saturday luncheon.

Our Pilgrimage weekend is a weekend of love. For not only do we have our meeting, but we also remember our deceased, those who built the district.

Congratulations to Michael F. Petkus and Norma Jean Williams who were married in Levittown, NY, followed by a Mass of special intention at Holy Cross Church and reception at the Lithuanian Club.

Our deepest sympathies go to Pat Zelinskas Alexander and Julia Rastikis on the recent deaths of their brothers; C-19 members Stella Zogg and Antoinette Naujelis families. May all their souls rest in peace!

Fran Petkus

C-102—Detroit

In September we resumed our monthly meetings. President Grazina Viskalis opened the meeting with a prayer. Donna and "Fireman" Frank Bunikis were the gracious host and hostess in their condominium. Donna gave a beautiful report on the National Convention. Frank Bunikis, Ann Uznis and Vitalja Viskalis also represented our council. A nice membership was in attendance, and a delicious buffet was served.

Sister Council 139, St. Peters, invited us to their Lithuanian Day Mass in June. President Grazina, Joe and Maryanne Guerriero graciously accepted the invitation. The Mass was beautiful and family members lighted candles for deceased members. A delicious dessert and coffee social followed.

Donna and John Stanievich announced with pride that their grandson attended summer camp at Camp Dainava this summer. Donna was head counselor some twenty years

ago and her sons and daughter attended.

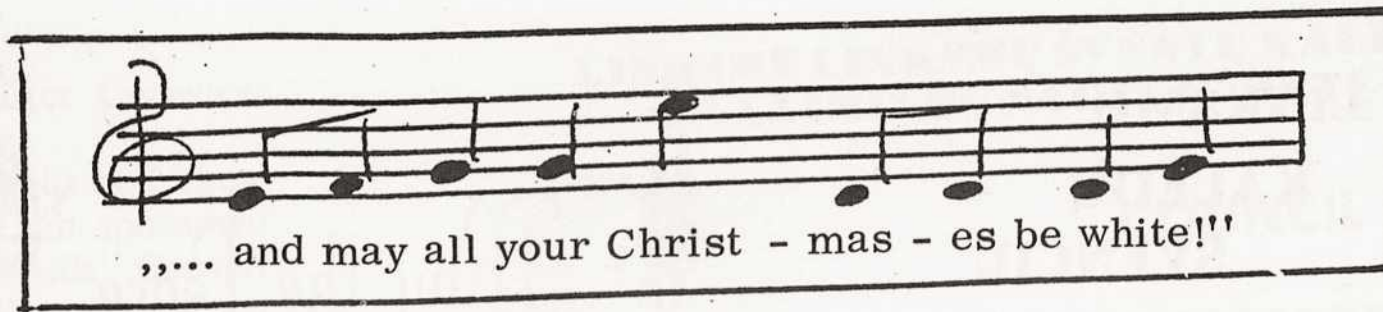
September also started our bowling league. Since the league has been active for more than forty years, it is disheartening that more Lithuanians do not participate. No pro bowlers are permitted as the league is strictly for fun and socializing. All ages participate and the time is perfect. Come down to Clover Lanes on Friday nights at 7:30. We can use you.

The weekend of November 20 in Chicago provides an oddity with our Detroit sports fans. The Detroit Lions football team, the Detroit Piston basketball team and the Detroit Redwing hockey team play against Chicago Teams in Chicago. Many of our members joined this motorcade.

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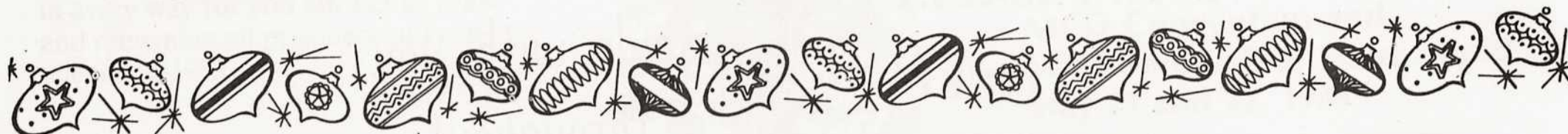


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Council 26

St. Casimir's

Worcester, MA



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Putnam, CT

Recently the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, hosted the Supreme Council during the dedication of the Knights of Lithuania Archives Room at ALKS.

President Loretta Stukas, Board Members Bernice Aviza, Helen Shields, Irene Sankus, Ann Marie Kassel, Helen Chesko, Anna Wargo, Elsie Kosmisky, Tom Bruzga, Paul Binkis Jr. and National Spiritual Adviser Anthony Jurgelaitis enjoyed the overnight accommodations arranged for us by Alphonse and Teresa Trainis. We thank them for their kindness during this occasion.

It was a real Lithuanian weekend with food prepared and served by the Sisters, beautiful Lithuanian spoken by everyone and Lithuanian Masses. The Motherhouse is situated in a calm, peaceful, wooded setting in the hills of Connecticut. The welcome mat is always out for Lithuanians who wish overnight accommodations on a stopover or just a meal.

The Matulaitis Nursing Home and the Villa Maria Rest Home are located a short distance from the Motherhouse. Two summer camps, Camp Neringa in West Brattleboro, VT and Camp Dainava in Manchester, MI are under the direction of the Sisters. In Toronto and Montreal, the Sisters work with the families of the Lithuanian parishes.



Msgr. Jonas Balkunas, Main Celebrant, during Outdoor Mass in Putnam -



Scene at camp Neringa



Sister Igne with friends at Camp Neringa



Delegates at NED Convention

The Immaculata Press, owned and operated by the Sisters, prints several Lithuanian magazines, books, English and Lithuanian leaflets and pamphlets. The Sisters also edit and publish "Eglute—The Little Fir," a monthly magazine for children.

Each year in Putnam on the last Sunday in July, the Sisters hold an annual gathering for Lithuanians from the United States as well as Canada. An outdoor Mass followed by Lithuanian food and a program by campers from Neringa fill the day.

More information may be obtained by writing Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Immaculate Conception Convent, Putnam, CT 06260.

Bernice Aviza

C-10—Athol-Gardner

The Athol-Gardner Council hosted the NED Fall Convention on Sunday, September 26 in St. Francis Church, Athol. The large delegation of delegates and guests marched into church in a body. President Bill Wisniauskas and Sister Eugenia Glineckis received their Fourth Degree preceding Mass in an impressive ceremony. Brunch followed in the hall. Sessions were in charge of Dr. Peter Bizanskauskas, NED president. The Third Degree was awarded a class at Benediction. Supper prepared by our capable girls followed.

The committee consisted of Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Honorary Chairman; Food Chairman Nellie Melaika assisted by Bill and Brone Wisniauskas, Stan and Alice Perekslis; Charles and Blanche Genaitis, Raffle; Pauline Rogers, Frank Anoris, Clara Zetkauskas, Marg Sauronsky, Leonard Davidonis, Tina Shatas, Frances Muellas, Helen Simkunas, Gladys Richardson, Brone Norkevicius, Beatrice Richard and Howie Beaudette. Approximately 125 persons attended.

Condolences are extended to Albert and Frances Muellas on the recent death of Albert's mother in

GREETINGS

May the joy of the Bethlehem manger
be reborn in your heart this Christmas.

**Council 145
Holyoke, Mass.**

Merry Christmas

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St. Casimir's Lithuanian Parish

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Laimingu Naujuju Metu!

COUNCIL 74
Scranton, Pa.

SVEIKINAME VISUS VYČIUS

Switzerland. May she rest in peace.

Lennie Davidonis was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Woodsmen Rifle and Pistol Club of Athol.

Frank Anoris is a new member of the Board of Directors of the White Pond Association of Athol.

Our council sponsored a bus to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auersville, NY, at the annual Lithuanian Day sponsored by the Lithuanian Religious Aid Group. Forty-five of us had a great time and are looking forward to another bus trip.

Father Stepie planned the annual parish celebration of the First Communion Feast and the Eucharistic Day on October 10.

Linksmu Kaledu Svenciu Visiems Vyčio Nariams!

Vincukas

C-26—Worcester

Reports on our fall activities are incomplete at this writing. However, we take this opportunity to extend deepest sympathies to Stanley Kamendulis and his family. Stan's mom died in September.

The holiday season with its hustle and bustle of shopping and decorating prompts us to submit this simple but most sincere message.

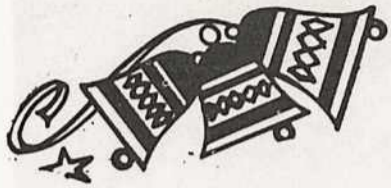
All of us in Council 26, our pastor Father Anthony Miciumas, MIC; our spiritual director. Father Benjamin Uzdavinis; Sister M. Ignata, SSC; Rita Pinkus, our president,



Athol Delegation at Auersville



C-50 Officers: seated - Bernice Barile - Ritual, Isabelle Peterson - Traes., Helen Balchus - Cor. Sec'y, Julia Glynn - Rec. Sec'y, standing - George Kisielius - 2nd V.P., Frank Peterson, Pres., Father Karalis - Spiritual Advisor, Albert Gedrim - Fin. Sec'y, Albert Gutasukas - 1st V.P.



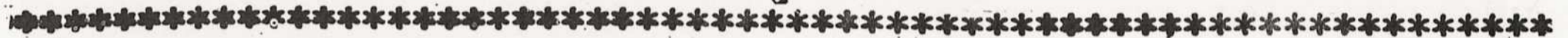
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Joy and Peace
of Christmas
be with you
through
The Coming Year



COUNCIL 30

WESTFIELD, MASS.



her executive board and the entire membership join in wishing our K of L friends, near and far, a host of Christmas blessings this holiday season! Sveikas Jezau Gimusis!

DZUKELE

C-103—Providence

Our September meeting was held in St. Casimir's Church Hall followed by a pot luck supper enjoyed by all.

The annual parish mini picnic held in August was quite a success with many friends and acquaintances attending. K of L workers and volunteers worked hard to make it a great day. Ačiu labai, ačiu!

The Lithuanian Sub-committee of the Heritage Commission of Rhode Island participated in the annual ethnic festival on the State House lawn. They had a special booth with Lithuanian food and artifacts. We showed the people of Rhode Island that we Lithuanians are interested and proud of our cultural and religious heritage. Many thanks goes to all the Lithuanians, K of L members, St. Casimir's parishioners, Chairperson Jean Pike of the sub-committee and all who participated in the Lithuanian ethnic festival.

Bertha Stoskos, John and Irene Walaska, President William Piacentini, Anthony Gudeczauskas, Raymond and Ruth Savickas served as delegates to the NED Convention.

Gary Belcomis, a K of L regular, reported to Texas Air Force Base on September 22. Francis Kapiskas received his second degree from the University of Rhode Island in Food Service. Good luck, Gary and Francis!

I wish C-103 members with God's Blessing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Helen Denisewich



Mid-Atlantic District

Jack Frost painted the New York countryside brilliant shades of reds, oranges and yellows for the delight of Mid-Atlantic District Knights as they travelled to their district meeting held on October 3, in Amsterdam.

Prior to the meeting a Lithuanian Mass for the intentions of our recently deceased member Brother George Petkevicius was held. Fr. Robert Baltch, Spiritual Adviser for C-100, was main celebrant. He was assisted by Fr. Anthony Grigaitis C-100 and Fr. John Jancius, visiting from Milwaukee. Polly Ziausys, Cultural Co-chairperson C-100 and

Anthony Radzevich, President C-100 gave the readings. During the offertory procession Lithuanian gifts were presented.

Fr. Baltch opened the meeting with prayer. President Radzevich extended greetings to all council who made the long journey. New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania councils were represented. A hearty welcome was extended to C-118 Hazleton, PA. The Fourth Degree was bestowed upon Fr. Robert Baltch by Helen Chesko of the National Ritual Committee.

Joe Sleder of the MAD Ritual Committee conferred Third Degree awards upon Peter Hayes, Helen Druziak, of C-100 and John and Veronica Sutkus, Jack Brandt of C-140 Syracuse. Peter Sargalis of C-100 will be presented his degree by local officers when his health permits. We wish Pete a speedy recovery.

Adele Dauzickas C-110 and Dalia Bulvicius C-12, delegates to the National Convention, reported on the many business, spiritual and social events.

Jeanne Janonis reported on the leadership seminar scheduled for October 9 in Pittston. The day's events will include panels on Culture, Ritual, Lithuanian Affairs, Duties of Council Officers and Committee Chairmen.

Helen Shields reported that two additional churches in Lithuania were adopted and invited C-118 Hazleton to adopt a parish.

District officers and committee chairmen were commended for doing a great job this past year and were unanimously reelected to their respective offices and chairmanships as follows: Rev. Frank Bulovas, Spiritual Adviser; Larry Janonis, President; John Antanavicius, First Vice President Juniors; John Adamenas, Second Vice President Membership; Jeanne Janonis, Corresponding and Recording Secretary; Helen Trucilauskas, Membership Secretary; Connie Siat-sis, Treasurer; Elsie Kosmisky, Helen Shields, Millie Pietz, Trustees; Bernice Aviza, Helen Yurkus, Dale Bulvicius, Lithuanian Affairs; Adele Dauszickas, Public Relations and Vytis Correspondent; Regina Kot, Cultural; Jovita Sleder, Joe Sleder, Ann Adamenas, Ann Zaldaris, Ritual.

The next district meeting will be held on March 13 in Bayonne, NJ. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Fr. Baltch who then led us in a dynamic singing of the Vyciu Himnas.

Everyone then enjoyed the gala food and drink put out by host Council 100. No one denied that they had retained their fantastic reputation for hospitality and fine food.

Bernice Aviza

Council-12—Manhattan, New York

It seems that our council does not know the meaning of the word "atostogos." Our June meeting was nostalgic and sad. Not only did we have to say "Su Dievu" to our friends, but we also commemorated the Baisiojo Birželio days in Lithuania and their struggle for religious freedom. A poem by the Lithuanian Bard, Maironis, was read by Milly Pietz. The poet is celebrating this year the 50th anniversary of his death and his 120th of birth.

Many of our members attended the Newark District meeting. Adele Dauszickas C-110 and Dalia Bulvičius were elected to represent



Regina Kot, MAD Cultural Chairperson, presents offertory gift to the Rev. Robert Baltch, Spiritual Adviser C-100, as Polly Ziausys, MAD Cultural Committee, presented her gift of the Lithuanian Mass at St. Casimir's Church in Amsterdam at the MAD Convention on October 3

MAD at our annual convention in Cleveland. Ačiu labai for the honor.

July 4 was a happy day for Our Lady of Vilnius parish. Msgr. Ladas Tulabas, who was instrumental in saving our parish from extinction, came to visit us. We thanked him with a symbolic gift and a most delicious spread prepared by the gourmet cooks of our parish.

Fourteen of us went to the Cleveland convention where we participated vigorously in the events. A big "Valio" to Cleveland Council 25 for a job well done. We are happy it will be Council 3 in 83 — hope to see all of you there.

About 20,000 showed up for the Lithuanian Day at Lakewood, and our group was part of that number. Council 12 wishes Anna Wargo "ilgiausiu metu." She was honored at the Lithuanian Day's eve commemoration for her great contribution to the Lithuanian cause. At the picnic, our girls brought enough food to last a week; the boys were not far away with liquid refreshments. There were many "I sviekata" enjoyed by all.

A week after the picnic a yellow school bus rumbled toward upstate picnic grounds. Our Lady of Vilnius was having a picnic together with the Portuguese parishioners. Por-



Helen Matthews (right) a talented sculptress and member of the Knights of Lithuania Council 12 of Manhattan New York, won first prize for her work "Primal Therapy." The exhibit was sponsored by the Port Authority employees and judged by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York With Ms. Matthews is Ms. Raynolds, one of the judges from the museum.

tuguese and Lithuanian foods were featured. Have you ever tasted stuffed squid? Thanks, but I'll take kugelis any time.

Once home we were eager to start our fall schedule and plan for our upcoming Grybu Balius.

DALIA

C-41--Brooklyn

Vyčiu 41 kuopa Brooklyne po vasaros atostogu turejo savo pirma susirinkima rugsejo men. 19 d. Apreiškimo parapijos šaleje.

Pirm. Helen Kolber susirinkima atidare su malda. Seke einamieji reikalai. George Tamasonis kalbejo apie Apskrities suvažiavima, o Joseph Boley — apie Vyčiu metini semia Clevelande. Pasidžiaugta, kad per seimo posedžius buvo daugiau visur lietuviškai kalbama. Taip pat seimas apsieme sutvarkyti naujai pagaminta Vyčiu veliava, senai žuvus, nes dabartinei truksta kai kuriu ornamentu ir t. t.

Klebonas J. Pakalniškis kalbejo apie poeta Maironi. Em Sandanaviciene paskaite pora eilerasčiu, iš jo parašytos knygos "Pavasario Balsai." St. Lukas skaite apie pirma Amerikoje pasirodžiusi laikrašti "Aušra", kuris kita meta šves 100 metu sukakti.

Mrs. Geneviciene paskaite iš Lietuvos Kataliku Baznyčios Kronikos apie kunigu kankinimus ir persekiojimus Lietuvoje.

Buvo perrinkta ta pati valdyba 1983 metams.

Sekantis susirinkimas bus spalio 17 d. toje pačioje šaleje.

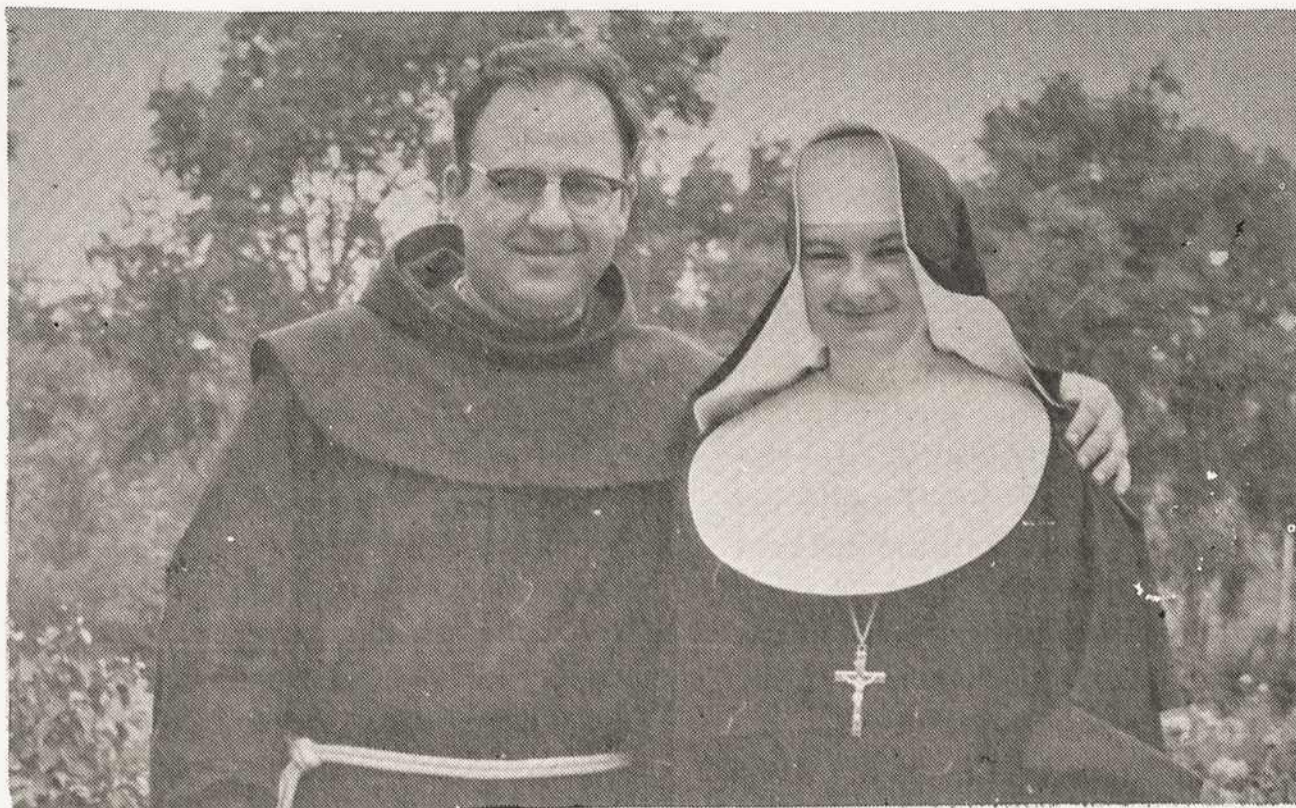
Seke vaises, kurias visada gražiai paruošia ir paaukoja Veronika ir Kane Kazlauskai.

E.S.

May He Rest In Peace

C-74 Scranton

Our beloved brother, Br. George Petcavage, O.F.M. died suddenly on tuesday, September 14, 1982. Br. George was a member of the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers. He spent most of his religious life working in the printery and clerical office of the



Brother George Petcavage, O.F.M. and Sister Margaret Petcavage

weekly newspaper, **Darbininkas**, a Franciscan publication.

Surviving are two sisters, Sr. Margaret Petcavage, SSC, Chicago, IL; Mrs. Josephine Schuster, Scranton; three brothers Felix, Lorain, Ohio; Henry, So. Attleboro, Mass.; and Daniel, Massillon, Ohio; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his twin brother, Albert, of Elyria, Ohio and a sister, Bernice Kamie, Detroit, Michigan. Br. George was waked at Shalins Funeral Home in N.Y. on Wednesday, and then was waked again at the Noreika Funeral Home in Scranton, Pa. on Friday. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, September 18th at St. Joseph's Church in Scranton. Six Franciscan Fathers concelebrated the Mass along with his nephew, Fr. Leonard Petcavage of Westlake, Ohio. Interment was at the Cathedral Cemetery in Scranton.

Not feeling well on Tuesday morning, Br. George asked one of his priests to call an ambulance. Before the ambulance arrived he asked to be anointed and also bid farewell to the priest anointing him. With his last breath he bid a loving farewell to all of his fellow Franciscans and requested to be buried in Scranton. He went to his Maker at 7:15 A.M. on the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross.

I ask you kindly to keep him in your prayers. "As we have loved him in life, let us not forget him in death."

Sr. Margaret Petcavage

C-100—Amsterdam

At our September meeting Eleanor Olechowski, chairman, reported on the annual outing held on August 15 at the summer residence of Dr. & Mrs. Adam Kindar. Fr. Baltch presented Dr. Kindar with a Vytis pin and congratulated him on the observance of 50 years in the field of medicine.

Delegates reported that the National Convention, hosted by C-25, was a most successful one with a most hospitable committee at the helm. Joan Jasewicz, our Junior member, received a K of L Scholarship.

Correspondence from Rev. Casimir Pugevicius thanking C-100 for participating at Lithuanian Day at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville was read. He thanked Fr. Baltch for hosting the Annunciation Parish Choir under the direction of Victor Ralys and other New York residents at a luncheon in St. Casimir's Social Center. The choir sang at the Shrine. K of L'ers who assisted were Sophie Olbie, President and Mrs.

Radzevich, Mr. & Mrs. John Whel-ly, Frances DiBart, Helen Hugo, Josephine Redding, Polly Ziausys, and Annacetta Guzielek. He was also thankful for the help from Regina Kot, Bernice Aviza and Gene Gobis.

The Mass in the coliseum was concelebrated by twelve priests with Rev. Matthew Cyvas, pastor of St. George Church, Albany, as the principal celebrant. Fr. Pugevicius in his homily, both Lithuanian and English, charged the congregation to remember that the problem of the Church in Lithuania was a Catholic and not a Lithuanian problem.

Two hundred K of L'ers attended the Mid-Atlantic District Convention hosted by our council on October 3. At noon Rev. K. Baltch, our Spiritual Adviser and pastor of St. Casimir's Church, celebrated the Lithuanian Mass with Rev. Anthony Grigaitis and Rev. John Jancius of Milwaukee concelebrating. The Mass was held for the intention of recently deceased member, Brother George Petkevicius. St. Casimir's Choir under the direction of organist, John Nye, sang Lithuanian hymns.

MAD President Larry Janonis presided at the business sessions in the Social Center. The opening prayer was given by our Spiritual Adviser Rev. Baltch. President Anthony Radzevich welcomed delegates and guests. Greetings were read from National President Loretta Stukas.

Helen Chesko, National Ritual Chairman, presented Rev. Baltch with his fourth degree medal and certificate. Bernice Aviza was reelected to the MAD Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Regina Kot will continue to head the Cultural Program. Sister M. Angela SJC who

formerly taught in St. Casimir's was a delegate from Anthracite Council of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Helen Druziak, Peter Sargalis and Peter Hayes were installed in the Third Degree by MAD Ritual Committee. Serving as delegates from our council were Bernice Aviza, Edward Baranauskas, Rev. Anthony Grigaitis, Beatrice Jasewicz, Sadie LaTorre, Eleanor Olechowski, Mary Stnionis, Betty Kuzmich, Polly Ziausys and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Karbocius.

A buffet consisting of a large variety of covered dishes donated by members was served by Helen Hugo, chairman, and her hard-working committee. Peter Hayes chaired the Liquid Refreshments Committee. Gene Gobis was in charge of the raffle.

President Radzevich and his Planning Committee appreciated the efforts of all members who participated in successfully hosting the MAD Convention.

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-110—Maspeth

On September 27 Council 110 attended a Mass for the Persecuted Church in Lithuania and the suffering, struggling Lithuanian people in Transfiguration Church. Spiritual Adviser Rev. Frank Bulovas officiated. Rev. Stasys Raila dedicated his homily to the persecuted Lithuanians and requested us to continue praying. Helen Jambor, Helen Matulonis, Helena Zeder, Adele Dauzickas and Stasia Kraujelis presented the offertory gifts.

Following Mass, a short ceremony was held at the Shrine in observance of the first anniversary.

On October 3 council members journeyed by chartered bus, chaired by President Adomenas, to the MAD Fall Convention in Amsterdam. C-110 was well represented as one of the eleven councils in attendance. President Adomenas reported on C-110 activities and proudly announced our council membership of 294. Bernice Aviza, MAD Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, announced that June 14 will

be observed as Baltic Freedom Day. Joseph Sleder assisted by Antoinine Adomenas of the MAD Ritual Committee conferred Third Degrees on five members. Many thanks to Spiritual Adviser Fr. Baltch and Amsterdam Council for hosting a productive convention and unexcelled buffet.

Muriel Lekstutis, who chaired our Dinner-dance on September 25, reported an attendance of 230 and a nice profit at our October meeting. Her committee consisted of Mary Johnson, Lottie Ulrich, Jonas and Antonine Adomenas, Anthony Lekstutis, Adele Dauzickas, Mary Baltrus, Stasia and Al Krajaulis, Mafalda Kuchinskas, Anthony and Helen Yakaitis, and Helen Jambor.

The following were elected to office for the current year: Jonas Adomenas, President; Peter Yuskevich, Vice President; Adele Dauzickas, Secretary; Karen Dagis, Treasurer; Jean Mactutis, Financial Secretary; Marija Stumburys in Charge of Juniors; Helen Matulonis, Lithuanian Affairs; Helen Yakaitis, Program; Stasia Krazaulis, Ritual.

Transfiguration Church was filled to capacity on Sunday, October 24, for the investiture of the Rev. Msgr. Frank Bulovas, MAD Spiritual Adviser and pastor of Transfiguration.

After opening remarks by Sister Urban, Vincent Abolyas led the procession which included K of L member in Lithuanian costumes. Maria Stungurys and her three daughters, Antania, Ilona and Alexander, carried the K of L banner. Flag bearers were Helen Matulonis, Evelyn Wallis and Mary Baltrus. Stasia Kraujolis and Helen Jambor also participated. Catholic War Veterans, Kowalinski Post and Auxiliary and American Legion were represented.

Rev. Stanislaus Raila, Spiritual Adviser C-110 and Rev. John Petrauskas of Thompson CT preceded the Rev. Msgr. Gerald J. Langalier, Vicar of Vicariate D, who invested Msgr. Bulovas.

Radiant in white and gold vestments, Msgr. Bulovas



Merry Christmas

**WELL WISHER
GENE GOBIS**



**Merry Christmas and the
Happiest New Year**

NANCY PAWASAUSKAS MIRO

National Recording Secretary



celebrated Mass. Readings were by Robert F. Cullwell and Millie Sabel. Offertory gifts were presented by Viola Baliunas, sister of Monsignor, and his two nieces. The parish choir under the direction of B. Kerbelis sang at the Mass.

Following the Blessing by Monsignor Bulovas, refreshments were served in the church hall.

This was a happy occasion and a great honor to Lithuanians, especially K of L'ers, to have a new Monsignor. Congratulations!

Helen Venis

C-140—Syracuse

C-140 members who attended the District meeting at Frackville were John and Veronica Sutkus, Marija Vizgaitis, Katherine Cravetts, Catherine Brandt and Frank and Irene Petrauskas. They each reported having a fine time. They enjoyed that genuine Pennsylvania

C-118—Hazleton

Members of C-118 held their first picnic at the summer home of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dancho in beautiful Butler Valley in August. Members brought a variety of covered dishes, mainly Lithuanian. After a short business meeting, everyone participated in the activities of the day. Second National Vice President Elsie Kosmisky was our guest.

President Albert Launikonis and his wife Alma attended their first MAD Convention in Amsterdam. Meeting President Janonis, the district officers and delegates was a joyful experience. Thanks Father Baltch and Amsterdam Council for your gracious hospitality. C-118 is grateful to everyone for their words of encouragement.

Secretary Doris Shanahan, Treasurer Julia Solonosky, Margaret Lapinsky, President and Alma Launikonis attended the seminar in Pittston. It was informative and helpful for a new council. Thank you, Pittston, for inviting us!

Our members, wearing boutonnieres in Lithuanian colors, formed an Honor Guard for Aux. Bishop Timlin at Confirmation at St. Peter and Paul Church. Aux. Bishop Timlin extended best wishes to our council.

Valentine Dancho resumed her duties as teacher of Lithuanian classes.

Margaret Lapinsky and Valentina Dancho will co-chair our first Kucios on December 8 in the parish hall.

A.L.



A group of K of L'ers congratulating The Rev. Msgr. Frank Bulovas after investiture on October 24 in Transfiguration Church, Maspeth

hospitality. Katherine Cravetts, Catherine Brandt, Irene and Frank Petrauskas also were awarded their Third Dégrees.

Our April, May and June meetings were interesting and well attended. Irene Petrauskas hosted the April meeting; June Johnson, the May meeting; Mary Zutant, June. We look forward to this part of the meeting because each hostess fixes us up with some real good eating.

Summer was pleasant with much sunshine and good weather. Our Council Picnic was held despite a weather forecast of rain. The day was dry and those who came out enjoyed themselves.

A tip of the hat to Charlie Machutas and his gang for a wonderful National Convention. C-140 members who attended were Catherine and Jack Brandt, Katherine Cravetts, Ann Guentert, John and Veronica Sutkus, Frank and Irene Petrauskas and "Stormin" Norman Klimas. All were singing praises to the fine Cleveland hospitality. Norman Klimas especially enjoyed himself because he flew for the first time. He said his arms were tired by the time he reached Cleveland.

Lithuanian Day at Auriesville Shrine was a memorable and most enjoyable day. Father Pugevicius and those who assisted him are to be congratulated for a job well done. C-140 members who attended were Walt and Ann Guentert, Chet and Mary Nowak, Marija Vizgaitis, Frank and Irene Petrauskas. The Nowaks, who live in Niagara Falls, are newer members of C-140. It was nice to meet and visit with them.

Our closing thought: Advice — the softer it falls, the deeper it sinks into the mind.

Pusbrolis

C-144—Anthracite Council

Spiritual Adviser Rev. Al Bartkus has a kettle of ideas for getting children from the Anthracite Region interested in their Lithuanian

heritage. Simmering for a long time was his plan for a Lithuanian summer camp.

This July 27-20, a treat materialized as 22 boys and girls from Grades 3 to 6 gathered for four day sessions of "Camp Heritage" at St. George's Grove, Brandonville.

Stasys Vaicaitis taught them basic Lithuanian language lessons and cultural history.

Elsie Kosmisky helped them construct lantern-type "siaudinukai," while Bernice Mikatavage and Anne Sikora demonstrated glued-design straw ornaments.

Each child also prepared a banner with a felt map of Lietuva and important Lithuanian symbols like "Vytis" and "stulpai."

To help them understand the folktale "Egle and the Serpent," Joanna Pavlis conducted a nature walk, pointing out the Lithuanian hardwood trees—oak, ash and birch as well as the quivering poplar.

After lunch each day, the children

enjoyed splash time on a plastic "slip and slide" sheet. Pushing Fr. Al down the "slip and slide" was a highlight of camp activities!

At the last session's "lauzas," participants impressed parents and guests by presenting a program of what they had learned.

The campers recited "Sveika Marija" and answered "Kas cia?" questions. They danced "Kalvelis." They sang "Lietuvos Himnas" and "Marija, Marija," as well as "Turiu Gera Deduka" and "Vijo Vilkas Voveraite." As darkness fell, three different groups dramatized folktales before the crackling bonfire. In the plays, they explained "How the Hare Got A Split Lip" and the "Legend of Ausros Vartu Marija." They re-enacted the story of "Egle, Zalciu Karaliene."

Sister Angela SJC was camp coordinator, assisted by Rita Shevokas. Fr. Bartkus treated the campers with "Lithuanian Power" T-shirts.

Rita Shevokas

PEACE

C-144—Anthracite

Many members of C-144 were among the hundred people at "Veliniu Pamaldos," All Souls Day Devotions, at the Lithuanian Cemeteries in Frackville.

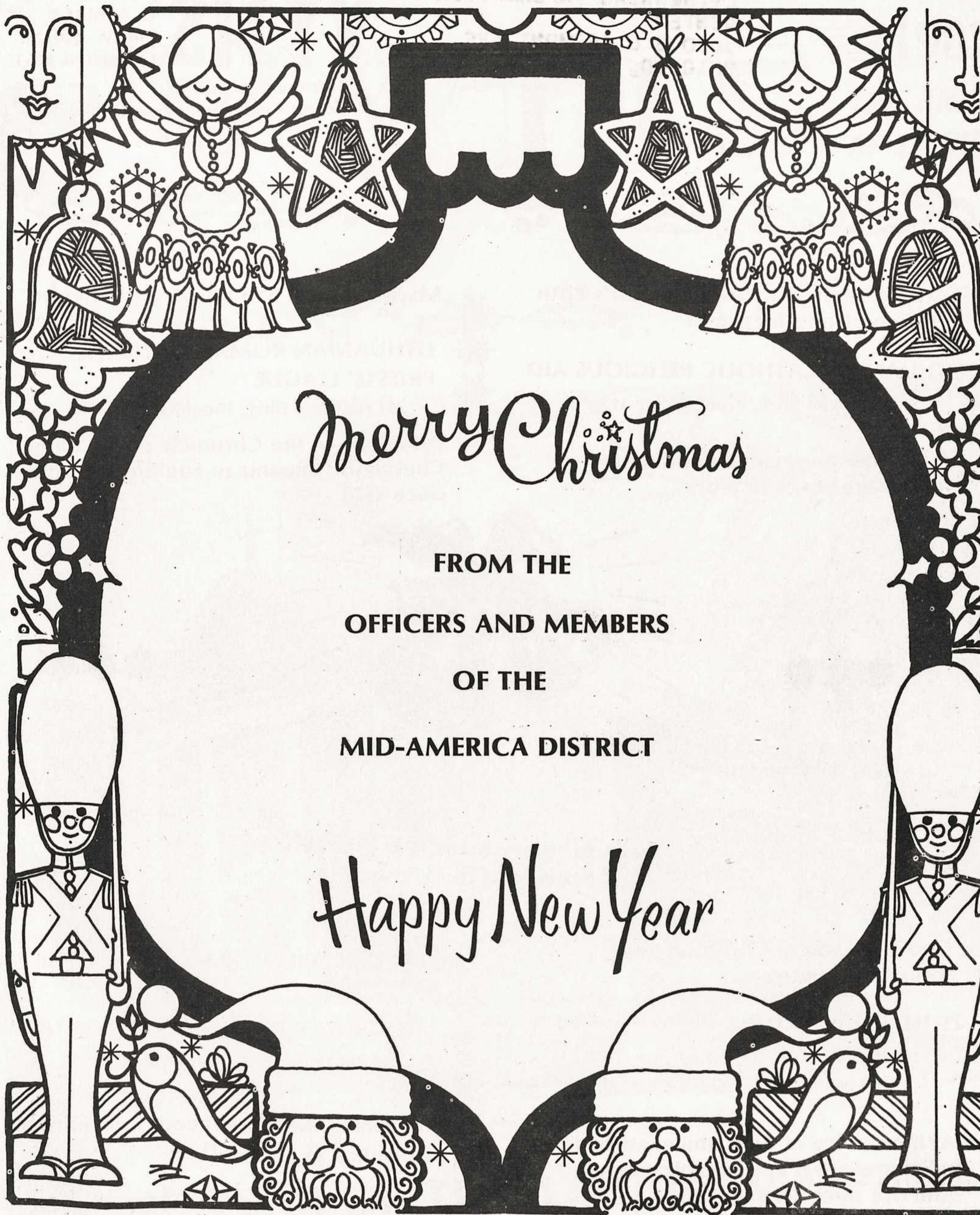
With crossbearer and two acolytes carrying elevated lanterns leading the procession, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas of St. George parish Shenandoah, Rev. Matthew Jarasunas of Lady of the Holy Spirit parish of Maizeville and Rev. Algimantas Bartkus of Annunciation BVM parish of Frackville and Spiritual Adviser of C-144 were followed by Zarija Choir, C-144 Knights and member of neighboring parishes.

All carried lighted candles which they later placed on the graves of their deceased. As the group moved from each of the five stations, the Zarija Choir sang verses of "Diena Ruscia," Dies Irae.

At the final stop, Father Bartkus reflected on the mysterious ways of the Lord. Whereas this ancient pious custom of remembering the dead has been forbidden in occupied Lithuania, it has emerged in a distant land.

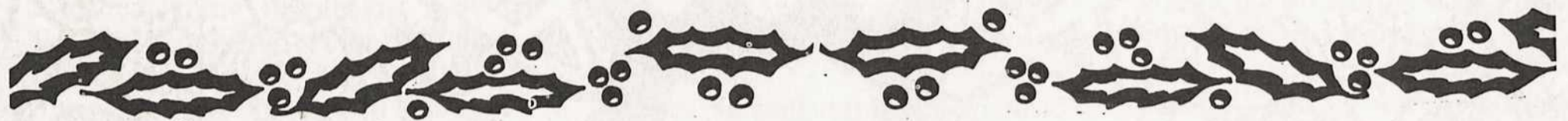
The services were concluded with the singing of "Viespaties Angelas," Angelus.





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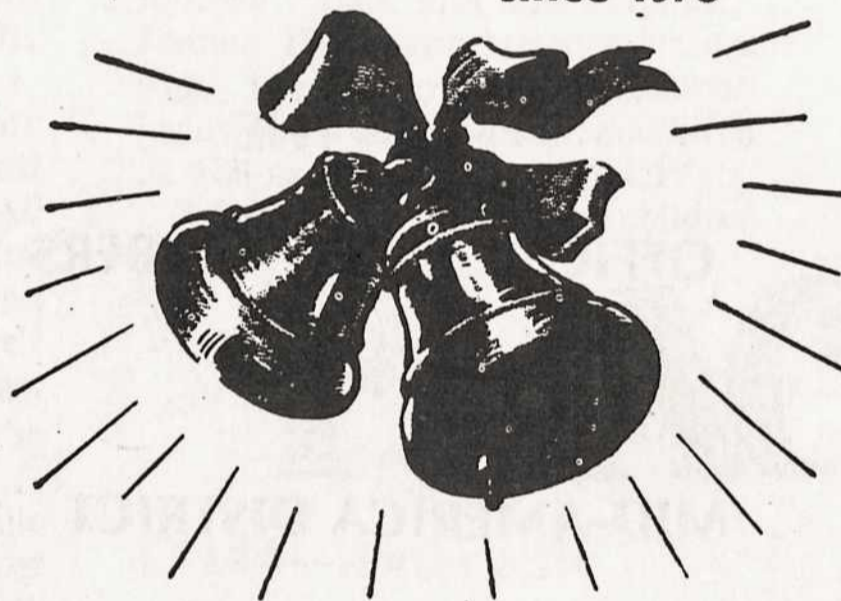
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