

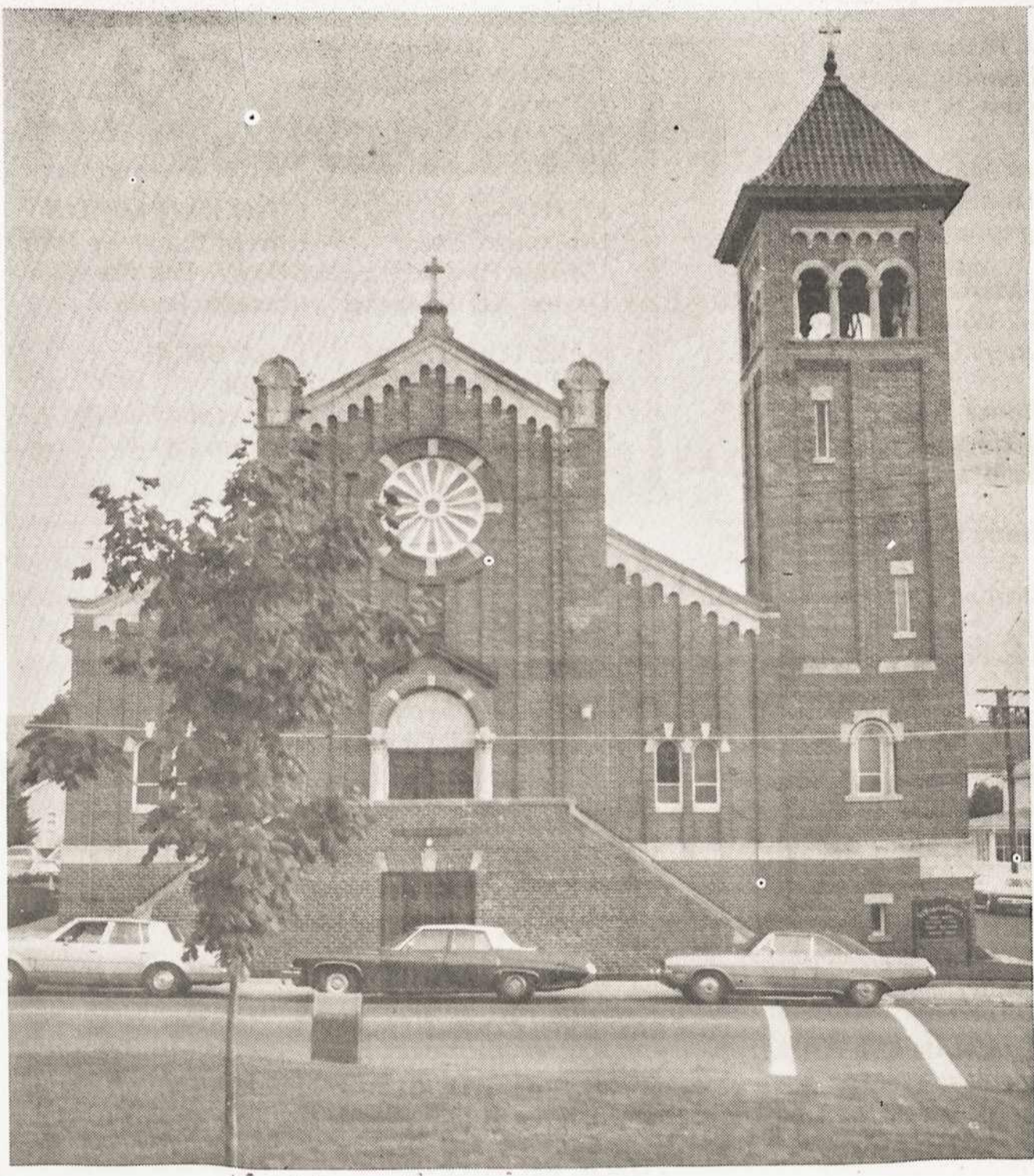
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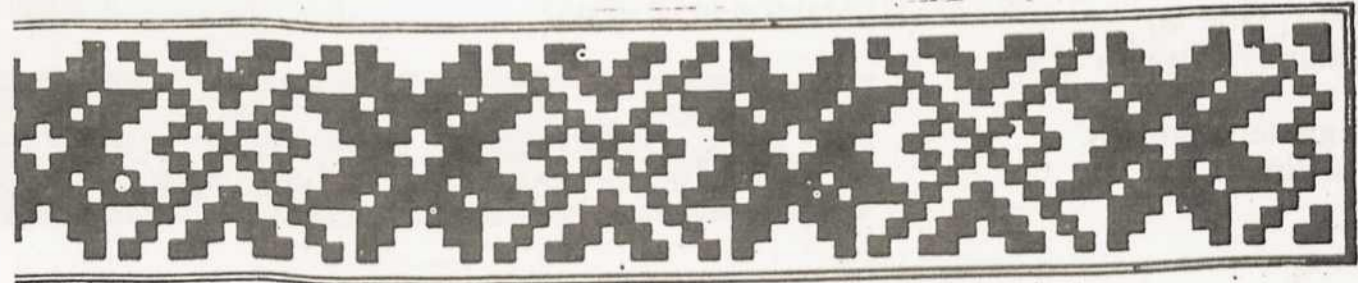
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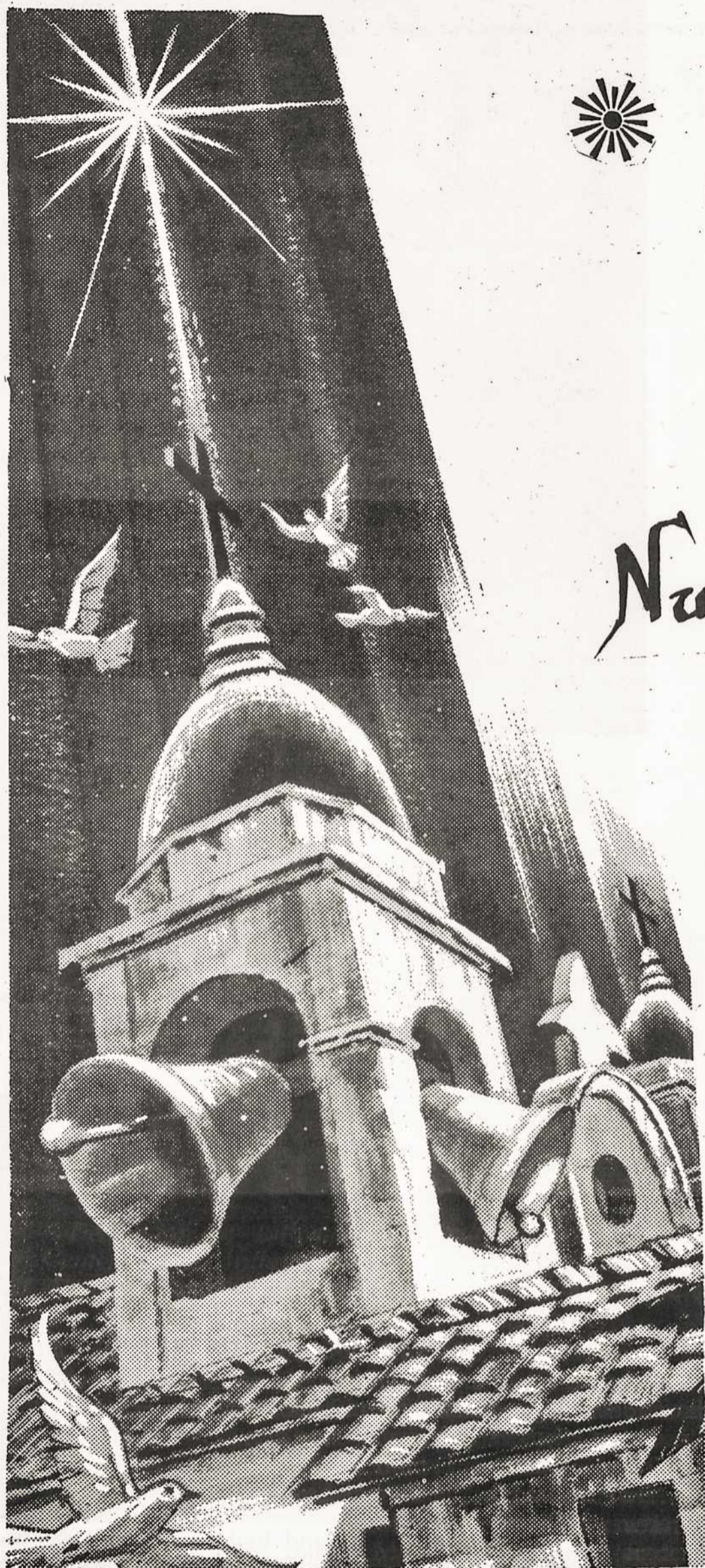
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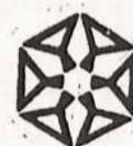
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Dedication of the K. of L. Archives Room at Alka

by Loretta I. Stukas

It was a bright, sunny and crisply cool autumn morning. Connecticut's fall foliage was at the peak of its earthy beauty. The peacefulness of the convent setting was broken by K. of L. Supreme Council members getting in a quickie tour of the ground, committee members making last minute preparations for the day's ceremonies, and invited guests gathering for the festivities.

This was Oct. 16, 1982, the day the Knights of Lithuania were dedicating the permanent home for their organizational archives, an unpretentious but sturdy room in the ALKA (American Lithuanian Cultural Archives) Museum in Putnam, CT. The room was acquired after the long and diligent efforts of H.M. Longinas Svelnis and his able committee, and the generosity of C-147, St. Petersburg member, Jonas Valauskas.

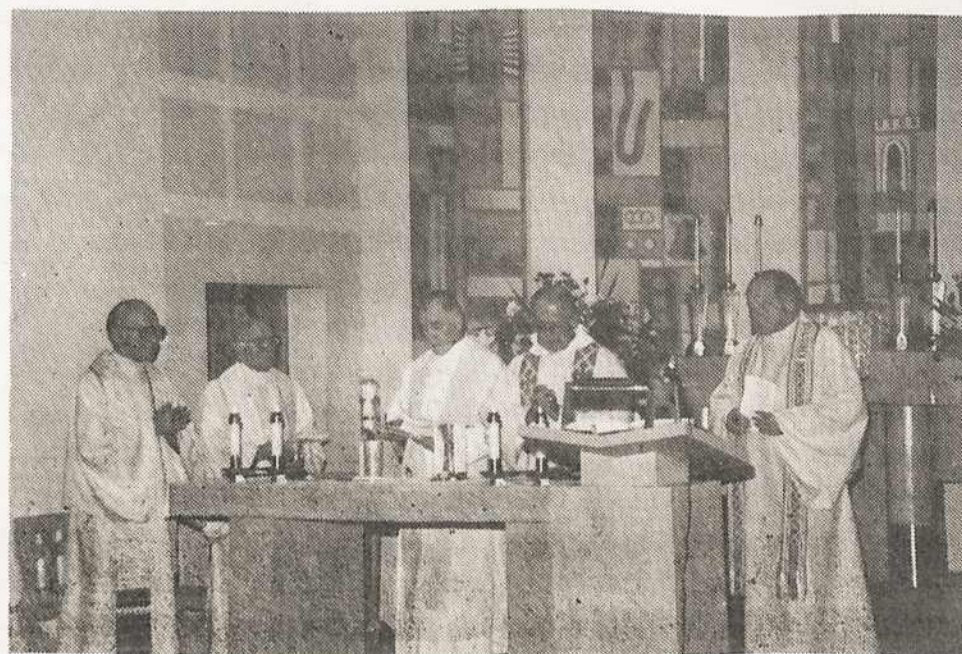
The day's official events began with Holy Mass in the beautiful chapel of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Celebrants were Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, OP, Rev. C. Pugevicius, Rev. A. Janiunas, Rev. S. Yla, and Rev. R. Krasauskas. In his homily, Rev. Jurgelaitis described the day's events as expressions of our K. of L. Thanksgiving ... our opportunity to thank God for our organization and for the dedicated members who made it possible to preserve mementos and artifacts of our organization for posterity.

After Mass, participants walked the short distance across the leaf-covered grounds to the ALKA Museum for the formal blessing. Father Jurgelaitis blessed all corners of the room and removed the covering from the beautiful VYTIS, the work of K. of L. artist Ed Strazdas. The VYTIS graces the wall next to the door to the Archives Room, for all to recognize whose room it is. On the door of the room is inscribed "Knights of Lithuania," above a gold plaque stating "Lietuvos Vyčių Kambaris, Jonas Valauskas, Kambario Mecenatas". Archives Committee Chairman Longinas Svelnis thanked all who attended and all who made this event possible, and officially "presented" the room to the Knights of Lithuania, via National President Loretta Stukas.

Responding to the presentation, Mrs. Stukas thanked Mr. Svelnis and his committee for their diligence in obtaining the space for the Archives Room, the ALKA Board for allowing us to obtain the space, and Mr. Jonas Valauskas for generously providing the funds to pay for the room. She remarked that this would provide continuity to our organization, and give future members the opportunity to learn of and appreciate the work of their forebears in building the Knights of Lithuania. Regrettably, the financial donor of this room, member Jonas Valauskas, was unable to be present, but was remembered throughout the ceremonies.



JONAS VALAUSKAS



Mass at ALKA — l. to r. Rev. Yla, Rev. Krasauskas, Rev. Janiunas, Rev. Jurgelaitis, and Rev. Pugevicius.

After the blessing, the 60 or so participants enjoyed a short "wine and cheese" reception in the ALKA lobby, prepared by the Archives Committee plus Nancy Miro and Clemensine Miller, and had opportunity to tour other parts of the Museum and visit with members and guests before heading back to the Convent for dinner.



Polly Ziausys, Rev. Jurgelaitis and Loretta Stukas display Mr. Valauskas' plaque.



A gift from Lithuania is displayed by Loretta Stukas, Father Jurgelaitis, Longinas Svelnis, Sister Aloysa and Phil Skabeikis.



Dinner Head Table — Polly Ziausys, Dr. Stankaitis, Loretta Stukas, Father Jurgelaitis, Sister Aloysa, Longinas Svelnis and Father Yla.

The Sisters outdid themselves in serving a delicious dinner to the gathered members and guests, to climax the Blessing festivities. After guests fortified themselves with many helpings (especially of the Lithuanian-style wild mushrooms), a short program closed the activities. Father Jurgelaitis, serving as M.C., introduced some of the special guests present, and asked for greetings from some, including Sister Aloysa, Provincial of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Dr. A. Stankaitis, President of ALKA, Father Yla, Spiritual Director of the Sisters, and Phil Skabeikis, past National President.

National President Loretta Stukas expressed her gratitude for all who made this day possible, extended the regrets of Mecenatas Jonas Valauskas who could not attend because of ill health, and introduced Polly Ziausys of C-100, Amsterdam, who read her own composition, a special poem dedicated to Mr. Valauskas. The poem, inscribed and decorated on a special scroll by artist Paulius Jurkus, expresses K. of L. gratitude to Mr. Valauskas. The framed scroll will be sent to C-147 for a formal presentation to Mr. Valauskas later.

The Archives Room was also presented with a specially woven Lithuanian sash - "Juostas" - stating "Sveikinimai iš Lietuvos". In accepting the gift, Archives Chairman Svelnis again expressed his gratitude to everyone, but especially to his hard working Archives Committee, and urged all K. of L.ers to send archival materials to him for sorting and storage in this room.

As the sun beamed through the dining room windows, members and guests also beamed with satisfaction, as they hurried to make their way home or to find the meeting room for the Supreme Council meeting. The dedication events had ended, but they signaled a wonderful beginning. Our organization would continue to live, not only in the works and memories of today's members, but also in the material records and mementos that would now fill our own Archives Room, providing a tribute to our past 70 years of existence and a base for learning how to continue activity for the coming years.



Wine and Cheese Reception.

9 Spalio 1982

Lietuvos Vyčių Archyvo Komisija buvo įsteigta šešiasdešimtoantrojo Metinio Seimo rezoliucija New Yorke. Man, kaip komisijos pirmiminkui, buvo pavesta surasti saugią ir tinkamą vietą. Amerikos Nepriklausomybės šventėje, tūkstantis devyni šimtai septynias dešimtšeštals, metais, pasitaręs su Garbės Nariu, Ignu Sakalu sutikome, kad ALKA būtų tinkamiausia vieta Lietuvos Vyčių Archyvui.

Prelatas Pranciškus Juras, taip pat Vyčių Garbės Narys, daugelį kartų mus ragino užsisakyti kambarį šalia jam skirto kambario. Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos ir Seimai tarėsi šiuoreikalu, bet negalėjo sukaupti reikalingą įnašą. Tada, gerbiamas Prelatas patarė kreiptis į poną Joną Valauską, prašant pagalbos. Ir vėl mums atėjo į pagalbą dvasiškiai, du prelatai: prelatas Jonas Balkūnas ir Prelatas Vytautas Balčiūnas. Prieš du metus, Kučių vakare, man pranešė, kad Ponas Valauskas sutiko būti Lietuvos Vyčių Archyvo Mecenatas.

Mes Lietuvos Vyčiai nesuran-dame tinkamų žodžių išreikšti mūsų giliausią dėkingumą.

Archyvo Komisija tuojaus ėmėsi darbo nudažyti ir įrengti kambarį. Šiandieną tie pradžios darbai užbaigti ir Komisija perduoda Archyvo Kambarį Centro Valdybai ir visia organizacijai.

Vyčių Archyvo Pirmiminkas
Longinas Svelnis



VYČIŲ KAMBARIO MECENATUI JONUI VALAUSKUI

Apolonija Žiaušienė

Reikėjo archyvo, nebuvo lėšų,
Jieškota, prašyta, tam tikslui, aukų,
Planai dideli, norai geriausi,
Be dolerių saujoj, netoli keliausi.

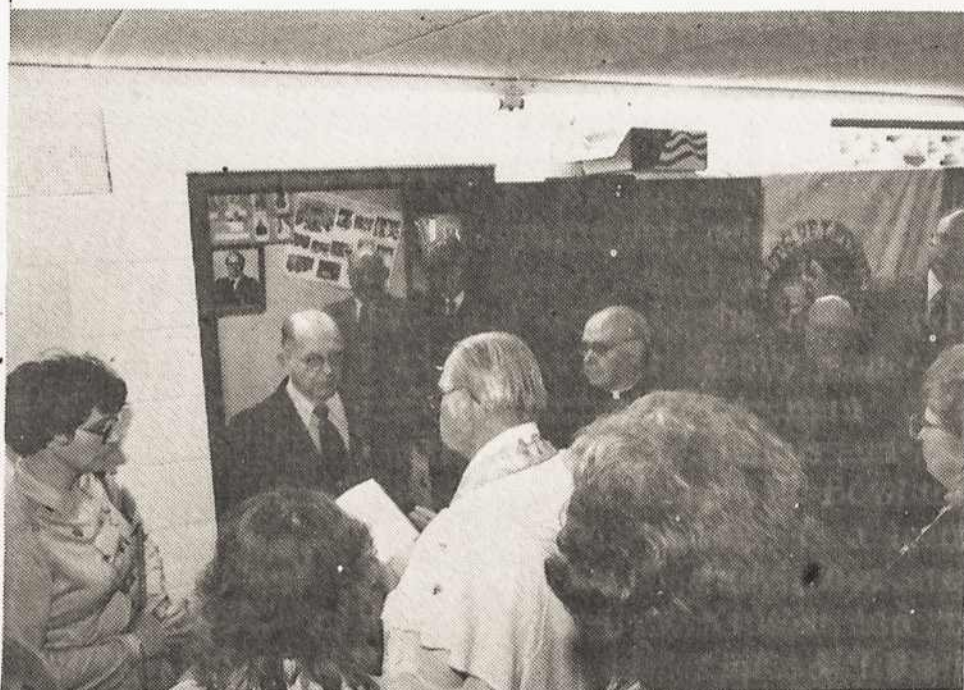
Teko savęs klausti, kas ateity bus?
Senas Vyčių turtas be archyvo žus.
Kaip po nakties tamsos, rytas saulėtas,
Jono Valausko auką, gavom, netikėtai.

Didelis duosnumas, jo gera širdis
Ir štai, Alkoj yra „Vyčių Kambarys“,
Daugel pāaukota, padėt prižadėta
Istoriją išleisti, patalpint į vietą,

Daug ir kitokių darbų padaryta,
Lietuviškas kryžius Valauskų pastatytas.
Duosnių rankų, kaip Jono, yra labai mažai,
Jam, esam dėkingi, gerbsim amžinai.

Sunku surasti, tokios širdies žmogų,
Šių dienų pasauly, mažai gero, daug blogo,
Bet Jonas Valauskas, šviečia, kaip žvaigždė,
Mums, Lietuvos Vyčiams, didelė garbė.

Visus jo darbus, kas surašyt gali?
Vyčių tarpe, jis milžinas, ne mažas žmogelis.
Aušros Vartų Marija, saugok jį, globok,
Laimingą ir ilgą gyvenimą duok.



Father Jurgelaitis blesses the Archives Room.



Loretta Stukas "accepts" the Archives Room.



Pope John Paul II

1983 Is A Special Holy Year

by Aldona Ryan

Pope John Paul II has proclaimed that 1983 is a HOLY YEAR to "stir people's minds to greater love and worship of Christ, the 'redeemer of mankind' and his salvific work" and to celebrate the 1,950th anniversary of the year of redemption, when Christ died on the cross.

This proclamation was made at a four-day assembly which took place on November 23rd through the 26th at the Vatican. 97 of the world's 120 cardinals attended the convocation.

This meeting was only the second such gathering called in the modern history of the church. The first one was called in 1979.

A HOLY YEAR is marked by special prayers and pilgrimages.

Due to the great interest shown by our members in our feature stories about our Knights of Lithuania parishes during 1982, VYTIS will continue to publish more of these. Although the Year of the Lithuanian Parish ends officially in March of 1983, the work of keeping our Lithuanian parishes alive and active must continue.

If you are interested in having your parish featured in VYTIS, please send your stories and photos to me and I will continue to publish them for as many months as it takes.

Meanwhile, we will all actively participate in Our Holy Father's HOLY YEAR - 1983.



Heritage

Lithuania, land of my grandparents,
Lithuania, people of their people,
I feel a need to be part of you,
To share a moment I thought was lost.

Lithuania, land from where they came,
Lithuania, land of their roots and mine.
I want to hold you near my heart,
To embrace you forever, close within me.

Lithuania, your land has inspired me,
I will never forget you,
I feel an inner peace and tranquility
To think of you and dream of you.

Lithuania, your language is foreign to some.
To me it is all of my young years.
I feel comfortable hearing your words,
To go backward in time, make my todays more meaningful.

Lithuania, you have strengthened my convictions.
Your people, your language and your courage are ours.
Our love, our prayers, and hopes are yours.
Each day of our lives, we remember to ask God —
Grant Lithuania and her people freedom.

Lithuania, we long for you to be free.
Lithuania, your land of rivers and fields.
We want you to feel the freedom we feel.
We add to our daily prayers, God Bless Lithuania!

Mary Ann Lepera
117 Boulder Rd.
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Combined Activities

For

Freedom of Lithuania

Rev. Juozas Prunskis



Winter scene — home and barn and trees.

The Knights of Lithuania is an organization with great merits. *Lietuvos Vyčiai* are sincerely dedicated to religious ideals and they also earnestly promote the Lithuanian cause.

Among other activities, *Lietuvos Vyčiai* are also members of the Lithuanian American Council, represented now by Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas, Dr. Leonardas Simutis and Ann Marie Kassel, prominent Lithuanian-Americans.

There are several organizations in the United States who are working for the future of the land of our fathers Lithuania: The Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania, the Lithuanian Community (whose primary aim is Lithuanian culture) and the Lithuanian American Council developing political action for Lithuania's independence.

One of the most influential organizers of the Lithuanian American Council was the late Leonard Simutis, one of the most active members of the Knights of Lithuania. The Lithuanian American Council for four decades has been active in the political field promoting the idea of freedom for Lithuania. This organization unites Lithuanians of various ideological, political and other groups.

At the present the Lithuanian American Council unites 13 national organizations: The Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of

America, National Lithuanian Society of America, National Lithuanian League of America, Lithuanian Alliance of America, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America, American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance, Knights of Lithuania, North American Lithuanian Students Association, Lithuanian Regeneration Association, Lithuanian Society of Vilnius Region, National Lithuanian American Republican Federation, Lithuanian American Democratic League. Many of these central organizations have their own newspaper.

The great achievement of the Lithuanian American Council was and is that the United States does not recognize the incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union and the Lithuanian Legation and Lithuanian consulates continue to function in this country and the Lithuanian American Council works in close cooperation with them. The Lithuanian American Council was also instrumental in getting a permanent program for Lithuania at the Voice of America.

After World War II the Soviet Union insisted that refugees from the camps in Germany be repatriated to the Soviet Union. The Lithuanian American Council successfully influenced the U.S. government to help save the Baltic people from forceful deportation.

The Lithuanian American Council was also an important factor in passage of the Displaced Persons bill by the United States Congress easing the way for immigration of over 30,000 Lithuanian refugees to America. The Lithuanian American Council was a main factor in founding the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America. The Lithuanian American Council keeps close contact with the members of Congress and through them organizes the commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day in the Senate and House of Representatives. The Lithuanian American Council promotes the Lithuanian cause at the State Department and other institutions of the U.S. government. The Lithuanian American Council is contacting various delegations to the Madrid conference urging them to defend human rights and freedom of conscience in Lithuania, occupied by Bolsheviks. The Lithuanian American Council is also a member of the Joint Baltic American National Committee in Washington, D.C. which is very active in defending the rights of the Baltic nations.

Therefore, it is very good that the Knights of Lithuania are taking part in the activities of the Lithuanian American Council, which is leading an unceasing fight for the freedom of Lithuania.



A Book Review

ARCHBISHOP GEORGE MATULAITIS

Aldona Ryan



ARCHBISHOP GEORGE

Lest we forget that we are actively engaged in the efforts to elevate Archbishop George Matulaitis to Sainthood, we offer information about a very interesting and informative book.

Simply called, "Archbishop George Matulaitis", this book was originally written in the Lithuanian language by Dr. Anthony Kucas. It was translated into English by Rev. Stanley C. Gaucias and published by the Lithuanian Catholic Press Society in Chicago in 1981. Copyright is held by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

It is written in a fairly large size type and in a very good, narrative style. It is beautifully bound and would be a great addition to any library. It tells of the life history of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

It tells of his joys and his sorrows. His bravery in continuing to pursue his aspirations, although seriously afflicted, is recounted.

The book contains many of his own writings and personal papers. Many photographs illustrate the years of his life.

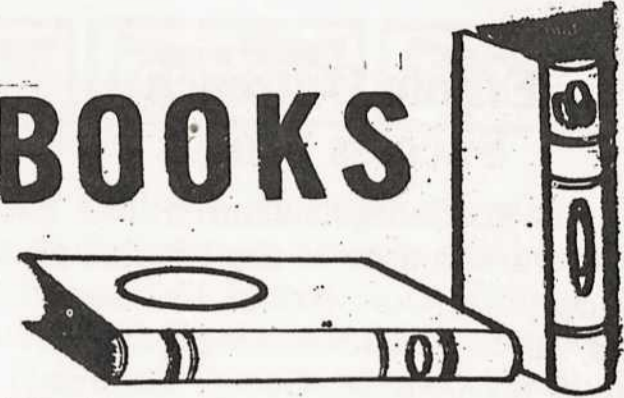
In reading about the life of the "Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop George Matulaitis," we are thrust into the everyday life of the people of those times. We visit different universities, churches and cities and we get an insight into the politics of that era.

We thank Father Joseph Dambrauskas for bringing this book to our attention. His devotion to this cause is exemplary. It was from Father Dambrauskas that we first learned about Archbishop George Matulaitis. Let us heed his suggestion that we continue our crusade to have a new Lithuanian saint.

To purchase this book, you may write to: Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, 6336 S. Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago, IL 60629

We urge every member to read this moving story and to reflect on the man we would call "Saint"

BOOKS



PRAYER

for restoring health

Lord Jesus Christ, you teach us that if two or three will ask for something in your name, it will be granted them by your heavenly Father. Encouraged by this promise, we turn to you in all confidence that through the intercession of your faithful servant Archbishop George Matulaitis-Matulevicius you would restore to health those whom we recommend to your mercy and especially for... (here mention the name of the person you wish to pray for) who places all hope in you.

In you, oh Lord, we have placed our trust, may we not be put to shame now and throughout eternity! Amen.

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Kaunas Cathedral where on December 1, 1918 Father George was consecrated bishop

Ethnic Outreach Success Story

St. George's Church

The urban area of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut has many and varied Ethnic churches. One of these, my own St. George Church, which was established in 1907 and this October 1982 will celebrate it's 75th Anniversary has seen many changes. This church originally began as a Lithuanian church.

Progress pushed it's way into the area and room had to be made to build the Connecticut Turnpike. One of the most prestigious American Irish churches in the area, Sacred Heart Church, was in the path of the bulldozers. St. George Church and its parishioners opened the door and their hearts to the members of Sacred Heart Church.

The transition on both sides was emotional and adjustments had to be made as St. George Church became the only church in the South End of Bridgeport, Connecticut. New friendships were formed, old friendship renewed, societies and guilds had to be merged and a great many hurts had to be comforted. Changes in the Mass schedule had to be made - the 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass remained the only Lithuanian Mass.

In time it all blended together, except that the neighborhood began to change. More and more Hispanics and Blacks were moving into the South End. Our St. George Church, through our Pastor, Rev. Francis Pranckus, saw the need to serve our neighbors and changed the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to a Spanish Mass.

So, now our St. George Sunday Mass schedule reads: 7:30 a.m. English, 10:00 a.m. Spanish, 11:00 a.m. Lithuanian and 12:15 p.m. English.

There are many black children attending our Sacred Heart/St. Anthony (that's another story) School under the direction of St. George Church, yet we are reaching out to their parents and we now see a few families attending our church.



Two years ago celebration was held to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the merged two churches. Our program had songs and dances from the Lithuanians, the Irish, the Hispanics and our American parishioners.

We, all, are working together now to plan a successful 75th Anniversary.

Teresa Trainis

DEIMANTINĖ PARAPIJOS SUKAKTIS

Connecticuto valstijos, Bridgeporto vyskupijoje yra keletas etninių parapijų. Viena tokių yra Šv. Jurgio lietuvių parapija Bridgeporte, įkurta 1907 m. Š. m. spalio mėn. parapija minėjo savo 75 m. įkūrimo sukaktį. Parapijos klebonas yra kun. F. Pranckus.

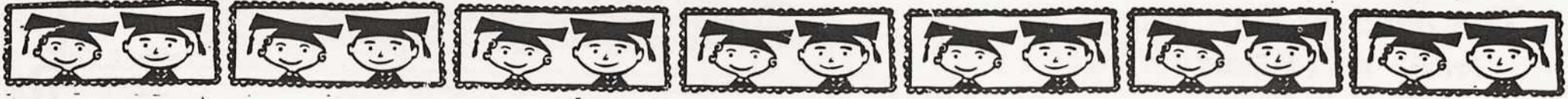
Pravedant greitkelį (turnpike), reikėjo nugriauti vieną labiau reprezentacinių airių Šv. Širdies parapijos bažnyčią. Lietuviškos Šv. Jurgio parapijos parapijiečiai atvėrė duris ir širdis airiams ir priėmė į savo parapiją ir bažnyčią, nes Šv. Jurgio bažnyčia liko vienintelė Bridgeporto pietų krašte. Reikėjo daug kantrybės ir laiko klebonui ir parapijiečiams išlyginti kilusius nesklandumus.

Reikėjo susilieti draugijoms ir bažnytinėms organizacijoms. Teko keisti Šv. Mišių ir jose vartojamų kalbų planus. Tik 11 val. sekmadienio pamaldos liko lietuvių kalba, ko užteko sumažėjusiam lietuvių skaičiui.

Negana šito. Parapijos ribose įsikūrė ir įsikuria vis daugiau ispaniškos kilmės ir juodųjų rasės žmonių ir katalikų. Reikėjo planuoti ir juos aptarnauti. Reikėjo skirti pamaldų laiką ir naujai parapijon įsijungusiems. Dabar Šv. Jurgio parapijos bažnyčioje sekmadienių pamaldos laikomos tokia tvarka: 7:30 val. ryto - angliškai, 10 val. ryto - ispaniškai, 11 val. ryto - lietuviškai ir 12:30 dieną - angliškai.

Amerikiečių ir daug etninių mažumų grupių vaikai lanko Šv. Širdies ir Šv. Antano vardo parapijines mokyklas, abi Šv. Jurgio parapijos globojamas. Dėl vaikų ir daugelis jų tėvų tampa praktikuojančiais katalikais.

Prieš du metus buvo švenčiama: 15 metų sukaktis, kai Šv. Jurgio parapijon buvo įjungti Šv. Širdies parapijiečiai. Sukakties metu, neskaitant suėjimų ir minėjimų, sėkmingai pasirodė lietuviai, airiai, ispanai ir amerikiečiai savo tautinėmis dainomis ir šokių programomis T. Tr.



Catholic Schools And Lithuanian-Americans

by Rev. Peter M. J. Stravinskas, Ph.D.

My work for the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights finds me preaching most weekends in parishes around the country on the goals and activities of the League; many of these engagements are in Lithuanian parishes. In conversations with Lithuanian pastors and people. I consistently hear that fewer and fewer Lithuanian-American children are attending Catholic schools — for a variety of reasons. First, so many Lithuanian parish schools have closed in the past 15 years. Second, as second-generation parents “arrive” socially and economically and move to suburbia, they tend to enroll their children in public schools. Third, many Lithuanian pastors, whose parishes lack a school, do not actively encourage parents to send their children to a territorial parochial school, for fear that parents may end up joining the parish where their children attend school. In this Year of the Lithuanian Parish, I would like to reflect on this situation — one which I consider to be a pastoral problem of the first order with disturbing and serious consequences for the future.

The goal of the Church in the United States, from the very beginning, as well as the clear teaching of the Second Vatican Council, is that every Catholic child belongs in a Catholic school. Our immigrant ancestors understood what many of us today tend to forget, namely, that if one wants a generation of young people loyal to the Church, there can be no substitute for a program which provides the ideal environment for education in faith to progress.

It seems to me that Catholic schools in America are more important and necessary today than ever before in our history. Fifty years ago public schools had at least a smattering of religious and moral values; that is no longer the case. At best, government schools today are silent on religious matters; at worst, they are hostile. For the seed of faith to grow, it is imperative that the values of the home be positively reinforced by the school. Anything less than that creates confusion and disorientation for children. Surely this is what Pope John Paul II had in mind when he said that “the Catholic school must remain a privileged means of Catholic education in America...worthy of the greatest sacrifices.” Even more recently he has referred to Catholic schools as “the heart of the Church.”

Without a strong Catholic educational system, the faith commitment of Catholics in America will be weak. Some will probably point to Lithuania or Poland and note that, even without schools, the faith is strong in those countries. However, there is also a critical difference. The faith is not under the same kind of strong siege here, and so we are not as aware of the attacks from secularism and thus not as able to combat those attacks. Nor can one expect an hour a week of CCD classes to produce a young, committed Catholic; much more is needed, and the Catholic school is an important part of that “something more”. It would also be wise to look at the experience of our non-Catholic friends who have not had schools in the past; they now see the value of full-time religious schools and are opening new schools across the country at the rate of one a day.

All of the latest studies show that Catholic schools achieve superior results at every level: academic excellence, discipline, religious formation. The last point is so crucial that it must be given special consideration. The work, of Greeley and his associates from 1981 demonstrates that the graduates of the post-Vatican II Catholic schools continue to be significantly different from their peers who attended public schools. The Catholic school graduates have a deeper adult religious commitment, as evidenced by a greater willingness to consider a religious vocation, more generosity to the Church in terms of time and money, higher frequency of daily prayer and Sunday Mass attendance.

One other aspect of this research should be especially interesting to Lithuanians, and that is that Catholic school students tend to have a deeper commitment to their ethnic and religious heritage than their public school counterparts. At the same time they are likewise more open to other outside groups and less prejudiced. Therefore, these students do not suffer from a ghetto mentality, but they do have a good sense of their roots and a healthy appreciation for their cultural background — the best of both worlds.

Catholic education needs to be the concern of every Catholic; it must be the moral and financial responsibility of every Catholic. Anything less is not a worthy Catholic response. I would urge that: (1) pastors actively and publicly encourage their people to use our schools; (2) scholarship funds be established to aid needy children; (3) parents recognize the serious moral obligation they have to send their children to Catholic schools.

If this article is successful, my future rounds of visitations to Lithuanian parishes will find many more of our children in Catholic schools. It will also result in the surest renewal of the Lithuanian Catholic community in America. An investment in youth is an investment in the future, and so a very worthwhile investment because they are what the Pope often calls them: our hope.

CULTURAL CORNER

The Ancient Balt Race

From "The Lithuanians"

by A. P. Yuknis

"The East Baltic race, in the strict sense, is to be distinguished from the Neo-Danubian (Slavonic)."

—Prof. Carleton S. Coon

From the immemorial the Balts (ancestors of the Letto-Lithuanians) dwelt on the shores of the Baltic Sea — peacefully tilling the soil and singing their songs. In old Lithuanian songs there is no mention of warriors or of great deeds.

The birthplace of Indo-Europeans is popularly located on the shores of the Caspian Sea. From there all the Europeans came, speaking an Aryan language with its Latin and Greek words. Some historians (Penka and Scharder) believe Scandinavia and the Baltic regions as their dispersion point, while Dr. Latham, noted English ethnologist and philologist, who was so enamored about all things primitive about the Lithuanians, points to Lithuania.

Rare discoveries of fine workmanship have been unearthed — ornaments, weapons, utensils — discoveries that an uncouth people could not possess. Archeological discoveries indicate that the Niemen region was first occupied in the middle of the Stone (neolithic) Age.

When Erasmus Rask, Danish philologist, heard the Lithuanian language for the first time, he was astonished to hear the supposedly dead languages, Latin and Gothic, burst up in living reality. He thought at first that it was a dialect of the Sanscrit — the ancient language of India. Some said it was more like ancient Greek than Greek itself.

Here are comments on the wonderful language of Lithuania by different authorities:

"The most archaic, or best preserved living language of the Indo-European family."

—Prof. C. O. Blagden

"Lithuania must be preserved, for her tongue possesses the key



which opens the enigmas not only of philology, but of history."

—Philologist Immanuel Kant

"The most antique in its forms of all the living languages of the world and most akin in substance and spirit to primeval Sanscrit."

—Philologist Ben. J. Dwight

"It is one of the oldest languages in the world, perhaps the mother tongue of aboriginal Europe."

—Stephen Graham.

"The study of languages has proved old loans of civilized words from Lithuanian to the Finnish language, not only to West Finnish but, also, to East Finnish language. Now used in parts distant from Lithuania, loans which must be at least a couple of thousand years

old."

—Age M. Benedictsens.

Tacitus, the Roman historian who lived in the First Century A. D., called the Lithuanians "Aestii" and their home, which he located between the Niemen and Vistula rivers, as "Amberland." He remarks that they were of a peaceful nature and that, "They ransack the sea and are the only people in the world to gather, in the shallows and actual shore, amber."

"The Lithuanians are not Slavs, but of the same Indo-European stock as the Letts, and their language, which is similar to Lettish, is one of the oldest in Europe."

—Arthur Ruhl

"The Lithuanian language is un-

questionably an entirely distinct etymological unit."

—New Gov'ts of Eastern Europe

"Slav and German borrowings no more make it German or Slav than our own Greek and Latin borrowings would make English Latin or Greek."

—E. J. Harrison.

"—diverted through the admixture of Gothic and Chudic (Finnish Monoglian elements.)"

—Rudler and Chisholm

"The Liths, like the Celts, are the vestigial remainders of a venerable race, a branch of the three Litho-Baltic races of which the now extinct Borussian and present Letts were kinsmen."

—Malbone W. Graham, Jr.

"The Russian Slavs, before taking possession of the domain assigned to them by history, had to struggle in the north and east against the nations belonging to three principal races, the LETTO—LITHUANIANS, the Finns, and Turks, in whom Finnish and Tatar elements were more or less mingled. The first of these races belongs to the Aryan family, but is nevertheless distinct from the Germanic or Slav races, and its dialects have more resemblance to Sanscrit than any other European tongue."

—Rambaud's Russia

"Look at the young Lithuanian in his field, bending over the handle of his old fashioned plough, he might very well be taken for a Danish or Swedish peasant. Tall, fair, with nondescript greyish-yellow hair, light colored eyes, and a certain heavy good natured look over the whole person."

—Age M. Benedictsen



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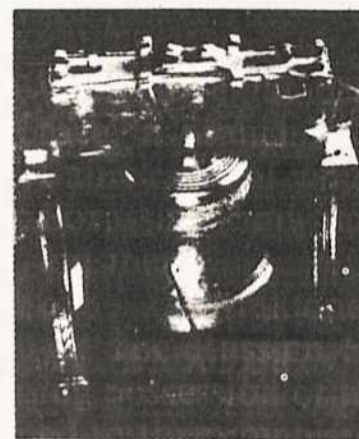
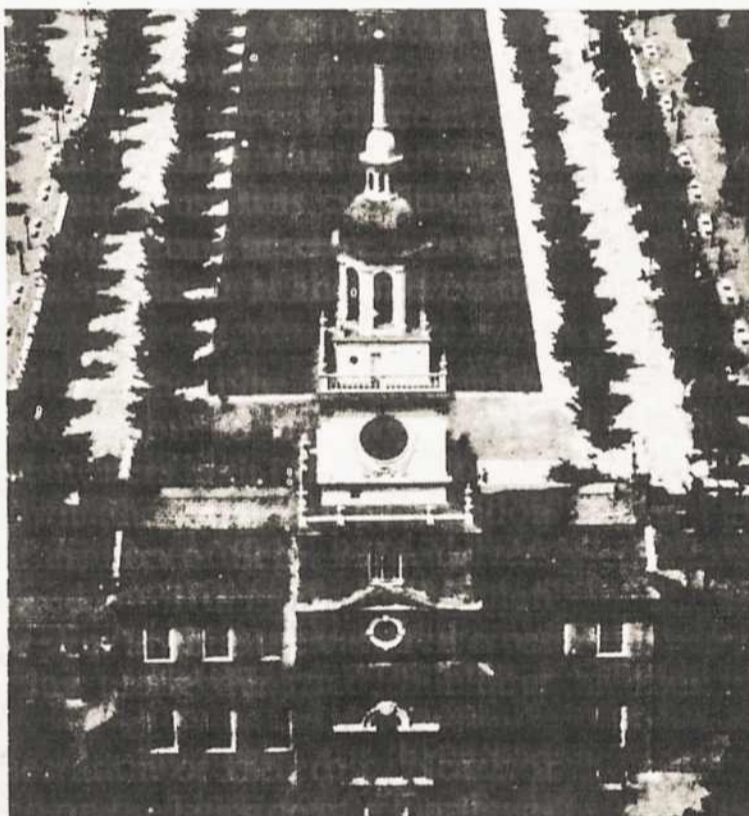
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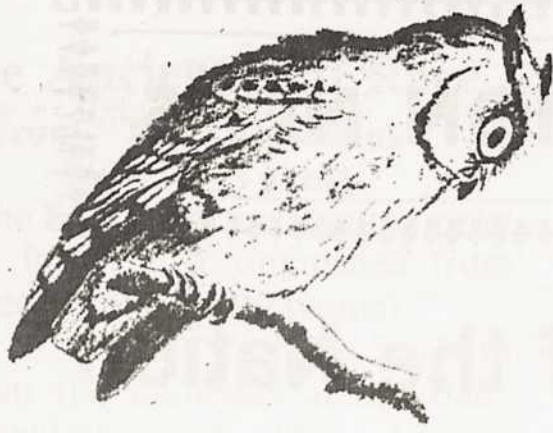
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LANGUAGE LORE

Vulgate Lithuanian Algirdas Budreckis

The Lithuanian language is copious. Although Lithuanian is an Archaic Indo-European language, it has the ability to assimilate foreign words and transmute them into Lithuanophonic terms. A Vulgate Lithuanian vocabulary or patois has been developed by the Lithuanian immigrants in this country. The process began in the 1880's and has continued to this very day, witness: *hipiai* (hippies); *busingas* (busing); *Džetas* (jet) and *Velferininkas* (welfare recipient).

A close scrutiny of Lithuanian American newspapers, books, local notices and church bulletins will disclose that a peculiar speech was and is developing among immigrants. The everyday Lithuanian language has undergone some special changes in vocabulary. Thus, the English phrase: The sandwich might have spoiled, is rendered: "Senvičius gal jau susispoilinęs." Or, "The boarder likes beer is expressed: "Burdingierius laikina byrą." Algirdas Margeris assembled a 366-page study of such loanwords, entitled *Amerikos lietuviai ir angliškujų skolonijų žodynas, 1872-1949*, (Chicago, 1956).

The Vulgate Lithuanian vocabulary is quite varied. Many of the words are nothing more than transliteration of English words: *anest* (honest); *ard laif* (hard life); *bizi* (busy); *fani* (funny). (Jis ne tik fani, bet ir kreizi — He is not only funny, crazy as well.); *flet* (flat); *gudtaimas* (good time), etc. But many loanwards are somewhat Lithuanianized: *aibolis* (highball); *alperis* or *elperis* (helper); *baketas* (bucket); *begidžius* (baggage); *čencius* (chance); *dypas* (depot); *džela* (jail); *fornisas* (furnace); *garbičius* (garbage); *grainderis* (grinder); *poizonas* (poison); *singelis* (a single person); *strytas* (street); *trokas* (truck); *karas* (car); *vačyti* (to watch); *vuordas* (ward) and many, many others.

A study of such terms will disclose certain linguistic tendencies. Thus, the many English nouns with the ending "y" will receive an "e" in Lithuanian: baby will become *beibe*; battery will become *betre*; *blaine* is blind; ball becomes *bole*; brandy is *brande* or *brende*; dolly is *dole*; daisy is *deize*. Other English words ending in "y" also become transformed: foundry (*fandre*); candy (*kende*); laundry (*lendre* even pay (*peide*). Certain English words ending in a consonant also take an "e": dish (*dišė*); dress (*dresė*); gang (*genge*); rails (*reles*); ham (*ame*).

Some English nouns ending in vowels, take a Lithuanian "-sas" instead of customary "-as" in the nominative case. Thus: *boisas* (boy); *drinksas* (drink); *liumpsas* (lump); *tinksas* (thing); *triksas* (trick), etc.

Certain English words are transformed in a peculiar manner. For example, the words *bekerne* (bakery); *bučernė* (butchershop); *pikčernė* (photo studio); *grosernė* (grocery) are formed by taking English phonetic root and adding the Slavic (Polish) suffix *-erne*. On the other hand, *bresinė* (brass factory) is formed with the Lithuanian suffix *ine*. There are other words with Slavic suffixes: *Biznierius* (businessman); *tyčerka* (Lay teacher); *politikierius* (politician).

Vulgate Lithuanian should be avoided because it is a bastardized form of the language; aesthetically it sounds bad; and there are enough standard Lithuanian or dialect terms to compensate for its avoidance. A list of the most commonly used and abused Vulgate Lithuanian terms follows.

Vulgate Lithuanian	English	Standard Lithuanian
<i>airiŝis</i>	Irishman	<i>airis</i>
<i>aisbaksas</i>	icebox	<i>ledainė</i>
<i>aiskrymas</i>	ice cream	<i>ledai</i>
<i>aismonas</i>	iceman	<i>ledininkas</i>
<i>aive</i>	highway	<i>vieŝkelis</i>
<i>aleveiteris</i>	elevator	<i>keltuvas</i>
<i>alio!</i>	hello!	<i>labas!</i>
<i>ame</i>	ham	<i>kumpis</i>
<i>angelskai</i>	in English	<i>angliškai</i>
<i>animunas</i>	honeymoon	<i>medaus mėnuo</i>
<i>apdortinti</i>	to dirty	<i>apterŝti</i>
<i>apsetyti</i>	to upset	<i>apversti</i>
<i>ardverstoras</i>	hardware store	<i>metalinių prekių krautuve</i>
<i>armobilis</i>	automobili	<i>automobilis</i>
<i>atikas</i>	attic	<i>palėpė</i>
<i>auncas</i>	ounce	<i>uncija</i>
<i>baderis</i>	bother	<i>varginimas</i>
<i>baderiuoti</i>	to bother	<i>trukdyti</i>
<i>badermilkas</i>	buttermilk	<i>pasukos</i>
<i>badymas</i>	bottom	<i>dugnas</i>
<i>baisikelis</i>	bicycle	<i>dviratis</i>
<i>baketas</i>	bucket	<i>kibiras</i>
<i>baksas</i>	box	<i>dėžė</i>
<i>balione</i>	baloney	<i>stora deŝra</i>
<i>bondsas</i>	bond	<i>bonas</i>
<i>barberis</i>	barber	<i>kirpėjas</i>
<i>bare</i>	crowbar	<i>dalba</i>
<i>bargenas</i>	bargain	<i>geras pirkinys</i>
<i>barkyperis</i>	barkeeper	<i>smuklininkas</i>
<i>bartenderis</i>	bartender	<i>padavėjas</i>
<i>basas</i>	bus	<i>autobusas</i>
<i>betyti</i>	to bet	<i>lažytis</i>

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bečlerys	bachelor	viengungis	cimentuoti	to cement	cementuoti
bedruimis	bedroom	miegamasis	čainys	Chinese	kinietis
bedsprede	bedspread	užtiesalas	čardžyti	to charge	užsatyti
begidžius	baggage	bagażas	čekiuoti	to check	patikrinti
beibe	baby	kūdikis	čencius	chance	šansas
beibi-siterka	baby sitter	kūdikio prižiūrėtoja	čencius	change	graža
beikeris	baker	kepėjas	čyfas	chief	viršininkas
beikinas	bacon	lašiniai	čikinas	chicken	viščiukas
beikyti	to bake	kepti	čyteris	cheater	apgavikas
beilifas	bailiff	anstolis	čytyti	to cheat	apgauinėti
beismentas	basement	rūsys	čiungumas	chewing gum	kramtomoji guma
bekauzė	backhouse	išvietė	čizelis	chisel	kaltas
bekerenė	bakery	kepykla	čizleris	chiseler	sukčius
bekiuoto	to back up	trauktis atgal	daimukas	dime	dešimtukas
benčius	bench	suolas	daiperiai	diapers	vystyklai
bendičius	bandage	raištis	draivyti	to drive	vairuotojas
beske	basket	krepsys	draiveris	driver	vairuotojas
besketbolis	basketball	krepsinis	dale	doll	lėlė
betabas	bathtub	vonia	dedis	daddy	tėtė, tėtis
betre	battery	baterija	deitas	date	pasimatymas
byčius	beach	paplūdimys	demičius	damaga	žala, nuostolis
bigšatas	big shot	mandrapkis	deparatmen-		
bila	bill	sąskaita	storis	department store	didžiulių krautuvė
bildingas	building	pastatas	deska	desk	rašomasis stalas
bildyti	to build	statyti	dičė	ditch	griovys
bymas	beam rastas	rastas	dylėris	dealer	verteiva
byncai	beans	pupelės	disemberis	December	gruodis
byras	beer	alus	diskauntas	discount	nuolaida
bybyti	to beat	mušti	dišė	dish	
blondė	blonde	šviesaplaukė	dišvašeris	dish washer	indų plovėjas
blanketas	blanket	antklodė	dešimtstoris	dimestore	dešimtukų krautuvė
blauzė	blouse	palaidinė	dortas	dirt	purvas, nešvarumas
blekberes	blackberries	gervuogės	dortinas	dirty	suterštas, nešvarus
blemyti	to blame	kaltinti	dortyti	to dirty	teršti
blendyta			drajeris	drier	džiovin tuvas
viskė	blended whiskey	degtinės mišinys	drapsai	drops	lašai
blyčyti	to bleach	baltinti	dressė	dress	suknelė
bliokas	block	kvartalas	dreserka	dresser	spinta, komodė
bliuberės	blueberries	mėlynės	drinksas	drink	gėralas
bloveris	blower	vėdeklis	drugštoris	drugstore	vaistinė
boileris	boiler	garinis katilas	drugštonykas	druggist	vaistininkas
boisas,			dumpas	dump	šiukšlynas
boisiukas	boy, lad	vaikinas, berniukas	džeketas	jacket	švarkas
bolė	ball	sviedinys	džėla	jail	kalėjimas
bomas	bum	valkata	dženitorius	janitor	pečkury
bomynas	skid row	valkatynas	dženvarius	January	sausis
breisletas	bracelet	apyrankė	džiaras	jar	stiklainė
brekes	brakes	stabdžiai	džindžerelė	ginger ale	imbirinė
brendė	brandy	konjakas	džiodžius	judge	teisėjas
bresas	brass	skaistvaris	džiulajus	July	liepa
bridzius	bridge	tiltas	džiulstoris	jewelry store	brangenybių, krautuvė
briklejeris	bricklayer	mūrininkas	džionkas	junk	šlamštas
briure	brewery	bravoras	džiusas	juice	sunka, sultys
brušius	brush	šepetys	ekeris	acre	akras
bučeris	butcher	mėsininkas	ekspencai	expenses	išlaidos
bučernė	butchershop	mėsinė	ekstrasaižas	extra size	ypatingai didelis numeris
bukyperis	bookkeeper	buhalteris			
bunčius	bunch	būrys, krūva	elektrišinas	electrician	elektrikas
burdas	board	inamių laikymas	emė	ham	kumpis
burdingierius	boarder	įnamys	emeris	hammer	plaktukas
busteris	booster	rėmėjas	erplenas	airplane	lėktuvas

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faile	file	bružiklis
fainuoti	to fine	bausti pinigine bauda
faitas	fight	muštynės
faiteris	fighter	mušeika'
fajermonas	fireman	gaisrininkas
fajerpleisas	fireplace	ugniavietė, židinys
fajervuorkai	fireworks	faierverkai
fandre	foundry	liejykla
farmeris	farmer	ūkininkas
feikeris	faker	apsimetėlis
feisas	face	veidas
feiveris	favor	malonė
fenas	fan	vėdyklė
fenderis	auto fender	automobilio sparnas
fikseris	fixer	kyšininkas
fiksyti	to fix	pataisyti; papirkinėti
fylyti	to feel	justi, jausti
fišyti	to fish	žvejoti
fiuzas	fuse	degtuvas
flaitas	flight	skrydis
flajeris	flier	lėkūnas
flioras	floor	grindys; aukštas
Fordžiulajus	Fourth of July	Liepos Ketvirtoji
formonas	foreman	viršininkas
forneris	foreigner	ateivis
forničius	furniture	baldai
fornisas	furnace	krosnis
fremai	frames	rėmai
frentas, frentė	friend	draugas, drauge
fryzeris	freezer	šaldykla
frontruimis	front room	svečių kambarys
fruktai	fruit	vaisiai
fulyti	to fool	kvailinti
furkotas	fur coat	kailiniai

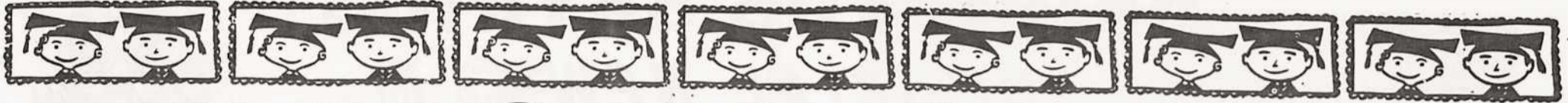


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BY BARBARA LASTOSKIE



Junior Knights of C-96, Dayton, Ohio.



Pennsylvania Junior Knights Sing for Lithuania, August, 1982.

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OFFICIAL NEWS



"St. Casimir" and "Our Lady of Šiluva"

The Knights of Lithuania republished two very interesting and important booklets, featuring some important facts of interest to the faithful of Lithuanian descent ... and as so, to all Knights of Lithuania. The booklets, entitled "THE LIFE OF ST. CASIMIR" and "OUR LADY OF ŠILUVA" are based on those prepared and published earlier, by Rev. Albert Contons and Rev. John C. Jutt (RIP), resp., and were updated and revised by Rev. A. Jurgelaitis and Rev. C. Pugevicius.

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Announcement

The Fifth World Lithuanian Youth Congress will be held on July 1st through July 24th, 1983.

The Congress will open on July 1st in Chicago. From July 4th through July 10th, activities will take place at Oberlin College - which is in the Cleveland area.

Delegates will then travel to Trent University which is near Toronto, Ontario for days of study on July 11th through July 20th.

Then, in Montreal, Quebec on July 22nd through July 24th - there will be conferences, a concert, banquet and the official closing.

The Committee thinks that about 600 Lithuanian Youth and 120 Delegates from 12 countries will take part in the Congress.

Chairmen of the Committee are Rusnė Kasputienė and Birutė Bublienė.

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COOK'S CORNER

Broccoli Puff

Mary Lucas, H.M.



- 1 Bunch Fresh Broccoli
- 1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ½ Cup Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- ¼ Cup Milk
- ¼ Cup Real Mayonaise
- 1 Egg White (beaten)
- ¼ Cup Dry Bread or Cracker Crumbs
- 1 Tablespoon Butter

Cook broccoli with no salt until fork tender. Mix the mushroom soup, milk, mayonaise, cheese and egg white. Put broccoli in a buttered casserole. Pour sauce over. Mix crumbs with melted butter and sprinkle over the top. Bake uncovered at 350° for 30 minutes. Serves 6.

Informacija V Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongresas

Penktasis Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongresas vyks 1983 metų liepos 1-24 dienomis. Kongreso atidarymas vyks liepos 1 d. II Pasaulio Lietuvių Dienų bėgyje Čikagoje. Stovykla yra ruošiama liepos 4-10 dd. Oberlin College, netoli Clevelando. Atstovai toliau keliaus į Trent Universitetą prie Toronto studijų dienoms liepos 11-20 dd. Montrealyje liepos 22-24 dd. įvyks vietinės spaudos konferencija, koncertas, banketas ir oficialus V PLJK uždarymas.

Penktojo Lietuvių Jaunimo Kongreso (V PLJK) stovykla įvyks 1983 m. liepos 4-10 d. Oberlin College, apie 50 myliu nuo Clevelando, Ohio. Rengėjai mano kad dalyvaus apie 600 lietuvių jaunimo iš 12 kraštų. Stovyklos Techninės Ruošos Komisijai ir Stovyklos Programos Komisijai sutikė vadovauti Rusnė Kasputienė ir Birutė Bublienė.

V PLJK Studijų Dienos, kaip jau pranešta, įvyks 1983 m. liepos 11-21 d. Trent University prie Toronto. Numatyta kad dalyvaus 120 atstovų iš 12 kraštų. Be atstovų dalyvaus stebėtojų grupė: V PLJK Ruošos Komitetas, Studijų Dienų Techninės Ruošos Komisija, PLJS valdyba, bei kiti. Tad, Studijų Dienose iš viso dalyvaus apie 200 asmenų.



K OF L CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 13 C-110 LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
COMMEMORATION MASS, Transfiguration
Church, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 20 23rd ANNUAL "MEMORIES OF LITH-
UANIA" BANQUET, Martinique Grand
Ballroom, Chicago, IL

MARCH

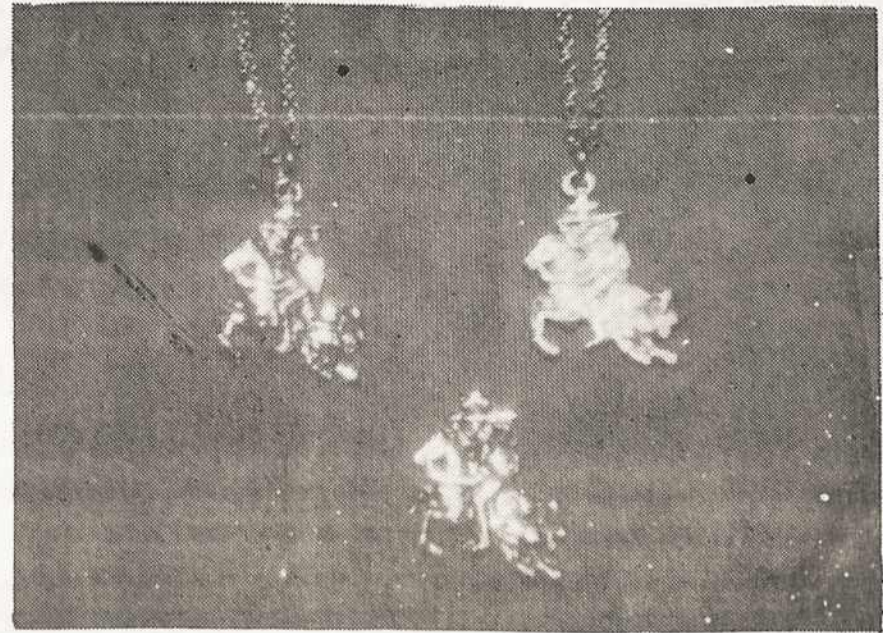
- 6 MAMD ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS AND
COMMUNION BREAKFAST, Darien, IL, C-117
Hosts.
- 6 C-110 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS AND COM-
MUNION BREAKFAST, Transfiguration
Church, Maspeth, N.Y.
- 6 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS AND COM-
MUNION BREAKFAST, C-50 New Haven, CT,
Loretta Stukas, Speaker.
- 13 MAD ST. CASIMIR'S DAY BREAKFAST,
Hosted by C-67, Bayonne, N.J.

APRIL

- 24 NED CONVENTION, Hosted by C-135,
Bridgeport, CT.

MAY

- 21- MCD CONVENTION AND MIDWEST BOWL-
22 ING TOURNAMENT, Hosted by C-79,
Southfield, MI.



Phil Carter, member of C-17, who is known for his donations of beautiful art objects that have been used to make money for our Scholarship Fund, has now designed some lovely jewelry.

These little "knights on a horse" come in Pewter, antique gold and gold plated. They have been adapted as lapel pins, tie tacs, necklaces and the necklace "knight" can be used as a charm for a bracelet. The necklace "knight" comes with a fine chain.

They are very reasonably priced at \$1.50 to \$3.00. Councils can take advantage of this offer by buying a lot and then selling them for a markup which will result in a money-making project.

For information, write to: PHIL CARTER, 14 Chestnut Ave., Cranston, RI 02910.

All jewelry comes in a nice box and are ready for wrapping as gifts for all occasions. They are exceptionally good for giving to children and grandchildren to remind them of their heritage.

ANN MAE UZNIS
Honorary Member
Member of C-102
Detroit, MI
Died November 25, 1982

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...

ANTOINETTE
LUKASAVICH
Member of C-86
DuBois, PA
Died November 22, 1982

ANGELA GUZEWICZ
SHUMAN
Member of C-140
Syracuse, N.Y.
Died October 27, 1982

WILLIAM CEBULSKIE
Member of C-144
Shenandoah, PA
Died December, 1982

May the happiness
of the holidays remain
in our hearts through all
the New Year . .

PHIL CARTER



LINKIME VISIEMS VYČIAM IR JŲ ŠEIMOMS

TEGUL ŠIOS ŠV. KALĖDOS ATNEŠA VISIEMS DAUG DŽIAUGSMO,
O NAUJIEJI MĖTAI DAUG LAIMĖS.

C-146—Harrisburg



L. C. R. A. Report

Balance 9/13/82	\$1,503.38
Donations received:	
Anthony Minner C-116	25.00
C-116 Worcester IM Dottie Sinkewiches' mother, Sophie	5.00
Bank Interest	17.48
Balance 11/15/82	\$1,550.86

As you can see we have a way to go to reach the K of L goal of \$2,500.00 to sponsor an issue of the CHRONICLES. Donations from all — mailed directly to me — will be greatly appreciated. Let's be sure to reach our goal before the convention in Philadelphia!

I would like to make one correction from last year's entry. The \$40.00 shown in the convention report (October VYTIS) listing as donated from our Lady of Vilna Parish — Worcester — should have read collection from C-116 monthly meeting. Please accept my apologies for this error.

The following is taken from Issue #50 of the CHRONICLES:

YOUNG PEOPLE ERECT CROSSES

As government atheists step up their methodical denigration and destruction of religion, the young believers of Lithuania are expressing their loyalty and love for Christ's Cross even more zealously. The youth of Lithuania is well aware of the source of the nation's strength and guarantee of survival and courageously states with the poet Brazdžionis:

"Existing only in the glow of future days,
You learned to live, my enslaved homeland,
For as all great heroes, you have found
Like a miracle, the source of the Lord."

During the night of September 25 to 26, 1981, young people erected a beautiful cross on the Vištytis-Kybartai road. At around 10:00 A.M. on the morning of the 26th, District Chairman Sarskas and Romas Žukauskas tore down the cross, but during the evening of the 27th that same cross rose up on the same spot, but

stood a mere two hours because evil hands again tore it down. The people adorned the fallen cross with flowers, but this displeased the godless, and on October 18 they cut it into pieces and carted it away.

On Sept. 27, 1981, a cross appeared near the Vikaviškis-Žalioji road. At the initiative of 'rayon' religious deputy Urbonas, the cross was cut down on Oct. 6th and carted away. For a long time fresh flowers brought by local residents appeared at the site of the desecrated cross.

On Sept. 22, 1981, in the Prienai pine forest near the Alytus-Prienai road, people noticed a newly-erected wooden cross about three meters high (ten ft.). Not for long did Christ gaze down and offer his benediction from the cross: on the afternoon of Sept. 23rd, drivers using the road noticed uniformed militiamen "working" near the cross. For a while the battered cross and the broken corpus lay along the road, but later disappeared.

This is the second desecration of the cross. Nearly a year before, it was erected on the left side of a Garliava-Kaunas road and uprooted the same day. A believer claimed it and after some time it was again erected near the road. The fanatical government atheists smashed and desecrated it a second time, but the love of Christ's cross cannot be eradicated from people's hearts.

On June 3, 1981, an artistic cross bearing the inscription "To the Nation's Martyrs" was erected in the Rainiai woods, the 'Rayon' of Telšiai. A week later, under the direction of chekists, it was felled, cut into pieces and scattered through the woods.

From early spring into late fall, crosses erected by young hands and loving hearts sprouted up throughout Lithuania, evoking the futile rage of government atheists and testifying with every destruction to the anticultural and antinational character of godlessness. But godless vandalism is powerless to eradicate the Cross from the hearts of young people.

Fran Petkus
LCRA Coordinator

LITHUANIANIAN *in the* NEWS

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS

The Grandinele Folk Dancers from Cleveland, Ohio, performed their traditional folk dances at the Crestwood High School Auditorium in Dearborn Heights, Mich., last October. The dancers were touring the northern region of the U.S. with our performances scheduled in Chicago and Rochester, N.Y.

Founded by Liudas Sagys in 1953, the ensemble performs traditional and choreographed folk dances that reveal the Lithuanian heritage. The group has appeared in many cities in the U.S. and Canada and has toured in Europe, South America and Australia. A special program for the Pope was performed on the European tour.

In a touching and memory-filled ceremony held in Jerusalem's "Yad Vashem" (Martyrs' Park) on April 5, 1982, the Israeli government posthumously awarded its medal of merit, "Medaille des Justes" to Salesian Father BRONISLAUS PAUKSTYS, a Lithuanian pastor who, at the risk of his own life during the nightmare of Nazi occupation of Kaunas, sheltered dozens of Jewish families, keeping them hidden in cellars during the day and sneaking them out to friendly farmers during the night for eventual escape.

Father Paukstys successfully continued his mission of saving Jewish life until the end of World War II. In 1946 he was sentenced to a labor camp in Siberia, where, for the next ten years, he worked with his own hands smashing huge rocks used in constructing highways. This was his reward for his efforts to save human lives and uphold human dignity.

According to the "Salesian Bulletin", Father ANTHONY SABALIAUSKAS, Boston, represented the Paukstys family and the Salesian Society at the commemorative services. A tree was planted in Father Paukstys' honor in the park's "Allee des Justes". Ceremonies honoring the heroic memory of Father Paukstys were also held in Tel Aviv.

"Unusual practitioner" is what New York theater critics call JOANNE AKALAITIS, director. Her work is what might be called Intuitive Theater. Her production of "Dead End Kids" was presented at the Public Theater.



Grandinele Dancers

BETSY GELENTIS, daughter of Eleanor and the late Frank Gelentis, C-90, Kearny, N.J. who has been having great success in the yachting world the past few years, was named Yachtswoman of the Year for 1982.

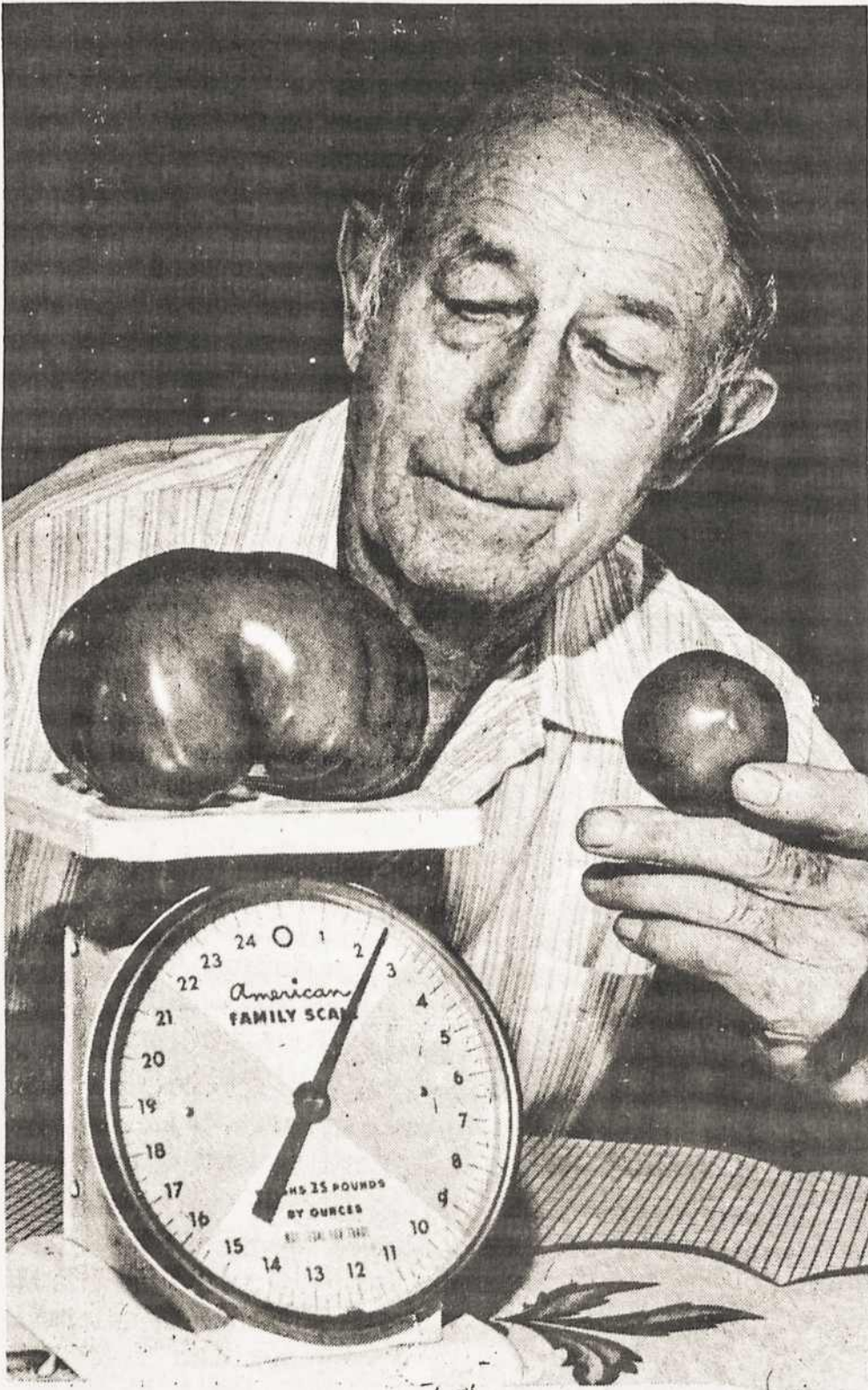
14-year old BOB CUMMINGS, a pitcher in Binghamton, N.Y.'s Greenman League, last summer was dubbed "Binghamtom's untouchable whiz kid" because he pitched four baseball games and all four were no-hitters. Bob's mother and grandmother, Katherine Cravetts of Syracuse, are Lithuanian.

The "Detroit News" reports — DR. VAINUTIS K. VAITKEVICIUS was recently named the first physician-in chief of medicine in the Detroit Medical Center's history. He serves as chairman of internal medicine at Wayne State University and chief of medicine for Harper-Grace Hospitals.

"Dr. V", as he's called was only 13 years old when the Russians sent his parents and two brothers to Siberia. In 1944 he and his grandfather were arrested by the Nazis for hiding Jewish children. His grandfather was sent to a concentration camp in Lithuania, where he died, and Dr. V was sent to Auschwitz, where he served nine months of forced labor.

After the war he went to Frankfurt, Germany to study medicine. In 1951 he came to Detroit's Grace Hospital for his internship.

Last October, the local chapter of the American Chapter Society honored him with a luncheon for his contributions to the community, including his role in helping build the Medical Center's cancer program into one of the best in the country.



Anthony Rollis, C-145, weighs his giant tomato.



Opening ceremonies of USS Intrepid.

The aircraft carrier, USS Intrepid, has been transformed into the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum. Berthed at Pier 86, West 46th Street, New York, it is open to the public from 10 to 7 daily, featuring various aircraft, aerospace and naval equipment.

Pictured at opening ceremonies are: (L. to R.) Commissioner Linda W. Seale — NYC Dept. of Ports and Terminals, Vice Admiral Gordon R. Nagler — Director Command and Control of Naval Operations, Elizabeth Fisher, HELEN V. KULBER, president, C-41, Brooklyn, guest and long-time friend of the Fishers, and Zachary Fisher — founder and chairman of the Intrepid Museum Foundation which was established to save the historic carrier from being scrapped. Elizabeth Fisher, of Lithuanian descent, is a lifetime subscriber (C-41) and has contributed generously to many Lithuanian projects.

That's some tomato pictured in the "Transcript-Telegram", Holyoke, Mass. ANTHONY ROLLIS, Council 145, compares an average-sized tomato with the pride and joy of his garden — 2¼ pound giant.



**VYTIŠKAI DIRBKIM
MŪSŲ TAUTOS
IR BAŽNYČIOS LABUI**

May your NEW YEAR be

HAPPY - HEALTHY - FRUITFUL

VYTIS STAFF and SUPREME COUNCIL





Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities



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



Mid-America District

Congratulations to the following committee chairpersons who were appointed by MAMD. President Vincent Samaska: Ruth Kazlauskas C36, Lithuanian Affairs and English Publicity; Monica Kasper C112, Cultural; Sabina Klatt C36, Civic Affairs; Frank Zapolis C36, K of L Dancers; Albert and Ruth Dagis C112, Ritual; Emilija Pakalniskis C112, Lithuanian Publicity and "Draugas" Vyciu Veikla Editor; "Vytis," Irene Sankus C112; Valeria and Joseph Stanaitis Chicago Seniors, "Trumpet."

Our K of L Choir continues under the leadership of President Sabina Klatt and Director Faustas Strolia with the K of L Dancers under the direction of Frank Zapolis. During one of the dancers' regular rehearsals, Frank hosted a costumed Halloween party. It was interesting to see the various ghosts and goblins rehearsing Lithuanian dances.

Congratulations to the new council Boards, namely: Chicago Senior President Adele Gabalis, Council 36 President John L. Paukstis, Council 112 President Paul Binkis Jr. Other



First Place Award for largest Council in the U.S.A. Sabina Klatt, John Strolia, National President Loretta Stukas, Georgianna Kassel, C-36 President John Paukstis accepting the award, Anna Marie Kassel, Scotty Zukas and Vince Samaska, MAMD President.

MAMD council leaders will be announced in the next issue.

Under the leadership of our K of L Building Trustees — President Al Mockus, Treasurer Al Zakarka, Manager Clemente Vidzius, Paul Binkis Jr., Adele Gabalis, Kazimiera Petrulis and their diligent committee — another successful Rummage Sale was held. The profits from these events help to defray some of the numerous expenses of maintaining the K of L Building.

K of L members attended the Annual Congress of the Lithuanian-American Council (Altas) and the banquet that followed in honor of their Public Relations man, the Rev. Dr. Juozas Prunskis MIC. We were all represented by National President Loretta Stukas who addressed the assembled in the name of the K of L. Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas,

Ann Marie Kassel, Vincent Samaska, Irene Sankus, Adele Gabalis and many other members.

C-36—CHICAGO

In August, Vince Samaska displayed his beautiful amber from Lithuania at the Lithuanian Festival on 69th St. His booth was admired by all. His booth was admired by all. John and Lillian Paukstis and Sabina Klatt also helped and campaigned for new members.

At our September meeting, we had our annual election. Congratulations to President John L. Paukstis; First Vice President Bernice Pupinik; Treasurer Frank Svelnis; Recording Secretary Amelia Jesunas; Corresponding Secretary Geri Butler; Financial Secretary Scotty Zukas; Trustees Vince Samaska, Robert Gawryla;

Sergeants at Arms Jerome Jankus, Vyto Abraitis, Don Martin, Joseph Martikonis, Ed Chepchoris; Vytis Correspondent and Public Relations Sabina Klatt; Lithuanian Publicity Salomija Dauliene; Lithuanian Affairs and English Publicity Ruth Kazlauskas; Cultural Ona Naureckis.

Sue Suski won the whistling teapot at our September meeting while our October winner of the Scotchguard luggage was Antoinette Derasky.

"Provo" to Fausta Strolia, director, and members of K of L Choir for an excellent performance of a Lithuanian Religious Concert at St. Anthony's Church in Cicero on September 15. They also sang the Holy Mass at Our Lady of Vilna's 75th anniversary celebration.

Many of our members attended the 50th anniversary of the DG's where John Paukstis was the chairman.

All present at the Harvest Masquerade Dance sponsored by Council 112 were busy shaking hands and meeting all the celebrities present. It was great to see Mae West, Pocahontas, W C Fields, as well as Lithuanian ghosts, cowboys, sheriffs and butterfly.

Welcome to our new members: Geri Butler, Amelia Jesunas, Jeanette Fragassi, Kenneth Yerkes DDS, Bernice Marczewski, Nijole McCarthy, John & Laima Bertulis, Ron & Ausra Padalino, Stella Yocius, Robert Lane Sr., Ellen Sliter, Adolph and Stella Kaulakis.

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Joe Kulys, John Paukstis and Tom Labanuskas on the loss of father, sister and mother, respectively.

Sabina Klatt

C-112—CHICAGO

President Paul Binkis Jr. appointed the following to serve the council during the current K of L year: Susan Bolanos, Cultural; Ruth and Albert Dagis, Ritual; Estelle Rogers and Eleanor Kasputis, Membership; Emilija Pakalniskis, Lithuanian Publicity;



K of L Choir, Chicago, Fausta Strolia, Director Lithuanian Religious Concert, St. Athony's Church, Cicero.

Sophie Nieminski, English Publicity; Irene Sankus, "Vytis"; Monica Kasper, Courtesy; Rita Zakarka, Donna Juraitis and Diana Maskaliunas, Social.

Our annual fund raiser this year was a Harvest Masquerade Ball held in October. The K of L Building was beautifully and appropriately decorated. Due to the efforts of the entire board, the event was most successful and a fun-filled evening. All the costumes were interesting, and the top prize winners were Ellie Kasputis as Mae West and Frank Svelnis as W. C. Fields.

Following our November business meeting, our cultural chairlady Susan Bolanos presented the famous Lithuanian wood carver, Antanas Poskocimas, who displayed and spoke on his wayside crosses and shrines.

Our condolences to the John Yerkes family on the death of their mother.

Belated but sincere congratulations to our long-time member Frank Savickas on his reelection to the Illinois State Senate.

Under the leadership of Albert Zakarka, council members manned three booths during the Nativity BVM Parish's "Octoberfest." The profits realized from this event went to the parish school fund. Pastor Anthony Zakarauskas expressed his appreciation to everyone who participated.

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Happy New Year



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

C-19 PITTSBURGH

On November 10, Council 19 members held a special Rosary Service, praying for the poor souls in purgatory, the Lithuanians who died for their country and especially for the deceased members of Council 19. The service was held in the beautiful St. Francis Convent Chapel and was led by Sister M. Francesca.

Following the service, our monthly meeting was held in the Convent Lecture Hall. Sister M. Valeria, a Council 19 member for only a year and a popular Lithuanian Class teacher, introduced the following new members who were enthusiastically welcomed: Constance Connolly, Eleanor Lewicki, Sandra Kazmer and Mary Pakutinskis. Also welcomed was another

new member, Virginia Breitigan, and Sister Valeria's guest, Ramona Rodriguez. Our quarterly communion and Christmas brunch was discussed, at which time Eleanor Allelunas presented a list of prospective locations for the holiday affair.

We were all happy that Sister M. Alverna was able to attend the meeting and is getting along quite well.

After the meeting, we enjoyed coffee and a nice cake provided by Betty Palma.

Mary H. Tamy

C-79—SOUTHFIELD

In November the following officers were elected in C-79: Spiritual Adviser, Father V. Krisciunevicius; President, Magdalena Smailis; Vice President, Edward Bagdon; Recording Secretary, Marge Nashlon; Financial Secretary, Frank Zager; Treasurer, Jeanne Yakstys; Trustees, Chester Nashlon and Violet Panavas; Sergeant at Arms, George Kase; Vytis, Sophie Zager and Public Relations, Anthony Dainus.

Those serving as chairpersons are Stella Hotra, Cultural; Marie Kase, Lithuanian Affairs; Bertha Janus, Ritual; Ann Uzdavinas, Catholic Action; Violet Panavas and Rita Bagdon, Rosary and Chip Newberry, Sunshine. Congratulations! Let us make every effort to give them our utmost cooperation.

At this point, we express our appreciation to our past president, Frank Zager who served our council as the longest term president. He was elected in 1960 after being a member of C-79 for only six months. In 1962, he was succeeded by the late Edward Martin. Several years later, he was again elected. Frank could not take a long break because in the early seventies he served his third round of the presidency. Frank dedicated much time and effort in achieving a well-rounded program of social, cultural and religious activities for our council. A "Big Aciu" from Frank to all members for their unfailing cooperation.

Stella Hotra continued her interesting and informative cultural reports. At the November meeting she spoke of past cultural customs of Lithuanians on All Saints and All Souls Day. Fowl was slaughtered and feathered by farmers and given to the poor on All Saints Day. In the 11th Century fireplaces were lighted on the Eve of All Souls Day, and various objects that souls might need were placed in the fire. Also, it was customary to bring food to cemeteries for the nourishment of all the departed souls.

The Detroit Free Press featured Randy and Kathy Step in their participation in the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii on October 9. Having participated in February as previously reported in Vytis, they were not satisfied with themselves. They spent six weeks in California and three weeks in Hawaii to acclimate themselves. Randy finished in 11:55 and Kathy in 12:25, about an hour better. Congratulations!

"Dauk Sekmes" to Fr. Alphonse Babonas of St. Anthony's Parish, Detroit, who will serve as Spiritual Advisor of the Mid-Central District.

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C-96—DAYTON

Our annual election night dinner was held on October 23 in the church hall. HM Mary Lucas and her daughters, Elaine Pacovsky and

Marilyn Grant, catered a truly delicious and plentiful meal.

HM Stanley Vaitkus, ably assisted by By-Laws Chairman Joseph Ryan, Trustee George Mikalauskas and Rick Noreikas, presided at the election. The following will serve our council for the term of 1982-83: Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, Spiritual Adviser; Eleanor Mantz, President; Mary Lucas, First Vice President; John A. Berczely, Second Vice President; Marie Preidis, Recording Secretary; Sally Miller, Treasurer; Frances Mikalauskas, Financial Secretary; George Mikalauskas, Rick Noreikas, Trustees; Joseph E. & Joseph P. Mantz, Sergeants at Arms; Eloise Berczely, Religious; Stefanija Rastikis, Lithuanian Affairs; Rosemary Preidis, Cultural; Fran Petkus, Chairman, Eloise Berczely, Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, Ritual; Fran Petkus, Vytis; Kitty Prasmantas, Cecelia Yankus, Bulletin; Rita Gecas, Historian; Sue Smiley, Condolence; Chris Mantz, Social; Joe Gecas, Satysis Representative; Joseph Ryan, Ray & Mildred Steinbrunner, By-Laws; Joyce Berczely, Telephone; Joseph P. Mantz, Sports; Cecelia Yankus, Public Relations; Ray Steinbrunner, District 50/50.

Assisting Mary Lucas with the Juniors will be Elaine Pacovsky. Assisting Joyce Berczely on the



New Officers and Committee Chairmen of C-96, Dayton.

Telephone Squad are Ann Gitzinger, Barbara Goecke, Joan Kavalaszkas, Eleanor & Chris Mantz, Veronica Omlor and Jo Zilinkas.

We wish them the best year ever, and we thank our outgoing officers for doing a great job.

Our special MCD 50/50 project has been under the direction of Ray Steinbrunner since we began this project. Half of the proceeds goes to participating members. The other half is divided between the MCD and charities. Winners for this past year were Eloise perczelly, Stefanija Rastikis, Eleanor and Joe P. Mantz, Mary Lucas, Kitty Prasmantas, Charles Vangas (2), Aldona Ryan, Vida Gecas, Janina Bucmys, Fran Petkus and August Blum.

On the third Sunday of each month, K of L members attend the Lithuanian Mass at Holy Cross. Aldona Drukteinis, Joseph & Aldona Ryan hosted in October and November, respectively.

Judy Petrokas provided the treats following the October meeting because of a special happening - "The Lord will provide". Kitty Prasmantas treated after the November meeting, her way of thanking members for their prayers, cards and visits during her recent surgery.

Mary Lucas and Stefanija Rastikis demonstrated the making of straw ornaments at the Senior Citizens Center in North Dayton. Sally Miller will instruct a class on straw ornaments at Centerville High.

Our deepest sympathy to Karl Keivel and his family on the death of his mothers; the family and friends of Vicky Chepalonis C-79.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The Fall Convention of the New England District was hosted by C-10 Athol-Gardner at St. Francis Church in Athol.

Sister Eugenia and Bill Wisniauskas were presented with the Fourth Degree at the morning Mass which was celebrated by Rev. Steponaitis.

At the afternoon Holy Hour, Marion Hobitz, Isobel Peterson and Joseph Balukonis were installed in the Third Degree.

During the business session, the following officers were elected: Peter Bizinkauskas, President; Veronica Bizinkauskas, First Vice President; George Kisielius, Second Vice President; Charles Genaitis, Third Vice President; Mary Martus, Recording Secretary; Bertha Stoskus, Corresponding Secretary; Edward Tamulevich, Treasurer; Nellie Ruggles, Cultural Chairman; Marion Hobitz, Lithuanian Affairs; Marion Racicot, Cooky Coach, Pat Akule, Ritual Committee; Rev. A. Jurgelaitis, Scholarship; Dorothy Marsh, Public Relations; Al Akule, John Sabulis, Trustees.

Following the meeting a sumptuous buffet was served by the host council.

I, Marion Hobitz bid you a fond "iki pasimatymo" and introduce you to your new Vytis correspondent, Dorothy Marsh.

MH

C-10—ATHOL-GARDNER

The annual meeting of our council was held on November 3 at the home of Charles and Gladys Richardson who were gracious hosts and served a scrumptious lunch after the meeting.

Officers elected to serve are the Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Spiritual Advisor; William Wisniauskas, President; Howard Beaudette, Vice President; Nellie Melaika, Treasurer; Charles Genaitis, Recording Secretary; Leonard Davidonis, Financial Secretary; Telephone Chairperson Blanche Genaitis; Cultural Chairperson Bernice Wisniauskas.



Cooks at the Liths in Gardner — Helen Simkunas — Bill and Brone Wisiauskas of C-10.



Gladys Zetkauskas, Lennie Davidonis and Blanche Genaitis of C-10 at the Lithuanian Club Halloween Party in Gardner.



Charles and Gladys Richardson hosted the annual meeting of C-10 in their home.

President Wisniauskas thanks all committee chairpersons and members for their cooperation.

"Tariu didele Lietuviška ačiū visiems prisidejusiems prie mūsų Kuopos veiklo."

Our council along with Father Steponaitis treated St. Francis Parish altar boys, 28 strong, with a Christmas party at the Lucky Lanes in Athol on November 28. The boys enjoyed a nice lunch, an afternoon of bowling and gifts from our K of L.

Hundreds of area persons were in attendance at the New England K of L Cultural Festival at Maironis Park. Blanche and Charles Genaitis were in charge of the highly successful Scholarship Raffle.

Recording Secretary Charles Genaitis is recuperating after surgery. Best wishes from C-10.

Vincukas

C-26—WORCESTER

We sure had a very busy Holiday Season, and I am sure everybody is ready for a respite.

Our New England Cultural Festival at Maironis Park was a huge success. The attendance was one of the largest in quite a while. The dinners were sold out in no time. Our council showed an excellent profit from our raffle, fish bowl, coffee and cake table and sales of Lithuanian memorabilia. A great big thanks to C-50 New Haven for their donations of goodies that helped increase our profit. A big "Valio" to the workers, donors and all who helped in any way.

Congratulations to Lenny Ramsdell who was one of the recipients of a scholarship from the NED.

Our K of L dinner-dance in celebration of our 66th anniversary was a gala event. The attendance, the meal and the orchestra were really super. Al Seilius and Bill Leseman co-chaired with Rita Pinkus and Ann Bender assisting.

The Bowling League is in full swing. Two teams in contention for first place are captained by Joan Krusas and Lewis Lloyd. Helen Gillus 101.4 and Joan Krusas 101.2 are battling for high average. The newest member of the bowling team

is none other than our very own Spiritual Advisor Father Ben Uz-davinis. We won't talk about his average, the aching back and legs. Father, the body will get used to it.

Our Christmas party was another super affair. Our Executive Board is in charge of this affair. Our newly-elected Board is President Rita Pinkus; Vice president, Al Seilius, Secretary, Millie Lapinskas; Treasurer, Ted Pinkus, Financial Secretary, Marion Racicot, Trustee, Charles Kulakusky; Sergeant at Arms Dwight Cummings; Publicity, Ginny Cummings; Lithuanian Affairs and Cultural, Ann Bender. "Congrats" to all.

From Council 26 to all Councils — may you all have a very good year.

"Liepsnute"

C-30—WESTFIELD

At the October meeting of Council 30, the following officers were installed for the coming year: Rev. Daniel R. Foley, Spiritual Advisor; Kunigunda Coach, President; Louise Renaud, Vice President; Marcia Rogers, Secretary; Joseph Sabonis, Treasurer; Benny Coach and Art Lord, Lithuanian Affairs; Kunigunda Coach, Ritual; Sally Bakutis and Jean Duda, Cultural Affairs; Nellie Lord, Scribe.

Our Council Secretary Marcia Rogers recently received the St. Pius X Award. The award was presented by the West Hampden Deanery of the Springfield Diocese for outstanding service in religious education for the past sixteen years at St. Casimir Church. Marcia also serves as Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

We at Council 30 are proud of Marcia. Many K of L members attended the dinner.

Nellie Lord

C-103 PROVIDENCE

Our October meeting was held in St. Casimir Church hall. Father Cukuras said the opening prayer. The most important business was the election of officers.



Alice Kirla, C-50 New Haven, accepted NED \$250 Scholarship Award for her daughter from Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis ST at K of L Picnic in Maironis Park.



President Frank Peterson presenting Membership Award to Al Gedrim, Financial Secretary at C-50 New Haven October meeting.

The following are our leaders for 1982-1983: Joseph Waitonis, President; Ruth Krecioh, First Vice President; Helen Gudczauskas, Second Vice President; Raymond Savickas, Treasurer; Bertha Stoskus, Recording Secretary; Helen Danisewich, Corresponding Secretary; John Jacknevich and Peter Denisewich, Trustees.

Committee Chairman are Vito Kapiskas, Cultural; William piacentini Jr., Lithuanian Affairs; John Walaska, Ritual; Irene Walaska,

Sunshine. John Walaska, Agnes Waitonis and Bette Cuiryla will serve on the Social Committee.

After election, first degrees were awarded to Ruth and Lillian Savage and Alice Grybasd. Fifteen members received the second degree. Father Jurgelaitis said the closing prayer.

The Octoberfest sponsored by C-103 was a great success. Chief cooks were Joseph Waitonis and Sophia Sakalys. All the members worked. To name them here would be listing our membership roster. *Aciu, labai aci!* Ruth Krecioch did a fantastic job decorating the hall.

Our NED Cultural Festival at Majronis Park, Shrewsbury, MA, was co-hosted by C103 and C50. Bertha Stoskus and Helen Gudcauskas were in charge of preparations and food. All council members who attended worked to make it a success. The New Haven Council will sponsor the Scholarship Picnic next year in the Connecticut area.

Two scholarships were awarded. The recipients were Leonard Ramsdel of C-26 Worcester and Christine Kirla of East Haven, C-50.

Helen Denisewich

C-145—HOLYOKE

Officers and committee chairpersons for the current year were installed on November 3 as follows: Nellie Ruggles, President; Helen Doerpholz, Vice President; James Adamitis, Recording Secretary; Priscella Bernotas, Treasurer; Isabelle unitis, Financial Secretary; Ann Doktor, Corresponding Secretary; Della Mikelas, Ritual; Brian Doerpholz, Culture; Mary Barkowski, Scribe; Rita Adamitis, Hospitality; Helen Kazimeraites and Viola Markoski, Trustees and Rita Adamitis, Historian.

Since the Church does not celebrate the Christmas season until the birth of Jesus, our annual Christmas banquet will be deferred until after the New Year.

Plans were finalized for the Christmas Bazaar at our well-attended November meeting which

was followed by a social hours.

Mary Barkowski

happy new year



MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-29—NEWARK

The month of October was a busy one for our council. We started off with our Annual Dinner-Dance on the ninth and what a night it was! Cocktail hour, full-course dinner, open bar and dancing all night to the music of the Joe Thomas Band. Our thanks go to Chairladies Mary Stonis and Anne O'Neill for their hard work in making this affair a success.

At our regular monthly meeting, we elected our new officers and committees for the coming year. The results of the election are as follows: Msgr. John Scharnus, Spiritual Advisor; Kazys Sipaila, President; Bernice Skripata, Vice President; Margie Brazaitis, Recording Secretary; Rita Sussko, Financial Secretary; Adele Urbanas, Treasurer; Joe Chapulas, Jennie Miklasavage, Walter Brazaitis, Trustees; Viola Skripata, Rita Sussko, Anne O'Neill, Ritual; Elizabeth Didzbalis, Lithuanian Affairs; Emelia Skruodys, Lithuanian Culture; Eva Coll, Public Relations; Regina Schmidt, Sunshine; Mary Honeyman, Religious Aid.

We also welcomed back Msgr. John Scharnus who is recuperating from a cataract operation.

On October 31, we honored our deceased parish priests and departed members at a Memorial Mass.

Eva Coll

C-61—PATERSON

Council 61 election was held on Sunday, September 26. The following members have been selected to serve as officers and committee chairmen until the next official elections:

Dennis Meizys, President; Edward Vadeika, MD, Vice President; Constance Ann Scheibelhut, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Paul Trucilauskas, Financial Secretary and Treasurer; Mary Kemezis, Gediminas Klimas, Clemens Praleika, Trustees.

Anthony Vytautas Rubonis, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman; Denice Balcetis, Lithuanian Cultural; Antanas Masionis, Public Relations.

Rev. Viktoras Dabusis and Rev. Peter M. J. Stravinskas will serve as temporary Spiritual Advisors until St. Casimir Church of Paterson receives a permanent pastor.

C-74—SCRANTON

On October 3, C-74 hosted the 37th Consecutive Monthly Diocesan Family Rosary Devotion in St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. Homilist for the service was the Rev. Michael Ozalas, pastor of St. Joseph's Church. Welcome remarks and a prayer for Brother George



Casimer Yanish.

Petcavage OFM, a native son of St. Joseph's who died September 15 at the Franciscan Monastery, Brooklyn, were given by Vice President Casimir Yanish. Secretary Helen Cravath presented Ann Marie Glucksnis who crowned the Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin and Members of the traditional court composed of the Sungeams, ethnic youth dancers under the direction of Sister Virginia Vytel CJC of St. Mary's Villa.

Mrs. Helen Moran of St. Michael's presided at the organ.

Each decade of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary was recited by a Knights of Lithuania Family accompanied by friends of Brother George.

This memorial service was culminated with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Father Dale Rupert, assistant pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral, officiating.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Josephine Schuster, sister of Brother George.

Our annual election was held at our October business meeting. The Rev. Michael Ozalas is our Spiritual Adviser. Edward Tomosaitis was re-elected to the presidency. Other officers who will continue to serve C-74 are Casimir Yanish, Vice President; Helen Cravath, Secretary and Gertrude Romeika, Financial Secretary. Richard Laske and Edward Romanauskas were elected trustees. Chairmen for the current year are Helen Romeika, Spiritual Program; Marie Laske, Lithuanian Affairs; Ann Galinas, Cultural; Jean Kavelynas, Ritual and Ruth Yanish, Public Relations.

On Sunday, November 7, our council commemorated All Souls Day at St. Joseph Cemetery in Throop. Rev. Ozalas led the group in saying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary in English and Lithuanian. Helen Cravath and Ann Galinas led the group in the singing of Lithuanian hymns.

Ruth Yanish



Crowning of the Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin at the 37th Diocesan Family Rosary in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton.

C-140—SYRACUSE

At our September meeting, our national convention delegates gave their reports. They told of a very enjoyable convention and C-25 deserves much credit. We also welcomed two new members — Geneve Bataitis and her daughter Laurie Alvord. Congratulations to Jack Brandt who was promoted to Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Reserves. His wife Catherine and her mother-in-law Katherine Crabette hosted the refreshments after the meeting in Jack's honor.

The MAD meeting in Amsterdam was well attended by C-140. It was a good meeting with much business transacted and much good food and drink given to the delegates by the marvelous host council. Congratulations are in order to John and Veronica Sutkus and Jack Brandt who received their third degrees.

Millie Vaikness served delicious goodies following our October meeting.

The Festival of Nations was a big success, and again the Lithuanian booth was an overwhelming success. We sold out of all the food. The potato pancakes went just as fast as we could fry them. They are the Lithuanian trademark in Syracuse.

Thanks to Elsie Kosmisky, National Second Vice President, for suggesting a mechanical grater. Now the weekend is just a breeze. Many thanks to all who participated.

Lithuanian entertainment was furnished by our own Vita Talandis and Leon Baltrus of Rochester. They did a beautiful job of presenting Lithuanian classical music.

Officers for the new year are Father Thomas Kobuszewski, Spiritual Advisor; Frank Petrauskas, President; Joseph Marcaitis, Vice President; Marge Migonia, Secretary and Jack Brandt, Treasurer.

Many thanks to Victor Johnson, retiring Treasurer, who served C-140 so well over the years.

Pusbrolis

C-143—PITTSTON

To commemorate the year of the Lithuanian parish, Rev. Peter J. Alisauskas, pastor St. Casimir Church, celebrated Mass at the home of Phil and Marcella Bartoli on October 6. Father Alisauskas also Enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Bartoli home. K of L members and friends attended.

Council 143 was well represented at the 7th Annual Lamer County

Folk Festival at the Kingston Armory in October. We displayed two painted pictures of our beautiful St. Casimir Church through the courtesy of Father Alisauskas. One was the interior of the Church, depicting its altars and entire church. The other portrayed the exterior. Other articles of Lithuanian interest were on display.

Alice Pusavage

C-144—ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

After several years of work, the dream of Anthracite Council finally came true on November 14 when the Lithuanian Museum and Cultural Center of the Anthracite Region was officially opened.

For the past year President Joseph Yezulinas, Ed Carlitus, Bill Cebulskie and Joe Petrosky supervised the remodeling of the small building in Frackville that was acquired through the generosity of Bishop Joseph McShea of the Allentown Catholic Diocese.

Marge Yezulinas, Ann Sikora, Helen Ambrose, Ann Carlitus and other volunteers assumed the responsibility of handling the housekeeping chores. Helen Ambrose set up the gift shop in the center.

Many people donated artifacts, many brought over by their parents and grandparents. There would not be space to name and thank everyone. However, we appreciate the extensive collection of amber displayed by Father Al Bartkus and Anne Panchari. Annie Morgalis' straw art, etched mushrooms and marguerite are reminiscent of our Lithuanian heritage.

Stanley Vaicaitis put the numerous publications in order in our library. Bernice Mikatavage catalogued all the artifacts. Rita Shevokis arranged the music. Kent State and Baltic Enterprises donated books for our collection. Adeline Kale of Mt. Carmel donated a few precious artifacts. To one and all who contributed to our cultural center even in a small way, we are grateful.



Dr. Bronius Vaskelis, Gabriel Maironis, Rev. Algimintas Bartkus, Auksa Bankaityte, Mirga Bankaityte.



Dedication of Lithuanian Museum and Cultural Center of the Anthracite Region on Nov. 14th. Rev. Algimintas Bartkus and Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas.

Stanley Vaicaitis chaired the event. The Mass was concelebrated by the Rev. Algimintas Bartkus, Spiritual Adviser and pastor of BVM Annunciation, Frackville; Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas and the Rev. Daniel Yenushosky, St. George, Shenandoah; Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, Our Lady of

Silva, Maizeville; Rev. John Lijsys, Pastor Emeritus and the Rev. Joseph Shelonis administrator of St. Francis, Minersville.

The Rev. Gerald Gobitas, professor at Alvernia College, Reading was homilist. The Junior Knights of Frackville, under the direction of Sister Angela CJC, presented the of-

fertory gifts in their Lithuanian costumes. The Zarija Choir of Schuylkill County sang the Mass.

Following the Mass, the Rev. Al Bartkus blessed the center. Rep. Edward J. Lucyk, D-123, presented a Lithuanian flag to the center.

President Yezulinas extended the welcome at the banquet. Al Matunis and Joe Jacobus, our loyal Jersey Knight, led the National Anthems. Bernice Mikatavage was the mistress of ceremonies. Entertainment was provided by vocalist Gabriel Mironas, Philadelphia, a folk soloist and Mirga Bankaityte, Cleveland, one of the foremost kankles players in the western world. Her sister, Auksa, joined her in two selections. Dr. Bronius Vaskelis, Chairman, Department of Language, Lafayette College, Easton, spoke on "The Importance of Preserving Lithuanian Culture."

Annie Morgalis, Lithuanian Commissioner on the Governor's Heritage Commission, brought greetings from Governor Thornburgh as well as the Commission.

K of L'ers from Harrisburg, Hazleton, New Jersey and Philadelphia attended.

Serving with President Yezulinas as officers of the Cultural Center are Carlitus, Vice President; Bernice Mikatavage, Secretary and Anne Klizas Wargo, Treasurer.



Mamie Pieri C-144 displayed and spoke about her Lithuanian artifacts at Women's Club of Mt. Carmel, Olympia Zelinski of C-144, president.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in this memorable occasion.

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C-146—HARRISBURG

Mass for persecuted Lithuanians was held in Elizabeth Seton Church on October 3.

At the business meeting in October, the following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Joanna Gilbert, President; Nell Berulis, Vice President and Treasurer; Helen Wysocki, Secretary; Lillian Marazas, Financial Secretary; Frances Boyle and Joe Mackalonis, Trustees. Michael Grabauskas was named Cultural Chairman while Florence Haughey will chair the Ritual Committee. The Rev. John Smith is our Spiritual Adviser.

As his last official duty at the November meeting, President John Povilaitis thanked the officers, committee chairmen and members for their wholehearted cooperation in promoting council projects during his term of office.

He then presented Helen Chesko, Supreme Council Ritual Chairman, who with the assistance of Elsie Kosmisky, Second National Vice President, installed the officers and committee chairmen in an impressive ceremony.

Joanna Gilbert assumed the chair of president and pledged her best efforts in furthering the work of the past administration. She requested the cooperation of members in all council activities.

On November 14, Mr. & Mrs. John Povilaitis Sr, Nell Berulis, Helen Wysocki, Florence Haughey, Mr. & Mrs. George Gilbert and son Jeffery, Mr. & Mrs. Vity Grabauskas, son Michael and daughter Lorraine attended the official opening of the Lithuanian Museum and Cultural Center in Frackville. On behalf of Anthracite Council, Helen Chesko extended thanks for sending a delegation of 12 members.

HELEN GRABAUSKAS



Joanna Gilbert, recently elected President of C-146 Harrisburg, and her husband joined the paraders at the International Festival in September.

C-147—ST. PETERSBURG

On July 17, Captive Nations Week was observed with a program at the Williams Park. Congressman C. W. "Bill" Young and Mayor Corrine Freeman of St. Petersburg attended. A petition to President Reagan and the Congress of the United States of America was read and sent to Washington. Victoria Jacobson and Victor August co-chaired the event. Victoria Jacobson presented an Afghanistan flag to representatives of Afghanistan, the latest nation to be held captive by Russia.

C-147 was well represented by five of our members at the 69th National Convention in Cleveland. C-25 did a great job.

Our council Prayer Day on October 14 was attended by many in spite of the inclement weather. Rev. Fr. Gasiunas offered the Holy Mass.

October was a gala birthday month. Prelate John Balkunas celebrated his 80th birthday. He was born in Moltby, Pa., went to Lithuania in Suvalkija with his parents. He attended Marijampoles High School, then entered the seminary. He returned to America in his twenties and entered Niagara

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University. In 1927 he was ordained. In 1948 he was elevated to Very Rev. Prelate and in 1961 to Right Rev. Prelate. In 1972 he received his apostolic title. We are proud to have Prelate Balkunas in our midst. May God bless him with health for many more years.



Charles Vilniskis

Charles Vilniskis celebrated his 75th birthday. He was born in New York, grew up in Lithuania where he became a electrical engineer. He returned to America in 1931. He has been active in the Knights, Kataliku Federacija, Susivienijima and others. Prelate John Balkunas, Charles Vilniskis, and President Anthony Mazięka worked in Triple Alliance in Brooklyn.

Other birth celebrants were President Anthony Mazięka and Financial Secretary Alex Karolius. The ladies baked cakes and tortas and served coffee in celebration.

Dr. Denis Mazięka and his wife Audrone visited Dr. Denis' parents.

At our October meeting they were presented with Life Memberships in the K of L.

A farewell dinner was held on October 26 for Rev. Fr. Kestutis Butkus of St. Casimir's Mission. He was transferred to Canada. Fr. Butkus is a K of L member and we will miss him. We wish him health and happiness.

We extend a warm welcome to Pastor Ref. Fr. Vytautas Zakaras. May your new assignment be filled with many happy years.

E. M. A.

PASISEKĖS RELIGINIS KONCERTAS

1982 m. rugsėjo 19 d. 3 val. p.p. Cicero ir apylinkių lietuviai rinkosi į erdvią šv. Antano bažnyčią Ciceroje į religinį koncertą, kuriuo buvo užbaigtos šv. Antano parapijos dienos.

Šeštadienį, rugsėjo 18 d. buvo surengtas simpoziumas anglų ir lietuvių kalbomis, kur buvo keliamos lietuviškųjų parapijų problemos.

Sekmadienį 10:30 val. buvo iškilmingos pamaldos ir bažnyčia buvo perpildyta žmonėmis. Vargonais grojo muzikas A. Skridulis, o visos bažnyčios giesmėms vadovavo sol. Bernardas Prapuolenis. 3 val. p.p. bažnyčion vėl sugužėjo ciceriečiai ir svečiai į religinį koncertą.

Koncerte dalyvavo vargoninkas Robertas Mockus, solistai Praurimė Ragiėnė ir Algirdas Brazis. Be to, muz. Fausto Strolios vadovaujamas styginis kvartetas, kurį sudarė

Povilas Matiukas, Vanda Matiukienė, dr. Leonidas Ragas ir pats Faustas Strolia. Pabaigai dar ir L. Vyčių choras, vadovaujamas muz. Fausto Strolios.

Pati programa susidėjo iš šešių dalių. Pirmiausia R. Mockus labai įspūdingai pagrojo 4 netrumpus dalykus. Po to solistė P. Ragiėnė pagiedojo Meldžiu, Jėzau, Pie Jesu ir O vos omnes. Toliau sekė sol. A. Brazio giesmės — Tėve mūsų L. Stuko, Ave' Maria F. Shuberto ir Dieve, aš Tau dėkoju. Vargonais palydėjo muz. Faustas Strolia.

Sol. P. Ragiėnė vėl pagiedojo Mozarto Ave Verum, O. Metrikienės Malda ir Faurė Crucifix. Vargonais palydėjo R. Mockus.

Programą užbaigė L. Vyčių choras, vadovaujamas muz. Fausto Strolios, pagiedojęs 4 giesmes: O didis Dieve ir Šiluvos Marijai — Viltenio, o su soliste P. Ragiene, Maria, Mater gratiae ir Parveski, Viešpatie, solo giedant A. Braziui. Vargonais pritarė R. Mockus.

Po programos visi programos atlikėjai buvo sukviesti į parapijos salę vaišėms, kurias parengė L.B. Cicero apylinkės valdyba su daktaru P. Kisieliaus ir F. Kauno pagelba. Čia dalyvavo ir klebonas kun. J. Stankevičius bei jo asistentai.

Visiems muzikams, solistams, smuikininkams ir choristams nuoširdžiai padėkojo apylinkės valdybos pirmininkė Levutė Radvilienė.

Jaukiai pabendraavę visi skirstėsi, atlikę savo katalikišką bei tautinę pareigą, paminint lietuviškųjų parapijų metus.

A.P.B.