

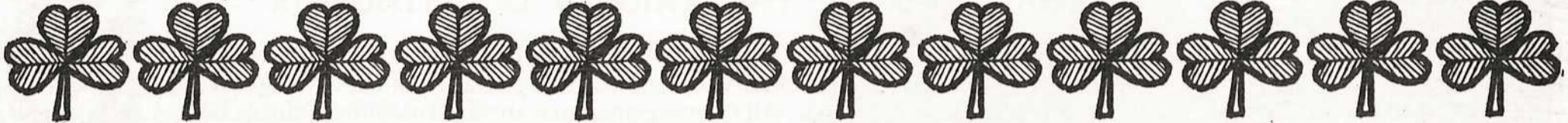
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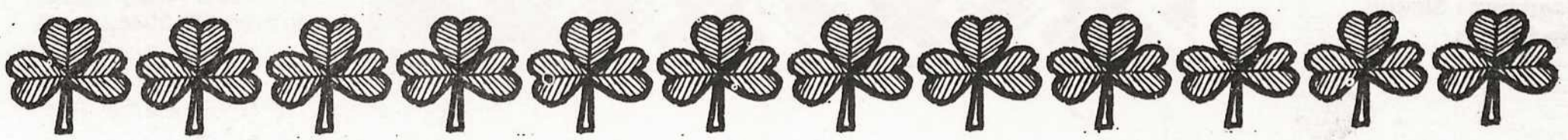
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NUODĖMES, PAŠIGAILĖK MŪSŲ!

MELSKIS UŽ MUS, ŠV. KAZIMIERAI —
kad būtume verti Kristaus pažadų.

MELSKIMĖS

DIEVE, KURIS ŠVENTĄJĮ KAZIMIERĄ,
GYVENUSĮ TARP KARLIŠKŲ GĖRIŲ IR
PASAULIO VILIONIŲ, PASTOVIA DORYBE
SUSTIPRINAI, TAVE MALDAUJAME, KAD JO
UŽTARIMU TAVO TARNAI NIEKU LAIKYTŲ
ŽEMIŠKAS GĖRYBES IR VISUOMET TROKŠTŲ
AMŽINŲJŲ, PER KRISTŲ, MŪSŲ VIEŠPATĮ.

AMEN.

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS



“Will” You Remember The K of L? Announcing The “Knights Of Lithuania Foundation”

How important to you is the Knights of Lithuania organization? Important enough to want to see it continue for future generations, even after you can no longer be active in it? Important enough to see it continue and grow as a leader in the Lithuanian American community. Important enough to help it prosper and engage in large scale Lithuanian American activities without unduly taxing its members with dues escalation?

The Supreme Council recently asked itself these questions, and answered with a resounding “YES” to all of them. They, in fact, went one step further, and have come up with a plan to effect the realization of these wants. The plan is the formation of an endowment fund, tentatively called the “Knights of Lithuania Foundation,” to be made up of donations or testament endowments. The capital of this foundation would be, in effect, “untouchable” but would be invested in safe, high-yield accounts. The interest from the investment would revert into the K of L national treasury, for general operating expenses or special projects.

How, you might ask, can such a foundation be started, when, practically speaking, the economy is taking a large bite out of everyone’s pocket? Who can be counted on to make donations to the Foundation of sizeable enough proportions to make it worthwhile?

Although most of us perhaps do not have thousands of dollars available to donate, we do have last wills. And we are mortal, and sad to say, can expect those wills to take effect some day. Remembering the Foundation in our wills with, say, a \$1000, would not cause undue hardship to our heirs, and would be a nice way of saying “Ačiu” to the Knights of Lithuania for learning, friendships and culture it provided us. That mere \$1000, invested wisely, could provide the K of L income of \$100 or more per year for as long as the Foundation exists. The additional income gained from a multiple of such bequests would guarantee the K of L enough working funds that the question of dues increases may never be considered again!

Of course, those of us who can may wish to say our “Thank You’s” while we are alive. Any donations, one time or annual, to the Foundation would also be graciously accepted and would help get this important project started.

Agreement

To the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
SUPREME COUNCIL:

I desire to have a part in making up the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FOUNDATION and in consideration of the gifts, donations and bequests made by all other persons to such Endowment Fund and in further consideration of the agreement on the part of KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA duly expressed in the resolutions of its Board of Trustees, that the principal of such fund shall be held in perpetuity, and the income only thereof to be expended in the support and maintenance in perpetuity of the activities and community service of the said KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA together with the upkeep of all properties belonging to the KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, I hereby promise to bequeath to you for said Endowment Fund, \$ _____; any payments to said fund which I may make in anticipation, in my lifetime, shall be credited by you upon such legacy and be abated therefrom in the event of my death.

Dated _____, 19 _____

(Signature)

SUSITARIMAS

SU LIETUVOS VYČIŲ VYRIAUSIŲ SKYRIUMI

Aš pageidauju LIETUVOS VYČIŲ FONDE is imdama(s) dėmesin apdovanojimus, donacijas ir testamentinius palikimus, kuriuos yra užrašę kiti asmenys tam palikimų fondui, ir taipogi imdama(s) dėmesin susitarimą, kurį Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos patikėtinių komisija pareiškė savo rezoliucijose-nutarimuose, jog tokio fondo pagrindinė suma bus laikoma visam laikui ir kad palūkanos to turto bus išleidžiamos palaikyti ir paremti visam laikus Lietuvos Vyčių veiklai ir visuomeninei tarnybai, kaip ir Lietuvos Vyčių visokeriopo turto išlaikymui,

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Datuota _____, 19 _____

parašas

Mr. John Narusis, our National Legal Adviser, has prepared a form for use in making donations to this fund directly or through a Last Will and Testament. The form, in English and Lithuanian, appears in this issue, and will be published periodically in future issues. We urge you not to take this lightly. Use the form if you wish to make a direct donation, or complete it and present it as an addition to your Last Will if you so desire. All donations to this fund should be accompanied by the form and sent to the Supreme Council Treasurer. If you include the Foundation in your Will, please notify the Supreme Council Treasurer also.

All donations to the Foundation will be acknowledged in VYTIS. Further information about this project will be provided regularly.

Your interest, cooperation and generosity can help put the Knights of Lithuania on firm ground, so that it can, without financial worries, continue to engage in meaningful activities to spread the appreciation of Lithuanian culture in the free world and to work toward the release from the chains of Communism of our kin in Lithuania.

Loretta Stukas
National President

Stanley P. Vaicaitis, Past National Cultural Chairman of the Knights of Lithuania, translated the words of the beautiful hymn "How Great Thou Art" into the Lithuanian language. I submit this beautiful translation with the consent of his widow, Eleanor:

KAIP DIDINGAS TO ESI

O, Die-ve, kai ste-biu žvaigždių gau-sy-bę
Aš Ta-vo ran-kų dar-bą ten re-giu
Vi-sa-ta skel-bia Ta-vą-ją ga-lybę
Ant ke-lių puo-lu gal-vą Tau len-kiu.

2nd verse

Kal-nų vir-šū-nės žė-ri bal-tu snie-gu
Pa-šlai-tes puo-šia gė-lės ir žie-dai
Ža-liuo-ja pie-vos, gi-rios tyliai mie-ga
Tu vis-ką rė-dai, sau-go-ji, val-dai.

3rd verse

Ant kry-žiaus mir-šta ma-no At-pir-kė-jas
Jis Tavo Va-lią vyk-do pa-klus-niai.
Prie kry-žiaus bė-gu sunkiai ru-s-dė-jęs
Pa-dėk man bū-ti Ta-vo am-ži-nai.

CHORUS

Ir iš-kil-min-gai gie-da Tau šir-dis:
O, kaip di-din-gas Tu e-si!
Ir iš-kil-min-gai gie-da Tau šir-dies:
O, kaip di-din-gas Tu e-si!

TO ALL COUNCIL CULTURAL CHAIRMEN:

A packet was forwarded to all Council Cultural Chairmen recently. Unfortunately, I do not have the names of some of the council chairmen. If your council was missed, please notify me with the name of your chairman so it can be placed on my mailing list.

I would like to have a report from all Council Cultural Chairmen by June 1st on their cultural activities of the past year. Special recognition will be given at this year's National Convention to the council who has done the most — culturally — throughout the 1982-1983 term of office.

Ačiu žirdingai,

Anna Klizas Wargo
National Cultural Chairman

K of L
Calendar **IT'S**
SPRING
Time!

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
COMMUNION BREAKFAST
Transfiguration Church, Maspeth, NY
- 6 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS AND
COMMUNION BREAKFAST
C-50 New Haven, CT
Loretta Stukas, Speaker
- 13 MAD ST. CASIMIR'S DAY BREAKFAST
Hosted by C-67 Bayoone, N.J.
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY

APRIL

- 24 NED CONVENTION
Hosted by C-141 Bridgeport, CT

MAY

- 21-23 MCD CONVENTION AND MIDWEST
BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Hosted by C-79, Southfield, MI

AUGUST

- 18-21 NATIONAL CONVENTION
Hosted by C-3 Philadelphia, PA

SEPTEMBER

- 25 NED CONVENTION
Hosted by C-1 Brockton

Žinia Spaudai Kunigų Vienybės Laiškas Amerikos Vyskupams

Kun. Albertas Kontautas, Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Kunigų Vienybės pirmininkas, 1983 sausio 1 visiems Amerikos vyskupams pasiuntė vyskupų siūlomo pastoracinio laiško apie nusiginkliavimą antros versijos analize. Jis suabejoja, ar šis pastoracinis laiškas dabartinė forma tikrai pasieks savo tikslą, būtent pasaulinę taiką.

„Dauguma mūsų lietuvių kunigų ir žmonės gyvena nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje ir paskui sovietų ir rėčių Vokietijos okupacijoj. Jų pergyvenimai suteikia visai skirtingą perspektyvą apie taiką šių dienų realybėje...“
— rašo kun. A. Kontautas.

Jis siūlo, kad vyskupai patobulintų laišką —

1. Išryškinti taiką per žmogaus teises ir bandydami iškelti žmogaus kilnybę kaip pagrindą taikai.
2. Atmesdami pacifizmo nuotaiką ir pasisavindami II Vatikano bei popiežiaus pažiūras į teisėtą kariavimą.
3. Atmesdami vienapusišką nusiginklavimą ir pabrėždami dvipusišką bei daugiapusišką bendradarbiavimą dėl tikrosios taikos.
4. Parašydami laišką, kuris remtųsi Vatikano Tarybos mokymais, šiuolaikinių popiežių pasisakymais ir žmonių pergyvenimais, užuot bandydami surasti išskirtinę moralinę poziciją Amerikos katalikams.
5. Perrašydami pastoracinį laišką, kad jis būtų trumpesnis ir aiškesnis.

Kun. A. Kontauto komentarus lydi ištraukos iš pastoracinio laiško bei argumentai iš popiežiaus Jono Pauliaus II pasisakymų, II Vatikano susirinkimo bei Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronikos.

Šių metų pavasarį vyskupai nuspręš pastoracinio laiško antrosios versijos priėmimą ar atmetimą.

Norintieji išgityti šį 12 puslapių anglišką tekstą, kreipkitės į Lithuanian R.C. Priests' League of America, 351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, New York 11207.

To Improve Your Inner Life

On meeting with the great Goethe, a friend asked:

—What would be a good thing for me to do every day to improve my inner life?

Goethe replied:

—Read a stirring poem, look upon a marvelous picture, listen to some superior soul and speak some useful, sensible words to the people you meet.

From V.G.

LC.R.A. Report

Balance 12/13/82	1,732.36
Donations received:	
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph White (C-17 Sr.)	25.00
Bank Interest	22.28
Total 1/16/83	\$1,779.64

As you can see we are \$720.36 short of our goal of \$2,500.00 Fellow Knights, there is still time to contribute NOW so we can proudly announce, at the national convention, that the LCRA committee has a check to present to the Lithuanian Priest League of America from the K of L towards an issue of the CHRONICLE. Those of you reading this article please bring the above appeal to the attention of your council officers. We need this covered before some of the councils take a "Summer Break."

The following is taken from No. 53-May 31, 1982 CHRONICLE ISSUE:

From a letter of Vytautas Skuodis written at the beginning of February 1982!

".....It will soon be one year that I'm here," (Skuodis has been interned in the labor camp since February 8, 1981—Ed. Note). "I didn't even watch the holiday broadcasts on television, not because I'm against them, but because there is never 'enough time.' I'm a very avid reader. Moreover, I've always yearned to be with my thoughts, attempting to put every minute to good use, and I've long since wearied of that passive information and am disinterested in the type of culture that distracts and afterwards leaves a kind of spiritual vacuum behind."

"No need to wish the time to pass more quickly. As is, it passes too rapidly. If life is meaningful and rich, it must be lived as deeply as possible at least in one's soul."

".....While here, I read somewhere that beauty, virtue and truth in the world is produced by the Eternal Truth whom believers call God."

"I am truly happy."

"I sincerely thank everyone who writes to me. My heartfelt thanks to everyone, everyone, everyone for their greetings and wishes. Please convey my best wishes to all who remember me. May God's blessing attend you all and may He fill all your hearts with His divine graces."

(P.S. For three months no one received any letters from Vytautas Skuodis. Finally, at the end of May, a few short postcards and letters slipped by the censors.—Ed. Note).

Fran Petkus
LCRA Coordinator

No Truer Words Ever Spoken

Half the cruelty in the world comes from our inability to put ourselves in the place of others.

John Fiske
From V.G.

An Editorial

By Aldona Ryan

THE YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN PARISH officially ended on St. Casimir's Day — March 4th. The special 1983 HOLY YEAR OF REDEMPTION will officially begin on the Feast of Assumption — March 25th. It will last for thirteen months and end Easter Sunday, April 22, 1984.

What do these two years have in common?

Whereas other Holy Years were traditionally centered on pilgrimages to Rome, this special year will be celebrated in ALL LOCAL CHURCHES as well as in Rome.

Pope John Paul II made this announcement in 4000-word traditional pre-Christmas speech to the cardinals present in Rome and the Roman Curia on December 23rd.

“Certainly Rome offers itself to all pilgrims with its unique characteristics, its apostolic memories, its celebrations, its centuries-old organizational practice,” said the Holy Father. “But it does not want to monopolize the treasures which is everyone’s and it wants the jubilee to be celebrated with the same rights and the same spiritual effects in each local church in the entire world.”

Pope John Paul said the dates of the Holy Year were chosen “to mark all the steps in the life of our Savior from the announcement of His birth to Mary by an angel to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.”

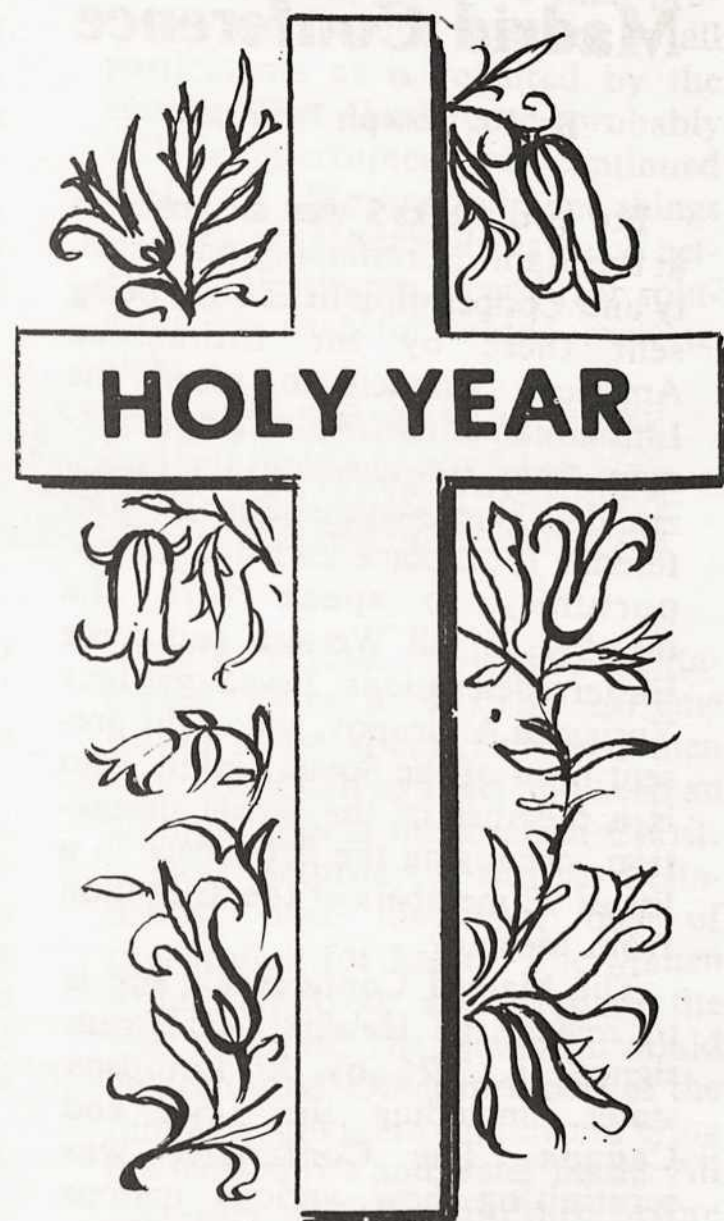
The Holy Father said he hoped the special Holy Year would “enrich the world’s sense of the solidarity of suffering.”

“The sick, the unemployed, anxious parents, the alienated young people and those who suffer for the violation of their rights through sometimes refined forms of persecution” were some of the suffering groups in the world he listed.

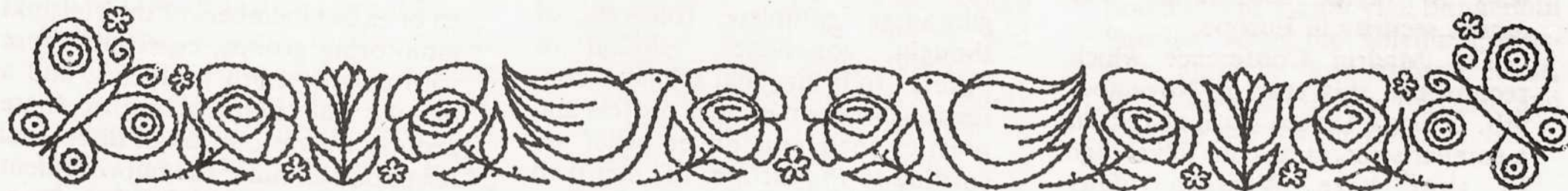
The PURPOSE of the Holy Year is “to mark the 1,950th anniversary of Christ’s redemption of mankind through His death and resurrection.”

The AIM of the 1983 Holy Year is “is to bring about a deepened consideration of the event of the redemption and its concrete application in the sacrament of Penance.” As in the YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN PARISH, we will continue to focus on our Knights of Lithuania parishes during the HOLY YEAR OF REDEMPTION knowing that we and the rest of the world will be concentrating on parishes by decree of the Holy Father.

1983



HOLY YEAR
OF REDEMPTION



Lietuvos Pasiuntinybės rūmų atnaujinimui aukų rinkimas dar tęsiamas

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Komitetas yra paskelbęs spaudoje (tėsiniais) aukojusių organizacijų ir pavienių asmenų sąrašą, tačiau numatyta išleisti atskirą leidinį, kur bus pilni aukotojų sąrašai.

35 Nations at Madrid Conference

By Fr. Joseph Prunskis

For two weeks I was an observer at the Madrid Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe being sent there by the Lithuanian American Council to plead the Lithuanian cause. As a newspaperman, I had free access to the Palazzo de Congressos where the conference took place and had an opportunity to speak with the members of all Western and some Eastern delegations. I even met Igor Yurievich Andropov, son of the present head of the Soviet Union, who is a member of the Soviet delegation, occupying the fifth place in a list of 32 members of the delegation from Moscow.

The Madrid Conference's aim is to review the Helsinki Agreement signed in 1975 by 35 European states, including the USA and Canada. The Conference was scrutinizing how various nations were faithful to their obligations, accepted in the Helsinki Agreement, and deliberated necessary supplements, corrections that would lead to better cooperation and assure security in Europe.

The Madrid Conference which reconvened this year on November 9th, is like a United Nations but on a smaller scale. It has one advantage in that here Western ideas dominate, Western powers are united and strongly oppose against oppression behind the Iron Curtain, especially concerning the curtailing of human rights, against prohibition of freedom of labor unions, against obstructions to emigrate, against prevention to reunite separated families. The Western states have developed united actions desiring to protect freedom of conscience, freedom of information, freedom of emigration, freedom of elections.

The chairman of the American delegation, Ambassador Max M. Kampelman is really active and influential in the Madrid Conference.



In his speech on November 16, 1982 he reminded that the 35 delegations at the Madrid Conference represent 1,044,821,000 people governed by the states present at that meeting. He expressed that "the historical aspirations of the Polish people for freedom will in time, prevail. They will enjoy the 'freedom to choose' now deprived them." He voiced for religious freedom and for successful efforts to solve humanitarian problems.

The delegation of the Holy See has submitted a proposal to guarantee complete freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief: "to insure that religious confessions whose members profess and practice their religion or belief according to the dictates of their own conscience and are prepared to practice within the constitutional framework, are included in the juridical category of religious faiths, institutions and organizations."

An especially impressive and important proposal was submitted by the delegation of Denmark and those of Belgium, Canada, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom and the United States of America: "The participating States agreed that activities of their citizens, individually or in groups, to promote and pro-

tect the implementation of the Final Act are compatible with its provisions. Accordingly, they agreed to take the actions necessary to ensure the freedom of the individual to express his views concerning the respect shown by governments, including his own, in law and practice

At the plenary session on November 23, an impressive speech was given by Senator Robert Dole. He stressed: "For us to lose our interest in the liberty of others would be to disregard the guiding light of our history and heritage". Senator Dole reminded that "In the Soviet Union, members of the Helsinki monitoring groups - who took seriously their own countries' Helsinki pledge... have suffered harsh reprisals. Thirty-eight currently imprisoned members of Moscow, Ukrainian, Lithuanian, Georgian and Armenian groups are serving a combined total of almost 400 years in prison, labor camps, special psychiatric hospitals and internal exile."

Expressing the views of the U.S. government and of the Congress he encouraged the Soviet Union to take the following steps: the easing of impediments to emigration; the resolution of long-term family reunification and binational marriage cases; the release of imprisoned or exiled members of the Helsinki monitoring groups, especially those with severe health problems, and a halt to the harassment of these groups; the restoration of direct dial telephone circuits; the improvement in working conditions for journalists; a halt to jamming of Western radio broadcasts.

"The participating States will ensure the right of everyone freely to form and join trade unions of his choice, the right of trade unions to form federations and confederations, their right freely to exercise their activities, the right to strike, and other rights as laid down in the relevant ILO conventions. They will repeal measures incompatible with the free exercise of these rights."

The Soviet Union and Eastern block were reluctant to accept all these freedoms proposed by the

Western states, disregarding the fact that these freedoms derive from the stipulations of the Helsinki Agreement. The Soviet Union made some concessions on minor items, but stubbornly resists acceptance of the most important ones. But the Soviet Union is forced to be on the defensive. She is being pressed by the Westerners to abide according to the stipulations of freedom as expressed

in the Helsinki Agreement and to accept the new amendments enlarging the guarantees of human rights and freedom of conscience, of the press, of unions. The Madrid Conference is a forum for sincere efforts to guarantee security and cooperation in Europe. Unfortunately, there is not enough cooperation from the Soviet Union and its satellites.

It looks like the Madrid Conference this year will not be able to achieve a happy end - a final protocol, unanimously accepted by all participants as is required by the statute. The Conference probably will be interrupted and continued next year. We are sad that things turn this way, but still it is much better to talk, discuss, search for solutions by peaceful means than to fight.



Cultural Corner

Lithuanian Lenten Customs

Anna Klizas Wargo
Cultural Chairman

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with solemn church services where ashes are placed on the foreheads of the people. Lent consists of forty days of fasting in remembrance of Jesus Christ's forty day fast. This time of fasting and mortification is called "Gavenia".

The laws of fasting were strict. In Lithuania, Lenten foods include herring and other fish (Each home had a barrel of salted herring for the Lenten season), hemp seed and linseed oils, oatmeal porridge, pickled cabbage, beets, potatoes and other dry foods. Adults were forbidden meat and milk products.



There was total abstinence from all amusements during Lent. In the evenings, religious hymns were sung about the torments and crucifixion

of Christ. Church services included the Lenten, "Graudiu Verksmai" and the Stations of the Cross. There was no gaiety of any kind.

In the middle of Lent, known as "Pusiaugavenia," which always fell on a Wednesday, it was allowed to eat a rooster at noon. This was a semi-holiday. In earlier times, it was a celebration which foreshadowed the joy of the coming spring and the termination of the fast.

Holy Week began with the Palm Sunday observance and ended with Holy Saturday. In Lithuania, the observance of the Passion of Christ was very rich and beautiful.

On Palm Sunday, "Verbiu Sekmadienis", the women would fashion a bunch of juniper and willow branches called "Verba."

On this morning, each family member tried to be the first to awaken the others by striking them with the Verba and wishing them good health, good fortune and success. Everyone then attended Mass where the Verba was blessed.

During Holy Week, only work connected with the Easter Holiday was permitted. Everyone attended church as often as possible.

Holy Thursday, "Didysis Ketvirtadienis" was considered a Holy Day. The cottage, yard and animals were thoroughly cleaned. It was believed that on this night, the souls of the deceased visited their former homes and food was set out for them. Churches were visited and an all night vigil was kept.

Good Friday, "Didysis Penktadienis" was a day of extreme fasting. The young girls and men went to church to kneel and keep an all night vigil at the tomb of Christ.

Holy Saturday, "Didysis Šeštadienis" was the final day of preparation for Easter. The women would complete and prepare the Easter Dishes. The Margučiai would be decorated. Other members of the family would go to church and bring the blessed fire and water home. All necessary work was finished before noon at which time the Lenten fast was over. Everyone would bathe, then go to church where they would spend the night singing hymns and praying. The Easter vigil lasted until Sunrise. After the Solemn Procession and the Resurrection Mass, everyone went home to feast and celebrate the Joyous Easter.



THE ANCIENT LITHUANIAN TRIBES

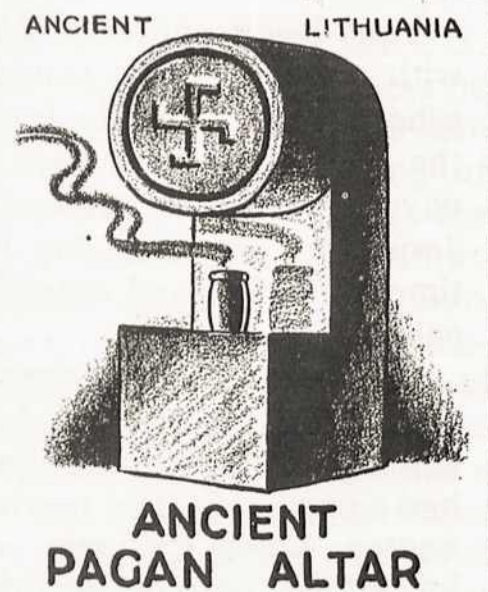
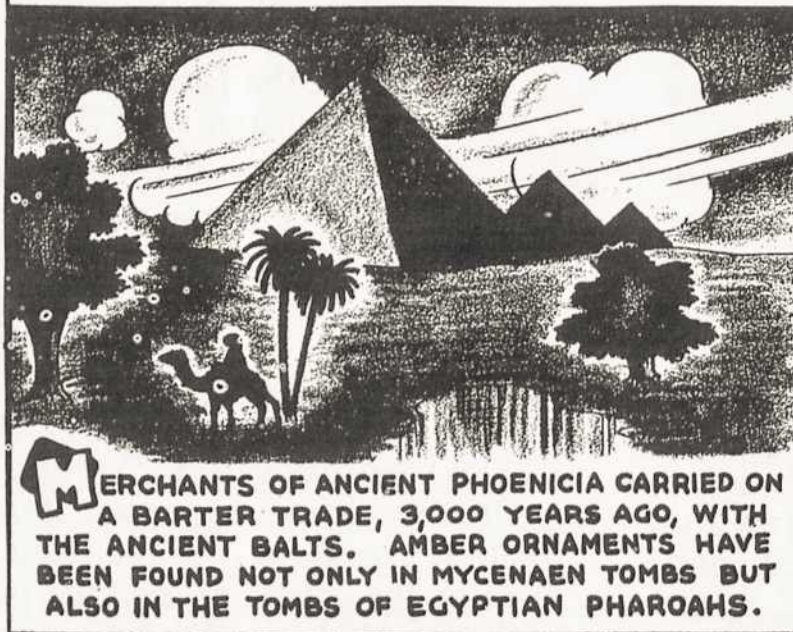
— By Tony Yuknis

The old Lithuanian tribes (Aistians) spoke languages of a common origin. They formed the Baltic group of the Indo-European languages which consisted of Lettish, Lithuanian and Old Prussian. The Lithuanian and Lettish tongues are closely related, having the same grammatical construction. Old Prussian was akin to Lithuanian but the people were subjugated by the Teutonic Knights and became Germanized by the 16th century. Today, only the old names, East and West Prussia, remain.

In the 13th century, Poland was unable to conquer and Christianize the ancient Lithuanians. Therefore, they enlisted the aid of the Teutonic Knights who were originally organized to wrest the Holy Land from the Turks. They, eventually, became powerful and waged wars on their own as they established themselves in old Prussia with sword, fire, pillage and oppression. They reduced the natives to serfs.

Eventually, the Teutons made inroads into Samagitia (lowlands) and along the coast of Klaipeda (Memel), which became known as Lithuania Minor. Germanization failed here as the people were determined to speak their own language. This held true in Prussian Sudavia.

The Teutons found Riga in 1201, established the Livonian Order (Swordbearers), and succeeded in subjugating the Letts. The Letts have preserved their language and customs despite the fact that they



From „The Lithuanian” by A.D. Yuknis

were dominated by the Germans and Russians for six centuries.

The old Prussians and Letts were under the yoke of the Teutons and the Lithuanians proper were on their own. For defensive purposes, Rimgaudas organized factions into a Grand Duchy. His succeeding son, Grand Duke Mindaugas, became baptized and was crowned king. yet the raids by the Teutonic Order never ceased. The angered Mindaugas then picked up the sword

and fought the invaders for the first time, handing them a smashing defeat. He was followed by such astute warriors as Grand Dukes Gediminas, Algirdas, Kestutis Europe, to the shores of the Black Sea. Lithuania voluntarily adopted Christianity in 1386.

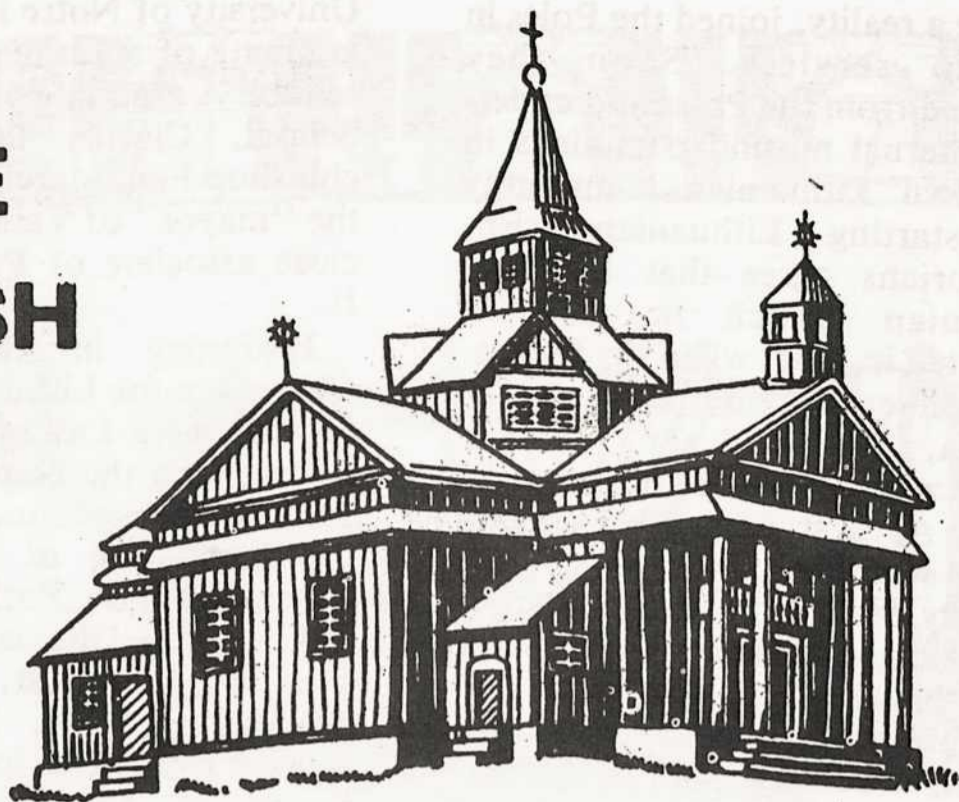
The Russians subjected the Eastern Lithuanian tribes in the territories of Minsk, Vitepsk and Mohilef. In present times they are known as the White Russians.

After

THE YEAR OF THE LITHUANIAN PARISH

Now What?

by Stanley Pieza



A wooden Church in Utena.

We Americans of Lithuanian ancestry enthusiastically marked the significance of the 1982 year of the Lithuanian parish, proudly sharing an heritage endowed by our forefathers who came to the United States from the amber shores of the Baltic.

The observance of the Lithuanian parish year was actively fostered by the Lithuanian Catholic Priests' Alliance of America, the Bendruomene, the Knights of Lithuania (Lietuvos Vyčiai), and other American Lithuanian organizations. THE VYTIS, the official journal of the Knights of Lithuania, gave special coverage by its front-cover pictures, editorials and news reports - and rightfully so for the Knights of Lithuania represent the youth who became the inheritors of the heritage created by their Lithuanian forefathers.

The Lithuanian parish in America has been and is the home of our faith and of our Lithuanian identity. However, some of the undergirdings are beginning to crumble. This was perceived as we reviewed the past and the future during the 1982 Lithuanian parish year.

What is the future of the Lithuanian parish in America?

First, let us take a nostalgic journey to the days when Lithuanians began arriving here and take note of the foundations they erected here.

Mass immigration from Lithuania to America began over 100 years ago. We would need volumes of books to portray the contributions of Lithuanians to the

Lithuanian community in America and, in general, to their adopted country.

Our immigrant forefathers, though not gifted with wealth and great learning, have left us present-day American Lithuanians by the churches and the Catholic parochial schools they erected, a heritage of great and deep faith in Almighty God and a boundless love for our mother-land, Lithuania, which today is incorporated forcibly into the Soviet Union and whose atheistic-communist government is dealing a crushing blow to religion, freedom and human rights.

These early pioneers who came here are resting today in graves in mountain sides of Pennsylvania, in other regions of America, and the majority of them in Chicago's St. Casimir cemetery. May God bless them for their gifts of love of God and country.

The march of immigrants from Lithuania started in 1863, following the insurrection against Czaristic Russia. This great land of America was strange to the Lithuanians who soon discovered that the "streets of America are not made of gold," as they were told in Lithuania before their departure for the states. A bitter picture of the plight of Lithuanian immigrants is vividly portrayed

by Upton Sinclair in his book "The Jungle".

English, at first, was difficult for the Lithuanians to master. They were often called "green-horns". To improve their way of life in America, they took any job available. The employers soon learned that the Lithuanians were sturdy workers as miners, tailors, butchers, steel moulders, farmers, ditch diggers and so on. Some of them became businessmen and some became saloon keepers.

Realizing that, for their common welfare, they should stick together, they established Lithuanian communities with their churches and schools which they named after their patron saints. Innumerable societies for the adults, for the young and children clustered around the parish church. The parish was the hub of most neighborhood social, cultural, artistic, intellectual and political activity. The early immigrants placed their hopes in their children and hoped for the eventual restoration of Lithuania's freedom.

Their greatest need and desire was to worship in their native tongue; however, at first they had a hard time in organizing a Lithuanian parish. The first arrivals, before the first Lithuanian church in America

became a reality, joined the Poles in worship services. Soon they separated from the Poles and underwent internal misunderstandings in their own Lithuanian community before starting a Lithuanian parish.

Historians agree that the first Lithuanian church in America originated in 1885, when the Lithuanian residents of Pittston, Pennsylvania, organized St. Casimir Society which initiated the idea of a parish. At first a modest wooden church was erected in 1890, and presently St. Casimir's of Pittston, Pennsylvania, is an imposing brick house of worship, similar in architecture to Chicago's Holy Cross Church, which was built by Lithuanians and which recently became a Spanish church.

St. Casimir's of Pittston is acclaimed as the "mother church" of the Lithuanian parishes in America. The late Leonard Simutis, noted editor of the Lithuanian Daily DRAUGAS and president of both the Taryba and the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America, in 1940 estimated that there were at that time at least 150 Lithuanian parishes across America.

The parochial school always figured heavily in the plans of the Lithuanian community for the school was considered the preserver and transmitter of Lithuanian customs and language. In fact, the early parochial school required Lithuanian teaching for half a day, and the rest for English studies. A Lithuanian youngster knew as much about Vytautas and Gediminas as he knew about Washington and Lincoln. The Lithuanian grammar book of Damijonaitis was a most popular book.

Altar book came from the school, thousands upon thousands of youngsters were prepared for first Holy Communion and confirmation by the nuns who taught in the schools. Some of the parochial school graduates sought college education who became professionals and community leaders. Known across the country is Edward "Moose" Krause-Krauciunas, former director athletics at the

University of Notre Dame, who is a graduate of a Lithuanian parochial school. A graduate of St. Anthony's School, Cicero, Illinois, is Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, known as the "mayor" of Vatican City, and a close associate of Pope John Paul II.

Beginning in 1897, the first teachers in the Lithuanian parochial schools were Lithuanian nuns who belonged to the Nazareth Sisters, a Polish congregation. In 1907, with the inspiration of Mother Maria Kaupas and Father Anthony Staniukynas, the congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir was started. In 1927, Msgr. Michael Krusas led in the formation of the Sisters of St. Francis, with its mother-house in Pittsburgh, to which many of the Nazareth Lithuanian nuns transferred. The Lithuanian parochial schools of the Lithuanian parishes flourished under the direction of the devoted sisters.

Today, the Lithuanian community in America is suffering the loss of many of its churches. There may be presently less than 100 Lithuanian oriented churches in this country. Some of the abandoned Lithuanian churches are being taken over by other ethnic groups, while some are being absorbed as territorial churches.

Considered as a tragic loss to the Chicago Lithuanian community is the Holy Cross Parish of Town-of-Lake, a center of Lithuanian art, and once with a fine parochial school and a large active parish membership. Lithuanians moved out and Chicago's ever-growing Spanish community took over Holy Cross.

Recently, this writer visited the abandoned Lithuanian church of St. Anthony's in Kewanee, Illinois. It is closed and it may soon be torn down as there are no parishioners. In 1912, St. Anthony's of Kewanee had more than 1,200 families, and today there are some twenty Lithuanian-speaking families left which are scattered in the area and belong to other parishes. Believe me, it was heart-breaking for this writer to see a strong Lithuanian parish community disappear.

The reasons for the decline of Lithuanian parishes in America are loss of parochial schools, and general depletion of Lithuanian population, and economic reasons. Some of the existing great Lithuanian parishes are those with schools.

Due to the immigration laws, less immigrants were permitted in the United States. Without a significant amount of Lithuanian blood, the Lithuanian identity seemed to wane in the 1930's, until rejuvenated once again by a flow of Lithuanian displaced persons following World War II.

How can we preserve our Lithuanian parishes and our Lithuanian identity in America? Here are some suggestions:

1. Let us form Lithuanian clubs where there is a nucleus of Lithuanians, such as in Kansas City, Kansas, as in Phoenix, Arizona, and in Florida.

2. There are many Lithuanians in America - of the third and fourth generations - who do not speak Lithuanian, and these we should reach with a Lithuanian spirit in the English language.

3. One of the best means for continuing the identity of Lithuanians in America are the lituanistines schools, which deserve financial support.

4. It is important to give fullest support to the Lithuanian press in America - the voice of American Lithuanians. Also, to the existing radio and TV Lithuanian programs.

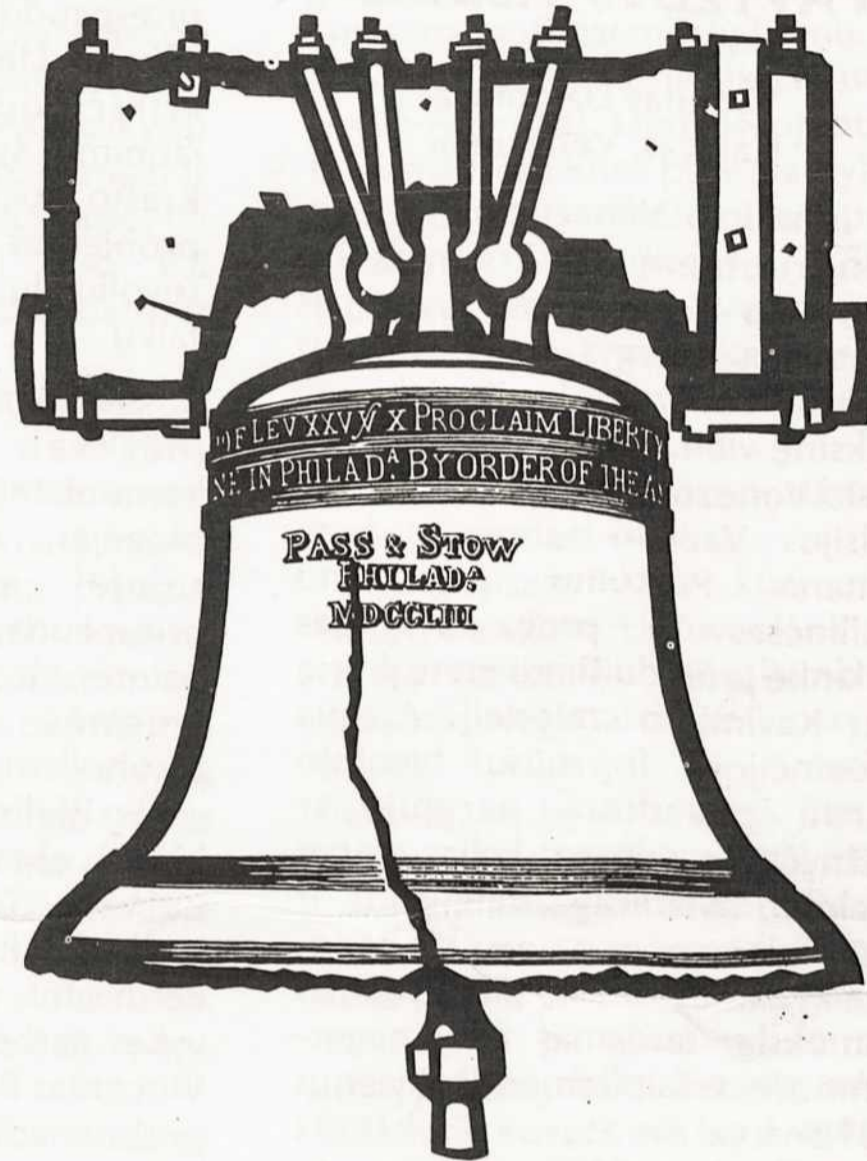
5. Another great need in the American Lithuanian community are better political contenders, more candidates for public offices, and our greatest need is a Lithuanian in the Congress of the United States.

6. To express our faith we should join enthusiastically in the commemoration of the 500th jubilee of St. Casimir, and in promoting the eventual canonization of Mother Maria Kaupas of the Sisters of St. Casimir, and of Blessed George Matulaitis of the Marian Fathers Congregation.

7. Among the most significant events on the American Lithuanian scene are the Lithuanian song and dance festivals, and Lithuanian days, which have captivated the at-



CONVENTION NEWS



CELEBRATE-- "observe with activities of a proper kind. Praise and honor in public."

This dictionary definition of the word CELEBRATE is the proper description for the 70th Knights of Lithuania Convention in Philadelphia this August of 1983.

As the definition says, "praise and honor in public," who or what are we praising in public? The honor will go to the organization called the Knights of Lithuania and the praise will be shared by YOU and I, the members.

The Knights of Lithuania have many reasons to CELEBRATE it's 70th Anniversary. Seventy years of moving forward. In times of disunity and lowered ideals, the Vyčiai have maintained the same standards as set by our founders. CELEBRATE the fact that, through the strong efforts of the Knights of Lithuania and the individual members, our brothers and sisters in Lithuania have not been totally crushed by the hammer and sickle.

As the Liberty Bell rings in Philadelphia for all to hear, so let the voices of Vyčiai be raised in songs of CELEBRATION for all to hear, that we are one — one with the Church— one with our heritage and one in our Knights of Lithuania philosophy.

CELEBRATE the fact that, instead of several people reminiscing about the good ole-days, we will be hundreds strong — making the good new days. Seventy years is a long time and the fact that we have grown — not old gracefully, but strong and vital. An asset to every parish and every community we belong to is reason to — observe with activities of a proper kind.



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tention of the American public and the love and interest of Lithuanians. These deserve our 100 per cent support.

8. We should continue introducing Lithuanian chairs and Lithuanian traditional rooms in the colleges of America, such as at the University of Pittsburgh.

The future of the Lithuanian parish and Lithuanian identity rests upon the shoulders of the children of the early immigrants and on the newcomers from Lithuania, the displaced persons.

The Bible states: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven ... a time

to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

The time of the Lithuanian community in America is not death ... it is a time for us to pluck up that which was planted by our provident Lithuanian forefathers.

Vyskupas Brizgys Venezueloje:

LIETUVOS VYČIAI — PAVYZDYS VISIEMS

Vytautas Dambava
Caracas, Venezuela

Jungtinio Venezuelos Lietuvių Bendruomenės Organizacijų Komiteto kviečiamas, vyskupas Vincentas Brizgys spalio mėnesį lankėsi Venezueloje. Jis dalyvavo auksinę vienuolystės sukaktį šventusi Venezuelos Lietuvių Katalikų Misijos Vadovo saleziečio kun. Antano Perkumo pagerbimo iškilmėse. Ta proga vyskupas aplankė prieš du šimtu metų įkurtą šv. Kazimiero miestelį Aragua provincijoje ir mūsų šventojo vardu pavadintą parapiją ir bažnyčią, o taip pat kelias dienas praleido Maracay, Valencijos ir Barquisimeto apylinkėse, atlaikydamas mišias, pasakydamas pamokslą, tardamas žodį pagerbimuose, o taip asmeniškai vienus aplankydamas, su kitais pasikalbėdamas ir patardamas. Jo žodžiai nešė naują viltį.

Tėvai Saleziečiai Don Bosco Centre suruošė jam pagerbimo pietus, kuriuose dalyvavo ir Caracas arkivyskupas José Ali Lebrún. Tamanaco viešbuty dalyvavo iškilmingoje vakarieneje, tardamas sveikinimo žodį kun. Perkumui. Eilė lietuvių vyskupą gražiai priėmė. Vyskupas Brizgys plačiai tarėsi su iš Brazilijos atvykusi Pietų Amerikos Lietuvių Kunigų Vienybės pirmininku kun. Pranu Gavėnu, SDB, o taip pat ir su Venezuelos Lietuvių Bendruomenės Pirmininku Dr. Vytautu A. Dambava. Savo plačioje ir skubioje programoje, vyskupas rado laiko padaryti vizitus Apaštališkajam Nuncijui Luciano Storero ir Barquisimeto vyskupui.

Jubilėjaus centre buvo

iškilmingos pamaldos Don Bosco šventovėje, kur mūsų vyskupas pasakė ispaniškai pamokslą, palygindamas gyvenimą nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje su gyvenimu dabartinėje sovietų priespaudoje. Jis sakė, jog laisvės laikais Lietuvoje šeimos buvo krikščioniškos, krikščioniškas jaunimo švietimas ir auklėjimas. Krašto socialinės ir ekonominės problemos buvo sprendžiamos be revoliucijų, civilinio karo ir nesant taikų.

Šiandien, Lietuvą okupavus ir Maskvai įsivedus ateistinį komunizmą, gyvenimas tolydžio blogėjas, o tame „darbininkų rojuje“ viešpataujanti žiauri priespauda, ekonominė suirutė, baimės ir teroro režimas, kai žmonės nevilty metasi į alkoholizmą.

Po iškilmingų mišių vyko pagerbimo aktas ir Bendruomenės vaišės. Didžiulio dėmesio susilaukė kalba, kurią tame akte lietuviams pasakė iš Čikagos atvykęs garbės svečias, vyskupas dr. Vincentas Brizgys. Kadangi kalboje prisimenami Lietuvos Vyčiai, o keliamos mintys yra aktualios visiems išeivijos lietuviams, tą kalbą perduodame ištisai.

„Mano gerbiami Jūsų krašto Lietuvių Bendruomenės pirmininke, atskirų vietovių pirmininkai, šios šventės rengėjai!

„Nežinau, ar jūsų ir mano savijauta yra tokia pati. Jaunas kunigas penkis metus gyvenau ir mokiausi už Lietuvos tarpe visokių tautų žmonių. Paskui, nuo pat išvykimo iš Tėvynės, tai jau prieš trisdešimt aštuonis metus, gyvendamas ir keliaudamas po įvairius kraštus, ne tik sutikdavau, bet ir gyvendavau visokių tautybių žmonių tarpe, ir po viso to aš jaučiuosi ne mažiau lietuvis, kaip jaučiausi, gyvendamas ir besidarbuodamas Lietuvoje. Ir jūs mano ne tik protui, o visai savijautai esate ne tik koks mažas, satelitas,

atitrūkęs nuo tautos, o esate tos pačios vienos šeimos, vienos mūsų tautos pilni nariai.

„Mums verta atsiminti, kad mūsų tauta nėra eilinė. Ji yra su tūkstančio metų garbinga istorija, žmonijai ne tik šiek tiek pasitarnavusi, bet Vakarų Europą yra išgelbėjusi nuo invazijos iš Azijos, ir laisvėje ir nelaisvėje išlaikiusi kilnią savigarbą. Ją puikiai išlaiko ir dabartinėse nelaimės sąlygose šiais laikais.

„Čia būtų per platu, gal net nediskretiška minėti faktus, kaip savo tautybę reprezentuoja ir kokią misiją vykdo mūsų broliai ir seserys sovietų vergų darbo stovyklose, kalėjimuose, tremtyje, Rusijoje ir Sibire. Ir laisvajame pasaulyje kiekvienas turėkime tiek šventos ir kilnios ambicijos — nepažūti be palikto ženklo, kad mūsų gyventa, o jauskime pareigą ir tai laikykime sau privilegija atlikti savo misiją. Kur kuris bebūtume, tai lietuvis turi kuo pasidalinti su kitais, o ne tik pasisavinti ką nors iš kitų. Lietuvio tradicinė krikščioniška moralė, sąžiningumas, darbštumas, tvarkingumas daugybei gali būti ir yra gyvenimo pavyzdžiai. Daugybė žmonių to yra labai reikalingi, ir reikia pripažinti, kad lietuviai visur pasirodė tokiais, kokie jie natūraliai yra. Į kurį kraštą nuvykstu, jaučiu sau garbę ir vietos valdžios ir bažnyčios hierarchijos asmenims pasisakyti, kad lankau lietuvius.

„Jūs patys atsimenate, ir aš iš jūsų pasakojimų atsimenu, kaip jautėtės atvykę į šį kraštą, vežami iš uosto siauru, kreivu keliu į kalnus, į pereinamą stovyklą, matydami pakeliui vietinius žmones; kaip iš baimės ir desperacijos kai kurie net balsiai verkėte. Ir štai kaip šiandien atrodo jūsų gyvenimas, palygintas su milionais vietinių. Tai tyli pamoka, kuria jūs duodate be žodžių. Lietuviai visur panašiai užsirekomendavo ir panašiai kuriasi. Lietuvių jaunimas veržiasi į

mokslą, pasižymi darbštumu ir tvarkingumu. Visų generacijų lietuviai yra žinomi, kaip tvarkinga, darbšti visuomenės dalis.

„Jūs kartais gąsdina mintis, kad šiame krašte jūsų nedaug. Aš bažnyčioje paminėjau dvi lietuvaites vienuoles, o kita vieną Afrikoje, o kitą Peru Requena kalnuose. Dar keli pavyzdžiai. Į pietūs nuo Australijos, Tasmanijos sostinėje Hobart mieste yra tik keli lietuviai inteligentai, keli iš jų vedę nelietuvaites. Jie tačiau yra susiorganizavę nelietuvių inteligentų būrij, kuris kalba ir veikia Lietuvos reikalams ir yra laimėję kai ką svarbaus.

„Argentinoje yra dešimtys seselių kazimieriečių trijose mažose grupėse, viena toli nuo kitos — Buenos Aires, Rosario ir Cordoba. Jos ne tik mokykloms vadovauja, o mokyklų atostogų metu vyksta į vargingiausių žmonių tarpą juos pamokyti ir religijos, ir pasaulinių naudingų dalykų. Visa Argentina žino, kad tai lietuvaičių vienuolių darbas. Amerikoje jų darbingų yra apie trys šimtai, taigi mažiau, negu jūsų šiame krašte, ir pakrikusių po visą Ameriką, po kelias seseles parapijų mokyklose. Taip turi ir savo dvi aukštesnes mokyklas, vienoje yra keturiolika šimtų kitoje apie šeši šimtai studenčių, turi dvi dideles ligonines, dvejus senelių namus. Nors taip pakrikę, visos labai užimtos, niekad nesusirenka visos kartu, bet savo tarpe taip susiklauso ir taip veikia, kad už Lietuvos ne tik visi Amerikos ir Kanados, o viso pasaulio lietuviai kartu nėra sukūrę nieko panašaus, kaip tos lietuvaitės vienuolės. Ne tik jų apaštalinė ir kultūrinė veikla, jų įstaigos, bet lietuviško meno muziejus, lietuviškas knygynas, archyvai, ko niekas kitas neturi. Kai savo augštesnių mokyklų, ligoninių, senelių namų statybai ir ruošimui jos paėmė multimilioninę paskolą, tai Amerikos

vyskupų vienos konferencijos proga viename pokalbyje keli vyskupai kreipėsi į mane, klausdami, ką galvoja tos vienuolės, užsimodamos tokius dalykus ir tokias skolas, kaip jos išsimokės? Mano vietoje įsiterpė Milwaukee arkivyskupas William Cousins, sakydamas: „Aš atsakysiu vietoje vyskupo Brizgio. Gimiau ir augau Čikagoje, lietuvių tarpe, tai galiu jums pasakyti, kad kai lietuviai daro, tai žino, ką daro, ir padaro gerai.“

„Šitaip lietuvių vardą atstovauja lietuvaitės, dabar jau visos gimę Amerikoje, išskyrus kelias tremtinių dukreles, kelios yra iš mišrių tėvų, pakrikusiu darbui plačiau, negu šis Venezuelos kraštas, skaičiumi jūsų neviršijantis.

„Kaip žinote, Kolumbijoje lietuvių yra mažiau, negu jūsų šiame krašte. Viena proga, vienas prelatas kolumbietis man sako: „Žinau, kiek čia jūsų yra, tačiau apie Lietuvą ir lietuvius mokate taip gražiai prikalbėti ir pritriukšmauti, tarsi atrodytų, kad visa Kolumbija yra pilna tik lietuvių.“

„Šiandien lietuviai tautos kančią garsina te tik laisvajame pasaulyje, o Lietuvą ir Dievą skelbia visoje Rusijoje ir Sibire. Ir mes už Lietuvos būkime sąmoningi tos misijos, kuri tenka mums ir kokią galima atlikti. Kai asmuo, gyvendamas svetur, nusiteikia ne tik ką nors gauti, šiaip taip susikurti sau gyvenimą, bet rūpinasi atstovauti savo tautą ir dalintis su kitais turimomis savo dvasinėmis ir kultūrinėmis savybėmis, tai jis pats jaučiasi laimingas ir mato savo gyvenimo prasmę svetur būdamas.

„Svetur neišvengiamos mišrios moterystės. Jeigu mes uoliai ieškome Lietuvai draugų ir pagalbos bei maldų nelietuvių tarpe, tai tokiais pirmoje vietoje padarykime tuos, su kuriais suriša šeimyninis ryšis. Abi pusės būkime logiškos ir kultūringos, būdami lojalūs abiem tautybėm.

„Gražiu pavyzdžiu gali būti viena iš pozityviausių Amerikos lietuvių organizacijų — Lietuvos Vyčiai. Šiandien jos nariai ne tik gimę Amerikoje, o jau antra, trečia generacija gimusių Amerikoje. Jų tarpe yra tautiniai mišrių šeimų. Jie pabrėžia lojalumą ne tik Lietuvai, bet ir Amerikai. Lietuviškoji pusė, būdama lojali kitos pusės tautybei, stengiasi ir nelietuvišką pusę palaikyti prie lietuvių. Savo jaunimui Lietuvos Vyčiai turi kasmet lietuvių kalbos ir lietuviškos veiklos konkursus su pinigine premijom — net tokiom, kad, pavyzdžiui, užmoka visas mokymosi išlaidas.

„Nepaisant kiek kur mūsų būtų, šiandien Lietuva laukia iš mūsų didesnio lojalumo ir paramos, negu savo laikais patyrė iš Prūsų, Šveicarijos, ar Amerikos lietuvių, o ta ano meto lietuvių parama Tėvynei buvo labai žymi.

„Būti žmogui tik sau nėra nei malonu, nei prasminga. Žmogus tada jaučiasi jaučiasi, kai sąžinė jam sako, kad jis gerai vykdo savo misiją. **Mūsų laiko lietuvių misija: ištikimai kovoti už savo tautą ir pasidalinti su kitais tuo, ką gero turime širdyse, protuose, tradicijose ir kultūroje.**

„Tegu! meilė Lietuvos dega mūsų širdyse. Apsaugok, Aukščiausias, tą mylimą mūsų šalį.

„Ačiū jums, brangieji, už progą su jumis susitikti jus atlankant, pasimatyti, pasidalinti mintimis ir širdimis. Dievas telaimina kiekvieno jūsų gyvenimą. Ačiū.“

Venezuelos Lietuvių Krašto Valdyba, Bažnyčios Taryba, Jungtinis Komitetas ir Jaunimo Sąjunga yra giliai dėkingi vyskupui dr. Vincentui Brizgiui už vizitacinę kelionę, kurios pasėkoje Bendruomenė jaučiasi Jo paguosta, įvertinta, sustiprinta ir naujai įpareigota dirbti Dievui, Tėvynei Lietuvai — ir ištesėti



LANGUAGE LORE

Ye King's English In Ye Lithuanian Tongue

Algirdas Budreckis

Language Lore: IV

Perhaps the last few articles about Vulgate Lithuanian created the impression that the articulators of modern Lithuanian seek to purge their language of all English words. This is far from the case. Unfortunately, the Soviet Russians have indiscriminately larded their own language with a surfeit of English words. Oh well, the trend was begun by Peter the Great who preferred Dutch and English terms to his native Russian, Howbeit, there is a problem in Lithuania that English words are slavishly transliterated from the English to the Russian to the Lithuanian. So one gets a barbarous phrase like: *mūsu siekis yra buities komfortabilumas!* (Our goal is existential comfortableness).

A number of English words dealing with the military, nautical sciences, technology, economics, sports, social studies and the arts have become international terms in their own right. Keeping up with developments in all fields, the Lithuanians have "borrowed" over a thousand such terms into their vocabulary. Yes, certain English words have become correct and proper in Lithuanian language usage. Of course, it is beyond the scope of this series to give an exhaustive list. Suffice it to say, these are the most common English words in Standard Lithuanian.

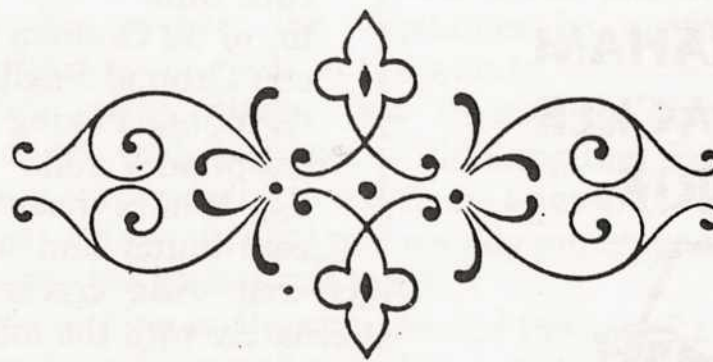
Lithuanian	English
aibolė	highball
aldermonas	alderman
auditorius	auditor
autas	auto
automobilis	automobile
balotas	ballot
banknotas	banknote
baras	bar
bekonas	bacon (Canadian)
biblistas	Bible student
byfstekas	beef steak
biznierius	businessman
biznis	business
blefas	bluff
blefuoti	to bluff
boikotas	boycott
boja	buoy
boksas	boxing
boksininkas	boxer
bosas	boss
bridžas	bridge (card game)

buldogas	bulldog
burbonas	bourbon
čarteris	charter
čekis	check
dampingas	dumping
distriktas	district
dizainas	design
dizaineris	designer
dispečeris	dispatcher
doleris	dollar
džembore	jamboree
džazas	jazz
džazbendas	jazzband
džinas	gin
džinsai	blue jeans
efideivitas	affidavit
establišmentas	establishment
farma	farm
filmas	film
filmuoti	to film
firma	firm
folkloras	folklore
folkloristas	folklorist
frakas	frack
fotokopija	photocopy
džentelmonas	gentlemen
džentelmoniskas	gentlemanly
džypas	jeep
džunglės	jungle
džutas	jute
futbolas	football
futbolininkas	football player
džokeris	joker (card)
džokis	jockey
galionas	gallon
gengsteris	gangster
dansingas	dancing
detektyvas	detective
golfas	golf
grogas	grog
hokis	hockey
Holivudas	Hollywood
humbugas	humbug
jankis	Yanke
jardas	yard (measure)
interviu	interview
interviuoti	to interview

Lithuanian	English
kampanija	campaign
kaukuzas	caucus
kabelis	cable
kaubojus	cowboy
klozetas	water closet
klūbas	club
kodakas	kodak camera
klaunas	clown
konduktorius	conductor (train)
kontraktas	contract
kontraktorius	contractor
kokteilis	cocktail
kombainas	combine
komikai	comics
konvojus	convoy
krabas	crab
kvakeris	Quaker
kvasaras	Quasar
licencija	license
lyderis	leader (party)
liftas	elevator
likeris	liquor
liliputas	Lilliputian
linčas	lynch
linčavimas	lynching
linčuoti	to lynch
linotipas	linotype
linotipininkas	linotypist
lokomotyvas	locomotive
lordas	lord
ložė	lodge
lokautas	lockout
laseris	laser
mečas	(sports) match
munsainas	moonshine
munsainierius	moonshiner
nokautas	knockout
parkeris	fountain pen
parlamentas	parliament
partneris	partner
piknikas	picnic
pingpongas	ping-pong
pingvinas	penguin
pledas	plaid
pudingas	pudding
pulmanas	Pullman
radaras	radar
radijas	radio
referendumas	referendum
rekordas	record
rekordininkas	record winner
reporteris	reporter
revolveris	revolver
rojalistas	royalist
romas	rum
saliūnas	saloon
skautas	boy scout
skautininkas	scoutmaster

skveras	square
snobas	snob
sodė	soda water
startas	start (in sports)
starteris	starter
seifas	safe, strongbox
šerifas	sheriff
šilingas	shilling
televizija	television
tenisas	tennis
tenisininkas	tennis player
testas	test
tipografija	typography
tomis	"Tommy"
traktorius	tractor
transas	trance
treneris	trainer
treningas	training
trenuotė	training
trenuoti	to train
trėstas	trust
tranzistorius	transistor
tustepas	two-step
tvistas	twist (dance)
Uelsas	Wales
unija	union
Uolstrytas	Wall Street
uordas	ward
viskis	whiskey
vistas	whist
vulkanizacija	vulcanization

There are instances of purely Lithuanian terms being coined on the basis of American English concepts. There terms are acceptable. A few of them are: narystė (membership); vajuš (drive, as membership drive narystės vajuš); antvalandžiai or viršvalandžiai (overtime); vardošaukis (roll call), sprausminis (jet airplane, which is better than the Soviet reaktyvinis lėktuvas); gristrysis (feedback); sausapauda (Xerox copying).



Joy of Life

This is the true Joy of Life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrapheap; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

George Bernard Shaw
From V.G.

Junior News C-96 Juniors, Dayton, Ohio

On Sunday, November 28, 1982, the Junior Knights of Lithuania of Council 96 elected new officers for 1983. Their names and positions are as follows: President, James Pacovsky; Vice-President, Jay Grant; Treasurer, Catherine Shepherd; Secretary, Annette Shepherd, Sgt.-at-Arms, Frank Ambrose; Culture Representative, Barbara Lastoskie; Historian, Tim Facovsky; Religious Chairman, Brian Fletcher; Sports, Steve Keivel and Aaron Geiger; Clean Up, Joe Keivel and Eric Geiger.

We are looking for new members in the Dayton area. We meet after 10:30 A.M. Mass at Holy Cross Church Hall on the fourth Sunday of every month.

Annette Shepherd

JUNIOR CORNER



C-96 JUNIORS with Advisors - Elaine Pacovsky and Mary Lucas



Cook's Corner

Mary Lucas, H.M.

GRAHAM CRACKER TORTE



- ½ lb. Sweet Butter
- 1½ cups Sugar
- 6 Egg Yolks (beaten until light in color)
- 2 cups Milk
- 1 lb. or 50 Graham Crackers (ground)
- 1 cup Ground English Walnuts
- 2 teaspoons Baking Powder (mixed with crackers)
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla
- 6 Egg Whites (beaten stiff)

Cream butter and sugar. Add beaten egg yolks and mix well. Add crackers and baking powder mixture alternately with the milk. Mix in vanilla and nuts.

Gently fold in beaten egg whites. Grease and flour a 9 x 13 pan. Pour in the cake mixture and bake in 350° oven for about 40 minutes or till toothpick comes out clean.

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| 1 cup Milk | 1 cup Crisco |
| 3 Tablespoons Flour | 1 cup Sugar |
| ¼ teaspoon Salt | 1 Tablespoon Vanilla |

Cook milk and flour in heavy gauge aluminum pan, stirring constantly till very thick and all lumps are dissolved. Pour onto plate and refrigerate till cold. Cream crisco and sugar till fluffy, then gradually add milk-flour mixture and vanilla. Beat at high speed till fluffy.





Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



ABOUT THE COVER

In December, "The Recorder" of Amsterdam, N.Y., featured an article about the beautiful stained glass windows with religious and historical meanings attached to them in many of Amsterdam's churches.

One of the churches illustrated was St. Casimir's Church, 260 E. Main St. The front window depicts the patron saint of both the congregation and Lithuania. The window, which dates from the 1930's, shows the crowning of St. Casimir by Jesus Christ. The saint is wearing a purple robe and Christ is clothed in red.

Rev. ROBERT BALTCH, pastor of the church, said the angel in the scene is probably reading the heroic deeds of the saint from the scroll. The dove, along with the rays of light, symbolizes the Holy Spirit. The white lilies along the border of the window refer to St. Casimir's pure and virtuous character.

St. Casimir died about the age of 26, and Pope Paul V proclaimed the man a saint in 1621. The 500th anniversary of St. Casimir's death will be commemorated in 1984.

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A Memorial Mass for SISTER ANTON PREIBIS was held January 5th in Nativity B.V.M. Church in Chicago. Sister Anton, a Medical Mission Sister from Chicago, was found dead in her home in Cabimas, Venezuela, on December 6th, the victim of a brutal attack in the small house where she lived alone in a poor section of the city. Co-workers at Cabimas General Hospital, where Sister Anton worked as a physical therapist, found her after she failed to report for work, according to the "Chicago Catholic".

The former Palmira "Polly" Preibis, a Medical Mission Sister for 33 years, graduated from Nativity B.V.M. grammar school and St. Casimir Academy in Chicago. Before entering the Medical Mission Sisters in Philadelphia, she attended Loyola University, DePaul University and the University of Illinois. She became a registered physical therapist at the University of Pennsylvania in 1954.

She was assigned to Venezuela in 1955, working as a physical therapist in Maracaibo and Judibana before joining Cabimas General Hospital's physical medicine and rehabilitation department in 1973. In 1978, Sister Anton moved out of the hospital residence to be closer to the people she served. She said, "I am willing to live with less along with the people, stressing the fact that who you are is more important than what you have".

Funeral and burial services for Sister Anton were held on December 7th in Cabimas. She is survived by a brother, Albert G. Preibis, a State of Illinois Industrial Commission judge, of Chicago.

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Andy Rooney, in his syndicated column which appeared in The Chicago Tribune and the Asbury Park Press in early January, wrote about an old friend of his, PRANAS LAPE.

Pranas left Lithuania as a young man 30 years ago. He lives a monastic existence on the coast of Maine, painting huge canvases of abstract art and living off the fish he catches, the vegetables he grows and the mushrooms he finds in the woods.

One night Pranas was invited to dinner at the Rooneys, and Andy got to thinking that Pranas is one of the best conversationalists he knows. He has original ideas, serious thought and usually punctuates them with a twist that makes one laugh.

Everything at dinner reminded Pranas of a story. One story he told was that he has a Lithuanian friend who exchanges letters with her family in her Russian-dominated homeland. The letters are often censored, so the woman arranged a code with her family. They include pictures with their letters. If the picture shows the family standing, things are going well. If the family is sitting, things are no so good. "Last time she get letter," Pranas says, "they are lying on floor".

He uses the English language with great directness but with little regard for traditional grammar. When he speaks there's no doubt about what he means.

"If every table had a conversationalist like Pranas", says Rooney, "we wouldn't need television".



Albert Luzinas - Honored by Legion

Amsterdam, New York's Chief of Police, ALBERT LUZINAS, was presented the American Legion certificate of commendation by James T. Bergen Post 39 at a recent meeting of the post.

The Certificate is for "outstanding service to the community through carrying out the duties of a police officer in a manner which reflects credit upon all law enforcement officers and for dedication to his profession."

EDMUND LIBERIS, a member of Bergen Post and a retired Amsterdam policeman, received the citation last year.

Luzinas and Liberis are members of K of C Council 100, Amsterdam.

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The Lithuanian Museum and Cultural Center, located on south Broad Mountain Avenue in a small building adjoining the Annunciation B.V.M. Church in

Frackville, Pa., was dedicated in November with ceremonies beginning with Mass in Annunciation Church, concelebrated by the Rev. Algimantas Bartkus, spiritual advisor of Knights of Lithuania Anthracite Council 144, Msgr. Anthony Montone, Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas, Rev. Matthew Jarasunas, and other regional priests. "Zarija", the Schuylkill County Lithuanian Chorus, sang during the mass. Open house at the museum and a banquet in the Annunciation Church Hall followed the dedication.

The museum includes a collection of old Lithuanian artifacts, weavings, amber, carvings, books, records and a small gift shop. It was established by Anthracite Council 144, but now operates as a separate organization. It is supported through donations and the proceeds from Lithuanian Day, the oldest ethnic festival which has been held annually since 1914.

Joseph Yezulinas of Shenandoah is president of the museum and of Anthracite Council 144. Annie Morgalis of Minersville is cultural chairman for the museum and Bernice Mikatavage of Minersville is secretary of the museum. Both are members of Anthracite Council 144.

GEORGE PERLES, Michigan State University's new head football coach, declared in an interview with sportswriters from "The Detroit News" that his nationality is Lithuanian — 100 percent.

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Dr. BERNARD LOWN, Professor of Cardiology at the Harvard School of Public Health and founder of the 10,000 strong "Physicians for Social Responsibility," was recipient of the first Cardinal Medeiros Peace Medallion at Pope John XXIII National Seminary for Delayed Vocations in Weston, Mass., last October.

The Lithuanian-born physician enjoys an international reputation for his continuing work to educate people to the dangers of a nuclear holocaust. The medallion was presented to Dr. Lown by Cardinal Medeiros in the presence of colleagues in the medical and scientific communities.



The Secret Of A Desert Flower

When that persevering traveller, Mungo Park, was at one period of his course fainting in the vast wilderness of an African desert, naked and alone, considering his days as numbered and nothing appearing to remain for him to do but to lie down and die, a small moss-flower of extraordinary beauty caught his eye.

"Though the whole plant," says he, "was no larger than one of my fingers, I could not contemplate the delicate conformation of its roots, leaves, and capsules without admiration.

"Can that Being who planted, watered, and brought to perfection, in this obscure part of the world, a thing which appears of so small importance, look with unconcern upon the situation and suffering of creatures formed after His own image?"

"Surely not.

"Reflections like these would not allow me to despair; I started up and disregarding both hunger and fatigue, travelled forward, assured that relief was at hand; and I was not disappointed."

Ernest Hemingway
From V.G.

A.A. STANLEY P. VAICAITIS

On January 6, 1983 the Knights of Lithuania lost one of its most knowledgeable members. Stanley P. Vaicaitis, a member of Anthracite Council 144, who served nationally as National Cultural Chairman, was called to a higher office in the heavenly home.

Stanley joined the Knights of Lithuania in Hinsdale, IL in 1930. He was a charter member of the Association of Catholic Lithuanian American Students and Professionals in Thompson, CT from 1932 to 1940. He was elected as secretary of the first Supreme Council of that organization, and is included in the panel of officers in the "Lietuvių Enciklopedija" (Vol. XXIX, p. 75).

He has contributed articles to Draugas, Darbininkas, Garsas, Tėviškės Žiburiai, Studentų Žodis and Vytis. He has translated into Lithuanian three works of Father Daniel A. Lord, S.J., later serialized in Draugas. He has translated other songs and humns into Lithuanian, the latest being "How Great Thou Art" which has been adopted by the Žarija Choir as their song.

Stanley resumed membership in the Knights of Lithuania in 1976 with Council 103, Providence, R.I. He transferred to Council 144 and received his second degree in 1978 and third degree in 1982. He served as National Cultural Chairman 1978-79.

He organized the Žarija Chorus and, until his untimely death, was its director. From 1977 this Choir has sung a weekly Lithuanian Mass at Our Lady of Šiluva Church in Maizeville. Under his direction, Žarija has performed at the National Shrine of the Immaculate



STANLEY P. VAICAITIS
Man of the Year August 1982

Conception, Washington, D.C., St. Anne's Shrine, Scranton, Pa., the State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa., St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, Pa., and at all local churches and many local functions including Lithuanian Day at Barnesville.

Most recently he prepared and delivered over the Lithuanian Anthracite Vytis Radio Hour; numerous talks on Lithuanian

history, culture and traditions. He lectured for the weekly Lithuanian Mass at Annunciation B.V.M. Church which is broadcast over the local radio station weekly.

He taught the Lithuanian language to youngsters, and also the adult classes at North Schuylkill High School Adult Program. Stanley was selected Lithuanian Man of the Year, Aug. 82 at Lithuanian Day.

He read, translated and wrote letters to families in Lithuania for anyone who requested his services. At every opportunity Stanley urged and encouraged the preservation and promotion of the Lithuanian culture, customs, traditions and especially the Lithuanian language.

Most recently, he served as chairman for the opening of the Lithuanian Cultural Center and Museum located in Frackville, PA. Even though ill with the cancer that finally took him from us, Stanley worked on the library at the Museum. Through his efforts, a beautiful Lithuanian program was presented at the opening banquet. To the very end of his existence, he worked for the preservation of everything Lithuanian. Amžinai Atsilsis, Stasys. You will be missed.

ANNA K. WARGO

Prayer for my Family

*Father, when all was ready
You sent Your Son to dwell in time,
Obedient to the laws of life in our world.
Teach us the sanctity of human love,
Show us the value of family life
And help us to live in peace with all men
That we may share in Your life forever.*

Amen.

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A.A. Ann Mae Uznis, H.M.

"Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting, the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, Lord, and let her works praise her at the city gates." (The Book of Proverbs)

There are two moments of life which remain forever a mystery — the moment of birth and the moment of death. The first, because no one remembers it; the second, because no one comes back to tell of it. Though research has recently been done and a good deal of writing has been attempted to describe the mystery, it remains for all of us today a mystery. The one whose death we remember in this article and whose life we recall, Ann Mae Uzins, has undoubtedly already found the solution to this mystery.

Volumes have been written about death-and dying and yet as unskilled as we still are in death-and-dying talk, there is one in our midst who does have the right words for all occasions and in particular when we grieve over the death of a family member or a very dear friend. This person in our midst is eminently able to speak to hearts full of sorrow. This one is Jesus, and we are privileged to hear Him speak to us as often as we are willing to listen to His words in Sacred Scripture. On one occasion he said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." The heaviness of our hearts cannot be concealed from Him, yet He invites us over and over again in the celebration of the Eucharist — "Lift up your hearts!"

And then He immediately tells us the way and means to calm our hearts when He says, "Have faith in god and faith in me." Without this essential factor of faith, death remains a meaningless puzzle that exasperates and angers us because we cannot put it all together. Having faith in God and in Jesus does not,



ANN MAE UZNIS, Honorary Member
Died on November 25, 1982

of course, eliminate the sorrow of death. But faith gives us the assurance that what God has made in His image and likeness He does not annihilate or destroy. Our faith affirms what we so often hear said in the Mass of Christian Burial: "Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended."

On another occasion Jesus prepared us for that marvelous change that life after death undergoes when He promised that He was going to prepare a place for us. To guarantee that no one will feel unwelcome, strange, or lonesome there, Jesus promises, "I shall come back to take you with me, that where I am you also may be." This is the assurance which Ann Mae heard over and over again, this is the presence she now enjoys forever — where there are no more mysteries. We, the survivors, are the ones with the heavy burden of sorrow, the burden of separation which can only be carried because of our faith.

Yet, we all have many memories

and memories are like roses in December. When days are dull and cold and we sense the deep separation which death has caused, we can always sit back and replay in our mind the many happy moments we shared together. And because Ann Mae's very active involvement in our lives, particularly in the Knights of Lithuania, we have many happy memories. Her accomplishments were appropriately sung in the June, 1973 edition of VYTIS when she was lauded by the Honorary Membership Committee: "Ann Mae Uznis gave of herself to our K of L for so many years and the K of L was the beneficiary of every unselfish effort. For this, it is a good thing we do — it is fitting that the K of L show its thanks by conferring upon Ann the Honorary Membership at this National Convention."

A litany of her accomplishments and her many unselfish acts would fill the columns of this magazine — all those who have been the recipient of her many kindnesses need not be reminded. Everyone whose life was touched by the life of Ann Mae is the better for it and this meeting of lives will not be forgotten.

The Book of Proverbs says it so well — "The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." It was obvious on more than one occasion that Jesus was Lord of her life — she lived in the peaceful presence of the Lord — her actions were proof of this. We can be very deceptive, both to ourselves and to others, when it comes to looking pious, but when our love is evidenced in a life of good actions to all, there can be no deception. Her love and generosity and concern for others was real, from the heart, a heart filled with the presence of the Lord, the Giver of all good gifts.

And so now Lord, we ask you to give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates — the gates of Heaven where we will be reunited with her someday. May she live in peace forever!

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**NEW ENGLAND
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C-1 — BROCKTON

Council 1 kicked off the 1982-83 season with elections. Our new officers are Ann Marie Statkus, president; Veronica T. Bizinkauskas, vice president; Valarie Dillis, secretary; Anna Williams, treasurer; Fran Bulila, Cultural; Ann Statkus, Lithuanian Affairs; Peter Bizinkauskas, ritual; Patricia Achorn, Vytis correspondent.

The 39th Snowflake Ball was held on February 19, 1982. Thanks to our friends and benefactors for its success. The profits are distributed to our parish, council and council scholarship. The 1982 scholarship was awarded to Veronica T. Bizinkauskas.

Council 1 is playing a major part in the 85th Anniversary Celebration of St. Casimir's Church. We are responsible for the distribution of banquet tickets. Our parish will celebrate with a Mass at 4 p.m. on April 17 with dinner and dancing to follow.

We welcome back Father Al Abracinkas to St. Casimir's family.

It's good seeing Father Al back home!

We bid farewell to one of our outstanding K of L. members. Marion Dillis will be working for the Government in Texas. Our best goes to Marion for a successful career. She surely will be missed!

Council 1 has sent numerous letters to William F. Bolger, Postmaster General, asking that a commemorative stamp be issued on the 50th Anniversary of Darius and Girenas flight over the Atlantic.

Patricia E. Achorn

C-7—Waterbury

Hello from Council 7! Yes, we are still active.

The Rev. George Vilicauskas, pastor of St. Joseph Church, is our Spiritual Adviser. Other officers are Daniel Kunpikevicus, President; Walter Kalick, Vice President; Albert Corchet, Treasurer; Patricia Richards, Recording Secretary; Diane Lazauskas, Financial Secretary; Edmond White, Steward; Tom Herbert, Sergeant at Arms; Victor Vaitkas and Al Kuncas, Trustees. Ed Babrin, Brownie Lazauskas, Justine V. Kumpikevich and Joe Blinstrubas constitute our Board of Directors.

A group of our members attended the picnic at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury. The Lithuanian folk art displayed was exquisite.

At our December meeting Ann Chiplick, our financial secretary, resigned for personal reasons. Thanks, Ann, for a job well done. We donated \$100 to Lithuanian

Catholic Religious Aid. Keep up the good work Father Pugevicius and God bless you. We also donated \$165 for the purchase of a bullet-proof vest for one of our fine Waterbury policemen. In addition, we gave Father George \$50 to help the needy parishioners during the holidays. John Alanskas, our good member, matched our donation.

Our Christmas party was well attended. The food was prepared by our great cooks, Jerry Kunpikevich and Tony White. Pat Richards and several other members helped. Thanks for all the delicious food. Our Christmas Cheer Raffle was a great success.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Lee Zininkas on the loss of her husband Peter. Our prayers are with you, Lee.

We also had news that our Honorary Member Prof. Alexander Alexis is not well. Council 7 remembered Professor with a "Christmas Day which was literally delicious and delightful" according to his wife Marcella. "Thank you K of L." Our best wishes and prayers for a healthful 1983, Prof. Alëxis.

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D-26—Worcester

Attendance at our meetings seems to be growing in leaps and bounds. I'm certain it's because of the "gourmet cooks." Generally a dinner precedes each meeting. Dinners are prepared by a different group each month.

Our last dinner was co-chaired by Adele Degutis, Millie Lapinskas and

Rita Pinkus assisted by Virginia Cummings, Frances Kulakusky, Marion Racicot and Ann Bender. Charles Kulakusky was the main attraction with "Ponas" printed across his apron. Incidentally, Charles & Frances are proud grandparents for the second time, a beautiful granddaughter born in England. Congratulations to our members Linda & Ray Boswell on the birth of their first child, a girl!

Away from home during the holidays were Rita & Ted Pinkus, visiting their daughter in Pennsylvania and Nancy Gordon who visited with her daughter in New Jersey.

K of L member, Sister Joyce Ridick, stationed in Rome, visited with her parents. We asked Sister about her duties. She is a religious sister, professor, supervisor of clinical training lectures at international conferences, a researcher and author of articles and books. One of her books, co-authored with L. Rullen SJ and F. Imoda SJ, was translated into four languages. Other co-authored research works are also in progress. Good luck in all your endeavors, Sister!

Our K of L Bowling League completed the first half. Congratulations to the Champs — Captain Lewis Lloyd, Joe Ivaska, Adele Degutis, Dorothy March and Stephen Walinsky Sr.

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C-50 — NEW HAVEN

At our December meeting Treasurer Isabelle Peterson reported on the outcome of our combined Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle and Christmas Boutique. It couldn't have been better. Everyone was pleased with the report.

First degrees were conferred on the following: Joseph & Nellie Mickus, Jane Serbent, Veronica Pausa, Leo & Pat Tamulis, Charles & Mary Geipel, Pat Illingworth and Paul F. Steir Jr.

The New Year's Eve get-together was well attended. President Peter-

son, Financial Secretary Gedrim and Vice President Gutauskas went all out to make this an enjoyable evening. Charles Zaremskas, Eleanor Dapkus, Mr. & Mrs. Howard, Mr. Plecaitis, Mr. & Mrs. Girdauskas, Mr. & Mrs. Merkewicius were among the guests attending. Mr. Peterson Jr. and his wife and child also were our guests.

We had a delicious buffet dinner, good music, novelties and dancing galore. Bruno & Theresa Strimaitis as well as Joan Augustine were carried away with the music and went twirling and whirling and tramping the little step polkas.

Father Karalis, our Spiritual Adviser, was with us to bring in the new year.

Get well wishes to Al Gedrim and Charles Geipel who are recuperating from surgery, Vinny Glynn recovering from a crushed wrist and Alphonse Martenas who is home at last.

Helen Balchus

C-103—Providence

Our first meeting of the new year gave promise of good things to come. In the absence of our council Spiritual Adviser Fr. Cukurus, SC Spiritual Adviser Fr. Jurgelaitis said the opening prayers. "Things go better with God," he remarked, "So do K of L activities."

We warmly welcomed a new member, Milda Traskauskas.

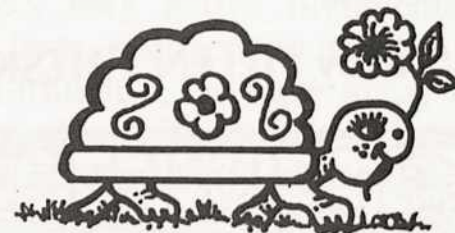
Ann Marie Statkus, President of C-1 Brockton, visited us and extended a very special invitation to have a joint meeting with Brockton K of L's. A special K of L activities program will be prepared.

Speaking of programs, the "What More, What Better" program materials were well received by all our members. Past President Bill Piacentini gave an interesting and informative talk about the Church in Lithuania from items in the recent press releases which came to his attention.

Our council was saddened at the death of our member, Vinnie Ciuryla,

on January 15. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bette, his wife, and to the entire family. Amžina atilsi duok jam, Viešpatie.

Helen Denisewich



Mid-America District

Our District Memorial Mass for deceased members and families was held in November at Immaculate Conception Church with Rev. Fabian Kereilis, Spiritual Advisor of C-36, officiating.

Maria Deksnis, District Juniors Vice President, is contacting all councils in hopes of organizing new junior groups in our area. C-112 has already reorganized a group under the guidance of Maria, Ann Marie Kassel and Terry Strolia. Both C-36 and C-112 juniors are holding combined meetings and activities.

The K of L Choir Benefit Dinner-dance was held on January 22. The K of L Building was filled to capacity and everyone enjoyed the event. Congratulations to Chairman Steve Rudokas, Choir President Sabina Klatt, Choir Director Faustas Strolia and their entire committee on a job well done. The group is now in rehearsal for "Sokiu Švente" scheduled for July in Chicago.

Our 23rd Annual Memories of Lithuania Banquet was held on February 20, Martinique Grand Ballroom with many members and guests in attendance. Serving on the planning committee were Chairman John L. Paukstis, Irene Sankus, Algerd Brazis, Vince Samaska, Gerry Mack, Eleanor Kasputis, Sabina Klatt, Paul Binkis Jr., Albert Zakarka, Susan Bolanos, Estelle Rogers, Aldona Brazis, Frank Zapolis, Bob Gawryla and Clemente Vidzius. John Henson, as usual, was a valuable asset. Handling the publicity were Ruth

Kazlauskas for the English press and Emilija Pakalniskis, the Lithuanian press and radio. Emilija and her husband, Alexandras Pakalniskis, Algerd and Aldona Brazis completed their duties and enjoyed a Florida holiday during the early part of February but returned in time for the dinner. Also vacationing in Florida were Estelle Rogers and Ellie Kasputis.

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C-36 — Chicago

To complete our official family for 1982-83, the following will serve on the Sports Activities Committee: Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Rev. Peter

Cibulskie MIC, Sr. M. Margaret SSC. Robert Gouncell, Joseph Bobiekiewicz and Ken Kaval were named to the Ways and Means Committee.

We are proud of our members who will serve the Mid America District in the following capacities: Vince Samaska, President; Robert Gawryla and John Paukstis, Trustees; Jerome Jankus, Sergeant at Arms; Ruth Kazlauskas, Lithuanian Affairs; Sabina Klatt, Civic Affairs.

Serving on the Supreme Council are Ann Marie Kassel, Financial Secretary; Ruth Kazlauskas, Vytis Editor of "Lithuanians in the News" and Lithuanian Affairs.

A blessed and prosperous 1983 and a year filled with good health and happiness were the wishes of President Paukstis at our Christmas and New Year's party on December 27. Peter Maletos took pictures for our memories.

After the Masses on January 19, our council served coffee and cake at immaculate Conception.

We extend our sympathy to Tom Labanauskas on the death of his mother.

A cordial welcome to all our new members. We are happy that our council is growing.

Sabina Klatt



Seated: Sabina Klatt, Vytis Correspondent and Public Relations; Ausra Padaiino, Recording Secretary; Rev. F. Kireilis, Spiritual Adviser; John Paukstis, President; Scotty Zukas, Sergeant at Arms; Mary Kincius, Annual Roast.

Standing: Joseph Martikonis, Jerome Jankus, Trustees; Walter Kalvaitis; Robert Gawryla, Corresponding Secretary; Ray Wertelka, Legislation; Ona Naureckas, Parliamentarian; David Gaidas, Annual Day of Prayer; Joe Kulys, Second Vice President and Lithuanian Affairs (English); Bruce Neberieza, Ritual; Lucille Kilkus, Financial Secretary; Don Smith, Trustee and Annual Roast; Vyto Abraitis, Trustee; Salomeja Daulys, Lithuanian Affairs (Lithuanian)

Not present when picture was taken: Walter Tenclinger, First Vice President; Bernice Pupinick, Third Vice President; Frank Svelnis, Treasurer; Bernice Neberieza and Gerri Butler, Recording Secretaries; Vince Samaska, Historian, Publicity and Corresponding Secretary; Edward Cheporis, Trustee; Ruth Kazlauskas and Joseph Zadeikis, Lithuanian Culture; Ann Wickey, Annual Dance Chairman.

C-38 — KENOSHA — Welcome to Council News!

Our council has a very busy schedule. On November 19, 20 and 21, we participated in Holiday Folk Fair Milwaukee. The Lithuanian dancers included a group from Lemont, K of L Dancers from Chicago under the direction of Frank Zapolis and dancers from Wisconsin. The International Cafe Lithuanian group under Bill Cantwell served at least 2000 to 3000 persons. The World Mart included Lithuanian dolls, straw mobiles, woven materials, amber and other crafts. We were super busy with this fair. Theresa Balciunas served as general chairman.

On January 23, Theresa Balciunas spoke in Milwaukee at Ukrainian Independence Day representing K of L.

At our last meeting we discussed participation of K of L at Folk Fair in Kenosha on March 20. The hands are busy dressing Lithuanian dolls, doing straw inlaid pictures and straw mobiles. Theresa demonstrated straw inlaid pictures, and the craft was well supported by the members. Theresa will also have a sizable collection of amber jewelry. The members selected Theresa to serve as chairman of this fair.

The Lithuanian menu will include sausage, sauerkraut, kugelis and virtiniai. Desserts will include Napoleon tortes, birch branches, daisies and mushroom cookies. It's quite a challenge to prepare all of these foods.

President Balciunas has the distinct honor of having her recipe for Lithuanian Mushroom cookies judged worthy of inclusion in *THE FLAVOR OF WISCONSIN*, an informal history of food and eating in the Badger State published by The State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

If you wish to experiment with straw inlaid, here are the directions. Use black cardboard. Soak straws for several hours, slit open, iron flat. Draw a sketch on cardboard of a Lithuanian scene, dancing girl or other design. Use very, very sharp miniature scissors and cut pieces of straw to conform to shapes needed. Use regular glue. A steady hand with precision and patience brings fantastic results.

Spreading our Lithuanian culture through speaking engagements and amber exhibits, President Balciunas has added a new dimension to K of L.

C-112—Chicago

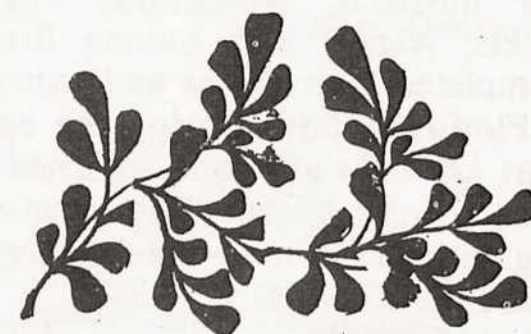
Our 1983 council business began on a high note. Through the efforts of President Paul Binkis Jr. and Estelle Rogers, Illinois State Senator Frank Savickas spoke on important current issues and legislation both in the Illinois State Senate and the City of Chicago. Senator Savickas is also Democratic Committeeman of the 15th Ward which includes the Marquette Park area. He is a long-time active member of Council 112. We sincerely appreciated his taking time from his very busy schedule to speak at the January meeting. S. Mikuzis, newly-elected President of the Homeowners Association and also a member, was present.

Condolences to Eleanor Kasputis and her family on the death of her brother's wife.

Although the council did not sponsor an official New Year's Eve Party, many members enjoyed bringing in the new year at the home of Al & Julie Zakarka, who were terrific hosts. Irene Sankus spent the New Year's weekend in sunny Scottsdale, Arizona.

Congratulations to Dolores Wainauskas on receiving her BA in Public Administration at Roosevelt University. K of L friends toasted her at a party at the condo of Irene Sankus. We also bid bon voyage to Michael Yuknis who will serve with the United Nations and the Peace

Corps in Samalia, Africa. We wish him great success in his newest venture and look forward to his return.
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**MID-ATLANTIC
DISTRICT**

C-29—Newark

"What a nice thing to do" is a fitting expression for a decision our council made last year when they voted to finance the cost of repairing and refinishing the floor of our parish hall. The job was completed the early part of January. Although the floor turned out beautiful, there was still much work to be done. Windows had to be cleaned; drapes had to be hung; dust, dust and more dust everywhere. This was just another challenge to some of our members.

A few phone calls were made, and they rounded up enough volunteers to tackle the job. What a group they were! They just rolled up their sleeves and in a few days the job was done. We now have a parish hall to be mighty proud of. Thanks a million to all those beautiful members who made this possible.

Another highlight happened on January 23. Msgr. Scharnus let it be known at our meeting of the sixteenth that our beautiful new chapel was going to be honored with the presence of Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Francis at 10:30 Mass. Once again our council members got together to help make this a memorable occasion.

Several of our ladies dressed in Lithuanian costume helped by participating with the Scripture Readings and the presentation of Gifts. It was a proud and beautiful sight, indeed! A group of other

ladies helped by baking cakes, and others gave of their time by serving coffee and goodies after the Mass.

The good Bishop rewarded their efforts by joining us and very graciously stayed around a while to chat with many of our members. During and after the Mass, pictures were taken by Helen & John Sisak. Hopefully, some of them will appear in Vytis for all to see.

Eva Coll

C-61 Paterson, N.J.

Lietuvos vyčių 61-ai kuopa buvo įsteigta Patersone 1916 m. ir gyvavo maždaug iki 1953-55 metų. Savo laiku ši kuopa turėjo apie 100 narių ir pezlo metu net savo orkestrą. Paskui, jaunimo skaičiui sumažėjus ir kai kuriems išsikėlus kitur, kuopa nusilpo ir nebeliko jokio v-eikimo.

Tačiau 1978 m. gegužės 17 d. Deke Philip ir Marianne Skabeikių ši kuopa vėl buvo atgaivinta. Iš pradžių buvo tik apie 10 narių, bet netrukus paaugo iki 45 narių ir pasidarė, Vytautui Ruboniui pirmininkaujant, viena iš veikliausių organizacijų Patersone, Kuopa šaukia kas mėnesį valdybos posėdžius ir visos kuopos susirinkimus, rengia kartu su Lietuvių Bendruomene Lietuvos nepriklausomybės minėjimus, rašo prezidentui, senatoriams ir kongresmanams visokiais Lietuvos reikalais peticijas ir laiškus, rengia piknikus, lietuviško maisto išpardavimus ir kitokius renginius.

Prėjusiais metais be smulkesnių parengimų vyčiai surašė siuos reikšmingus renginius: kovo mėn. pradžioje surengė Kaziuko mugę, dar niekad nebuvusią Patersone, rugsėjo 14 d. Marijos Kemežienės sodyboje labai pasisekusį pikniką, iš kurio gavo daugiau kaip \$1,300.00 pelno, o gruodžio 19 d. suruošė labai gražų Maironio 120 m. gimimo ir 50 m. mirties sukaktuvių minėjimą. Apie šį minėjimą verta pasakyti kiek daugiau, nes jis tikrai buvo reikšmingas ne tik patiems vyčiams ir šv. Kazimiero parapijai. Vyčiams

reikšmingas tuo, kad jie išėjo daugiau į viešumą, sutardami surengti kokį nors kultūringą pobūvį visai visuomenei ir pakviesdami lietuvius net iš tolimesnių apylinkių. Parapijai šis renginys buvo reikšmingas tuo, kad vyčiai ypač dabar, kada parapija neturi lietuvių klebono, parodė, kad parapija gyva, nemano likviduotis ir kad vyčiai yra jos vieklūs palaikytojai ir gaivintojai.

Taigi gruodžio 19 d. ir buvo surengta Maironio paminėjimo akademija. Kad daugiau žmonių atsilankytų į minėjimą, buvo skelbiama ir spaudoje, ir per lietuviškas radijo valandėles, ir per bažnyčią, kad minėjimas bus pravestas ir lietuviškai ir angliškai. Tad kuopos pirmininkas Almantas Meižys, pradėjęs minėjimą, pakvietė kuopos vicepirmininką dr. Edvardą Vadeiką pakalbėti apie Maironį angliškai. Dr. Vadeika savo kalboje papasakojo apie Maironio gyvenimą, jo išsimokslinimą, profesiją, apie jo poeziją ir kitus raštus.

Dr. Vadeika, pabaigęs, savo kalbą, pakvietė Antaną Masionę, valdybos narį ryšių ir spaudos reikalams, pravesti likusią programos dalį lietuviškai. Šioje dalyje Irena Veblaitienė gražiai padėklamavo tris Maironio eilėraščius: Lietuva brangi, Kur bėga Šešupė ir Oi neverk, motušėle. Po to muzikas Vytautas Strolis /tarp kitko jo brolis Faustas, irgi muzikas, Čikagoje veda vyčių chorą/ kalbėjo apie Maironio poeziją, vartodamas magnetofoną ir pailiustruodamas savo kalbą muzika, kuri buvo sukurta vartojant Maironio eilėraščių tekstus. Vytauto Strolis kalba buvo labai įdomi ir išklaudyta su dideliu dėmesiu.

Šiai progai Vytautas Gružas buvo nupiešęs Maironio paveikslą, kuris buvo pastatytas salės prūsųkyje, o vyčiai ir vytės buvo gražiai papuošę Kalėdų eglutę ir taip pat gražiai sutvarkę, ir išgražinę visą salę. Prie šio darbo ypač daug prisidėjo: Janina ir Almantas Meižiai, Jonas ir Konstancija Scheibelhut, Povilas ir Elena Tručilauskai, Motiejus ir Ona Baltiečiai, Klemensas Pralėika ir

Gediminas Klimas. Rengimo komitete buvo: Ko Scheibelhut, J. Meižienė ir Antanas Masionis.

Parapijos salė šį kartą ypatingai pagražino Genės Popelienės paroda. Ji buvo atsivežusi iš New Yorko daugybę medžio drožinių, keramikos darbų, lietuviškų audinių ir gintarinių dalykų. Šitais darbais ji buvo nukabinusi visą salės sieną ir dar išdėsčiusi ant kelių ilgų stalų. Šie dalykai buvo ir pardavinėjami. Kas norėjo, galėjo juos įsigyti.

Po minėjimo kuopos pirmininkas padėkojo visiems programą išpildžiusiems ir minėjimą atsilankiusiems ir pakvietė visus dar pasisvečiuoti ir pasivaišinti. Vaisės gi susidėjo iš šaltų ir šiltų užkandžių, ir viskas buvo už dyką. Nei prie įėjimo nei salėje nebuvo jokios rinkliavos. Reikėjo nusipirkti tik gėrimus. Reikia pasakyti, kad toks renginys Patersone jau seniai buvo. Vyčiai čia atliko labai didelį darbą, o visus save darbus dar apvainikavo, įteikdami parapijai Kalėdų švenčių proga 1.000,00 dolerių iš savo per metus padaryto pelno iš įvairių savo renginių.

Šiuo metu naująją valdybą sudaro: Pirmininkas — Almantas Meižys, vice-pirm. — dr. Edvardas Vadeika, skr. — Konstancija Scheibelhut, išd. — Povilas Tručilauskas, išd. — globėjai: Marija Kemežienė, Klemensas Pralėika ir Gediminas Klimas, lietuviškiems reikalams — Vytautas Rubonis, lietuvių kultūriniais reikalams — Denise Balcietytė ir visuomeninių ryšių ir spaudos reikalams — Antanas Masionis.

Antanas Masionis

C-74 — SCRANTON

Council 74 participated in the Annual Ethnic Christmas Festival at Everhart Museum in Scranton. Our Lithuanian folk dance group, "Saulės Spinduliai", performed "Sadute," a pre-wedding ballet. They also sang two Lithuanian Christmas carols and lead the audience in the singing of Christmas carols.

In preparation for the event, a Lithuanian Christmas tree was trimmed with straw ornaments. A large display case was filled with ethnic artifacts including linens, books, wood carvings, amber, maps and photos showing places and times playing a significant part in our cultural heritage. Helen Roginski chaired the committee for Lithuanian participation in the community event. Marie Laske, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, served as co-chairman.

Ann Ulinoski and Marcella Kukaitis served punch and cookies contributed by our members.

Marie Laske together with her granddaughter Emma Foley and Helen Roginski dressed in Lithuanian costumes were guest on the Miss Judy Show on Northeastern Pennsylvania TV Channel 16. They demonstrated the making of Christmas straw ornaments.

Anna Galenas, Cultural Chairman, and Helen Roginski made straw ornaments and sold them as a fund-raising project for "Saulės Spinduliai".

Ruth Yanish

C-100 — AMSTERDAM

At our October meeting, a report on the District Convention was given by Treasurer Sophie Olbie. Helen Hugo thanked the members for their fabulous food donations and exclaimed, "Širdingai ačiū!" The members acknowledged her excellent chairmanship of the food department with applause.

Father Baltch reminded the members of our adopted parish in Truskava. Godparents are Charles and Sadie Karbocius. He also read "What's a Heaven For" from BRIDGES. It was about our St. Casimir Church and included a picture of the exterior.

Genevieve Leonardi was welcomed as our newest member, and

Gerard Drenzek upped himself to our group from the juniors.

Mary Sweet, Jennie Kensell, Agnes Rokit and Sadie Allen served the refreshments. Slides from Lithuania were shown by Fr. Baltch.

Recovering from surgery and missed at the November meeting were Regina Kot and Jack Sweet. Gene Gobis read an article contributed by Cultural Co-chairman Polly Ziausys about a Russian rock singer — Gintaras Paulauskas — certainly a Lithuanian, not Russian. Genevieve Leonardi brought in a linen scarf from Lithuania, embossed with Maironis' "Kur Bėga Šešupė". President Radzevich reported on the Supreme Council meeting in Putnam. Also attending from Amsterdam were Tony's wife Ann, Poly Ziausys and Bernice Aviza. Polly wrote a poem honoring Jonas Valauskas, the \$5000 donor for the K of L archives room in ALKA.

Refreshments were served by Helen Druziak, Sadie LaTorre, Helen Dylong and Annacetta Guzielek.

The Lithuanian Mass, held prior to our November meeting, was held for our deceased members: Charles Maldutis, Josephine Nikstenas, Anna Yunker, Bill (Auciunas) McCune, Frances Dzerwicki, Michael Kerbelis, Eleanore Baranauskas, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Matthew Kazlauskas, Eugene Dylong, Louis Allen, Joseph Valikonis and Leo Dansevitch.

Our sincere condolences to Walter and Olga Wilkevitch in the recent loss of Walt's mother.

This year our Christmas party was held in our Social Center under the chairmanship of Alger Bagdonas. He had a hard-working crew, starting with his wife Joan, Anthony & Jane Karbocus, Sue Dansevitch, Helen Dylong, Annacetta Guzielek, Sophie Olbie, Mirga & Ed Bablin and Bill & Beatrice Jasewicz.

Festive centerpieces made by Alger topped all the tables. Mirga

Bablin was toastmistress. Invocation was given by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis. Speakers included Rev. Peter Jonaitis, Gloversville, President Anthony Radzevich, Rev. Robert K. Baltch and Dr. Adam Kindar. Holiday traditions were discussed by Mrs. Bablin. Christmas tokens were presented to Fr. Baltch and Fr. Grigaitis from the council by Vice President Gobis. Jolly Santa Claus (Ed Bablin) arrived and handed everyone a gift. Music for dancing and singing was furnished by The West Winds Duo. Later John Whelly took over at the piano, and all joined in singing carols. Prizes were won by Fr. Baltch, Bill Burimaukas, Sue Dansevitch, Anthony Alexander, Algis Dzekciorius, Helen Hugo, Sadie LaTorre and Helen Radzevich.

The year ended with the loss of two of our third degree members, Walter Rusilas and Peter J. Sargalis on December 20 and 27, respectively. Both were active members until illness held them back.

Walter was one of the original members of our council and attended many conventions with the late Matthew Kazlauskas. He was a member of our church choir, a strong bass.

Peter Sargalis was the proprietor of the Sargalis Funeral Chapel from 1942 until 1979. He was a member of our church committee, serving as a greeter and Eucharistic minister, a member of the parish council, the Holy Name Society and chairman of St. Casimir Cemetery Committee. Peter and his wife Charlotte hosted a number of our September meetings at their summer residence at Lake Galway. We will never forget their grand hospitality.

Both Peter and Walter will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Walter's wife Sally and family and to Peter's wife Charlotte and family. Amžina atilsj duok mirusiems Viešpatie, ir amžinoji šviesa tegul jiems šviečia!

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-110 — MASPETH

Our "Pot Luck" Christmas party on December 8 was a huge success with an endless variety of delicious food.

Frances Migliore and Mureil Lekstutis co-chaired Kučios on December 19 in Transfiguration Hall. They were assisted by Stella and Vincent Stripeikes, Mary and Roscoe Gilbert, Anthony Migliore, Helen and Anthony Yakaitis, Adele and Louise Dauszickas, Antonine and Jonas Adomenas, Lottie Ulrich, Marija Stungurys, Adele and Andy Keraga, John Lekstutis and John Kucinskas.

President Adomenas presented Demie Jonaitis, Anna Zinke and Adele Dauszickas who spoke on the meaning of Kučios and emphasized the continuance of this beautiful tradition. Everyone joined in singing Christmas hymns and carols. Approximately 200 enjoyed the traditional Kučios food.

Msgr. Frank Bulovas opened our January meeting with a prayer and wishes for a Happy New Year. Transfiguration Church will celebrate the 75th Anniversary on October 9.

President Adomenas introduced Petras Vaskys and his wife Valentine from Philadelphia. Petras showed slides of Lithuania.

The Rev. Stan Raila will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a priest on April 10 with Mass in Transfiguration at 10:30 a.m. to be followed by a reception at Cordon Bleu, Woodhaven.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Edward Surmanek who died on January 4.

Lottie Ulrich will chair the Spring Dance on April 16.

Helen Venis

C-140—Syracuse

Congratulations are in order for Marge Migonis who was honored with a big banquet and party in New York City by Lever Brothers Co.



Vyčių 110 kuopos, Maspeth, N. Y., suruoštose Kūčiose dalyvavo virš 250 narių ir svečių. Vieno stalo nuotraukoje iš k. į d.: Virginia Kurylas, Mary Barkus, Mary Volin, Demie Jonaitienė, Marianne Janis, Helen Venis, Helen Janis, Dorothy Sakol ir John Kurylas.

Vienybė, Dec. 1982

Edmundo Vaičiulio nuotraukos

Marge is a 25-year employee of Lever Brothers, and we add a very valued employee. She keeps things moving so all of us can wash, scrub and scour.

Our November meeting is always a pleasant one as we count our profits from the just concluded Festival of Nations. We were very successful. After all business was transacted, we were treated to some delicious eating by Hostess Irene Petrauskas. She surprised us with a pan of košeliene and a pan of kugelis along with her cakes and cookies. The food was well received by all, especially by some members who hadn't eaten that food in years.

Food was delicious and plentiful at our Christmas Party held at the Fireside Inn. After eating we danced to a polka band, a good way to sweat off the excess calories. It was a beautiful evening for the nice turnout of members and guests. A pat on the back is due Chairman John Stanley.

Frank Petrauskas, who is a landscape contractor, had the honor of chairing the large Eastern Regional Nurserymen's Trade Show and Convention at the famous Concord Hotel in January. A new attendance record was set with 5,141 people registering.

Attendance at our January meeting was a little lighter due to Vic & Helen Johnson and George & Millie Vaikness spending the winter in Florida.

If any councils are interested in a good money making project, contact a member of C-140. We're talking about potato pancakes. They are a delicacy which many nationalities enjoy. The market is great if the price is fair. We have the whole process down pat, and we would be glad to share our expertise with you and help you get started.

Our parting thought is "Did you know that the Lord's Prayer contains the sum total of religion and morals?"

Pusbrolis

C-144—Anthracite Council

1983 brought sadness to Anthracite Council with the loss of three active members. Stanley Vaicaitis and Al Tamashaský both died on January 6. Stanley attended the last convention and brought the Lithuanian language back into the convention. He was the organizer and director of the Zarija Choir. In August he was honored as "Lithuanian Man of the Year." In November he chaired the banquet for the opening of the Cultural Museum.

He was instrumental in arranging for the "Grandinele" performance in April.

Alfoncè Tamashasky was always there to open and close the hall for us when we moved our meeting to Frackville. He had a beautiful voice and sang in the Zarija Choir. al was always available for any job.

Helen Matulevich died on January 9. She was one of the active Mt. Carmel members and was always willing to bake a cake or lend a helping hand for all occasions.

"Amžinai atsils!" to all three wonderful members. We are sure they are all singing and working in heaven now.

Joe Balesky and Margie Yezulinas accepted the chairmanship for the Annual Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. Ann supernavage was appointed Religious Coordinator for C-144.

Eleanor Vaicaitis assumed directorship of Zarija Choir. She will follow in her husband's footsteps by assuming the chairmanship of this year's cultural event, the presentation of "Grandinele" at the Pottsville Area High School Auditorium on April 17. Anne Wargo will assist her.

Members are urged to attend the monthly Lithuanian Mass celebrated by the Rev. Matthew Jarašunas at noon on the last Sunday of the month at Our Lady of Siluva in Maizeville. Anyone traveling in this area is invited to attend this beautiful Mass.

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Gene Kaledas and Julia Norcross of Antracite Council related Lithuanian folk stories at the William Penn Museum in Harrisburg on December 12 at „Christmas...An Ethnic Experience.”

C-19 — PITTSBURGH

We regret to announce the sudden death of a new member, Dr. Joseph W. Matyoska on November 21. We extend our belated sympathy to his wife and family. After their transfer to Council 19, Dr. and Mrs. Mary Matyoska unfortunately did not attend any meetings. Our members are sincerely sorry they did not get the opportunity to welcome them into Council 19.

In December, after our quarterly communion at St. Casimir Church, South Side, we enjoyed a Christmas brunch at the new Sheraton Inn at Station Square in Pittsburgh. Our council members appreciated the time and effort spent by Margaret Papeaka, our president, and Eleanor Allelunas to plan this lovely event.

Mary H. Tamy

C-79—Southfield

Springtime in December—or so it seemed. Approximately 25 members attended and enjoyed the mild breezes and unseasonable warmth for our meeting on December 1.

Prior to the business meeting, Spiritual Advisor Fr. Victor Krisciunevicius installed our newly-elected officers. Past President Frank Zager extended appreciation for the great support given him during his presidency. In turn, he wished much success to President Magdalena Smailis and her officers. Rita Bagdon and Sophie Zager had a Christmas spread of various goodies for the social hour.

Cultural Chairlady Stella Hotra has additional copies of American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance cookbook. It contains many great "Family Favorites" as well as household hints, calorie charts, stain removal and other valuable information.

We welcome the new ethnic Radio Station WPON-AM. According to Algis Zaparackas, President of the Foreign Language Broadcasters, the "Lithuanian Melodies" program will air on Mondays 3-4 p.m., Wednesdays 12-1 p.m. and Friday evenings from 6-7 p.m.

Party fever raged when members gathered at Divine Providence Cultural Center for a Christmas Party hosted by the Parish Council

in appreciation for all who helped in any capacity. Among our members attending were President Maggie Smailis; Lector Gerry Zager and his wife Carol; Ministers of Sacrament George Kase and Joseph Chaps; Ushers A. Dainus, L. Balkus, Ed Sackle, C. Nashlon, Leo Smilgis, Mike Vale; Annual Bazaar J & J Yakstys, Marge Nashlon, F & S Zager and members of the Sunday Coffee Hour.

Christmas Day was the first Noel in memory when Detroiters and 79'ers celebrated by walking, jogging and riding in shirtsleeves. This warm weather and a new car prompted George and Marie Kase to head east for a visit with their son and family.

Holiday donations were made to the Capuchin Fathers who administer to the needy and homeless and to the Draugas Lithuanian newspaper.

Shock and disbelief struck us upon the sad news of the death of HM Ann Mae Uznis on Thanksgiving weekend. We extend our sincere sympathy to Council 102 upon the loss of their dedicated member. May she now find Eternal Rest.

During a recent interview, George Perles of Michigan State, Spartan's new head coach, was asked, "What are some of your specialties?" To which he responded, "My nationality is Lithuanian, 100 percent, and we have a dish that we call 'kogelus'."

In a previous column it was reported that Frank Zaber was C-79 Financial Secretary. However, Frank relinquished his post and Joseph Chaps continues as Financial Secretary. Therefore, please see Joe for payment of membership dues. 1983 is a perfect time to recruit a friend or relative into our ranks.

With the glitter and glamour, the 9'ers ushered in the new year at the New Year's Eve Party at Divine Providence Cultural Center. Joseph Yakstys who spearheaded the reservations for K of L was assisted by his wife

Jeanne. Approximately 300 revelers attended. For our food lovers the dinner featured rolled beef, country-style chicken, desrios su kapustu and a variety of homemade delicacies prepared by Mrs. S. Matvekas. Munchie items were served after midnight.

Entertainment and dancing was provided by the Continentals. Rita and Ed Bagdon who rarely sat out a set were among the more fleet-footed. Resolutions and promises, too, were plentiful.

Some novel comments and considerations were given the revision of our council by-laws at the December meeting. President Magdalena Smailis commented that C-79 by-laws were not updated since 1961. A committee was appointed to study our by-laws.

Sentiment and determination were evident in plans to observe the 75th anniversary of Divine Providence Church. Until 1948, this parish was known as St. George's. The name Divine Providence was chosen because the Chancery said St. George could not be used since it still remained in use at the time.

The anniversary meeting was held on January 25 at the Cultural Center. Among the K of L's who attended were Anthony Dainus, Marie Kase, Joseph Yakstys and Frank & Sophie Zager. George Kase, who also attended the meeting, is among the original parish members of St. George. Plans were made to scout for as many old-time members as could be found. Their memories and memorabilia would be priceless. Anthony Dainus is credited for bringing the anniversary to the attention of the parish council.

Now that we have embarked well in the new year, let us make a commitment that we will do more for our council in the way of support, voluntary or monetary. It is up to you to help wherever and whenever you can. Let us keep our council well a-l-i-v-e!

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C-102—Detroit

Our council was deeply saddened by the sudden death of our

Honorary Member Anna Mae Uznis. Ann has been a member for at least 40 years. Ann and Vytalia Vaskelis and Donna and Frank Bunikis enjoyed the National Convention in Cleveland this year and persuaded Donna Bunikis to attend the Pilgrimage in Dayton this past October to visit with long-time friends of those councils. She would have been proud of the many condolences the various councils sent to her brother and family and especially the presence of Joe Bolley from New York at her funeral. A beautiful Funeral Mass was offered Ann by Fr. Stan, Fr. O'Neill and Fr. Anderson.

Our Christmas Kučios was once again held at the Christmas Fantasy Home of Bob Boris. The evening opened with Mass and Lithuanian Carols. The Mass celebrated by Fr. Stan, was offered for the living and deceased members of our council, especially Ann since she and Donna Bunikis hosted the Kučios for many years. President Grazina stepped in to help this year.

It was nice seeing our once-a-year members — Terry and Ray Madonis, Emil and Marie Podzius, Vince Boris from Baltimore, the Klucen Boys and Gena Baibak attending after a serious illness.

After Mass a delicious Lithuanian buffet was served, topped off with a Lithuanian torte baked by Angela Puksnis.

Our members from California, Jeff and Margie Krieg along with their daughter visited with Margie's parents, Frank and Donna Bunikis.

Our rummage sale was once again a big success. It gives the committee great pleasure to see the same customers coming back every year. This year we had some never-worn designer clothes that sold without hesitation. Edna Klucens, President Grazina, Donna and Frank Bunikis and Joe and Maryanne Guerriero chaired the event.

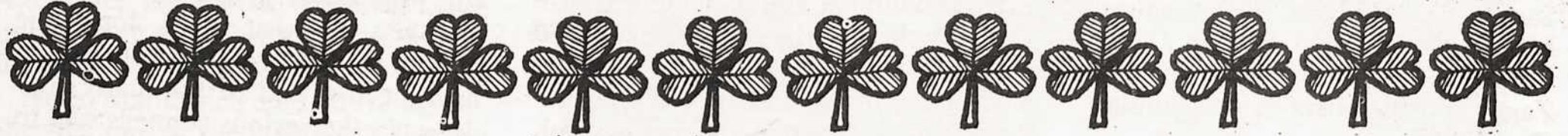
Vytalia Vaskelis who is presently working in Lansing attended the inaugural of Governor Blanchard of Michigan.

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K of L members at funeral Luncheon of HM Anna Mae Uznis. Front row from left to right: Edna Klucans, President Grazina Vaskelis, Donna Bunikis, HM Joe Boley of New York and John Stanievich. Back row: Vince Boris of Washington DC, Terry Medonis, Donna Stanievich, Helen Smolak, Fr. Stanievich, Maryanne Guerriero and Frank Bunikis

AA PETER SARGALIS

Peter Sargalis died on Monday, December 27th. He was a prominent Amsterdamian, a very active parishioner of St. Casimir's Church and our Council 100, and an excellent golfer.

Peter helped our council in many fund raising schemes, sponsored our printing costs for our Lithuanian Days doings, hosted a number of our September meetings with wife, Charlotte, at his summer residence in Galway.

We will miss his presence at our meetings. He always smiled and was most helpful to all who sought his aid or advice.

In time of loss a beloved one, Peter took over all problems for the family and his manner helped everyone tremendously.

His birthday was December 1st. We think he was too young to leave us. I, for one, have much to be grateful. When my uncle who lived with us became ill and I was in Europe with the K of L in 1960 — my mother sought Peter's aid. He quickly took my uncle to Albany to the V.A. Hospital. He sought no compensation for his deed.

This is just one instance. I could go on and on.

We are very grateful that the district sponsored a resolution to give him his Third Degree in October. He was too ill to make the convention.

Gene Gobis

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...

ALFONSE J. TAMASHASKY
Member of C-144
Frackville, PA
Died January 6, 1983

HELEN MATULEVICH
Member of C-144
St. Clair, PA
Died in January, 1983

ANDREW NORTH (NORVELIS)
Member of C-50
New Haven, CT
Died January 26, 1983

STANLEY P. VAICAITIS
Member of C-144
Frackville, PA
Died January 6, 1983

ALBIN MANST
Member of C-5
Chicago, IL
Died January 27, 1983

ANNA BOGATCHEFF
Member of C-29
Newark, N.J.
Died January 24, 1983

FRANK SENK
Member of C-10
New Britain, CT
Died November 18, 1982

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