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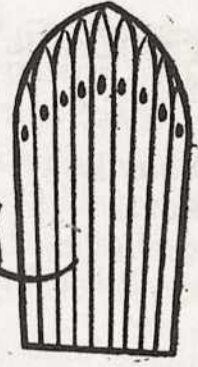
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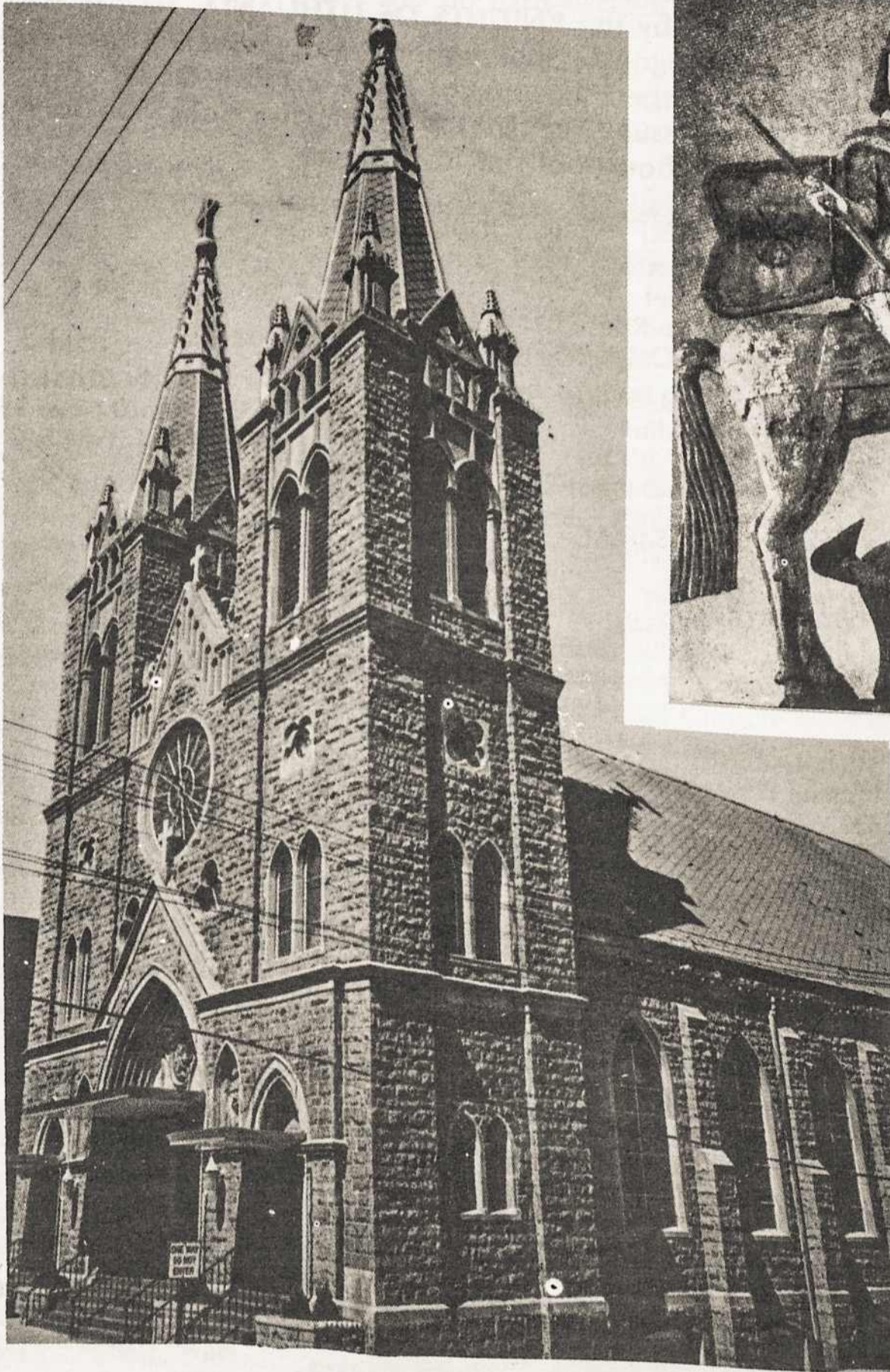
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The first Lithuanian Parish in the United States was founded in Shenandoah, PA in 1872.

In 1874, Rev. Anthony Strupinskas, a Marian, built a wooden church which served both Lithuanians and Polish Catholics.

Dissatisfaction arose when a Polish priest was appointed as the next pastor. In 1877, the Lithuanians discovered that someone had registered their church (St. Casimir's) as Polish.

They took the battle to court but failed to win.

Then, the Lithuanians, led by Franciscan Friar Augustinas Zaicas, founded a new, strictly Lithuanian parish in 1891 and called it St. George's.

A wooden church was built. This was replaced in 1901 with a beautiful Gothic brick edifice which dominates the town with its soaring towers. Msgr. Juozas A. Karalius was the pastor at that time. He was followed by the current pastor, Msgr. Joseph A. Neverauskas.

During its best years, Shenandoah had one of the largest and most active Lithuanian communities in the United States. In 1923, St. George's Parish had 10,026 parishioners. Today, there are about 3,500.

From the
Encyclopedia Lituanica

Monsignor

Joseph Neverauskas

Msgr. Joseph Neverauskas, 3rd degree member of C-144, will celebrate his 45th anniversary as a priest in May of this year.

He was born in Minersville, PA, baptized in St. Francis Church, and educated in public schools because there was no parish school at that time.

He graduated from Branch Township, Llewellyn in 1927. While in high school, he was a four-letter man in sports: football, basketball, baseball and track.

He attended Buchnell University and Keystone State Teachers College.

He entered St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia in 1929 and was ordained a priest on May 26, 1938.

He served as curate at St. George's Church, Shenandoah, PA, St. Raphael Church, Philadelphia and St. Vincent Church, Girardville, PA.

In 1951, he became the pastor of St. Louis Church, Maizeville where he stayed until 1964. He was transferred to Sacred Heart Church in New Philadelphia where he was the pastor until 1970.

For the past twelve years, he has served as the pastor of St. George Church in Shenandoah. He became Monsignor in 1977.

He is a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and a member of the Frackville Elks. He was chaplain of St. George Catholic War Veterans for a number of years. He is a member of the Lithuanian Club in Shenandoah.

He has contributed many poems and articles to various Lithuanian newspapers and journals.

He translated many articles and pamphlets into Lithuanian and English, including "History of St. George Parish" by Dr. A. Kucas.

He was the moderator of the "Lithuanian Hour" over Radio Stations WMBT, Shenandoah and WPPA, Pottsville.

He is the historian of the annual "Lithuanian Day" held at Lakewood Park. He has served on many "Lithuanian Day" committees.

He served in various offices of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests League of America, Schuylkill Province.

He is the author of "Strophe's Sonnets" and "The Adventures of Ziggy Zilch" and writes monthly articles for the K of C Bulletin "With Sword and Baldrick".



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



„ LET GEORGE DO IT!“

Dr. Jack Stukas

April 23rd is the Feast of St. George. It has been written that St. George was martyred during the reign of Diocletian. In the 12th century legends had it that St. George, as a courageous knight on a horse, slew a dragon — which represented evil in the world. St. George is still a very popular saint in Eastern Europe. His Feast Day has become entwined with the real beginning of Spring.

In Lithuania, St. George is one of the most popular of saints. As in other countries, he is held as the patron of animals, especially horses.

In Old Lithuania, on the Feast of St. George, one could not till the fields with horses or disturb the earth as it was necessary to let the horses rest — for it was their holiday. If this were not done, it was believed you would go against the saint's wishes, your animals would get sick and die, especially horses who would then be prey to wolves.

It was also believed that St. George protected animals while they grazed in the fields. Therefore, dur-

ing His Feast Day, animals were first let out to graze following the end of winter.

In the Fall, on returning the animals to their stalls, it was said that their protection was then taken over by St. Michael.

In some stalls in old Lithuania, you would find a picture of St. George. It was thought that he would see to it that the animals favorably multiplied.

On His Feast Day, animals would also be better fed and attended and would never be punished or hit.

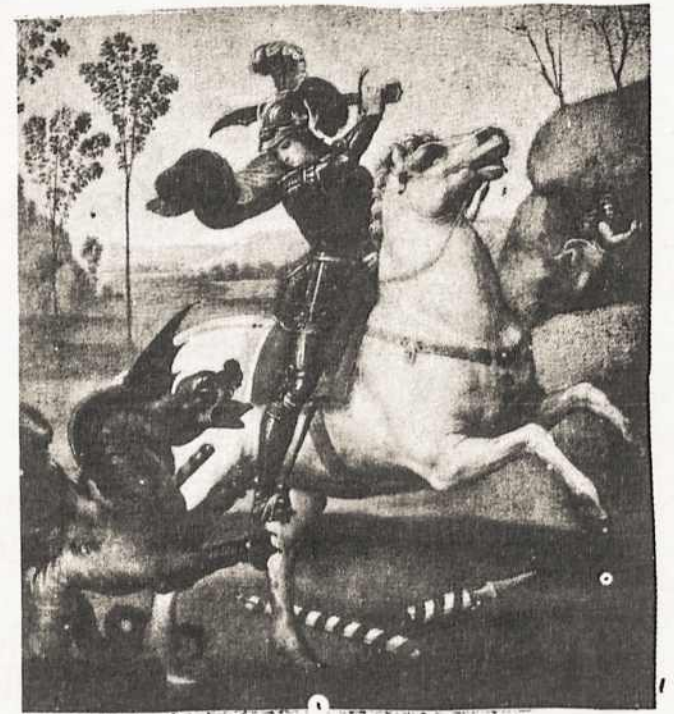
In the Alytus region of Lithuania, before the dawn of St. George's Day (called "Jurgines") horses would be led to rivers or lakes to bathe for it was said this would make them more beautiful and free of parasites throughout the year.

With traditions associated with animals and pastures, came legends and stories associated with plants and grass. St. George was petitioned to unlock the good earth, render the essential dew and help the grass grow green and thick. In Western Lithuania, maidens would plant their gardens of rue (*rutas*), the national flower of their country, on this day so that they would grow beautifully.

If the Feast of St. George was cold, it was a good omen. It meant that the harvest would be good and the hay bountiful.

In Liskiava, Lithuania, three prayers would be said to St. George so that the animals would be protected from wolves who were also under the saint's jurisdiction.

As a good harvest and bountiful animals were attributed to the graces of St. George, it isn't surprising that the farmers gave many offerings to him. On his feast day,



Sv. Jurgis

they would bring eggs and milk products and place them in front of his statue or picture in the village church. Some gave food in his name to the parish priests or offered mass to St. George for the health of their animals.

In the Gervečiai section, two loaves of bread would be baked with five eggs each added to the batter. The two loaves would then be borne around the field 12 times. One loaf of bread would later be buried in the ground and the other consumed in order that the wolves would not attack the sheep and that the cows would be healthy throughout the year. This actually was an offering to Mother Earth.

As the egg is a symbol of fertility and new life, it also played a role in the folklore surrounding the Feast of St. George. Eggs were colored during "Jurgines" as well as at Easter.

These are just a few of the many traditions and customs surrounding the celebration in old Lithuania on the popular feast day of St. George.



Some reprints from past issues of VYTIS

Remember our Founder
MYKOLAS NORKŪNAS
Fonder's Day April 27th

NORKUNAS KALBA...

"Vyčiai — tautos ateitis".

The Knights of Lithuania are destined to leave an indelible imprint on the world community of Lithuanians.

"Mažiau kalbėti, daugiau veikti".

Action — ceaseless, untiring and correctly channeled action — in the principal ingredient of a useful life.

Saldžiausios širdies kapinėse, Lawrence Massachusetts, vos keliolika žingsnių nuo vartų, stovi ant kapo nedidelis juodo granito antkapis su įrašu:

Juozas Bulevičius



Čia ilsisi Mykolas Norkūnas, Lietuvos Vyčių kūrėjas ir pirmasis Pirmininkas. Per 38 metus jų nenuilstamas vadas, lietuviybės žadintojas, nuoširdus draugas ir mylimas tėvas. Gimė 1869 m. gruodžio 1 d. Mirė 1951 m. balandžio 1 d. Amžina atilsį suteik jam, Viešpatie.



Mykolas Norkūnas

SUNKIAI ŽUNEGALĖJUS (Ištrauka)

Oi skauda, skauda
Mano galvelę;
Oi gelia, gelia
Jausmingą širdelę.

Ėisiu girelėn
Margon pievelėn,
Gai ten surasiu
Širdelei vaistelių.

Ėjau girelėn,
Margon pievelėn,
Tik nesuradau
Širdelei vaistelių.

Vaistų gėlelės
Seniai nuvyto,
O jų lapeliai
Širdelės negydo.

Kaip tom gėlelėm
Tėvelis dangaus
Skyrė joms amžių,
Kuris taip brangus,

Taip mano galvelei,
Jausmingai širdelei
Leidžias saulelė,
Baigias dienele.

The above poem, written by our beloved founder, is published in commemoration of the anniversary of his passing, April 1, 1951.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1983

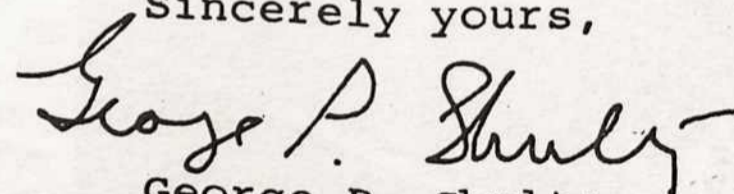
Dear Mr. Chargé d'Affaires:

On the occasion of the sixty-fifth anniversary of Lithuanian independence, I am privileged to convey to you and to the Lithuanian people the best wishes and hopes of the Government and people of the United States.

On February 16, 1918, the Lithuanian people proclaimed their independence from foreign domination and in the twenty-two years which followed devoted themselves to building a democratic nation on the shores of the Baltic Sea. But as history records, this noble achievement was tragically destroyed when the Soviet Union invaded and illegally annexed Lithuania in June, 1940.

The United States unequivocally condemned the Soviet annexation of Lithuania in 1940 and does so today. We do not recognize the forcible incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union. This Administration, as previous Administrations, honors your countrymen's struggle for freedom and remains determined that the memory of what happened in Lithuania over forty years ago shall not fade and that the wrongs done then will one day be righted.

Sincerely yours,


George P. Shultz

Dr. S.A. Backis,
Chargé d'Affaires of Lithuania,
Lithuanian Legation,
2622 16th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Victims of Soviet Colonialism

Kun. JUOZAS PRUNSKIS

The Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia were among the first victims of Soviet colonial expansion. The Soviet Union, disregarding the Peace Treaty of 1920 and against the stipulations of the Non-Aggression Pact of 1926, occupied the Baltic States after obtaining approval from Hitler by the signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in 1939.

The United States does not recognize the incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union. More than that, the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives in a joint resolution on January 27, 1982 declared: "Whereas the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.) in 1940 did illegally seize and occupy the Baltic Republics and by force incorporated them against their national will and contrary to their desire for independence and sovereignty into the U.S.S.R.; and

Whereas the U.S.S.R. since 1940 has systematically removed native Baltic peoples from their homelands by deporting them to Siberia and caused great masses of Russians to relocate in the Republics, thus threatening Baltic cultures with extinction; and

Whereas the U.S.S.R. has imposed upon captive people of the Baltic Republics an oppressive political system which has destroyed every vestige of democracy and civil liberties, and religious freedom ... the Congress of the United States recognizes the continuing desire and the right of the people of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia for freedom and independence from the domination of the U.S.S.R. ..." and urges the President of the United States to issue a proclamation for the annual observance of Baltic Freedom Day.

President Ronald Reagan on June 14, 1982 signed the declaration requested by the Congress, stating: "The independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia was extinguished in 1939 as a result of the nefarious deal struck between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany. Hitler handed Stalin the three Baltic republics as a bonus to secure his cooperation in the destruction of Poland and to obtain a secure eastern frontier which enabled him to launch war against the western democracies. Subsequently, hundreds of thousands of Baltic nationals were deported to the Soviet Union where many of them perished in prisons and forced labor camps ... The United States has never, over the intervening forty-one years, recognized the forcible incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union."

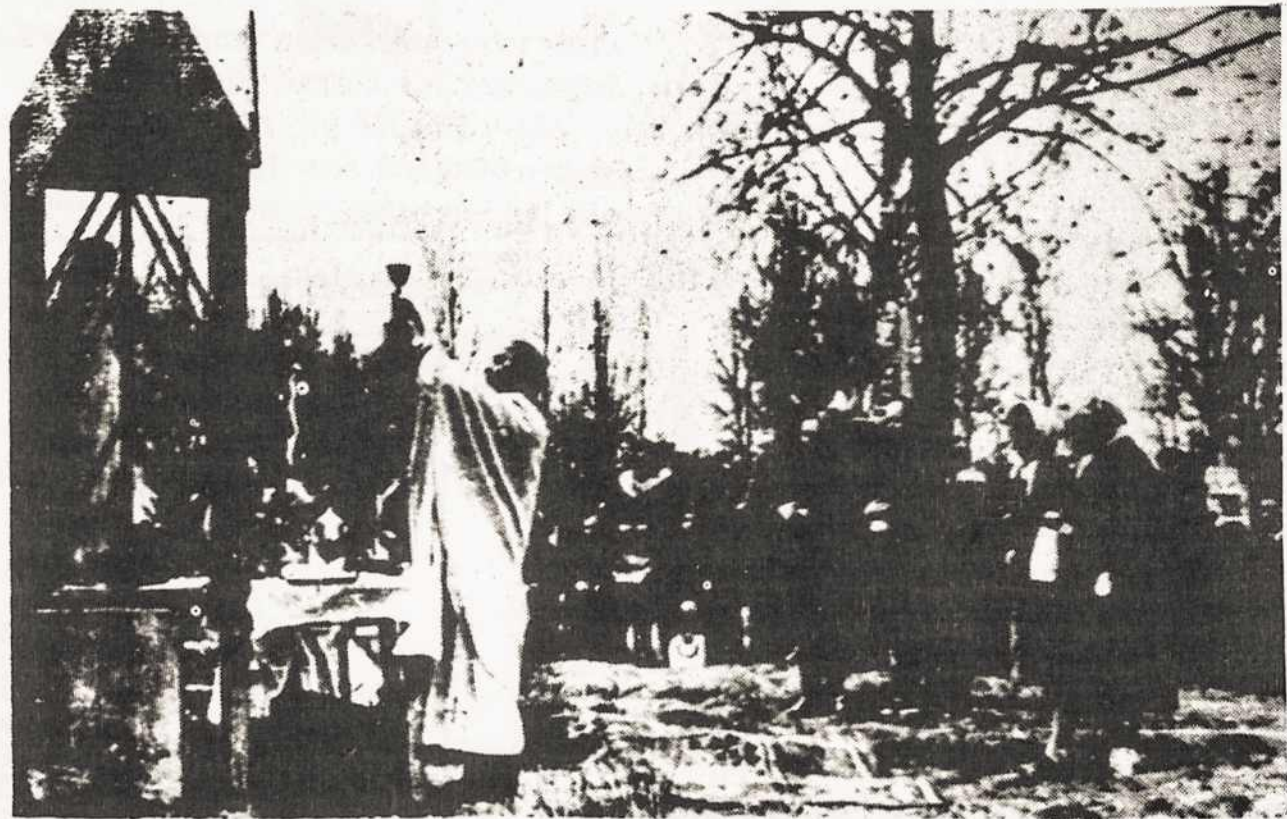
Reminding the request of the Congress by Senate Joint Resolution 201, the President stated "... do hereby designate June 14, 1982, as Baltic Freedom Day. I call upon the people of the United States to reaffirm their belief and hope that the citizens of Latvia, Lithuania and

Estonia and of all nations will one day achieve through peaceful means a goal of democratic freedom and self-determination."

A similar resolution, No. 987, was proclaimed on June 17, 1982 by the General Assembly of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois.

Recently in Chicago a new issue of the Lithuanian underground paper "Ausra" (The Dawn) was obtained which describes that Moscow is sending men from the Baltic States to Afghanistan. The coffins of these Balts who perished in this colonial war are being shipped to the Baltic States. Bolshevik fraud appears even here: some coffins contain just a soldier's cap and some sand.

Members of the captive nations who are now citizens of the United States, are very grateful for the support of the freedom loving enslaved nations and have hope that the pressure of public opinion and diplomatic action of the free world will alleviate oppression and lead to the freedom from new Soviet colonialism.



Easter Mass being celebrated by Fr. Antanas Lukošaitis in the Žalio Cemetery. The church was converted to a mill.

Reprint from Chronicle II 53

The Battle Of Tannenberg

by Tony Yuknis

At the dawn of the 13th century, crusades were launched against the remaining unchristianized peoples of Europe. The Teutonic Knights led the assaults against the non-Slavic Prussians, Letts and Lithuanians, who were members of the East Baltic race. They were joined by mercenaries from Bohemia, Poland, Lusatia, Pomerania, Silesia and even England.

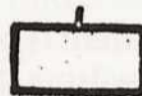
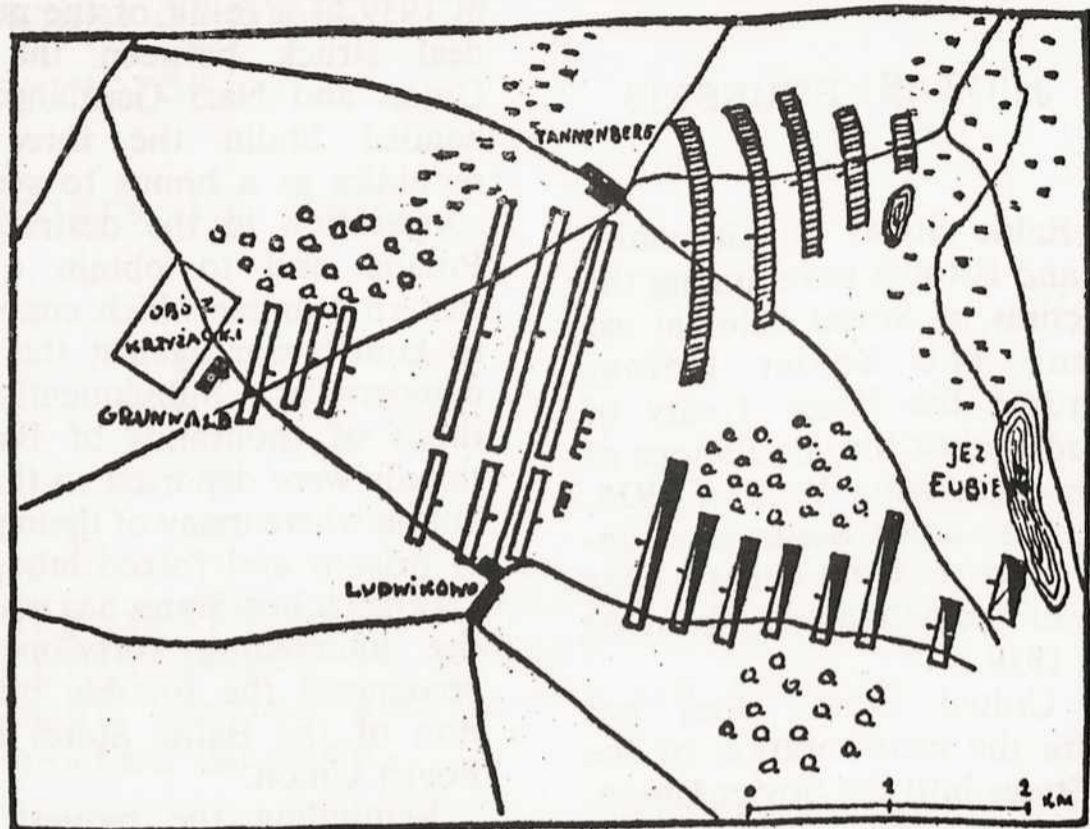
When the Grand Duchy of Lithuania expanded upon her west flank. The Teutonic Knights had subjected the lowlander Lithuanians of Samagitia and Sudavia. The oppressed Liths pleaded with Grand Duke Vytautas (Witold), the ruler of Lithuania, for help. Vytautas' requests for the cessation of oppression were ignored by Ulrich von Jungingen, the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order. Therefore the die was cast for the greatest battle of the Middle Ages.

Vytautas and his cousin, King Jogaila (Jagiello) of Poland, agreed that a military confrontation was the only way to halt the warlike Teutons. It was the well educated Vytautas, veteran of many battles, who was the chief of the war council, was the architect of the battle plan. He decided to employ the battle ruse of Gengis Khan whereby a feigned retreat lured the enemy into a trap.

Vytautas was baptized in 1382 and Jogaila in 1386. Yet the warlike Teutons were determined to continue their Drang nach Osten (march to the east) into Lithuania and Poland. Pleas by the Pope to end this sham "Christian" crusade were rejected. Therefore European nations were switching their support away from the Teutons.

On July 15, 1410, the Lithuanian-Polish armies marched into Prussia, deploying between the Grunwald

THE BATTLE FORMATIONS



Teutonic Knights, led by Ulrich von Jungingen, who met death in this battle.

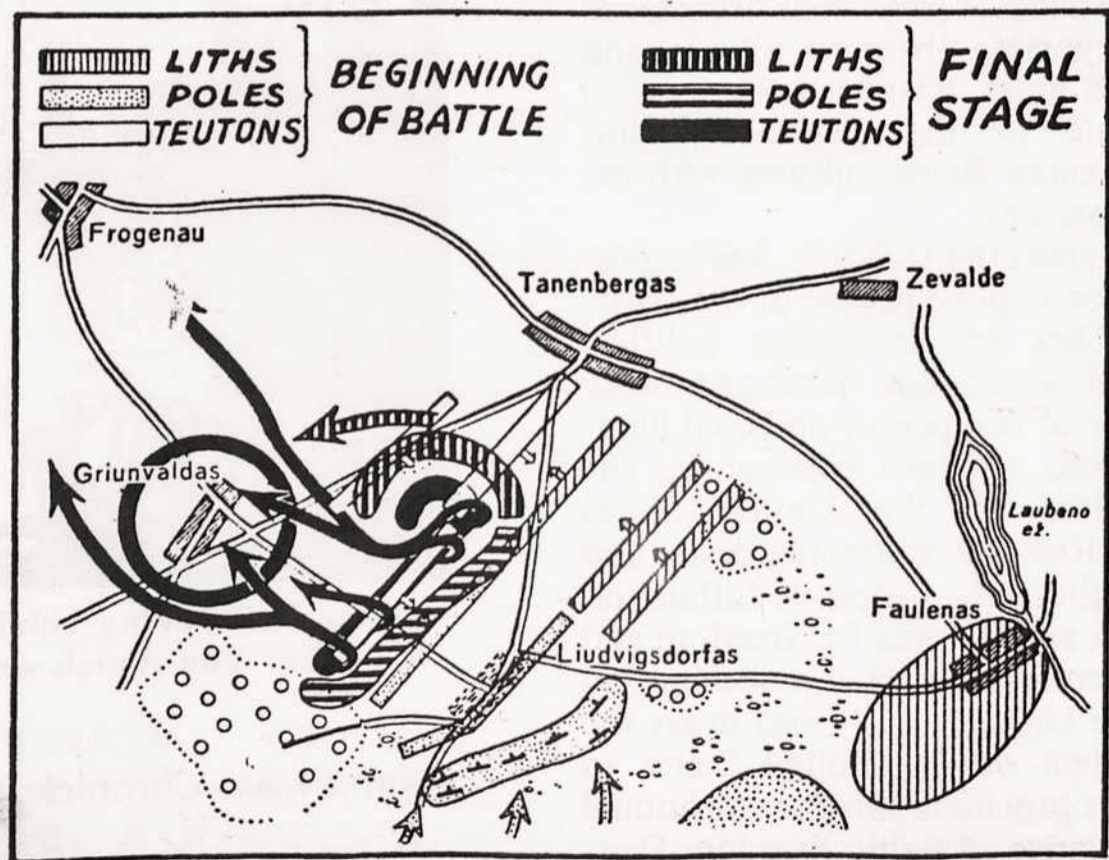


The Lithuanians, led by Grand Duke Vytautas, assisted by Russ, Tartars.



Poles, headed by King Jagiello and assisted by Czech Knights.

THE BATTLE ACTION



Forest and Tannenberg village. The Teutonic Knights attacked with 16,000 men, expecting a quick victory. Vytautas advised King Jogaila to give the signal to start fighting. The Allies had about 23,000 men, bolstered by Bohemians, Tartars, Hungarians and many princes from Western Russia.

Jogaila led the Polish-Czech division while Vytautas, the Supreme Commander, led the Liths with their Allies. After the initial skirmish Vytautas signaled a retreat. The heavily armored Teuton cavalry pursued him into the marshes where they surrendered. Other Teutons savagely attacked the Poles who were in trouble. Then Vytautas suddenly appeared, smashed the Teutonic center and right flank, the bewildered Order fled in disorder. Ulrich was mortally wounded by a Lithuanian lancer. That day 200 Teutons fell, 400 foreign knights and 4,000 soldiers died. About 3,000 prisoners were taken.

The peace treaty of Torun (Thorn), on February 1, 1411, returned Smagitia and Sudavia to Lithuania. Poland regained Danzig, West Prussia, Torun and other lands.

During World War I, General

Hindenberg defeated the Russian Army in East Prussia, which the German victors proclaimed as "The Battle of Tannenburg." Apparently this was meant to erase the historical earlier defeat in the Middle Ages.

World War II was fought to halt another Teutonic "March to the

East." It was halted by the Allies, but it resulted in a reverse heathen "March to the West" by the Soviet Union. The Russians swallowed the Baltic States and enslaved many other nations in Eastern Europe. Civilization has reverted back to the Middle Ages.

LITHUANIA IN 1400 A. D.



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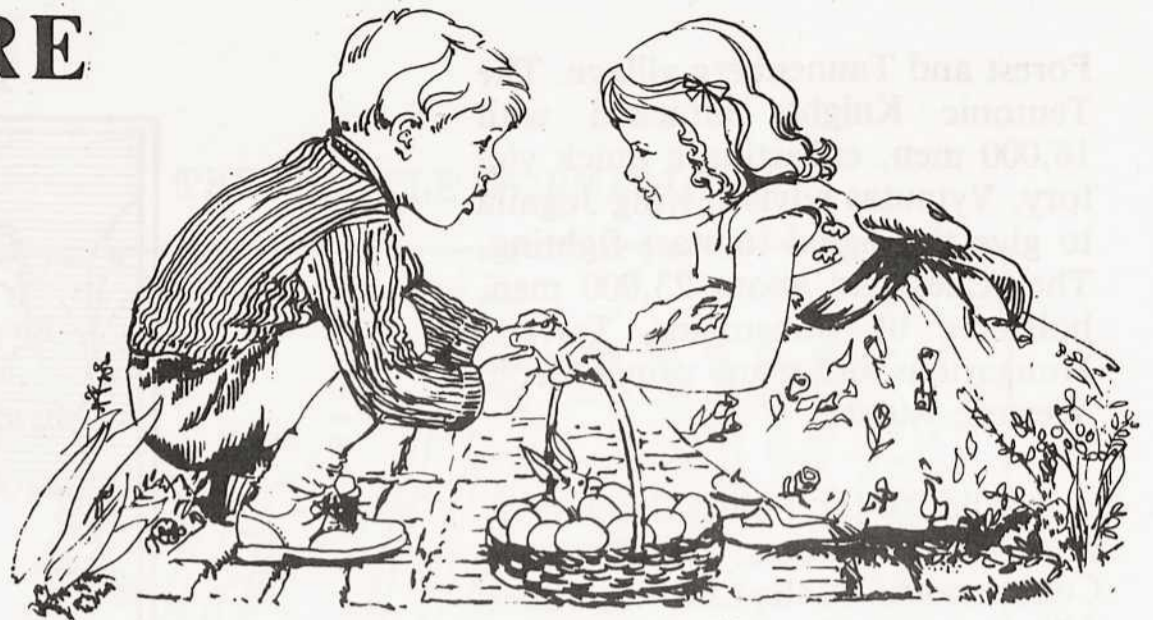


LANGUAGE LORE

What's In A Name?

Algirdas Budreckis

Language Lore: V



What's in a name? Plenty! Take Hitler and Stalin. Would the maddening crowds have shouted: "Heil, Schickelgrubber!" or "Long live Comrade Dzhugushvili!" Psychological impact aside, names have meaning both to the bearer of the moniker and those with whom he or she comes into contact.

Lithuanian proper names (*vardai*) can be classified into three categories: pagan, Slavic Christian, and Western Christian.

The pagan names are unique and do not correspond to any classical, biblical or Christian names. The more prominent pagan appellations are historical names, names of rulers or warrior dukes: Algimantas, Algirdas, Daumantas, Eidivydas, Gediminas, Jogaila, Kaributas, Karigaila, Karijotas, Kęstutis, Lengvenis, Liubartas, Margiris, Mindaugas, Norimantas, Skirgaila, Širvydas, Svitrigaila, Tautvilas, Vytautas, Vytenis, and Zygimantas.

Most of the historic names are compound nouns. Some of them have become surnames, especially among the Samogitians (*žemaičiai*). The meaning of some of the more popular historical names which are still used today is given below.

1. Algi-mantas—one whose wealth increases.
2. Al-girdas—one who hears all.
3. Ar-vydas—one who has much wealth.
5. Gedi-minas—one who thinks profoundly.
6. Kęstutis—one who suffers.
7. Min-daugas—one who has many ideas.
8. Nori-mantas—one who wants much wealth
9. Vytautas—nation of knights (*tauta + vytis*).
10. Vy-tenis—son of a knight-*vytis*.

Jogaila (one who suffers while riding) is not a popular name among the Lithuanians because he betrayed Lithuanian national interests.

Non-historical pagan names are: Drąsutis (the brave one); Algis (messenger of the gods); Gintautas (defender of the nation); Gintaras (amber); Gerimantas (possessor of good fortune); Laimutis (the lucky one); Dainius (the bard); Rimvydas (one who sees carefully); Ramutis (the calm one).

Feminine pagan names are mythological or based on natural phenomena: Aldona (all-providing); Audra (the storm); Audrone (tempest); Aušra (dawn); Birute (the

bearer); Jūra (the sea); Jūratė (daughter of the sea); Milda (goddess of mercy); Laima (goddess of fortune); Mirga (the sparkling one); Daiva (wood nymph); Giedrė (the clear dawn); Rima (the calm one); Daina (song); Rūta (rue); Egle (fir tree); Danguolė (a heavenly body); Ramunė (daisy); Rasa (dew). Gražina and Živilė are popular women's names that are really the literary creations of the poet Adam Mickiewicz.

Slavic Christian names were derived mostly from the Poles, with some Russian names that became popular in the 19th century.

These Slavic names are: Stanislovas (Stanislaus); Boleslovas (Boleslaw); Kazimieras (Casimir); Mikalojus (Nicholas); Anatolijus (Anatol); Vladislovas (Wladyslaw); Vaclovas (Waclaw); Vladimiras (Vladimir); Jadvyga (Hedwig); Sofija (Sofia); Jackus (Hyacinth); Vanda (Wanda); Vladislava (Wladyslawa); Kazimiera (feminine form of Casimir); Vaitiekus (Wojciech or Adalbert); Kostas and Konstantinas (Constatine); Aleksandras (Aleksandres).

Some of these names are also used in abbreviated form: Kazys, Kaze, Stasys, Stasė, Vacys, Mikas, Vladas, Vlade, Zadze, Zosė. It should be pointed out at this juncture that here in America some of these Slavic Christian names have been mis-translated by Poles, Lithuanians and Ukrainians. Kazimieras and Kazys are not Charlie, Chester or Casey. Charles is Karolis. Chester and Casey are Anglo-Saxon names. Vladas is not Walter (Valteris is the Lithuanian equivalent). Stanislovas and Stasys have been translated as Stinney or Stanley (actually an English surname). Stanislava or Stasė are not Stella. Mikalojus (Nicholas) should not be confused with Mykolas (Michael).

Some Christian names of biblical, Greek or Roman origin have distinct Lithuanian forms. A partial list of the more popular ones is given below:

Adomas—Adam	Baltramiejus—Bartolomew
Alfonsas—Alphonse	Ciprijonas—Cyprian
Aloyzas—Aloysius	Danielius—Daniel
Andrius—Andrew	Dana—Donna
Antanas—Anthony	Daratė—Dorothy
Antanina—Antonia	Elena—Helen
Alena—Helen	Bonifacas—Bonaface
Barbora—Barbara	Felicija—Felicia

Feliksas—Felix
 Ignacas, Ignas—Ignatz (not James)
 Ignė—Ignatia
 Donatas—Donald
 Elzbieta, Elzbieta—Elizabeth
 Janina—Joan
 Jonas—John
 Dovydas—David
 Juozas, Juozapas—Joseph
 Jokūbas—James, Jacob
 Jurgis—George
 Genovaitė—Genevieve
 Klemensas—Clement
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Renovation Of The Lithuanian Legation Building Fund

As of February 15, 1983, a total of \$94,979.04 has been collected in donations. The committee sends their heartfelt thanks to all.

According to the architects' plans, a sum of \$120,000 will be needed.

Therefore, the Lithuanian Legation Building Fund Drive has been extended to May 1983.

You may send your donations to: Lithuanian Legation, 2622 Sixteenth St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

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LIETUVOS PASIUNTINYBĖS RŪMŲ ATNAUJINIMUI AUKŲ RINKIMAS DAR TĘSIAMAS

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Visuomenės susipratimo dėka, šiam reikalui jau suaukota apie 90 tūkstančių dolerių. Pagal architektų apskaičiavimą, remonto būtiniausiems darbams reikia 120,000 dol., todėl komitetas nutarė rinkliavą dar tęsti iki 1983 metų gegužės 1 dienos.

Aukos siunčiamos Pasiuntinybės adresu:

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Iki vasario 16 d. bus atlikti svarbiausieji vidaus remonto darbai, kad Pasiuntinybė galėtų daryti priėmimus.

Lietuvos Pasiuntinybės Rūmų restauravimo komitetą sudaro ALT ir LB atstovai. Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai atstovauja dr. K. Jurgėla, inž. G. J. Lazauskas ir dr. J. Valaitis. Komiteto pirmininku yra prof. dr. J. Genys.

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

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are looking
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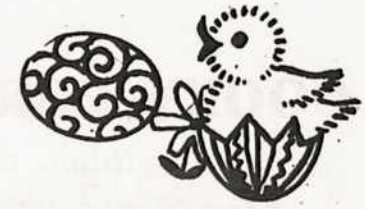
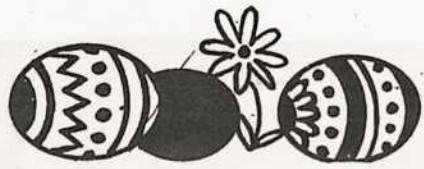
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OFFICIAL NEWS



**Knights Of Lithuania Scholarship Awards
25th Annual Award — Silver Anniversary
Philadelphia, PA
August 1983**

Knights of Lithuania National Convention
APPLICATIONS: William J. Piacentini, Chmn.
362 Webster Avenue
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The Scholarship Committee of the Knights of Lithuania is honored to announce that the 25th Annual Scholarship Award(s) will be presented at the 70th National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in August of 1983. This year's presentation is significant as it is the "Silver Anniversary" of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee's awards. Therefore, all councils are urged to help make this year's presentation truly special.

As you are aware, the scholarship program of the Knights of Lithuania is intended to help worthy and deserving Knights obtain a college education. The Scholarship Committee will base its decision primarily on K. of L. activity, but also will consider scholastic achievement, financial need, and personal recommendations. If you would, please urge qualified members in your council to apply before the deadline of June 30, 1983.

For the "Silver Anniversary" scholarship appeal, the Scholarship Committee again requests all Districts, Councils and individual members to participate in this most commendable project of the Knights of Lithuania. The scholarship awards are made possible each year by the generosity of each group, especially individual contributions. Please consider very seriously either making an outright donation or sponsoring some type of fundraising event. Donations can be made by individuals as outright gifts or in memory of (I.M.C.) a deceased K. of L. member, relative or friend. Acknowledgement cards will be sent to all donors and all donations will be acknowledged and published in the *Vytis*.

The need for the Knights of Lithuania scholarship continues to be great; it could mean the difference between attending or not attending college for a deserving Knight. In view of this situation and the "Silver Anniversary" of the Scholarship Awards, please urge your membership to consider the following modest proposal.

Ask each member to donate ten (10) cents for each year of the scholarship committee's existence: this would amount to \$2.50 from each K. of L. member. This modest sum, when multiplied by over 3000 members, would produce the largest dollar amount available in any year for K. of L. scholarship awards. Let "\$2.50 for 25 years of Service" be the motto of each Knights of Lithuania member! Let us make the "Silver Anniversary" of the scholarship awards be truly special, truly big-time! A special program is being prepared for the 25th Annual Award presentation. Let each knight and lady help to make that program truly one that brings honor to the Knights of Lithuania.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Vytiskai,
William Piacentini
Scholarship Committee Chairman

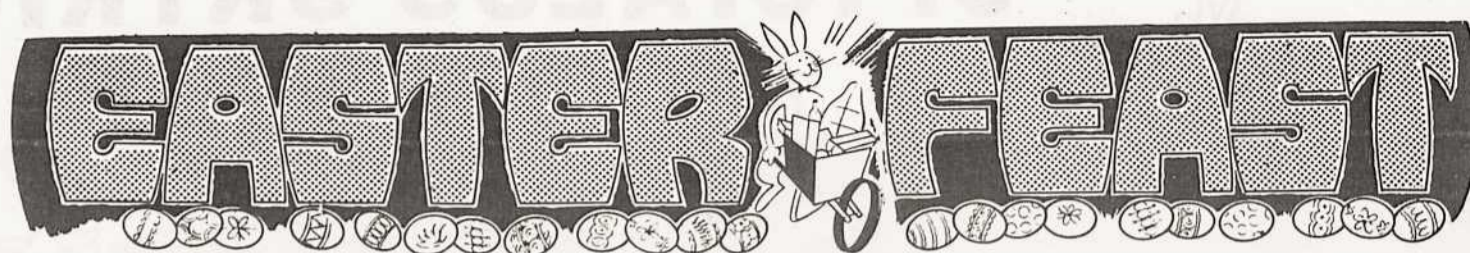
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL** „APRIL SHOWERS" DANCE hosted by C-36 at the K. of L Hall in Chicago
- 16**
- 17** GRANDINELE hosted by the Anthracite Council at Pottsville High School Auditorium
- 24** NED CONVENTION hosted by C-141 in Bridgeport CT
- MAY** MAD WORKSHOP at Our Lady of Vilna Church in New York City
- 7**
- 14** SPRING DANCE hosted by C-110 at Transfiguration Church Hall in Maspeth, N.Y.
- 20-22** MCD CONVENTION and MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT hosted by C-79 in Southfield, MI
- JUNE** MAD MINI CONVENTION hosted by C-110 at Transfiguration Church in Maspeth, NY
- 5**
- AUG** 69th ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY at Lakewood Park in Barnesville, PA hosted by C-144
- 14**
- 18-21** NATIONAL CONVENTION hosted by C-3 in Philadelphia, PA

COOK'S CORNER

Mary Lucas, H.M.



Lithuanian Easter Foods

Margučiai (Onion skin dyed eggs)

Save dark skins from about 4-8 large onions. When ready to dye, place skins in a cooking pot; pour cold water over them. Now add the uncooked eggs and bring to a boil. After 15 minutes, remove a few eggs. They will be lighter than those boiled longer. Remove eggs at different intervals. Shades should vary to decorate these eggs.

There are two methods to decorate these eggs.

1. Batik: Use a small plastic headed pin stuck into the eraser end of a pencil. Dip pin into hot melted bees wax. Apply design to shell of a cold egg. (Remember, you can make only one stroke or dot at a time before dipping into hot wax again. Then boil eggs in onion skin water. (Remember, these eggs should not be boiled first.
2. Dry point: boil eggs in water till very drk in color. With a fine sharp pointed knife or razor blade, scratch the design into the egg shell being very careful not to puncture the egg shell.
3. Modern wax method: Boil white eggs in plain water. and let them get cold. In a miniature 12 portion muffin pan place 1" pieces of white candle wax and 1/2" of colored crayon in each of the 12 sections. Place muffin pan in a foil lined Electric Skillet set at 380° and let wax and crayon melt together. Make designs on egg with pin head using colors that compliment each other. Make flowers, dots or short lines. Let wax design cool. They then can be imersed in pastel egg dye for a short while, or leave them with a white background. Beautiful designs can be achieved by making ruta sprigs with dark green wax or small daisy's in different colors. using some irredescent crayons in the cups make very beautiful colors. Keep mixing the wax as this method tends to settle the color to the bottom of the pan.

Keptos Antys Arba Žąsis Su Kopūstų Indaru

Roast Ducks Or Goose With Sauerkraut Stuffing

Prepare 2 ducks or 1 10-12 lb goose. Wash thoroughly. Wipe dry with paper towels. Push skin back from neck and cut neck off. Rub inside and outside with salt and pepper. Set aside and prepare stuffing.

Stuffing: Mix together 2-1 lb. cans partially drained

sauerkraut. Quarter, core and slice 2 large unpeeled apples. Add 1 cup halved dried Apricots, 2 medium chopped onions sauteed in 2 T. butter, 1/2 t. salt, 2 T. brown sugar, 1 t. caraway seeds, few grains garlic salt and 2 T. flour. Cook over low heat for about 30 minutes. If using only 1 duck, use only 1/2 portion of stuffing.

Stuff the ducks or goose. Sew up the opening. Any leftover stuffing can be forced into the neck cavity. Fold the skin back over the neck and fasten with a skewer. Prick the skin all over being careful not to disturb the flesh. Use a two tined fork to let the fat drain during cooking. Place fowl on rack in a large roasting pan and roast in hot oven at 400° for 25 minutes. Reduce heat to 325°. Roast uncovered allowing 25 min. per pound. Baste frequently with a mixture of juice of 1 lemon, 1/2 cup of Apricot Preserves (Sieved) and one cup of hot water. Drain off the fat as it accumulates in the pan. When fowl is tender, remove to a large plate and deglaze the roasting pan with 2 cups of boiling water. Let sauce cook till reduced to about 1 cup or more: Use sauce to serve with fowl. Skin should be brown and crisp. Garnish with parsley and tomato roses.

“Boba” A Traditional Easter Yeast Bread

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| 1 fresh yeast cake | 2 T. soft butter |
| 2 T. warm water,
about 115° | 1/2 t. salt |
| 1 t. sugar | 1/2 t. ground cardamon |
| 3/4 c hot milk | 1/3 c. sugar |
| 2 cups flour | 1/2 c. raisins |
| 2 egg yoks | |

Scald milk, stir in 1/2 c. of flour, mix till smooth and cool. Soften the yeast in 2 T. warm water, add 1 t. sugar. Set aside until it bubbles.

Add salt to egg yolks and beat until thick. Add the yeast sponge, soft butter, 1/3 c. sugar. Beat with wooden spoon. Slowly add the remaining flour and knead with hands until dough no longer sticks to the hands. Place in greased bowl and let rise till double. Punch down, add raisins knead till well mixed and let rise again for about 1 hour.

Bake in a greased and floured 3 lb. coffee can at 350° until done and lightly browned. (If it starts to brown too soon, cover with aluminum foil. Boba is done if it sounds hollow when tapped with fingers. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. Remove from can and stand upright on the wire rack. Boba is sliced in thin rounds. Reserve the top crust to use as a protective cover to prevent Boba from drying out.

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Pressed Lithuanian Cheese

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| 2 large cartons
of Large Curd
Cottage Cheese | ½ cup whole milk
½ cup Sour Cream
1 teasp Salt |
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Mix ingredients in a large bowl. (Caraway seeds may be added if desired). Put into a triangular cloth bag (about 16" long, 10" across the top, and 2" across the bottom). This bag can be made of any white loosely woven material, like a flour sack or cheap cotton dish towels. Tie the bag with heavy string just above the mixture in the bag. Place on a large bread board near the sink drain. Place an object about 2" high under the board where the top of the bag is tied. Place another board on top of the bag. Place a heavy object (large flat stone or two large cans of unopened fruit or juice on top of board. This will press out the liquid in the cheese. After 2 or 3 days, remove the bag from between the boards, then carefully peel off the bag. Place cheese on a platter and keep refrigerated. Serve with dark rye bread and butter.



Spurgos arba Pončkos

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| 4 c flour | 1 T. whiskey |
| 1 c. milk | 1 t. lemon rind |
| 1 oz. fresh yeast | 1 t. vanilla |
| 1 egg and 2 yolks | ½ t. salt |
| 2 T. sugar | Cherry or Strawberry
preserves |
| 2 T. melted butter | Crisco for deep frying |

Mix 1½ cups of the flour with warm milk. Add yeast diluted with 2 T. warm milk, and 1 t. sugar. Sprinkle with 1 cup more of the flour and let stand to rise. Then add the whole egg and egg yolks beaten with the sugar, melted butter, whiskey, vanilla, salt and lemon rind. Add the remaining flour to make a soft dough. Let dough rise to double then roll it out to a thickness of ½ inch. Using a glass or biscuit cutter, (floured each time), cut out rounds. In the middle of each round, put a cherry or a strawberry from the preserves. Moisten the outside edge of the circle with egg white. Place another circle on top and press together. Then roll them into round balls between the hands.

Use a deep electric fryer. Fill halfway with Crisco Oil. Set thermostat at 375°. When hot add a few (4) balls to the oil. (If fat is too hot, lower heat) Cook one side of the ball then turn them over using a fork. Do not turn too often, they cook in about 5-7 minutes. If when removed from the fat, the spurgos are dark gold in color, and the surface dries right away, they are done. Remove from the fat using a slotted spoon, and place them on paper towels. While still warm sprinkle with powdered sugar or roll in granulated sugar mixed with cinnamon.

Napoleonas—Tortas

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| 4 cups flour | 1 lb. lightly
salted butter |
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Sift flour onto a pastry board. With pastry blender or 2 knives, gradually cut softened butter into flour until crumbly. Blend in the sour cream. With hands, form dough into 11 or 12 egg sized round balls. Refrigerate overnight in covered bowl. Before baking, let dough stand at room temperature about 15 min. Roll each ball almost wafer thin on very lightly floured pastry cloth. Fit into a 12" ungreased pizza pan. Prick all over with a fork. Bake each layer at 350° 4 to 5 minutes. It is best to use 2 or 3 pizza pans so you can quickly put another one in the oven after taking one out. Continue till all are baked. Cool, then stack layers atop each other. With a very sharp serrated knife, even the sides saving the trimmings for crumbs.

Torte Filling

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| 1½ lbs. unsalted butter |
| 8 egg yolks |
| 2 c. powdered sugar |
| 1 pkg. Vanilla pudding mix (not instant) |
| 2 c. milk |
| ½ c. Half & Half cream or can milk |
| 2 t. vanilla |
| Juice of 1 lemon |

Cream the butter, yolks and sugar. Stir pudding mix into 1 cup of the milk. Bring to a boil stirring constantly. Gradually pour and stir pudding into butter and yolk mixture. Scald and pour in slowly the remaining 1 cup of milk, the cream and vanilla. Slowly add heated lemon juice. Cool.

Spread about 1 T. of pudding on Torte layer placed on a large round cake dish. Repeat layering pudding on crusts but alternating every other crust with apricot or strawberry preserves. Frost top and sides with some pudding. Sprinkle with finely crushed layer trimmings. Decorate with chopped walnuts or toasted whole pecans and Maraschino Cherries which have been dried and snipped almost thru into 6 petals to form daisys.

To serve: Cut into thin slices with a sharp serrated knife.

Lietuviškos Ramunės Lithuanian Daisies

Submitted by Theresa Balčiūnas,
Pres. C-36 Kenosha, Wis.

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| 10 cooked egg yolks | ½ t. vanilla |
| mashed fine | ½ t. salt |
| 1 lb. butter | 2 eggs |
| 1½ c. sugar | chopped nuts |
| 4 c. flour | |

Mix yolks, butter, sugar, flour, vanilla, salt and 1 egg until moist. Do not overmix. Mix the other egg well.

Roll out dough. Cut with daisy cutter. Glaze with egg. Sprinkle nuts in center of daisy. Bake at 375° until golden brown 15-20 minutes. Very fragile.

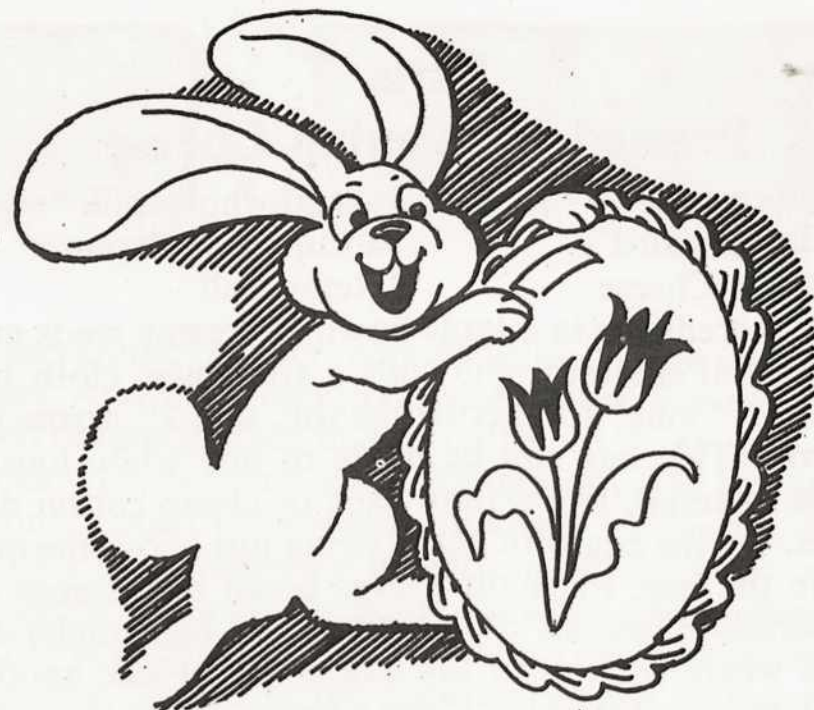
The Easter Bunny's Egg

—Vidas Gecas

Edgar the Egg had no idea how his life had changed so dramatically. It all began two days ago while he was relaxing in a comfortable carton with his other buddies in a grocery store refrigerator. Then something drastic occurred. A huge, white Rabbit with a big smile picked Edgar's carton up and took him to the check-out counter. From that historic moment on, Edgar's hum-drum life would turn into a wonderful and exciting adventure.

When Edgar arrived at his new home, he was placed inside a cool refrigerator beside a jar of sticky Grape jam and a monstrous bunch of carrots. Edgar was dreaming about his future. He was wondering what would be in store for him in the following days. Maybe he would be flown to Paris! He always wanted to see the Eiffel Tower. Maybe he would be placed in the starring role of an upcoming movie! Edgar always dreamed about becoming famous. Finally, after all of his wild daydreaming, Edgar fell into a very deep sleep and dreamt about his future even more.

The next morning Edgar was suddenly awakened. A husky Rabbit took Edgar out of his new home. Edgar was so excited! His new life was going to begin even sooner than he had expected. When Edgar looked around the room, he saw many faces. Faces of white with long whiskers and ears and pink noses surrounded him. Edgar was then picked up by one of these Rabbits and dunked into a huge glass bowl and suddenly his delicate, smooth, white suit was magically transformed into a beautiful sea-blue and golden outfit. Edgar had never felt so beautiful before. Then Edgar was placed in a gigantic woven basket with many other beautiful and colorful eggs. There they all sat waiting — but what were they waiting for?



And then Edgar saw the answer stroll into the room. A beautiful white silken Rabbit with a big smile and kind heart picked up the basket and off he hopped with Edgar and the others. He hopped and hopped all night — all around the world.

This rabbit was delivering eggs to homes in every country he went through. And at one of these houses, the Rabbit took Edgar out and placed him with several other eggs in a little, brown basket in the center of a table in a huge kitchen. Edgar was facing a big window and, just as he saw the Rabbit leave them, the sun was beginning to rise high into the sky turning the earth into many different colors. Edgar sat smiling and said to himself, "This is the day for new beginnings and new life," and Edgar was ready to begin his new life on this glorious day.



The Legend of the Easter Egg



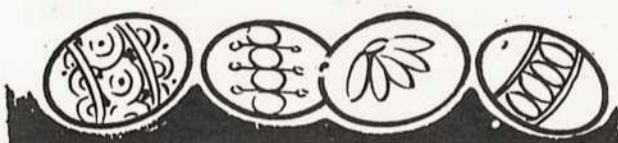
One day a poor peddler went to the marketplace to sell a basket of eggs. He came upon a crowd mocking a man who staggered with a heavy cross on which he was about to be crucified. The peddler ran to his aid, leaving the basket by the roadside. When he returned, he found the eggs transformed into exquisite designs of bright colors. The man was Christ; the peddler, Simon. And the eggs were to become the symbol of rebirth for all mankind.

Ukrainian Folk Tale





JUNIOR CORNER



Junior News

C-96 Juniors, Dayton, Ohio
— Steve Keivel



C-96 Juniors with Advisors Mary Lucas and Elaine Pacovsky perform at the commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day in Dayton, OHIO

The officers took their oath of office from Father Vaclovas Katarskis on January 30, 1983.

On the 13th of February, we went roller skating at Skate World in Vandalia. Then, we went to McDonald's to top off a wonderful day.

This is what we sang for the celebration of

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

AMERICA

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Then we softly hummed the tune of America while this poem was read:

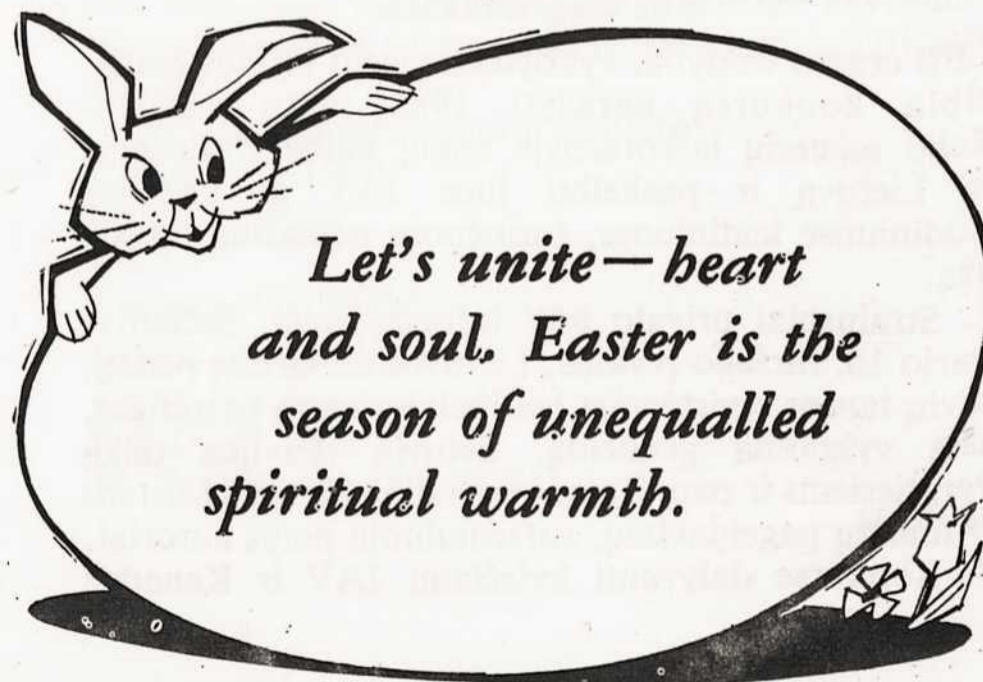
There's a little land across the sea
So far away — yet dear to me,
With amber shores and fields of grain
Its anguished people racked with pain.
A pain that comes with the dawn of day
And still remains with the sun's last ray.
They pray for freedom — they beg — they plead,
They ask all heaven to intercede
That God one day will hear their plea —
And once again they'll say — "We're FREE!"
So — this is why we're here today,
In honor of those for whom we pray —
In suffering Lithuania.

Then we sang these words to the tune of
AMERICA:

Lithuania — a tiny land
That lies across the sea —
Where men with God
Walk silently
Are yearning to be free.

America — remember me
We hear this plaintive cry —
From those who know what freedom means
For which they fight and die.

Editor's note: This program was originally devised by Kitty Prasmantis and Elinor Sluzas in 1963 for use by C-96 Juniors.



Laiškai

Didž. Gerb.

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Algirdas Gustaitis

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Did You Know?

...that in 1966 Lithuanian students pioneered and organized the first World Lithuanian Youth Camp in Dainava, Manchester, Michigan.

...that during the Second World Congress in 1972 the Lithuanian Youth Organization became an official body in the World Lithuanian Community Organization.

...that in 1976 the Third Congress was held in Argentina-Uruguay-Brazil.

...that in 1979 the Fourth Congress was held in England-Germany.

...that the Fifth Congress is being held in U.S.-Canada 1983!

You Are Invited—Because You Are Lithuanian-American

Official opening of the youth congress and other activities June 26-July 4 in Chicago Illinois/Song festival, Lith. Opera, Art exhibits, lectures, Lith. youth talent show, etc./ For more info: INFO CENTER, 22 Waban Rd. Cleveland, Ohio 44094.

Stovykla-Camp: July 4-10th, Oberlin College, near Cleveland, Ohio.

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International Lithuanian Youth Camp

Where: Oberlin College, near Cleveland

When: July 4-10, 1983

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Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



John L. Paukstis, past Commander and chairman of the Darius-Girenas Commemorative Stamp Committee, and President of C-36, Chicago, presented the American Legion Citation for outstanding Public Service to U.S. Postmaster General William F. Bolger during his recent visit to Chicago.

The stamp is on the 1984 agenda for consideration by the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, and many leading U.S. Senators and U.S. representatives are strongly endorsing the stamp.

All K of L'ers are requested to support this campaign by writing to your senators and congressmen for their support, and by writing to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, Room 5536, Washington, D.C. 20260, giving the reason why you want a commemorative stamp issued — that the dedication, heroic flight and tragedy of Capt. Stephen Darius and Lt. Stanley Girenas should be honored by the U.S. — that both fliers served in the U.S. Army — both are of Lithuanian heritage which makes over one million American-Lithuanians extremely proud — and that American-Lithuanians have contributed greatly toward the building of this country.

An ancient tradition of Lithuanian culinary art was revived in the home of BERNADETTE and DENNIS SHANER, Osceola, Ill. on December 11th of last year when they marked their son AARON's 3-year old birthday, as reported in the Kewanee, Ill. "Star-Courier."

"On the birthday of my son I dress in the colorful Lithuanian costume which my mother gave me, and I try to rekindle the festivities of my youth when my parents fostered Lithuanian customs and specialized in Lithuanian cuisine," says Bernadette, an associate professor at Black Hawk East.

Bernadette provided a typical Lithuanian dinner which was enjoyed by her husband and their children Kathleen, Kristine, and Aaron, her husband's parents and her husband's sister and her family.

Bernadette explained that at the dinner she was the only one of Lithuanian ancestry, derived from her American-Lithuanian parents, STANLEY PIEZA and the late ANNE PIEZA. Stanley is an Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania.

MICHALE MIKOLAITIS, C-100 Junior President, Amsterdam, N.Y., a senior at Bishop Scully High School, has been selected as the winner of the Montgomery County American Legion's 46th annual oratorical contest. Michael is the son of Sadie Mikolaitis of Holland Gardens and the late Paul Mikolaitis.

LAIMA RASTIKIS-VERMILLION, daughter of Julius and Stefanija Rastikis, Dayton, Ohio, has been chosen as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1982. Her mother, Stefanija, is Vytis Lithuanian Editor.

DENISE MILLER, who plays Archie's niece, Billie Bunker, in the TV production of "Archie Bunker's Place," is the daughter of a Brooklyn machinist of French-Canadian and Lithuanian heritage.

LEE BRUZAITIS is a cable TV coordinator for the Trenton, N.J., Diocese.

GARY STUKES, son of Peter Stukes and nephew of Dr. Jack Stukas, received a bronze Vail Medal for noteworthy public service last December. Gary and Harold Baker, Jr., both of Holmdel, N.J. were credited with rescuing an automobile mechanic. The mechanic had become engulfed in flames after accidentally-cutting into a car's gas tank with an oxyacetylene torch.

They were honored at a luncheon attended by Ian M. Ross, President of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., Murray Hill, N.J. David Mitchell, Vice President of Bell Labs, in presenting the medals stated: "Harold and Gary have the gift of courage. They instantly went into action — with little thought for their own safety — to help a total stranger, a fellow human being, in serious and sudden jeopardy."

Both recipients are employees of Bell Labs.

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Gary Stukes, right, and Harold Baker, center, are formally presented with the bronze Vail Medal by Bell Lab Vice President David Mitchell

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On December 12, 1982, Governor Dick Thornburgh and his wife Ginny officially opened the 1982 festival occasion, "Christmas...An Ethnic Experience" at the William Penn Memorial Museum, Harrisburg, Pa.

Pictured with Governor Dick Thornburgh, his wife Ginny, and his son Peter, are (left to right) **ANNIE**

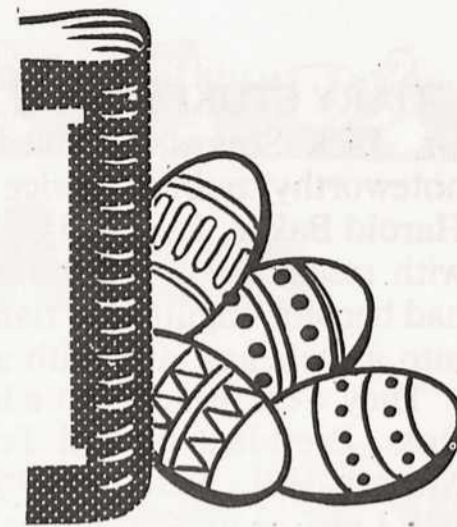
MORGALIS, Lithuanian-American Commissioner on the Governor's Heritage Advisory Commission, and member of Anthracite Council C-144, **BERNICE MIKATAVAGE**, C-144 Cultural Chairman, and **MATTHEW WENTZ**, representing the Lithuanian-American community.

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Council Activities

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**NEW ENGLAND
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C-10—Athol-Gardner

On February 6 our council sponsored a commemoration of the 65th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence at St. Francis Church which began with the 10:30 Mass celebrated by our own Fr. Justin Steponaitis who also gave an appropriate homily. Lennie Davidonis and Charles Genaitis presented the offertory gifts. The church was attractively decorated in our colors.

The activities continued at 2 p.m. in the parish hall with about 100 persons in attendance. After the singing of the National Anthem, Father gave the invocation. President Bill Wisniauskas served as master of ceremonies.

Perkunas Krukonis of South Boston showed slides on his three trips to Lithuania and gave an interesting talk followed by a question and answer session.

Charles Genaitis read Mayor Charles McKean's proclamation designating February 16 as Republic of Lithuania Day in Gardner. Thank you, Mayor McKean, and Charlie, too!

The program closed with the singing of "Marija, Marija." Both dailies carried nice write-ups. Refreshments were served by Nellie Melaika, Tina Shatas, Helen Simkunas, Mary Gauronsky, Brone Wisniauskas, Frances Mueller, Alice Perekslis, Clare Zetkauskas, Beatrice Richard and Blanche Genaitis.

Following the coffee hour, our members sat down to a delicious covered dish supper. Our monthly meeting followed.

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of C-10 member from Gardner, Mrs. Brone Narkevicius who passed on to her eternal reward on February 4. Born in Panevezys, Lithuania, she made her home in Gardner for the past 34 years. She is survived by a son, five daughters and fifteen grandchildren. Brone had become famous for her pastry goodies. *Lai Dievas sutiekia jai amžina atilsi ir linkimi jos seima musu didele užuojauta.*

The K of L used for the first time the wake ritual that was attended by about 20 members. Father led the service and rosary. Brone Wisniauskas placed a bouquet of white mums on the casket. Singing of "Marija, Marija" concluded the service. Fr. Steponaitis was the funeral Mass celebrant. Bill & Brone Wisniauskas, Charles & Blanche

Genaitis and Tony & Helen Simkunas served as honorary bearers. The day of the funeral witnessed our season's biggest snow storm.

Vincukas

C-26—Worcester

Welcome to our new members Greg Sokol, Edmund Scrocki and his daughter Diane.

We were very sorry to learn that our former assistant pastor and former spiritual advisor Rev. Joseph Budzeika MIC has passed away in Chicago after an illness. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations to our secretary Millie Lapinskas on her election as vice president of the Lithuanian Women's Alliance.

It was so nice to see Father Ben Uzdavinis, our spiritual advisor, back home after surgery and several days in the hospital. A fall in the rectory which Father didn't think was serious proved very serious indeed.

A beef stew supper prepared by Antoinette & Joe Ivaska & Company was enjoyed by all at our January meeting. Steve Walinsky Jr. treated us to a movie on the 46th Masters Golf Tournament. From all of us, thanks Steve.

The K of L's Annual Ski Trip to Eastern Madison, NH was held recently. Members of the ski slopes were Paula & Joe Bunevith, Billy & Carol Grigas, Eleanor & Steve Walinsky Jr. and their families, also Donna & Peter Ivaska, Ginny Leleikis, Anne & Steve Walinsky Sr.

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C-103—Providence

Our February meeting was held on the 65th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence after the Ash Wednesday services which all our members attended.

Past President Bill Piacentini informed the council on the latest news concerning Lithuanian affairs. Cultural Chairman Vito Kapiskas presented some interesting thoughts about the earliest rulers of Lithuania, the kings and grand dukes.

A proud delegation, consisting of delegates from the RI Lithuanian Heritage Subcommittee, Knights of Lithuania, Lithuanian-American Community and the Lithuanian Beneficial Club, was invited to the State House where Governor J. Joseph Garrahy signed a proclamation designating February 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in Rhode Island. He ordered that the Lithuanian flag be raised at the State House on that occasion. Father V. Cukuras attended this important event.

The Lithuanian tri-color flag at the State House was not the only one noticed in the City of Providence. Vito and Francis Kapiskas showed the Lithuanian colors outside their home. Anthony Kublis, an off-campus student of Providence College from Brockton, had a Lithuanian flag nobly waving from his window.

In Providence the solemn commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day took place on Sunday, February 20, at the Lithuanian Citizens Club Hall. The Lithuanian-American Community Chapter in Providence was in charge of arrangements. Dr. Algirdas Budreckis, K of L member from Boston was the main speaker. He spoke in English for the benefit of the mixed group that was present. Donatas Shatas spoke briefly in Lithuanian.

Susan Gudeczauskas, C-103 member, played several Lithuanian melodies on her accordion. Before long, many feet were tapping in tune with the music.

Gaja Valiuskis, a K of L scholarship recipient, read a poem appropriate for the occasion in Lithuanian.

Helen Denisewich

Mid-America District



Pictured at a dinner in the Chicago area are Council 112 members: Ill. State Senator Frank J. Savickas, H.M. Josephine Dausvardis, Consul General of Lithuania, and H.M. His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys. (Photo - Jonas Tamulaitis)



At a recent C-112 (Chicago) event, celebrated Dolores Wainauskis' receiving her BA. and wishes Michael Yuknis success on his new tour of duty with the United Nations in West Africa.



IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...



FRANK BASKIN
Member of C-36
Chicago, IL
Died in January 1983

CLEMENT PICARD
Member of C-145
Holyoke, MA
Died on February 2, 1983



23rd „MEMORIES of LITHUANIA” Banquet, Chicago. Honored guests: (1st row) Chr. John L. Paukstis, escorted by Scottie Zukas; Lith, Vice-Consul Mary Krauchunas, Frank Svelnis; Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Theresa Strolia (2nd row) D-G Post Cmdr. Stanley Walters, Aldona Gylys; Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, Julie Zakarka; D-G Aux. Pres.

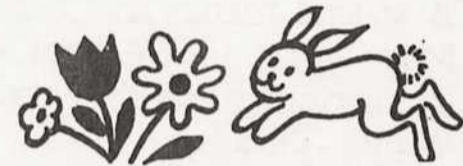
Bernice Graves, Al Zakarka (3rd row) Hon. Chr. David Mackiewich, Mary Juzenas; Ill. State Senator Frank Savičkas, Estelle Rogers; Algerd Brazis, Eleanor Kasputis (4th row) ALTAS V-P Dr. Vladas Simaitis, AnnMarie Kassel; MAMD Pres. Vince Samaska, Ruth Kazlauskas; Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Sabina Klatt.
Photos by Jonas Tamulaitis



Ill. State Senator Frank Savickas spoke during a recent C-112 (Chicago) business meeting. Pictured: Eleanor Kasputis, Council Pres. Paul Binkis Jr., Irene Sankus, Sen. Savickas, Estelle Rogers and Emilija Pakalniskis. (Photo - Gloria Lipowski)



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MID-CENTRAL
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C-96 members dancing the „Lenciugelis” in 1953. (Whew! 30 years ago?) Pat Alexander, Rita Vaitkus, Charlie Vanagas, Aldona Ryan and Cecelia Yankus



Woodcarving entitled „Atleisk Jiems” recently finished by George Mikalauskas C-96, Dayton, OH



MID-ATLANTIC
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C-12—Manhattan

During the new business part of our December meeting, Mary Yock announced that a very special lady needed our pennies. Seems that the

Statue of Liberty who lives just around the corner from Ausros Varfai parish needs a face lift. All were generous in helping this beloved mother of us all. Mary decorated us with yellow, green and red pins.

Speaking of generosity, John Antanavicius is the embodiment of that virtue. Once again he donated \$100 for lifetime membership. A lottery

was held and Connie Siatsis, our recording secretary, was the lucky winner. Alice Zupko is also not far behind in the generosity department. Since our coffee pot has seen better days, Alice bought us a new one. Thanks, Alice, from all the coffeeholics.

The sudden snow put a wet blanket on our Christmas party, but Chairlady Alice Zupko came through. All had to work twice as hard to make up for the no-shows. A special thanks to Connie Siatsis, Mary Yock, Julie Gomes, Catherine Yakavonis, Alma Karenko, Helen & Walter Yurkus. A medal for short distance running goes to Helen Matthews who had to improvise Christmas gifts the last minute and made a dash for home.

Now for more serious news, our first lady of the MAD Jean Janonis is asking everyone to pray for her mother Helen Dronskin who is ill.

Council 10 will host the MAD Leadership Seminar in May.

Finally, there is our national convention in Philly. We must tell you, Mieli Vyčiai, yours truly checked out this "Meiles Miestas" a few weeks ago while visiting friends. We can report that Philly will love us all. So, Vyčiai, you all come!

DALIA

C-63—Lehigh Valley

The yellow, green and red flag of Lithuania was flying in Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day on February 16. Council 63 sponsored flag-raising ceremonies in the three cities.

Members and friends of K of L assembled in Allentown for the flag-raising ceremony. Mayor Joseph Daddona read a proclamation in recognition of Lithuania's struggle against Soviet oppression. Miriam Scheetz chaired the committee. V. Plitnick, A. Sockel, E. Klova, R. Klova Eva Gillespie, Mr. & Mrs. Bentz, Mr. & Mrs. Sincavage and Mr. & Mrs. Philapavage attended.

A group of Bethlehem K of L's met with Mayor Paul Marcincin in



Mary Good, Elizabeth Carey and Violet Price raising the Lithuanian Flag in Easton - the first in the area.

front of City Hall. A Lithuanian flag was raised and flew all day. Mayor Marcincin read a proclamation noting the occasion — the 65th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence. Dr. Adolph Butkys and Leo Meshauk co-chaired the committee.

In Easton, council members met with Mayor Philip Mitman who proclaimed February 16 Lithuanian Independence Day. The Lithuanian flag was the first ethnic flag ever flown on Centre Square. Violet Price, Valeria Smickle, Petronella Lushis and Jake Zansitis served on this committee.

A Mass commemorating Lithuanian Independence was celebrated by the Rev. Benestad at St. Michael's Church, Easton, on February 21. John Lushis, Jr. was lector while John Lushis as Lay Minister. St. Michael's Choir under the direction of Benedict Aponavicius sang traditional Lithuanian hymns. Council officers presented the Lithuanian offertory gifts.

Luncheon followed at Cross Timber Inn, Easton. President Klizas served as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Benestad delivered the invocation and benediction.

President Klizas presented the following distinguished members of Council 63: Dr. Bronius Baskelis, Chairman, Department of Language, Lafayette College, Easton; Dr. Adolph Butkys, Professor of Marketing, Villanova University and his father, Chester (Ceslovas) Butkys, Supreme Court Judge in Lithuania from 1933-1940. He recently authored "Teisejo Atsiminimai — A Judge Remembers."

Elsie Kosmisky, Second Vice President Supreme Council, Clem Kosmisky and Helen Chesko, Chairman Supreme Council Ritual Committee were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Sockel.

Letters from Congressman Don Ritter and Congressman Gus Yatron were acknowledged.

We are very proud of our first year as a part of the Knights of Lithuania. Since our first meeting on February 21, 1982, at Holiday Inn East, we certainly got off on the right foot for we are now going strong. We now have 79 members. Due to the activities of the week of February 16, we have had requests for membership.

Our officers are Albert Klizas, president; Adolph Klova, vice president; Robert Klova, treasurer; Mary Sockel, secretary; Leo Meshauk,



C-74 flag-raising. James Noone, Ann Galenas, Chester Lasota, Marie Laske, Casimir Yanish, Rev. Michael Zipay and Barry Sickler, flag raiser.

financial secretary; Jacob Zansitis, John Lushis, Jr., trustees.

Chairpersons for standing committees are Anthony Sockel, membership; Dr. Adolph Butkys, Lithuanian affairs; Dr. Bronius Vaskelis, cultural; Blanche Plitnick, hostess.

C-74—Scranton

Council 74 held its annual Lithuanian Independence ceremony at Northeastern Bank Plaza, Central City Scranton on February 16. Mayor James McNulty issued a proclamation designating that day as Lithuanian Day.

The flag-raising ceremony marked the 65th anniversary of Lithuania's independence and the 732nd anniversary of the nation's founding. Father Michael Zipay, pastor of St. Michael Church, led the assembled group in praying for restoration of Lithuanian independence. Casimir Yanish, vice president, delivered the main address. Agnes Galinas, cultural chairman, led the group in singing the Lithuanian National Anthem.

James Noone, director of public safety, represented the Mayor. Lackawanna County Commissioner Chester Lasota also participated in the ceremony. Barry Sickler raised the Lithuanian flag.

Marie Laske, chairman, was assisted by Ann Galinas, Casimir Yanish, and Richard Laske.

Lithuanian flag pins were presented by Marie Laske to Sister Ann Therese, principal of St. Joseph School, for all the students. The flags were made by Ann Galenas.

Ruth Yanish

C-100—Amsterdam

Our January gathering began with a Lithuanian Mass held by our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Robert E. Baltch. The readings were by Polly Ziausys and President Radzevich. The offerings were brought by the President and his wife Ann. Gerard Drenzek assisted Father at the Altar.

Polly Ziausys read a most informative letter from Lithuania. Regina Kot read an article on Lithuanian last names from Lithuania.

Bernice Aviza reported on the Festival of Nations held in Albany in November. She was aided by K of L's Gerry Drenzek, Polly Ziausys and Ed & Genute Baranauskas. The Lazdyniai Dancers from Rochester performed. From the profit realized, Lithuanian books were presented to the Amsterdam Library. A donation of \$1,000 was sent to the Lithuanian Legation in Washington for badly needed renovation work. This amount was equally credited to St. George Altar-

Rosary Society of Albany, the Holy Cross Rosary Society of Schenectady and Council 100.

Alger Bagdonas reported on the Christmas party which proved successful and thanked the committee for a job well done.

The refreshment committee included John Whelly, Chairman, Jack Sweet, Willard Kensell, Tony Radzevich and Gerry Drenzek. The other gentlemen Knights gave monetary donations toward a most delicious spread which included wine and cheese.

Our deepest sympathies go out to our Spiritual Advisor Father Baltch his sister Dr. Aldona Baltch Gravrogkas, his brother Julius and his brother-in-law, George Gravrogkas in the loss of their beloved mother, Julia, on January 5.

At our February meeting in St. Casimir's Social Center, the Rev. Baltch presented some enlightening facts on religious life in Lithuania. He mentioned the recent arrest of the Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas by the communists and the naming of Latvian Julijans Vaivods as the first resident cardinal in the Soviet Union by Pope John Paul.

Following the business meeting, the room was dimmed and members of the refreshment committee brought out two lighted cakes honoring Father Baltch on his oncoming birthday, February 17. Birthday greetings were sung by the committee with words especially written by Frances DiBart. "This Is your Life," in a humorous Lithuanian poetical verse, was written and read by Polly Ziausys.

The committee for this special occasion included Frances DiBart, Polly Ziausys, Annacetta Guzielek, Helen Dylong, Helen Hugo, Josephine Redding, Mildred Whelly and Ann Radzevich.

The 65th anniversary of Lithuania's independence was observed on Saturday, February 12, with a special Mass at St. Casimir Church with the Rev. Robert K. Baltch as the celebrant and homilist. The offertory procession included

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Gerard Drenzek, Polly Ziausys, Regina Kot, Izolina Gylys, Maryte Vizgaitis and Genevieve Gobis, each of whom explained the significance of the gift presented. The first reading was read by Mayor Mario Villa and the second by Mrs. Vizgaitis of Syracuse.

Lithuanian and English hymns were sung by St. Casimir Choir with John Nye at the organ. Mrs. Roberta Cuozzo was the soloist.

A dinner and program followed in the Social Center. Guests in attendance were from Albany, Schnecktady, Scotia, Syracuse and Menands. The program opened with the presentation of the colors by Edward Ziausys, Gerard Drenzek, Polly Ziausys and Regina Kot. Singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the Lithuanian Anthem followed. The invocation was given by Father Baltch. President Radzevich welcomed members and guests. Toastmaster was Michael Mikolaitis, Junior President of the K of L.

Mayor Mario Vailla extended greetings and was happy to participate with his wife in commemorating this occasion. Proclamations by Mayor Villa and Governor Mario Cuomo were read by Miss Gobis. Toastmaster Mikolaitis read the English translation of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence.

A letter from Congressman Samuel S. Stratton expressed his regrets. He stated, "I can assure you Lithuania and other captive nations are very much on my mind, particularly in my role as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee which has first-hand knowledge of the Soviet

Union's military capabilities. Certainly everyone in attendance this evening knows better than most Americans what ruthless tactics the Soviets use to promote their goal of worldwide hegemony. As always, I intend to play an active role in commemorating the anniversary of Lithuania's independence on February 16.

SMILE AND SPARKLE

C-144—Anthracite Council

Despite the blizzard that preceded our Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration, our day was very special and successful. Šimta ačiu to John Balesky, Marge Yezulinas and their committee.

We are especially grateful to Sister Angele CJC, the Frackville Junior Knights and the Zarija Choir for their entertainment.

It was indeed an honor to welcome our special guest speaker, Luitas Grinius of Washinton, DC, son of the third president of Lithuania. He said, "I like to think that it means partaking of a thousand year cultural heritage, of continuing an 800 year history of statehood, of sharing sorrows and movements for emancipation as your own. The ability to share this rich heritage is what makes membership in our nationality so worthwhile."

He spoke of the past and present situations in Lithuania. He said that this day of independence is celebrated by Lithuanians throughout the world as a political anniversary of national statehood and national solidarity. It is an all

unifying day because the sons and daughters of Lithuania unite in one and only aspiration — freedom for Lithuania. It is also observed to remind American political leaders that Lithuania is still occupied, urging members of Congress and other officials to pass resolutions to inform people of the plight of Lithuania.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Grinius said, "Let us renew our convictions and pride of being Lithuanians — as members of the oldest nation and language of Europe by reaffirming the creed:

"I believe in the immortality of my nation. I believe in the eternal love of one Lithuanian toward another. I believe in every Lithuanian's desire to help his or her suffering nation, not just on February 16, but by individual and organized ways, every day. So help me, God, to remember this sacred day."

Our heartfelt thanks Mr. Grinius for sharing these thoughts with us. Our thanks to Dr. William Gudelunas, professor at Penn State University, who spoke briefly on the history of Lithuania; to Representative Edward Lucyk for the proclamation from the House Representatives; to Commissioner Al Matunis for the proclamation from Schuylkill County Commissioners and for having our flag flown over the Schuylkill County Court House and to Donald Dillman, President of Frackville Borough Council, and Mayor Tomko for their proclamation.

All who attended the beautiful Mass and the program left with a heart full of love and prayers for Lithuania.

Ona