



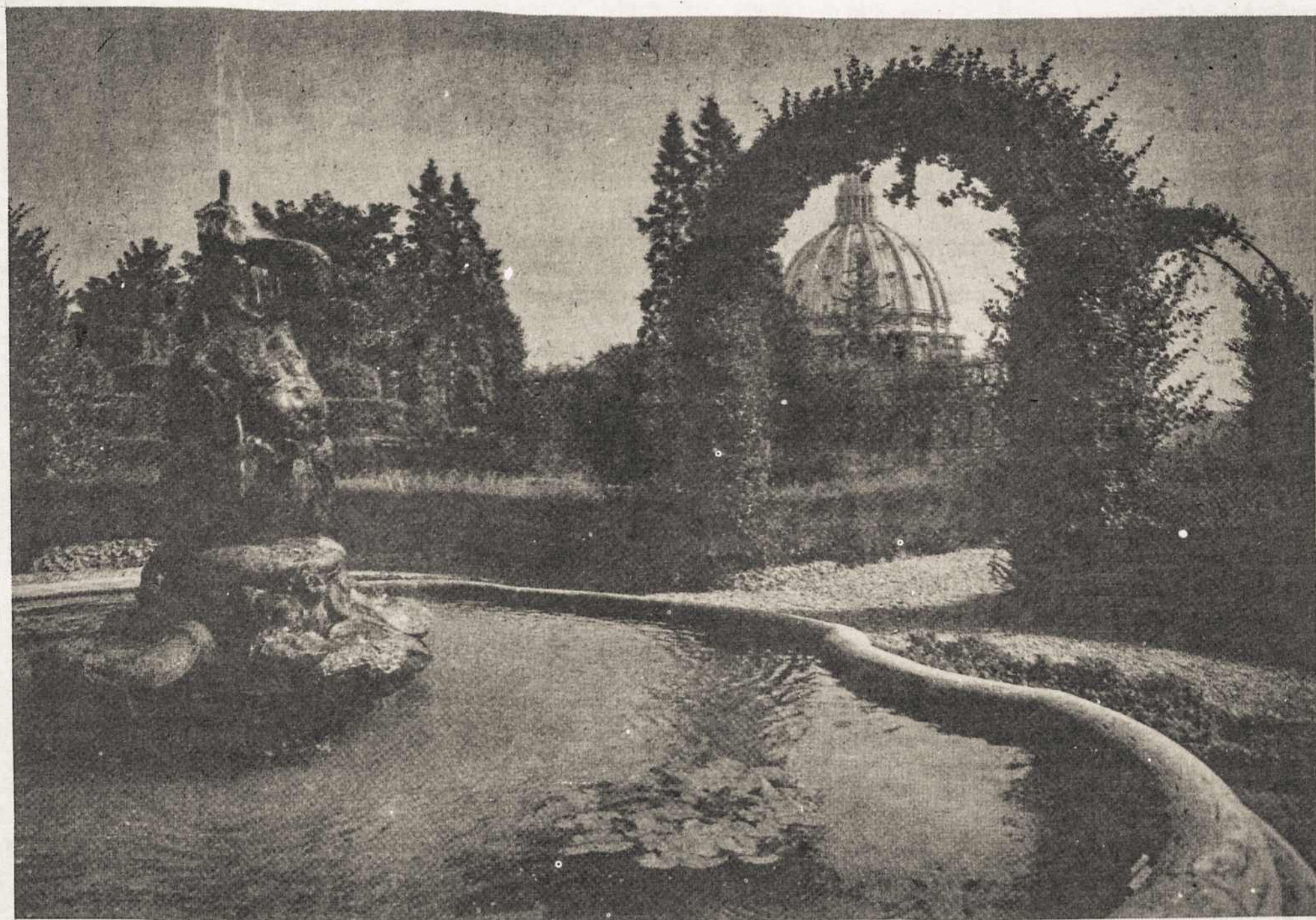
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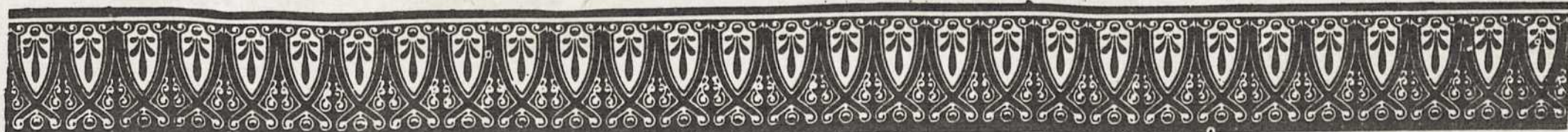
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## Devotion to Mary

Three years ago on October 7, 1979, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, when Pope John Paul II was in the United States celebrating Mass in Washington, D.C., Anthony Felicissimo of Madisonville Township in Moscow, Pennsylvania, experienced the fulfillment of a cherished goal, the beginning of a Diocesan Family Rosary Devotion at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. In spite of the world climate of crime, drugs, and pornography, it was evident that devotion to the Mother of Jesus still draws many to the saving power of God.

Anthony Felicissimo, then a teenage student of Pocono High School, often prayed that the people of the Scranton Diocese would join the thousands around the world who participated in the global rosary marches every first Sunday in May and October. Having read about these marches in a flyer received from Syracuse, New York, he spoke of them to his widowed mother who advised him to seek advice and direction from a friend, of the family, Sister Virginia Vytell of St. Mary's Villa.

Permission to begin a program of diocesan involvement was granted by the then auxiliary bishop of Scranton, the Most Rev. James C. Timlin, who advised him to contact the pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral, Msgr. Joseph P. Gilgallon.

The granted permission and the "go ahead" signal opened the door for a great possibility but much work and effort requiring perseverance and patience still lay ahead. Many time consuming telephone calls and a variety of responses both positive and negative, could not discourage a worthy resolve. A tentative program which proved satisfactory was planned, but neither Anthony Felicissimo nor Sister Virginia realized at the time that the response of the people of the Scranton Diocese would exceed their fondest expectations!

Mrs. Susan Lesnefsky financed the printing of the first program

sheets and contacted key persons, among them Mrs. Evelyn Sailus, the custodian of the Diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue, who, with the assistance of her husband George Sailus, eventually became the leading figure for the evolving Diocesan Family Rosary Devotions.

The feast of the Most Holy Rosary fell on the first Sunday of October, the day chosen for the introduction to the Services. People of a variety of ethnic backgrounds came to pray at the Cathedral. Among them were many Lithuanians living in Scranton, especially the Knights of Lithuania who came dressed in national costume.

Convinced of its importance as a tremendous opening for continuing the Family Rosary Devotion in Scranton, Mary Ann Bucklaw approached Msgr. Joseph P. Gilgallon, pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral, who became a staunch supporter. In August of 1980 the first Rosary March was organized with Bishop J.C. Timlin and the Knights of Columbus participating. The procession was a public demonstration of the people's love and devotion to the Mother of Jesus.

Begun in 1979 by Anthony Felicissimo who is presently a novice in the Order of the Franciscan Conventual Friars, the Diocesan Family Rosary Services continue at the Cathedral in Scranton on the first Sunday of every month under the leadership of Evelyn and George Sailus of Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

Through the joint efforts and prayerful cooperation of the members of Council 74, the Knights of Lithuania had the privilege of hosting the 37th consecutive Diocesan Family Rosary Service on October 3, 1982. Casimir Yanish, Vice-President of the Knights, was moderator for the occasion. He was assisted by Helen Cravath, secretary, who read each glorious mystery and introduced the groups who led the rosary prayers.

The junior Lithuanian folkdance group, "Saules Spinduliai", dressed in national costume marched in procession to crown the Pilgrim Statue.

Supplied by Marie Laske each carried a spray of rue which they placed in a vase at the shrine. "Sveika Marija, Motina Dievo", sung by the many Lithuanians present for the services, was led by Helen Moran, organist for the occasion.

Rev. Michael Ozalas, of St. Joseph's Lithuanian Parish in North Scranton, as host pastor, presented the homily. Besides offering prayers for the enslaved Lithuanians many of the faithful heard for the first time about the Blessed Virgin Mary's apparition in 1608 at Siluva, Lithuania. It was a time of crisis when Calvinist promoters brought division in the Church.

Today, with the threat of atheism seeking to annihilate all belief in a Supreme Being, the people of Lithuania turn to the Mother of Jesus for strength and perseverance in spite of persecution and harassment. Lithuania has been known as "Mary's Land" since the people's acceptance of Christianity. Their love for and trust in their "Lady of Siluva" brings them solace and comfort.

It is noteworthy that the initiators and promoters of the Diocesan Family Rosary Services in Scranton are somehow associated with the Lithuanian nation. Anthony Felicissimo's mother is of Lithuanian-Irish descent, his father (now deceased) was Italian. Sister Virginia's both parents were Lithuanian. Evelyn Sailus is Slovak but her husband, George Sailus, is Lithuanian.

Of all the European nations the Mother of Jesus came first to Lithuania, in the Village of the Pines, to Siluva. Does this predilection of Our Lady for the peace-loving nation of Lithuania, somehow bring with it a message foreshadowing their cooperation with her request "to pray the rosary for the conversion of sinners?"

Be as it may, the world is in need of many prayers, and may all the nations of the world, all men, women, and children, go to Jesus through Mary that peace and love conquer every heart.

Sister Virginia Vytell, C.J.C.



## ATGAIVINKIME LIETUVĄ ŠV. KAZIMIERO DORYBĖMIS

(Pamokslas Jo Ekscelecijos Antano L. Deksnio, Vakarų Europos lietuvių vyskupo, pasakyta Šv. Kazimiero šventėje kovo 6 d., 1983, per Vatikano radio ir kuris buvo transliuojamas tiesiog į Lietuvą.)

### VYSKUPAS DEKSNYS:

Mylimieji Vatikano radijo klausytojai, Švento Luko evangelijoje girdėjome galilėjiečių nusiskundimą, kad nekalti žmonės kartu nukentėjo su nusikaltėliais. Ta proga Jėzus pasakė palyginimą apie figos medį, kuris augo dirvoje, bet nenešė vaisių.

— „Nukirsk jį, kam dar žemę alina!“ — įsakė šeimininkas sodininkui.

Labai gili mintis slepiasi šiame palyginime. Ji atidengia ir paaiškina perspėjimus Kristaus tartus galilėjiečiams:

„Bet jei neatsiversite, visi taip pat žūssite.“

Žmogaus atsivertimas tai nėra degradacija ar savęs pažeminimas. Priešingai, to jo pakilimas atsiverti tiesai, pamilti kas gera ir kilnu. Žemiškame gyvenime ieškojimas dvasinio, ko nors nenykstančio — dieviško. Žmogus neatsivėręs tiesai, mintęs melu, apgaule ir skęstas nuodėmėje yra dvasiniai miręs ir dažnai jau fiziniai liguistas.

Bet ir visuomenė, tauta ir valstybė tampa auka fizinių ir dvasinių nelaimių ir eina į pražūtį, jei dauguma jos gyventojų paniekina tiesą ir dorą, neatsiverčia, nesugrįžta prie teisingumo ir pasiaukojimo kilnesniam gyvenimui.

Liūnda ir skaudu girdėti, kad „dvasinio genocido“ studijos autorius yra kalinamas už ieškojimo tiesos, kai tuo pat metu rašytojas kuris įrodinėja, kad melas nėra nusikaltimas, jei jis yra naudingas ir patinka melagiui, naudojasi dabar visomis privilegijomis.

Kai valstybėje melo ir apgaulės ponai sėdasi į vadovų sostus, tada tiesa ir teisingumas yra mindžiojami po kojų, kai negerovių iškėlimas viešumon yra palaikomas prieštarybiniu, kai už drąsiai skelbiamą tiesą žmonės kalinami ir žudomi, tada tauriesiems lietuviams belieka tik slaptai tautos vardu skūstis šiais žodžiais:

„Patys svaiginamės ir nebenorime girdėti, kad tampame girtuoklių, bedievių, paleistuvių, iškrypėlių, kriminalinių nusikaltėlių tauta.“

Moralinių vertybių praradimas pražudė imperijas, dar greičiau sunaikins pavergtas tautas, varginimas pūvančias materialistinės dorovės.

Išgirskime dar šiandien Kristaus perspėjimą:

„Sakau jums, bet jei neatsiversite, visi taip pat pražūssite.“

Lietuvai šiandien reikalinga tiesakalbių mokslininkų, tiesą mylinčių rašytojų ir teisėjų, o labiausiai šventumo herojų. Laiminga tauta, kuri išaugina tokių herojų! Lietuva jų turi šiandien ir ji turėjo tokių praeityje.

Vieno jų, sekančiais metais mes minėsime penkių šimtų mirties jubiliejų.

Jis mirė Lietuvoje, bet nemirė tautoje!

Kas šiandien žino, kad Kazimieras turėjo brolių (Fredrichą), kuris tapo kardinolu? Kad kiti broliai paveldėjo kaimynų: Čekijos, Lenkijos, ir Vengrijos sostus, o seserys ištekėjo už kunigaikščių, išaugusios Europai karališkų sostų paveldėtojų?

Mirė jie, mirė jų dinastijos... baigėsi jų garbė. Minimui jie beliko tik istorinių knygų puslapiuose.

Tik vienas gediminaitis iškilo virš kunigaikščių ir karališčių.

Jis įkopė į savo dorybių sostą ne teisimo paveldėjimo dėka, bet savo asmens taurumu. Jo šventumo garsas sklido tuoj po jo mirties. Nes mirtis nesunaikino ir nepašalino jo nuo dorybių sosto.

Ar Lietuva, kurios šventuoju

globėju jis yra, švęs tą jubiliejų viešai su visomis kultūringam kraštui tinkamomis iškilmėmis?

Lietuvos vyskupai savo ganytojiniuose laiškuose kviečia tikinčiuosius, kviečia tautą pasirengti tinkamai švęsti Šv. Kazimiero jubiliejų. Tarp kitų, minimų tikslų, Lietuvos žmonės raginami „jo asmenybės bruožus įkurdinti šiandienybėje.“ Kitaip sakant — atgaivinti ir sugyvinti mumyse ir visoje tautoje jo praktikuotas dorybes.

Kad šį vyskupų kvietimą į tikinčiuosius „atsiverskite“ — nustelbti, Lietuvos istorijos klastotojai jau išlindo viešumon ir valstybės pinigų parama pradėjo leisti raštus Lietuvos patrono šventumo nuvertinimui.

O, vargas tai tautai, kuri priaugino maskolinių ateistų! Vieni jų išniekino istorinę Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčią, suprofonavo sostinės katedrą, o šieji bando Kazimierui atimti ir jo šventumo vainikus.

„O, Dieve, atėjo pagonys į tavo tėvonystę, išniekino tavo šventyklą.“ (Ps 78,1) — Taip skundžiasi Viešpačiui septyniasdešimts-aštuntosios psalmės autorius, aprašydamas liūdną likimą Jeruzalės šventyklos, kuri tautai buvo pasididžiavimas ir tautos ištikimybės Dievui regimas simbolis.

Ar sugrįš Šv. Kazimieras jubiliejiniais metais į savo šventovę?

Kiekvienas užsienietis, lietuvis ar svetimtautis, tikintis ar netikintis, apsilankęs Lietuvos sostinėje pamato savo akimis tą šventvagystę ir pasipiktinęs, klausia:

„Nejaugi neatsiranda visoje Lietuvoje humaniškai nusiteikusių ateistų, kurie dar praktikuotų sąžinės laisvę? Kodėl tad jie leidžia savo draugams saivaliauti tikinčiųjų šventovėse?“

Smerkiami ir persekiojami tikintys lietuviai savo krašte valdovų ir jų teismų, šaukiasi teisingojo Dievo teismo ir laisvės pasaulio spaudos.

Jie maldauja, ir tų ateistų, kurie patys gal yra nekalti, kad jų tėvai,



## REV. STANISLAUS RAILA, PRIEST 50 YEARS, 1933-1983

Father STANISLAUS RAILA was born, educated and elevated to the Priesthood in his beloved Lithuania. He was ordained with 43 other deacons by the Most Rev. Joseph Skvireckas, Archbishop of Kaunas, Lithuania, in St. Peter and Paul Cathedral on April 1, 1933.

He was appointed as associate pastor in Vilkija and taught in the local schools from 1933 to 1935. Then he continued post graduate studies at the University of Kaunas, received a degree of "LICENTIA IN SACRA THEOLOGIA" and completed studies for a Doctor's degree of Theology. He continued teaching in high school and college and was Spiritual Director of Lithuanian Catholic Organizations "PAVASARIS", "ATEITIS" and "ANGELAIČIAI".

He contributed extensively to the Catholic Press and published 4 books, "MUNSTRANCIJOS SPINDULIUOS" (RAYS OF THE MONSTRANCE) a manual of liturgy and moral life, "ŽODIS VAIKAMS" (A WORD TO THE CHILDREN) short sermonettes, "LAIMINGOJI DIENA" (MY HAPPIEST DAY), and "PAMOKSLAI" (SERMONS).

July 21, 1939, at the time of the 1939 WORLD'S FAIR in NEW YORK, he came to the United States of America to study Catholic Action and visit relatives. His return to his native land was prevented by the outbreak of WORLD WAR II. Cardinal DENNIS DOUGHERTY of PHILADELPHIA helped him obtain a permanent visa and ap-



pointed him to work with the people in the Lithuanian parishes, a total of 44 years.

From 1939 to 1960 he was Associate Pastor in the Archdiocese of PHILADELPHIA, PA.

From 1948 to 1954 he sponsored and helped hundreds of Displaced Persons from Lithuania to be relocated in America.

In 1960 the Most Rev. BISHOP BRYAN McENTTEGART granted him permission and faculties for the DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN, N.Y. and accepted him as EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AID INC. BROOKLYN, N.Y. In this charitable organization he worked with AUX. BISHOP VINCENT BRIZGYS and other priests, providing assistance for the people, clergy and nuns in the PERSECUTED CHURCH IN LITHUANIA.

In 1973 BISHOP FRANCIS MUGAVERO appointed him pro tem assistant in ANNUNCIATION CHURCH BROOKLYN, N.Y.

On JULY 15, 1978 he became the ASSOCIATE PASTOR TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH MASPETH, N.Y.

On JAN. 1, 1939, he retired at the age of 71, and is presently assisting in TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH MASPETH, N.Y.

FATHER RAILA is active with the Knights of Lithuania, a nationwide Lithuanian Organization for "God and Country", and continues to contribute many articles to the Lithuanian Catholic newspapers and periodicals. For seven years he has been an outstanding speaker for the Lithuanian radio programs religious themes. REV. MONSIGNOR FRANK BULOVAS PASTOR OF TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH and the UNITED SOCIETIES of the Parish sponsored a Golden Jubilee celebration for FATHER RAILA on SUNDAY APRIL 10, 1983. A Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving was held at 10:30 AM at the CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, MASPETH, N.Y.

REV. MONSIGNOR VYTAUTAS BALČIUNAS, classmate of FATHER RAILA, was the homilist. After the Liturgy there was a special program and dinner at LE CORDON BLEU HALL WOODHAVEN, N.Y.

FATHER RAILA said "I am very grateful to God, the Bishops, Priests and people who helped me through the years, especially to the Diocese of Brooklyn, the MOST REV. FRANCIS J. MUGAVERO, BISHOP OF BROOKLYN, N.Y., REV. MSGR. FRANK BULOVAS and parishioners and all friends. I will remember all in my Masses and daily prayers."

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padarydami šventvagystę, nusikalto Dievui ir tautai. Bet kodėl jie šiandien tyli? Neatitaisydami tėvų padarytos skriaudos — patys prisideda prie tėvų nusikaltimo.

„Viešpats pasaulyje vykdo teisybę, gina visus prispaustusius.“ (Pš 102-6).

Išgirk, tad, Viešpatie, mūsų ir Lietuvos tikinčiųjų balsą:

„Palik šį medį, šią tavo mylinčią

tautą apsivalymui . . .“

Rasi ir dar duos vaisių Šv. Kazimiero jubiliejiniais metais.  
AMEN!

(Atsiuntė stačiai iš Romos žurn. Stasys Pieža)



## THE DEDICATION TO JUSTICE: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Justice & Peace Commission, concerned with drawing attention and action through Christian conscience to the signs of injustice in our world, wishes to comment on one of the most tragic signs of oppression in our time: the attack upon religious liberty in the Soviet Union. Since the installation of the Soviet government to power at the beginning of this century, the practice of religion, including Roman Catholicism, has been difficult, dangerous and systematically repressed.

As a symbol of this continuing oppression, resistance against which continues as well, the Baltic nation of Lithuania serves as an important witness to the struggle for basic human rights. Forcibly incorporated into the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which differs it from nations such as Poland which are treated as satellites Lithuania's approximately 2 million Catholics are under constant assault.

Freedom of religion is universally recognized as a basic human right. From civil constitutions to the documents of Vatican II to the Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations, religious liberty has consistently been acknowledged as integral to the development of the human person. Systematic denial of this basic human right strikes directly at the ideals of human freedom and is among the gravest evils a government can inflict upon its people. Denial of religious liberty is an attack upon the dignity of the human person, which is at the center of our Christian beliefs.

Lithuania suffers this religious persecution. A strong state of its own centuries ago, once known as the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, it variously came under the political influences of Poland and later of the Russian Empire. It was granted a brief period of Independence following World War I. Yet during World War II, when liberation and self-determination for Lithuania might have been a possibility, it was instead required by Stalin to solidify its connection with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics along with the other Baltic States of Latvia and Estonia. This was a situation that has never been recognized by the United States.

Lithuania accepted the Roman Catholic faith in the 14th Century, most notably through a pact between grand duke Jogaila and the Union of Krewo. Now, under Soviet rule, all formal religious orders and communities of priests, brothers and nuns are banned. Lithuania's Catholic population constitutes about 67% of the country, compared to 87% in the 1940s. Worship is severely restricted. Catholics who practice openly risk the denial of economic and civil opportunities. Arrests are

routinely made of those who publish underground Catholic literature. Seminary students are screened by the State. Over the objections of the Lithuanian Catholic community, one of the main churches, Queen of Peace, Church in Klaipėda, built by the Lithuanians in 1960 with the initial approval of the government, has been forbidden for use in worship since its completion and is now converted into a concert hall. Continual petitions and objections are to no avail. Petty and large-scale harassment of Catholicism throughout this country, and elsewhere in the Soviet Union, has hardly abated.

The Justice & Peace Commission deplors these conditions of religious persecution in this nation suffering religious oppression. Vatican II, in its *Declaration on Religious Freedom*, declared:

It is in accordance with their dignity as persons — that is, being endowed with reason and free will and therefore privileged to bear personal responsibility — that all men should be at once impelled by nature and also bound by a moral obligation to seek the truth, especially religious truth. \* \* \*

However, men cannot discharge these obligations in a manner in keeping with their own nature unless they enjoy immunity from external coercion as well as psychological freedom. Therefore, the right to religious freedom has its foundation, not in the subjective disposition of the person, but in his very nature.

Vatican II notes that this right to religious freedom is "to be recognized in the constitutional law" of a society and "is to become a civil right." The Second General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 1971 reaffirmed the Church's insistence on religious freedom for all peoples, and for the release of the human person from all forms of oppression:

In many areas justice is seriously injured with regard to people who are suffering persecution for their faith, or who are in many ways being ceaselessly subjected by political parties and public authorities to an action of liberty either by being kept from honouring God in public worship, or by being prevented from publicly teaching and reading their faith, or by being prohibited from conducting their temporal affairs according to the principles of their religion.

Pope John-Paul II, in his World Day of Peace message for 1983, called upon us for a dialogue for peace on all levels: international, national, among communities and families, and personally. This dialogue for peace is part of the quest for justice, part of the process of human liberation which is the Gospel message to us in our time.

The Justice & Peace Commission, noting Lithuania as one symbol of the denial of religious freedom, asks for special intentions, prayer and recognition of the need for religious liberty in the world. A special time for these



intentions would be February 16 (Lithuanian Independence Day in 1916) to March 4 (feast of St. Casimir, Patron Saint of Lithuania). We ask for a special remembrance on June 16, when in 1941 Stalin deported thousands of Lithuanians to exile, mainly to Siberia. We also ask for a recognition of the resistance to religious oppression occurring in Lithuania, such as the **Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania**, an underground publication produced under pain of arrest and imprisonment, and extensively detailing the abuse of human rights in that country. May this recognition of the need for religious liberty bring us to a greater understanding of the need for peace and for justice in Lithuania and around the world.

Further information on Lithuania can be obtained by contacting:

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We urge those interested in further details on the Lithuanian situation to contact this office. May peace and justice reign in our hearts and in our lives.



**PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE IN LITHUANIA OR IN EXILE AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

**Prayer for Lithuania**

O God, look at Lithuania, traveling a painful Way of the Cross today.

May her tragic situation bring her not destruction, but resurrection.

May the clouds of our shortcomings be pierced, heavenly Father, by our voice of repentance, for serious offenses have burdened that nation like chains.

Many of her children no longer know you, God, nor do they see their eternal destiny.

May this chalice of suffering be taken as soon as possible from that nation's lips.

Hear, O Lord, the voices of your suffering children, and help them patiently and perseveringly to carry the burden of oppression which beclouds the sun for them and breaks their heart.

This we ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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- 7 MAD WORKSHOP at Our Lady of Vilna Church in New York City
- 8 MOTHER'S DAY
- 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
- 27-29 WORLD A'FAIR at Convention Center in Dayton, Ohio

**JUNE**

- 5 MAD MINI CONVENTION hosted by C-110 at Transfiguration Church in Maspeth, N.Y.

**AUGUST**

- 14 69th ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY at Lakewood Park in Barnesville, PA hosted by C-144
- 18-21 NATIONAL CONVENTION Hosted by C-3 in Philadelphia, PA

**OCTOBER**

- 2 LITHUANIAN FESTIVAL in New Haven, CT by C-50
- 8 68th ANNUAL DINNER and DANCE at Holy Trinity Hall hosted by C-29, Newark, N.J.

**In Memoriam**

KUNIGAS STASYS YLA  
 Putnam, CT.  
 Died On March 24, 1983

MARY BURDETT  
 Member of C-143  
 Pittston, PA  
 Died on January 15, 1983



## Cultural Corner

### TIME

**ANNA KLIZAS WARGO**  
Cultural Chairman

As far back as can be determined from folk customs of Lithuania which have survived, the seasons of the year corresponded to the cycle of work on the land and the changes of nature. The years were divided into the basic seasons of winter and summer, spring and autumn. The important tasks of the farmer were the focal point of the seasons; the fields were ploughed, the seed was sown, the harvest reaped, the wheat was threshed, the household awaited winter.

The Lithuanians reckoned the passing years by winters, not summers. For instance, it was said, "He was sick for three winters. The farmers year would begin with field work when the land had thawed and would end in late autumn when the land again froze and work was again centered around the house.

With the advent of Christianity (1387), the farm work began to be divided by Feast Days. The Feast of St. George (April 27) marked the beginning of field tasks; reaping began on the feast of St. John (June 24), and the feast of St. Bartholomew (August 24) was the start of the rye sowing season. The major Christian Feasts of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost and other popular feast days such as SS Peter and Paul (June 29) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15). All Saints Day also broke the year into characteristic divisions. If one needed to be more exact about a date, one would place it so many days before or after the feast day.

The Lithuanians learned of the Roman Calendar and of the Christian Holidays from their neighbors. Their initial contact with calendar time was during the 11th century, in

their wars with the Teutonic Order and later when ties were knit with Poland (1385), and finally with the acceptance of Christianity in 1387.

The current names of the months became definitive at the beginning of the 20th century. The Lithuanian month names are related to plants, animals, manifestations of nature, and seasonal labor.

Sausis — "the dry month" — January  
Vasaris — "The summery month" — February

Kovas — "the jackdaw month" — March

Balandis — "the dove month" — April

Gegužė — "the cuckoo month" — May

Birželis — "the birch tree month" — June

Liepa — "the linden blossom month" — July

Rugpiūtis — "the rye harvest month" — August

Rugsėjis — "the rye sowing month" — September

Spalis — "the flax sheaving month" — October

Lapkritis — "the falling leaf month" — November

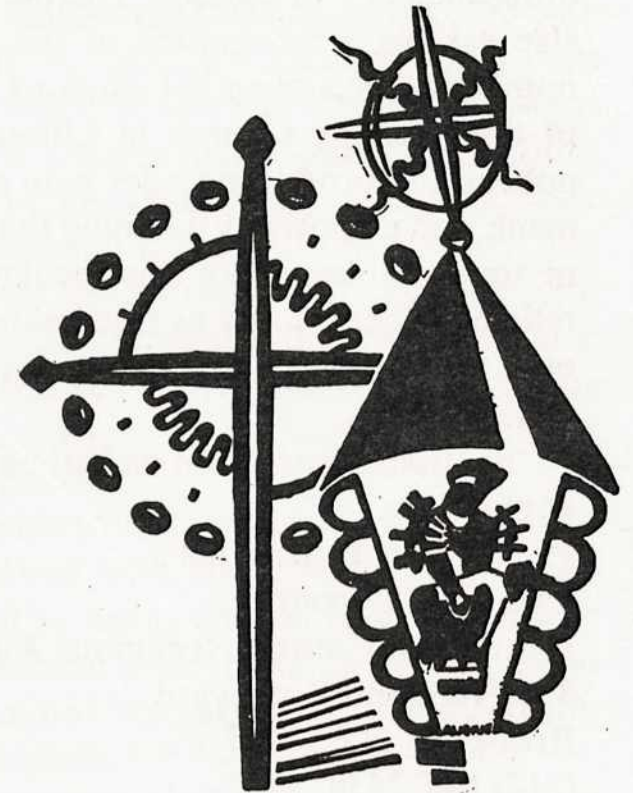
Gruodis — "the frozen clod month" — December.

Even when he uttered the name of the month, the Lithuanian farmer traditionally measured time by a certain manifestation of nature, for example, "the cooing of doves" (April), "the crying of cuckoos" (May), etc. These names can be regarded as remnants of the so-called season names. Both the dove and the cuckoo are important themes in Lithuanian folklore and their appearance in the list of the month names can be explained by the fact that the peculiar sounds made by these birds were welcome signs of the end of the long winter and the start of the planting season.

Time to the Lithuanian was related, as was most every other aspect of his life, to nature.

Reference: Encyclopedia Lituanica

1983



## HOLY YEAR OF REDEMPTION

The 1983 HOLY YEAR OF REDEMPTION began on March 25th when our Holy Father took a silver hammer in his hand and struck the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica three times. This has been the tradition for hundreds of years.

The first Holy Year was 1300. There have been 27 since then. All previous Holy Years centered on pilgrimages to Rome. The 1983 Holy Year will have local pilgrimages and celebrations.

Pope John Paul II is asking the world's 784 million Catholics "to rediscover in their daily lives all the riches of salvation."

He also announced that it is possible to gain a plenary indulgence for participation in local celebrations and pilgrimages.

It is expected that 18 million Catholics will visit Rome this year — 6 million more than usual per year.

The Holy Year will end on Easter Sunday, 1984.

— Aldona Ryan



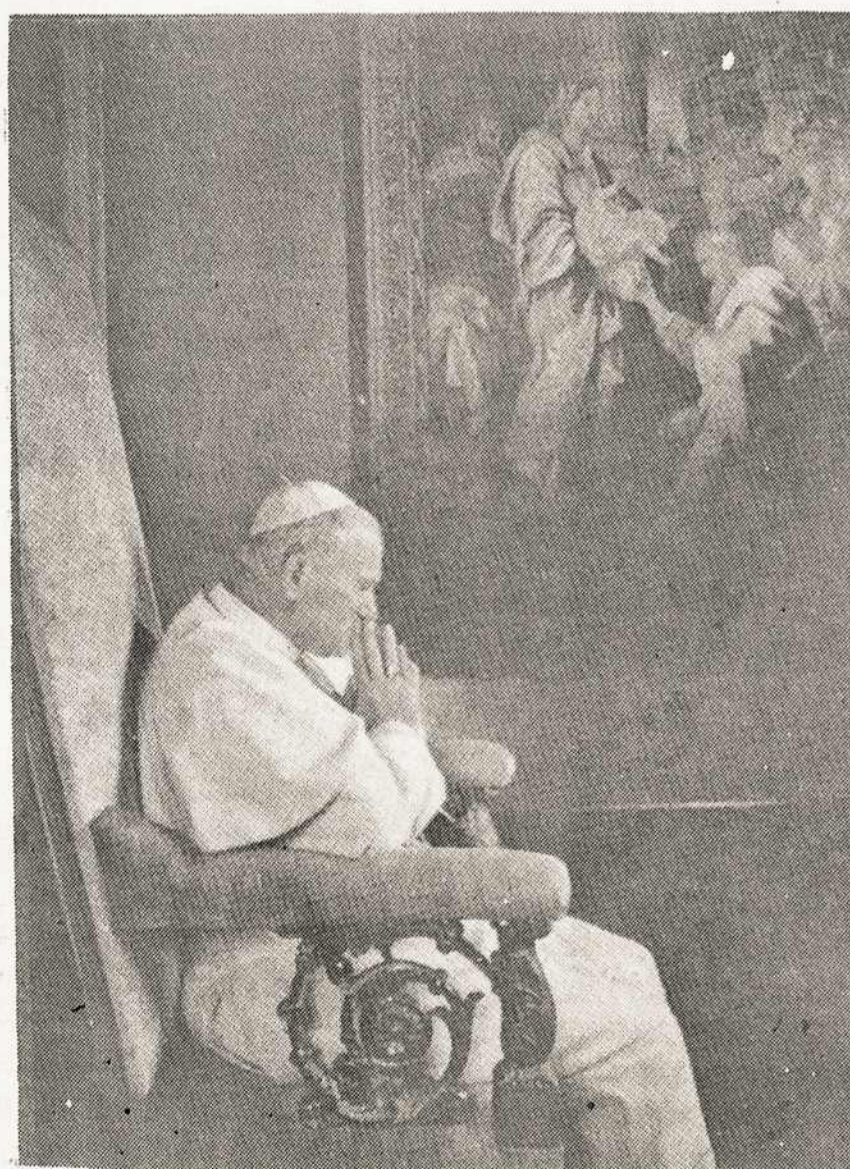
**Lithuanian Holy Year Pilgrimage  
To Rome  
St. Casimir 500 Jubilee  
February 26-March 4, 1984.....\$865.00**

**Trip Price Includes:**

- \* Round trip air transportation New York-Rome (chartered plane)
- \* Round trip bus transportation airport-hotel in Rome
- \* First class hotel 7 nights
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- \* Services of English speaking and Lithuanian speaking tour escort & guide
- \* Audience with the Holy Father
- \* Holy Year Special: Planned visit of the 4 major basilicas to gain the Holy Year Plenary Indulgences
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- \* Additional information after reservation received



*Šv. Kazimieras, V. Stančikaitės paveikslas*



**TOUR COST:** \$865 per person double occupancy — Single supplement \$130. Price is based on rates in effect March 1, 1983 and are subject to change without notice.

**RESERVATIONS:** \$100 per person will reserve reservation. Balance can be made monthly with full payment 90 days prior to departure.

Make checks payable to: Rev. Al Bartkus, 7 So. Broad Mt. Ave., Frackville, PA 17931, Phone: 717-874-0842 or Romas Kezys, Vytis International Travel Service, 2129 Knapp Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229, Phone: 212-769-3300.

This trip is sponsored by the Supreme Committee of St. Casimir 500 Years Jubilee

**Deposit and payment form (Please print)**

Enclosed find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$100 minimum) as my deposit.

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# LANGUAGE LORE

## Lithuanian Last Names

Algirdas Budreckis

In August 1982, the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs (NCUEA) in Washington published figures on responses to its "Opinion Search". One of the questions dealing with "foreign-sounding" names received the following responses: A. A person with such a name should change it to an American-sounding one; he or she is living in America now, -- 0%; B. Names are a means of identity; a person should not feel embarrassed if he or she keeps or changes his name -- 30%; C. A person should have pride in his or her name, for it is inherited as a birthright. If people have trouble in pronouncing or spelling the name, the person should take care to explain it to them. -- 65%; D. Other. -- 5%.

Sixty to seventy years ago, due to excessive nativism and the Melting Pot doctrine's popularity, immigrants were taught to accept Option A. As a result many fine and sonorous Lithuanian surnames were distorted or abandoned.

Lithuanian surnames (pavardės) fall into the following categories: (1) surnames based on pagan first names or patronymics, (2) surnames based on nicknames, (3) surnames based on occupations or status, (4) surnames based on Christian first names, and lastly, Slavicized and then re-Lithuanianized forms of the first four categories.

1. Pagan names as surnames are most prevalent among the western lowlanders (zemaiciai) and former nobles and lesser gentry: Gostautas, Skirmantas, Radvila, Daumantas, Kesgaila, Eidimtas, Eimutis, Erdvilas, Gelgaudas, Gedgaudas, Daukantas, Mindaugis, etc. Patronymic surnames are last names based on an ancestor's name: Gediminaitis, Jogilaitis, Radvilaitis, Gintautaitis, etc.

2. Nicknames characterized a person's physical appearance, coloration or habits, thus: Maziulis (Little one), Raudonis (Red), Rudis (Red or Rusty), Kuprys (Hunchbacked), Platakis (Wide-eye), Variakojis (Copper-leg), Lygnugaris (Straight-back), Mėlynis

(Blue), Oškutis (Billy Goat), Lokys (Bear), Degutis (Tar), Šernas (Boar), Gaidys (Rooster), Karosas (Crucian fish), Žiogas (Grasshopper).

3. Often last names showed one's original occupation, status or origins: Kubilius (Copper), Dailide (Carpenter) Miškinis (Forest-dweller), Gričius (cottager), Kalvis or Kalvaitis (Smith), Šaulys (marksman) Karalius (King, but more often kingsman), Švedas (Swede), Čekas (Czech) Lenkaitis (son of a Pole), Vengraitis (son of a Hungarian), Vokietaitis (son of a German), Bajoras (nobleman), etc.

4. With the introduction of christianity, Christian first names became the basis for many patronymic names. There are certain suffixes or endings in the Lithuanian language which indicate son or descent of. The most common ones are listed here in their masculine form: -aitis, -enas, -inas, -ionis, -iunas, -onis or -onys, and -unas. Let us review some of the patronymic forms of popular Christian names:

Antanas (Anthony): Antanaitis;

Andrius (Andrew): Andraitis, Andrionis, Andrulis, Andriulis, Andrulionis, Andriūnas;

Jurgis (George): Jurgaitis, Jurgutis, Jurgėnas, Juginis, Jurkūnas, Jurgėla, Jurgeliūnas, Jurgelis, Jurgelaitis, Jurgonis, Jurgūnas;

Kazys (Casimir): Kazaitis, Kazulis, Kazėnas, Kazionis, Kaziūnas, Kazimieraitis;

Matas (Matthew): Macionis, Maciūnas, Matonis, Matiūnas, Matūnas, Motiejūnas, Motiejūnaitis, Motuzas;

Morkus (Mark): Markaitis, Morkaitis, Morkėnas, Morkiūnas, Morkūnas, Morkonis;

Petras (Peter): Petraitis, Petrenas, Petrikas, Petrinas, Petroinis, Peteraitis, Petronis, Petriūnas, Petrūnas, Petrikaitis;

Povilas (Paul): Povilaitis, Povilionis, Povilonis, Poviliūnas, Povilūnas;

Stasys (Stanley): Stanislovaitis, Stasiūnas, Stasionis, Stasaitis, Stasiukas, Stasiukaitis, Stasionis.

In 1697 Polish was introduced as the official chancellery language of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. The Catholic Church adopted Polish in lieu of Latin in its baptismal registries. As a result, many Lithuanian surnames were polonized. Polonization of surnames occurred in two ways. The simpler method was to polonize the suffix of last names. Three Slavic endings were introduced: -owicz, -ecki and -owski. The former mean



“son of”, the latter two refer to origins. These endings became “Lithuanianized” in popular parlance as: -avičius, -evičius, -eckas, -eckis, and -auskas. Thus, the polonized forms: Narutowicz, Pawelowicz, Zyłowicz, Budrecki, Gorecki, Borkowski, Mieszkowski were “re-Lithuanianized” as Narutavičius, Povilavičius, Žilevičius, Budreckis, Gureckas, Barkauskas and Meškauskas.

Patriots of the Lithuanian National Renaissance, Valančius, Basanavičius and Baransuskas, to name a few, wrote their surnames in Polish as Walaczewski, Basanowicz, Baranowski.

The most ardent polonophile clergy completely polonized Lithuanian surnames. In time, the Lithuanian peasants readjusted the phonetic spelling to suit the native tongue and ear.

The following short table shows this process:

**Original  
Lithuanian**

Ažuolas  
Gaigalas  
Girėnas  
Jogaila  
Jonaitis  
Juodelis  
Kiškis, Zuikis  
Lydeka  
Oškys  
Oškutis  
Povilaitis  
Stumbrys  
Užgiris, Užugiris  
Užubalis, Užbalis,  
Ažubalis

**Polish**

Dabrowski  
Kaczkowski  
Leszynski  
Jagiello  
Janowski  
Czarnowski  
Zajackowski  
Szcuk  
Kozol  
Kozłowski  
Powłowski  
Zubrowski  
Zaleski  
Zablocki

**Lithuanian  
Version**

Dambrauskas  
Kačkauskas  
Lesinskas  
Jagiela  
Jankus (Jankauskas)  
Černius,  
Černiauskas  
Zajankauskas  
Ščiukas  
Kazlas, Kaslas  
Kazlauskas  
Paulauskas  
Zubrys (Zaubrauskas)  
Zaleskas, Zaleckas  
Zablockas, Zablockis



## MY MOTHER

Mother is life and hope  
She always seems to be there.  
Happy memories that are mine,  
She taught me how to care.

Because she taught me how to care  
Many things are true.  
A mother is a symbol of love  
My confidence grew and grew.

My prayers have helped me realize  
Our heavenly mother above,  
She constantly watches over us  
And showers us with love.

We pray to our heavenly mother  
To free our motherland,  
God Grant strength to Lithuania . . . and  
Be guided by “His” hand.

I honor all of my “Mothers”  
In the month of May.  
Each is very special to me  
And strengthens every new day.

And so I thank you, mother  
You taught and molded me,  
Dirbti Dievui ir Tėvynei  
Ir, visados, būti tiesoš kely.

Dedicated to my mother and grandmother.

Mary Ann Lepera





# AR JŪSU VALIA

## PRISIMINTI

### LIETUVOS VYČIUS?

#### PRANEŠIMAS APIE LIETUVOS VYČIŲ FUNDACIJĄ

Ar Jums svarbi Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija? Ar tiek Jums svarbi, kad būtų Vyčių testinumas užtikrintas ateinančioms kartoms, nors Jūs jau nebesireikštumėt Vyčiuose? Ar Vyčiai Jums tiek svarbūs, kad norėtumėt matyti nuolatinį jų iškilimą, kaip vadovaujančią organizaciją Amerikos lietuvių visuomenėje? Ar Jums pakankamai svarbu, kad Vyčiai klestėtų Amerikos lietuvių veikime be didelio narių mokesčių naštos?

Pati Centro Vadovybė, keldama šiuos klausimus, atsakė nedviprasmiškai: TAIP! Vyčių Vyriausiasis Skyrius (Centro Valdyba) dar vieną žingsnį padarė, pasiūlė palikimų prašymo programai įgyvendinti. Ši programa ar planas siūlo, kad būtų sudarytas fundacijos fondas, kuris angliškai būtų paskelbtas „Knights of Lithuania Foundation“. Ši fundacija susidarytų iš aukų-donacijų arba testamentinių palikimų. Fundacijos kapitalas būtų neliečiamas, bet kita vertus investuojamas į pelningas sąskaitas. Tų investicijų palūkanos įeity į Lietuvos Vyčių visuotinį išdą, bendrai sąskaitybai ar ypatingiems projektams.

Gal paklauskite, kaip tokia funkcija atsirado? Jau tada krašto ūkio nuosmūkis palietė kiekvieno kišenę. Į ką galima kreiptis, kad būtų paaukojama tokiai fundacijai, kurios išgalės pateisintų tokį įnašą?

Nors mūsų dauguma neturi tūkstančių pakloti aukoms, vis vien galime surašyti paskutinius testamentus. Mes visi esame mirtingi, ir, gaila, atmuš valanda, kada mums pasitraukus į anapus, tokiems mūsų testamentai bus vykdomi. Prisimindami fundaciją savo testamentuose sakysim su \$1000 palikimu, neturėtų apsunkinti mūsų palikuonius. Tai būtų būdas tarti „Ačiū!“ Lietuvos Vyčiams už apšvietimą, draugystę ir kultūrą. Tūkstantinė auka, sumaniai investuota, galėtų Lietuvos Vyčiams atnešti šimtinę palūkanų kasmet, o gal ir didesnę sumą, kol fundacija egzistuos. Šitokios fundacijos uždėtis galėtų atnešti papildomų pajamų Vyčiams, kad nereikėtų kelti nario mokesčio pakėlimo klausimo.

Žinoma, yra ir tokių, kurie norėtų atsidėkoti už viską, mums gyviems dar esant. Bet kokios aukos - vienkartinės ar metinės - fundacijai bus nuoširdžiai priimtos ir padės šio užsimojimo pradžiai.

Mūsų teisinis patarėjas Jonas Narušis paruošė formą, kurią bus galima panaudoti aukojant fondui tiesiogiai ar rašant testamentą. Forma - anglų ir lietuvių kalbomis - išspausdinta šiame numeryje. Ateityje forma taip pat bus išspausdinta Vyčio numeriuose. Ragine Jus nepraleisti progos, panaudokite šią formą, jei norite tiesiogiai paskirti savo auką, arba ją panaudokit kaip priedą prie savo testamentu. Visos aukos šiam fondui privalo būti siunčiamos Centro Valdybos išdininkui su šia forma. Jei įtrauksite fundaciją į testamentą, malonėkite apie tai pranešti Centro Valdybos išdininkui.

Visos aukos fundacijai bus paskelbtos Vytėje, kur laiks nuo laiko bus paskelbtos papildomos žinios apie šį užsimojimą.

Jūsų susidomėjimas, bendradarbiavimas ir dosnumas gali padėti Lietuvos Vyčiams įsitvirtinti, kad jie galėtų be piniginių rūpesčių, veikti toliau puoselėdami lietuvių kultūrą laisvame pasaulyje ir stengdamiesi išvaduoti mūsų gimines nuo komunizmo pančių!

*Loreta Stukienė, LV CV pirmininkė*



## SUSITARIMAS

### SU LIETUVOS VYČIŲ VYRIAUSIU SKYRIUMI

Aš pageidauju LIETUVOS VYČIŲ FONDE iš 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,

Užtat aš pasižadu paskirti LIETUVOS VYČIAMS, jų palikimų fondui, savo paruoštame testamente, \_\_\_\_\_ dolerių sumą; betkokie išmokėjimai tam fondui, kuriam aš būsiu padaręs iš anksto savo gyvenime, bus Jūsų kredituoti tokiam palikimui ir mano mirties atveju bus atskaityti nuo mano palikimo.

Data \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_

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# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### "Will" You Remember The K of L?

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?

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,

### 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)

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.

### OF CONVENTIONS

#### "Important"

Dear Fellow K of L Member:

On behalf of the Supreme Council, I would like to announce that applications are now being accepted for hosting the 1984 National Knights of Lithuania Convention.

For this 500th Anniversary Year of the birth of St. Casimir, we hope several councils will come forward to act as hosts. The convention usually runs from Thursday through Sunday with a pattern schedule as follows.

- Thursday: Arrivals/Registration  
Opening Mass  
General Meetings
- Friday: Registration Continues  
Business Meetings/Panel Discussions  
Dance or Evening Reception
- Saturday: Business Meeting  
Election of Officers  
Panel Discussions  
Banquet
- Sunday: Mass at Church  
Lunch/Brunch (After Mass)  
Closing Ceremonies

Of course, the final schedule is up to the host council. But interested parties should plan for adequate facilities. This includes appropriate room accommodations with convention meeting places in or very near the hotel; a general meeting room for business meetings and panel discussions; and reasonable access to the church where Sunday mass will be celebrated. Also, a banquet facility for Sunday brunch and Saturday banquet is required.

It has become a custom in the past, for daily mass to be celebrated at the meetings site. Also, if small rooms are available outside the general meeting room for panel discussions, these are preferred.

We look forward to receiving applications, and we urge councils to put in their bids for 1985 and 1986 as well as 1984. As previous host councils can attest, it is often difficult to obtain preferred facilities with only one year advance notice. Therefore, please submit your applications now. We are counting on your continued support, and we hope to see you in August at the 1983 convention.

Paul E. Binkis, Jr., Trustee



## OFFICIAL NEWS

### RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions, dealing with changes to the Knights of Lithuania Constitution, were proposed to the Supreme Council during their March 19 meeting, and are hereby published for your consideration, in accordance with the rules set down by the Constitution. Both resolutions are supported by the Supreme Council.

BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 8, of the Knights of Lithuania Constitution be changed to read: '8. A member may be known as a Lifetime Member upon dues payment of \$150.00, or, if the member is the spouse of a Lifetime Member, dues paymet of \$75.00. A special certificate shall be presented to recognize this distinction. (Note — This resolution allows the spouse of a Lifetime Member to receive Lifetime Membership also for half the normal fee, rather than paying the full amount.)

Proposed by C-147, St. Petersburg, FL

Recognizing the possibility that in the event of serious illness of some other emergency, that would not permit the National President to perform his/her duties, and it would be expected of the First Vice President to execute those duties until the following National Convention when elections would be held, and whereas at the present time our First Vice President is designated to be in charge of Juniors, and in recent years efforts have been made to find younger candidates for this position, it is recognized that although that person may be most qualified to foster the Junior Program, he or she may lack the knowledge and experience to assume the duties of President, should such emergency arise.

It is therefore proposed that the duties of the First Vice President be changed to be in charge of Membership and the duties of the Second Vice President be changed to be in charge of Juniors.

Therefore, be it resolved that henceforth from this Convention the Constitution be changed to read:

"Article XI, Section 3.

The Vice-Presidents substitute for the President when necessary. The First Vice-President directs the membership drive, strives to inject new strength in the weaker councils and organize new ones. The Second Vice-President is in charge of the Juniors, tries to expand their activities and organize new Junior branches. The Third Vice-President directs the organizing and the activities of the Seniors."

Article X, Section 6.

The President and the First Vice President must be at least Third Degree members.

Proposed by C-3, Philadelphia  
and the Mid-America District

## L. C. R. A. REPORT

This may be the last appeal to reach most of your councils before you take your Summer 'break'. 1/16/83 the balance was..... \$1779.64

Donations:

George Kisielius (#50) .....	5.00
Helen A. Chesko (#144).....	10.00
M & M Anthony Radzevich (#100).....	20.00
C #86 — Du Bois .....	100.00
Anna Kluzas Wargo (C#144) .....	10.00
Total as of 3/13/83 .....	1924.64

As you can see we are still short of our GOAL of — \$2500.00.

The only District to make a donation so far is the NED. Of the councils that have contributed — #12, #14, #17Srs, #25, #26, #30, #52, #61, #86, #96, #100, #110, #116, #143, #144 — listed are 15 out of over 50 councils!! We have a total of over 3000 members as of last year's convention report and so far only 24 members have sent in a donation. In some cases, councils and members have donated more than one time!

Our Lady of Vilna Parish — Worcester — also donated to our Drive.

I am appealing to you once more to do all you can to see that we go to the convention in Philadelphia announcing we are SPONSORING AN ISSUE OF THE 'CHRONICLE'. Think how thankful our families behind the Iron Curtain will feel knowing that the Knights of Lithuania are continuing to do their part to see that Lithuania is free!! Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

LCRA Coordinator  
Fran Petkus

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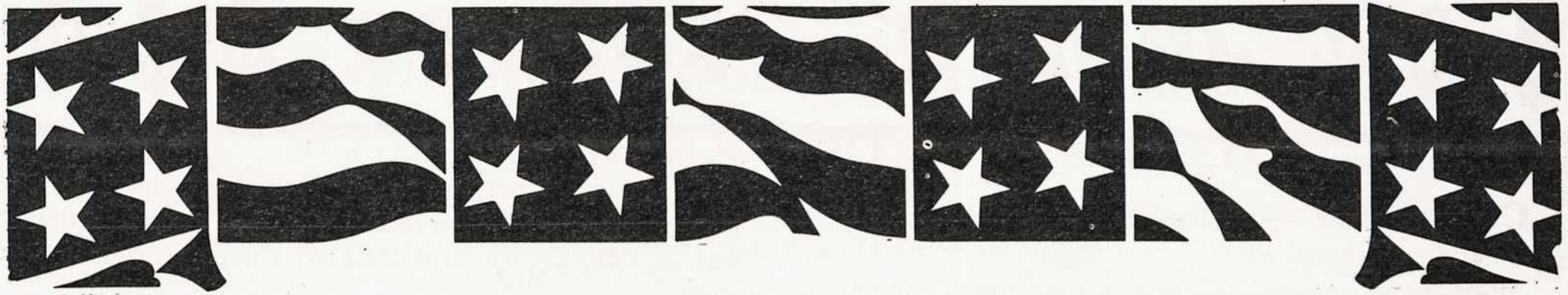
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## NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE [TENTATIVE]

### COME EARLY — STAY LATE

THE COMMITTEE in Philadelphia has been very busy arranging a very varied Convention for 1983.

Monday — August 15 — someone from our committee will be at the hotel ready to help any conventioner get settled and be on hand to offer information about our wonderful city. Since the hotel is located in the heart of the historical section, the conventioner should take this time to take a walking tour of all the nearby sites.

Tuesday — August 16 — Our brand new shopping Gallery is four blocks from the hotel. Take this day out for shopping and sampling all the different foods at the 129 restaurants in this shopping mall. Late afternoon or early evening can be reserved for investigating our NEW MARKET AND RUSTY SCUPPER RESTAURANT and at 8 p.m. enjoy an open air String Band Concert. All this is located on the famous 2nd Street.

Wednesday — August 17 — Our many museums are open and ready for your visit — only short distances from the hotel and easily gotten to by our city buses. Fairmount Park Trolley Tours offer beautiful tours of old mansions and historical spots in our vast Fairmount Park. All tours can be arranged at the front desk of the hotel or by one of our Convention Committee members. For Wednesday evening we have given you one of three choices. First enjoy a fascinating and different stage play called "Sheer Madness" at the Bellevue Strafford Hotel or come with us to the Riverfront Restaurant for an evening at one of our famous Dinner-Show Theatres, or try your luck at Atlantic City and our Casinos. A Casino trip can be arranged right from the front door of the hotel.

Watch for the mail that you will be receiving in your homes from our Convention Committee. All the appropriate forms will be included. Our Committee aims to please.

John Mickunas and Dianne Drumstas  
Co-Chairmen

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1983

- Registration opens
- 10:30 A.M. — Opening Mass at St. Joseph's Church — oldest Catholic Church in the U.S.A. — 3 blocks from convention site
- 2:00 P.M. — Opening Session
- 6:30 P.M. — A Buffet Dinner and Dance

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1983

- Registration
- 9:00 A.M. — Juniors Panel — Elinor Sluzas, Chairman
- 12:00 Noon — Mass
- 2:00 P.M. — Catholic Action Panel — Father Peter Stravinskias, Chairman
- Wreath Laying at Liberty Bell
- EVENING — Cultural Night — Lithuanian Quartet "Harmonia"

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1983

- Registration
- 9:00 A.M. — Concurrent Panels: Cultural — Anna K. Wargo, Chairman; Ritual — Helen Chesko, Chairman
- 12:00 Noon — Mass
- 2:00 P.M. — Closing Session — Election of Officers
- EVENING — Banquet and Dance

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1983

- 10:30 A.M. — Mass at St. Casimir's Church; Convention Photo; Farewell Luncheon at Holiday Inn

### CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

Holiday Inn  
Independence Mall  
4th and Arch Streets  
Philadelphia, PA 19105

HOSTS — COUNCIL 3 — PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA





# JUNIOR

# CORNER



## Council 100 — Amsterdam Juniors

We held our meeting on March 1 at 7 P.M. in St. Casimir's Social Center.

Counselor Regina Kot led the group in prayer and secretary Kristin Olechowski read the minutes. President Michael Mikolaitis arrived shortly thereafter because of his part-time job at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. Kot gave us the Junior K. of L. constitution and also a picture of St. Casimir with his life story printed on the back.

Miss Gobis, who assists Mrs. Kot, had a word game for us. She had Lithuanian words listed on one side of the sheet and the English translation mixed on the other side. We had to match them. A score of 100% was given to our president Michael Mikolaitis.

The Jasewicz brothers, with the help of their mother, were in charge of a money making venture. The winner was chosen on Easter Sunday.

It was decided to give a donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Kristin's mother, who is also the secretary of our regular council, paid us a visit. Realizing that her birthday was on Feb. 27, we all wished her a happy birthday in song.

We went bowling in April and at our next meeting we decorated eggs for Easter.

Michael Mikolaitis was the toastmaster for our Lithuanian Day doings on Feb. 12 — Excellent job, Michael! Stanley Rimkunas also helped in the preparations for the program.

Bishop Scully had two of our members on its football team . . . Tim Saikal (Lisa's brother) and Stanley Rimkunas.

Our female member at Bishop Scully, Rima Hartvigas, was on Bishop Scully's girl's basketball team, the Lady Mohawks. The team came in first in its class. She also had the leading role in the Senior play and is an excellent student.

We wish to extend our sympathies to the Jasewicz junior members in the recent death of their grandmother, Elsie Jasewicz.

The Amsterdam Juniors

## COOK'S CORNER

By MARY LUCAS, H.M.

### Lithuanian Stew (Šutinys)

3 lbs. Beef Chuck (Boned)	Salt & Pepper
2 lge. Onions (Chunked)	4 oz. Butter
2 lge. Carrots (Sliced Thick)	2 T. Flour
2 ribs Celery (Sliced)	1 Bay leaf
1 lb. Green beans	2 Whole Allspice
1/2 lb. Soup Greens	1 Cup Sour Cream

Cook bones to make a broth. Strain.

Cut meat into 1/2 inch slices, pound, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Flour and brown in the butter.

Place a layer of the mixed vegetables in a heavy Dutch oven. Add a layer of meat, the bay leaf and whole allspice. Continue layering until all is used up. The top layer should be vegetables. Add the seasoned broth, cover pot and place in 325 degree oven and stew until meat is tender.

Add the sour cream, heat and serve. Makes 6 servings.

This stew is usually served with wide egg noodles and tomato salad.

## A HOUSEWIFE'S PRAYER

Let me delight in the little things —

In the morning dew  
In the thrush that sings  
In the green pine tree  
In the dainty violet nodding to me.

Let me speak simply of common things —

Of a clean, starched shirt  
Of twin wedding rings  
Of a child asleep in his own small bed  
Of a fluffy cloud floating over head.

Let me be grateful for everyday things —

For the food at my table  
For the joy music brings  
For a star at my window winking at me  
For a cooling swim in a salty sea.

When I cry aloud from the world's harsh things

Let me think of my treasures of little things.

Let my spirit soar; let my heart take wings

Joy and peace fill my storehouse of everyday things.

Phyllis Weichenthal



# ANNOUNCING

## 1983 Essay Contest For Juniors

### "MY LITHUANIAN ROOTS IN AMERICA"

This year we are having a very special essay contest. In addition to the prizes to be awarded, you will receive the greatest prize of all . . . a deeper love and understanding of your Lithuanian ancestors who emigrated to this country.

Write a story about your Lithuanian background in this country . . . who was the first in your family to come to the USA . . . why did he or she come . . . where did they settle . . . what did they do when they got here . . . what were their impressions of this country when they first arrived . . . what has happened to this family over the years . . . why are you so proud of your Lithuanian family? There may be some humorous or sad experiences you would like to tell . . . put them down on paper and share them with us.

This is a perfect time to visit your Grandma or Grandpa . . . or perhaps an Uncle or Aunt and have them recall for you, some very precious memories which you both will enjoy . . . and *you* will treasure for a lifetime!

DO IT NOW!

1. There will be at *least* one Major prize awarded to each District. For those Districts having many entries . . . there of course, may be more prizes . . . with a maximum of 3 Major prizes per District.
2. There are three age categories . . . 6 to 9; 10 to 13; and 14 to 16 (or up to 18 if you are still a Junior).
3. *Everyone* will receive a prize as a memento for entering.

#### RULES FOR THE CONVENTION CONTEST ARE:

1. The topic of the essay is "*My Lithuanian Roots In America*".
2. The essay article should contain from 200 to 1000 words, no more.
3. The article should be typed or written on one side of paper and be neat and double-spaced.
4. Three copies of the essay should be submitted. Carbon or xerox copies are acceptable.
5. No name should appear on the essay itself. All identifying information as name, address, age, council and district should be on a separate sheet.
6. Each entry should include a statement from the child's parents indicating that the essay is the original work of the individual.
7. All entries must be received by the National First Vice-President before August 1, 1983.
8. The decisions of the judges will be final and all entries become the property of the Knights of Lithuania.
9. Prizes will be awarded at the National Convention in Philadelphia (if you cannot attend, your prize will be mailed to you).
10. Only enrolled members of active registered Junior Councils are eligible to enter. New councils and new members must be registered before July 1, 1983, in order to be eligible for awards.
11. Entries should be mailed to:
 

Convention Contest for Juniors  
Elinor Sluzas  
55 Brandt Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45404



## Ritter Named Co-Chairman Of Baltic Group

WASHINGTON —Congressman Don Ritter has been named co-chairman of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee on the Baltic States and Ukraine, a committee formed to keep the plight of Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian and Ukrainian people before the eyes the Congress with Soviet compliance in programs to acquaint members of Congress with Soviet compliance with the 1975 Helsinki Accords — which redrew the postwar boundaries of Europe in exchange for Soviet human rights concessions.

Formed during the 97th Congress by Congressman Brian Donnelly, D-Massachusetts, and former Congressman Charles Dougherty, R-Pennsylvania, the Committee seeks to bring attention to the plight

of the Baltic and Ukrainian people who suffer under Soviet repression.

Ritter, R-15th District, who has been active in Congress on the issue of human rights, is also a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), better known as the Helsinki Commission. The Helsinki Commission monitors the performance of Soviet bloc countries in human rights areas.

In assuming his new position, Ritter said: "The knowledge and experience of Americans of East European heritage are extremely important to me in evaluating issues which deal with the Soviet Union, such as human rights, nuclear arms control, grain sales, technology transfer and immigration. These are people who speak from direct personal experience and whose families, living over there, provide us with a view

from ordinary working people — a view that's hard to get from heavily-restricted foreign diplomats and journalists. These people are engaged in a desperate struggle to retain their national identities.

"In our nation, hundreds of thousands of Americans of such heritage are deeply troubled by the persecution of their families and friends in these countries. The many Baltic and Ukrainian families in the Lehigh Valley are good, patriotic people who believe strongly in our community and in the concepts that have made this nation great: church, hard work and family.

"What we do in Congress means a great deal to these people. By keeping their plight in the public eye, we offer strong support to their struggle to be free. I'm looking forward to being active with this committee during the 98th Congress."



## IŠĖJO NAUJAS ERETO VEIKALAS

From the pen of the distinguished Swiss professor Juozas Eretas has recently come a scholarly booklet *Von mancherlei Bildung*. As its German title indicates, the booklet, published in Basel in 1982, deals with all kinds of education. Quite appropriately, therefore, it immediately poses the question: What is "education"? In seeking an answer, the author quotes a definition by Otto Willman describing education as "living knowledge, ability to act, tempered by thought and a purified wish to act."

Knowledge alone, the author states emphatically, is not education. Knowledge is only the first element of education.

The second element is the ability to act, not necessarily do great, creative things, but "what really counts is the use made of the powers available to us." He cautions us to be wary of empty learning, impoverishing rather than enriching our personality.

He lists three duties or obligations:

1. We must become co-creators, so to speak, realize the potentials of this unfinished world through our actions.

2. An obligation to oneself — to live fully and not let one's given potential go to waste.

3. An obligation towards others in need of help — education is not a privilege but a loan to us.

What about book learning? It may surprise us to read that education is not a privilege of western literary culture. It is just as possible in non-literary societies, if not more so, as the printed word can often lead to an overemphasis on form over content and one can twist and distort essential values of education. He leaves us with the conclusion that education imposes an obligation to continually search and strive.

The booklet contains 15 all-too-brief chapters of such thought-provoking material on a theme for thinkers. He writes with much conviction and faith and reminds one of the 19th Century German philosopher Johann Gottfried Herder, who spoke with as much conviction and very forthrightly. Those who are fortunate to be able to read Dr. Eretas' booklet in the original have an enriching experience in store for them.

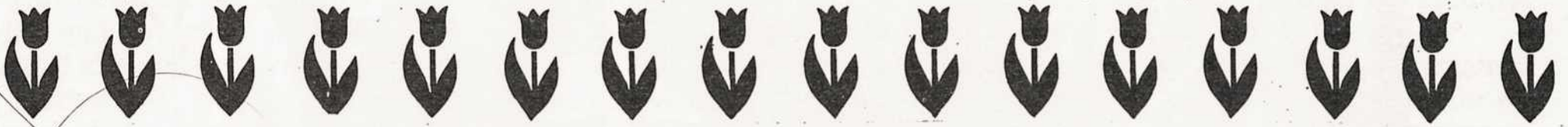
— Joseph Boley and  
Malve von Hassell





# Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



Theresa Balciunas, President of C-38, pictured in KENOSHA SUNDAY NEWS.

An International Food Fair was held March 20th in Kenosha, Wisconsin, sponsored by the Kenosha Junior Woman's Club. Foods of eight nationalities were featured — American, Jewish, Italian, Pakistani, Croatian, Mexican, German and Lithuanian.

The Knights of Lithuania, C-38, prepared sausage, sauerkraut, Kugelis, virtiniai, napoleon and chiffon tortes and assorted cookies. THERESA BALCIUNAS, president of C-38, has been credited for her assistance in the organization of the fair and the excellence of the Lithuanian cuisine. The K of L group worked for days preparing the sausage and virtiniai. Theresa herself made 15 napoleon tortes. She calls it a "Labor of Love."

On display at the fair, also, were Lithuanian dolls, straw pictures, ornaments and Theresa's well-known Amber collection. We are proud to claim Theresa as a K of L'er as she has done much to publicize our Lithuanian culture in the Kenosha area.

Radio station WEVD remains the most interesting station in New York City, according to the New York Magazine. One favorite is JACK STUKAS "Lithuanian Memories". Jack is our National Lithuanian Affairs Chairman.

The amazing KISSELLS are a family of 5 brothers from Nashua, New Hampshire — all five played professional football — all are Lithuanian.

Eddie Kissell played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Jimmy Kissell—the Providence Steamrollers, Adolph (Butch) Kissell—the Chicago Bears, Veto Kissell—the Baltimore Colts and the Buffalo Bills, and John Kissell—The Cleveland Browns.

They are the sons of the late Mrs. Tekla Kissell who was an active member of St. Casimir Parish in Nashua.

From "The Boston Globe", LISA MARCINKEVICIUS and her cousins, twins CHRISTY and STEPHANIE MARCIN, are three stalwarts on the Bishop Feehan girls' basketball team. Stephanie and Christy, seniors, have played a major role in this year's team efforts. Lisa, a junior, will be expected to keep up the family tradition as a starter next year.



Lisa Marcinkevicius and her cousins, twins Christy and Stephanie Marcin, Bishop Feehan girls' basketball stars.





Bethlehen observed Lithuanian Independence Day at a flag-raising at City Hall. Participants with Mayor Paul Marcincin are, from left, Leo Meshauk, financial

secretary; Adolph Butkys (in wheelchair), trustee; Albert Klizas, President; Mrs. Jeanette Klizas and Mrs. Florence Daday of the Lehigh Valley Council.

A book reviewed in "The Chicago Catholic" by Thomas N. Lorsung, reports the essence of Chicago in viewfinder of priest-photographer-"Chicago/Kezys" by ALGIMANTAS KEZYS, Loyola University Press.

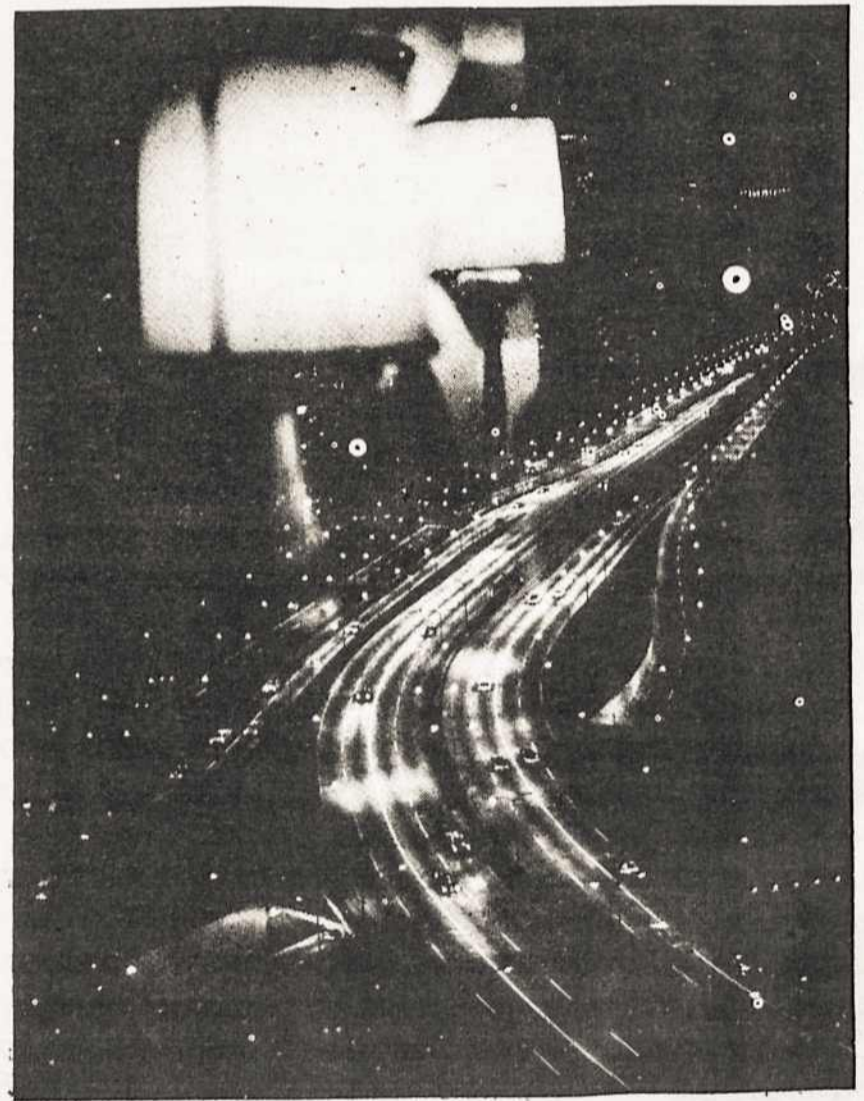
Lorsung, managing editor of National Catholic News Service, states: "As a native Milwaukeean, my strongest memory of Chicago is battling traffic on Lake Shore Drive. There I was, a smalltown boy trying to swim along with a rip tide of mad, swift machines."

"That's not Jesuit Father Algimantas Kezys' Chicago. He shows Lake Shore Drive not as a ferocious, fast-moving presence but as a light-dotted black and white design, flowing toward the viewer. What Father Kezys sees is something more basic than the existence of Chicago. He sees its essence: its strength and beauty as shown in its intrinsic design elements."

Sixty-four photos taken in Chicago appear in "Chicago/Kezys," the latest of more than 20 of his photo books. His other collections include the study of St. Casimir Cemetery and Chicago Churches and Synagogues.

His pictures have appeared in magazines and books on both sides of the Atlantic, including Camera, the international Swiss photo magazine and Famous Photographers Annual. His works are part of a permanent collection at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Los Angeles County Museum and the Carnegie Institute's Museum of Art, Pittsburgh.

Father Kezys' works are on display at the Galerija, 744 N. Wells St. in Chicago. He runs the gallery for the Lithuanian-American community to help artists.



Lake Shore Drive at Oak Street as seen in photo by Father Algimantas Kezys.



**The Pope's Banker** — Archbishop PAUL MARCINKUS, Cicero-born and Chicago-educated, struggles to survive an international money scandal", is the title of a 7-page article written by Jim Gallagher, Tribune Magazine staff writer for the Chicago Sunday Tribune.

The article gives an insight into the personality of the Lithuanian Archbishop. From interviews with dozens of his associates and friends, what emerges is the picture of a kind and honorable man, a ranking Vatican official who still makes time for tedious priestly duties like hearing confessions, an unpretentious prelate whom even younger clerics turn to first for advice or assistance.

He made a general assertion of his innocence and acknowledged for the first time that he has been badly stung by the bitter attacks upon him in the Italian press. "Someday I'll be judged by my Maker on what I've done," he said. "And I'm ready to be judged right now. I did nothing wrong. "I'm not losing any sleep. I can still look at myself in the mirror each morning. I have a clean conscience. It's just a matter now of standing firm and doing battle. You have to confront this sort of thing with optimism and courage."

There is an Italian political dimension to the Marcinkus controversy. It is clear he has a serious image problem among Italians, which the political left has sought to exploit in its long-term campaign to undermine the influence of the Catholic Church in Italian politics. In Italy, Marcinkus represents the leftist way. His image, rightly or wrongly, is that of the arrogant capitalist. He's very sure of himself, and that attitude can be annoying, especially to people on the left. People like this are well disposed to believe bad things about Marcinkus. Many people have always been somewhat

scandalized by the Vatican possessing wealth. With an American in charge of the bank, those feelings were intensified.

Friends of the archbishop say the ordeal of the past seven months has taken some toll on his body, but they maintain they see no evidence it has made him bitter. There is a stoop to his shoulders now that wasn't there before. There are days when he looks like he's aged five years.

If given his choice, he said, he would like to remain in Rome the five more years it will take to qualify for his pension. Then he could finally fulfill the dream that attracted him to the priesthood in the first place. "I want to do pastoral work. I want to be a parish priest again before I die. There's a pastor out there somewhere who needs an assistant. And if I keep myself in shape, I'll be able to help him out. I'd like to work with kids. Maybe I'll coach the parish teams. That's the kind of priest I've always wanted to be."

VIDAS NEVERAUSKAS, son of Fisher Body employee BEN NEVERAUSKAS, was awarded the David D. Henry Award as the outstanding male graduate of the December 1982 class at Wayne State University, reports the Tech Center News, Warren, Mich.

The 22-year old Sterling Heights resident has been active in Lithuanian folk-dance groups and served as president of the International Lithuanian Youth Organization, "Ateitis." He currently serves as organist and choir accompanist at Divine Providence Parish in Southfield.

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## "For Friends of The Aged"

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.  
 Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say,  
 Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.  
 Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled at the table today.  
 Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while.  
 Blessed are they who never say "You've told that story twice today."  
 Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.  
 Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected, and not alone.  
 Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the cross.  
 Blessed are those who ease the days on my journey home in loving ways."





# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

Edited by HELEN CHESKO

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MID-CENTRAL

DISTRICT

## C-25—Cleveland

We haven't been in the news lately because we had and still have difficulty finding a writer to do so. Your Council News Editor welcomes Al Shigo and wishes him success.

St. Casimir's Day was celebrated with 100 per cent attendance at Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Dinner followed at the Lithuanian Club. Thank you, President Balas and Vice President Arunski, for a well-planned affair.

We had three bowling parties to establish averages for the coming Mid-Central Convention and Bowling Tournament. Many thanks to our hosts: Ben & Alice Karkilus, Pete & Alvina Luiza and Ursula & Gene Kunsitis. Our final bowling party will be hosted by Tony & Helen Oberaitis.

It is nice to have Bruno and Agnes Bartkus back from Florida to help us have a good representation at the bowling tournament in Detroit. Hopefully, Ben & Alice Karkilis will be back from Spain in time to attend the convention.

Proceeds from our Coffee Hour at OLPA on March 27 were donated to the church.

Vito Balas, our president, has appointed various committees to carry out a full summer of various activities.

We take this means to offer our condolences to the Louis Family on



Officers of C-25 — Cleveland. (L-R) Rev. G. Kijauskas, Spiritual Advisor; Byto Balas, President; Nellie Arunski, Vice President; Vince Gray Lithuanian Affairs Chairman; Ursula Kunsitis, Recording Secretary; Marion Gray, Financial Secretary; Connie Burns, Sunshine Girl; Ray Vanagas, Treasurer; Peter Luiza, Sergeant-at-Arms.



Rev. Gediminas Kijauskas, Spiritual Advisor, inducted Virginia Kohl and Helen DiRenzo into membership in C-25 Cleveland.

the loss of Joe Louis, a father and husband. Mr. Louis was very kind to C-25. On many occasions, he gave our council the use of his home for summer outings. He is greatly missed by Aunt and Uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Luiza.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Mr. & Mrs. William Jakubs and family on the loss of Mrs. Della Jakubs, a well-known Lithuanian and funeral director.

C-25 donated \$200 for the purchase of altar cloths for St. George Church and will donate \$100 to the K of L Scholarship Fund. A sizeable donation will be made to OLPH Church as well as to the Vytis for their help and consideration with our national convention last year.

Our council sponsored a card party in April to raise funds for future donations for various projects and worthy institutions.

Albinas



**C-25 Cleveland, Ohio****ŠV. KAZIMIERO MINĖJIMAS  
CLEVELANDE**

Kovo 6 dieną Lietuvos vyčių 25-ta kuopa Clevelande šventė Lietuvos ir Lietuvos vyčių globėjo šv. Kazimiero 499-to gimtadienio šventę. Didelė dalis 25-tos kuopos narių, pasipuošę trečio ir ketvirto laispnio ženklais, pradėjo šventę 10 val. ryte šv. Mišiomis ir bendra komunija Dievo Motinos Nepaliamos Pagalbos bažnyčioje. Mišias aukojo kuopos dvasios vadas ir tos parapijos klebonas kun. Kijauskas SJ., kartu su svečiais kunigais A. Goldikovskiu ir L. Zaremba. Dvasios vadas savo pamoksle nušvietė Lietuvos globėjo šv. Kazimiero gyvenimą, jo nuoširdumą vargšams ir jo mirtį. Mišių auką nešė Vytas Balas, Nellie Aronski, Uršulė ir E. Kungsičiai, Marija Gray-Gražulienė ir Romas Vanagas.

Po mišių kuopos nariai ir svečiai vyko į Lietuvių namus bendriems pietums ir iškilmingam susirinkimui. Susėdus prie gražiai papuoštų ir Dievo gėrybėmis apkrautų stalų, vaišės pradėjo ir maldą sukalbėjo vytis Vincas Gray-Gražulis. Po pietų įvyko iškilmingas mėnesinis kuopos susirinkimas, kurį pravedė kuopos pirmininkas Vytas Balas. Buvo tartasi, kad Lietuvos vyčių 25-ta kuopa jau dabar pradėtų ruošti gražiai ir iškilmingai atvęsti savo globėjo šv. Kazimiero penkių šimtų metų gimimo sukaktį. Nutarta, kad balandžio 24 d. D.M.N.P. parapijos svetainėje suruošti kortavimo vakarą. Paskirta nemaža suma Lietuvos vyčių stipendijų fondui ir Lietuvos vyčių istorijai išleisti.

Šventė, vaišės ir susirinkimas praėjo gražioje vytiškoje nuotaikoje.

E. Pranskevičius

**C-79—Southfield**

March came in like a lamb and stayed like that for our meeting on March 2. Committee chairpersons gave excellent reports. Catholic Action Chairman Ann Uzdavinas com-

mented on preparations to honor St. Casimir on the 500th Anniversary and the issuance of a symbolic stamp in commemoration of this occasion. Letters urging approval of a Vatican stamp in tribute to St. Casimir should be sent to Bishop Paul Marcinkus in Rome.

Cultural Chairman Stella Hotra spoke on Demetrius Augustine Galitzin. She also brought in a new book on decoration of Lithuanian Easter eggs. HM Tony Dainus sold 103 tickets for the 50-50 drawing. President Smailis welcomed Beatrice Millard, Leon Galinskas and John Mitchell, "long-lost members," and urged them not to stay away that long in the future.

Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day was observed on February 13 at Providence Parish. The festivities began with a special Mass celebrated by Pastor Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius. HM Anthony Dainus, accompanied by Stella Hotra and Sophie Zager, carried the C-79 flag. There were many Lithuanian flags.

An impressive program followed in the Cultural Center. Vytautas Smetona was one of the featured speakers. A proclamation by Governor James J. Blanchard of Michigan designated February 16 as Republic of Lithuania Day. Divine Providence Church Choir in national costume and the Audinys Dancers gave an excellent performance. Guests were treated to coffee and pyragu by C-79. A church committee prepared "bulviniu dešru."

St. Casimir's Day was observed jointly by three councils of our area at St. Peter's Parish. C-139 hosted the event. Pastor Rev. C. Butkus celebrated the Mass. Offertory gifts were presented by Magdalena Smailis, president C-79; Grazina Vaskelis, president C-102; Chris Kurzyniec, president C-139. The K of L flag was carried by George Kase.

Chris Kurzyniec was master of ceremonies for the short program that followed the brunch. Approximately 40 of our members enjoyed the meal prepared by the Kozy Korners "gaspadines." Albina Kur-

powic of C-139, winner of the 50-50 drawing, donated the full sum to Fr. Butkus for the needy of the parish. A very charitable gesture, Albina!

Past President Frank Zager and his wife, Sophie, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on February 20. Their three sons — Gerald, Mark and their families. Tom and his wife Sherri of Minneapolis — as well as friends joined them in renewing their wedding vows during a "Mass of Thanksgiving at Divine Providence Church.

Another fine couple, Geraldine and Joseph Chaps, Financial Secretary of C-79, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on March 9. Congratulations from their three sons, their families, and K of L'ers!

Best wishes to Helen Tucker upon her retirement from Chrysler Corporation!

President Magdalena Smailis of the Supreme Council Ritual Committee and her daughter Margaret Nashlon attended the Supreme Council meeting in Philadelphia on March 19.

SOFFI

**C-96—Dayton**

Many of our Knights participated in our parish's annual celebration of the Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. The day began with a Lithuanian Mass at Holy Cross Church. From church, everyone headed to the Lithuanian Club where Chairman Elinor Sluzas set the program in motion. Mary Agness Mikalasukas was MC. We were honored to have Rev. Antanas Saulaitis, SJ, Provincial of Lithuanian Jesuits in the Free World. In



Rev. Antanas Saulaitis, S.J.



keeping with the theme of Lithuanian youth, Fr. Saulaitis showed slides of what our Lithuanian youth are doing to keep their heritage alive in parishes throughout the world.

Our parish's Vejeliai Dancers, under the direction of Greg Blum, performed to the delight of everyone. Music for the dancers was supplied by Judy Petrokas and Cecelia Yankus. Music for the dancers was supplied by Judy Petrokas and Cecelia Yankus. Our council's Juniors did a special reading of "America The Beautiful" in English and Lithuanian with Barbara Lastoskie in the lead. The program ended with a buffet supper prepared by Judy Petrokas and her committee. Delicious and plentiful!

Recently our parish had a memorable occasion with the blessing and dedication of our church's new organ. The musical presentation by Robert A. Lennartz, Organist and Supervisor of Institution Organ Sales, was outstanding. Elinor Sluzas made the formal presentation of the Memorial Plaque listing the donors. A covered dish social, chaired by HM Mary Lucas, followed in the church hall.

On March 20 we celebrated St. Casimir's Day. Following the Supreme council suggestion and program for the event, Fran Petkus and Eleanor Mantz handled the church arrangements. Frances Mikalauskas read the Opening Prayer. Chris Mantz did the Homily and narrated the offertory procession. Gifts placed on St. Casimir's Altar were carried by our Juniors as follows: Jamie Pacovsky, picture of St. Casimir; Jay Grant, lily; Catherine Shepherd, the cross, Annette Shepherd, crown of gold and Frank Ambrose, crown of thorns. Bringing the gifts to the altar were HM Mary Lucas, HM Stanley Vaitkus and President Eleanor Mantz.

Following Mass, the First Degree was given to Clifford & Catherine Urbanas, Ray & Paulette Shepherd. To close the services, Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis led us in the Litany to St.



Junior Gift Bearers — Jamie Pacovsky, Jay Grant, Catherine Shepherd, Anette Shepherd and Frank Ambrose.



First Degree Recipients — Catherine and Clifford Urbanas, Ray and Paulette Shepherd and Fran Petkus, C-96 Ritual Chairman.

Casimir, the first half in Lithuanian, second half in English.

The Coffee Social after Mass was hosted by HM Mary Lucas and Stefanija Rastikis assisted by Laima Rastikis — Vermillion & Elaine Pacovsky. On display were pictures of St. Casimir which our Juniors colored or painted. Our council will continue to host the Coffee Social after the Lithuanian Mass every third Sunday.

Elinor Sluzas, Joe & Aldona Ryan returned from the Supreme Council meeting of March 19 with nothing but praise. They were excited by the plans that C3 has for convention. They appreciated the warm reception they received, especially by the hospitality of Helen Shields.

Congratulations to council members Gus Blum, Karl Keival, Ray & Mildred Steinbrunner who again did a great job working on the parish's Annual Archdiocesan Fund Drive. March 25, 1913, was the day of the big flood to hit Dayton. Every year Bea Noreikas is reminded of this occasion, and this year was extra special. Al and Joanna Shigo of C-25 Cleveland slipped into town recently and surprised C-96 members.

Our January Coffee Social was hosted by Fran Petkus while Cathy Roberts and Barbara Goecke hosted in February. Jerry & Cathy Roberts and their sons are stationed in England with the Air Force for four years. Treats after the February meeting were donated by Elinor Sluzas.

Get well wishes to Elizabeth Scott, our Arizona member; Jimmy Kavalauskas, John J. Berczelly, Gus Blum and Veronica Omlor. All stay well; there is much to be done!

Aldona Ryan, Vytis editor, is not busy enough. She is now teaching a class in Creative Writing to Senior Citizens at St. Leonard's in Centerville.

Congratulations to Hilda Cernevicius who volunteered to represent our parish at North Dayton Food Pantry.

A warm welcome to our newest Clifford & Catherine Urbanas, Ray & Paulette Shepherd. The Juniors also gained with the joining of Catherine and Annette Shepherd. Many active years ahead for all of you!

Fran Petkus





## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

### C-3—Philadelphia

It was a real pleasure to have Rev. Timothy Burkauskas with us at our February meeting. We do hope that he will be with us again in the near future. We all had a chance to say hello to Sister Angela Again. She is now stationed at Villa Joseph Marie.

We welcome the Rev. Joseph Anderlonis, Pastor of St. George Church; Mary Lou Ushka and Elsie Macelis into membership. Nice to have you with us!

We celebrated St. Casimir's Day by attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist. Members enjoyed a luncheon at the Lithuanian Music Hall. Our gracious Ritual Charlady, Jewel Ushka, presented degrees to our members. Thomas Lepera received his first degree. Second degree recipients included Anastasia Binkis, James Gapsis, Mary Ann Lepera, Bill Miller, Nellie Pandza and Annetta Zulick.

Congratulations to President Walter Mameniskis his third degree in Bayonne at the MAD St. Casimir's Day Celebration. He is most deserving of this award and we wish him well.

Delegates to the MAD Convention were Walter Mameniskis, John Mickunas, Dianne Drumstas, Mary Ann Lepera, Jewel Ushka and Anastasia & Edmund Binkis. They all had a nice time and enjoyed the hospitality of Bayonne Council and meeting with other K of L'ers.

The Supreme Council met in Philly on March 19. It was a distinct pleasure to have them with us. Irene Svekla and Agnes Mickunas planned the dinner. Marge Petronis and Dianne Drumstas got together the morning snack. Bill Miller took charge of the steam table all day. Mary Ann Lepera put together the cake table. Joe Drumstas and Walt Svekla were in charge of transportation. Many thanks to Walt & Violet Mameniskis, Nellie Pandza, Alice Bacon, Irene Ozalis, Maureen



Supreme Council Meeting held at Lithuanian Music Hall in Philadelphia.

Miller, Jewel Ushka and John Mickunas for pitching right in and giving a most needed helping hand that day. Cooperation was at its best!

John Mickunas and Dianne Drumstas, Convention Co-chairmen, are keeping busy these days getting it all together for the coming convention.

Council 3 was represented at the Lithuanian Festival at the Lithuanian Hall in April.

AGUTE

### C-12—Manhattan

February and March proved to be busy months for Fun City's council — not much fun but only dedicated work.

During our February meeting, we commemorated the 65th anniversary of Lithuania's independence. HM Elena Saulyte was in charge of the program. Our guest speaker was Edmundas Vaiciulis, an editor of Bridges. Alma Korenko recited "Mylesiu Lietuva Iš Tolo," by

Lithuania's foremost living poet Bernardas Brazdionis. The affair concluded with the singing of various Lithuanian songs.

On March 6 we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Casimir. It was nice to see a nice crowd gather in church to observe this event. Perhaps, one of the attractions was Rev. Peter Stravinskas of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, who concelebrated the Mass and preached an informative sermon. During the offertory, a lily, a gold crown and a picture of St. Casimir was brought to the altar. The readings were done by Jonas Jurasas, a Broadway producer who arrived in the U.S. a few years ago from occupied Lithuania, and his wife Ausra. Their son, Juras, assisted as an altar boy.

Later in the hall, Connie Siatsis presided at a program and also read a well-prepared speech about St. Casimir — A Prince of a Parishioner. Our council wishes to thank our National Spiritual Advisor



Father Anthony Jurgelaitis and National Recording Secretary Nancy Miro for the wonderful kits they prepared and mailed to all council to help us in the observance of Lithuania's Independence Day and St. Casimir Feast. *Aciu labai abiem!*

We also welcome into our fold three new members who were inducted by Ritual Chairman Joe Remeika; namely, Ona Baizdaitis-Beard, Gerard Romeika and Ed Cook. Welcome all!

Romeika

### C-12—Manhattan

On March 13, a long line of cars stood in readiness in front of our church. We were on our way to our district communion breakfast in Bayonne. The trip was a double pleasure since one of our most hard-working members, Beatrice Remeika, was to receive her third degree, so a nice crowd of Council 12ers cheered her on. Bayonne's Council 67 outdid itself in hospitality. Our thanks to Rev. Juozas Vaskas for a Lithuanian Mass and a most interesting sermon. It was truly amazing how a comparatively small council could host over two hundred guests with such warmth and graciousness. Keep up the good work Council 67!

DALIA

### C-29—Newark

Our Annual Barn Dance was held on February 5 at the Parish Hall. It was fun night with lots of country music and swing your partner. Eva Sharon chaired this affair for nine consecutive years. She looks forward to the tenth year as the best year yet. Let's reward Eva with a record-breaking attendance next year.

A special Mass in Holy Trinity Chapel honored our patron, St. Casimir. Msgr. John Scharnus in his homily emphasized that we should use St. Casimir as an example and give more of ourselves to the less fortunate.

After Mass, we adjourned to the Parish Hall where we were not only served a delicious meal but were



C-12 Manhattan welcomes Ed Cook, Gerard Remeika and Ona Beart into K of L membership.



C-29 after a Special Mass held on Jan. 23rd. 1st row l. to r. — Bernie Skripata, Adele Urbanas, Rits Sussko, Aux. Bishop Joseph Francis, Msgr. John Scharnus, Loretta Stukas, Danguole Didzbalis, Kazys Sipaila. 2nd row l. to r. Michael Sisak and Edward Skripata.

honored to have Father Joseph Dambrauskas, A Marianist, as our speaker. He kept us spell-bound with stories of St. Casimir and the Venerable Archbishop George Matulaitis. He urged us to continue our prayers for the canonization of the Venerable Archbishop George. Chairlady Rita Sussko and her committee deserve a big pat on the back for making this affair one of our best.

On March 12, Walter Brazaitis chaired a bus trip to Atlantic City. No one came back a millionaire.

Thank you, Walter for all the arrangements. We all look forward to another trip soon.

Seven of our members received their third degree at the Mid-Atlantic meeting. Congratulations to Anna Abromaitis, Mary Honeyman, Elizabeth Luciw, Frances Mockus, Antanina Skruodys, Rita Sussko and Wesley Zostautas. Keep up the good work!

At our March monthly meeting, Loretta Stukas, Supreme Council President, gave a talk and an explanation of the Knights of



**Lithuania Foundation.** She stressed the need for all councils to have more of their activities and affairs centered around Lithuanian culture. Also at this meeting a unanimous decision was made to donate \$50 toward the support of the Lithuanian Radio Program.

Our Annual Cake Sale on March 27 was an all-out effort on the part of all our members. The ladies outdid themselves by baking all kinds of goodies. The men pitched in with some very skillful and cultural art work by decoration eggs and making palm crosses.

Those without skills did their bit by coming to the cake sale and buying up all the goodies. This year's sale was the most successful so far. We raised \$1000 for the support of our church. a big ačiu to chairladies Mary Honeyman, Betty Luciw and all their helpers for making this the best sale ever!

Eva

### C-46—Forest City

C-46 Forest City and C-74 Scranton joined in an annual flag-raising ceremony to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day.

Members also attended a Mass at St. Anthony's Church in remembrance of Lithuania's independence. A new Lithuanian flag was blessed. Lithuanian hymns were sung. A breakfast followed the Mass. All members attended in Lithuanian costume.

Some members attended the MAD workshop in Pittston.

A farewell-welcome dinner was held on February 20. Father Ben Toloczko was bid farewell as our spiritual advisor. At the same time, we welcomed Father Joseph Sitko, our present spiritual advisor.

Forest City Council extends sincere sympathy to Eleanor Vaicaitis on the loss of her husband Stanley and wishes her success in carrying on his good work by assuming the directorship of the Zarija Choir.

Ann Zalinskas



Members of Scranton Council who entertained the guests at St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home, Elmhurst, on March 3. From left to right — First row: Ann Liskowski, Anna Bagdon, Anna Galinas, Ona Matulevich; Second row Agatha Sueta, Marcalla Kikaitis, Richard Laske, Anna Patelunas, Marie Laske.

### Lithuanian Night At St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst

On the eve of the feast of St. Casimir, a group of Knights from Council 74, dressed in Lithuanian national costumes, entertained the aged guests at St. Mary's Villa. The dining room was brightly arrayed with the colors of the Lithuanian flag, and the waitresses wore Lithuanian peasant costumes.

During the program the significance of St. Casimir to both the Lithuanian and Polish nations was explained to the people, and his influence as a patron of youth was noted. A prayer, "Mano Malda," was read by Anna Galinas.

Marie Laske spoke of the wedding customs of the Lithuanian people. The group of Knights sang "Šalta Žiemužė," a popular folk song about matchmakers between two lovers and their parents. Doing "The Chicken Dance" afforded much fun and laughter for the entertainers and the entertained.

No program is complete without doing the Lithuanian folk dance, "Noriu Miego," and the singing of "Lietuva Tevyne Musu."

Our thanks are extended to the planners of the Lithuanian Night and to all who came from Scranton to entertain the guests at St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home staffed by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified.

Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC

### C-74—Scranton

Scranton Council 74 members were happy to learn that our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Michael Ozalas is now Right Rev. Msgr. Ozalas.

C-74 celebrated St. Casimir's Day with a Mass at St. Joseph Church. Fr. Ozalas celebrated the Mass with Irene Shimkus serving as Lector. The gifts were presented by Casimir Yanish, picture of St. Casimir; Marcella Kukaitis, lily; Edward Tamosaitis, cross; Ann Kvietkus, crown of gold; Frank Romeika, chalice; Gertrude Romeika, water and wine.



After Mass, we enjoyed a delicious brunch at Jay's Restaurant. Helen Romeika was chairman of the event.

Many Scranton Council members attended the Mid-Atlantic District St. Casimir's Day Breakfast in Bayonne. They all enjoyed meeting old and new friends and the hospitality of Bayonne Council.

The following members received their Third Degree: Right Rev. Msgr. Michael Ozalas, Joseph Zubovich, Ann Ulinoski, Casimir Yanish, Ann Kvietkus, Gertrude Romeika, Betty Tamosaitis, Edward Tamosaitis, Helen Roginski, Richard Laske, Marie Laske, Helen Romeika, Jean Kavelines, Ann Hufstutler, and Ann Galenas.

Ruth Yanish

### C-100—Amsterdam

Members of Council 11 attended Mass at St. Casimir's Church on March 6. Edward Ziausys and Gerard Drenzek carried the American and Lithuanian flags in the entrance procession. Rev. Robert K. Baltch was the celebrant and homilist. A special offertory service included the presentation of St. Casimir's statue, the Crucifix, the lily representing St. Casimir's purity, the regal crown, the crown of thorns, the candle and the bread and wine by Regina Kot, Bernice Aviza, Eleanor Olechowski, Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich, Gerard Drenzek and Edward Ziausys. Polly Ziausys, co-ordinator of the service, announced the significance of each gift.

A brunch followed at the Antlers Country Club. President Anthony J. Radzevich hosted the affair. Rev. Baltch, Spiritual Advisor, gave the invocation. Edward Baranauskas of Schenectady, C-140 Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, was the key speaker. His address concerned the life story of St. Casimir, the only canonized saint of Lithuanian blood. He pointed out that there are 19 Lithuanian parishes and 36 Polish parishes named after the saint in the United States.



C-100 Independence Day Celebration at St. Casimir's Social Center — Regina Kot, Polly Ziausys, Principal Speaker — Mrs. Izolina Gylys, and Gene Gobis, Chairman.



M.C. Jr. K of L Pres. Michael Mikolaitis, Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Mrs. Gylys and her husband.



Refreshment Committee — Walter Sargalis, John Kot and Peter Hayes, Chairman

Ritual Chairman Mary Stanionis assisted Spiritual Advisor Rev. Baltch in awarding degrees. Recipients of the second degree were Bernice Aviza, Gerard Drenzek, William Jasewicz, Matthew LaTorre, and Walter Sargalis.

Benediction was rendered by Rev. Anthony Grigaitis. Mary Stanionis chaired the brunch and was assisted by Betty Kuzmich, Judy Kastraveckas and Helen Wojcik.

We extend our sympathies to William & Beatrice Jasewicz and



family in the recent passing of William's mother, Elsie Jasewicz, and to Edmund & Nellie Liberis and family in the loss of Nellie's father, Joseph Pocus. Amžina atilsi, may they rest in peace!

Congratulations to our Junior President, Michael Mikolaitis, who was "Beltman" during the Health Education Week in New York State. He presented Governor Cuomo the Beltman Certificate for seatbelt and auto safety. Beltman made his appearance during the special Health Education awards ceremony in Albany on February 23.

Our Junior Vice President, Rima Hartvigas, has excelled in her studies at Bishop Scully, had the lead in the school play, and was a member of the Lady Mohawks basketball team which came in first place in its league.

A speedy recovery, Leonard Hartvigas.

Smile & Sparkle

## C-110—Maspeth

The Blizzard of 1983 forced cancellation of program for commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. However, some members braved the elements to attend Mass on Sunday, February 13.

March 6 was a sunny day, and Transfiguration Church was filled to capacity for the Mass to honor St. Casimir. Albina & Alex Siplack, Amelia & Sigmund Gregotowicz, Gene Bugenis, Catherine O'Donnell, Helen Matulonis and Sister Urban received second degrees. Council 110 donated Lithuanian Missals which were blessed by Msgr. Frank Bulovas.

In national costume, Stasia Kraujalis, Evelyn Wallis, Maria Stungurys, Ilona Stungurys, Helena Zedar, Mary Baltrus, Adele Dauzickas, and Helen Matulonis brought the gifts up to the altar. In his homily the Rev. S. Raila reminded us to keep up Lithuanian Parishes.

After Mass, Msgr. Bulovas opened the program in Transfiguration Hall by reminding us to keep up the



Msgr. F. Bulovas blessed Lithuanian Missals donated to Transfiguration Church by Council 110 Maspeth.

Lithuanian spirit and regretted the closing of Lithuanian Parishes. He reminded us that the Rev. S. Raila will celebrate his 50th Jubilee on October 9.

Walter Jaskevicius of Fordham University was guest speaker. A delicious lunch was served by Chairladies Anntoine Adomenas and Louise Dauzickas with the assistance of Jonas Kuchinskas, Louise Melort, Isabelle Peleckis and Lottie Ulrich.

Helen Matulonis' recipe for kugelis was published in the Daily News on Sunday, January 30.

On March 13, members attended the MAD Convention in Bayonne. Council 67 welcomed us with good coffee and cake. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Vaskas at St. Michael's Church. A sumptuous dinner was served in the church hall, followed by a buffet supper.

Ann Klizas Wargo, Supreme Council Cultural Chairman, served

as master of ceremonies. Nation Secretary Nancy Miro was guest speaker. National President Loreta Stukas extended greetings and urged the District and individual councils to submit resolutions for action at the National Convention in Philadelphia.

Since Jovita Sleder, District Ritual Chairman, was recuperating from recent surgery, committee members Joseph Sleder, Anntoine Adomenas, and Anna Zaldaris inducted 51 members in the third degree. The following 17 members of C-110 were installed: Frances & Anthony Migliore, Theresa & George Dagus, Stasia & Alphonse Kraujalis, Stella & Vincent Stripeikis, Muriel & John Lekstutis, Mary Baltrus, Helen Jambor, Maria Stungurys, Louise Dauzickas, Helen Venis and Helen & Anthony Yakaitis.

MAD President Larry Janonis conducted the business meeting. A



C-118, Hazelton, PA celebrated its first Kučios Supper at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.





**C-143 Pittston Seventh Annual Communion Breakfast, March 6, Honoring St. Casimir. Seated, from left to right: Atty. Ronald Kamage, Anna Klizas Wargo, guest speaker, Supreme Council Cultural Chairman; Father Peter Alisauskas, Pastor St. Casimir Church and Spiritual Advisor; Anna Daileda, Co-chairman; William Daileda, Chairman; Anna Challan, Pres. C-143 and Father Joseph Sibliano. Second Row: Adele Brooks, Anna Davala, Ann Marie Sewatsky, Helen Butsavage, Leo Butsavage, Alberta Walsh, Anna Walatkas, Mary Timek, Julie Farrell. Third Row: John Wisnosky, Marcella Bartoli, Phil Bartoli, John Wasser, Paul Patrick and Anastasia Stanley.**



total of 209 delegates and guests enjoyed the hospitality of Bayonne Council.

Mary York of C-12 Manhattan presented her project of pennies for repairs to the Statue of Liberty for her 100th Anniversary in 1986.

Helen Venis

### **C-143—Pittston**

Prior to the celebration of Mass on January 2, the following officers were installed by Father Alisauskas, our Spiritual Advisor: Anna Challan, President; William Daileda, Vice President; Annamarie Sewatsky, Recording Secretary; Nellie Bayoras, Financial Secretary; Leo Butsavage, Treasurer; Anastasia Stanley, Publicity; John Puscavage, Sergeant-at-Arms; Paul Patrick, Alberta Walsh, John Wisnosky, Trustees; Grace Kazacavage, Historian; Nellie Bayoras, Dorothy Banos, Catherine Cremard, Ritual and Lithuanian Affairs; Mildred Walsh, Rosalie Kizis, Anna Kayrukstis, Cultural Affairs.

Mary Ann Cipola, Anna Kayrukstis and Anastasia Stanley were installed in the first degree.

On February 13, Father Joseph Sibliano offered Mass in com-



Pittston Mayor Robert Loftus is pictured signing a proclamation designating Wednesday, February 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in the city of Pittston. Pictured, seated, Nellie Bayoras, chairman; Mayor Loftus and Anna Challan, president. Standing, Pittston City Clerk Paul McGarry, Annamarie Sewatsky, Anna Walatkas, Dorothy Banos, chairman, Lithuanian Affairs; Rosalie Kizis and Cas Kizis Sr.

memoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. He admonished us to keep the Lithuanian language alive, be grateful for our freedom and pray and work for the freedom of Lithuania. We thank Father for his sincere interest in our heritage. Spiritual Advisor Father Alisauskas joined us in prayer from the Holy

Land.

Nellie Bayoras coordinated the presentation of the offertory gifts as follows: American flag, Casimir Kizis Jr.; Lithuanian flag, Paul Lauck; wayside cross, Anna Challan; picture of Archbishop George Matulaitis, Alberta Walsh; bread and wine, Rosalie Klizas and



Frances Evans.

Lithuanian Affairs Chairman Nellie Bayoras, Co-chairman Dorothy Banos and President Anna Challan served as the committee for the flag-raising ceremony of the Luzerne County Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre on February 16. Prof. Vaclovas Romanas directed choir members from Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, and St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, in the singing of both national anthems. Rev. Joseph J. Lasky, Pastor of St. Mary's Annunciation Church, Kingston, offered prayers for the freedom of Lithuania. Proclamations were read from Mayor Tom McLaughlin of Wilkes-Barre, Mayor Robert Loftus of Pittston and Gov. Dick Thornburgh of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Resolutions were read by Luzerne County Commissioner Edward Brominski, Congressman Frank Harrison and President Anna Challan. Refreshments were served in the courthouse.

On March 6 K of L members, parishioners and friends attended the commemorative Mass for St. Casimir. Our flag bearers, Paul Patrick John Wasser and William Daileda, led the procession by carrying our beautiful new flags. Before Mass, Ritual Chairman Nellie Bayoras presented Adele Brooks and Anna Davalla for enrollment in the second by Father Alisauskas.

Ronald Kamage explained the significance of each of the offertory gifts: a picture of St. Casimir, Mary Timek; a lily, Julie Farrell; cross, Anna Walatkas; crown of gold, Adele Brooks; crown of thorns, Anna Davalla; wine, water and hosts, Filbert & Marcella Bartoli. Father Alisauskas gave us some thoughts for reflection about St. Casimir.

Following Mass, we had our seventh annual communion breakfast. Anna Klizas Wargo, Supreme Council Cultural Chairperson, was our guest speaker. She complimented us on our beautiful church, the celebration of the liturgy and our excellent choir. She said that we should be familiar with the life of St. Casimir and

teach it to our children. His life should have a special meaning for every Lithuanian. It was nice to have Mrs. Wargo with us on this special day.

Anastasia Stanley

### C-144—Camp Aušra

This summer Anthracite Council will provide two opportunities to local students to learn about Lithuanian heritage.

Interested children in grades 3 to 6 are invited to register for Camp Aušra Day Camp to be held from July 11-15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saint George Grove, Brandonville

Camp Aušra Overnight Camp will be scheduled from July 24-30 at Elmhurst for students in grades 7 through high school.

Planned camp activities include basic Lithuanian language, songs, dances, history, folk tales and authentic crafts, as well as swimming, nature hikes and a "laužas" bonfire.

Participants may register with the camp director, Sister Angela CJC, 25 S. Broad Mountain Ave., Frackville, PA 17931, (874-0351).

### C-144—Anthracite

Our thanks to Chairman Elsie Kosmisky and her committee for an impressive St. Casimir's Day Breakfast. At the Mass celebrated by Spiritual Advisor Rev. Al Bartkus at Annunciation Church, the Frackville Junior Knights, Sister Angela, Counsellor, presented the gifts at the offertory. The Zarija Choir under the direction of Eleanor Vaicaitis sang Lithuanian hymns.

Guest speaker was Vytautas Volertas, Chairman of the Central Committee for the St. Casimir 500th Jubilee Celebration. The New Philadelphia Junior Knights under the direction of Rita Shevokis with a "Garnys" entertained, and they were delightful. Mr. Volertas announced that Father Bartkus is a member of the Central Committee and is in charge of trips to Rome for the celebration. A special trip to Rome is scheduled for February 26

to March 5. Anyone interested may write to Rev. Al Bartkus, 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave., Frackville, PA 17931.

Under the chairmanship of Helen Chesko, a bus load of members along with some members from the Hazelton Council journeyed to Bayonne for the MAD St. Casimir's Day Breakfast and Spring Convention. Our council was well represented with Anne Wargo acting as MC and Elsie Kosmisky assisting National President Loretta Stukas in presenting charters to two councils.

Our own Annie Morgalis along with Bernice Aviza of Amsterdam Council were selected as Knights of the Year. This honor could not have been given to two more deserving people.

Members who received their third degrees were Mary Gustus, Helen Labadis, Anna Leksy, Mary Narcavage, Rita Shevokis, Francis Stefanek, Beatrice Wasley and Eva Yurkewicz. Thanks to Sister Angela who led the prayers both going and coming home. Special thanks to the Bayonne Council members who were such gracious hosts and did such an unforgettable job.

ONA

### C-146—Harrisburg

Our February meeting to commemorate Lithuanian Independence Day was cancelled because of the snow storm. However, Frances Boyle made arrangements for a commemorative Mass which was said at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg on February 18.

Joanna Gilbert, our president, represented the council at Governor Thornburgh's signing of the Proclamation of Lithuanian Independence Day on February 7. Other members also attended.

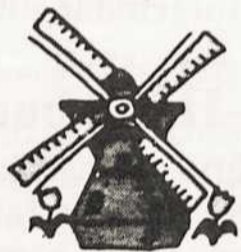
Our March meeting opened with a Mass celebrated by our Spiritual Advisor the Rev. John Smith in observance of St. Casimir's Day and in memory of Stanley Vaicaitis of C-144, a devoted Knight and friend of C-146. Prof. Robert Crochunis of the Harrisburg Community College was our speaker.



Our council was invited to the George Washington and Thadeus Kocziuszko Polish Dinner Dance at the Embers in Carlisle. This was the first time the Lithuanians were invited. We were introduced to an audience of 200 people. Our Lithuanian Flag was displayed on the wall along side of the Polish flag. The guest speaker was Frances Kalesheski. President Joanna Gilbert, Trustee Joseph Mackalonis and other council members attended.

Recently we were again invited to attend a business meeting of the Polish Cultural Club. Joanna Gilbert, Joseph Mackalonis, Helen Syssocki and Lillian Marazzas represented the council.

Susan Mackalonis a member and daughter of Trustee Joseph Mackalonis, was a contestant in the Miss Pennsylvania — Miss USA Contest held at Westmoreland Mall in Greensburg. Sue wore a Lithuanian costume brought to the USA by Ann Panchair of C-144 on one of her recent visits to Lithuania. Congratulations to Susan who was named Miss Central Pennsylvania.



## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

### C-10—Athol-Gardner

The Athol-Gardner Council held their annual celebration of the Feast of St. Casimir, patron of Lithuania and the Knights, by attending Mass on March 6 at St. Francis Church, Athol. Pastor and Spiritual Advisor Rev. Justin Steponaitis was celebrant and homilist. Communion was received in a body. Bill Wisniauskas and Lennie Davidonis brought the gifts to the altar.

Following Mass, eighteen of us traveled to Maironis Park and attended St. Casimir's Parish Annual Banquet that was indeed a feast.

The meal was served under the direction of Helen Gorodeckas and her capable staff.

The men's choir and children from the parish school entertained after dinner. Our own Lennie Davidonis and Tina Shatas were winners in the huge raffle that followed. It was nice to see our members from Nashua, the Muellars.

All in all, St. Casimir must have been proud that after 500 years he is still remembered among the Liths. The Gardner News carried an article on the feast.

Peter Rodski, son of Al & Pauline, made the honor roll each month at Gardner High. Congratulations, Peter! Fr. Steponaitis and Helen & Tony Simkunas are planning trips to Lithuania this summer.

Athol Daily News carried a picture of Howie Beaudette, Monadnock Council Boy Scout Commissioner and our Vice President, congratulating scouts of Troop 32 at a recent Court of Honor. Alice Perekslis and Charlie Genaitis were recently hospitalized and are coming along fine.

This year our council celebrates its 70th anniversary. We are still going strong and have young ideas. Bravo!

A happy Father's Day to all our clergy, fathers and grandfathers. Have a good day!

Vincukas

### C-50—New Haven

St. Casimir's Day at St. Casimir's Church in New Haven began on Saturday, March 5, with the arrival of our National President Loretta Stukas. Helen Case, a member of the Parish Council, graciously entertained our invited guest in her home. On Sunday, Helen found time to take Loretta for a tour of Yale University and other interesting spots in Old New Haven.

George Kisielius again chaired this eventful day which was an outstanding success. Alex Gedrim and Tony Kordorsky marched down the aisle carrying our American and Lithuanian flags while the choir sang the hymn to St. Casimir. Father Karalis celebrated the Solemn Mass. Father Gardeck, former pastor, was concelebrant. Our President Frank Peterson and our beloved guest of Honor Loretta Stukas carried the offertory gifts to the altar. The Mass closed with the choir singing the Vyčiu Himnas.

Under the splendid supervision of Theresa Trimaitis, the members of our council prepared and served 130 people a most delicious brunch of



Helen Case, Hostess for weekend for visit of National President Loretta Stukas to C-50's St. Casimir's Day celebration.





Guest Speaker, National President Loretta Stukas.

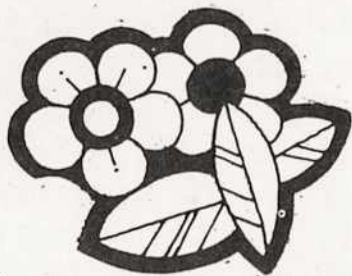
chicken, ham, kugelis and even klatzkus. Loretta Stukas, as usual, inspired us with her account of the life of St. Casimir. She encouraged us to keep our Lithuanian heritage alive by preserving the lore our folks brought with them when they left the shores of their beloved land. May her visit to New Haven be long remembered and those precious words she spoke to us stay with us forever.

No one could be happier on this great occasion than Rose Kisielius who, despite her recent illness and much discomfort, was in the old spot she cherishes of greeting everyone at the ticket entrance.

Joan Augustine presented our guest with a lovely gift. George Kisielius also did his honorable deed, and our guest was again the recipient of a wonderful gift.

Thanks to all who came to share their love for St. Casimir.

Helen Balchus



## Mid-America District

Our 23rd Annual "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet was one of our most successful with over 500 in attendance. The event was held in the Martinique Grand Ballroom. Congrats to: Chairman John L. Paukstis, who along with Algerd Brazis served as co-emcees; Banquet



Gift Bearers at St. Casimir's Day Mass — National President, Loretta Stukas and C-50 President, Frank Peterson. Ushers in background are Mr. Marcus and Mr. Leikus.



St. Casimir's Day Brunch — Bernice Barile, Father Edward Gradeck, Ivan Gaysunas, Loretta Stukas, Father Albert Karalis and May Jacob, our oldest K of L member.



Former National League Advisor and benefactor Konstant Savickas with MAMD Treasurer Irene Sankus and Board Chairman Algerd Brazis.



Coordinator Irene Sankus; District President Vincent Samaska who presented our Award of Distinction to the D-G American Legion Post in memory of the 50th anniversary of the flight of Darius and Girenas; publicists Ruth Kazlauskas and Emilija Pakalniskis; to all of the ticket sellers and those members who worked during the event; to the K of L Choir with Director Faustas Strolia and accompanist Robert Mockus. A job well done!

Our District Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas gave the invocation and C-36 Spiritual Advisor Rev. Fabian Kireilis, the benediction. Guests included His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Illinois State Senator Frank Savickus, ALTAS Vice President Dr. Vladas Simaitis, Lithuanian Vice-Consul Mary Krauchunas, D-G Commander Stanley Walters and D-G Auxiliary President Bernice Graves. The Honorary Chairman was David Mackiewich of Standard Federal Savings and Loan Association.

For a job well done, the "Memories" committee was treated to a theatre evening at the Drury Lane. The pre- and post-socializing was headed by Al Brazis, but we all missed the delightful personality of his wife Aldona Brazis, who was recuperating.

Our Annual St. Casimir's Day Commemoration began with High Mass at Immaculate Conception Church with His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys officiating and the Rev. Fabian Kireilis assisting. Following the Mass, a lunch-program was arranged by District President Vince Samaska. Irene Sankus served as M-C. Ritual Co-chairman Ruth and Al Dagis presented Sophie Nieminski of C-112 with her fourth degree; Georgianne Kassel, Paul Strolia and Ona Naureckis, all of C-36 and Clemente Vidzius of the Chicago Seniors with their third degrees. We were privileged to have both the American Legion Post and Cardinal Mundelein K of C in attendance. Rev. Peter Cibulskie MIC joined us

for the luncheon program.

Our K of L Member of the Year Award was presented to Ann Marie Kassel of C-36 for her untiring work with the Juniors and also representing her council on both the District and National Boards for many years. A well-deserved honor to a most deserving member.

Working on the committee were Vince Samaska, Irene Sankus, Al Brazis, Sabina Klatt, Georgi and Ann Marie Kassel, Paul Strolia, Vida Maleiska, John Monahan, Walter Kalvaitis, Joe Martikonis, Alice Kent, Sue Suski and Gerry Mack.

Following the St. Casimir's events, the Quarterly Business Meeting of the District was held with President Vince Samaska presiding. Reports were received from all officers, chairmen and councils. Plans were made for the upcoming July 4 K of L Day Picnic, and the K of L Building needs were discussed. It was a pleasure to have Theresa Balciunas, President of C-38 Kenosha, in attendance. It was also announced that National Legal Advisor Konstant Savickas donated a large sum of money for the benefit of the District.

Again, our hard-working K of L Building Trustees held a successful Rummage Sale. Among the workers were Al & Julie Zakarka, Al Mockus, Eleanor Kasputis, Susan Bolanos, Sabina Klatt, Emilija pakalniskis, Monica Kasper, Adele Gabalis and Clemente Vidzius.

During that same weekend Paul Binkis Jr., Irene Sankus and Ann Marie Kassel represented the District at the Supreme Council meeting in Philadelphia.

District Membership Vice President Eleanor Kasputis reported that the Drive is really progressing. As prizes for the Drive, she received donations from Don Petkus of Petkus Funeral Homes, Ron and Sam of the New Gold Inn, Algerd Brazis and Theresa Balciunas. Awards donated by Eleanor herself and Theresa will also be presented to those signing up members to the Junior Councils. All prizes will be

presented during the Annual K of L Day Picnic on July 4 at the K of L Building and Gardens.

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We held our Annual Coffee and Cake Social at the Immaculate Conception School Hall on January 16. Over 300 parishioners attended.

The annual choir dinner dance was held on January 22. Faustas Strolia directed the choir. Accompanist was Robert Mockus C-112. All enjoyed dancing to the Aidas Orchestra. Thanks to all for helping to make this a big success.

At our January meeting the Seth Thomas Clock was won by Jerome Jankus. We also welcomed 23 new members into membership.

ALTAS presented the Annual Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration at Maria High School Auditorium. Our Vince Samaska, Irene Sankus C-112, and Mr. & Mrs. Stanaitis of Chicago Seniors helped in every way possible to make it all such a success. Joe Martikonis carried the American flag for the DG Post. Jerome Jankus proudly carried the Vyčius flag. The program included the K of L Dancers under the direction of Frank Zapolis, and the K of L Choir sang.

Congratulations to Stella Kaulakis, Adolph Kaulakis, Rose Didzgalvis, Jonas Levickas, Bytautas Dijokas, first degree recipients; John Paukstis and Salomija Dauliene, second degree.

Peter Bieliunas sold his business to Donald and Karen Smith, C-36 members. Donald's parents are also members. It will be named Bieliunas Smith Funeral Home.

Deepest sympathy to the family of HM Al Manst. We will remember his participation in council activities and his donations for after-meeting socials. Our sympathy to Mrs. Gwen Baskin and family on the death of her husband Frank.

Congratulations to John Paukstis, Chairman of the Memories of Lithuania Banquet,

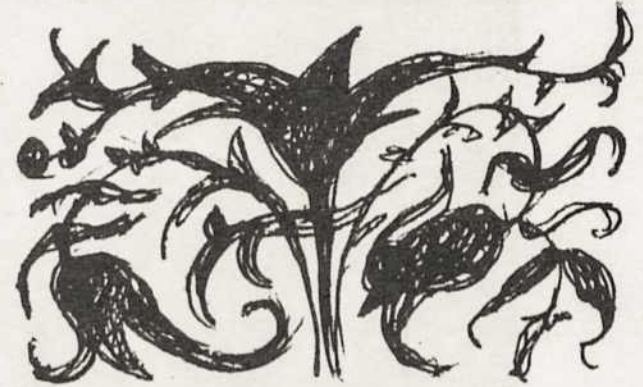




#### Coffee and Cake Social

Pictured above (Center) Sr. Mary Margaret, Principal of Immaculate Conception School receives the first cup of coffee from John L. Paukstis, President. Committee members looking on approvingly are (L to R) Ann Cihon, Rev. Vincent Daugintis, Sabina Klatt, Sharon Martinaitis, Lucy Kilkus, Sue Suski, Lillian Paukstis, Ona Naureckas, Salomeja Daulys, Vincent Samaska.

Photo by P. Maletos



and all workers for such a great success. It was good to see so many of our members attending.

Mid-America District hosted the St. Casimir's Day commemoration with Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Luncheon and program followed at the K of L Building. Congratulations — Ona Naureckas, Georgiann Kassel and Paul Strolia, our third degree recipients; Ann Marie Kassel on receiving K of L Member of the Year Award. Thanks to the workers in the kitchen — Vince Samaska, John H. Monaghan Jr., Walter Kalvaitis, Sue Suski, Joe Marikonis, Alice Kent, Soctty Zukas, Peggy Zakaras and Sabina Klatt.

Your old wares were someone else's new-found treasures on March 19. A few of our council members helped with sorting and selling.

Get well wishes are extended to Debbie Gawryla, Lillian Paukstis, Joe Kulys, Joseph Potocka, Stella Noruskis and Bernice Pupinik. A cordial welcome to 29 new members! Sorry, space does not permit an individual welcome.

Sabina Klatt



Members of Council 36 Chicago enjoying the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. Seated: Carol Tenclinger and Terry Strolia. Standing: Wally Tenclinger, Lorraine Svelnis, K of L Choir Director Faustas Strolia, and Natl. Fin. Secy. AnnMarie Kassel.

(Photo: J. Tamulaitis)



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C-112 Chicago members and friends enjoying the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet. Seated: "Sandara" Editor G. Lazauskas, Aldona Gylys, Irene Sankus, Albert Matulis. Standing: Zenon Sukys, Lois Habel, John Narusis, H.M. Eleanore Laurine, Estelle Rogers, Balys Brazdzionis, Eleanor Kasputis. (Photo: J. Tamulaitis)

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Our February Board meeting was hosted by Susan Bolanos, and plans were formulated for upcoming council activities. Following our business meeting the District Ritual Team, Ruth Dagus, Albert Dagus, Albert Zakarka, Al Mockus, assisted by Cannon V. Zakarauskas, presented degrees to deserving K of L members. Council 112 members receiving degrees were Albert Barstis, Antoinette Barvitz, Charlotte Brazdzionis, Bernard Gercius, Mary Juzenas, Steve Rudokas and JoAnn Wasilauskas, first degrees; Rev. Anthony Markus, Edward Deksnis and LaVerne Wopereis, second degrees. Congratulations to all!

Following our March business meeting, we were privileged to have

our guest speaker, Gene Liner, Holy Cross Hospital's Director of Public Relations. He was most informative and an interesting speaker.

Congratulations to our council members who worked on the District's very successful "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet; namely Algerd & Aldona Brazis, Irene Sankus, Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Emilija Pakalniskis, Gerry Mack, Eleanor Kasputis, Al & Julie Zakarka, Estelle Rogers, Monica Kasper, Sophie Nieminski, Mary Juzenas. The affair was truly elegant and a fun night for all in attendance. We missed our lovely Honorary Member, the Hon. Josephine Dauzvardis who was unable to attend due to health problems. But it was great having another Honorary Member in atten-

dance, Eleanore Laurin, whom we see much too seldom these days.

Our newest Fourth Degree Member, Sophie Nieminski received her medal and certificate during the District's St. Casimir's Day Commemoration. A well-deserved honor for a hard-working lady!

While some of our council members were toiling away at the K of L Building Rummage Sale, President Paul Binkis Jr. and Irene Sankus attended a meeting of the Supreme Council in Philadelphia. They both reported that the convention business and social plans are progressing and a most interesting convention is being planned. They extended their thanks to their Phillie hosts — Helen Shields and family and Joe & Diane Drumstas for their hospitality.