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50th Anniversary

DARIUS AND GIRÉNAS — LITHUANIAN HEROES

Vince Gražulis



This year, July 15, 1983, Lithuanians the world over will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ill-fated flight of two American fliers of Lithuanian descent — Steponas Darius and Stasys Girėnas. Their tiny single engine plane called "Lituanica" took off from Floyd Bennett Airfield in New York on July 15, 1933 at 6:24 A.M. for a projected non-stop flight across the Atlantic to Kaunas, the capitol of Lithuania. The flight ended in a tragic crash in a wooded area in Germany just 400 miles from their destination. The cause of the crash remains unsolved. One fact will always dominate — the pilots had flown more accurately than any others before them. This flight did contribute greatly to the "pioneering" stage of the Trans-Atlantic flights. Both pilots were seasoned fliers.

Steponas Darius was a well qualified aviator born in Rubiškė, County of Tauratė, in Lithuania on January 8, 1896. He immigrated to the United States where he lived in Elizabeth, New Jersey, then to Chicago where he graduated from Harrison Technical High School and Lane Junior College. In 1917 at the age of 21 he joined the United States Army as a volunteer and served as a telephone operator in the Field Artillery, Regiment 149, a member of the famous 42 Rainbow Division. He took part in the second battle of the Marne (July 15 through August 7, 1918) and was one of fourteen in his regiment to be commended for bravery in action. This division was the first American combat division to arrive in France during World War I. In 1920 he left for Lithuania, where he enlisted in the Lithuanian Army as a volunteer. He graduated from Military School in 1921, completed war-aviation courses in 1923 and in 1927 he was promoted to the rank of Captain. He returned to the United States in 1927 and took part in Civil Aviation — flying all kinds of aeroplanes. He practiced flying over the sea, mainly to find his bearings according to the stars. All these practice flights made him an excellent navigator.

Stasys Girėnas was born in Vytogala, County of Raseiniai, on October 4, 1893. Stasys, the youngest of sixteen children, immigrated to the United States in 1910 and settled in Chicago where he became a mechanic. He joined the United States Army in 1917 and served in the 136th Airborne Squadron until 1919. He learned to fly after he was discharged from the Army. He and a friend bought a plane and, in 1925, he was seriously injured in an accident. He recovered, continued flying and became a flying instructor. He bought a new plane and transported passengers. In 1931 he won an event at the Aviation Festival sponsored by the American Legion Aviation Post in Chicago. At an altitude of 1,000 feet he cut the engine of his plane and glided into the designated landing area. He was a very qualified aviator.

"Lituanica" — In 1932 Steponas Darius and Stasys Girėnas came to an agreement to fly to Lithuania across the Atlantic Ocean. With the little money they pooled together, \$3200.00, they bought a six seater Bellanca Aeroplane (Model CH-300 Pace Maker, Serial N137). They named it Lituanica. With donations from American Lithuanians, amounting to \$8,456, a new Wright 365 H.P. motor was purchased and fitted in to the air craft. The plane could fly at 200 km an hour. More room was made to take on fuel storage tanks. There was a lack of funds for the latest navigational instruments and radio apparatus.

From the time the Lituanica took off on July 15, 1933 the pilots, Darius and Girėnas found their bearings by compass. They kept a steady course to the end. On the evening of July 16th they flew over Scotland and on the night of July 17 Lituanica reached West Prussia, 115 km north of Berlin and crashed there in a forest near Soldin. The pilots had flown 6,441 km in 35 hours and 15 minutes; there were but 650 km left to fly to their destination. Both of their bodies were flown to Kaunas. The Lithuanian Government, Army, numerous organizations and multitudes of people (over 60,000) attended their funeral.

The reasons for Lituanica's crash are not clear. The American aviator, Charles A. Lindbergh, who had made a solo-flight across the Atlantic in 1927, declared that the deaths of the Lithuanian pilots seemed very strange and

distressing to him. The West European and American Press printed stories saying that the aeroplane might have been shot down.

Capt. Steponas Darius and Lt. Stasys Girėnas carried out a daring and hazardous flight. Having decided not to touch down until Kaunas, they had to take off from New York carrying a great deal of weight without a controllable-pitch propeller. They flew on without modern navigational instruments but followed their route accurately and according to the long-distance flying records of that time, this was to be the longest non-stop flight in American Aviation history.

Though they did not reach their destination in their heroic non-stop flight to the Capitol of their mother land, Capt. Darius and Lt. Girėnas became national heroes in Lithuania . . . They captured the hearts of all Americans and for this we honor them.

DARIUS-GIRĖNAS COMMEMORATIVE STAMP EFFORT

During 1982 thousands of letters have been written to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service asking that in 1983 a commemorative stamp be issued in honor of Capt. Steponas Darius and Lt. Stasys Girėnas commemorating the 50th Anniversary of their ill-fated non-stop flight from New York to Kaunas, Lithuania that ended in a tragic crash in Germany.

Although the U.S. Postal Service did not approve a Darius-Girėnas commemorative stamp for 1983, new efforts are being made for 1984. It is already on the agenda for a meeting of the committee this year.

WRITE AGAIN TO THE COMMITTEE expressing your wishes to have this stamp issued. A sample letter follows:

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, Room 5536
Washington, D.C. 20260

In 1933 two American pilots of Lithuanian descent, Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas, undertook a dangerous transatlantic flight which began in New York and tragically ended a few hundred miles short of their destination, Lithuania.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of their historic flight, I kindly request that in 1984 the U.S. Postal Service issue a commemorative postage stamp in their honor.

Yours truly,

— Vince Gražulis



Post Commander Stanley Walters, Past Commander Bruce Neberieza and Chairman and Past Commander John Paukstis shown making plans for the July 4th ceremonies honoring Darius-Girenas at their monument in Chicago.

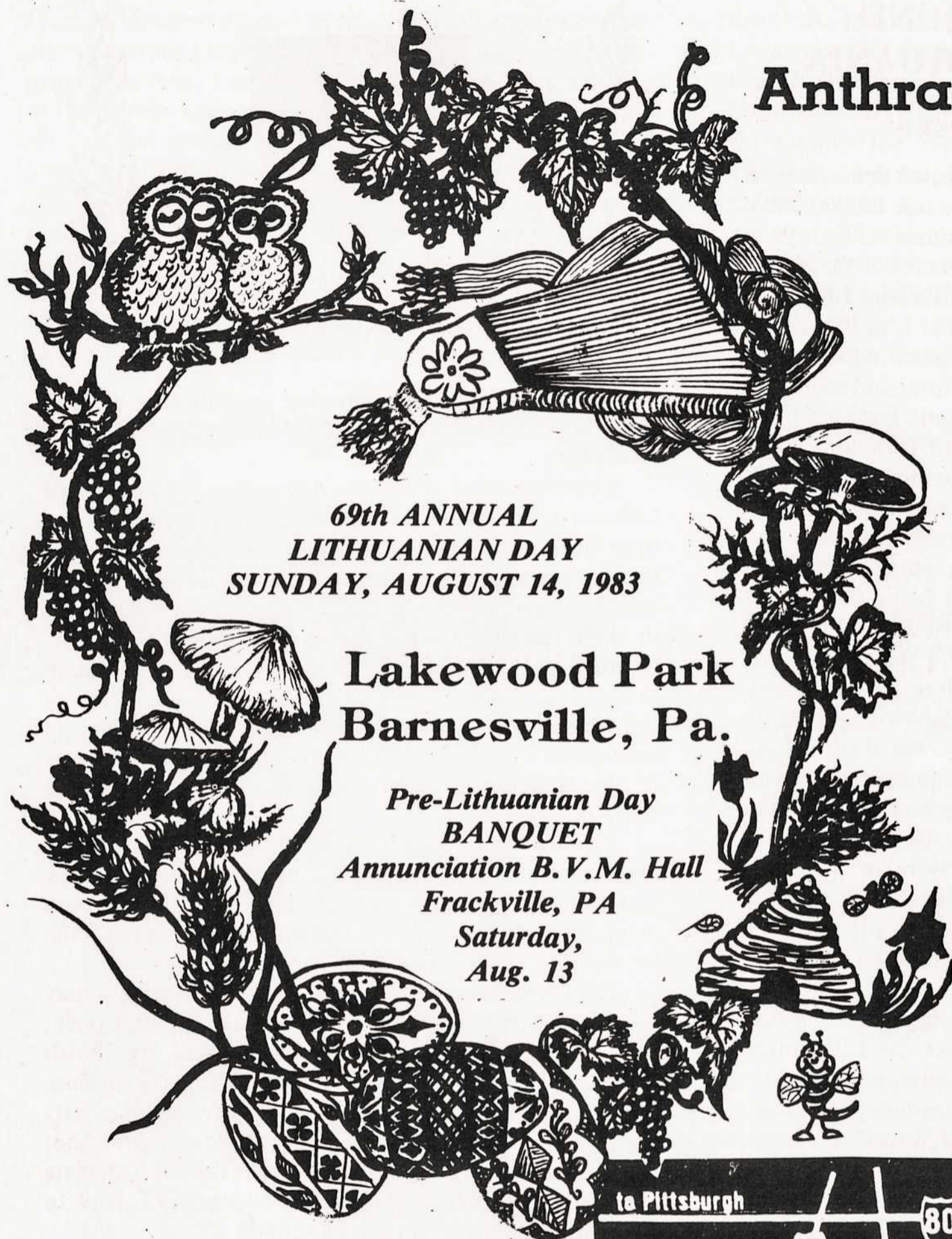


Under the leadership of Ruth Kazlauskas, C-36 collected more than 700 signatures on petitions to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee. Shown signing petitions are Simas Jokubitis, Ona Naureckas, John Paukstis, Stella Jerum and A. Simenas.

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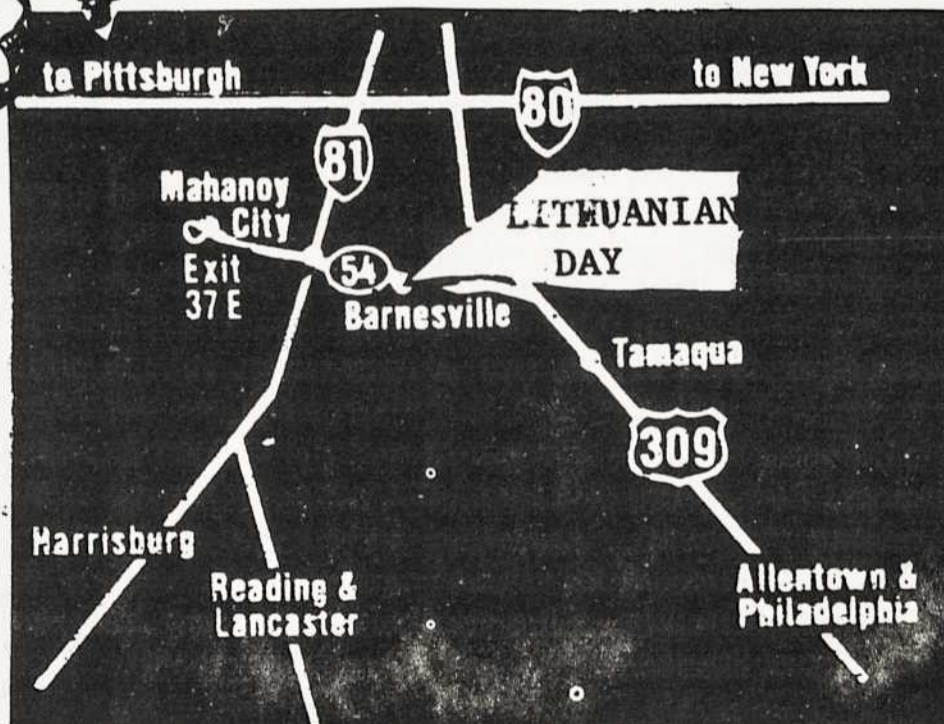
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Barnesville, Pa.**

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THE UNDERGROUND CHRONICLE IN LITHUANIA

By Fr. JOSEPH PRUNSKIS

The most outstanding post of Christian democracy to the North of Europe was Lithuania, one of the Baltic States. It was one of the strongest countries of Europe in the XV and XVI centuries, but at the end of the XVIII century it was subjugated by czarist Russia. Lithuania regained independence after World War I, in 1918, after 123 years of servitude. It became a member of the League of Nations and made considerable cultural and economic progress, assuring the people democratic freedom.

One of the factors that has helped Lithuania in its achievements was a strong Christian Democratic party. It published a daily paper, "Rytas" (The Morning) and its ideology was an inspiration for several weekly and monthly periodicals. It attracted many intellectuals. The Christian Democrats were the leading group in realizing very impressive agrarian reforms: distribution of land for those who tilled it but did not have their own. The Christian Democrats were the leading parliamentary group in introducing a stable currency based on gold, in organizing the state administration, system of education, social security, putting financial and economic matters on a sound footing, obtaining recognition of all the great powers, developing diplomatic and trade relations.

Later, liberals and nationalists were in power in Lithuania, but the influence of Christian Democratic ideas was always strong, especially that the Catholic Church in Lithuania was not only a Christian force, but also a promoter of democracy.

Unfortunately, in 1940 Lithuania was occupied by the Soviet Union. Moscow, realizing that the Lithuanian people were not favorable to the foreign communistic dictatorship, decided to subjugate the country by terror. About 350,000 Lithuanians (out of 3 million) were deported to Siberia. People were denied political freedom. The economy was transformed according to the Marxist system, people lost freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly and even freedom of conscience.

However, even the most strict oppression did not break the courage of the Lithuanians who are dedicated defenders of Christianity and democracy. One way for them to defend those principles was an underground press. And so on March 19, 1972, the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania", a clandestine publication, appeared. Everyone who knows the efficiency of the Soviet secret police and their ruthless means to silence every trace of opposition, can realize that publishing such an underground paper required great sacrifices. Work



continued knowing that any day contributing writers, publishers, distributors could be arrested, jailed, even murdered.

However, these enormous difficulties did not silence Lithuanians who were ready to sacrifice their lives for their dear ideals of Christianity and democracy. They decided through this **samizdat** to constantly appeal to the free world not to forget their plight, searching for support in their struggle against the overwhelming oppressor, desiring to defend their religious beliefs and to regain their basic human rights, protesting against slavery introduced by Moscow's communism. And they were successful. The free world has already received 56 issues of this underground paper which manages to survive more than a decade.

The **Chronicle** describes in detail how communist atheists are desecrating the churches, using them as storehouses, museums, concert and dance halls, even using them as museums of atheism as is the case with the St. Casimir church in Vilnius.

The **Chronicle** relays how believers are forced to pay enormous "rents" for the churches that are still open, disregarding that these were constructed by parish members. From the **Chronicle** we know that students are forbidden to sing in church choirs, to serve Mass; priests are forbidden to work in charitable fields, they are not freely admitted to perform last rites for the dying in state hospitals. Even Catholic children are being forced to write atheistic compositions in school.

The **Chronicle** informs about instances where teachers lost their positions for attending church and students lost the possibility to continue studies in universities because they are believers.

The **Chronicle** informs about numerous Lithuanians who are jailed or locked in psychiatric wards. From the **Chronicle** we know that a very dedicated priest, Fr. Bronius Laurinavičius, was pushed by KGB agents under an oncoming truck and was killed in this staged accident.

The **Chronicle** publishes the names of Lithuanians who were arrested and jailed for publication of this and other underground papers. It publishes letters from such

prisoners. It describes how priests are fined even for teaching children religion in church. It informs that in the city of Klaipėda with the permission of Soviet authorities granted in 1956, a new church dedicated to Mary, Queen of Peace, was constructed and before the consecration in 1961 it was confiscated and turned into a concert hall. Many petitions to have the confiscated church returned (one petition contained 148,000 signatures) were to no avail.

The influence of the "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania" is enormous. Over the Voice of America radio excerpts of information, given by the **Chronicle**, are being broadcast behind the Iron curtain.

The **Chronicle** is being reprinted in Lithuanian papers in the USA. It is being published in books in the original Lithuanian language and in English, Spanish, German, French translations. These books are placed in public libraries and distributed among influential people throughout the free world. Facts, published in the **Chronicle** are being quoted in the U.S. Congress, in Congressional Records, at the Madrid Conference, in numerous books, in various lectures, even in special publications like the "Violation of Human Rights in Soviet Occupied Lithuania". It is a known fact that fear of being described by the **Chronicle** forces the red authorities to abstain from some acts of brutal violence.



Birutė Pukelevičiūtė

The Last June

(Paskutinis Birželis)

Good-bye and farewell, our last June at our shore,
More green and beguiled than ever before.
Rash thunder caused people to suffer and wander,
And scatter'd yellow, green and red wreaths assunder.

Good-bye and farewell ye, each blossoming valley —
Sweet hues of rue, clover and lilly, farewell ye.

On upriser's pathway, bookcarrier's trail,
But stouthearted mortals may tread and prevail.
For progress and freedom, for prayer and book,
In sorrow our homeland, and all, we forsook.

Good-bye and farewell ye, each blossoming valley —
Sweet hues of rue, clover and lilly, farewell ye.

Where a tear has fallen, there a bird is calling;
For each drop of blood rises new flaming bud.
We, temper'd by Krazial, Giedraieiai ordeal,
Lithuanians, turned hardy as durable steel.

Good-bye and farewell ye, each blossoming valley —
Sweet hues of rue, clover and lilly, farewell ye.

Refresh us, O June, with mild breeze of our birthland,
For you were the last June for us in our homeland;
And for those remaining on that ancient shore
May blow yellow, green and red wreaths evermore.

Good-bye and farewell ye, each blossoming valley —
Sweet hues of rue, clover and lilly, farewell ye.

Rendered into English Verse by

Nadas Rastenis

Honorary Lithuanian-American Poet Laureat

TRAGIC JUNE

This year in the month of June, Lithuanians throughout the country are observing the tragic events that happened 42 years ago in Lithuania. About 700,000 of our people were deported to Siberia.

Deportation was an instruction issued in Moscow on June 4, 1941, by Serov, the Deputy People's Commissar of State Security, which applied to the three Baltic States, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. The instruction specified every detail of procedure and manner in carrying out the mass deportation. The operative groups were warned to act firmly and decisively, not to create panic, noise, or any kind of resistance. Army units and militia were ordered to stand ready for any eventualities and guards. Trucks and freight trains should be made available beforehand to transport the deportees. The deportees were to be arrested and taken from their homes before dawn. Because the people were caught unawares and at night, a wave of terror shook the country.

The first mass arrests were executed on June 14, 15 - 1941 and continued until war started between Soviet Russia and Germany on June 22. The deportees usually were seized between 1 and 4 a.m. People had very little time to pack and most of them left as they were, saying good-bye to their homes forever.

The deportees came from all walks of life and represented all ages, not excluding infants, pregnant women, the sick or very old.

The arrested were taken from their homes to railroad stations and loaded into freight cars, 50-60 persons to a car, although Serov's in-

structions specified only 25 persons. The windows of the cars were boarded up with only small cracks left open. Men were separated from their wives and, in many instances, children from their mothers. The people, locked in the cars lacking air and without food and water, had several days until all the arrested were entrained.

The train ride in the "red wagons" or cattle cars was long. It was difficult. The Russian countryside through which the train traveled was filled with the wailing of the victims. Trapped inside, they longed for their separated family, a little water. They did not know their destinations; they did not know if they would be alive to reach that destination. This could only be determined at the journey's end. If they came out of the car, they were alive; if they did not they were dead. Their corpses would be strewn along the embankment to rot. Death may have been a blessing for the lives of survivors were soon to depict stories of living hell.

Lithuanian deportees were transported to northern Russia, western and eastern Siberia and the Soviet Far East. Most of the deportees were confined into forced labor camps.

In most cases the plight of the women was better than the men. They were privileged to be deported for work in the Siberian "kolchozes" (the collective farms). They were ignorant of their husbands' place of exile, but they knew it was somewhere in the death camps of deepest Siberia. Letters from the woman deportees occasionally reached kindred and friends who had been fortunate enough to escape the clenches of the Russian Iron Fist. The following extracts from two letters reveal the sadness that filled the lives of these women.

First, a young Lithuanian girl writes to her aunt in Philadelphia, USA: Dear Aunt, ...Having received your address I am writing a few words. We are now in Yakutsk, in the cold Siberia. Here I have buried my dear mother and both my little brothers. About my father — dead

or alive — I have no idea where he is. Now are left — five sisters only. Write us please, because life here is very sad.

Secondly, a Lithuanian mother writes: "...My dear little Mary, ... Much time has passed since we parted. In that time I have changed, you would not know me any more. I live in Altay country (Siberia) with my four children. The youngest is Onute. You haven't seen her because she was born in a wagon on the way to Siberia and it is a miracle she survived. My husband, Antanas, is not with us. He is unable to visit us. I can't go to him either. Probably he lives no more. (As the mother continues her letter, it explains why "little Mary" would not know her any more) ...I am working in the forests of the Far North. My work is: I am sawing very thick trees, and hauling them on sledges to a river. The climate here is very cold. It is not easy to exist here without warm clothing. The cold exceeds 50°C., below zero, and more. The snow is deeper than in Lithuania and in places mounts to 1.5 and 2 meters: However, I am already used to that and do not complain. It is a pity we are short of potatoes. The soil is of no use here. In the summer it is thawed up to some 25 centimeters, deeper is the ice. When a man dies, he freezes and becomes a mummy." The mother closes the letter with "farewell, and pray for us."

One never knows how much inhumaneness a human can endure until it is actually endured. I mentioned earlier the plight of the men was even more severe. Very few words were able to escape the far depths of the Siberian labor camps to reveal the fate of the men condemned to live there. However, the words of deportee, Mr. Kaplanas, did overcome the barriers. Here is his description of the conditions under which his group was forced to live: "...When we arrived in this hell, they took everything away from us which they possibly could. They clothed us in filthy rags, divided us into brigades and set us on the

road to a slow death...We began before dawn and ended after dark... Our food was the same every day — soup made of rotten or frozen potatoes cooked in salted water with just a bit of barley, 400 grams of bread a day. We had to sleep in unheated barracks, without any mattresses or blankets. Returning from work, we warmed ourselves by huddling up and lying close together. The death rates were appalling...The bodies of many of the people were swollen from hunger, covered with wounds...only death relieved them of their sufferings. The corpses cannot be buried, because the soil is too hard. They are stored in heaps at one end of the camp.

These words I have quoted from letters of victims of the mass depor-

tations explain why, for Lithuania, Siberia is not merely a geographic name. It is a word — synonymous with genocide. Due to the arduous work, the extreme climate, and enforced hunger, most of those deported to Siberia died before their time. Thereby, giving Siberia the name "cemetery of nations". It is difficult to tally the losses the caused during the tragic days of June. The rollcall of our dead is lengthy. These men, women and children suffered for the simple reason they fostered values dear to the Lithuanian character.

And still today the terror of Russian genocidal practices continue. More fashionable "cultural" and "corrective psychotherapeutic methods" are used today. Russification has become the subtle means by

which Moscow hopes to further its imperialistic objectives. Religious persecution, forced industrialization, suppression of the Lithuanian language, academic persecution and the denial of the right to emigrate are all part of the Soviet ploy to snuff out the Lithuanian spirit.

Our observance of Tragiskas Birzelis should represent a challenge to us to support the struggle of our brothers and sisters living in Lithuania. It should be a challenge to us to keep the West informed and to wage war against all indifference and ignorance of the Soviet persecution of Lithuania.

Bernice Aviza
Regina Kot
C-100

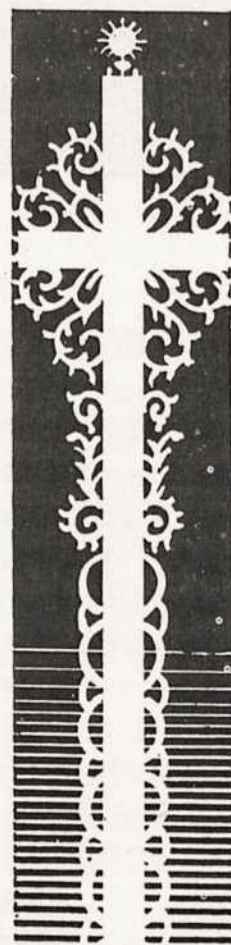


SIBIRO TREMTINIUI

Polly Žiaušys C-100

One atrocity that occurred at the outbreak of the Russo-German War (June 22, 1941) when Russians were retreating from Panevezys touched very closely to the family of Polly Ziausys, C-100 Amsterdam, NY. Seven Bolshevik security men forced their way into the surgical ward of the Panevezys hospital, stopped the operation in progress and dragged off physicians, Antanas Gudonis, Stanislovas Maciulis and Juozas Zemgulys, and also nurse Keneviciene to a nearby cellar where they were tortured to death on June 26, 1941. The bodies of these Lithuanian patriots were discovered in that basement by a sister of Polly Ziausys.

Polly Ziausys is a well known poet and has written a fitting poem for this occasion. The poem is entitled SIBIRO TREMTINIUI. It describes one's feelings when one contemplates the sufferings of a dear one in Siberian camps.



Kad nusiųst galėčiau tau žiedelį vieną
Balto pūtinėlio, — Lietuvos laukus,
Mėlynų žpbuoklių, geltoną purieną,
Gal ramūnių puokštę, vingiuotus takus.

Kad nusiųst galėčiau jūrą gintarinę,
Jovarą, berželį, žilvyčius žalius,
Gal surinkus saujon rasą sidabrinę,
Ar pajūrio smėlį, žuvėdrų sparnus.

Kad nusiųst galėčiau aukso rugių lauką,
Lietučiui linojant, vaivorykštę ilgą,
Melsvo lino žiedą, sesės drobę austą,
Upių vandenėlį, kurs sidabru žvilga.

Kad nusiųst galėčiau, vasaros saulutę
Į ledinę taigą, į sniego pusnis,
Tave, vargdienėlį, sušildyt truputį,
Ašarom pasrūvusias, nudžiovint akis.

Kad nusiųst galėčiau, ežero lelijų,
Upelių šniokštimą, lakštučių dainas,
Stebuklingą paveikslą Aušros Vartų Marijos,
Gedimino pilį ir dienas laisvas...

JONAS VALAUSKAS KANDIDATES Į GARBĖS NARIUS

Lietuvos Vyčių 69-am Seime, Cleveland, Ohio, 1982 m. rugpiūčio mėnesį Jonas Valauskas buvo išrinktas kandidatu į Garbės Narius, pasiremiant Lietuvos Vyčių konstitucijos V skyriaus paragrafu 3(d), kad "Garbės nariais gali būti pakeliami įžymūs lietuviai katalikai, kurių pasidavimas Dievui ir Tėvynei yra neabejotinai prakilnus ir pavyzdingai išreiškias organizacijos idealus."

Jonas Valauskas yra vienas iš pirmųjų St. Petersburgo Lietuvos Vyčių 147os kuopos inicijatorių ir pradinis narys, kuris ypatingai atsidavusiai dirbo suorganizuodamas šią kuopą. Jis ir parodė nuoširdų dosnumą netik kuopai nusipirkti nuosavą Lietuvos Vyčių Vėliavą, bet ypatingai suteikti priemones Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai įsigyti seniai reikalingą ir pastovų organizacijos archyvą Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Archyve, Putnam, Connecticut. Taipgi, jis irgi pats pasiūlė būti mecenatu atspausdinti Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos 75 metų Jubiliejinę Istoriją anglų ir lietuvių kalbose, ir prisidėti prie įsteigimo Lietuvos Vyčių Fondo, kad užtikrinus išlaikymą Lietuvos Vyčių kambario ALKA muziejuje, ir podes Vyčiams dirbti svarbius darbus be finacinų rūpesčių.

Apie Joną Valauską, Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai pasižymėjusį narį nors suglaustai duodame šias biografines žinias ir jo veiklą mūsų tautos ir bažnyčios labui.

Jonas gimė 1905 metais rugpiūčio 14d, East Chicago, Indiana, ir su tėvais išvyko gyventi į Lietuvą 1914 metais, Vėkšnos miestelyje, Klaipėdos krašto pasienyje. Ten pergyveno pirmojo Pasaulinio karo siaubą. Lankė vidurinę mokyklą ir buvo Ateitininkų kuopos pirmininku. O jau 1922 m. su tėvu Kazimieru įsteigė šaulių būrį ir buvo je vadu. 1923 m. sausio mėn 15 d.



dalyvavo su tėvu Klaipėdos kraštui atgauti sukilime. Kurį laiką tarnavo teisme, o 1926 įstojo atlikti karinę prievolę. Tarnavo technikos daliniuose. Kadangi buvo pasireiškęs šaulių veikloje ir savo kariuomenės tarnybinėse pareigose, buvo apdovanotas 10 metų Lietuvos nepriklausomybės medaliu o 1939 m. šaulių žvaigždės ordinu.

Jonas Valauskas baigė aukštesnę technikos mokyklos kursą 1941 m. Kaune ir 1942-1944 Prekybos Buchalkavijos Institutą, suaugusiems, Vilniuje. Rudenį 1944 m. pasitraukė iš Lietuvos, per Austriją į Vokietiją, ivapsiguvem Kempten stovykloj. Ten studijavo teisę "UNRA" Universitete 1947-1948. Grįžo į Jungtines Valstijas 1949 m. New Britain, CT. 1950

apsigyveno Chicago, IL. Apsivedė 1951 m. su Ida Maciukaite kilusia iš Biržų, Lietujej. Ten įsijungė iš šaulių veiklą. Jis ne vien dirbo organizacijos darba, bet teikė ir finansinę paramą. Jis yra milijoninio Fondo narys, ALKOS muziejaus globos komiteto narys ir garbės funadtorius. Jo ir žmonos jėgomis yra pastatytas paminklas Portland, Oregon, skirtas Lietuvos laisvės kovotojams, partizanams ir Sibiro kankiniams pagerbti. Paminklo išlaikymui yra įsteigtas Jono lėšomis Fondas. Taipgi jis yra šaulių namų Chicagoje mecenatas, paaukoje \$35,500 tam tikslui. Taipgi Dainavos stovyklos rėmėjas.

1972 išsikėlė gyventi į Floridą, trisjaus įsijungė ir čia į visuomenės veiklą. St. Petersburge įsteigė šaulių

kuopą, pavadintą Romo Kalantos vardu. BALFUI Jonas priklauso suvirš 30 metų, tad 1975 m. St. Petersburge įsteigė BALFO skyrių, kuriam iki šiol sėkmingai vadovauja. Jis yra pakeltas BALFO garbės nariu su garbės ženklu. Taipgi, jis buvo iniciatorius ir 1974 buvo įsteigta Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos skyrius St. Petersburge. Nuo 1974 m. Jonas su žmona Ida yra St. Petersburgo Amerikos Lietuvių Klubu garbės nariai ir jėr nuotrauka yra patalpinta garbės lentoje. Valauskai taipogi yra St. Petersburgo T.T. Pranciškonų vienuolyno koplyčios mecenatu Jų ir Dr. Juozo Petriko lėšomis buvo nupirktas tuvernakulis laikyti Šv. Sakramentui.

J. Valauskas buvo Lietuvių Vasario 16os gimnazijos Vokietijoje, statybos komiteto narys ir rėmėjas, Lietuvių Koplyčios Romoje lėšų telkimo komitete ir stambus rėmėjas Lietuvių koplyčios Washington, D.C.

Jonas Valauskas susipažino su A. J. Mažeika St. Petersburge, BALFO vengiamam koncerte, lapkričio mėn. 1977 m. Ir prieš tai Jonas Valauskas labai įdomavosi Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija nes buvo artimi draugai su ilgamečiu Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos veikėju Metropolitan Operos solistu A. Brazui. Ten, per tautos metu inž. A.J. Mažeika, tik tuo metu atsikėlęs gyventi St. Petersburge, buvo perstatytas J. Valausko ir koncerto programos vedėjos O. Galvydienės koncerto dalyviams tarti sveikinimą. Čia tuoj Jonas Valauskas pasiūlė, kad čia St. Petersburge būtų įkurta Lietuvos Vyčių kuopa. Už poros savaisių BALFO bankieto metu, J. Valauskas vėl pasiūlė organizuoti įkūrimą Lietuvos Vyčių St. Petersburgo kuopą. Pasėka to būvusis L.V. Brooklyno 41os kuopos pirmininkas, L.V. Garbės Narys A. Mažeika su pagalba Jono Valausko, Prelato J. Balkūno, Kazimiero Volniškio, Adolfo Paleckio, Kun. T. Degučiu OFM, ir kitų buvusio Vyčių sušaukta susirinkimas sausio 28d. 1978 T.T. Pranciškonų Koplyčios svetainėje, St. Petersburg Beach, FL ir of-

ficialiai įsteigta LV. 147 kuopa iš 13 narių. Jonas Valauskas buvo išrinktas Kultūros Komisijos pirmininku, ir ejo paveigas 3 metus. Pradėta naujų narių vėjus, ir kuopa smarkiai augo.

Jonas Valauskas pasiūlė, kad kuopa įsigytų L. Vyčių vėliavą. 1978 rudenį buvo išrinkta tam komisija ir J. Valauskas apsiėmė komisijai pirmininkauti. Jis siūlė būti pilnu vėliavos mecenatu, bet visi kuopos nariai nutarė prisidėti prie pirkimo vėliavos, o jis padengė trūkumą vėliavos išlaidu suvirš \$200, ir vėliava pašventinta 1979 balandžio 1 d.

Nuo pat įstojimo dienos jis uoliai dalyvavo visose kuopos susirinkimuose ir kuopos valdybos posėdžiuose, buvo visose kuopos veiklos komisijose, parengimuose ir su pasididžiavimu atstovavo Lietuvos Vyčius visur bendruose suvažiavimuose, konferencijose ir t.t. Tais darbais nusipelnė L.V. III laipsnį, ir į tą laipsnį buvo pakeltas 1981 kovomėn 1 d. iv turėjo jau suvirš 78 užsitarnautus kredito taškus, o reikėjo tik 30 taškų. Dabar turi jau siviiv 110 taškų, o reikalinga 90 taškų gauti IV laipsnį.

Jonas Valauskas, savo duosnumu ir darbais, ura daug prisidėjęs Lietuvių kultūrinam, religiniam, ir politiniam gyvenimui. Mums Vyčiams yra tikrai garbė pasiūlyti šį garbingą, pavyzdingą Vyčių organizacijos narį į Garbės Narius.

JONAS VALAUSKAS Candidate for Honorary Membership

During the 70th National Convention in Philadelphia, the Knights of Lithuania will, with pleasure and pride, express its gratitude and respect for the contributions of one of its outstanding members, JONAS VALAUSKAS of C-147, St. Petersburg, FL, by elevating him to Honorary Membership in the organization. The following is but a brief summary of Mr. Valauskas' accomplishments and contributions to the Knights of Lithuania and to the Lithuanian community as a whole.

Most recently, Mr. Valauskas, with his interest and generosity, has solved several major national K of L problems. Our search of many years for a suitable repository for 70 years worth of K of L Archives was ended when Mr. Valauskas came forward with a \$5000 donation, to American Lithuanian Catholic Archives (ALKA) Museum, for the express purpose of establishing a permanent home for these precious valuables, in the ALKA Museum at Putnam, CT. After the K of L Archive room was established there, he continued with his suggestions and added donations aimed at the betterment of the K of L Archives Room.

When the K of L decided to begin work on publishing a history of the K of L in time for the 75th Anniversary of the organization, Jonas Valauskas, again showing his interest in this important work, volunteered to completely sponsor the printing of this History with a donation of \$12,000 to \$15,000 to be made in installments over the next 5 years. \$1000 has already been donated by him toward this pledge. Thanks to this pledge, we need only to be concerned with the cost of the research and writing of this scholarly work.

In the past year, Mr. Valauskas has recommended yet another important project for the K of L - the establishment of a Knights of Lithuania Foundation (Endowment Fund) and has provided considerable help in setting up the Foundation.

Jonas Valauskas joined the Knights of Lithuania in 1978 as a Lifetime Member, when, shortly after moving to St. Petersburg, he helped A. J. Mazeika organize C-147 there.

Jonas Valauskas' accomplishments as a member of C-147 are many, also, and are included in the accompanying Lithuanian profiles. Since the council's inception, he has been its Cultural Chairman, and has been a committee member of practically every council activity. The Council acquired a K of L Flag through the urging, organization, and a large

donation of Mr. Valauskas. As a highly respected person in Lithuanian circles, his frequent words of defending or applauding the K of L in non-K of L groups are most effective. Not only his generosity but also his enthusiasm should serve as an example for other Knights.

Jonas Valauskas, born in East Chicago, Ind. in 1905, went with his parents to live in Lithuania in 1914. There he served as a member of the Šauliai (Lithuanian Freedom Fighters) and was awarded the Lithuanian Freedom Medal and later the Šauliu "Order of the Star". During the German occupation of Lithuania, Jonas was arrested and incarcerated for resisting the Nazis.

He returned to the USA in the 1950's and was active in many Lithuanian organizations in Chicago and was always generous in his participation, his ideas and his donations.

After researching many areas to find an appropriate site for a monument to the forgotten Lithuanian freedom fighters and Lithuanians who perished in Siberian exile, Jonas and his wife Ida initiated and funded the building of a Lithuanian Shrine at the Servite Fathers Shrine in Portland, Oregon. They still maintain the Shrine and annually donate money for masses to the Servite Fathers for the freedom of Lithuania and for the souls of those who gave their lives fighting for that

freedom

Mr. Jonas Valauskas has been a Knights of Lithuania member for a relatively short time but his years have been full and fruitful. He has made a major impact on the organization by his generosity, his ideas and his interest. Because of him, we now have a place to store our historic memorabilia and records and will have a much easier time of publishing our history of 75 years of existence. With the formation of the K of L Foundation, our financial future will also be safe.

It is with honor and enthusiasm that the Knights of Lithuania look forward to welcoming Mr. Jonas Valauskas to its roster of Honorary Members.

FOUR LITHUANIAN BISHOPS VISIT ROME

Four Lithuanian Bishops - Bishop Vincentas Sladkevičius for the Diocese of Kaišiadorys, Bishop Antanas Vaičius for the Diocese of Telsiai, Bishop Liudas Povilonis, Apostolic Administrator of Kaunas, and Bishop Romualdas Kriksčiūnas, Apostolic Administrator of Panevėžys, left Moscow for Rome on April 6, 1983.

It was the first time in 45 years that Lithuanian bishops were allowed to make the regular "ad lumen" five year visit to report on the status of their dioceses.

Bishop Julijonas Steponavičius did not attend with them. He is the apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Vilnius.

An unnamed source in Rome stated that "The Soviets probably would have given him a visa to come but he would not have been allowed to return."

He has been under house arrest in Žagare since 1961. He is "impedito" impeded from exercising his authority.

Many people believe he is the cardinal named in secret in 1979 by Pope John Paul II.

MEMORIES

God gave me the best he had,
A loving man that I call Dad.

His strength was there when I needed it,
He taught me how to never quit.

He was with me from my baby years.
He kissed my cheeks, and dried my tears.

Many times I'd hear him say
Heavenly Father "Bless this Day".

My dad taught me to believe in "Him".
Life Hope and Joy will never dim.

I talk to "Him" each day in prayer,
I entrust Lithuania in his care.

Heavenly Father for the past forty years,
Lithuanica has suffered with sadness and tears.

May freedom unite us, I outstretch my mind,
Heavenly Father, I ask you ... to free this great land.

Dabar as Pažadą Visados,
Išlakyt Mano Meile ... Lietuvos.

Our Father will meet our every need.
Pray to Him, with thought and deed.



Mary Ann Lipera
Maryti



Daina

by Betty Paulin



Daina, a generic word for songs in wide usage, has come to be associated mainly with folk songs, of which thousands have been collected. Under this broad heading are many sub-genres: songs of work, love, mythology, history, family rites and customs, lullabies, children and orphans. Songs are used to give voice to social protest, to accompany games and dances, and, as entertainment, in humorous and satirical works.

Among this collection, motifs of sun, moon, and stars are common and magic transformations abound; in songs about orphans where the moon is asked to replace a father and the sun, mother. This is an interesting contrast to a similar motif in the legends of other people, eg., the American Indians of the Southwest who see the sun as replacing the dead or absent father.

Common to many cultures is the use of various songs or song types for different occupations but Lithuanians, in particular, have a penchant for poeticizing work and its meaning, singing affectionately of nature, plants and cattle. Some work songs were distinguished by specific melodies, linked with lyrics to the genre; this was especially pronounced in oat and rye harvesting. A "veil of sadness" is noted in harvest songs, which are thought to resemble Green modes (Dorian, Phrygian and Aeolian), and are sung in unison.

Many Christian holiday songs are basically pagan in character, excepting those of Easter which developed in keeping with Christian tradition. Christmas and Lenten songs display epic traits emblematic of war songs and ballads, while those of Shrove Tuesday, Whitsuntide and St. John's Eve are concerned with fertility.

Baptism and wedding songs are numerous. Those of matchmaking and wedding homecoming speak of the tenderness and purity in the romance between youth and maiden. They also cover a broad spectrum of emotions experienced at this symbolic time of maturation, change, and new beginnings. They range from the exuberant and playful to songs of bitter sorrow. The bride was expected to weep and recite a traditional dirge, containing images of "golden ring" "heavy headdress" (of the married woman), and "sad evening."

These recurrent ideas register the importance of family ties. A strong social sense gave little place to consideration of the individual outside of the family setting. The despairing songs about orphans emphasizes the need to belong to the family unit, and the dire consequences of dislocation.

The orphan theme, containing mythic traits, is the more understandable considering the wars fought around and within Lithuania. Military-historical folk songs are plaintive and elegiac. But wars have a dim echo in the *dainas*: themes of parting, homesick soldiers, the arrival of a messenger of doom, and the joyous return of the warrior are portrayed but war is seen in the context of its tragic aspect as an inescapable evil. Battle scenes are rarely glorified nor is war itself. Perhaps the explanation for this lies in the fact that women were the major composers of war songs. War was seen in the light of its reflection of the relationship of a man to a woman.

Symbolic imagery in the *daina* is positive and erotic; white, signifying good, or beautiful; yellow braids; green silk; rue and viens; copper gates; silver yokes; golden horseshoes. Rue as a symbol of innocence is thoroughly imbedded in Lithuanian culture although the oldest Lithuanian token for virginity is the lily. When a maiden surrenders her innocence, she burns her wreath of rue or casts it on the waters.

The male lover is "the white clover." His symbols are his cap, spurs, or his steed, and the girl's giving or refusing a drink for his steed has obvious erotic connotations. The love songs are full of botanical symbols, including flax as a sign of sin but animals, birds or insects are rarely mentioned.

In the past few decades, under Soviet occupation, the interpretation of folksong material has been dominated by dogmatic Marxist-Leninist construction.

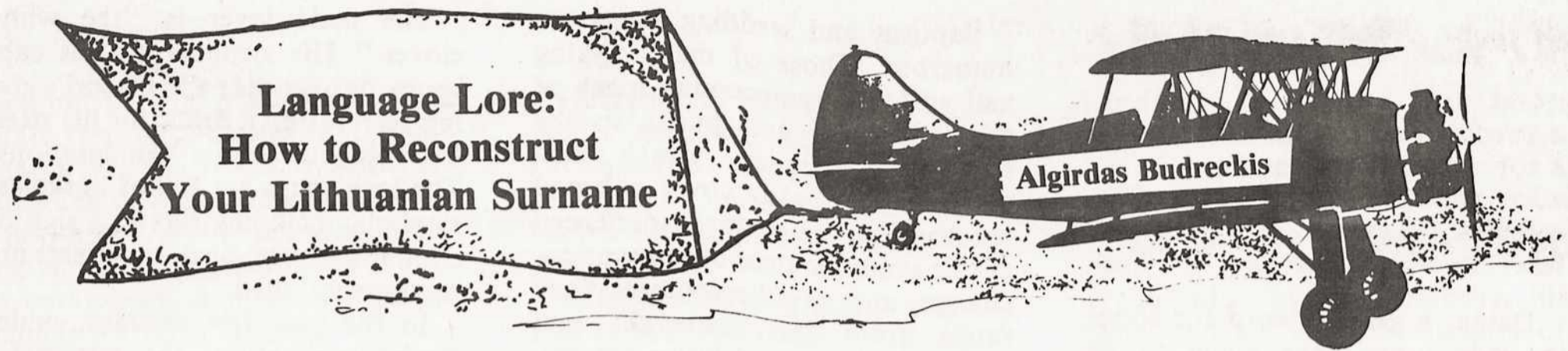
The family, so celebrated in the *dainas*, acknowledges the father as its head, but not in an exalted, paterfamilias role. On many women's gravestones a symbol for mistress of the household is depicted, and there is a ceremony giving a daughter or daughter-in-law charge of the household, called conferring "the keys of the stove."

Documents of the 16th century use the term "rykune", related to an archaic Lithuanian word, "rykauti", meaning "to rule." The gentry employed a woman rykune who was in charge of all phases of providing for and feeding the household and her wages were twice of a hired male worker.

If a husband was ill or absent, the wife took his place in village meetings and her vote was unquestioned. If a man married a widow, the farm continued under the old name and her children retained her name.

The birth of a child was considered a blessing. Ancient beliefs held that charms could harm or help a pregnancy. If a daughter was born, the father would lead the best horse out of the stable signifying that she would wed with a good dowry. Her first bath water would be splashed in the courtyard near a birch tree to fortell her departure from home when a young man would come courting her and tie his horse to the tree. Un-baptized babies were kept in a room with a lighted, blessed candle and a branch of the rowan tree believed to ward off the influence of evil spirits.

Encyclopedia Lithuanica



The American sociologist once noted in a survey of ethnic America, that he came across the following curious tombstone in a Lithuanian cemetery:

“Here Lies Stanislovas Jankauskas
18XX - 19XX

This Memorial was erected by his
Widow Stella Yankoskus and sons
Stanley Yancofsky, Jr., Chester Jenkins,
Peter Yancuski, and grandsons Stinney Jenks,
Brian Yanson, Fred James and Peter Jancoscus.”
All in the same Lithuanian family!

It will probably not come as a shock to the Knights of Lithuania that many of our surnames have been changed, altered, mutilated — and we might as well toss in: folded, spindled and mangled. In the last issue of VYTIS we touched upon how this transformation occurred. It is not our purpose to tell the members to repent and reLithuanianize your last names. Though it might not be a bad idea at that!

Being able to reconstruct the original form of a Lithuanian surname could help a person trace his or her roots. Family ties could then be traced or re-established. The effort is painless and could fill in a rainy afternoon. Here are some simple rules to follow.

1. Remember Lithuanian is a phonetic language. The sound of the name governs its spelling. A distortion occurs when these phonetic sounds are transcribed through a system that uses different phonetic symbols.

2. The English letter “C” is often substituted for the Lithuanian “K” sound. Lithuanian never uses the letter “C” for a “K” sound. Therefore, the surnames Caralus, Caritis, Casper should be rendered: Karalius, Karaitis, Kasperas.

3. The Lithuanian “J” is pronounced like a “Y”. Often in English Lithuanian surnames have a “y” substituted for the original “j”. Yanulaitis, Yozaitis, Yodelis, Yurkus, Yonitis should be Janulaitis, Juozaitis, Jodelis, Jurkus. Sometimes the “yu” sound is transcribed as “eu”, viz.: Euwaschus: Jovaisis.

4. Lithuanian never uses the Anglo-Saxon “W”. The original has to be a “V”. Wetenus, Wasell, Waitkus, Warlowsky, should be Vaitenis, Vasiliauskas, Vaitkus, Varliauskas.

5. The sounds of CH, SH, ZH is Lithuanian are Č, Š, Ž. In other words, Lithuanians use the diacritic mark hacek or inverted circumflex over the consonant rather than a double consonant.

Chernus, Grinchus, Vaichunas, Vaichaitis, Yanchaitis, is rendered Černius, Grinčius, Vaičiūnas, Vaičaitis, Jančaitis.

Shernus, Shimkus, Shoban, Yurksha, Kurschat, Tamoshunas is Šernas, Šimkus, Sabūnas, Jurkša, Kuršaitis, Tamošiūnas.

Zhukas, Zhucofsky, Zhuber is Žukas, Žukauskas, Žubras.

6. The Lithuanian suffix — aitis which means “son of” is often distorted in English as itis, atis, at, atus.

Zhiuritis, Caralitus, Yonitis, Unitas should be Žiuraitis, Karalaitis, Jonaitis, Jonaitis.

Jasatis, Bernat, Raudonat, Gaigalat is Jasaitis, Bernaitis, Raudonaitis and Gaigalaitis.

7. The diminutive ending — elis is often abbreviated: Gaidelis, Gudelis, Jurgela, Grendelis becomes Gaidel, Gudell, Jurgel, Jurgale, Grendall.

8. The suffix — auskas is often written in its Slavic form — owski ovski or ovsky. It can also be written in distortions of the Slavic form: ofski, ofsky, oski, oskus, ufski, uski. Let us turn back to name on tombstone in the lonely Lithuanian American cemetery. Without changing the rood **Jank** — Jankauskas is written Jankowski, Jankovski, Jankovsky, Jankofski, Jankofsky, Jankoski, Jankoskus, Jankufski, Jankuski in these here United States.

9. The suffix — vičius follows a similar development. It has Slavic variants and a distinctly American variation. Let us survey some of forms:

The — ovitch or — vitch group: Yosovitch, Yozapovitch, Butkovitch, Dainovitch should be Juozavičius, Juozapavičius, Butkevičius, Dainavičius.

The — vich group: Savich, Karalevich, Tomavich, Kirelevich, Chesnulevich should be Savičius, Karalevičius, Tomavičius, Kirelevičius, Česnuliavičius.

The endings — wicz or — vicz are taken from the Polish form. The following surnames Bacevicz, Zilevicz, Mickiewicz, Daniliewicz, Butkowicz should be written Žilevičius, Mickevičius, Danilevičius, Butekevičius.

The distinctly American distortion in the ending — avage. This form originally developed in Pennsylvania where most of the early Lithuanian immigrants settled down. Take the surnames Butcavage, Katcavage, Silverstravage, Savage, Buzelavage, Carnavage, Markavage; they should be written: Butkevičius, Katkevičius, Silvestravičius, Savičius or Savičiūnas, Busilevičius, Karniavičius, Markevičius.

10. Some Lithuanian last names are merely truncated, that is, their — as, is, — ius endings have been clipped off.

Representative of the group are Markun, Mitkun, Petkun, Petrik, Patrik, Blazevic, Jurgelin, Mockelun, Balch, Morkun which can be re-Lithuanianized easily as Markūnas, Mitkūnas, Petkūnas, petrikas, Patrikas, Blaževičius, Jurgeliūnas, Mockeliūnas, Balčius. Balčiūnas, Morkūnas.

11. some surnames have retained just an anglicized form of the root. Thus Sabliauskas, Basanavičius, Jankus, Jurgėla became Sable, Basan, Janks or Jenks, Gale. Bolecicius and Bolaitis easily became Boley.

12. An interesting class of surnames consists of those Lithuanian names which were translated into English though the original meaning was retained. Karalius, Stanislovaitis, Jurgevičius, Martynaitis, Baltonis, Kubiius, Puodžiūnas, Juodžius, Juozapavičius, Kalvelis translate as King, Stanley, George, Martins, White, Cooper, Potter, Black, Josephs, Smith. These are the most difficult to trace after a few generations.

13. The surname White poses several problems. Is it based on phonetics or literal translation. If it is derived from the phonetic Lithuanian root vait —, then it is derived the Lithuanian patronymic Vaitkus, Vaitkevičius, Vaitkūnas, Vaitekūnas or Vaitiekūnas. These surnames are derived from the christian Vaitiekus (Adelbert, patron saint of Poland and Bohemia). Then again it could stem from the Lithuanian word for "white" baltas. Here one encounters many possible sources: Baltus, Balkūnas, Baltuonis, Baltakis, Baltvirsis, Baltvyžius.



Lithuanian Heritage Camp

Get to know your roots!

Lithuanian Heritage Camp at Youth Camp Dainava in Manchester, Mi. will provide an excellent opportunity for children of Lithuanian descent to acquaint themselves with their forefathers language, culture and customs.

Qualified staff will introduce the campers to Lithuanian language, folk dances and songs. Specific days will be set aside to celebrate specific holidays such as Easter and Christmas with all accompanying customs and cuisine. Other days, such as Lithuanian Independence day and St. Casimir's feast day will acquaint campers with Lithuanian history and the traditional "kaziuko muge", an old-fashion bazaar. Qualified teachers will teach campers weaving, arts and crafts, Lithuanian music and songs.

The camp has sports facilities for outdoor tennis, soccer, basketball, and volleyball. The afternoons will be spent swimming in Thorn Lake under supervision of licensed Water Safety Instructor.

Campfires, talent shows, dances and game nights are among the evening activities scheduled for the campers.

Camping Fee.

Lithuanian Heritage Camp registration fee is \$20.00 /non-refundable/. The camp fee is \$80.00. If for some reason a registered camper cannot attend, the camp fee will be refunded.

General Information

Camping date: August 28-September 4, 1983

Campers age range 6-15 yrs.

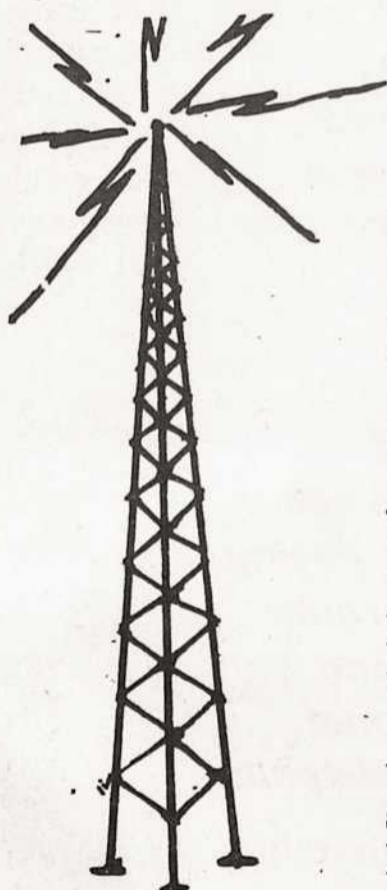
All campers must register by July 1st. When registering, please enclose registration fee, camp fee, Health Examination Record, Medical Emergency Care Authorization Card and Registration Form. Detailed information and necessary health forms will be provided with the registration forms.

To obtain further information and/or to register, write to:

LITHUANIAN HERITAGE CAMP AT DAINAVA
c/o G. Kriaučiuniene
1816 Tecumseh River Drive
Lansing, Mi. 48906

Registration will be accepted on "first come, first served" basis, until filled to capacity.

DRAUGAS



Radio valandėlei premija

JAV Lietuvių Bendruomenės Kultūros tarybos sudaryta komisija iš pirmininko Vlado Būtėno, sekretorės Gražinos Elekaitienės ir nario Jono Vaitkaus, iš prisiųstų lietuviškų Radio valandėlių juostelių, premijai išrinko 43čius metus prof. dr. Jokūbo Stuko New Jersey vedamai lietuviškai valandėlei „Lietuvos Atsiminimai“.

Premija 1000 dol. bus įteikta gegužės 14 d. per premijų šventę Kultūros Židinyje, Brooklyne, N.Y. Premijos, mecenatas — Lietuvių Fondas.



OFICIALUS SKYRIUS OFFICIAL NEWS

CONVENTION NEWS

The committee has planned to use the Historic Liberty Bell and it's beautiful Mall to have a candle light procession and wreath laying ceremony on Friday evening, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. ALL delegates who have national costumes are invited to wear them.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1983

- 9:00 A.M.—Registration
- 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

- 9:00 A.M.—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
- 7:30 P.M.—Wreath Laying at Liberty Hall
- 9:00 P.M.—Cultural Night — Lithuanian Quartet "Harmonia"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1983

- 9:00 A.M.—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
- 7:00 P.M.—Banquet and Dance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1983

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

JUNIORS!

*We are planning a
"Poolside Get-Together"
at the Rooftop Pool of
the Holiday Inn
on Thursday, August 18th
at 2:00 P.M.
Bring your swimsuits.*

*On Friday morning, August 19th
join us for a "Walking Tour"
of the historical sites —
Franklin Mint, Betsy Ross
House, Christ Church and
Elfreth's Alley.
No charge involved.
Let's plan to have a
fun day together.*

REMINDER!
*Children under 18 can
stay FREE with one paying
adult in the same room
at the Holiday Inn
during the National
Convention in Philadelphia.*

L.C.R.A. Report

We are coming down the 'wire' hoping to reach our goal of \$2500.00 by convention time.

This is the last issue of the VYTIS before the national convention that I can turn to the membership for donations to reach the goal of the K of L sponsoring an issue of the CHRONICLE.

As of 3/13/82 the total was.....\$1924.64

Donations:

C No. 26 (The money was raised via a Special (Project) Chicago.....	35.00
C No. 26 (The Second Time C No. 26 has donated) - Worcester.....	25.00
Joseph Gudelis (Joe's second donation) C No. 96.....	20.00
Helen Venis in memory of her deceased brother John Medelis C No.110.....	15.00
C No. 146 - Harrisburg, PA.....	25.00
Interest	25.12
Total as of 4/22/83	\$2074.76

WILL WE MAKE IT????

The following is taken from the CHRONICLE issue No. 54, Aug. 15, 1982:

Vytautas Vaiciunas writes in his letters:

"... It is the second year that I am wearing a prisoner's shackles, but no one can prevent the flight of a free spirit, so let us rejoice in the Lord and let us live in the hope of reunion, which shines for us who believe; even the shadows of death cannot obscure it. God has allowed me to walk the way of sacrifice, and therefore, I thank you for your support, cooperation, sacrifices and prayers."

"Please convey my sincere greetings to all my dear ones in Lithuania. Tell them that only half of the material side of me is left (his former weight - Ed. note), but the spirit rises more freely to the blue heavens. I am prepared to suffer everything, to bear everything, and to keep the Faith. I thank you for your support, and be in the peace of the Lord."

July, 1982.

Frances R. Petkus
LCRA Coordinator

MAPS OF LITHUANIA

Compiled by Algirdas Gustaitis and printed in Chicago in one color by the Lithuanian National Guard in Exile and the Lithuanian Historical Society.

These have been reduced to 4¾ x 4½ inches or 10¼ x 8½ inches. Small size maps are offered FREE OF CHARGE to scientists, writers and students of geography and history.

These maps can be obtained in the REGULAR SIZE for \$12 - Lithuania 1982 and \$6 - Lithuania 1595 in the U.S.A. and Canada. One dollar more in other Countries.

In addition, the reduced size map of Lithuania 1595 with an explanation in the Lithuanian language by Mr. Gustaitis can be obtained in size 6¾ x 11 inches.

Those who wish to receive the smaller size Lithuanian maps free of charge, please write to Mr. A. Gustaitis, 7946 West 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90048,

Address for regular size maps: Mr. S. Bernatavicius, 1513 So. 48th Court, Cicero, IL 60650.

COOK'S CORNER



By MARY LUCAS

CITRININE SRIUBA (LEMON SOUP)

Lithuanians always start a meal with a savory soup. Try this one for a "different" flavor.

Heat to a rolling boil: 1 quart of chicken stock. Add ¾ cup of cooked rice or very fine noodles. Cool slightly. In a small bowl, beat 2 large eggs and 3 Tablespoons of fresh lemon juice with a fork or wire whisk. Blend in 3 Tablespoons of the warm broth, then from on high, gradually, so as not to curdle the eggs, but to allow them to shred, pour the eggs into the hot (but not boiling) soup while constantly stirring with a fork. Serve at once into hot soup bowls. Float thin lemon slices on top. Makes 6 servings.

K of L Calendar

JUNE

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

JULY

4 Picnic. Chicago Knights of Lithuania
K of L Hall

AUGUST

14 69th ANNUAL LITHUANIAN DAY at Lakewood Park in Barnesville, PA hosted by C-144.

OCTOBER

8 68th ANNUAL DINNER and DANCE AT Holy Trinity Hall hosted by C-29 in Newark, N.J.

9 NED ANNUAL LITHUANIAN FESTIVAL hosted by C-50 at St. Casimir's Church in New Haven, Conn.

**GEORGE M.
BARMANN, R.I.P.
1967 Recipient of the
"Friend of Lithuania"
Award**

George M. Barmann, retired Associate Editor of the CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH and 1967 recipient of the Knights of Lithuania "Friend of Lithuania" Award, was buried on April 20, 1983. Archbishop Nicholas T. Elko was the principal concelebrant at the Mass of Christian Burial held at St. Henry's Catholic Church in West Carrollton, Ohio.

During his twenty years as editor, dozens of stories about the plight of Lithuania and the affairs of Lithuanian-Americans appeared in the CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH under his byline.

He visited Holy Cross Church regularly and was present at all celebrations and commemoration held in Dayton, Ohio.

Archbishop Elko called him a "model Catholic newspaperman" and he stated that he "became involved in the stories he covered."

A former employee said "he had a world vision about issues" and "he was a man full of heart and feeling for people."

He received his "Friend of Lithuania" award during the National Convention held in Dayton, Ohio in 1967 for his years reporting the activities of the Lithuania people.

Aldona Ryan



Former Cincinnati Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin presented an archdiocesan medal to George M. Barmann, associate editor of the *Catholic Telegraph*, at Mr. Barmann's retirement dinner in April 1980:



**A.A. REV. ANASTASIUS
VALANCIUS**

Former VYTIS Editor dies in Cicero, IL

Father A. Valancius was born on October 7, 1904 in Chicago. He attended St. Ignatius High School, DePaul University, then Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained a priest on April 26, 1930.

He was known affectionately to his parishioners as "Father Val". In the 1930's, he was Spiritual Advisor to the Knights of Lithuania.

From 1933 to 1936, he was Co-Editor of VYTIS with Attorney Konnie J. Savickas.

Rev. Valancius was assistant pastor in several Lithuanian Churches and from 1953, he was the parish priest

of St. Michael's Church on the north side of Chicago.

Father Val was very active in K of L affairs and he wrote many articles for various newspapers.

He died on April 15, 1983. The high mass in St. Anthony's Church for Father Valancius was held on April 18th. It was exceptionally impressive with many priests in attendance and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin officiating.

The Knights of Lithuania Choir sang beautifully. Our opera star, Algird Brazis, rendered the "Ave Maria" with such emotion that everyone was thrilled with religious inspiration.

The high mass was a fitting farewell to our Father Val who was a gentle, kind and devoted servant of God. May "God Bless Him" thru eternity.

K.J.S.

The Grand, Divine, Eternal Drama

To me it seems that when God
conceived the world, that was poetry;
He formed it, and that was sculpture;
He varied and colored it, and that was painting;
and Then, crowning all, He peopled it with living
beings and that was the Grand, Divine, Eternal
Drama.

Charlotte Cushman
From V.G.

JUNIORS CORNER

C-144 FRACKVILLE JUNIOR KNIGHTS

Under the direction of Sister Angela CJC, ably assisted by Mrs. Anne Vernusky, Frackville Junior Knights meet every Friday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Room of Annunciation Church. A varied program of activities has kept the Juniors busy during the current year.

The Junior Knights presented the offertory gifts at the Mass in Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day at Annunciation Church. They also participated in the Lord's Prayer with liturgical hand motions.

During the program which followed in the church hall, Second National Vice President Elsie Kosmisky, as grandmother, answered the questions Karen Domalakes, as granddaughter, asked about her Lithuanian heritage. In song and dance, the following Junior Knights assisted in the presentation: Gretchen Cieslukowski, Paula Ann Dillman, Robin Hopkiss, Jennifer Lapp, Victoria Prep, Melissa Paulonis, Cathy Ann Vernusky, Janet Domalakes, Tisha Ann Kulak, Jennifer Naspinski, Brian Yankiewicz, Noelle Zukas, Janine Graziano and Mary Alice Leschik.

Junior Knights also presented the offertory gifts at the council's St. Casimir's Day Mass.

"Užgavenes," Lithuanian Mardi Gras, was observed on February 14. An impromptu program by interested parents and council members portrayed the Matchmaker and his orchestra. Mr. Winter also made his appearance. The "Fat Ladies" were "Thin Ladies" after Lenten fasting. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

On Palm Sunday, they entertained the guests at St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst. After singing four songs and dancing four numbers, they passed out their Easter favors of colored eggs for each of the patients.

A Memorial Rosary was recited for the happy repose of the soul of Stanley Vaičaitis who taught Lithuanian at Summer Camp.

On May 22 they will travel to Scranton to perform at An Ethnic Experience sponsored by Marywood College.

Roller skating parties complete the program of activities. Father Bartkus also treated them to a pizza party.

Sister Angela is finalizing plans for Camp Aušra in July.



C-96 Juniors at May Crowning on Mothers' Day at Holy Cross Church in Dayton, Ohio.



Morning Prayer

by Carroll S. Channell

God, grant to me the wisdom
To recognize each sign
By which You may communicate
To show which tasks are mine.
Help my ears to hear, Lord,
Help my eyes to see.
Then help my hands to do, Lord,
All things for love of Thee.



Lithuanians in The News

Edited by RUTH KAZLAUSKAS



VINCENT SAMASKA, president of the Mid-American District, presents the 1983 Award of Distinction to the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the tragic flight of Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas at the 23rd Annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquet which was held in the Martinique Grand Ballroom, Evergreen Park, Ill., on February 20th. The occasion also marked the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of Lithuania's independence.

Accepting the award are Stanley Walters, commander of the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post, and Bernice Graves, president of the Auxiliary.

The "Reader's Digest", March 1982, featured an article by Jack D. Scott entitled "Melting Pot Memories".

He stated: "The food of our immigrant families was inexpensive, the heritage rich. Many of our European ancestors had high regard for potatoes...Take JOHN PETROKAITIS's potato kugeli, a golden cake made with grated Idaho potatoes, seasonings, eggs, sauteed onion, bacon and milk. 'A transporter' he calls it. As he cooks, he is back on his Lithuanian grandparents' farm in Connecticut, watching his father start off early in the morning for the barn across a field silver with frost."

JOHN SHATAS of Amsterdam, N.Y. was recently promoted to major in the Army Reserve, according to "The Recorder." as a reservist, Major Shatas is a project officer with the Army Chemical Systems Laboratory at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

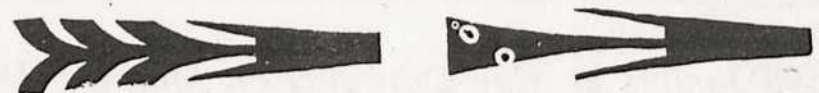
As a civilian, he is a nuclear engineer at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. Joe is an active member of C-100, Amsterdam.



APOLINARAS PETRAS BAGDONAS, K of L Choir member in Chicago for over 20 years, was honored last year on the occasion of the release of his new book "Gyvenimas Najukaa" at the Lithuanian Youth Center in Chicago.

Born in Zemaitija, Lithuania, from Satrijos kalna, Mr. Bagdonas' writings reflect life in Zemaitija. He is very active in the Lithuanian community. Besides singing in the K of L choir and serving as the choir's publicity correspondent, he is also a member of the Nativity B.V.M. parish choir.

Mr. Bagdonas is pictured autographing his new book for Sabina Klatt, president of the K of L Choir. Looking on are choir members (from left): G. Janula, choir director Faustas Strolia, M. Norvaisis, O. Naureckas, A. Matulis, A. Utaris, P. Gagle, E. Zibas and V. Urbonas.





Honored guests at MAMD Banquet.

Among honored guests at the 23rd Annual "Memories of Lithuania" banquet sponsored by the Mid-American District were (from left): Dr. Vldas Simaitis, ALTAS Vice Pres. Ill.; State Senator Frank Savickas; Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, pastor of Nativity B.V.M. Church and spiritual advisor to MAMD; Chicago Vice Consul to Lithuania, Mary Krauciunas; His excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys; and Algerd Brazis, Chairman of the Board, MAMD.

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Behind the scenes in the world of business, featured in "USA Today" March 17th, HELEN PETRAUSKAS was elected vice president for environmental and safety engineering at Ford Motor Co. She is the first woman to join the ranks of Ford's top management. At 39, she is also the company's youngest vice president.



ALEXANDRE STANKEVICIUS of Westmount, Quebec, Canada, has signed a five year contract with the Canadian record company "Quality Records Ltd." to record his music and songs at a rate of one album a year. Alexandre (center) is shown signing the contract with officials of the Toronto based company looking on.



The musical group "Aidas" performing at the MAMD "Memories" Banquet. Leader Darius Polikaitis, drummer, and guitarists Tom and Paul Strolid (Both members of C-36).

(Photo: J. Tamulaitis)



At the American Lithuanian Council (ALT) Annual Meeting, October, 1982. l. to r.: Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas (K of L Rep. to ALT), Teodoras Blinstrubas, Irene Sankus (K of L Nat'l. PR Chairman), Dr. Kazys Sidlauskas (ALT President), Loretta Stukas (K of L Nat'l President), Dr. K. Eringas (Lithuanian dissident), Ann Marie Kassel (K of L Nat'l Financial Secretary).

Vyčiai Veikia



Council Activities

Edited by HELEN CHESKO

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MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

St. Casimir's Communion Brunch and Mid-Atlantic District Meeting were held on Sunday, March 13, in Bayonne, Host Council 67. Mass was offered in St. Michael Lithuanian Church with standing room only.

A total of 239 people attended the brunch at which 52 members received the Third Degree. Supreme Council President Loretta Stukas presented charters to two councils - C-74 Scranton which has been in existence since the early '70s and C-118 Hazleton, a new council organized last year. HM Helen Shields made presentations to Bernice Aviza, C-100 Amsterdam, and Annie Morgalis, C-144 Anthracite, in recognition of their outstanding activities for the Knights of Lithuania.

Guest speaker Nancy Miro, Supreme Council Secretary, spoke about St. Casimir. Miro encouraged all members to write Archbishop Marcinkas and request that a Vatican commemorative stamp be issued honoring St. Casimir. She also mentioned the possibility of publishing a booklet in Lithuanian of St. Casimir's writings.

Miro suggested the following ways in which councils might participate in the St. Casimir commemoration: Open council meetings with the special prayer by Father Jurgelaitis and include the singing of St. Casimir's favorite hymn, "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary"; plan a special commemorative event; visit all churches in your area named after St. Casimir; visit home-bound members of K of L and the parish; prepare an article for Vytis about activities.

Following brunch, Mid-Atlantic District President Larry Janonis presided at the meeting. President Janonis announced the following activities: Fourth Annual Lithuanian Festival in Transfiguration Hall on April 24; Workshop on May 7 at Our Lady of Vilna Church Hall in Manhattan; Spring Convention on June 5, Transfiguration Church Hall, Host Council 110 Maspeth. Councils were requested to participate in the fund-raising raffle.

Mary York of C-12 Manhattan presented her project for raising funds to restore the Statue of Liberty in time for the 100th birthday of our Lady of Liberty in 1986. She urged councils to start saving their copper pennies for the next three years so that K of L can contribute a meaningful gift of money to the Restoration Fund.

Supreme Council President Loretta Stukas stressed the importance of properly preparing for and attending the national convention where the action takes place. A resolution may be initiated by a member, a council, a district, a Supreme Council officer or committee or on the floor of the convention. If it is a change to the Constitution, the resolution must be submitted in writing to the Supreme Council at least three months prior to convention to be published in Vytis one month prior to convention. If the resolution calls for a change other than in the Constitution, it must be submitted in writing to the Resolutions Committee at the convention.

Mrs. Stukas also asked members to consider running for Supreme Council office and to submit their names to District Presidents. All membership dues should be submitted to the National Financial Secretary Ann Marie Kassel by the end of June to insure proper representation of onedelegate for every 10 members in the council.

The following resolutions were passed: District write to Ambassador Dobrynin asking that Rev. Svarinkas be released and allowed to return to his pastoral ministry; District First Vice President arrange for a workshop in Junior Council leadership; District Board appoint a committee to establish a fund-raising event for the Centennial Anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

Mandate Committee reported 209 attendees - 154 delegates, 2 clergy, 7 District Officers, 2 Supreme Council Officers, 5 Honorary Members and 31 guests.

Adele Dauzickas

C-3 PHILADELPHIA

Council 3 participated at the Lithuanian Music Hall Folk Fair on April 9 and 10. Our heartfelt thanks to Annetta Zulick who spent many hours making Lithuanian straw ornaments to be sold at the K of L booth. This was truly a labor of love, and we are truly appreciative of her efforts. Ačiū to all the members who manned the booth. Your support and work is truly appreciated.

On April 24 members gathered at St. Andrew's Church for the Lithuanian Mass offered for the beatification of the Venerable Archbishop George Matulaitis. Although it was a rainy Sunday, 26 members attended and received Holy Communion in a body. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. K. Sakalauskas with Mary Ann Lepera serving as lektor. The Offertory Gifts were presented by Walt Mameniskis, Joe Drumstas, Alex Ushka and Anastasia Binkis. Coffee and cake were served afterwards. A short business meeting followed.

Ritual Chairlady, Jewel Ushka, presented First Degrees to Mary Lou Ushka, Elsie Macelis and Dolores Herbert. Jewel presented Second Degrees to Frank & Sally Andrews and Edmund Binkis. Congratulations!

We heartily welcome into our council Joseph & Ann Marro, Francis Downey and Charles & Eleanor Rutter. We are pleased that you chose to join C-3.

John Mickunas gave a rundown on the status of the '83 Convention. We have accomplished much so far, but we still have our work cut out for us. We need everyone's help and support in order that this year's Convention will be brought to a most successful conclusion.

The Rev. Eugene Wassel, our Spiritual Advisor, celebrated the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. On May 14 he was feted by the parishioners of St. Casimir's. Our very best wishes to you, Father, for many more years in the service of God.

Due to the efforts of Mary Ann Lepera, over 100 members, friends and relatives traveled to Pottsville to see the Grandinele on April 17. Dianne Drumstas assisted her in coordinating plans for two buses to make the trip. Everyone enjoyed this fine cultural event.

Remember, big things are happening this coming August. Make plans to be with us at the Holiday Inn. We've got a dilly coming to Philly!

AGUTE

C-12 MANHATTAN

Greetings from Swamp City! Our April meeting was held on April 10. It has been raining so much here lately that one would not at all have been surprised if some of the members arrived in rowboats. Our hostess for the month Helen Cupenovitch got stuck in the flooded Holland Tunnel, and some of our more able-bodied members rushed to her rescue ... not to mention the food.

At the meeting, Millie Pietz discussed the need for a greater attendance at our Lithuanian Parish for Sunday



Julia Gomes (right) of Council 12 congratulating Beatrice Remeika upon receiving her Third Degree at the Communion Breakfast in March in Bayonne.

Mass. We should at least try to make it a few times a month. Since at present our rectory is being renovated, some of our talented members could pitch in with nails and a paint bucket. HM Elena Saulyte spoke about the upcoming seminar and workshop to be held on May 7. We all must try to participate, both the old and new members. All can give input into the organization.

It was decided to contribute \$375 for the Vyčiu History Fund. All members are urged to donate on an individual basis. It is an expensive undertaking. When it is done, we all can say we contributed to it in our own fashion.

Fifty dollars was also given to the scholarship fund.

Toward the end of the meeting, a discussion took place on the point system in earning degrees. At the end, we all agreed that is not the points but the organization we work for. But still, yours truly is proud of her Third Degree.

All worked hard at the MAD Festival on April 24. Since it was still pouring "katem ir šunim," the turnout was not too large. But, all had a great time dancing to Joe Thomas music, watching the "Tryptinis" dance group under the leadership of Mrs. J. Matulaitis performing, or stuffing ourselves on kugelis, balandeliai and other goodies. Especially delicious was Lottie Ulrich's cheese. She is a treasure C-110 can't afford to lose.

· Dalia

C-63 LEHIGH VALLEY

May 1 was a great day for our council. We celebrated our first birthday. Of course, Mary Sockel, our Secretary, baked the cake and her husband Anthony, whose dream came true to have a Lehigh Valley Council, blew out the first candle.

Members and a large group from Anthracite Council assembled at the Knights of Columbus Home in Allentown to enjoy a luscious meal and dance to the music of Joe Wolfer's Accordion and Button Box Orchestra. Polkas and waltzes were the order of the day.

Adolf Klova, our genial Vice President, capably performed the duties of toastmaster. He proudly announced that Lehigh Valley Council can boast of a membership of 96 in one year.

Councilman Watson Skinner, representing Mayor Daddona, extended greetings and congratulated the council on their commitment to a cause. The Zarija Choir of Schuylkill County sang several popular Lithuanian songs. Arlene Reichwein and Edward Zelonis extended their polka dancing with members later joining in the merriment.

Blanche Plitnick was the perfect hostess. Treasurer Robert Klova handled the financial bit. Financial Secretary Leo Meshauk circulated among the guest and members to look after their interests. Dr. Adolph Butkys, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, and Dr. Bronius Vaskelis, Cultural Chairman, were acknowledged by Toastmaster Klova. Anthracite Council brought home a number of awards for which they were grateful.

Mr. & Mrs. Lithuania, the Sockels, did it up proud with the assistance of a hard-working committee. Everyone departed anticipating the Second Anniversary Dinner Dance.

BEVARDIS

C-74 SCRANTON

The first Ethnic Diocesan Rosary took place Easter Sunday at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. Marie Laske, Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, and Ann Galinas, Lithuanian Cultural Chairman, represented Knights of Lithuanian Council '74 by saying a portion of the Rosary in Lithuanian.

Most Rev. J. Carol McCormack, DD, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Scranton, announced that His Holiness Pope John II has graciously designated to confer Papal Honors on the Rev. Michael Ozalas, Pastor of St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church in Scranton, by elevating him to the Prelate of Honor of His Holiness with the title of the Rev. Monsignor.

The following members from our council received the Third Degree at the Mid-Atlantic District Convention in Bayonne on March 13: Rev. Monsignor Michael Ozalas, Joseph Zubovich, Ann Ulinoski, Casimir Yanish, Ann Kvietkus, Gertrude Romeika, Betty Tomosaitis, Edward Tomosaitis, Helen Roginski, Richard Laske, Marie Laske, Helen Romeika, Jean Kavelines, Ann Huffstueler and Ann Galenas.

Ruth Yanish

C-100 AMSTERDAM

We met at St. Casimir's Social Center the day after Easter. Father Grigaitis was welcomed back after his bout with surgery by President Tony Radzevich who then asked him to say the opening prayers.

Cultural Co-Chairman Regina Kot read an article on the conditions in Russian hospitals. Polly Ziausys read two letters from Lithuania. Mary Stanionis, chairman of the March Brunch, reported a profit was realized.

Sophie Olbie told the members that astronaut Karol Bobko's mother comes from Amsterdam. He still has relatives here. His mother is Lithuanian; her maiden name was Vera Sagaitis.

The council voted to send \$75 to the K of L History Fund and \$50 to the Scholarship Fund.

Father Baltch spoke on the recent passing of the Rev. Stasys Yla in Chicago. He was the author of 40 books, including a two-volume book on Our Lady of Siluva. He was interested in art and had many artists paint pictures of St. Casimir. The funeral was in Putnam. Bishop Vincent Brizgys also read a Mass in Chicago where he died. Father Baltch recalled the times Father Yla visited Amsterdam. The Lithuanian community lost a most prominent individual.

The lucky winner of the Junior Drawing was Isabelle Paliliunas. Refreshments were served by Beatrice Jasewicz, Regina Kot, Saide LaTorre and Eleanor Olechowski.

Inadvertently, we omitted Attorney Anthony C. Stokna, a past national legal advisor, from our list of deceased members who were remembered in our Mass in November.

Mrs. Izolina Gylys, a biochemist from Syracuse, was the principal speaker at our Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration in February. Born in Lithuania, she received her higher education in the USA. She holds a BS from College of St. Elizabeth in New Jersey and an MS in biochemistry from Northwestern University. She is interested in Lithuanian folk art, especially weaving, straw ornaments and Easter egg decorations.

A most attentive audience of over 100 listened to Mrs. Gylys speak on the resistance movement in Lithuania. She urged us to do everything in our power to aid Lithuania in her renewed determination and commitment to the re-establishment of a free Lithuania. As a nation, Lithuanians are very strong against Russification.

Maryte Vizgaitis represented C140 Syracuse. Professor George Gravrogkas and his wife, Dr. Aldona Baltch and Dr. J. Gylys were introduced by Toastmaster Mikolaitis. Father Baltch provided a musical program of Lithuanian songs. The centerpiece in Lithuanian colors was presented to Mrs. Annacetta Guzielek by Amsterdam Mayor Villa.

Special acknowledgment was made to all members who donated the hors d-oeuvres.

Gene Gobis chaired the event. She was assisted by the Rev. Baltch and Polly Ziausys, program chairmen; Regina Kot, program cover artist; Sophie Olbie, tickets; Peter Hayes, refreshments. Anthony & Ann Radzevich, Helen Hugo, Mary Stanionis, Betty Kuzmich, Eleanor Olechowski, Mr. & Mrs. John Whelley, Walter Sargalis, John Kot and Gerard Drenzek also served on the committee.

Smile & Sparkle

C-110 MASPETH

The Rev. S. Raila, Spiritual Advisor, opened our well-attended April meeting with prayers which includ-

ed our deceased member John Verbil who died while on vacation in Hawaii.

Our Spring Dance was changed to May 14. Larry Janonis MAD President, invited all to attend and volunteer to work at the Fourth Annual Lithuanian Festival in Transfiguration Church Hall. He announced the Workshop and Seminar to be held at Our Lady of Vilna in Manhattan on May 7.

Mass for deceased member Joseph Boza will be celebrated in Transfiguration on May 15. On Sunday, June 5, C110 will host the MAD Spring Convention. Plans are being made for a visit to the Lithuanian Chapel in Washington on September 10 and 11.

Helen Matulonis read resolutions passed at the MAD meeting in Bayonne. Helen Venis also reported on that meeting. Thanks to Bayoone Council for a great convention.

Sunday, April 10, was a wet rainy day, but it did not dampen the spirits of the Rev. S. Raila and his friends as they attended Mass and reception. It was a pleasure to see Father so happy on the anniversary of fifty years in the priesthood.

The processional into Transfiguration Church was led by the choir guard, members of the K of L in Lithuanian costume, representatives of United Societies, guest priests and The Rev. Raila, celebrant. Lectors were Helen Matulonis and Antanas Pumputis. The Holy Gospel was read by the Rev. Msgr. V. Balciunas. Offertory gifts were presented by the Mazoika Family, relatives of Rev. Raila. The choir with Mary Kulis as soloist sang the Mass under the direction of Vytautas Kerbelis at the organ. The Lithuanian National Anthem and Marija, Marija were sung for the recessional.

At the reception in Cordon Bleu Hall, the toastmaster was Romas Kezys; Joseph Thomas, musician and the Rev. Kazimieras Pugevicius, the principle speaker. The musical program was arranged by V. Kerbelis with the choir and members of K of L singing several selections. Program booklet was prepared by Adele Dauzickas. Chairpersons were Jonas Adomenas and Helen Matulonis. The entire program was sponsored by the United Societies of the Church of the Transfiguration.

Senator Knorr presented a plaque to the Rev. Raila. Letters of congratulations were received from President Reagan, Mayor Koch of New York City and Governor Cuomo.

Helen Venis

C-140 SYRACUSE

Our Lithuanian Independence Anniversary celebration was held on February 13 at St. Stephen's Church. Mass was celebrated by Father Tom Kobuszewski. We followed the outline so well put together by Father Jurgelaitis and Nancy Mirro. It was a very welcome addition to our celebration.

After Mass we enjoyed both a pancake breakfast put on by the Church societies and a number of delicious goodies supplied by Cassie Stanley and Ruth Hare. We then conducted an Independence program and a short

meeting. It was a good day with a nice turnout of members and guests. Two new members we welcomed were Joe and Dr. Peg Stanley.

Our next celebration was St. Casimir Day. Again we attended Mass at St. Stephen's and again we used the outline composed by Father Jurgelaitis and Nancy Mirro. Attendance was very good, about the best we've ever had.

We then retired to the Top O' The Hill Restaurant for a delicious Brunch and Program. Veronica Sutkus did a most commendable job with arrangements and performance throughout the morning. She was ably assisted by her granddaughter, Lisa Sutkus. Our members and guests numbered 42 at the Brunch which we consider an excellent turn out. Some of the guests enjoyed themselves so much that they joined our council right then and there. Most welcome are Bill and Kathy Cook, Alice Mushow, Paul and Dawn Rudd, Bob and Linda Greck and Alice Yestrumsky who is a rejoin.

After the Brunch we then visited the house of Katherine Carvetts for a big surprise 75th Birthday Party for Katherine. Daughters Catherine Brandt and Sally Cummings, along with spouses Jack and Bob, did an excellent job of surprising Mom with a lot of food and drink and many relatives, friends, neighbors and K of L'ers. It was a beautiful party and it topped off a beautiful day.

Congratulations are in order for John and Cassie Stanley whose grandson Jeff Stanley made the local paper. Jeff, an 11 year old fifth-grader pupil is a Disc Jockey for radio station WSCG in Corinth, New York. The article states he may be "The World's Youngest D.J."

Attendance at our April meeting was down due to bad weather and sickness. We conducted our business and we formally inducted Bill and Kathy Cook into C-140. Then Veronica Sutkus treated us with delicious baked goods and coffee.

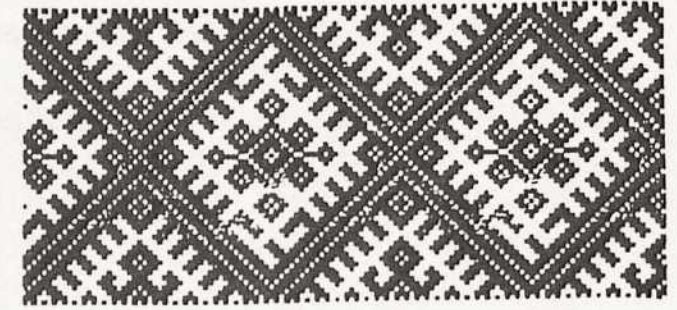
Our closing thought: Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.

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C-144 ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

April was a grand and glorious month for Anthracite Council. We had a very inspiring Awards and Founder's Day Night at Annuciation Church. Ritual Chairman Helen Chesko and Spiritual Advisor Father Al Bartkus presented First Degrees to 17 members and Second Degrees to 10 members. Assisted by our Past Presidents Bernice Mikatavage and Ann Wargo, Helen presented each recipient with a St. Casimir's Prayer Card and each was pinned with a yellow, green and red ribbon. The new Third Degree members who received them in Bayoone were presented to the people at the church services.

The beautiful Lithuanian Benediction was sung by the Zarija Choir. Helen gave a brief history of the organization and its founder, Mikolas Norkunas.



Frackville Junior Knights of C-144 participated in Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration. Elsie Kosmisky was grandmother, and Karen Domalakes was her granddaughter (seated at left) in the presentation.

Father Al told the group of his recent visit to Rome where he had the privilege of meeting the four Lithuanian Bishops; namely, Liudas Povilonas of Kaunas, Romualdas Kriksciunas of Panevezys, Vincentas Sladkevicius of Kaisiadorys and Antanas Vaicius of Telsiai and Klaipeda. Father Bartkus was deeply honored in concelebrating a Mass with the Bishops at St. Peter's Basilica.

Father Al was in Rome preparing for the trip next year for the 500th Anniversary of the death of St. Casimir. A plane is being chartered. Anyone interested may contact Father Al Bartkus at Annunciation Church, Frackville, PA 17931.

This was followed by the magnificent performance of the Grandinele Dance Group from Cleveland. Many thanks to Eleanor Vaicaitis and her committee who did a tremendous job. The performance will long be remembered by everyone who attended. Our thanks to our fellow Knights from Philadelphia, Pittston, Scranton, Lehigh Valley and Patterson. It was truly an important cultural event not only for the Lithuanian community but for the artistic community as well. "Aciu, Grandinele" for gracing our area.

We are also grateful to President Yezulinas who

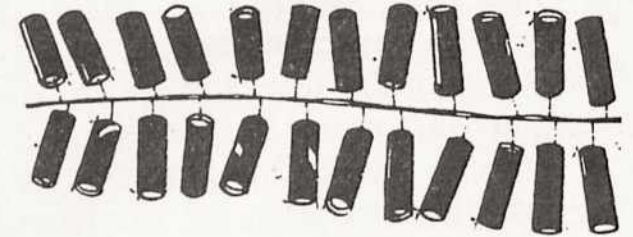
assumed the responsibility of delivering and mailing the cards to Dobrynin for the release of Father Svarinskas. Joe processed several thousand of these cards. We are fortunate to have someone so dedicated in our midst.

Sister Angela, CJC, is again preparing summer camp for our youth. Anyone interested should contact Sister at Annunciation BVM Convent in Frackville, PA 17931.

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MID-CENTRAL

DISTRICT



C-96 DAYTON

April is the month we celebrated the founding of our great organization. C-96 set aside April 9 for this special occasion. Under the expertise of our Social Chairman Christine Mantz and her committee, Rita Ambrose, Judy Petrokas, Joe P. Mantz, John & Joyce Berczelly, Pat & Susan Smiley, a full-course supper buffet followed the Mass. Joe P. Mantz was in charge of displaying

The Zarija Choir, directed by Eleanor Vaicaitis, sang several selections at Anthracite Council's Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.





"VEJELIAI" dancers directed by Greg Blum. L to R: Kathy Shepherd, Greg Blum, Irene Gecas, Mark Berger, Vida Gecas, Ann Marie Sluzas, Mike Petkus, Norma Petkus, Mike Blum and Audrey Blum.

(Photo: Joe Ryan)

our archives material. It was fun looking at pictures that go way back into council activities. Reading the various materials accumulated since 1932 was interesting. Cecelia Yankus added an extra touch with music on her accordion. Labai ačiu to the committee and all who contributed to the evening.

Special thanks go to Joe P. Mantz who chaired our Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Thanks to his committee and members who donated baked goods and monetary gifts to make this a very profitable project. Winners in our raffle were Anne Scott, Christine Kavy and Bill Gitzinger.

Due to health problems, Marie Preidis, our council secretary, resigned her office. We are thankful that Catherine (Kitty) Prasmantas accepted to complete Marie's term.

Our council voted to continue hosting the parish Koffee Klutch following the 10:30 a.m. Lithuanian Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Joe & Aldona Ryan were in charge for April. Leonard Parzel of C-110 Maspeth attended the Mass. Mr. Parzel is visiting his daughter and her family, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Horstman of Lima. Al and Joanna Shigo of C-25 Cleveland also visited with us. Joanna participated in the Ohio Woman's State Bowling Tournament. They stayed at the home of Elinor Sluzas. Pat Zelinskas Alexander and her husband Tony of Torrington were in town for the Easter holidays.

Special congratulations to Gregory Blum who began in our Junior ranks, became a regular council member and is directing our parish's Vejeiliai Dancers! On April 24 Greg graduated from the University of Dayton with a 4.0 average and summa cum laude in computer science.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mr. George Barmann. Mr. Barmann was retired as editor of the Catholic Telegraph, our diocesan newspaper. Mr. Barmann received the K of L Friend of Lithuania Award at the National Convention in 1967. Mr. Barmann was always pleased to write up any material we sent him regarding Lithuania, Holy Cross Church and the Knights. May his soul rest in peace!

Fran Petkus

MID-AMERICA DISTRICT

Our District Membership Drive, under the leadership of Second Vice President Eleanor Kasputis, is progressing very well with many new members enrolling in the various councils. Awards will be presented for those enrolling the most members into the regular councils and also for those signing up new Junior members during the July 4 K of L Day Picnic festivities.

The Annual July 4 Picnic Committee will be headed by Board Chairman Algerd Brazis, Irene Sankus and District President Vince Samaska.

The K of L Choir, under the direction of Faustas Strolia, again presented "The Seven Last Words of Christ". The first performance was at St. Barnabas Church and the second at St. John Fisher Church. Robert Mockus accompanied the group on the organ. Among the members of the orchestra were Paul and Tom Strolia. It was truly a delightful Sunday afternoon with magnificent performances. Our congratulations to Faustas!

Both Council 36 and Council 112 now have Junior Councils. First Vice President Maria Deknis is coordinating their combined meetings and socials.

Our condolences to the family of Honorary Member, the Rev. A. Valancius of C-14 Cicero. Father Val was an outstanding K of L member. Among his various positions with our organization was a stint as Vytis editor. While in the Elizabeth, NJ, area he was also involved with the Mid-Atlantic District. He will truly be missed by all!

The Chicago Chapter of ALTAS (American-Lithuanian Council) has many active K of L members on their board including Vincent Samaska, Chapter President; Valeria Stanaitis, Treasurer; along with Irene Sankus, Joseph Stanaitis, Adele Gabalis and Stephanie Janutis.

Our K of L Choir President Sabina Klatt hosted a super party on the occasion of her mother's - Tekla Ruchas - 95th birthday. Many members and choir members enjoyed this most special event.

C-36 CHICAGO

After our March meeting, John Paulstis proudly introduced our member Dr. Kestytes Jucus, our guest speaker. He is dermatology specialist. He gave valuable information about the skin. A question and answer period followed.

Our winners of attendance awards are Val Longenecker, two tickets for the playhouse; Julia Diksis, calculator; Kestutis Drisciunas, flower centerpiece. John Monaghan who won the whistling tea kettle donated it back, and Mrs. Kesputis was the winner.

Lillian Paukstis was recently hospitalized. We are glad to see her as active as ever.

Did anyone see that beautiful bunny who escorted Vince Samoska into the Immaculate Conception School Hall on the Sunday before Easter? It did have a real shapely figure, the biggest and cutest ears, a cute fuzzy tail and eyes that just looked at Vince. Who was it? None other than our Anita Bosas, our own C-36 Easter Bunny.

April Showers Dance and Raffle took place on April 16. Chairman Ray Wertelka and his committee made it the greatest social event of the year. Everyone danced under the raindrops and didn't mind it with a few umbrella here and there. Thanks to Wally Tenclinger, his children and Georgiann Kassel. It surely looked beautiful.

Welcome to our newly accepted members. We're glad to have you with us.

We were deeply saddened by the death of the Rev. A. Valancius, our Honorary Member and Spiritual Advisor of Cicero Council 14. Our members who attended the funeral Mass celebrated by Cardinal Bernardin said it was beautiful.

Sabina Klatt

C-112 CHICAGO

Our officers and chairpersons continue to meet on a regular basis to plan activities of the council. The April Board Meeting was held at the condo of Irene Sankus. A most lively discussion was held with many suggestions for activities being planned. Board Chairman Al Zakarka always conducts diversified meetings.

Following our April business meeting, we enjoyed hearing an interesting speaker. Arvydas Zygas on behalf of the "Ateitininkai" directed a Lithuanian camp in Brazil. Mr. Zygas' lecture was most informative regarding the Lithuanians in Brazil and their migration. His delightful slides and tapes of Lithuanian music and song added much to the program.

A Patriotic Day Parade was held in the Marquette Park area, a first in the Chicagoland area. The Lithuanian delegation was headed by our own Lithuanian Consul General Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis. Her honor guard and bearers of the Lithuanian flag consisted of Council President Paul Binkis Jr., Susan Bolanos, Vilius Zoplys, Monica Kasper, Maria Deksnis, Denise



Ann Marie Kassel C-36, Supreme Council Financial Secretary, who was named K of L Member of the Year of the Mid-America District shows her award to John Paukstis, President C-36.



John Paukstis, C-36 President, congratulating Georgianna Kassel, Paul Strolia and Ona Naureckas — Third Degree recipients.

Zakarka, Mary Juzenas, Al Zakarka, and other K of L members and friends.

Our C-112 Juniors, along with the C-36 Juniors, met at the home of Maria and Ed Deksnis. Under Maria's leadership, the Juniors are becoming active again and continue to hold combine meetings and socials.

Our condolences to the family of our member Sophie Palubin and to the family of Honorary Member Rev. A. Valancius.

Congrats to a very lucky council member! Gerry Mack recently won a sizable Illinois lottery prize.

Many council members attended the most successful Council 36 April Showers Dance. President Johnny Paukstis and his committee are to be congratulated for a job well done.

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Members of C-112 enjoy a well-deserved evening-out at the "Memories" dinner. Seated: Dolores Wainauskas, Frank & Lorraine Svelnis, Louis & Bernadine Rogers. Standing: Mary Banky, Peter Gagle and Al Zakarka. (Photo: J. Tamulaitis)



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

C-7 WATERBURY

Council 7 of Waterbury celebrated St. Casimir's Day with a high Mass at seven on Friday, March 4. It was very well attended. Following Mass, we had sandwiches, cake and coffee at the club room with everybody invited. Ginny Maciokas chaired the event. All went well.

One of our members has a pet project going for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Fund. We collected \$88 at the St. Casimir's affair.

The Lithuanian Community had their Spring Ball on April 9. Two of our good members were guests of honor. Bronislaw Lazauskas was presented with a commendation from Father Pugevicius for his efforts on behalf of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid.

Ignas Kriauciunas was presented a medal in appreciation of his support within the Lithuanian community.

We all think highly of both members and wish them every success.

Diane Lazauskas



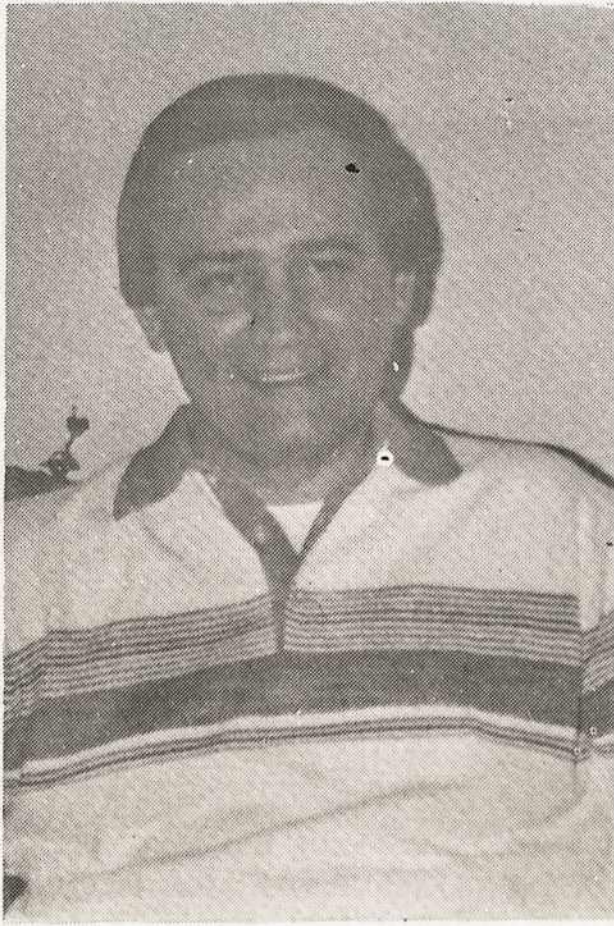
Council 36 members enjoying the M of L Banquet. Pictured: C-36 Spiritual Advisor Rev. Fabian Kireilis, Rev. J. Daugintas, K of L Choir Pres. Sabina Klatt and John Henson. (Photo: Jonas Tamulaitis)



Participating in the MAMD District Annual Banquet were C-36 Members: Alphonse and Scottie Zukas and guest along with Lillian Paukstis, wife of C-36 Pres. (Photo: Jonas Tamulaitis)

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER

Our April meeting was held at the home of Helen Simkunas in Gardner. Guest speaker for the evening was the Rev. J. Victor Gidziunas DD of the Franciscan House in Brooklyn who was in the area to speak to the Lithuanian Priests League. His topic was "St. Casimir - Yesterday and Today". Father announced the World Community of Lithuanians is in the preliminary planning stages for the 500th Anniversary of the death of St. Casimir. Our local group will commemorate the event when final plans are announced.



Richard Genaitis of Stoneham, formerly of Gardner and a member of C-10 is sole owner of Rite Media an advertising firm in Woburn, expanded his operations to Miami. Good luck, Dick!

We voted to donate a Holy Week Crucifix to St. Francis Church. It was announced the Spring Convention NED will be held in Bridgeport. Charles Genaitis read our cultural topic for the month, "Lithuanian Easter Customs". An Easter brunch was served with Helen Simkunas and Bernice Wisniauskas as hostesses. Door prizes of decorated Easter eggs donated by Brone were awarded to Rev. Justin Steponaitis, Bill Wisniauskas, Leonard Davidonis, Alice Perekslis and Tina Shatus.

The Gardner News featured Bernice Wisnisuakas' Easter breakfast table with a write-up on our customs on the Easter page. St. Francis Church was recently repainted and spruced up just in time for the Easter services.

Good health is wished to Lennie Davidonis and Charles Genaitis who was recently hospitalized. Pauline Rogers returned to Athol after spending the winter in Florida. Stan and Alice Perekslis vacationed in France recently. Margaret Davidonis Senk of New Britain returned to Athol and has recently bought a home here.

Condolences are extended to the family of the late Rev. Donald Rebokus, pastor of St. Mary's in Uxbridge, whose untimely death at age 51 caused many to wonder about the frailty of the body. Fr. Rebokus is remembered as a curate at Sacred Heart in Gardner.

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C-26 WORCESTER

Many of our K of L'ers attended the Installation Banquet of the Lithuanian Charitable Maironis Park Society Inc., the largest Lithuanian Society in Worcester in which many of our members hold an office. Congratulations to Kazys Adomavicius, President; Anne Bender, Secretary; Vitty Ivaska, Francis Glodas and Steve Walinsky of the Board of Directors.

Olga Kersis and Francis Glodas were honored at a surprise party in gratitude for their services. Olga is one of the organists at St. Casimir's Church. For all her untiring efforts as accompanist at rehearsals, concerts and many church affairs with the men's choir and the mixed chorus are appreciated. She has always maintained her sweet, cool and calm self. Francis is the president of the Men's Choir. We are grateful for all his efforts in organizing the concerts, the choir's participation in so many affairs and all behind the scene things that seem to go unnoticed. As a member of the mixed chorus, I speak for all the others, "Širdingai ačiu to Olga and Franny". Gifts were presented to both.

The snow storm did not deter many of us from attending our last meeting. Once again we had an excellent showing. Possibly, it could have been the spaghetti dinner prepared by Anna Walinsky and Company.

Father Ben Uzdavinis, our Spiritual Advisor is on the mend. Glad you are up and about, Father. Is this catchy or what? Charles Lapinskas had a fall and is now spending a few days in the hospital with a leg fracture. Rita Pinkus, our president, was hospitalized. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

This must be the month for surprises! Adele and Francis Degutis were honored on their 25th Wedding Anniversary at Maironis Park. May you have many more years together.

Congratulations to Edwardas Meilius Jr. on his engagement to Miss Terese Gaidelis of Chicago. Edwardas directs the Lithuanian Radio Hour, WICN in Worcester. The wedding date is September 24 in Chicago.

Council 26 hosted a breakfast in the Parish Hall after Mass at St. Casimir's Church for the Worcester Area Council of Lithuanian Organizations in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day. A dinner was held at Maironis Park later in the day with Ponas Vytautas Izbickas of Boston and State Representative William Glodis as guest speakers. Greetings from Governor of Massachusetts and the Mayor of Worcester were read. The Men's Choir accompanied by Olga Kersis at the piano sang several Lithuanian Melodies.

At our April meeting we welcomed our new member Lenny Matulis and extended a big welcome back to Mrs. Nell Thompson whom we had not seen for many, many months. We are sorry to learn that she is back in the hospital again. Olga Kersis, former Vytis correspondent, is also on the sick list. We pray that both of you will have a speedy recovery.

The K of L bowling season ended with the team captained by Lewis Lloyd with team members Adele Degutis, Joe Ivaska, Dorothy March and Steve Walinsky won the championship. Helen Guillis won the high single for women with a 100.9 average. Tony Zalieskas won high single for men with a 106.3 average. All were given awards and prizes at a banquet that was enjoyed by all.

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Officers of Council 27 Norwood are (from Left, front row) Helen Dallalis, Financial Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. William Wolkovich, Spiritual Advisor; Patricia Kontrimas, Vice President; (back row from left) George Barton, Ritual Chairman; Louise Zukas, Secretary; Paul Zukas, President

C-27 NORWOOD

A hearty welcome to Council News!

March 4, 1983, was a real joyful day when we organized our new council.

The Rev. William Wolkovich is our Spiritual Advisor. Elected to office were Paul Zukas, President; Patricia Kontrimas, Vice President; Louise Zukas, Recording Secretary; Helen Dallalis, Financial Secretary and Treasurer and George Barton, Ritual Committee Chairman. Good luck and best wishes to all of them as they have set out their plans for the coming year.

President Zukas and Stan Dallalis are co-chairmen for our auction to be held in St. George's Founders Hall which was dedicated on November 7, 1982, to the founders of the parish. George Barton participate in the beautiful ceremony. The auction will take place May 21 with the proceeds going toward the New Organ Fund.

Our May 3 meeting following our Council's Mass will feature Happy Birthdays going out to Stan Dallalis and George Barton along with a Lithuanian song or two.

"Laiminga diena, Stasi ir Jurgi, ir duok geru dienu."

Congratulations go out to our following new members as well as past members. They include Paul & Louise Zukas, Barbara Zukas, Patricia Kontrimas, Nancy Ann Dallalis, Helen & Stan Dallalis, Katherine Perednia, Joe & Katherine Aidakonis, Patricia & Carol Aidakonis, Francis & Joyce-Ellen Kaseta, Dorothy Ausewich, Sandra Melish and Mary Ann Tamasanis as well as Aldona & John Martinkas from Stoughton. "Dekojam visus ir linkim gera sveikata."

Our chosen delegates to the NED Convention in Bridgeport were Paul & Louise Zukas and George Barton. We are looking forward to getting acquainted with our district delegates and officers and wish all of them the best.

George (Jurgis) Barton

C-103 PROVIDENCE

St. Casimir's Feast Day was celebrated with a Mass

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which K of L'ers attended in a body. A short meeting was held after Mass in the church hall. The K of L'ers then departed to the Biltmore Hotel for brunch. A nice time was had by all.

Our meeting in April was held in Brockton with C-1. Fr. Jurgelaitis said the opening and closing prayers. He gave a talk on "Who Am I?" to show us who we really are.

The May breakfast arranged by our council was also a great success with many old and new friends attending.

Our June meeting for the past few years are held in Bristol at the home of Vic and Bea Mathieu. It is special in many ways. We attend St. Mary's Church in a group where Fr. O'Connell and the parishioners join us in offering a Mass for the persecuted Catholics in Lithuania, remembering the Terrible Days of June. We pray for those who died defending their faith against atheism.

After Mass, we make our way to the Mathieu's home for a buffet supper. We hold our meeting on the lawn in sight of the American and Lithuanian flags fluttering in the ocean breeze. A Friend of Lithuanians Award by our council will be presented at this time. At sundown as the flags are lowered, the national anthems are sung.

With the closing of schools and colleges, best wishes to all C-103 members for a very good summer. See you at the National Convention in Philadelphia.

Helen Denisewich



C-145 HOLYOKE

St. Casimir's Day was observed by our council on Sunday, March 13, with a Mass at St. James Church in So. Deerfield. Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Julian Jutt, warmly welcomed our group and gave a biographical sketch of our heritage and purpose of continuing to preserve our identity in America.

A bountiful communion breakfast was enjoyed at the 1704 Restaurant with members and guests having a leisurely social get-together.

Those of us who are talented are anticipating the egg decorating workshop at the Wisteriahurst Museum in Holyoke. My own efforts last year indicated that I needed more practice.

Mary Barkowski

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Today is ours — Let's live it;
Love is strong — Let's give it;
If a song can help — Let's sing it;
Peace is priceless — Let's keep it;
The past is done — Forget it;
Our work is here — Let's do it;
If the world is wrong — Let's right it;
If the road is rough — Let's clear it;
The future is vast — Don't fear it;
If faith is asleep — Let's wake it;
Today is ours — Make the most of it!

—Vince Grazulis

IN MEMORIAM
Please remember in
your prayers...

VINCENT E. GLYNN
Member of C-50
New Haven, CT
Died on April 9, 1983

FRANK KRENZUL
Member of C-30
Westfield, MA
Died on April 12, 1983

REV. ANASTASIUS VALANCIUS, H.M.
Member of C-5
Chicago, IL
Died on April 15, 1983

GEORGE BARMANN
Editor, CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH
Dayton, Ohio
Died on April 18, 1983

PETER LUIZA
Past President of MCD
Member of C-25
Cleveland, OH
Died on April 30, 1983